



Fraser Valley Invasive Species Society

# ANNUAL REPORT

**2025**



# WHO WE ARE

## OUR MISSION

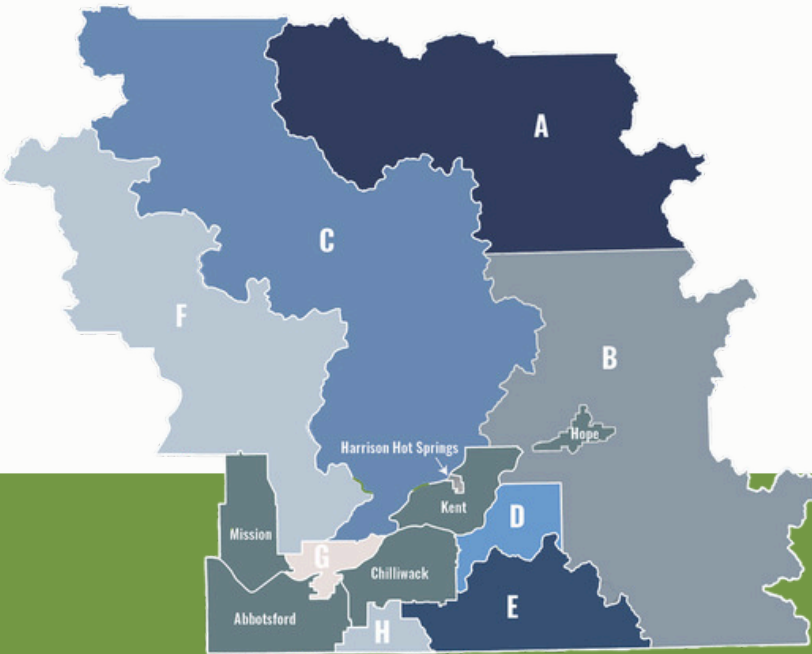
**To reduce the negative impacts of invasive species in the Fraser Valley.**

The Fraser Valley Invasive Species Society (FVISS) is a non-profit society focusing on invasive species. We work towards our mission by providing public outreach and engagement, encouraging and supporting coordinated and collaborative invasive species management actions, and conducting on-the-ground removal and treatment activities.

## OUR GOALS

- 1** Advocate for Coordination and Management of Invasive Species
- 2** Increase Awareness, Education, and Knowledge Sharing
- 3** Establish FVISS as the Regional Resource for Invasive Species
- 4** Maintain a Well-Functioning and Resilient Organization

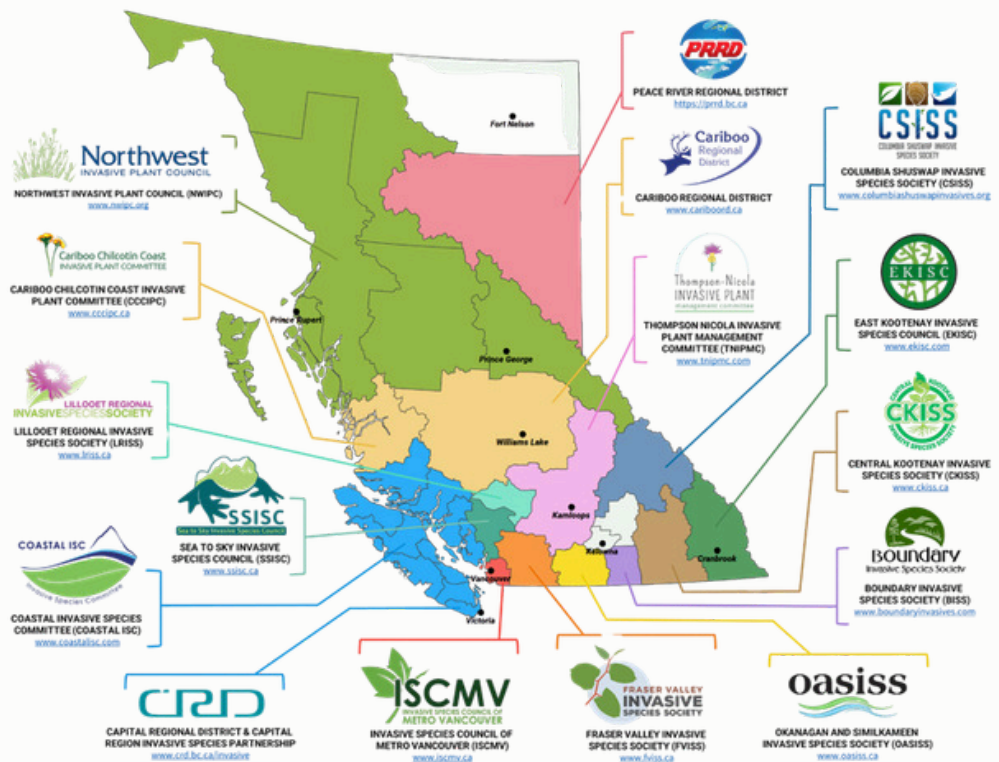
# WHERE WE WORK



Spanning the Fraser Valley to the Lower Fraser Canyon, the FVISS operates within the boundaries of the Fraser Valley Regional District, situated between Metro Vancouver to the west, Thompson-Nicola and Okanagan-Similkameen to the east, Squamish-Lillooet to the north, and the US border to the south.

The Fraser Valley Invasive Species Society is grateful to live, work, and play on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Stó:lō People. We manage invasive species in contribution to the ongoing stewardship of S'ólh Téméxw, which the Stó:lō have been doing since time immemorial.

FVISS is part of a network of Regional Invasive Species Organizations (RISOs), working together to prevent the spread of invasive species throughout BC.









# COMMUNICATION & ENGAGEMENT

## OUTREACH IN THE COMMUNITY

From weed walks to table displays, we were out and about in the community in 2025! These efforts helped raise awareness, build skills, and remind people that we all can do our part in protecting the Fraser Valley from invasive species. Training and presentations are tailored to the audience, aiming to provide targeted and useful information that is ready to implement.



# DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT

Online, our website, newsletters and social media platforms help us stay connected to residents, sharing facts and information, and raising awareness with people beyond who we can speak to in-person.

**219**   
**SUBSCRIBERS**  
**3 NEWSLETTERS**

 **49,000+**  
**WEBSITE**  
**VIEWS**  
[www.fviss.ca](http://www.fviss.ca)

 **93,000+**  
**REACHED ON**  
**SOCIAL MEDIA**

 **139**  
**POSTS ON**  
**SOCIAL MEDIA**  
  @FraserValleyInvasives

# ONLINE RESOURCES

The FVISS aims to be the main resource on invasive species for the Fraser Valley. The best way for us to do that is by developing helpful resources based on feedback and requests from residents, land managers, and invasive species practitioners.

Some guides created in 2025 include:

- Look-alike Guide
  - Blackberry and Rubus Plants
- Invasive Chafer Beetles vs Japanese Beetles
- Native Plant Resources - Gardening with Native Plants



**BUY NATIVE PLANTS INSTEAD!**

See alternatives to common invasive plants & find native plant suppliers and resources for the Fraser Valley



## OTHER PROGRAMS

### KNOT ON MY PROPERTY (KOMP)

**11**   
**PROPERTIES PARTICIPATED**

Funded by the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD), we administered and coordinated the Knot On My Property (KOMP) cost-share pilot program to encourage residents to control knotweed growing on private property. Participating landowners were able to have 50% of the treatment costs covered (up to \$500 per address).

### INVASIVE PLANT BAG PICKUPS



The Invasive Plant Bag Pickup program is open to all invasive plant species, however every August, tansy ragwort is the focus in agricultural neighbourhoods due to its toxicity to livestock.

In 2025, the Tansy Ragwort Pickup Schedule targeted:

- East Chilliwack/Rosedale
- Sumas Prairie/South Sumas
- Cultus/Columbia Valley
- Mt Lehman/Bradner
- Matsqui, West Abbotsford
- Hatzic/Dewdney to Deroche

**21**  
**ADDRESSES PARTICIPATED**





# CHILLIWACK RIVER KNOTWEED WALKS

Since the 2021 floods, the spread of invasive Knotweed plants have increased throughout the Chilliwack-Vedder River. In 2025, along with the Trinity Western University's The Knotweed Lab, we hosted five Chilliwack River Knotweed Walks to raise awareness about this invasive plant, how to identify it, its impacts to our local environment, and share ongoing knotweed research!



**FREE EVENT!** FRASER VALLEY INVASIVE SPECIES SOCIETY & TRINITY WESTERN UNIVERSITY - THE KNOTWEED LAB

## CHILLIWACK RIVER KNOTWEED WALKS 2025

Since the 2021 floods, the spread of invasive Knotweed plants has increased throughout the Chilliwack-Vedder River. Join us for a walk along the Rotary Trail and learn more about this invasive plant, its impacts, as well as some post-flood Knotweed research from the Knotweed Lab!



**SATURDAYS**  
Jul 26 | Aug 16 | Aug 30 | Sep 13  
10:00 am - 11:00 am

Meeting Location: Peach Park Parking Lot  
Register: Email [info@fviss.ca](mailto:info@fviss.ca) or fill out this form




**31**  
TOTAL  
ATTENDEES



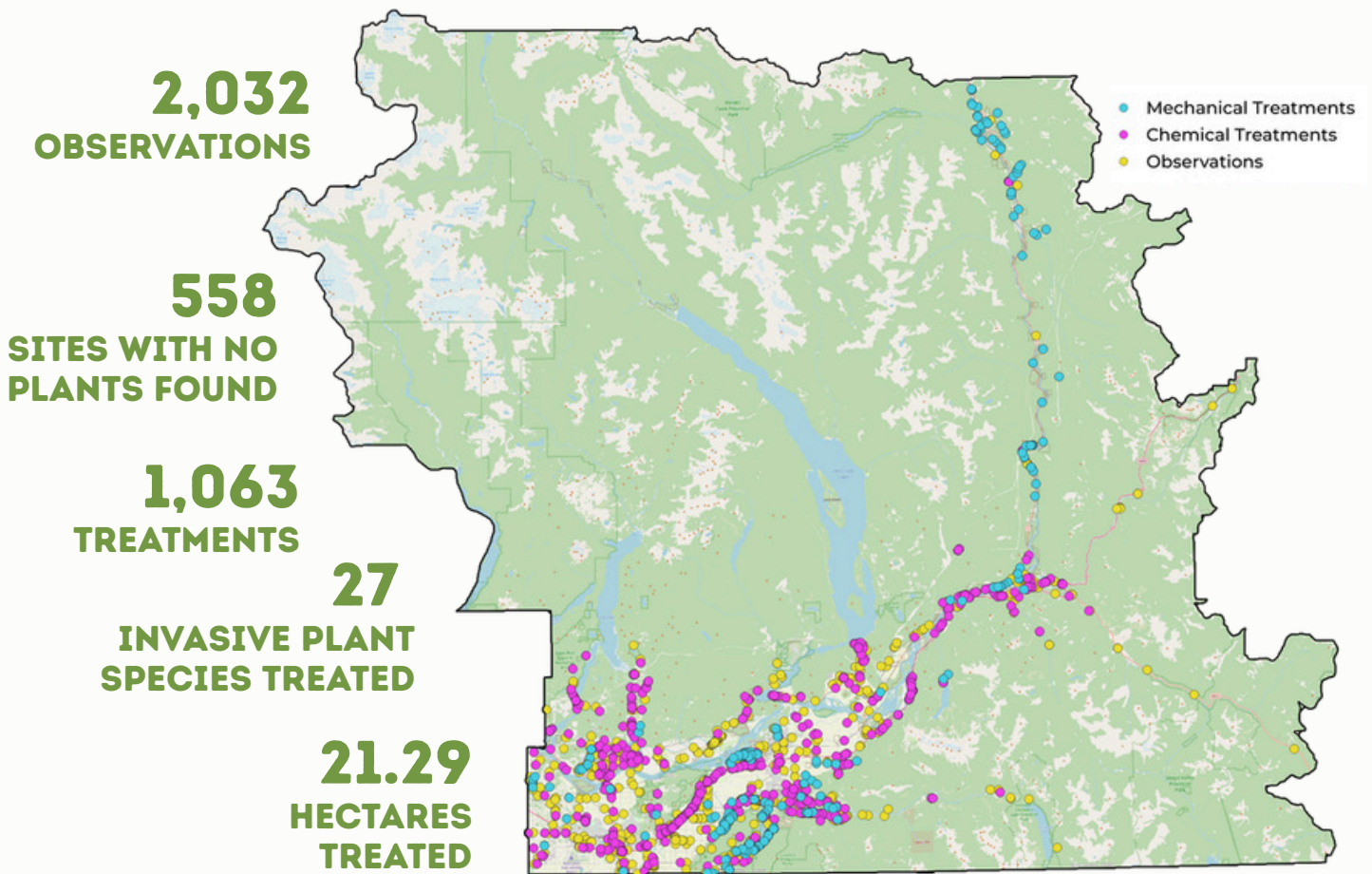
Knotweed rhizome shown during a Knotweed Walk

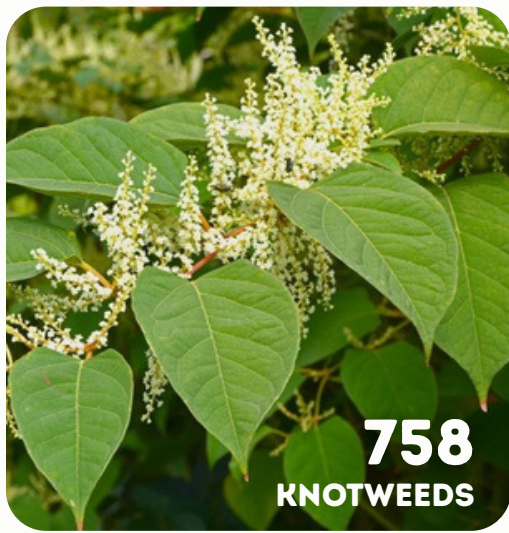


# FIELD PROJECTS & OPERATIONS

## INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT

In 2025, our staff and contractors tackled invasive plants across the Fraser Valley through targeted surveys, treatments, and ongoing monitoring. Using local contractors and being in contact with local practitioners allow us to stay updated on invasive plants being found on-the-ground, update our annual mapping data, and keep apprised of any newly available management methods or strategies.





**758**  
KNOTWEEDS



**374**  
WILD CHERVIL



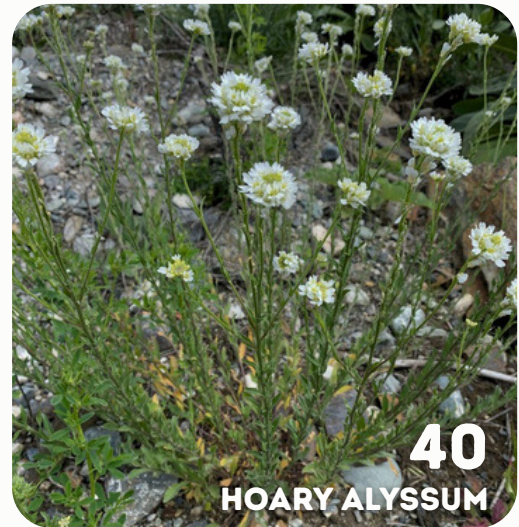
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TANSY RAGWORT



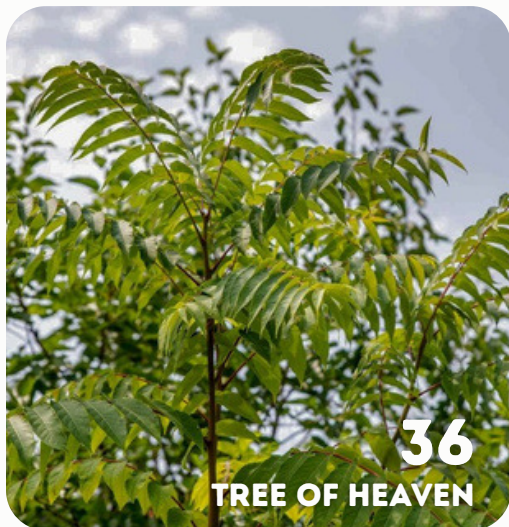
**143**  
GIANT HOGWEED



**57**  
SCOTCH BROOM



**40**  
HOARY ALYSSUM



**36**  
TREE OF HEAVEN



**23**  
ST. JOHN'S-WORT



**22**  
HIMALAYAN BLACKBERRY

## OBSERVATIONS BY NUMBERS

We surveyed for 63 different invasive plant species throughout the Fraser Valley. Some priority species were then followed-up with treatments. Other invasive plants were inventoried to understand their distribution and range, helping us track their presence and spread across the region.

# POST-FLOOD MONITORING

2023



2024



2025



The 2021 November atmospheric river events caused significant damage to the Fraser Valley. One of the concerns were potential invasive plant spread as a result of the flooding, landslides, and follow-up mitigation and recovery maintenance.

For three years from 2023 to 2025, we received funding from the Ministry of Forests to conduct post-flood site disturbance surveying and mapping, inventorying and taking photos at established photo-plots every year to monitor the spread of invasive plants in five flood-impacted areas, including: along the Sumas River, Chilliwack-Vedder River, and Nicomen Slough.

This data goes to inform and support the Province's ongoing invasive species post-disaster strategy and mapping across BC.



Ministry of  
Forests

# INVASIVE MUSSEL MONITORING

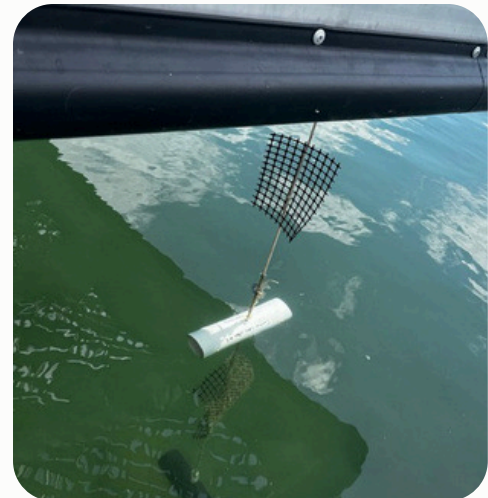
**Invasive mussels are still not present in BC!**

2025 was our 8th year monitoring for invasive mussels in Fraser Valley waterways. We were able to continue sampling for Zebra mussels (*Dreissena polymorpha*) and Quagga mussels (*Dreissena rostriformis bugensis*), and additionally for 2025, the newly found in North America Golden mussels (*Limnoperna fortunei*).

**5  
WATERBODIES  
/WATERWAYS  
MONITORED**

- Main Beach, Cultus Lake
- Maple Bay, Cultus Lake
- Harrison Lake
- Silver Lake
- Barrowtown Boat Launch
- Island 22 Boat Launch
- Dewdney Boat Launch

This lake sampling is part of BC's Invasive Mussel Defence Program, which also includes the highway boat inspection stations that target boat movement.



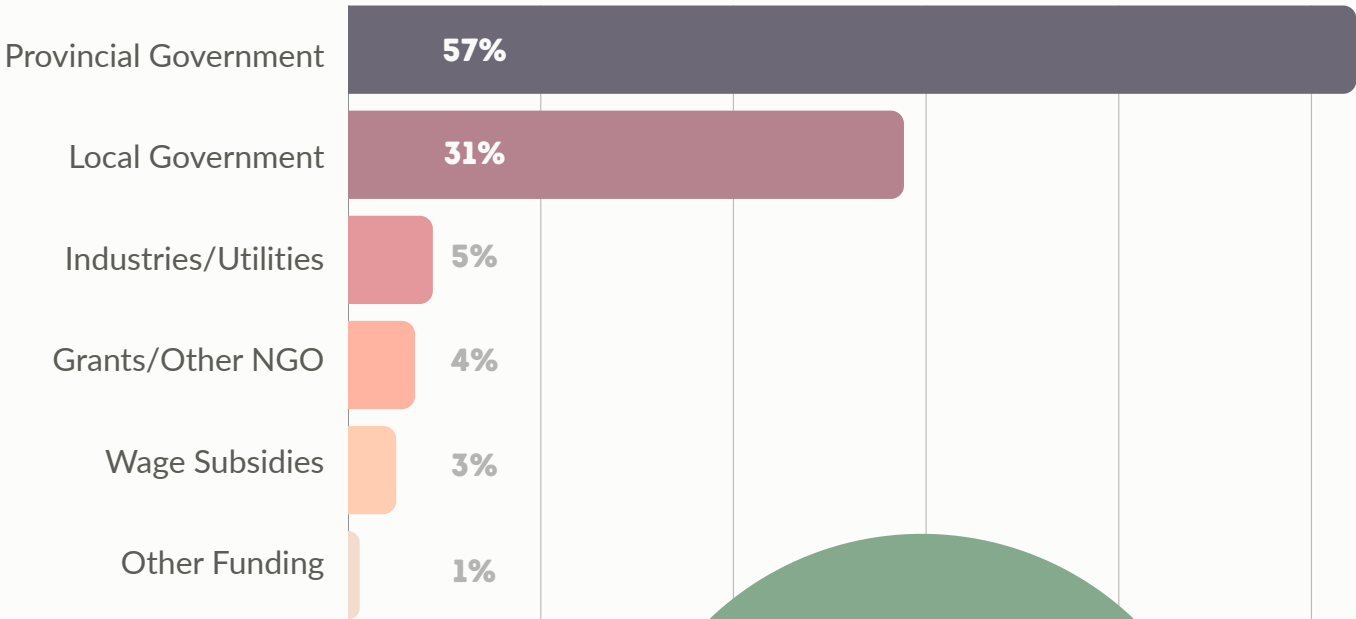
Funding for this project was provided by the BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation.



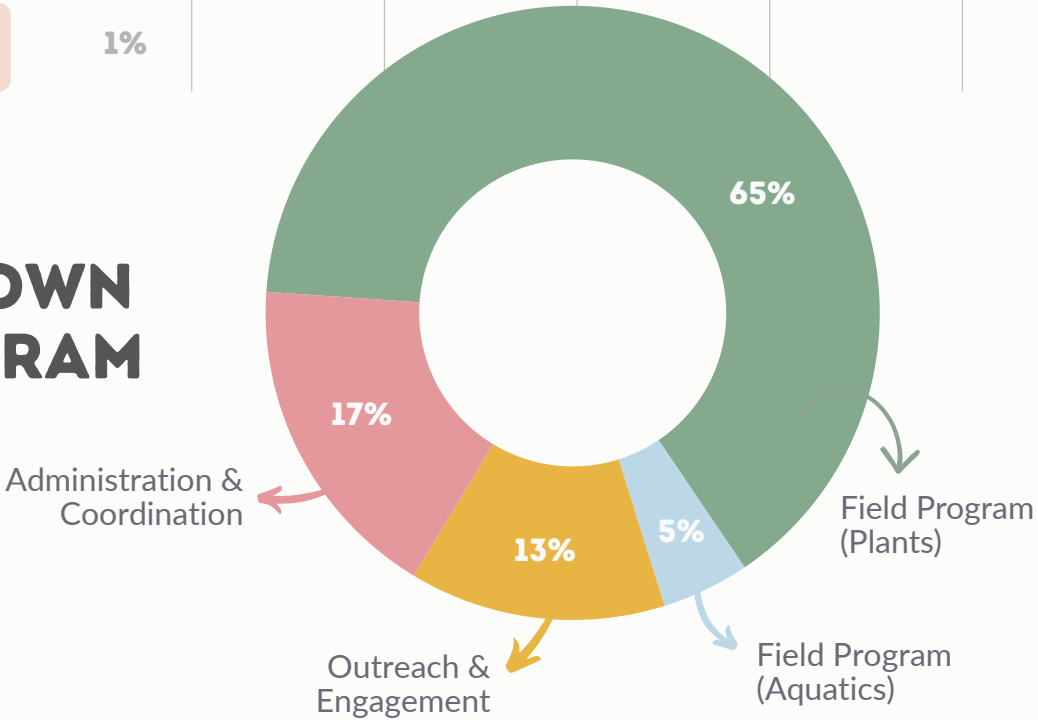
We sincerely thank our funders for their continued support of the FVISS. They enable us to continue raising awareness of invasive species, coordinate with our network to stay apprised of new introductions, and conduct management efforts throughout in the Fraser Valley.

# 2025 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## FUNDING BY SOURCE



## BREAKDOWN BY PROGRAM



# FUNDING PARTNERS & IN-KIND SUPPORT



Ministry of  
Transportation  
and Infrastructure



Ministry of  
Forests



Ministry of  
Environment and  
Climate Change Strategy



**THANK YOU FOR  
SUPPORTING  
THE FVISS!**



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