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Terry A'Hearn, SEPA's Chief Executive, said:

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The proposal for the Glazert River Restoration Project in the heart of Lennoxton is the result of a study commissioned by SEPA and the Scottish Government to restore natural waterways.

The aim is to provide flood risk benefits to the River Kelvin and to reduce the likelihood of flooding to communities in Kirkintilloch and Torrance. The restoration work will physically restore the Glazert watercourse in Lennoxton.

This will also enhance the water quality and revitalise the wildlife corridor serving the communities of north Kirkintilloch, Milton of Campsie, Lennoxton, Clachan of Campsie and Haughhead.

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"This exciting project to improve the condition of the Glazert Water is good news for local communities and the environment. This will restore wildlife and habitats along the river, minimise the likelihood of flooding and improve amenity for locals. We will continue to work with our partners to help ensure the sustainable future of the Glazert Water."

SEPA will provide technical expertise on the project and have received match WEF (Water Environment Fund) funding from Scottish Government.

The project aims to reconnect the river back to the original flood plain which will have benefits for areas downstream where risk of flooding will be reduced. Improved water quality will help to increase biodiversity. Historically, industrial pollution including red ore from mining in the area had reduced the water quality of the Glazert river.

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[SEPA's Chief Executive calls on Tayside youngsters to share flooding knowledge](#)

📅 25 September 2018

SEPA's Chief Executive, Terry A'Hearn, attended the Safe Taysiders event at Baluniefield Police Training Station in Dundee yesterday (Monday 24 September) to encourage young people to educate their friends and family on how they can be flood-prepared.

- The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) is working with partners to raise awareness of flooding amongst young people
- Safe Taysiders is an annual event which helps young people to learn how they can be flood-prepared
- SEPA's Chief Executive attended Safe Taysiders to encourage young people to share what they have learned with friends and family

Safe Taysiders is an annual event, organised by Dundee City Council, which aims to increase awareness of how young people can stay safe in a number of different flooding situations. Over 1,500 pupils across Tayside are expected to take part in the event which runs from 17 September to 4 October.

All pupils complete a hazard perception activity to see if they can identify potential flooding risks, and are given the opportunity to put what they have learned into practice using SEPA's flood activity mat.

Mr A'Hearn said:

"Every day SEPA works to help Scotland prepare more powerfully for future increased flooding. Flooding affects us all but often young people don't initially think it is something that is relevant to them.

"The Safe Taysiders event is a great opportunity to help children learn about

flooding, where it can come from and how it can be dangerous. I am very impressed with how quickly the children were able to identify the key sources of flooding and the potential hazards. We hope that the children will take what they have learned and use this knowledge to help spread the word to their friends and families on how they can be flood-prepared.”

A host of information to help young people learn about how to be prepared for flooding, including a video on how to make a flood kit and fun games which teach children how to stay safe, is available on SEPA's [Floodline Kids](#) webpage.

If you would like to sign up to Floodline to receive Flood Alerts or Warnings for your areas you can do this [on-line](#) or by phone on 0345 988 1188.

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