

# Green vocabulary defined

Projected growth and resulting cumulative impacts are the drivers for implementing changes in where and how we develop land and use water.

To help advance a new way of thinking about land development, CAVI has developed and is promoting use of the following hierarchy of “green” vocabulary:

- **Green Value** means land use strategies will accommodate settlement needs in practical ways while protecting the ecological resources upon which communities depend. At the heart of a *Green Value* approach is the valuation methodology that provides the business case for reconciliation of short-term versus long-term thinking related to risk and profit.
- **Design with Nature** is one approach to achieve *Green Value*, and is supportive of community goals that relate to building social capacity.



Design with Nature

- » Compact complete communities
- » More transportation options
- » Reduced loads on water, waste and energy systems
- » Urban greenspace protection
- » Lighter “hydrological footprint”
- » Stream, wetland & lake protection

- **Green Infrastructure** is the on-the-ground application of *Design with Nature* standards and practices.
- **Water Sustainability** emphasizes conservation and is achieved through *Green Infrastructure* practices that reflect a full and proper understanding of the relationship between land and water.

## At CAVI...

*We bring together those who plan and regulate land use (local government), those who build (developers) and those who provide the legislative framework (the Province).*

*We provide expertise and support to municipalities and organizations with a focus on achieving water sustainability and then help them share their ideas and successes so that others can see how they too can get on board.*

## How do I learn more about CAVI?

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[www.conveningforaction.ca](http://www.conveningforaction.ca)



## CAVI

Convening for Action  
on Vancouver Island  
Leadership in water sustainability



A regional pilot program under the  
Water Sustainability Action Plan for British Columbia



# Who is CAVI?

CAVI is the acronym for Convening for Action on Vancouver Island – Leadership for Water Sustainability.

CAVI is a regional pilot program that is being implemented under the umbrella of the Water Sustainability Action Plan for British Columbia.

The CAVI vision is that by 2010, Vancouver Island will be well on its way to achieving water sustainability.

*CAVI is an inclusive partnership, reaching out to audiences that share a vision of achieving water sustainability on Vancouver Island.*

## The CAVI Partnership comprises:

- British Columbia Water & Waste Association (BCWWA)
- Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia
- Ministry of Environment
- Ministry of Community Services
- Green Infrastructure Partnership

The CAVI Leadership Team is comprised of individuals from across sectors, including local and provincial government, the Water Sustainability Action Plan, Real Estate Foundation of BC, Islands Trust, POLIS Project, Highlands Stewardship Foundation, Nature's Revenue Streams and Corix.

CAVI is co-funded by the Province and the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia. The Water Sustainability Committee of BCWWA is providing program delivery services.



## What does CAVI do?

CAVI provides leadership, coordination, research and education for practitioners. The target audience is primarily local government administrators, engineers, planners and elected officials, CAVI also encourages and supports participation by the development, academic, First Nations and citizen communities, so that collectively we can plan for sustainable water resources in the context of future settlement activity on Vancouver Island.

## Between now & 2010, the CAVI mission is to:

1. Provide leadership on water sustainability
2. Integrate with other groups
3. Bring together local government and the development community
4. Provide access to expertise
5. Encourage introduction of a *Design with Nature* way of thinking
6. Celebrate examples of green infrastructure that achieve *Design with Nature* outcomes
7. Evolve a framework for water-centric planning that is keyed to accepting and managing risk, learning by doing, and rewarding innovation

The operative words are vision, partnerships, communication, ecological integrity, human well-being, sustainability, water-centric

...and simply put...a desire to work together for Vancouver Island.



*CAVI is a grassroots, collective partnership committed to achieving settlement in balance with ecology, beginning with water-centric planning.*