

Healthy Watersheds Learning Exchanges

Beginning in 2024, the EPA's <u>Healthy Watersheds Program</u> will host Healthy Watersheds Learning Exchanges, a virtual webinar series aimed at highlighting watershed protection approaches and facilitating discussions among healthy watersheds practitioners to promote the sharing of experiences, lessons learned, and tools.

What are healthy watersheds?

The EPA considers healthy watersheds to be those with mostly natural land cover especially near its waters; good water quality, quantity, and flow; and habitats with diverse aquatic life. Together, these components support long-term, sustainable benefits to people and the environment.

How is the EPA working to protect healthy watersheds?

The EPA launched the Healthy Watersheds Program to place a renewed emphasis on maintaining the integrity of the nation's waters and to leverage these waters to accelerate water quality restoration successes. Over the last decade, the EPA's HWP has supported states and other partners in implementing proactive, holistic approaches to identify and protect healthy waters and watersheds.

<u>Click here</u> to register for upcoming Healthy Watersheds Exchanges, view past recordings, and see more resources!

Who can attend? State, Territory and Tribal water quality programs; other government agencies; non-profit organizations; colleges/universities; and others interested in joining a community of practice focused on healthy watersheds protection!

When will exchanges occur? We anticipate hosting learning exchanges on a quarterly basis beginning in February 2024.

What topics will be covered? Each exchange will focus on a different aspect of healthy watersheds protection, such as building protection-based partnerships, targeting watershed protection efforts, financing watershed protection projects, and engaging communities and landowners.

Ready to learn more?