



GIO: Intro and Updates

Event: Clean Air Council Meeting – Building a More Complete Value Proposition for Green Infrastructure

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The Green Infrastructure Ontario (GIO) Coalition is an alliance of organizations that share a common vision for a healthy, green Ontario where the economic, social, environmental and health benefits of green infrastructure are fully realized.

GIO Coalition Members



GIO Steering Committee



Over 40 general members:

- Businesses
- Industry and professional associations
- Municipal and Regional governments
- Conservation Authorities
- ENGOS

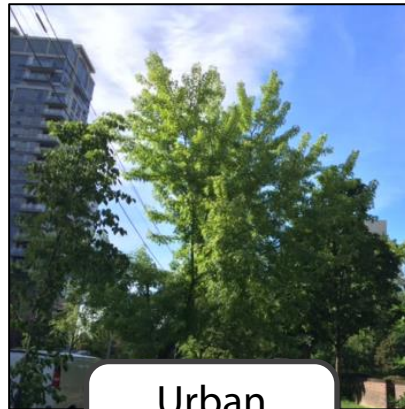
What is Green Infrastructure?

It encompasses:



Urban Agriculture

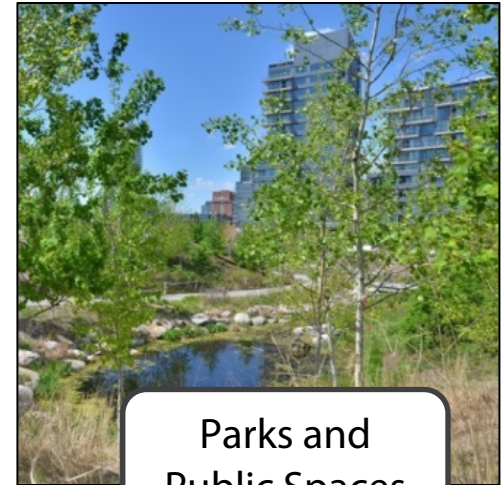
Green
Roofs/Walls



Urban
Forest



Stormwater
Systems



Parks and
Public Spaces

Natural
Heritage

What is Green Infrastructure?



Green technologies
Eg. Permeable pavement



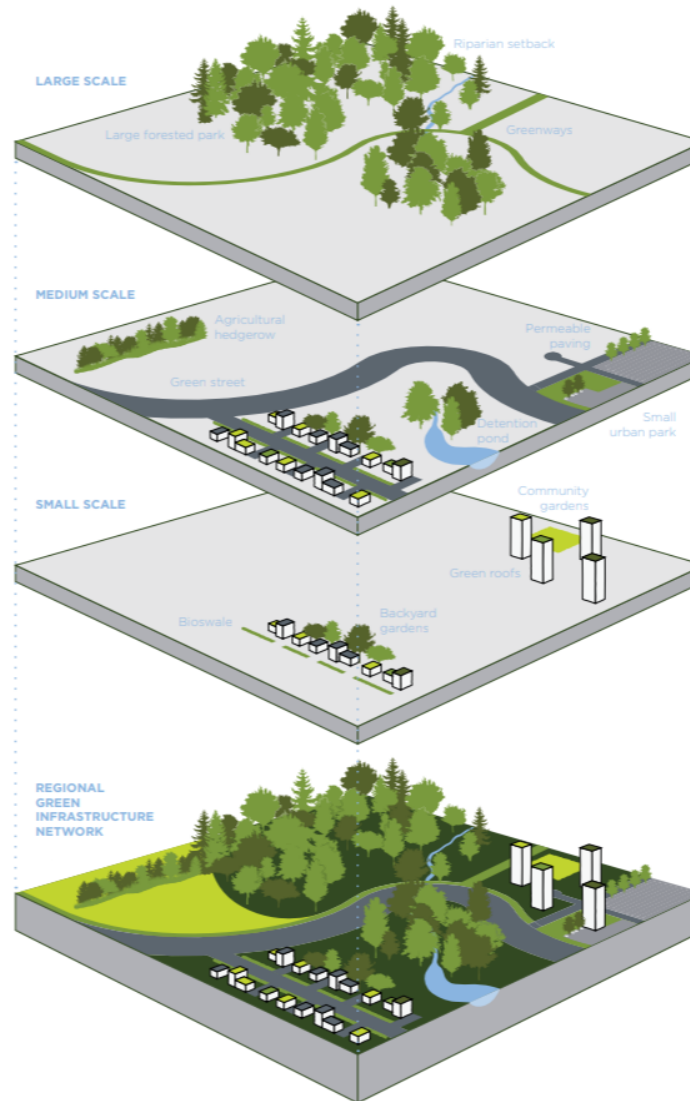
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What is Green Infrastructure?

But not:



Green Infrastructure is a Network



GIO Activities

- Government Relations
 - Direct advocacy
 - Policy submissions
- Information sharing
 - Presentations
 - Workshops
 - Reports
 - Newsletter



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Fed. and Prov. infrastructure funding for green infrastructure projects:

- The Federal government - **\$120 billion** over 10 years.
- The Province of Ontario - **\$160 billion** over 12 years.

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Green infrastructure integrated in to:

- Asset Management Planning
- Growth Planning
- Climate Change Plans
- Stormwater Management Guidelines

Since 2014, green infrastructure has been included in:

- Ontario Asset Management Planning Regulation (2017)
- Ontario Growth Plan and Greenbelt Plan (2017)
- MOECC Stormwater LID Guidelines (pending)
- Municipal Act (2017)
- Pan Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change (2016)
- Federal Infrastructure Clean Water and Waste Water Fund (2016)
- *Great Lakes Protection Act* (2015)
- Ontario's Climate Change Strategy (2015)
- Provincial Policy Statement (2014)

STATE OF LARGE PARKS IN ONTARIO'S GOLDEN HORSESHOE



State of Large Parks Report



Possibility grows here.



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GIO Strategic Priorities: 2018-2021



- Priority 1: Organizational Sustainability
- Priority 2: Develop the Business Case for Green Infrastructure in Ontario
- Priority 3: Government Relations and Advocacy
- Priority 4: Support municipalities in their efforts to implement green infrastructure

Green Infrastructure is the NEW NORMAL

- How can GIO help?
- Resources:
 - Who has looked at GIO's online resources?
 - What's working?
 - What's missing?
 - How to improve (content, access)?
 - Other?

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