



Creating Our Future

- ❑ **Balancing Settlement & Ecology**
- ❑ **Leadership in Water Sustainability**
- ❑ **Nature's Revenue Streams**

Leadership in Water Sustainability

- **Look Back**
- **Look Ahead**

Celebrate Success. Build on Success.

The Water Sustainability Action Plan for BC....



... provides a partnership umbrella for
an array of *on-the-ground* initiatives that promote
a 'water-centric' approach to community planning

Water-centric planning means...

- We will plan with a view to water – *whether for a site, a region, or the province*
- We will integrate missions, mandates and accountabilities
- We will move towards a **water balance** way-of-thinking and acting...to deal with uncertainty, manage / accept risk, and build in resiliency



Water OUT = Water IN

Change on-the-ground is being advanced through partnerships:



- **Green Infrastructure Partnership**
- **Water Bucket Website Partnership**
- **Water Balance Model Partnership**
- **Convening for Action in British Columbia**

**Convening for Action on Vancouver Island
[CAVI]
is a provincial pilot for water-centric planning**



The genesis for CAVI was 'Meeting of the Minds', a grass-roots initiative that started...

...a communications network to
address the issues facing the
water and wastewater industry
within the Vancouver Island region



CAVI is led by a team that represents both the government and private sectors, and is supported by four organizations



WATER IN THE CITY CONFERENCE

September 17 - 20, 2006
Victoria, British Columbia



CAVI was formally launched in conjunction with the Water in the City Conference



Over the next three years, the CAVI mission is to...

- Integrate with other groups
- Bring together local government and the development community
- **Encourage introduction of a 'design with nature' way-of-thinking in local government decision processes**
- **Celebrate examples of green infrastructure that achieve 'design with nature' outcomes**
- Evolve a framework for water-centric planning that is keyed to accepting risk, learning by doing, and rewarding innovation

The goal is to educate stakeholders on *how to implement a 'Design with Nature' approach to community design*



- Develop compact, complete communities
- Increase transportation options
- Reduce the loads on water, waste and energy systems
- **Protect and restore urban 'green' space**
- **Strive for a lighter 'hydrologic footprint'**
- **Achieve higher levels of receiving water protection**

Coming soon to a venue near you!

- Consultation Workshop
at the Gaining Ground Summit (June)
- Celebrating Green Infrastructure:
Showcasing Innovation Series
- Green Subdivision Design:
Water Balance Model Training Workshop(s)
www.waterbalance.ca
- Mayors and Chairs Green Infrastructure Forum
- Vancouver Island 'Water Portal' on the
Water Bucket Website www.waterbucket.ca

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- Agriculture and Water
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- Water Sustainability Committee

Latest Updates

Irrigation Scheduling Calculator
Read more at Agriculture and Water

Water Balance Model
Read more at Agriculture and Water

POLIS Project report goes beyond the urban environment, addressing specific issues of governance
Read more at Convening for Action

WATER SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA
Read more at Convening for Action

Lantzville introduces low-impact development bylaw
Read more at Green Infrastructure

BRITISH COLUMBIA MUNICIPALITIES LEAD THE WAY WITH ECO-SENSITIVE STREETS:

waterbucket
Sustainable Approaches to Water Resources

The vision of waterbucket.ca is to provide a resource-rich, highly interactive 'destination location' for timely and provocative information about water sustainability in British Columbia.