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Green Infrastructure Partnership

Convening for Action to Change the Way We Develop Land: *Design with Nature*



A 'Design with Nature' approach to community design means...



- 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**

In May 2005, we convened a Consultation Workshop that resulted in 'Celebrating Green Infrastructure'



Because it is lonely being a champion, and everyone in local government is so busy, participants expressed a strong desire to pool resources and convene on-the-ground to share 'how to do it' experiences

The goal in Showcasing Innovation is to build regional capacity ...



... by sharing green infrastructure approaches,
experiences and lessons learned as an
outcome of '*designing with nature*'.

The Showcasing Innovation Series creates opportunities to have conversations where learning takes place



First, the project preview



Then, the site visit

2006 Greater Vancouver Pilot Series

Sponsored by GVRD Stormwater Interagency Liaison Group (SILG)

- **MAY** – North Vancouver used a lane, an arterial highway and the Maplewood community to illustrate the benefits of innovation.
- **JUNE** – The Surrey focus was on what can be accomplished on-the-ground, now and over the next 50 years, to restore watershed function.
- **SEPTEMBER** – UBC and Vancouver demonstrated how to build truly ‘green’ streets



**The Showcasing Innovation Series
is resonating because it enables local
governments to tell their stories in a way
that no other forum currently provides**

In 2007, there are parallel series
in Greater Vancouver and on
Vancouver Island



2007 Greater Vancouver Series

Sponsored by Metro Vancouver Stormwater Interagency Liaison Group

- **SEPT 21** – Delta's theme is *Greener Developments, Roadside Rainwater Management, and the Urban Forest*
- **OCT 5**– Langley's theme is *Harmony and Integration*, with the focus on how a 'water-centric' approach is changing neighbourhood design
- **OCT 19** – UniverCity's theme is *A Partnership in Action: from Vision to Implementation* to build a complete, compact community on Burnaby Mtn

2007 Vancouver Island Series

Sponsored by Convening for Action on Vancouver Island

- **SEPT 14** – The theme for the Nanaimo event is *Designing with Nature*
- **SEPT 28** – The theme for the Cowichan Valley event is *Partnerships and Collaboration – Moving from Concept to Reality*
- **OCT 12** – The theme for the Comox Valley event is *Connecting to Sustainability*



Connecting People – We Make It Easy!

