

Green Infrastructure Leadership Forum: A Positive Settlement Strategy for Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities - What could it look like?

Forum Overview	
CAVI wishes to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Plan for sustainable water resources in the context of future settlement activity. ▪ Bring together those who plan and regulate land use (local government), those who build (developers), and those who provide the legislative framework and system support (the Province)
Desired Outcomes in Convening for Action on Vancouver Island are:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Influence Vancouver Island and coastal local governments to adopt <i>Designing with Nature</i> as the preferred process of approving land development applications. 2. Facilitate the move from <i>awareness</i> (interest) to <i>action</i> (practice) in changing where and how land is developed, how water is used (<i>sustainability of supply</i>), and how water runs off the land (<i>sustainability of terrestrial and aquatic habitat</i>).
The 'Green Vocabulary' is cascading:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Green Value is an over-arching concept; and encompasses market, social and environmental values. ▪ Designing with Nature is one approach to achieve Green Value, and is supportive of community goals that relate to building social capacity. ▪ Green Infrastructure is the on-the-ground application of Designing with Nature standards and practices. ▪ Water Sustainability is achieved through Green Infrastructure practices that reflect a full and proper understanding of the relationship between land and water.
Objectives for the Green Infrastructure Leadership Forum are:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Celebrate on-the-ground successes in order to create excitement plus develop a common understanding of the 'green vocabulary'. 2. Prompt discussion about <i>Why, Where and How</i> development could occur so that 'settlement is in balance with ecology'. 3. Explore what <i>A Positive Settlement Strategy for Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities</i> might look like, and how it could be implemented.
Learning Outcomes for the Green Infrastructure Leadership Forum will be:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participants will understand how a 'culture of doing' supports the efforts of champions and produces innovation. 2. Participants will be primed for a broader discussion at the 2008 Annual AVICC Conference. 3. Participants will embrace this question: <i>With a new way-of-thinking, what could our communities look like in 50 years?</i>
Workshop participation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elected Representatives 2. Chief Administrative Officers 3. Senior Planning and Engineering Managers