

2017 UK River Prize Finalist

River Frome - Stroud Rural Sustainable Drainage Project *Innovation Project*

The Stroud RsuDs project is located in the catchment of the Stroud River Frome, which rises from the Cotswold escarpment in Gloucestershire. The project arose primarily out of a concerted effort by community flood action groups to reduce flood risk using natural flood management techniques.

The vision is “To create a river catchment where water management is fully integrated into land management practices. Where public bodies, private companies and local communities work together to manage water within the landscape, creating valuable habitat for wildlife and people, and limiting flood risk downstream”.

The majority of headwaters in the catchment have been impacted by incision and bank erosion, straightening and removal of woody debris, siltation and soil pollution. To help achieve the project's vision and aims over 280 measures have been installed over 18km of stream/river. Key activities undertaken include introducing large quantities of Large Woody Debris, reducing the speed of flow in erosion gullies by filling with logs and brush and much more.

The long term vision is to link with partners working to improve fish migration from the sea to the restored headwaters and to create an enduring and sustainable system for adding new projects and maintaining river improvement works.

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Project partners

- Stroud District Council
- Environment Agency

