

Youth Restoration Corps (YRC) **“YRC Kenai Peninsula Restoration Project”**

FY02 Grant Award: \$40,000 Project Match: \$27,000



Description and Purpose: The project supports Alaska's Protection and Restoration efforts of Kenai Peninsula streams. It restores damaged streambanks on Kenai Peninsula streams and also funds educational equipment for a mobile educational trailer to be used at schools, sportfish campgrounds, and other places. Twelve local youths will restore 950 feet of damaged streambank on selected Kenai Peninsula streams where damage is severe and causing pollution to enter streams. The 12 youths will work with agencies and local businesses to repair the streambanks so

the fisheries, habitat, and water quality of this popular river will be restored for future generations to enjoy.

Evaluation of Environmental Benefits:

- Restoration of 950 lineal feet of stream bank.
- A mobile trailer to be used by the YRC, schools, and agencies for hands on environmental education.
- Increased environmental stewardship through the education of participating youth in aquatic life and stream restoration practices.
- Through use of federal matching monies associated with this 319 grant, a video will be produced showing youth at work developing environmental stewardship skills by improving riparian habitat.

Deliverables for this project include:

1. YRC program will complete 950 lineal feet of riparian habitat restoration along the Kenai Trail River and Cooper Creek.
2. A fully equipped environmental educational trailer for the Kenai Peninsula that can be used by community organizations, schools or agencies for the propose of hands on environmental education.
3. A prioritized list of riparian sites in need of restoration work
4. Stream bank pre-restoration evaluation form



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