

Community Energy Association - 2006 Energy Aware Award

City of Victoria Greenways Plan

Executive Summary

The City of Victoria Greenways Plan was adopted by City Council August 28, 2006.

The purpose of the City of Victoria Greenways Plan is to provide a policy framework and a series of strategies that will establish a Greenway system throughout the City of Victoria. This is a long-term plan that will be implemented over the next 50 years.

The goal of the City of Victoria Greenway Plan is threefold:

1. To establish a human-powered * transportation network
2. To restore native, aquatic and cultural habitats
3. To provide opportunities for recreation

*except battery operated wheel chairs and assistive technologies

Since adoption of the Greenways Plan the City of Victoria has:

- Created a staff position dedicated to implementation of the plan
- Established an annual capital budget to fund implementation
- Actively pursued partnerships to advance implementation
- Completed construction of several Greenway projects
- Established a Greenways Matching Grant Program, where the City matches funding raised by community groups
- Awarded Greenways Matching Grants to several community groups to implement greenway improvements at the neighbourhood level

The City of Victoria has demonstrated a commitment to sustainable community development by adopting the Greenways Plan and allocating staff and capital resources to implement the plan. The net result will be a more energy efficient and livable city, where walking and cycling are attractive and viable transportation alternatives.