FLOODPLAINS BY DESIGN
REDUCING RISK, RESTORING RIVERS.

Floodplains by Design is an ambitious public-private partnership working to reduce flood risk and restore habitat along Washington’s major rivers. By transforming how floodplains are managed on a landscape scale, we can support thriving communities and a healthy environment. Since 2013, the Washington State Legislature has appropriated $115 million to support large-scale, multiple-benefit projects across the state through the Department of Ecology’s Floodplains by Design grant program.

Accomplishments to date include all projects funded through 2018.

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Reducing flood risk

- 36 projects on 13 major floodplains
- 38 communities protected
- 9.5 MILES of new, state-of-the-art levees built for flood protection
- 500 TONS of garbage & hazardous waste removed from Dungeness River
- 700 residences removed from high-risk floodplain areas

Restoring salmon habitat

- 2,500 ACRES of floodplain reconnected
- 25 MILES of natural riverine processes restored along 25 MILES of river
- 500 TONS of garbage & hazardous waste removed from Dungeness River
- 700 residences removed from high-risk floodplain areas

Providing community benefits

- Public access & recreational trails built on 8 different rivers
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Protecting working lands

- 500 ACRES protected for long-term agricultural use
- 1,220 ACRES of shellfish beds

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