



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Community Program for Stormwater Management  
Grant Approvals**

<b>Date:</b>	October 28, 2008
<b>To:</b>	Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
<b>From:</b>	General Manager, Toronto Water
<b>Wards:</b>	All
<b>Reference Number:</b>	P:\2008\Cluster B\TW\pw08022

**SUMMARY**

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This report recommends approval of grants to community organizations to carry out stormwater management projects that were submitted to the Community Program for Stormwater Management for the October 10, 2008, application deadline.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The General Manager of Toronto Water and the Chair, Community Program for Stormwater Management (CPSWM) Selection Committee recommend that:

1. The following projects be approved for funding in the amount of \$98,179, net of GST including a 10% administrative fee for TRCA under the Community Program for Stormwater Management:
  - a. Out of the Frying Pan and into the Shade – Toronto District Catholic School Board - \$25,000
  - b. Lower Central Don and Taylor Creek Restoration Project – Friends of the Don East - \$25,000
  - c. Rainwater Harvest for Greenroof Irrigation – Mountain Equipment Coop - \$9,604
  - d. Transforming Gardens – Garden Green - \$4,650
  - e. Butterfly Garden – Toronto District School Board - \$25,000
2. The appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to take effect thereto.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The total value of projects identified in this report is \$98,179 net of GST, including a 10% administrative fee for TRCA and is included in the approved 2008 Toronto Water Capital Budget, WBS Element CWW447-03 – Wet Weather Flow Master Plan – Public Education.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

City Council, at its meeting of September 22, 23, 24 and 25, 2003, in adopting Clause No. 42 of Report No. 9 of the Policy and Finance Committee, adopted the Wet Weather Flow Management Master Plan and Wet Weather Flow Management Policy and approved the administration of a community outreach program supporting the Wet Weather Flow Management Master Plan by TRCA.

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2003/agendas/council/cc030922/pof9rpt/c1042.pdf>

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

The Community Program for Stormwater Management provides grants to community organizations and NGOs to carry out projects that advance the goals and objectives of the Wet Weather Flow Master Plan. Grant applications are reviewed two or three times per year by the CPSWM Selection Committee, who recommends a list for approval by City Council. The program has been running since 2004 and is administered by the TRCA.

The CPSWM Selection Committee is chaired by Irene Jones, and includes two TRCA staff representatives, one Toronto and Region Remedial Action Plan Team member from Ministry of the Environment, and six City staff representatives from: Toronto Water (3), Parks, Forestry and Recreation (2) and Communications (1).

## **COMMENTS**

Ten applications were received and reviewed by the CPSWM Selection Committee for the October 10, 2008 application deadline. The applications and the recommendations of the Selection Committee are summarized in the following table.

<b>Project #</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Manager and Affiliation</b>	<b>Requested Funds</b>	<b>Recommendations of Selection Committee</b>
2008-10	Out of the Frying Pan and into the Shade – Schoolyard Naturalization	Scott Grieve, Toronto District Catholic School Board	\$25,000	Approved –with the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires a letter of support from the School Principal.</li> <li>• Include, if possible, downspout disconnection on school grounds.</li> <li>• Distribute City of Toronto communications amongst students and parents.</li> <li>• Ensure that native plants are used.</li> </ul>
2008-11	The Vine Green Roof Retrofit Project	Ben Postance, 2Green Design	\$25,000	Declined –Due to the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does not have support in writing from the building owner.</li> <li>• Expertise of organization /project manager is unknown.</li> <li>• Lacks community engagement.</li> <li>• Recommended to apply to the City of Toronto’s Green Roof Program/Live Green.</li> </ul>
2008-12	Lower Central Don and Taylor Creek Restoration Project	James McArthur, Friends of the Don East (FODE)	\$25,000	Approved –With the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure planting sites are selected in consultation with Toronto Parks and Water.</li> <li>• Requires a maintenance component and budget.</li> </ul>
2008-13	Better Beaches: Community Engagement in Stormwater Management	Meredith Cochrane, Citizen’s Environmental Watch (CEW)	\$25,000	Declined –Due to the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CEW is currently being funded by CPSWM.</li> <li>• Lacks focus on public education around beach water quality.</li> <li>• Deliverables associated with community action are not included.</li> <li>• Project staff time exceeds 10% of overall budget.</li> </ul>

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2008-14	Rainwater Harvest for Greenroof Irrigation	Nancy Harrison, Mountain Equipment Coop (MEC)	\$9,604.45	Approved –With the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete and submit application form ASAP.</li> <li>• Include deliverables to measure success.</li> <li>• Indicate sources of in-kind support.</li> <li>• Include a public education component (i.e. communicate the importance of rainwater harvesting to the public).</li> <li>• City of Toronto and TRCA to be recognized.</li> <li>• Distribute Toronto Water communications.</li> </ul>
2008-15	Wetland Restoration and Stormwater Management	Michael Gauthier, Centennial College Environmental Student Society	\$24,995	Declined –Due to the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No implementation component.</li> <li>• No community engagement.</li> </ul>
2008-16	Transforming Gardens	Susan Poizner, Garden Green	\$4,650	Approved –With the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include downspout disconnection and use of rain barrels in design of the five eco-gardens.</li> <li>• Reduce cost of workshop space (suggest use of community centres).</li> <li>• Require that demonstration eco-gardens be maintained for a period of five years.</li> <li>• Proof of insurance coverage must be submitted.</li> </ul>

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2008-17	The Butterfly Garden Expansion Project	Christopher Jez, Toronto District School Board	\$25,000	Approved –With the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$4000 for contingency planning should be deleted from the budget and put towards approved objectives.</li> <li>• Budget for tree planting should be reduced –select different species of trees and consult with Toronto Parks and Forestry.</li> <li>• Ensure use of native plants.</li> <li>• Include, if possible, downspout disconnection on school grounds.</li> <li>• Remove asphalt permanently.</li> <li>• Engage volunteers to reduce labour costs (i.e. tree plantings).</li> <li>• CPSWM will not pay for aesthetics (i.e. seating, sand box removal).</li> </ul>
2008 -18	Toronto Tree Tours	Claudio Tata, Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests (LEAF)	\$23,170	Declined –Due to the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LEAF is currently being funded by CPSWM.</li> <li>• No implementation component</li> </ul>
2008 -19	School Yard Tree Planting	Wendy Lee, Environmental Earth Angels	\$25,000	Declined –Recommend re-submittal with the following considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce number of schools to five and get commitment from the schools in writing.</li> <li>• Indicate other sources of funding.</li> <li>• CPSWM funding should predominately support plant materials.</li> <li>• Reduce project staff time to 10% of overall budget.</li> <li>• Earth Angels may be eligible for funding through the Parks and Trees Foundation’s Tree Canopy Grant Program.</li> </ul>
Total Amount Requested			\$212,419	
<b>Total Recommended for Approval</b>			<b>\$89,254</b>	

Approval of the above projects as recommended would result in a total funding commitment of \$98,179. This includes \$89,254 for the five recommended projects and a 10% administration fee of \$8,925 for the TRCA. With the approval of these projects, this will commit \$248,220 of the budgeted funding of \$250,000 for new projects in 2008.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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