

District of Saanich, BC (2010)

URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

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The Saanich Urban Forest Strategy outlined a long-term plan for achieving a sustainable urban forest in this community on Vancouver Island in BC. Components included:

- visioning
- public engagement
- establishment of goals and strategies
- developing action items
- implementation strategies

The UFS incorporated existing District documents such as the Sustainable Community Plan, Strategic Plan, and other existing reports and data on the community's trees and forests.

LEES + Associates developed a working definition for Saanich's urban forest and provided sound research on the benefits it provides. Some of the strategies and action items developed through engagement with Council, District staff, and the community included growing the urban forest canopy, developing urban forest design guidelines, and maximizing public awareness. Our firm used a variety of public engagement strategies such as workshops with key stakeholders, questionnaires, and open houses.

