

**Creating Our Future:
Convening for Action on Vancouver Island**


Province of British Columbia
Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks
**VANCOUVER ISLAND
SATELLITE IMAGE MAP**

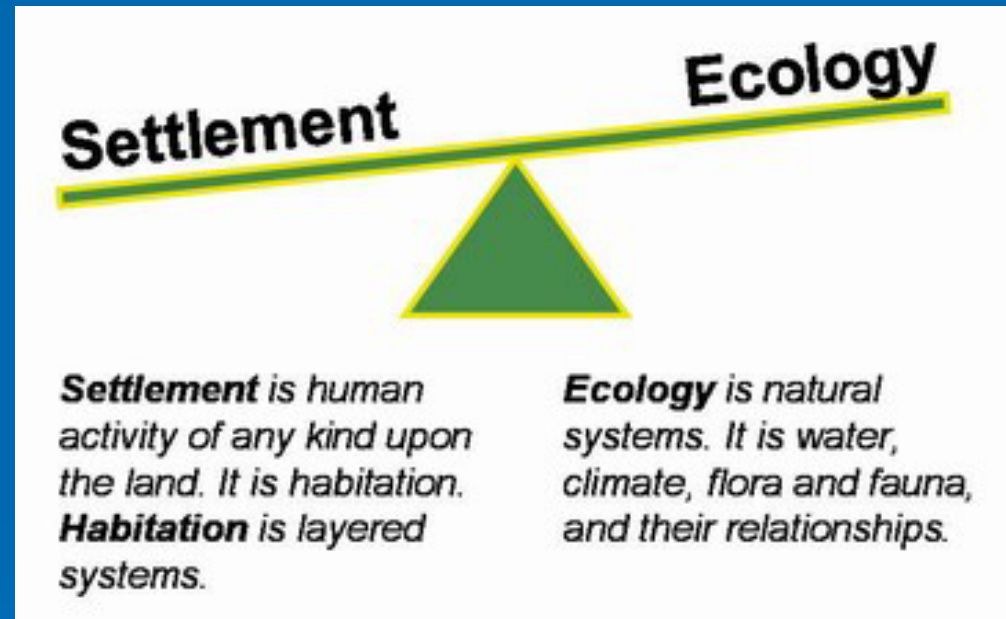
Eric Bonham, CAVI Leadership Team

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
- First Nations
- Consulting Community
- Public

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



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It started with an idea and a conversation.

It is about sharing knowledge and ideas.

It is about creating partnerships.