



BEAUTIFY LUNADA BAY PROJECT

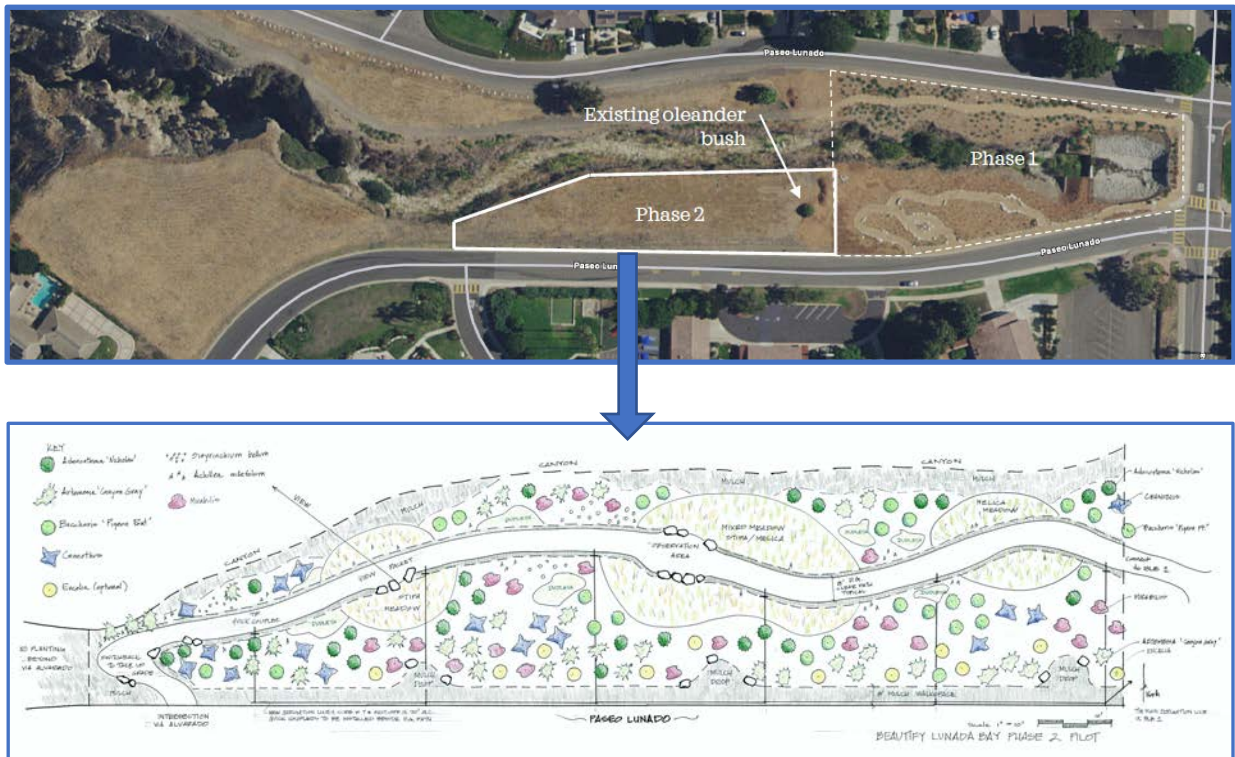
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Phase 2 Begins

The Lunada Bay Homeowners Association's (LBHOA's) Beautify Lunada Bay Project (BLB) has begun work on its Phase 2 project, which is located across Paseo Del Mar from Lunada Bay Elementary School (see photo below). The project includes installation of a ~400 ft stone-lined, decomposed granite (DG) trail that connects with the existing trail network on the Phase 1 site just to the east. The project will extend to the intersection of Via Alvarado with Paseo Del Mar.

As the images below show, the existing large oleander bush will be removed, and the area will be planted with a palette of locally native grasses and low-growing native plants. A water line with hose connectors will parallel the trail.



The Phase 2 project is funded by donations from members of the community and a grant from the South Coast Chapter of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS). The CNPS also provided a grant to help complete Phase 1 of the project, which received the 2019 Community Garden Award from the Silver Spur Garden Club.

While we have sufficient funds to begin work on the project; we need your help to complete it. Donations are tax deductible and can be sent via the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy's website (<https://pvplc.org/donate-pvplc/>). Be sure to note in the

“Additional Comments” box at the bottom of the form that the donation is “for the BLB project”.

Moving Forward

The first major task for the Phase 2 project was selecting and moving stones from the quarry (located in Lunada Bay near the intersection of Palos Verdes Drive West and Paseo Del Mar) to the site. With the city’s permission, stone selection was completed with the help of some very strong members of the lacrosse team at Palos Verdes High School. After the stones were selected, the city moved them to the project site, where they were dumped in piles near where they will be used. City staff also moved ~25 boulders that will be placed in view areas.



Left, Gathering rocks at the quarry; Right, The rock-gathering team.

Looking forward, Finley’s Tree and Landscaping was hired to complete the next tasks-- removing the oleander, grading the trail, installing the water line, and moving boulders to their final locations. Once that work is completed, volunteers will line the trail with stones (we hope the lacrosse team members will help again), and Finley’s will return and install the DG trail bed.

We’ve already begun preparing the site for the new plants. The city has been dumping and spreading mulch at the site (we’ve decided to forego grading the entire site), and volunteers will be seen removing invasive grasses and weeds on weekends. If you’d like to work off tensions by pulling weeds or like working with your hands in one of the most beautiful spots in the world, come join us.



Left, Rocks piled at the Phase 2 site; Right, Weeders and bags of weeds at the site.

Volunteer Opportunities

The LBHOA and the BLB team want to thank residents who have helped us get the necessary permissions, worked to trim and maintain Phase 1, and prepare for Phase 2. And we do appreciate the positive comments we've received while working on the project. We'll have lots of volunteer opportunities as we move forward. Email beautifylunadabay@lbhoa.org if you're interested in getting involved.

----- Background -----

The Lunada Bay Homeowners Association (LBHOA) initiated the Beautify Lunada Bay (BLB) Project in 2014 to restore the habitat and improve the appearance of public areas.

Phase 1 of the project began in late 2017, as dozens of volunteers, ranging from science students to senior citizens, laid the groundwork for new pathways on the north side of Agua Amarga Canyon. The first half of Phase 1 broke ground early in 2018 with installation of the pathway and native plants on the north side of Agua Amarga Canyon. Work on the second half, the south side of Agua Amarga Canyon, began in March and was completed in the Summer of 2018.

The BLB Project is a joint effort of the LBHOA, the City of Palos Verdes Estates (PVE), and the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy (PVPLC). Please see the LBHOA web page (<http://beautifylunadabay.lbhoa.org>) for more information.

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