

# GREATERTER LAKES

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



# Project Partners



Alliance  
*for* Water  
Efficiency

# 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

# Thanks to Our Funder



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