

**REPORT NO. 87**  
of the  
**WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (WECEC)**  
of its meeting held  
July 10, 2014  
at 5:30 o'clock p.m.  
Board Room, Windsor International Airport

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**Members present at the July 10, 2014 meeting:**

Councillor Alan Halberstadt, Co-Chair  
Charlie Wright, Co-Chair  
Frank Butler (alternate)  
Derek Coronado  
Rick Coronado  
Roger Dzugan  
Jesse Gardner Costa  
Paul Henshaw  
Mike Nelson  
Phil Roberts (alternate non-voting)  
Tamara Stomp  
Radwan Tamr

**Your Committee submits the following recommendation:**

Moved by C. Wright, seconded by T. Stomp,

**WHEREAS** rain gardens are designed to absorb runoff from impervious urban areas diverting it from storm drains or combined sewers therefore recharging groundwater, diverting stormwater from municipal infrastructure and reducing polluted runoff into the local water bodies; and

**WHEREAS** rain gardens constructed with native plants improve biodiversity and provide food for pollinators; and

**WHEREAS** the Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA) has already begun working with member municipalities to create rain gardens at various locations including Harrow, Leamington, and Windsor; and

**WHEREAS** ERCA staff will provide expertise to design and build a rain garden and help monitor its effectiveness;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that every Windsor and Essex County member municipality strive to complete a demonstration rain garden by the end of 2015 in partnership with the Essex Region Conservation Authority.

Carried.

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COUNCILLOR HALBERSTADT , CO-CHAIR

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COMMITTEE COORDINATOR

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**August 27, 2014**

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