

# Green Infrastructure Shared Services

**OFI**



***High Bridge***



# OAI Mission

- ▶ **Workforce Development**
  - ▶ Pre-employment training
  - ▶ Incumbent worker training
  - ▶ Help people work safely, and advance in their careers





# OAI High Bridge Green Infrastructure Work

- ▶ **Incorporating workforce development objectives into green infrastructure projects**
- ▶ **Provide training**
  - ▶ **With a focus on unemployed or underemployed individuals from disadvantaged communities**
- ▶ **Seek to place trainees in quality positions, perhaps with:**
  - ▶ **A private sector ecological restoration firm**
  - ▶ **A park district**
  - ▶ **A municipal department of public works**
- ▶ **Possible gateway to further career opportunities**

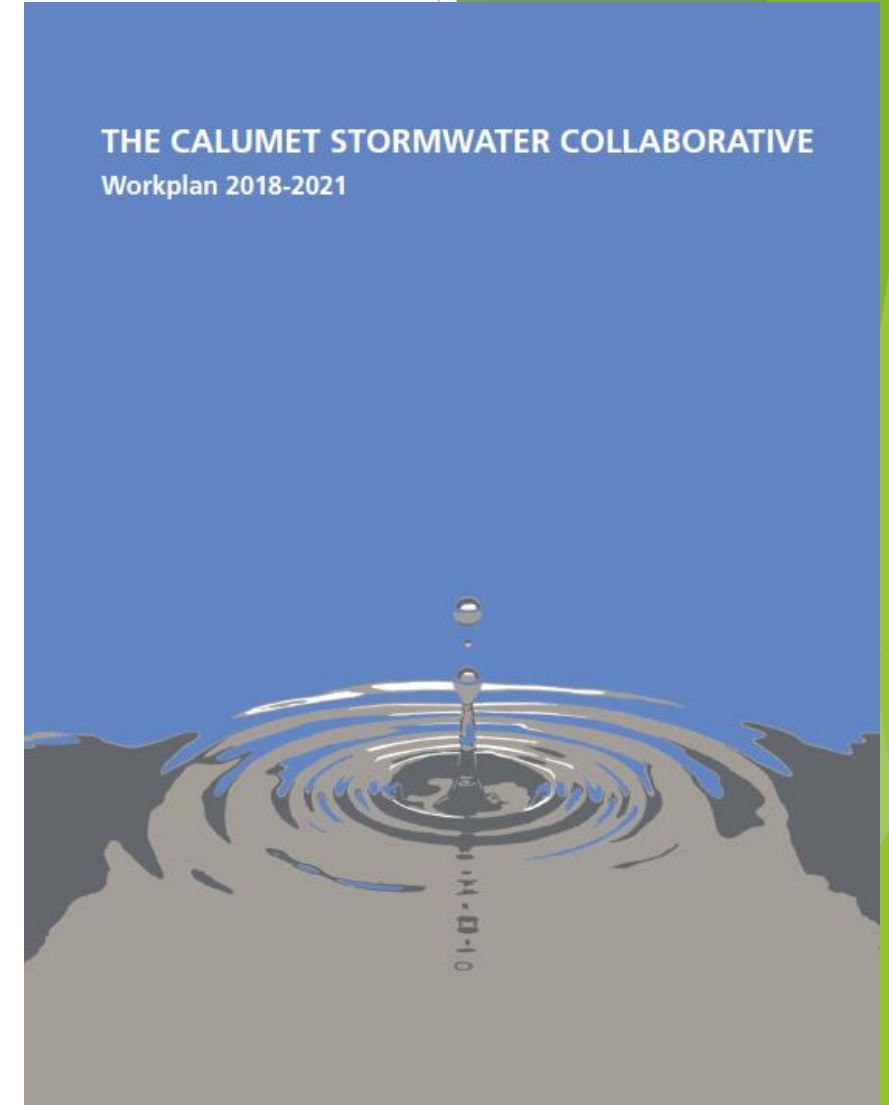


*Building Careers,  
Changing Lives*



# High Bridge Work Closely Aligned with the CSC Workplan

- ▶ **Training**
  - ▶ **NGICP**
  - ▶ **8-Hour**
  - ▶ **Rainscaping**
- ▶ **Procurement and Contract Language**
- ▶ **Operationalizing Maintenance**
  - ▶ **Shared Services**



# Shared Services Green Infrastructure Maintenance

## Project Supported by Great Lakes One Water (GLOW)



**27 Community Foundations**

**Organized into 6 regional teams**

**Each team identified a priority project**

**The Lower Lake Michigan Team settled on the green infrastructure maintenance project concept**

Lake Superior/ Upper Peninsula Regional Team	Lower Lake Michigan Regional Team	Upper Lake Michigan Regional Team	Lake Huron Regional Team	Lake Erie Regional Team	Lake Ontario Regional Team
1 Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation	1 The Chicago Community Trust	1 Charlevoix County Community Foundation	1 Bay Area Community Foundation	1 Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo	1 Durham Community Foundation
2 Keweenaw Community Foundation	2 Evanston Community Foundation	2 Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation	2 Community Foundation Grey Bruce	2 The Cleveland Foundation	2 Niagara Community Foundation
3 Community Foundation of Marquette County	3 Legacy Foundation	3 Leelanau Township Community Foundation	3 Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan	3 Community Foundation of Lorain County	3 Toronto Foundation
4 M&M Area Community Foundation	4 Unity Foundation of La Porte County	4 Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation		4 Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation	
5 Community Foundation of the Upper Peninsula/Community Foundation for Delta County		5 Manistee County Community Foundation		5 Erie County Community Foundation	
				6 Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan	
				7 Toledo Community Foundation	

# The GLOW Project

## The Need:

- Green infrastructure maintenance is often overlooked or neglected
- Many owners do not have the staffing or necessary training
- Not cost-effective for any one community to hire green infrastructure specialists

## A Solution:

- A team(s) of trained green infrastructure workers who can provide green infrastructure services to multiple jurisdictions

*An idea promoted for some time by the CSC's T+M Workgroup and our focus on helping build capacity!*

# The GLOW Project

- ✓ Research
- ✓ Talk with G.I. owners
- ✓ Talk with possible implementation partners
- ✓ Training
- ✓ Pilot the shared services concept in NE IL and NW IN
  - Two Years (2020 and 2021)
  - Evaluate
- ✓ Scale up (2022)



# Robbins Renewal

- ▶ OAI joined in as a partner on the Stormwater Park Project
- ▶ We will be responsible for establishing the Green Infrastructure (Phase 1)
- ▶ Grant from the Chi-Cal Rivers Fund
- ▶ We plan to take advantage of this opportunity for workforce development
  - ❖ We will provide training
  - ❖ We will contract for the green infrastructure work
  - ❖ We will seek to employ local residents





# CSC Member Input



**We are interested in your ideas/ suggestions on:**

- ▶ **Green infrastructure sites in the Calumet area where maintenance would be beneficial**
- ▶ **Possible implementation partners**
- ▶ **Training**
  - ❑ **T&M Work Group working on curriculum for an 8-hour training**
  - ❑ **We may reach out to CSC members to help deliver the training**
  - ❑ **Recruitment**

