

Voices and Vision for Ireland's Wetlands

Supporting Community Resilience For Resilient Community Wetlands



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Watersheds
Programme



vibrant communities | catchment assessment | healthy waters

State Agencies involved in Water Management....



The Importance of Good Water Quality

- Health and wellbeing : physical, mental, spiritual
- Jobs in the local economy
- Safe future for you, your family, your community
- Nature and a healthy environment
- Sense of place and connection with your local area



Catchments

WHERE WE LIVE, WORK & PLAY

Agricultural Pressures

Properly sited and managed woodlands and forests help to protect water quality

Good fertilizer management will grow crops and reduce risk to water quality

Timberland access to watercourses needs to be properly managed

Blue Deal Catchments Programme – protecting and restoring high status waters

Forestry Pressures

Urban Run-Off Pressures

Clean water services require less chemical treatment

Private wells should be properly constructed, sealed and regularly tested

Rural Pressures

Public waste water treatment plants need to be well sited and regularly maintained

There is an angling club associated with most towns and villages in Ireland. Angling tourism benefits local communities.

Waste Water Pressures

Green Schools raises awareness of water as a valuable resource

Effective water treatment protects public health and the environment

Classification for water quality includes five status classes: high, good, moderate, poor and bad

Share Your story

Catchment agreements for the benefit of local communities

Protecting the water environment now will benefit future generations

Recreational pressures

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Welcome to Catchments.ie - Water from source to sea.

Water is a precious resource and is essential for all life on earth.

Looking after our rivers, lakes and coastal waters so they can meet our current and future needs, and also continue to support the ecosystems that depend on them, is vital for Ireland's future.

Doing this at community level is the best way to get people actively involved.

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County

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Build water resilience supporting vibrant communities



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VEINS OF THE LANDSCAPE.”**

— Dr. Musonda Mumba, Secretary General of the Convention on Wetlands

Funding:

How Communities

Can Access Funding

Case Study No. 1 - The Shannon Wetlands Restoration Project

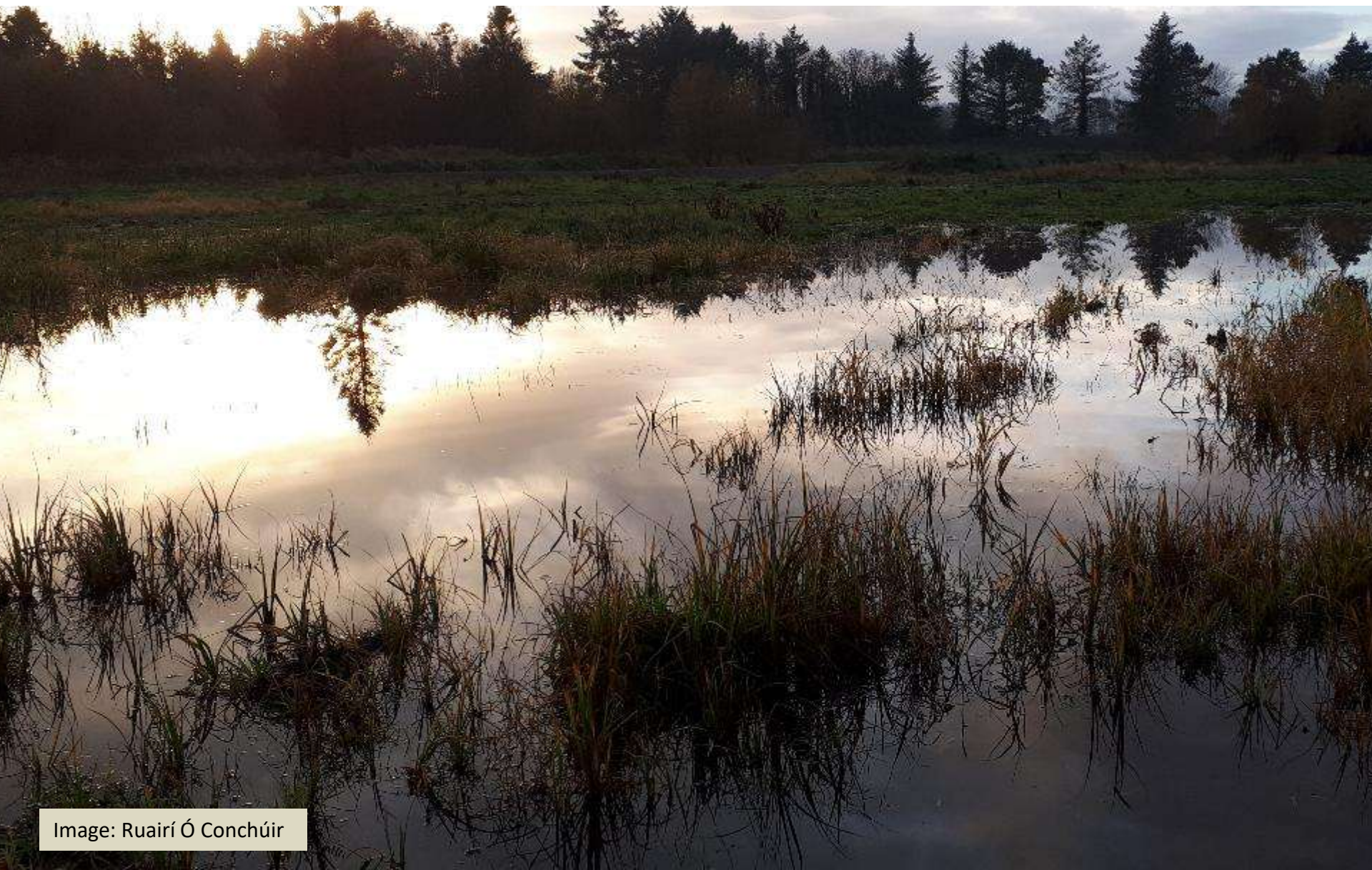




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Case Study 3: Lickeen Lake, North Clare



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Case Study 4: Restore Ballymacraven River Association, Ennistymon, North Clare



RBRA

*Restore Ballymacraven
River Association*

A Resilient Community, A Resilient River

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Case Study 5: Lough Atorick Catchment Management Association East Clare (Galway Border)



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Concluding Comments

- 1. Local communities can & should play a leading role in wetlands protection and restoration work.**
- 2. The loss of wetland habitats is real and threatens us all as well as future generations.**
- 3. Climate Change is real and is happening right now**
- 4. Key learnings - wetlands restoration work: work local, be adaptable, and be responsive to bring about change.**
- 5. Large scale and catchment scale projects are required to realise multiple benefits.**

Websites:



Local Authority Waters Programme

www.lawaters.ie

EPA: Water Quality, Maps & Newsletter

www.catchments.ie

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