



2 PROTECTION OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

2.1 CONDITIONS

The District's mountain forests serve as the scenic backdrop to North Vancouver and to Greater Vancouver. In addition to their aesthetic and heritage values, these forests are also important as wildlife habitat. Outstanding geological formations and rare species of vegetation in these areas are in need of protection. The vegetation of major creeks and ravines provides habitat for local wildlife, prevents soil erosion and downstream flooding, and ultimately controls the quantity and quality of water flowing into fish spawning areas. The foreshore lands, particularly in Seymour, are also an asset of special environmental importance.





2.2 GUIDELINES

2.2.1 Any development proposal for these designated areas may be required to include a certified environmental impact study which identifies any adverse effects on the natural environment and visual resources, and, addresses the means by which these can be minimized.

2.2.2 Development in creek ravine areas should be restricted to fences, pathways, erosion control works, bridges, utilities and maintenance access roads.

2.2.3 Any maintenance forestry to remove hazardous or infested trees and any clearing necessary for trail, road, viewpoint or building construction shall be reviewed by the District Parks Department.

2.2.4 Where disturbance of designated areas is necessary to install or repair utilities or to construct roads, the affected land should be replanted with compatible native types of vegetation as soon as possible.

2.2.5 Where development is considered to have minimal environmental impact, the requirement for a development permit may be waived.





