



Rainwater Management in a Watershed Sustainability Context

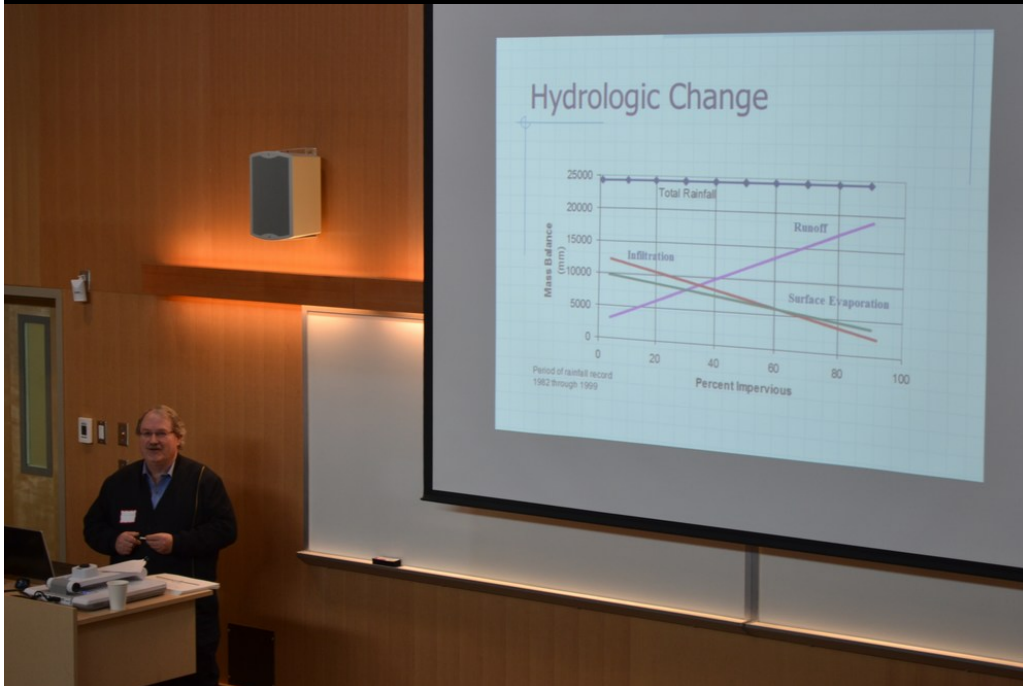
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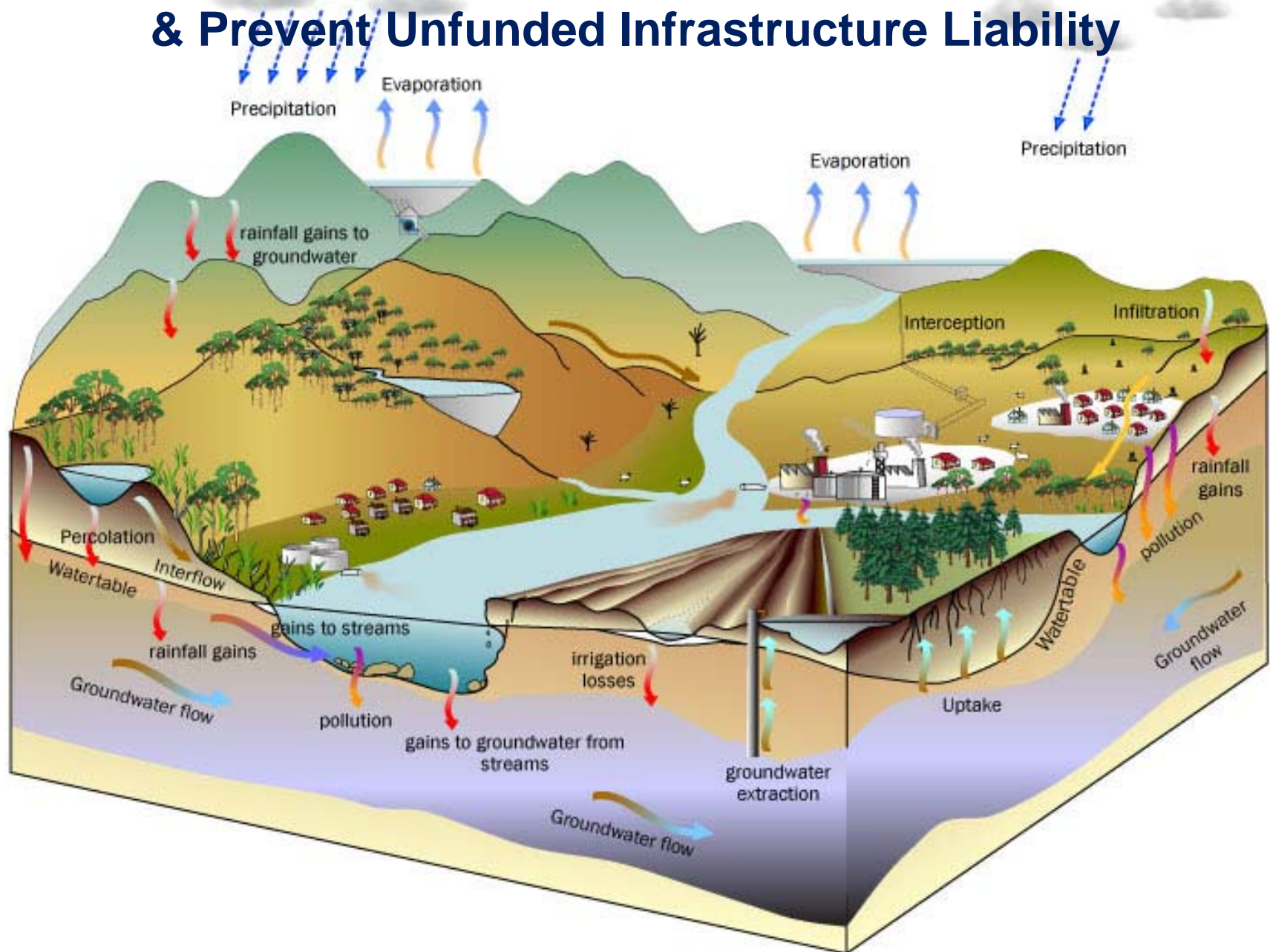


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for water sustainability in bc

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Mimic the Water Balance to Protect Stream Health & Prevent Unfunded Infrastructure Liability



Collaboration via the **'Inter-Regional Education Initiative'** will result in alignment and a consistent approach to **'Rainwater Management in a Watershed Sustainability Context'**. This will help everyone to go farther, more efficiently and effectively.

Georgia Basin Initiatives:

- 1 Comox Valley: *An Integrated Watershed Approach to Settlement*
- 2 Nanaimo Region: *Drinking Water & Watershed Protection Plan*
- 3 Cowichan Valley: *Cowichan Basin Water Management Plan*
- 4 Capital Region: *Integrated Watershed Management Implementation*
- 5 Metro Vancouver: *Integrated Liquid Waste & Resource Management Plan*





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“Living Water Smart” provides this regulatory context for the Inter-Regional Education Initiative:

“By 2012, all *land and water managers* will know what makes a stream healthy, and therefore be able to help *land and water users* factor in new approaches to securing stream health and the full range of stream benefits.”

Desired Outcome: Create liveable communities;
Protect stream health!

*If all the players know their role in relation to the goal,
then together we can create the future that we all want.*

To Protect Stream Health:
“Integrate the Site with the
Watershed and the Stream”



In the first half of 2012, program elements for the Inter-Regional Education Initiative comprise:

Cowichan Valley hosted the Water Balance Model Partners Forum this morning

Comox Valley's 2012 Learning Lunch Series starts tomorrow

THEN:

Nanaimo Region will host a Water Balance Model Training Workshop

Capital Region will host the 2nd in the “Course on the ISMP Course Correction Series”

In summary, the benefits of the Inter-Regional Education Initiative are:

- Aligns with regional plans, priorities and workloads.
- Builds on the experience of local government leaders.
- Provides access to tools and lessons learned.
- Creates opportunities for everyone to be more effective in moving forward with “integrated rainwater management”