SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Key recommendations from this report have been prioritized for implementation within the next 20 years. Priority A recommendations are to be implemented with the short-term (1 – 5 years), Priority B within the mid-term (6-10 years) and Priority C within the long-term (10-20 years).

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Rec 9	Educate the public on canopy cover targets and encourage tree retention, maintenance and planting on private lands	18
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Rec 22	Encourage planting and retention of trees on private land	23
Rec 23	Encourage naturescaping and planting of drought tolerant species	23
Rec 24	Encourage additional planting of ecologically suitable species to address flood risk in appropriate areas	23
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