

*"Because it necessarily involves the conservation of energy and natural resources, historic preservation has always been the greenest of the building arts... preservation is 'the ultimate recycling.'"*

- —Richard Moe, President of the National Trust of Historic Preservation





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# Transforming our Built Environment – Green Rehabilitation and Sustainability Forum and Workshop

## PROVINCIAL INITIATIVES

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- Governments and NGO's have identified sustainability and climate change action as a key policy issue.
- In the 2007 Throne Speech, the BC government set provincial targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least 33% by 2020.
- A "green building code" came into effect in BC on September 5, 2008. This affects building rehabilitation projects.



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## Research, Funding & Partnerships

### Research –

- Life Cycle Assessment (2007)
- Operating Upgrades – Windows (2007)
- Operating Upgrades – Walls, Attic, Crawlspace (2008)
- Case Studies – LCA and EnerGuide Assessments:
  - 222 Vancouver St. & Carr House (Van Isle)
  - Hoffman House (Kootenay)
  - Kilby Cottage (Fraser Valley)
  - Jackson House (Cariboo)

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- Inter-Ministry Committees for the BC Building Code and Code Modernization
- SFU City Program Workshop – Heritage Conservation and Sustainability (Feb. 2007)
- Cascadia Green Building Council – Forums on Green Rehabilitation and Sustainability

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- Vancouver Heritage Foundation – Heritage and Sustainability Guide
- Presentations and Articles – Association for Preservation Technology, Heritage Planners and Professionals, Historic Places Branch, Heritage BC
- Heritage and Sustainability Website:  
**[www.tca.gov.bc.ca/heritage](http://www.tca.gov.bc.ca/heritage)**



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*It all comes down to this: We can't build  
our way out of the climate-change crisis.  
We have to conserve our way out.*