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Rainwater Management & Green Infrastructure:

Building local government capacity through the Learning Lunch Seminar Series



Your Learning Lunch Seminar Team

TEAM LEADER:

- Kim Stephens, Program Coordinator, Water Sustainability Action Plan for BC

COWICHAN VALLEY ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

- Kate Miller, CVRD Environmental Manager
- Rob Conway, CVRD Development Services
- Peter Nilsen, North Cowichan Deputy Engineer
- David Hewetson, Duncan Building Inspector

GUEST FACULTY:

- Susan Rutherford, West Coast Environmental Law Foundation
- Kevin Lagan Derek Richmond, City of Courtenay
- Peter Law, Marlene Caskey & Maggie Henigman, MOE
- Dean Mousseau, City of Nanaimo

The Learning Lunch Seminar Series will facilitate inter-departmental alignment and a consistent regional approach

THE CURRICULUM

- June 6: Today's Expectations are Tomorrow's Standards
- June 20: Legal and Policy Strategies to Support Green Infrastructure
- July 11: Establish Watershed Performance Targets

The first hour is structured in three parts:

- **Set the Context**
- **Legislative Overview**
- **Sediment & Erosion Control**

Living Water Smart: Provincial policy is that by 2012, all land and water managers will know what makes a stream healthy, and therefore be able to help land and water users factor in new approaches to securing stream health and the full range of stream benefits.



Desired Outcome: Create liveable communities; protect stream health!



We will begin by having a group discussion to reflect on what we learned in Seminar #1

“Convening for Action”

is designed to turn ideas into action

- **What** is the problem?
- **So What** can be done about it?
- **Now What** will be done?



When 'convening for action', we build capacity by creating a picture of the future:

1. **Vision:** What do you want this place to look like in 20 years, 50 years?
2. **Starting Point:** What are you doing to achieve this?
3. **Strategy:** What are you going to do better or differently to get from here to there?

Learning Outcomes for 'Legal and Policy Strategies to Support Green Infrastructure'

- *Hour #1* –
You will be introduced to the tools available under the Local Government Act to manage the rainfall spectrum
- *Hour #2* –
You will understand why and how engineered green infrastructure is being incorporated into land development projects to protect stream health
- *Hour #3* –
You will understand how to use the 2007 Green Infrastructure Guide as a planning resource and/or tool

Next, Susan Rutherford will provide an overview of municipal responsibilities

This truism provides context for what follows:

Local government exerts control over rainwater runoff volume....through its land development and infrastructure policies, practices and standards

**To complete the morning program,
Kevin Lagan and Derek Richmond
will describe the City of Courtenay
Sediment & Erosion Control Bylaw**

**After a short lunch break, we will
learn how to 'Develop with Care'**