

1. The Green Party has committed \$6.4 billion annually one point of the GST to municipal infrastructure. This funding will provide for needed upgrades to water management systems, emphasizing innovation in green technology that supports water conservation and sanitation goals. We will create a Canadian Infrastructure Bank to provide more robust and innovative financing and investment partnerships, in order to build worldclass water treatment facilities and put thousands of Canadians to work in the process. We need to invest in communities resilient to the impacts of climate change.
  
2. The Green Party will act swiftly to protect Canada's wetlands. We will work with landowners to restore or forego drainage on prairie potholes and wetlands that currently receive much of spring meltwater. We can draw from successful provincial programs, including the Wetland Restoration Incentive Program, initiated in 2008 as a partnership between Manitoba, Ducks Unlimited, and the Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation.
  
3. The Green Party is committed to providing significant federal support to organizations that are conducting water quality research, like the ELA.
  
4. The Green Party supports the Lake Winnipeg Health Plan. We share the Lake Winnipeg Foundation's commitment to protecting the watershed. We will support these conservation efforts by:
  - Establish a Canada Water Fund to focus on longterm watershed health, alleviating the problem of runoff of pollutants and nutrients
  - Working to restore Lake Winnipeg's wetlands
  - Protecting at least half of Canada's boreal forest, and upholding its ecological integrity
  - Restoring ecosystem health to Canada's coastline and inland watersheds by funding improvements to municipal wastewater treatment systems, with particular emphasis on ensuring shoreline communities and industries stop dumping untreated waste into rivers, lakes, and oceans
  - Supporting scientific monitoring of water quality
  - Working with farmers to ensure that all livestock waste is recycled safely, that contamination by agricultural runoff is avoided, and to encourage farming methods that decrease water requirements
  - Increasing science capacity related to water issues by advocating for enhanced funding for data collection and integrated information systems on water use, availability and quality, and linking research spending to water policy goals.