

Wasilla Soil & Water Conservation District
“Little Susitna River and Cottonwood Creek Watershed Project”



FY02 Grant Award: \$68,571 Project Match: \$45,257

Description and Purpose: This project combines efforts of citizens, businesses, schools, and resource agencies in the Wasilla area to address pollution problems before they occur and/or cause long-term impacts in the Little Susitna River and Cottonwood Creek watersheds. This area is experiencing rapid growth and development and the associated pollution problems. The project also provides collection of baseline water quality data on area streams at risk through trained citizen volunteers.



Evaluation of Environmental Benefit:

Project success will be evaluated through:

- Involvement, growth, and strength of partnerships
- Attendance/participation in workshops teacher training
- Number of citizens attending public educational presentations
- Number of hits on web site
- Number of citizens trained in water monitoring program
- Number of water quality sample sites regularly monitored
- Number of people participating in river cleanup event and amount of garbage removed from local waterways
- Number of students involved in watershed education including bank restoration project and number of feet restored
- Number of other local communities in which



volunteer monitoring occurs as a result of project support

- Number of people participating in watershed council and participation in council sponsored projects, events, or activities.

Deliverables for the Project Include:

A report on development and progress of the Watershed Council; in cooperation with CEMP partners an updated QAPP with addition of Quality Management Plan and Standard Operating Procedures; [Annual water quality report](#); copy of watershed curricula program designed; materials distributed at workshops.

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