Forging Effective National-Local NGO Partnerships to Build Urban Flood Resilience
Solutions to Urban Flooding

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Johnsons Park, Milwaukee

Emphasis on soil composition

Disconnected downspouts
The Process of Integrated Water Management

- Monitor, evaluate, and adapt
- Understand the problem
- Entry point
- Implement strategy
- Identify appropriate tools
- Develop a stakeholder-centric strategy

Equity (Listening, Engagement, Collaboration)
• As a result, American Rivers started to focus our approach on building engaged, supportive relationships with community based partners, focused as much on building them up as advancing our mission.

• Milwaukee Water Commons, ECOAction, West Atlanta Watershed Alliance (WAWA), Junction Avenue Coalition
Milwaukee Water Commons is a cross-city network that fosters connection, collaboration and broad community leadership on behalf of our waters.

We promote stewardship of, equitable access to and shared decision-making for our common waters.

Our Vision
Milwaukee is a model water city where we all have a stake and a say in the health of our waters, and we all share in their care and benefits.
Program Areas
- Water School
- We Are Water
- Water City 3.0

6 Initiatives
- Community Water Assembly (CWA)

Organizing Frameworks
- Environmental Justice
- Collective Impact
- The Commons
Green Infrastructure Initiative Team

- City of Milwaukee ECO Office
- Clean Wisconsin
- Friends of Milwaukee’s Downtown Forests
- Groundwork Milwaukee
- Milwaukee Water Commons
- Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District
- Reflo Milwaukee
- Wisconsin Green Muslims