Criteria for GLSC Engagement in Local Projects

This memo lays out guidelines for when the Great Lakes Stormwater Collaborative (GLSC) will get involved in locale projects or partnerships. The GLSC is a regional organization that focuses on issues that impact the Great Lakes. While small, local projects may have a direct impact on the lakes, they are generally outside the scope of GLSC’s work. The GLSC may get involved in these projects only if they have regional aspirations and they meet one or more of the objectives laid out in the GLSC Charter. These objectives are:

A. Help match available, verified innovative stormwater technology and practices to the needs of communities;

B. Build confidence in the performance of innovative stormwater technology and practices through education, advocacy, robust metrics, and performance standards;

C. Evaluate and promote the life-cycle costs and associated benefits (e.g., triple bottom line and co-benefits) of innovative stormwater technology and practices; and,

D. Advance and promote post-development/installed ownership, inspection, maintenance, and performance assessment of innovative stormwater technology and practices.

The GLSC co-chairs must approve that a project or partnership has regional aspirations and meets one or more of these objectives before the Collaborative will become involved. The framework laid out in this guidance memo does not preclude the GLSC from endorsing local projects or organizations, so long as the GLSC involvement is negligible. This guidance may be disregarded with approval from the entire GLSC leadership team.