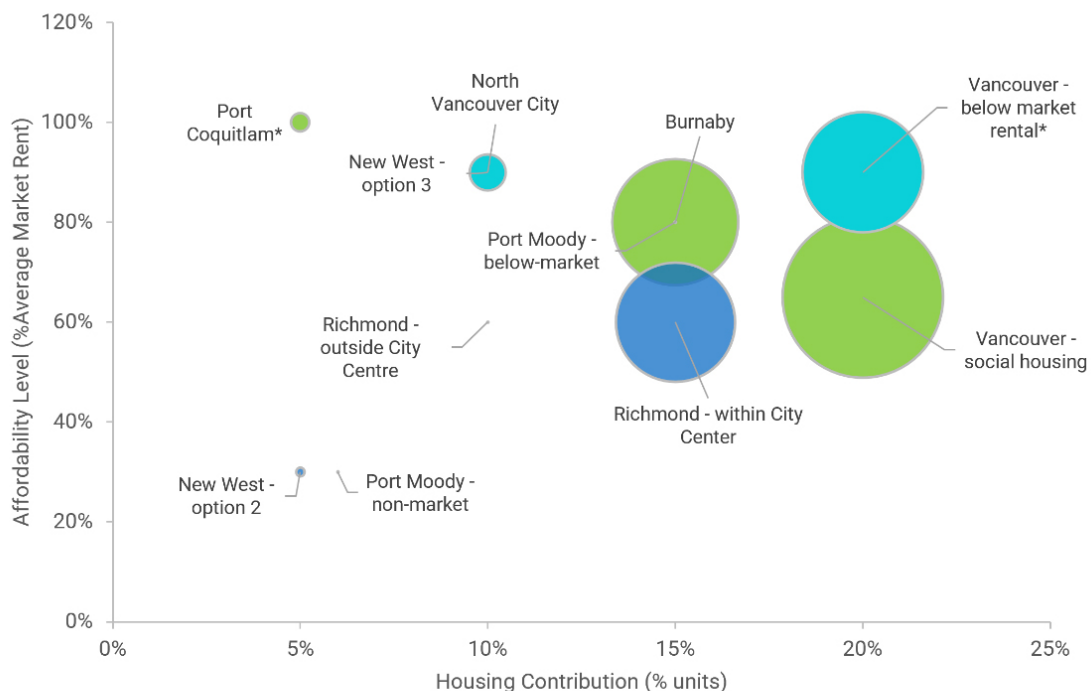


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## Inclusionary Housing Policy Review – Final Report and Regional Model Policy Framework

**Figure 2:** Inclusionary Housing Policies Across Metro Vancouver with Total Units Delivered (Completed, Approved, or In-Stream) since Policy Inception (Dates Vary)



**Note:** The Affordability Level (% Average Market Rent) on the vertical axis is calculated using the 2022 Vancouver CMA average market rent for all units as reported in the 2023 CMHC Rental Market Report.

Metro Vancouver has released the Inclusionary Housing Policy Review final report with recommendations for a Regional Model Policy Framework. The report assesses inclusionary housing policies and practices in the region. It also advances a regional inclusionary housing model informed by best practices, economic analysis, and stakeholder feedback.

Inclusionary housing has been an important tool in the region, contributing approximately 9,200 new below-market units to date. The Regional Model Policy Framework is intended to encourage policy

consistency across the region and assist member jurisdictions that are seeking to adopt or update inclusionary housing policies. Scaling up the region's use of this tool and increasing its effectiveness will help meet the [Metro 2050](#) target of 15 percent affordable rental housing units in Urban Centres and near transit.

- [Board report and Inclusionary Housing and Regional Model Policy Review](#)

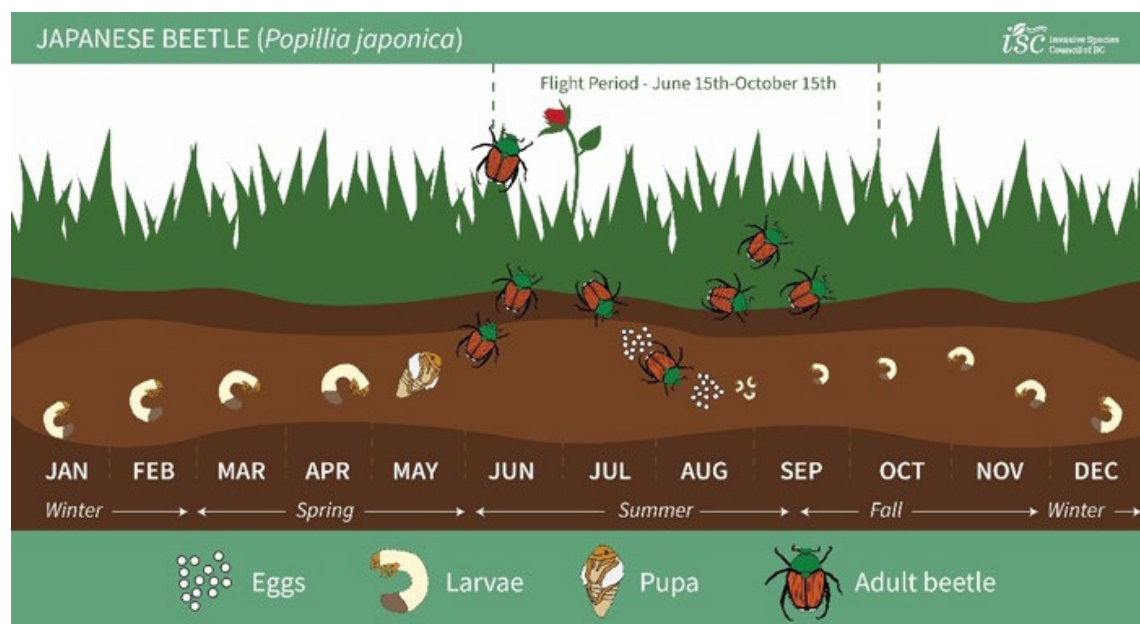
## Regional Multi-Hazard Maps Available



Metro Vancouver has developed a series of regional scale maps as part of its Regional Multi-Hazard Mapping Project. These maps will help decision-makers and practitioners better understand the potential natural hazards in the region from coastal and river flooding, earthquake, and wildfire.

Understanding potential hazards in the region is critical for making informed land use and infrastructure decisions, and helps emergency managers better plan for, respond to, and mitigate risks. The Regional Multi-Hazard Maps are available upon request – please contact [RegionalPlanning@metrovancover.org](mailto:RegionalPlanning@metrovancover.org) for the data and more information.

## Japanese Beetle Guidebook



Metro Vancouver, in partnership with the [Invasive Species Council of Metro Vancouver](#) and the Japanese Beetle Steering Committee, has created a new guidebook to introduce local government staff and contractors to the Japanese beetle (*Popillia japonica*). The Japanese beetle is invasive to our region and very destructive. This new guidebook describes the potential impacts on BC's agricultural and horticultural sectors, including the beetle's current distribution and how to identify, track, report, prevent further spread, and control the beetle effectively.

Learn more about the roles of various organizations involved in local eradication efforts:

- View the [Japanese Beetle Guidebook](#)
- View the [Japanese Beetle Fact Sheet](#)

Invasive species are plants, insects, and animals that have been introduced to an area without the predators and pathogens from their native habitats that would help keep them in check. They can threaten property and recreational values, infrastructure, agriculture, public health and safety, and the ecological health and diversity of our natural environment. Find more [invasive species resources](#), including a free online course.

## **Metro 2050 Implementation Guideline – Industrial and Employment Lands**





The *Metro 2050* Implementation Guideline “Industrial and Employment Lands” has been updated. This Guideline provides additional direction on industrial land objectives, as well as how planning policies, market conditions, site locations, industrial sectors, and local contexts can influence the implementation of these objectives.

- [Metro 2050 Implementation Guideline on Industrial and Employment Lands](#)

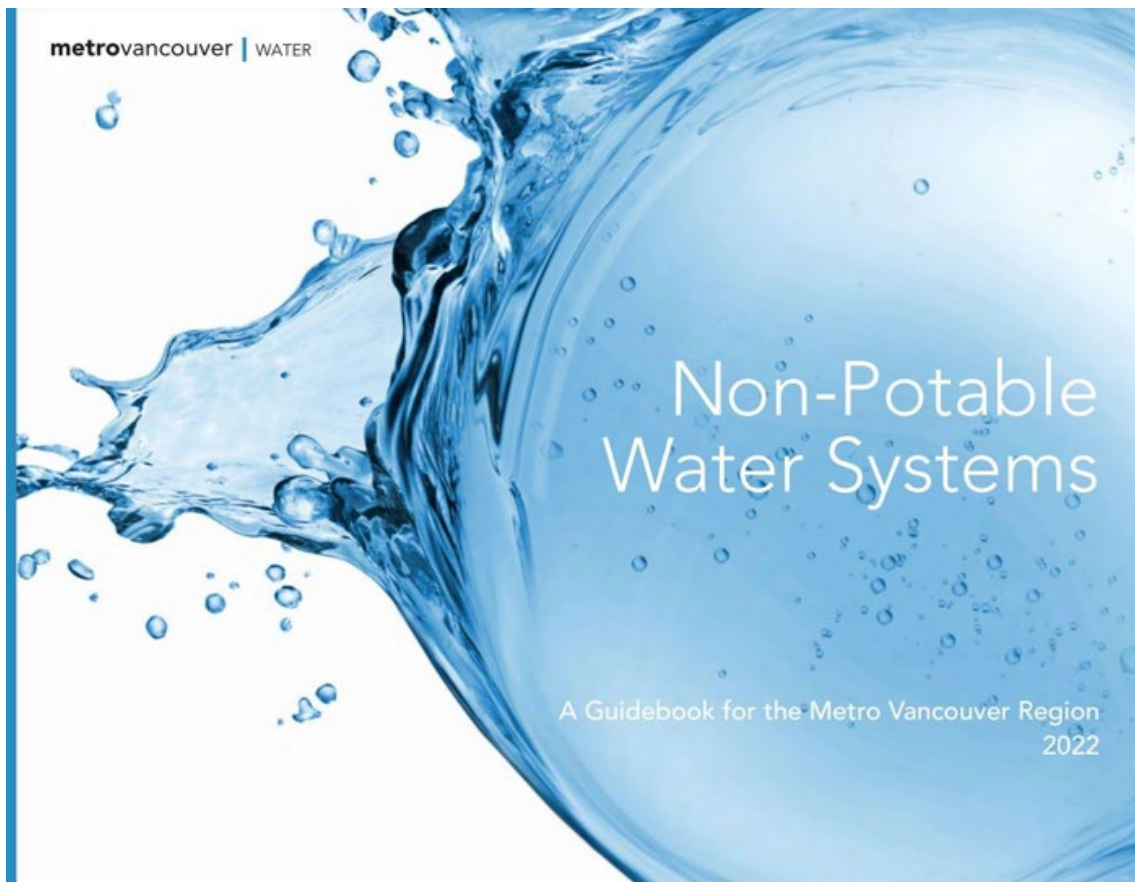
## **Metro 2050 Implementation Guideline – Extension of Regional Sewerage Services**



The *Metro 2050* Implementation Guideline “Extension of Regional Sewerage Services” has been updated. This guideline provides additional direction to member jurisdictions on sewerage area amendment applications and outlines the process for evaluating and approving applications as they relate to [\*Metro 2050\*](#).

- [Metro 2050 Implementation Guideline on the Extension of Regional Sewerage Services](#)
- [Regional Context Statement Implementation Guideline](#)
- [Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Implementation Guideline](#)

## **Guiding Documents to Support Non-Potable Water Systems, Now and Into the Future**



Regional Planning focuses on delivering on the priorities that intersect with many different areas of the organization. Our colleagues in Water Services recently produced guidance material for those who are considering or implementing a building-scale non-potable water system. Non-potable water can be used for flushing toilets, irrigation, washing vehicles, and more. A wider uptake of these types of water system can help address climate and population growth-related challenges by conserving drinking water and reducing the strain on sewer and stormwater systems.

In support of increasing the adoption of non-potable water systems, Metro Vancouver, with the support of Pinna Sustainability and subject matter experts, worked together to produce a [guidebook](#) and [companion document](#) for anyone involved in planning, designing, installing, operating, and maintaining buildings. The guidebook outlines best practices and resources, clarifies existing regulations, discusses costs and benefits, provides examples of existing systems, and highlights common problems and ways to address them. Industry stakeholders involved in the safe deployment of non-potable water systems, such as health authorities and governments, also contributed to a [key findings document](#) that highlights barriers and provides recommendations.

Learn more about the project and the implementation of [building-scale non-potable water systems](#) in the region.

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