



Purpose

The purpose of providing access to Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) spatial data is to assist the public in making more informed decisions and to enhance a collaborative environment among stakeholders within the Regional District.

The Internet provides a mechanism the CVRD can utilize to distribute spatial data impartially to whomever is interested.

Collaboration

In return for providing CVRD spatial data, there is an expectation end users will reciprocate by providing spatial data that would enhance the operation of the CVRD organization. This is another way the whole public, as an individual or as an entity, can interact with local government for the benefit of all. This is an agreement between the End User (an individual or entity) and the Cowichan Valley Regional District.

Terms & Conditions

- With the act of downloading CVRD spatial data, the End User agrees with the terms and conditions of this document, and the CVRD grants the End User nontransferable, nonexclusive right to use the spatial data for personal or internal business use only.
- The End User must not alter or change, distribute, transfer, loan, lease or otherwise make the CVRD spatial data available in any form in whole or in part to any person or body without the prior written consent of the CVRD.
- The spatial data available for download is owned and will remain the property of the CVRD. Not all data utilized by the CVRD is available for download. We cannot distribute data under licence from a third-party that has been obtained for CVRD business. The CVRD also holds privacy concerns in high regard and as such, limit the amount of data to be distributed.
- The End User must acknowledge its use of CVRD spatial in any published maps or reports in the following manner:
 - ▶ Credit: Spatial data is managed by the GIS Section - Information Technology Division - Corporate Services Department - Cowichan Valley Regional District.
- CVRD staff put great effort into creating and maintaining quality data; however, the CVRD provides this data "as is" without warranty, expressed or implied. The End User accepts all risk relating, but not limited, to the quality, accuracy, and usefulness of the data for a specific purpose.
- Among other limitations, the nature of the spatial data is relative to time and the End User accepts all responsibility for understanding the implications time has on its use. The End User accepts all responsibility for understanding the limitations of use for the spatial data being provided.
- All persons making use of this compilation are advised that amendments have been consolidated for convenience purposes only and that boundaries are representational. Most data is compiled for relative accuracy and not necessarily positional accuracy.
- The End User accepts all responsibility for decisions or action taken based on the use of CVRD spatial data. Under no circumstance will the CVRD be held liable for such events.
- The End User accepts responsibility for contacting appropriate CVRD staff before making important decisions based on this data. For example:
 - ▶ CVRD Planning and Development staff is available to answer community and regional planning, as well as building permit requirements.
 - ▶ CVRD Engineering and Environment staff is available to answer utilities, solid waste management, and environmental queries.
 - ▶ CVRD Public Safety staff is available for emergency response, public safety education and more.
 - ▶ CVRD Parks, Recreation, & Culture staff is available for related queries.
 - ▶ CVRD Economic Development staff is available for economic development, film attraction and tourism queries.
- Original Bylaws should be consulted for all purposes of interpretation and application of the Bylaws.