Teens help preserve streams

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska -- Local teens took on the task of helping to preserve our streams Friday.

A Youth Employment in Parks crew spent the day in Campbell Park as part of a stream bank restoration project.

The 26 teens planted aspen and willow trees, as well as high-bush cranberries, to help prevent erosion. This the first job for many of the teens and a chance to learn basic job skills, said Gavin Dixon, YEP crew leader.

"It's a pretty good first job opportunity for kids who haven't had a chance to work they get to work within their city within their community, so they really have a connection," Dixon said.

The crews also spent part of the week building beaver fences, as well as learning about invasive plant species, tree biology and rain gardens.

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