



Inter-Regional Collaboration for Watershed Sustainability

*Collaboration Will Help Everyone Better
Deliver on Regulatory Compliance*

Progress Report to CRD Environmental Services Committee

February 26, 2014

Thanks to your support, we are sharing resources, information and expertise through the “Georgia Basin Inter-Regional Education Initiative”

- 1 Comox Valley
- 2 Nanaimo Region
- 3 Cowichan Valley
- 4 Capital Region
- 5 Metro Vancouver



Watershed Blueprint for Bowker Creek - *provincially significant and precedent-setting*

*Capital Region experience is informing the
“Georgia Basin Inter-Regional Education Initiative”*



Inter-regional collaboration will help everyone go farther, more efficiently and effectively, to:

- design with nature
- implement green infrastructure
- mimic the natural water balance

So that local governments can:

- reduce risk – *financial & environmental*
- restore stream / watershed health
- comply with regulatory objectives

Framework for Inter-Regional Collaboration

“Through sharing & learning, ensure that where we are going is indeed the right way”



VISION:

Mimic Natural Water Balance & Protect Water Quality

2014 DELIVERABLE:

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

TURNING VISION INTO ACTION:

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

Schedule of Inter-Regional Collaboration Sessions

We will report out in early 2015

- **Springboard Session** – January 23 (in Victoria)
(hosted by the Province)
- **Capital Region** – March 28 (in Victoria)
- **Nanaimo Region** – April 29 (in Nanaimo)
- **Cowichan Valley** – May 27 (in Duncan)
- **Comox Valley** – week of June 23 (in Courtenay)



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In closing, please...

encourage your municipal staff to participate on March 28 (and at the other inter-regional sessions as applicable) so that they can learn how collaboration will facilitate....

....implementation of standards of practice that are affordable and effective in maintaining healthy watersheds and streams