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## **PALOS VERDES PENINSULA LAND CONSERVANCY PARTNERS WITH AMERICORPS**

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA –November 30, 2012. The Conservancy is proud to announce a five-week partnership with AmeriCorps NCCC, the National Civilian Community Corps, a national organization dedicated to strengthening communities and developing leaders through direct team-based community service. Starting November 15, an AmeriCorps NCCC team comprised of young adults ages 18-24 years from all over the nation began working alongside the Conservancy to support restoration and increase the ecological value of the Preserves by restoring southern coastal scrub, coastal sage scrub, and the Palos Verdes blue butterfly habitat.

*“This is a new experience for me: exploring nature, learning about the local habitat and how important it is for wildlife,”* says AmeriCorps member, Beverly Lino, a 22-year old from Bronx, NY. *“I see all the parents taking their children hiking and I think that I want to be able to take my own children hiking in the future”*

Throughout their stay the team is providing assistance in the nursery, leading volunteers on outdoor volunteer days, and for the environmental education program activities. The team will also work at the Conservancy-managed George F Canyon and White Point Nature Centers working with the public to help increase people’s appreciation for native habitat and its species as well as expose children to nature and science exploration in a natural setting. By the end of this project, the partnership will clear approximately ten acres of invasive plant species and restored a great amount of rare plants to each restoration site. Conservancy Volunteer Coordinator Adrienne Bosler says, *“Conservancy staff has already seen the great benefits of working with AmeriCorps NCCC.*

For Executive Director Andrea Vona, *“The Conservancy is excited to be working with this team of talented young people and is fortunate to have been selected to participate in this partnership. AmeriCorps NCCC’s enthusiastic and hardworking team is making a wonderful contribution that helps our resources go even farther.”*

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*The Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy was founded in 1988 and is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community-benefit organization dedicated to preserving land and restoring habitat for the enjoyment and education of all. The Conservancy owns or manages the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve in Rancho Palos Verdes, Linden H. Chandler and George F Canyon Preserves in Rolling Hills Estates, White Point Nature Preserve in San Pedro, and a native plant nursery on the Defense Fuel Support Point in San Pedro.*