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RESIDENTIAL STORMWATER RETROFIT  
PILOT PROGRAM: RAIN READY OTTAWA

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## REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

**That the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management recommend that Council:**

- 1. Approve the pilot Residential Stormwater Retrofit Program as described in this report to support the objectives of the Pinecrest/Westboro and Eastern Subwatersheds Stormwater Retrofit Plans.**
- 2. Delegate the authority to the General Manager of Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development or designate to implement the pilot program as outlined in this report and to execute all agreements associated with this program.**
- 3. Direct staff to report back to Committee and Council in 2023 on the results of the pilot program with recommendations for a continued program.**

At the outset, the Committee heard from Ms Julia Robinson, Project Manager, Climate Change and Resiliency Section, Environmental Programs, Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development (PIED) Department, who introduced Mr. Simon Greenland-Smith, Outreach and Communications Coordinator, PIED.

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They spoke to a detailed slide presentation which served as an overview of the report. A copy of this presentation is held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

Chair Moffatt made reference to the program drivers, which were the Ottawa River Action Plan (2010), the Pinecrest / Westboro Stormwater Retrofit Study (2011) and the Eastern Subwatersheds Stormwater Retrofit Study (2019).

The Committee then heard from Ms Mary Hegan, speaking on behalf of Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability (CAFES) in support of the program.

Committee questions to staff and discussions included, but were not necessarily limited to: the elements as outlined in the presentation and those addressed by the delegation; stormwater challenges and solutions; 50-year stormwater program targets; program goals, objectives and structure; design and installation incentives; industry training and the cost of home assessments, and; community engagement and program eligibility. Staff responded to additional questions about program budgeting and auditing, cost-effective solutions for stormwater management, training and certification criteria for third-party 'Fusion Landscape' professionals, future training options, the dissemination of information during the COVID pandemic and the potential for D-I-Y involvement to complement the program.

Discussions having concluded, the report recommendations were put before the Committee and were 'CARRIED', as presented.