

Highlights of 2024 and 2025



Outreach 2024

- Canada Day, Coquitlam
- Earth Day at Lions Park in Port Coquitlam
- Salmon Day at ƛéxətəm Regional Park, Port Coquitlam
- Salmon Come Home, Coquitlam



Save the date!



Join us at Lions Park, Port Coquitlam to celebrate -

BC RIVERS DAY

Sunday, September 22 - 11:00 am - 2 pm

- Traditional Welcome at 11:00 am! Planting event by 11:30 am
- Come by and help add new plants to our Rain Garden. View the new wall mural in progress!
- Visit our table display to learn about the Roundtable, our Rain Garden and impacts from Stormwater

If you can volunteer with pre-event preparations, or on Event Day, please contact us!

For more info, or to volunteer, contact us at outreach@coquitlamriverwatershed.ca

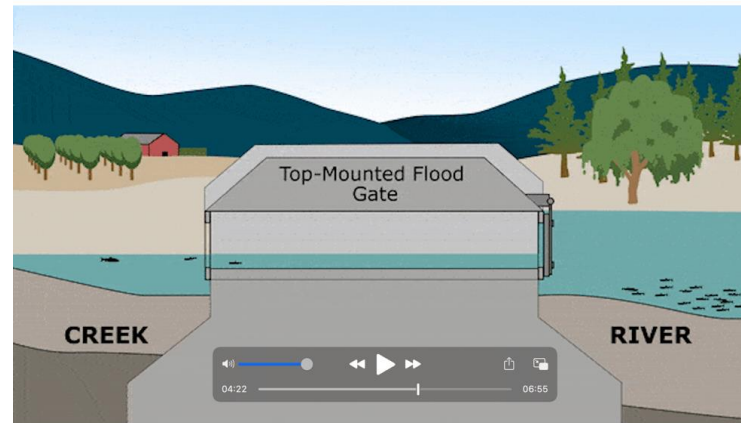


BC Rivers Day at Lions Park

Canada Summer Jobs Video Projects 2024

4 informative videos for social media and our website.

- Fish-friendly infrastructure at ƛéxətəm Regional Park
- Water Quality Monitoring by City of Coquitlam
- Stormwater management by the City of Coquitlam
- The CRWS Demonstration Rain Garden





Riverside Clean-up 2024 with QMC Water Meters

Core Committee Meetings 2024

Who can see your viewing activity? X



Watershed Monitoring in the Coquitlam River

Monitoring Toxicology and eDNA in Partnership with the kʷikʷəłəm
First Nation



- January: Layne Myhre, Phd. Co-Chair, Dept. of Biology, Kwantlen Polytechnic University Water Quality and Bacterial Salmon Pathogens Pilot Project Presentation
- March: Nina Bader or Foresight, a non-profit cleantech accelerator presented on Collaborative Networks to Accelerate Sustainable Water Solutions in British Columbia
- May: CRWS Coordinator presented on CRWS Society and Organizational Updates
- September: Staff with Metro Vancouver presented a Coquitlam Water Main Update.
- November: Presentation on the Lower Coquitlam River Watershed Plan

Completed the Transition to a Society 2024





Outreach and Events 2025






- Earth Day, Port Coquitlam, April 2025
- Port Coquitlam Community Foundation Grant Recipient Celebration, March 2025
- Mountain Bike Festival, Eagle Mountain, Coquitlam, June 2025
- Environmental Volunteer Celebration, City of Coquitlam, June 2025
- Salmon Day at ƛéxətəm Regional Park, Port Coquitlam, October 2025
- Salmon Come Home, Coquitlam, October 2025

New Salmon-themed Outreach Display, Spring 2025

Healthy Watershed, Healthy People

Our Mission
To preserve and enhance the health of the Coquitlam River Watershed through collaboration, education, and advisory action.

All 5 species of Pacific Salmon, as well as Steelhead, rely on the Coquitlam River and its tributaries for instream habitat to lay their eggs and grow.

 Sockeye Salmon	 Coho Salmon
 Chinook Salmon	 Pink Salmon
 Chum Salmon	 Steelhead Salmon

How You Can Help
The Roundtable is supported by its member organizations, as well as individuals and groups from within the community who offer time and expertise, materials and financial support to implement projects and raise awareness throughout the watershed. If you would like to get involved, please email coordinator@coquitlamriverwatershed.ca.

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This display was created with funding from the Pacific Salmon Foundation, and in-kind support from the CRWS and many of our partners.





Healthy Watersheds, Healthy People

Coquitlam River Watershed Society
Our mission is to preserve and enhance the health of the Coquitlam River watershed through collaboration, education, and advisory action.

Our Plan
Our Organization is guided by the Lower Coquitlam River Watershed Plan.

The plan identifies key pressures that affect the health of the watershed and proposes strategies to respond to those pressures. Higher-rated pressures include stormwater, development, invasive species, and water extraction.

Some of the ways that we have implemented our Watershed Plan include:

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The Coquitlam River Watershed Society
The Coquitlam River Watershed Society is a multi-stakeholder organization made up of representatives from governments, including First Nations, stewardship, businesses and industry, education and the arts.

Members of the Society share information about the Coquitlam River Watershed, and work together to care for it.

The History of the Coquitlam Watershed
For millennia, the Kwikw'et'lam (Kwikw'et'lem) First Nation stewarded the Coquitlam River Watershed and thrived here.

Over the last century, the watershed has provided drinking water for 1.5 million people, hydroelectricity, gravel, lumber, agricultural irrigation, lands for urban development, and trails for recreation.

Under these pressures, water quality and salmon runs diminished. The Coquitlam River was listed as an Endangered River by the Outdoor Recreation Council of BC.

The Society, originally named the Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable, was formed to facilitate a shared approach to managing the watershed. Thanks to improvements made by many of our partners, the lower Coquitlam River is healthier. Salmon are returning in greater numbers.

In 2013, the Coquitlam River was taken off the list of Endangered Rivers.

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New Stewardship Equipment and Locker Renovation

- With a grant from Pacific Salmon Foundation, litter clean-up equipment was purchased for use by stewardship groups.
- The grant also funded new furniture to keep our storage locker well-organized



Canada Summer Jobs Graphic Design Projects 2025

- Renewal of CRWS Collateral and Outreach materials including bookmarks, posters, and CRWS Backgrounders
- Responsible Recreation Series – Summer 2025 public education campaign



What is a rain garden? Rain gardens keep our rivers clean from runoff! Stormwater runoff can introduce toxins, degrade water quality and alter nutrient levels of water to the Coquitlam river. It's one of the biggest issues impacting the river's health! Rain gardens like these can temporarily store rainwater runoff and slowly filter the water back into the soil as the plants, mulch and soil naturally remove pollutants from the runoff! Find out more at coquitlamriverwatershed.ca



River Side Clean-up 2025

- Riverside Secondary School , Clean-up at Gates Park
- QMC Water Meters, Clean-up at Gates Park
- Further Clean-ups planned in Fall 2025



Core Committee Meeting Presentations

How can Municipal Governments in Metro Vancouver Reduce the Amount of 6PPD-Q in our Watercourses?

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Tire Wear Particles

CBC
B.C. stream watchers link 'unprecedented' coho salmon kill to tire toxin and drought

Send Help!

And it forms a more water soluble form. And so when it rains, six PPDQ leeches out of tires, washes down the storm drains and into local creeks.

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Speed

- January 2025: Presentation: Community-led Resilience for a Healthy Watershed
Margaret Birch shared her presentation given at the *Muskoka Summit on the Environment*.
- March 2025: Grayson Barke, Environmental Science Student at SFU shared a report on the tire-rubber chemical 6PPDQ that is known to harm aquatic organisms.
- March 2025: Katy Jay, Natural Resource Specialist at BC Hydro will present on BC Hydro Updates to the Water Use Plan.
- May 2025: Layne Myhre, PhD. Co-Chair, Dept. of Biology, Kwantlen Polytechnic University provided preliminary results of Water Quality and Bacterial Salmon Pathogens Pilot Project.