

Peninsula Streams Society (PSS), also known as Peninsula Streams & Shorelines, is a charity working to **build a legacy of healthy streams and shorelines** across Southern Vancouver Island, from Sidney to Sooke.

Established in 2002, PSS operates within the Traditional Territories of the **ləkʷəŋən** People, known today as Songhees Nation and Xwsepsum (Esquimalt) Nation, the T'Sou-ke First Nation, and the **W̱SÁNEĆ** People, known today as **W̱JOŁEŁP** (Tsartlip), **BOKEĆEN** (Pauquachin), **STÁUTW** (Tsawout), **W̱SIŪEM** (Tseycum), and **MÁLEXEŁ** (Malahat) Nations, who have maintained a sacred relationship with these lands and waters since time immemorial. PSS is committed to conducting activities in partnership with these Nations in a way that respects and integrates ancestral rights and Traditional Knowledge.

ABOUT PENINSULA STREAMS SOCIETY

URBANIZATION AND HISTORICAL LAND-USE PRACTICES HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY ALTERED LOCAL WATERSHEDS AND SHORELINES. STREAM DEGRADATION, SHORELINE ARMOURING, POLLUTION, AND HABITAT LOSS HAVE DEGRADED WATER QUALITY AND THREATENED BIODIVERSITY, WHILE ALSO WEAKENING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COMMUNITIES AND THE ECOSYSTEMS THEY DEPEND ON.

Founded to meet these challenges, PSS helps protect and restore local shorelines, watersheds, and the relationship between these ecosystems and their communities. By facilitating knowledge-sharing and providing education and the necessary resources, PSS empowers people to become long-term stewards of their local ecosystems.

PSS is a recognized leader on Vancouver Island, advancing urban stream ecology from headwaters to deepwaters.