

Community Flood Assistance and Resilience for Renters, Landowners, and Business Owners



Home elevation in Thurston County

Chehalis Basin Strategy

The Chehalis Basin Strategy is an ambitious collection of actions to address the twin challenges of reducing damage from flooding and restoring degraded aquatic habitat in the Chehalis River Basin in southwest Washington.

The Strategy includes near- and long-term actions as well as small- and large-scale projects designed to reduce flood-related damage while also restoring aquatic habitat for native species in the Basin. Failure to take action could cost Washington as much as \$3.5 billion during the next 100 years.

Community Flood Assistance and Resilience Program

The Community Flood Assistance and Resilience (CFAR) Program is the part of the Chehalis Basin Strategy providing technical and financial assistance for a wide range of small-scale projects and actions to reduce flood-related damage in communities throughout the Basin. Ecology's Office of Chehalis Basin (OCB) administers the program.

For more information and to request assistance

Flooding is a normal part of the ecology in the Chehalis River Basin. However, flooding also puts homes, businesses, and community assets at risk. Flooding and flood damage are expected to increase in the future with climate change.

If you would like to request initial technical assistance, need help developing a project, or have general questions about CFAR, please visit: <https://ecology.wa.gov/community-flood-assistance>

Technical assistance

Our technical advisors will answer questions and give advice, as well as help identify options for protecting homes, businesses, and community assets. This can include helping you:

- Understand flood insurance policies and rates.
- Know how river gage readings relate to flood levels on your property.
- Identify actions to reduce flood risks.

Project development and financial assistance

The Office of Chehalis Basin and our technical advisors can help identify measures you can take to help protect buildings during floods. Possible measures will vary from site to site, based on flood risk. Many measures can be inexpensive or implemented by the owner or renter. Financial assistance may be available, and our technical advisors can provide more information about potential funding sources to protect buildings and valuable items from flood damage.

Who is eligible to participate in the program?

Anyone, including renters or businesses, living or operating in the Chehalis Basin may be eligible for flood damage reduction assistance.

How to participate

To request assistance, submit an electronic request through our online portal at <https://ecology.wa.gov/community-flood-help-request>. Our advisors will contact you to review your situation and discuss options, explain the financial assistance program, help with any necessary documentation, and schedule a potential site visit to the property.

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ADA accessibility

To request ADA accommodations, contact us by phone at (360) 407-6831. email us at: ecyadacoordinator@ecy.wa.gov or visit: ecology.wa.gov/accessibility. For Relay Service or TTY call 711.

Examples of structural modifications



Elevated home



Local flood wall



Engineered flood vent