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AmeriCorps Team Provides Valuable Support to Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy for Conservation Projects

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA: January 19– AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) “Green Eight” is working with the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy to help plant native plants on several land sites on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. The 2017 Green Team includes eight young adults who are working alongside the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy crew for the next 9 weeks. The team members come from six states including Minnesota, New York, Florida, Missouri, Iowa, and Ohio.



AmeriCorps is planting coastal sage scrub habitat for the benefit of the endangered Palos Verdes blue butterfly and other local species including the California gnatcatcher and cactus wren. The habitat restoration projects, which support an abundance of wildlife, are visible from a hike in the preserves. In addition, the team will work at the White Point Nature Education Center in San Pedro, support education activities with elementary school students on field trips to the preserve, and do trail restoration work at Abalone Cove Reserve in Rancho Palos Verdes. AmeriCorps will be hosting a Community Volunteer Day on Saturday, February 18th from 9 am to 12 pm at the White Point Nature Preserve. The community is invited to come help beautify the native plant demonstration garden and meet the AmeriCorps Team.

This is the fourth AmeriCorps team to work with the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy. Conservancy Executive Director Andrea Vona states “*Hosting the AmeriCorps team allows us to share restoration and nature education skills with an amazing team of 18-24 year olds from all around the country, and at the same time their work allows us to stretch our resources further by benefiting from their great energy, enthusiasm and productivity.*”

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community-based organization dedicated to preserving land and restoring habitat for the education and enjoyment of all. The Conservancy owns or manages the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve, the Linden H. Chandler and George F Canyon Preserves in Rolling Hills Estates the White Point Nature Preserve, a facility of the LA City Department of Recreation and Parks, and habitat restoration on the Defense Fuel Supply Point in San Pedro.

The AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) engages 2,800 young Americans in a full-time, 10-month commitment to service each year. AmeriCorps NCCC members address critical needs related to natural and other disasters, infrastructure improvement, environmental stewardship and conservation, and urban and rural development. The programs administered by the federal agency have more than five million Americans in service through its AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, Social Innovation Fund, and Volunteer Generation Fund programs, and leads President's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. For more information, visit NationalService.gov.