

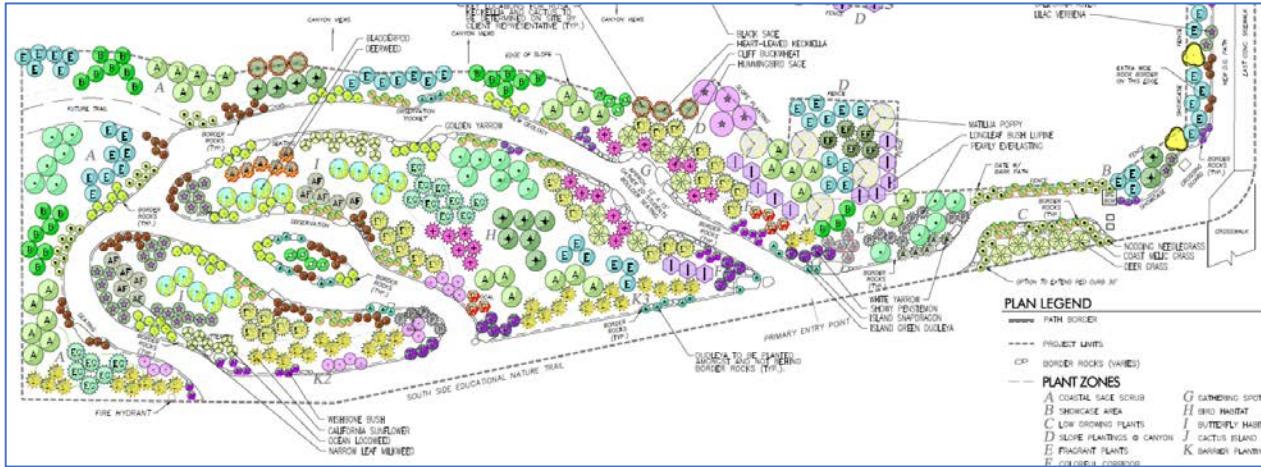


## BEAUTIFY LUNADA BAY PROJECT

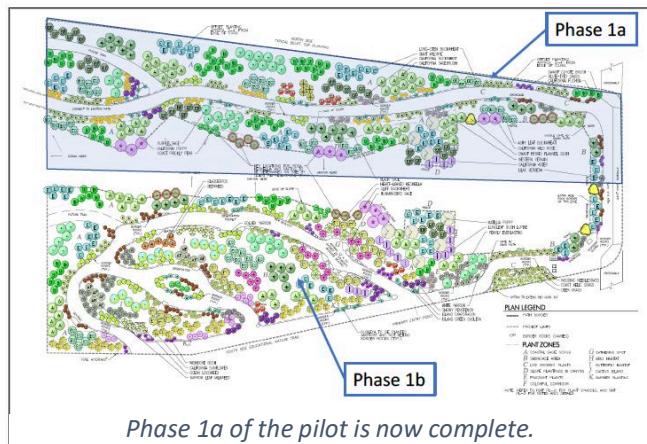
# NEWSLETTER

April 2018

### Ready to Roll with Phase 1b!



The Phase 1b area is directly across from Lunada Bay Elementary School and includes a decomposed granite trail along the curb and two areas for outdoor classroom use.



School student Austin Nash, demonstrate support both for the educational aspects of the project and the restoration of native plants to our blufftop areas.

### Work on Phase 1b Begins April 16

On April 16, our contractor will begin a light grading of the Phase 1b area to remove existing plants and install the main water lines. Once that work is complete, Finley's will place the boulders to be used by Lunada Bay Elementary School students as part of their outdoor classroom experience. Once they are installed, Finley's will locate and install the lateral lines that will bring water to the above-ground drip system. Progress beyond that point will largely be dependent on volunteer support.

## Want to Help Build a Trail? Now's the time...

Volunteers will have the opportunity to bring some real muscle to the project in Phase 1b. The primary tasks for volunteers will be:

- Install the stones that will line the decomposed granite trails,
- Install the decomposed granite trail bed material,
- Plant the native plants,
- Install the above ground drip lines to the plants, and
- Install a biodegradable craft paper and mulch cover around the newly installed plants.

We'll be soliciting help from high school students and fit adults to help install the city-provided stones and decomposed granite, so start bulking up. If you'd like to be on the email list for these opportunities, please send a note to [beautifylunabay@lbhoa.org](mailto:beautifylunabay@lbhoa.org).

## Weeding Works Wonders on Phase 1a Area



*Volunteers weeding and transporting mulch at the land conservancy's weeding event.*

Shortly after new plants were installed in the Phase 1a area, it rained. The rains were a bonus in that they helped assure the natives got a good start. But the rains also encouraged robust weed growth. As a result, the slower-growing natives were generally hidden away and not visible. Lots of work by volunteers has finally cleared the weeds, and healthy growths of California poppies and other blooming natives now greet passersby and trail users.

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy held a weeding event on April 8 that attracted over 20 active weeder and mulch spreaders, and the PVPLC will hold monthly weeding events to help keep the weeds under control. Please visit <http://pvplc.volunteerhub.com/> to participate in a weeding event. The next event will be on Sunday, May 6.

## Help your community by adopting a plot to weed?

In our last newsletter, we announced that the Palos Verdes Peninsula Association of Realtors has volunteered to be responsible for weeding a specific portion of the Phase 1a site. The group held its first weeding event on April 6, and about 10 individuals, some aided by members of their families, spent a couple of hours pulling weeds. They plan to provide this service on a monthly basis.

Based on their interest, we're considering establishing an "adopt-a-plot" program, where individuals or groups could select an area to be responsible for maintaining. A short training course (and possibly a to-be-developed Weeding Handbook) would be provided where participants would learn best practices for weeding a sensitive area like this.

Such a program would enable individuals or groups to weed their assigned area at their own pace over the month and would give them some ownership of the project. If you think you or a group you are involved with might be interested, please send an email to [beautifylunadabay@lbhoa.org](mailto:beautifylunadabay@lbhoa.org). If response is good, we'll have a planning session to collect ideas on how we might move this concept forward.

## Now blooming...

Thanks to Marlene Breene, here are photos some of the first blooms of the Phase 1b plants. Enjoy.



From left: California Poppy, Lupine, Flannel bush.

## ----- Background -----

The Lunada Bay Homeowners Association initiated the Beautify Lunada Bay (BLB) Project in 2014 to restore the habitat and improve the appearance of areas in Lunada Bay. The project will replace the seasonal weeds or bare dirt with drought tolerant native plants that will remain less than three feet tall and be attractive year-round. The project will also upgrade existing walking paths by adding stone borders and decomposed granite.

After meetings with local residents, BLB planners developed plans for Phase 1 of the effort: a

demonstration garden on a 1-acre site across from Lunada Bay Elementary School. Plans for the site were developed in concert with the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy (PVPLC), a local nonprofit organization that grows native plants and restores open space on the Peninsula.

The City of Palos Verdes Estates gave its enthusiastic support and is providing boulders, stones to line the paths, mulch, and water for three years to assure the plants get a good start. Please see the LBHOA web page ([blb.lbhoa.org](http://blb.lbhoa.org)) for more information.

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