



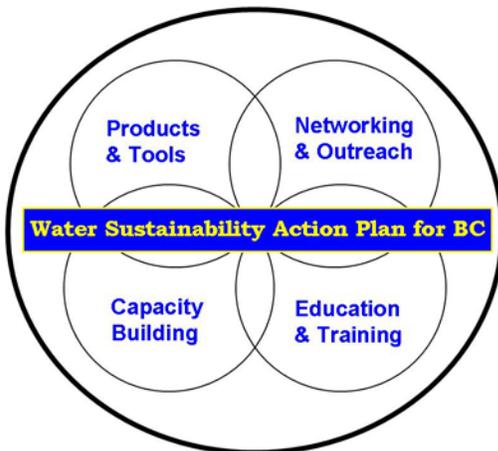
Synopsis of accomplishments during the period 2005 - 2007

The **Water Sustainability Action Plan for British Columbia** is a partnership umbrella for an array of on-the-ground initiatives that advance a 'water-centric' approach to community planning and development. Primary partnerships include:

- Water Sustainability Committee
- Green Infrastructure Partnership
- Water Balance Model Partnership
- Water Bucket Website Partnership
- Convening for Action on Vancouver Island (CAVI) Partnership

Developed in 2003-2004 by the BC Water & Waste Association through a partnership with the provincial government, the Action Plan has evolved into a comprehensive program for 'Convening for Action'. The program is being delivered through BCWWA and comprises four areas of activity:

- Products and Tools
- Networking and Outreach
- Capacity Building
- Education and Training



The **Convening for Action in British Columbia** initiative was formally launched in February 2005 at a Kelowna conference. During the period 2005-2007, the initial phases of regional pilot programs were implemented in the South Okanagan, in Metro Vancouver and on Vancouver Island. Milestone events included:

- In May 2005, Convening for Action was formally launched in the Metro Vancouver region when the **Green Infrastructure Partnership** organized a consultation workshop in collaboration with the Regional Engineers Advisory Committee of the Greater Vancouver Regional District.
- In May 2006, a **Mini-Summit on Water for Life and Livelihoods in the South Okanagan** was held in conjunction with the Annual BCWWA Conference program.
- In September 2006, **Convening for Action on Vancouver Island (CAVI)** was formally launched by conducting a consultation workshop as a shoulder event to the Water in the City Conference.



The Convening for Action vision is that water sustainability in British Columbia will be achieved through implementation of green infrastructure policies, practices and standards.

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Through outreach and education, the goal is to influence land and water practitioners to learn about and use practices that better balance the necessary relationships of settlement activity and ecological assets in local and regional landscapes.

The Convening for Action program is providing local governments and practitioners with the tools and experience to better manage land and water resources. Noteworthy accomplishments include:

- Completed during the period 2005 – 2007, the **South Okanagan Regional Growth Strategy** is the pilot for water-centric action in British Columbia.
- In 2006, the pilot program for the **Showcasing Green Infrastructure Innovation Series** was held in Metro Vancouver. Hosted by local governments, the success of the inaugural series paved the way for implementation of parallel series on both sides of the Georgia Basin in 2007.
- In 2006, conversations with an Ad Hoc Mayors and Chairs Focus Group yielded insights that have shaped implementation of the Convening for Action program; these insights were documented in a report titled **Water - Choosing Sustainability for Life and Livelihoods: Convening for Action in British Columbia**.
- In 2007, CAVI commenced a multi-year program that is designed to advance the vision for **A Positive Settlement Strategy for Vancouver Island**.

Tools developed under the Action Plan umbrella include:

- the Water Bucket Website at www.waterbucket.ca.
- the Water Balance Model for British Columbia at www.waterbalance.ca; and

Water Bucket: During the period 2005-2006, the Water Bucket was expanded from two to eight communities-of-interest.

Just go to waterbucket.ca!



Water Balance Model: In mid-2006, work commenced to integrate the Water Balance Model with QUALHYMO, a continuous simulation tool developed by the Ontario Ministry of Environment in the early 1980s for rainfall-runoff modeling. The purpose of the integrated tool is to help local governments achieve desired urban stream health and environmental protection outcomes at a watershed scale.

