

Build Greener Communities

Deal with Uncertainty
 Manage the Water Balance
 Adapt to a Changing Climate



Part B – Align with Provincial Policy & Regulatory Framework	
Chapter No. & Title	Key Messages
2 What Happens on the Land Matters	<p>Milestone years are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › 2003: Climate change is real - a ‘teachable year’ › 2008: Living Water Smart & Green Communities launched › 2014: Three provincial game-changers enable action <p>Communities are in the best position to develop solutions which meet their unique needs and local conditions.</p>
a. Water Sustainability Act (Bill 18, 2014)	<p>Better connecting land and water means providing natural resource decision makers with a strategic water lens and, through planning, tools to better integrate land and water which include opportunities for formal collaboration. Water Sustainability Plans can be combined with other local, regional or provincial planning processes to resolve issues.</p>
b. Develop with Care 2014	<p>Local governments have the authority to take action to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Preserve intact functioning ecosystems as an integral part of the strategy for building green communities. › Implement ‘Design with Nature’ standards of practice that would restore an ecologically functioning and resilient baseline condition.
c. Asset Management for Sustainable Service Delivery	<p>The BC Framework recognizes the life-cycle implications of managing the built and natural environments as integrated components of a healthy watershed. The ultimate vision for Sustainable Service Delivery is that communities would value and manage natural assets in the same way that they manage engineered assets.</p>