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## CLEARWATER RIPARIAN

**IEFFERSON COUNTY, WASHINGTON** 

Spearheaded by The Nature Conservancy, this multi-phase project aims to protect critical riparian areas along the Olympic Peninsula's Clearwater River. When complete, the acquired parcels will conserve the riparian corridor from the Clearwater Corridor Natural Resources Conservation Area upstream to the confluence with the Queets River downstream.

WWRP FUNDS \$3,420,000 | MATCH FUNDS \$3,350,000 (ALL AMOUNTS ROUNDED)



This project protects over 45 miles of the Clearwater River and its tributaries.



Investing in the river's restoration ensures the public will continue to benefit from ecosystem services provided by the river system.

## **BENEFITS**

Riparian forests and wetlands are key to thriving salmon populations—they help produce clean, cold, woody debris-filled streams needed for migration and spawning reaches. In addition, riparian areas provide a range of ecosystem services that benefit people of the region. Every year, lands acquired along the Clearwater River contribute an estimated \$17 million in ecosystem service benefits.

This project engages stakeholders from federal, state, and county agencies, tribes, NGOs, and private landowners around the shared goal of riparian protection. As climate change and population growth place pressure on land use and resource tradeoffs, WWRP-funded investments in Clearwater River riparian areas ensure protection of the immense public value of these ecosystems.

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## The Clearwater river system supports bull trout and a diverse wild salmon population,

including: chinook, coho, chum, pink, sockeye, steelhead, and cutthroat.

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