

# FRESHWATER WETLANDS ENHANCEMENT PLANTING

In 2019, the Elizabeth River Project was awarded the Safe Routes grant for Paradise Creek Nature Park. ERP, the City of Portsmouth, the Craddock community, and other members assisted with the study and improvements to access PCNP.

In the fall of 2019, the enhancements of the 'ditch' along Victory Blvd was converted into the **freshwater wetlands**. This included the removal of invasive species, clearing around already establish natives, and the planting of 1,300 flowering perennials native plants.

This upcoming fall 2020, the other section of the freshwater wetlands will be installed with 1,200 native flowering plants.

## Plant planted in the Freshwater Wetlands are:

- Northern Blue Flag (*Iris versicolor*)
- Hibiscus 'lady' Baltimore (*Hibiscus*)
- Snowbank (*Boltonia asteroides*)
- Gateway (*Eupatorium maculatum*)
- Sneezeweed (*Helenium Autumnale*)
- Fireworks (*Solidago Rugosa*)

