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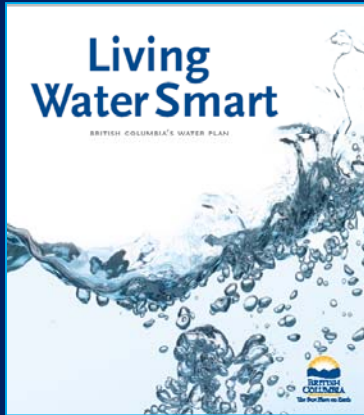


Living Water Smart & Building Greener Communities: Provincial Context for a Regional Team Approach

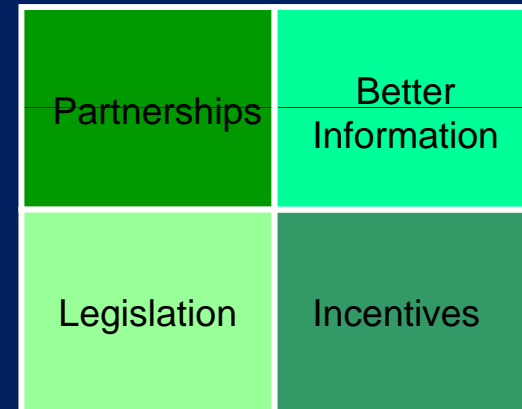
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A Call to Action

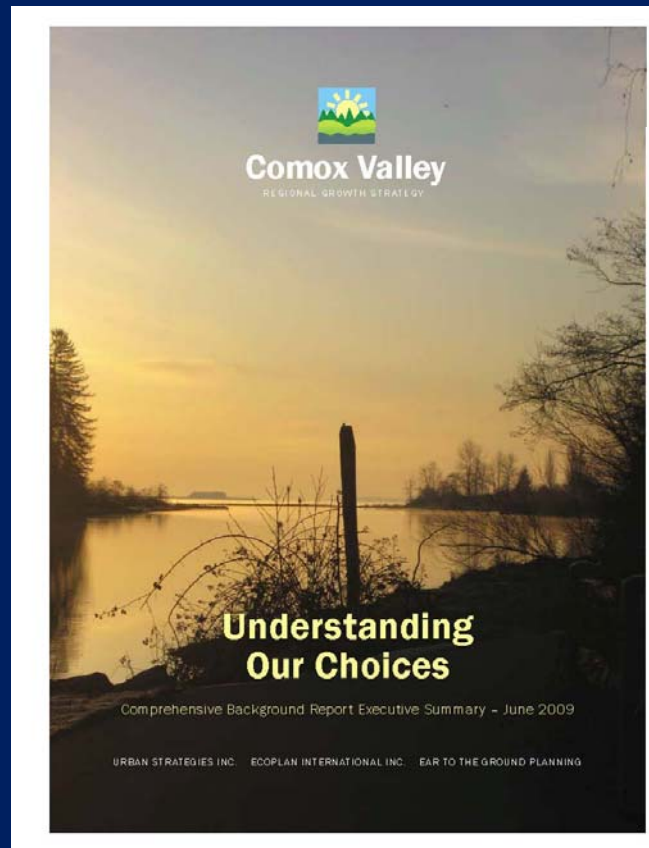


Living Water Smart, BC's Water Plan

and the **Green Communities Initiative** provide a vision of what the regions of our province can look like if local governments.....

- prepare communities for climate change,
- choose to live water smart, and
- strive to build greener communities

A Perspective on the Regional Growth Strategy: *“from Boundaries to Commonalities”*





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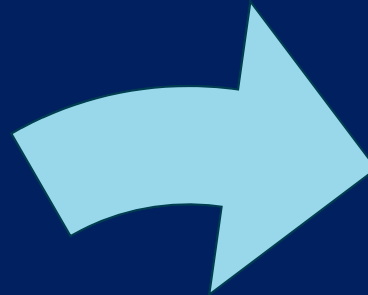
.....is government's vision and commitment to ensure our water stays healthy and secure, now and in the future.





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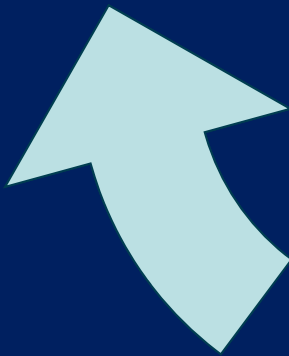
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Grant Programs

Leverage to promote sustainable development

Provincial Legislation & Strategies



Partnerships & Projects

Education
Communication
Guidelines

Inter-intra governmental
Integration
Support tools





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Program Goals and Objectives



- Based on the principles of sustainability
- Integrated, holistic approaches to resolve issues
- Sustainable infrastructure does not mean building your way out of problems
- Engineering rules and approaches are changing
- Manage the resources



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Leveraging Change through Infrastructure Grants

TODAY:

Eligibility: Open to all projects

Assessment Criteria: The greener the better

Conditions: e.g. Water Conservation Plan

TOMORROW:

Eligibility: All projects must meet a green standard

Assessment Criteria: Strong support for green projects

Conditions: e.g. Watershed Management Plan

Today's Expectations are Tomorrow's Standards