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Del Rey Fourth-Graders Restore Creek Habitats

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Stone, Maddy Reynolds, and Brendan Padilla. In background are Sean Micallef and Mark Bonsignore of The Restoration Trust.

Students from Orinda's Del Rey Elementary School completed a hands-on creek restoration project March 28 on Moraga Creek, which runs by their school. Led by a team of biologists and volunteers from The Restoration Trust, the fourth-grade classes of Terri Brasch and John Moran removed non-native species, such as English ivy, and planted over 1,000 native grasses, trees and shrubs. After planting, the students learned that removing the non-natives and restoring native plants helps protect the health of Moraga Creek and reduces erosion. The Restoration Trust is a non-profit land trust dedicated to providing educational opportunities to the community for the benefit of native habitat restoration. Visit www.restorationtrustonline.org for more information. Funding for this project was partially provided by the Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife Committee. From left: Molly Weber, Madison Peters, Lucy Marken, Evy Lavelle, Marlowe Randolph-Malochowski, Anna Logan, Claudia Gravano, Lucy Wilson, RoniDavidovich, Camryn Taft, Tenly Thompson, Zoe Sylvester, Greg Kornguth, Max Grinold, Michael Pang, Caleb Wilday, Josh Morganstein, Chris Nikban, Michael Lin, Ryan Johnson, Aidan

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