



An Investment in Watersheds, Reconciliation, and Local Economies

The Healthy Watersheds Initiative is an economic stimulus program that’s creating jobs in British Columbia by investing in watershed conservation and restoration projects.

As part of its \$10-billion COVID-19 economic recovery plan, the Province of British Columbia has provided \$27 million for watershed conservation and restoration projects.

The Real Estate Foundation of BC is administering this funding through the Healthy Watersheds Initiative and working with Watersheds BC to support the successful implementation of 61 watershed security projects.

HWI-supported projects are expected to employ more than 700 workers, creating employment and training opportunities for people and communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Project teams are working to restore rivers and streams, protect critical salmon habitat, manage water flows, collect data, and conduct watershed mapping and sustainability planning.

In turn, these projects help communities adapt to climate change, protect drinking water, restore critical habitat, and advance implementation of the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*.

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Our Water, Our Future,
an interim report on
HWI project impacts.



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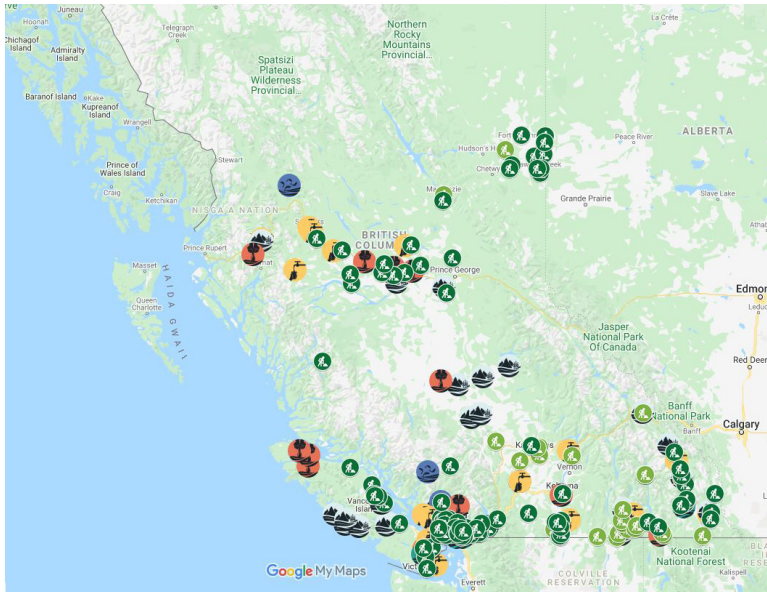
61 PROJECTS

219 WORK SITES

>700 JOBS



Project Locations, Work Sites



HWI funding supports 61 projects with work taking place at more than 200 sites across the province. The map on the left shows the approximate location of projects and BCWF Wetlands Workforce sites.

LEGEND

-  Fish-Friendly Flows (project)
-  Healthy Communities (project)
-  Indigenous Partnerships (project)
-  Sustainable Agriculture (project)
-  Watershed Renewal (project)
-  BCWF Wetlands Workforce (sites)

📍 Interactive map: healthywatersheds.ca/projects/map

Project Examples

Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC
Helping farmers identify, restore, and maintain ecosystem services (natural environments) on their agricultural land. (\$500,000)

Okanagan Basin Water Board
Collaborating with Indigenous, municipal, and provincial governments to develop and pilot a source water protection toolkit in the Okanagan. (\$50,000)

Squamish River Watershed Society
Removing obstructions to salmon spawning grounds in the Elaho River and monitoring impact in partnership with Squamish Nation and Fisheries and Oceans Canada. (\$100,000)

Wet'suwet'en Treaty Office Society
Expanding its water monitoring program to capture data on the distribution, life history, and genetic diversity of Morice sockeye salmon. (\$206,755)

WWF Canada and Katzie First Nation
Restoration work on four critical salmon habitats in the Upper Pitt watershed. They are installing intakes, creating new channels for smolt habitat, reconnecting historical hydrological systems, and constructing bio-berms to protect spawning habitat. (\$345,000)

The Real Estate Foundation of BC, Watersheds BC, and project teams are incredibly grateful for the support from the Province of BC for this important work.

To learn more about these projects, visit healthywatersheds.ca.