

# Helping you protect communities from flooding

# Floods are expensive

paid in disaster relief to municipalities, homeowners, and organizations from Ontario's disaster recovery assistance programs between 2016 and 2019<sup>1</sup>



projected increase of annual mean precipitation by the late 21st century<sup>3</sup>

# CSA Standards can help



By incorporating CSA Standards into development plans and bylaws, municipalities can improve resilience of their communities and better protect them from floods.



#### **Community Flood Resilience**

CSA W204:19, Flood resilient design for new residential communities

CSA W210:21, Prioritization of flood risk in existing communities



Stormwater Management

CSA W211:21, Management standard for stormwater systems



#### **Bioretention**

CSA W200-18, Design of bioretention systems CSA W201-18, Construction of bioretention systems



**Erosion and Sediment Control** CSA W202-18, Erosion and sediment control, inspection and monitoring

CSA W208:20, Erosion and sediment control, installation and maintenance

# **Incorporate CSA** Standards into municipal plans in three steps



#### Step 1: Assemble your toolbox

Collect your existing bylaws and strategic documents and get familiar with CSA community water standards



#### **Step 2: Identify** the gaps

Assess where standards can help fill the gaps in your processes

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#### Step 3: Develop policies and guidelines

Update or develop new strategic planning and development policies and processes

<sup>1</sup>Ontario's Special Advisor on Flooding Report to Government (<u>https://files.ontario.ca/mnrf-english-ontario-special-advisor-on-flooding-report-2019-11-25.pdf</u>) <sup>2</sup> Under One Umbrella: Practical Approaches for Reducing Flood Risks in Canada, November 2020

<sup>3</sup>Canada's Changing Climate Report, Government of Canada, https://changingclimate.ca/CCCR2019/

# How-to Guide for municipalities

Detailed guidance for urban planners, managers, and municipal officials on how to apply standards in practice



# Descriptions of the CSA Standards

for flood resiliency, stormwater, bioretention systems, and erosion and sediment control



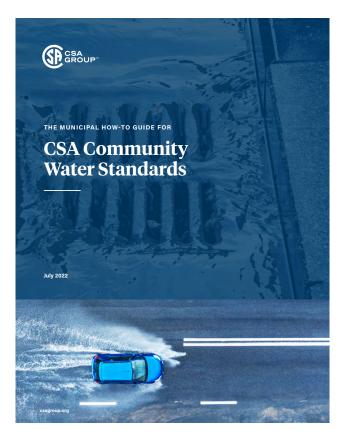
#### Three steps

to integrating standards into planning and approval processes

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### Examples of wording

you can adopt for your bylaws and policy documents





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# About CSA Group

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#### Developed with Canadian Municipalities

To develop this Guide, CSA Group collaborated with four Canadian municipalities: Colwood, British Columbia; High River, Alberta; Lakeshore, Ontario; and Cambridge, Ontario. Together with engineering consultant, WSP, they shared documents and experiences that helped develop this Municipal How-to Guide.

Other municipalities from different parts of the country helped validate the three-step process for incorporating CSA Community Water Standards into municipal planning and approval processes.

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