

# Sustainable in Seattle: From Street Edge Alternatives to City Standards



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# Today's presentation

- Natural Drainage Systems Projects
- Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) as a requirement of new development
- Proposed CIP projects

# Natural Drainage Systems

- Initiated in 1999
- Pilot blocks
- Pilot catchments
- Pilot partnering



# Green Stormwater Infrastructure

Tries to make  
this...



...function more  
like this.



# SEA Street #1

- ⇒ 660 LF
- ⇒ 2.3 acre drainage
- ⇒ Goal: flow control via live storage (mini ponds orifice controlled in theory)
- ⇒ Constructed 2000



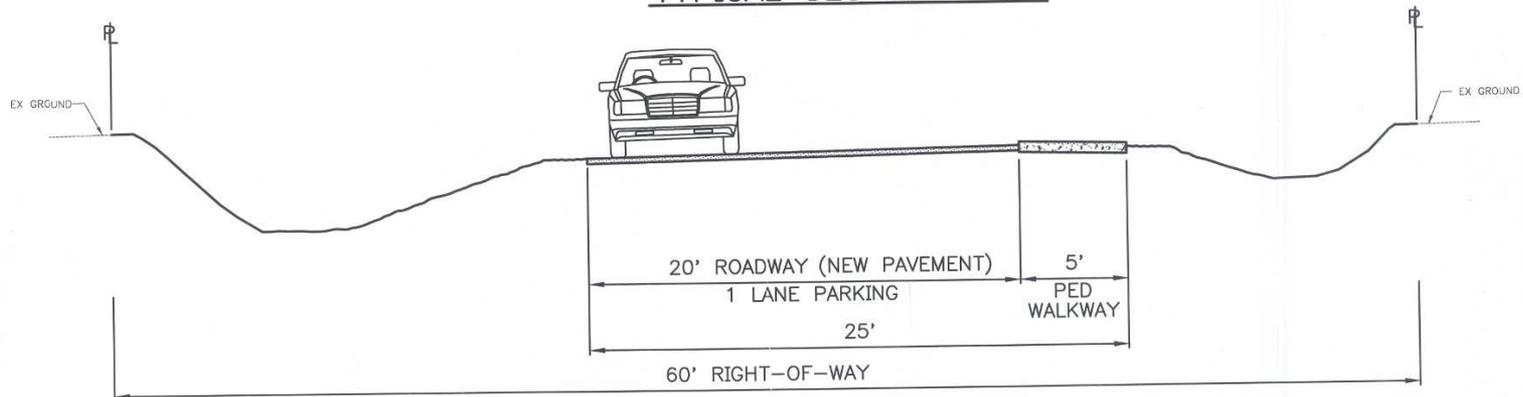
SEA Streets - After Construction  
2nd Ave NW - NW 117th St to NW 120th St

# The SEA Street Prototype

PLAN VIEW



TYPICAL SECTION



# SEA Street #1 Monitoring

- ⇒ University of Washington
- ⇒ three years of continuous monitoring
- ⇒ **99%** reduction in total runoff volume
- ⇒ Learned: standard geotech assumptions should be questioned



# NW 110th Cascade

- ⇒ 1400 LF
- ⇒ 28 acre drainage
- ⇒ Goal: water quality primary
- ⇒ Constructed 2003

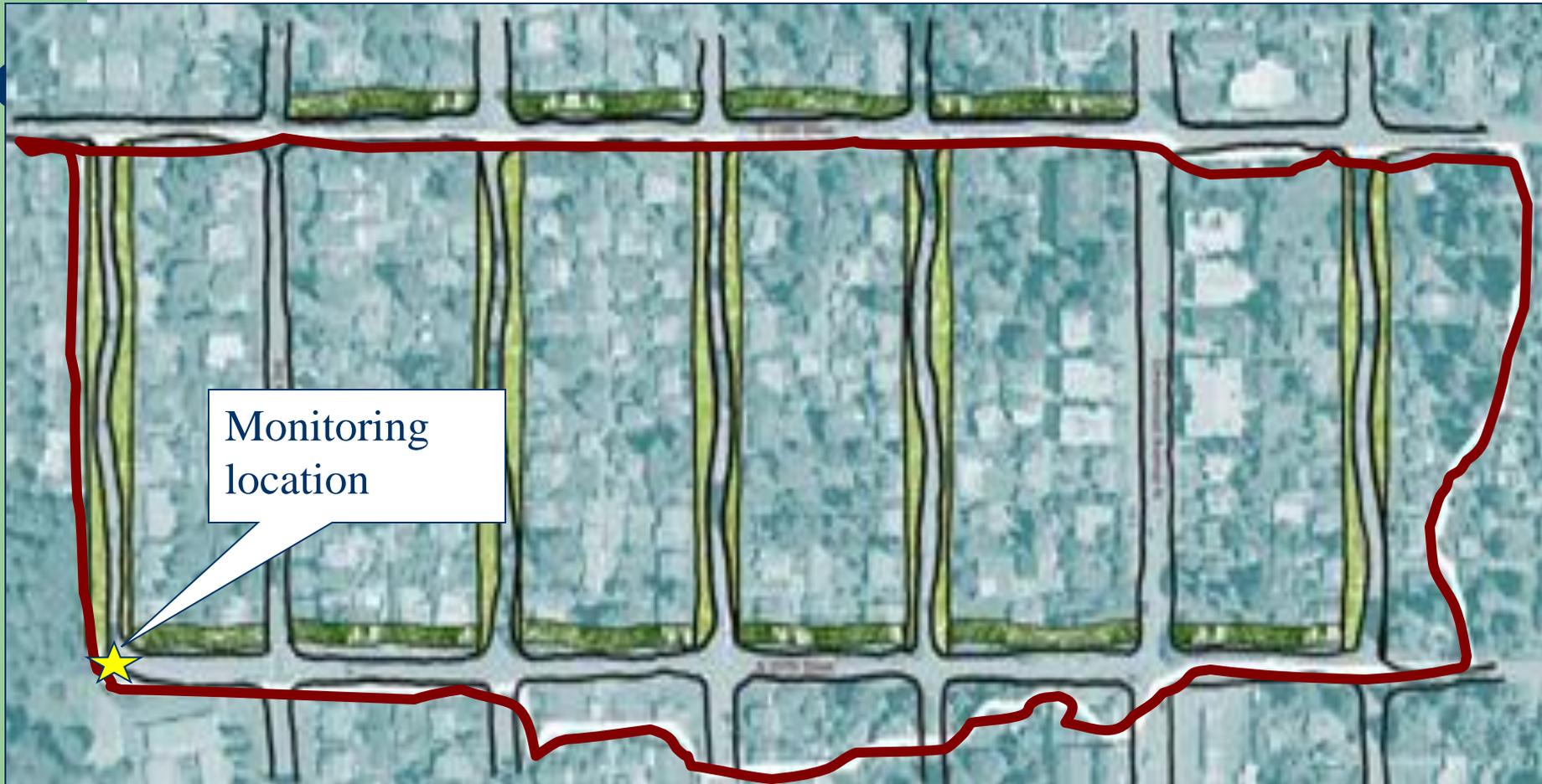


# Broadview Green Grid

- ⇒ 4,500 LF
- ⇒ 32 acre drainage
- ⇒ Cascade and SEA street designs
- ⇒ Goal: flow and water quality
- ⇒ Constructed 2004



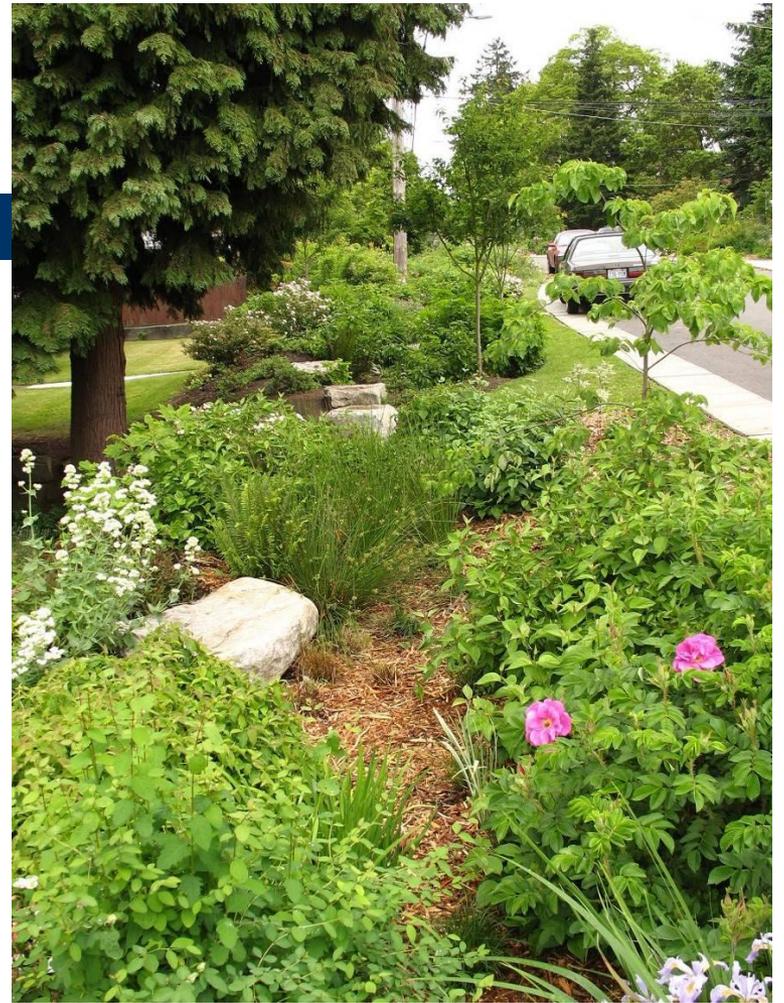
# Broadview Green Grid



SEA Streets and Cascades

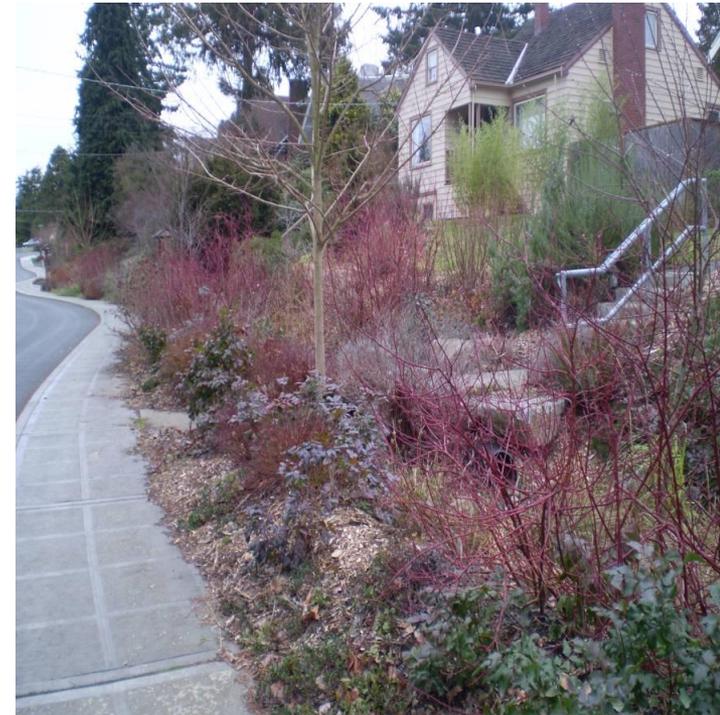


2004



2006

# Broadview Green Grid



# Why Full Street Improvements?





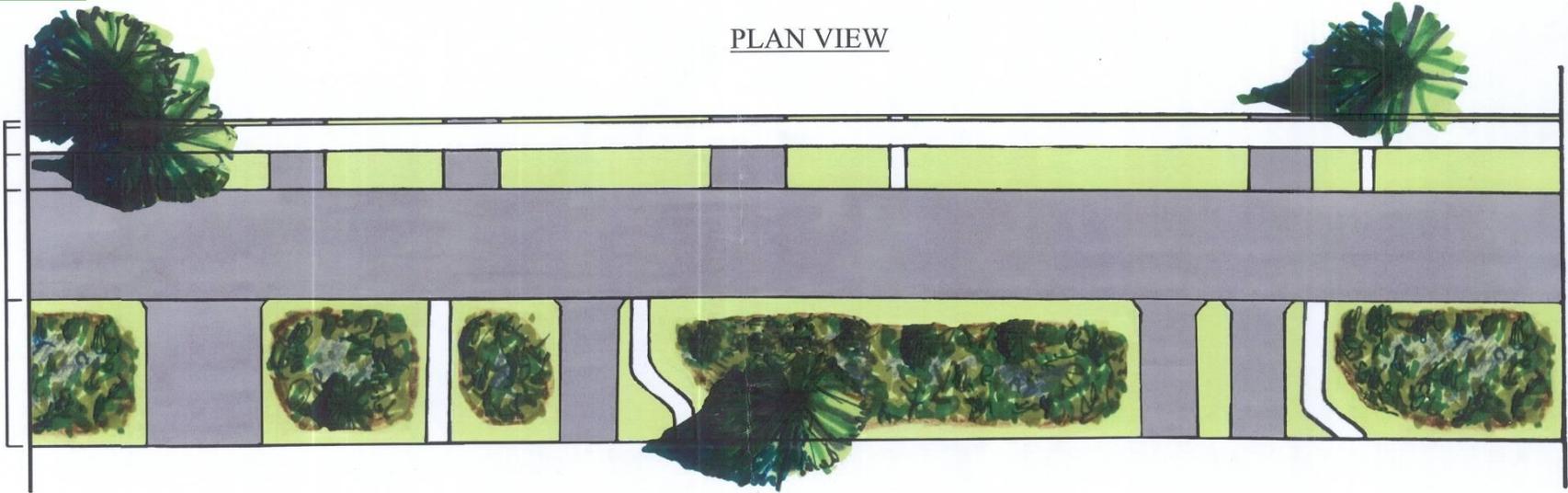
# Pinehurst Green Grid

- ⇒ 3,800 LF
- ⇒ 49 acre drainage
- ⇒ Merged Cascade approach into SEAstreet design
- ⇒ Constructed 2005

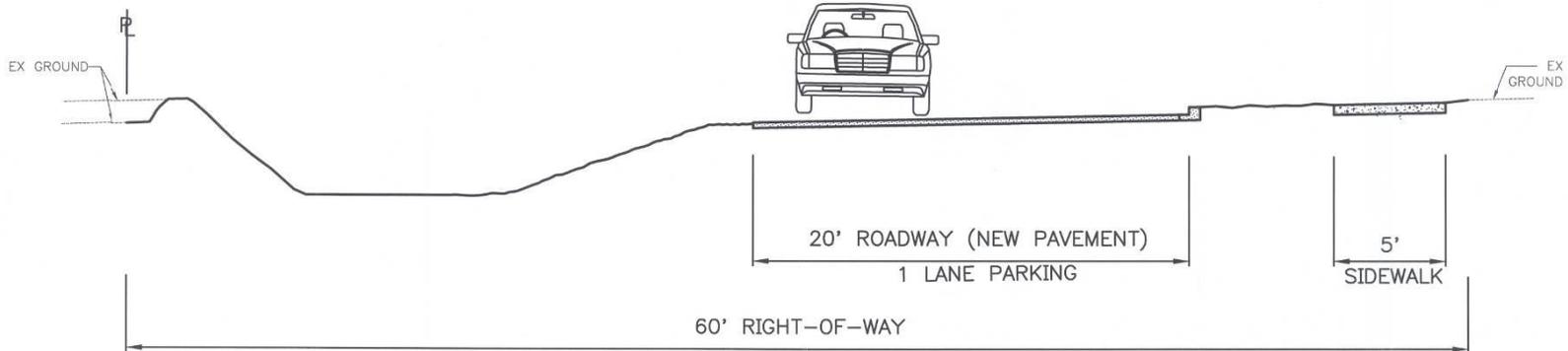


# SEA Street Design

PLAN VIEW



TYPICAL SECTION





# 100 yr + flood



I-5 at Chehalis, WA, December 3, 2007



# High Point – partnering with Housing Authority

- ⇒ 120 acre drainage
- ⇒ Swales within planting strip
- ⇒ Goal: water quality treatment and flow delay
- ⇒ Constructed 2005-2009



# High Point



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## HOW HIGH POINT DRAINAGE WORKS TO RECHARGE OUR GROUNDWATER AND PROTECT THE CREEK

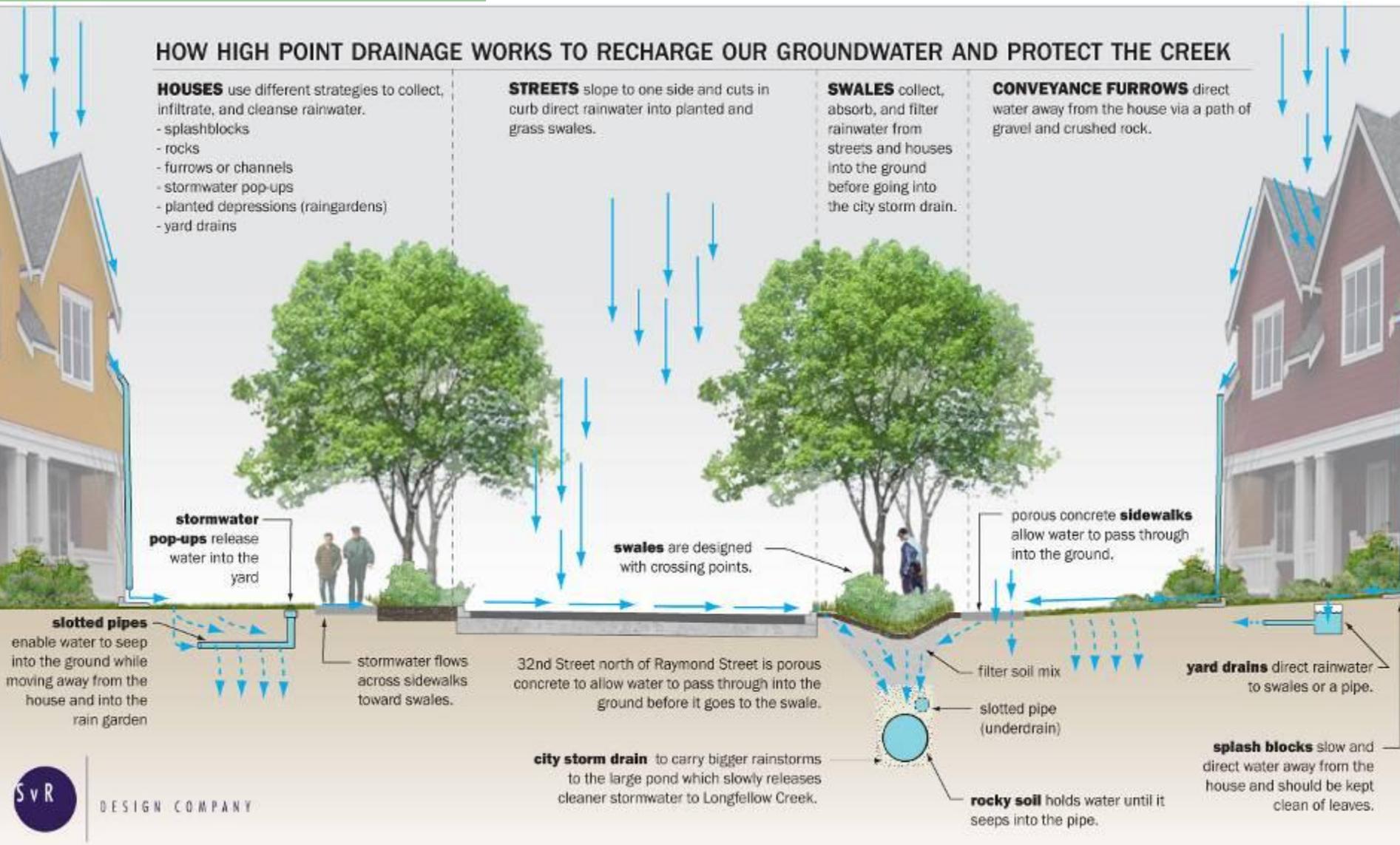
**HOUSES** use different strategies to collect, infiltrate, and cleanse rainwater.

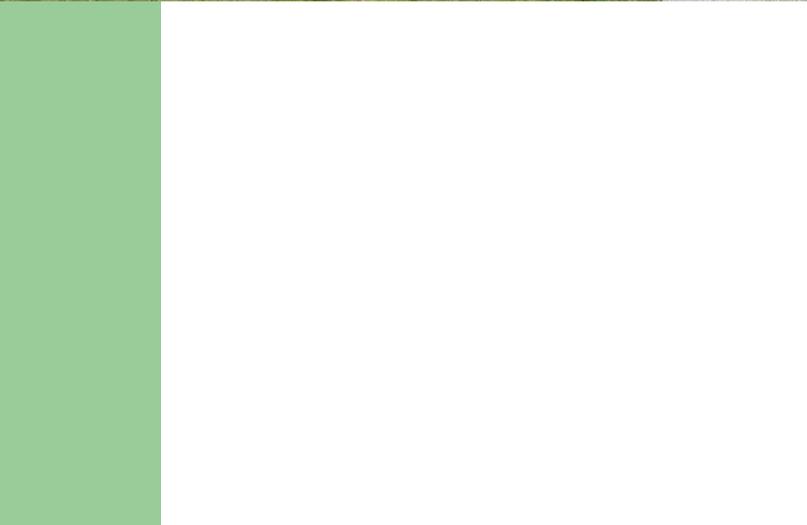
- splashblocks
- rocks
- furrows or channels
- stormwater pop-ups
- planted depressions (raingardens)
- yard drains

**STREETS** slope to one side and curbs direct rainwater into planted and grass swales.

**SWALES** collect, absorb, and filter rainwater from streets and houses into the ground before going into the city storm drain.

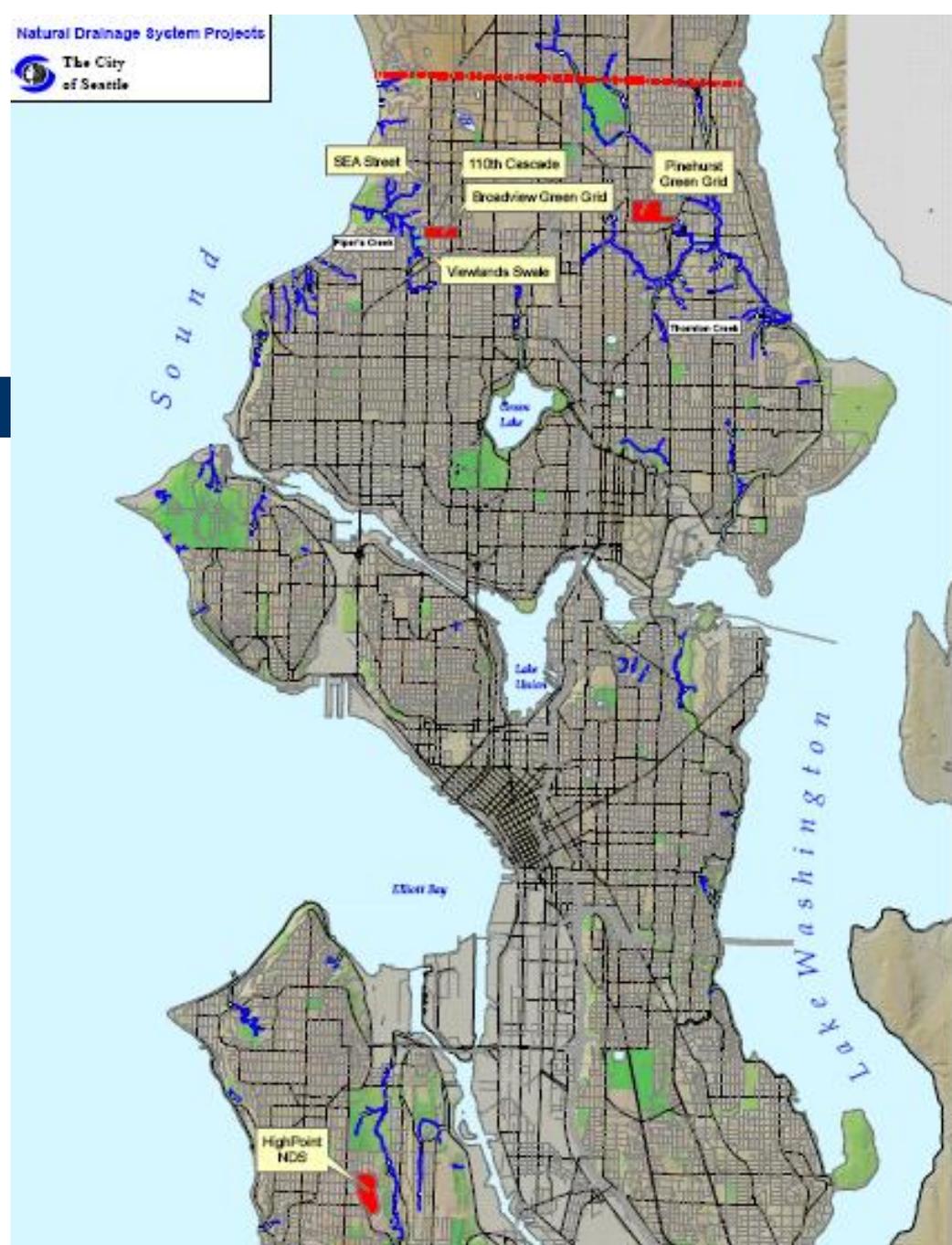
**CONVEYANCE FURROWS** direct water away from the house via a path of gravel and crushed rock.





# Natural Drainage Systems

- ⇒ 65 blocks
- ⇒ 232 acres
- ⇒ \$17M

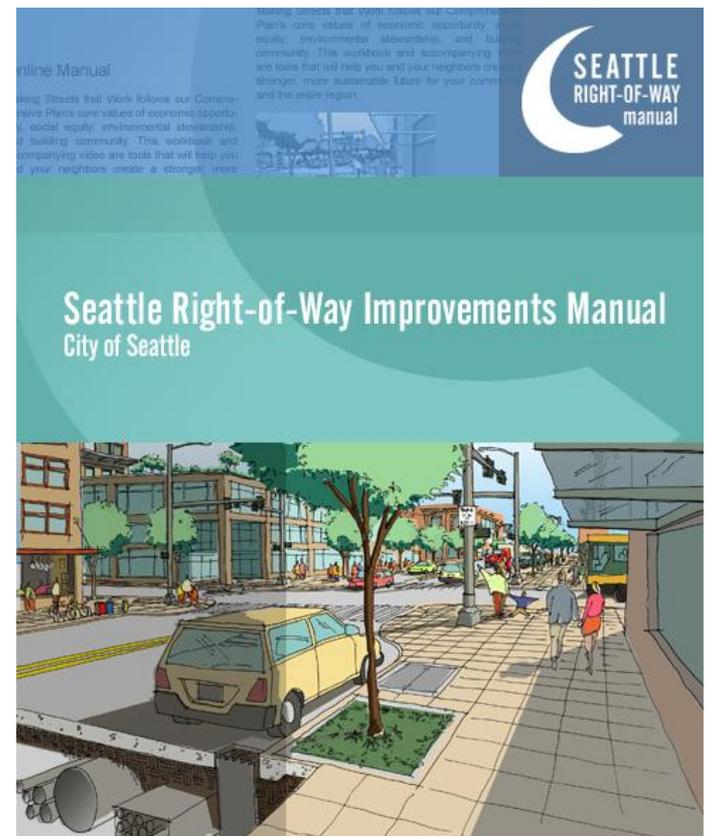


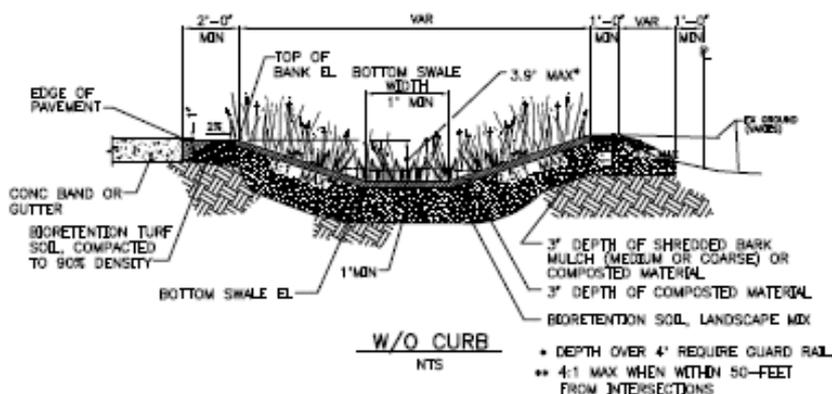
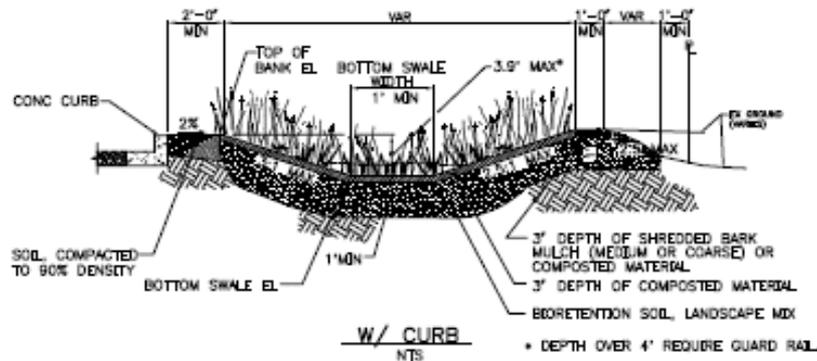
# Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) standards

- Right-of-way Improvement Manual
- Stormwater requirements: Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) as a requirement of new development
- Proposed CIP projects

# Right-of-Way Improvement Manual

- ⇒ Guidance where SEA Streets can be considered
- ⇒ Bioretention Information
  - ⇒ Details
  - ⇒ Bioretention soil specification
- ⇒ Permeable Pavement
  - ⇒ Details
  - ⇒ Approved Permeable Pavement List





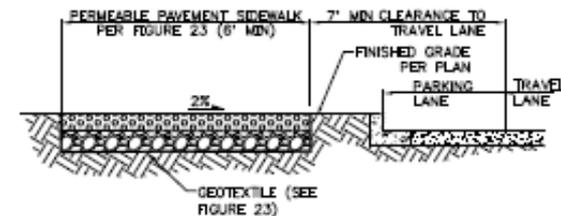
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**NATURAL DRAINAGE SYSTEM DETAIL**  
**BIORETENTION SWALE**

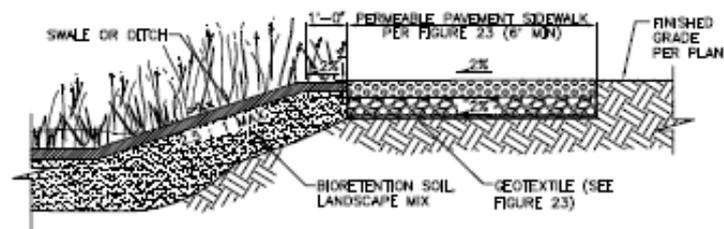
FIGURE

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PERMEABLE PAVEMENT SIDEWALK ADJACENT TO CURB



PERMEABLE PAVEMENT SIDEWALK ADJACENT TO SWALE OR DITCH

NOTE: PERMEABLE PAVEMENT FACILITIES ARE FOR LONGITUDINAL SLOPE OF 0 ~ 5% ONLY. TO MAXIMIZE THE PONING CAPACITY USE OF CHECK DAM OR OTHER METHOD ARE RECOMMENDED. (SEE FIGURE 25 FOR DETAIL).

APPLICATION OF THESE DETAILS REQUIRE APPROVAL FROM SDOT AND SPJ.

**NATURAL DRAINAGE SYSTEM DETAIL**  
**PERMEABLE PAVEMENT FACILITY, SIDEWALK**

FIGURE

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# City of Seattle Stormwater Code (SMC 22.800 – 22.808)

- Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) minimum design requirements
- GSI modeling inputs
- Presized facilities
- **GSI required to MEF**
- In ROW, 2-year GSI maintenance agreement required

## Appendix D - Facility Operations and Maintenance Requirements

This appendix outlines inspection, maintenance, and record keeping requirements for stormwater management facilities in the City of Seattle. In addition, this appendix includes basic information about the common types of drainage systems used to detain and treat urban runoff, how they function, and how well they perform in removing stormwater pollutants. The types of drainage systems covered in this appendix include:

- Catch basins, maintenance holes, and storm drain inlets
- Vaults, tanks, and pipes
- Oil/water separators
- Media filters
- Biofilters (swales, wet swales, and filter strips)
- Infiltration trenches and basins
- Ponds and constructed wetlands
- Bioretention (swales and planters)
- Pervious pavement
- Vegetated roofs
- Cisterns
- Compost amended soil.

The appendix is designed to serve as both a summary of maintenance requirements as well as an inspection checklist for facility owners. The tables presented below describe each type of drainage system and list the inspection and maintenance requirements for each system. The inspection and maintenance requirements include information about what features to inspect at each facility, when and how often these systems should be inspected, and how to identify specific defects that warrant corrective action. Corrective actions are described that should be taken to maintain system performance.

In addition, the tables contain checklists to assist owners of drainage systems in conducting inspections and to aid in inspection documentation. Recordkeeping is an important and often required component of any maintenance program. It is necessary to ensure that inspections and maintenance operations are completed as scheduled and also to track the level of maintenance required at individual facilities and structures.

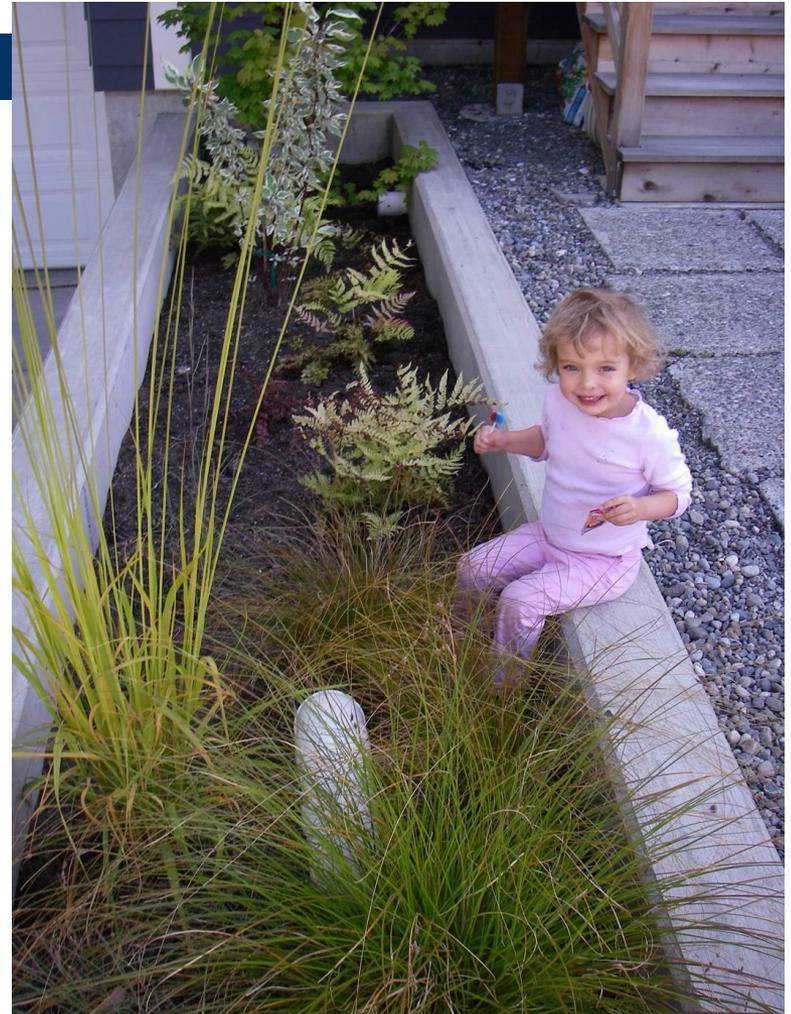
# City of Seattle Stormwater Code

## -Implementation

- ⇒ Review/inspector checklist
- ⇒ Directors Rules for clarification of GSI to MEF
- ⇒ O&M inspector checklists
- ⇒ City staff training



# Bioretention – on parcels



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# Bioretention – in the Right of Way



# Green Roofs



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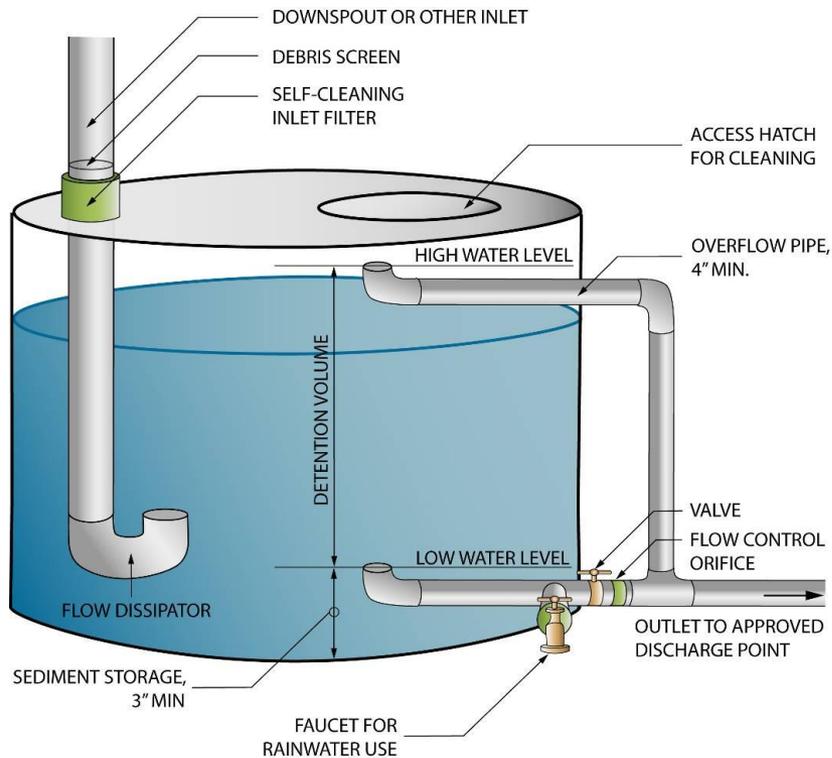


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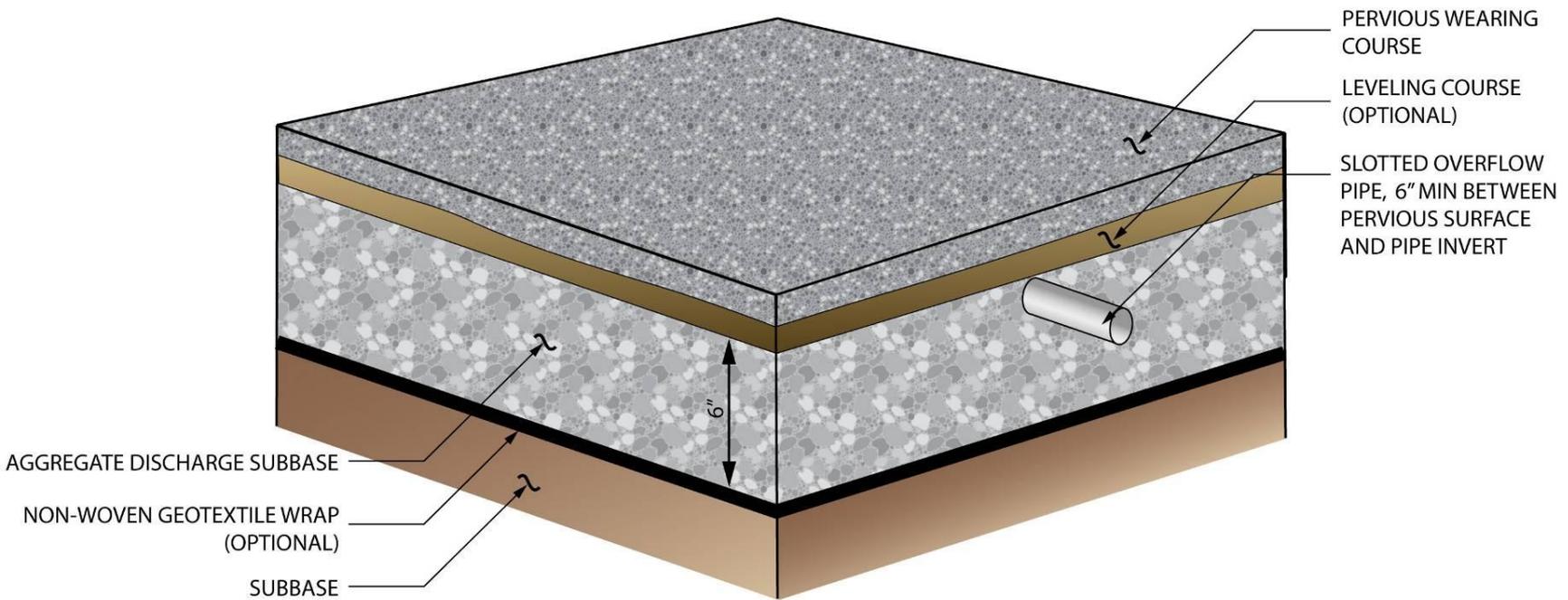
# Rainwater Harvesting



DETENTION CISTERN  
(SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ONLY)



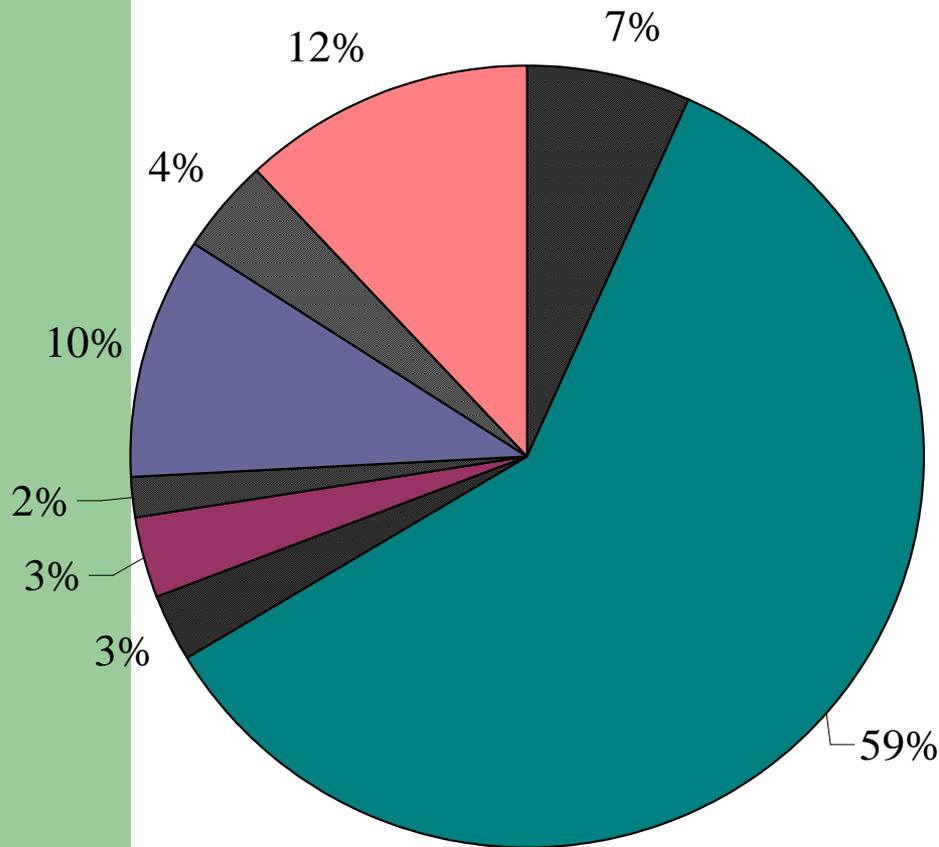
# Permeable Pavement



**Table 4.5. Sizing Factors for Pre-Sized Approach  
(for sites with less than 10,000 sf impervious surface).**

Facility Type	Facility Overflow Depth	Native Soil Design Infiltration Rate (Inch/hour)	Sizing Factor <sup>1</sup> (% of contributing Impervious area)		Section Providing Design Requirements
			Creek Protection Standard	Capacity Control Standard	
Bioretention Cell (without Underdrain)	2 Inch ponding depth	0.25	25.6%	--	4.4.1
		0.5	16.7%	--	
		1.0	13.6%	--	
	6 Inch ponding depth	0.25	14.4%	31.6%	4.4.1
		0.5	9.3%	19.1%	
		1.0	6.0%	9.7%	
	12 Inch ponding depth	0.25	8.8%	17.9%	4.4.1
		0.5	6.2%	12.6%	
		1.0	3.8%	6.7%	
Bioretention Planter with Underdrain	6 Inch ponding depth	NA	NA	8.3%	4.4.1
	12 Inch ponding depth	NA	NA	5.8%	
Permeable Pavement Facility (with Storage Reservoir & Overflow)	6 Inch aggregate discharge subbase depth	0.25	48.8%	128.3%	4.4.2
		0.5	33.3%	54.1%	
		1.0	33.3%	33.3%	
Infiltration Trench	1.5 foot depth	0.25	27.3%	56.6%	4.5.2
		0.5	16.8%	30.8%	
		1.0	10.7%	18.1%	
	3.0 foot depth	0.25	17.0%	33.1%	4.5.2
		0.5	12.0%	22.5%	
		1.0	7.8%	13.4%	
Drywell	4.0 foot depth	0.25	13.6%	24.5%	4.5.3
		0.5	10.1%	17.6%	
		1.0	6.7%	11.1%	
		0.25	9.7%	18.1%	

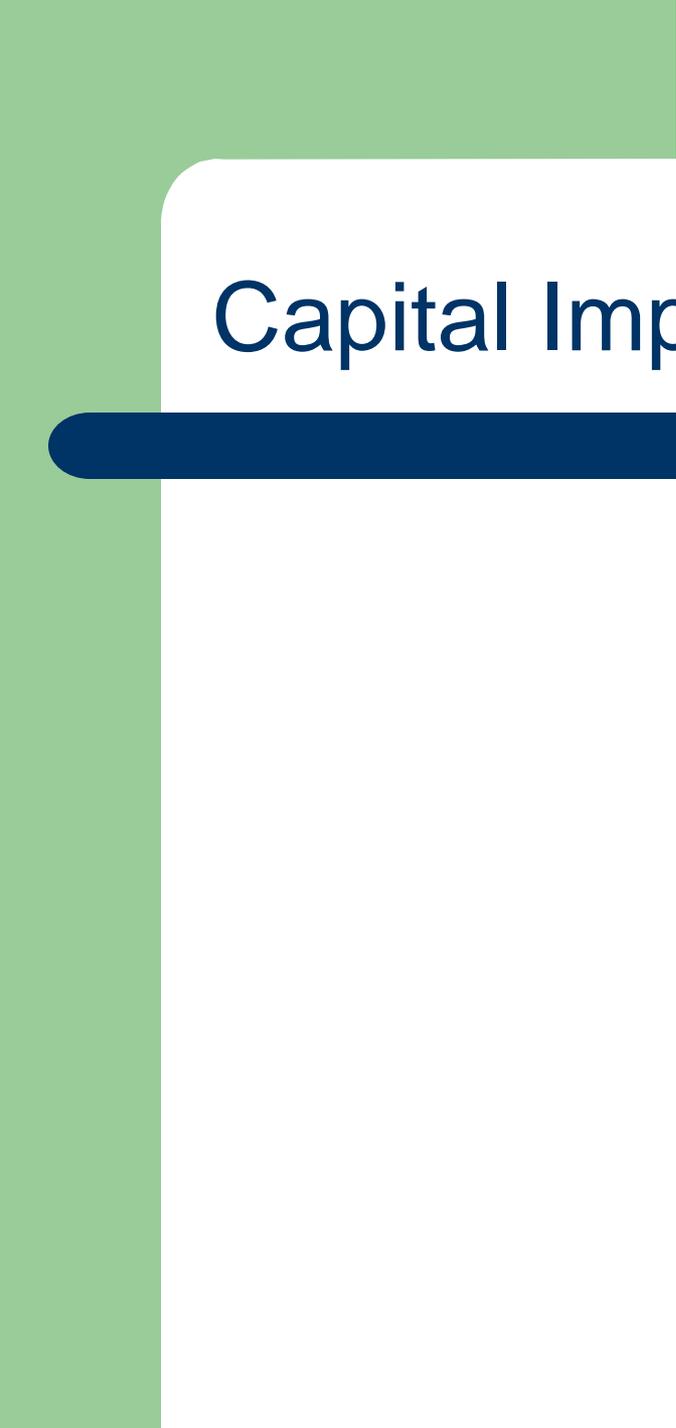
# Stormwater Regulations will NOT address the problems alone.



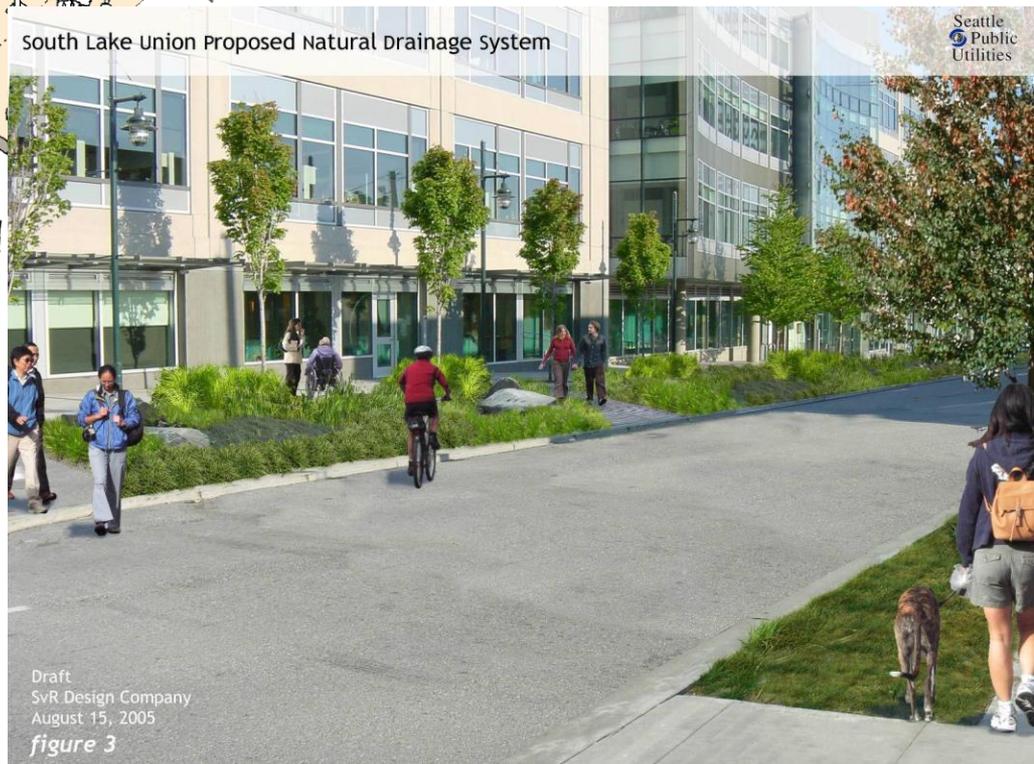
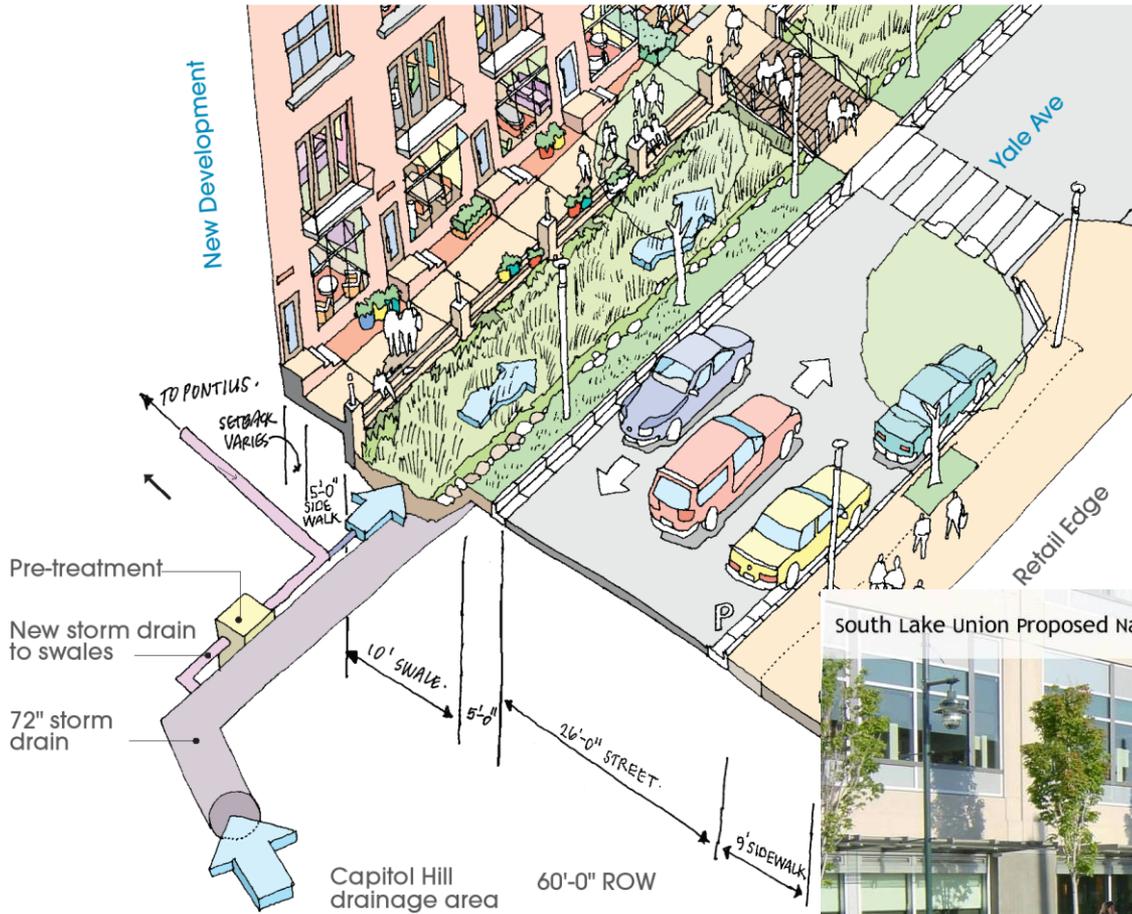
**16%** developable area anticipated to be retrofitted via Stormwater Code requirements over 50-year time period

- Single Family Residential
- MultiFamily
- Commercial/Industrial
- Other Developable

# Capital Improvement Projects

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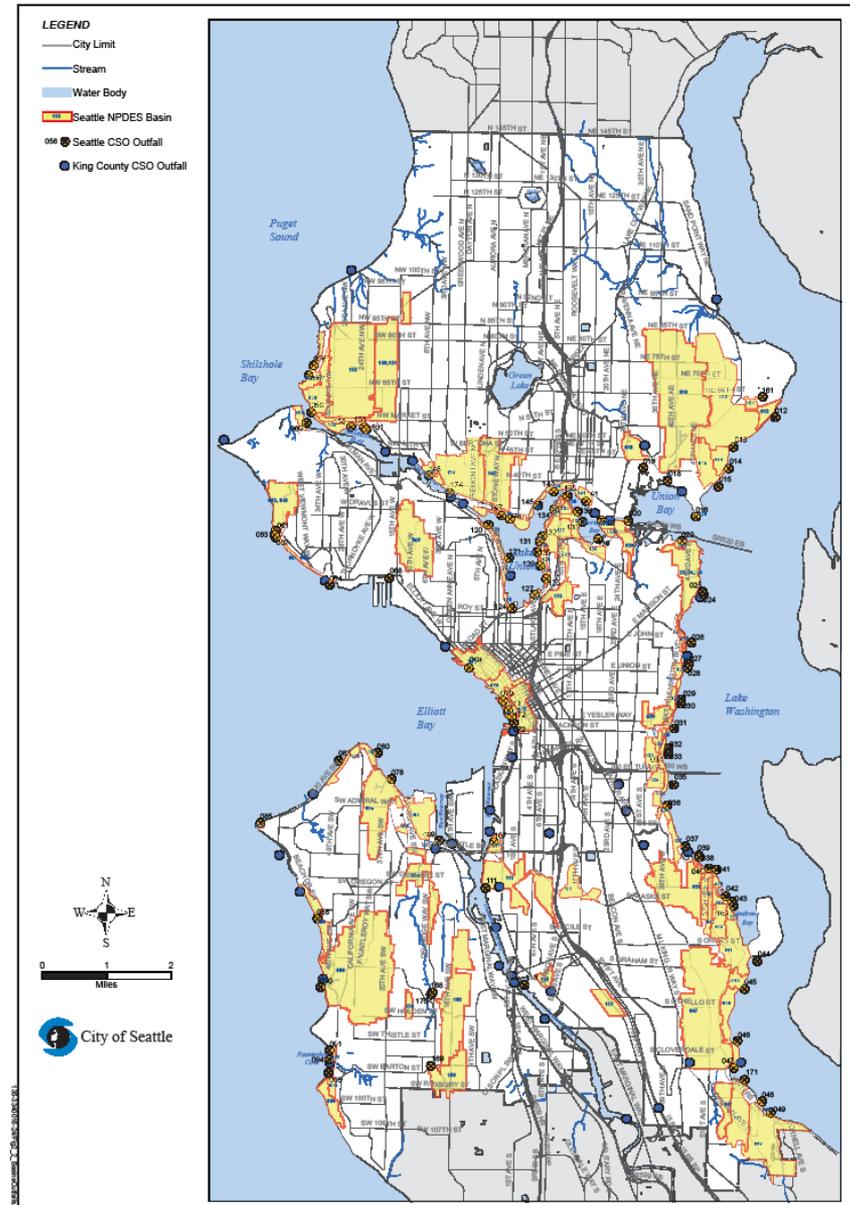




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SvR Design Company  
August 15, 2005

figure 3

# Integrating GSI into CSO control



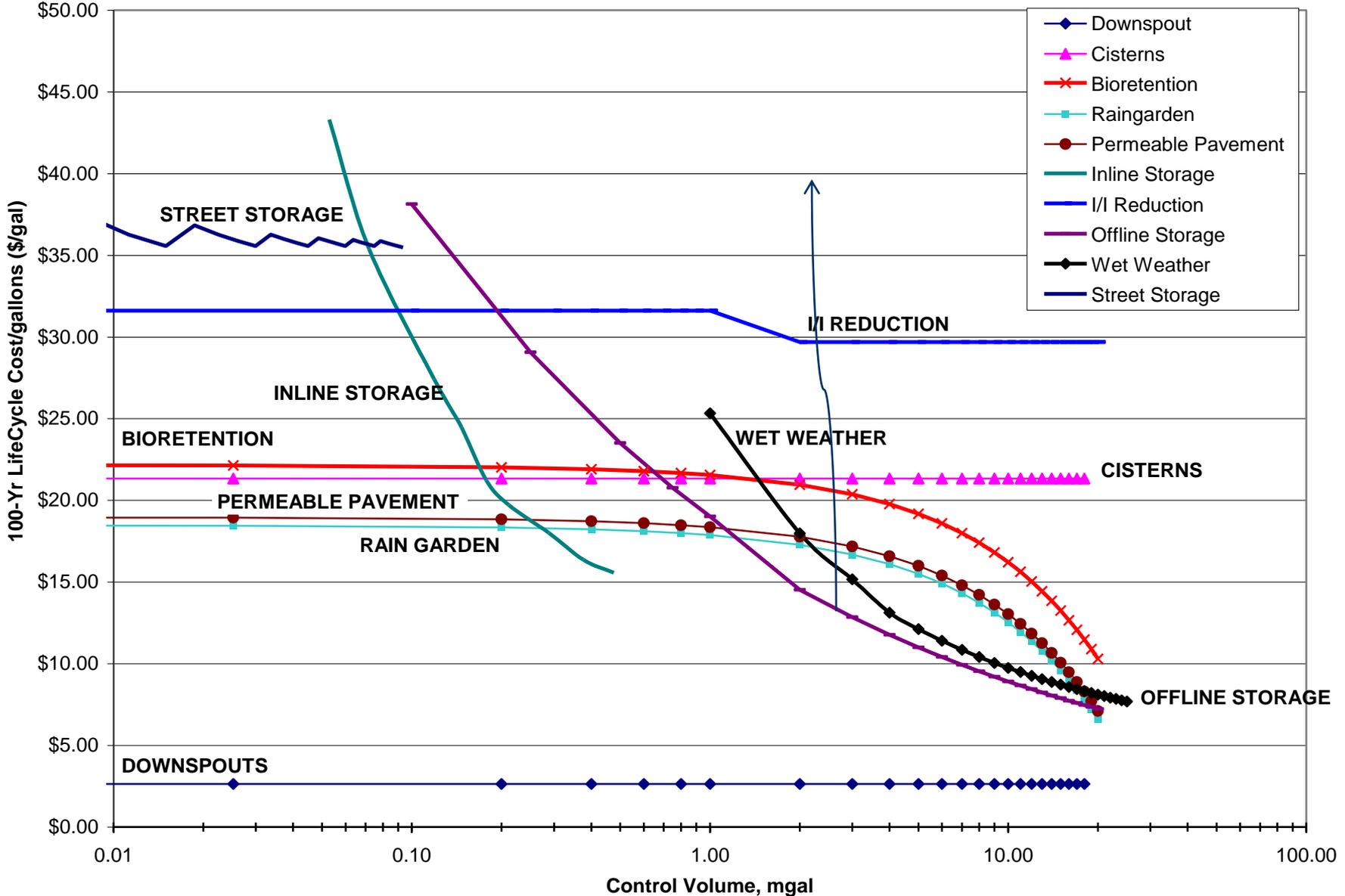


# Triple Bottom Line Analysis

Real Discount Rate: 5% Lifecycle 1, yrs: 50  
 Full Series LCA? 1 Lifecycle 2, yrs: 100

Cost Calculation Assumption or Parameter	Parcel Residential Downspout Disconnect	Parcel Residential Rain Harvest Cistern	ROW ROW Bioretention NDS	ROW ROW Bioretention Rain Garden	ROW Alley/Sidewalk Perm Paving Retrofit	Parcel Remove Impervious Areas	Parcel Commercial Green Roof, New Roof	ROW Alley/Sidewalk Perm Paving New Project
Construction Cost	\$0.85	\$55.60	\$85.88	\$32.39	\$8.00	\$2.04	\$10.25	\$1.85
Allied Costs	35%	35%	140%	110%	140%	35%	35%	140%
Measure Life	100	20	50	50	28	100	40	28
Replacement	1%	6.7%	5.25%	5.25%	5%	5%	5%	5%
O&M, Early	\$0.25	\$3.54	\$1.45	\$1.45	\$0.05	\$0.00	\$2.15	\$0.05
O&M, Mature	\$0.00	\$3.54	\$0.70	\$0.70	\$0.05	\$0.00	\$1.62	\$0.05
Area Ratio	100%	2.0%	3.8%	3.8%	33.3%	100%	100%	33%
Ancillary Benefit %	2%	3%	15%	10%	10%	3%	10%	10%
Capital Cost per SF Managed	\$1.15	\$1.50	\$7.83	\$2.58	\$6.39	\$2.75	\$13.84	\$1.48
50-yr Lifecycle Cost per SF Managed	\$1.74	\$4.06	\$10.98	\$4.10	\$8.85	\$4.39	\$51.74	\$2.27
50-yr Lifecycle Cost per SF, Triple BL	\$1.71	\$3.85	\$9.33	\$3.69	\$7.96	\$4.17	\$46.57	\$2.04

# CSO Plan Updates- cost curves



# Initiating Green Streets Program



# Initiating Residential Rainwise

- Contractor reimbursement for construction of GSI on private parcels

# Questions?



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