



Restoration & Ecosystem Management Program

Since 1999, our Restoration & Ecosystem Management (REM) AmeriCorps members have provided local resource management agencies and nonprofit organizations with thousands of hours of hands-on restoration, ecological monitoring, and volunteer recruitment and coordination needed to protect and restore the North Bay's diverse habitats. Many of our current REM AmeriCorps partners have been a part of the program since its inception—as well as long-term partners of our organization for more than 25 years. These partnerships provide opportunities for AmeriCorps members to be engaged in professional-level environmental assessments and problem solving while strengthening stewardship of our treasured natural resources. AmeriCorps members gain mentoring and supervision by leading resource management scientists.

Here are some examples of the partners our REM AmeriCorps crewmembers work with, and the type of work they are doing:

- 🌍 **Point Reyes National Seashore (PRNS):** monitor and restore habitats within the 71,068 acre National Seashore in order to protect endangered Coho salmon, elephant seals, and plant life on this geologically unique peninsula. In addition, collaborate with the Point Reyes National Seashore Association to strengthen and diversify their community volunteer programs.
- 🌍 **Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD):** restore habitats throughout the 21,250 acre area of the Mount Tamalpais Watershed. Activities include removing invasive, non-native plants, monitoring habitats to assess the ecological health of fragile flora and fauna, and installing exclusionary fencing to safeguard native plants and aid in riparian habitat restoration. In addition, recruit and supervise more than 800 community volunteers, including local school groups.
- 🌍 **Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy (GGNPC):** restore habitat and maintain trails within the coastal watersheds of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Projects include the Coastal Trail Enhancement Project at Lands End, the establishment of ADA accessible trails where feasible, and removal of invasive non-native plant infestations throughout the coastal bluffs. Projects also include increasing the health of cultural forest features, restoring a coastal dune ecosystem with a small freshwater wetland, and creating a Monterey cypress understory.
- 🌍 **Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA):** assess changes in Coho salmon and steelhead trout populations as a result of in-stream and riparian habitat restoration efforts. In addition, conduct topographic monitoring to evaluate channel changes, provide field assistance to a hydrologist measuring high winter flows, monitor out-planted species for survival, and manage evaluations of the newly created California Red-Legged frog breeding habitat. Lastly, the AmeriCorps members help lead large groups of community volunteers and volunteer days at the park's native plant nursery.

In addition, REM members lead large-scale community service events in observance of National Service Days such as Martin Luther King Day of Service, Cesar Chavez Day, Earth Day, and Summer Service Days.

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