



# The Bowker Creek

## Blueprint

### **Implementation: The Municipal Perspective**

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## What should be simple...



- Council's acceptance of the blueprint
- Continuing to financially support the BCI annually
- Maintaining the community momentum of raising awareness and taking initiative
- Supporting/completing the Blueprint's top 10 creek corridor key actions
- Most of the Blueprint's watershed management actions (7/9)



## What might be difficult...



- Moving from business-as-usual/existing infrastructure to LID stormwater management
- Setting limits to Effective Impervious Area
- Dealing with persistent invasive species
- Daylighting on private property
- Competing for acquisition dollars
- Recognizing the gains made over time
- Keeping track of actions and setting priorities for future actions



## What are the issues...



- Staff resources, financial resources, competing projects
- An urban watershed
- Taking the proven, safe, cheap & easy route
- Most of the creek is not on public land
- A paved over, flashy creek
- Poor native soils



## What are the opportunities...



- **Integrating with recent and new long-term plans:**
  - **Urban Forest Strategy**
  - **Shelbourne Corridor Action Plan**
  - **Climate Action Plan**
  - **Official Community Plan & Local Area Plan**
  - **Invasive Species Program**
- **Benefiting from new requirements:**
  - **Pesticide Bylaw**
  - **Stormwater requirements harmonization initiative**
- **Using the blueprint to inform decision-making including development applications**
- **On-going inter-jurisdictional cooperation**



## Key Factors for Success...



- A 100 year plan
- Success will be slow and steady—we need to celebrate along the way—while the plan becomes part of our institutional cultures
- If we imitate this approach for other watersheds
- It has an integrated perspective, more than just a stormwater management plan, with broader appeal
- Total price tag not identified; and the ability to fund incrementally through a variety of means
- Reach-by-reach approach and presentation
- We won't need any more plans...let the implementation begin!