



2003 AWARD WINNER PROFILE

**WINNER: BOWEN ISLAND FOREST AND WATER
MANAGEMENT SOCIETY
BOWEN ISLAND**

CATEGORY: GROUP AWARD

PROJECT: BOWEN ISLAND GEOLIBRARY

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Project Description:

The Bowen Island Geolibrary project compiles a vast amount of community information on one CD ROM. It enables community members to see maps, plans and other documents about their community in the comfort of their own home, without having to spend hours finding the information from individual sources. They can browse or print copies of the material, and make up their own maps of any part of the community. As a result of the project, Bowen Islanders are more informed about their community and can participate in community planning decisions.

The project demonstrates how knowledge can be made available in a cost effective way to help all members in a community preserve and protect their natural and cultural heritage.

This project is consistent with Islands Trust policies that support citizen participation in local community planning.