

Teens Reintroduce Plants To The Wild

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Eugene, Ore. – Some local teens are giving back to the community by beautifying some Lane County wetlands. These teens were at the Quamish Prairie Wetlands today to build bird perches and houses.

The teens are from the Northwest Youth Corps Outdoor Program. They've been working in these wetlands for five weeks now. They say that these perches will hopefully reintroduce birds of prey into the area again.



Organizers also say that the project is also a good outlet for kids who may have not found a summer job.

“Kids are up against - even for minimum wage jobs - they're up against people with 20 or 30 years experience... Well, if we don't do something now, then there's not going to be a chance for these kids to start getting their feet on the ground... So that's what this program is allowing them to do,” says Dr. Tom Evans, NYC Outdoor Program Coordinator.



Funding for the program is coming from Lane County Public Works and Lane Community College, and the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps.



Earlier this summer the group reintroduced plants into the wetlands. They say doing that will help keep the wetlands strong.