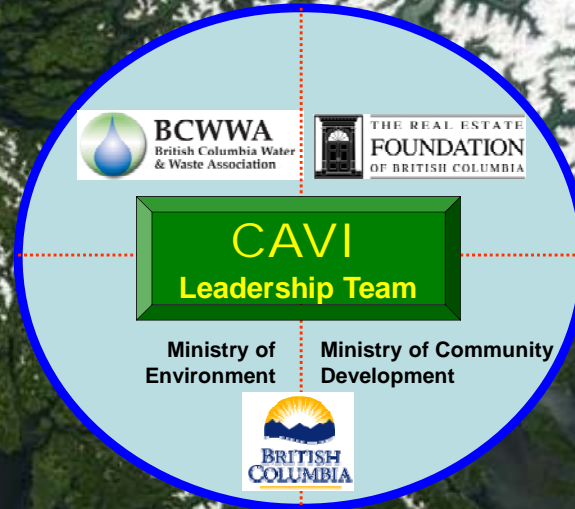


**CAVI – Convening for Action on Vancouver Island
Leadership in Water Sustainability**



“Beyond the Guidebook”:

***Create Liveable Communities
and Protect Stream Health!***



Where and how land is developed determines....

- **How water is used**

- *sustainability of supply*

- **How water runs off the land**

- *sustainability of aquatic habitat*

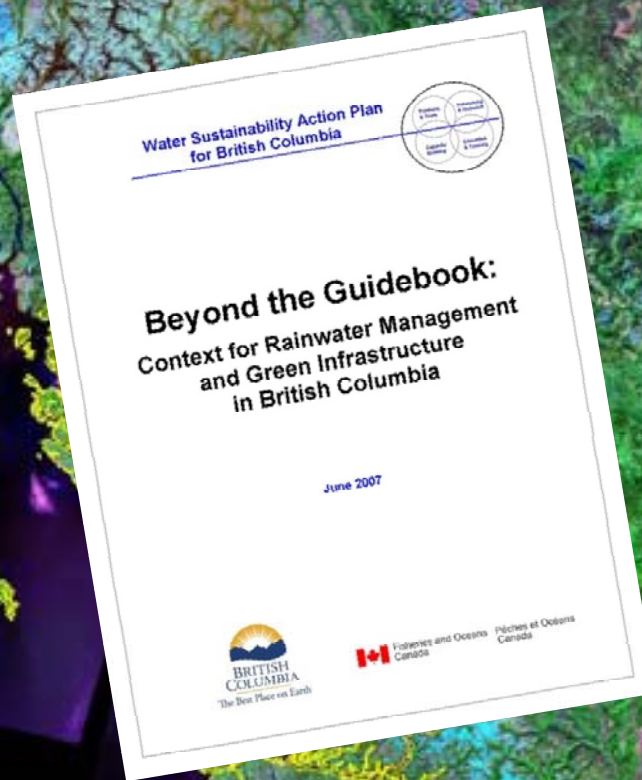
An aerial photograph of a landscape. The top half shows green, hilly terrain with a blue river winding through it. The bottom half shows a city area with a large blue body of water, possibly a bay or a large reservoir, and a network of blue lines representing waterways or infrastructure. A green rectangular box is overlaid on the middle of the image, containing white text.

Design with Nature:

**Rainwater Management is at
the heart of Green Infrastructure**

*To create livable communities
and protect stream health*

**‘Beyond the Guidebook’ is about
changing the way we develop land:**



***To create livable communities
& protect stream health!***

**When 'convening for action', we create
a picture of the future that we want:**

1. **Vision:** What the Comox Valley
will look like in 50 years **~WHAT~**
2. **Goal:** Implement the
New Business As Usual **~SO WHAT~**
3. **Strategy:** What we are going to do better or
differently to get from here to there
~NOW WHAT~

On September 19, you learned that
'today's expectations are
tomorrow's standards' - *WHAT:*

1. **From single purpose Stormwater Management to multiple objective RAINwater Management**
2. **To get to the big picture, start with the smallest pieces**
3. ***Stormwater Planning: A Guidebook for BC* is science-based and outcome-oriented**

On October 24, you learned about 'legal and policy strategies to support green infrastructure' – *SO WHAT:*

1. **The *Green Infrastructure Guide* illustrates the extensive and very specific tools available to local government**
2. **Accept the risks when choosing a new path and look for the benefits that will result**
3. **If it is a dirty construction site, there will be no building inspection!**

Today, you will learn that 'nature has no boundaries' – *NOW WHAT:*

1. **Three lenses bring our future into focus:**

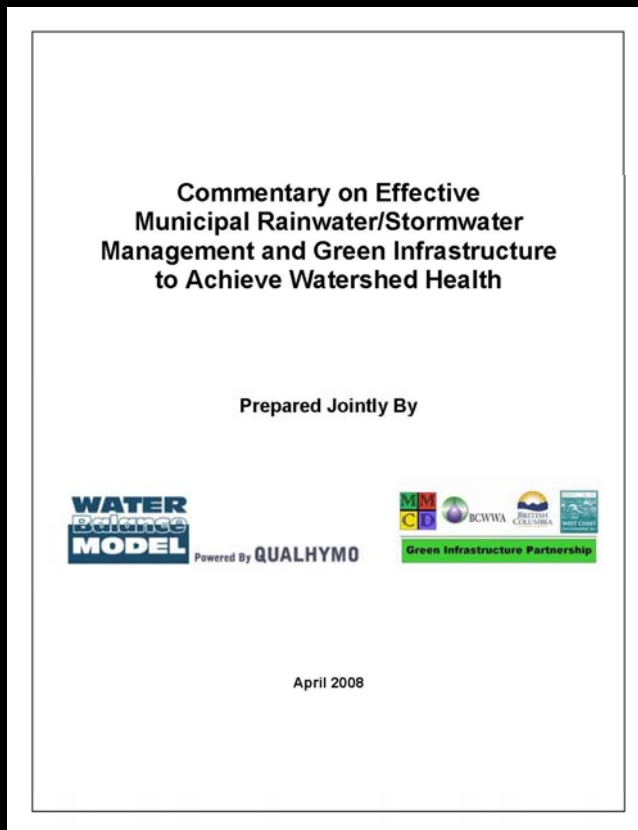
- A Regional Growth Strategy
- Climate Change
- Quality of Life and Place

2. **Water is the unifying element:**

- Climate change adaptation is all about water
- If we get the water part right ,
then other parts will be more likely to follow

3. **A regional team approach will ensure consistency in *doing business differently***

Municipalities have the tools to achieve urban watershed goals and objectives



“The Commentary identifies specific actions and commitments for greening the built environment and protecting watershed health by means of affordable and effective performance targets.”

- Susan Rutherford
April 2008



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Living Water Smart:

“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!

An aerial photograph of a river delta, showing a complex network of water channels and land. The water is a dark blue-grey, and the land is a mix of green and brown. A prominent green horizontal bar is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing white text. Another smaller green bar is at the bottom, containing black text.

The New Business As Usual: Create Liveable Communities & Protect Stream Health

In conclusion, a 'Design with Nature' approach and re-use of resources are key to climate change adaptation