

Rain Harvesting

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The Sunshine Coast's water supply infrastructure is showing signs of distress; our water treatment plant is operating at full capacity year round, and water use conflicts are emerging during the low-flow times of the year. As well, our population is growing.

In 2007, the SCCA began to consider the potential of rain harvesting to alleviate demand during low flow periods in Chapman Creek. We received a grant from the Sunshine Coast Community Foundation to study rain harvesting feasibility in our community, and have published a [Final Report](#) with recommendations for regional government.



Rain harvesting storage tanks on Hornby Island, January 2009. These tanks store 6,000 gallons of rain water harvested from a 1600 square foot roof. The system provides a home with water for all indoor and outdoor non-potable uses year round. King Anderson photo.