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Climate Mitigation: GHG targets & trends

Climate adaptation: flood / rainfall / drought / heat / slope stability

Watersheds: water quality & quantity

Habitat conservation & restoration

Urban forest & vegetation cover, urban agriculture

Potential Integrating Options

Environmental Gaps: Provide Your Insights

What leading successes do you know of?

- •What issues/gaps are yet to be addressed?
- What integrated strategies could be considered?







What causes Nanaimo's emissions?

Burning of fossil fuels by residents is primary driver:

gasoline/diesel for vehicles

natural gas/oil for heating/hot water



Nanaimo's climate policies

- □ 2008 OCP had policies to reduce energy use
- 2010 GHG targets of 33% reduction by 2020 from 2007
- Community Sustainable Action Plan (2012) suggested policies and indicators
- □ Transportation master plan describes a multi-modal vision of transportation
- □ Energy Step Code policy (2018) for increased energy efficiency for new buildings
- Rezoning policy incentivizes exceeding Energy Step with density bonus points. Rezoning policy under review re additional Energy Step Code requirements
- □ 2020 parking bylaw introduced EV charging requirements for new construction
- □ City promotes the Clean BC top-up incentives for home or work/apartment EV charging stations, and EV purchase incentives











Renewables don't always reduce GHG emissions.

Nanaimo has access to lowemission hydroelectricity

Replacing grid electricity with renewables in BC doesn't significantly reduce GHG emissions













Possible GHG Options

Improve public charging infrastructure

Target charging investments for buildings that are expensive to upgrade

> Increase EV charging requirements in new construction



N Waste reduction programs Continue to improve organic waste diversion Explore integrated waste management for reducing GHG emissions from waste

WASTE REDUCTION



Possible GHG Options

Increasing investment in active transportation infrastructure

focus development in nodes and corridors to reduce need for driving

Investigate e-bike infrastructure needs

































Education

- Landscape & Irrigation Guide to Water Efficiency - also in RDN
- Four Steps to Water Conservation:
 - Smart Design
 - Smart Soil & Plantings
 - Smart Irrigation
 - Smart Maintenance



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Guidelines

- Meeting a Water Conservation Target
- (15% 30%)
 - Design 15% 30% of site to not require watering
 - Limit turf to 25-50% of landscap
 - Lawn alternatives: ground cover, meadowgrass/ flowers, cobble, mulch, stone/ gravel, interlocking brick, permeable unit paving, decking, etc..
 - Use large areas of low water use plants
 - Ensure growing medium depth and quality and provide mulch
 - Use high efficiency irrigation and weather or sensor-based controllers







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Single Family with Suite + Coach House-Absorbent Soils & Infiltration Chamber (Impervious Area = 77%)

- Direct all impervious areas to absorbent landscape at a maximum 2:1 ratio
- Direct all roof impervious areas to infiltration trenc
- Proprietary system with an assumed porosity of 0.9

Areas directed to absorbent landscape	Accessory building, driveway, patio
Areas directed to BMP	Principal building
Total BMP Area (not including absorbent soil)	48.6
% of landscaped area required as absorbent landscape to meet target	100%
Depth of absorbent landscape (mm)	450.0
% of baseline achieved	97%































Habitat Conservation - Biodiversity Planning

- Vancouver Biodiversity Strategy (2016)
- Seattle Landscape Synthesis Framework for Cedar River Watershed (2009)
- Edmonton Wildlife Passage Engineering Guidelines (2010)
- Toronto Guidelines for Biodiverse Green Roofs (2013)





Habitat Conservation - Pollinator Populations

- Pollinator Partnership Canada - Selecting Plants for Pollinators Lower Mainland (2017)
- Toronto Pollinator Protection Strategy (2018)
- Suzuki Foundation -Butterfly Ways





Habitat Conservation - Bird / Bat Populations

- Vancouver Bird Strategy (2015)
- Vancouver-Bird Friendly landscape Operational Guidelines (2015)
- Vancouver-Bird Friendly Design Guidelines for DP (2015)
- Toronto-Best practices for effective lighting (2017)
- Toronto-Bird Friendly Best Management Practices "Glass" (2016)
- Calgary Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw













Urban Forest & Vegetation - Private Trees

- Nanaimo Tree Protection program protects approximately 20% of existing woodlands and requires tree replacement
- Seattle Green Factor Program (Code Chapter 23.86.019 Green Factor measurement)
- City of New Westminster Tree
 Protection Program





















Project Rating Systems - LEED / Green Bldg

- City of Vancouver requires that all new municipal facilities be built to Leadership in Energy and Design (LEED) Gold - focus on energy but not site design
- Seattle Green Factor score-based code requirement (Code Chapter 23.86.019)
- Seattle Code Chapter 23.58D Green Building Standard
- Seattle Sustainable Buildings and Sites Policy (2011)



Project Rating Systems - SITES

- SITES Rating System for Sustainable Land Development
 - Greenfield conservation
 - Stormwater management
 - Soil conservation
 - Habitat conservation
 - Building materials
 - Construction practices
 - · Human health and well-being
 - Education and Performance Monitoring

