



# LOW-COST, ACCESSIBLE MUNICIPAL FINANCING TO MITIGATE FLOODING AND MANAGE STORMWATER IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION

Many municipalities are considering Green Infrastructure (GI) to address heightened flooding and water quality challenges brought by climate change, but a lack of dedicated funding and staff support prevent small- to mid-sized municipalities from being able to access state and federal grants and implement successful projects.

To help bridge this gap between communities in need and existing resources, Delta Institute is piloting an **innovative project financing and support service** that assists small-to-mid-sized municipalities fund, plan, design, install and maintain neighborhood-scale GI projects. We will meet municipalities where they are in the GI implementation process and carry projects through the finish line.

## Do you need:

**...funding?** Our team will work with your staff to structure and issue an affordable micro-bond to support up-front project management costs and provide necessary match funding for state and federal grants.

**...project planning and prioritization?** Send us your data, goals and opportunities and our team will develop a prioritized list of projects to move forward on.

**...grant-writing support?** Our team has the expertise and experience needed to develop a winning grant application. Once awarded, we will work with your staff to prepare a standard grant reporting process.

**...project development and procurement assistance?** Whether it's by leading the entire process or simply providing template documents, our team will ensure a compliant and efficient project creation process.

**...design services?** We work with many design/engineering firms in the Great Lakes region and beyond to help provide detailed designs for new GI projects as well as design consulting services for ongoing GI projects.

**...construction oversight?** Our team can help organize contractors and provide quality assurance for projects undergoing construction. We'll also make sure that construction meets all grant or regulatory requirements.

**...a maintenance and monitoring plan?** Our team will work with your staff to develop a maintenance plan that is right for your community and help fund monitoring device installation to ensure the GI projects perform as expected.

Interested in learning more about what partnership could look like? Please visit our project site at [delta-institute.org/project/municipal-gi-financing/](https://delta-institute.org/project/municipal-gi-financing/) or email us at [programs@delta-institute.org](mailto:programs@delta-institute.org)