

## Your Community

# Green Team spruces up lagoon greenway

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Wind and rain did not stop the Wells Fargo Green Team and Indian River Land Trust staff and volunteers from making important improvements to the trails and trailhead of the Lagoon Greenway.

Just before Thanksgiving, 22 volunteers, mostly Wells Fargo employees from the Treasure Coast region, spread more than 150 cubic yards of mulch along 500 feet of soggy, muddy trail.

They also filled five large bags of garbage along the lagoon shoreline and cut down vines and other invasive plants choking the native vegetation to



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Taking a quick break from trail maintenance.

make room for a butterfly garden at the trailhead and parking area.

Earlier this fall, Wells Fargo presented a \$40,000 check to Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute

and the Indian River Land Trust for the continuation of their Junior Scientist Fellows partnership program. Harbor Branch scientist and Junior Scientists Program coordi-

nator Dr. Dennis Hanisak joined the effort to rake and spread the mulch in the rain.

Indian River County, a partner in the Lagoon Greenway project, provided the mulch and wheelbarrows for the volunteer effort.

“Every year we need to mulch the wettest part of the greenway trails, and it would not have been possible without the county’s commitment and the volunteers’ dedication,” said David Heuberger, the Land Trust’s Director of Land Protection.

“Environmental stewardship is a key component of our Wells Fargo Vision & Values,” said Larisa Perry, Central Florida region president.