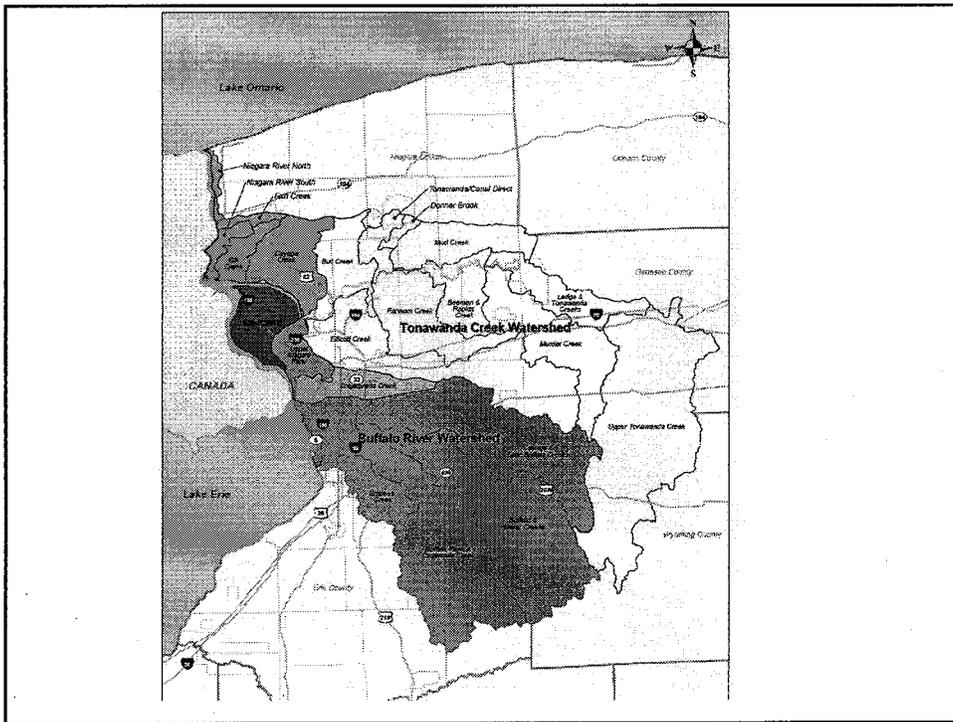




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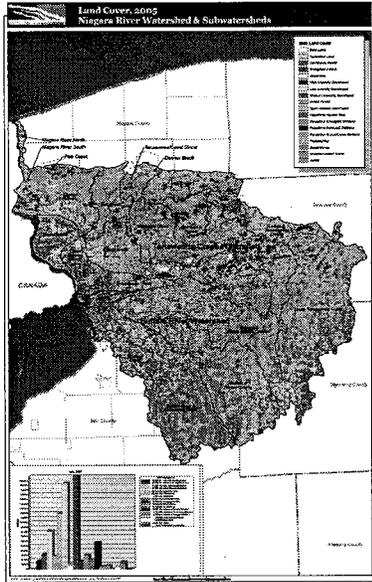
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Opportunity for Citizen Action



Residential land use accounts for 24% of land within 1 mile of river and .5 mile of a tributary



Program Goals



Three Year Pilot Program

Landowner Stewardship Trainings

Landowner Stewardship Guide and Online Resources

25 On-the-ground Restoration Plantings

Site Assessment Tours to Demonstrate Best Practices

Leverage Resources

“Restore Corps” Volunteers



Partners



Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper &
Restore Corps volunteers

Soil and Water Conservation District
for Niagara and Erie Counties

Urban and suburban landowners
within the Greenway boundary &
other technical partners

Municipalities

Universities



Targeted Watersheds

Cayuga Creek
Ellicott Creek
Scajaquada Creek

Buffalo River
Tonawanda Creek
Upper Niagara River/Grand Island





Budget & Leveraging



Budget

\$100K/Year for 3 years

Staff, technical assistance,
restoration supplies &
equipment

Leverage

\$30K/Year for 3 years

Technical assistance, plant
material, volunteer labor +
future grant resources



Greenway Plan Consistency

Priority Status

Focus Areas

Environmental Soundness

Implementable

Economic Viability

Local Sponsor/Partner

Consideration of Planning Efforts

Clear Benefits





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Reduce erosion that degrades water quality for fish and wildlife

Improve forest canopy and improve near stream aquatic habitats

Fulfill an unmet need for residential waterfront owners

Provide a vegetative alternative to hard shorelines (when appropriate)

Invasive Species control/management

Maintenance

Increasing capacity of local group to serve as a technical resource to community



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