

Detroit Water Agenda:

The DEA translates the Detroit Water Agenda in the following way:

The Detroit Water Agenda is a framework that seeks to protect and manage precious water resources at city, corporate, and community levels. It exists to protect vulnerable communities and ensure equity for all Detroiters. The Agenda is a City-led commitment to water conservation, water efficiency, and stormwater management. Water conservation means making sure we do not waste water. Water efficiency means doing more with less water. Stormwater management is the underground system that takes care of all the rainwater that flows from our roofs, streets, and lawns.



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The key points from the Agenda are:

- 1 Reduce Negative Impacts: Urban runoff and water pollution negatively affect the natural environment. Urban runoff occurs where oil and gasoline from cars, roads, and parking lots collect. When it rains or snows this polluted water makes its way into our rivers and lakes.
- 2 Encourage Sustainable Development Practices: Build, design, construct, demolish, and maintain existing facilities using sustainable development practices. Practices include using materials that are better for the earth to build buildings, recycling or reusing old building materials whenever possible, and using appliances and electrical systems that use less energy.
- 3 Ensure Accessibility: Make water-related recreational opportunities (e.g. fishing, kayaking, swimming, boating) accessible to all and friendly to the environment.
- 4 Inform and Guide Consumers: Educate people about sources of water, water issues, and water-related challenges in terms of development, growth, access, and affordability.
- 5 Provide Recommendations for Water: Look at various perspectives and needs including: conservation, stormwater management, pollution prevention, innovation, open space, wastewater management, urban and commercial agriculture, food processing, educational programs, and community impact.