

# Convening for Action on Vancouver Island Leadership in Water Sustainability



## **Creating Our Future: What will Vancouver Island look like in 50 years?** Moderator: Kim Stephens

....a shoulder workshop to the Gaining Ground Summit Conference  
 ....June 3, 2007 at the Laurel Point Inn in Victoria

	Time	Theme	Speaker
	0900	<i>Registration</i>	
1	1000	<b><i>Defining a Common Vocabulary:</i></b> 1. Creating Our Future One Site at a Time: Challenge, Inform, Enable 2. Why We Are Convening for Action: To Move Green Value from Concept to Practice 3. What is Green Value, Really?	Kim Stephens Tim Pringle & John Finnie Chris Corps
2	1045	<b><i>Roundtable Sharing:</i></b> Celebrating Innovation on Vancouver Island – Who is Doing What	Facilitated by Cori Barraclough
3	1145	Green Value: Designing with Nature at Different Scales	Tim Pringle
	1215	<i>Eat Lunch &amp; Re-Energize</i>	
4	1300	<b><i>Convening for Action on Vancouver Island Case Studies:</i></b> 1. Cowichan Basin Water Management Plan: 'Water for Life & Livelihoods' – from awareness to action 2. City of Langford: Managing Risk, Learning by Doing, and Adapting	Tom Anderson John Manson
	1435	<i>Pause &amp; Refresh</i>	
	1455	<b><i>Convening for Action on Vancouver Island Case Studies:</i></b> 3. Green Shores: Looking at Standards for Shoreline Development & Conservation 4. Nature's Revenue Streams: Turning 'Green' into 'Gold'	Brian Emmett Patrick Lucey
5	1615	<b><i>Roundtable Feedback:</i></b> What will you now do differently as a result of what you learned today?	Facilitated by Cori Barraclough
6	1630	<i>What Next:</i> Green Infrastructure Forum for Mayors & Chairs	John Finnie

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<b>Workshop Overview</b>	
<b>Desired Outcomes in Convening for Action on Vancouver Island:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Influence Vancouver Island local governments to adopt Design with Nature as the preferred process of approving land development applications.</li> <li>2. Facilitate the move from <i>awareness</i> (interest) to <i>action</i> (practice) in changing the way land is developed and water is used on Vancouver Island.</li> </ol>
<b>The Vocabulary Hierarchy:</b>	<p><b>Green Value</b> is an over-arching concept; and encompasses market, social and environmental values.</p> <p><b>Design with Nature</b> is one approach to achieve Green Value, and is supportive of community goals that relate to building social capacity.</p> <p><b>Green Infrastructure</b> is the on-the-ground application of Design with Nature standards and practices.</p> <p><b>Water Sustainability</b> is achieved through Green Infrastructure practices that reflect a full and proper understanding of the relationship between land and water.</p>
<b>The Gaining Ground Workshop is an action arising from the Water in the City Workshop (Sept 2006):</b>	<p>The Water in the City Workshop was the first step in an educational and consultative process. The workshop was by invitation and had a broad cross-section of representation. A workshop specifically for local government was identified as the logical “next step” because:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Implementing new practices will need clearly defined standards and regulatory models.</li> <li>2. Willing municipalities will be invited to pool resources under a partnership framework.</li> </ol>
<b>Desired Outcomes for Gaining Ground Workshop:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Participants will embrace the vision for being leaders in water sustainability.</li> <li>2. Participants will have absorbed the vocabulary of <i>green value, convening for action, designing with nature, water sustainability, and green infrastructure.</i></li> <li>3. Participants will commit to showcasing on-the-ground innovation in their communities and participating in the <b>Green Infrastructure Forum for Mayors and Chairs</b> in Fall 2007</li> </ol>
<b>Workshop participation was by invitation to:</b> (up to a maximum of 50)	<p>Elected Officials            Chief Administrative Officers            Senior Planning and Engineering Managers            First Nations            Victoria Real Estate Board            TimberWest</p>