

Reconnecting the Great Lakes Water Cycle

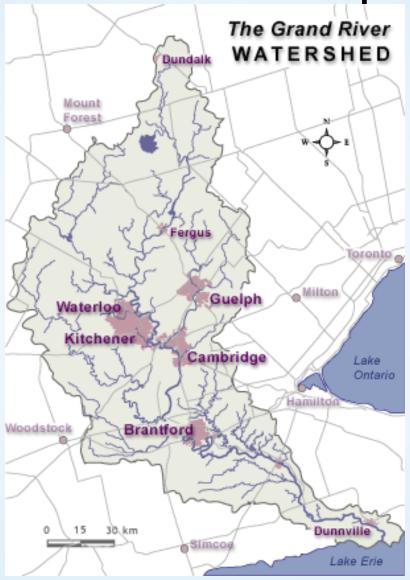
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Project Goals

- Better understanding of environmental and financial implications of water conservation and green infrastructure projects for municipalities by testing in 6 municipalities
- Lessons learnt shared with other municipalities
- Knowledge-transfer techniques set up to keep sharing occurring after project completion



The Ontario Municipalities





The Michigan Municipalities Oakland Township SHIAWASSEE Commerce HURON Township Lyon Township \Box Participating U.S. Communities Oakland County, Michigan Note: Only the southwest portion of Oakland Township will be studied



under this project.

Project Partners





Our Advisory Committee & Partners





Project Premises

- We have fractured water systems that disrupt natural water flows.
 - Environmental impacts
 - Municipal financial impacts
- Integrated view of water system essential in decision-making that combines:
 - Water supply
 - Storm water
 - Waste water



Project Premises (cont.)

- Water conservation/efficiency & Green infrastructure should play central roles
- Need to combine short- and long-term perspectives
- Need to combine environmental and financial perspectives



Project Premises (cont.)

 One size does not fit all, but valuable lessons still can be learnt from other municipalities' experiences



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