

Burnt Bridge Creek Sewer Connection and Septic Workgroup Meeting



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Welcomes & Introductions

- *Name, Title, Department*



Meeting Objectives

- 1. Review priority locations for water quality improvement from Source Assessment (15 minutes)**
- 2. Begin implementation planning (60 minutes)**
 - Priority areas for implementation.
 - Implementation goals, actions, and opportunities.
 - Implementation challenges.
 - Milestones, targets, and timelines for implementation.
 - Criteria to measure progress (performance measures).
 - Funding sources and implementation partners.
- 3. Next steps (10 minutes)**

Where have we been?

- **October 2020:** Burnt Bridge Creek Source Assessment published
- **February 2021:** Burnt Bridge Creek Partnership kicked off
- **March 2021:** Implementation workgroups assigned
 - Stormwater and capital improvements
 - Operations and maintenance
 - Urban forestry and greenways
 - Sewer connection and septic systems
 - Public education and outreach
 - Other TBD: SEH America, local water use, and monitoring
- **April-May 2021:** Implementation Workgroups
 - *Ecology having internal meeting about SEH America Facility*

Where are we going?

- **June 2021:** Submit completed worksheets to Ecology
- **Summer 2021:** Full Burnt Bridge Creek Partnership meeting
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Ecology's Objective

- **Lead City of Vancouver through a planning process that results in a Water Cleanup Plan that achieves EPA's requirements.**
 - Identify **causes of pollution.**
 - Estimate pollutant **reductions needed.**
 - Describe **implementation** to achieve pollutant reductions
 - Estimate **technical and financial assistance** needed
 - Develop information and **education** component
 - Develop **implementation schedule.**
 - Establish **milestones and targets**
 - Develop **criteria to measure progress**
 - Monitor to **evaluate effectiveness** of implementation efforts.

Water Quality Priorities



Burnt Bridge Creek Source Assessment

TMDL Study- *Source Assessment*

- Identify critical areas
- Identify shade deficits
- Bacteria load reductions needed
- Implementation recommendations



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Burnt Bridge Creek Watershed Fecal Coliform Bacteria, Temperature, Dissolved Oxygen, and pH

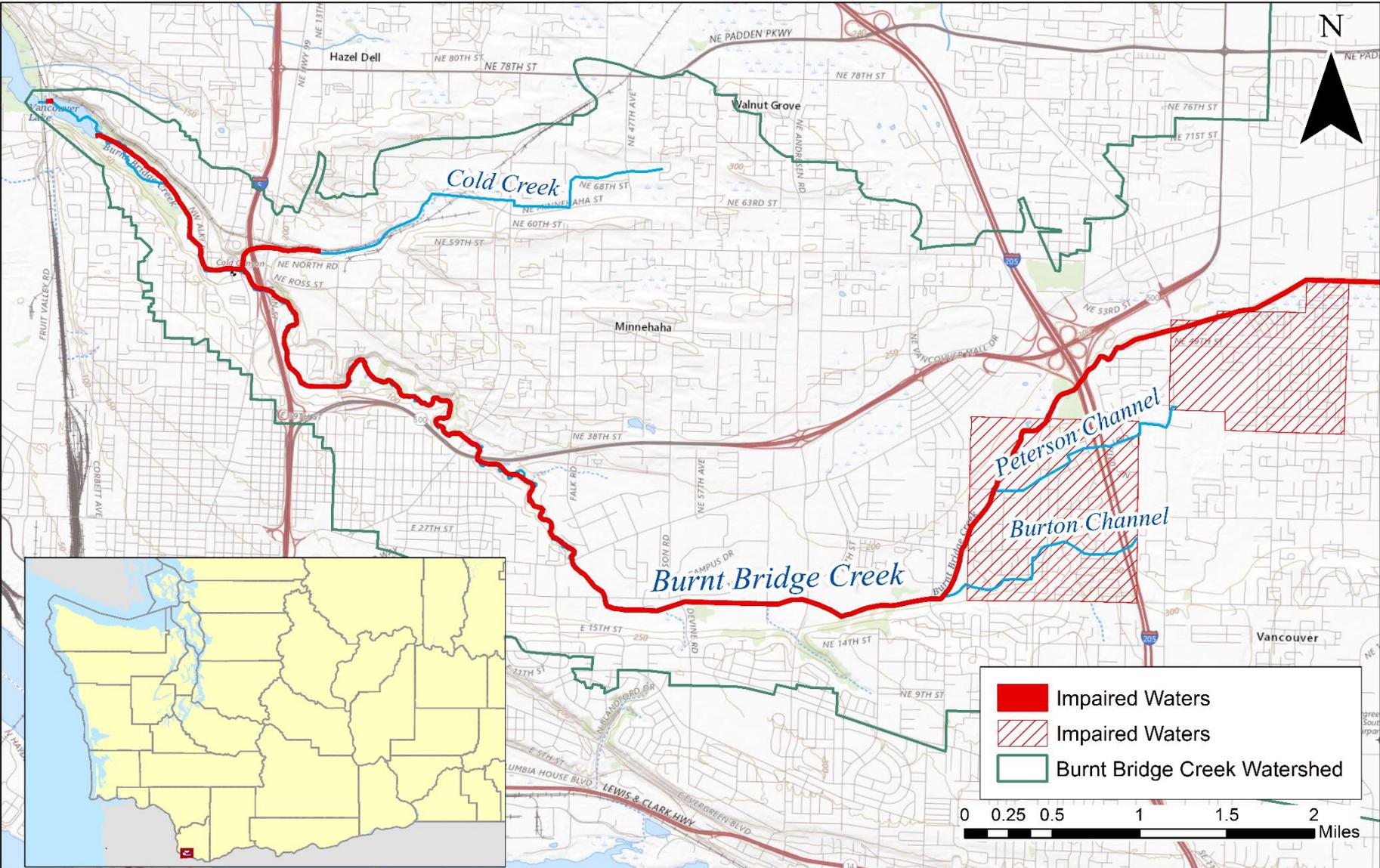
Source Assessment Report

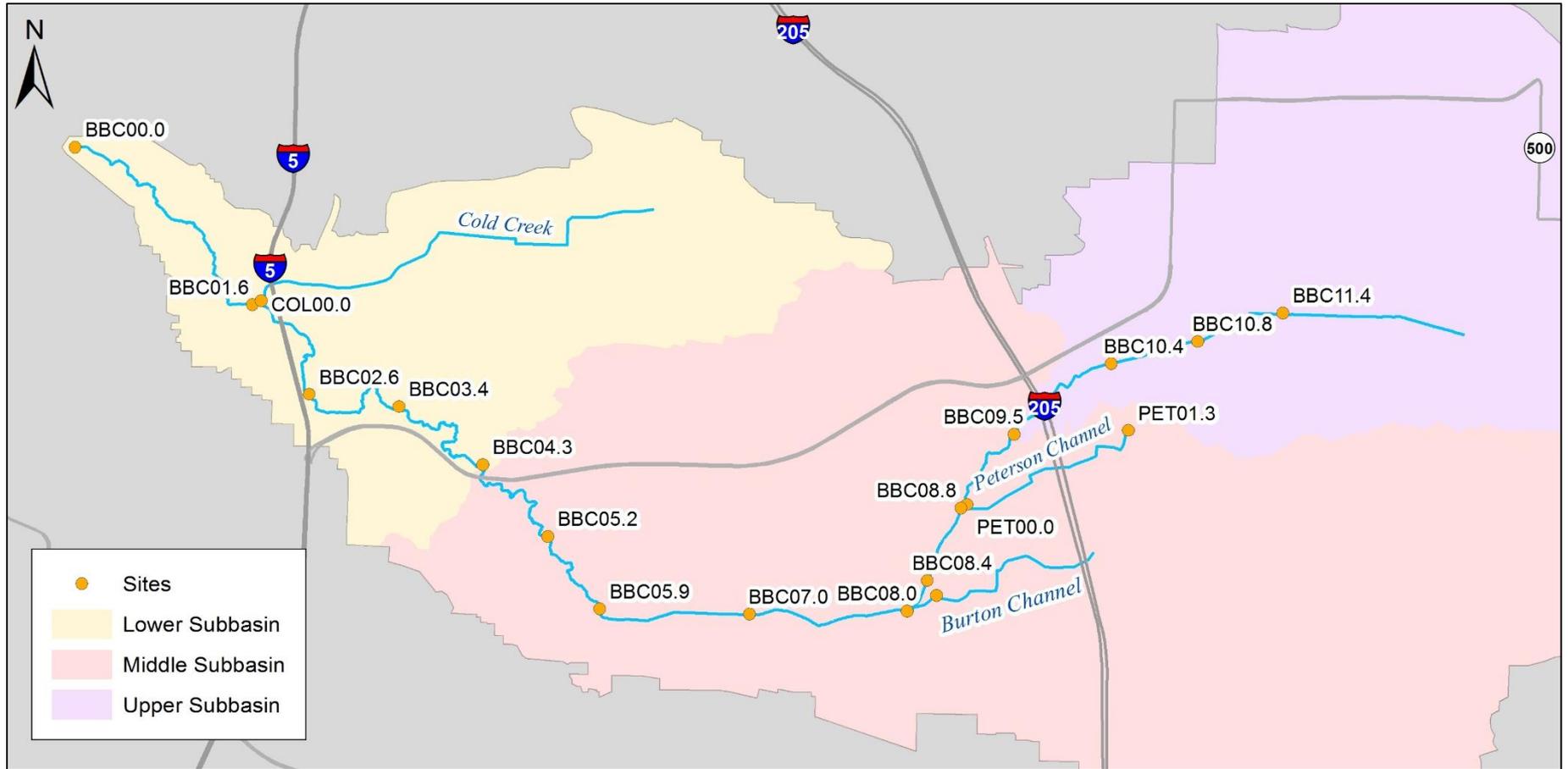


October 2020

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303d list - Bacteria, Temperature, pH, and Dissolved Oxygen

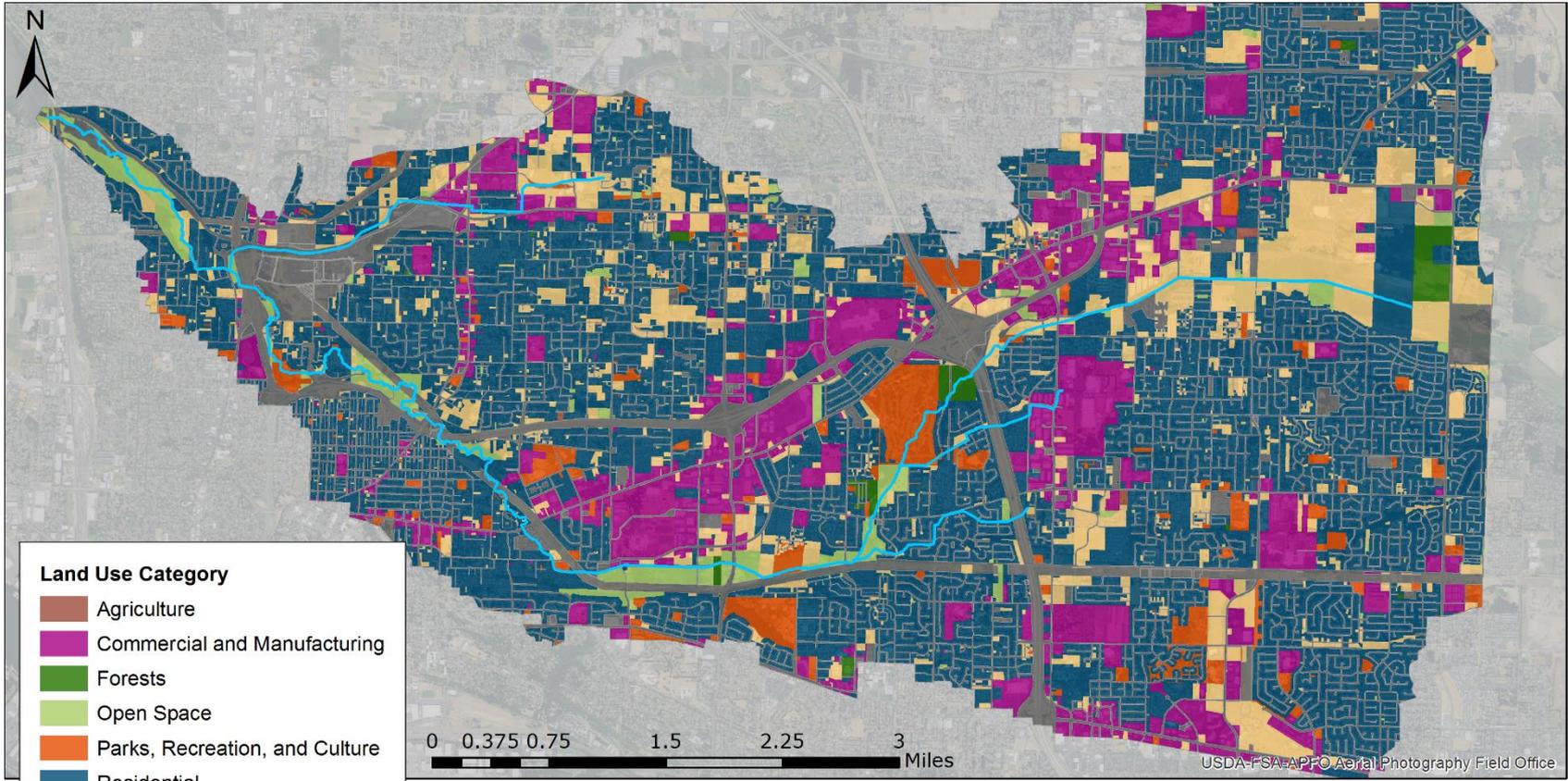


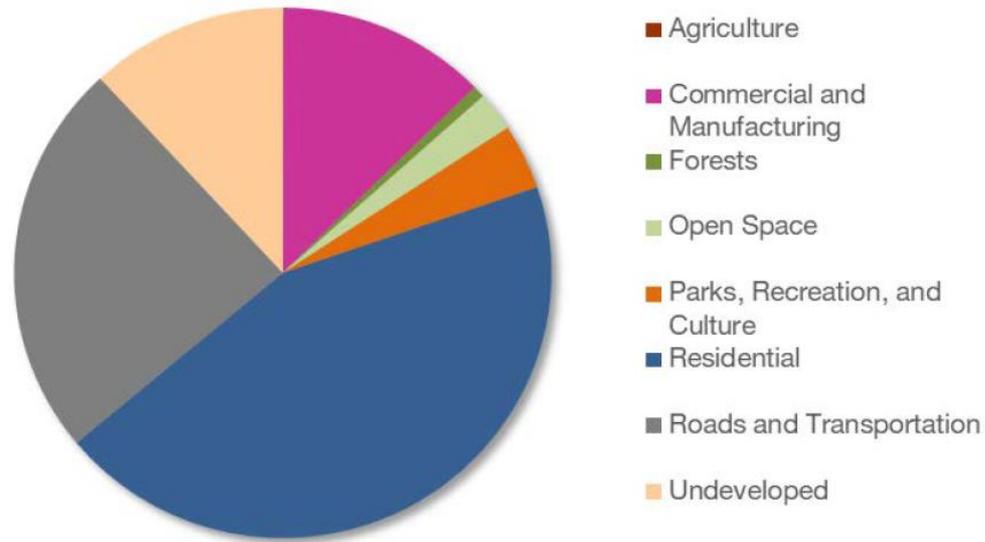


Lower = RM 0 to 5

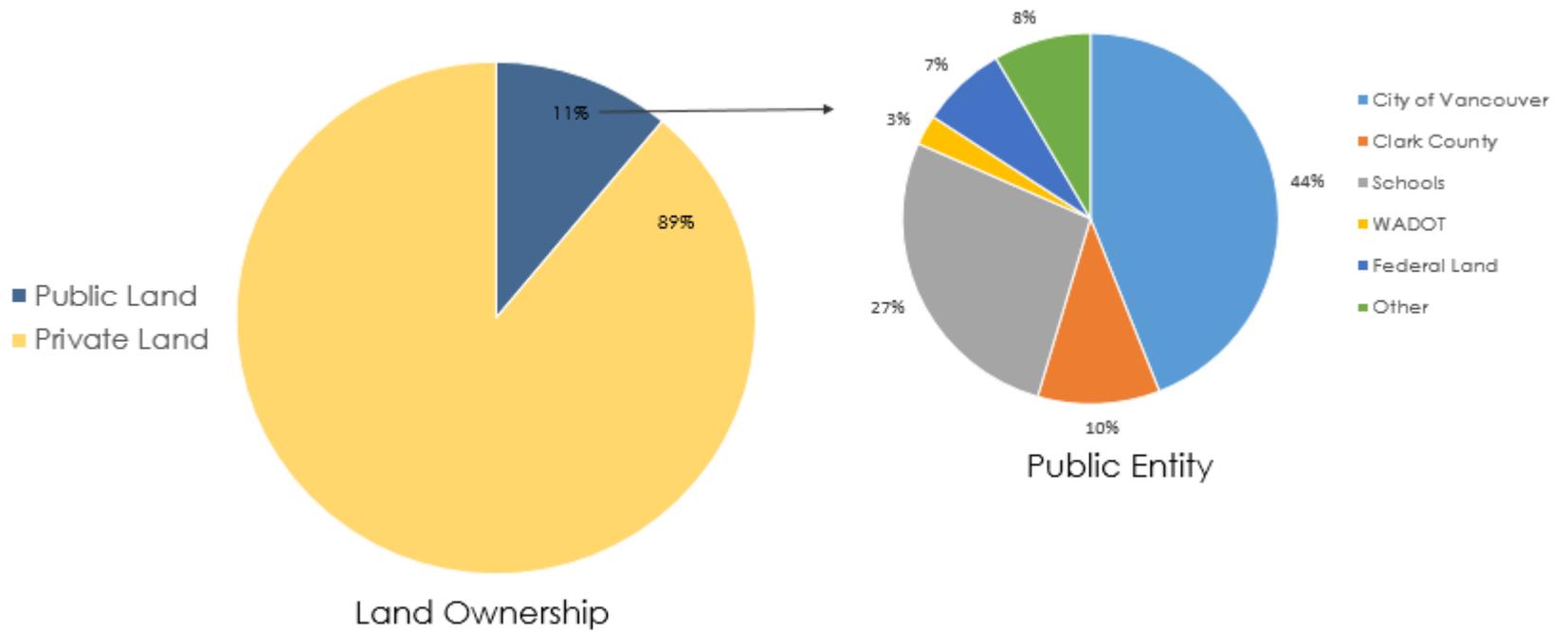
Middle = RM 5 to 10

Upper = RM 10 to 13





Land Use Category	Land Use (acre)	Land Use (%)
Agriculture	12	0%
Commercial and Manufacturing	2,333	13%
Forests	134	1%
Open Space	445	2%
Parks, Recreation, and Culture	736	4%
Residential	8,174	44%
Roads and Transportation	4,478	24%
Undeveloped	2,201	12%



Public Entity	Land Area (acre)	Land Area (%)
City of Vancouver	901	44%
Clark County	215	10%
Schools	554	27%
WSDOT	54	3%
Federal Land	151	7%
Other	171	8%

Bacteria Priorities



Summary of Fecal Coliform Bacteria Results (2009-2010)

Comparison with Water Quality Criteria

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<u>Water Quality Standard</u>
Geometric Mean < 100 cfu/100 mL
10% not to exceed 200 cfu/100 mL

Priorities

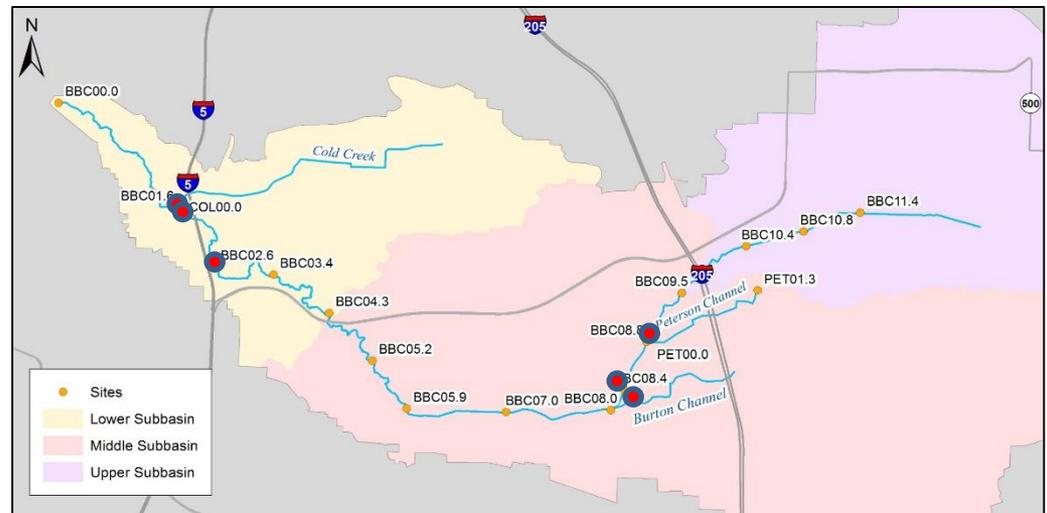
- Peterson
- Burton
- Cold Creek
- RM 1.6
- RM 2.6
- RM 8.4

- **Red** = Geometric Means over 200 cfu / 100 ml
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Recommendations?

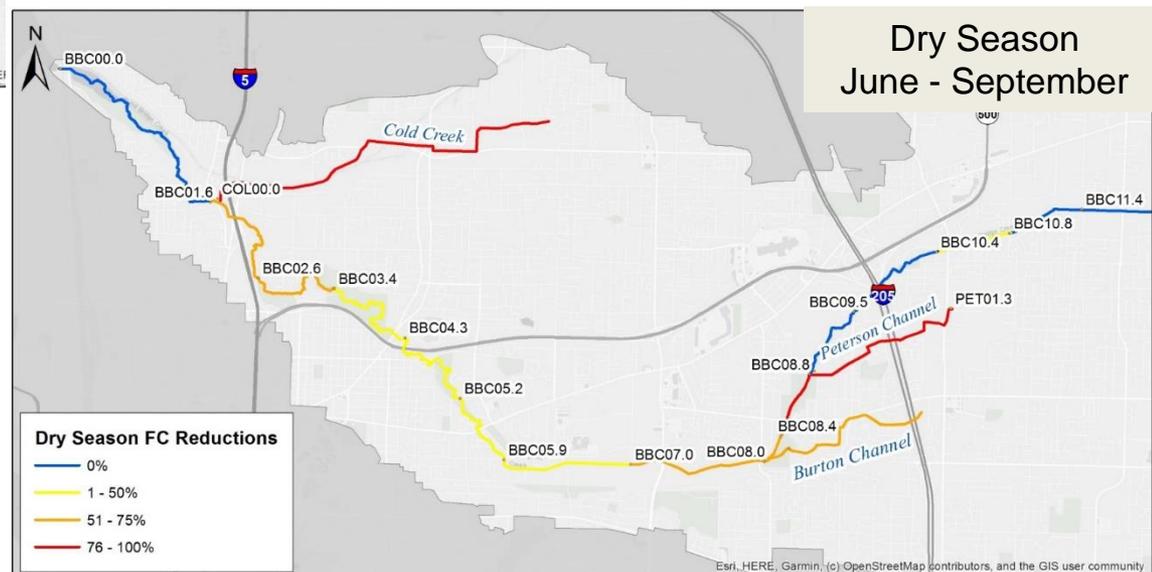
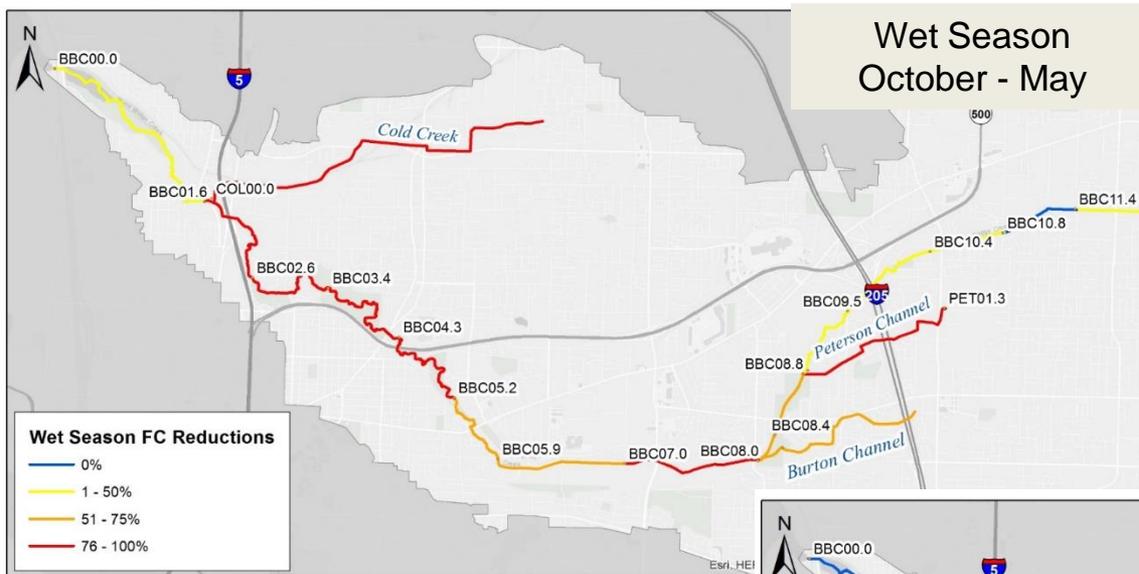
Focus bacteria reduction efforts to Middle & Lower watershed.

- **Priority 1: Geometric means $>200\text{cfu}/100\text{ml}$ in dry season**
 - Peterson Channel
 - Burton Channel
 - Cold Creek
 - BBC 8.4
 - BBC 2.6
 - BBC 1.6



- Load reductions of over 75% are needed at all of these locations to meet water quality standards.

Seasonal Fecal Coliform Bacteria Reductions (%) Needed to Meet Water Quality Criteria

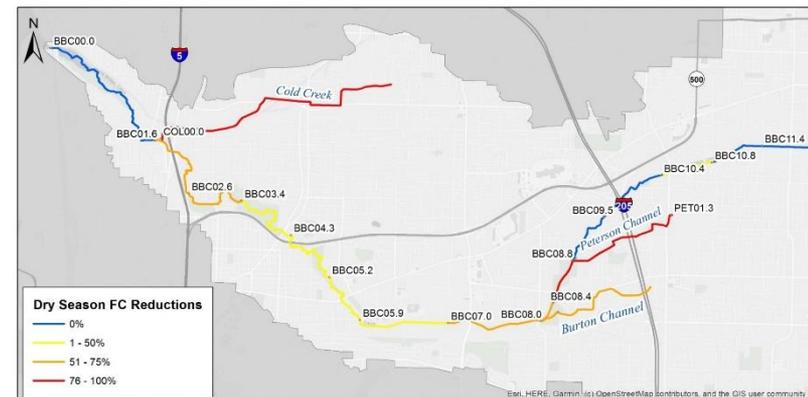
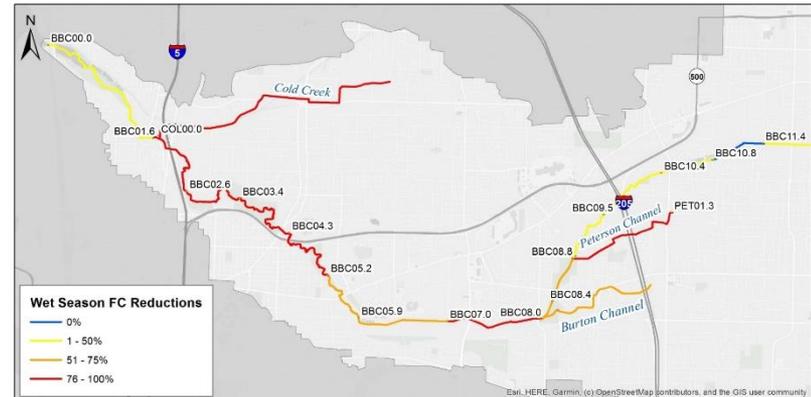


Recommendations?

- **Priority 2: >75% load reductions needed**

- Peterson Channel – Wet and Dry season
- Burton Channel – Wet Season
- Cold Creek – Dry Season
- BBC 8.4 – Dry season
- BBC 7.0 – Wet Season
- BBC 4.3 – Wet Season
- BBC 3.4 – Wet Season
- BBC 2.6 – Wet Season
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Red = Also a #1 priority due to geometric means over 200 cfu/100 ml in dry season



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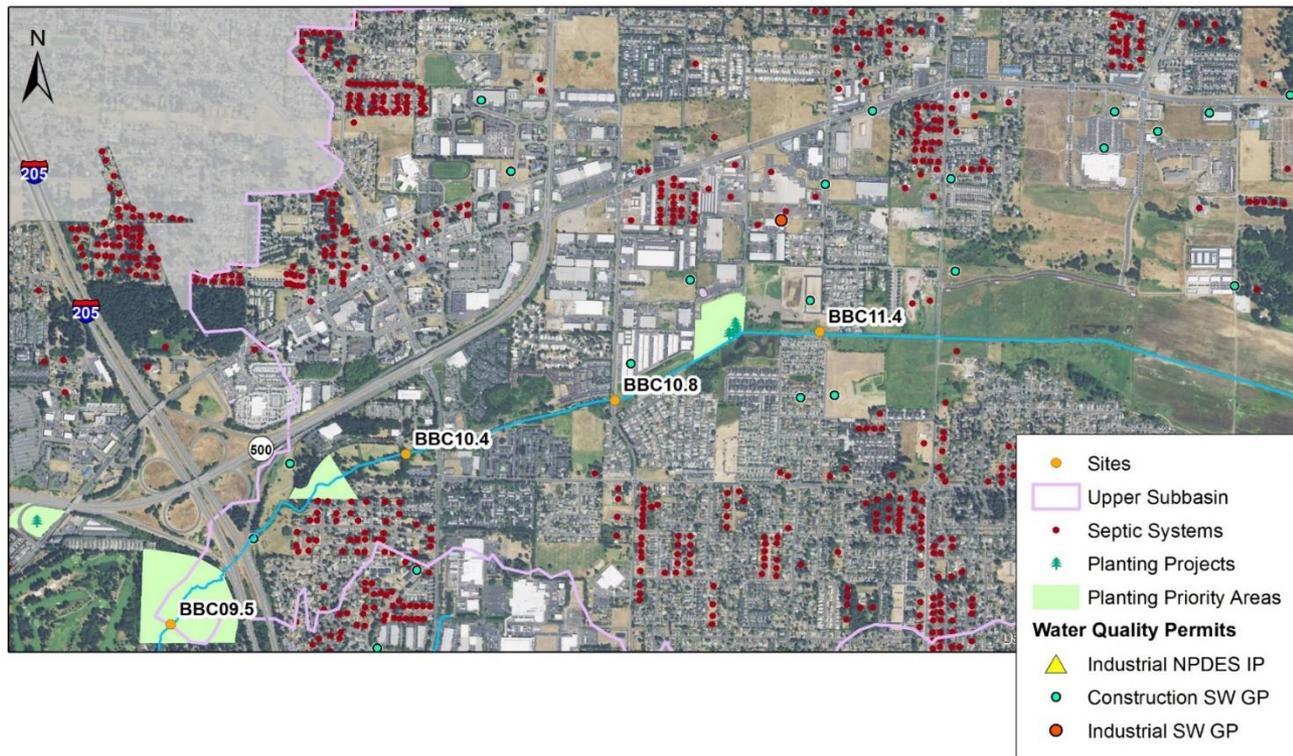
Recommendations?

- **Priority 3: Geometric means over 100**
 - BBC10.4
 - BBC 8.0
 - BBC 5.9
 - BBC 5.2
 - **BBC 3.4**

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Upper Watershed – Septic Systems

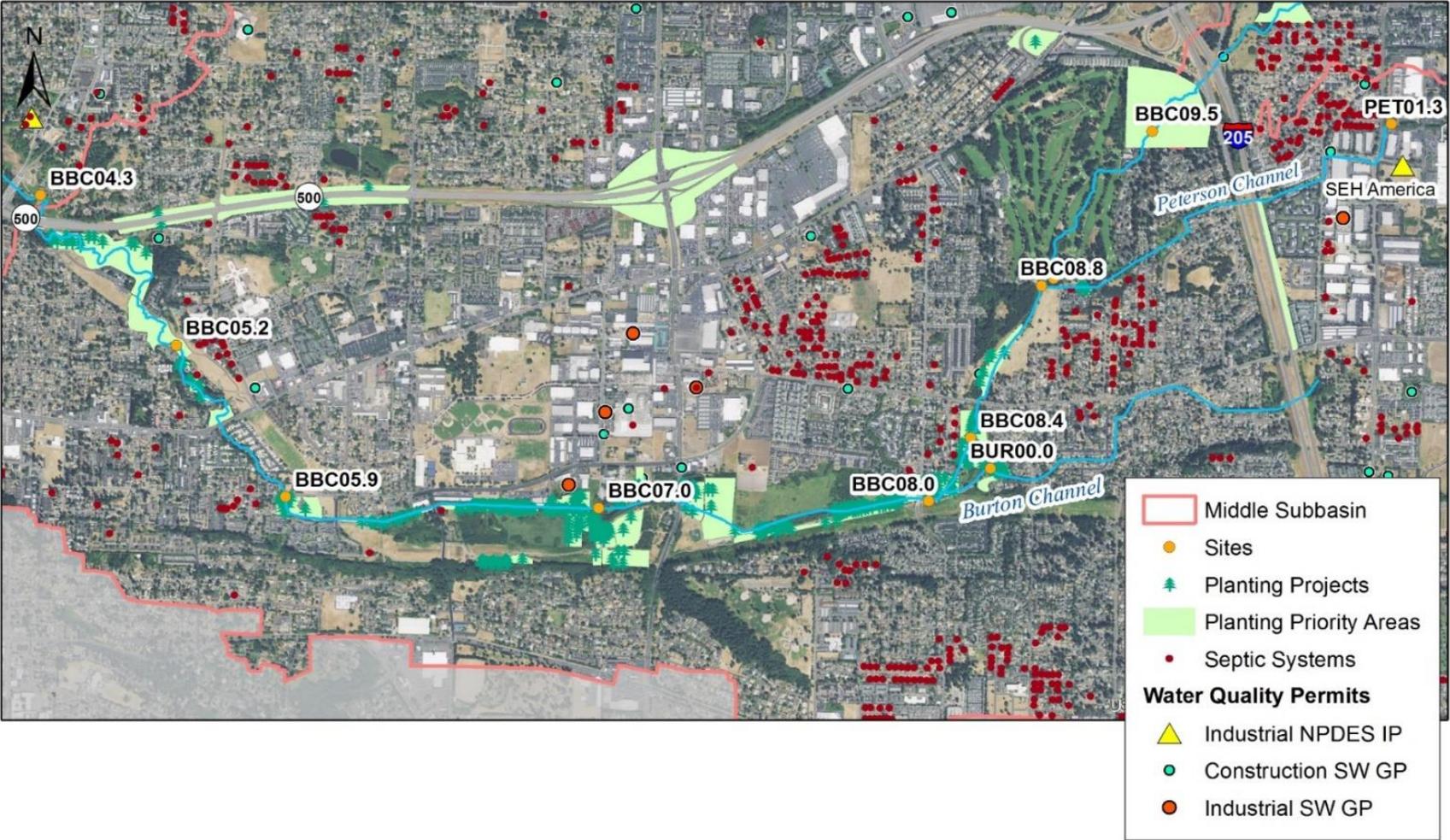
~1,000 Systems



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Middle Watershed – Septic Systems

~2,000 Systems



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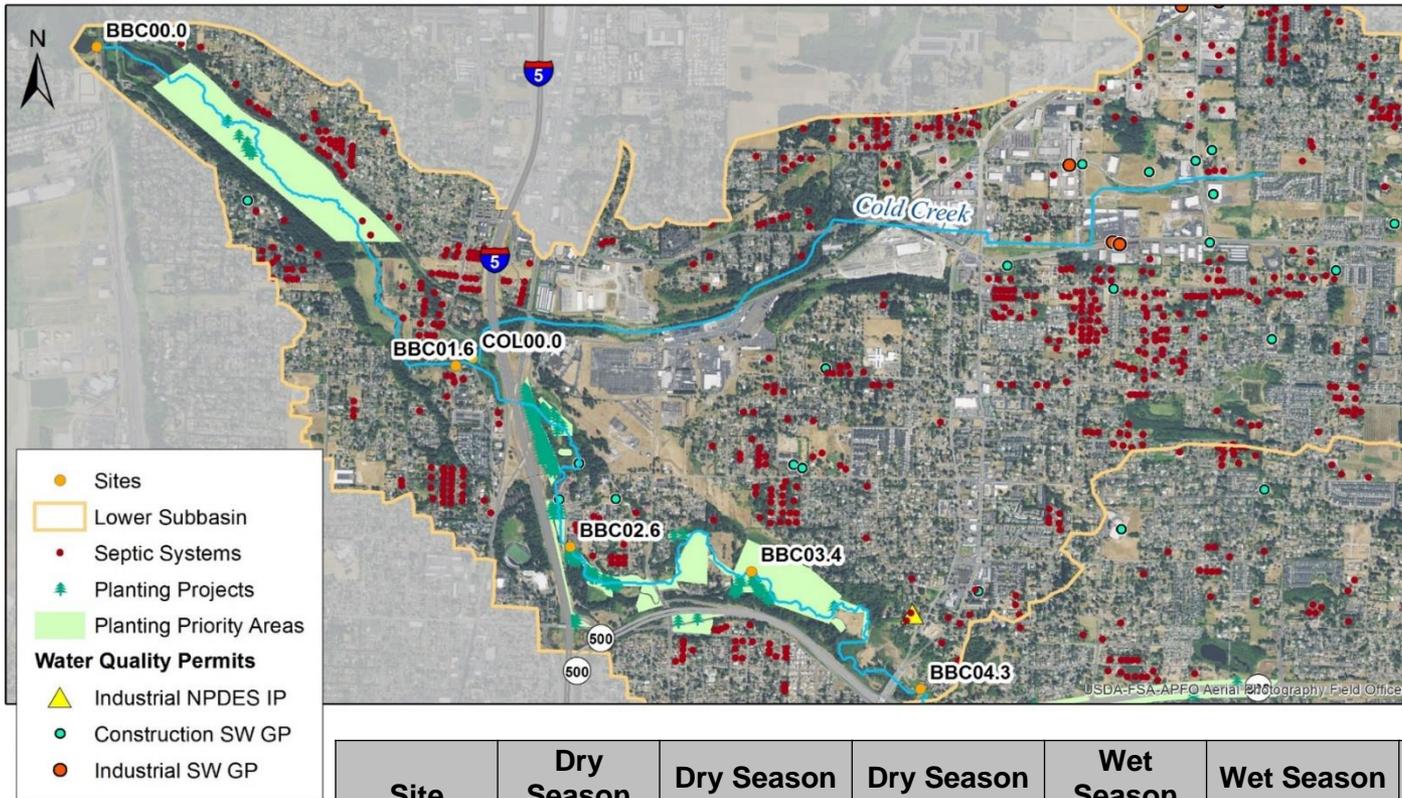
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Lower Watershed (RM0-5)

~700 Septic Systems



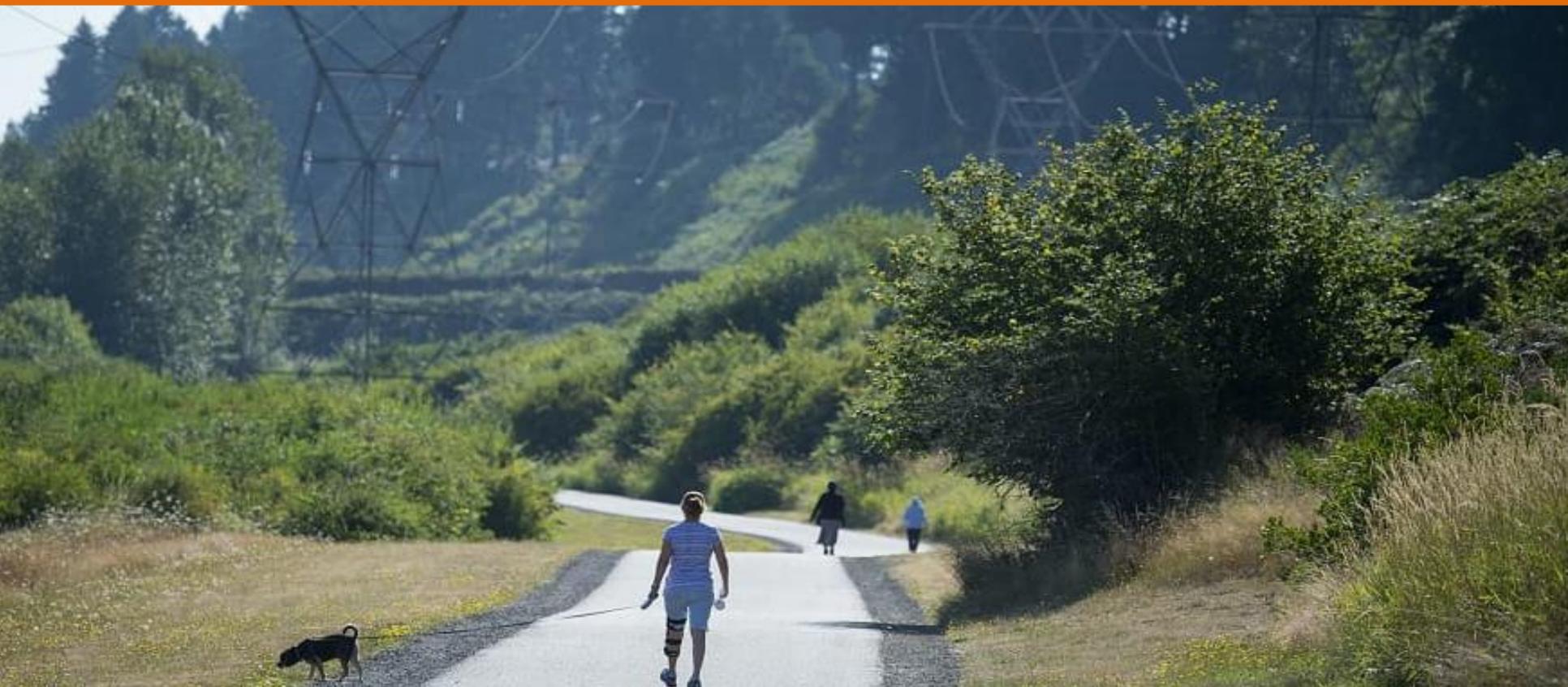
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Summary

- **Priority Areas (#1 and #2)**
 - ***Tributaries:*** Peterson Channel, Cold Creek, Burton Channel, RM
 - ***Middle watershed:*** BBC08.4 during the dry season; BBC07.0 during the wet season.
 - ***Lower watershed:*** BBC04.3, BBC03.4, BBC02.6, and BBC01.6 during the wet season.
 - 2,000 septic systems in middle watershed, 700 in lower watershed, 1,000 in upper watershed.



Implementation Planning Review Worksheets



Discussion topics

- SCIP Program – past and future development
- Sewer Extension – past, current, and future
- Septic Systems
- Public Education and Outreach
- Critical focus areas based on sewer availability and hydrogeological conditions
- Anything else we should focus on?



Implementation Planning

- Resources, reports, or websites Ecology should reference for information
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

Implementation Planning

- **Priority areas for implementation**
 - Examples
 - Subwatersheds
 - Catchments or Drainage areas
 - Infrastructure
 - Critical sewerage areas
 - Neighborhoods
 - Parcel IDs

Implementation Planning

Implementation challenges

1.
2.
3.

Milestones, Targets, and Timelines

Milestones	Target Date
1.	2023
2.	2025
3.	2027
4.	2030
5.	2033

Criteria to measure implementation progress

Performance measures

Criteria to Measure Progress

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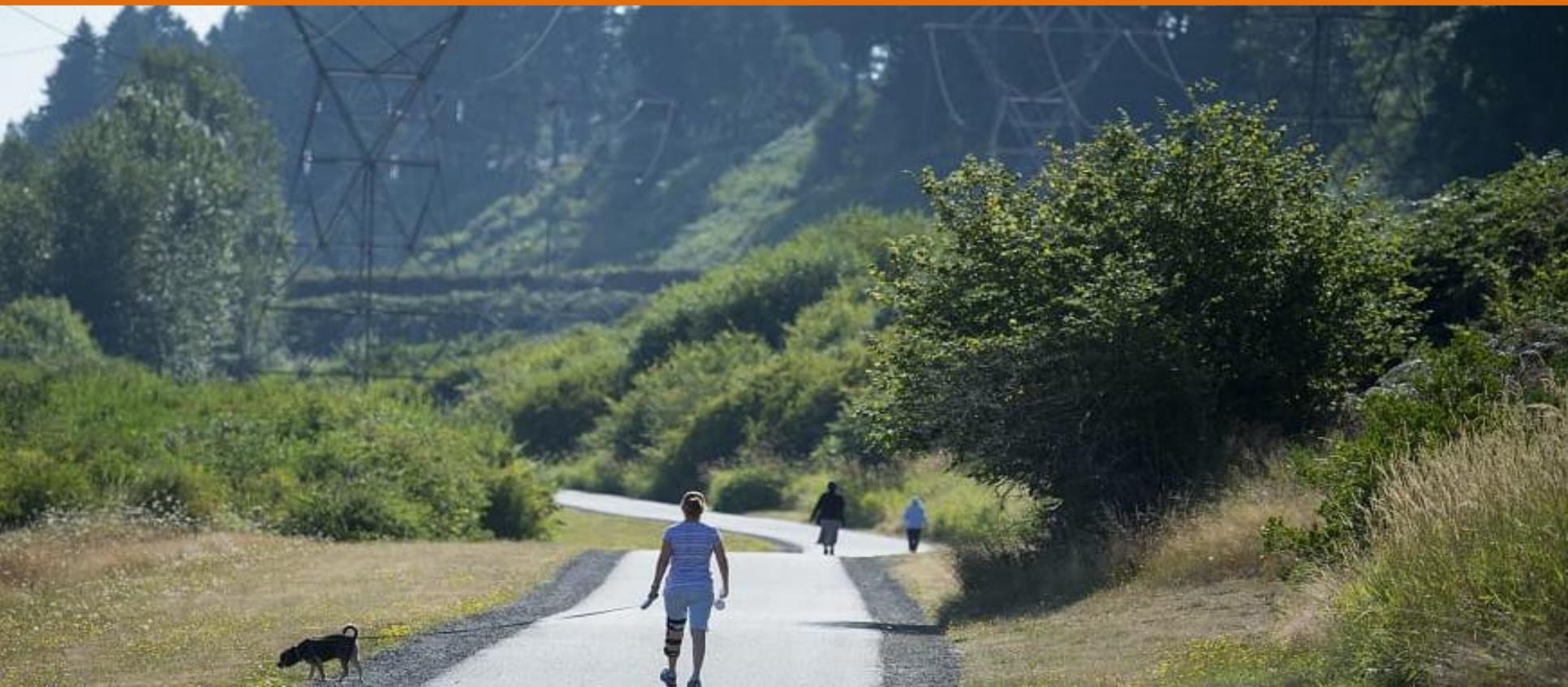
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Funding Sources and Partnerships

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Burnt Bridge Creek Partnership for clean water



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Source Assessment Report



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What is the Burnt Bridge Creek Partnership?

The Burnt Bridge Creek watershed located in Vancouver, Washington, is on Washington State's polluted waters list (303d list) for warm water temperatures, bacteria, dissolved oxygen, and pH pollution problems, which drives the need to develop a Water Cleanup Plan. In October 2020, the [Burnt Bridge Creek Source Assessment Report](#) was published to identify critical areas for water quality improvement. This Source Assessment identifies portions of Burnt Bridge Creek that are not meeting water quality standards. The report also identifies the largest shade deficits in the watershed to focus tree planting efforts, and determines the bacteria reductions needed to meet water quality standards.

To implement recommendations from the Source Assessment, the [Burnt Bridge Creek Partnership](#) was formed in February 2021 to develop and implement the Water Cleanup Plan. This Water Cleanup Plan will focus on best management practices and implementation actions to improve water quality. The Partnership will meet regularly through 2022.

Questions about the Burnt Bridge Creek Partnership should be directed to [Devan Rostorfer](#), Water Quality Specialist, Washington State Department of Ecology.

Past Events & Meeting Materials

- [February 2, 2021 - Burnt Bridge Creek Partnership kickoff meeting](#)
 - [Agenda - February 2021](#)
 - [Presentation - Overview of process](#)
 - [Presentation - Burnt Bridge Creek Source Assessment](#)
 - [Burnt Bridge Creek Source Assessment Report](#)
 - [Meeting Summary - February 2021](#)

Local Resources

- [City of Vancouver Stormwater, Surface Water, and Groundwater Utility](#)
- [City of Vancouver Urban Forestry](#)
- [City of Vancouver Water Resources Education Center](#)
- [City of Vancouver Sewer System & Wastewater Treatment Facilities](#)
- [Stormwater Partners of Southwest Washington](#)
- [Burnt Bridge Creek Trail](#)
- [Explore Your Watershed](#)
- [Project Restore](#)

FY 2023 Call for Projects

Grant Funding Opportunities

- One of our regional goals is to help local jurisdictions develop competitive applications for Ecology Water Quality grants.
- To encourage communication earlier in the process and provide more time for project proposal development, Ecology is asking interested applicants to complete a short “Notice of Intent” form by **June 15, 2021**.
- Ecology will still host statewide application workshops in August and the final applications are due October 12, 2021.
- For more details please visit <https://tinyurl.com/ECY-SWRO-Grants>, or contact Leanne Whitesell, Regional Fund Coordinator, *Nonpoint Activity Projects*, (360) 407-6295 or Leaw461@ecy.wa.gov.



APPENDIX: Recommendations from Source Assessment

Septic Systems and Wastewater

- Increase outreach to homeowners with public sewer availability who are eligible for the Sewer Connection Incentive Program (SCIP) to encourage and facilitate septic system owners to connect to the public wastewater system.
- Prioritize Sewer Collection Capital Improvement Projects to critical sewerage areas where the most septic system owners can benefit from municipal sewer services.
- Increase septic system inspections and maintenance in the Burnt Bridge Creek watershed.
- Prioritize outreach, investigation, and enforcement to areas with known bacteria problems and the highest density of septic systems that are past due for inspection. Septic system outreach and implementation should initially be targeted to the middle watershed, which has 2,000 septic systems, as well as Burnt Bridge Creek tributaries, which have documented dry season bacteria issues. Clark County Public Health should work in partnership with the City of Vancouver to identify priority areas to improve water quality.

Septic Systems and Wastewater

- Support the development and implementation of a new septic system rebate, discount, or coupon program to provide financial assistance for septic system inspections, tank pumping, and maintenance.
- Utilize pollution, identification, and correction methods to support long-term identification and correction of septic systems contributing to bacteria pollution.
- Host more Septic System Inspection and Maintenance workshops, to increase homeowner's knowledge of septic system maintenance and inspection needs.
- Support Clark County's participation in the Craft3 Regional Loan Program, which provides financial assistance for septic system repair and replacement