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"Governments and businesses have to think differently about how they manage water," says Oliver M. Brandes, project leader of the Urban Water Demand Management Project at POLIS and co-author of the report. "Canada needs a national strategy that ensures basic watershed needs and allocates the rest using efficiency and conservation. It's being done in other places and Canada can learn from those successes."

The Urban Water Demand Management Project at POLIS received financial support from the Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation to produce At a Watershed. It is available for download on line at [www.waterdsm.org](http://www.waterdsm.org)

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