Water Funds Training

Self-paced, online curriculum for exploring water fund feasibility

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Where is the Water Funds Training hosted?
The Water Funds Training is hosted on a robust, online learning platform called Conservation Training Access: www.conservationtraining.org
What other types of content are being delivered via this learning platform?
The Conservation Training platform hosts a wide range of highly successful, global conservation training programs.
Who is using this learning platform?

While The Nature Conservancy hosts the platform, development of training content has been highly collaborative between multiple partners and the user-base is truly global.

- **35,000** Accounts
- **400** Training Hours
- **200** Countries
- **22** Internal and External Partners
How might a new user engage with the Training?
The Training helps to inspire advocates of the water fund concept to explore the idea while building their capacity, applying what they’ve learned, and then exchanging those learnings with the WF Community (via the WF Toolbox).

1. **Idea:** I am inspired to explore how a water fund may contribute to a water security issue(s) in my local context.

2. **Knowledge, Training, & Community:**
   I learn how to develop a WF by accessing state of the art how-to WF knowledge via the Toolbox, Training Program, and WF Community.

3. **Apply knowledge and exchange learnings:**
   I apply what I’ve learned in my local context and contribute lessons learned to the WF Community.
How is the Water Funds Training structured?
The Water Funds Training includes an introduction to key concepts and then structures the majority of its content around the 5-phases of the Water Funds Project Cycle and 5 organizational components.
What tools are included to help me understand how to use the Training?
The training includes a tutorial video, quick start guide, and recommended technical requirements documents.
How is content generally delivered in the Training?
The training is built around a slide presentation format, with a range of supporting functionality such as text, videos, images, interactive infographics, and downloadable materials (checklists, templates)

CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS FACING WATERSHEDS

ROLE OF WATERSHEDS

In order to meet current demands for clean, reliable water, water utilities usually employ one or more of these options:

1. Add or change water sources (transport water through pipes from a source further away and/or tap groundwater sources)
2. Construct a more advanced water treatment system (treat polluted water to a usable standard)
3. Improve landscape management and wastewater treatment (to maintain or improve the quality and reliability of water coming into intake point(s))

This third option is called Source Water Protection.

Tea plantation in the Upper Tana Watershed, Kenya. The Nature Conservancy is working to protect the Upper Tana Watershed in Kenya and provide cleaner, more reliable water for Nairobi. Photo credit: © Nick Hall 2015
How is content generally delivered in the Training?
The training includes numerous videos of water funds practitioners explaining key ideas and lessons learned from their experience.
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The training includes numerous interactive infographics and visual aids.
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Learning is reinforced via reflection questions and course assessments.
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The bulk of the Feasibility Phase content is built around 5 components common to every Water Fund: science-based decision making, multi-stakeholder governance, finance, implementation, and communications.
What kind of reference materials will I gain access to from this self-paced training?

Users will have access to summary reference sheets, checklists, templates, and more!