Example of Multiple Benefits

Benefit Category	Benefit Example
Improve Water Quality	 Prevent and reduce amount of pollutants discharged into local water bodies Reduce impacts from hydromodification, particularly excess sediment transport to streams and downstream erosion and sedimentation
Augment Water Supply	 Recharge groundwater by capturing and infiltrating runoff Offset local water demand by capturing and using runoff
Support Flood Control	 Reduce localized flooding by preventing and reducing runoff flow volumes and rates Reduce combined sewer overflows, which can also be considered water quality, community, and environmental benefits
Protect Environmental Systems	 Enhance wetlands, riparian zones, and habitat by reducing hydromodification impacts and pollutant transport Reduce energy demand and greenhouse gas emissions Improve instream water temperatures and oxygen levels to support aquatic habitat
Enhance Communities	 Provide education on sustainable watershed and runoff management Improve property and neighborhood aesthetics Increase property values Reduce local costs related to water treatment, sewer overflows, and flood damage
Climate Change Adaptation and Resiliency	 Address changes in precipitation volumes and intensities by increasing infiltration, reducing runoff volumes, and delaying peak runoff to prevent water quality and habitat degradation, and flood damage Prepare for more extreme and frequent drought conditions by capturing and using runoff to reduce demand on water supplies, as well as recharging groundwater Reduce heat island effects by promoting incorporation of vegetated landscapes to the extent feasible Provide redundancy through distributed, small-scale measures