Inter-Regional Collaboration for Watershed Sustainability

Collaboration Will Help Everyone More Easily Deliver on Regulatory Requirements

Progress Report to Metro Vancouver Utilities Committee

May 13, 2014

The Partnership has begun the process of recognizing “Champion Supporters”

Metro Vancouver

City of Surrey

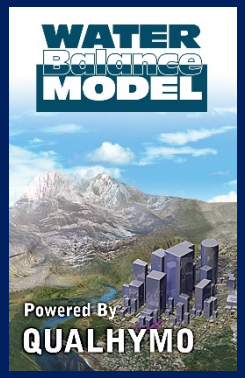
North Vancouver District

Next will be…..City of Coquitlam.

From the Watershed to the Site:

Progress Report on Two Collaborative Initiatives

Georgia Basin
Inter-Regional Education Initiative



Water Balance Model Express
for Landowners

Three Key Messages in the Progress Report

#1 – Accelerated Implementation

#2 – Watershed-Based Processes

#3 – Create a Legacy

Goal of Inter-Regional Collaboration is….

Implementation of ***Standards of Practice*** that

are ***Affordable and Effective*** in maintaining

Healthy Watersheds and Streams

“Georgia Basin Inter-Regional Education Initiative”

With your support five geographic regions are sharing tools, resources, information and expertise

5 Comox Valley

4 Nanaimo Region

3 Cowichan Valley

2 Capital Region

1 Metro Vancouver

2014 Inter-Regional Collaboration Series

Region	Date	Theme	Venue
Metro Vancouver	Jan 23	*Watershed Plan Effectiveness*	Victoria
Capital Region	Mar 28	*Water Quality Assessment*	Victoria
Cowichan Valley	May 27	*Adapt to a Changing Climate*	Ladysmith
Comox Valley	Jun 25	*Sustainable Service Delivery*	Courtenay
Nanaimo Region	Sept 26	*Leveraging Partnerships*	Nanaimo

We will report out in early 2015 ….

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VISION:

Mimic Natural Water Balance & Protect Water Quality

2014 DELIVERABLE

“Towards a Watershed Health Legacy: Workbook on Adaptive Approaches to Performance Monitoring”

~ *i.e.* ***“Beyond the Guidebook 2015”*** ~

TURNING VISION INTO ACTION:

Community development activities and alteration of the Built Environment will result in ***cumulative benefits***, not impacts

Why?

Because Watershed Health is a priority…..

- All regions have over-arching ***strategies and/or plans***
- Everyone is primed to move from talk to ***implementation & integration***

- Restoring ***watershed health*** starts with an understanding of ***"mimic the Water Balance"***
- Collaboration will accelerate ***affordable & effective*** outcomes

Then What?

“Beyond the Guidebook 2015” would…

- Inform anyone involved in a watershed health monitoring process
- Be the starting point for sharing, learning and adapting over time
- Be used by local governments to adjust actions, inform community and watershed planning, and create a legacy (i.e. healthy watersheds & streams)

In October 2011, your support made a difference:

"Slow It, Spread It, Sink It"
WBM Express integrates & balances three targets
Retention Volume
Flow Release Rate
Infiltration Area

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