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British Columbia and Canada are at a crossroads when it comes to flood management; traditional high level government funding and regulation have not been in place since the mid-nineteen-nineties. Since this time there has been a quiet devolution of responsibility to under-resourced lower level governments. The removal of flood management regulation at the federal and provincial level has however opened the door to unique locally-driven flood management solutions. For example, the Cowichan Valley Regional District on Vancouver Island has recently completed a fully integrated flood management plan. This plan includes two-zone mapping and planning, whereas traditionally only a single floodplain area would have been delineated. The plan also incorporates a full-spectrum on non-structural flood management tools, where again traditional funding structures would have required structural flood control.