

Ever wonder where your water comes from?

Making a difference...together

CRD Environmental Services

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The CRD is proud to own and manage 20,550 hectares of forested land in the Sooke, Goldstream, and Leech watersheds to provide high quality drinking water for residential, commercial, and agricultural use in the Capital Region.

The Sooke Water Supply has been providing water to the region for over 100 years, and it is the primary source as it serves approximately 400,000 people in Greater Victoria. The Sooke Lake Reservoir is responsible for almost one hundred percent of the water currently used in the region thanks to its 92.7 million cubic meters available for water supply.

The Goldstream Water Supply Area is the secondary source of water in the region. Its storage capacity is only 1/10 of the Sooke system and it's used during annual maintenance of the primary water supply infrastructure, in the event of short-term water quality issues or during emergency in the Sooke Lake Reservoir.



Photo of the Sooke Lake Reservoir

As we plan for the future, many projects and assessments are underway to enhance the restoration of the Leech Water Supply Area, as it will help supplement water flow into the Sooke Lake Reservoir in the coming decades.

For water to get to our tap, it goes from our protected watersheds to the two water treatment plants available for disinfection. After water is treated and quality is approved, it is distributed throughout the region for all residents to have potable drinking water at home.

Are you ready to see the natural protected environment where your water comes from? You can join our "Get to know your H2O tour". This is the perfect way to discover the natural landscapes, water supply reservoirs, and the treatment process that provides Greater Victoria with high quality tap water. Tours are available during the month of June, and you can reserve your spot now visiting <https://www.crd.bc.ca/watertours>