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# **Making the Case for Investing in Climate Resiliency**

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# Risks of not including Climate Change into planning, operations, and budgets



# How does risk disclosure apply to Stormwater?





**Hurricanes and Thunderstorms**



# You can't separate the water from the watershed



# Stormwater is more than just flooding...



## Riverine flooding (Surface)

*Source: Toronto Region  
Conservation Authority, 2019*



## Urban flooding (overland)



## Sanitary sewer backup

*Source: Minneapolis Basement  
Flood Damage Restoration*



## Erosion



## Water quality



## Drought



# Flooding does not only impact infrastructure, there are other municipal and community risks that need to be considered



**Evacuation Plans do not consider flooding**



**Critical Infrastructure failure poses potential threat to public**

News / GTA

## Mississauga resident living in tent since flood

Ken Hills, 60, is one of hundreds living near Cooksville Creek displaced since last storm.

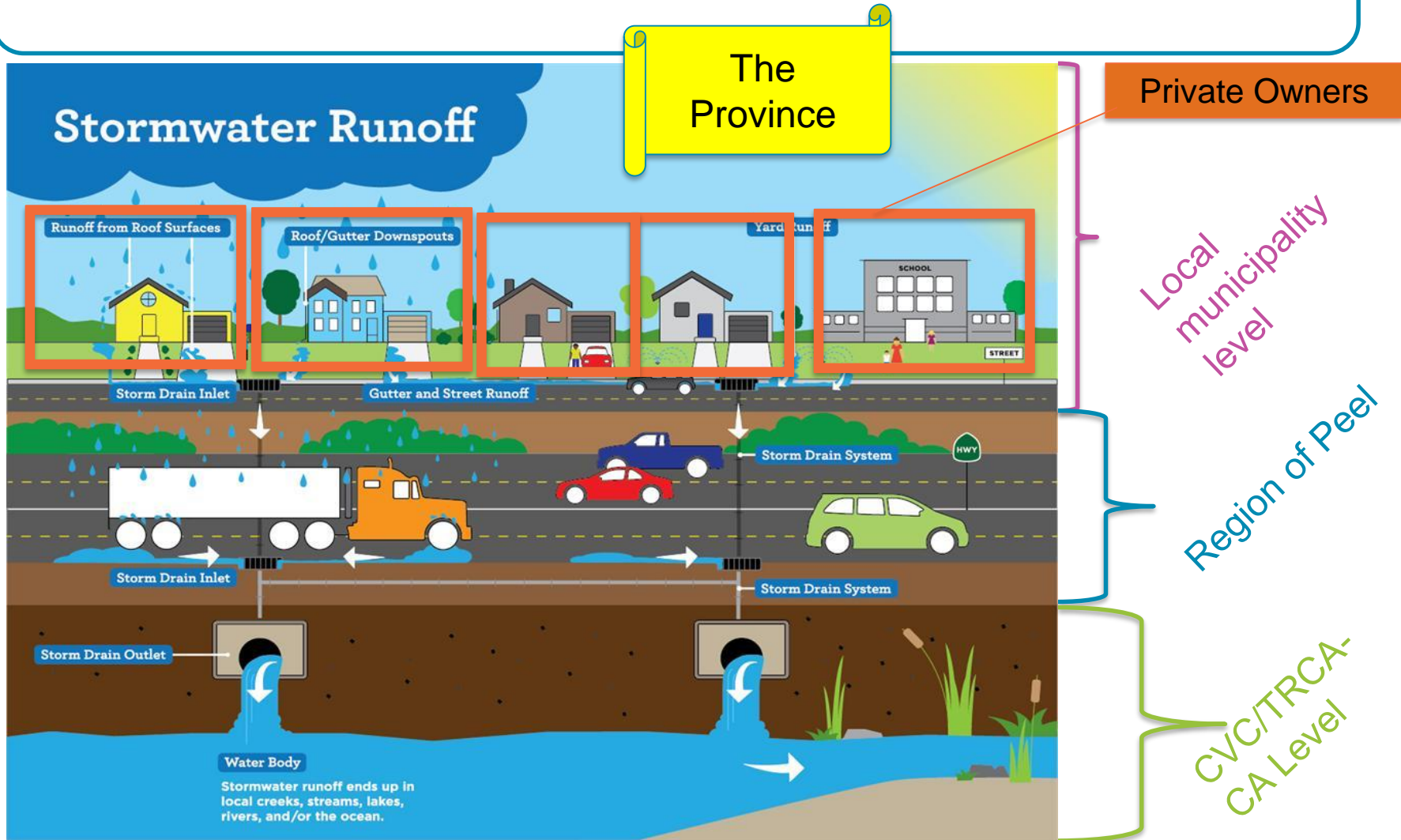
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**Community and municipal service needs**

# SWM Challenges: Jurisdictions

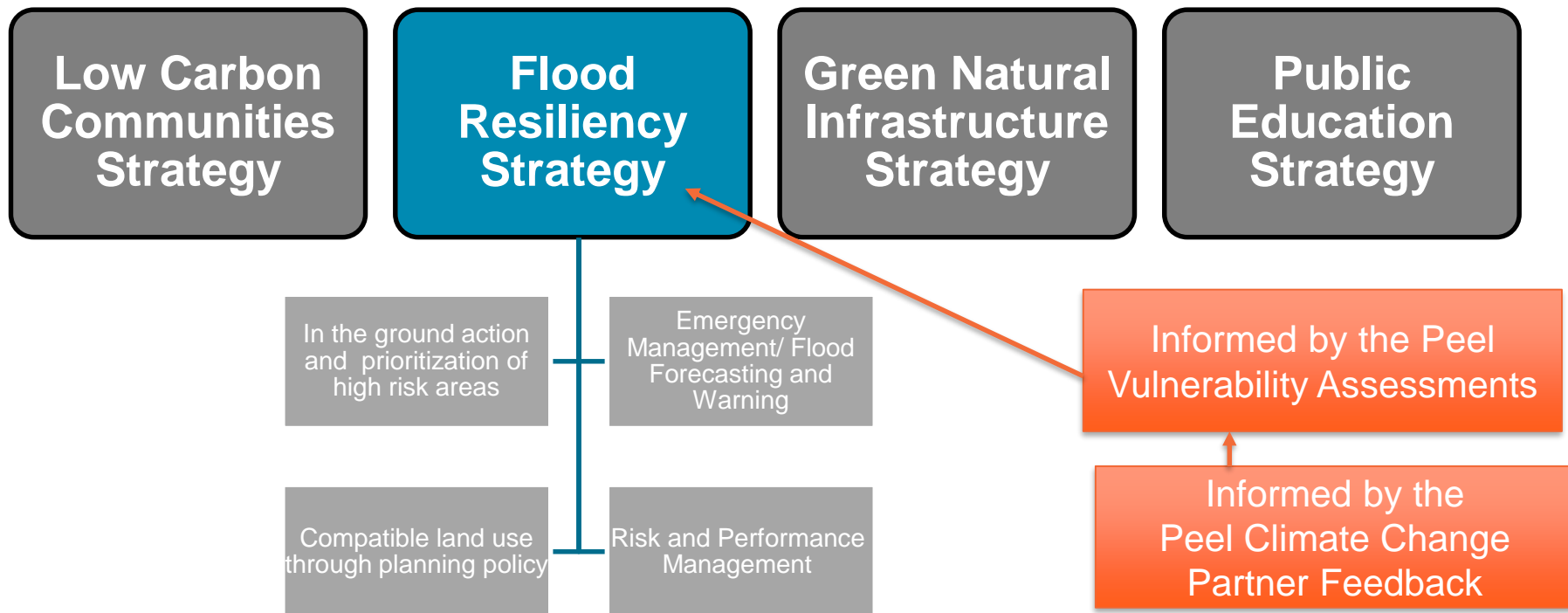


Source: Adapted from Municipality of Middlesex, 2015 (<https://www.middlesexcentre.on.ca/Public/Stormwater>)



# Peel Climate Change Partnership Plan: Four Strategies 2018-2022

**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.



**Partners:**



**BRAMPTON**  
Flower City



# **Legislative Carrots and Sticks**

## **Federal Funding Requirements**

- Disaster Mitigation Action Funding (DMAF)
- NDMP Stream 3 for Flood Mitigation Planning
- Infrastructure Canada- Climate Change Lens

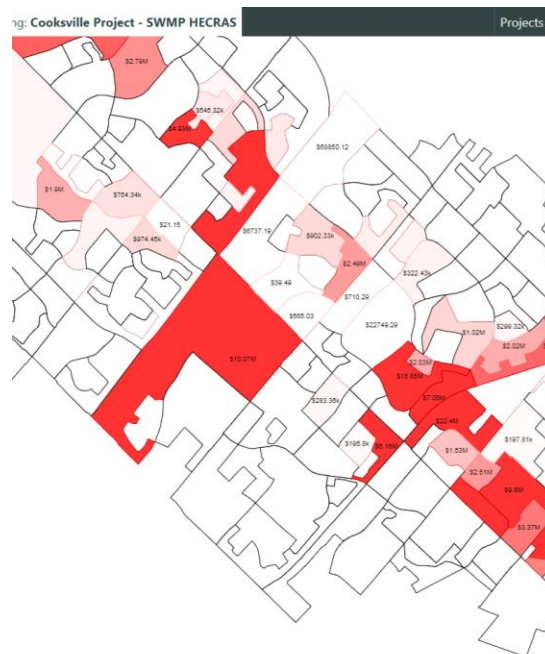
## **Provincial Requirements**

- Building Together Guidance/ Reg 588/17
- Growth Plan and Provincial Policy Statement

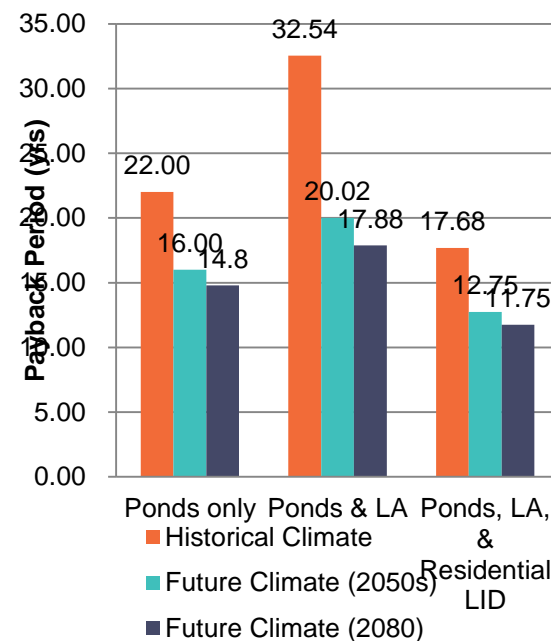
# Risk and Return on Investment Tool



**Identify Flood,  
Water Quality and  
Erosion Risks**



**Identify Potential  
Damages**

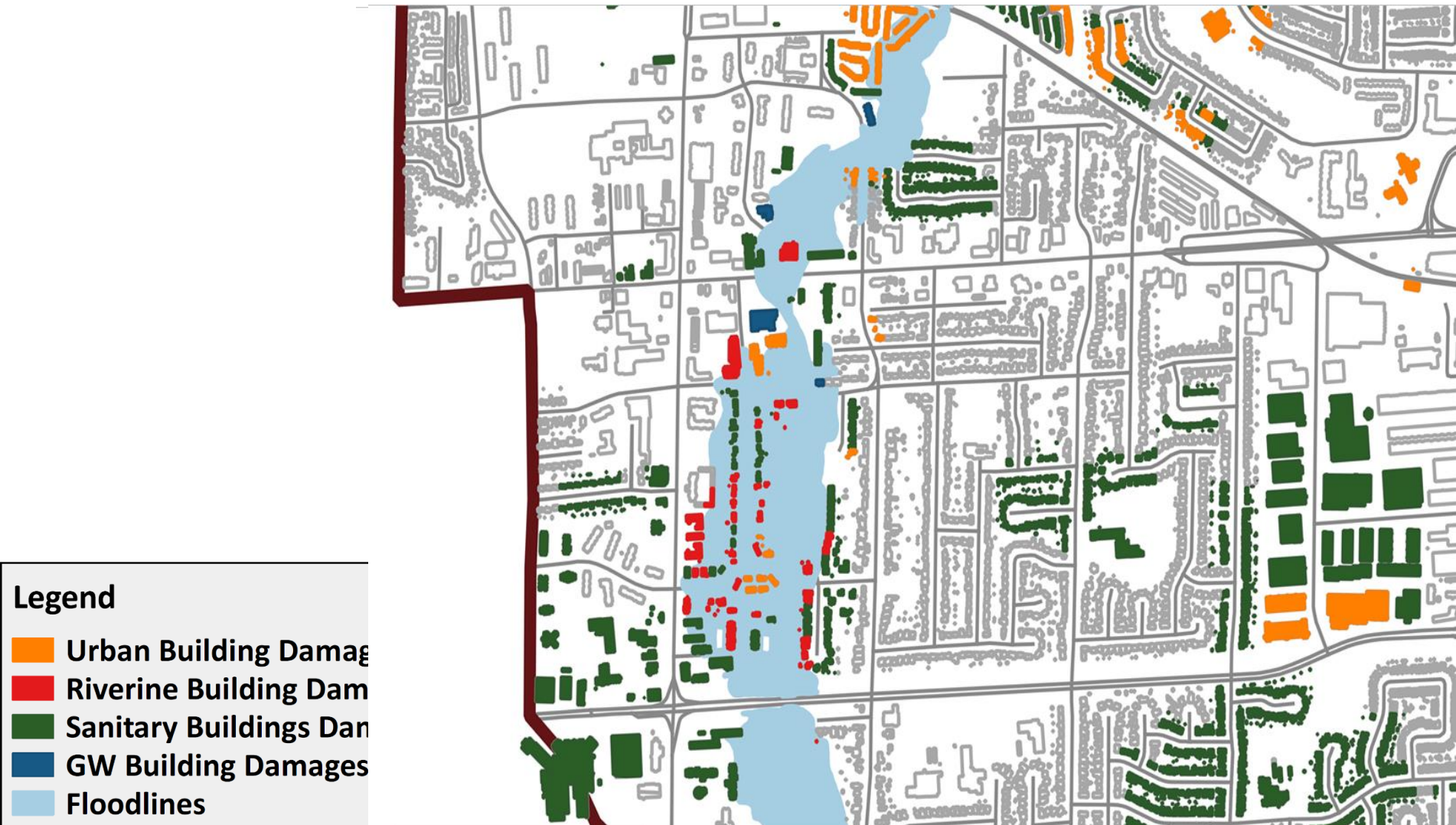


**Evaluate Options  
for greatest ROI**



## Direct Damages to Buildings due to flooding

*'do nothing' baseline climate scenario (100 yr return period)*



# High Risk Inflow Areas due to Urban Overland Flooding



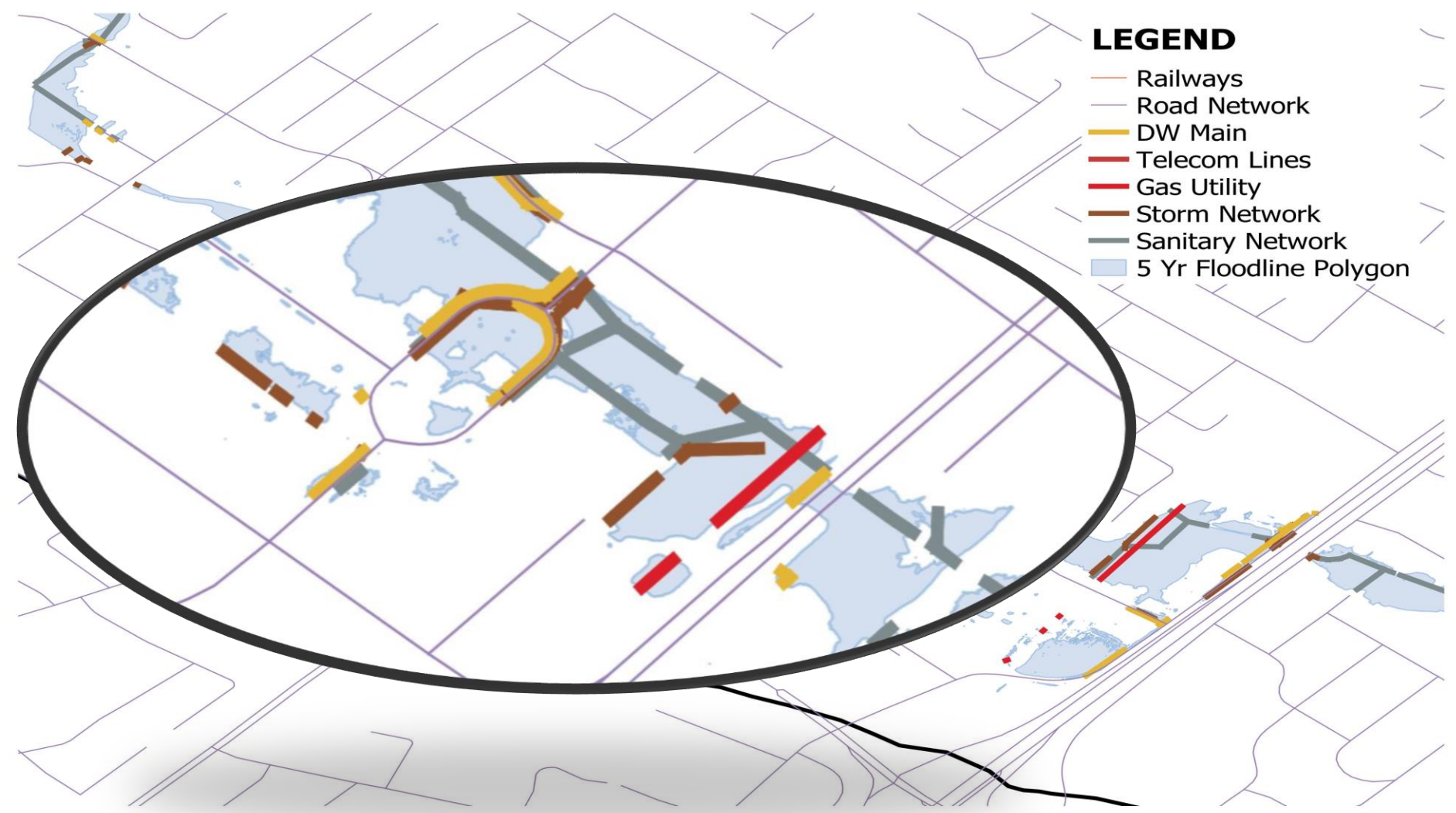
## LEGEND

- Cooksville Stream Network
- Cooksville\_Boundary
- Overland Flood Depth (m)
  - < 0.24
  - 0.24 - 0.80
  - 0.80 - 1.20
  - >1.2
- Sanitary Manholes
- Road Network



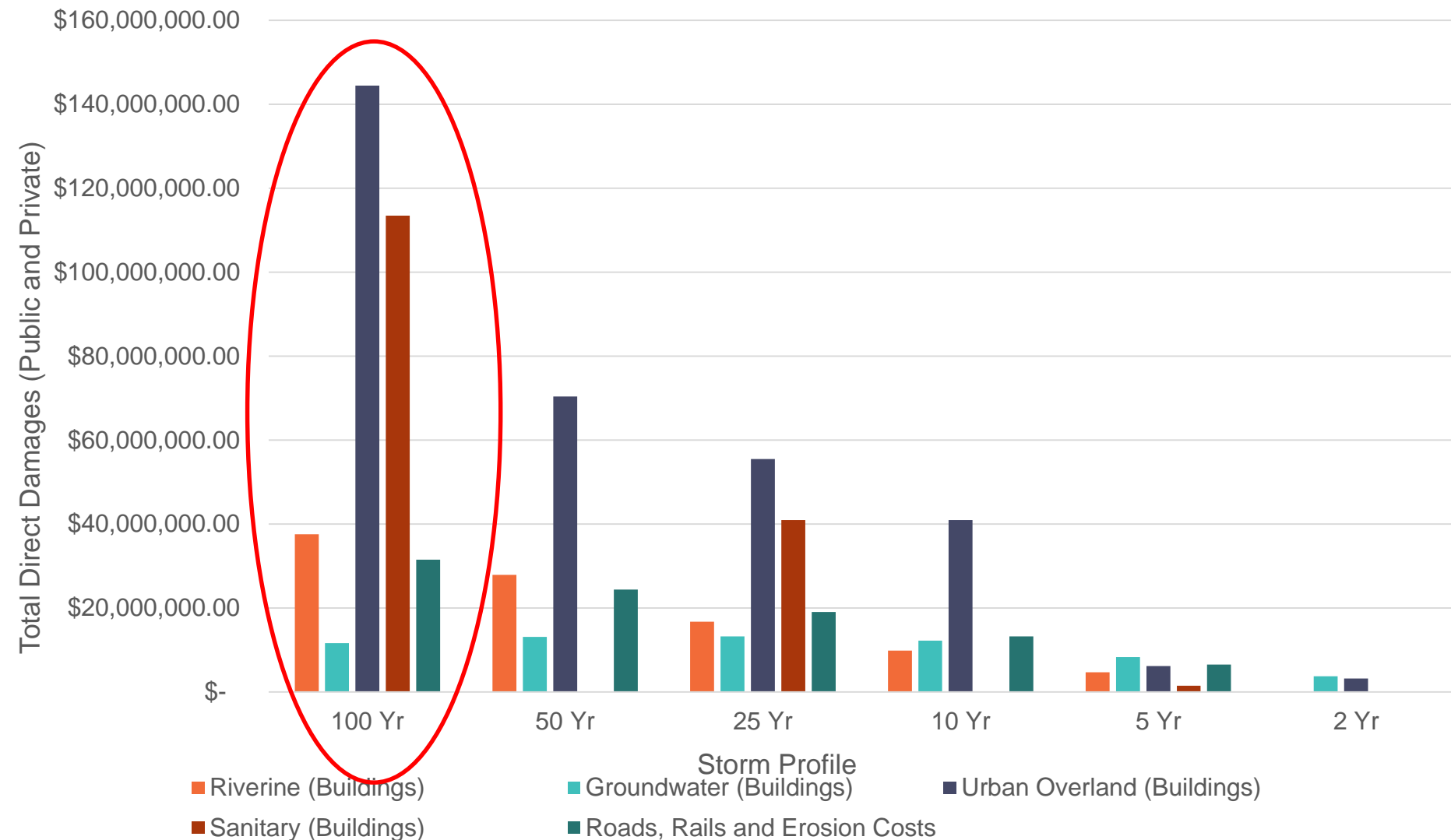
# Direct Damages to Buried Infrastructure (including Roads and Railways) due to Stream Erosion

*'do nothing' baseline climate scenario (5 yr return period)*





# Total Direct Damages – Historic Climate, Do Nothing Scenario



# Level of Service Needs to Consider Full Life Cycle



Planning



Design



Monitoring,  
Inspection &  
Maintenance



Flood  
Forecasting,  
Warning  
Systems &  
Emergency  
Management



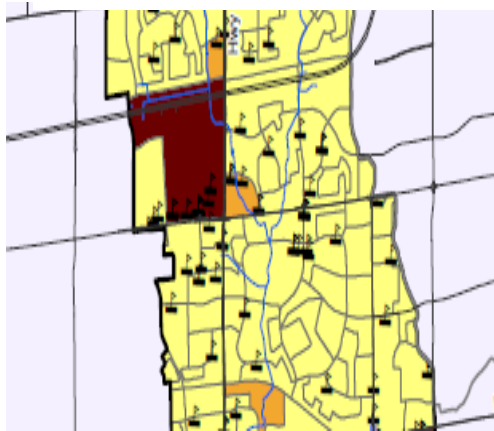
Audit &  
Adaptive  
Management



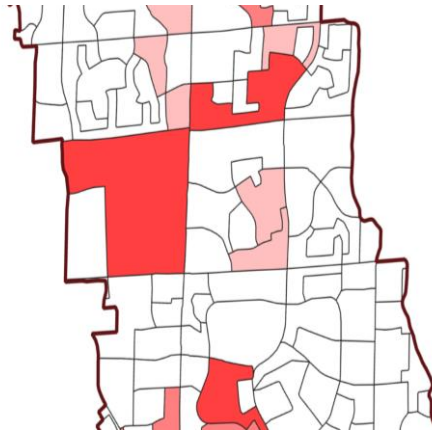
Level of Service

# Moving towards a risk-based approach to Stormwater Master Planning

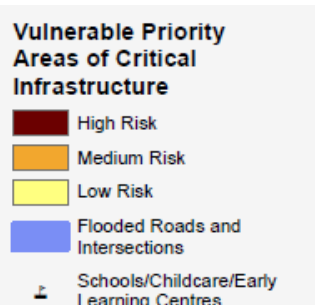
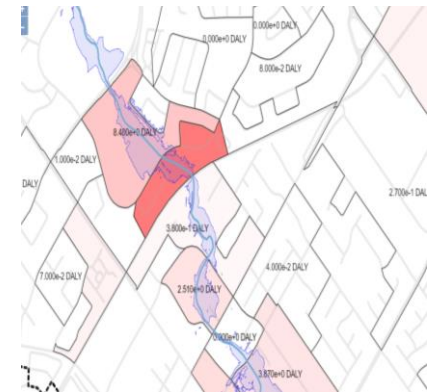
Prioritize Investment  
Based on Age and  
Condition of  
Infrastructure



Prioritize  
Investment  
Based on  
Damage Costs

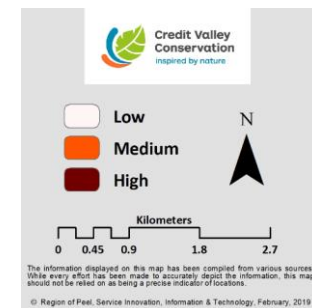


Prioritize  
Investment Based  
on Potential  
Social Risks



## Legend

### TOTAL DAMAGES (\$)





# What Climate Will Our Systems Need to Perform Under?

## 24 Hour Storm – 2050s

Current Return Period (years)	Current Annual Probability (%)	RROIT - 2050s Annual Probability (%)
2	50%	65%
5	20%	30%
10	10%	15%
25	4%	10%
50	2%	5%
100	1%	3%
150	0.7%	2%
325	0.3%	1%

## 24 Hour Storm – 2080s

Current Return Period (years)	Current Annual Probability (%)	2080s Annual Probability (%)
2	50%	63%
5	20%	36%
10	10%	23%
25	4%	13%
50	2%	9%
100	1%	6%
140	0.71%	4%
340	0.29%	2%
835	0.12%	1%

# Evaluate Different Management Solutions

## Rain Gardens



## Green Roofs



## Ponds



## Wetlands



## Forests



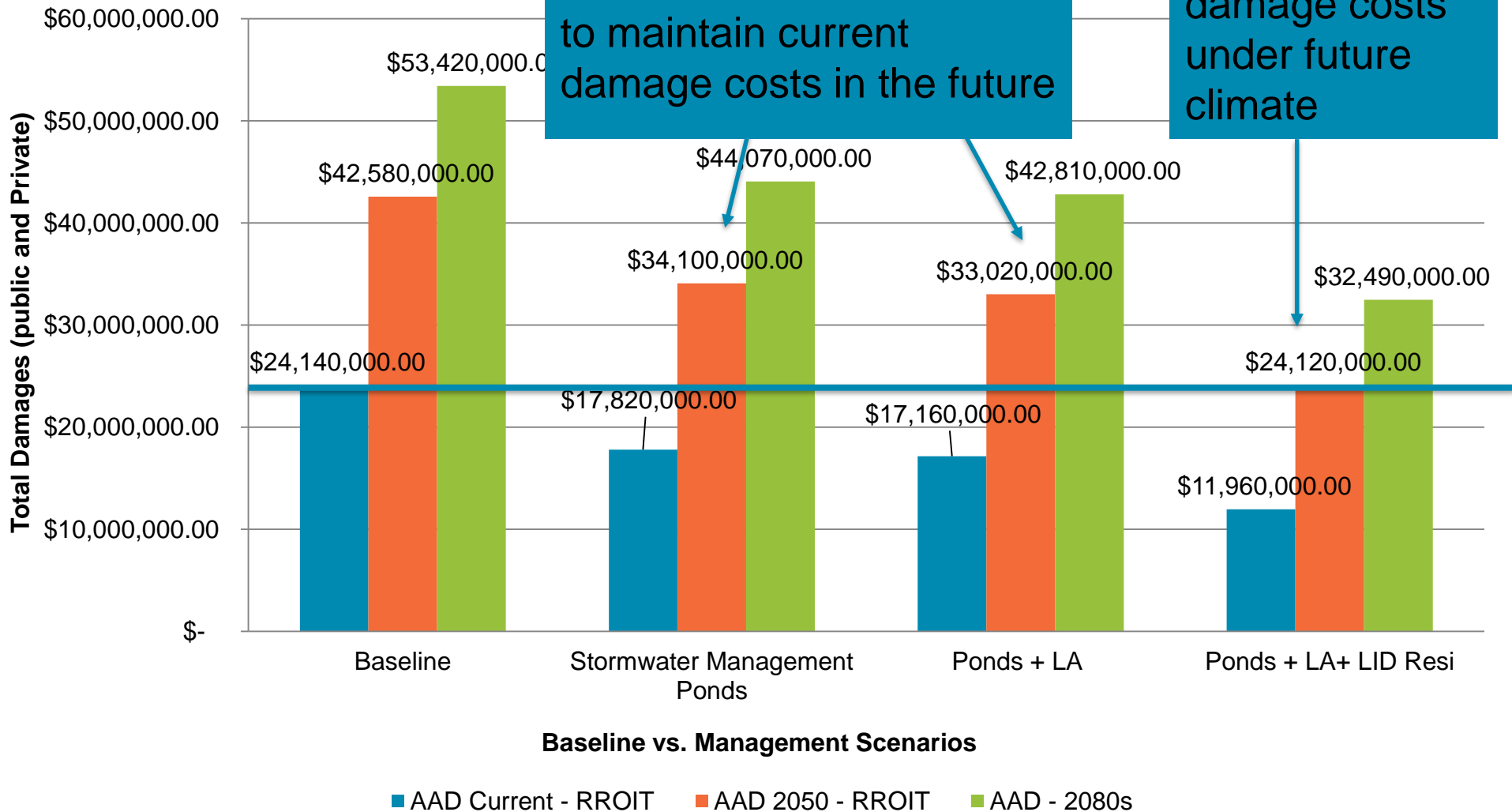
## Gabion Baskets



# Average Annual Damages (AAD)

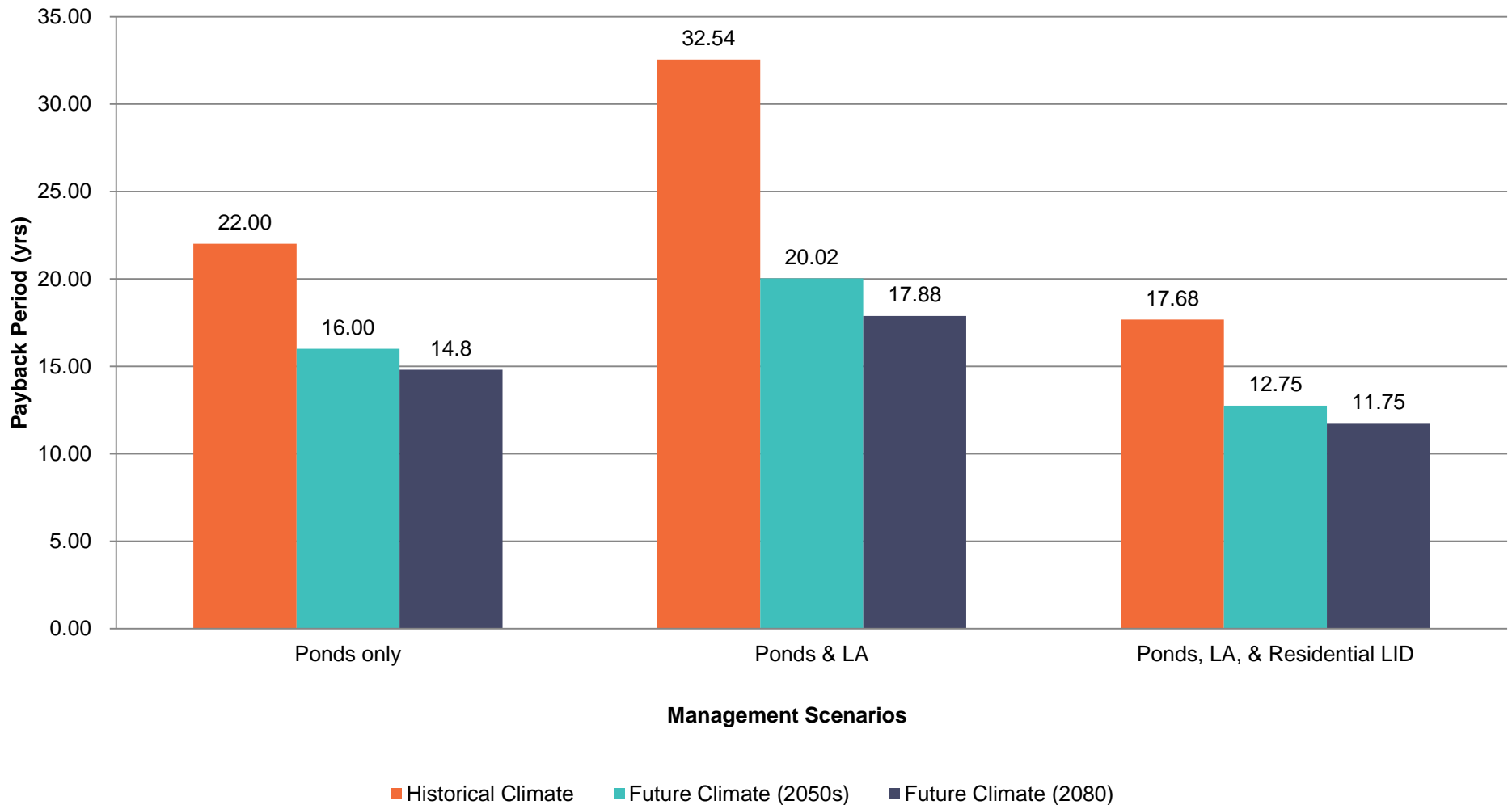
Despite investment – measures are insufficient to maintain current damage costs in the future

Only option that maintains damage costs under future climate





# Payback Period



## **How the Risk Tool Fits into the Flood Strategy**

- Identifies High Priority areas for Partners
- Identifies management options for upgrades
- Informs Master Plans, Watershed Plans, Asset Management Plans, Flood Mitigation Plans
- Meets Federal and Provincial grant requirements (Climate Change Lens, considers social vulnerability, ROI and life cycle costing)

## **2020 Deliverables**

- Run RROIT in Mississauga (Cooksville) and Caledon (Bolton, Alton) to inform Flood Mitigation Plans – Dec 2020
- Release Technical Manual Dec. 2020

## 2020 -2021 Upgrades

- *Incorporate groundwater flood modules to determine areas at risk of Infiltration.*
- *Incorporate Source Protection module to inform SWM selection.*
- *Water Quality Module to determine high sediment load catchments to inform life cycle costing and pathogen load*
- *Enhance Social Vulnerability Mapping (include public health-mental health, disease impacts)*



# Priority Case Studies

## 2020-2021

- Cooksville (Mississauga)
- Alton and Bolton (Caledon)
- Calgary
- Kitchener – 1 creek
- London – 1 creek

## 2021- 2022

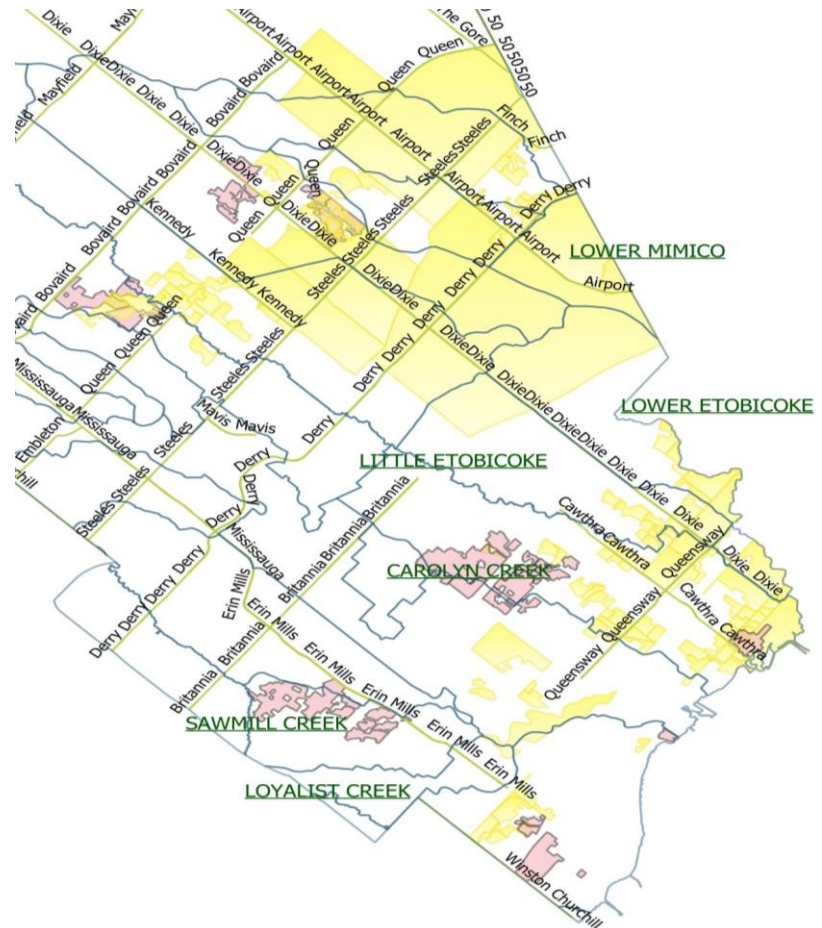
- Fletchers Creek (Brampton)
- Sawmill Creek (Mississauga)

## 2022-2023

- Mayfield West (Caledon)
- Cawthra Creek (Mississauga)

## 2023-2024

- Sheridan Creek and Avonhead



## Funders and Contributors



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