

Scouts donate project to the City's Town Creek Greenway, Section 2

On Saturday, December 1, more than 20 Boy Scouts, their parents, and leaders donated a mulch walking trail, wooden benches and plantings around a protected wetland area on section 2 of the Town Creek Greenway. The event was organized and lead by Garrett Dilbeck, a senior at Gallatin High School, as part of his Eagle Scout project. He worked with Kimley-Horn, the firm that designed the greenway.

The Scouts contributed more than 200 combined hours on Saturday. They installed wooden side boards along the dirt trail and then filled it with mulch. The mulch was recycled from the greenway. When contractor Charles Dewese cleared the trail for section two, they turned the brush into mulch for the Scouts. Puryear Farms Nursery and Landscaping helped move the mulch to the wetland area. Tennessee Hardware donated the use of an auger to drill holes for the wooden benches. A neighbor of the greenway donated dozens of iris rhizomes that were planted by the Scouts. The iris is Tennessee's state flower.

The project enhances the federally protected wetland. As part of the installation of section two of the greenway, the City has planted more than 500 varieties of flowering plants and grasses in the wetland along with trees, including weeping willows. The wetland is fed by an underground spring.

