## Moving Forward

### Key Question

In determining the potential next steps, consider this question:

*“What is standing between the your municipality and its ability to create and implement actions to identify, understand, and use the municipality’s natural infrastructure for flood and drought mitigation?”*

### Moving Forward Options

##### Developing the Action Plan (if not already complete)

* Have each *person* fill in the workbook; collect and collate
* Have each *department* fill in the workbook; collect and collate
* Reconvene as a group and collectively fill in the workbook
* Convene further workshops to focus on completion, prioritization, and operationalization of the Action Plan

##### Informing the Action Plan

* Review and critically assess the Decision Support information to determine vital needs
* Gather all available Natural Infrastructure information for the municipality
* Conduct a policy assessment re: the policy needs for the Action Plan
* Conduct a data assessment re: the current and future data and information needs for the Action Plan
* Develop a GIS Natural Infrastructure layer

##### Converting the Action Plan into Policy

* Create a Council report summarizing the proposed Action Plan
* Develop a bylaw, or set of bylaws to enact portions of the Action Plan
* Develop department-specific work plans
* Develop operational guidelines for the municipality’s planning, develop, and maintenance activities

##### Overseeing the Action Plan

* Maintain the initial Team as an Action Plan review team
* Assign the Action Plan to one department/manager
* Assign an Action Plan coordinator (with senior management support/authority)
* Identify budget lines under which the Action Plan would fall

##### Maintaining the Action Plan

* Create a cross-departmental team to guide development and implementation of the Action Plan
* Designate a TOC lead person / shepherd for the cross departmental completion, implementation of the Action Plan

##### Resourcing the Action Plan

* Build a business case for the need, co-benefits, and potential resourcing of the Action Plan
* Seek internal resources for the Action Plan
  + (Council allocation, departmental budgets)
* Seek external resources for the Action Plan
  + (FCM, MCCAC, Watershed Restoration and Resiliency Program)
* Hire a consultant to facilitate completion and application of the Action Plan

##### Monitoring the Action Plan

* Develop mechanism for tracking if Actions have been completed
* Develop evaluation framework for determining if Actions pursued have been effective