

Chehalis Basin Strategy Newaukum Stakeholder Interview Questions

Thank you for agreeing to being interviewed for the Chehalis Basin Strategy Restorative Flood Protection pilot study. My name is Cynthia Carlstad / Andrea Petzel, and I am working with the Restorative Flood Protection study as part of the Chehalis Basin Strategy. We are interviewing people throughout the Newaukum River Valley to gather community stakeholder perspectives.

-) We are interviewing property owners near the North and South Forks of the Newaukum River to both provide you with information about the study, and to hear what property owners know and think about the Restorative Flood Protection concept.
 -) Because the Restorative Flood Protection concept is not well known, I first want to walk through a project information sheet with you to make sure the concept is clear and answer your questions. Then I would like to go through the interview questions below. Finally, I want to make sure you know who to contact if you have further questions or concerns.
 -) These interviews will help the Chehalis Basin Board understand individual's perspectives. The Chehalis Basin Board is the oversight group to the State Chehalis Basin Strategy. These interviews are confidential – I will not provide interview notes or attribute names to any responses. Instead, I will prepare an “interview themes” document for the Chehalis Basin Board that summarizes at a high level the input (support, concerns, suggestions) received during the interviews and will be available to the public.
 -) I have some standard questions to guide our conversations, and they should take 45 minutes. I also want to learn anything that you feel is important for this project.
1. Let's walk through a project information sheet to make sure the concept is clear, and answer your questions. What do you know about the Chehalis Basin Strategy? Where have you gotten most of your information about the project so far?
 2. I'm interested to know about your history living in this area, and what you value about living here. Would you share some thoughts about this topic?
 3. Have you experienced flooding and erosion on your property? Do you have any photos or memories about flood heights or high- water marks?
 4. Have you heard about the Restorative Flood Protection concept? If yes, what have you heard about Restorative Flood Protection?

5. How do you feel about the Restorative Flood Protection concept?
6. What concerns do you have about the Restorative Flood Protection concept?
7. What ways could Restorative Flood Protection help with community and landowner needs?
8. What ways could Restorative Flood Protection hurt the community and landowners?
9. Is there anything else that you think is important for me to know to help the Chehalis Basin Board best meet the needs of the community as they work to consider this project?
10. Are you willing for us to contact you again to talk as study results become available? If yes, what is the best way to contact you and provide information (email, regular mail, phone)? Either way, the study results will be available to you.
11. We hope to interview as many landowners near the river as possible. Is there anybody else you would refer us to?

Here is my contact information for any further thoughts you believe are important to share:

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Here is a link to the Chehalis Basin Strategy website: <http://chehalisbasinstrategy.com/>

Thank you for your time!