### NATIVE PLANT RESTORATION PROPOSAL

#### LAMPTON CLIFFS COUNTY PARK

**Purpose:** The purpose of this document is to propose a plan for the restoration of native plants to

this SLO County park by removing invasive non-native species.

**Location**: Intersection of South Windsor Drive and Lampton Street in Cambria, California, 93428

Overview: 2.2 acres, walking paths, blufftop benches, undeveloped, rocky beach access by stairway

(currently closed pending repairs following recent storm damage); Plant cover is natural

with a mixture of grasses, shrubs, flowering plants, and the predominant iceplant

**Benefits:** Lampton Cliffs County Park will return to its natural state

Restoration will encourage and support birds, plants, animals and insects (including pollinators) that depend on the native plants for food and shelter to

return and repopulate the park.

Enhances the natural environment and provides educational opportunities for park visitors

Removing iceplant from the bluff edge can improve bluff stability and reduce erosion, thus resulting in a safer environment for visitors to the rocky beach below

#### **Process:**

- 1. Adopt-a-Park initiative will be pursued (see attached)
- 2. Present proposal to NCAC and other community groups as recommended
  - Obtain community support
  - Solicit team members for a working committee ("Friends of Lampton Cliffs Park")
  - Funding will be required for Biological Site Studies and permitting
    - Must be performed prior to application for Adopt-a-Park review and permitting
      - SLO County Parks will assess any additional permits required including California Coastal Commission & Coastal Development Permit
    - Biological Site Study will assess and inventory the plant and animal population, determine if there are any areas sensitive to disturbance, identify any archeological sites, possible geologic evaluation, etc.
- 3. Working Committee Responsibilities
  - Outreach for community support
  - Determine Site Study costs and determine sources of funding
  - Partner with other local organizations for information and support (if possible)
  - Draft detailed implementation plans
  - Provide regular updates to NCAC and SLO County Parks Planning Dept. on progress or to resolve questions and issues

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# Adopt-A-Park Program

Adopt-A-Park Program is volunteer based and supported by individuals, families and groups that not only want to get their hands dirty but also want to have fun! It is designed to accommodate a variety of philanthropic goals and budgets. Are you ready to Adopt-A-Park? Help us reach our goal of offering the most enjoyable and rewarding recreational experience possible while helping to protect and preserve our natural, cultural, and historical resources.

NOTE: Program is time-limited (usually 5 years), and is renewable.

Link to Adopt-a-Park program -- https://slocountyparks.com/donation/adopt-a-park-projects/

## Examples of short-term and long-term Adopt-A-Park Projects include:

- on-going litter patrol for our parks, beaches and trails
- cleaning and raking children's play areas
- painting projects
- planting trees, spreading mulch
- removal of invasive species or re-vegetate with native plants
- create wildlife habitat
- interpretive/educational instructors, guides and/or leaders for programs
- park or facility improvement projects (design, fund, build and install) ie. kiosks, shade structures, benches

### Volunteers must be able to:

- provide project reports
- document volunteer hours and financial contributions/donations

# Parks & Recreation Department will:

- confer with volunteers to provide information, guidance and support
- review and consider proposed Adopt-A-Park projects
- monitor projects and improvement
- provide supplies and/or materials that are mutually agreed upon

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