

## “Teams join forces to restore wetland buffer”



Just in time for spring, work crews from the Norfolk Sheriff's Office, Mideastern Builders, the Lafayette Wetlands Partnership and the City of Norfolk joined forces to help restore the wetland buffer area adjacent to the Living Legacy Tree Grove at Lakewood Park.

The team broke up and hauled away old concrete, cut down abandoned chain link fencing, and removed invasive *Phragmites* reeds from the marsh.

The Living Legacy Grove at Lakewood Park was established in February 2010, with assistance from the Elizabeth River Project and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. A second grove, funded by members of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association, was planted at Lafayette Park in October. A third grove will be dedicated April 20 at Poplar Hall Park. The Poplar Hall Living Legacy grove is funded by GEICO, to celebrate the firm's 75th anniversary. The Norfolk Botanical Garden is also planning a Legacy Grove.