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Queensland's newest army to turn Ipswich green

Twenty new recruits will be cultivating their green thumbs and revitalising areas of Ipswich on a new Queensland Green Army employment project.

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan said the Bligh Government had awarded \$379,300 to the Ipswich City Council to run the project.

"Queensland's Green Army is a \$57 million initiative to create 3,000 jobs on projects of environmental importance," Ms Nolan said.

"By investing in our human and natural resources now, we can be ready to move forward with strength when the economy stabilises."

"Two groups of 10 participants would undertake a diverse range of tasks over 24 weeks, including basic construction, landscaping and horticulture to increase their skills and future employment opportunities.

"They will be working on a number of projects that will create a better environment for all of us."

Ipswich City Council Mayor Paul Pisasale said the work would include erecting barrier fencing and revegetation at the Flinders Goolman and White Rock / Spring Mountain Conservation Estates.

"Participants will also build camping facilities at Hardings Paddock and revegetate areas of Denmark Hill Conservation Park," Cr Pisasale said.

"We will also offer post-participation support for up to six months after the project ends to help participants turn this experience into jobs."

People wanting to register for Green Army projects should phone the Green Army hotline on 1800 249 215 or visit www.greenarmy.qld.gov.au.

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