



Indicators in the RGS

Indicators are measures that can be used to show how well a social, cultural, economic or environmental system is working over time. The Regional District of Nanaimo has selected 23 indicators to measure the region's progress towards or away from the goals and policies of the Regional Growth Strategy. Consistent monitoring of indicators is critical to evaluating the effectiveness of policies and the need to adjust actions. Indicators also help determine the need to adjust the actions of the RDN consistent with RGS growth management and sustainability goals.

Relationship to Actions

The Regional Growth Strategy is a policy document that provides direction on how growth is to be managed on a region wide basis to achieve shared sustainability goals. Since the Regional Growth Strategy is meant to influence decision making and not necessarily to prescribe actions, the only way to monitor the success of the Regional Growth Strategy is to measure specific characteristics (or indicators) of a sustainable region. Indicators ensure that the Regional District of Nanaimo and partner local governments are making decisions that are consistent with the Regional Growth Strategy goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, preserve rural resource lands, protect environmentally sensitive areas and improve mobility options such as transit or cycling.

Indicator Selection

Some important considerations for selecting indicators:

- Commit to a set of indicators over time
- Select a practical number of indicators
- Make reporting on indicators accessible to different audiences
- Indicators should relate to things that the RDN has some influence or control over
- Indicator selection should reflect previous work in RGS monitoring

New Indicators

The Regional District of Nanaimo, member municipalities, provincial agencies, community representatives and the general public have all assisted in selecting the 23 indicators used in monitoring the Regional Growth Strategy. The Regional District of Nanaimo will continue to update and distribute information on these indicators over time.



Regional Growth Strategy

Backgrounder on Indicators



Goals	Indicators
Goal 1: Prepare for Climate Change and Reduce Emissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total Greenhouse Gas Emissions Total and per capita Non-renewable energy use
Goal 2: Protect the Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total water consumption (residential and commercial) Surface water quality Amount of land in protected areas
Goal 3: Coordinate Land Use and Mobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of households within a set distance (400m) of employment lands, shopping, schools, transit and recreation Per capita transit use
Goal 4: Concentrate Housing and Jobs into Growth Centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Density of population and units inside and outside the GCB Diversity of land use (ratio) inside the GCB
Goal 5: Enhance Rural Integrity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of new lots/units inside and outside the GCB Number of parcels with Farm Status The amount of land classified as Private Managed Forest Land
Goal 6: Facilitate the Provision of Affordable Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The total number of affordable rental units The portion of units in each housing type inside the GCB
Goal 7: Enhance Economic Resiliency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [Unemployment] Employment rate and Labour Participation rate
Goal 8: Enhance Food Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of parcels with Farm Status
Goal 9: Celebrate Pride of Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The amount of publically owned land designated for parks and community use Per capita length of public trails
Goal 10: Provide Services Efficiently	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Per capita waste disposal Per capita cost to provide water and sewer