



QUADRA CEDAR HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**Jody Watson, Chair
Bowker Creek Initiative**

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The Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association (QCHCA) is pleased to offer our support for the Bowker Creek Initiative (BCI) and the Bowker Creek Blueprint – A 100-year action plan to restore the Bowker Creek watershed. The blueprint provides the member municipalities, the CRD, community associations and other land stewards with information and guidance to manage and restore the watershed. It is important to the QCHCA as the southeastern portion of our association area is in the watershed including most of the Cedar Hill Golf Course.

The preservation and restoration of our urban watersheds has become a much higher priority for our citizens as we face increased development in our communities. This blueprint provides an “opportunity to restore islands of nature within the urban environment.” The District of Saanich, City of Victoria and Municipality of Oak Bay have now endorsed the blueprint.

The blueprint supports the vision of the Bowker Creek Management Plan adopted by the BCI members in 2003: “The varied human uses and natural areas in the Bowker watershed are managed to minimize runoff and pollution, making Bowker Creek a healthy stream that supports habitat for native vegetation and wildlife, and provides a community gateway to connect neighbourhoods.”

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