

## CREATING SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR ECOSYSTEMS AND WATERSHEDS

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## **ABSTRACT**

Rural communities are challenged to bring together sustainable funding for conservation and watershed protection. These efforts have been perceived as 'environmental' work, and not necessarily linked to community basic needs. The first part of this webinar explores linking watershed protection to basic policy values of quality of life, infrastructure, and basic needs to change the way that watersheds are treated in funding. The second part of this webinar will focus on the Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund, a tax-based fund for conservation that was the first of its kind in Canada, including why and how it was established and what accomplishments have been to date.

## **SPEAKERS**



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