



ISLANDS TRUST

SUSTAINING THE ISLANDS – COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP AWARDS

2002 AWARD WINNER PROFILE

**WINNER: TRINCOMALI IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
NORTH PENDER ISLAND**

**CATEGORY: SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
'ORGANIZATION/BUSINESS'**

PROJECT: TRINCOMALI COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM

NOMINATOR: PENDER ISLANDS TRUST PROTECTION SOCIETY

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Project Description:

The Trincomali Improvement District provides and maintains a secure and sustainable water supply to the Trincomali subdivision on North Pender Island.

The Improvement District was formed in 1983 to upgrade and operate a water system serving a subdivision that had been developed in 1968. At the time the Improvement District was formed, the community's water system was unable to supply the needs of its users. It now provides a secure, adequate and sustainable water supply to 87 properties and has room for expansion.

Two of the innovative aspects of the project are its use of meters for problem identification (rather than for billing), and the level of community education and involvement. Trustees of the Improvement District meet with new property owners to ensure they are aware of necessary restrictions on water use. These measures have allowed the District to serve all users, despite the natural limits on water on North Pender Island.

This project is consistent with Islands Trust policies that support island self-sufficiency and the sustainable use of freshwater resources.