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Ensworth Students Continue Little Harpeth Bank Stabilization Project

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Ensworth students do it again. A great job that is. On the second of three planned restoration events this school year, on Friday February 8th, twelve students walked over from the Ensworth Campus to help install cedar revetments to stabilize the banks of the Little Harpeth River in Edwin Warner Park. In this group of students, two had participated in the earlier event and were a great help in getting things started. It did not take long for this group to understand the process and begin to organize themselves



Students rolling the cedar trees in the coir matting and driving anchors into the bank above the revetments that were installed in December.

around the tasks to be performed. The students started the day by helping roll the cedar revetments (cedar trees rolled in “coir” or coconut husk matting), driving anchors into the stream bank, placing the revetments and wiring them into place. The final activity on this day was forming a bucket brigade to get soil from a pile that was staged away from



Cedar revetments are being lowered into place to be wired in, while other students plant trees in the upstream reforestation project area

the river and place it behind the revetments and plant stream side vegetation such as river cane. In addition to this streambank stabilization, the students planted trees as part of a riparian zone reforestation project upstream of the streambank stabilization site.

This project was funded in part by a grant from TWRA that covered the materials, but the time organizing the event and gathering the materials was paid for out of individual contributions to Harpeth River Watershed Association, and there would be no way to accomplish this vital work without volunteers such as these students and teachers from Ensworth and other groups.



Students and teachers (l-r): Collin Webb, Ty Gunter, Keaton Rye Chandler Hotchkiss, (back) Fax Landstreet, Will Neterville, Crystal Miller-EHS Teacher, Sam Deaton, Jennifer Donato-EHS Teacher, Clay Wammack, Trey Jackson, Kenji Alexander, Robert Hankins and Will Brewer.

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