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Agenda

Green Transportation Infrastructure Workshop North Central Texas Council of Governments August 24, 2021 | Zoom Meeting

- 9:30 AM** **Welcome and Workshop Introduction**
Shawn Conrad, Principal Transportation Planner, NCTCOG
Sydnee Steelman, Transportation Planner, NCTCOG
- 9:35 AM -
11:05 AM** **OVERVIEW OF GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE RESOURCES**
- Resources and Opportunities**
- Economic and Environmental Benefits of Stewardship Tool
Kate Zielke, Principal Transportation Planner, NCTCOG
- RISE Coalition
Tamara Cook, Senior Program Manager, NCTCOG
- Transportation integrated Stormwater Management (TriSWM)
Tamara Cook, Senior Program Manager, NCTCOG
- Overview of the EPA Green Infrastructure Program and Available Resources**
- Brent Larsen, Section Chief, US EPA Region 6
Nelly Smith, State and Tribal Programs Chief, US EPA Region 6
- Session Q&A**
- 11:05 AM –
12:00 PM** **LOCAL EXAMPLES AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES**
- Drainage and Stormwater**
- Bioswales: City of Lewisville Old Town Project
Sagar Medisetty, Traffic Engineer, City of Lewisville
- Rain Gardens: City of Dallas Beckley/Commerce St intersection Green Street Project
Don Raines, Senior Planner, City of Dallas
- Rain Gardens: Elm Street Streetscape Improvements
Christina Turner-Noteware, City Engineer, City of Dallas
- Session Q&A**
- 12:00 PM –
1:00 PM** **Lunch**

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1:00 PM – LOCAL EXAMPLES AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES (Cont.)
2:25 PM

Pavements and Surfaces

Silva Cells: Sundance Square Plaza in Fort Worth and San Jacinto Plaza, Rockwall
Brenda Guglielmina, Account Manager, DeepRoot Consulting

Permeable Pavements: The Green at College Park, Arlington
David Hopman, Associate Professor at the University of Texas at Arlington

Lighting

LED Lighting: City of Arlington LED Streetlights Conversion
Oscar Valle, Public Works Operations Supervisor, City of Arlington

Solar Lighting: Bus Shelter Solar Lighting, Trinity Metro
Sandip Sen, Service Implementation Manager, Trinity Metro

Session Q&A

2:25 PM – CLOSING
2:30 PM

Wrap-Up/Final Thoughts

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Defining Green Transportation Infrastructure

Development and transportation infrastructure techniques that connect environmental elements to transportation networks and management



Need for Green Infrastructure

Purpose: Development can have various effects on the environment such as depletion of natural resources, increased erosion and flooding, decreased air quality, and more. Green infrastructure aims to lessen these effects through sustainable project elements.

Benefits:

Reduces

Costs

Urban heat stress

Consumption of natural resources

Erosion and risk of flash floods

Waste

Improves/Increases

Air quality

Pedestrian safety

Public health

Water quality

Groundwater recharge

Aesthetics and build communities

Economic development

Types of Green Infrastructure

Cool pavements

Permeable pavements

Native plants and vegetation

Energy-efficient lighting

Renewable-energy lighting

Recycled construction materials

Recycled trail materials

Structural support for trees

Bioretention and infiltration practices

NCTCOG Green Infrastructure Resource Guide

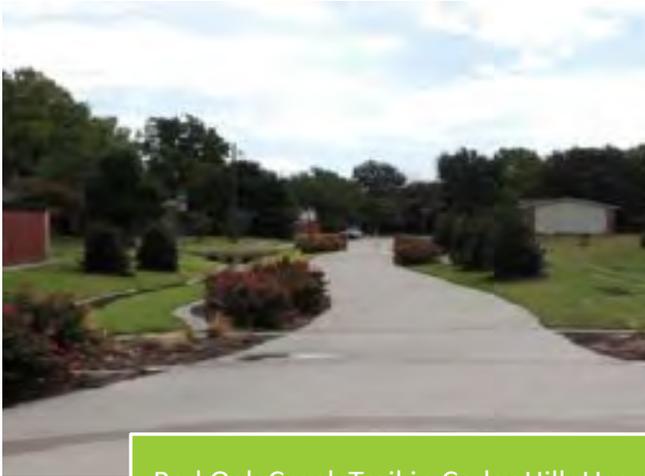


Provides resources for professionals in assessing choices for integrating green infrastructure projects into transportation projects

Covers lighting, stormwater, native plants, green trails, local examples, and cost estimates

Available at www.nctcog.org/greeninfrastructure

Resource Guide Case Study Examples



Red Oak Creek Trail in Cedar Hill: Use of permeable trail surfaces



Merritt Road in Rowlett: Application of a low maintenance stormwater control design



Historic Handley Urban Village Streetscape in Fort Worth: Rehabilitated sidewalks using green infrastructure

Financial Aspects of Green Infrastructure

- Guide contains cost/benefit analysis for each type of green infrastructure
- Implementation can potentially reduce the costs of:
 - Land acquisition
 - Built capital (equipment, installation)
 - Operation
 - Repair and maintenance
 - External (off-site, imposed on others)
 - Infrastructure replacement (potential for longer life of investment)
- Example table shows breakdown of each project element and estimated cost

Table 13. Cost Estimate Details for Permeable Pavements.

Components/Activities	Cost Estimates
Excavation	\$1.10-\$2.25/ft ²
Hydraulic restriction layer	30-mil liner: \$0.35/ft ² Concrete barrier: \$12/ft ²
Permeable pavement materials	Porous asphalt \$2/ft ² , porous concrete \$6/ft ² , pervious interlocking concrete pavers \$3/ft ² , plastic grid pavers \$2.50/ft ²
Bedding layer	Washed sand (2-inch layer): \$0.20/ft ² No. 8 aggregate (min. 2 inches thick): \$0.22/ft ² No. 57 stone (min. 6 inches to 1 foot): \$0.83-\$1.67/ft ²

Source: San Antonio River Basin Low Impact Development Technical Design Guidance Manual, Appendix G, 2013.



Promoting the Economic Benefits of Green Infrastructure

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Economic & Environmental Benefits of Stewardship Tool (EEBS)

“ We look at environmental programs as the right thing to do, but we look at them as a cost. How do we measure the return on investment of this work? ”



Goals in Developing EEBS

User-friendly online tool

Preliminary information for policy and decision-making

Qualitative and quantitative benefits of stewardship



Stakeholders, Project Review Committee

Cities of Dallas, Denton, Fort Worth, and Cedar Hill

NCTCOG

Tarrant Regional Water District

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

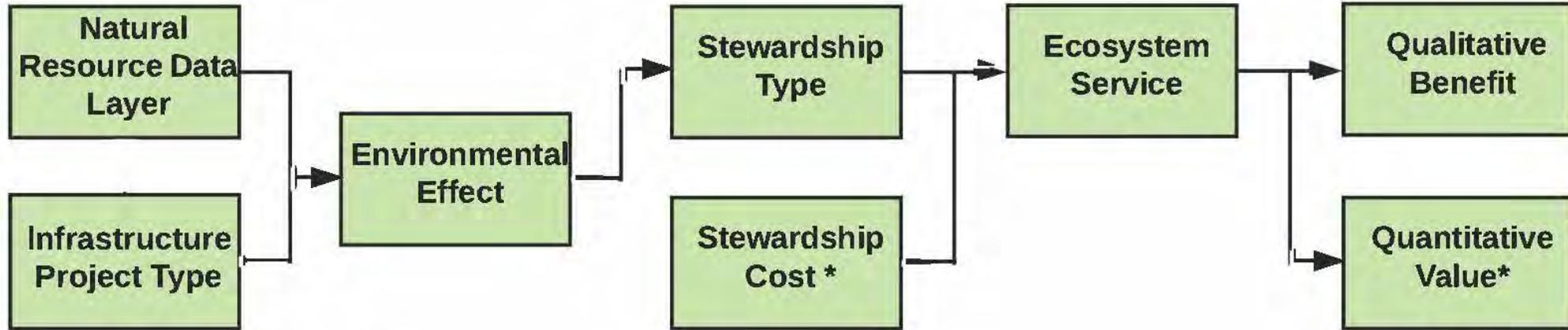
“Barriers to green infrastructure”

“Need for financial data”

“Need for public education”

“Need to include green infrastructure
in planning phase”

Tool Concept Map



** If data was available*

Economic Data

Economic and Social Benefits of Mitigating Environmental Impacts of Transportation Projects

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Table 1-1: Quantified

Type of Environmental Impact		
Stormwater Runoff ¹		
Water Quality ²		
Sediment		
Nitrogen		
Phosphorus		
Recreation ³		
Urban Heat Island ⁴		
Habitat		
Wetland/Riparian		
Terrestrial Habitat		
Air Quality ⁵		
Particulate Matter	12.5 - 50.9	Annual Pounds / Acre of Tree Canopy Removed / Year
Nitrogen Dioxide	4.5 - 12.5	Annual Pounds / Acre of Tree Canopy Removed / Year
Sulfur Dioxide	1.8 - 6.2	Annual Pounds / Acre of Tree Canopy Removed / Year

1/ Source: Derived from rainfall in the Dallas/Fort Worth area from 2008 - 2017 (National Weather Service, 2018).

2/ Source: (Li, Barrett, Rammohan, Olivera, & Landphair, 2008). Ranges are similar to the pollutant loads found in other studies of urban runoff in North Central Texas (Banks, 2008; U.S. Geological Survey, 1998). Note that bacteria contamination is also a pollutant of concern in many area waterbodies, but is not related to transportation.

3/ Derived from (The Trust for Public Land, 2017; City of Plano, 2017; Dallas Park & Recreation, 2017; Dallas Park & Recreation, 2018)

Table 1-3: Quantified Benefits: Tool Inputs on Economic Benefit

Environmental Benefit	Economic Value	Unit
Stormwater Management ¹	\$1,000 - \$1,100	\$ / Acre impervious / Year
Water Quality (Nitrogen) ²	\$1 - \$10	\$ / Pound
Water Quality (Phosphorus) ²	\$1 - \$10	\$ / Pound
Water Quality (TSS) ²	\$6	\$ / Ton
Recreation ³	\$3 - \$25	Per Visit Benefit to Recreator
Energy Savings ⁴	\$0.1165	\$ / kWh
Aesthetics	\$300 - \$900	\$ / Street Tree / Year
Air Quality (PM ₁₀) ⁵	\$7.36 - \$19.85	\$ / Pound
Air Quality (NO ₂) ⁵	\$4.59 - \$11.54	\$ / Pound
Air Quality (SO ₂) ⁵	\$3.67 - \$18.40	\$ / Pound
Habitat, Terrestrial	\$100 - \$750	\$ / Acre / Year
Habitat, Wetland/Riparian	\$500 - \$11,400	\$ / Acre / Year
Pavement Maintenance Costs	\$3.50 - \$17	\$ / Tree / Year

Note: Health benefits from air quality are included in the air quality values.

1/ Derived from the residential stormwater fees in Fort Worth and Dallas

2/ (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 2015; Natural Resource Conservation Service, US Department of Agriculture, 2010; Shaik, Helmers, & Langemeier, 2002)

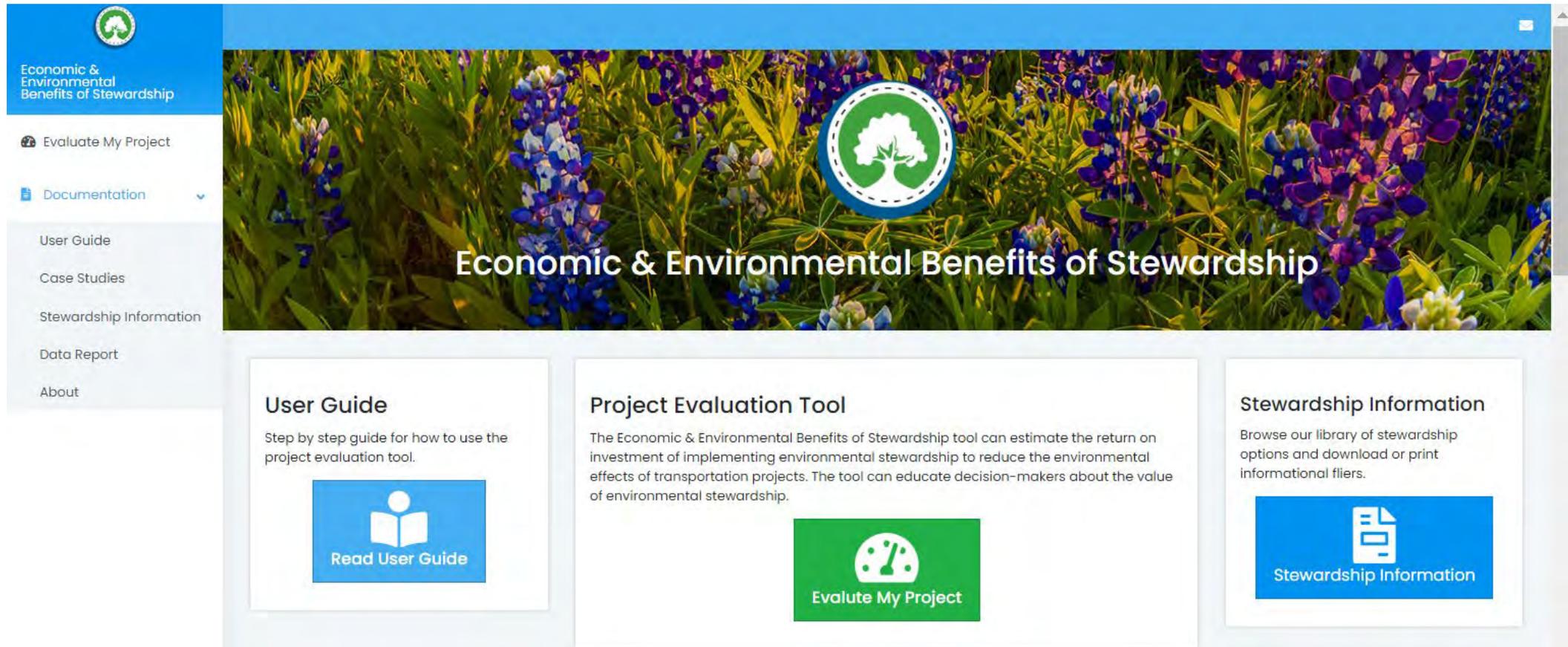
3/ Sources: (Hansen, Mills, Stoll, Freeman, & Hankamer, 1990; Bergstrom & Cordell, 1991; Loomis, 2005). All values were adjusted for inflation to 2018 dollars using the Consumer Price Index.

4/ Based on the average marginal charge for electricity in Dallas in July 2018 (TexasElectricity Ratings.com, 2018)

5/ Derived from (Wang & Santini, 1995). The most recent data available were used for the Dallas metro area population and air pollutant concentrations. Values were adjusted to 2018 dollars using the Consumer Price Index.

EEBS Demonstration

<http://eebs.nctcog.org>



The screenshot displays the EEBS website interface. On the left is a blue navigation menu with the following items: "Evaluate My Project", "Documentation" (with a dropdown arrow), "User Guide", "Case Studies", "Stewardship Information", "Data Report", and "About". The main header area features a background image of purple lupines and a circular logo with a tree. Below the header, the text "Economic & Environmental Benefits of Stewardship" is prominently displayed. Three content cards are arranged horizontally below the header:

- User Guide**: A card with a blue icon of an open book and the text "Read User Guide". The description reads: "Step by step guide for how to use the project evaluation tool."
- Project Evaluation Tool**: A card with a green icon of a person at a computer and the text "Evaluate My Project". The description reads: "The Economic & Environmental Benefits of Stewardship tool can estimate the return on investment of implementing environmental stewardship to reduce the environmental effects of transportation projects. The tool can educate decision-makers about the value of environmental stewardship."
- Stewardship Information**: A card with a blue icon of a document and the text "Stewardship Information". The description reads: "Browse our library of stewardship options and download or print informational fliers."

Draw Project Boundaries

Evaluate My Project Home > Stewardship Evaluation Tool

1. Draw Your Project Boundaries

The image shows a screenshot of a web-based mapping application. At the top left, the title "Evaluate My Project" is displayed. In the top right corner, there is a breadcrumb trail: "Home > Stewardship Evaluation Tool". Below the title, the main heading for the current step is "1. Draw Your Project Boundaries". The central part of the screen is dominated by an aerial satellite map of Texas. A prominent red line has been drawn on the map, forming a large, irregular polygon that encompasses a significant portion of the state's central and northern regions. Within this red boundary, several major cities are labeled, including Denton, McKinney, Greenville, Sulphur Springs, Lewisville, Plano, Weatherford, Fort Worth, Arlington, Dallas, Waxahatchie, Cleburne, Stephenville, Corsicana, Tyler, Longview, and Shreveport. Outside the boundary, other cities like Abilene, Brownwood, Waco, and Nacogdoches are also visible. The map interface includes a search bar at the top left with the placeholder text "Find address or place" and a magnifying glass icon. To the left of the map are zoom-in (+) and zoom-out (-) buttons, along with a help icon (?). On the right side of the map, there is a toolbar with icons for drawing a line, a rectangle, and a trash can (delete).

Define Project Type and Size

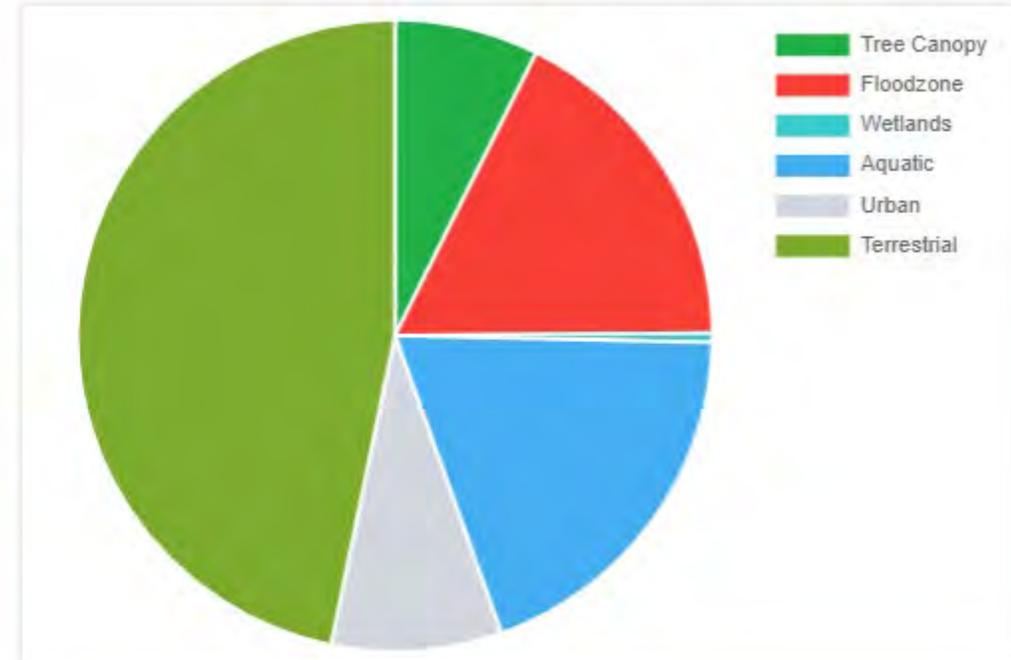
2. Tell Us About Your Project

Project type:	New Roadway	Will the project open up new areas for development?	Yes
Number of Lanes: ?	6 Lane Road (108ft width)	Total width of project (ft):	108

[Run Analysis](#)

Review Potential Environmental Effects

3. Your Project Analysis



Your project may affect a resource that may require regulatory compliance. Stewardship options provided may not meet the necessary requirements. Further coordination with regulatory agencies and mitigation may be required.

Explore and Prioritize Potential Environmental Effects

4. Potential Environmental Effect of Your Project

These numbers represent the environmental cost of one acre of transportation project if no stewardship efforts are implemented. The transportation project may be larger or smaller than one acre, affecting this cost. Not all environmental costs are represented here, only those that could be quantified for the North Central Texas region. Therefore, the project may have additional environmental costs.



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AQUATIC HABITAT

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STREAMBANK EROSION

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HEAT ISLAND EFFECT

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Make Priority

Identify Potential Stewardship Options

5. Stewardship Options for Your Project



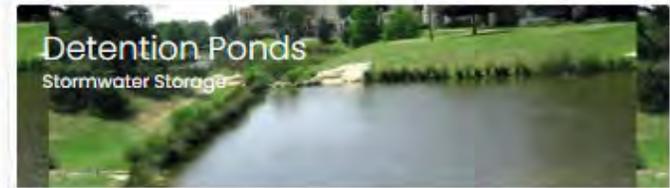
Bioswales
Bioretention

Water Quality/Quantity of Runoff, Flood Regulation, Biodiversity, Aesthetic Value



**Riparian Plantings/
Wetland Restoration**

Water Quality/Quantity of Runoff, Flood Regulation, Biodiversity, Aesthetic Value, Recreation, Air Quality



Detention Ponds
Stormwater Storage

Water Quality/Quantity of Runoff, Flood Regulation, Biodiversity, Aesthetic Value, Recreation



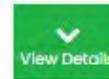
Native Tree Plantings
A Tree for a Tree

Water Quality/Quantity of Runoff, Flood Regulation, Biodiversity, Aesthetic Value, Recreation, Air Quality



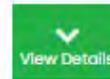
Wildlife Corridor
Preservation Measures

Biodiversity, Aesthetic Value



Dark Skies
Reduction of Artificial Light

Aesthetic Value, Recreation, Biodiversity



Explore Costs and Benefits of Stewardship Options

6. Stewardship Option Details



Detention Ponds

Detention ponds capture and store stormwater in a pond year-round, or during/after a storm event. The stormwater is then released at a controlled rate and location. Depending on the type of pond, stormwater pollutants may be filtered, settled, infiltrated, or otherwise reduced before it is released.



Narrative Details on Costs and Benefits

Cost Range

Detention ponds are estimated to cost \$15,600 to \$48,400 per acre.

Stormwater Benefits (Water Quantity/Quality of Runoff)

Reducing stormwater volume can reduce the capacity requirements for this infrastructure, saving costs. Detention ponds can reduce the amount of runoff flowing into stormwater management systems and can reduce costs of stormwater management by approximately \$1,000 to \$1,100 per acre per year.

Stormwater runoff, with its pollutant loads, adversely affects surface water quality. Detention ponds may increase the water quality of runoff from transportation projects and may thus increase water quality in streams, rivers, and other waterbodies. Reduced nutrients in North Central Texas waterways may result in cost savings to jurisdictions that may otherwise have been required to reduce nutrient discharges. For each acre of detention pond, the annual value of pollutant reduction is \$6 to \$212 for sediment removal, \$27 to \$10,027 for nitrogen removal, and \$0 to \$724 for phosphorous removal.

For each acre of detention ponds, there may be a total annual stormwater benefit of \$1,030 to \$12,060.

Enhanced water quality can also provide value in a variety of other ways including:

- Human health and wellbeing from drinking water and household water supplies.
- Improved recreational and aesthetic values to people who live, work, shop, and play near streams, rivers, and other waterbodies. Support for habitat and species dependent on clean water. This directly increases the intrinsic value to people of species and habitat. This indirectly supports commercial and recreational fisheries and other wildlife-dependent activities.

Aesthetic Benefits

As detention ponds provide a moderate benefit by increasing the presence of water bodies in an area, they have the potential to provide aesthetic value to nearby residents, businesses, and visitors.

Other Health and Social Benefits

Detention ponds may provide moderate physical and mental health benefits resulting from their greenness or presence of aquatic features. Presence of greenness or aquatic features may result in greater outdoor physical activity because of an increase or perceived increase in scenic value (aesthetics, access, convenience).

This may result in improved physical activity and health, including:

- Social ties
- Recreation opportunity
- Lower body mass index
- Reduced mortality
- Less stress and obesity
- Increased perceived health



Compile and Print Report

7. Compile Report

Print

Compile Stewardship Options

Note: You may also download individual fliers for each stewardship option on our Stewardship Information page.



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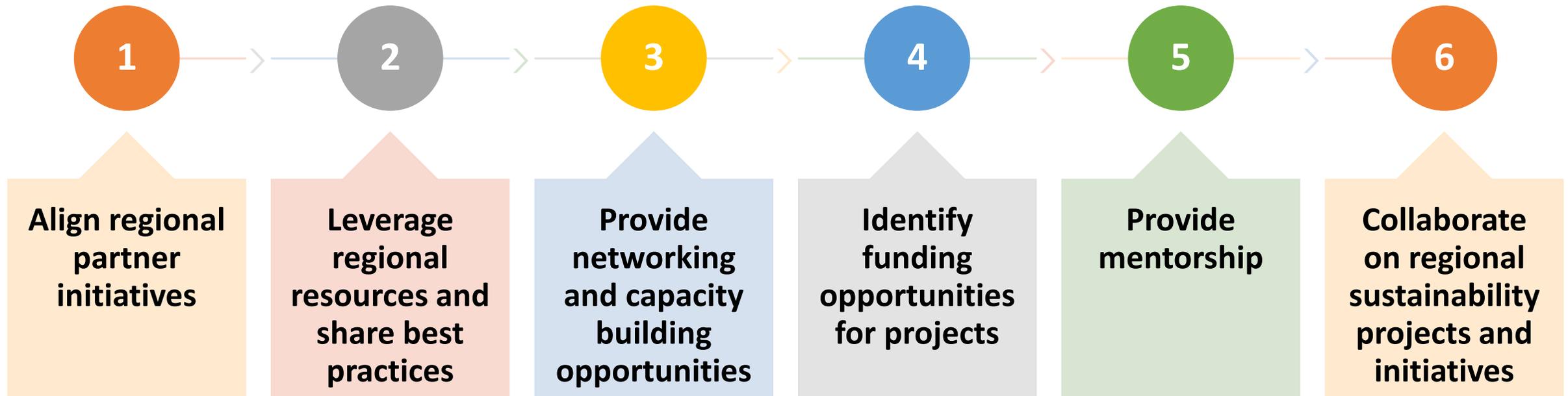
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North Texas Regional Integration of Sustainability Efforts (RISE) Coalition

The Regional Integration of Sustainability Efforts (RISE) Coalition works to engage interested local governments in peer-exchange opportunities to support sustainability and environmental initiatives.



Purpose:



Website: <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/development-excellence/rise-coalition>

RISE Coalition Current Focus Topics

Guided by an annual Work Program

Current focus on four key topic areas

Under Development:

- First regional greenhouse gas inventory
- Emission reduction strategy toolkit for local governments
- FY2022: Urban heat island emphasis; developing an equity working group; continuing to grow membership; and continuing existing projects (GHG Inventory and Toolkit)

Website:

<https://www.nctcog.org/envir/development-excellence/rise-coalition>



**Regional Emissions
Assessment**



**Emissions Impact Analysis
and Mitigation/Adaptation
Strategy Toolkit**



**Urban Heat Island Reduction
Strategy Analysis**



**Food Diversion and Waste
Reduction Programs**

North
Texas
RISE
Coalition



Membership in the RISE Coalition

Membership Structure:

- Voting Members
- Non-Voting Members
- Participants

Quarterly in-person meetings are posted on the **NCTCOG Environment & Development Events Calendar** and on the RISE Coalition website.

RISE Coalition guided by **Bylaws**.

Please visit the **RISE Membership** page to learn more.

- <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/development-excellence/rise-coalition/rise-membership>



Current Membership

- City of Carrollton
- City of Cedar Hill
- City of Dallas
- City of Denton
- City of Farmers Branch
- City of Fort Worth
- City of Lewisville
- City of Plano
- Tarrant Regional Water District

Officers

- **Chair** – Pharr Andrews, Senior Climate Coordinator, City of Dallas
- **Vice-Chair** - Katherine Barnett, Sustainability and Customer Initiatives Manager, City of Denton

Get Involved

Next RISE Coalition Meeting

Friday, October 15, 2021

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

RSVP Here: <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/events>

NCTCOG's Free E-Mail Lists and Committee Updates

<https://www.nctcog.org/stay-informed?ext=>

<https://www.nctcog.org/envir/mail>

RISE Website:

<https://www.nctcog.org/envir/development-excellence/rise-coalition>

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***i*SWMM**

What is iSWM?

- iSWM stands for integrated Stormwater Management.
- iSWM is a regional program administered by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)
- iSWM is a tool that helps our local governments meet or exceed state and federal requirements for stormwater management.
- <http://iswm.nctcog.org/>

Why iSWM?



Reduce Flooding

Designs based on the iSWM program mean that a community can handle stormwater more effectively and with fewer flooding impacts.



Protect Property Values

iSWM reduces the potential for erosion by addressing streambank protection during design, protecting properties and infrastructure along creeks and rivers.



Improve Water Quality

iSWM techniques give a community new tools to improve water quality, thereby reducing costs and protecting residents.



Meet State/Federal Regulations

NCTCOG has worked to make iSWM compatible with existing state and federal regulations.



Reduce Operation Costs

iSWM methods emphasize sustainable, natural systems which can reduce maintenance and result in a lower lifetime cost of ownership.



NCTCOG Technical Assistance

The North Central Texas Council of Governments is here to provide free technical assistance to communities implementing iSWM strategies.

<http://iswm.nctcog.org/>

Rayzor Ranch
<http://iswm.nctcog.org/>

Implementing iSWM



Certification Guidance

Documents that guide local governments in adopting and implementing the iSWM Program and in developing a comprehensive stormwater management program.

[Learn More](#)



Criteria Manual

The iSWM Criteria Manual for Site Development and Construction contains criteria that cities and counties may use as a component of their stormwater management related development regulations.

[Learn More](#)



Technical Manual

The iSWM Technical Manual is referenced by the iSWM Criteria Manual and provides the technical details to meet the requirements established by each community in their iSWM Manual.

[Learn More](#)

**City of Roanoke
Bioretention Facility**
<http://iswm.nctcog.org/>

North Texas iSWM Communities

iSWM Gold Certified

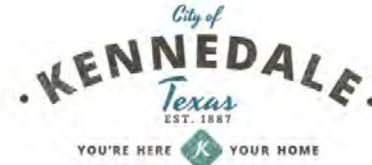
- Celina

iSWM Silver Certified

- Corinth
- Denton
- Frisco
- Fort Worth
- Grand Prairie
- Irving
- Kennedale
- Plano – Newest Certified Community!



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What is TriSWM?

- Transportation integrated Stormwater Management (TriSWM) Appendix
- Developed as an appendix to the integrated Stormwater Management (iSWM) Criteria Manual for Site Development and Construction
- Available for use by cities, counties, engineers, private developers, contractors and transportation agencies in the planning and design of stormwater management for streets, roads, and highways

Provides strategies to aid local governments and the private sector to:

- Design roads and highways with stormwater impacts in mind
- Address and mitigate the adverse impacts of development on runoff
- Implement stormwater controls to meet the TriSWM planning and design approach
- <http://iswm.nctcog.org/what-is-triswm.html>



TriSWM Goals

- 1) Provide planning and design guidance framework for incorporating effective stormwater management practices into the street and roadway project development process.
- 2) Encourage greater uniformity in developing plans for stormwater management systems that meet the following goals:
 - Control runoff within and from the site to minimize flood risk to people and properties.
 - Assess discharges from the site to minimize downstream bank and channel erosion.
 - Reduce pollutants in stormwater runoff to protect water quality and assist communities in meeting regulatory requirements.

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TriSWM Design Criteria

3.2 TriSWM Water Quality Protection

3.2.1 Water Quality Treatment Level Criteria

- In assessing the need to incorporate post-construction water quality control measures into street and highway construction projects, the quality of receiving waters is to be considered along with projected traffic volume for the facility.
- Of many variables that affect the quality of runoff from a roadway (rainfall characteristics, traffic type, surrounding land use, etc.), average daily traffic volume (ADT) is a determining factor for which data is readily available.
- Federal Highway Administration studies concluded that greater pollutant levels in stormwater runoff could be anticipated where traffic volume exceeds 30,000 ADT.
- TriSWM uses 30,000 vehicles per day (VPD) as the threshold between low volume and high-volume roadways and the corresponding level of post-construction stormwater quality treatment required.

Traffic Volume	Receiving Water / Riparian Area Susceptibility		
	Minimal	Moderate	High
Low (<30,000 VPD)	Level I	Level I	Level II
High (>30,000 VPD)	Level I	Level II	Level III

Once the treatment level requirements have been established for the project, select practices or structural stormwater controls in accordance with the appropriate category. Section 3.8 and the *Site Development Controls Technical Manual* contain selection, pollutant removal effectiveness, and design information for the structural controls listed.

Treatment Level I

Select one or more of the following practices and/or structural controls:

- Program of Scheduled Pollution Prevention Practices
Municipal pollution prevention/good housekeeping practices such as street sweeping, storm drain inlet cleaning, and proper application of landscape chemicals
- Off-site Pollution Prevention Activities/Programs
Route stormwater runoff to new or existing watershed-level BMPs (i.e. regional detention, Dallas CBD sumps, etc.) identified in the entity's MS4 Permit / Stormwater Management Program
- Grass Channels
- Filter Strips
- Gravity (Oil-Grit) Separator
- Proprietary Structural Controls
- Porous Concrete / Modular Porous Paver Systems

Treatment Level II

Select one or more of the following practices and/or structural controls:

- Enhanced Swales
- Bioretention Areas
- Dry Detention / Extended Detention Dry Basins
- Supplement with any BMPs identified in Level I

Treatment Level III

Select one or more of the following practices and/or structural controls:

- Organic Filter
- Sand Filter
- Underground Sand Filter
- Infiltration Trenches
- Stormwater (Wet) Ponds
- Stormwater Wetlands
- Alum Treatment Systems (used as pretreatment in conjunction with wet pond)
- Supplement with any BMPs identified in Levels I and II

Points for
TriSWM
Implementation
in the iSWM
Certification
Application

North Central Texas Council of Governments
iSWM PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION TIERED MEASUREMENT

SUBMITTING COMMUNITY: _____

Requirements for Implementation Levels

Outcome Category	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Mandatory	11 full application	Items 1-10 (full or partial)	Items 1-10 (full or partial)
Recommended	7 full application	7 full or partial application	4 full or partial application
Optional	3 full or partial application		

Note: The following outcomes apply to land disturbing activities of 1 acre or more for water quality and streambank protection, and apply to all land disturbing activities for flood mitigation and conveyance.

#	Outcome	CHECK COMMUNITY'S LEVEL OF APPLICATION			Full Application	iSWM Criteria Manual Ref.	Equivalent Local Criteria/Ordinance Reference
		N/A	Partial	Full			
MANDATORY OUTCOMES							
1	Site Plan Review Applicability				Stormwater requirements discussed at a pre-development/pre-application meeting or equivalent (Concept iSWM)	Section 2.2, Step 3	
2	Land Use Conditions				Design stormwater infrastructure to fully-developed (built-out) land use conditions	Section 3.6.1	
3	Hydrologic Methods				Limit Rational Method applicability to drainage areas of 100 acres or less and utilize frequency factors (per TM HO Table 1.4); Limit Modified Rational Method applicability to drainage areas of 200 acres or less; For larger areas, require Unit Hydrograph methodology	Section 3.1 Table 3.2; TM HO Section 1.2*	
4	Open Channel Velocity Criteria/Energy Dissipation				Require maximum permissible channel velocity criteria be met and/or use erosion control measures for 1-, 25-, and 100-yr or similar storm events to protect receiving drainage element from erosion	Section 3.6.3, Table 3.10 and 3.11	
5	Detention Structure Discharge Criteria				When a detention structure is utilized, design facility for fully-developed 1-, 25-, and 100-yr or similar storm events matching pre-development peak flows and velocities; Provide emergency spillway with 6 inches of freeboard to convey fully-developed 100-yr storm event assuming outlet blockage	Section 3.6.3, Detention Structures	
6	Streambank Protection				Require downstream stabilization to prevent erosive velocities; maintain existing downstream velocity conditions with on-site controls; and/or control fully-developed 1-yr, 24-hr storm event release over 24 hours to prevent erosive velocities	Section 1.3, Table 1.3; Section 3.4	
7	Flood Mitigation				Require adequate downstream conveyance for peak discharges; maintain existing downstream peak discharge conditions with on-site controls; and/or provide detention to pre-development peak discharge conditions	Section 1.3, Table 1.3; Section 3.5.2	
8	Construction Controls				Limit erosion and the discharge of sediment and other pollutants from construction sites by adhering to the Integrated Construction Criteria or Construction General Permit	Section 4.0	
9	Operations and Maintenance				Define responsible party and requirements for operation, maintenance, frequency of inspection, and enforcement of temporary and permanent stormwater controls and drainage facilities	Section 2.2, Step 5	
10	Downstream Assessments				Confirm no negative impact or mitigate negative impacts of peak discharges and velocities for 1-, 25-, and 100-yr or similar storm events	Section 3.3; TM HO Section 2.4*	
11	Supports Regional Public Works initiatives				The community must be annual cost-share contributor to the Regional Public Works program that provides funding to sustain the iSWM program. (***)Required for gold certification applicants and encouraged for bronze and silver(***)		
TOTALS							

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RECOMMENDED OUTCOMES							
12	Conveyance Limits				25-yr fully-developed design storm or higher for: streets, roadway gutters, storm drain pipe systems, inlets on-grade and parking lots; 100-yr fully-developed design storm event for: drainage in the right-of-way, drainage easements, and road low points		Section 3.6.2
13	Storm Drain Velocity Criteria				Limit velocity in pipes with minimum and maximum values to prevent clogging and erosion		Section 3.6.1, Table 3.8
14	Spread Criteria				Flow spread limits for various street classifications for 25-yr storm event or higher		Section 3.6.2, Table 3.7
15	Freeboard Criteria				Minimum of 1 foot of freeboard provided for the fully-developed 100-yr storm event for culverts and detention structures; Minimum of 2 feet of freeboard for bridges for fully-developed 100-yr storm event		Section 3.6.3
16	Finished Floor Elevations				Minimum of 1-foot above fully-developed 100-yr storm event water surface elevation or 2-feet above effective FEMA base flood elevation		Section 3.7
17	Water Quality Protection				Require integrated site design practices; treat the water quality volume; and/or enact regional water quality programs		Section 1.3, Table 1.3; Section 3.2
18	Drainage and Floodplain Easements				Required for all drainage systems that convey stormwater runoff across property boundaries and must include sufficient area for operation and maintenance of the public drainage system		Section 3.7
TOTALS							
OPTIONAL OUTCOMES							
19	Open Channel Stability Criteria				Design includes low-flow channel		Section 3.6.3
20	Detention Downstream Timing Analysis				Confirm detention does not exacerbate peak flows in downstream reaches		Section 3.5.2, Option 3
21	Conservation and Utilization of Natural Features and Resources				Ordinances encourage preservation of natural resources such as riparian buffers and/or natural open space areas and utilization of natural design features for stormwater conveyance		Section 3.2.2; TM PL 2.2.1**
22	Lower Impact Site Design Techniques				Ordinances encourage reducing limits of clearing and grading and limiting impervious cover per integrated site design practices		Section 3.2.2; TM PL 2.2.2**
23	TriSWM				Incorporate practices for improving water quality of runoff from public rights-of-way		Appendix A of the iSWM Criteria Manual
TOTALS							

*TM HO = iSWM Technical Manual, Hydrology Section **TM PL = iSWM Technical Manual, Planning Section

Tier Level Applied For: GOLD SILVER BRONZE Note: (Gold applicants must be annual contributors to the Public Works program)

Print Name and Title of Local Stormwater Authority _____ Contact Phone Number and Email _____

Signature of Local Stormwater Authority _____ Date _____

For IIS Review Board Use Only:

Date of Submittal: _____ Date of Request for Additional Information: _____
 Date of Approval: _____ Date Additional Information Received: _____
 Approved Tier Level: _____ Date Informational Letter Sent: _____

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TriSWM Resources

iSWM Website:

<http://iswm.nctcog.org/>

TriSWM Website:

<http://iswm.nctcog.org/what-is-triswm.html>

TriSWM Appendix:

http://iswm.nctcog.org/Documents/TriSWM_Appendix_Final_9-18-14.pdf

TriSWM Brochure:

http://iswm.nctcog.org/Documents/TriSWM_Brochure_10-17-2018.pdf

Transportation *integrated* Stormwater Management (TriSWM)

The Transportation *integrated* Stormwater Management (TriSWM) Appendix of the *integrated* Stormwater Management (iSWM) Criteria Manual for Site Development and Construction is available for use by cities, counties, engineers, private developers, contractors and transportation agencies in the planning and design of stormwater management for streets, roads, and highways.

The purpose of TriSWM is to provide planning and design guidance and a framework for incorporating effective and environmentally sensitive stormwater management practices into the street and roadway project development process and to encourage a greater uniformity in developing plans for stormwater management systems that meet the following goals:

- Provide safe driving conditions
- Minimize downstream flood risk to people and properties
- Minimize downstream bank and channel erosion
- Reduce pollutants in stormwater runoff to protect water quality

TriSWM discusses strategies to aid local governments and the private sector to:

- Design roads and highways with stormwater impacts in mind
- Address and mitigate the adverse impacts of development on runoff
- Implement stormwater controls to meet the TriSWM planning and design approach



Source: Freese & Nichols

Why TriSWM?

- Runoff from streets and highways may contain pollutants that can impact streams and lakes and must be addressed under state regulations
- Streets create a significant amount of impervious area and additional runoff
- To create common stormwater management criteria across the region



Source: Wikimedia Commons, Michael Pereckas



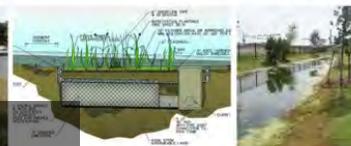
Pollutant	Primary Sources of Pollutants in Street and Highway Runoff
Particulates	Pavement wear, vehicles, atmosphere, maintenance, snow/ice abrasives, sediment disturbance
Nitrogen, Phosphorus	Atmosphere, roadside fertilizer use, sediments
Metals	Gasoline, diesel, tire wear, lubricating oil and grease, bearing wear, atmospheric fallout, auto body rust, brake linings wear, engine parts wear
Sodium, Calcium	De-icing salts, grease
Chloride	De-icing salts
Sulphate	Roadway beds, fuel, de-icing salts
Petroleum	Spills, leaks, blow-by motor lubricants, antifreeze, hydraulic fluids, asphalt surface leachate
Pathogenic bacteria	Soil litter, bird droppings, trucks hauling livestock/stockyard waste

Adapted from Kobringer, N. 1984. Sources and Migration of Highway Runoff Pollutants – Executive Summary. FHWA/RD-84/057. Federal Highway Administration.

TriSWM Brochure (NCTCOG)

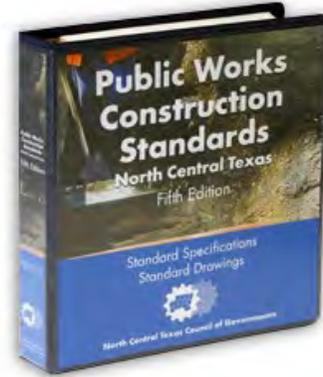


Source: Dunaway Associates



Source: Freese & Nichols

Standard Drawings and iSWM Resources



Division 1000: Erosion and Sediment Control is being updated with 20 iSWM details, including:

Sack Gabion Check Dam	Area Inlet Protection Excavated Impoundment
Filter Tube Check Dam	Area Inlet Protection Filter Barrier
Excavated Stone Outlet Sediment Trap	Temporary Erosion Control Blankets
Bermed Stone Outlet Sediment Trap	Permanent Turf Reinforcement Mats
Sediment Basin with Overflow Riser	Velocity Dissipation Device
Pipe Slope Drain	Dewatering Controls
Filter Tube Curb Inlet Protection	Concrete Washout Containment
Wire Weir Curb Inlet Protection	Grouted Rock Rip-Rap
Curb Rock Sock On-Grade Curb Inlet Protection	Stream Trash Catch/Screen
Filter Tube Area Inlet Protection	Trash Rack Catch/Screen

Division 6000: Storm Water Control is being updated with major changes to Curb Inlet and Curb Inlet Recess drawings. Details for Storm Drain Pipe Collars for Field Connection and Subdrains-Pavement Subgrade are also being added.

Fifth Edition Public Works Construction Standards updated in 2017

- Standard Drawings are currently undergoing update:
<https://www.nctcog.org/envir/committees/public-works-council/standard-drawings-subcommittee>

iSWM Technical Manual Resources Update:

- **Site Development Controls:**
<http://iswm.nctcog.org/technical-manual.html>
- **iSWM Construction Controls:**
<http://iswm.nctcog.org/Documents/technical-manual/Construction-Controls-10-2019.pdf>
- **Construction Controls Standard Details:** 20 iSWM schematics are now standard details (updated 2018/2019):
<http://iswm.nctcog.org/Documents/technical-manual/Addendum-Construction-Controls-2021.pdf>



Overview of EPA's Green Infrastructure Program



Discussion Topics

- Recent Federal Regulations
- What's EPA doing?
- EPA Resources



Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA)

Signed
January 14, 2019 

- Created an Office of the Municipal Ombudsman
- Amended the CWA to codify and define integrated planning (IP)
- Required a report to Congress on permits and enforcement actions with IPs
- Defined green infrastructure and formalized EPA's Green Infrastructure Program in the CWA.

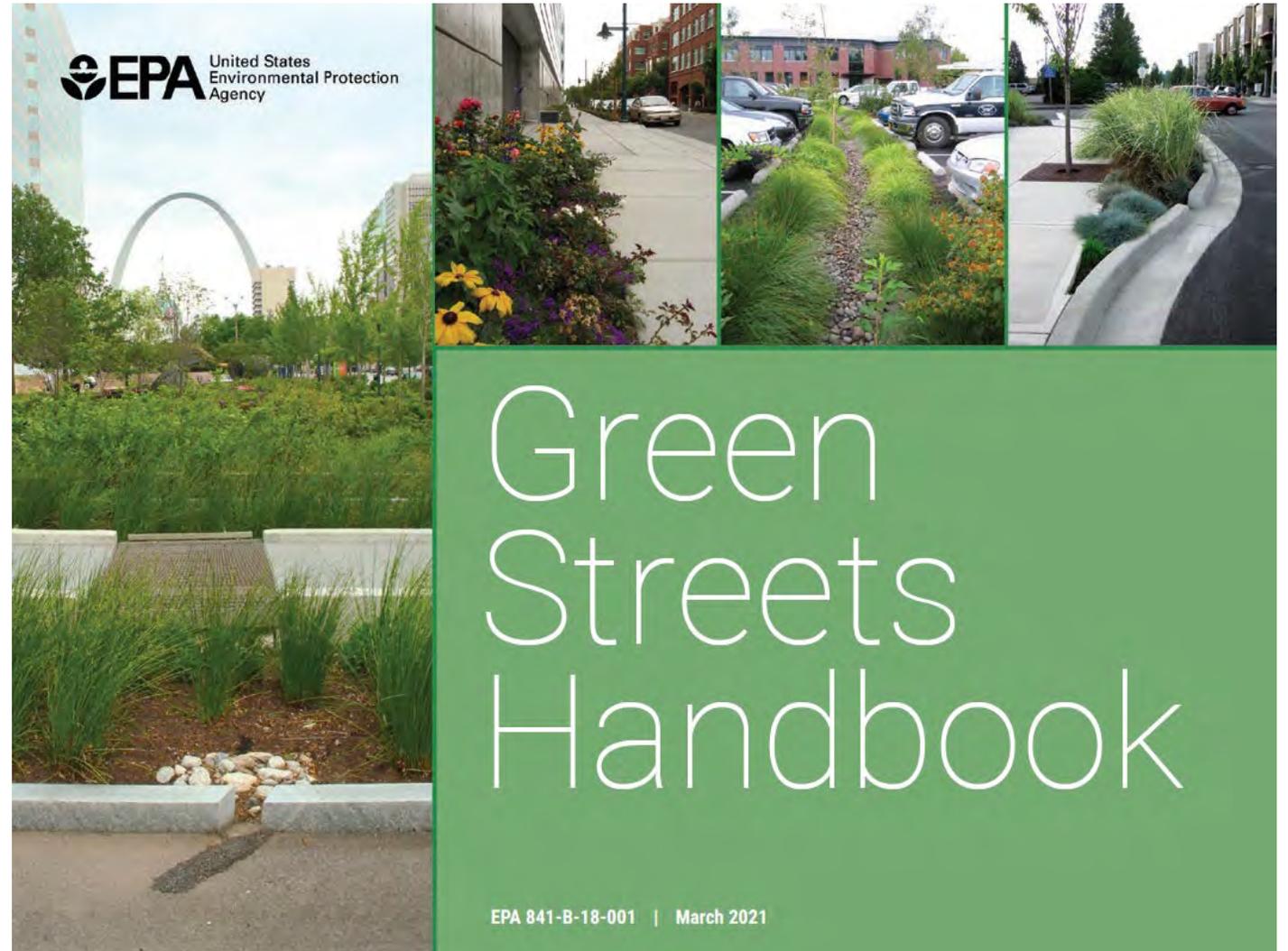
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America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA)

- Directed EPA to create a stormwater infrastructure funding task force to:
 - Identify sources of state funding for SW infrastructure
 - Identify how the source of funding affects the affordability of the infrastructure, including consideration of costs associated with financing.
 - Evaluate whether funding sources are sufficient to support capital expenditures and long-term operation & maintenance costs
- The Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB) accepted the charge to form a stormwater finance workgroup

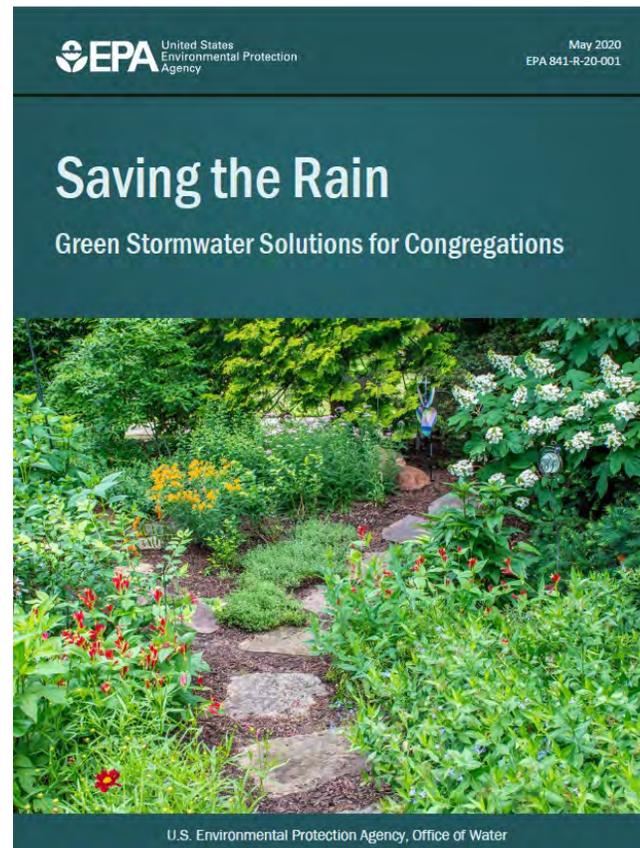
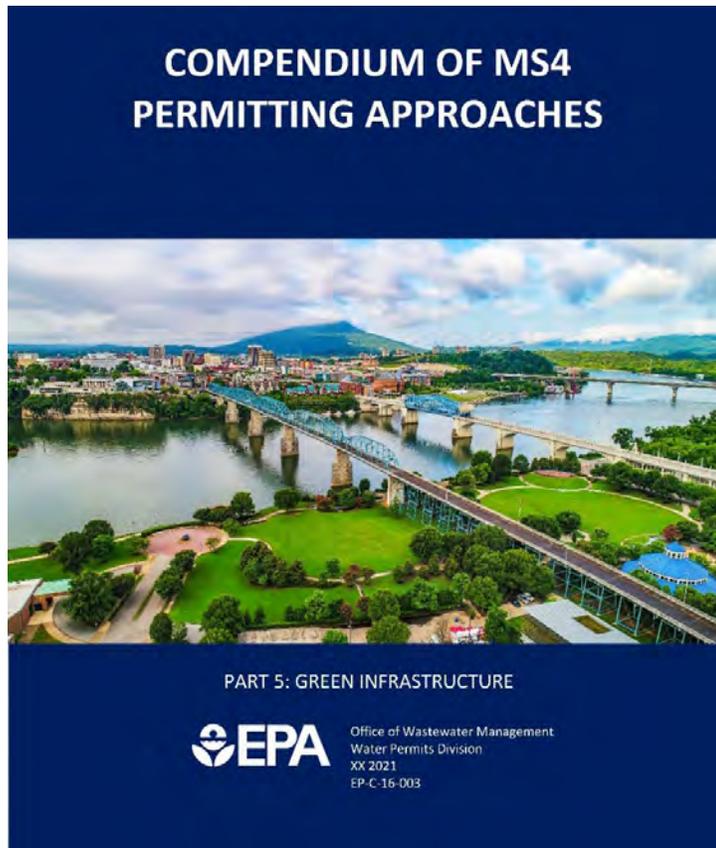
New EPA Resources

- Developed to help state and local transportation agencies, municipal officials, designers, stakeholders and others select, design and implement site design strategies and green infrastructure practices for roads, alleys and parking lots.
- Provides background information on street and road typologies and offers a programmatic framework to use when identifying areas that can be initially designed or later retrofitted with green infrastructure practices or systems.
- Provides a systematic process to begin reducing the impervious surface footprint of the public right-of-ways and associated off-street surface parking areas



<https://www.epa.gov/nps/green-streets-handbook>

Additional EPA Resources



- The Green Infrastructure MS4 Compendium presents permitting approaches that encourage or require green infrastructure in municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s)
- The Saving the Rain guide was created to help congregations work through the process of enhancing their grounds by implementing green stormwater management practices.

Upcoming EPA Resources



Incorporating Green Infrastructure into Roadway Projects in Santa Fe

Prepared for the City of Santa Fe through Technical Assistance from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Wastewater Management



New Jersey Green Streets



Case Studies August 2020



- The Santa Fe pilot focuses on green infrastructure practices in roadway settings, including collector roads and arterial roads
- The New Jersey Green Streets publication includes three case studies identifying the goals, design and installation, funding and challenges for each.



Newly Released Tool for Green Infrastructure

Community-enabled Lifecycle Analysis of Stormwater Infrastructure Costs (CLASIC) Tool, released April 2021

- [CLASIC](#) is an online tool that uses a life cycle cost framework to support feasibility and planning of stormwater infrastructure Program in the CWA.

Green and Gray Stormwater Management Practices Included in CLASIC Tool

Rain Garden / Bioretention	Extended Detention Basin	Green Roof
Sand Filter	Wet Pond	Permeable Pavement
Infiltration Trench	Wetland Channels	Vegetated Buffer
Vegetative Swale	Stormwater Harvesting	Grass Strip
	Storage Vault/Tunnel	Rooftop Disconnection

Green Infrastructure Webcast Series

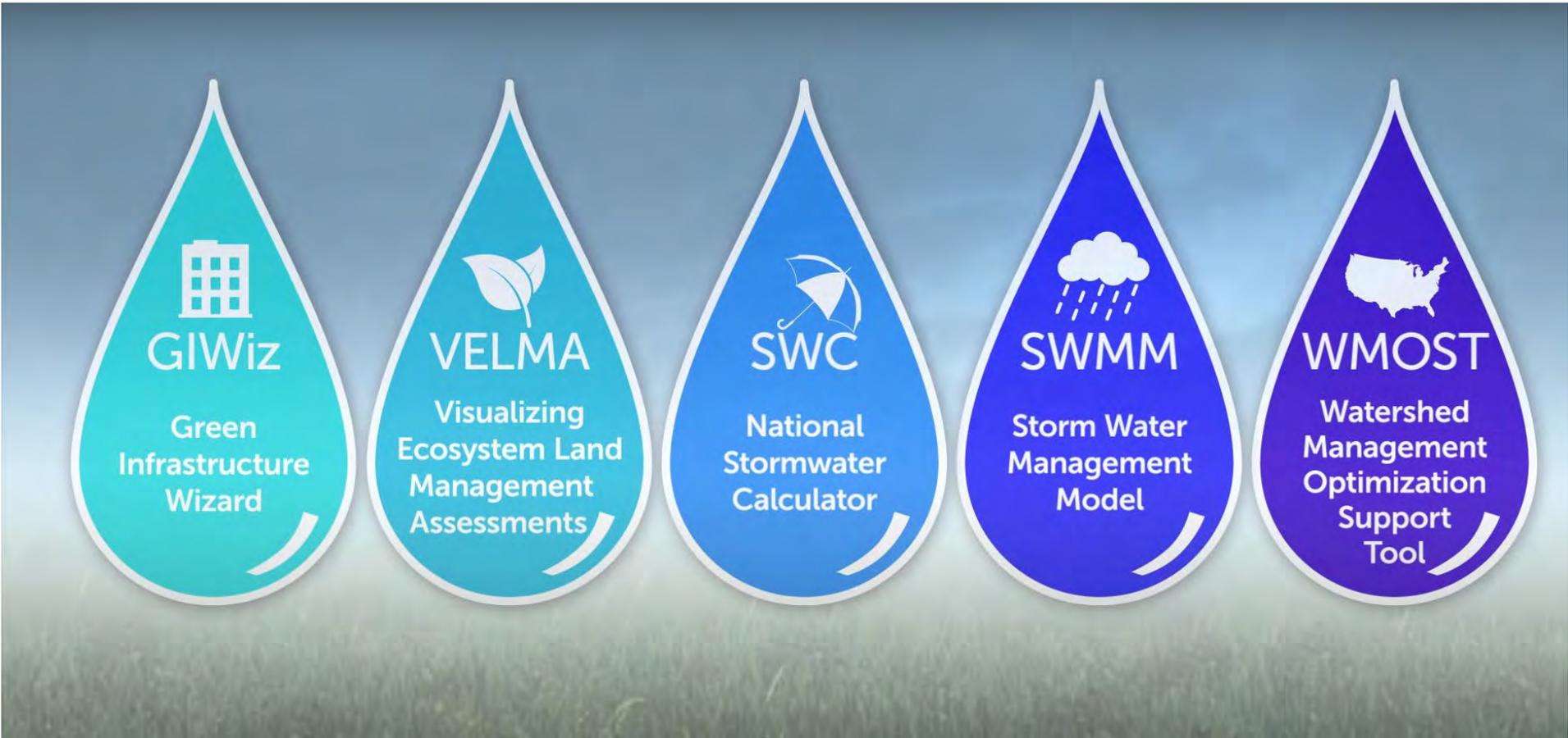
Webcasts cover a variety of green infrastructure related topics. Visit our website to view archived webcasts and register for upcoming webcasts:

<https://www.epa.gov/greeninfrastructure>

2021 Webcast Schedule

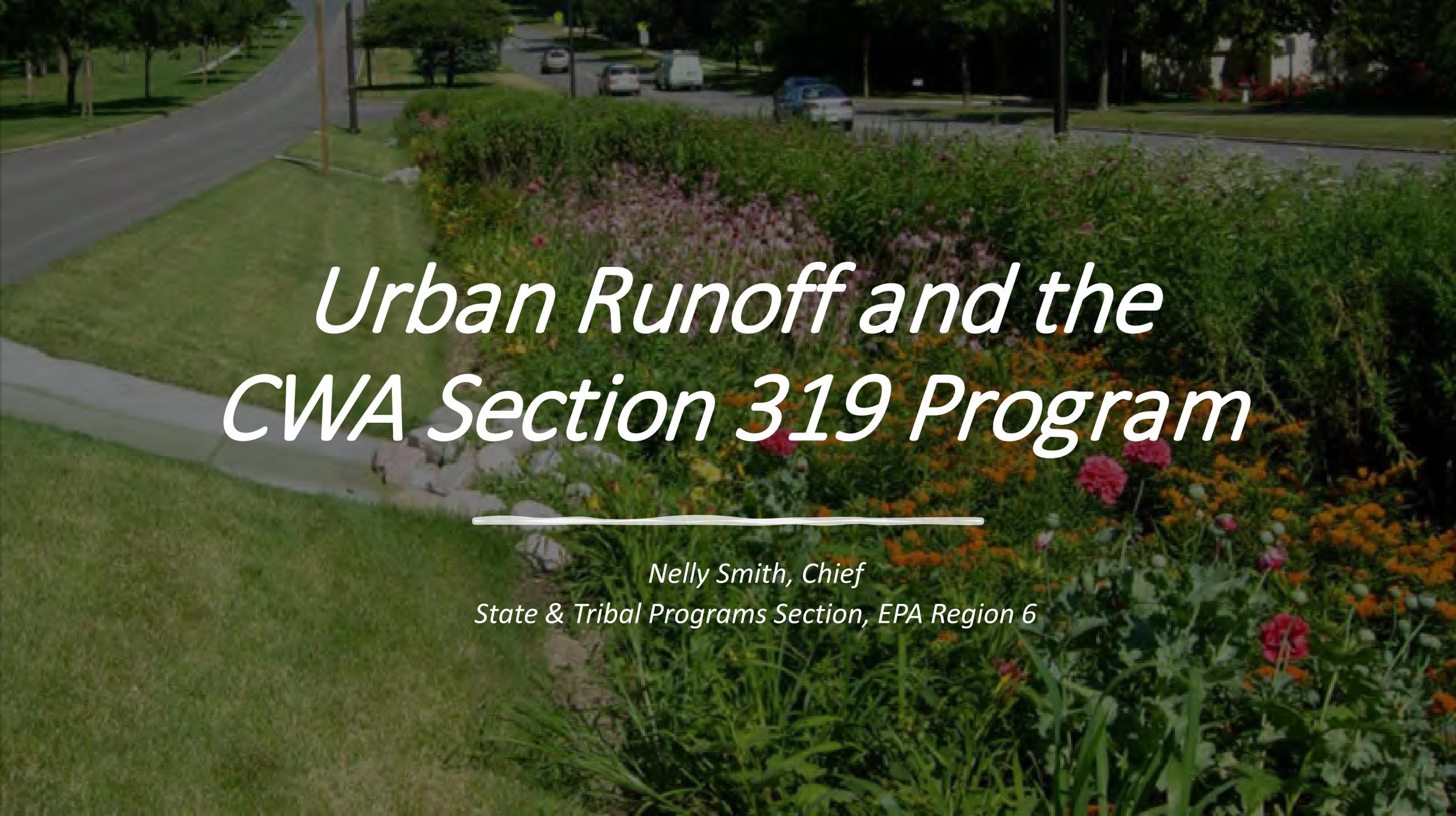
- Greening Congregations (April)*
- Funding Green Infrastructure (May)*
- Green Streets (August)*
- Operations and Maintenance (Fall)*
- Federal Collaboration on GI (Winter)*





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Urban Runoff and the CWA Section 319 Program

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What We Will Cover

- Clean Water Act §319 support for and role in urban projects
- Other opportunities for funding urban runoff/GI/LID projects
- Assessing eligibility for §319 funding
- Urban project success

Definitions under the Clean Water Act

'Point sources' regulated under CWA

- Any “discernable, confined and discrete conveyance including...any pipe, ditch, channel...[etc] from which pollutants are or may be discharged”
- Discharges must be regulated in a manner consistent with state/tribal WQS, e.g., NDPDES permits

'Nonpoint sources' not regulated or specifically defined

- Any source of water pollution that doesn't meet point source definition
- Polluted runoff from rain or snowmelt carrying natural and anthropogenic pollutants to waters
- Includes: agriculture stormwater discharge and irrigation return flows



The Importance of NPS Work in Urban Areas

- An array of valuable NPS projects are funded by \$319 in urban areas
- These can be complemented by other funding sources that may better fit any given project



Funding Options for Urban NPS Projects

Multiple funding sources can be leveraged with §319 funds in urban areas

- State Revolving Fund (SRF)
- Other infrastructure funding
- FEMA – Hazard Mitigation



Potential Funding Sources

- **Clean Water SRF for Stormwater Management**
 - Range of project types
 - Eligible groups include any public, private or non-profit entity that is addressing stormwater issues
- **FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program**
 - GI/LID projects
 - NPS projects may be eligible for FEMA funds when watershed and hazard mitigation plan goals align



§319 Program Guidelines for Urban Stormwater Runoff

Generally Eligible Activities

- **Green stormwater infrastructure activities**
- **Watershed Planning**
- **Technical assistance** to state and local stormwater programs
- **Monitoring** needed to design and evaluate the effectiveness of implementation strategies
- **BMPs for pollution prevention, runoff control** (not permit-required)
- **Outreach and education**
- **Technology transfer and training**
- **Development and implementation of regulations, policies, and local ordinances** (may apply to areas covered by NPDES permits, provided that the regulations, policies and ordinances apply to non-permitted areas as well.)
- **Stormwater projects occurring outside of the NPDES permit area**



§319 Program Guidelines for Urban Stormwater Runoff

Section VIII.B of §319 Program Guidelines provides framework for determining eligible uses of 319 funds in urban/MS4 areas:

“States may use § 319 funds for those urban stormwater activities that **do not directly implement a final (municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4)) NPDES permit**

... may support but do not directly implement activities required by Phase I or Phase II permits, as well as activities that go above and beyond permit requirements.

In addition, states may use § 319 funds for **stormwater management activities that are not subject to NPDES permitting requirements** under either §§ 402(p)(2) or 402(p)(6).”

Questions to Ask When Assessing Project Eligibility for §319 Funds

- Is the proposed project/practice **required by or credited to the NPDES permit**? Does the project fund 'gray' infrastructure?
- Is the project/practice **distinguishable from actions being taken to comply with an NPDES permit**?
- If the proposed practice is similar to actions required by the NPDES permit, **would the §319-funded practices go above and beyond permit requirements** or otherwise not be used to meet permit requirements?

319 Urban Success Story: Little Rock, AR

- The City of Little Rock's Main Street Low Impact Development program demonstrated **the benefits of rain gardens and other water filtration systems using green infrastructure** applications and clean water initiatives to reduce volume and velocity and improve water quality from runoff.
- **Low Impact Development** BMPs included:
 - Rain gardens with native plantings
 - Bioswales
 - Porous parking
 - Street trees (native and shady)
- **Total EPA Project Cost: \$2,651,459**





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RAIN GARDENS / BIOSWALES

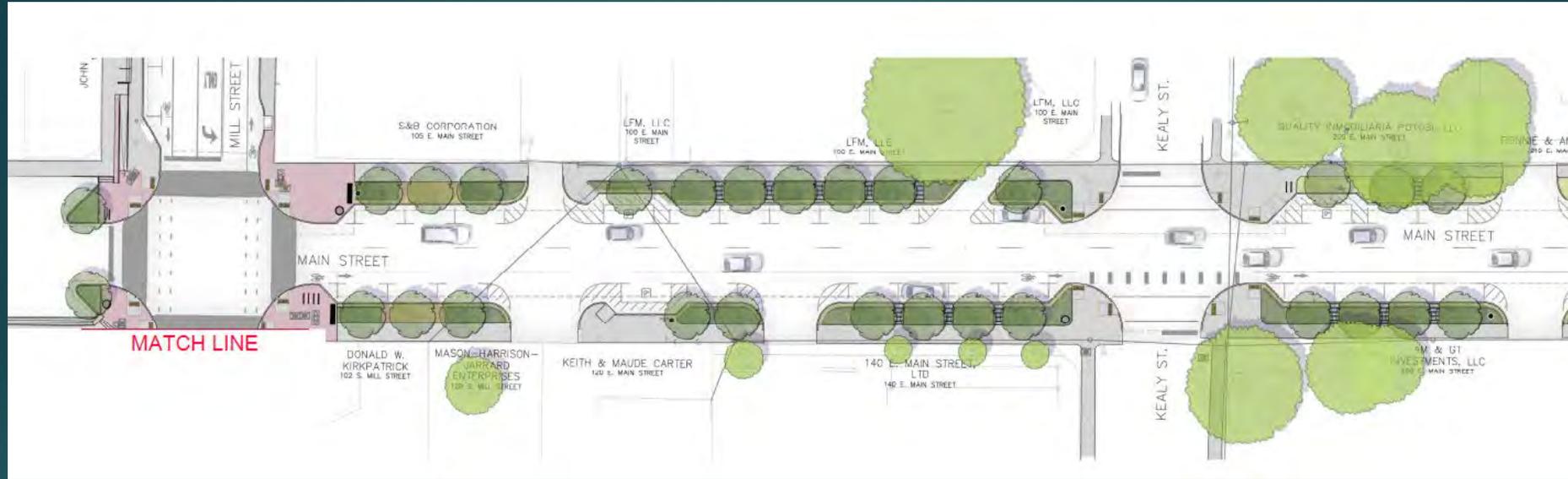
MAIN STREET AND MILL STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN
OLD TOWN LEWISVILLE

Main St & Mill St Project

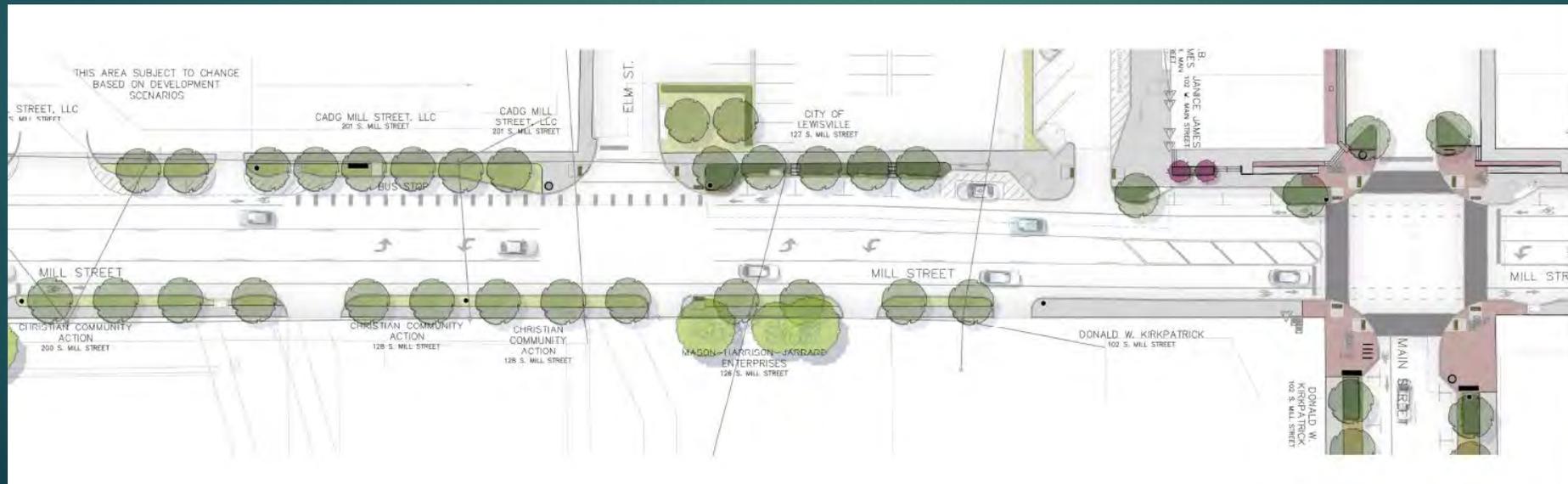
- ▶ Main St
 - ▶ ½ mile long TOD
 - ▶ Road diet – 3 lanes to 2 lanes
 - ▶ Complete Streets
 - ▶ Multi-modal
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Main St and Mill St Project - Schematics

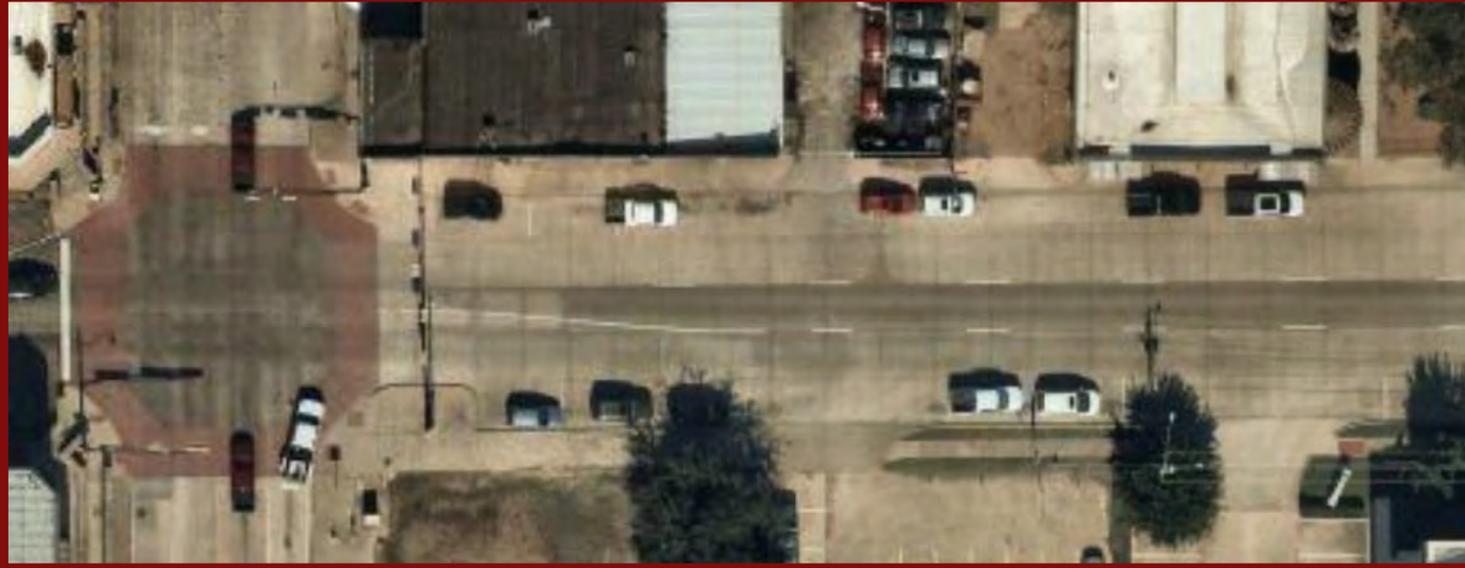


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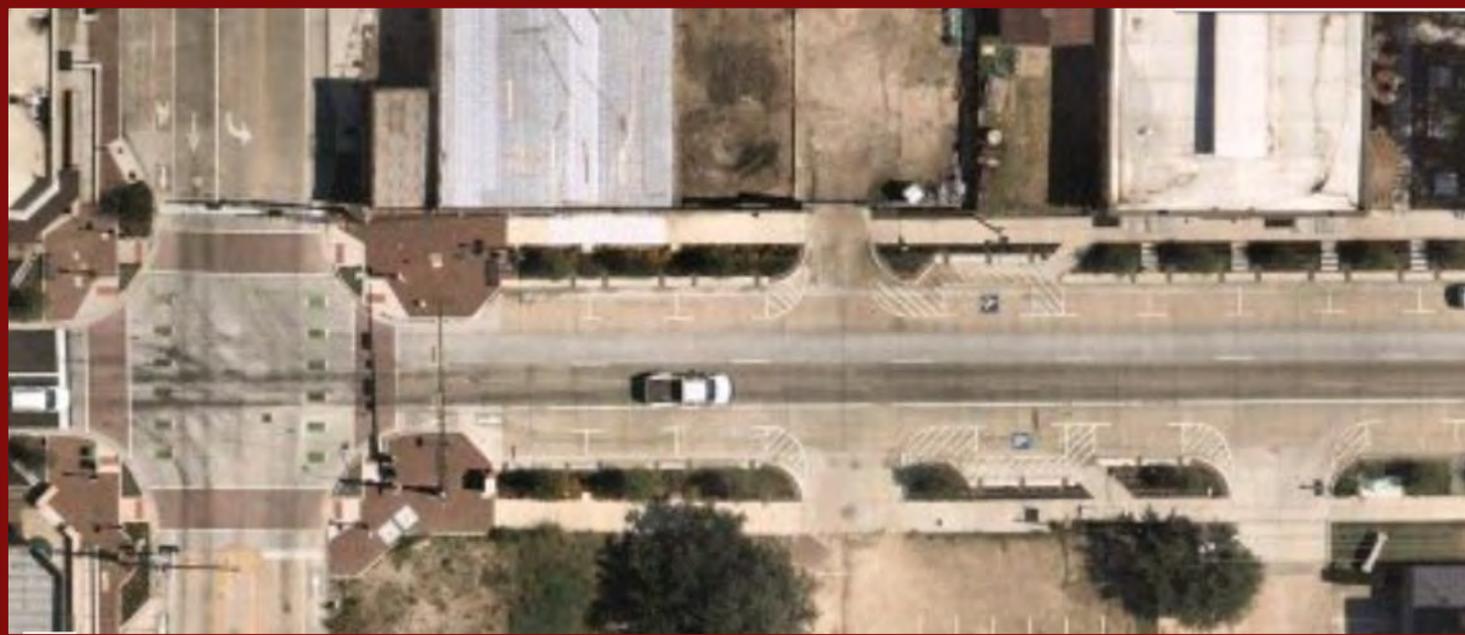


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MAIN ST – Before & After Project



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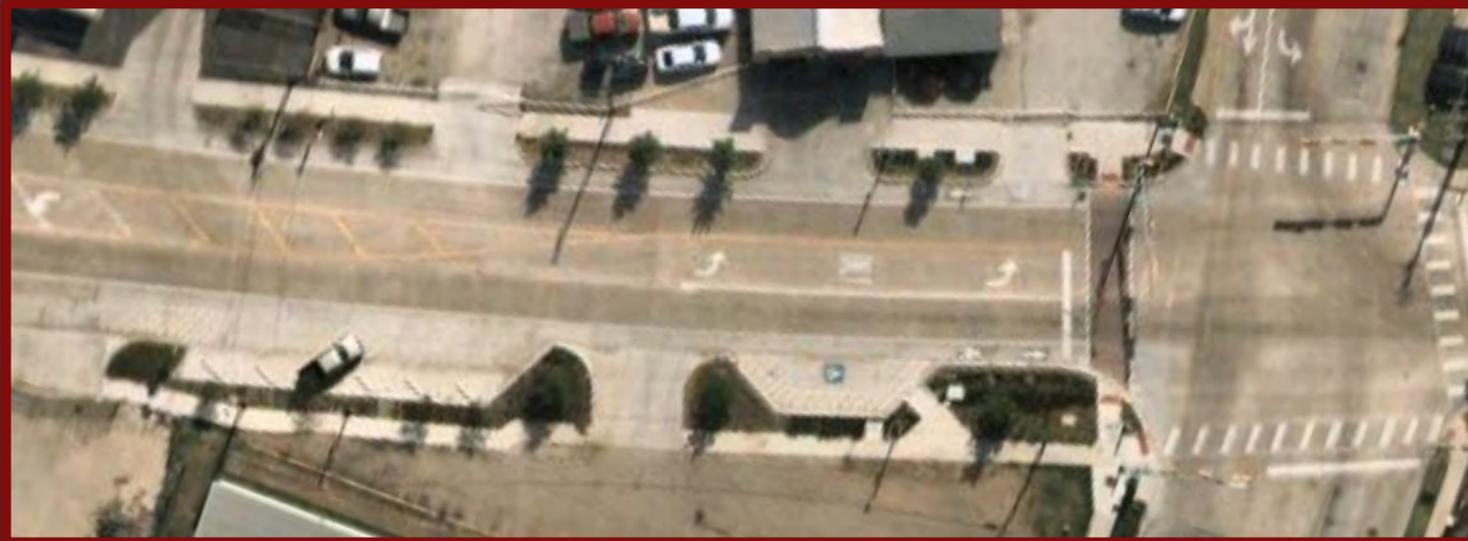


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MILL ST – Before & After Project



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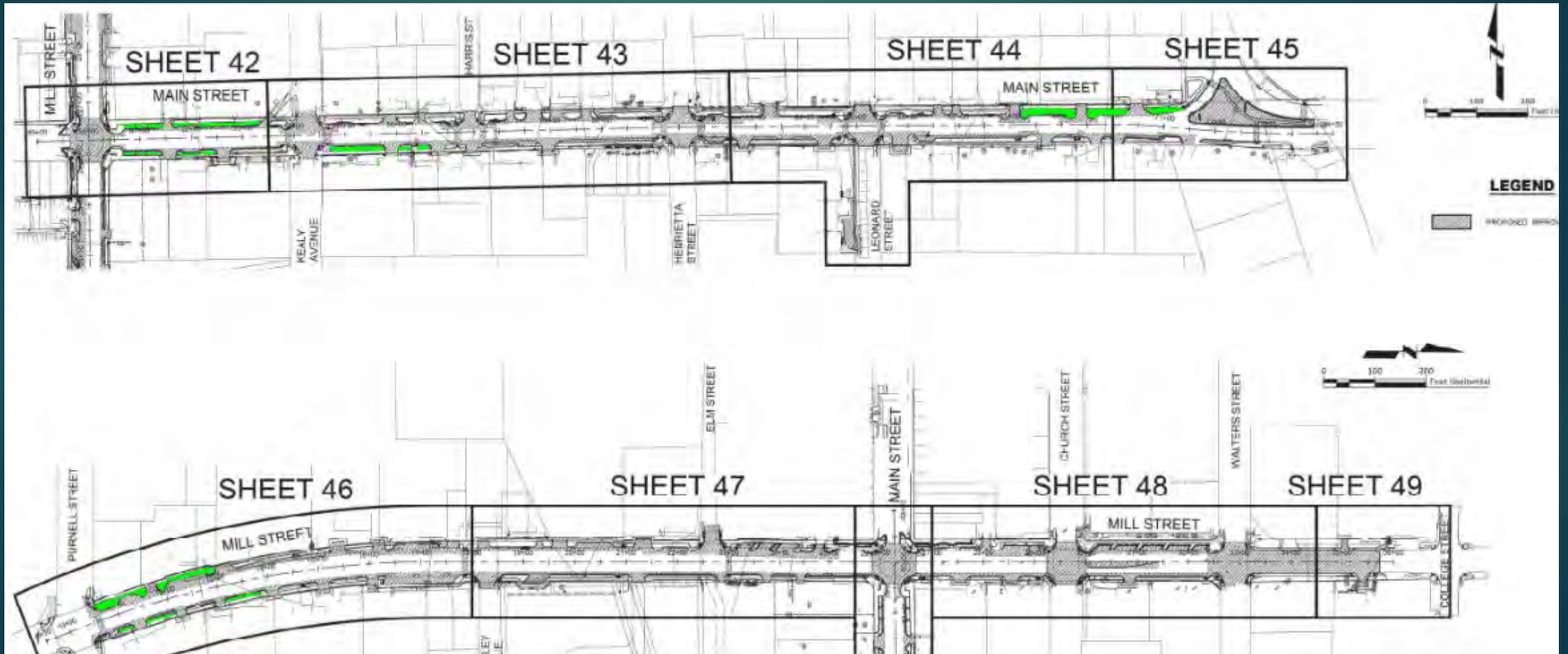
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RAIN GARDENS – MAIN ST & MILL ST PROJECT

- ▶ Decision made by City early on during the planning stages
 - ▶ **To add raingardens** in some landscape beds
 - ▶ To meet City's **Sustainability goal** – one of the 9 big goals of Lewisville 2025 Vision Plan
 - ▶ **Lewisville 2025 Vision**
 - ▶ Green Centerpiece
 - ▶ Extending the Green
 - ▶ **Old Town**
 - ▶ Diverse and Thriving Neighborhoods
 - ▶ Economic Vitality
 - ▶ Identity, Place, and Communication
 - ▶ **Sustainability**
 - ▶ Strategic Moves

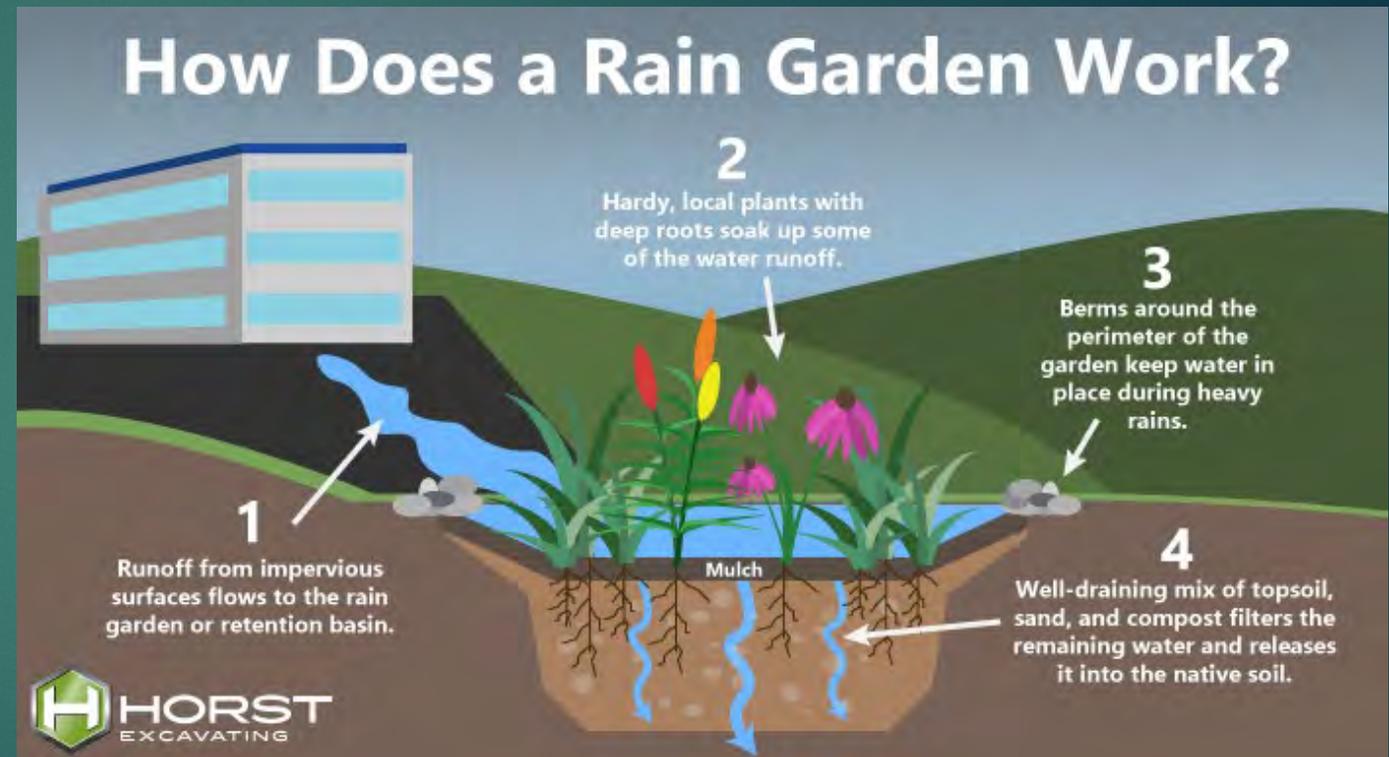
RAIN GARDENS IN MAIN ST & MILL ST PROJECT

30 Rain garden 'cells' added



What are Rain Gardens?

- ▶ Shallow, landscaped, and vegetated depressions designed to:
 - ▶ **Capture** stormwater runoff
 - ▶ **Treat**, and
 - ▶ Provide for **Infiltration** into the soil



Source: www.horstexcavating.com

Why 'treat' the stormwater?

- ▶ EPA states, stormwater runoff is the leading source of Water Pollution
- ▶ Storm water contains:
 - ▶ Pathogens
 - ▶ Bacteria
 - ▶ Chemicals
 - ▶ Heavy Metals
 - ▶ Oil
 - ▶ Fertilizers
 - ▶ Pesticides etc.



Source: www.fairfaxcounty.gov

- ▶ Rain Gardens provide treatment for the 'first flush' event

Purpose of Rain Garden:

- ❖ Intercept the storm water before it gets to storm inlet
- ❖ Dissipate the velocity of stormwater runoff
- ❖ Cleanse and Filter the Water – remove harmful pollutants
- ❖ Recharge the underground water table



What does a Rain Garden in Old Town Lewisville look like?

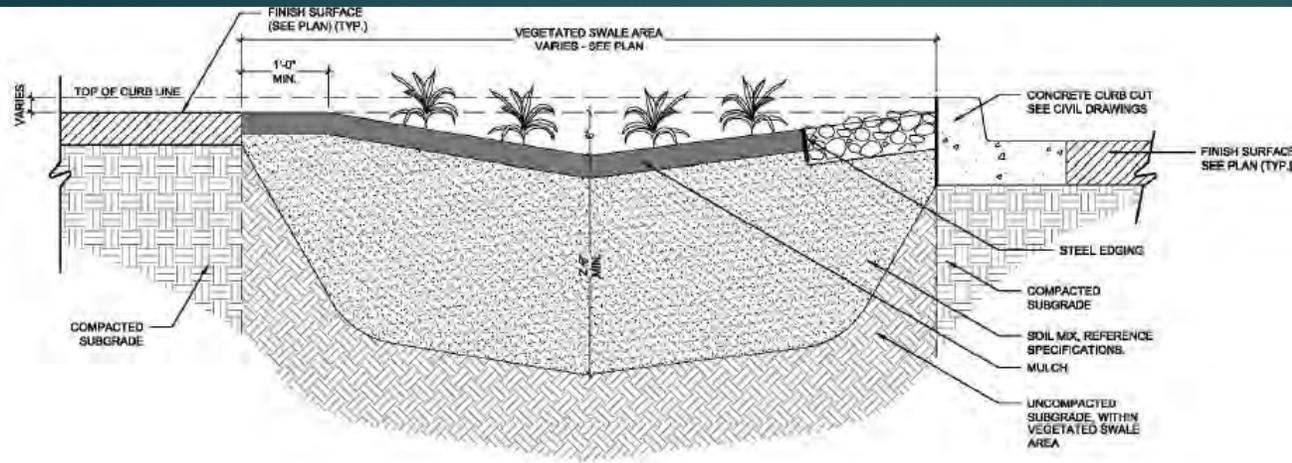
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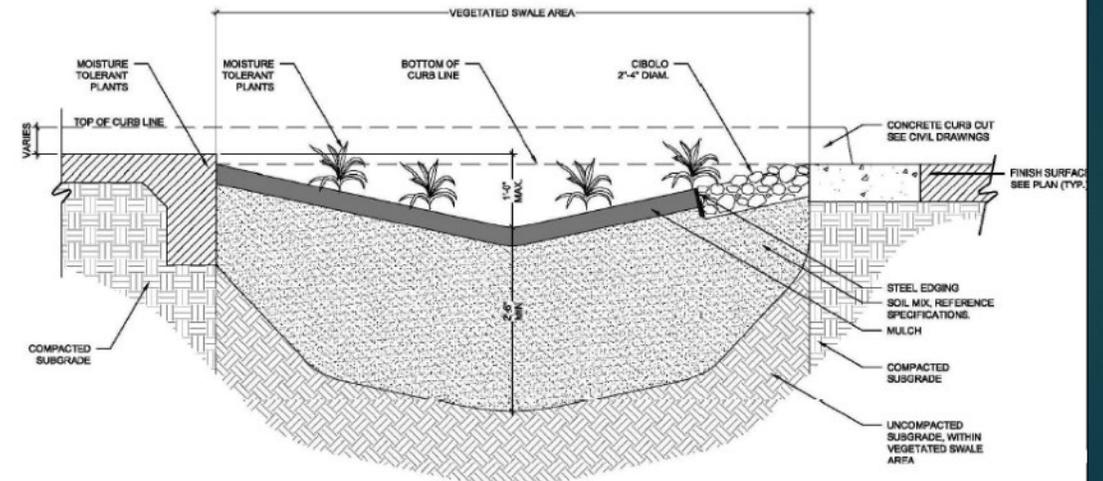


What do Rain Gardens in Old Town Lewisville look like?



1 RAIN GARDEN TYPE 1

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2 RAIN GARDEN TYPE 2
1" = 1'-0"

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Elements of a Rain Garden

- ▶ Curb Cuts (18" wide minimum)
- ▶ Rocks behind Curb Cut
- ▶ Vegetated Swale
- ▶ Slight Longitudinal Slope
- ▶ Well drained soils
 - ▶ 5-foot min clearance from bottom of swale to high groundwater table
- ▶ Exit for excess water

Elements of a Rain Garden (contd)

▶ Curb Cut

- ▶ 18" Min Width
- ▶ Spaced 10' – 15' Apart
- ▶ Allow the Water to Enter the Swale



Elements of a Rain Garden (contd)

▶ Rocks next to Curb Cut

- ▶ Dissipate flow from curb
- ▶ Stop solid debris



Elements of a Rain Garden (contd)

▶ Vegetated Swale

- ▶ Native Plants soak up the rain water



Elements of a Rain Garden (contd)

- ▶ Slight Longitudinal Slope

- ▶ Allows water to continue to flow and provide coverage for the entire swale



Elements of a Rain Garden (contd)

- ▶ **Well Drained Soils**
Consisting of a mix of
 - ▶ Top Soil
 - ▶ Sand
 - ▶ Compost
- ▶ Provides for infiltration into the ground
- ▶ Replenish the Underground Water Table
- ▶ 5' Min Separation from Bottom of Swale to Water Table

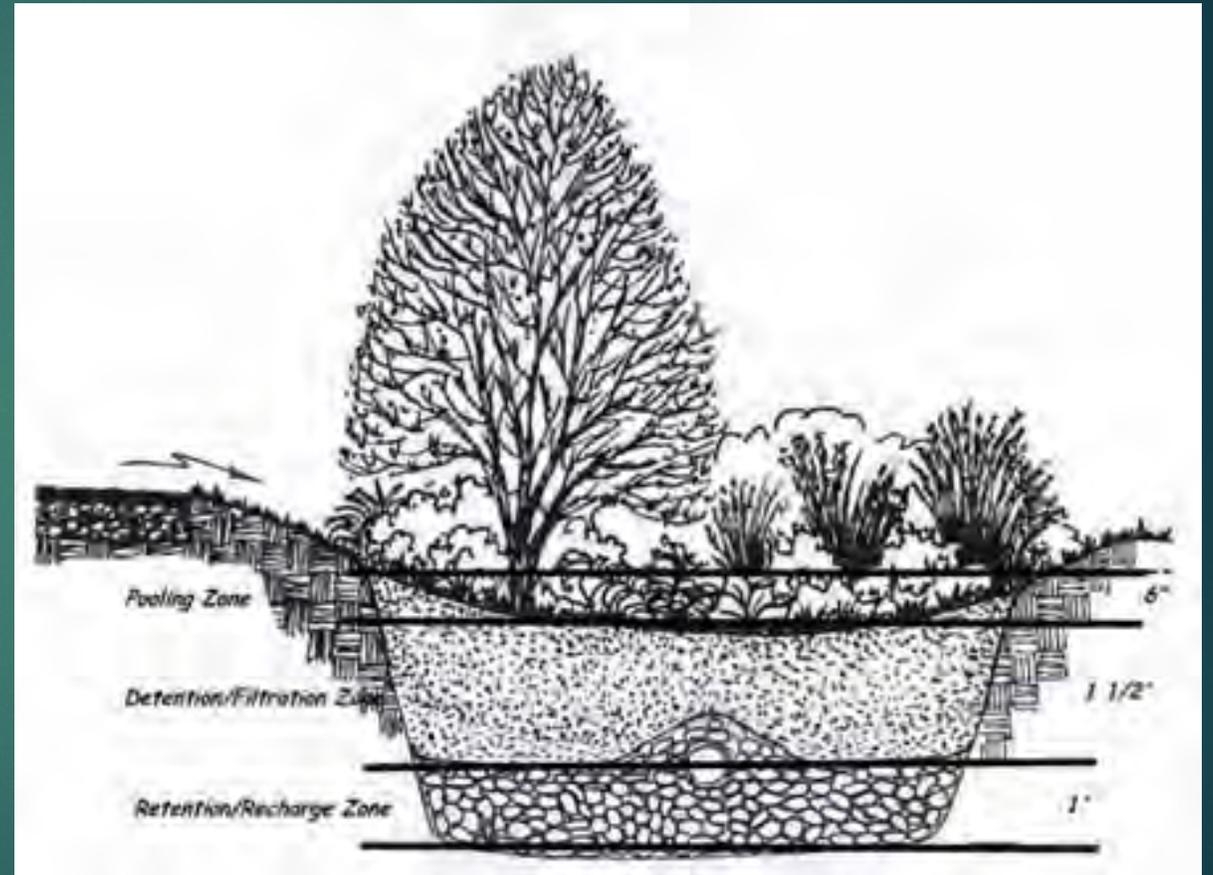


Image Source: www.tamu.edu

Elements of a Rain Garden (contd)

▶ Excess Water Outlet

- ▶ Drain Pipe
- ▶ Storm Inlet
- ▶ Lewisville Used Curb Cuts downstream as outlet

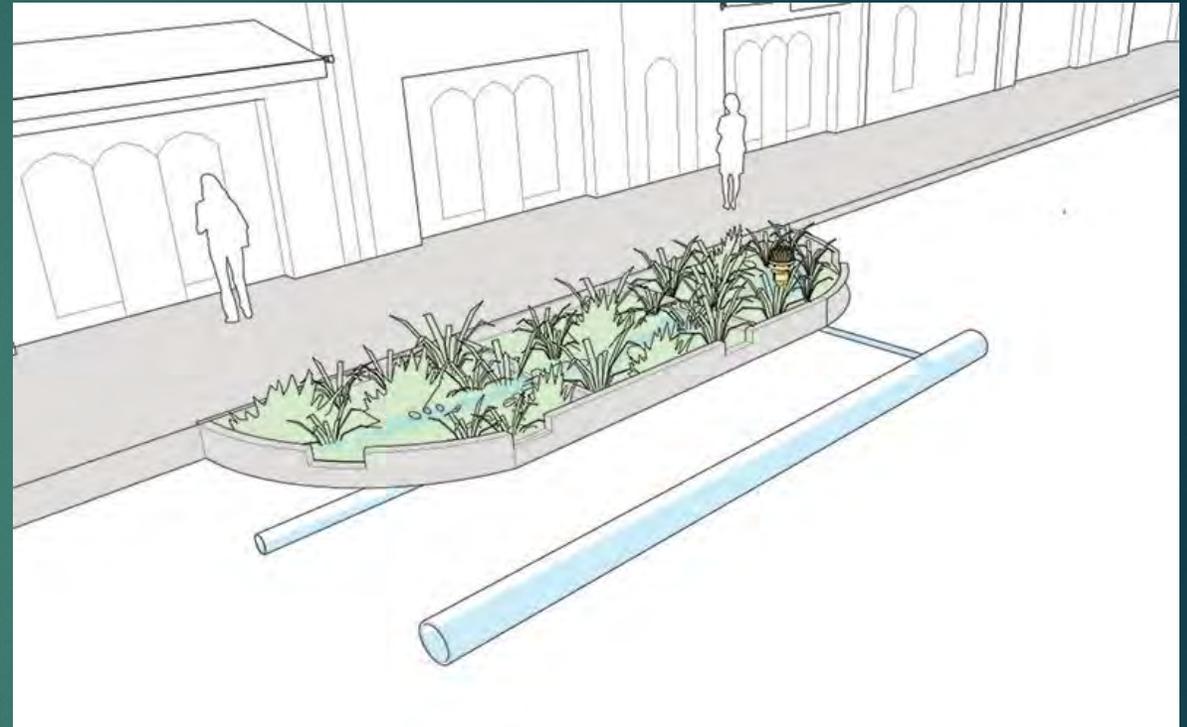


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Raingarden Operation – Main St & Mill St



Raingarden Operation (contd)



Curb cuts (18" wide) allow storm water from street to enter the swale

Raingarden Operation (contd)



Slight **longitudinal slope** keeps water moving slowly while

- Native plants soak up some water,
- Sediments get deposited
- Water percolates into soil beneath

Rain Garden Pedestrian Crossings:

Metal Grating



Concrete Step Pads



Rain Gardens at Thrive Multi-Gen Center



Rain Gardens at Thrive – RG 1



Saw Tooth Curb around the roundabout to provide for stormwater entry

Rain Gardens at Thrive – RG 2



Rain Gardens at Thrive – RG 3

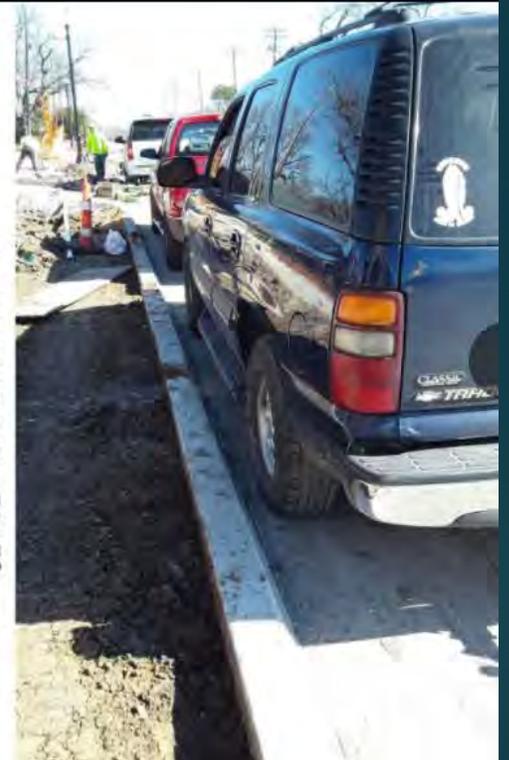
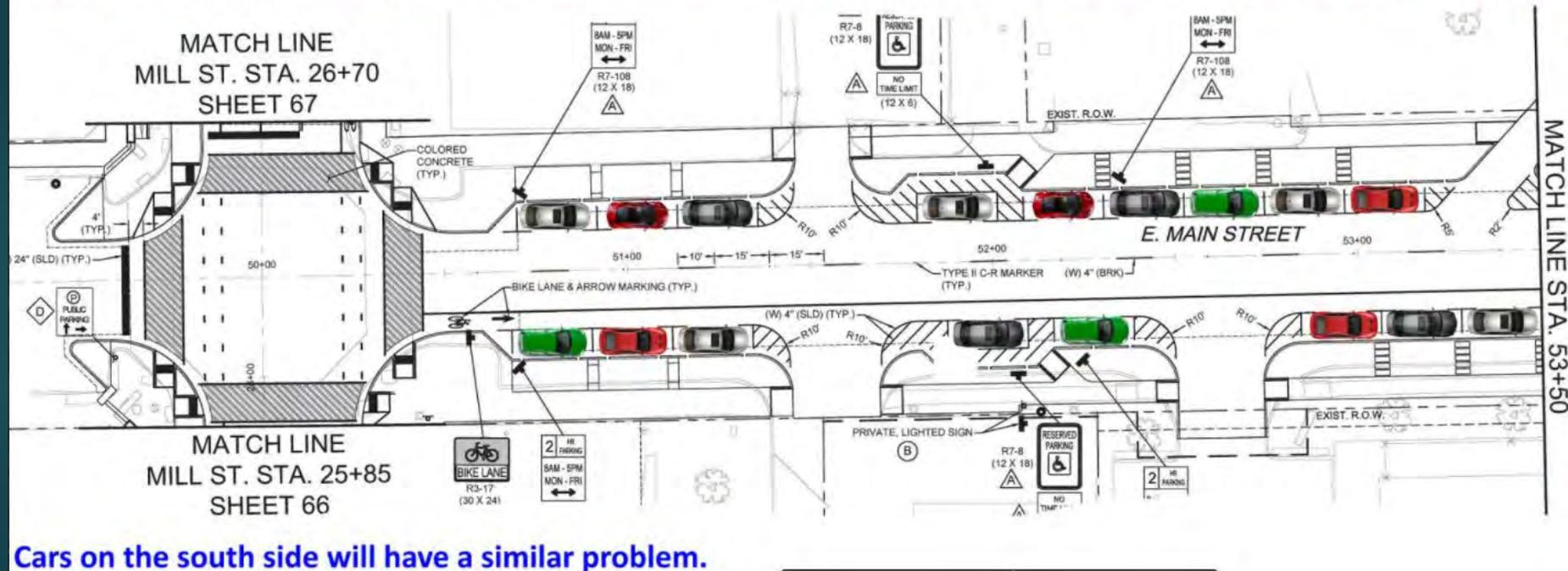


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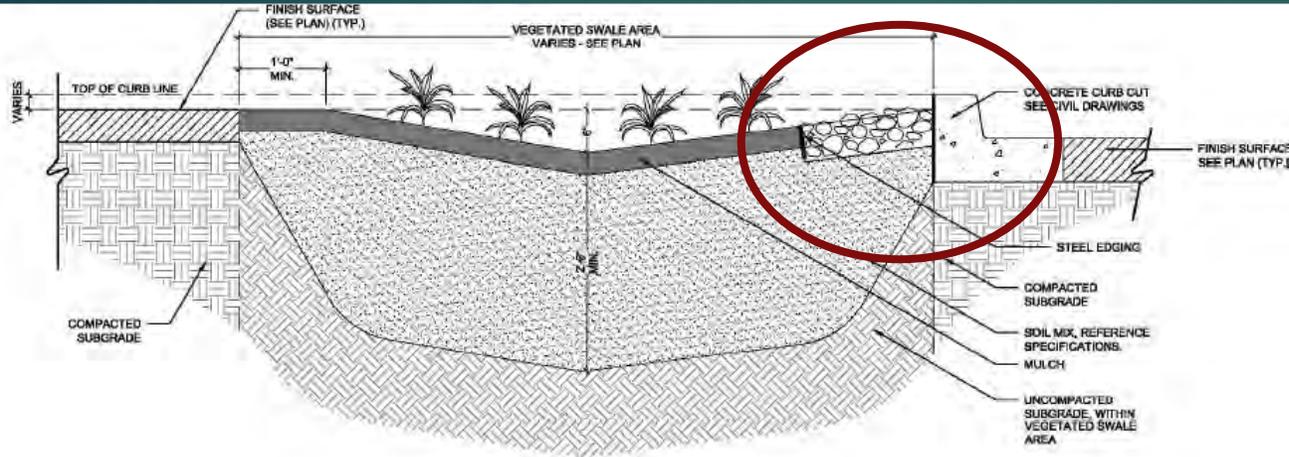
Challenge # 1- No Mow Strip in Design

Main Street is a one way street, so all cars will have to park in this direction. When people step out of their cars, they will step into the rain garden. Or balance themselves on the curb and make their way to the concrete steps.



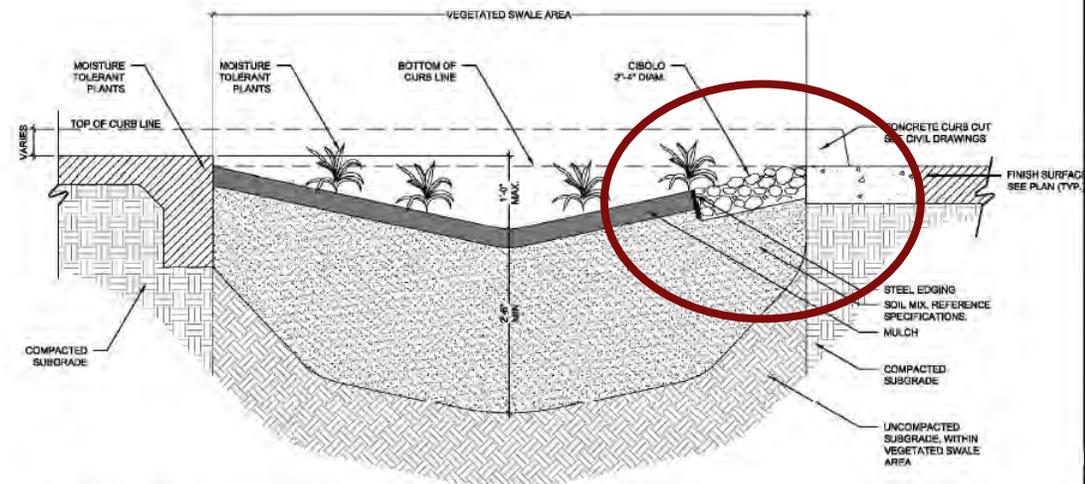
Cars on the south side will have a similar problem.

Challenge # 1 – No Mow Strip in Design



No Mow Strip Behind Curb

1 RAIN GARDEN TYPE 1



2 RAIN GARDEN TYPE 2
1"=1'-0"

Challenge # 1 Resolution – Raingardens



**ADDED CONCRETE MOW STRIP
(18" WIDE)**

- To Facilitate Pedestrian
Access from a Parked
Vehicle to the Rain Garden
Crossing for the Sidewalk

Challenge # 2 – Drainage from Pvt Prop



Photo Prior to project; private property had stormwater from parking lot drain over sidewalk into street

Installed Flume under sidewalk from private property



Challenge # 2 Resolution – Raingardens



Rocks Added at
Flume Exit Under
Sidewalk

- to dissipate
Stormwater velocity
& Control Erosion

Challenge # 3 Tree Species & Resolution

- ❖ Large Trees in rain garden at bottom of hill
- ❖ Contractor & Tree Supplier expressed concerns – water logging detrimental to Red Oak Trees
- ❖ Tree species changed to Bald Cypress – 9 Trees



Challenge # 4 – washout during rains



Mulch and soil
washed out during
rains

Challenge # 4 Res – washout during rains



Berms with rocks to prevent erosion

- Around Wye Inlet,
- In advance as well

Challenge # 4 Res – washout during rain



Berm with rocks to prevent erosion

Questions?



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Project Background

- In 2008 and 2009, The Beckley / Commerce Intersection became a flashpoint moment, where Oak Cliff and West Dallas Stakeholders demanded that the City of Dallas reject the newly redesigned Intersection pavement project (95% construction documentation set) citing their concerns for vehicular accommodation over pedestrian safety.
- City of Dallas Public Works halted the project and instead issued the (Beckley Corridor Usage Study), in order to reach a unanimous stakeholder consensus to inform the design.
- Once Stakeholder Consensus was reached, the project transitioned from a conceptual feasibility study - into a design contract, (North Beckley Improvements Project), which was in itself unusual, because the landscape architectural firm was the prime consultant and the civil engineering firm served as sub consultant.
- What emerged from the design process was the confluence of two primary guiding principles:
 - Stakeholder influence – Complete Streets
 - Trinity River Corridor / Sustainability influence – Green Streets and Trinity Standards.





Site Context

The Beckley / Commerce Corridor Usage Study engaged key stakeholders to understand their vision for transitioning from Commercial / Industrial to more a walkable Mixed Use Land Use pattern.



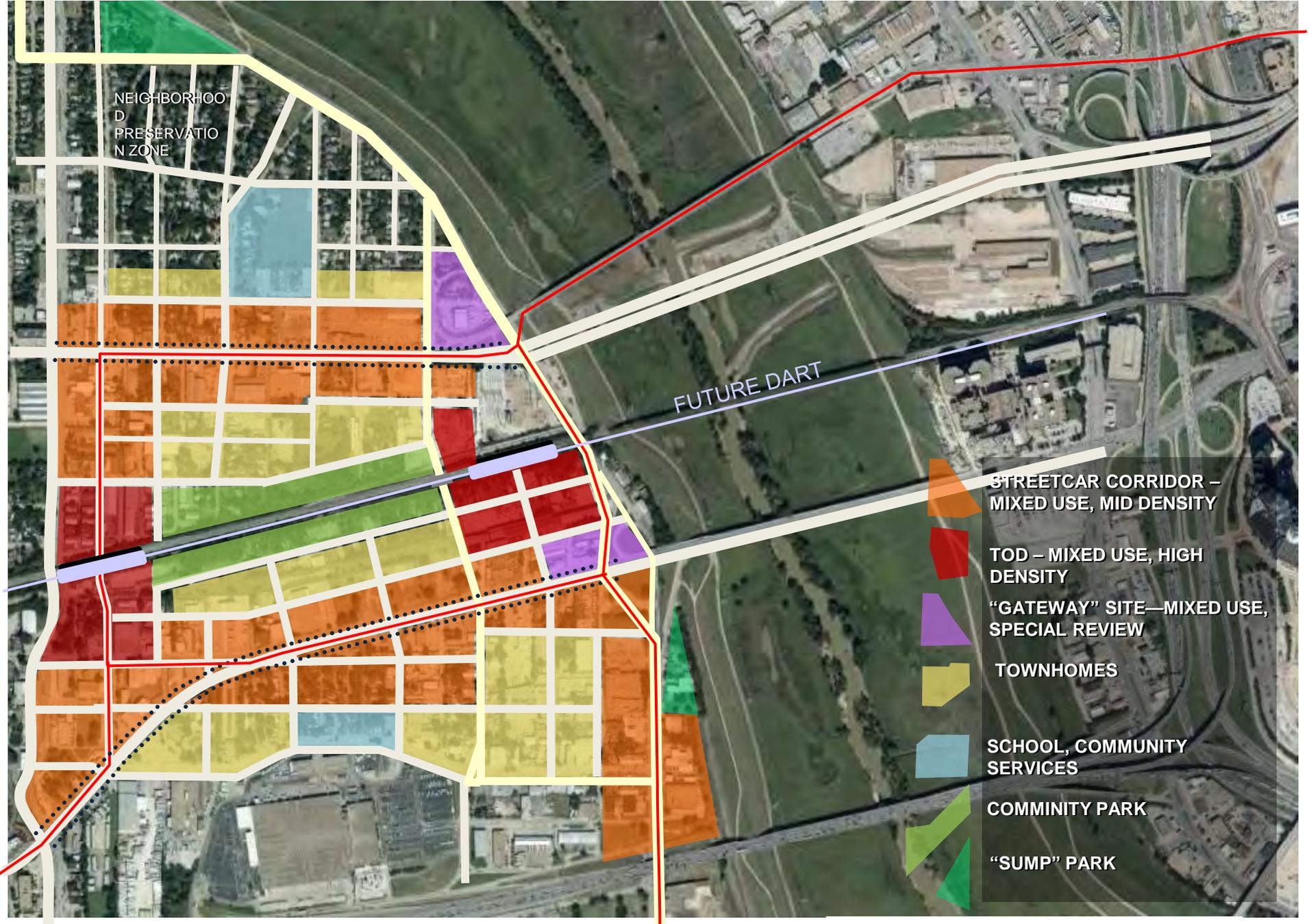


Site Context

The Trinity Overlook, was the first official public access point to the Trinity Floodplain, prior to becoming a trail head for the future trail system.

When the Trinity Overlook opened in 2008, it started a slight 'shift' in thinking of how this area in West Dallas could be utilized and how infrastructure should respond.





West Dallas Transit/Land Use Concept





Site Context

Beckley / Commerce – Existing Conditions 2009



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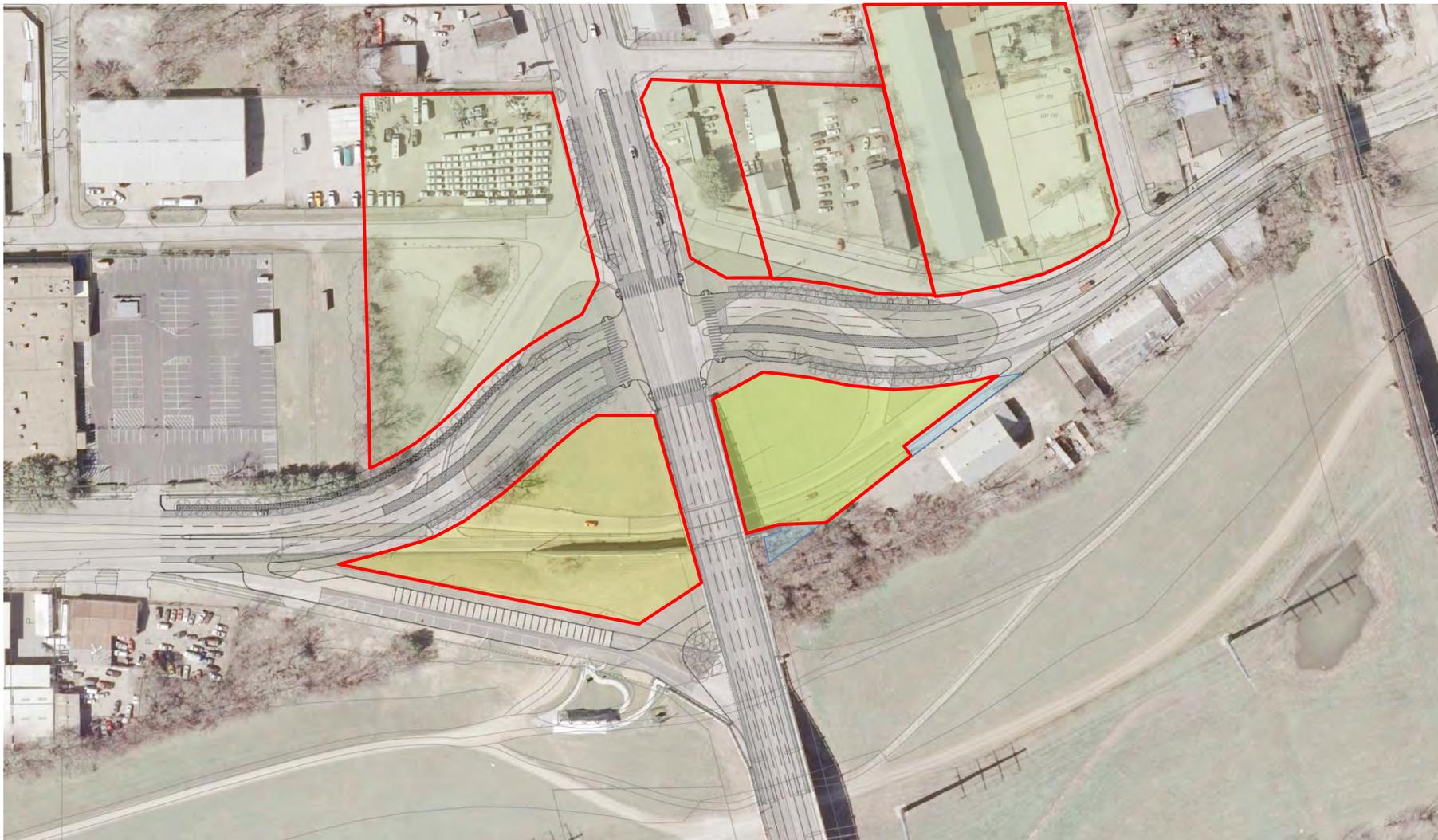
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Beckley Corridor Usage Study

WRT
SIGN ALTERNATIVES
Public Meetings, June 15, 2011





Conceptual Parcel Development

- **Community Stakeholders and Property Owners also provided input regarding potential impact to existing businesses, continued access, potential property acquisitions and land use development.**





Bike Lanes:
8' wide buffered bike lanes
Bike Boxes at intersection



Transit Stops:
Shaded boarding areas designed for Bus,
Shuttle or potential Streetcar transfer.

Complete Streets

- **Community Stakeholders** advocated a stronger balance of transportation modes, for pedestrian, cyclist, public transportation and vehicular modes.
- **Beckley Ave. Corridor Usage Study** - advanced the complete streets initiative, prior to the development of Dallas Complete Streets Plan
- **City of Dallas Public Works** responded by redesigning Beckley / Commerce intersection with complete and green street features.



Pedestrian oriented design features:
Pedestrian Refuge at median
Timed Pedestrian crosswalk signalization
11-6" wide shaded sidewalks





Green Streets

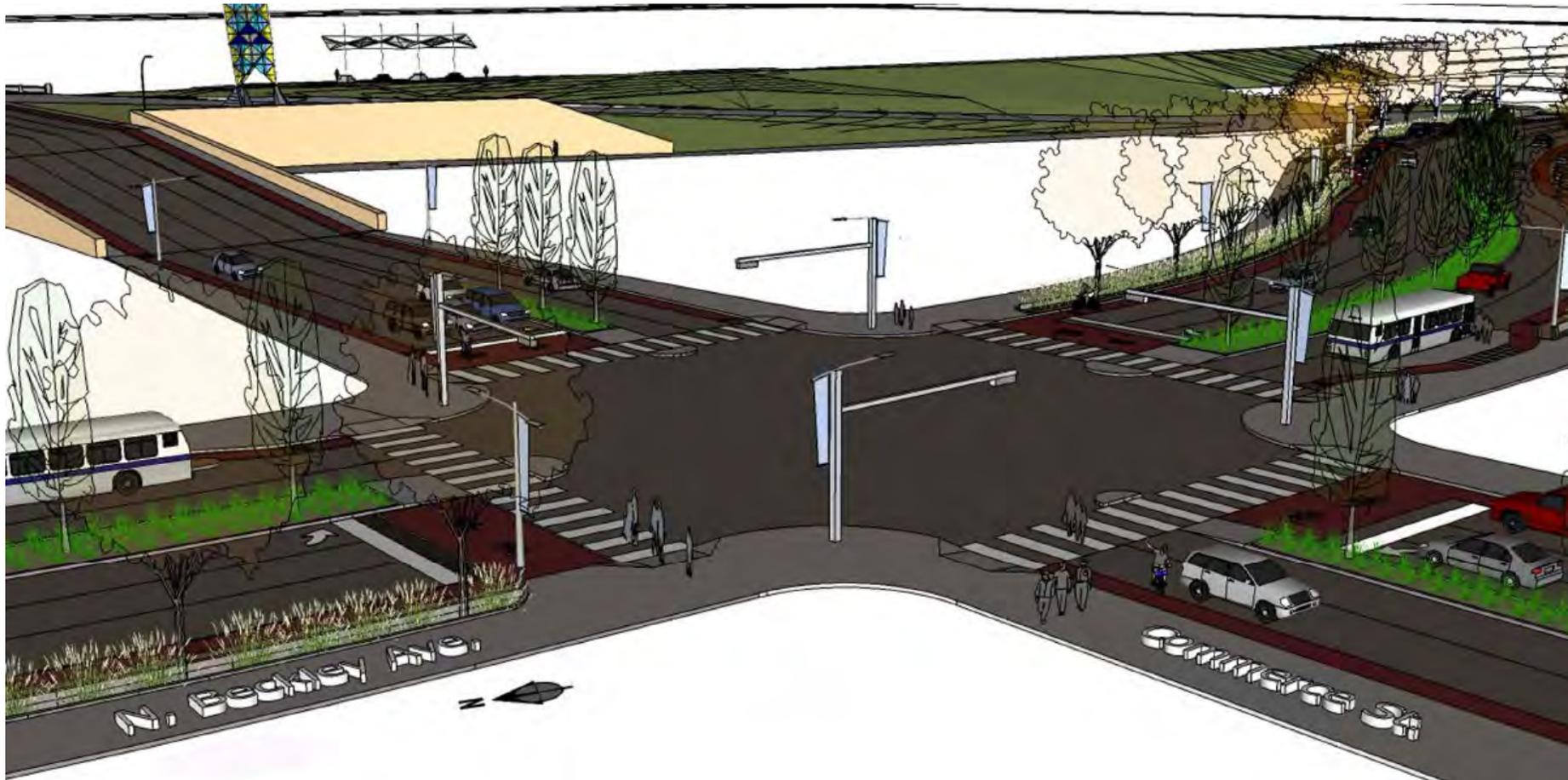
- Stakeholders were also supportive for advocating best practices in design, which advance new initiatives of storm water integration into the design.
- Rain Harvesting collects storm water runoff from impervious surfaces, as a primary water irrigation source for the rain gardens.
- Beckley / Commerce will advance best practices in sustainable design and demonstrate environmental stewardship.



Complete & Green Street
Castro Valley CA – WRT Design

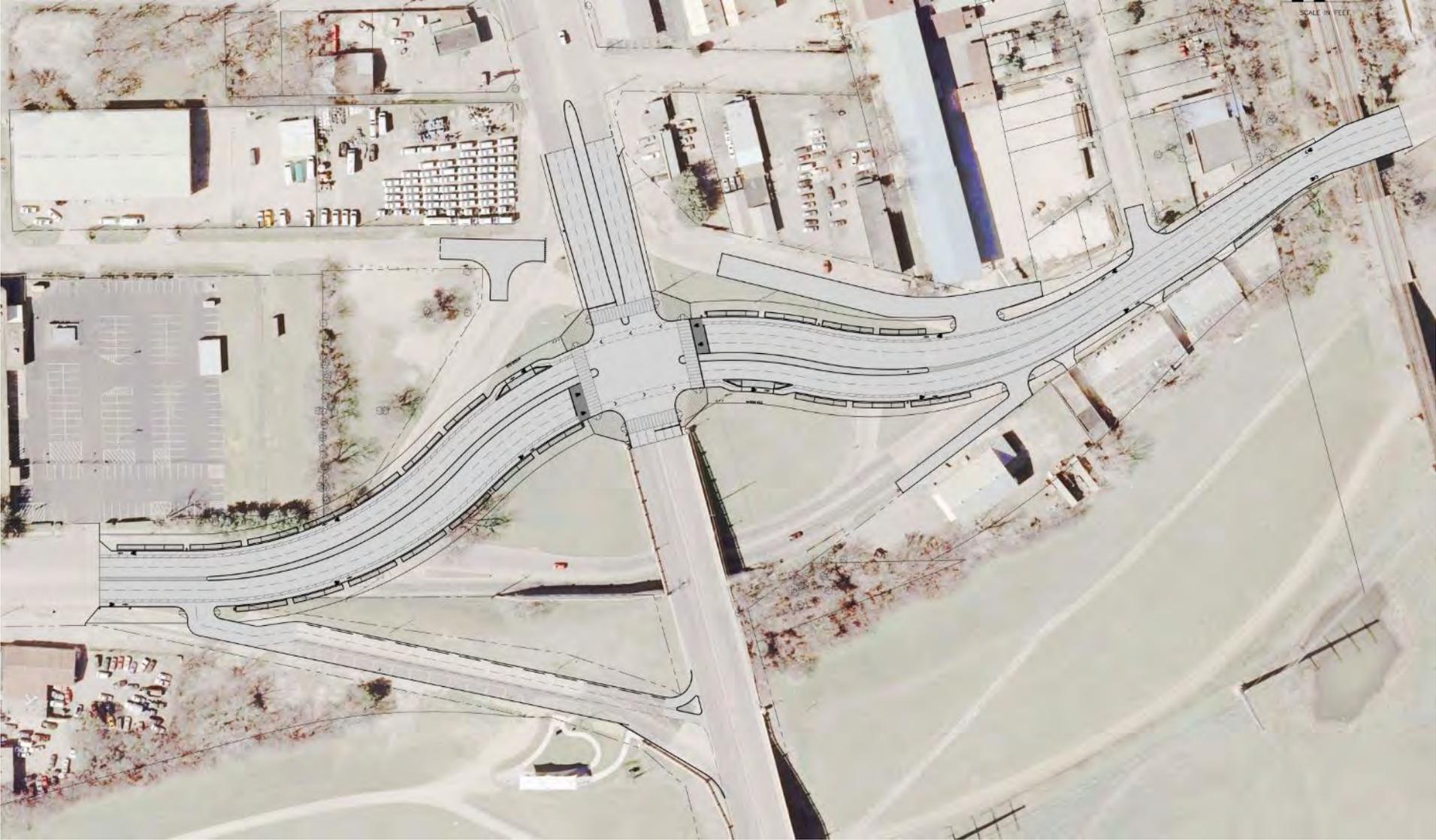


Rain Garden – Portland OR



Beckley Commerce Intersection – Complete and Green Street Concept

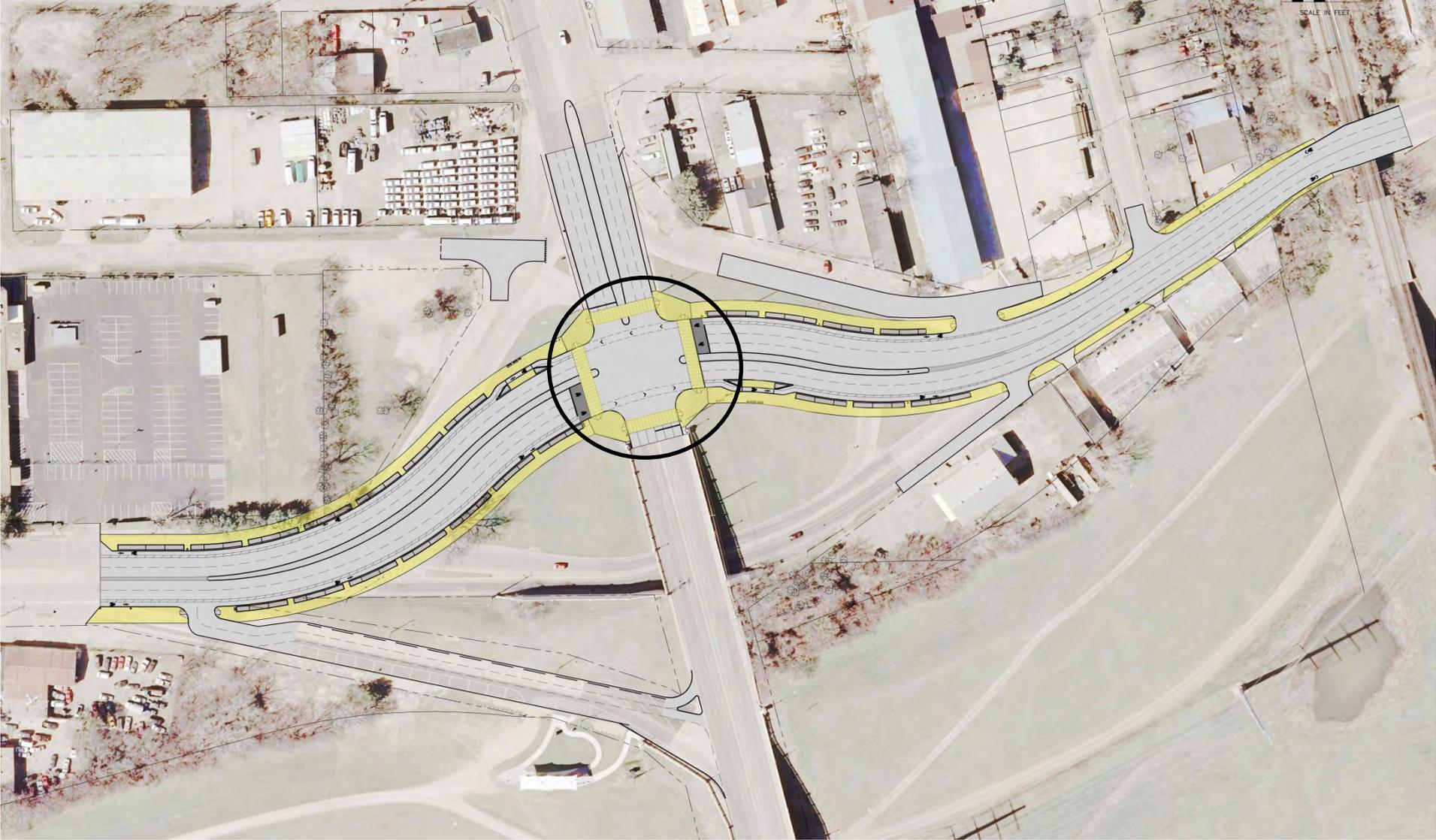




Proposed Street Design Plan

Complete Street - Diagrams



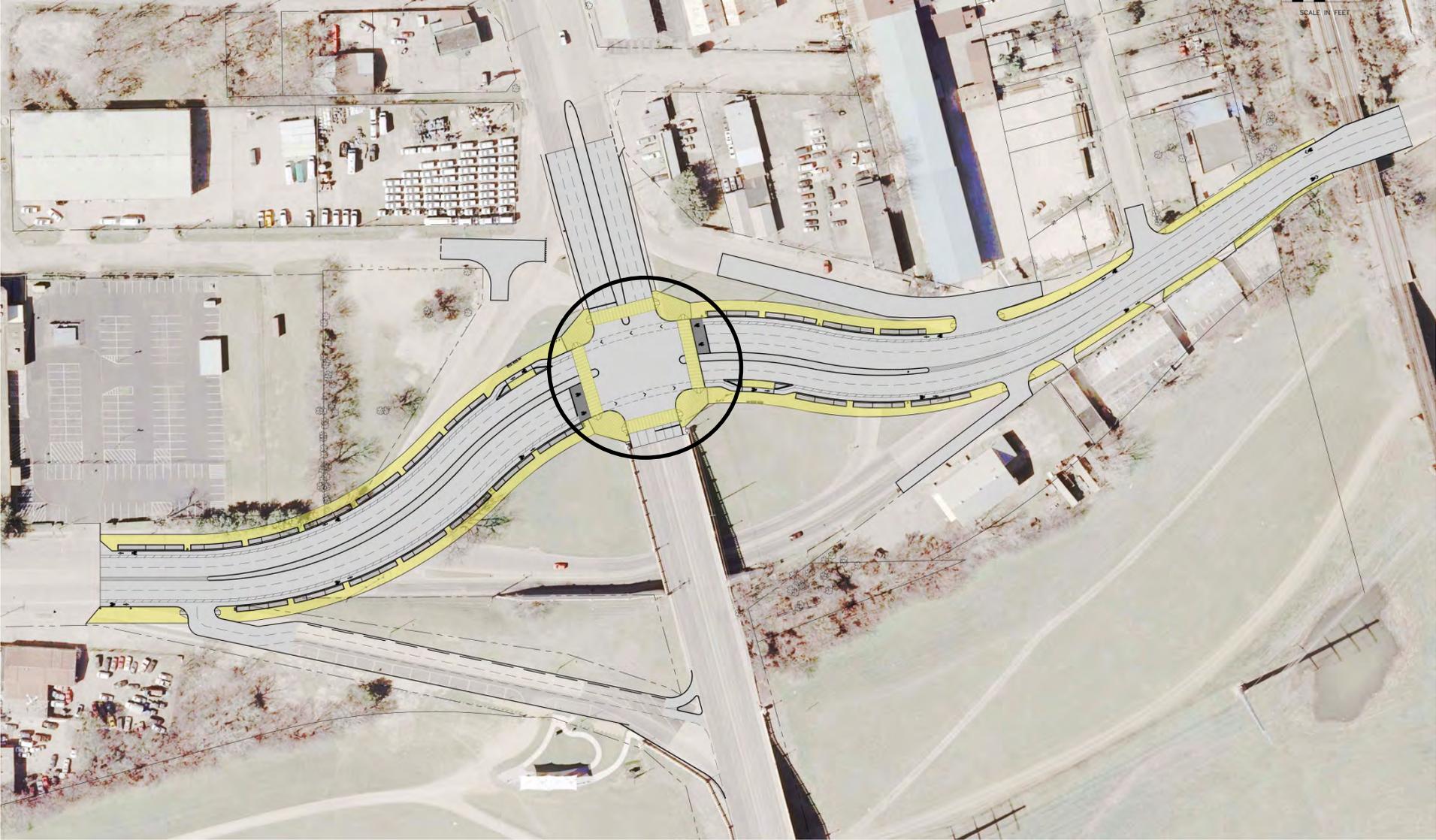


Pedestrian amenities:

- 11'- 6" wide shaded sidewalks
- 15'- 0" crosswalks with 8'-0" pedestrian refuge at the median

Complete Street - Diagrams



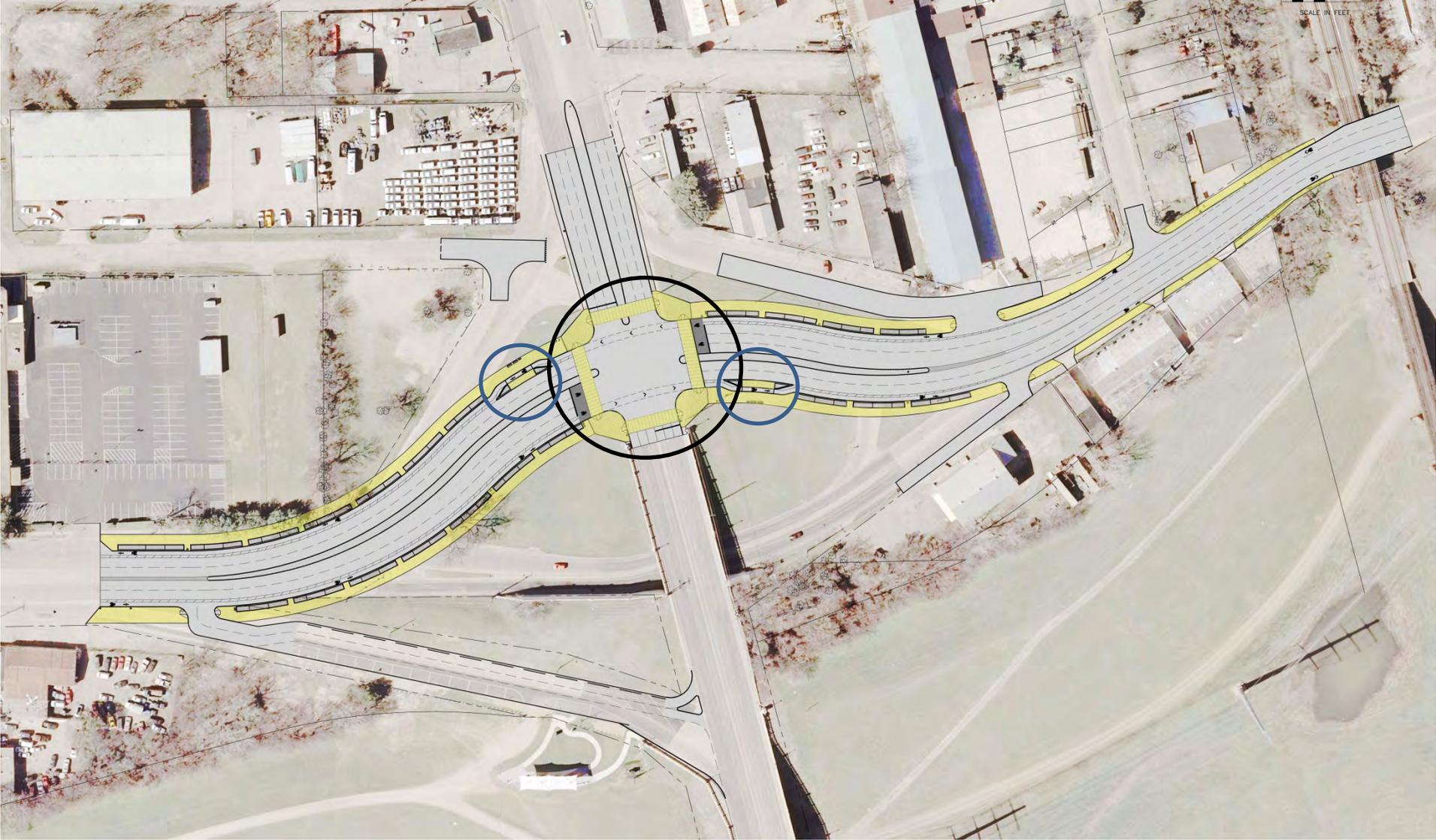


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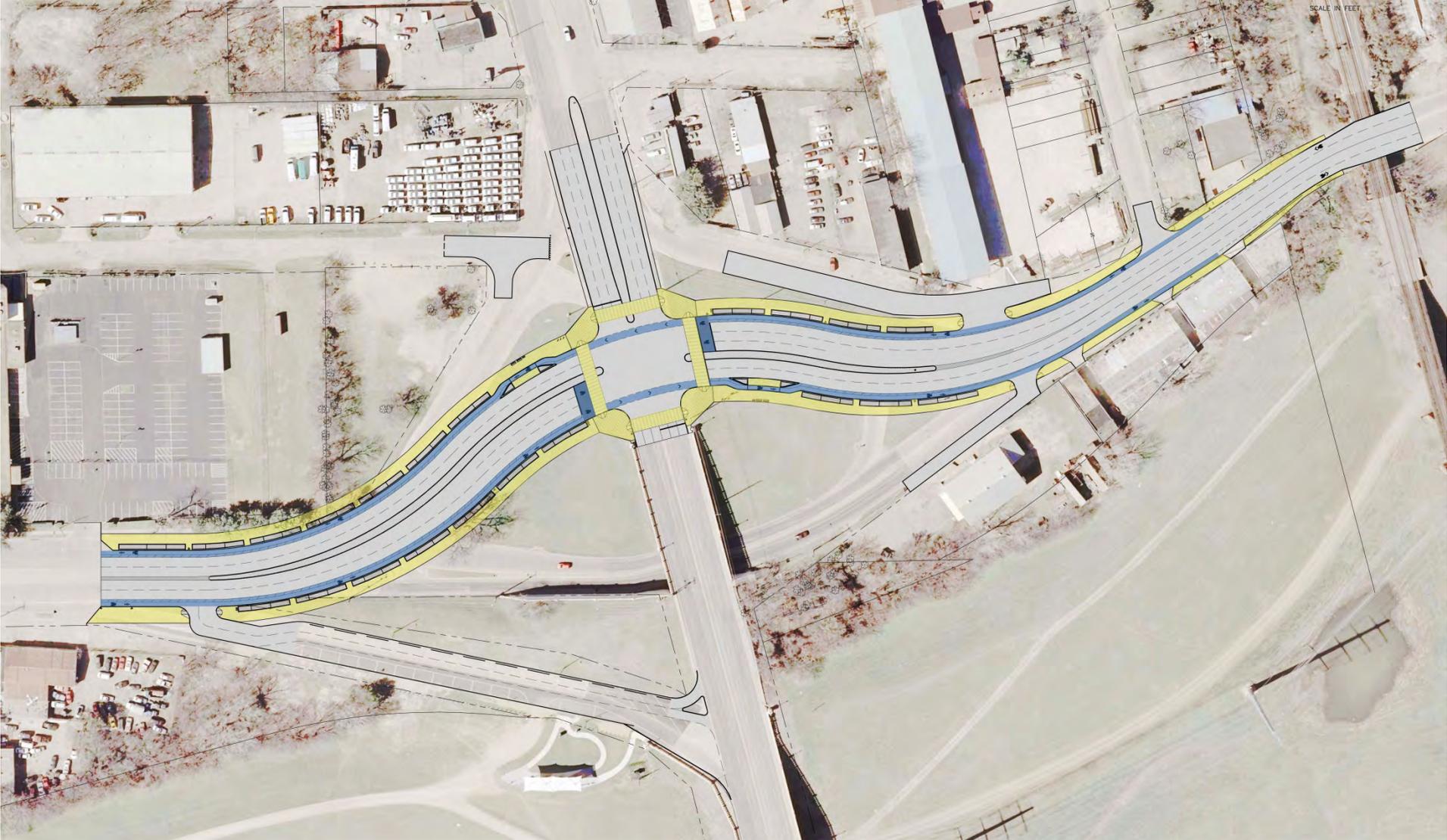


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- (2) Transit stop boarding areas

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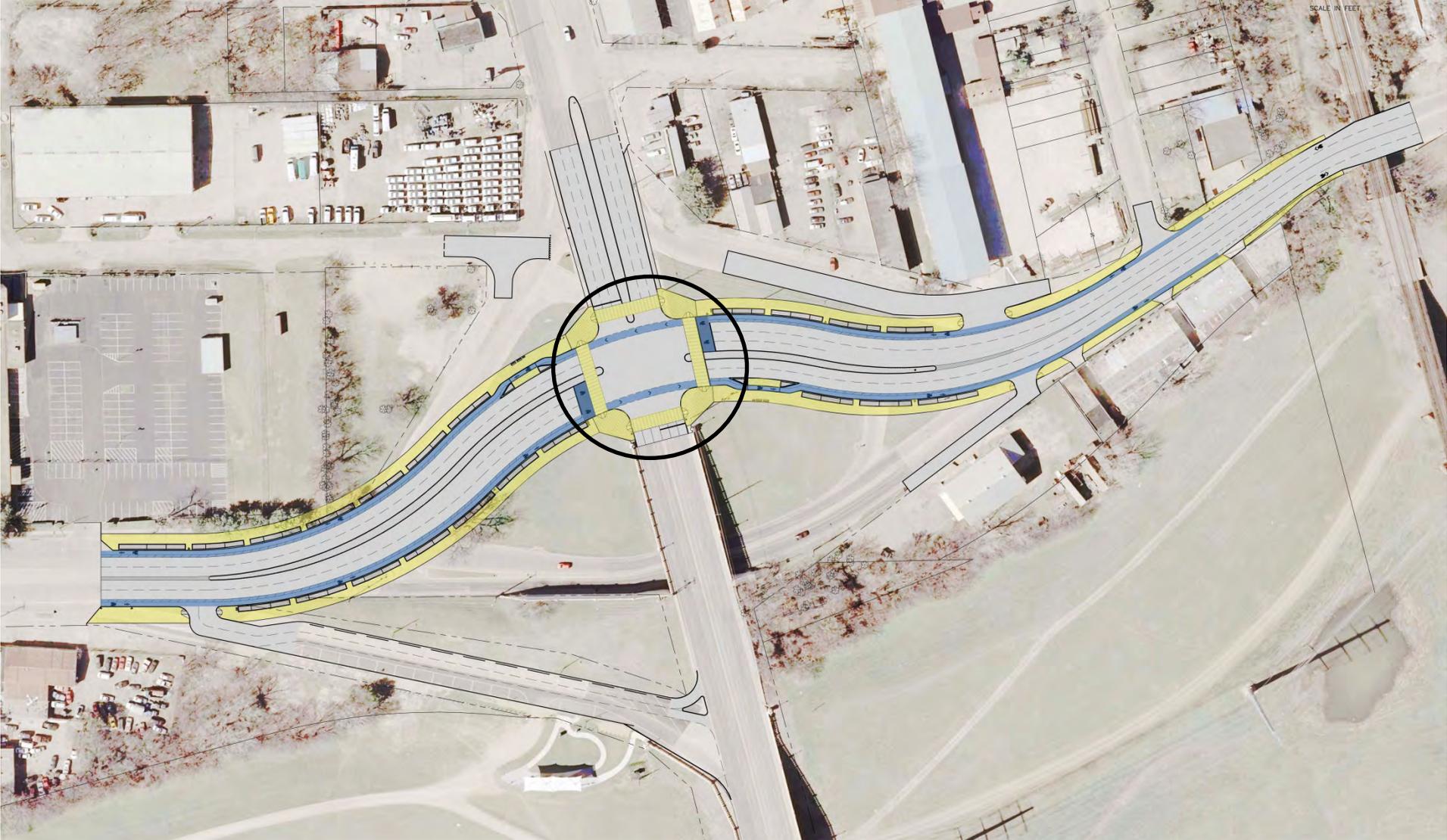


Cyclist amenities:

- Bike lanes (5'-0" width with 3' buffer)

Complete Street - Diagrams



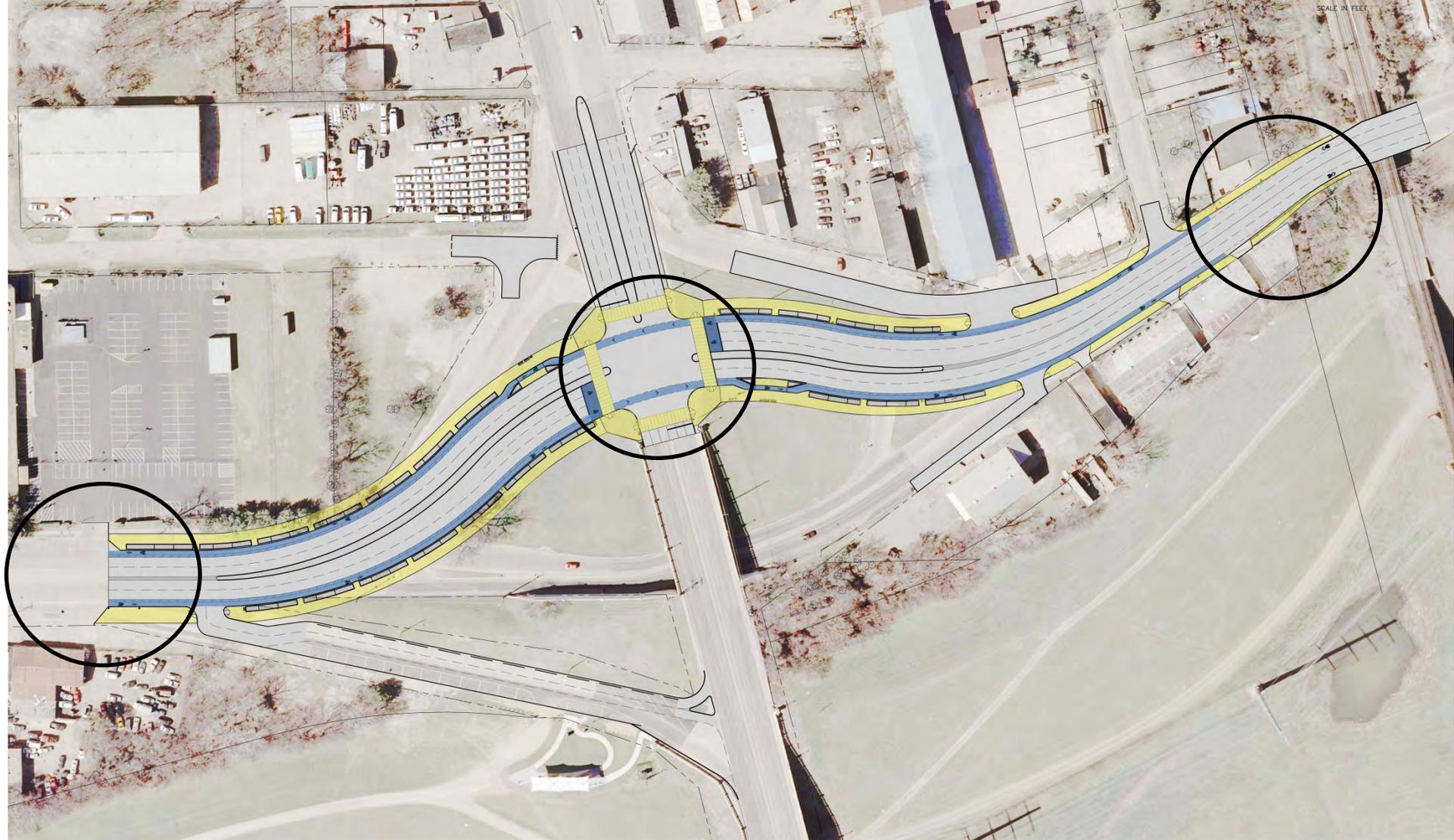


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- Marked crossings at the intersection
- Bike Boxes (left turn movements at the intersection)

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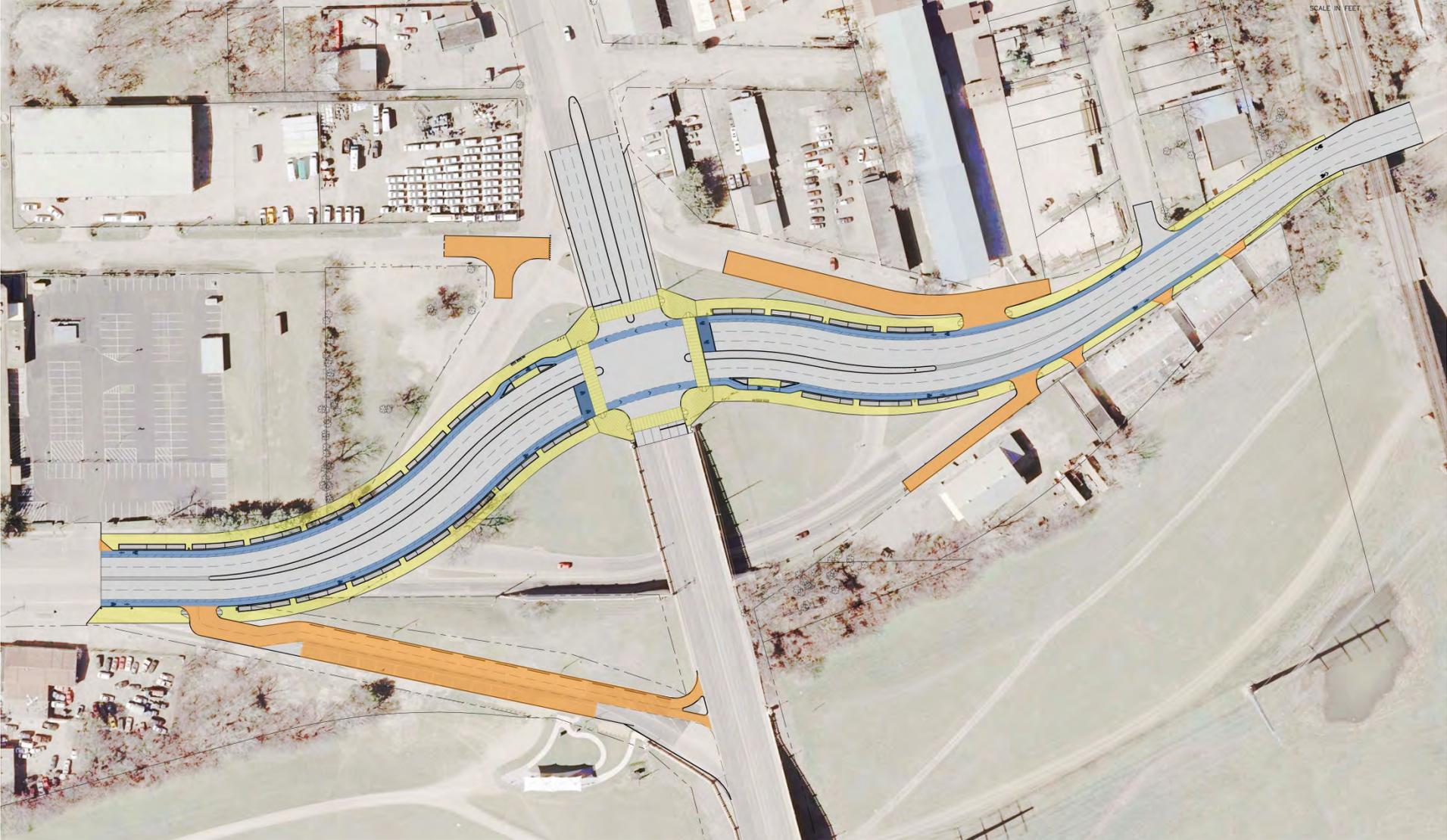


Cyclist amenities:

- Bike lanes (5'-0" width with 3' buffer)
- Marked crossings at the intersection
- Bike Boxes (left turn movements at the intersection)
- Dallas Bike Plan Signage and pavement markings
- Transition bike lanes (shared usage - with signage)

Complete Street - Diagrams



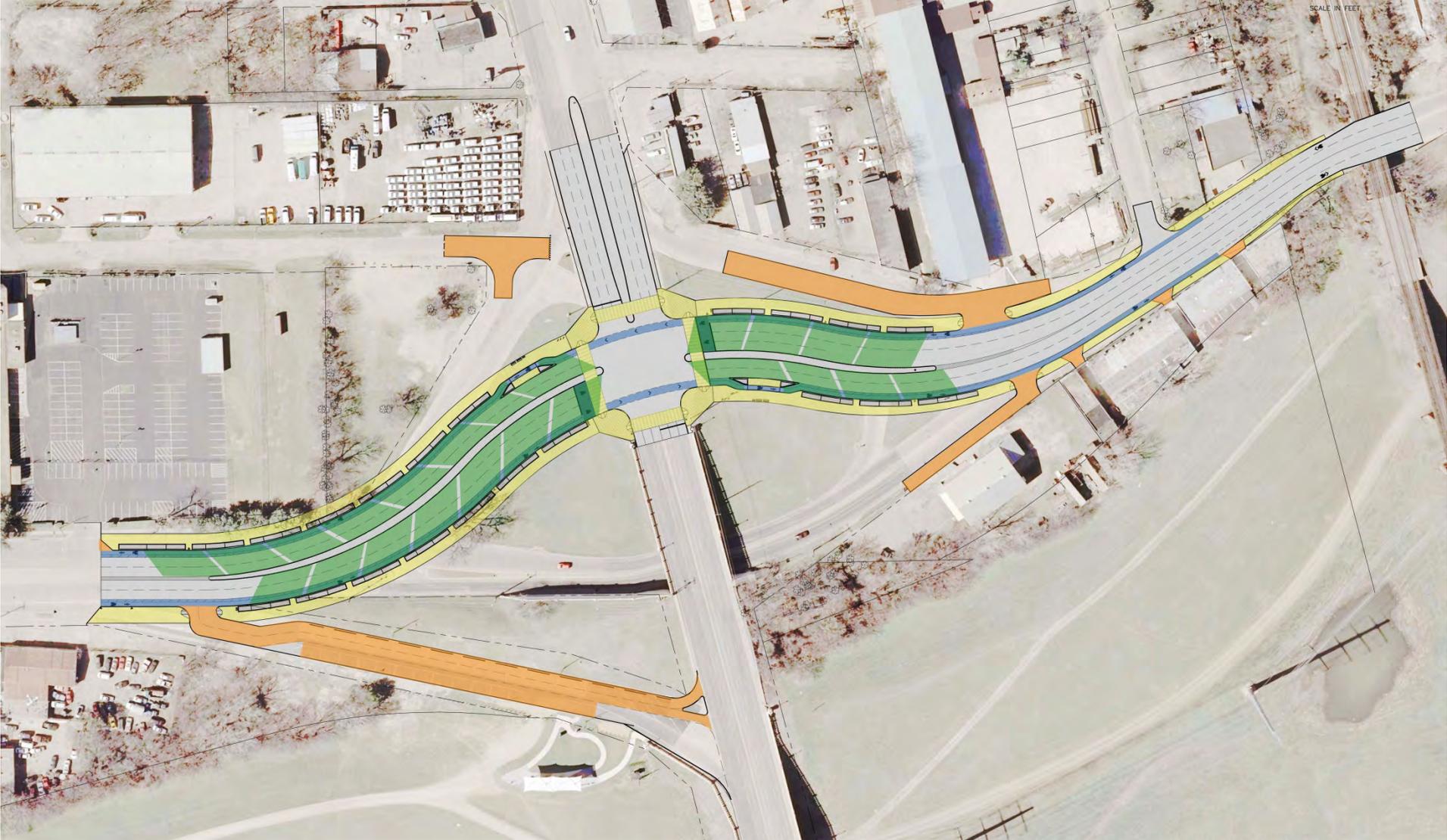


Access and Parking:

- Slip lanes and hammerheads serving existing businesses
- Driveway curb cuts serving existing businesses
- Reconfiguration of the Beckley Ramp to allow for (slow speed) two way vehicular movement and head in parking at the Trinity overlook.

Complete Street - Diagrams



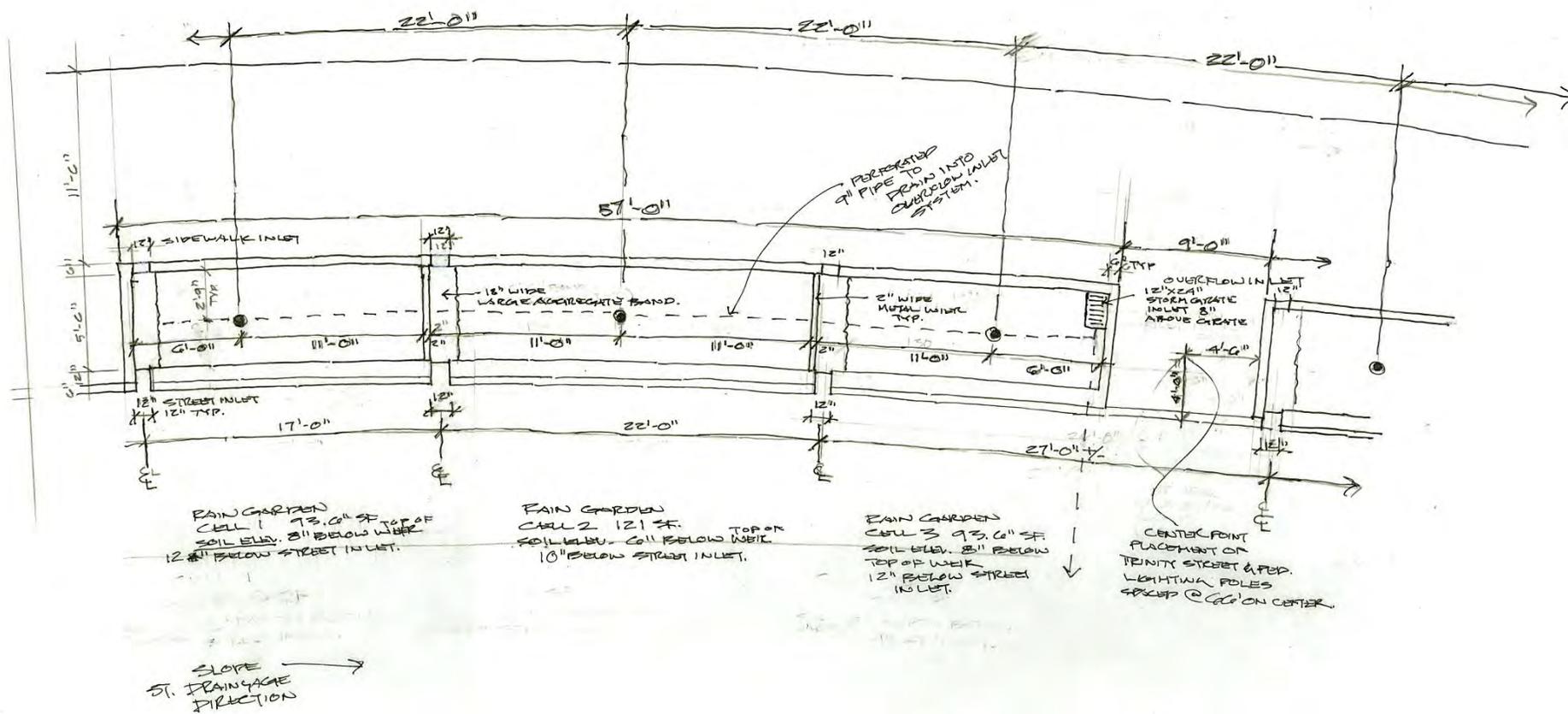


Rain Harvesting:

- Storm water runoff mapping and calculations
- Rain Garden dimensions, anticipated storm water runoff, soil composition and plant selections were factored into the landscape design

Green Street - Diagram





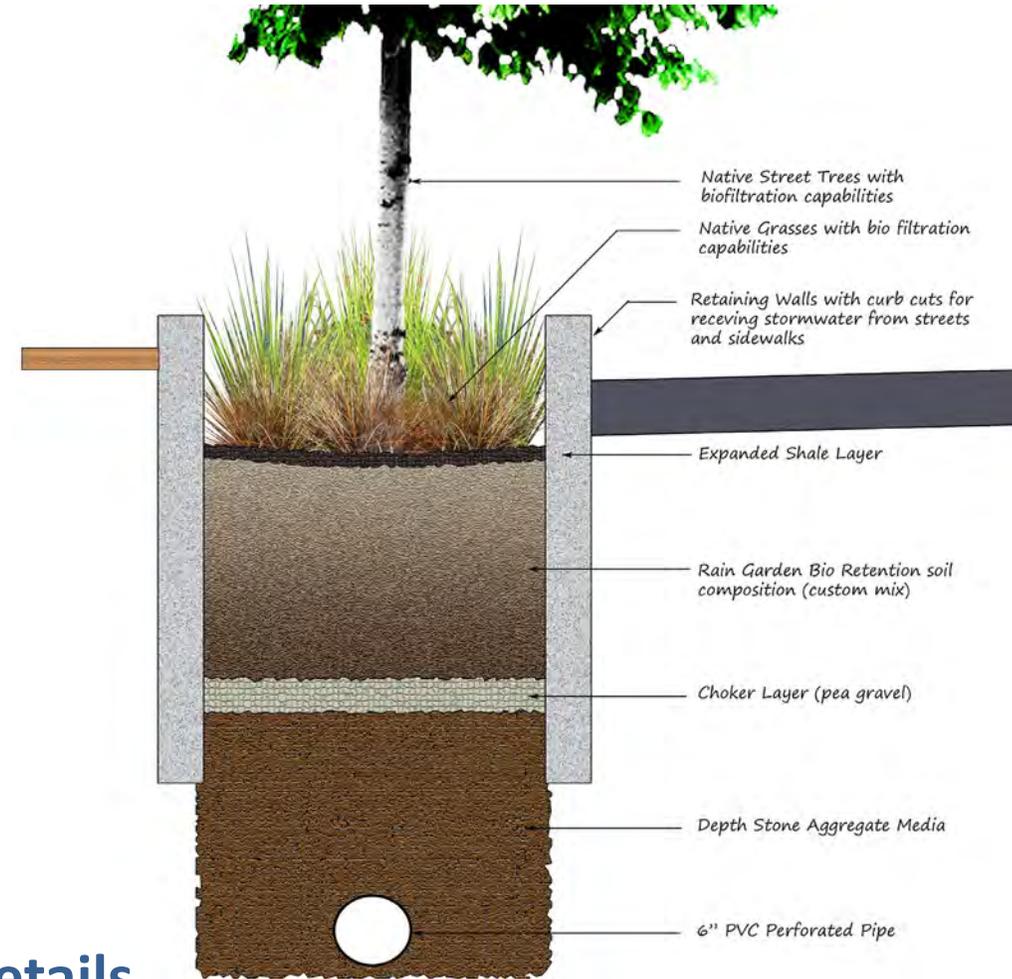
Rain Harvesting & Landscape Details

- Rain Garden with curb and sidewalk inlets per each 'cell'
- Soil depth and composition allow for balance for retention and percolation rate
- Designed to hold storm water for up to a 1 ½" rain event, the Internal weir system directs flow, disperses and maintains water levels.
- An overflow inlet is provided at the lower cell, designed to receive storm water above ;





Rain Garden – Lexington KY



Rain Harvesting & Landscape Details

- Rain Garden Design needs to prioritize functionality first before aesthetics
- A combination of the right organic material, ph levels, soil and aggregate and profile layering.
- Larger aggregate, below the choke layer, should provide improved percolation flow towards the perforated pipe at the base..





Bald Cypress



Side oats Gramma



Gulf Muhly



Switch grass



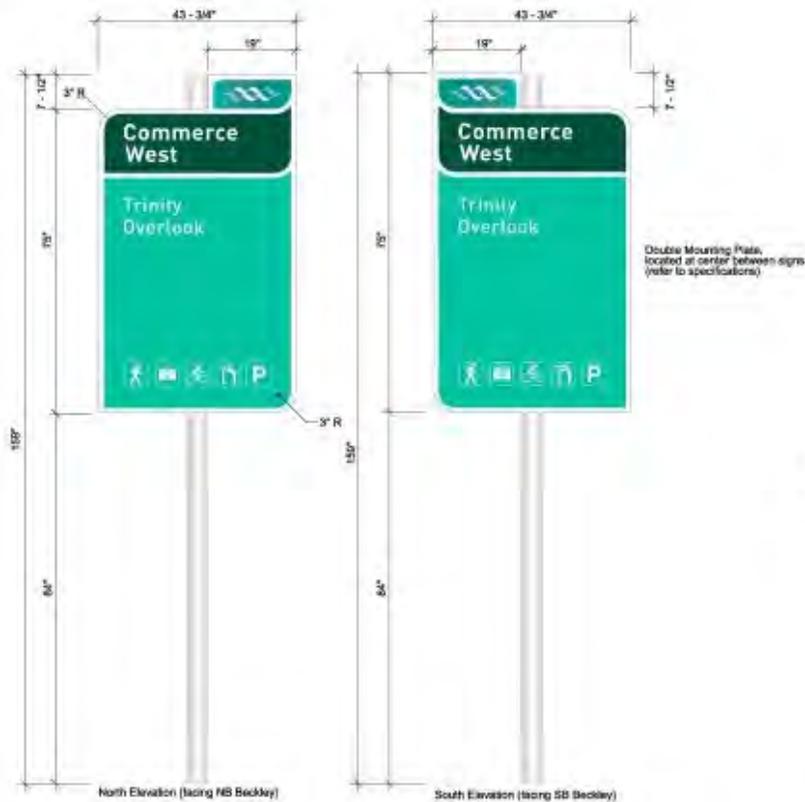
Little Bluestem (Median)



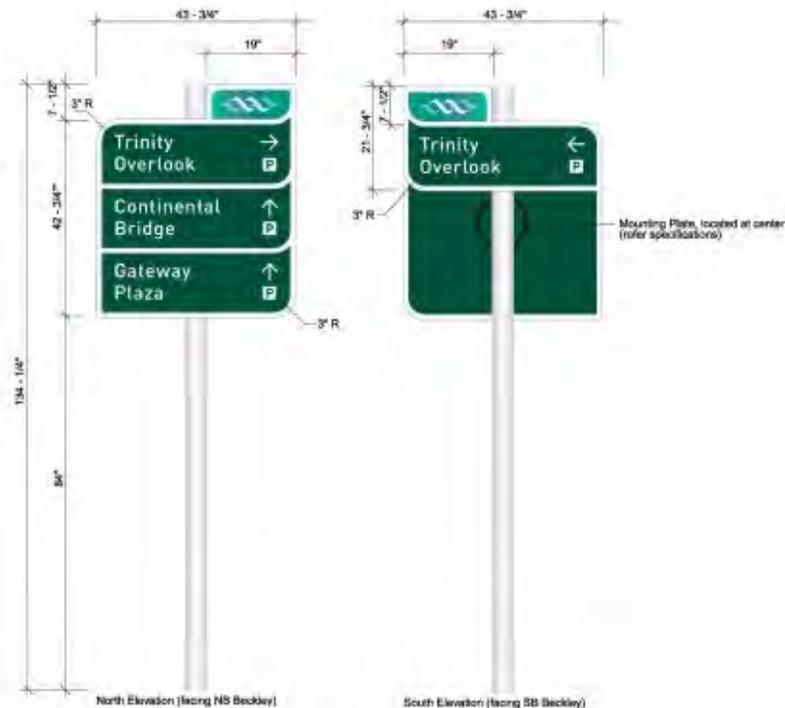
Rain Harvesting & Landscape Details

- **Native Plants chosen for their endurance and mitigation qualities more floodplain than drought tolerant due to inundation abilities and low oxygen levels.**
- **Rain Garden soil composition will provide substantial organic nutrition and optimal conditions for storm water percolation.**
- **While it is anticipated that this Landscape Plan is self sufficient, during drought conditions or extreme heat, additional irrigation will be necessary in order to assure survival.**





1 Sign 1: (Ramp entrance at Beckley Ave.) Destination Signage for Commerce West
SCALE: 1" = 1'-0"

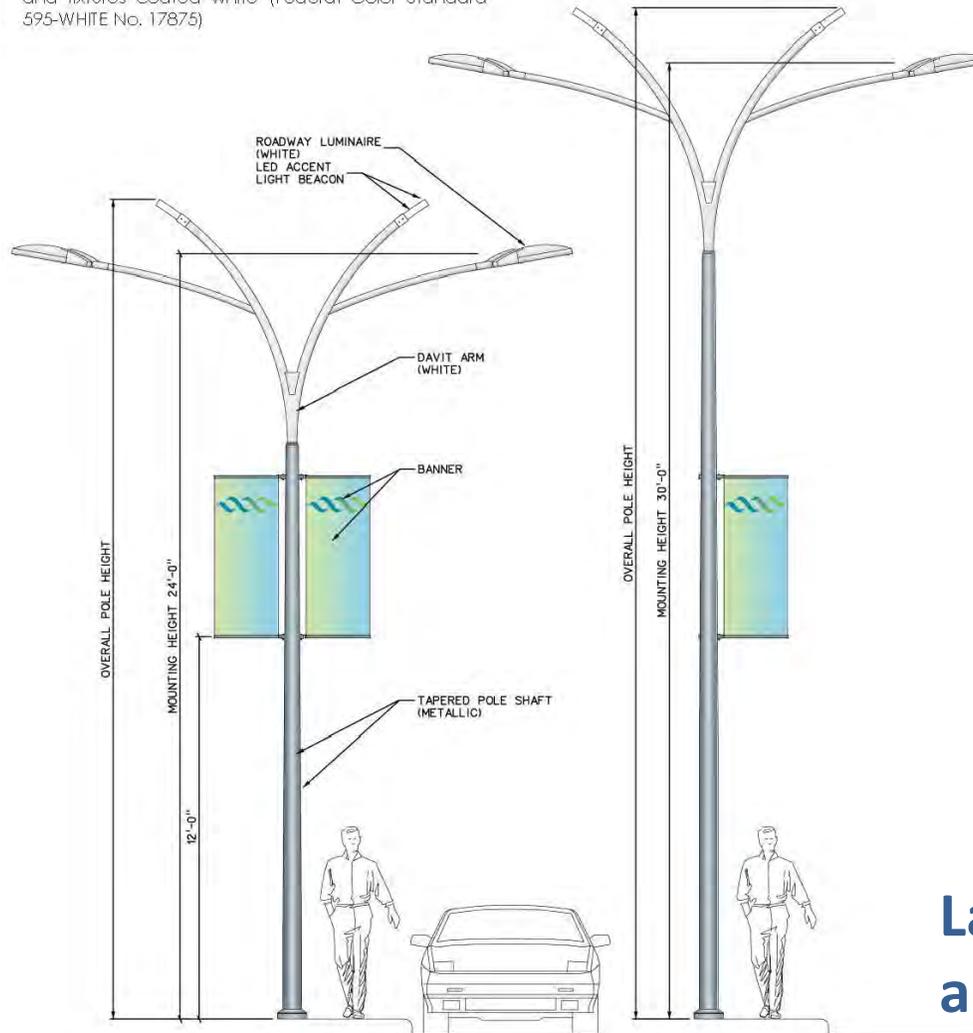


2 Sign 2: (Beckley Ave. Median) Directional Signage
SCALE: 1" = 1'-0"

Landscape Details – Dallas Bike and Trinity Wayfinding Signage



Double Arm Poles
 Fixture mounting heights of 24'-0" or 30'-0", shown below with Roadway Luminaire, Accent Light Beacon and Banner Arm. Shown below with davit arms and fixtures coated white (Federal Color Standard 595-WHITE No. 17875)



Landscape Details – Trinity Street and Pedestrian Lighting



Before

Beckley / Commerce – Existing Conditions 2009



Concept

As envisioned in 2012



After
Implementation completed in 2019



Implementation

Site Furnishings, Timed Signalization, Pedestrian Refuge, Enhanced Crosswalks and Special Pavement



Implementation

Transit Stops, Buffered Bike Lanes. Rain Gardens and Details



Implementation

Trinity Wayfinding Signage and New Mixed-Use Dev. - 2021

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Presentation Overview

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- Reconstruction Concept
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- Summary



Project Location



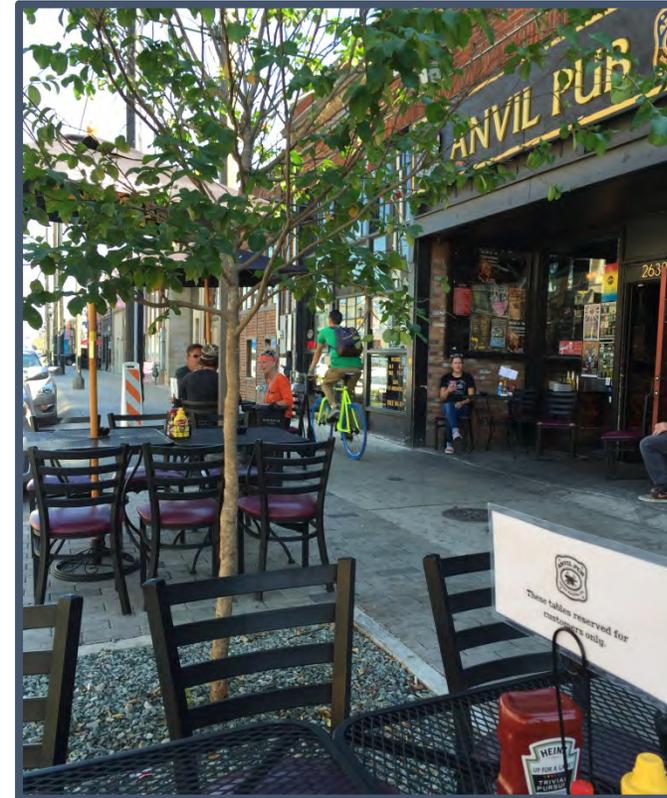
Background

- Broad one-way street with limited sidewalk area and very little landscaping
- Eclectic area in transition from service industries (residential/restaurant/clubs)
- Desire by residents and owners to make more pedestrian friendly and add enhancements
- Impervious area with downstream stormwater capacity constraints



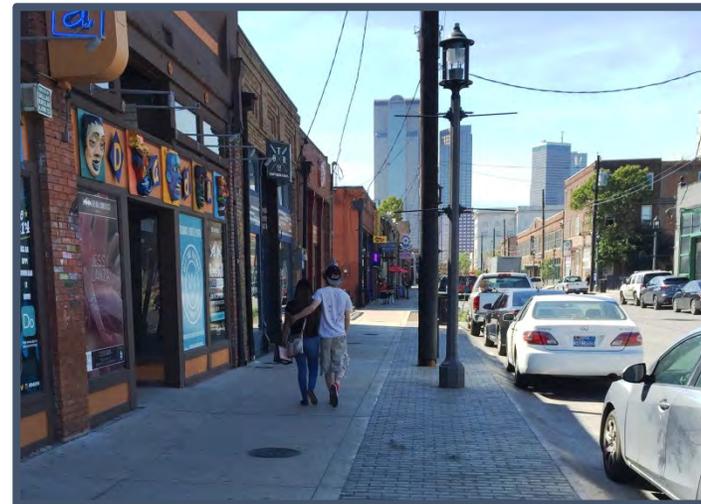
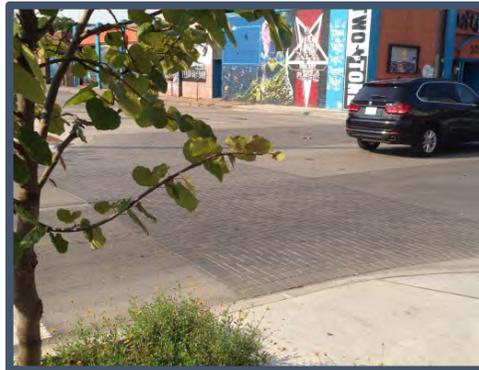
Reconstruction Concept

- Change from one-way to two-way street
- Increase sidewalk areas in front of businesses
- Parallel parking areas
- Enhanced crosswalks at intersections
- Stormwater conservation through pervious pavement, amended planters and rain gardens
- Increase landscaping
- Enhance pedestrian accommodations
 - Sidewalk Dining
 - ADA Access
 - Bicycle Access
- Lighting



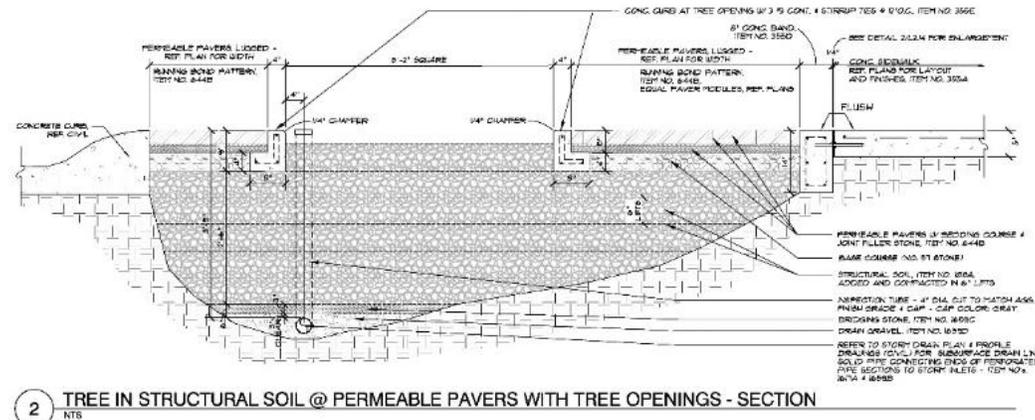
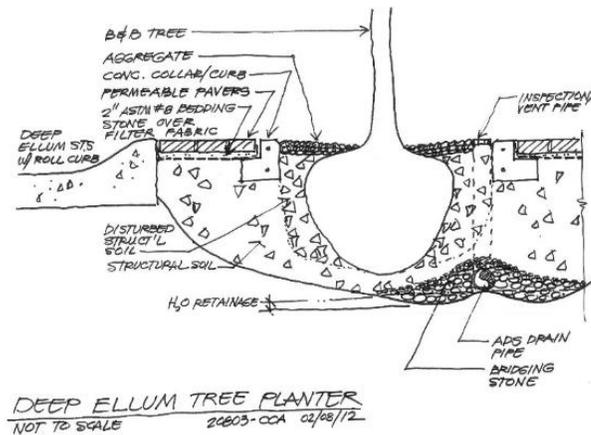
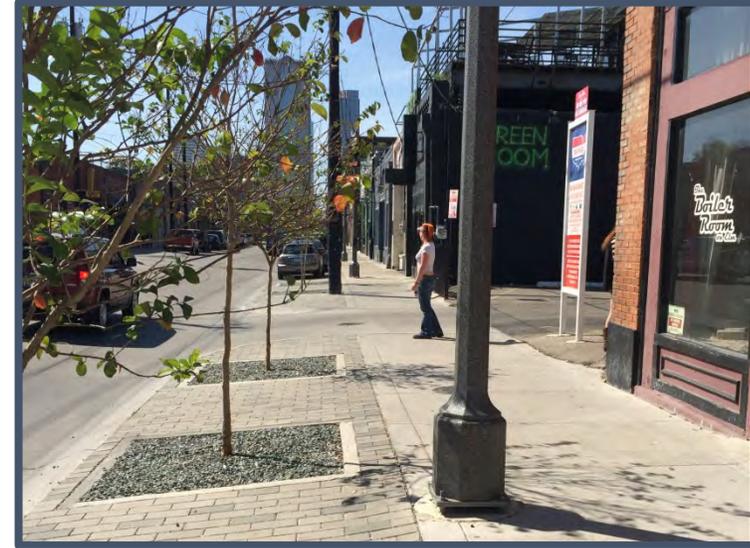
Sidewalk Paving

- Utilized Broom finished concrete band and walk section next to buildings
 - Allows for expansion/remodel of shop fronts
 - Diffused runoff
- Pavers used for accent bands along parallel parking, at intersection bulb-outs and main intersections
 - Accent colors and patterning
 - Transition slope from walk to curb section



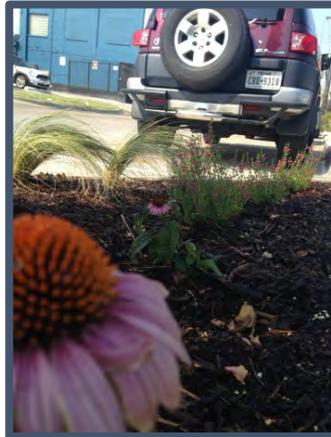
Sidewalk Paving

- iSWM/LID Application – Larger sized permeable pavers at intersection bulb-outs or between drives for trees
 - Runoff is treated – TSS captured
 - Irrigation reduced by partial retention
 - Canopy shading is provided – healthy roots
 - Aesthetic



Planting Beds & Rain Gardens

- Heavy compacted urban “dirt” and old road subbase at new planter areas
- Traditionally bring in topsoil and amend dirt at surface for planting at beds
- Planter Beds
 - Urban “dirt” remediation to “soil”



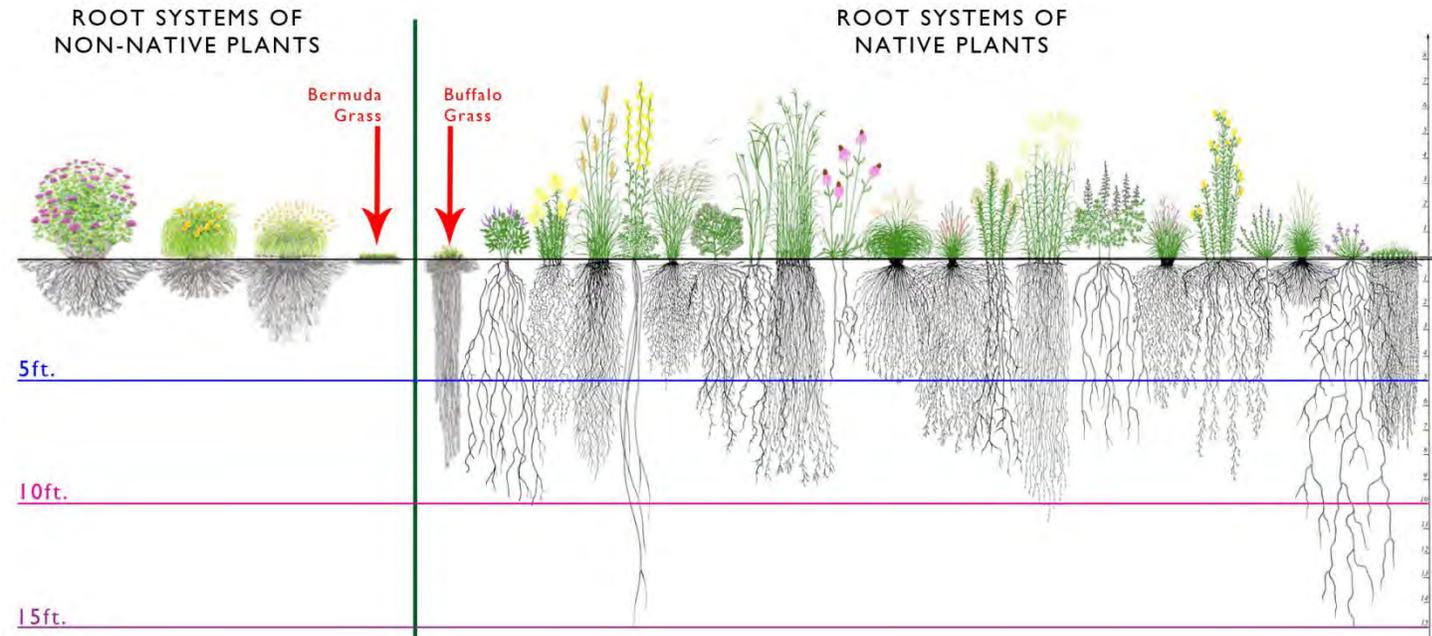
Planting Beds

- iSWM/LID Application: Planter Beds – Healthy Soil
- Removed road subbase down to natural subsoils
- Ripped subsoils deeply
- Amended soils in stratified layers
 - Topsoil
 - Expanded Shale
 - Mature/Finished Compost
- “Soil” structure restored for planting
- Permeability/Infiltration increased



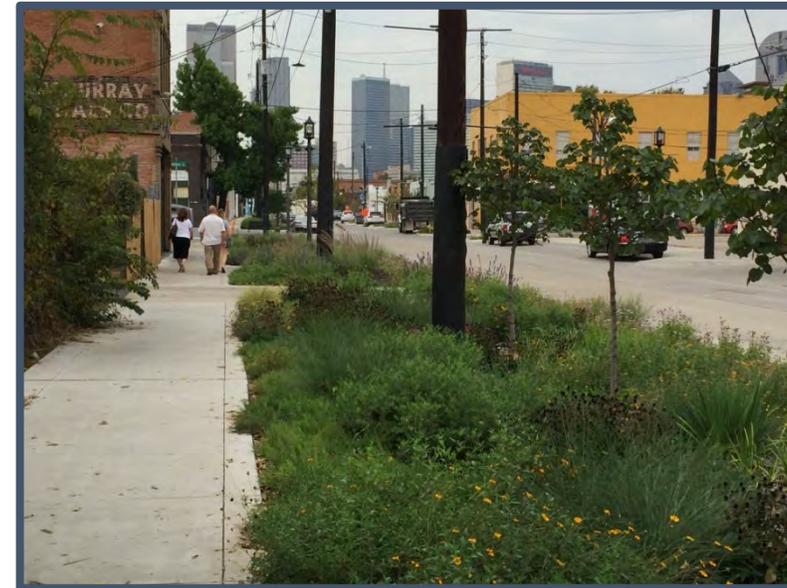
Plant Material

- Native Plants
 - Adapted to regional rain provisions
 - Adapted to dry and wet/immersed locations
 - Deeper roots for drought tolerance/less irrigation
 - Deep roots provide more infiltration



Rain Gardens

- iSWM/LID Application – Used depressed areas for rain gardens where possible
 - Runoff captured and treated (phytoremediation)
 - 85% rain gardens infiltrating, subdrainage added to 10% rain gardens due to subsoil issues
 - Irrigation reduced



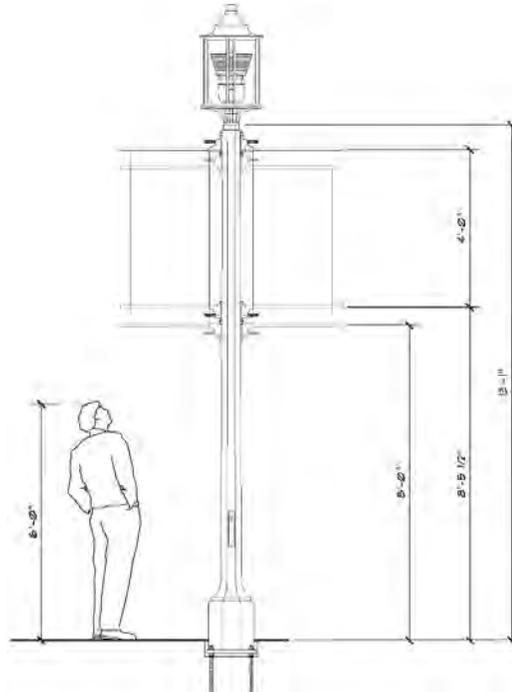
Lighting



Existing fixture with 16' metal pole and no reflector



New fixture with 13' spun concrete pole, reflector, and banner arms

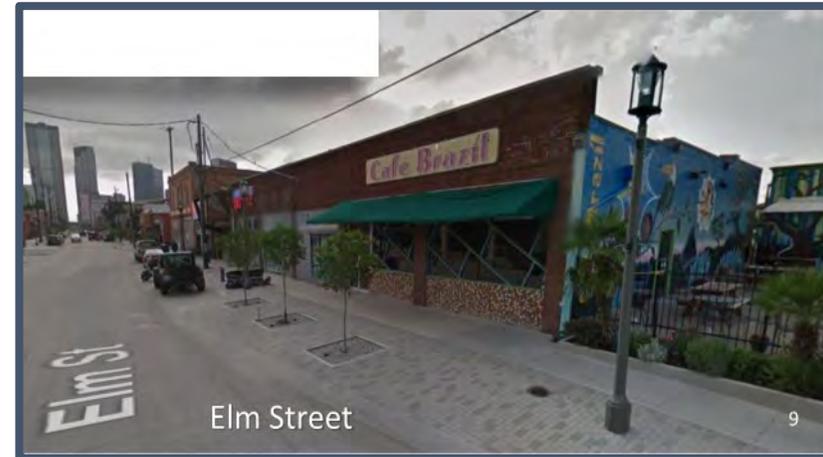
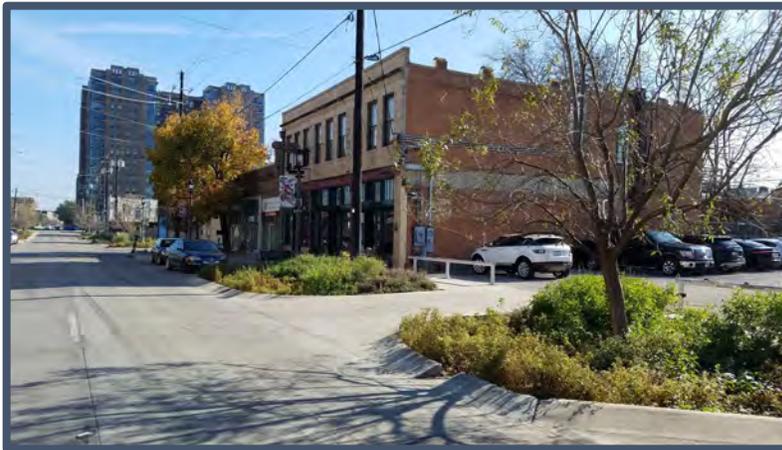


- Changed from High Pressure Sodium to Metal Halide
 - Provide fuller color range of light to all colors of buildings, plantings, pavements, restaurant foods served in outdoor dining areas
- Modify pole and add reflector
- Deliver lighting where needed
 - Provide light levels for heavy night use in district
 - Security, retail visibility, sidewalk and roadway pavement surfaces

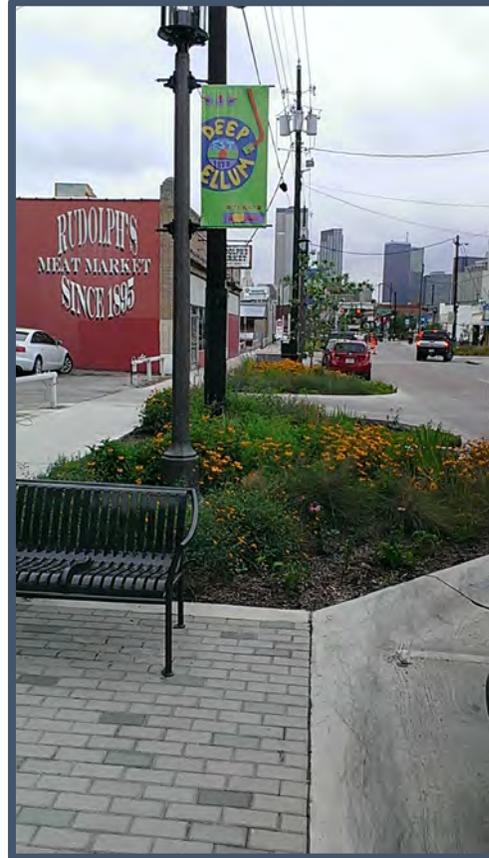


Maintenance

- Maintaining landscaping after construction is complete and allow for establishment
 - Provided two year maintenance contract (held plant replacement warranty)
 - Deep Ellum Foundation took maintenance responsibility after the two year maintenance contract
 - Use of deeply amended soils, rain gardens and permeable pavers for potable water reduction for irrigation



Post-Construction Photos – Shortly After Construction



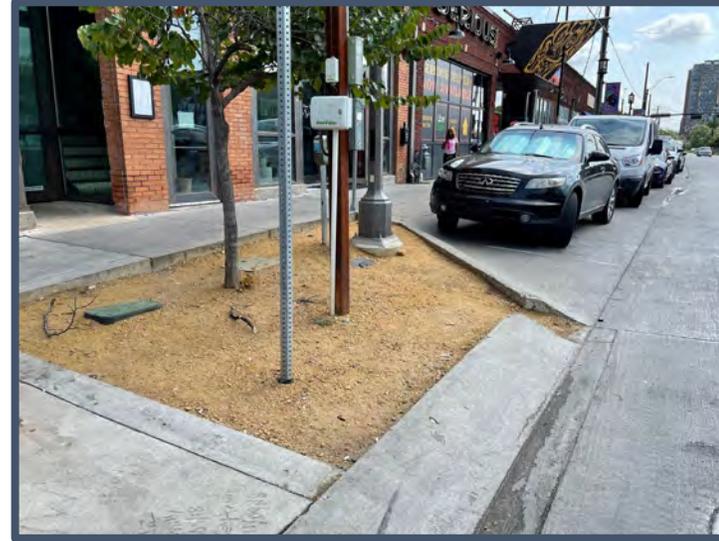
Post-Construction Photos – Several Years after Construction



Post-Construction Photos – Current Day



Post-Construction Photos – Current Day



Summary

- Project Elements
 - Extensive Landscaping/Rain Gardens
 - Wide, Upgraded Sidewalks
 - ADA Accessibility
 - Traffic Calming/Indented Parking
 - Enhanced Traffic Calming Crosswalks
 - Added landscape/pedestrian paving bulb-outs
 - Designated concrete walkway adjacent to buildings
 - Permeable pavers over structural soil for tree planting root development
 - iSWM/LID
- Challenges
 - Choose the Correct Material for the Correct Location
 - Maintenance Agreement w-Deep Ellum Foundation
 - Citizen Complaints



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