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### Inventory Acceleration Project

#### Overview

Since 2018, the Greenbelt Foundation has been working with Municipal Natural Assets Initiative to build partnerships with municipalities across the Greater Golden Horseshoe, helping to make natural solutions to infrastructure and climate change commonplace. Among other initiatives, the Greenbelt Foundation and MNAI have executed a multi-partner project in the Grindstone Creek Watershed with the cities of Hamilton and Burlington to address significant flood risk to life and property. The Foundation and MNAI are currently supporting over 30 municipal governments in developing natural asset inventories—the first step in full-scale natural asset management plans.

Through the Inventory Acceleration Project, MNAI provides participating municipal governments with a customized natural asset inventory and an interactive dashboard with details of their key natural assets including the condition they are in, the risks they face (e.g., development pressures, forest fires), and a roadmap to help local governments decide what next steps they can take to increase or improve their natural asset management approaches. With this new group of local governments, MNAI will have worked with nearly 100 communities to explore the value of the services nature provides them.

#### Inventory Acceleration Program

**Note: the local governments indicated with an asterisk (\*) have now completed their inventories**

#### Participating Governments in Southern Ontario Supported by Greenbelt Foundation:

1. City of Markham, ON \*
2. City of Orillia, ON
3. City of Peterborough, ON \*
4. City of Vaughan, ON
5. County of Dufferin, ON \*
6. Corporation of the County of Northumberland, ON
7. Regional Municipality of Niagara, ON
8. Town of Lincoln, ON
9. The Corporation of the City of Mississauga, ON

#### Participating Governments Across Canada:

1. City of Abbotsford, BC
2. City of Charlottetown, PEI \*
3. City of Colwood, BC
4. City of Edmonton, AB
5. City of Kelowna, BC
6. City of Moncton, NB



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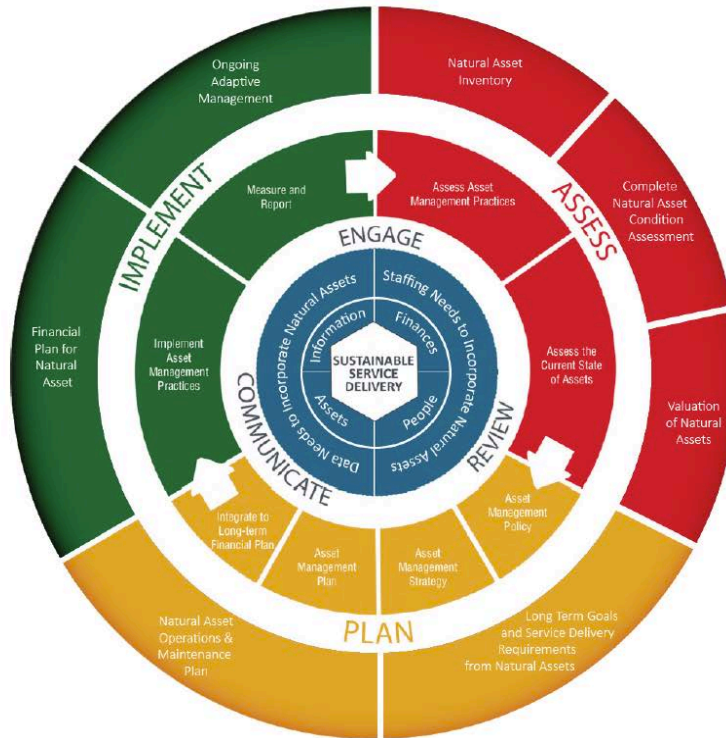
7. City of New Westminster, BC
8. City of Prince George, BC \*
9. City of Saskatoon, SK
10. City of Surrey, BC \*
11. City of West Kelowna, BC \*
12. City of Yellowknife, NWT
13. Corporation of the Township of Langley, BC \*
14. District of Kent, BC
15. Halifax Regional Municipality, NS
16. Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, NS \*
17. Regional District Central Okanagan, BC
18. Resort Municipality of Whistler, BC
19. Town of Florenceville-Bristol, NB \*
20. Town of Stratford, PEI
21. Winnipeg Metropolitan Region, MB

### More on Natural Asset Inventories

Inventories provide details on the type of natural assets a local government relies upon, their condition, and the risks they face. A natural asset inventory is just the first component of the Assessment phase, which is just the first of three phases of a full natural asset management project. By itself, an inventory will not give a sense of asset value but is an essential first step in the full natural asset management project.

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Source: Adapted from Asset Management BC, 2014.