LET THE PLANTING BEGIN

The first of 10,000 trees has been planted at the new 1.5 hectare green belt in Rapid Creek.

Chief Minister Clare Martin said the conservation corridor between the Water Gardens and McMillans Road fulfils another election promise.

“We all want to make Darwin even greener – and 10,000 more trees is a great start,” Ms Martin said.

“We committed $300,000 to enhance and protect the Rapid Creek corridor – we’re now well on the way to doing that.

“We provided $70,000 to remove fill and rubbish and finished drainage works and $130,000 to Greening Australia to reclaim and restore the Rapid Creek corridor.”

“The remaining funds have been given to Darwin City Council to maintain and enhance the corridor – with the land officially handed-over today.

“It’s been a real community effort to get this green belt, and I’d like to thank all the local grass roots groups who helped to make this happen.

“I’d especially like to acknowledge the Rapid Creek Catchment Advisory Committee – headed by local member Matt Bonson who pushed for this conservation corridor.

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