

The ERWS PlaceSpeak site will feature discussion forums, polls and surveys as well as background information on the project. Registration with PlaceSpeak is free, all information collected is private, profiles are not visible to anyone else and PlaceSpeak will not disclose personal information.

### Here's how you can connect to PlaceSpeak:

[www.placespeak.com/englishmanriver](http://www.placespeak.com/englishmanriver)  
[www.englishmanriverwaterservice.ca](http://www.englishmanriverwaterservice.ca)  
[www.parksville.ca](http://www.parksville.ca)

### Join the discussion! How to use PlaceSpeak:

1. Visit the PlaceSpeak website
2. Click on the "Connect to Topic" button near the top right of the page (using the icon)
3. Register with PlaceSpeak to verify your location (You will be requested to provide your home address to confirm you live within the project area)
4. Participate in the survey
5. Join the discussion and start contributing your views.

### Work Plan – 2014 to 2016

- Aquifer storage and recovery feasibility report
- Preliminary design
- Value engineering
- Public consultation including Community Working Group, survey and public open houses
- Federal/provincial grant applications
- Detailed design of intake, water treatment plant and water transmission mains
- Funding approval
- Tender construction contracts
- Construction and commissioning
- Operation and maintenance of new facilities
- Aquifer storage and recovery implementation (as required)



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## Planning For Your Water

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# Planning For Your Water

The Englishman River Water Service is a joint venture between the City of Parksville and the Regional District of Nanaimo related to the funding and provision of bulk water services.

The mission of ERWS is *the environmentally sensitive use of water to improve fish habitat and domestic water supply*. Realizing this mission requires careful management of our water supply sources and starts with water conservation, water use reduction and water reuse/recycling initiatives.

Based on forecasts, managing demand on its own will not be enough to ensure water supply and quality while supporting fisheries (especially during the summer when water levels are low). Additional water supply capacity must be developed to serve our growing population and to ensure that we are ready for climate change impacts.

ERWS is developing a project to sustain a healthy river system and meet the future water needs of the City and the RDN (Nanoose). Project components include:

- A new river water supply intake which will take water from the river. It will be carefully designed to consider the needs of river users and fish.
- A new water treatment plant which will meet Island Health's drinking water quality standards, as well as a distribution system to deliver water to homes and businesses.
- An aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) system which will enable water extracted in the winter (when supply is plentiful) to be stored and used in the summer. This will reduce the amount of water to be taken from the Englishman River in the summer months.
- Phased design and construction to be undertaken in response to local needs as the community grows and to ensure affordability.

## JOIN THE DISCUSSION AND BE HEARD!

This is an essential project and community engagement is an important part of the process. Engagement is intended to promote public understanding, enable members of the community to provide input and to ensure the preferred design has broad-based support. To gather input and understand the community's thoughts and priorities about this project, we have set up a forum on PlaceSpeak which ensures feedback is from people directly affected by the project.

To participate in the discussion forums and surveys, you must be a resident or business owner in the area served by the Englishman River Water Service located within the City of Parksville and Regional District of Nanaimo (Nanoose) as shown on the shaded area of the map below.

PlaceSpeak allows citizens to influence the planning and process in an open, secure and transparent manner by providing community views and priorities to be considered in decision-making. It's a true chance to speak your mind and be heard.

### Here's how we are doing it:

- A community working group is advising the project team on items of concern as well as options and issues to be addressed during the design process.
- ERWS is engaging the public through PlaceSpeak, an online consultation platform. Please consider registering, complete the online survey (open until April 13) and join the discussion.
- Public open houses; first one will be held on May 8.

## PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE – THURSDAY, MAY 8

The open house on May 8 is an opportunity to provide comments and feedback prior to the commencement of detailed design of the intake, treatment plant and distribution facility. The drop-in format will enable residents to review design concepts at their leisure and the design team will answer questions. Feedback forms will be available and participants are encouraged to comment. Presentations scheduled for 3 pm and 6 pm will provide a quick overview of the project components.

**Thursday, May 8 from 2 pm to 7 pm**  
**Presentations at 3 pm and 6 pm**

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Conference Centre**

