



## Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable

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### Watershed Planning in the Coquitlam River Watershed

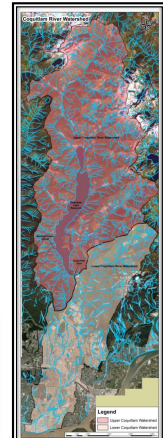


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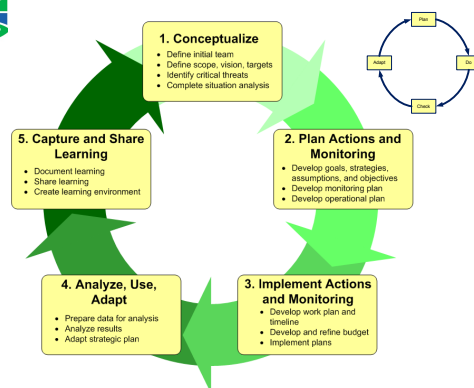
## Roundtable - Background

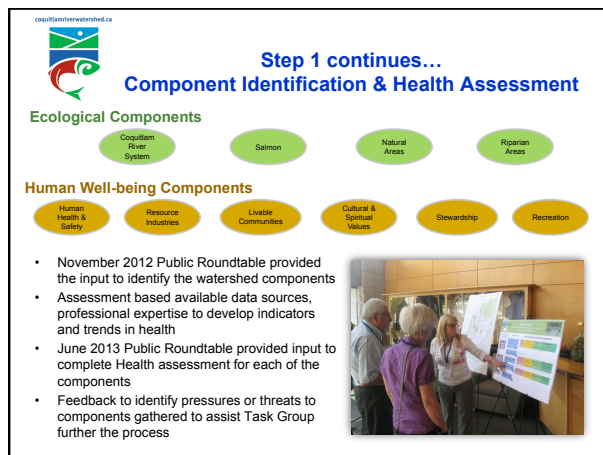
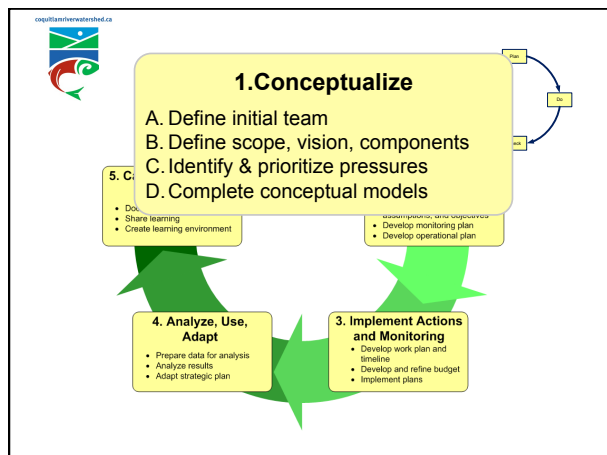
- Began with a Common Vision and Values, later an agreed-Mission Statement and Guiding Principles
- Roundtable is guided by a Core Committee
- Vast geographic footprint – Upper and Lower Watersheds
- Lower urbanized watershed extends 6,600+ hectares
- Various projects have included:
  - Public Roundtable meetings, workshops, Core Committee meetings
  - Outreach and Education Events, e.g., Rivers Day, Canada Day
  - Watershed Educational Café Series
  - Virtual Educational Website [www.coquitlamriverwatershed.ca](http://www.coquitlamriverwatershed.ca)
  - Communications: social media and E-News
  - Coquitlam River Watershed Plan



## Roundtable Develops Different kind of Plan

- Coquitlam River watershed lacks a Watershed Management Plan
- Need for a plan that was practical and affordable
- "Open Standards for the Practice of Conservation" methodology selected as the approach for watershed planning
- Open Standards incorporates Ecological and Human Well-being goals into the watershed planning process
- External grant funding launched the process during fall 2012, Terms of Reference developed, consultants assembled, Task Group meetings convened





**Step 1 continues...  
Pressures and Rating Exercise**

- 15 pressures were identified: Culverts, Dams and Dikes, Development, Hatcheries, Hazardous Spills, Invasive Species, Mainstream Cultural Norms, Mining, Recreation, Roads/Railroads, Transportation, Sewage and Wastewater Spills, Stormwater, Urban Wildlife, Vandalism/Illegal Activities; and Water Extraction.

**Lower Coquitlam River Watershed Plan Pressure Rating Exercise**

Pressures / Components	Coquitlam River System	Natural Areas	Salmon	Riparian Areas	Human Health and Safety	Resource Industries	Local Communities	Cultural and Spiritual Values	Stewardship	Recreation	Summary Pressure Rating
Hazardous Spills	High		Very High		High					High	Very High
Storm-water	High		High		Medium						High
Invasive species	High	High	High								High
Development	Medium	Very High	High		Low	Low	Low	Medium			High
Water extraction	Medium		Medium		High						Medium
Vandalism/Illegal activities	Medium	Low		High					Medium	Low	Medium
Roads, railroads, transportation	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Medium					Low	Medium
Recreation	Medium	Medium	Low	Medium						Medium	Medium





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Members and observers of the Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable  
Core Committee, November 2012 at City of Port Coquitlam

ArtsConnect  
Bullitt Foundation  
Coquitlam River Watershed Society  
Fraser Salmon & Watersheds Program  
North Fraser Salmon Assistance Program  
Port Coquitlam & District Hunting & Fishing Club  
Tri-City Green Council

BC Hydro  
City of Coquitlam

BCIT  
City of Port Coquitlam  
Fisheries & Oceans Canada  
Kwikwetlem First Nation  
Pacific Salmon Foundation  
Riverside Fishing & Tackle  
Watershed Watch Salmon Society

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Real Estate Foundation of BC  
Spirit of Coquitlam Foundation

### Roundtable Friends and Funders – 2007 - 2014