#### LID Treatment Practices

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#### Overview

- Bioretention basics
- Bioretention cells
- Cisterns
- Permeable pavers/pervious concrete
- Disconnecting impervious area/vegetated swales
- Soil amendments
- Sustainable landscaping
- Rainwater harvesting
- Green roofs
- CASQA handbook





#### **Bioretention Facilities**

- Soil and plant-based filtration device
- Removal Mechanism
  - physical
  - biological
  - chemical

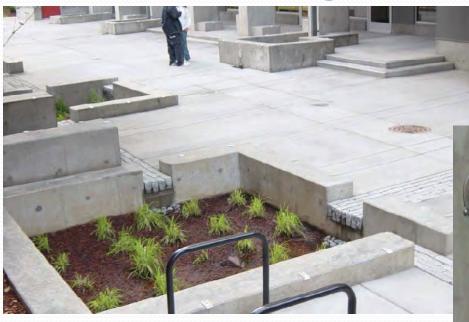




Bioretention along Streets



## Flow Through Planters









## Bioretention Examples







### Commercial Installation







## Residential









#### Cisterns

Roof Water Cisterns Rain barrels







#### Rain Barrel

- Collect rooftop runoff
- Store it for reuse on the site





#### Rain Barrel







### Design of Rain Barrel

- Sized based on WQV
- Screens on gutters and downspouts
- Drain for maintenance / reuse
- Not suitable for tar/ gravel/ asbestos/ treated cedar roofs





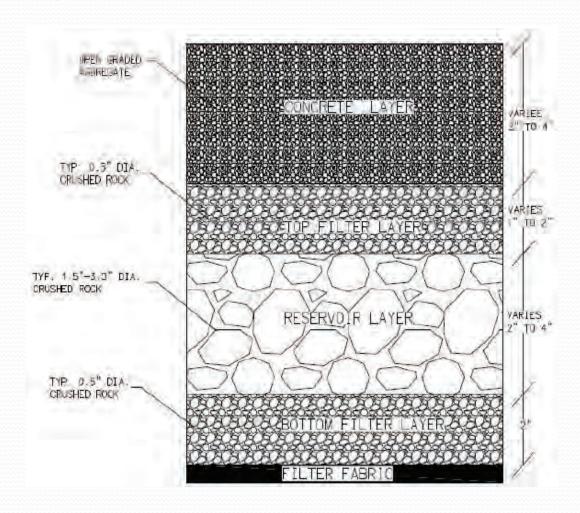
#### Porous Pavement

- Porous concrete
- Porous asphalt
- Permeable pavers
- Allow water to infiltrate into the ground
- Reduction in impervious surface areas at a project site.





# Cross Section of Porous Pavement







## Pervious Pavement







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## **Pervious Pavement**



## Disconnecting Impervious Areas using Vegetated Swales and Strips





## Grassy Swale – zero curb face







#### Grassy Swale – treat concentrated flow







## Grassy swales







### Swale vs Buffer Strips

- Swales
  - Designed to convey concentrated flow
  - Generally a flat bottomed channel
- Strips
  - Diffuse, shallow, sheet flow across a vegetated surface





## Vegetated Strip

- Grassy slope
- Accepts sheet flow
- Removal Mechanism
  - Sedimentation
  - Infiltration







## Neighborhood vegetated strip







## Soil Amendments WQ Benefits

- Holding more rainwater on-site
- Attenuates peak flows
- Decreases runoff
- Increase infiltration
- Adsorption of metals, uptake of nutrients
- Providing increased groundwater recharge through better infiltration and by maintaining the water on-site longer.
- Improving soil structure and stability, while increasing infiltration capacity and available storage within the soil.

Increasing soil stability, leading to less runoff and erosion through improved cover

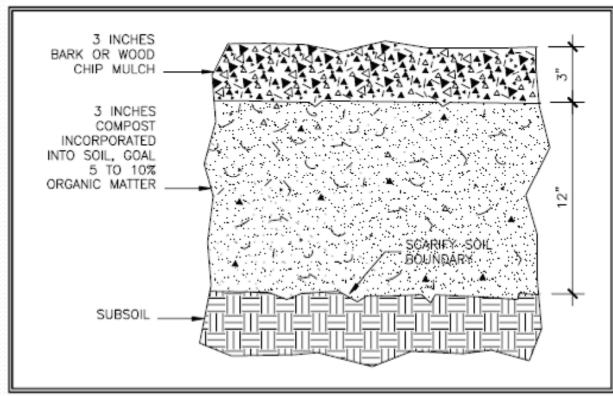
conditions.



#### Soil Amendments

Amendments to encourage native woody plants

(WSDOT)







## Sustainable Landscaping

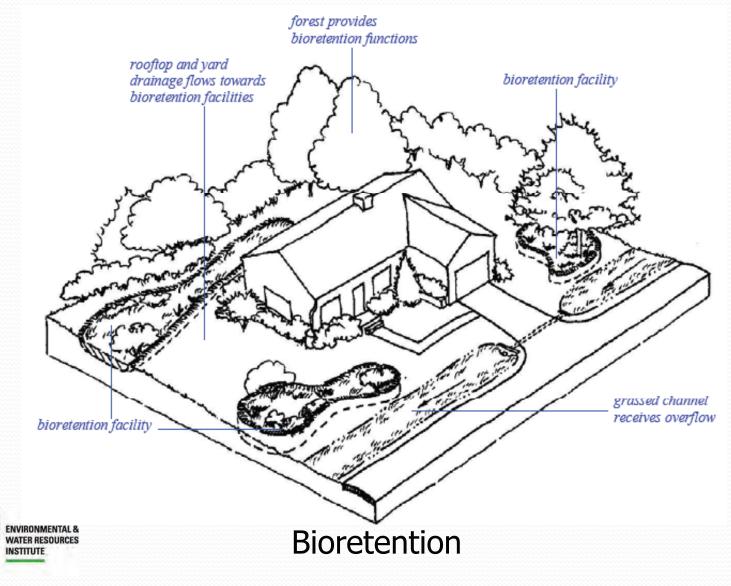
Practices that enhance the quality and reduce the quantity of stormwater runoff using landscaping features.

Important to consider site conditions and select correct vegetation.





## Landscaping



## Sustainable Rainwater Harvesting

- Reuse for Irrigation
- Reuse for Cooling towers
- Reuse for Fire Suppression
- Reuse for toilet flushing



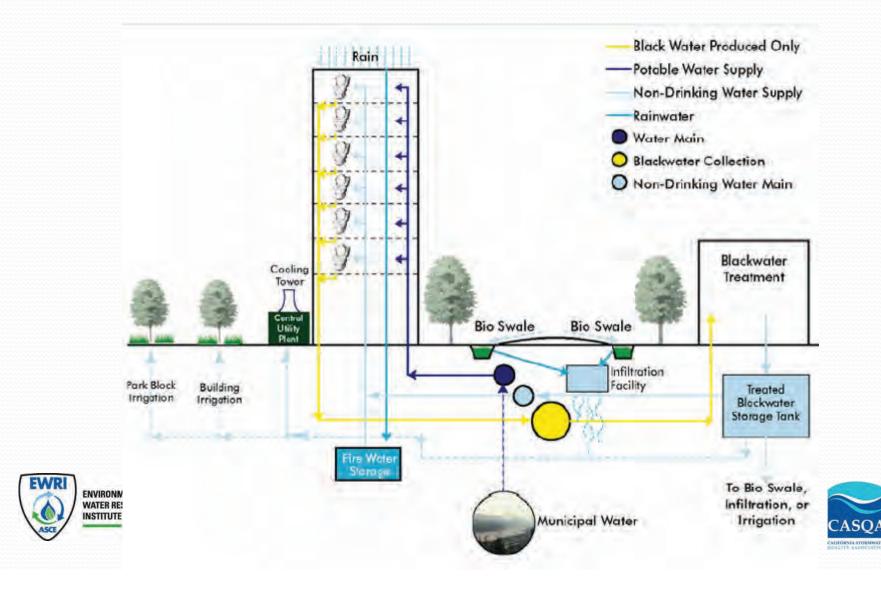


Source: Portland State University





# Building System Water Management



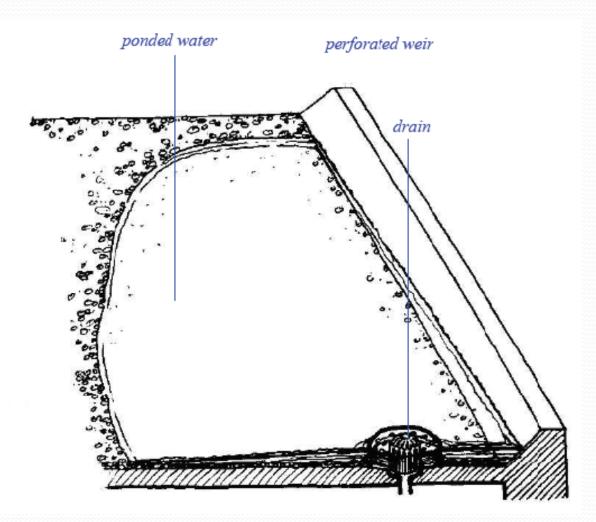
#### Reuse Regulations

- Local
  - Regional Water Quality Control Board
  - Department of Public Health
- California Plumbing Code
  - Dual-plumbing for toilet use
  - Title 22
- Distribution System requirements
  - Pipes and outlets are marked
  - Signage throughout public access areas





## Rainwater Harvesting

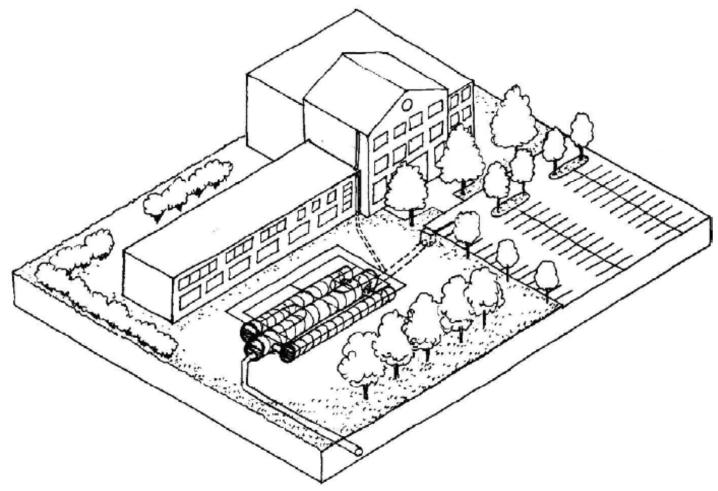




**Roof Top Detention** 



## Storage

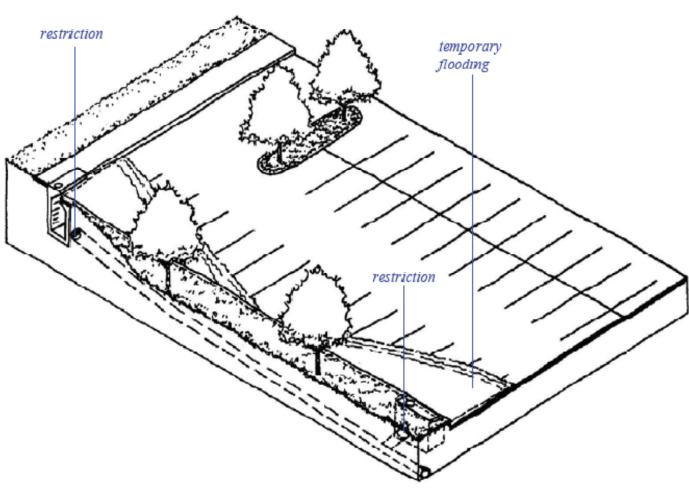




**Underground Storage** 



#### Storage





**Inlet Restriction** 



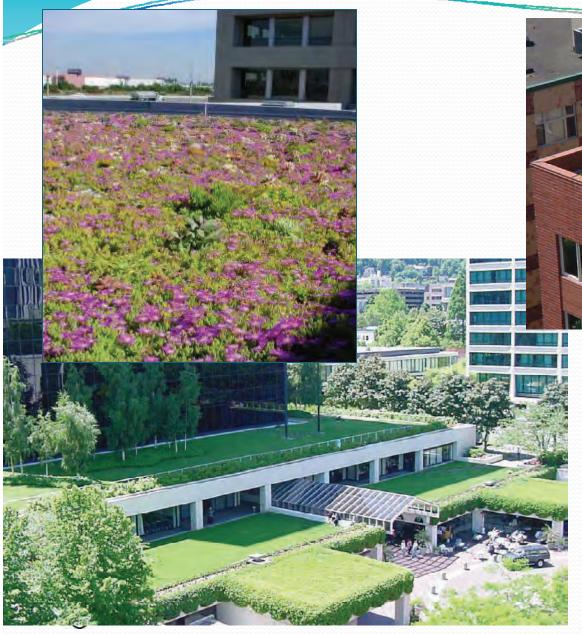
#### Green Roof

- Removal Mechanism
  - Filtering
  - Absorbing
  - Detaining
  - Evapotranspirating
- Lightweight soil media, drainage layer, and a high quality impermeable membrane (protects the building structure)
- Plants harsh, dry, high temperature conditions on the roof → short periods of inundation from storm events.





#### Green Roof

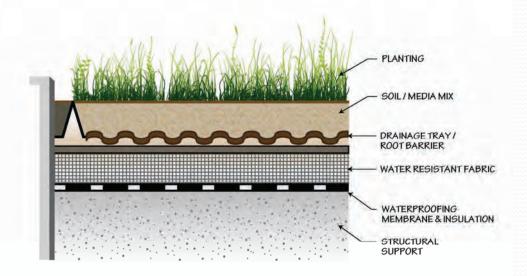






#### **Green Roof Cross Section**

- 6-12 inches of soil matrix
- Use native drought tolerant vegetation (check with landscape architect)
- Irrigation for plant establishment







## Green Roof





Green Roof (Gap Headquarters – San Bruno)





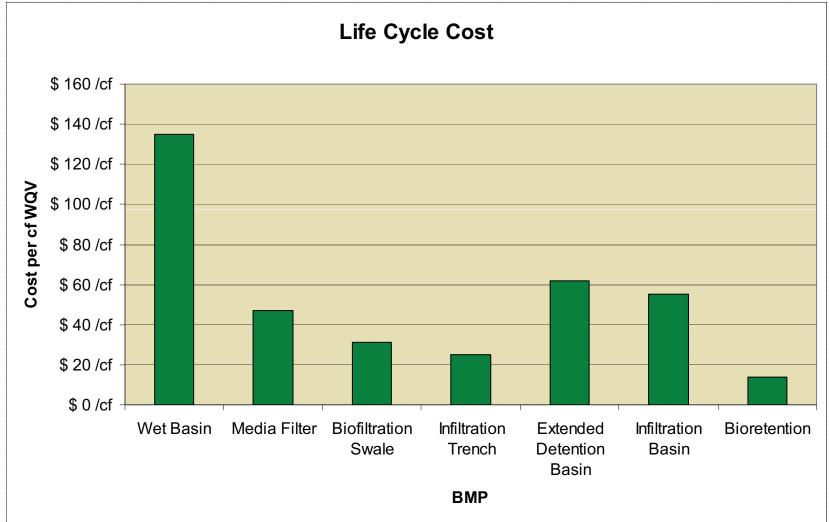
## Performance

Device	Phosphorus	TKN	Metals	Sediment
Infiltration Trench	100%	100%	100%	100%
Infiltration Basin	100%	100%	100%	100%
Rain Barrel	100%	100%	100%	100%
Porous Pavement	100%	100%	100%	100%
Bioretention	70-85%	55-65%	90-95%	90-95%
Green Roof	Ukn	Ukn	90-95%	90-95%
Media Filter	40-50%	50-60%	70-80%	80-90%
Wet Pond	0-50%	40-50%	60-90%	20-90%
Swale	Input	60-70%	80-90%	70-80%
EDB	30-40%	10-20%	60-70%	70-80%
Wet Vault	30-40%	10-20%	60-70%	70-80%
Vegetated Strip	Input	Input	70-80%	60-70%
Vortex Separator	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	60% of 50 micron





## Life Cycle Cost







## Issues with LID Stormwater Practices

- Loss of Land to Buffers
- Long-term Sustainability
- Need for research
- Applicability in clay soils
- Property owner education
- Regional variability
- Ponding in yards (mosquitoes)
- Difficult to evaluate efficiency





#### Credits/References

- Low Impact Development IMP Guide Prince George's County
- Start at the Source Design Guidance Manual for Stormwater Quality Protection – BASMAA
- CASQA BMP Handbooks <u>www.casqa.org</u>
- Low Impact Development Center <u>www.lid.org</u>
- Caltrans Stormwater Program
- EPA <a href="http://epa.gov/nps/lid/">http://epa.gov/nps/lid/</a>





## California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) Handbooks

www.casqa.org or www.cabmphandbooks.com



#### Stormwater Best Management Practice (BMP) Handbooks

The California Stormwater Best Management Practice Handbooks have provided excellent guidance to the stormwater community since their publication by the Stormwater Quality Task Force (SWQTF) in 1993. The SWQTF became the California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) in 2002 and in 2003 CASQA published an updated and expanded set of four BMP Handbooks. These Handbooks reflect the current practices, standards, and significant amount of knowledge gained since the early 90s about the effectiveness of BMPs. For additional information, please visit the CASQA website.

Click on the links below to view and download the individual handbooks.

#### This website has been updated for access to the 2004 Errata of the Handbooks.

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