TYSONS CORNER, VIRGINIA URBAN STORMWATER CONCEPTS



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TYSONS CORNER URBAN DESIGN GUIDELINES



This presentation supplements the "**Tysons Corner Urban Design Guidelines**" and provides conceptual guidance for implementing the stormwater management vision of the adopted Tysons Corner Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Tysons Corner Comprehensive Plan **Stormwater Goals**:

- ✓ "At a minimum, the first inch of rainfall should be retained on-site through infiltration, evapotranspiration and/or reuse …"
- "Reduction of runoff volume is the single most important stormwater design objective for Tysons"
- ✓ "... all available measures should be implemented to the extent possible."
- ✓ "... attain **LEED credit** for stormwater quality / quantity"
- ✓ "... return water into the ground where soils are suitable or reuse it, where allowed"
- ✓ "... incorporate Low Impact Development into streets"

✓ must also meet **PFM** requirements for quality, quantity, flooding, stream protection, etc.

Tysons Corner Comprehensive Plan Recommendation:

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'Top Tier' BMPs

Rainwater Harvesting

- "Reuse" for interior uses
 - cooling tower makeup water
 - water closet flushing
 - laundry

"Reuse" for exterior uses

- washing (i.e. vehicles, building facade, equipment)
- irrigation
- discharge to landscape water featuresdischarge to subsurface infiltration pit

"Top Tier" BMPs cont'd

Infiltration Practices

- Infiltration trench or basin
- Subsurface infiltration chambers

Permeable Pavement

- Porous asphalt streets, alleys, parking
- Pervious concrete streets, alleys, parking
- Interlocking pavers for alleys, parking
- Interlocking pavers for sidewalk accents
- Interlocking pavers for courtyards

Bioretention w/ Infiltration

- Landscaping rain gardens
- Bioretention filter
- Bioretention basin
- Bioretention swale
- Terraced or planter box rain gardens
- Parking island, median, perimeter bioretention
- Streetscape stormwater planters w/ infiltration
- Extended tree islands w/ infiltration

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Tysons Corner Comprehensive Plan Recommendation:

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CS rating system (or the equivalent of these credits) should be provided. If, on a given site, the attainment of the stormwater design LEED credits (or equivalent) is demonstrated not to be fully achievable, all available measures should be implemented to the extent possible in support of this goal."

LEED certification

- Reduce stormwater runoff; 1 point
 - (Runoff Reduction Practices)
- Use captured rain to reduce potable water consumption; 1 point
 - (Rainwater Harvesting)
- Reduce wastewater and potable water demand; 1 point
 - (Rainwater Harvesting)
- Conserve existing natural areas; 1 point
 - (Environmental site design)





"Second Tier" BMPs

 Innovative urban BMPs that have been accepted and used in another jurisdiction and have a runoff reduction and/or total phosphorus reduction rate assigned.

"Third Tier" BMPs

 Other innovative urban BMPs or new ideas.

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"If, on a given site, the retention on-site of the first inch of rainfall is demonstrated not to be fully achievable, <u>all available</u> <u>measures should be</u> <u>implemented to the</u> <u>extent possible</u> in order to support this goal and achieve partial retention of the first inch of rainfall."





5. Have all available measures been implemented to the extent possible in order to support this goal and achieve partial retention of the first inch of rainfall?

1. Infiltration BMPs

- **1** 2. Rainwater Harvesting and Reuse
- **V**3. Runoff Reduction BMPs



- **4.** Other Onsite Innovative BMPs
- ✓ 5. Coordinated Offsite BMPs, if needed

Urban Stormwater Management:

- Minimize pollution at the source (reduce impervious area, good housekeeping, etc.)
- Treat pollutants close to their source
- Use small scale, distributed approaches
- Be opportunistic. Use multiple practices and treatment trains
- Obtain pollutant removal primarily through runoff reduction





Carroll Creek Linear Park, downtown Frederick, MD. Permeable pavers and planting beds offer opportunities for stormwater infiltration and bioretention.

Streetscapes offer opportunities for permeable pavers, and functional stormwater planters



Landscape amenity panel ornamental planting with metal edging. Washington, DC



Landscape amenity panel planting including freestanding planters and raised beds. Chicago, IL. Image credit: Haddonstone.

Streetscape planters can double as bioretention, filtering, or infiltration practices



Streetscape Washington, DC

Michigan Avenue Streetscape, Chicago, IL Image: Bruno Carvalho

Streetscape planters can slow and filter runoff



Permeable Interlocking Pavers. MARTA (Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority) station-Decatur, Georgia. Photo: Interlocking Pavement Concrete Institute



Continuous flow-through stormwater planter with multiple bridge pedestrian crossings Image: Harrison Design, <u>San Mateo County Sustainable Green Streets</u> and Parking Lots Design Guidebook, 2009

Permeable pavers reduce impervious area and can infiltrate stormwater into underlying soils or to an aggregate storage layer w/ slow-release underdrain



Stormwater infiltration planters at the Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. Image: City of Chicago and Hitchcock Design Group. Source: <u>ASLA</u> Stormwater Planters in the streetscape manage runoff while supporting street trees



Source: City of Spokane

Urban forests, made up of publicly and privately maintained street and park trees, offer myriad benefits to the urban environment

- Trees capture and hold rainfall in leaves and branches.
- Trees provide the greatest stormwater and environmental benefit when their canopy covers impervious areas and intercepts water before it falls to the ground.





Tree-lined street of Washington DC Source: longislandgardensgirl

Above right: City of Chicago Bureau of Forestry





Image: VegNews

Urban Reforestation

Preserving trees or planting trees on existing turf or barren ground has stormwater benefits.

Trees intercept rainfall before it reaches the ground, retaining a portion in the tree crown and thereby reducing runoff volume and peak flow.



Image: SpacingToronto



Stormwater planter at Columbus Square. Philadelphia Water Department

Flow-through planters are completely contained systems that only allow runoff to soak through the planter's imported soil bed and then into an underdrain system.

Flow-through planters should be used where native soil conditions are unfavorable to infiltration, where there is underlying soil contamination, and/or where there is a seasonal high water table.

Stormwater planters can be infiltration planters or flow-through planters.

Infiltration planters depend on native soil conditions that allow runoff to soak into the underlying soil. Infiltration planters are more desirable because they allow for greater volume reduction and further ease the burden on local storm drain facilities.



Urban Bio-retention Cell, Portland Oregon, Photo courtesy of DCdot, Anacostia Waterfront Transportation Architecture Design Guidelines.



SOURCE: Philadelphia Water Department



Photo: Kevin Robert Perry, <u>City of Portland</u>. SW 12th Avenue Green Street



Photo: <u>Kevin Robert Perry</u>. SW 12th Ave Green Street Project , Sustainable Stormwater Management Program, Portland, Oregon

Stormwater planters are an attractive treatment alternative



Bioretention planters at Washington Navy Yard. Image: <u>Greater, Greater Washington</u>

A stormwater tree trench is a system of trees that are connected by an underground infiltration structure.

On the surface, a stormwater tree trench looks just like a series of street tree pits. However, under the sidewalk, there is an engineered system to manage the incoming runoff. Source: <u>Philadelphia</u> Stormwater planters can be continuous planters with pedestrian walkways or bridges





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Stormwater planter in Portland. Flickr image: Lisa Town



Stormwater Planters are designed to allow runoff to filter through layers of topsoil (thus capturing pollutants) and then either infiltrate into the native soils (infiltration planter) or be collected in a pipe to be discharged off-site (flow-through planter). The planter is sized to accept runoff and temporarily store the water in a reservoir on top of the soil.



Infiltration Planter

Source: Portland Stormwater Management Manual



Flow-through planter at Liberty Center Parking Garage. Source: Portland Stormwater Management Manual

The flow-through planter box is designed with an impervious bottom or is placed on an impervious surface.

Water quality treatment, attenuation of flow, and some volume reduction is achieved as the water filters through the soil. Flow control is obtained by storing the water in a reservoir above the soil. This type of planter can be used adjacent to a building if lined properly.



Flow-Through Planter Box

Detail: Portland Stormwater Management Manual

Flow-through planter at Waterview Recreation Center, Philadelphia.

Source: <u>Tookany /</u> <u>Tacony - Frankford</u> <u>Watershed Partnership</u>



Rooftop drainage or rainwater harvesting overflow can be diverted to flow-through planters for filtering and to slow the discharge rate Narrow flowthrough planter at Mt. Diablo Recycling Center in Pittsburgh. Source: <u>Blue-</u> Green Building





Flow-through planters use engineered growing media. Image: City of Chicago and Hitchcock Design Group. Source: <u>Blue-Green</u> <u>Building</u>

Flow-through planter at Temple Sinai, Oakland. Source: <u>Blue-</u> Green Building

Flow-through planters can be designed to complement the building architecture



Flow-through Planters on the campus of Portland State University. Flickr photo: Natalie Blackburn

Stormwater planter along side the pedestrian street at the base of the Meriwether Building in the South Waterfront District in Portland, Oregon. Flickr image: Lisa Town



Flow-through planter with decorative railing. Source: <u>PortlandOnline.com</u>

Flow-through planters



Flow-through planters at Buckman Terrace Apartments. Portland Stormwater Management Manual



Flow-through planters at Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, NIL. Image: <u>Kim Waterman</u>



Perforated pipe used for distribution of inflow in a stormwater planter. Source: www.wsud.org



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Water Features in the streetscape can reuse harvested rainwater and facilitate storage and evaporation



Water Street, Houston, Texas. Flickr photo: Fang Guo



John Ross Building, Portland, Oregon. Photo courtesy of the City of Portland



Water Feature, Vancouver, British Columbia Flickr image: Brian

Attractive water features can double as places for rainwater reuse and storage



Andy Livingstone Park, Vancouver, British Columbia. Flickr image: <u>Brian</u>



WSUD.ORG: <u>Sydney Metropolitan</u> Catchment Management Authority.

Artist: Will Cole



Kogarah Town Square, Sydney. Image WSUD.ORG: <u>Sydney Metropolitan Catchment</u> <u>Management Authority</u>

Attractive water features can include biofiltration or infiltration



Ku-Ring-Gai Council, Sydney. Image WSUD.ORG: <u>Sydney Metropolitan</u> <u>Catchment Management Authority</u>

Water features can also be dramatic focal points with stormwater benefits



Image: Michel De Broin.



Roombeek the Brook, Enschede, The Netherlands. Image: <u>Buro Sant en Co Landscape Architects</u>

Roombeek is a commercial street and also the urban core of the district. The small stream, which gives its name to the street and has in the past flowed underground, has been restored and brought up to the surface again. Now the water is part of the urban environment and has become the district's new central point. Its asymmetrical design, which widens and narrows along the street, accentuates its different spatial features. The base of the stream is treated with a rough structure that reduces the flowing speed of the water and creates a constant reflective pattern on the water surface.

Large or small, water features can be an attractive addition to the streetscape

Photo: Hoerr Schaudt Landscape Architects, Source: Landscape_<u>Architecture Foundation</u>





City Garden, St. Louis, MO. Image: Urbanophile.com



Water features can provide recreation and community gathering places



Teardrop Park, New York, NY Images: Elizabeth Felicella and Paul Warchol

Jamison Square Park, Portland, Oregon.

Discovery Green, Houston, TX, Image: Hargreaves Associates

Lincoln Center Plaza, New York, Image: glenwoodnyc.com

Water features add beauty and

interest to parks while helping

manage stormwater

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Civic Plaza: DuPont Circle, Washington, DC. Image: Greater Washington Real Estate

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Thirteen-tier fountain at Meridian Hill Park (Malcolm X Park). Photo by Ben Schumin Source: Wikimedia Commons



Paley Park, New York City, NY. Image: Flicker_tayloliz

A water feature can be the centerpiece of a pocket park

Pocket Park in Corsicana, Texas Source: <u>Parks&Recreation.corsicana.tx.us</u>, Corsicana Daily Sun, Caperton Realty



Stepped waterfall and pool at 48th Street and 1st Avenue, NY. Image: <u>Gabrien Symon/Business Insider</u>

Oregon Convention Center. Image: James Henck

A swale with check dams or a dry bioswale can be a functional amenity in a landscaped area





A **dry bioswale** in front of the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. building in Eugene where grasses, sedges, and rocks will capture and slow rainwater, allowing it to infiltrate into the ground below. Photo by Derek Godwin. Source: <u>Oregon State University</u>

Photo: Pennsylvania Horticultural Society from the Journal Stormwater

A courtyard or common area can house infiltration basins or trenches



Infiltration Trench. Image: <u>Bellingham, Washington</u>



Infiltration basins - Buckman Heights courtyard. Source: Portland Stormwater Management Manual

Infiltration trench filled with gravel, Lynbrook Estate. Photo: <u>Melbourne Water</u>



Rain Gardens reduce runoff, filter and treat pollutants through biological uptake and microbial processes in the soil media and vegetation



Rain Garden in Friends of Mint Plaza, San Francisco. Image: <u>localecology.org</u>

Rain Garden on San Pablo Boulevard in El Cerrito, California. Image: Citizens for a Green El Sobrante





Parking lot rain garden. Image: West Virginia DEP

Rain garden at EPA building. Source: Art of Gardening http://artofgardeningbuffalo.blogspot.com/2009/04/epas-rain-garden.html

Rain gardens can be an attractive addition to the landscape while functioning as a runoff reduction and stormwater treatment strategy



Native plant rain garden. Source: NRCS http://www.ia.nrcs.usda.gov/features/urbanphotos.html

Rain garden in front of City Hall in Brisbane, CA. Photo: San Mateo County Rain gardens can be located in courtyards, parking lots, or in urban streetscapes





Rain garden at 110th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan. Photo: <u>New York City Global</u> <u>Partners</u>



Atwater Place Development, Portland Oregon. Photo courtesy of the City of Portland

Bioswales and rain gardens can be integrated with the building architecture



The Merriweather development, Portland, Oregon. Photo courtesy of the City of Portland



Image: Kevin Robert Perry. Source: <u>San Mateo County</u> <u>Sustainable Green Streets and Parking Lots Design</u> <u>Guidebook</u>, 2009



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Rain garden. Image: Kevin Robert Perry. Source: <u>San Mateo County Sustainable</u> <u>Green Streets and Parking Lots Design Guidebook</u>, 2009

Rain gardens can be any size or shape, and can be molded to fit in "leftover" spaces in parking lots, along street frontages, or where streets intersect at odd angles.



Green roof. Source: Arlington County

A vegetated **Green Roof**, or Eco-Roof, provides stormwater runoff reduction, improves insulation, creates wildlife habitat, helps lower urban air temperatures, and can add outdoor activity space



Rooftop plaza on Electric Avenue, Vancouver. Image: Flickr photo by Beach650

Albemarle County's green roof. Source:



Victoria BC Marriott green roof. Source: WikiCommons



Gary Corner Youth Center, Chicago, IL Hoerr Schaudt Landscape Architects, Image: Scott Shigley



Washington Mutual Center Roof Garden by Phillips Farevaag Smallenberg. Seattle, WA Image: Lara Swimmer Photography



Long view of Washington Mutual Center Roof Garden by Phillips Farevaag Smallenberg. Seattle, WA Image: Joseph Fry (PFS)

Vegetated 'Green' Roof



Even a small green roof helps to reduce runoff. Photo: Buckman Terrace green roof. Portland Stormwater Management Manual

Roof Garden

Source: Portland Stormwater Management Manual



Living Wall on the Musée du Quai Branly in Paris, design by Jean Nouvel and Patrick Blanc

Harvested rainwater can be used to irrigate living walls

Living walls can provide a large vertical green space with a small footprint



Portland Airport, Photo Courtesy of Tournesol



Living walls can be part of a building or used in the landscape



Photo: <u>atheneumhotel.com</u> Green wall designed by Patrick Blanc for The Athenaeum Hotel in London

Flickr photo by Gsmick



Photo: **PNC Bank**. The wall is a product of <u>Green Living™ Technologies</u> of Rochester, New York, and designed by Kari Katzander of <u>Mingo Design</u> also of New York.



Source: Active Beautiful Clean Waters Design Guidelines; Public Utilities Board, City of Singapore July 2011

Rooftop Disconnection to Pervious Area <u>City of Ann Arbor</u> Rooftop disconnection to a stormwater planter diverts runoff for storage, infiltration or filtering

Image: City of Portland

Benito Juarez High School, Chicago, IL directs roof runoff to permeable pavement and stormwater planters. Images: Kim Burgess, City of Baltimore

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Vine Street in Seattle. Photo stream by Lisa Town. Source: Inspiration Wall



Buster Simpson's "*Beckoning Cistern*", A painted aluminum and stainless steel installation reaches 34' into the air to channel rain water from the roof into a 6 ft. by 10ft. "cuff" before it steps down along the Vine Street runnel.



Creative rainwater harvesting 'Runnel and Cistern' system on Vine Street in Seattle



Swales can even be part of the urban landscape like this Runnel and Cistern system on Vine Street in Seattle

Urban swale with check dams at the downstream end of the runnel/ cistern system. Image: LocalEcology.org

Tysons Corner Comprehensive Plan Recommendation:

"LID techniques of stormwater management should also be <u>incorporated into new and</u> <u>redesigned streets where</u> <u>allowed and practicable.</u>"

'Incorporated into streets' where allowed and practicable

- Permeable Pavement
- Stormwater Planters
- Curb bump-outs / Curb extensions
- Green gutters
- Proprietary Devices
- "Green streets and alleys"



Permeable paving can be porous asphalt, pervious concrete or interlocking pavers that allow infiltration or temporary storage of runoff in an open-graded gravel reservoir beneath the base course



SOURCE: Philadelphia Water Department

Even when infiltration is limited permeable paving can provide filtering and temporary storage of stormwater runoff

Image: Kevin Robert Perry, <u>Nevue Ngan Landscape Architects</u>. Source: <u>San Mateo County Sustainable Green Streets and Parking</u> Lots Design Guidebook, 2009 Even without infiltration some treatment is provided by the adsorption, filtration, and microbial decomposition at the base-subgrade interface (Schueler)



SOURCE: Philadelphia Water Department





City streetscape Osseo, Minnesota. Photo: Interlocking Pavement Concrete Institute

Permeable pavers, porous asphalt, and bioretention cells at the Silver Lake beach parking lot, Wilmington, MA. (GeoSyntec Consultants) Image: <u>Massachusetts DCR</u>

Permeable pavers and green gutters reduce runoff from parking areas, alleys and roadways



Green alley using permeable pavers. 5th Street in Richmond, Virginia

Image: Kevin Robert Perry: <u>San Mateo County</u> <u>Sustainable Green Streets and Parking Lots Design</u> Guidebook, 2009



While infiltration of stormwater is a possibility, the primary purpose of using green gutters is to provide a site design measure using a strip of landscaping to help filter out pollutants and slow the flow of water.

Stormwater curb extensions are landscape areas that extend into the street and capture stormwater runoff.

Conventional curb extensions are commonly used for pedestrian safety and traffic calming.

A stormwater curb extension shares these same attributes plus adds a stormwater benefit by allowing water to flow into the landscape space.



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Curb bump-out. Photo: Natural Resources Defense Council



Source: Wilkes East Neighborhood, Gresham, Green Streets, Environmental Services, Oregon



City of Portland



Source: Philadelphia Water Department

Curb extensions and stormwater planters can even be retrofitted into existing streets



Source: City of Portland. Southeast Ankeny Green Street Project

Image: Kevin Robert Perry, Nevue Ngan Landscape Architects. Source: San Mateo County Sustainable Green Streets and Parking Lots Design Guidebook, 2009



Retrofit stormwater planter, Capitol Street, Richmond. Source: <u>VA</u> <u>DGS</u> See more construction photos at <u>http://greenvacapitol.org/</u>



Stormwater planter retrofit in Sacramento above and right. Photos: <u>BuffaloRising</u>

Examples of Stormwater planter retrofits





Stormwater planters in Lansing, Michigan. Photos: Dan Christian



Stormwater planters in Lansing, Michigan. Photos: Robert Domm Source: National Transportation Enhancements Clearinghouse http://www.enhancements.org/

Other Stormwater Practices





infiltration

Proprietary stormwater devices Image: <u>Contech</u>



Contained planter boxes reduce impervious area and retain some rainwater. Images: top <u>Interiorzine</u>, bottom <u>Portland Stormwater Management Manual</u>.



What other innovative BMPs or designs will emerge? Photo: HeavenlyTahoe

Non-Structural Stormwater Practices



Good Turf Management Practices. Reduced pesticide and fertilizer use. Image: Suffolk County Water Authority







Proper Disposal Image: <u>americanconcretewashouts.com</u>

Recycling and good refuse management

Maintenance / Good Housekeeping Images: Wilmington, NC

Minimize Pollutants at the Source!

Tysons Corner Comprehensive Plan Recommendation:

"<u>Restoration and/or stabilization of</u> <u>degraded streams on development</u> <u>sites should be pursued where</u> <u>feasible</u>; restoration and stabilization techniques that incorporate ecologically and aesthetically beneficial, vegetated approaches are

preferred. Off-site efforts to restore and/or stabilize streams in Tysons Corner should also be encouraged. The above guidelines are intended to improve stormwater management controls sufficiently to allow for improvements to the habitat and recreational values of streams in Tysons Corner through natural restorative processes and/or through restoration projects."



Images: Ruth Mott Foundation Gilkey Creek Relocation and Restoration. Source: Landscape Architecture Foundation














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