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# The formation of the Clean Annapolis River Project (CARP)

CARP was created in 1990 when two unrelated events converged:

- The rejection of the Annapolis River system as a candidate for designation as a heritage river
- Its selection by the scientific community as a demonstration site for an innovative environmental management initiative (ACAP Program)









#### Strategic planning

- 1991-2003: environmental management plan, "Our Watershed, Our Responsibility"
- 2003-2008: update, "Moving Forward: An Environmental Management Plan for the
- Annapolis Watershed"
- 2008-2012: strategic plan, broader goals and specific objectives relating directly to CARP's mission statement
- 2012: strategic plan update
- 2017: strategic planning and community consultation process initiated







#### Mission & Strategic Objectives

To enhance the ecological health of the Annapolis River watershed through science, leadership and community engagement.

- To continually assess the ecological health and environmental stressors of the Annapolis River watershed
- 2. To identify and establish priorities and projects to enhance the ecological integrity of the Annapolis River watershed
- 3. To empower all decision-makers with the knowledge, tools, and research to make ecologically sound decisions with respect to the Annapolis River watershed
- 4. To facilitate collaboration among all stakeholders to address the environmental challenges facing the Annapolis River watershed
- 5. To engage local community members in the restoration and protection of the Annapolis River watershed in ways that are meaningful, relevant, and fun

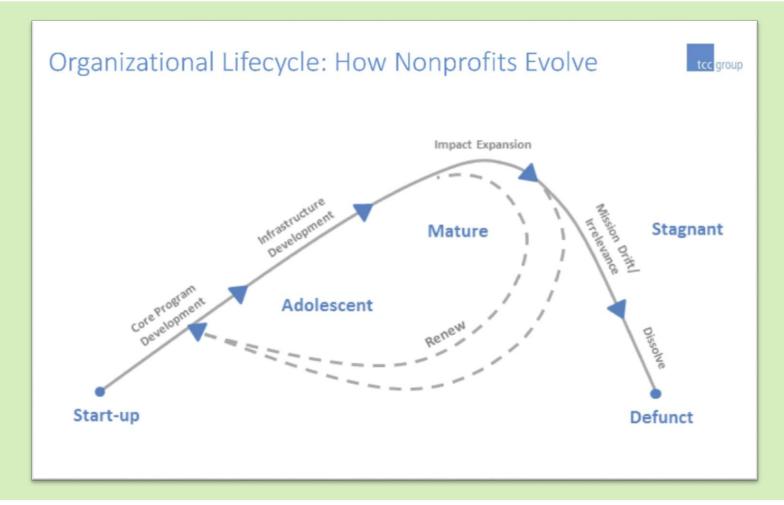








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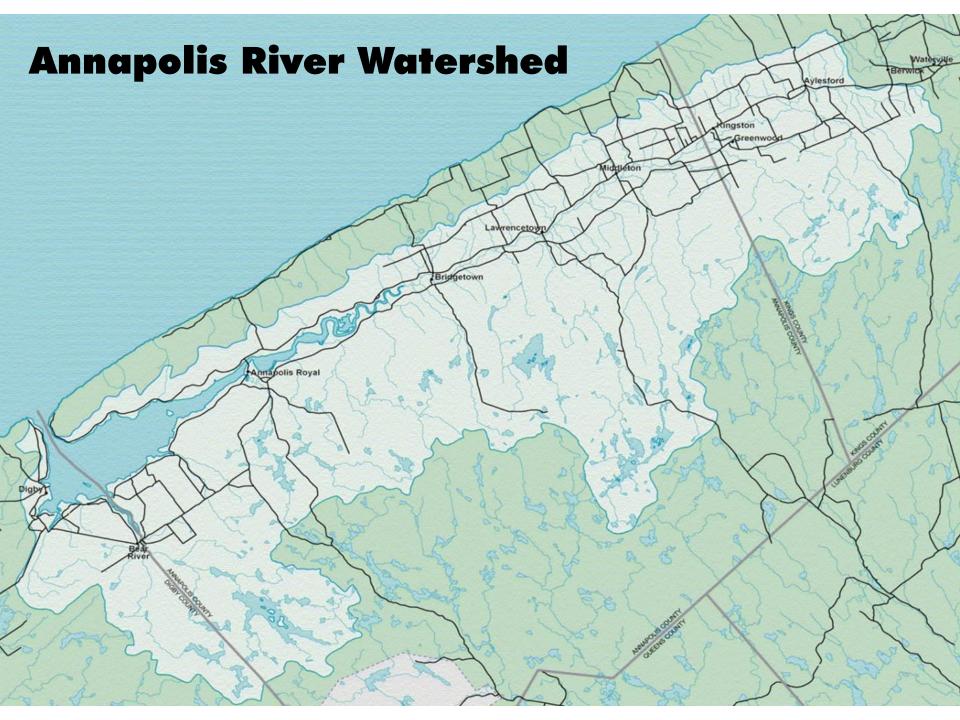














#### Annapolis County Economic Development Strategy: 2050 Targets

- 1) Annapolis County will support and foster local agriculture, and encourage local food independence;
- 2) By 2050, 80% of the energy consumed in Annapolis County will be produced in Annapolis County;
- 3) Annapolis County will support and foster access to efficient, quality housing;
- 4) Annapolis County will support and foster access to affordable training in progressive vocational, innovative business, and living skills;
- 5) Annapolis County will support and foster efforts to remediate, manage, and ensure clean air, water, and soil.







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#### Community meetings-Values > Threats > Actions

Most frequently identified values:

- Accessible, low cost recreational opportunities
- Scenery and aesthetics
- Clean, safe waterways





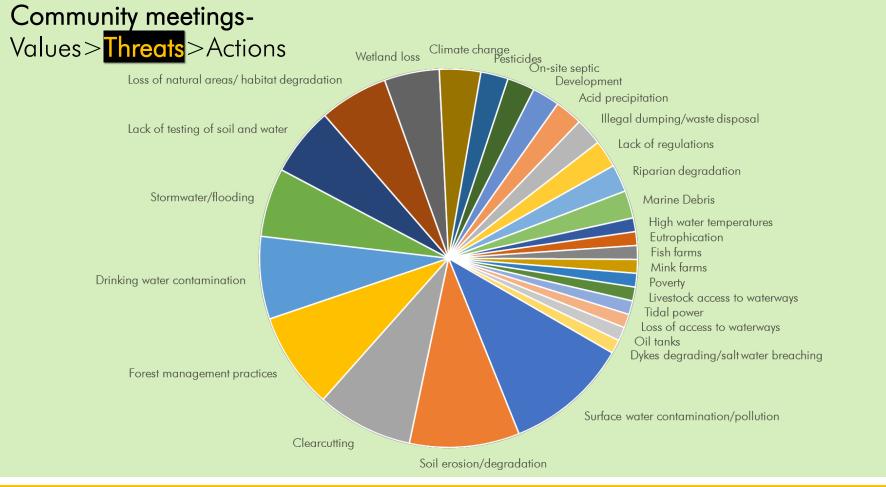




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#### Community meetings-Values>Threats>Actions



Forestry:
Surface water contamination/pollution
Soil erosion/degradation
Clearcutting



Freshwater Resources:
Surface water contamination/pollution
Drinking water contamination
Lack of testing of soil and water











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## Stakeholder Engagement Sessions: Forestry









### Stakeholder Engagement Sessions: Freshwater Resources











#### Clean Annapolis River Project

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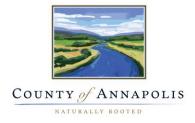








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