



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 29: Alaska Botanical Garden Spring Garden Conference
April 10 & 12: Volunteer Training
April 16: next board meeting
May 10: Creek Cleanup
May 2: Visitor Industry Charity Walk
May 3-10: Citywide Cleanup
April 19: Fundraiser



Streamline

March 2008

Bullitt Grant

Each year brings new concerns for our environment as our ever growing population, and thus pollution, impede the natural cycles of the earth. Anchorage Waterways hopes that with the rising concerns, our environmental awareness will also heighten. The time is here for people and organizations to be revamped in ways that help prevent the downward slide our environment has begun.

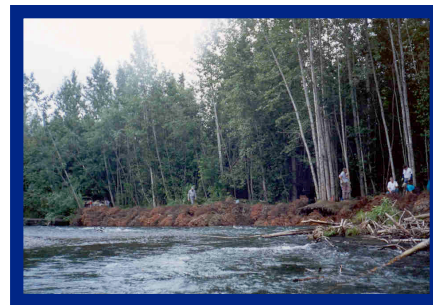
The Bullitt Foundation of Seattle, Washington is an organization taking all the right steps in changing the way our society views environmental issues. Focusing on the Pacific North West, Bullitt works not only to prevent the degradation of, but also to restore our ever important natural resources. By protecting the untouched wild lands and supporting efforts to repair the touched in the Pacific Northwest, the Bullitt Foundation has created a momentum for environmental awareness in the rest of the world.

Each year the Bullitt Foundation carefully selects grantees for program support grants; Anchorage Waterways Council is excited to announce that we are one of those fortunate organizations. Bullitt has awarded the AWC \$25,000 dollars to support our Citizens Environmental Monitoring Program.

Mayor's Watershed Task Force

The Mayor's Watershed Task Force, a multi-agency advisory board, was created in September of 2005 by Mayor Mark Begich after considerable encouragement from the AWC. There were two important roles that the AWC hoped that the Task Force would provide. First the Task Force should provide expertise to the Municipality on local resources related to our watersheds and secondly the Task Force should provide advice on how best to use restoration funds.

The state and federal resource agencies in Alaska have vast expertise and are involved in many projects related to our local watersheds. The agencies have a mandate to share this information with local governments and to assist them in management of their resources. The Watershed Task Force therefore provides a forum for sharing agency



information, discussion of new projects, and expert advice on important and current watershed issues in Anchorage. Additionally, the Municipality received \$10M of earmarked funds through the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in 2005 for salmon restoration on Ship, Campbell, and Chester Creeks. The

Task Force provides information and advice on prioritizing the spending of these funds and also how to leverage them against available agency funds to maximize the benefits to our watersheds.

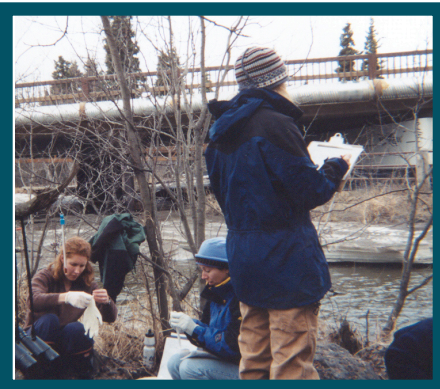
To date, the Task Force has proven to be instrumental in coordinating all the various efforts to protect, restore, and enhance the watersheds of Anchorage and the AWC plays an active and vital role on the Task Force. The Municipality of Anchorage's Salmon in the City Program, new interpretive signage on Campbell Creek, bank restoration projects on Campbell Creek and Ship Creek, development of the Little Campbell Creek Watershed Management Plan, and greenbelt acquisition along Little Campbell Creek have all been coordinated by the Task Force. This important advisory board hopes to formalize its existence as a board within the municipal structure in the near future.

AWC Spring Party

Spring has sprung! To celebrate, the Anchorage Waterways Council is hosting a fundraising house party on Saturday April 19th. Please join us to celebrate our ongoing efforts to keep our creeks and watersheds healthy, our volunteers and monitors, and to find out about our future plans and ongoing projects. The AWC fundraiser party will be held at Jeanna and John Hanson's home, 8041 Opal Circle, Anchorage, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Food and drinks will be served, entry is free, but donations are encouraged. We hope that all of you can come celebrate spring breakup with the AWC on April 19th.

New Volunteer Training

AWC will be offering free training for new volunteers who would like to be a part of the Citizen's Environmental Monitoring Program. Training will occur in two sessions (attendance at both sessions required): Thursday April 10th (5-9pm) AND Saturday April 12th (9-4pm). Please call Kate at (907) 27-CREEKS to register; space is limited.



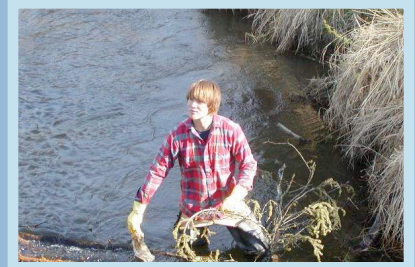
AWC Updates

Board Elections

AWC Board Officer Elections were held at the board meeting February 20th. The officers for 2008 are as follows; **President:** Molly Welker. **Vice President:** Craig Valentine. **Treasurer:** Charlie Tyrrell. **Secretary:** Allison Erickson.

Creek Cleanup Time

Creek Cleanup Planning has begun, get your workplace to form a team and support the cleanup.



Annual Plan 2008

The board just completed a 2008 Annual Plan which will be posted on the website soon. Stay tuned!

Web Update

Northwest Strategies is currently developing an electronic newsletter which will save the organization money, please send an email to awc@anchoragecreeks.org to request an electronic version instead of paper.

Watershed Management Plan

On 3/10 the Planning and Zoning Commission endorsed the LCC watershed management plan which will now go to the Assembly for adoption.



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\$1,000+ PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE
\$500-\$999 WATERSHED STEWARD
\$250-\$499 HABITAT PROTECTOR
\$100-\$249 RIVER KEEPER
\$30-\$99 WATERWAY WATCHER
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The Anchorage Waterways Council is a nonprofit organization supported through individual contributions as well as government and private grants.

The AWC is the only group in Anchorage solely dedicated to **protecting, restoring and enhancing the beauty, recreation and tranquility** of our urban creeks.

As a member of the AWC you will work with a community of scientists, citizens, students and businesses to:

~**PROTECT** our waterways through monitoring,

~**RESTORE** natural beauty through creek cleanups and restoration projects, and

~**ENHANCE** recreation opportunities through safe user access.

The AWC has been an Anchorage-based grassroots organization with a resident board of directors since 1984. We are not affiliated with any governmental organization.

