

TUALCO VALLEY Brief History



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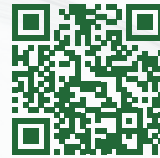
The Tualco Valley lies at the heart of the Snohomish River Basin, where the Skykomish and Snoqualmie Rivers meet to form the Snohomish River. Haskell and Riley Sloughs flow through the Tualco Valley. They have provided critical salmon habitat along with irrigation for abundant agriculture. However, both sloughs have degraded, harming salmon habitat, streamflow, and drainage. There are also aging and damaged levees in the valley that are a flood risk and harm salmon habitat. Tualip and project partners will work with Tualco Valley landowners and stakeholders to understand community needs. The goal is to design project alternatives that simultaneously enhance environmental, agricultural, and flood resiliency to make the valley better for people and our iconic salmon species.

PRIMARY PROJECT PARTNERS:

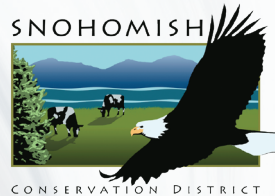
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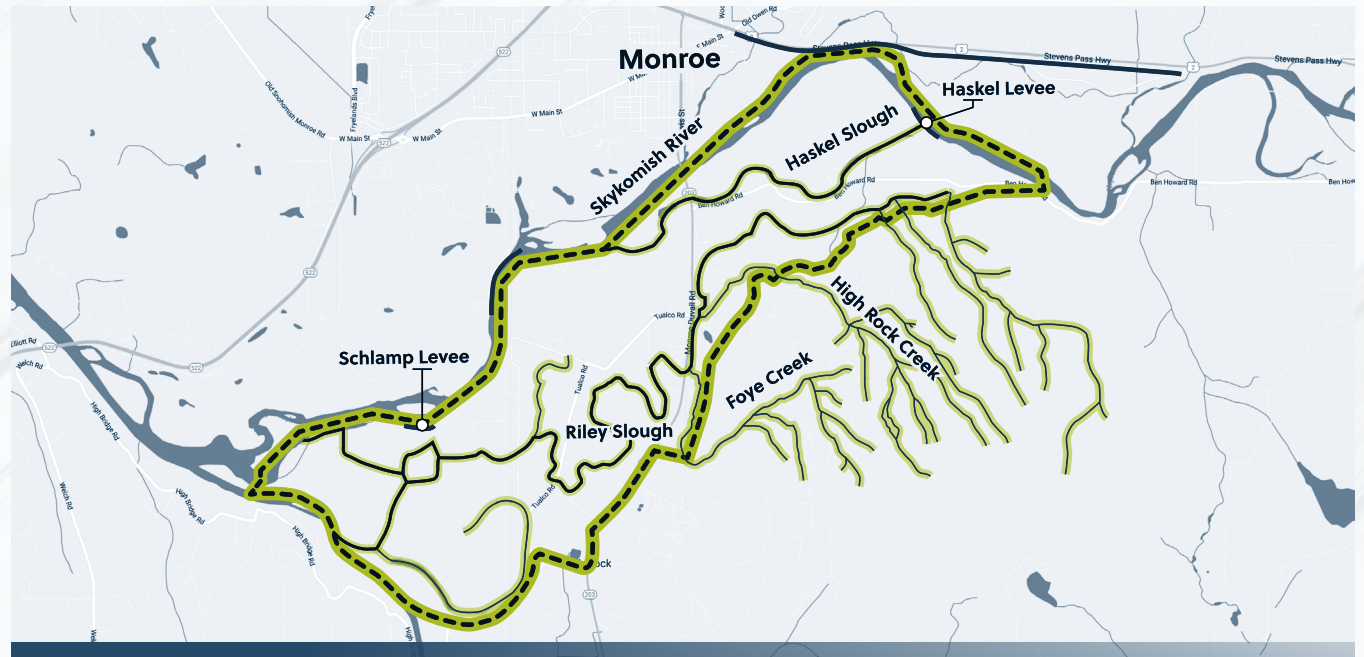
Connecting habitat, agriculture, and flood resiliency



Restoring salmon access to over 10.5 miles of critical habitat in Haskell and Riley Sloughs while *enhancing* agricultural resiliency and reducing flood risk.

“Connecting people and fish habitat will help us maintain our culture and values.”

— Teri Gobin
Tulalip Tribes Chairwoman



PROJECT

Objectives:

- Talk to and learn from Tualco Valley landowners and stakeholders
- Collect flow, infrastructure, biological and topographic data to understand current conditions
- Use this information to determine enhancement options and collaborate on designs

POTENTIAL LONG-TERM

Actions:

- Enhance stream crossing infrastructure on Haskell and Riley Sloughs
- Enhance existing levees for habitat, agriculture, and flood resiliency
- Enhance flow and drainage in Haskell and Riley Sloughs
- Enhance stream and adjacent forest habitat

PROJECT

Timeline:

- Project outreach and planning will occur through 2024
- Construction components such as stream crossing enhancement could be implemented in 2024 or after with willing landowners. It could include the installation of enhanced culvert or bridge crossings
- Complete project construction will likely take over five years

