

Welcome to the City of Vancouver ISMP Joint Workshop

What's happening?

Agenda for Today

Activity	Time
Welcome, Introduction	1:30 - 2:00
Community Mapping	2:00 - 2:20
Concurrent Interactive Sessions Session A – Design Opportunities & Challenges Session B – Policy Framework Opportunities & Challenges	2:20 – 3:40
Wrap Up & Next Steps	3:40 - 4:00

Why are we doing this?

- Bring together experts from various City of Vancouver departments and external government groups and educators.
- Ensure we are all aware of current best practices and current policies used in the City and region.
- Be aware of the policy requirements and expectations of approving agencies and higher levels of government.
- Expand and accelerate the technical understanding of issues and potential solutions across a wide range of professional disciplines.

Goals of the Workshop

- Introduce results of GIS and mapping analysis of current conditions in the study area, grouped by land use typologies.
- Review a summary of current policy and existing Stormwater Management Framework in the City.
- Work together to understand 'what we have' as far as current staff interest in investigating best practices – either in design or in policy tools.

Draft Vision

Vancouver is a fully developed city, with on-going redevelopment and densification to accommodate strong economic growth, affordability, and vibrant and inclusive neighbourhoods for generations to come. The Vision for the Vancouver ISMP is to treat Vancouver's abundant rainwater as a resource, encouraging beneficial reuse in a wide range of land uses to reduce potable water demand, while restoring and celebrating the role of urban watersheds in supporting urban and natural ecosystems and providing clean water to receiving environments.

Key Principles

- 1. Balance the responsibility to implement rainwater management solutions among private and public sectors.
- 2. Pursue rainwater management solutions that have multiple benefits that meet many cross-discipline and cross-departmental aspirations.
- 3. Ensure that constructed rainwater management solutions are evaluated and lessons-learned are shared for continuous improvement.
- 4. Recognize that there may be variation in rainwater management solutions among different land use typologies.
- 5. Identify area of the City that have natural hazards or conditions that would restrict the type of rainwater management technique used (e.g. reduced reliance on infiltration).

Key Principles

- 6. Redevelopment of streets, parks or private lands provides opportunities for incremental rainwater management leading to significant improvements, but over time.
- Continue to show leadership by example, with the City showcasing projects that demonstrate success in rainwater management.
- 8. Where possible, the objective of daylighting creeks is supported, within the constraints of urban conditions.
- 9. Solutions must balance capital, operations and maintenance considerations, and anticipate needs for maintenance funds.
- 10. Rather than creating new programs or bylaws, adapt existing to be clear and consistent regulations and requirements.

Key Principles

- 11. Support the long-term program of transitioning the combined sewer system into a separated system to reduce CSOs.
- 12. Reduce reliance on drinking water for non-potable use by implementing water reuse technologies.
- **13.** Support Metro Vancouver's Liquid Waste Management Plan.

What do we have now?

Creekway Park, Vancouver

Citywide Conditions Overview

- 2013 Aerial Imagery
- Stormwater Catchments and Sewer Pipes
- Planning Neighbourhoods
- Zoning
- Land Use Typologies
- Total Impervious Area
- Percent Impervious Area
- Surficial Geology

Area of Land Use Typologies

Land Use Areas

Parks & Agriculture	15%
Streets & Lanes	30%
One/Two Dwellings	33%
	78%
Commercial/Industrial /Institutional/Mixed	22%
Use	

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CITY OF VANCOUVER INTEGRATED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

SURFICIAL GEOLOGY AND HISTORIC STREAM LOCATIONS

Limited Infiltration Capacity

- Most Surficial Geology in Vancouver has low infiltration rates.
- Where infiltration rates are better there are high water tables.
- Some areas of the City have historic slope failure risks.

There is a need to design rainwater capture and stormwater management practices in recognition of these constraints – three examples follow.

Infiltration Swale for low infiltration rates

Partial infiltration swale with reservoir and subdrain

- 1. Weir Keyed into Swale Side Slope
- 2. Growing Medium (300mm Min.)
- 3. Sand
- 4. Existing Scarified Subsoil
- 5. Perforated Underdrain (150mm Dia. Min.)
- 6. Drain Rock Reservoir (300mm Min.)
- 7. Geotextile Along All Sides of Reservoir
- 8. Trench Dams at All Utility Crossing

One/Two Family Strategy for Lots <5% Slope

Rainwater Capture and Reuse

Street Tree Rainwater Capture for Surface Paving Areas

> Detention Vault for Roof Rainwater (Reuse for Toilets / Laundry / Irrigation)

Stormwater Management Framework (in evolution)

- Stormwater and Rainwater Management is spread across a wide variety of documents in the City.
- Older documents that are still in use often don't have current policies on Rainwater Management (e.g. Sewer Design Manual, Broadway Design Guidelines).
- Newer documents include elements of Rainwater Management (e.g. Rezoning Policy for Sustainable Large Developments, Waterwise Landscaping Guide, Street Water Infiltration System Manual).

Stormwater Management Framework (in evolution)

- Most Rainwater Policies are motivational (you should) with only limited use of requirements (you must).
- Quantitative Targets are discussed in the Street Water Infiltration System Manual, and the Rezoning Policy for Sustainable Large Developments, and vary in detail.

Existing Plans, Bylaws, Policies

(see Policy Overview for summary and potential refinements)

- Greenest City Action Plan
- Sewer Design Manual 2002
- Vancouver Sewer Utility Plan 2010
- Street Water Infiltration Design Manual 2011
- Engineering Strategic Plan 2012-2014
- Sewer and Watercourse Bylaw
- Rezoning Policy for Sustainable Large Developments
- Street Restoration Manual
- Biodiversity Strategy (Draft)
- Urban Forest Strategy (Draft)
- Waterwise Landscaping Guide
- Green Building Policies
- Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

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- Transportation Plan
- Corporate Business Plan 2012-2021
- Laneway House Guidelines
- Plaza Design Guidelines
- Protection of Trees Bylaw
- Major Planning Projects
- Off Street Parking Space Requirements
- Other:
 - Neighbourhood plans
 - Zoning & Development Bylaw
 - Vancouver Building Bylaw
 - Sustainability Checklists
 - Co-funding programs
 - Maximum Impervious Area Guidelines

Interactive Sessions

Design Workshop:

	Land Use A	Land Use B	Land Use C
BMP 1			
BMP 2			

- Identify your 'High Priority' cells for further investigation of BMPs in certain Land Use Typologies.
- Identify your 'Low Priority' cells including where BMPs may be N/A to a Land Use Typology.
- Other unmarked cells indicate 'Moderate Priority' by default.
- Discuss with your group the reasons for your choices, and what lessons you have learned from past projects or experiences.

Interactive Sessions

Policy Workshop: Tools

	Land Use A	Land Use B	Land Use C
Educational			
Incentives			
Regulatory			
Investment			

- Similar to the Design Workshop process, identify your 'High and Low Interest' cells for further investigation of policy tools in each land use typology.
- Discuss with your group the reasons for your choices, and what lessons you have learned from past projects or experiences.

Interactive Sessions

Policy Workshop: Targets

- How aggressively should the City use Rainwater Targets meet DFO/MV guidelines, create custom guidelines, or don't use quantitative targets?
- If targets are used, should they be consistent across the City, or should targets vary by land use type, or vary by drainage area?
- Please mark you individual response form, and then discuss reasons for choices and lessons learned with colleagues.
- Which catchments, land use types, or neighbourhoods might be highest priority for implementing rainwater management?

We Need Your Response

Submit Your Individual Response Form

- If possible, please complete and submit your personal response form today.
- If you need more time, please submit it to the location on the form by the date specified. We will reach out to those that could not attend today to encourage their response.

Watch for Summary of Results

• Once compiled we will share the results from today internally.

Your Input will influence Phase 3 and 4

 The Rainwater Collaboration Team and Consultants will be starting more detailed Toolkit and Scenario analysis – your input will influence where we focus our energy.

Next Steps

Rainwater Collaboration Team Workshop

- Reviewing a Draft Toolkit of Best Practices
- Considering Scenarios of how Tools are focused towards implementation
- Exploring how to Monitor and Stay on Track

Stakeholder Outreach

• Other (outside) stakeholders will be brought into the process

Review of Draft Action Plan

 A followup workshop with the Technical Advisory Group and the Interagency Expert Group will encourage detailed review of the Draft Action Plan.

Thank You!

Questions or clarifications?