Workshop One: Suggested Approach

This will be the first time the Natural Infrastructure Team formally gathers, so the first step is familiarizing them with the WWN process, introducing the workbook, worksheets (folder), and confirming the schedule.

The WWN process includes a suggested Workshop One *Folder Contents*, which can be modified to suit a municipality's specific needs.

The first task will be to establish the context information, discussing/developing the overall goals, principles of how you will approach the WWN exercises, and then any specific risk-reduction goals Team members may have (certain at-risk area, already established high-priority risk-abatement activities, etc.)

The second task will be to set the risk context, including presenting the results of the background research, then taking time to clearly articulate the flood/drought-related hazards and risks for the municipality. This can be done 1) using the worksheets as individuals first, 2) doing the exercise together, 3) a combination. It is advisable for the Team Leader to fill in as much 'suggested' information as possible in advance, so the Team is not working off a blank page.

The afternoon task is identifying the natural infrastructure in the municipality. This should begin as a discussion regarding what constitutes natural infrastructure. As this can be a rabbit-hole dialogue, it is valuable to have a preliminary list created (one is include in the WWN Folder). Any background information on `making the case' for natural infrastructure should be presented here, as well.

Using aerial images can be extremely helpful for this task. Print two or more images of the municipality in large format, so Team Members can write directly on the images. This input will have to be collected and collated later, either in tabular or GIS format.

Suggested Workshop Folder Contents

- 1. Agenda
- 2. Workbook Table of Contents
- 3. Goals and Principles worksheet
- 4. General Risk Assessment Summary
- 5. Hazards Worksheet
 - a. Flood
 - b. Drought
- 6. Risks Worksheet
 - a. Flood
 - b. Drought
- 7. Hazards, Risk, Vulnerability InfoSheet
- 8. Natural Infrastructure InfoSheet