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City of Yankton Honors Inmates for Work on Marne Creek Project December 14, 1999

Inmates and staff at the Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield and the Yankton Trusty Unit are being recognized for their efforts in cleaning up Marne Creek near Yankton.

The City of Yankton is proclaiming December 30, 1999 as "Marne Creek Appreciation Day" in recognition of the efforts by the prison staff and inmates and the City of Yankton employees to clean up the creek.

The work is part of the Marne Creek Flood Mitigation project, designed to alleviate flooding concerns along the creek. Since spring, sixty-two inmates from Springfield and 179 more from Yankton have worked more than 13-thousand total hours to clean up thousands of pounds of debris and noxious vegetation from the creek. They will also help with stabilizing the creek's bank for a maintenance trail that will allow easier access for future cleanup of the creek.

Yankton City Manager P. Eric Swanson estimates the city saved over \$200, 000 by utilizing the inmate labor.