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National Estuary Program

ACCELERATING INTEGRATED FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

This project builds on the momentum of the Floodplains by Design (FbD) partnership's efforts to advance a more holistic and effective approach to floodplain management. Through an integrated, basin-scale approach we can begin to manage our floodplains in ways that build resiliency of the region's floodplain communities and its river and estuary ecosystems.

What we're doing

Floodplains by Design is changing the way we think about floodplains, enabling communities and the environment to thrive together in new and unexpected ways. Re-thinking floodplains may mean something different for each watershed. But in every place, it entails bringing diverse partners together enable local solutions that restore habitat, reduce flood risk, support agriculture, and meet other community needs. The project is focused on developing plans, know-how, funding, and capacity to support those efforts at a regional scale.



WHY IS THIS ISSUE IMPORTANT?

Floodplains are among the region's most valuable assets. Sadly, they've been over-loved – salmon runs are disappearing, people live in flood prone areas, farmland is lost. Our challenge is to modernize floodplain management to sustain people and nature, even as our climate changes and population swells.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Collaboration is at the heart of Floodplains by Design. You can help accelerate integrated floodplain management by getting involved with local efforts in your watershed. You can also learn about the innovative work happening across the region by visiting the website and by signing up for the Floodplains by Design newsletter at www.floodplainsbydesign.org.

ABOUT THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

The Nature Conservancy is the leading conservation organization working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people. Working with diverse partners, we've conserved more than 119 million acres of land and thousands of miles of rivers worldwide. We address threats to conservation involving climate change, clean water, ocean health, and everything in between.

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