



2016 Milestones



UAF Cooperative Extension agent Casey Matney and District summer hire Madeleine Michaud collect baseline soil samples for the District's new Cover Crops and Soil Health Project in June, 2016.



This fall, the District wrapped up four years of projects to improve wildlife habitat and outdoor learning opportunities for kids in Kenai, Kasilof, Sterling and Soldotna. Above, Schoolyard Habitats Coordinator Dan Funk leads first graders on an exploration of the new trail at Sterling Elementary in October, 2013.



District inspectors certified a record 33 acres of weed-free gravel in 2016. Above, participants in Certified Weed-Free Inspector Training conduct a mock inspection at a Soldotna gravel pit in May, 2016



In 2016, the District joined US Fish & Wildlife Service and Alaska Department of Fish & Game as a partner in the Kenai Habitat Restoration and Protection Cost-Share Program.



Steps to a thriving local food system: In 2016, we distributed a record 5000 copies of the local food directory, hosted the first ever Farmers & Chefs gathering, and launched a study on the Central Peninsula market for local food. Above, Ally Bril and Emma Becherer at one of six Chef at the Market events held at local farmers markets in 2016.