



Announcement

CATCHMENT RESTORATION FUND FOR ENGLAND LAUNCHED TODAY

£28M CONFIRMED FUNDING FROM DEFRA FOR RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT WORK FOR 2012-2015

The Catchment Restoration Fund (CRF), which will be administered by the Environment Agency and supported by the River Restoration Centre, is now open to applications for projects starting in 2012/13. The CRF forms part of the Government's Water Framework Directive Programme.

Funding is available to charitable organisations to carry out projects in England that will restore rivers, lakes, wetlands, estuaries, coastal habitats and their surrounding landscapes to more natural conditions.

- [Find out more about the CRF and how to apply](#)
- Read today's press notice on CRF - <http://www.defra.gov.uk/news/2012/02/03/28-million-to-enable-communities-to-spring-clean-england%e2%80%99s-rivers/>

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with the [CRF technical team](#) to discuss the fund or to discuss project proposals in relation to other activities going on in the Region please contact your relevant [River Basin District Programme Manager](#).

Also recently published is [a programme of WFD delivery projects](#) being taken forward this year with a total value of £18m. Delivery partners include the Environment Agency, Natural England, The Rivers Trust, The Wildlife Trusts, Coal Authority and Local Action Groups.

All of this funding is part of the £92m funding [announced in April 2011](#) with a primary purpose of helping to achieve Water Framework Directive goals in England.

