

## The four steps to becoming **EcoNeutral™**:

- ◆ Ensure an Environmental or Sustainability policy addressing climate change mitigation has been approved by the organization's Board of Directors
- ◆ Confirm that reasonable steps have been undertaken to reduce the organization's greenhouse gas footprint.
- ◆ Determine with ERA the relative "greenhouse gas footprint" (tonnes of CO2 per annum) for the organization
- ◆ Subscribe to EcoNeutral™ and thereby sponsor an ecosystem restoration project in a community, park, or protected area that is sized to remove the organization's annual greenhouse gas footprint

### Partners and Subscribers:

- ◆ District of Maple Ridge
- ◆ District of Mission
- ◆ District of Chilliwack
- ◆ BC Parks and Protected Areas
- ◆ The Nature Trust of BC
- ◆ United Nations Development Program
- ◆ Auto/One Lease
- ◆ Small Potatoes Urban Delivery
- ◆ Natures Path
- ◆ Directors Guild of Canada - BC Council
- ◆ Saltspring Island Village Resort
- ◆ Real Living Solutions
- ◆ Globe Foundation of Canada
- ◆ World Urban Forum

## "Community Ecosystem Restoration Initiative"

Mitigating Global Warming at a Community Level

### The District of Maple Ridge

Bringing environmental awareness to children with the Alouette River Management Society and the Kanaka Education and Environmental Partnership Society



Involving youth is a vital component of CERi

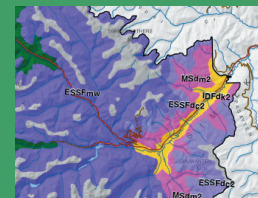
Educating tomorrow's leaders about the relationship between healthy ecosystems and climate change



## BC Parks: Manning Provincial Park



Large numbers of red Lodgepole pine indicate the extent of Pine Beetle impact in Manning Provincial Park



Label, Zone Name, Subzone Name

MSdm2,  
Montane Spruce, Dry mild  
IDFdk2,  
Interior Douglas Fir, Dry cool  
ESSFdc2,  
Engelmann Spruce-Subalpine Fir, Dry cold  
ESSFmw,  
Engelmann Spruce-Subalpine Fir, Moist warm

Lodgepole pine, devastated by Pine Beetle removed to reduce fire hazard.

Re-vegetation with aspen and cotowood to create shaded fuel breaks near Visitor's Centre and Hampton Campground.



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# The Time is Now

The time to advance the Community Ecosystem Restoration Initiative is now.

The steps include:

identifying suitable restoration sites; developing prescriptions; secure tree stock; implementing planting; and providing follow-up treatments, monitoring and maintenance.

Translating “sustainability” to tangible actions and multiple benefits to a broad range of beneficiaries, is a key tenet of the initiative.

## Complementing Technologies

Reducing GHG emissions with appropriate technology.

The promise of sustainability and climate change mitigation cannot be addressed through Nature alone. Technology advancements in the fields of energy management, alternative fuel infrastructure (such as hydrogen), transportation systems, and information management, will reduce net carbon dioxide releases to the atmosphere. In this way, technology can complement direct removals achieved by the natural photosynthetic processes of healthy, restored ecosystems.

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## Community Ecosystem Restoration Initiative

Creating responsible solutions for sustainability and climate change through community and business initiatives

