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## Division of Forestry launches Campbell Creek greenbelt restoration project

(Anchorage, AK) – The Division of Forestry and partnering organizations this week are launching a three-year project to restore a seven-mile section of the Campbell Creek greenbelt in urban Anchorage.

The restoration project is funded with a \$295,000 U.S. Forest Service Landscape Scale Restoration grant and is led by the Division of Forestry's Community Forestry Program in coordination with the Municipality of Anchorage, the Anchorage Park Foundation, the Alaska departments of Fish & Game and Environmental Conservation, and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, which are collectively contributing an additional \$262,333 in matching funds to the project.

The project focuses on the portion of Campbell Creek between Dimond and Lake Otis boulevards and activities will include removal of invasive plants, planting native vegetation to help improve water quality, habitat and stabilize streambanks, and public education to promote creek stewardship. These activities will coincide with a city-led Campbell Creek Trail rehabilitation project approved by Anchorage voters in April 2016.

"This is a great opportunity for partnering agencies and the community to work together to improve the overall health of the Campbell Creek greenbelt while rehabilitating this important trail," said State Forester Chris Maisch.

Campbell Creek is home to five species of salmon, rainbow trout, moose, bears, and beavers and its greenbelt is heavily used by hikers, skiers, bikers, and anglers. The high use and proximity of the greenbelt to a highly developed region comes with some challenges, including polluted runoff, degraded aquatic and wildlife habitat and increased flooding risks.

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