The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection partnered with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, City of Los Angeles Recreation & Parks Department, Port of Los Angeles, and the City of Los Angeles Council District 15 to recruit, hire, and train youth and young adults from local disadvantaged communities to restore the urban forestry in San Pedro. Efforts included planting 3,000 drought tolerant trees, creating 3,600 linear feet of landscaped stormwater capture, installing 25 street-side landscaped rain gardens, and converting 25 front yards (37,500 square feet) to drought tolerant landscaping. The project is simultaneously achieving greenhouse gas reductions of 10,335 tons during the 40-year project life with numerous co-benefits to the public and natural environment. The urban vegetation enhances the quality and supply of water, helps filter pollutants from the air, and maintains natural systems to enhance the community’s resiliency to extreme climate change events.

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