



# News Byte



## Environment has Real Economic, Social and Environmental Benefits

Forests, streams, wetlands, parks, community gardens, agricultural lands, green roofs, stormwater ponds, engineered wetlands and landscaped areas make up some of the natural areas and green, or vegetative, technologies referred to as **Green Infrastructure**.



Green Infrastructure can provide many social, economic and environmental benefits close to where people live and work including:

- Clean Air and Sustainable Water
- Creation of Green Jobs
- Reduced health care costs
- Places for outdoor relaxation and play
- Space and habitat for wildlife
- Climate change adaptation
- Stormwater Management
- Local food production and tourism revenues

A new report released by the Green Infrastructure Ontario Coalition entitled "**Health,**

**Prosperity & Sustainability: The Case for Green Infrastructure in Ontario**

says that green infrastructure offers tangible, cost effective ways to meet the challenges of urbanization, climate change in a tight economy. The report provides six recommendations that government can do right now to promote greater understanding and use of the benefits of our natural environment.

Green Infrastructure Coalition of Ontario (GIO) is comprised of a number of environmental nonprofit organizations and innovative business leaders. The steering committee includes: Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests (LEAF), Green Roofs for Healthy Cities, Toronto & Region Conservation, Landscape Ontario, the Ontario Parks Association, and Evergreen.

Conservation Ontario is a member of GIO.

**Report, Executive Summary and Video**

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