

January 27, 2021 Palos Verdes Nature Preserve Public Forum



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NATURAL COMMUNITIES CONSERVATION PLAN/HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN (NCCP/HCP) UPDATE

The City's NCCP/HCP:

- Establishes 1,400-acre Preserve for habitat & species protection

- Streamlines public and private development projects

NCCP/HCP is a regional planning document that establishes the City, PVPLC, USFWS, and CDFW as partners in managing the Preserve

City received Federal permit in April 2020. Awaiting State permit decision

Next Steps for 2021:

- Prepare Preserve Access Protocol

- Record Conservation Easements over Preserve

- Municipal Code Amendments



PALOS VERDES PENINSULA
LAND CONSERVANCY



HOLISTIC PRESERVE ACCESS AND PARKING SOLUTIONS

1. Preserve Capacity Analysis
2. Web and Social Media Campaign
3. Traffic and Parking Analysis
4. Parking solutions in Del Cerro Area
 - Parking App on Crenshaw Blvd. and Park Pl.
 - Additional parking enforcement
 - Establish parking fees and citation fines
 - Access gates at Burma and Rattlesnake Trailheads
5. Disperse public use
 - Alta Vicente/Civic Center Beautification
 - Pilot Shuttle Program

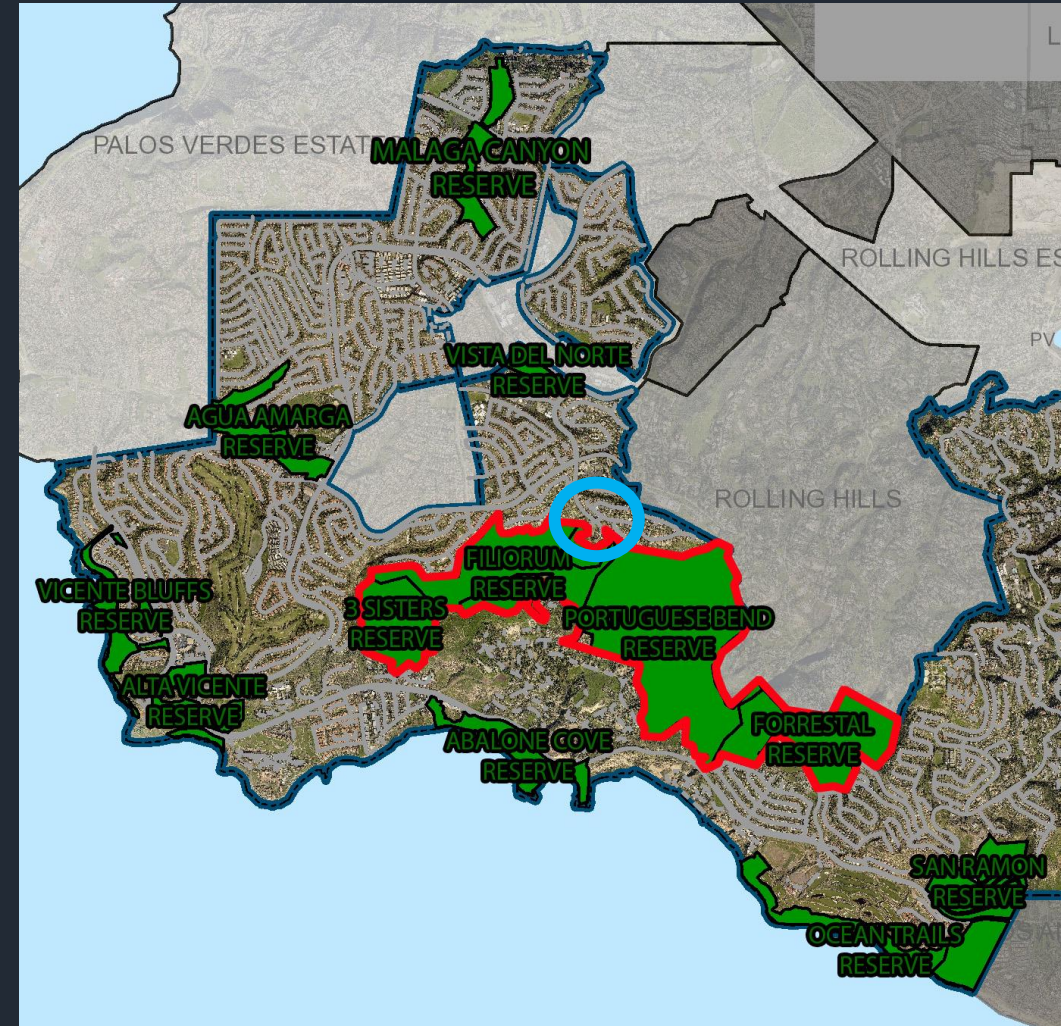
Balancing:

*Public Access

*Safe Parking and Access

*Neighbor Quality of Life

*Natural Resource Protection



HOLISTIC PRESERVE ACCESS AND PARKING SOLUTIONS

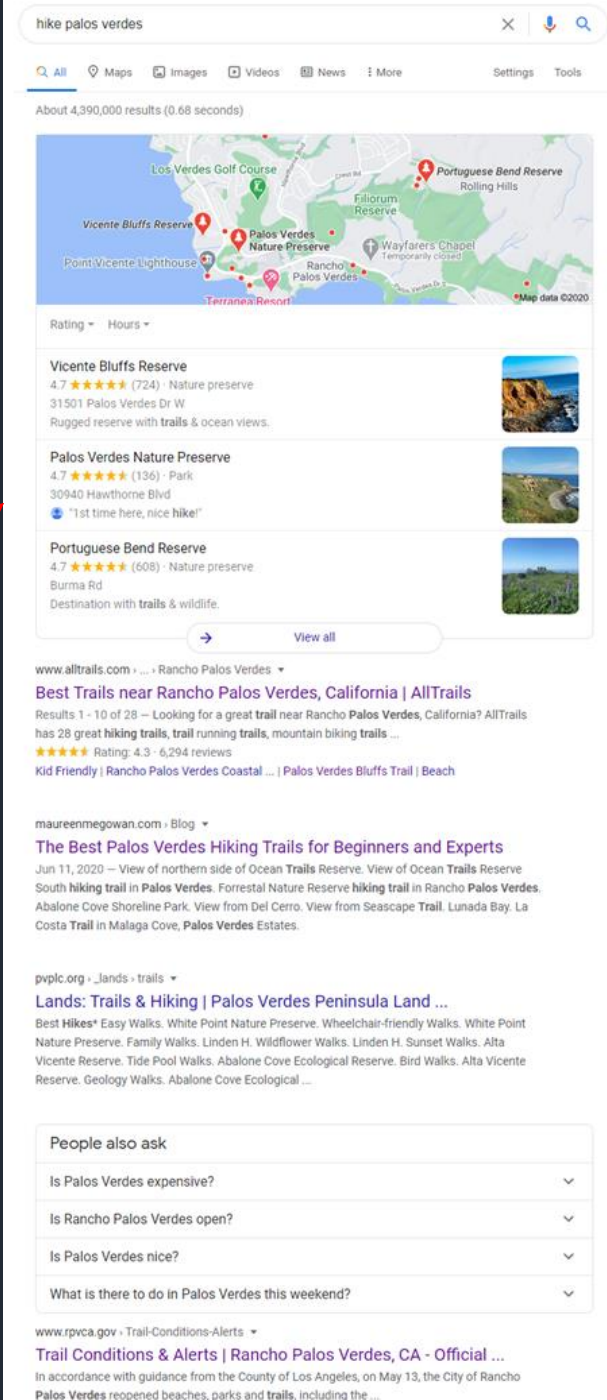
1. Preserve Capacity Analysis

- NPS Visitor Experience and Resource Protection (VERP) Model
- Update to City Council in March 2021

2. Web and Social Media Campaign

- Recommend alternate reserves to disperse use
- Search Engine Optimization
 - Correct information online
 - Increase ranking
 - Improve City's informational content
 - Work complete summer 2021

Google business addresses



The screenshot shows a Google search for "hike palos verdes". The search results include a map of the Rancho Palos Verdes area with several reserves marked. Below the map, there is a list of three reserves: Vicente Bluffs Reserve, Palos Verdes Nature Preserve, and Portuguese Bend Reserve. Each reserve has a rating, number of reviews, and a brief description. A red arrow points from the text "Google business addresses" to the list of reserves. Below the list, there are several search results from other websites, including AllTrails, maureenmegowan.com, and pvpic.org, all providing information about hiking trails in the area. At the bottom, there is a section titled "People also ask" with four questions: "Is Palos Verdes expensive?", "Is Rancho Palos Verdes open?", "Is Palos Verdes nice?", and "What is there to do in Palos Verdes this weekend?".

hike palos verdes

About 4,390,000 results (0.68 seconds)

Rating Hours

Vicente Bluffs Reserve
4.7 ★★★★★ (724) · Nature preserve
31501 Palos Verdes Dr W
Rugged reserve with trails & ocean views.

Palos Verdes Nature Preserve
4.7 ★★★★★ (136) · Park
30940 Hawthorne Blvd
"1st time here, nice hike!"

Portuguese Bend Reserve
4.7 ★★★★★ (608) · Nature preserve
Burma Rd
Destination with trails & wildlife.

View all

www.alltrails.com · ... · Rancho Palos Verdes

Best Trails near Rancho Palos Verdes, California | AllTrails

Results 1 - 10 of 28 -- Looking for a great trail near Rancho Palos Verdes, California? AllTrails has 28 great hiking trails, trail running trails, mountain biking trails ...

★★★★★ Rating: 4.3 - 6,294 reviews

Kid Friendly | Rancho Palos Verdes Coastal ... | Palos Verdes Bluffs Trail | Beach

maureenmegowan.com · Blog

The Best Palos Verdes Hiking Trails for Beginners and Experts

Jun 11, 2020 -- View of northern side of Ocean Trails Reserve. View of Ocean Trails Reserve South hiking trail in Palos Verdes. Forrester Nature Reserve hiking trail in Rancho Palos Verdes. Abalone Cove Shoreline Park. View from Del Cerro. View from Seascape Trail. Lunada Bay. La Costa Trail in Malaga Cove, Palos Verdes Estates.

pvpic.org · Lands · trails

Lands: Trails & Hiking | Palos Verdes Peninsula Land ...

Best Hikes* Easy Walks. White Point Nature Preserve. Wheelchair-friendly Walks. White Point Nature Preserve. Family Walks. Linden H. Wildflower Walks. Linden H. Sunset Walks. Alta Vicente Reserve. Tide Pool Walks. Abalone Cove Ecological Reserve. Bird Walks. Alta Vicente Reserve. Geology Walks. Abalone Cove Ecological ...

People also ask

Is Palos Verdes expensive?

Is Rancho Palos Verdes open?

Is Palos Verdes nice?

What is there to do in Palos Verdes this weekend?

www.rpvca.gov · Trail-Conditions-Alerts

Trail Conditions & Alerts | Rancho Palos Verdes, CA - Official ...

In accordance with guidance from the County of Los Angeles, on May 13, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes reopened beaches, parks and trails, including the ...

HOLISTIC PRESERVE ACCESS AND PARKING SOLUTIONS

3. Traffic and Parking Analysis

- Del Cerro Park area expedited
 - Recommendations summer 2021
 - Crenshaw Blvd. (north and south of Crest Rd.), Park Place
- Coast Guard Parking Lot
- Forrestal Drive/Forrestal Reserve
- Abalone Cove Park/Reserve
 - Parking lot and queuing

Scope

- Parking layout and circulation/optimize space
- Vehicular Access: safe and efficient ingress and egress + traffic calming
- Pedestrian Access- safe circulation
- Short-term and long-term solutions
- Public feedback and involvement



HOLISTIC PRESERVE ACCESS AND PARKING SOLUTIONS



4. Parking solutions in Del Cerro Area

- Parking App on Crenshaw Blvd. (south of Crest Rd. and Park Pl.)
 - In-ground sensors
 - Reservations 2 hr. in advance
 - 3-hr blocks of time
- Parking fees and citation fines
 - Proposed parking citation fine: \$110
 - \$10/3-hour block
 - Free block Mon. – Fri. 7-9 a.m.
 - Crenshaw (north of Crest) Free
- Additional parking enforcement
 - Friday – Sundays and holidays



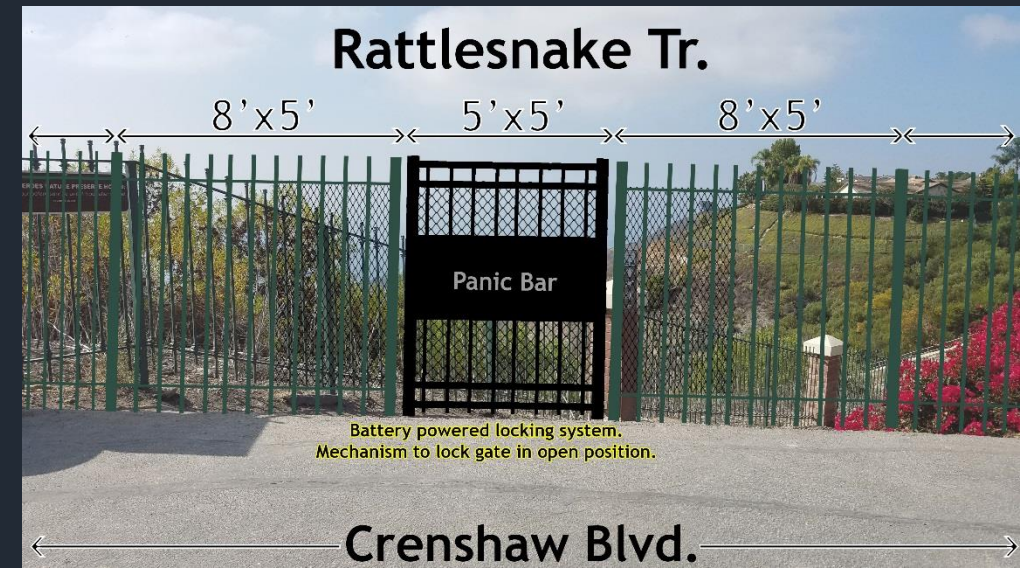
Monday – Friday	Hours	Fees
Free Block	7 a.m. - 8:59 a.m.	No
Block 1	9 a.m. - 11:59 a.m.	Yes
Block 2	12 p.m. - 2:59 p.m.	Yes
Block 3	3 p.m. - Preserve close	*Yes

Weekends/Holidays	Hours	Fees
Block 1	7 a.m. - 9:59 a.m.	Yes
Block 2	10 a.m. - 12:59 a.m.	Yes
Block 3	1 p.m. - 3:59 p.m.	Yes
Block 4	4 p.m. - Preserve close	*Yes

**Fee will be prorated based on preserve closure time(one hour after sunset)*

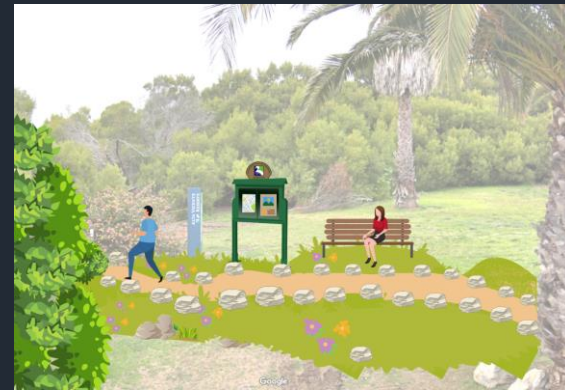
ACCESS GATES: BURMA RD. AND RATTLESNAKE TRAILHEADS

- Control access at popular entry point
- Reduce nighttime/afterhours use
- Reduce impacts to neighbors
- Hours of operation: 7 a.m. –sunset
- Parking Hours 7 a.m. – 1 hr after sunset
- Burma Gate: November 2020
- Rattlesnake Gate: February 2021



ALTA VICENTE RESERVE IMPROVEMENTS

- 4 Trailheads proposed for beautification:
 - North Spur, South Spur, Nike, and Prickly Pear Trailheads
 - Improve trailhead visibility
 - Informational kiosks
 - Improved landscaping
 - Ground covering
 - Benches
 - Trash cans
- Create Shuttle hub for the public
 - Kiosks/Signage for Wayfinding
 - Information Hub
 - Benches
 - Trash Cans
 - Ground covering



Trailhead 1
North Spur
Trail



Trailhead 2
Nike Trail



Trailhead 3
South Spur
Trail



Trailhead 4
Prickly Pear
Trail

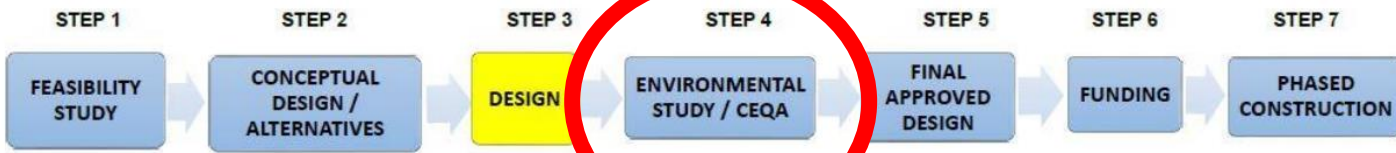
PILOT SHUTTLE PROGRAM

- Pilot Shuttle Program
 - Contract with PV Transit
 - Enhance public access to the Preserve core
 - Disperse use from Del Cerro neighborhood
- Friday – Sunday and holidays
- Shuttle Stops:
 - Alta Vicente Reserve
 - Former Gateway Park area
 - Point Vicente Interpretive Center
 - Abalone Cove Park/Reserve
- LA County Health Guidelines for public transportation



LANDSLIDE MITIGATION PROJECT

- December 17, 2019: City Council
 - Accepted preliminary designs
 - Authorized staff to prepare the environmental document (CEQA)
 - Authorized staff to identify funding opportunities
- Design Components:
 - Phase 1: Repair existing ground fractures
 - Phase 2: Install surface drainage improvements
 - Phase 3: Install below-grade hydroaugers
- Current Status: Step 4 Environmental Study/CEQA
 - May 19, 2020 the City Council entered into an agreement with Chambers Group, Inc. to conduct the environmental analysis for the project
 - Initial Study complete (Nov. 2020) and public comments received (Jan. 2021)
- Next Step: Environmental Impact Report



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TRAIL MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Burma Gate Replacement Project:

- Project took place from 11/9-11/16.
- Objective of the project was to update gate design and help to control access to the Preserve.
- Gate opens Daily at 7 am and closes 1 hour after sunset.



TRAIL MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Burma Rd. and Water Tank Trail:

- Water control measures installed, 13 Grade Dips. Jan. 14-22, 2021.

Sea Dahlia Trail Repairs:

- Repair of eroding cliffside
- Retaining wall and trail bed improvements
- Repositioning of rock steps
- Fencing installation
- Trail is open as of Jan 26, 2021.



TRAIL MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Vanderlip Trail: CalWater water main break Oct. 8, 2020 Repairs complete: Jan. 4, 2021

- Rut was backfilled with aggregate material and native soil, some trenches were measured as deep as 3.5 ft.
- Several Grade Dips were installed on the trail to help with water control.



COASTAL BLUFFTOP FENCE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

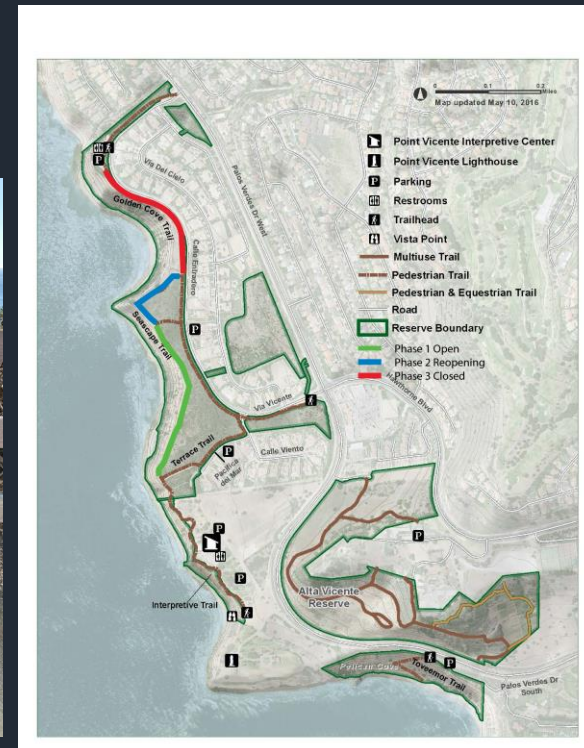
Phase 1: Completed February 2018 (Point Vicente Interpretive Center)

Phase 2: April 2019 at Abalone Cove (includes Portuguese Bend and Inspiration Points)

Phase 3: August 2020-January 2021 (Seascape Tr. between Terrace Tr. And Golden Cove Tr. parking area)

Next Phase proposed for 2021 CIP: 1,400 feet of fencing in Vanderlip Park area.

More sustainable material for marine environment (precast concrete)



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- Habitat Restoration
- Fuel Load Reduction
- Trail Crew/Rapid Response
- PVPLC Volunteers and VTW
- Online Adaptations



Habitat Restoration at Abalone Cove

Site Preparation and Planting



Habitat Restoration Projects

- Habitat restoration activities also working on early season weed control at Abalone Cove, Alta Vicente and Fuel Mod areas



Habitat Restoration Projects



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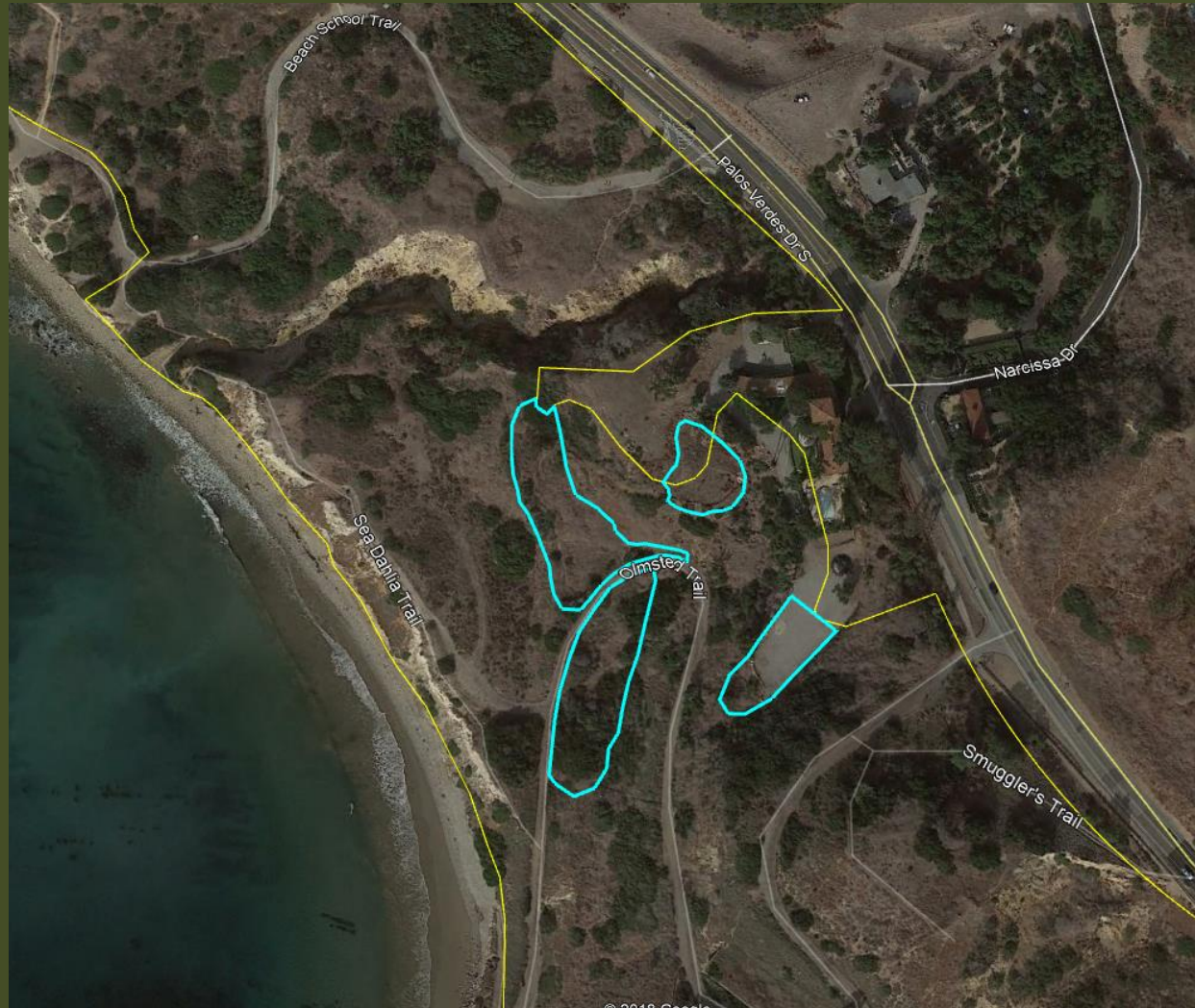


Abalone Cove Phase 2

Abalone Cove Phase 3— Site prep, irrigation install and planting



Heritage Castle Restoration at Abalone Cove



Irrigation Installation and Planting





Fuel Load Reduction

~40 acres of
Acacia removed



Fuel Load Reduction



~61 acres of weeds mowed



Fuel Load Reduction – Acacia Removal on Burma Road



Fuel Load Reduction – Acacia Removal on Burma Road



Fuel Load Reduction – Acacia Removal



Trail Crew Work Continues

Adapting to Social Distancing



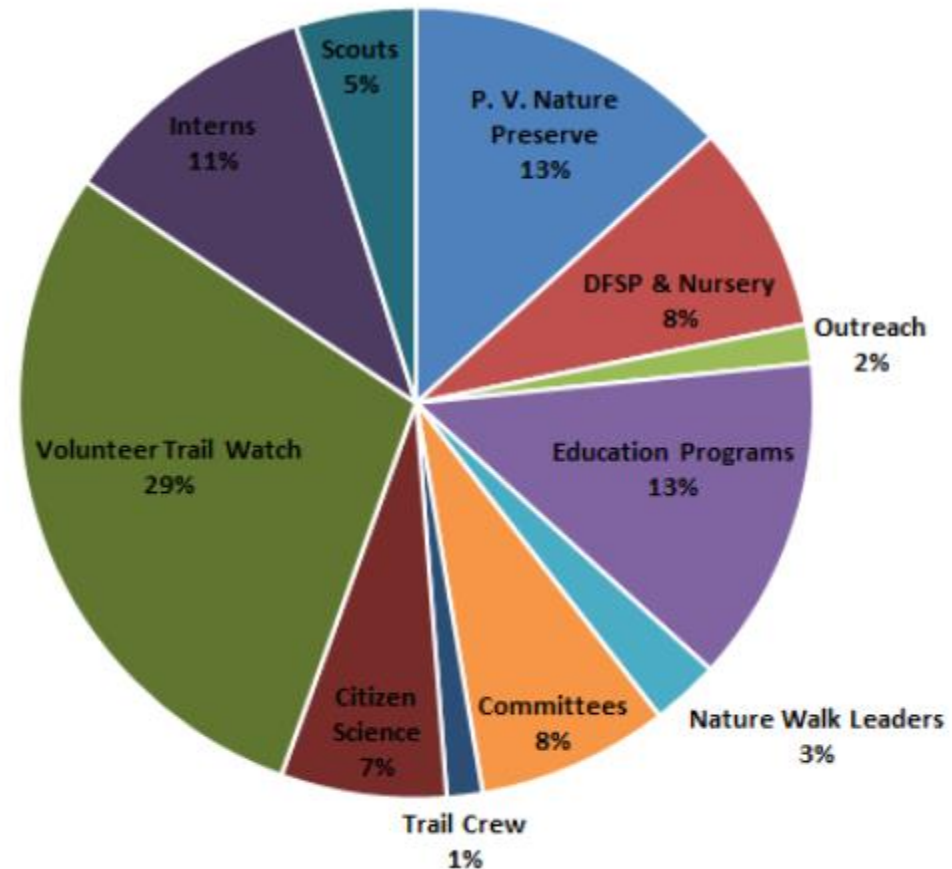
Review of Trail Projects

- ❑ 26 Spurs Closure Projects
- ❑ 10 Trail Maintenance Projects (trimming/weed clearing, pruning, erosion control, seeding, grade dip maintenance, graffiti, other).
- ❑ 2 Trail Crew events(Portuguese Bend, Filiorum/Portuguese Bend
- ❑ Baseline Trail Width Project



PVPLC Volunteer Hours for 2020

Volunteer Program 2020
Palos Verdes Nature Preserve (RPV)



PVPLC Volunteers

Highlights

- Continuing to expand our Volunteer Program following COVID safety protocols.
- All group volunteer activities were cancelled during the extended stay-at-home order. They will resume once we establish COVID-19 safety measures. Interns, Adopt-A-Plot, Volunteer Trail Watch, Nursery and Wildlife Tracking have continued during this time, but are limited to working solo or with members of your own household only.
- Interested members of the public have been funneled into volunteer programs that remain open, such as Adopt-A-Plot with training given virtually.



Adopt-a-Plot Activities Ongoing

Volunteers adopt areas to restore and maintain on their own schedule

- Vicente Bluffs – El Segundo blue butterfly recovery
- Lunada Canyon – Coastal Sage Scrub and Riparian habitat restoration
- Pelican Cove – El Segundo Blue Butterfly recovery



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UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

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- Pilot Shuttle Program
- Alta Vicente Improvements
- Fees and Fines
- Cost Analysis
- Additional Parking Enforcement

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- Preserve Capacity Analysis Update
- Traffic Analysis Consultant for Del Cerro Park area

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Park Ranger Enforcement Report:
Norma Saldana: Recreation Supervisor

V.T.W.



Volunteer Trail Watch Reports Q4 2020

36 (39) VTW volunteers contributed 635 (788) Hours and 488(450) reports

Top Activities Reported

Education	160	Preserve-wide contacts with visitors regarding habitat, wildlife, directions, preserve rules, etc.
Signs need repair/new decals	54	Trail markers or other signage needing attention or repair (decal replacement, broken sign, etc.)
Trail conditions impacting safety	62	Damaged barriers, uneven/rutted trail beds, protruding objects in trail, overgrowth, etc
Dogs off-leash	69	
Evidence of vegetation clearing, new illegal trail	73	Spur trails, uncovering of blocked spurs, unusual clearing of habitat
Graffiti	54	

Top Reserves for Reporting: Filiorum, Portuguese Bend, Vicente Bluffs



Native Plant Sales – Contactless Pickup

Seasonal assortment of native plants grown in the PVPLC Nursery from locally harvested seeds. Order online and pick up at PVPLC office.

Visit [PVPLC.ORG](https://www.pvplc.org)



Virtual Trainings

Education Docent Orientation, Saturday

March 20th 9am – 11am via Zoom

Do you enjoy our local nature and want to share it with others? Become a Nature Center and Education Docent! From assisting with plant sales to mentoring scout badges to guiding field trips, there is so much to choose from. RSVP:

[PVPLC.VOLUNTEERHUB.COM](https://www.pvplc.org/volunteerhub)

Virtual Volunteer Training – Planning for June





www.PVPLC.org



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For More Info:



Trail Closures

Trailalerts.rpvca.gov

Trail related questions/concerns/info:

Open Space Management

310-544-5353

trails@rpvca.gov

Preserve Info and Reporting Line:

310-491-5775

Palos Verdes Nature Preserve Listserv Group

<http://www.rpvca.gov/list.aspx>

City Manager Weekly Administrative Reports

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