

SCRD Watershed Protection Service

Feasibility Study

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Scope

PURPOSE

- SCRD 2019-2023 Board Strategic Plan includes a tactic to develop an **action plan for the protection of watersheds** and aquifers, advocacy goal for **improved watershed governance**
- Currently no mandate for broader watershed protection

PROCESS

- Primarily funded by a **Healthy Watersheds Initiative grant**
- Consulting firm **Econics** is supporting the SCRD to develop a business case that will examine the opportunities, challenges of establishing watershed-focused services



Existing Drinking Water & Watershed Protection Services

- Regional District of Nanaimo established a service in 2007
- Cowichan Valley Regional District followed in 2018
- Each service is unique
- Possible activities:
monitoring, data and science outreach and education,
inform land-use planning



Next Steps

Jul –Dec 2021

Jan 2022

Spring 2022

TBC

Develop a
business
case with
options

Seek SCRD
Board input,
approval

If approved,
engage the
broader
community

Conduct a
referendum
to establish a
new service

