



Assessing Green Infrastructure Opportunities for Climate Change Resiliency in the Region of Peel

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Urgent Action Needed

2019 Reasons to be Concerned

Unprecedented fires burning in the Russian Arctic

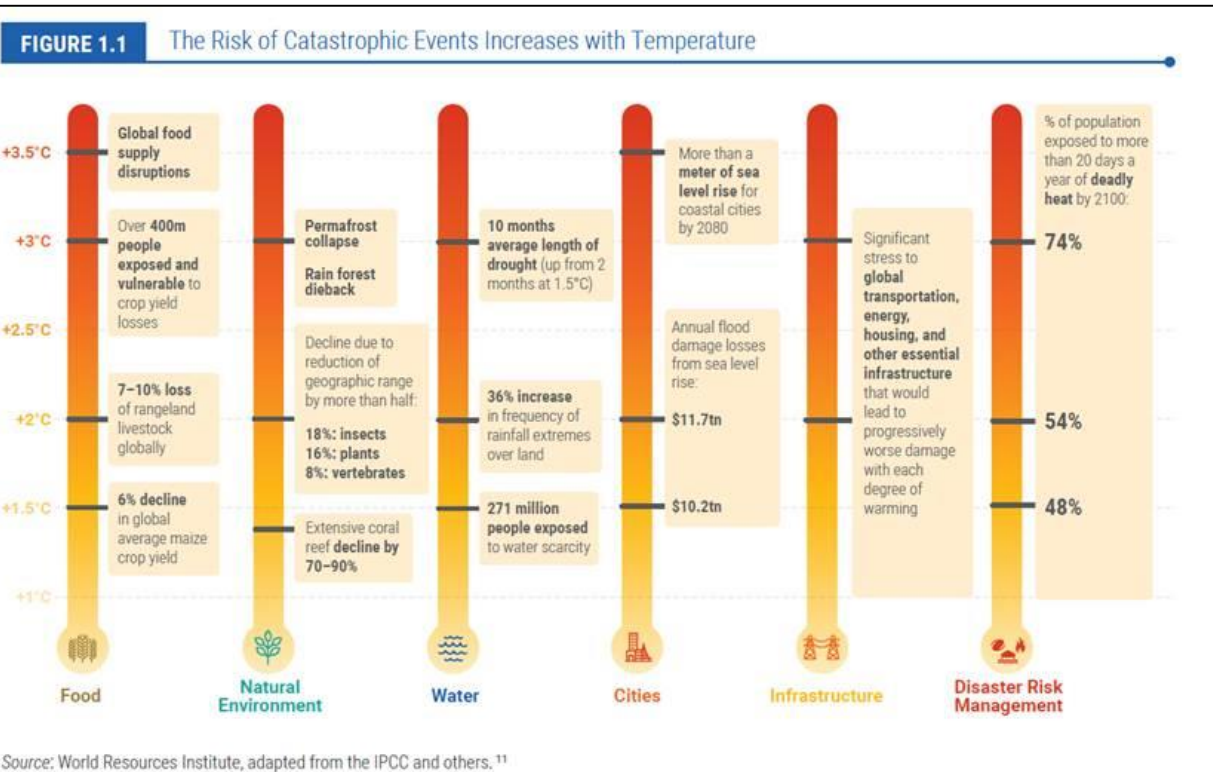


17% of the population left homeless in Bahama's following Hurricane Dorian



What makes this an emergency*?

- 100 million more people could be driven into poverty by 2030.
- 1.4 billion more people each year will be short of water, causing unprecedented competition for water, fueling conflict and migration.
- Rising sea levels and storms will drive hundreds of millions from their homes, with costs of \$1tn (£810bn) a year by 2050.



***ADAPT NOW: A GLOBAL CALL FOR LEADERSHIP ON CLIMATE RESILIENCE**

<https://gca.org/global-commission-on-adaptation/report>

Towards A Climate Resilient Region



Sources:

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Commitment,
Capacity and
Partnerships
established

Commitment and Capacity Increasing



Statement of Climate Change Commitment

- Climate Change Master Plan
- Support Community Partnership Planning
- Form Office of Climate Change and Energy Management

Strategic Priority: Build Environmental Resiliency

Commitment,
Capacity and
Partnerships
established

Community Climate Change Partnership Supported

Mandate

Working together to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change as we transition to low carbon and resilient communities within Peel Region

1) Low Carbon Community



Develop and implement actions that result in reducing community greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in priority areas

Net reduction in community GHG emissions

Number and use of electric vehicle charging stations across the Region

Reduction in energy use in priority areas

2) Flood Resiliency



Strengthen the integrated approach to water management for collective action in reducing flood risk in priority areas

Reduce flood risk by increasing flood resiliency in priority areas

Reduced flood risk as a result of utilized adaptation measures and priority planning; i.e. SNAP, Modelling Tools

Number of inter-agency policies, plans, programs and projects that integrate flood resiliency into practice

3) Green Natural Infrastructure



Increase the number of healthy trees in priority areas to reduce public health risk and enhance social and environmental outcomes

Increase canopy cover in priority areas to provide multiple co-benefits

Number of healthy trees on public land in priority areas

Surface temperature in priority areas

4) Public Education



Deepen knowledge and understanding of climate change corporately and in the community, contributing to long-term behaviour changes that build resilient regional communities and neighbourhoods

Increase knowledge and awareness of climate change that results in behaviour change to build resilient communities in support of the Peel Climate Change Partnership Plan

Increase the number of coordinated activities with partners

Number of people reached with climate change messaging from the Community Climate Change Plan

Strategies

Outcomes

Success Metric

Integrated Approach

Map to identify priority areas

Benchmark and Report

Coordinate funding

Innovate

Peel's Projected Climate in 2050

Climate Indicator	Where are we now?	Where are we headed?	Trending
Mean Annual Temperature (°C)	7.4	9.4	↑
➤ Winter	-4.8	-2.6	↑
➤ Spring	6.1	7.8	↑
➤ Summer	19.3	21.3	↑
➤ Autumn	9.1	11	↑
Number of Days Tmax ≥ 30°C	12	26	↑
Number of Days Tmax ≥ 35°C	0	2	↑
Number of Days Tmin ≤ -10°C	44	23	↓
Number of Days Tmin ≤ -15°C	19	8	↓
Total Precipitation (mm/yr) *	852	926	↑
➤ Winter (mm/mo)	61	71	↑
➤ Spring (mm/mo)	68	78	↑
➤ Summer (mm/mo)	77	78	↔
➤ Autumn (mm/mo)	77	82	↑
1-Day Max Precipitation (mm) *	37	40	↑
5-Day Max Precipitation (mm) *	59	65	↑
Simple Daily Intensity Index (mm/day) *	6.5	7.0	↑
Growing Season Length (days)	169	203	↑

* Historic Data for Precipitation: EC monthly homogenized & CANGRD Daily. Future projections: Raw data extracted from variables in the CLIMDEX experiment led by Environment Canada: www.cccma.ec.gc.ca/data/climdex/climdex

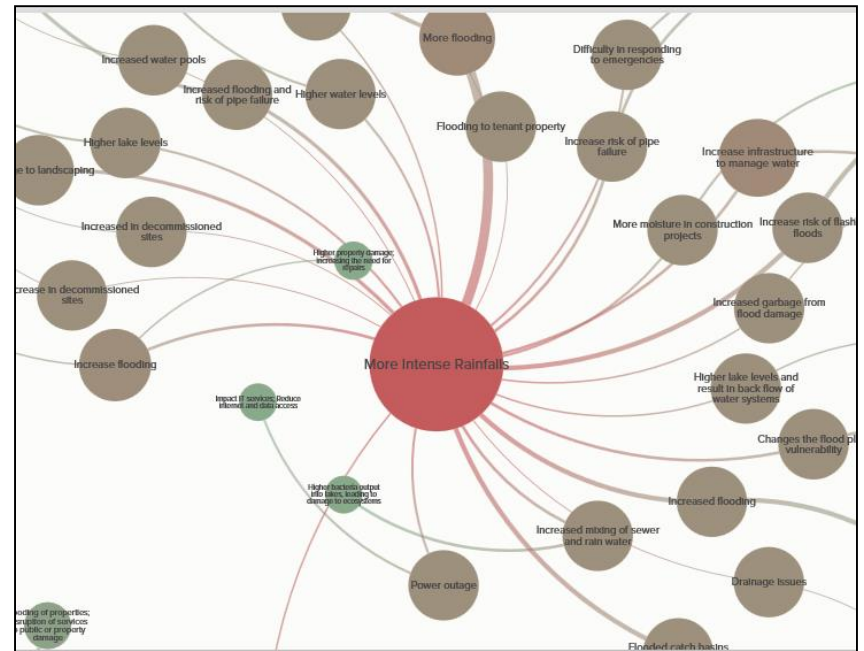
Climate Risks
understood

Vulnerabilities and Risks Assessed

Climate Trends and Vulnerability Assessments (2014-2016)

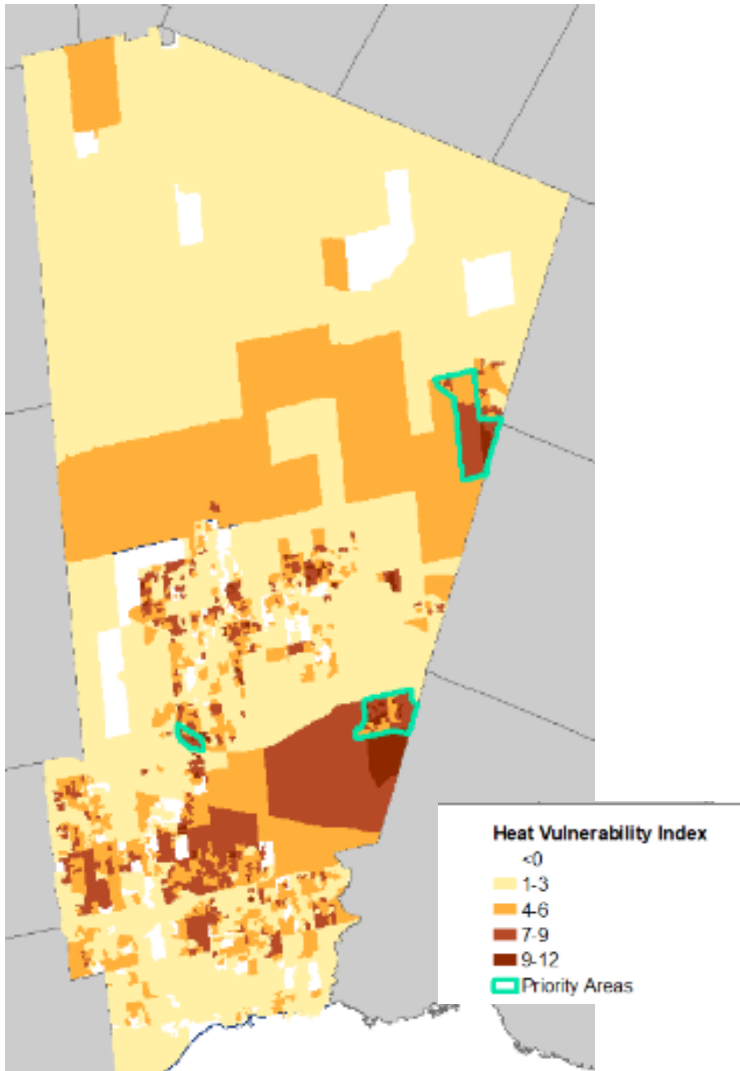


Corporate Risks (2017)

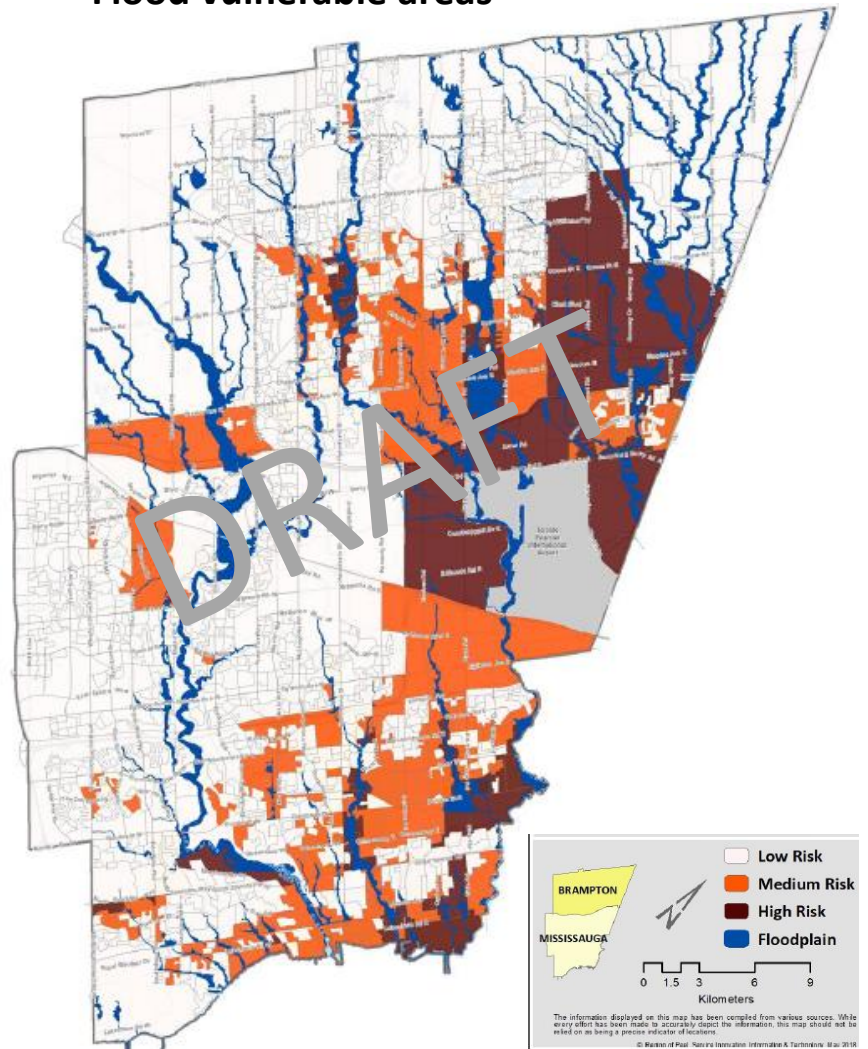


Heat and Flood and Vulnerable Areas Identified

Heat vulnerable areas

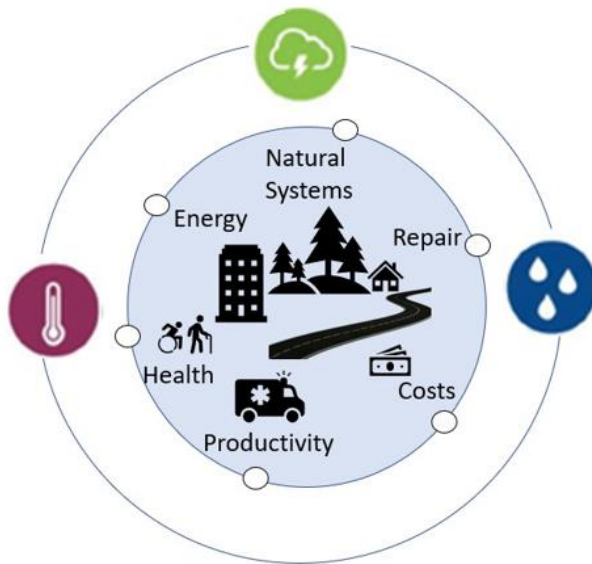


Flood vulnerable areas



Climate Risks
understood

High Risks **Impacting Services**



Increased health impacts
and reduced staff
productivity



Rising financial costs and
liabilities



Increased pressure on
operations and
maintenance



Increased energy use and
vulnerability of the
electricity supply



Reduced state of
good repair



Increased impacts to
natural systems

Investments
made to
increase
resiliency

Investments **Increasing**



The Region of Peel is a growing, thriving community and a major economic hub, that is facing a changing and dynamic environment. Major trends which are resulting in increased service pressures and more complex community issues impacting service demand are:



Enterprise Programs and Services

Climate change mitigation and energy management – 2.2 million

Water and Wastewater

Reduce incidents of sewer back-ups during severe weather events caused by surcharge of the sanitary system.

Roads and Transportation

Adapting to and mitigating the effects of climate change by implementing low-impact development measures into our road designs so more water can be absorbed during severe weather events

2019-2028 Capital Plan Forecast

Government is future-oriented and accountable: \$39 million for climate change studies and investments as well as technology initiatives to provide modern service to citizens

2019

2019-2028

Disaster
preparedness

Preparing for greater weather related emergencies

<https://vimeo.com/324691127>



Plan in place to
address risks and
opportunities

What we **PLAN** to do about it



Chapter 4: Be Prepared

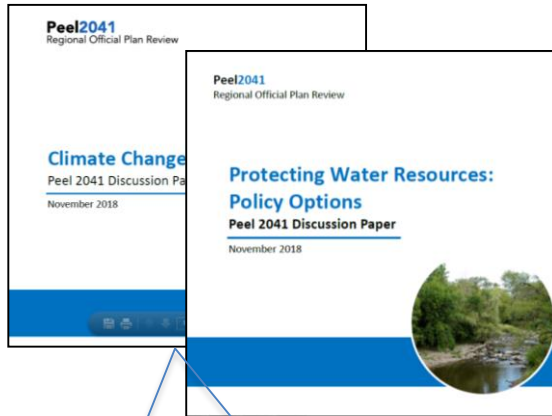
A safe, secure, and connected community is provided by ensuring Regional services and assets are more resilient to extreme weather events and future climate conditions.

PROTECT AND INCREASE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE THROUGHOUT PEEL

Land use policy
adopted and
plans in place to
increase
community
resiliency

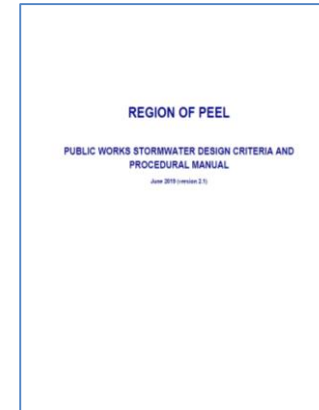
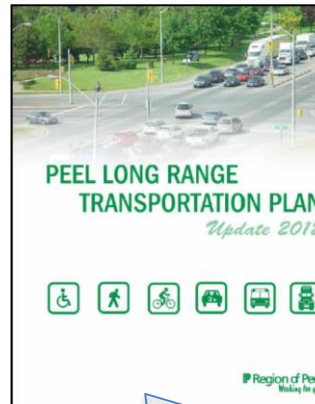
Supportive Policies, Plans and Standards

Official Plan Policy (2041)



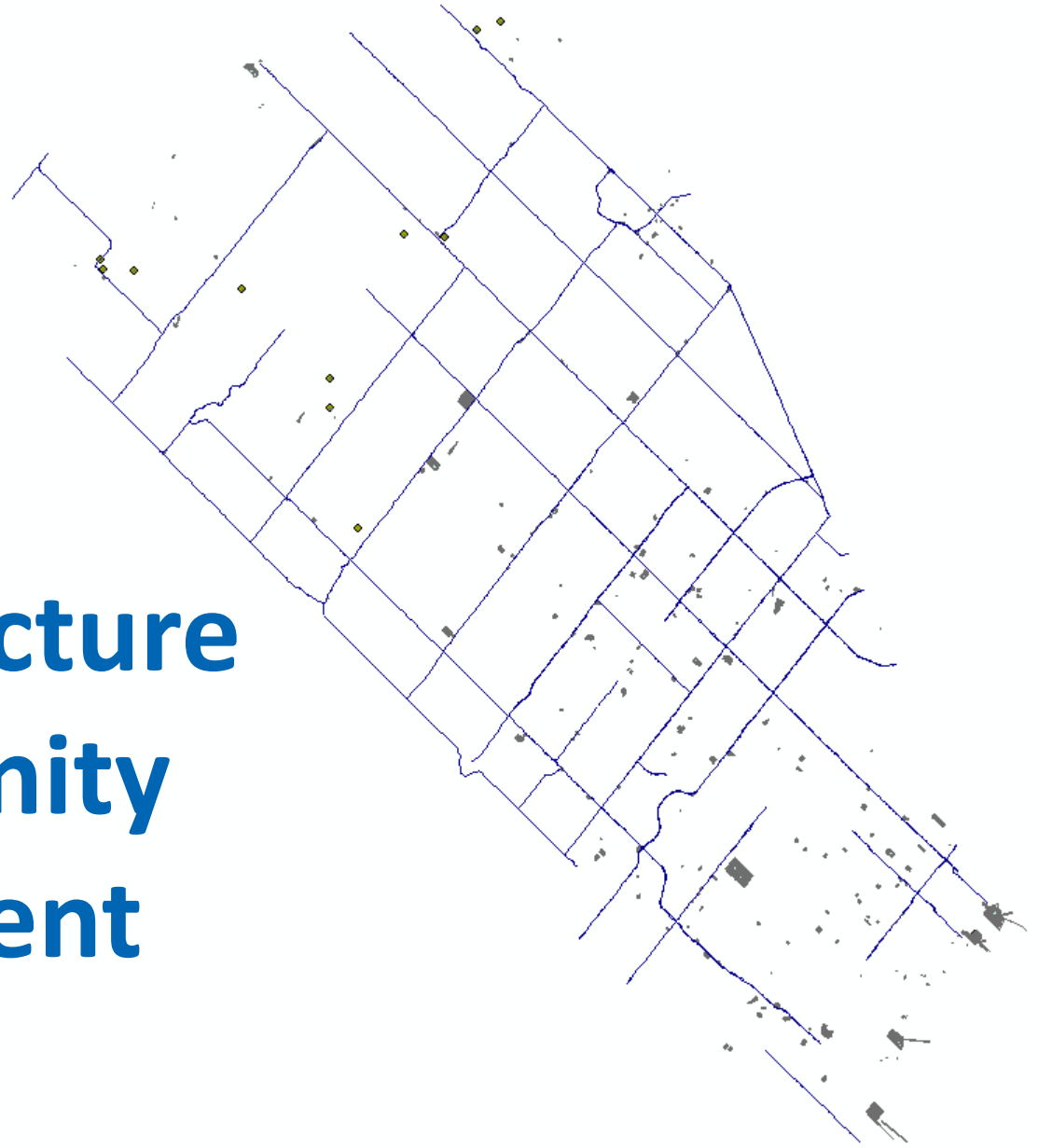
“Support comprehensive stormwater management planning, including low impact development and green infrastructure.”

Transportation Planning and Stormwater management



- Storm Servicing Master Plan
- Stormwater Design Criteria and Procedural Manual
- Urban Forest Best Practice Guide

Green Infrastructure Opportunity Assessment



Objectives and Deliverables

Objectives

Design and size Green Infrastructure appropriately for sites to meet a selected **SWM criteria**, calculate the **cost of implementation**, and test the **performance** of the site design for future **climate change** scenario.

Key Deliverables

1. Inventory land assets
2. Model Base/GI stormwater management +
Current/Future climate
3. Estimate costs of GI



Inventory of RoP's Land Assets



Human Services - 92 Ha

Child Care
Social Housing
Shelters



Headquarters – 7.5 Ha

Administration Offices



Health/Emergency Services – 24 Ha

Paramedics
Long Term Care
Police



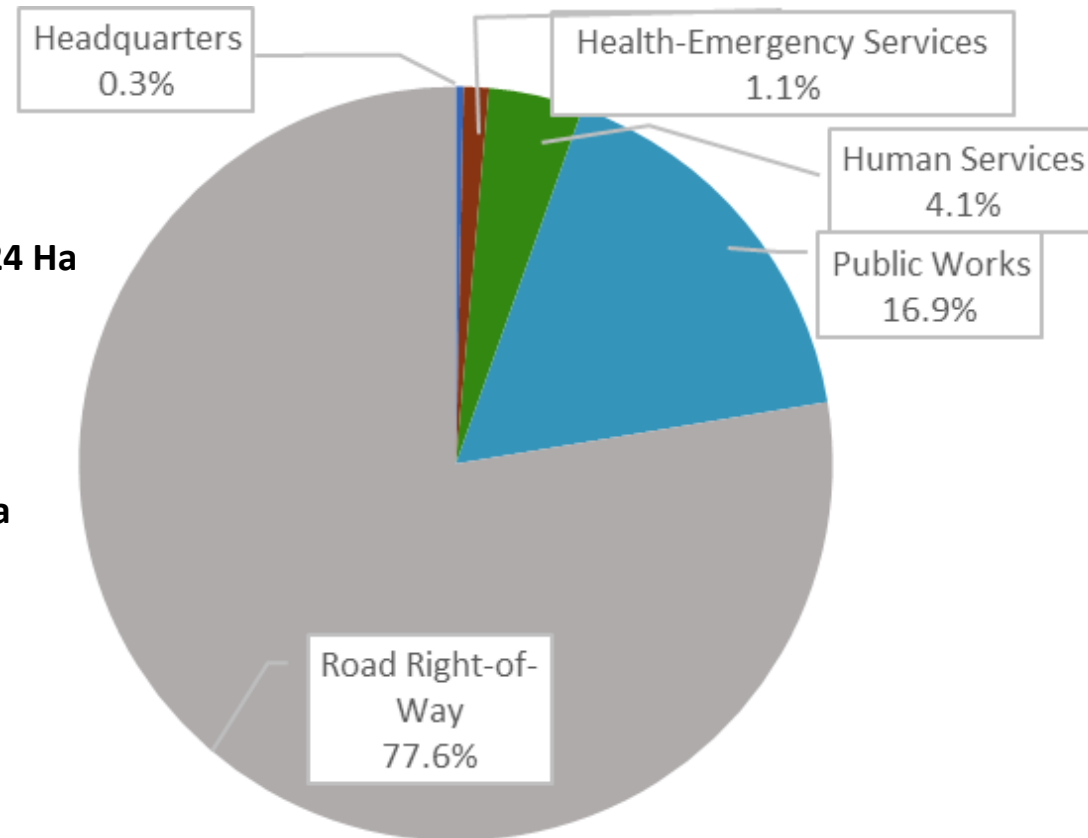
Public Works Facilities – 382 Ha

Public Works Facility
Water Storage Buildings
Water Treatment Plants
Sewage Treatment Plants



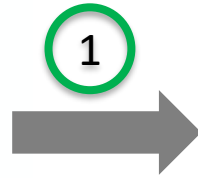
Road Right of Way – 1752 Ha

Regional Roads
Regional Road Sidewalks &
Medians

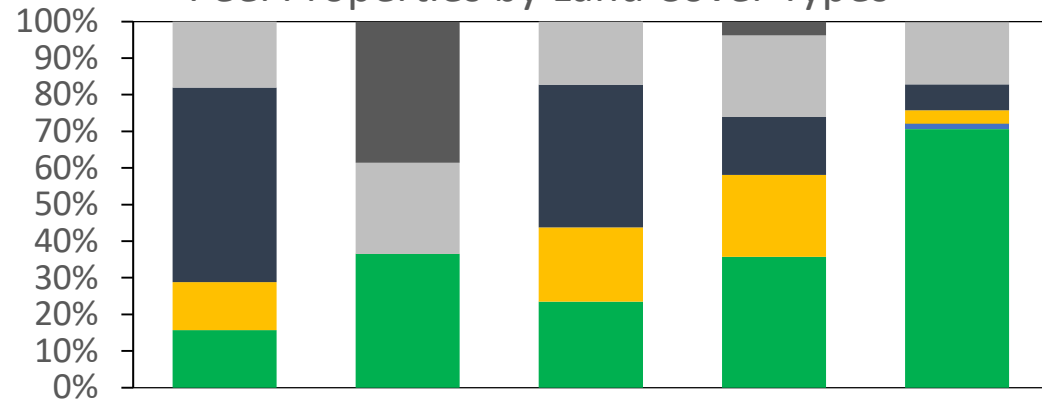


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Typical Site Summaries



Peel Properties by Land Cover Types



Headquarters

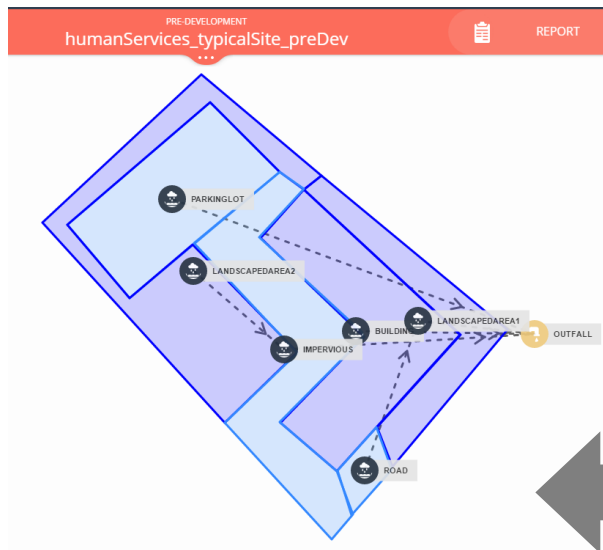
Road Right-of-Way

Health-Emergency Services

Human Services

Public Works

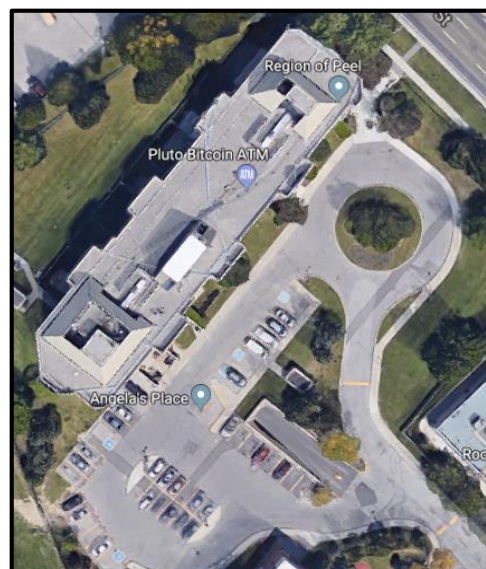
Landscaped Area
Building
Other Impervious
Water
Parking
Road



Typical Site Summary – Human Services

Site Characteristics	
Median site size	0.88 hectares
Soil type	Clay loam
Type of use	Medium-high density housing, shelters, and child care

Land cover type breakdown	
Building	22%
Parking Lot	16%
Roads	4%
Other Impervious	22%
Pervious	36%

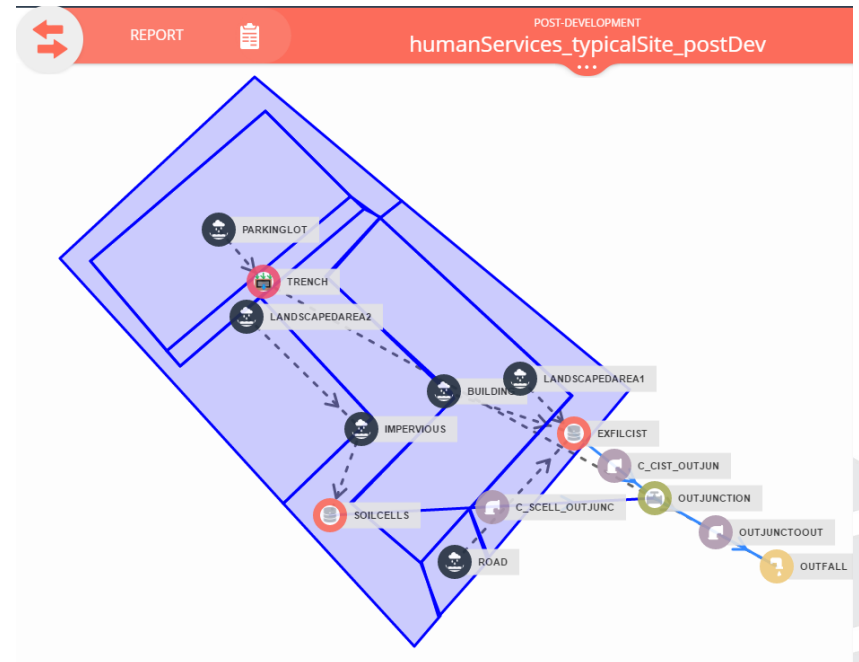
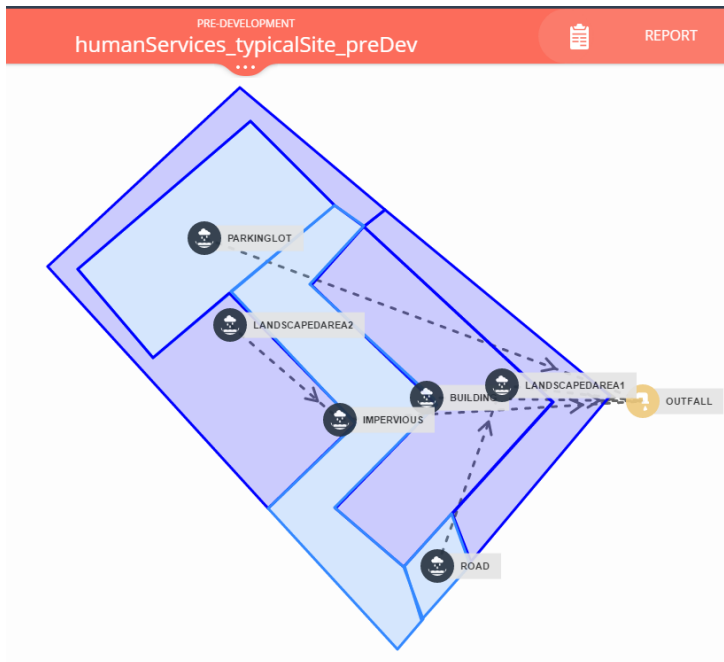


GI/ Site Design Considerations

- Maintain current functionalities of the site
- Site should mimic natural hydrologic processes
- Satisfy SWM criteria: retain 90th percentile storm (27 mm)
- Cost conscious but explore various GIs



Pre – to Post – Green Infrastructure



Human Services – SWM Results

Opportunities Assessed

Infiltration trenches



Tree planting with soil cells



Downspout disconnect to perforated cistern



Results

Stormwater Outcomes	27mm - Baseline	27mm- GI	CC (34mm)+ Baseline	CC (34mm) + GI
Water Quantity				
Rainfall Volume (m ³)	238		298	
Rainfall Reduction (%)	31%	100%	27%	94%
Water Quality – Load Reduction (%)				
Total Suspended Solids	15%	100%	16.9%	90-95%
Total Phosphorus	15%	100%	17%	90-95%



STEP's LID Life Cycle Costing Tool



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Low Impact Development Life Cycle Costs

There is increasing interest in the use of Low Impact Development practices to manage urban runoff. However, those considering implementing the practices continue to wonder how their use will affect the bottom line. In this project the capital and life cycle costs of seven Low Impact Development (LID) practices and seventeen design scenarios were evaluated based on a detailed assessment of input costs, maintenance requirements, rehabilitation costs and practice designs relevant to Canadian climates.

The LID practices evaluated include bioretention cells, permeable pavement, infiltration trenches and chambers, enhanced swales, rainwater harvesting and green roofs. Dry swales and perforated pipe systems were considered to be similar to bioretention and infiltration trenches, respectively, and therefore were not evaluated as separate practices. The savings from LID approaches associated with improved aesthetics, air quality, community livability and other public benefits were not assessed, as these savings are best evaluated in relation to specific case study examples.

A spreadsheet decision support tool based on the cost calculations gathered during this study was developed to assist industry professionals estimate the capital and life cycle costs of site specific LID practice designs. The tool provides users with a more comprehensive understanding of all relevant costs, facilitates cost comparisons, and allows users to optimize proposed designs based on both performance and cost.



Downloads

Assessment of Life Cycle Costs for Low Impact Development Practices

[Executive summary](#) | [Full report](#)

[LID Practices Costing Tool](#)

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[LID Practices Costing Tool \(no macros\)](#)

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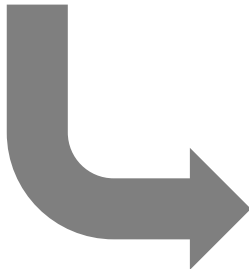
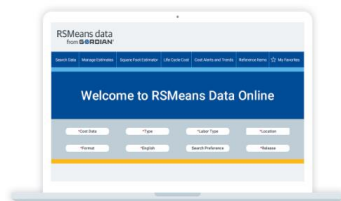
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RSMMeans → LID Life Cycle Costing Tool

RSMMeans Data Online Construction Estimating Software

Cloud-based access to North America's leading construction cost database.

Developed With Robust Tools and Features



INFILTRATION TRENCH

USERS: Please enter information into "User Inputs" section, DO NOT LEAVE BLANK

* Purple coloured cells are model defaults and can be changed by the user.

Site and Design Information

USER INPUTS		
Roof drainage area	0	m ²
Road drainage area	1630	m ²
Total drainage area (DA)	1630	m ²
Drainage type	Road Only	Unitless
Drainage period	48	hours
Inlet locations (manholes)	1	Unitless
Infiltration rate of the subgrade	10	mm/hr
Safety factor	2.5	Unitless
Void ratio	40	%
TOOL RESULTS		
Depth of trench 1	0.80	m
Width of trench	5.00	m
Length of trench	43.9	m
Surface area of trench	220	m ²
Rainfall captured	27	mm
Total drainage area to surface area ratio (DA:S)	7.42:1	m ² :m ²
Water storage volume	44.0	m ³

Notes:

¹ If the rainfall capture is adjusted from the default, the depth will not decrease below the depth required for the infiltration rate of the subgrade

² The ratio of impervious drainage area to footprint surface area of the practice should be no greater than 20:1 to limit the accumulation of fine sediments and thereby prevent clogging

³ Includes compaction tests, 1 Proctor test, and 4 Nuclear Density tests
⁴ Project Acceptance Inspections include the following options: Option #1: Natural event testing; Includes 2 months of water level monitoring, materials and staff; Option #2: Simulated event testing; Includes water truck, materials and staff, plus 2 weeks of water level monitoring; Option #3: Continuous water level monitoring; 6 months of water level monitoring, materials and staff;

User Notes:

Capital Costs Information

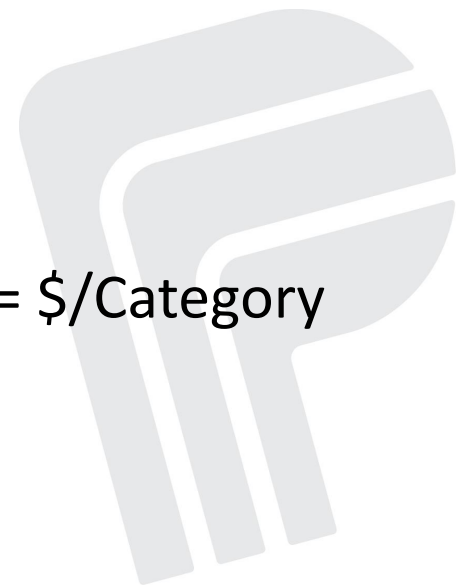
Costs are 2010 data, apply inflation rate (%) 13.696

PRE-CONSTRUCTION		Unit	Cost	Remove Cost
Test pits (2)	3.8	m ³	\$322.61	No
Infiltration tests (2 per test pit)	4	tests/pit	\$335.40	No
Stakeout of utilities	1	visit	\$568.48	No
Erosion and sediment controls	43.9	m	\$198.75	No
Add additional costs if necessary			\$0.00	
EXCAVATION				
Topsoil salvage, haul to stockpile	33.4	m ³	\$121.83	No
Excavate trench with trench box	314	m ³	\$1,568.84	No
Loading	15	% of excavation	\$253.60	No
Hauling	5.6	hours	\$1,102.94	No
Safety Fencing	14	m (1 week rental)	\$268.53	No
Add additional costs if necessary			\$0.00	
MATERIALS & INSTALLATION				
Manhole (4' dia.) & inlet attachment	1	each	\$9,358.26	No
Geotextile (Polypropylene filtration fabric)	486	m ²	\$1,934.71	No
Roof to system attachment	0	each	\$0.00	No
Hydrodynamic Separator	1	each	\$17,249.05	No
Overflow attachment	1	each	\$279.69	No
Perforated Pipe (300 mm)	43.3	m	\$1,856.38	No
Line pipe with expandable rings	41	m ²	\$341.99	No
Monitoring wells (150 mm)	3	each	\$690.24	No
Place and compact stone (50 mm clear)	102.3	Bm ³ & Cm ³	\$4,681.98	No
Place and compact fill ²	164.7	Bm ³ & Cm ³	\$1,527.54	No
Add additional costs if necessary			\$0.00	
INSPECTIONS				
Construction Inspections	5	visit	1,200.44	No
Project Acceptance Inspections ⁴	15	visit	480.15	No
Option #2: Natural event testing	1	tests	2,273.92	No
Option #3: Simulated event testing	1	tests	2,540.44	No
Option #4: 6 months water level monitoring	1	tests	6,821.76	No
Add additional costs if necessary			0.00	
TOTALS				
Sub-total			\$55,977.54	
Overhead	10	%	\$5,597.75	
Other	0	%	\$0.00	
GRAND TOTAL			\$61,575.29	

Human Services – GI Costs

Green Infrastructure	Capital Construction Cost (\$)	Average Annual Maintenance Cost (\$)
Infiltration Trench	\$61,575	\$2,525
Cistern	\$88,239	\$3,051
Soil Cells	\$210,000	\$1,265
Trees	\$12,000	\$2,400
Total	\$370,814	\$9,241

1. \$ Total /ha of Typical Site = \$/ha/Category
2. \$/ha/Category * ha of Category Region Wide = \$/Category
3. Sum \$/Category = Total Region Cost



Next Steps



Green Infrastructure Practices	STORMWATER		ENVIRONMENTAL						QUALITY OF LIFE				BIODIVERSITY					
	Reduce Stormwater Runoff	Improve Water Quality	Contribute to flood protection	Increase groundwater recharge	Reduce Soil Erosion	Reduce Energy Use	Improve Air Quality	Reduce CO2	Reduce Urban Heat Island	Improve Aesthetics	Increase Recreational Opportunities	Reduce Noise Pollution	Improve Community Cohesion	Improve Human Health & Wellbeing	Cultivate Public Education	Increase food security	Provide Habitat	Support pollinators
Tree Canopy	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Bioretention	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Green Roofs	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Natural Channel Design	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Wetlands	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Forests	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Permeable Pavement	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Hedgerows	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Urban Agriculture	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Downspout Disconnect	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Perforated Pipes	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Infiltration Trenches & Chambers	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

● Primary Function ● Secondary Function

1. Apply costs for GI into SOGR Schedule, Capital and AM Plans.
2. Conduct site level feasibility studies as part of CCMP implementation.
3. Integrate costing functionality within LID TTT
4. Evaluate the other benefits of GI
5. Combine into a decision support tool for GI implementation

How is your municipality planning to increase its resiliency to climate change?



Care to continue the conversation?

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