

# Creating Our Future: Convening for Action on Vancouver Island

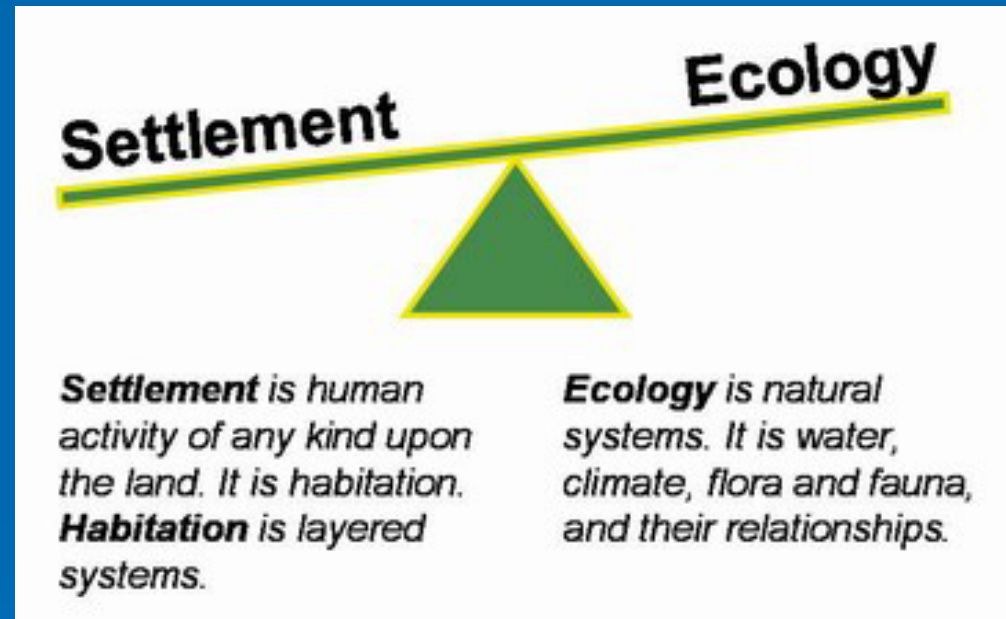
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# The genesis for CAVI was 'Meeting of the Minds', a grass-roots initiative that started as a communications network



# What Does CAVI do?

- Leadership
- Coordination
- Education
- Opportunity



**Planning for sustainable water resources  
in the context of burgeoning settlement activity**

# ***Progress Check: CAVI is gaining mass and building momentum***

- 2005: first *Meeting of the Minds* focus group workshop in Parksville
- 2006: formal launch of CAVI at the

A banner for the 'Water in the City Conference' featuring a background of water ripples and a city skyline with several skyscrapers. The text is overlaid on the left side of the banner.

**WATER IN THE CITY CONFERENCE**

September 17 - 20, 2006  
Victoria, British Columbia

- Today: It's 2009 in 2007!

# **The CAVI Network is inclusive and expanding:**

- Local Governments
  - Senior Governments
  - Development Community
  - Consulting Community
  - Public
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# What is CAVI up to right now?

## Showcasing Green Infrastructure Innovation on Vancouver Island: The 2007 Series

- ☑ September 14 – Nanaimo Region  
‘Designing with Nature’
- ☑ September 28 – Cowichan Basin  
‘Partnerships & Collaboration –  
Moving from Concept to Reality’
- ☐ October 12 – Comox Valley  
‘Connecting to Sustainability’

# What is coming up next?

- On December 3, it will be “Lead the Leaders”....  
***Green Infrastructure Leadership Forum***  
in partnership with AVICC
- Then, in February 2008 it will be....  
***Cowichan Valley Water Balance Model  
Training Workshop***
- Followed by much, much more....stay tuned for  
other events and workshops being planned for 2008

# The keys to the success of CAVI are...

- We don't preach
- We create learning and networking opportunities
- We focus on the relationship between land and water:  
high profile, public priority, political support
- We promote sharing of ideas and experience



# The CAVI mission is to....

- Provide leadership
- Integrate with other groups
- Bring together local government and the development community
- Provide access to expertise
- 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 and managing risk, learning by doing, and rewarding innovation



# CAVI

It started with an idea and a conversation.

It is about sharing knowledge and ideas.

It is about creating partnerships.