



# Legacy Funding Supporting Community Resiliency against Climate Change

Research Forest

The Nazko First Nation's traditional territory is located within British Columbia's Interior Plateau – an area that experiences continuous disturbance from wildfires and floods. These regular disturbances to the territory are challenging to the Nazko peoples' ability to adapt and maintain resilient communities within their territory. The Nazko First Nation has initiated a Landscape Recovery Program, to address these resiliency challenges. Funding from the CNC Research Forest Legacy Fund in the spring of 2022 is providing partial financial support for Nazko's recovery program.



Traditional Plant Inventory outdoor garden design and location  
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Welcoming Ceremony from Nazko elders, members and chief  
Mjolsness, 2022



Traditional trees and shrubs to be planted in outdoor garden  
Mjolsness, 2022



Sitting area with trail and garden beds for traditional shrubs and berry bushes. Mjolsness, 2022



Flood and fire in the Nazko region.  
Courtesy: Cariboo Regional District, 2018



View of small lake within Nazko Community  
Mjolsness, 2022

The Landscape Recovery Program is comprised of multiple phases:

- The first phase involves the development of a Traditional Plant Inventory, guided by community elders as well as regional botany experts.
- The second phase is focused on establishing culturally significant plants within the Nazko community and within a 60 hectare area recently affected by wildfire with the objective to increase fire resiliency, food production and biodiversity.
- The third phase includes the monitoring and maintenance of the trial site as well as the development of a small native plant garden and greenhouse located in the community. The native plant garden and greenhouse will provide areas to propagate traditional plants that may have a role in ecosystem resiliency, biodiversity and food collection within the Nazko Territory.