

Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority

*Reducing Flood Damage and
Restoring Aquatic Species*

City of Hoquiam
September 23, 2024

2007 Storm

- \$938M Basin-wide damage, \$300M lost economic activity (WA).



Exit 77 (I-5) in Chehalis
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City of Centralia
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← **Photos Source:** LEWIS COUNTY,
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT

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**State Route 6,
West of Adna**
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Today's Presentation



**CHEHALIS
RIVER BASIN**
FLOOD CONTROL
ZONE DISTRICT



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Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority

- **Formed** in 2008
- **Focused on** flood hazard mitigation
- **Decision-making**
 - ❑ informed by science
 - ❑ protective of Basin residents/communities
 - ❑ environmentally appropriate
- **Jurisdictions** represented (see [inter-local agreement](#))
 - Grays Harbor County (2008)
 - City of Aberdeen (2008)
 - City of Cosmopolis (2011)
 - City of Hoquiam (2017)
 - City of Montesano (2008)
 - City of Oakville (2008)
 - Lewis County (2008)
 - City of Centralia (2008)
 - City of Chehalis (2008)
 - City of Napavine (2011)
 - Town of Pe Ell (2008)



- Thurston County (2008)
 - Town of Bucoda (2008)

***Help local communities identify, develop, implement
local flood hazard reduction solutions.***

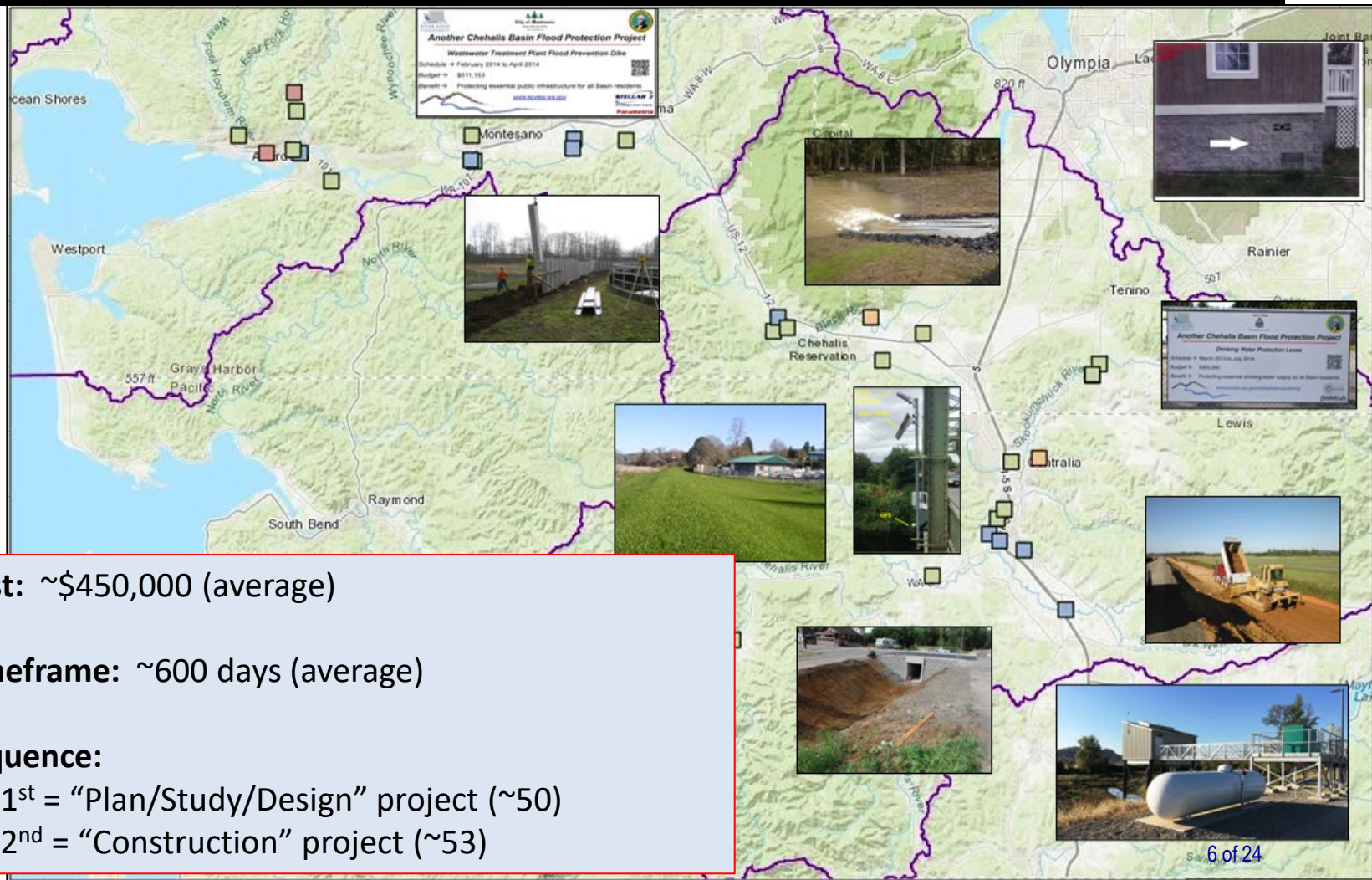
Local Projects (#1)

1. Reduce flood damage.
2. Protect people, property, infrastructure.
3. Improve readiness, response, resiliency.
 - *Drinking Water* (Boistfort, Bucoda).
 - *Wastewater* (Montesano, Pe Ell).
 - *Emergency Response* (Grays Harbor County, Chehalis-Centralia Airport).
 - *Regional Economic Infrastructure* (Montesano, Port of Chehalis, Port of Grays Harbor).
 - *Community Protection* (Aberdeen, Adna, Bucoda, Centralia, Chehalis, Chehalis Tribe, Hoquiam, Oakville).
 - *Flood Warning* (Basin-wide).

State Capital Budget:

2012-13 --	\$ 5.0M
2013-15 --	\$10.7M
2015-17 --	\$15.7M
2017-19 --	\$ 9.6M
2019-21 --	\$ 6.3M
2021-23 --	\$ 4.1M
2023-25 --	<u>\$ 3.6M</u>
	\$55.0M

Local Projects (100+ Projects Completed 2012-23)



Cost: ~\$450,000 (average)

Timeframe: ~600 days (average)

Sequence:

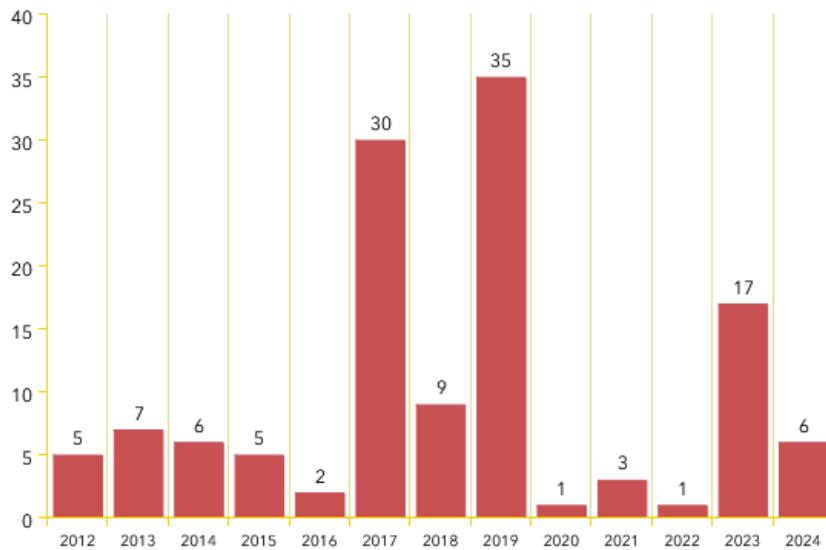
- 1st = "Plan/Study/Design" project (~50)
- 2nd = "Construction" project (~53)

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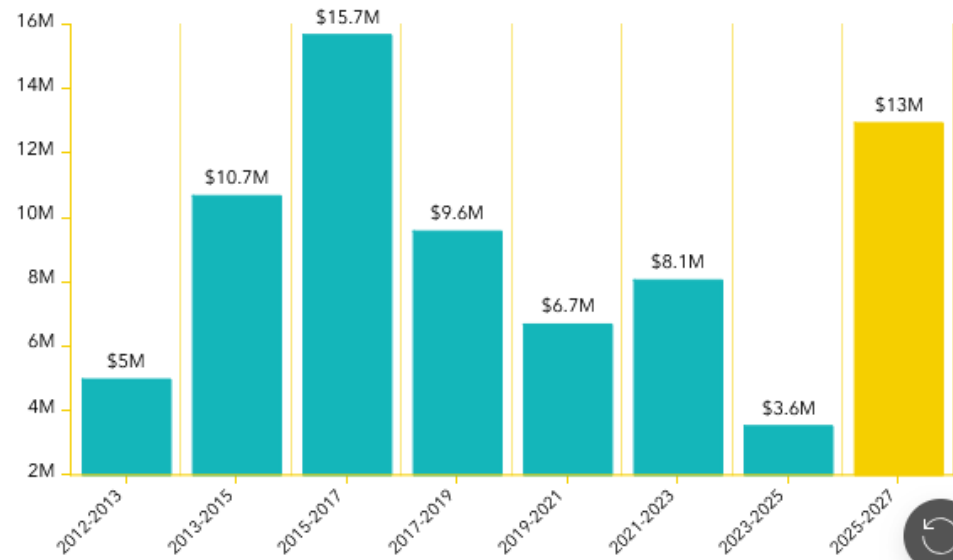


Local Projects (100+ Projects Completed 2012-23)

Projects Completed by Year



Funding by Biennium (Two-Year Periods)



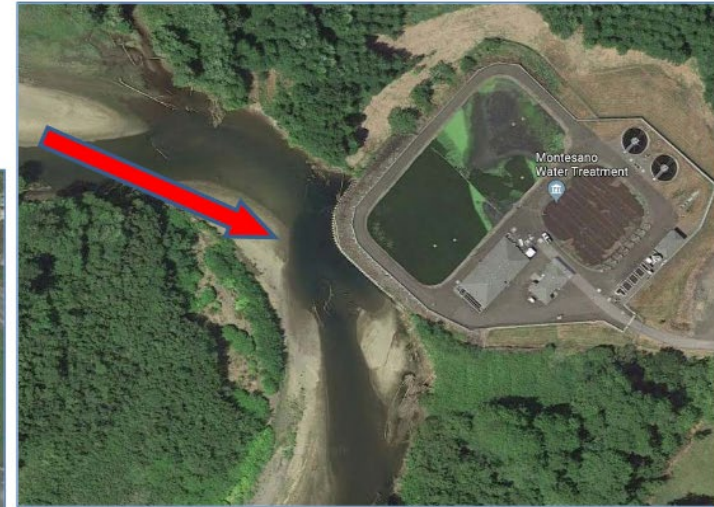
Local Projects (Montesano, 2017-2020)

- ✓ Protect WWTP from on-coming Wynoochee river using 220+ “log-jacks.”
- ✓ \$2 million (for “log-jacks”).
- ✓ Small cost compared to WWTP relocation and environmental cleanup (in event of WWTP breaching).

Project End



<https://www.google.com/maps/@46.9678637,-123.6077821,197m/data=!3m1!1e3>



Project Start



Governor Inslee and Mayor Samuel stand overlooking the Wynoochee River.

July 7, 2022 →

COMPLETED FLOOD AND FISH – Mill Creek Dam

Local Projects (Cosmopolis, 2015-2018)

Mill Creek Multi-Objective Implementation Plan:

- ✓ Part I = Reconstruct Mill Creek Dam (done).
- ✓ Phase II project = Address 4,500' of Mill Creek flow, culverts, and flood water evacuation (under development).

Read 5-24-2024 news article [here](#)



CHEHALIS RIVER BASIN FLOOD AUTHORITY CITY OF COSMOPOLIS

Another Chehalis Basin Flood Protection Project

Mill Creek Dam Improvement Project

Schedule → October 2015 to July 2017

Budget → \$3,082,000

Benefit → Protecting and restoring essential Community flood control assets

www.ezview.wa.gov/chehalisfloodauthority

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City of Cosmopolis, Sep 29, 2018



The Daily World AGAIN, Voted **BEST BANK** & BEST PLACE TO GET A LOAN

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NEWS

New Mill Creek Dam ribbon cutting Saturday in Cosmopolis

September 28, 2018 7:00 pm

FILE PHOTO Cosmopolis Mayor Frank Chestnut (left) will officiate a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Mill Creek Dam Saturday at noon.

<https://www.thedailyworld.com/news/new-mill-creek-dam-ribbon-cutting-saturday-in-cosmopolis/>

Local Projects (Hoquiam, 2016-2018)

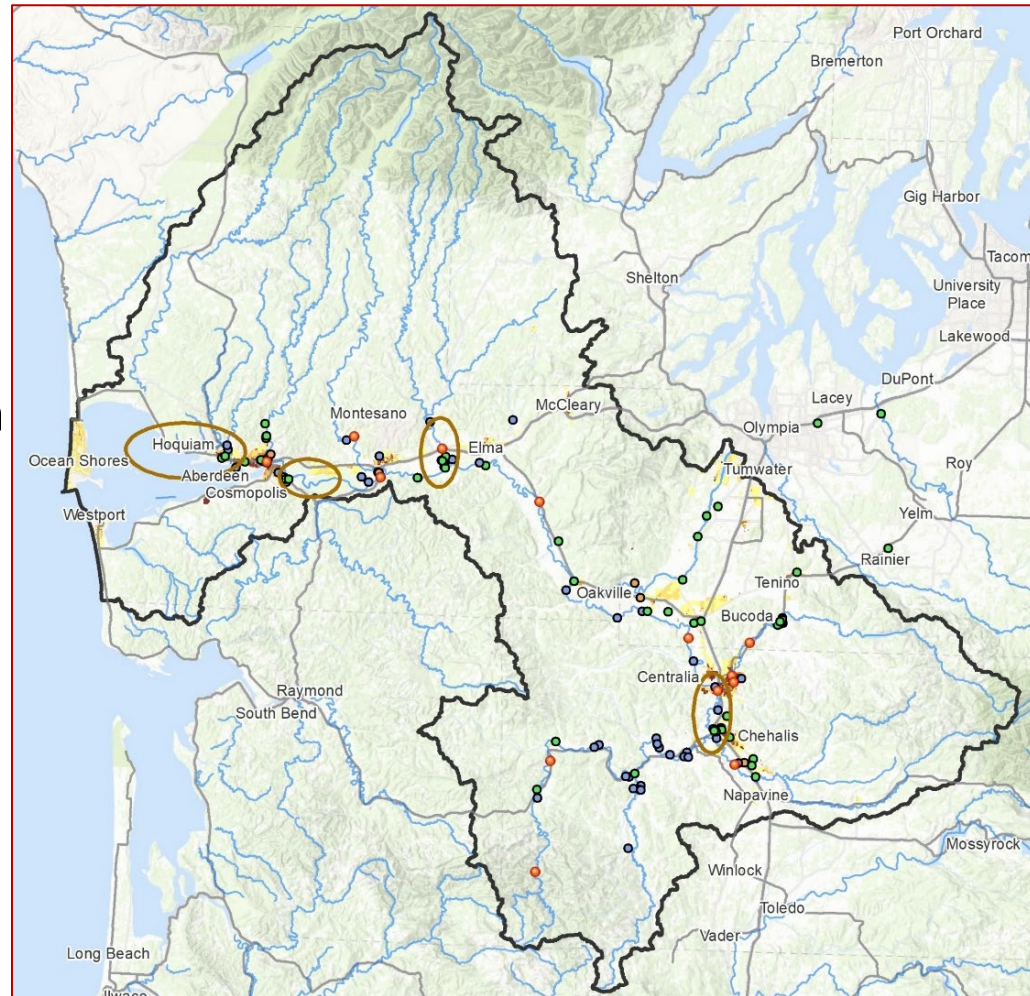


- ✓ Completed -- February 2018.
- ✓ Cost -- \$1.3M.
- ✓ January 2022 Flood Event – Ramer basin stayed dry
(51M gallons pumped over 30 hours)
- ✓ ROI (2024) -- \$72M in assets protected.
 - ~200 homes
 - Lincoln Elementary School
 - Commercial yacht builder
 - 8 acres of prime development property
 - Large low-income residential neighborhood
 - Coastal Harvest food distribution center

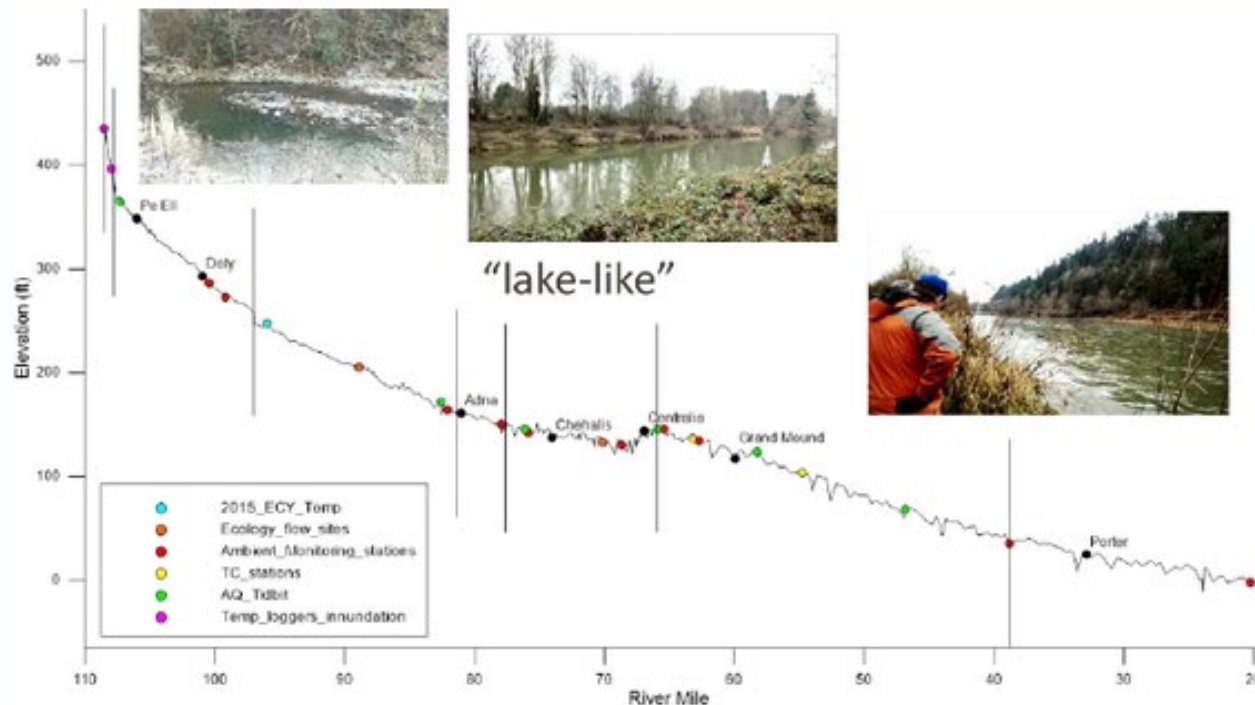
Read More -- [Here](#).

Local Projects (Moving to Geographically-Based)

Identify future local projects through geographically-based, coordinated local investment planning.



Local Projects (Moving to Geographically-Based)



Basin Geography

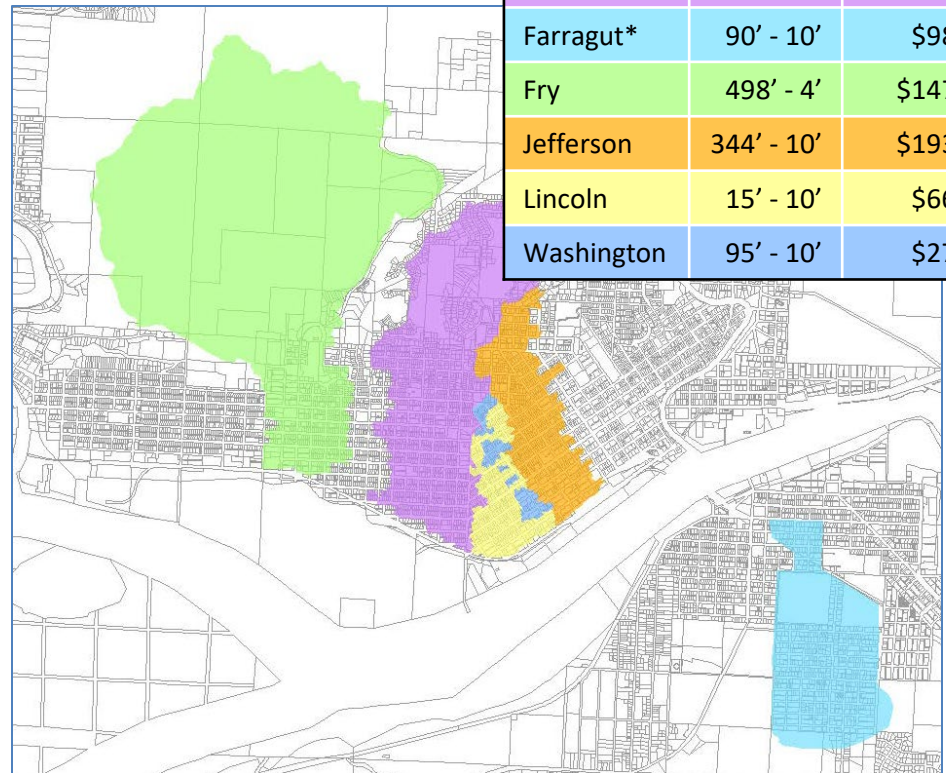
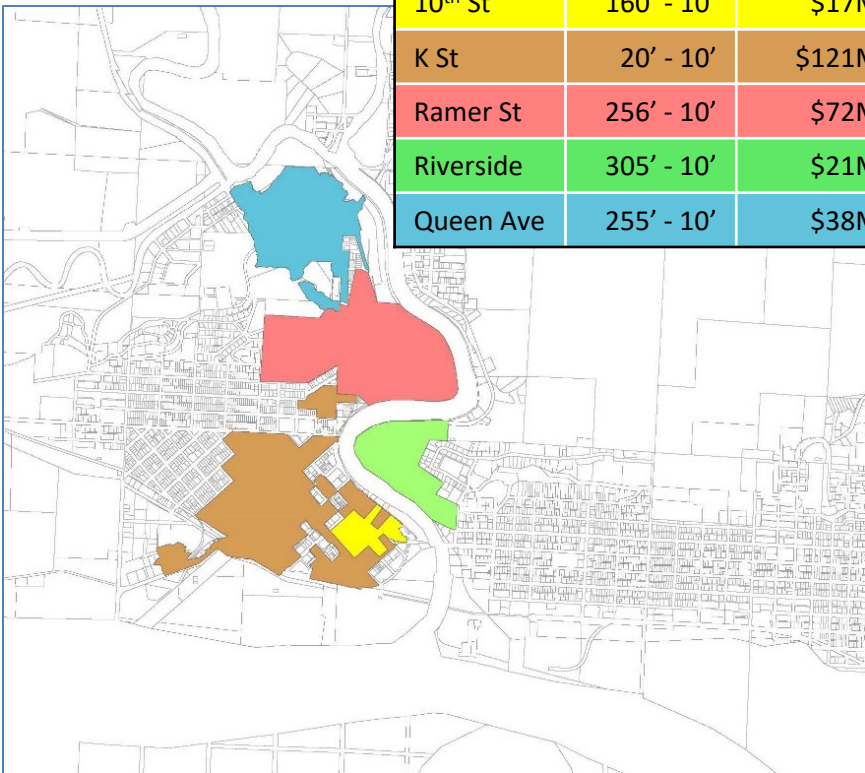
- ☐ Upper = Steep, narrow, fast flowing.
- ☐ Middle = Flat, “lake like”, slow to drain.
- ☒ Lower = Flat, coastal, difficult to drain.

Shah, Mohammad. (2021). inland water-dynamics and ecology. [10.5772/intechopen.87463](https://doi.org/10.5772/intechopen.87463).

Local Projects (Moving to Geographically-Based)

Sub-Basin	Elevation	Assessed
10 th St	160' - 10'	\$17M
K St	20' - 10'	\$121M
Ramer St	256' - 10'	\$72M
Riverside	305' - 10'	\$21M
Queen Ave	255' - 10'	\$38M

Sub-Basin	Elevation	Assessed
Division	345' - 10'	\$300M
Farragut*	90' - 10'	\$98M
Fry	498' - 4'	\$147M
Jefferson	344' - 10'	\$193M
Lincoln	15' - 10'	\$66M
Washington	95' - 10'	\$27M



11 urbanized low elevation sub-basins + Adverse meteorologic conditions -- high tides, heavy rain, bankfull rivers, saturated soils, SW winds = **Very difficult to drain!**
(\$1.1B assessed value at risk)

Local Projects (Pumps are Key to the Solution)

- ❑ 2,735 acres
- ❑ 4,583 parcels
- ❑ 232 businesses
- ❑ \$1.1B assessed value

Read Fall 2022 [Joint Resolution](#) on Pumps
(Hoquiam, Aberdeen, Cosmopolis)

Previously Funded (2017-2025)	Funding Requested (2025-27)	Future Funding (TBD)	Total Cost	Flood Season
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18%

24%

58%

		Construction				
Aberdeen	Division	\$547,000	\$3,500,000	\$0	\$4,047,000	2026/27
	Related Division Improvements (Jeff., Lin., Wa.)	\$0	\$0	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	tbd
	Farragut	\$1,023,518	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$6,023,518	2026/27
Hoquiam	K	\$340,000	\$3,100,000	\$0	\$3,440,000	2026/27

		Pre-Construction				
Hoquiam	Riverside	\$0	\$395,000	\$2,105,000	\$2,500,000	tbd

Hoquiam	Queen UNDER CONSTRUCTION	\$1,953,850	\$0	\$0	\$1,953,850	2025/26
	10 TH UNDER CONSTRUCTION	\$3,269,942	\$0	\$0	\$3,269,942	2024/25
Aberdeen	Fry Creek CONSTRUCTED	\$20,715,466	\$0	\$0	\$20,715,466	2024/25
Hoquiam	Ramer CONSTRUCTED	\$1,300,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,300,000	2018/19

\$29,149,776	\$11,995,000	\$9,105,000	\$50,249,776
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Flood Warning System (#2)

- ✓ **Developed** with State Capital Budget \$.
- ✓ **Maintained** with local \$.

www.chehalisriverflood.com

https://chehalis.rain.com

67%

Home Map Sites News Dashboards Bookmarks

The Chehalis River Basin Flood Warning System

Be Aware; Be Prepared: Flood Season is here!

Sign Up Now to receive 2023-24 email high water alerts - The Chehalis Basin Flood Warning System sends automatic email alerts about rising floodwaters.

To sign up for email alerts, click the icon below:

Questions?

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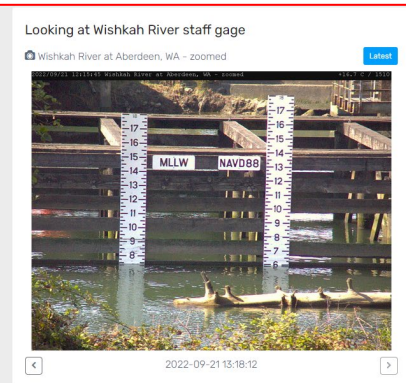
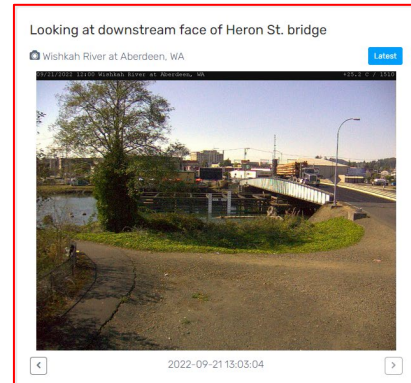
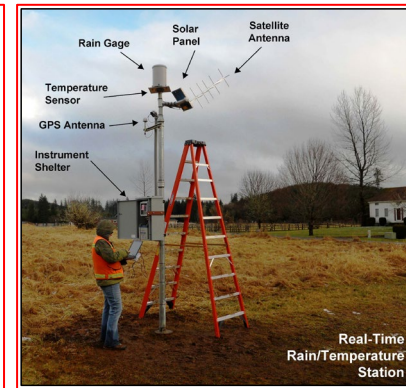
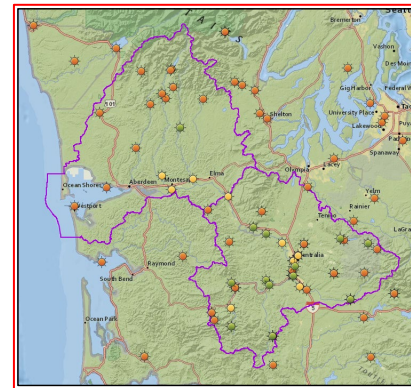
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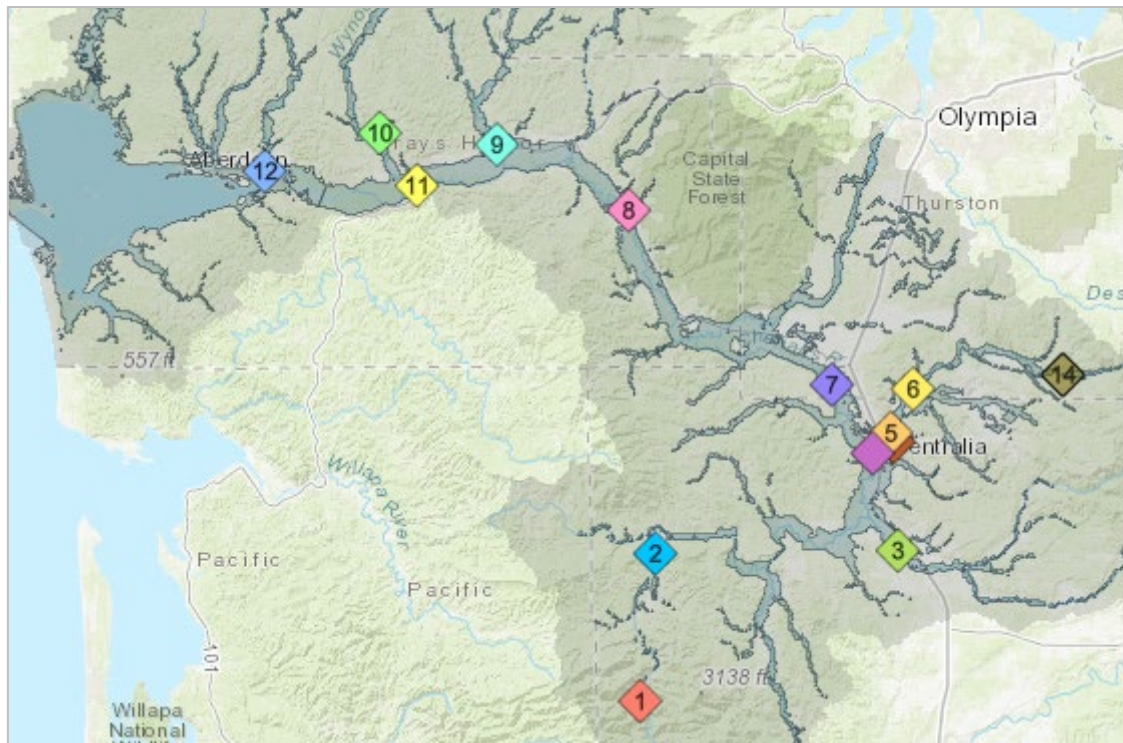
Rainfall Summary River Summary

Chehalis River Basin Forecasting Tools

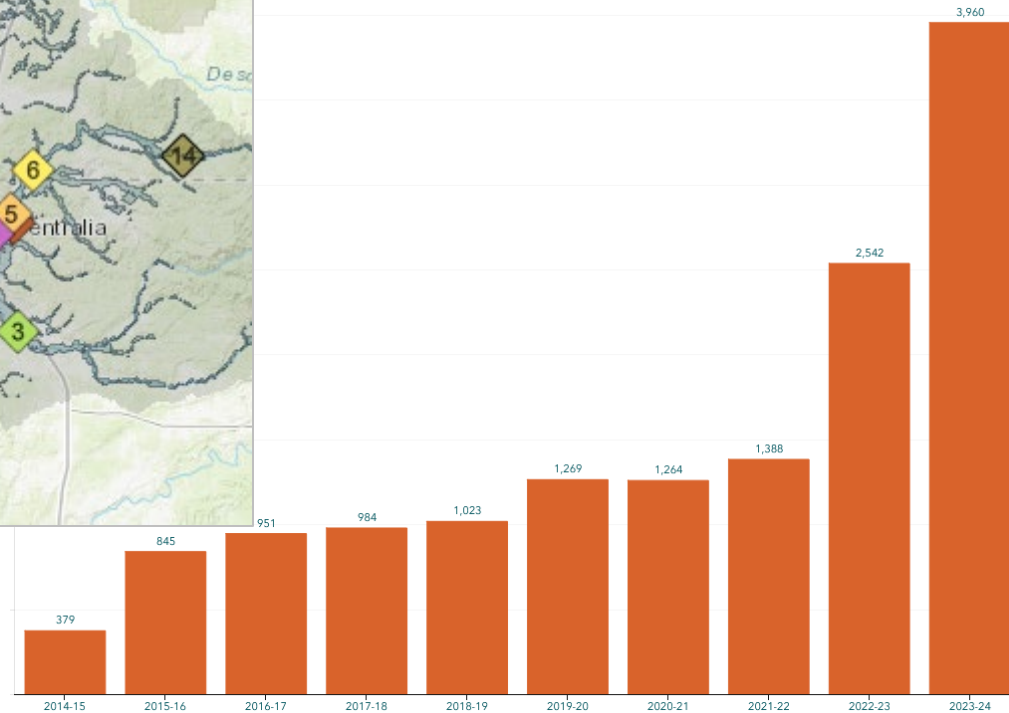
- Chehalis River (and tributaries) Dashboard
- Weather Forecast
- Rainfall Forecast
- Radar Rainfall
- River Forecast
- Flood Maps
- Atmospheric Rivers
- King Tides Calendar
- Seasonal Precipitation and Temperature Forecasts



Flood Warning System (Alert Sign-Ups)



Sign-up for email high water alerts [here](#).



Proposed Flow-through Dam for Flood Control (#3)

ABOUT THE DISTRICT

The Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District works to make the basin a safer place for communities impacted by flooding. The District's goals are to:

✓ Reduce the risk associated with flooding and preserve life

✓ Prevent damage to property

✓ Protect, preserve, and conserve natural resources

The District is proposing a flow-through dam for flood control as a flood risk solution that serves the needs of fish, preserves the riverine ecosystem, and protects communities.

📅 Event Calendar

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Upcoming Events

📅 **OCTOBER 10**

**Chehalis River Basin
FCZD Advisory
Committee meeting**

**Oct 10, 2024, 8:00 AM –
9:00 AM**

Commissioners' Hearing
Room 351 NW North St.
Chehalis, WA 98532

📅 **OCTOBER 15**

**Chehalis River Basin
FCZD Supervisor
meeting**

**Oct 15, 2024, 11:00 AM –
12:00 PM**

Commissioners' Hearing
Room 351 NW North St.
Chehalis, WA 98532

📅 **NOVEMBER 14**

**Chehalis River Basin
FCZD Advisory
Committee meeting**

**Nov 14, 2024, 8:00 AM –
9:00 AM**

Commissioners' Hearing
Room 351 NW North St.
Chehalis, WA 98532

Proposed Flow-Through Dam for Flood Control (#3)

1. Move through unobstructed
 - ✓ Water
 - ✓ Fish
 - ✓ Sediment
2. Delivers top-to-bottom benefit, Pe Ell to Cosmopolis.
3. See recent presentation [here](#).



Chehalis Basin Strategy



Office of Chehalis
Basin

Chehalis Basin
Board

<https://chehalisbasinstrategy.com/>

appoints 3
member



Chehalis Basin Board

Community leaders, Chehalis and
Quinault tribal representatives,
local and state government liaisons

Office of Chehalis Basin

Small team within the WA
Department of Ecology

"Network of Partners"

Organizations and local
entities who turn ideas into
shovel-ready reality

Chehalis Basin Strategy (Network of Partners)



Today vs 2007

Today, we are substantially more aware, better prepared for catastrophic flooding than ever before.

- ✓ We have a state-of-the art flood warning system.
- ✓ We've completed many cost-efficient local projects and habitat projects.
- ✓ We're serving people, local governments, emergency responders, agriculture, fish and habitat.
- ✓ We have a governance, administrative, and funding structure that's delivering results.



<https://chehalisbasinstrategy.com/office-of-chehalis-basin/>

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Extra . . .

Hoquiam December 1933



Since the 1960's
Grays Harbor has
had 14 federally
declared disaster
flood events

Aberdeen January 2022



Hoquiam January 2015



Cosmopolis January 2022



Aberdeen January 2015

