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GOLD WINNER

City of Vancouver Rain City Strategy: A Green Rainwater Infrastructure and Rainwater Management Initiative

Project Partners

Rain City Strategy Staff Working Group & the Rain City Strategy Expert Panel

Project Summary



Meeting the needs of communities not only for today, but also looking forward to 2050, requires forward thinking, collaboration and innovation. Vancouver's Rain City Strategy is a 30-year roadmap for advancing and evolving rainwater management services in a holistic way – integrating it into land-use decisions, community plans, and urban design. Through the Rain City Strategy, Vancouver will advance 46 implementation and enabling programs focused on streets, public spaces, civic facilities, buildings, parks, and beaches. These programs integrate green infrastructure across multiple different city departments, to help achieve many city-wide goals related to climate resilience, equity, and utility servicing needs for population growth.