

Yet Another Successful Creek Cleaning/Winter Storm Prep Event – Fifth in a Row!

The annual creek clean-up/winter storm prep event on Saturday, October 7th was a huge success! Creek-side residents cleaned their section of the creek and residents cleaned out drainage areas on their property.

Judging by the amount of debris taken to the chipper station, we'd say many folks participated. And, given the work done the past four years, we are happy to report that there was very little "heavy-lifting" cleaning that needed to be done. Engaged and supportive residents have been actively diligent about keeping the creek clean and healthy so that as much water as possible can flow during winter storms.

Highlights from this year's event include:

- Cub Scout Pack 50 and Troop 50 learning about watershed conservation,
- cub scouts and their parents/leader picking up trash in creek,
- removing non-native invasive French broom and sowing native sedge seeds for erosion control,
- boy scouts assisting creek corps leaders in removing some of the larger debris,
- and a repeat of the chipper station.

We are grateful that once again the **Creek Committee** and **Sarah Phillips** with the **Marin Resource Conservation District (RCD)** went out in advance to scope out what needed to be done beforehand. As always, we did manage to find some interesting items this year that didn't belong (e.g. rusty pipes), now removed for better flow.

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who came out to help and a special shout out to the **Cub Scout Pack 50, Troop 50**, the **Creek Committee**, the **Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District** and **FIRESafe MARIN** for the chipper station, **Sarah Phillips**, the Urban Streams Program Manager for Marin RCD and **Solomon Henson**, Education Program Director for Sierra Streams Institute, for leading and educating our volunteers. Thanks also to **Bill Malet** for posting our signage and **Judy Ford** for coordinating the scout's participation. What a great community effort!!!

The rainy season is fast approaching...let's continue to keep our waterways clear of debris!

If you're interested in joining the Creek Committee, please feel free to contact me at eric_riemer@comcast.net.

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