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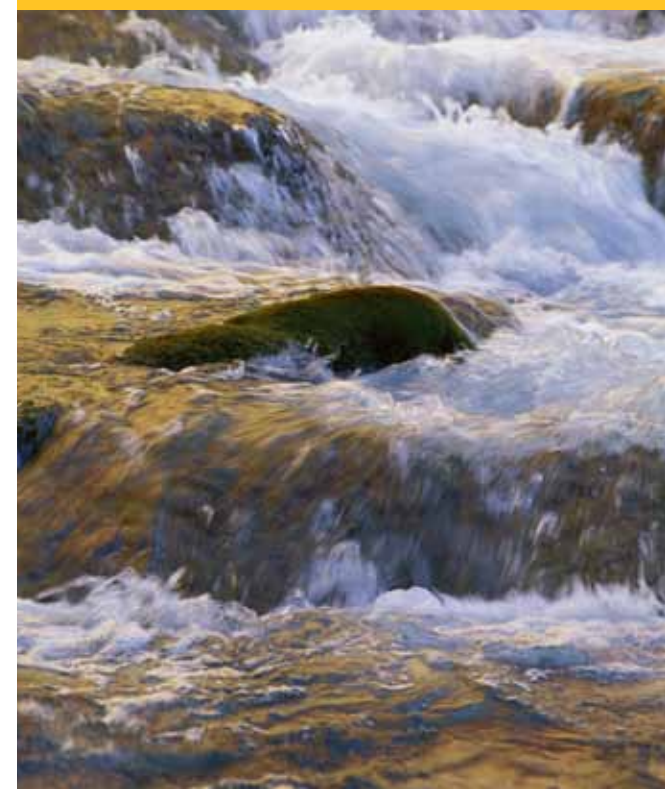
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# Supporting the natural flow of the environment

The FortisBC ECO program and projects



## Doing our part

FortisBC is committed to conducting its business in a safe and environmentally responsible manner. In addition to complying with our Health, Safety and Environment Policy, FortisBC strives to:

**Be proactive:** FortisBC works with local groups and community members who have specific knowledge of local environmental features.

**Be involved:** FortisBC takes the time to understand the work and goals of local groups to formulate accurate and achievable planning, construction and maintenance activities.

**Be aligned:** FortisBC encourages communication to develop mutually productive working relationships with local groups.

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## What is the FortisBC ECO program?

**Environmental Community Outreach (ECO) is an innovative program through which FortisBC initiates and manages environmental projects involving our employees, local residents and groups within the communities we serve.**

### What ECO means to our people and our communities:

**Act locally:** we collaborate with local environmental groups in communities where they live and work.

**Seek opportunity:** we identify and initiate innovative ways to participate in environmental projects.

**Be hands-on:** we provide volunteers and equipment to support our environmental aims.

## What kinds of projects qualify for FortisBC ECO program involvement?

We encourage community suggestions for potential FortisBC ECO projects.

Generally, an environmental project that qualifies for a collaboration is located within a FortisBC service area or right of way.

Typically a FortisBC ECO project will involve activities concerning:

- pipeline repair, relocation or protection
- habitat restoration and reclamation
- aquatic life enhancement
- stream maintenance and native species planting
- ecosystem improvement strategies

## Some of our FortisBC ECO projects:

### Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement

Wilfred Creek restoration as part of pipeline protection project, Fanny Bay, BC

When bank erosion risked damage to a gas pipeline, FortisBC addressed community concerns for local aquatic fish and wildlife by removing a collapsed bridge, using strategic rock placement to protect the site, influence water levels and reinforce protection from beavers in the area.



### Douglas College - Institute of Urban Ecology

Blackberry removal and native vegetation planting along Healy Creek, Surrey, BC

Himalayan blackberry is a robust, thorny plant that displaces native vegetation. These blackberries are abundant where Healy Creek crosses the FortisBC Right of Way. Our collaboration with the Institute of Urban Ecology Green Links Project includes removing blackberry bushes and planting native vegetation to enhance fish and wildlife habitat along the stream.

### Lantzville Streamkeepers

New channel and habitat enhancement in Knarston Creek, Lantzville, BC

Extreme winter flows along the stream at Knarston Creek led to fluvial down-cutting

and channel erosion, posing a risk to the gas pipeline. The stream was returned to its original channel and the area was replanted with native vegetation. The channel was also augmented with large woody debris, and rocks were placed to protect sensitive areas. These changes provided excellent habitat for local trout as well as protection for salmon spawning beds downstream.

### Camp Thunderbird - YWCA Youth Camp

Culvert replacement to protect Glinz Lake, Sooke, BC

A broken culvert under a parking lot at the camp was gradually being eroded by rain. This erosion caused sand, gravel and other materials to wash into Glinz Lake, putting the salmonid population at risk. FortisBC installed a new culvert.

### Parksville Streamkeepers

Large woody debris placement, native plantings, soil bio-engineering in French Creek, Parksville, BC

The Parksville Streamkeepers' aim was to enhance fish habitat near FortisBC and BC Hydro Right of Way. The construction plan included protecting the pipeline, placing large woody debris, stabilizing two areas of bank, replanting with native plant species, and undertaking soil bio-engineering works.

