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### **Celebration thanks Phoenix leadership students for adopting paved section of ERT walkway**

From last September to this June, five Ecole Phoenix middle school leadership classes donated 2,358 volunteer hours working on the ERT walkway.

The class decided to adopt the lower, paved section of the ERT at 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. and identified invasive species to remove, such as blackberry, ivy and broom. With guidance from Greenways Land Trust volunteers, the students picked up garbage (including fire extinguisher parts and vehicle wheel rims), removed invasive plants and planted native species like alder and cedar.

*"It was a valuable opportunity for the students to learn about natural and invasive species and to take ownership of an area that so many of them use,"* said leadership teacher Patty Simpson.

To celebrate their achievement, the class was presented with an Adopt-a-Walkway sign, which will be mounted at the entrance of the ERT at 14<sup>th</sup> Ave.

The City of Campbell River has 140 kilometres of paved walkways that connect neighbourhoods, with the Adopt-a-Walkway program established to help maintain these walkways.

For more information on the Adopt-a-Walkway program, please contact Linda Nagle 250-923-7911 or [linda.nagle@campbellriver.ca](mailto:linda.nagle@campbellriver.ca)

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**Photo:** Leadership class students; teacher Patty Simpson, far right, Linda Nagle, City of Campbell River recreation program coordinator, far left.