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# Capacity Enhancement in Vulnerability and Risk Assessment (CEVRA) Project Workshop

Municipalities and Watershed Districts

Beausejour, MB

March 20, 2024



# AGENDA

**10:00 – 10:15**

**Introductions**

**10:15 – 10:30**

**Getting Started**

**10:30 – 12:00**

**Assessing Current and Future Climate Risks**

*Stage 1: Getting Started*

*Stage 2: Assessing Climate Risks*

**12:00 – 12:30**

**Lunch Break**

**12:30 – 1:30**

*Stage 2: Assessing Climate Risks, cont.*

**1:30 – 3:00**

**Next Steps**

*Stage 3: Adaptation Actions*



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# INTRODUCTIONS





# Introductions - HTFC



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The Leaf / Diversity Gardens



Oodena Celebration Circle



The Municipal Planning  
Guide to Zoning Bylaws  
in Manitoba

Component A: Introduction to Zoning



Zoning Bylaw Guide



Kelsey Planning District  
**DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Kelsey Planning District Development Plan







# Introductions - HTFC



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Bioswales



## HTFC's Environmental Planning and Design Projects



Green Roofs



Rain Gardens



# Introductions



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We now invite you to share:

- Your name
- Your municipality, watershed district or organization
- Your role



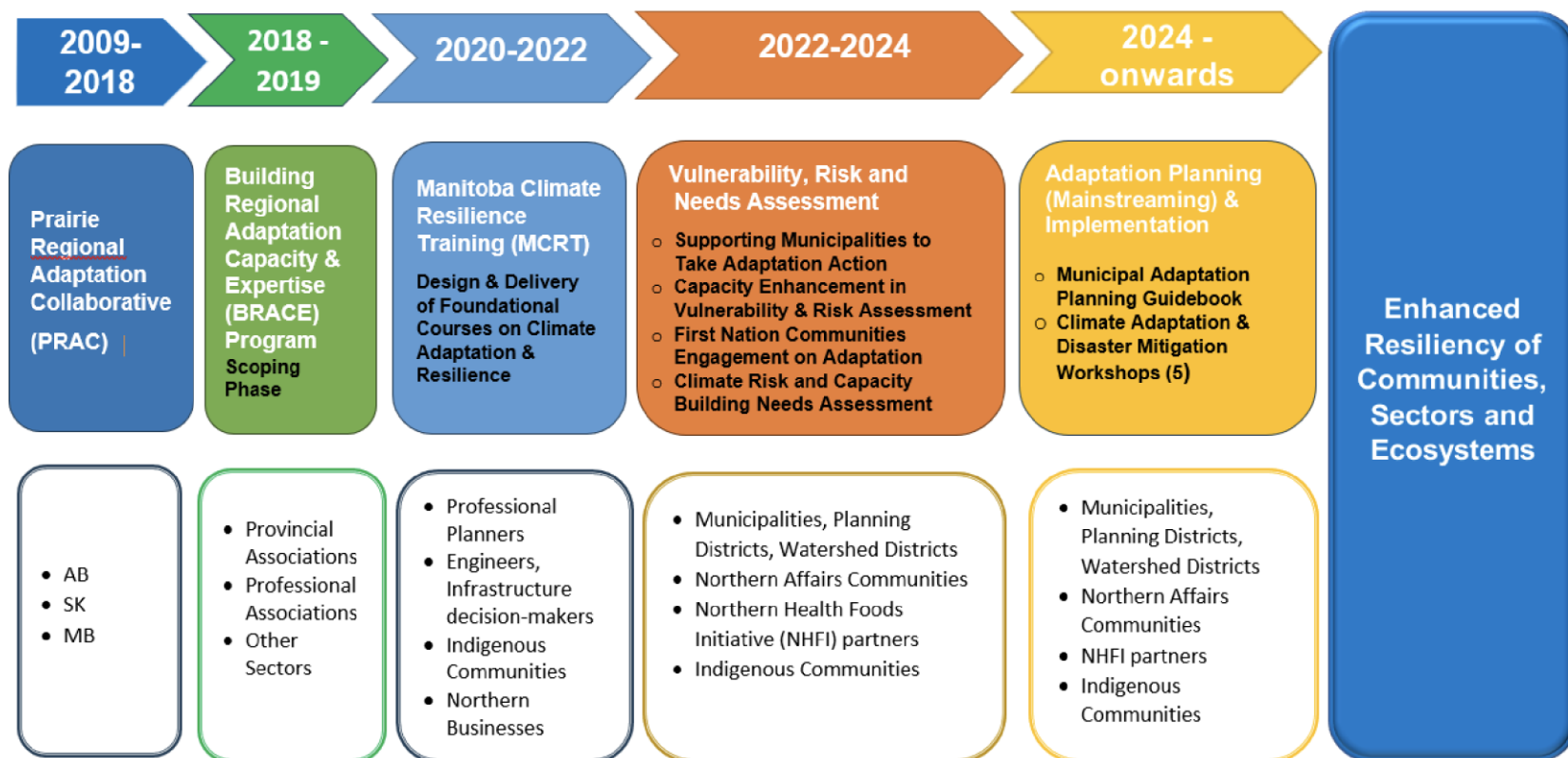


# Program Context



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## Manitoba Climate Adaptation Initiatives Climate Adaptation and Disaster Mitigation Workshops







# Manitoba's Adaptation Objectives



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- Make MB a safe & desirable place to live and invest in under a changing climate.
- Invest in training and information to make the best decisions going forward.





# Manitoba's Adaptation Objectives



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- Capture the adaptation & resiliency work already occurring across the province and document best practices
- Consider policy and programs that support broader climate mitigation and adaptation efforts



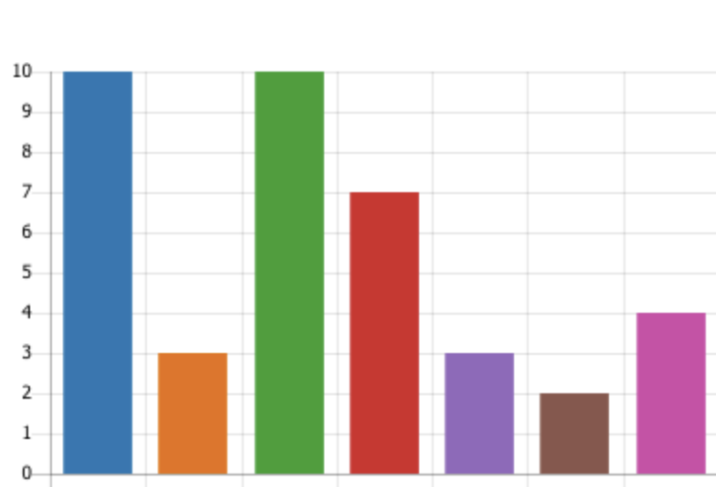


# What We Heard



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- **We asked:** What work has your municipality or district done to date to prepare for a changing climate?



- Nothing specifically for climate change
- Nothing yet, but we plan to
- Research into the effects of climate change
- Incorporated climate change projections into a development plan or integrated watershed management plan
- Started or completed a climate vulnerability and risk assessment
- Started or completed a climate adaptation plan
- Other



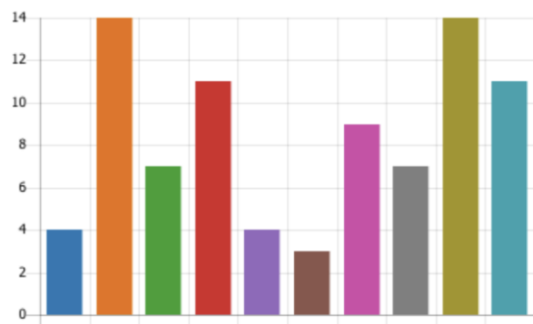


# What We Heard



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- **We asked:** What areas of focus would help you get the most out of this workshop?



- Background information on climate change
- **Understanding future projections for your municipality**
- How to use online tools like the Climate Atlas of Canada
- **Identifying climate-related hazards in your community**
- Exploring the impacts of climate-related hazards
- Predicting how these hazards will change in the future
- **Walking through a vulnerability & risk assessment together**
- Prioritizing climate-related risks to prepare for in planning
- **Discussing actions to prepare for a changing climate**
- **Learning more about green infrastructure**



# Today's Key Takeaways and Goals



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1. **Understand** the projected climate future for your community or district
2. **Recognize** climate hazards and how they could change in the future
3. **Identify & assess** the risks to your community
4. **Start to Plan** how to mitigate and adapt to the risks
5. **Adopt** a mentality of planning for the worst while hoping for the best



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# CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING PROCESS

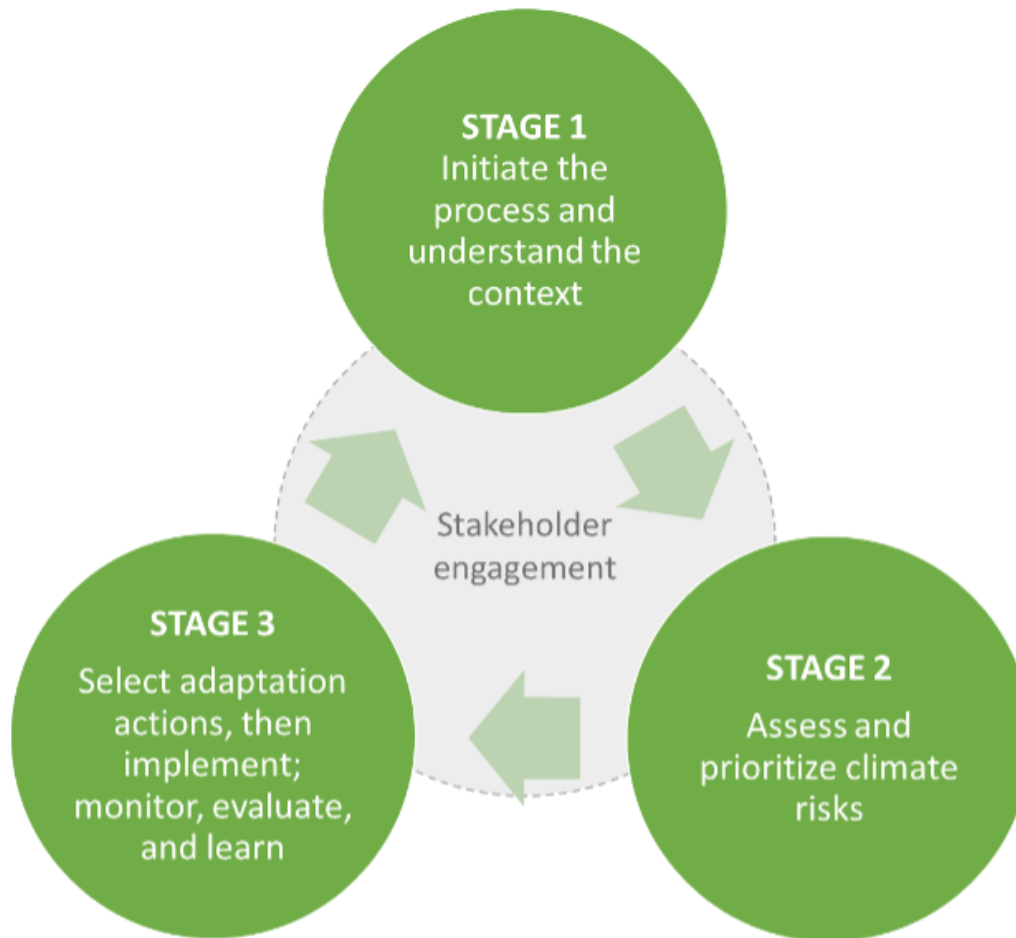




# Climate Action Planning Process



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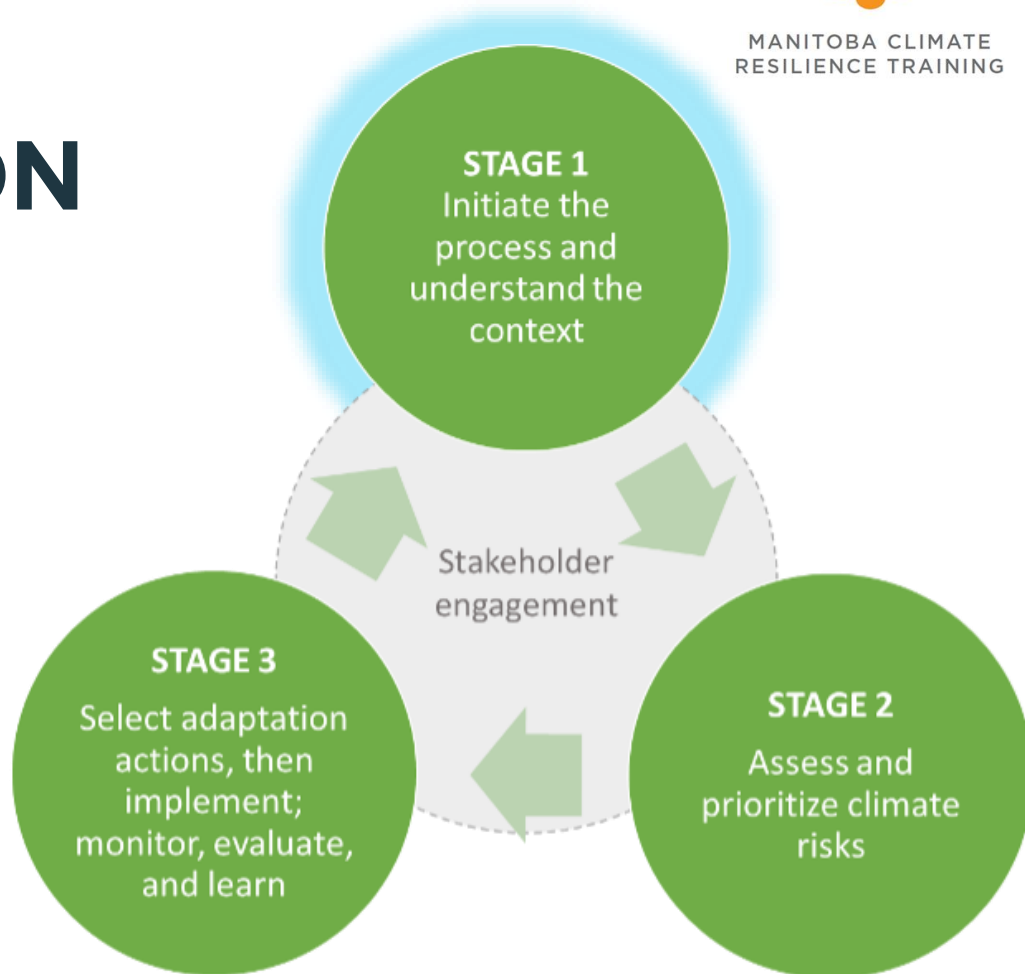




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# CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING

## STAGE 1: GETTING STARTED





# Climate Action Plan Stage 1: Getting Started



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**Stage 1:**  
Getting  
Started

Learning More About Climate Change





# What We Heard



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- **We asked:** How would you describe the average citizen's attitudes towards the changing climate in your municipality or watershed district?



- 7% The average citizen doesn't believe the climate is changing
- 25% The average citizen is indifferent to the changing climate
- 72% The average citizen is somewhat concerned about the changing climate
- 0% The average citizen is very concerned about the changing climate
- 3% I don't know



# What We Heard



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- **We asked:** How would you rate your personal confidence in discussing climate change with the average citizen in your municipality or watershed district?



- 17% - I do not feel confident at all discussing climate change
- 29% - I can't discuss it, but I can direct people to resources
- 36% - I can discuss it at a surface level and provide resources
- 0% - I can discuss several aspects of climate change in depth
- 18% - I feel complete confidence discussing climate change



# Climate Change Basics: Weather vs Climate



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## Weather

- Changes by the hour, day, or week
- Readily observable



## Climate

- Changes with the seasons
- A generalization of regional weather over time

“Climate is  
what we  
expect,  
weather is what  
we get”  
— *Mark Twain*

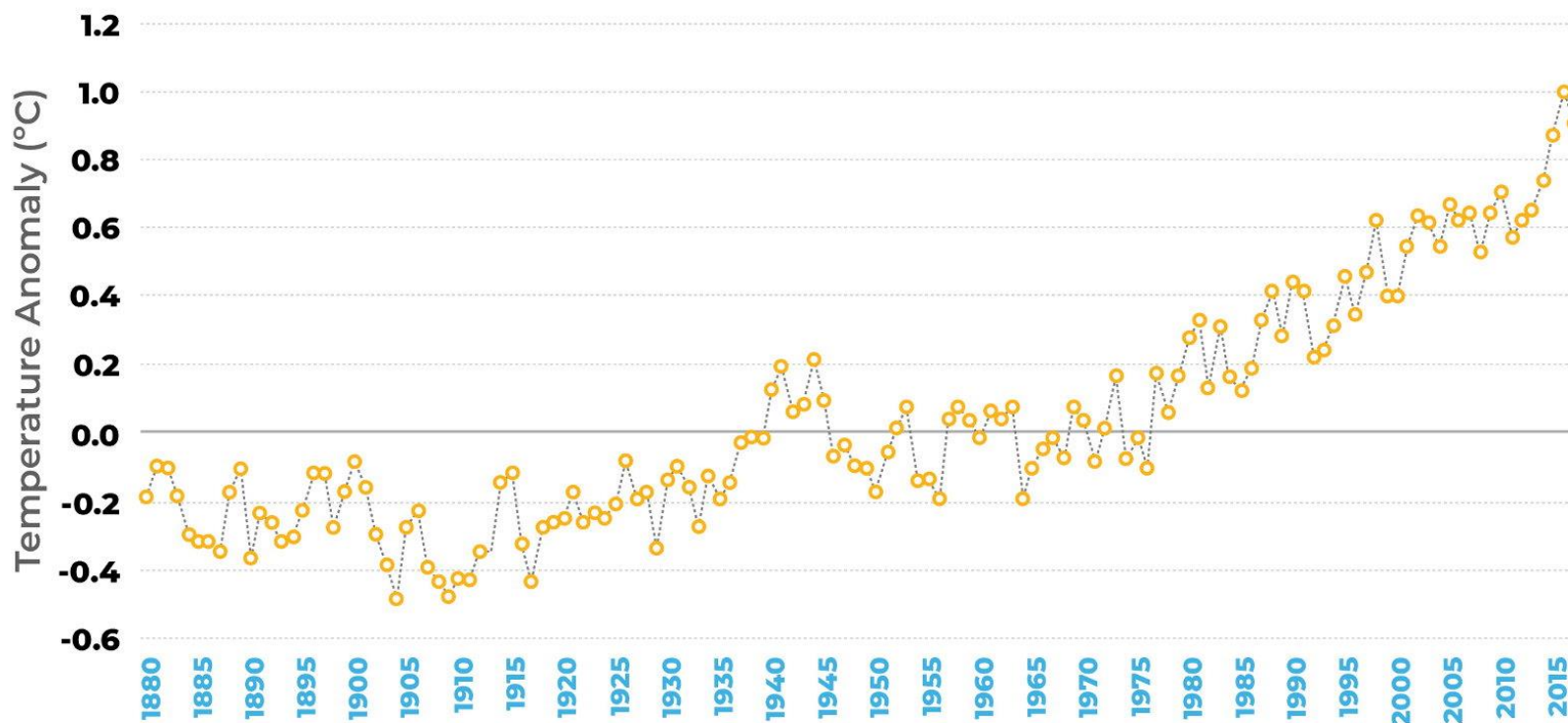


# Climate Change Basics: Earth's Temperature Over Time



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Global Temperature, 1880 to 2017



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Climate Centre

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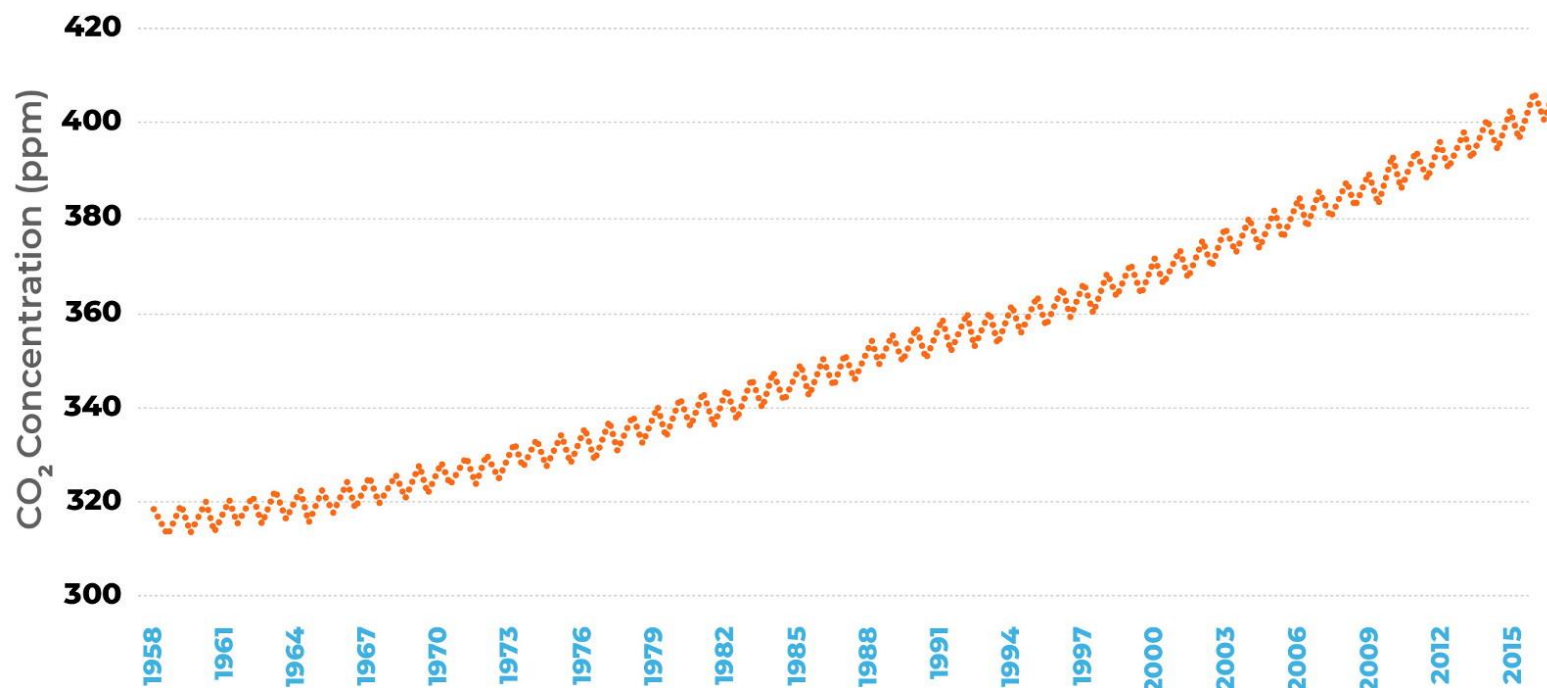


# Climate Change Basics: Carbon Dioxide Levels Over Time



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## Carbon Dioxide Concentration, 1958 to 2018



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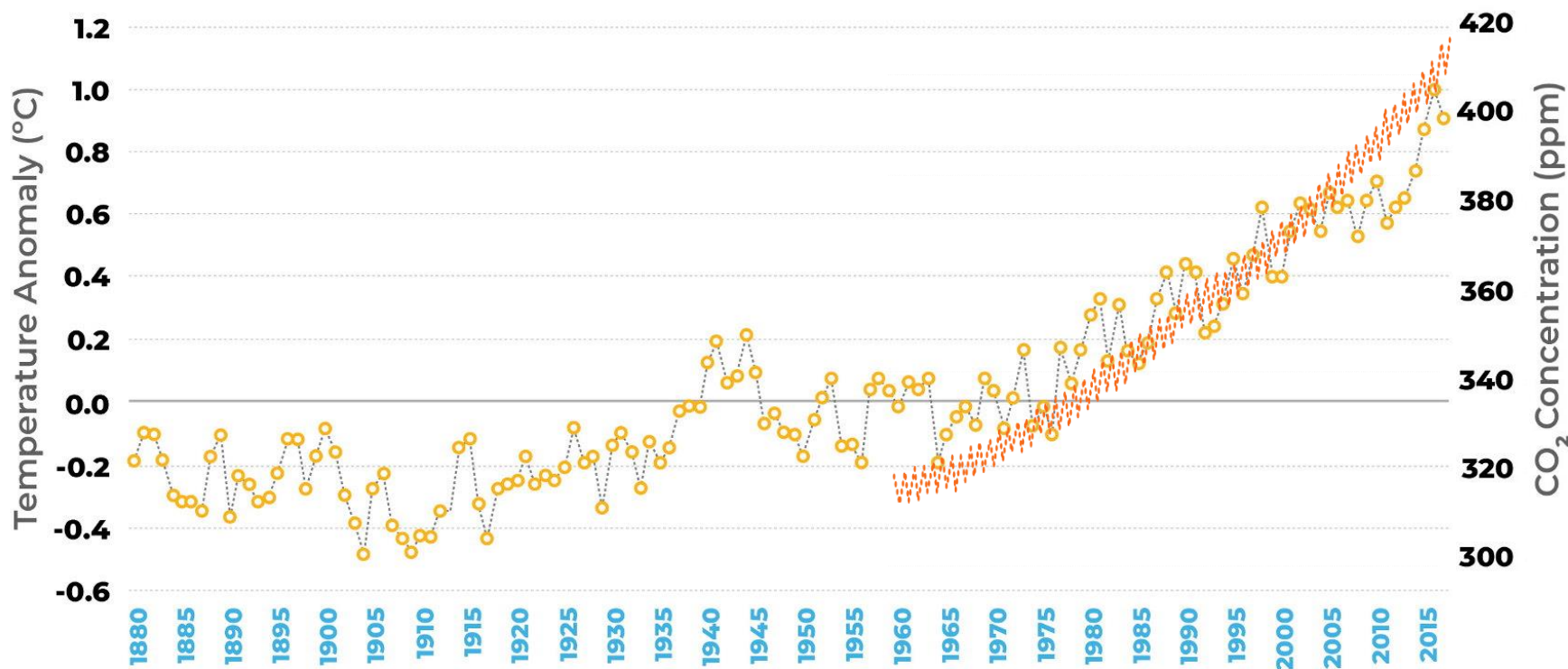


# Climate Change Basics: Temperature & CO<sub>2</sub> Compared



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Global Temperature, 1880 to 2017



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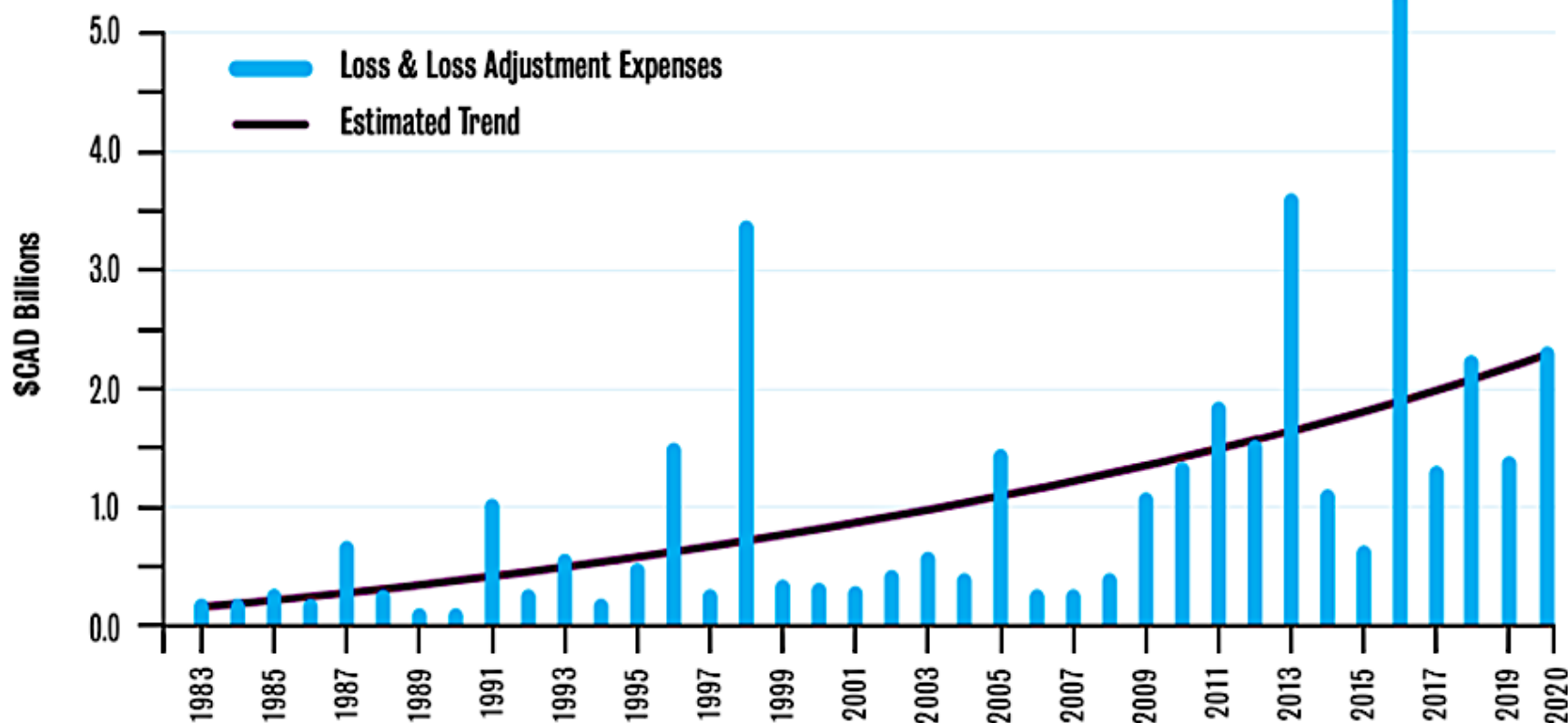


# The Costs of Climate Change



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## Private Insured Catastrophic Losses in Canada



Source: Insurance Bureau of Canada / Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation

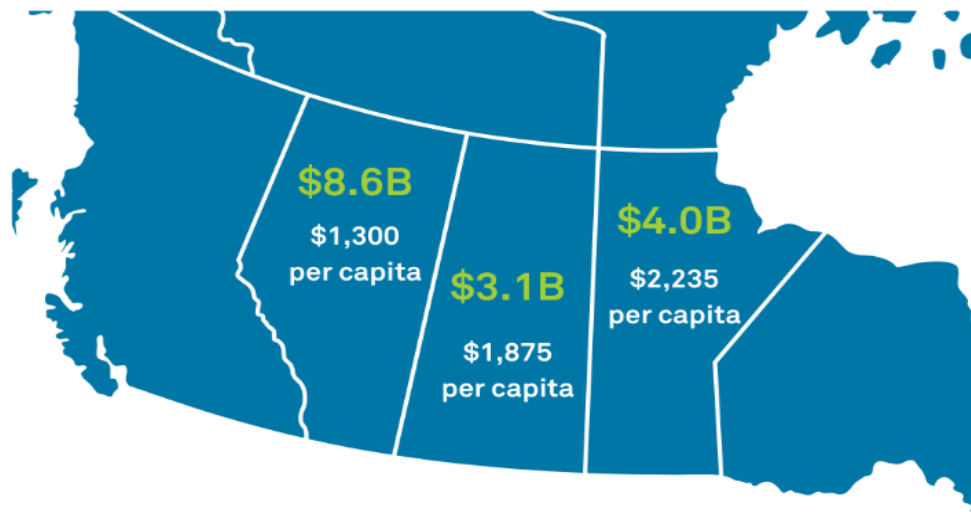


# The Costs of Climate Change



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## Projected total annual costs across the Prairie provinces (2050s)



**= \$15.7B**

economic losses  
attributable to climate  
change across all  
three provinces, based  
on a high emissions  
scenario

Read the full report: [climatewest.ca/publications](https://climatewest.ca/publications)

## CLIMATE CHANGE 101

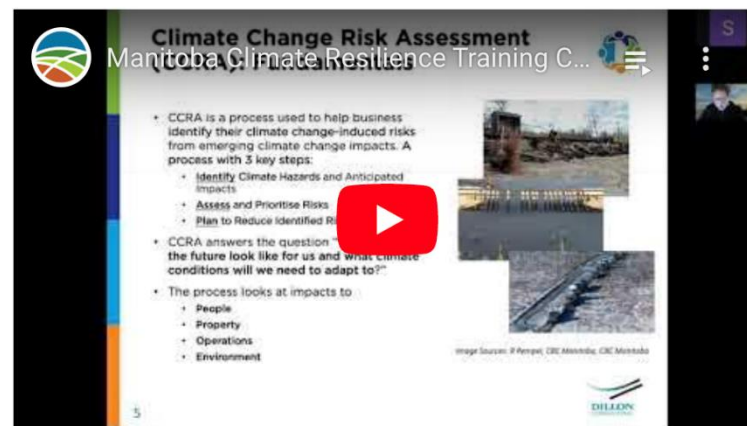
A climate change primer course for professionals and practitioners in Manitoba to better understand the causes, future projections, and effects of climate change in the Canadian context. This course serves as a foundational primer for the rest of the MCRT training to be undertaken by select audiences.



## RISK ASSESSMENT: CORE PRINCIPLES

### Climate Change Risk Assessment: Core Principles

This foundational module provides a foundation of core climate change risk assessment principles and approaches for all BRACE sector audiences. It explores core concepts such as hazard identification, vulnerability assessment, risk assessment and how to use a CCRA process to identify, assess, prioritize climate impacts to inform climate adaptation planning.



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*Start here:*

**MCRT Foundational Training Modules:**

<https://climatewest.ca/mcrt-foundation-modules>



# Climate Action Plan Stage 1: Getting Started



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**Stage 1:**  
Getting  
Started

Determining How to Use the Information



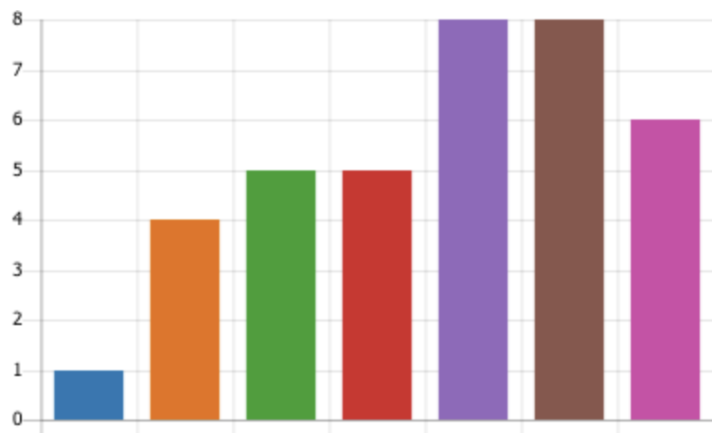









# What We Heard



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- **We asked:** What actions would you like to see taken in your community to adapt to a changing climate?



	Add climate information to a municipal HRVA	1
	Prepare a Climate Adaptation Plan	4
	Add adaptation policies to our Development Plan	5
	Add regulations to support adaptation in our zoning by-law	5
	Add climate information to an Integrated Watershed Management Plan	8
	Support green infrastructure projects	8
	Protect natural assets	6



# Municipal Workshop Applications



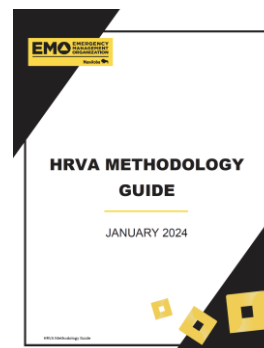
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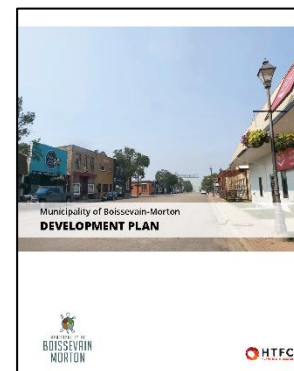
## Climate Vulnerability & Risk Assessment



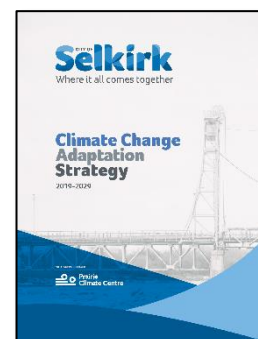
Your Next  
HRVA



Development  
Plan / Zoning  
By-laws



Climate  
Action Plan



Shared Concerns:  
Increased frequency  
and/or intensity of  
climate related  
hazards



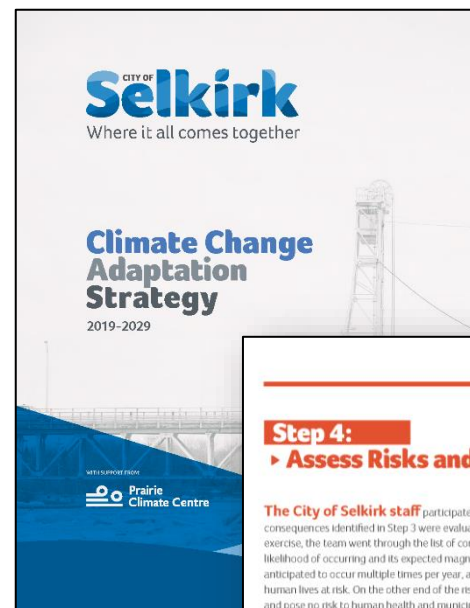
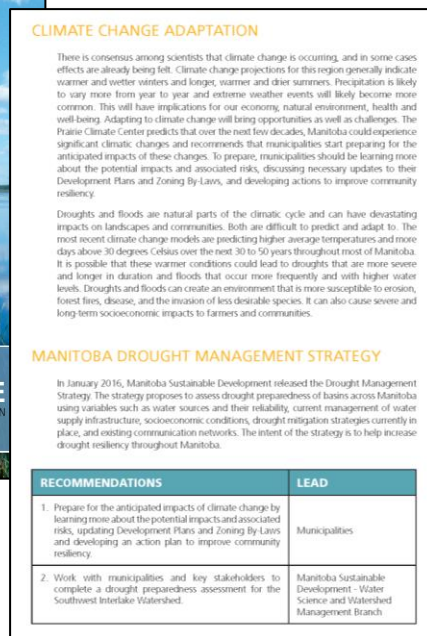
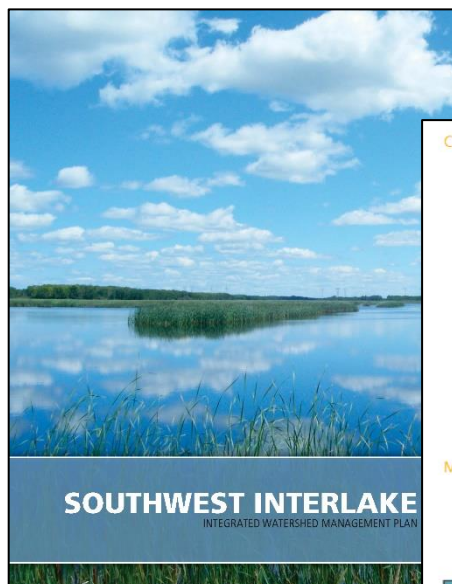
# Watershed Workshop Applications



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**You can apply today's content to:**

- Your next Integrated Watershed Management Plan (left)
- A standalone Climate Change Adaptation Strategy or Action Plan (right)

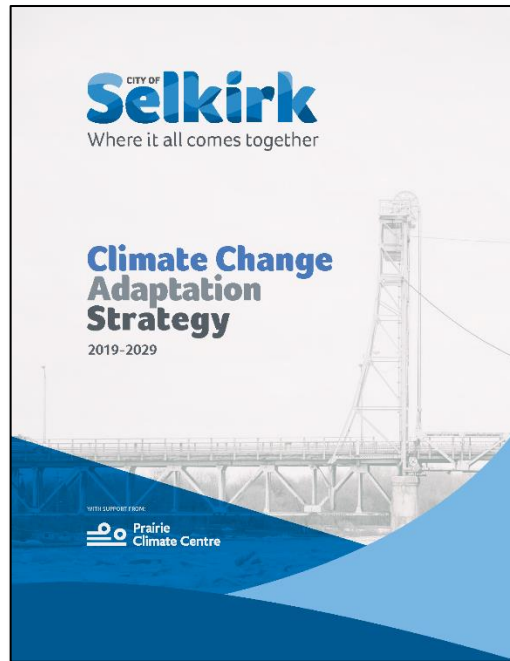




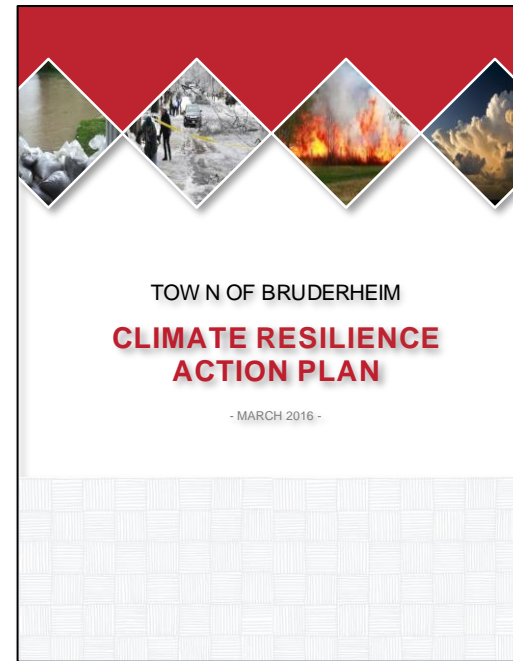
# Determine scale and scope: Climate Action Plan



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City of Selkirk, MB  
Population: 10,504



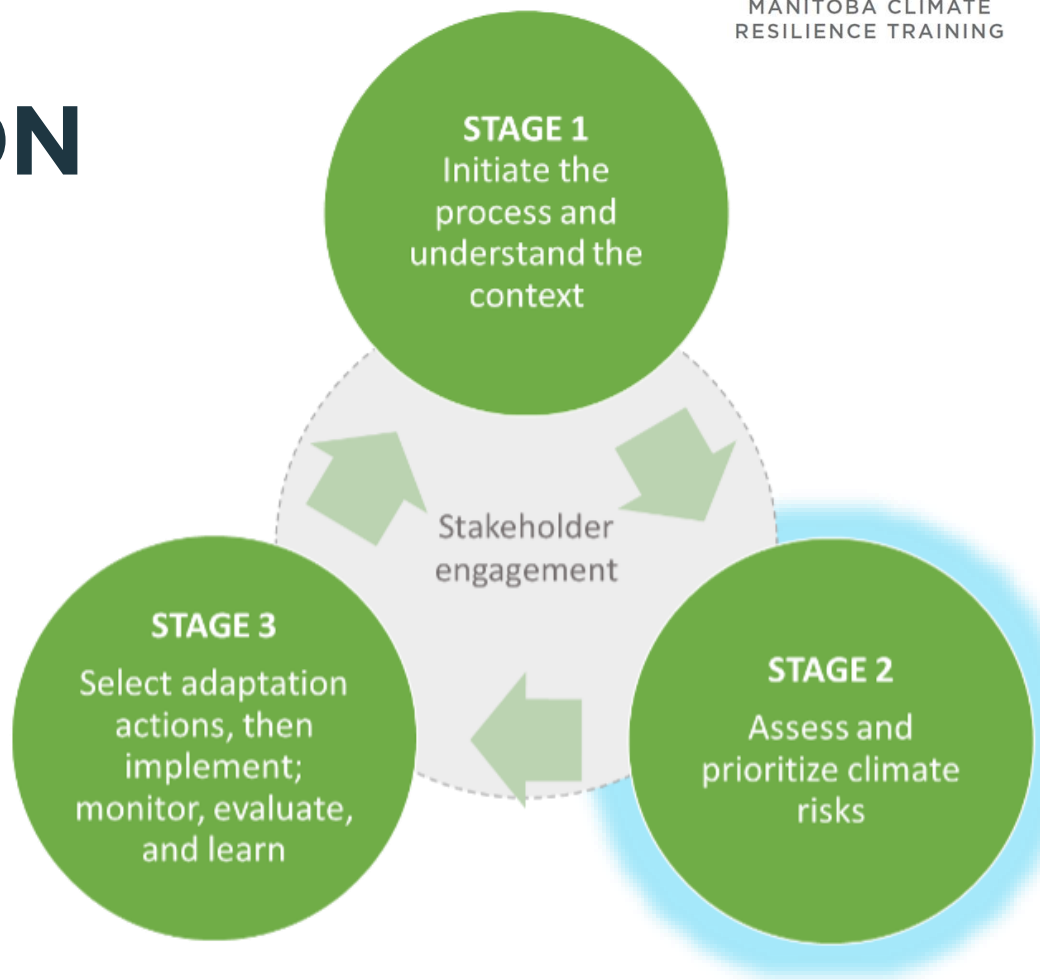
Town of Bruderheim, AB  
Population: 1,308



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# CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING

## STAGE 2: ASSESSING CLIMATE RISKS







# A Note of Caution



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- While our goal is to help you walk through the steps of a vulnerability and risk assessment, in practice this process takes much longer and requires a team and expert opinion to properly complete



# Climate Risk Assessment Workbook

*For Municipalities*



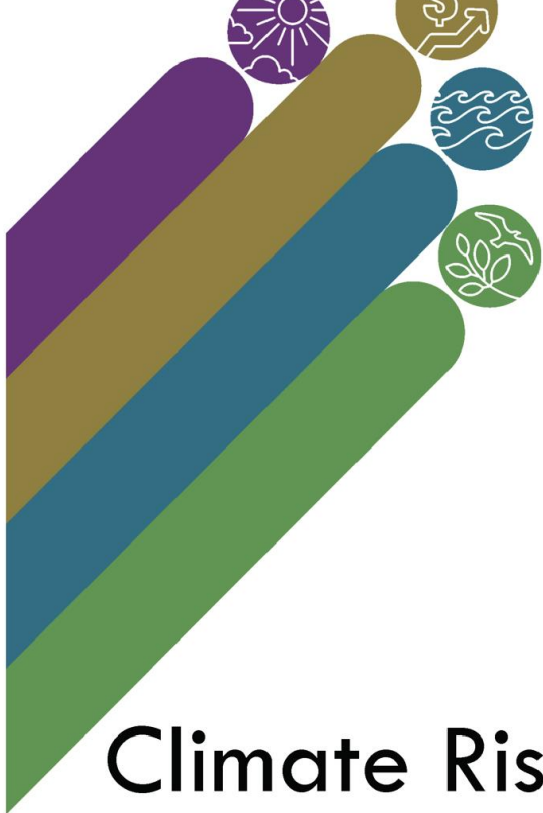
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# Climate Risk Assessment Workbook

*For Municipalities*



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Fill this in!



# Climate Action Plan Stage 2: Assessing Current and Future Climate Risks



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## Stage 2:

Assessing  
Current and  
Future  
Climate Risks



Step 1: Climate Hazard Assessment

Step 2: Climate Impact Assessment

Step 3: Climate Risk Assessment



# Assessing Current and Future Climate Risks



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## Stage 2 Objectives:

- To understand the degree to which a changing climate will impact important aspects of your district
- To help your team prioritize climate change risks to prepare for through adaptation





# Climate Action Plan Stage 2: Assessing Current and Future Climate Risks



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## Stage 2:

Assessing  
Current and  
Future  
Climate Risks



Step 1: Climate Hazard Assessment

Step 2: Climate Impact Assessment

Step 3: Climate Risk Assessment



# Step 1: Climate Hazard Assessment



**The goal of this step is to:**

- Identify the climate hazards that already affect or will affect your community; and
- Understand how the climate hazards are predicted to change.

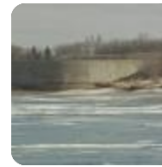


CBC

## 'We are short on water': Morden seeks additional source as droughts become more frequent

A southern Manitoba city that recently declared itself to be in a moderate drought stage after a drier than normal winter says it needs more...

2 weeks ago



# Examples of Climate-Related Hazards Affecting Manitoba in Recent Years

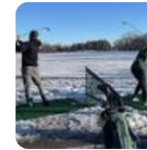


CBC

## Abnormally mild January full of joy, grief for Manitobans as winter on track to break record

Unexpected warm winter weather in the province has been enjoyable for some people, but not everyone is a fan of the mild temperatures.

1 month ago

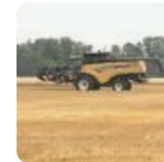


Global News

## Manitoba hail storm decimates crops, hail insurance claims pour in

Watch Manitoba hail storm decimates crops, hail insurance claims pour in Video Online, on GlobalNews.ca.

Aug 29, 2023



## Wildfires continue to cause air quality issues in northern Manitoba

Kayla Rosen

CTVNewsWinnipeg.ca

Published July 22, 2022 8:20 a.m. CDT

## Manitoba floods continue to wreak havoc on communities across the province



By **Sam Thompson** • Global News

Posted May 4, 2022 9:30 am · Updated May 4, 2022 9:31 pm

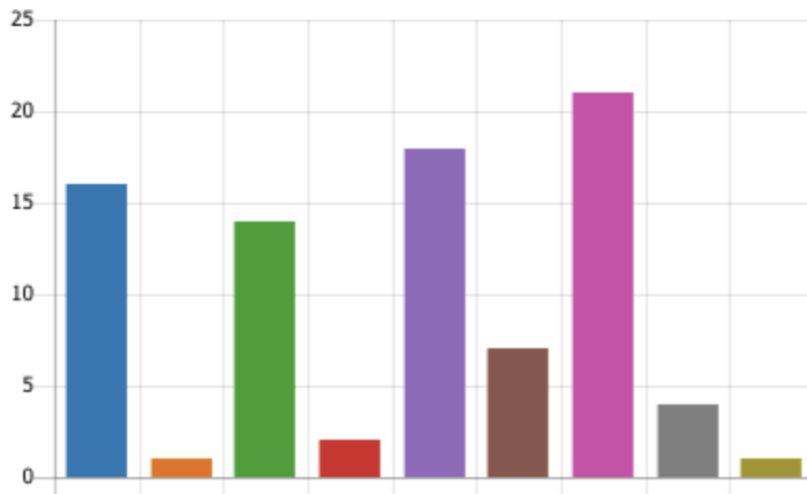


# What We Heard



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- **We asked:** What climate hazards do you think pose the greatest risk to your municipality or district in the future?



- Extreme winter storms (blizzards, freezing rain, etc)
- Extreme cold
- Extreme summer storms (thunderstorms, tornadoes, etc)
- Extreme heat
- Droughts
- Wildfires
- Floods
- Invasive species
- Other



# Task 1.1: Develop a list of climate-related hazards

## Group Discussion:

- What climate-related hazards have impacted your community in the past?
  - Examples:
    - Annual heatwaves
    - Red River Flood of 1997
    - Pukatawagan Wildfire of 2022







# Task 1.1: Develop a list of climate-related hazards



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## Examples of Climate-Related Hazards

### Flooding

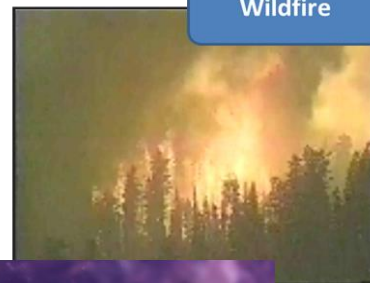
Extreme rainfall  
Rapid snowmelt



### Drought



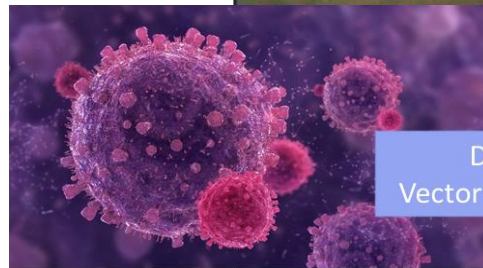
### Wildfire



### Wind Events



### Disease Vector or Zoonotic



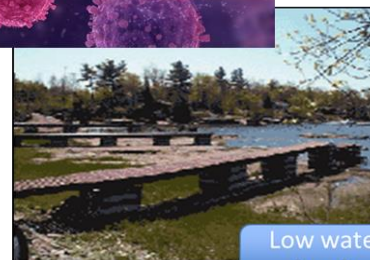
### Winter roads and northern infrastructure



### Invasive species



### Low water levels





# Task 1.1: Develop a list of climate-related hazards

- Consider the attributes of these hazards and write your answers in **Box 1.1**.

Climate Hazard	When was it?	What was experienced?	How long did it last?
Heatwave	July 2022, August 2023	Day temperatures of +30°C, Night temperatures of +20°C	3-4 days at a time

Box 1.1: Identify past climate hazards in your community.



# Task 1.2: Identify how climate hazards are predicted to change



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- Let's review your area's **climate profiles**
- See more at **climateatlas.ca**












# “High Carbon” Projections



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Change	Recent Past	10th percentile Low	2051-2080 Mean	90th percentile High	Direction of change
 Typical hottest summer day	34.6 °C	35.8 °C	<b>39.29 °C</b>	43.8 °C	↑
 Typical coldest winter day	-36.7 °C	-34.3 °C	<b>-28.8 °C</b>	-23.5 °C	↑
 Number of +30 °C days per year	15	26	<b>53</b>	78	↑
 Spring precipitation	101 mm	61 mm	<b>120 mm</b>	192 mm	↑
 Summer precipitation	198 mm	101 mm	<b>191 mm</b>	302 mm	↓
 Number of below-zero days per year	194	134	<b>156</b>	177	↓
 Number of +20 °C nights per year	0	1	<b>13</b>	28	↑



## Task 1.2: Identify how climate hazards are predicted to change



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- Use the Climate Atlas of Canada to fill in the blanks in **Box 1.2**.

Variable	Recent Past: 1976-2005	Near-term Projection: 2021-2050	Long-term Projection: 2051-2080	Change (+/-)
Very Hot Days (+30°C)	days	days	days	days
Very Cold Days (-30°C)	days	days	days	days
Annual Mean Temperature	°C	°C	°C	°C
Mean Spring Precipitation	mm	mm	mm	%
Frost-Free Season	days	days	days	days





# Round Table Questions



- Did anything surprise you from looking at the data?
- Are there hazards or opportunities related to climate change that you hadn't thought of before?





# Future Climate Hazards



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- Identify four top future climate hazards in your area in **Box 1.3**.

#	Climate Hazards
0	Example: Heatwaves
1	
2	
3	
4	



## Task 1.2: Identify how climate hazards are predicted to change



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- Now, find the Climate Impact Assessment Sheets in your workbook.
- Fill out the **blue boxes** for each of the 4 top climate hazards.

Climate Hazard:	Heatwave
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## Task 1.2: Identify how climate hazards are predicted to change



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- How are these hazards projected to change in the future from how they were in the past?
- On your Climate Impact Assessment Sheets, fill out the **yellow boxes** for each of the 4 top climate hazards.

<b>Climate Hazard:</b>	Heatwave
<b>How is the Hazard Projected to Change in the Future?</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An average of 2.3 more heatwaves each year</li><li>• The average heatwave is 1.8 days longer.</li><li>• The average summer temperature is 2.1°C warmer.</li></ul> <p>As summer temperatures and the number of days above +30°C increase, future heatwaves may be hotter, more frequent, and last longer.</p>	





# Climate Action Plan Stage 2: Assessing Current and Future Climate Risks



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## Step 2: Climate Impact Assessment



**The goal of this step is to:**

- Consider impacts of the identified climate hazards
- Explore how these impacts might be felt in the future
- Understand the consequences for your community



## Task 2.1: Develop an inventory of climate change hazards and impacts



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- For each climate hazard, think of general **impacts** that may occur as a result. Look at climate profile for ideas.
- On your Climate Impact Assessment Sheets, fill out the **green boxes**. Consider:
  - *What are the general impacts of this hazard?*

Climate Hazard	What Are the Impacts of This Hazard?
Example: Heatwave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-More hot days and night</li><li>-Reduced water supply</li><li>-Loss of soil moisture</li><li>-Increased risk of wildfires</li><li>-Amplification of drought conditions</li></ul>



## Task 2.2: Identify the climate risks to your community



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- For each climate hazard, imagine a **worst-case scenario event** that could occur in your municipality or district between now and 2050.





## Task 2.2: Identify the climate risks to your community



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- EXAMPLES -

- A 1-in-300-year flood
- A prolonged drought
- Extended summer heat wave
- Extreme rainfall event or summer storm
- Major snowstorm or ice storm





## Task 2.2: Identify the climate risks to your community



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- Starting with **Community & People**, write down a bullet point list of potential consequences that could occur in a **worst-case scenario** event. Fill out the first row under the **purple box** for each hazard.



### Community & people

Fatalities, injuries, medical treatment, hospitalization, temporary or permanent displacement, mental health and emotional well-being



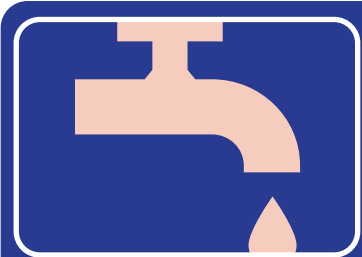


## Task 2.2: Identify the climate risks to your community



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- Write down a bullet point list of potential consequences that could occur in a **worst-case scenario** event.



### Critical services

Loss of services such as transportation, water, electricity, etc.



## Task 2.2: Identify the climate risks to your community



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- Write down a bullet point list of potential consequences that could occur in a **worst-case scenario** event.



### **Buildings and infrastructure**

Damage to buildings, equipment, vehicles, infrastructure.



## Task 2.2: Identify the climate risks to your community



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- Write down a bullet point list of potential consequences that could occur in a **worst-case scenario** event.



### Local economy

Disruption or loss of ability to produce, consume, and trade goods and services, and to generate income supporting livelihoods



## Task 2.2: Identify the climate risks to your community



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- Write down a bullet point list of potential consequences that could occur in a **worst-case scenario** event.



### Natural environment

Impacts to land, water, air, plants, and animals, and the provision of ecosystem services



# Climate Action Plan Stage 2: Assessing Current and Future Climate Risks



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# Climate Risk Assessment



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## The goal of this step is to:


- Understand how susceptible your community is to each of the impacts and consequences you have previously identified
- Determine priorities for the adaptation planning phase and consider solutions



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# Severity of Identified Risks

- Return to your Climate Impact Assessment.
- For each consequence you have identified, assign a level of anticipated severity were that consequence to occur.
- Use the numbers 1 – 5 (with 1 being lowest).

	What Consequences Might Occur in a Worst-Case Scenario?	Severity
 Community & People	- Seniors/vulnerable community members suffer heat stroke	4
	- Food security threatened by crop loss	5
	- Cancellation of outdoor events, sports, and gatherings	1



# Severity of Identified Risks



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Severity Level	Description
<b>1 Insignificant</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impact may be observed but does not change day-to-day life</li> <li>No deaths, injuries, or effects on health and safety</li> <li>No impact to the economy, environment, property, or services.</li> </ul>
<b>2 Minor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No deaths or injuries, minor short-term effects on health and safety</li> <li>Very minimal impact on local economy</li> <li>Insignificant environmental disruption or damage</li> <li>Slight damage to property and infrastructure, very short-term service interruptions, or negligible costs</li> <li>No liabilities or significant extra costs</li> </ul>
<b>3 Moderate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Few injuries, or modest temporary impact on quality of life</li> <li>Interruptions to business revenue and employment for less than one week</li> <li>Isolated and reversible damage to wildlife, habitat, and/or ecosystem</li> <li>Potential damage to property/infrastructure, short-term service interruptions, localized evacuations</li> <li>Modest to higher cost events</li> </ul>
<b>4 Major</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High possibility of injuries or chronic health issues or major temporary impact on quality of life</li> <li>Interruptions to business revenue and employment for more than one week</li> <li>Irreversible damage to wildlife, habitat, or ecosystems</li> <li>Damage to property and infrastructure, longer-term service interruptions, major delays, and evacuations</li> <li>Community complaints; dissatisfaction or anger with situation; legal liabilities and lawsuits possible</li> </ul>
<b>5 Catastrophic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Many serious injuries or illnesses, fatalities, and/or long-term impacts on quality of life</li> <li>Interruptions to businesses and revenue for more than a month, extending to entire sectors at a major economic cost</li> <li>Widespread and irreversible damage to wildlife, habitat, and ecosystems</li> <li>Widespread damage to property and infrastructure, long-term interruption of services, widespread evacuations</li> <li>Major costs to municipality, high possibility for legal liabilities and lawsuits</li> </ul>



# Likelihood of identified risks



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Consider how likely this consequence is to occur.

Likelihood level	Definition
<b>1 - Very Unlikely</b>	This has never happened in our area, or it happened a long time ago. / This is not likely to happen until far in the future.
<b>2 - Unlikely</b>	This may have occurred in our area in the past, but it was at least 20 years ago. / This could happen 20 years from now.
<b>3 - Possible</b>	This has occurred in our area once in the past 20 years. / This might occur once in the next 20 years.
<b>4 - Likely</b>	This happened in our area a few times in the past 20 years. / This might occur several times in the next 20 years.
<b>5 - Very Likely</b>	This has occurred in our area yearly or every other year, during the past 20 years. / This might occur every other year or so.



# Prioritizing Climate Risks



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Likelihood	5 Very Likely	Medium Priority	Medium-High Priority	Medium-High Priority	High Priority	High Priority
	4 Likely	Medium-Low Priority	Medium Priority	Medium-High Priority	Medium-High Priority	High Priority
	3 Possible	Medium-Low Priority	Medium-Low Priority	Medium Priority	Medium-High Priority	Medium-High Priority
	2 Unlikely	Low Priority	Medium-Low Priority	Medium-Low Priority	Medium Priority	Medium-High Priority
	1 Very Unlikely	Low Priority	Low Priority	Medium-Low Priority	Medium-Low Priority	Medium Priority
	Risk Assessment Matrix	1 Insignificant	2 Minor	3 Moderate	4 Major	5 Catastrophic
		Severity of Consequences				

- Plot each consequence you identified in **Box 2.2** onto the blank Matrix in **Box 3.1**.



# Climate Risk Assessment



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## Activity:

- Write each consequence on a sticky note
- Put sticky notes up on wall posters according to the identified climate hazard





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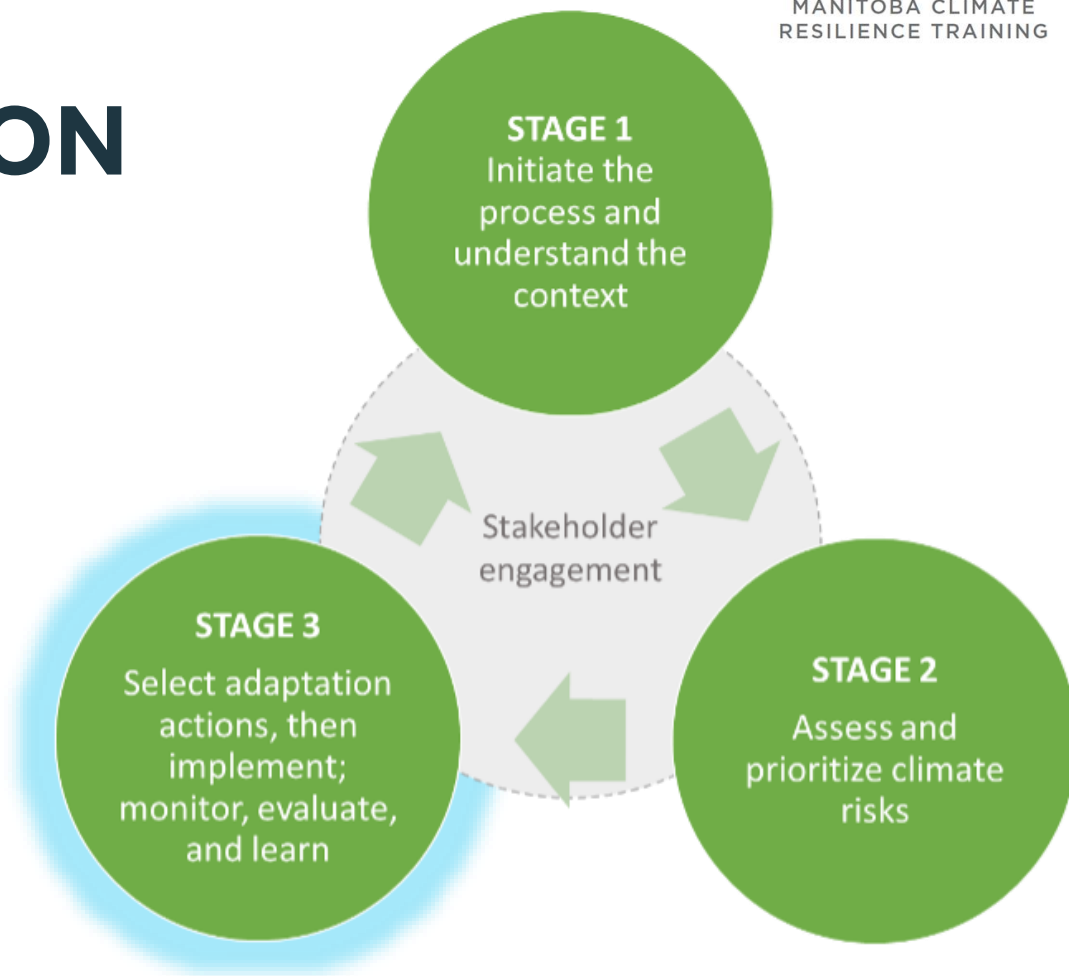
# Likelihood



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# CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING

## STAGE 3: ACTION PLANNING

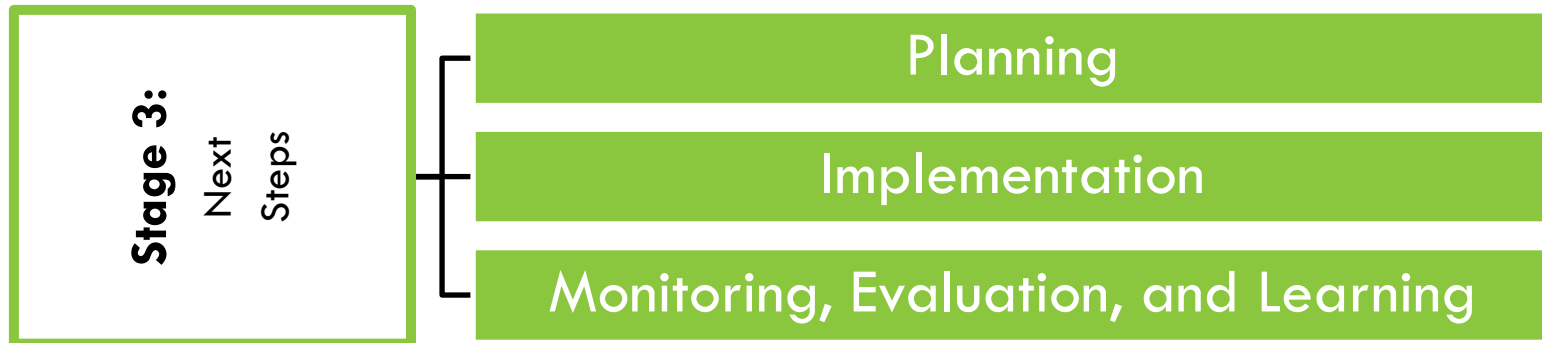




# Climate Action Plan Stage 3: Action Planning



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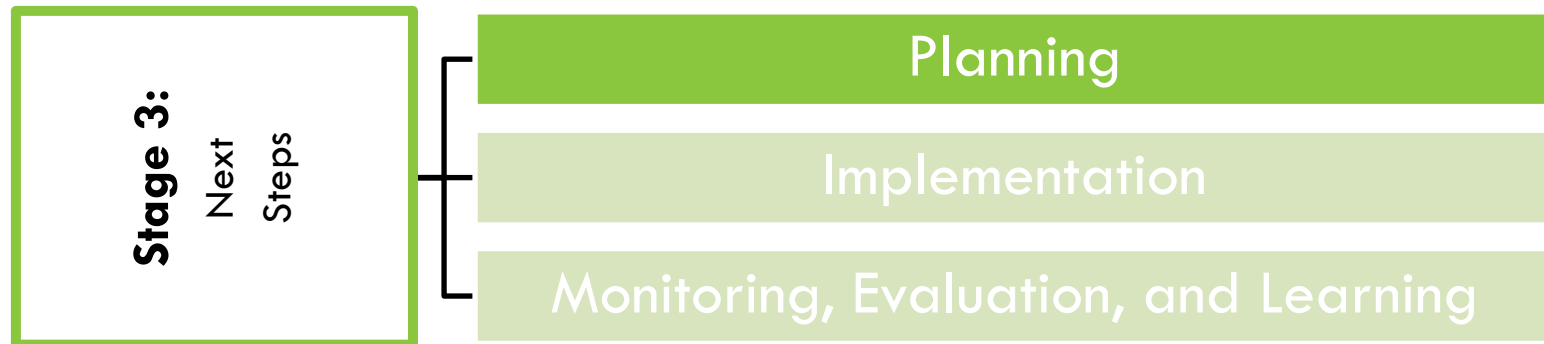




# Climate Action Plan Stage 3: Action Planning



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# Mitigation vs Adaptation



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- **Mitigation –**  
Efforts to slow the process of a changing climate
- **Adaptation –**  
Response to a new climate reality

**“Mitigation** will help  
avoid the  
unmanageable.

**Adaptation** is essential  
to manage the  
unavoidable.”  
- *All One Sky*



# Mitigation vs Adaptation



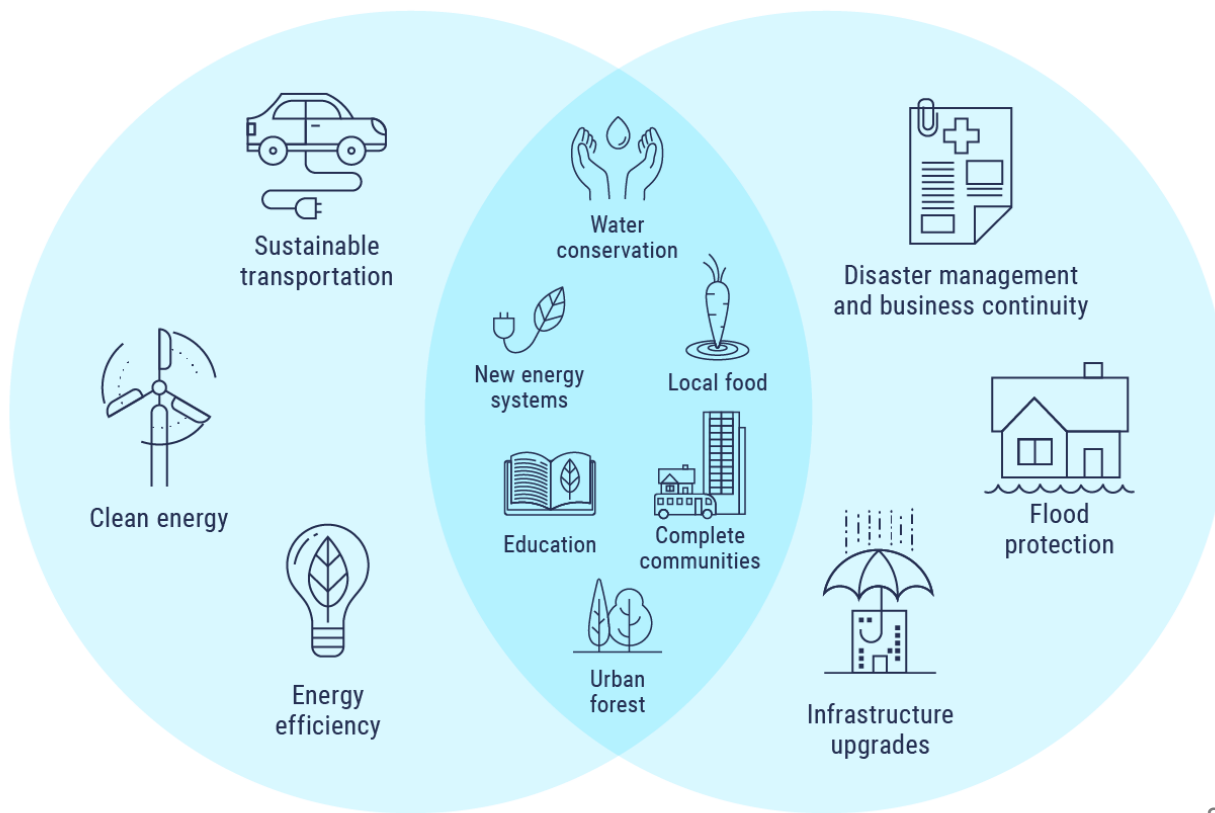
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## Mitigation

Action to reduce emissions that  
cause climate change

## Adaptation

Action to manage the risks of  
climate change impacts



Source: City of Calgary





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# Strategies for Climate Resilience

## 1. Reservoirs and Sinks

Ways to increase storage capacity – heat, water, carbon

## 2. Redundancy – “Belt and Suspenders”

Multiple pathways to success

## 3. Decentralized / Distributed Networks

Reduce reliance on vulnerable hard infrastructure

## 4. Capitalize on Positive Feedback Loops

Natural systems are often self reinforcing, multiply benefits

## 5. Monitor and Adjust

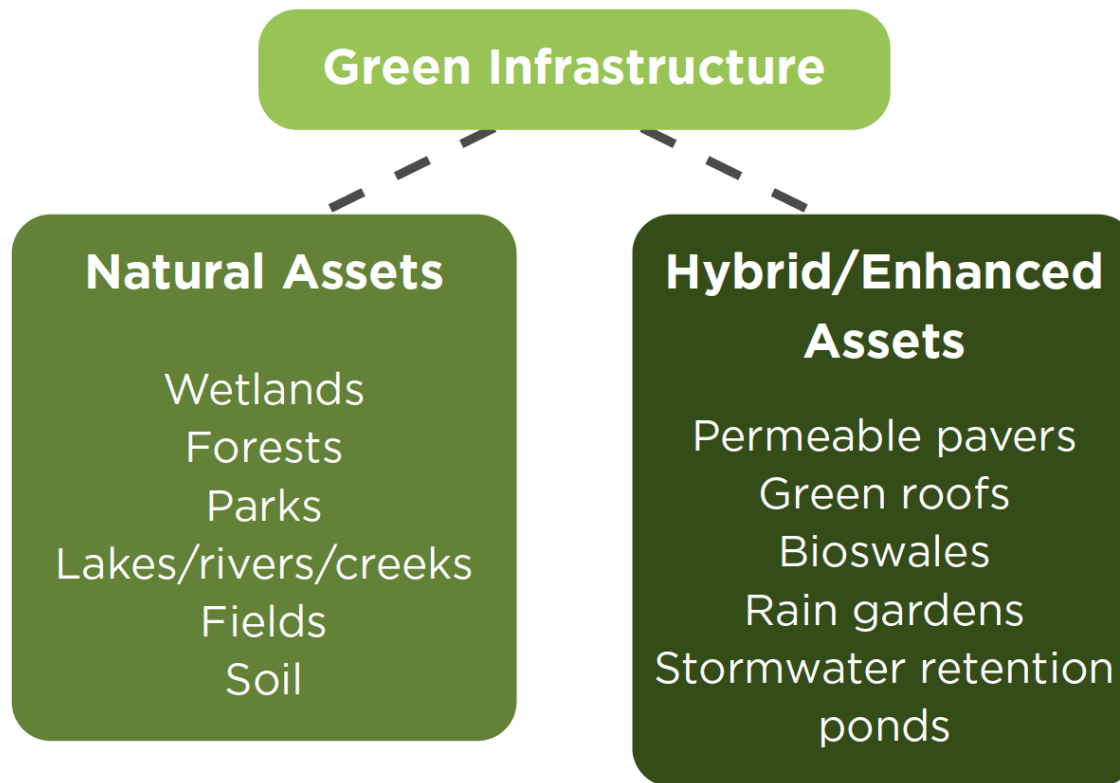
The most important feedback loop



# Green Infrastructure



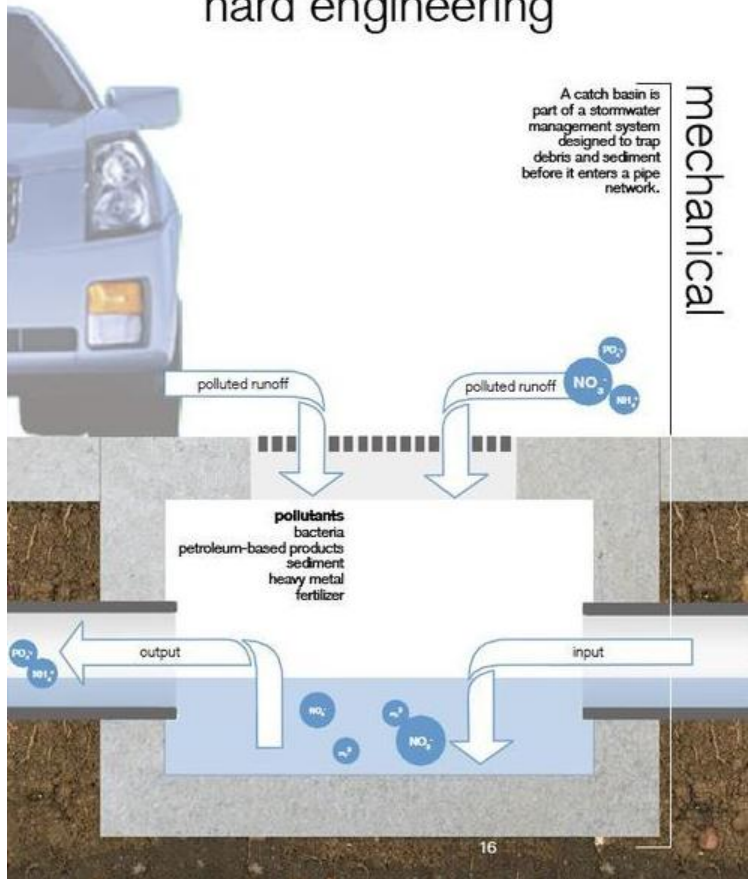
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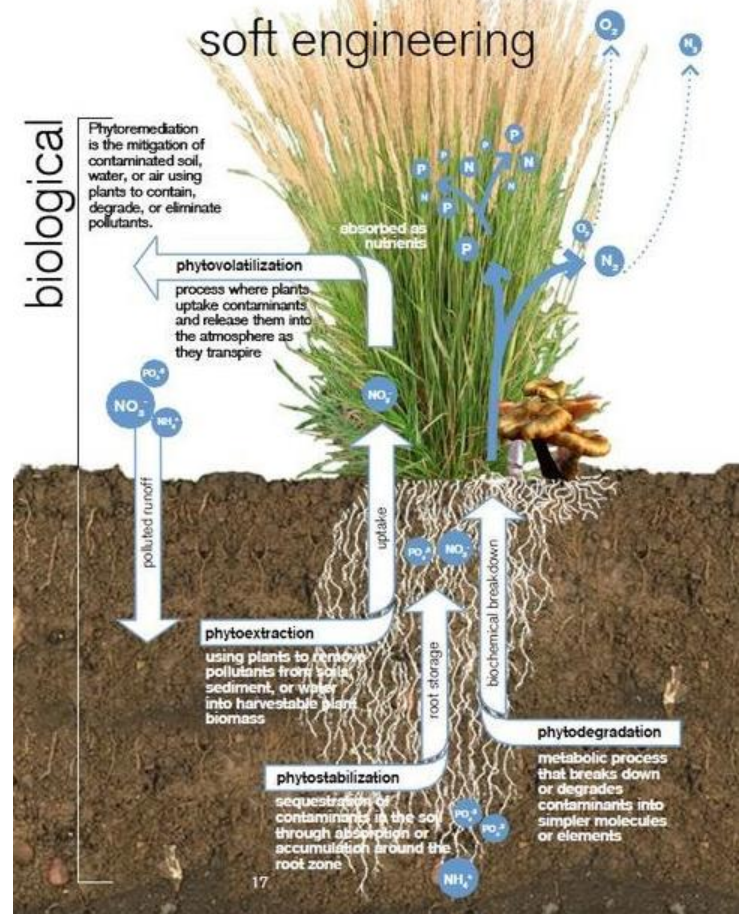
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## hard engineering



## soft engineering





# Types of Green Infrastructure



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## 1. Functional Tree Planting

- Urban Forest
- Shelterbelts
- Soil Bioengineering







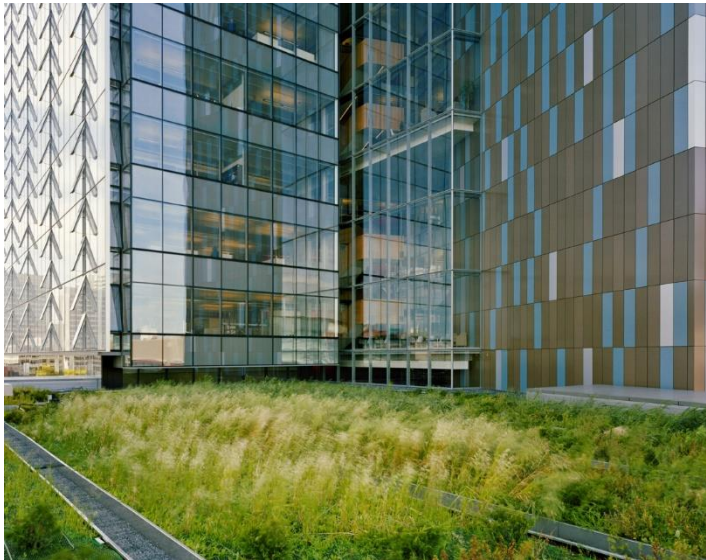
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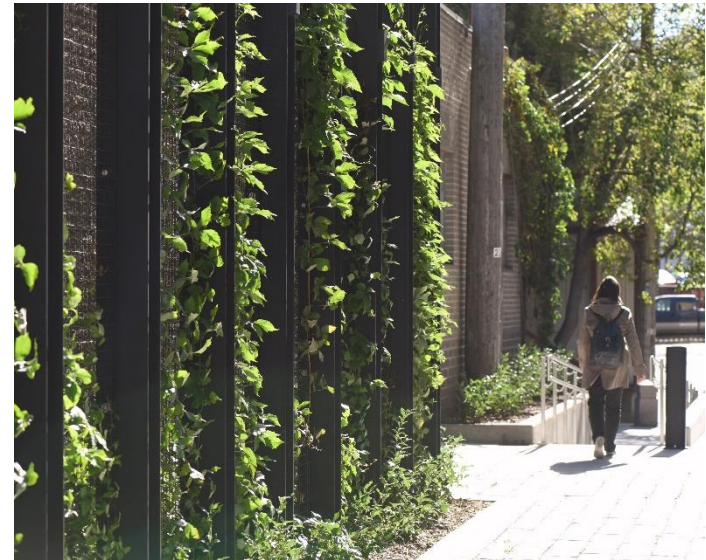
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## 2. Living Architecture

- Green Roofs
- Green Walls



Manitoba Hydro Building, Winnipeg



Bertha St, Winnipeg



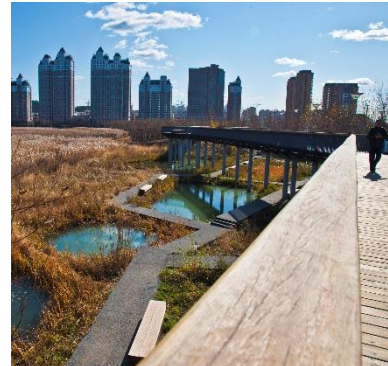
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## 3. Bioretention + Infiltration

- Bioswales
- Rain Gardens
- Constructed Wetlands
- Permeable Paving







# Adaptation: Types of Green Infrastructure



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## 4. Water Harvesting

- Rainwater Collection
- Dew and Fog Harvesting

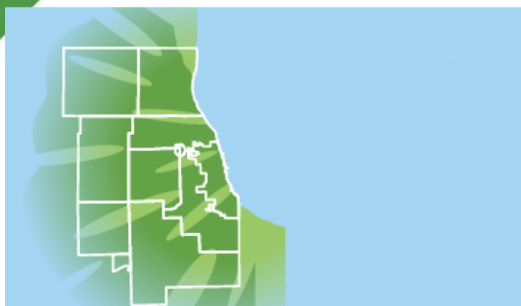
## 5. Productive Landscapes

- Urban Agriculture
- Beekeeping





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# Scalability

## Regional

Protect diverse ecological and social functions and connect these areas to community-scale open spaces e.g. Red River Floodway



## Community

Encourage natural infrastructure that provides multiple benefits in parks and city-scale open spaces

e.g., Bishop Grandin Greenway



## Site

Incorporate natural infrastructure practices in rights of way, building sites, homes

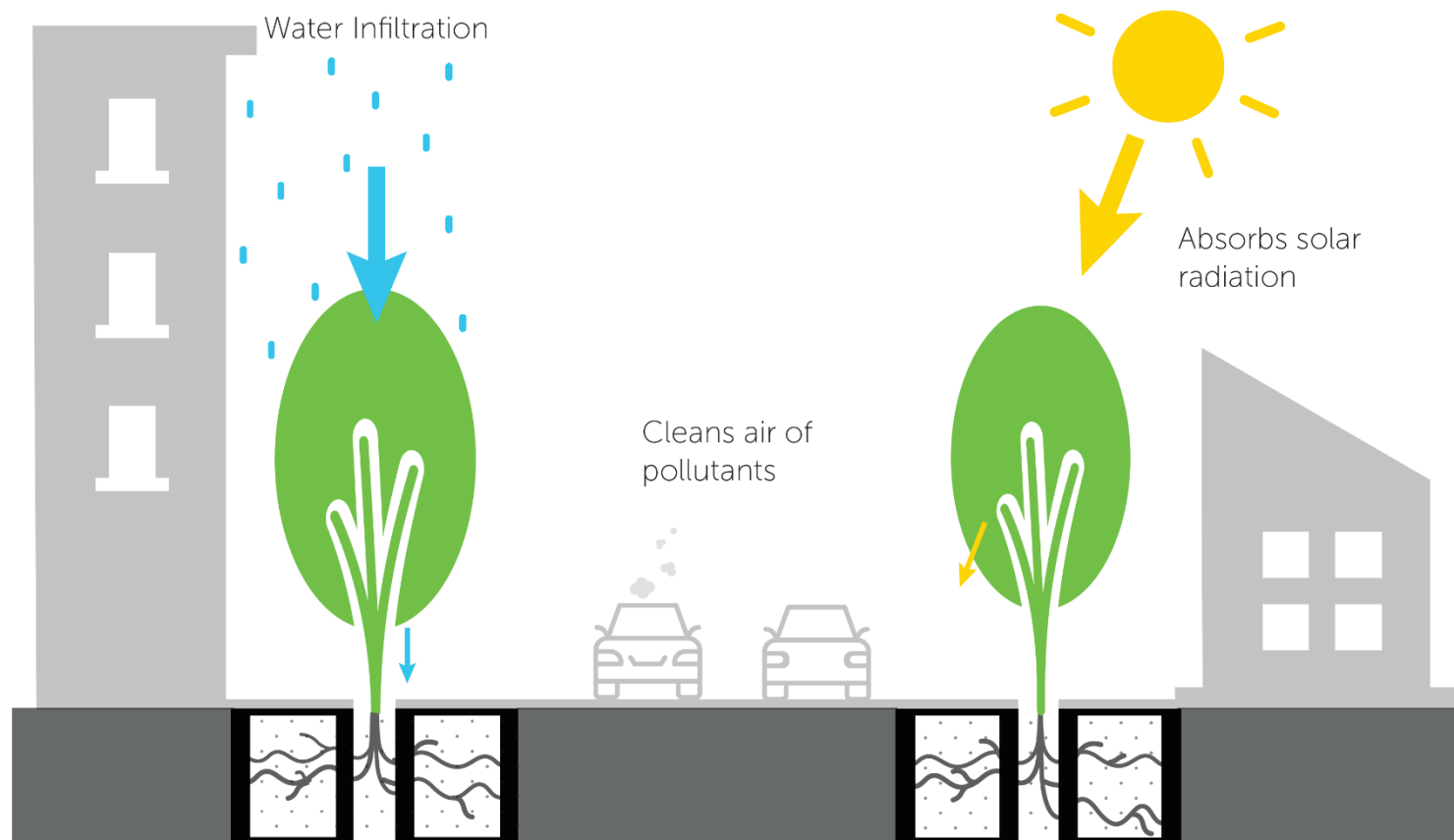
e.g., Portage la Prairie Saskatchewan Avenue bioswales



# Adaptation: Functional Tree Planting



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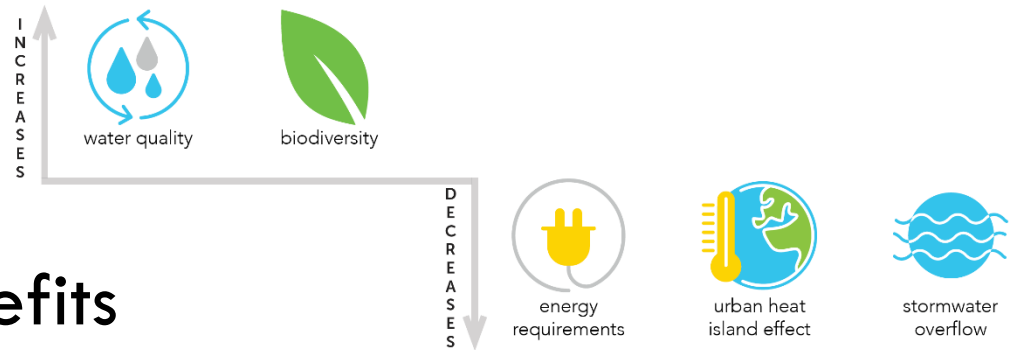




# Adaptation: Functional Tree Planting



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## Environmental Benefits

- Less runoff in the pipes (30% absorbed by leaves, 30% transpired)
- Reduced Heat Island Effects (temperature differential of 5 to 15 degrees under a tree canopy)
- Prolonged pavement life with less expansion/contraction
- Soil conservation
- Air quality (harmful gases converted to oxygen)
- Habitat and biodiversity



# Adaptation: Functional Tree Planting



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## Socio-Economic Benefits of Trees

- Safer sidewalks (physical and psychological traffic barrier)
- Boulevards/growing spaces make room for amenities
- Treed streets attract 12% more pedestrians on average, increasing business, vibrancy, and sense of security.
- Mental and physical health
- Increased Property Value
- Aesthetic appeal





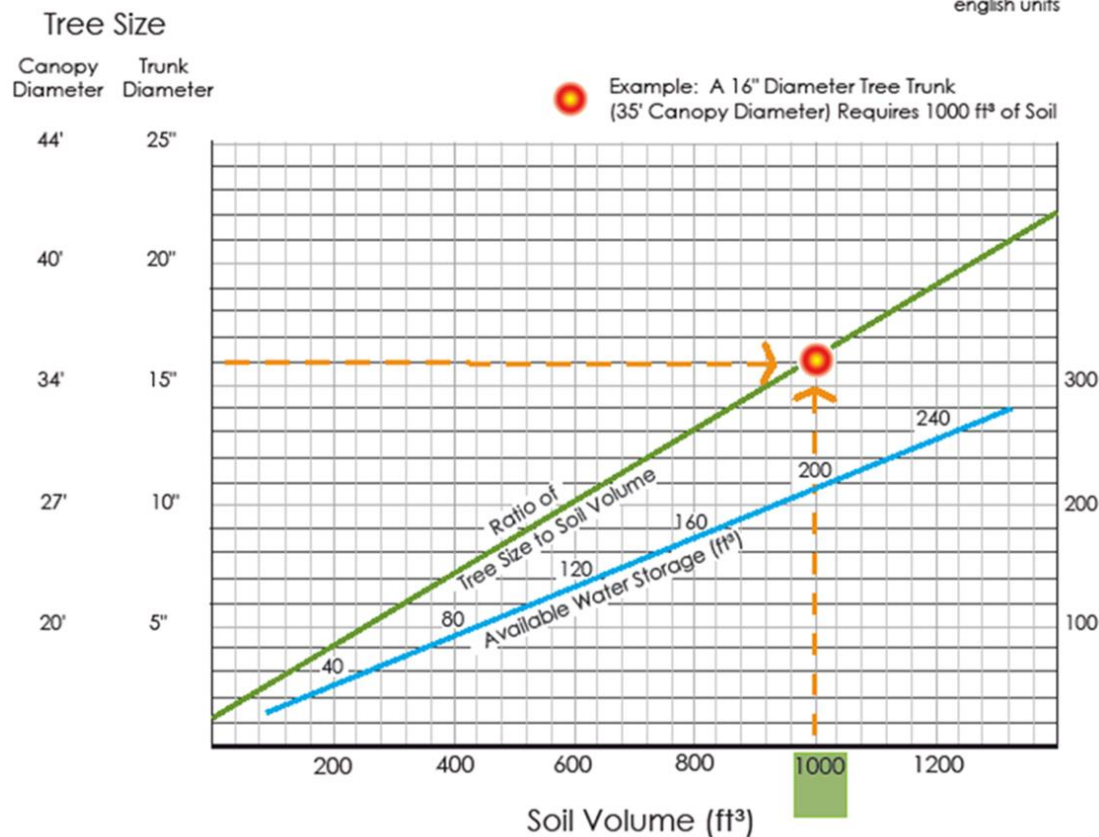
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## Soil Volume Needed to Grow Big Urban Trees

english units



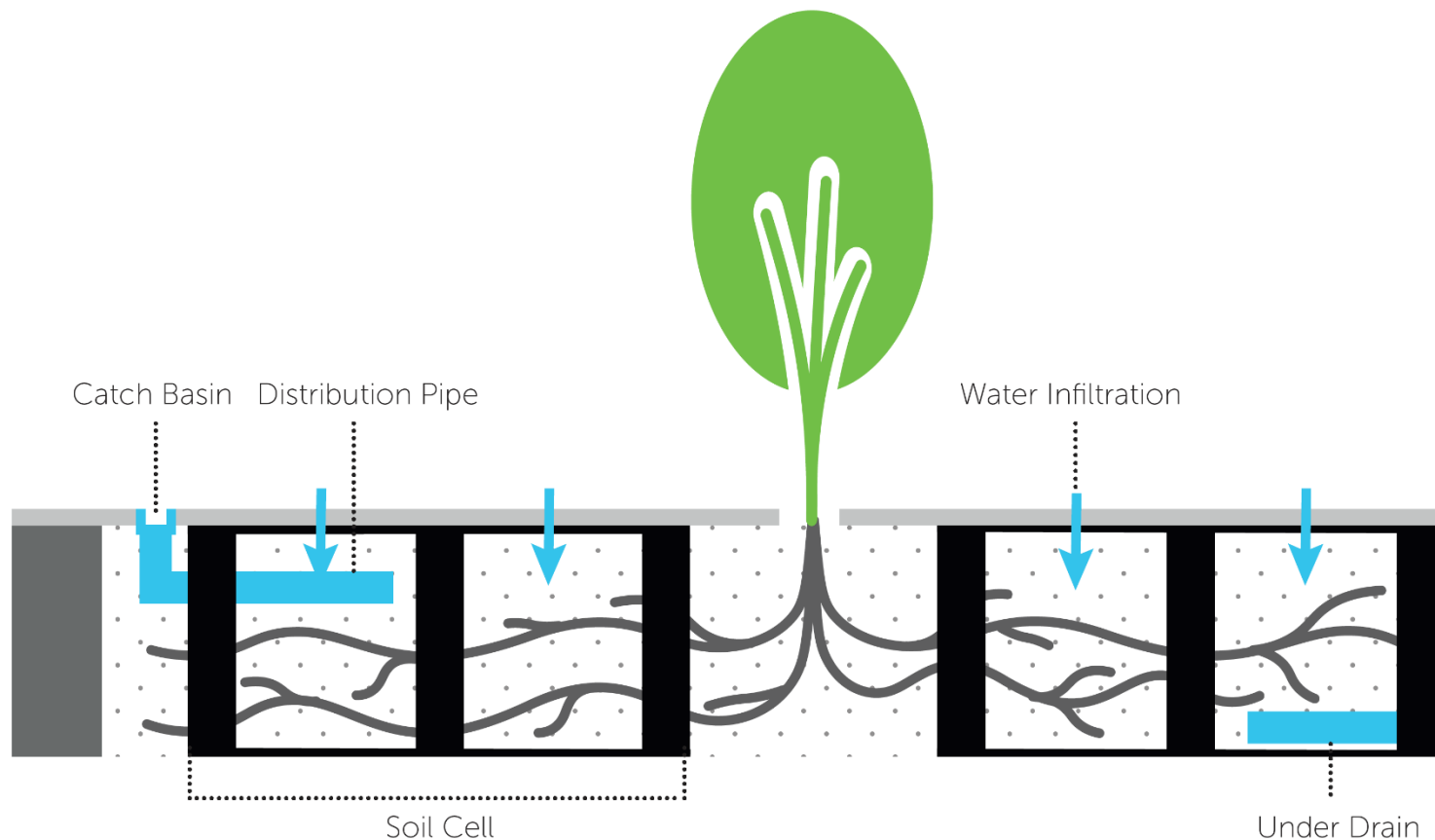




# Adaptation: Functional Tree Planting Soil Cells / Urban Canopy



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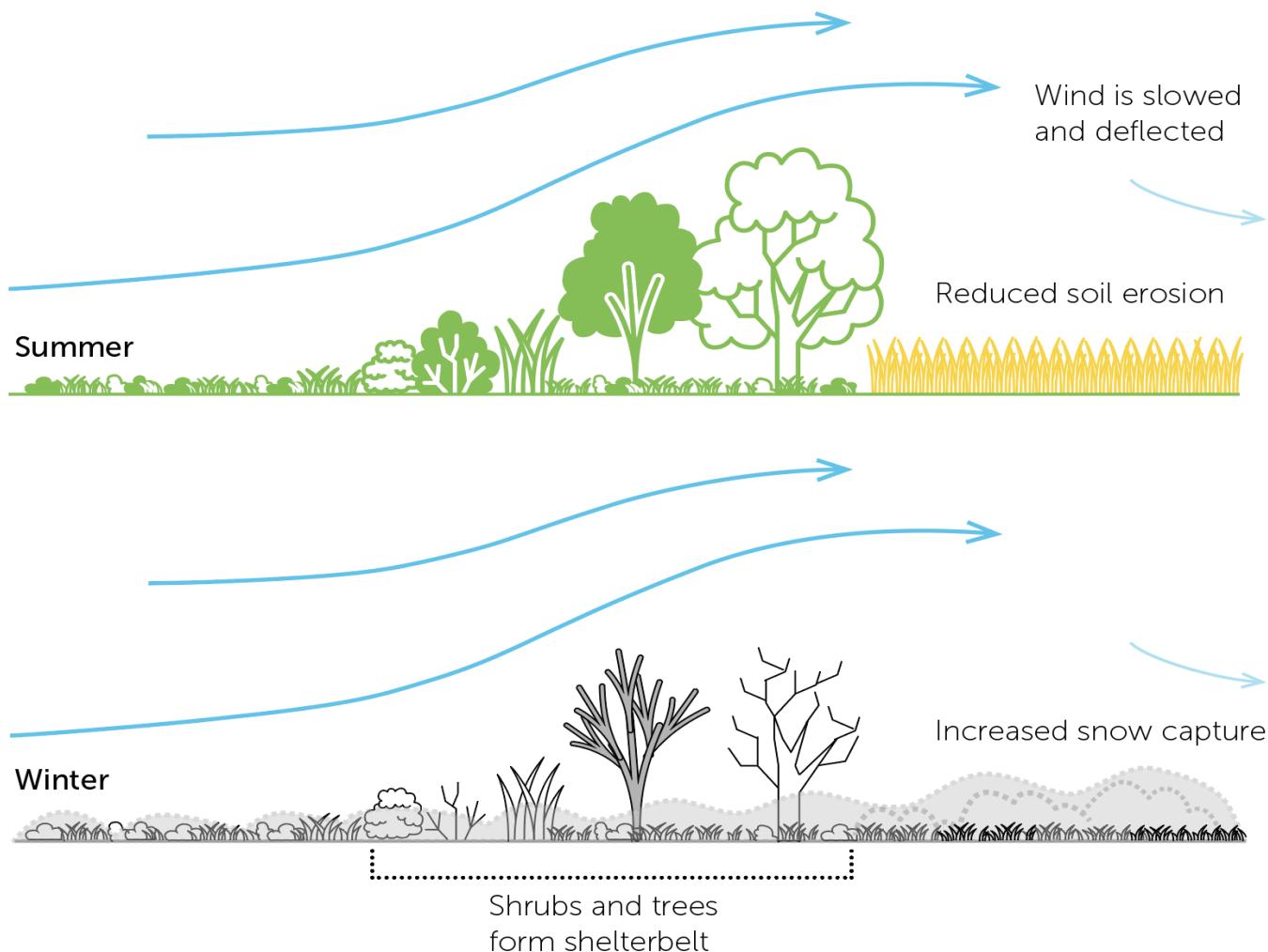




# Adaptation: Functional Tree Planting Shelterbelts



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Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation Eco-Buffer Project near Elie, MB



# Adaptation: Functional Tree Planting Shelterbelts



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A photograph of a row of young trees planted in a field. The trees are of various species, including some evergreens and some deciduous trees with yellowing leaves. The ground is covered in dark mulch. The sky is dramatic with dark, heavy clouds and a hint of sunset or sunrise light on the horizon.

**Every \$1 spent on tree  
planting and  
management yields 2 – 5  
times that investment.**

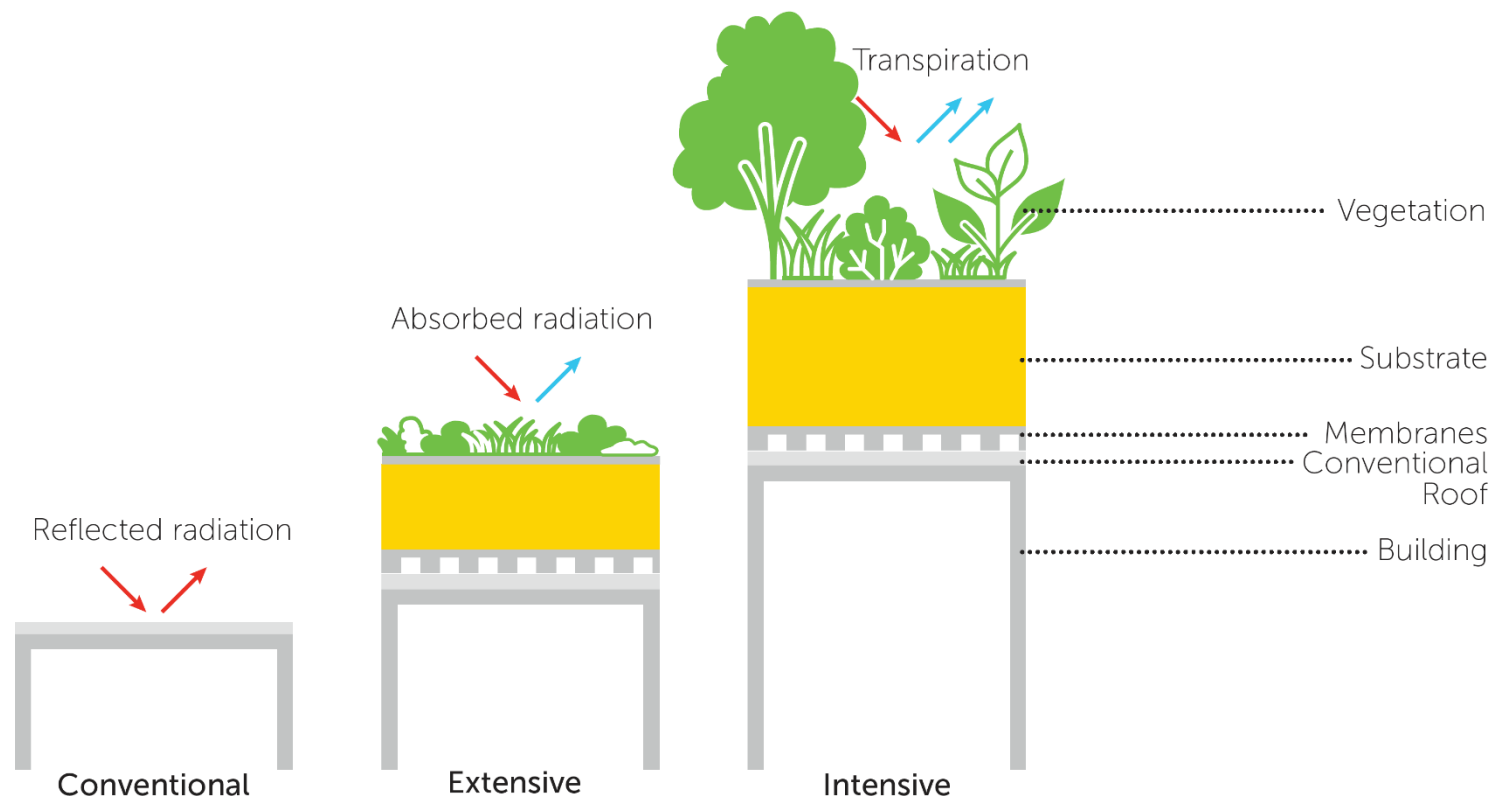
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# Adaptation: Living Architecture Green Roofs



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# Adaptation: Living Architecture Green Roofs



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Bird's Hill Park



Ducks Unlimited Headquarters,  
Oak Hammock Marsh





# Adaptation: Living Architecture Green Roofs



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## To a **roofer**, green roofs:

- Add weight
- Add cost
- Add complexity
- Hold water on roof
- Restrict access for repairs
- Restrict ability to trace leaks



## To a **grower**, green roofs:

- Expose plants to hot, dry and windy extremes
- Limit installation access
- Limit soil depth
- Add cost
- Create unpredictable interactions with surrounding structures
- Limit access to monitor, maintain and enjoy



# Adaptation: Living Architecture Green Roofs



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## Private Benefits:

- Protect and **prolong membrane life** (up to twice the lifespan!)
- Potential to reduce costs and fees related to drainage
- Save on heating and cooling
- Sound attenuation
- May improve public acceptance
- Amenity space & aesthetics
- Option of food production

## Public Benefits:

- **Stormwater treatment and detention**
- Health and welfare
- Temperature regulation in building and surroundings
- Produce oxygen and filter particulate from air
- Aesthetics & recreation
- Habitat & biodiversity

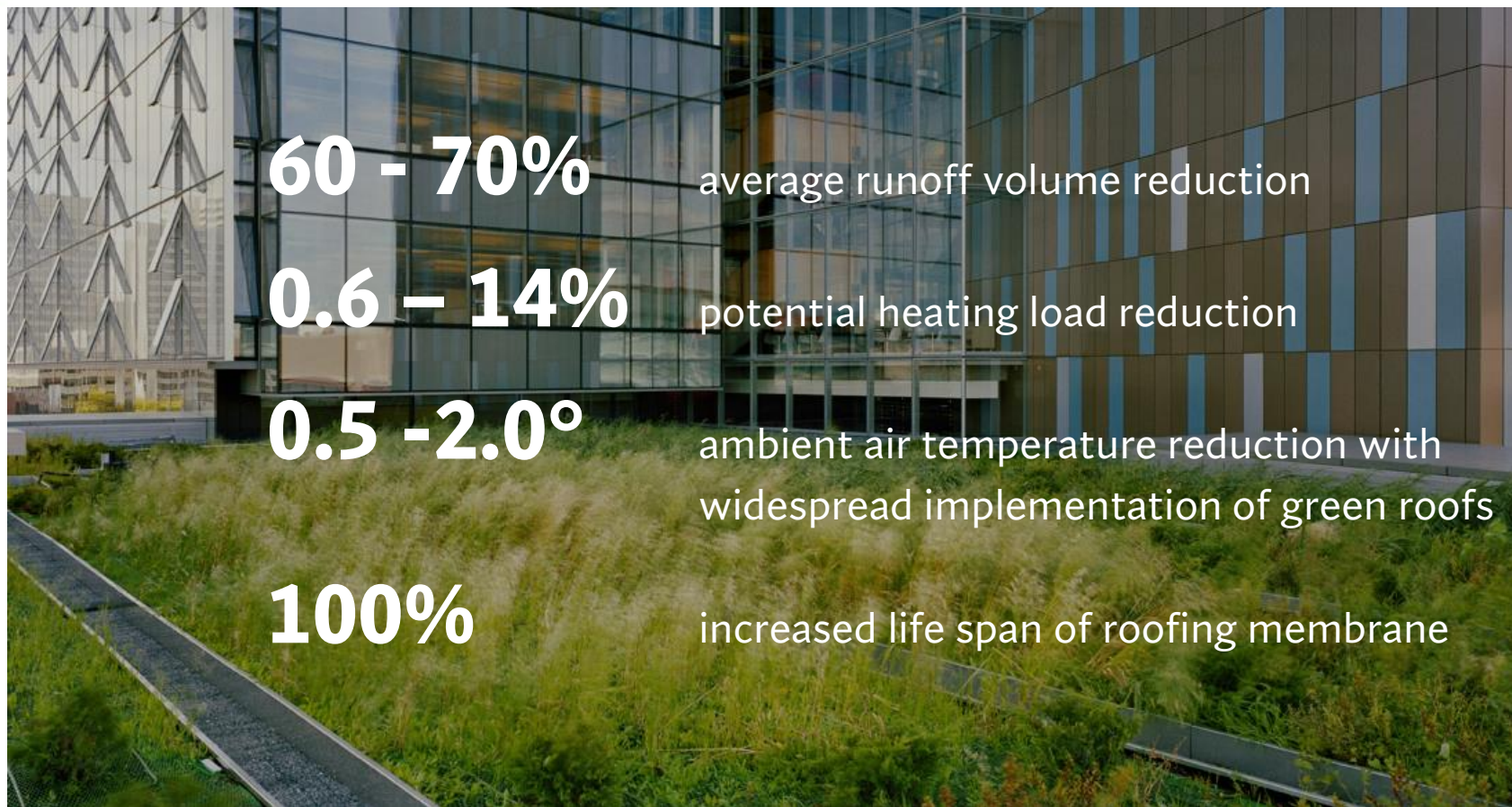




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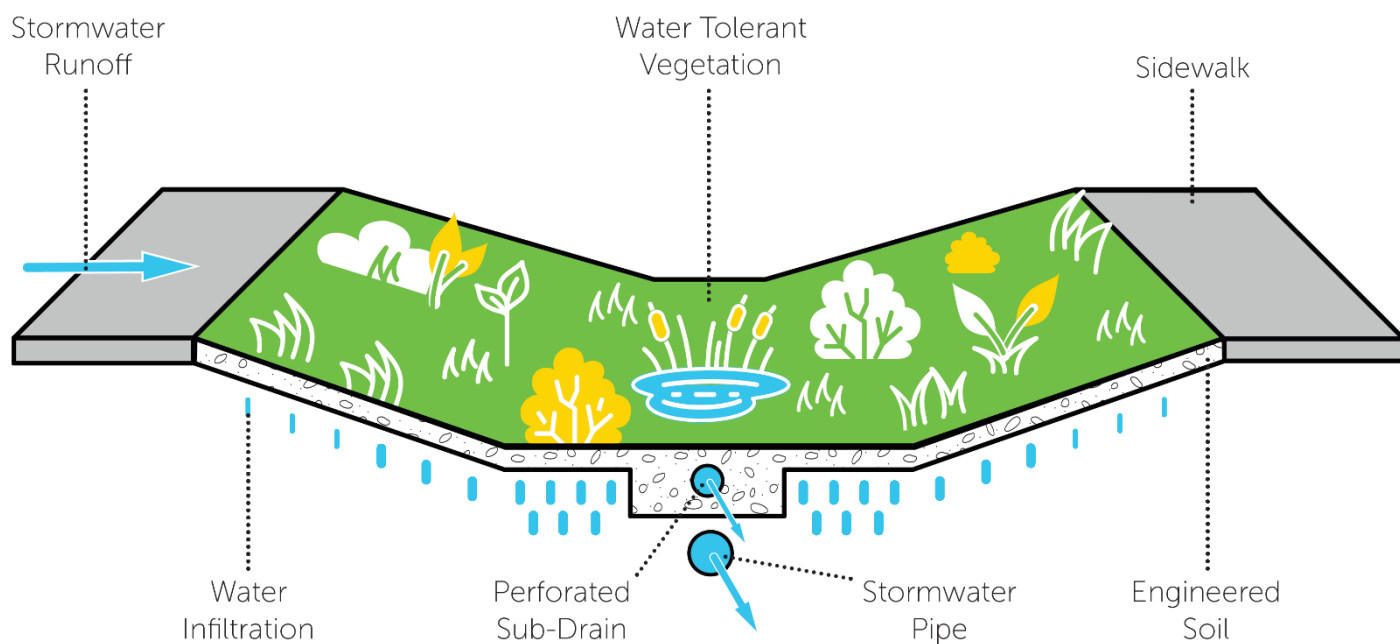




# Adaptation: Bioretention + Infiltration



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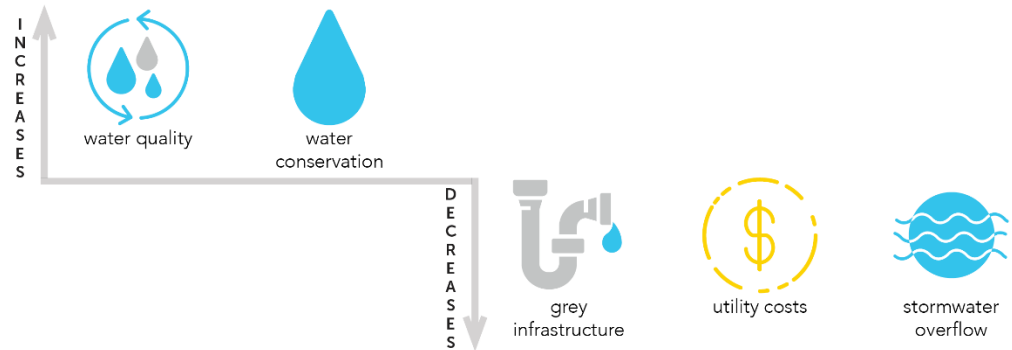


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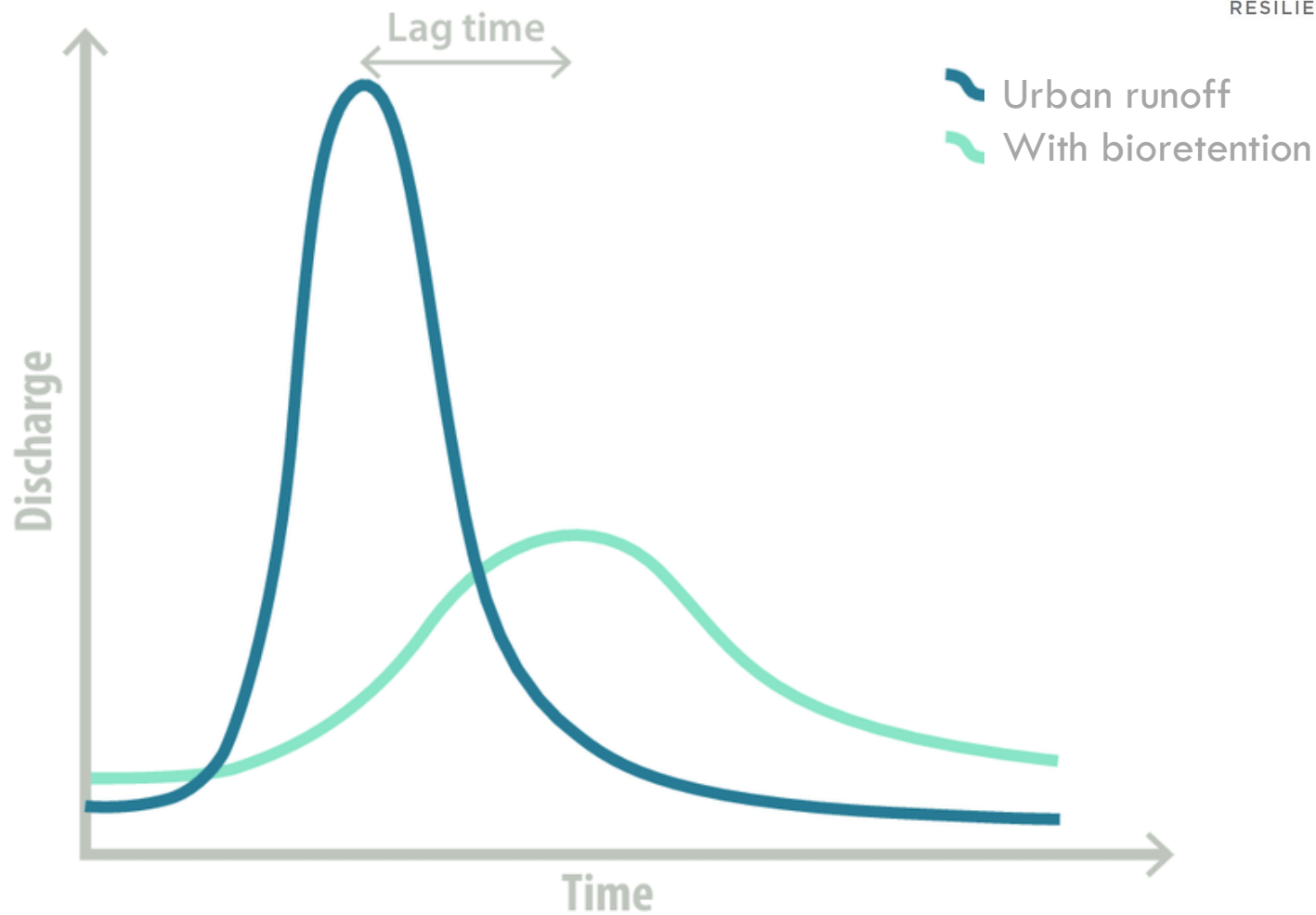
## Benefits of Bioretention:



- Reduces Stormwater Runoff
- Improves Water Quality
- Reduces Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>
- Increases Groundwater Recharge
- Improves Air Quality
- Reduces Urban Heat Island
- Improves Community Livability
- Improves Habitat



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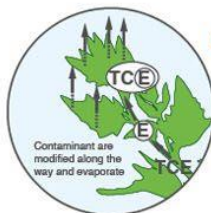
# Phytoremediation



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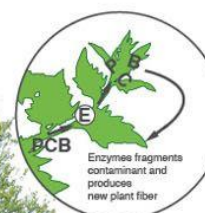
## PHYTO VOLATILIZATION:

Some plants take up volatile contaminants and release them into the atmosphere through transpiration. The contaminant is transformed or degraded within the plant to create a less toxic substance before and then released into the air.



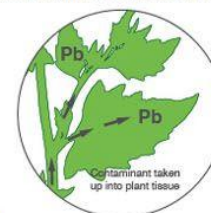
## PHYTO DEGRADATION:

Plants take up and break down contaminants through the release of enzymes and metabolic processes such as photosynthetic oxidation/reduction. In this process organic pollutants are degraded and incorporated into the plant or broken down in the soil.



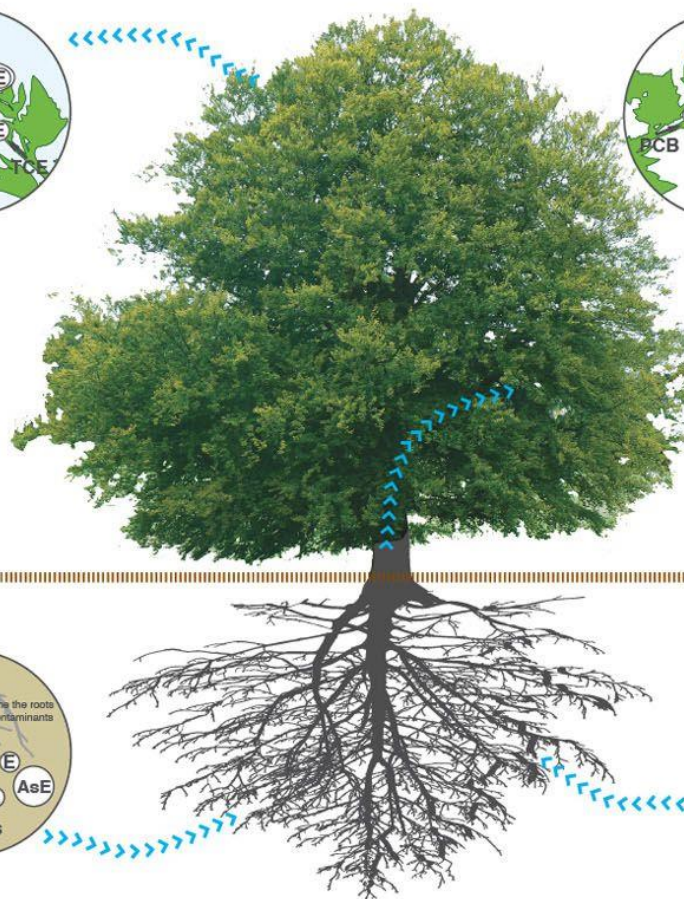
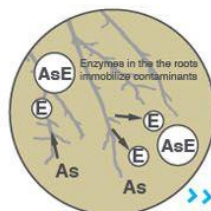
## PHYTO EXTRACTION:

Plants take up contaminants - mostly metals, metalloids and radionuclides- with their roots and accumulate them in large quantities within their stems and leaves. These plants have to be harvested and disposed as special waste.



## PHYTO STABILIZATION:

Some plants can sequester or immobilize contaminants by absorbing them into their roots and releasing a chemical that converts the contaminant to a less toxic state. This mechanism limits the migration of contaminants through water erosion, leaching, wind, and soil dispersion.



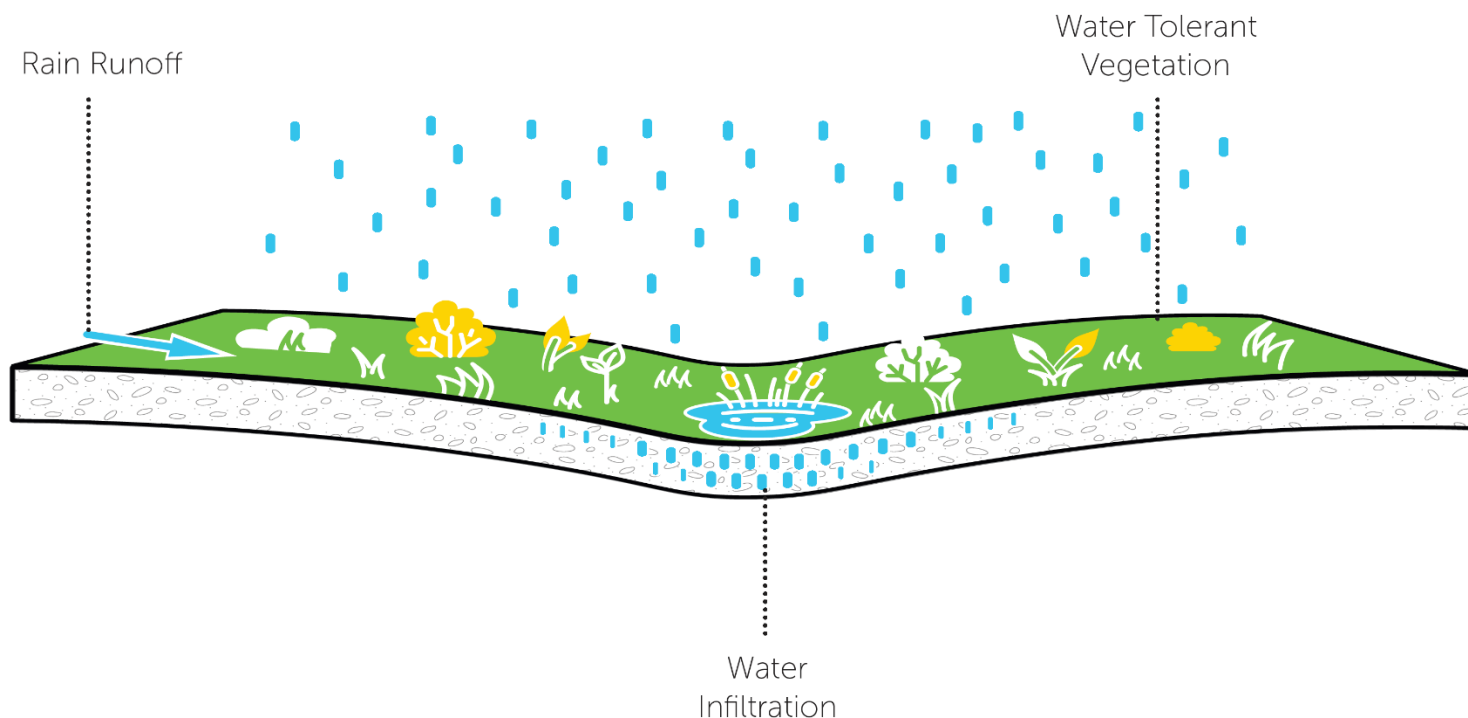




# Adaptation: Bioretention Rain Gardens



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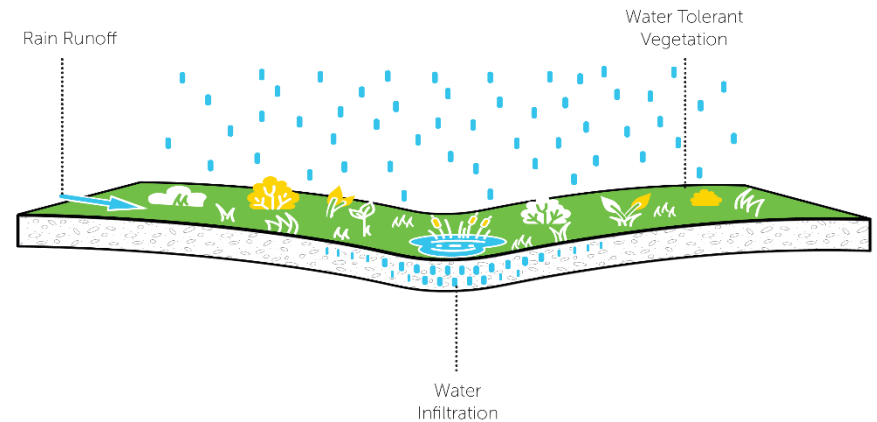
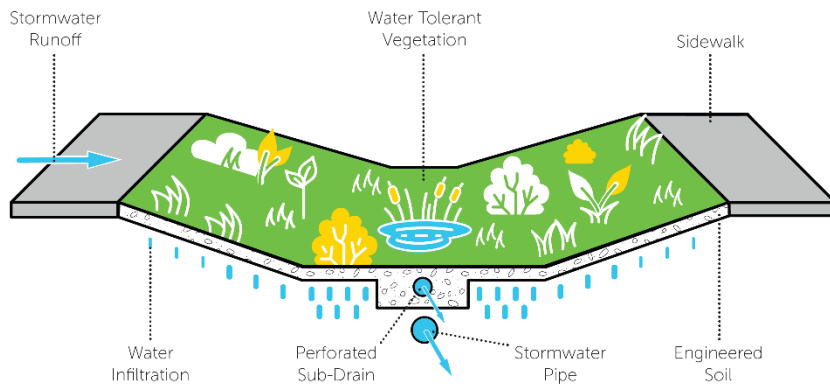




# Adaptation: Bioretention + Infiltration



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Bioswale vs. Rain Garden  
What's the difference?



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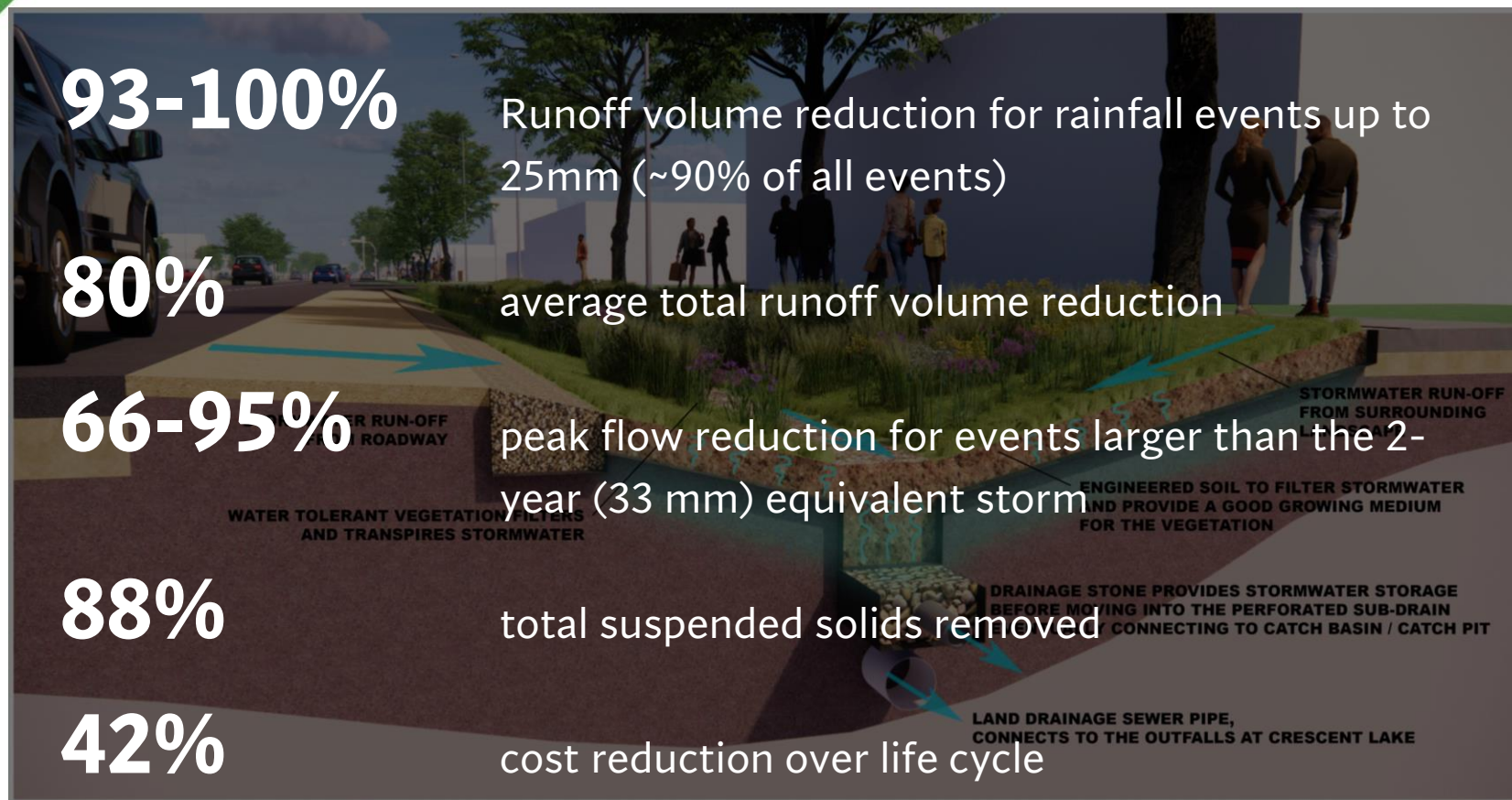
Saskatchewan Ave Bioswale, Portage La Prairie



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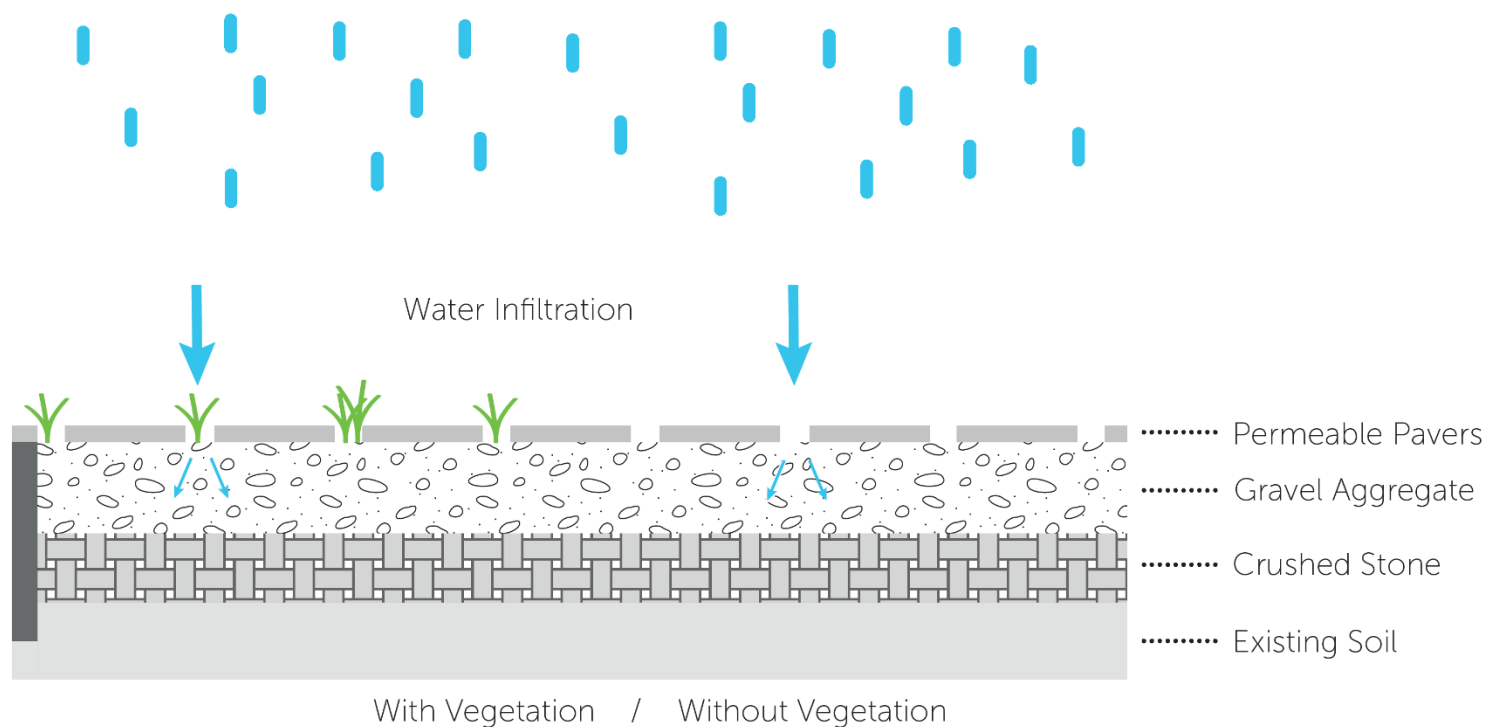




# Adaptation: Bioretention + Infiltration Permeable Paving



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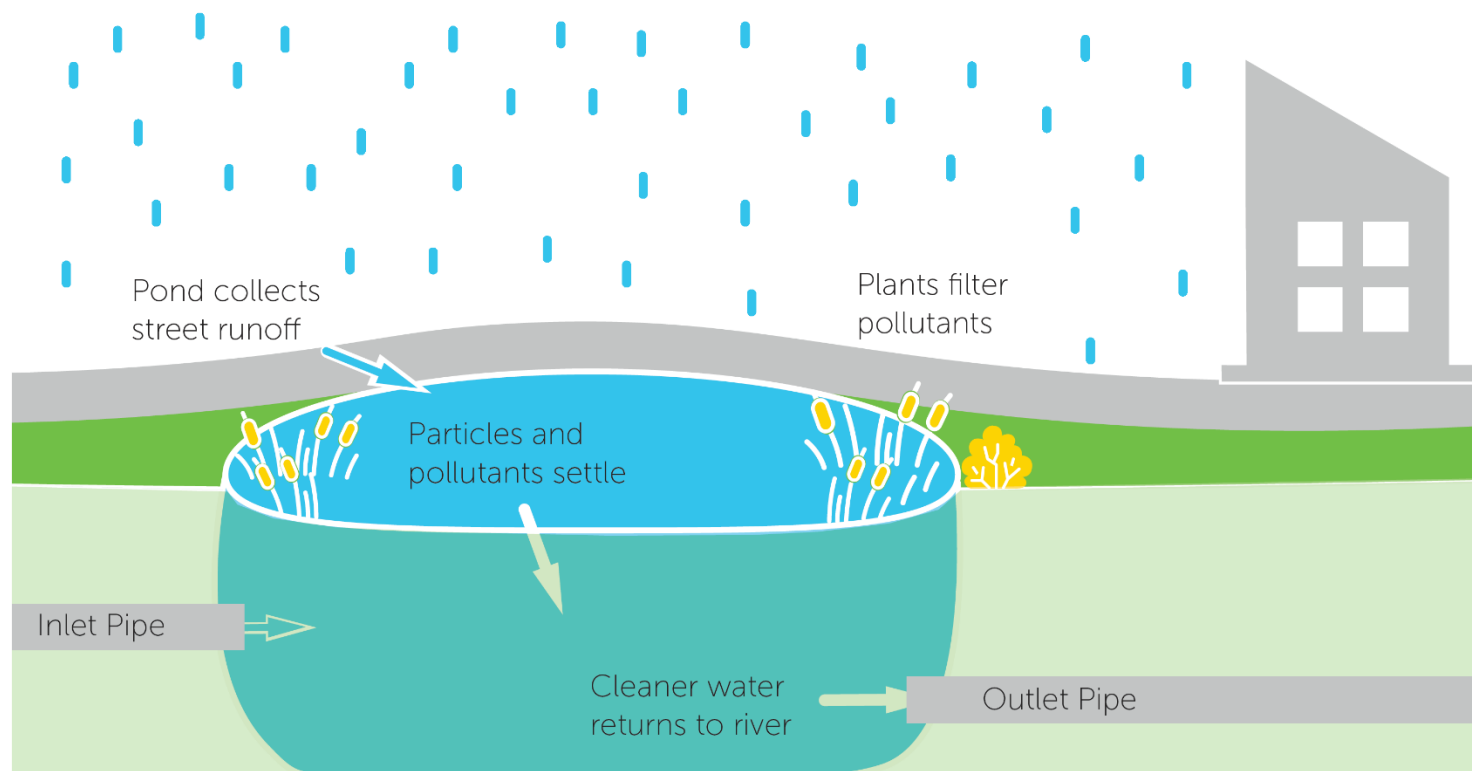




# Adaptation: Bioretention + Infiltration Stormwater Ponds / Wetlands



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Older style retention pond



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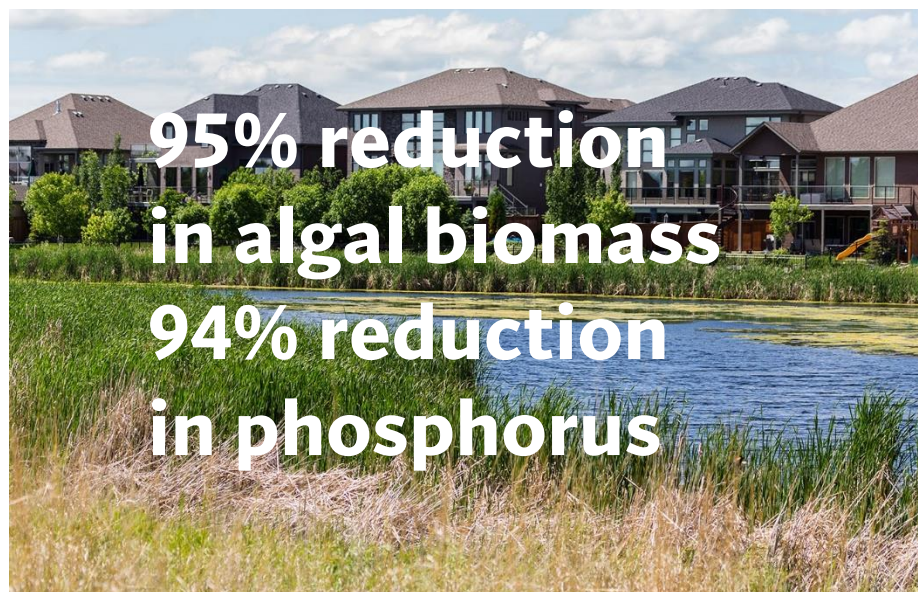
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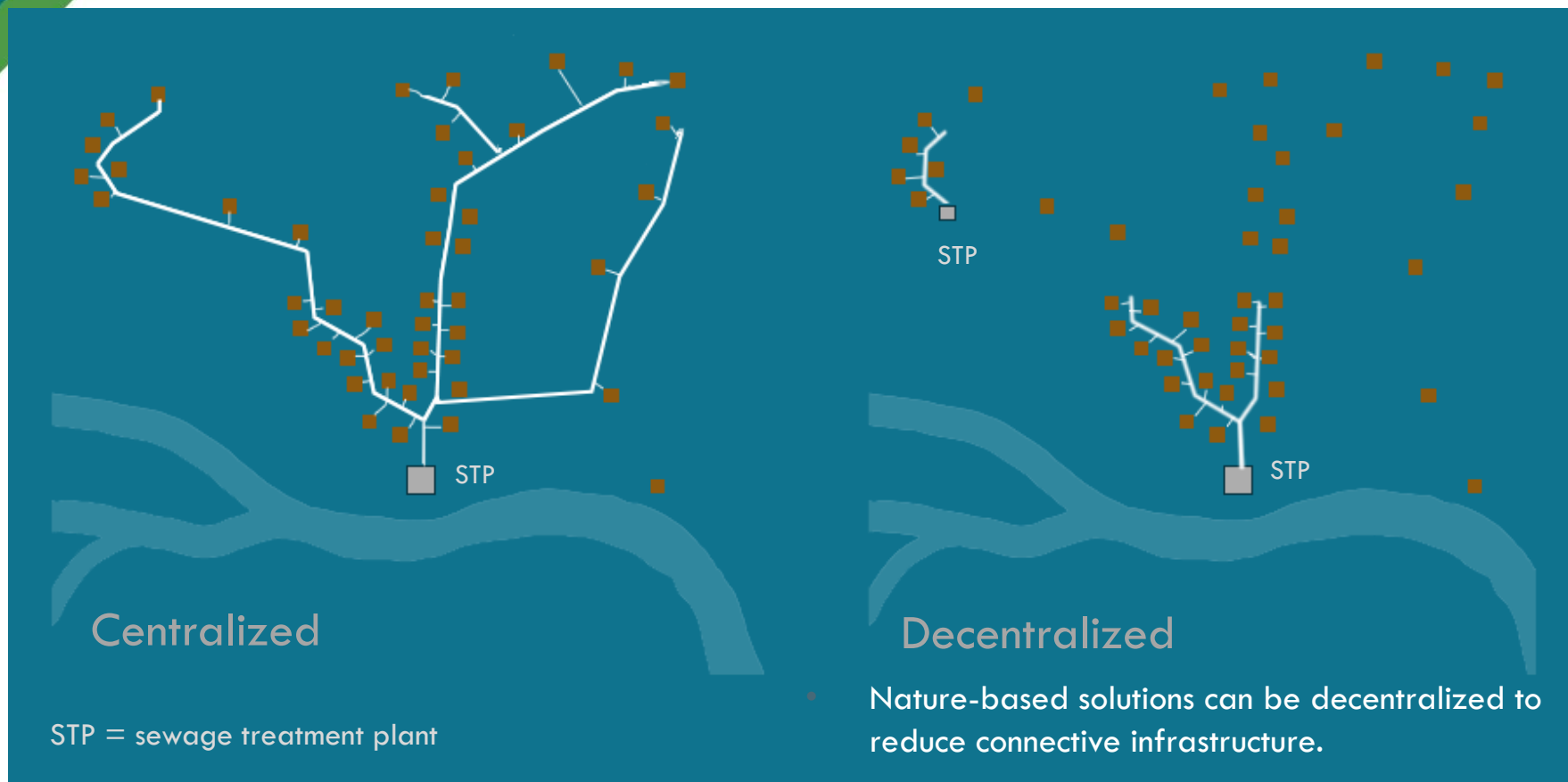


Royalwood Housing Development, Winnipeg



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# Decentralized Network







# Planning Actions



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**Zoning and permitting**

**Development agreements**

**Taxation, user fees, incentives**

**Conservation agreements**



# Climate Adaptation in Development Plans & Zoning



## Flooding:

- Designate / zone flood-prone areas for recreational use instead of residential, commercial, etc.
- Adopt higher flood protection standards for developments (beyond 1-in-100 year levels).
- Include policies to preserve wetlands.





# Climate Adaptation in Development Plans & Zoning



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## Drought & Extreme Weather:

- Encourage or require development to include green infrastructure that retains water, controls water flow, mitigates flash floods, and provides resilience from these events.







# Climate Adaptation in Development Plans & Zoning



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## Warming Summers & Winters

- Prepare for increased housing demand in climate-resilient communities and population decline in areas that are at risk.
- Changes to crops grown may affect land use demands (e.g. viability to grow specialty crops on smaller parcels of land, etc.)





# Climate Adaptation in Development Plans & Zoning



## Wildfires

- Include policies in Development Plans to locate development away from areas of high forest fire danger
- Ensure new developments account for fire risk
- Encourage resilient design through site layout and fire-resistant landscaping





# Next Steps: Planning Actions



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Climate Hazard:	
Highest Priority Consequences	Potential Mitigation & Adaptation Actions
Example: People need to be evacuated due to wildfires	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Explore the creation of a firebreak around the community</li><li>- Take inventory of vulnerable buildings, like healthcare centres, nursing homes, and schools</li><li>- Plan evacuation routes and backup routes</li><li>- Educate citizens on ways to reduce the risk of wildfires</li><li>- Encourage citizens to make their own evacuation plan</li></ul>



- For every **medium-high** or **high** priority in the matrix, identify some potential mitigation and adaptation actions.



# Next Steps: Planning Actions



## Round Table Question:

- What kind of potential actions did you identify?





# Climate Action Plan Steps



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# Implementation



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## You may need to think about:

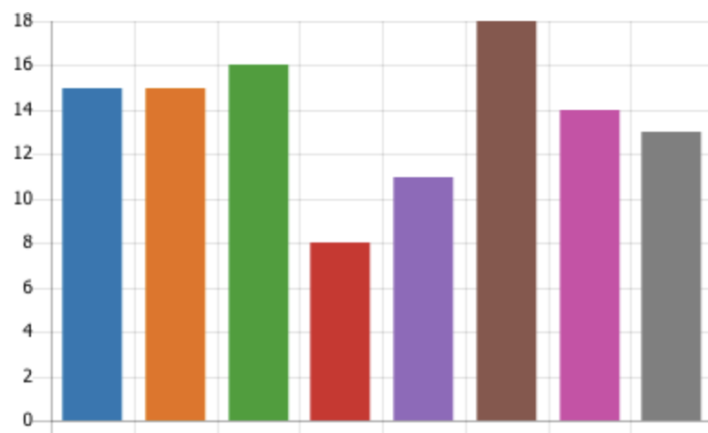
- Timing
- Funding
- Expertise











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# What We Heard

- **We asked:** What barriers to adaptive action, if any, has your municipality or district encountered?



	Lack of information on local impacts of climate change	15
	Lack of funding for studies	15
	Lack of funding to implement adaptation projects	16
	Lack of political support	8
	Lack of support from the general public	11
	Shortage of staff to do the work	18
	Lack of technical support and training	14
	Uncertainty on where to begin	13



# Federal Funding Opportunities



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## Funding opportunities to support adaptation action

Federal investments are key to supporting adaptation measures at the national, regional and local level. This page provides further details on funding opportunities for climate change adaptation by department, including a comprehensive list of adaptation programs.

### Environment and Climate Change Canada

[Climate Action Fund](#): provides up to \$3 million annually for projects that raise awareness and increase participation in climate change action across Canada. Selected projects focus especially on youth, students, Indigenous Peoples and organizations, and small and medium businesses.

[EcoAction Community Funding Program](#): provides funding to protect, rehabilitate, enhance and sustain the natural environment.

[Nature Fund](#): supports the protection of Canada's ecosystems, landscapes and biodiversity including species at risk. The fund is available to non-profit and Indigenous organizations, provinces and territories, and others.

Go to: [canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/climate-change/adapting/funding.html](https://canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/climate-change/adapting/funding.html)



# Provincial Funding Opportunities



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## – Conservation & Climate Fund

The Conservation and Climate Fund provides support to projects occurring in Manitoba that incorporate actions to address and adapt to climate change and protect the environment in alignment with the priorities and implementation of the Climate and Green Plan.

Projects will deliver on one or more of the following:

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
- Address the effects of climate change, including measures to adapt to climate change;
- Promote sustainable development while ensuring natural resources are managed in a manner that ensures availability for future generations

The Fund is a project funder and it is not the intent to provide on-going operating or maintenance support to an organization.

As an initiative of the Manitoba Climate and Green Plan, the Fund supports a green and climate resilient province.

### Who can apply?

Eligible applicants include:

- Incorporated non-profit organization
- Academic and educational institution
- Manitoba Municipality
- Northern Affairs and Indigenous Community in Manitoba
- Business, including Social Enterprise Businesses

Organizations must be active and have established operations within Manitoba for at least one year before applying. Business must be registered with the Province of Manitoba.

Ineligible applicants include Individuals, Crown Corporations, Federal Government, Provincial Governments, and Watershed Districts.

CATEGORY	SUB-CATEGORY	OUTCOMES	CROSS SECTOR FOCUS AREAS
Climate and Green Technology	Clean Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foster more clean energy production (e.g. renewable or low carbon energy sources) and used in Manitoba</li> </ul>	<p>Clean technology pathways that fulfill market needs and provide job and economic stimulus. (e.g. Clean tech or clean energy investments and jobs created)</p> <p>Circular economy development that focuses on provincial industries and associated economic opportunities. (e.g. Redirect by-product streams into higher value added processing or reuse.)</p>
	Sector Emissions Reductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribute to overall emissions reductions for Manitoba</li> </ul>	
	Innovation and Cleantech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote growth in the clean technology sector</li> </ul>	
	Green Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advance key infrastructure partnerships under the Climate and Green Plan (e.g. to municipalities, international experts and indigenous communities)</li> </ul>	
Water	Agriculture and Land Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain and enhance healthy agro-ecosystems</li> </ul>	<p>Municipal climate action projects to reach the carbon emissions reduction potential of municipalities; and/or to advance implementation of the community's adaptation plans.</p> <p>Advance innovative knowledge sharing of climate change sciences, which fosters sustainable action, for a prairie specific context.</p>
	Flood and Drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribute to effective forecasting, mitigation and response to flooding and drought</li> </ul>	
	Water Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Target clean water throughout Manitoba for drinking, habitat and economic development</li> </ul>	
Nature and Resilient Landscapes	Park and Protected Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage a greater connection and enjoyment with nature and natural tourism for Manitoba families</li> </ul>	
	Forestry and Natural Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote healthy and productive forests and natural areas</li> </ul>	
	Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support Manitoba's active conservation efforts</li> </ul>	

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