

Greater Vancouver Regional District
Sustainable Region Initiative Task Force

**Changing the Way We Develop Land:
*Design with Nature***

Mayor Pam Goldsmith-Jones and
the Green Infrastructure Partnership


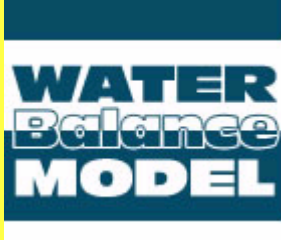
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Green Infrastructure Partnership

The GIP is implementing the program that was an outcome of the 2005 REAC Consultation Workshop

Outreach & Continuing Education Program (OCEP)

	Celebrating Green Infrastructure: Showcasing Innovation Series	Communication Guide for Elected Officials	Guide to Green Infrastructure Standards	
Speaker Series		Communication Guide for Senior Managers	Green Infrastructure Standards	Streamlined Environmental Approvals Protocol

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



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

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

Three Convening for Action regional pilot programs are underway:

- **Greater Vancouver** –
Celebrating Green Infrastructure & Showcasing Innovation
- **Vancouver Island** –
Framework for Water-Centric Land Development Approvals
- **South Okanagan** –
Water for Life & Livelihoods

This is the template for conversations with a provincial Mayors Focus Group

OUR STARTING POINT

1. Is there a window of opportunity to move from talk to action?

2. What is your local perspective on these?

3. What do these words mean to you?

4. Where does your community want to be?

5. How (can, will) this help you get there?

DESIRED OUTCOME:

Our actions determine what the Built Environment looks like. Hence, our premise is that we can achieve environmental, economic and social objectives through our choices.

BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Sustainability & Smart Growth

Green Infrastructure & Design with Nature

Continuum Concept & 50-Yr Vision

Communication Guide for Elected Officials

LIVABLE COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

What will your community look like in 50 years?

How You Can Help Us Help You!

1. Conversations with an expanded Mayors Focus Group
2. Partners in a Communication Guide for Elected Officials
3. Continued funding support through the LWMP Program