

# Urban Green Infrastructure: *What's Green Got to Do With It?*



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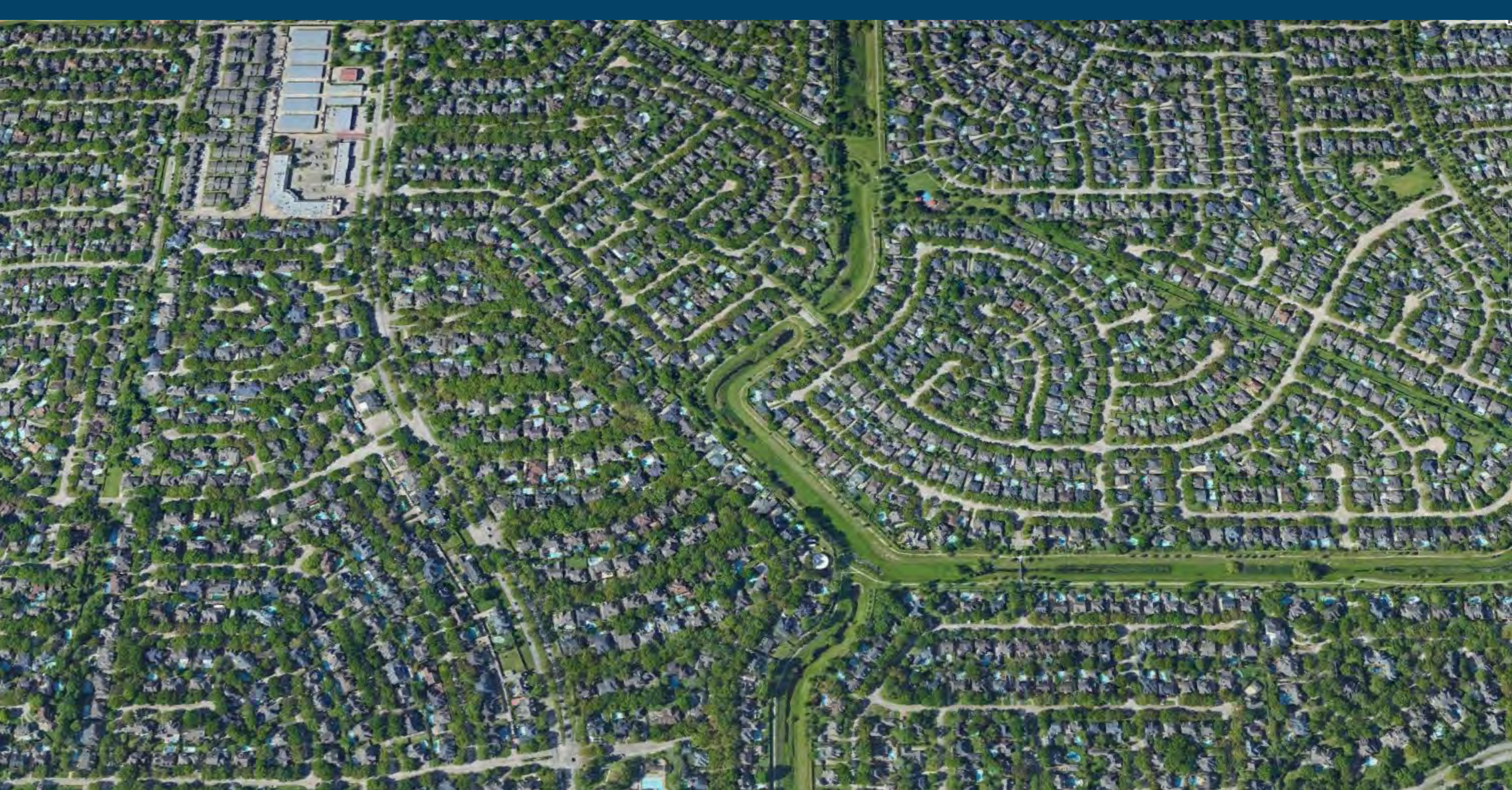






















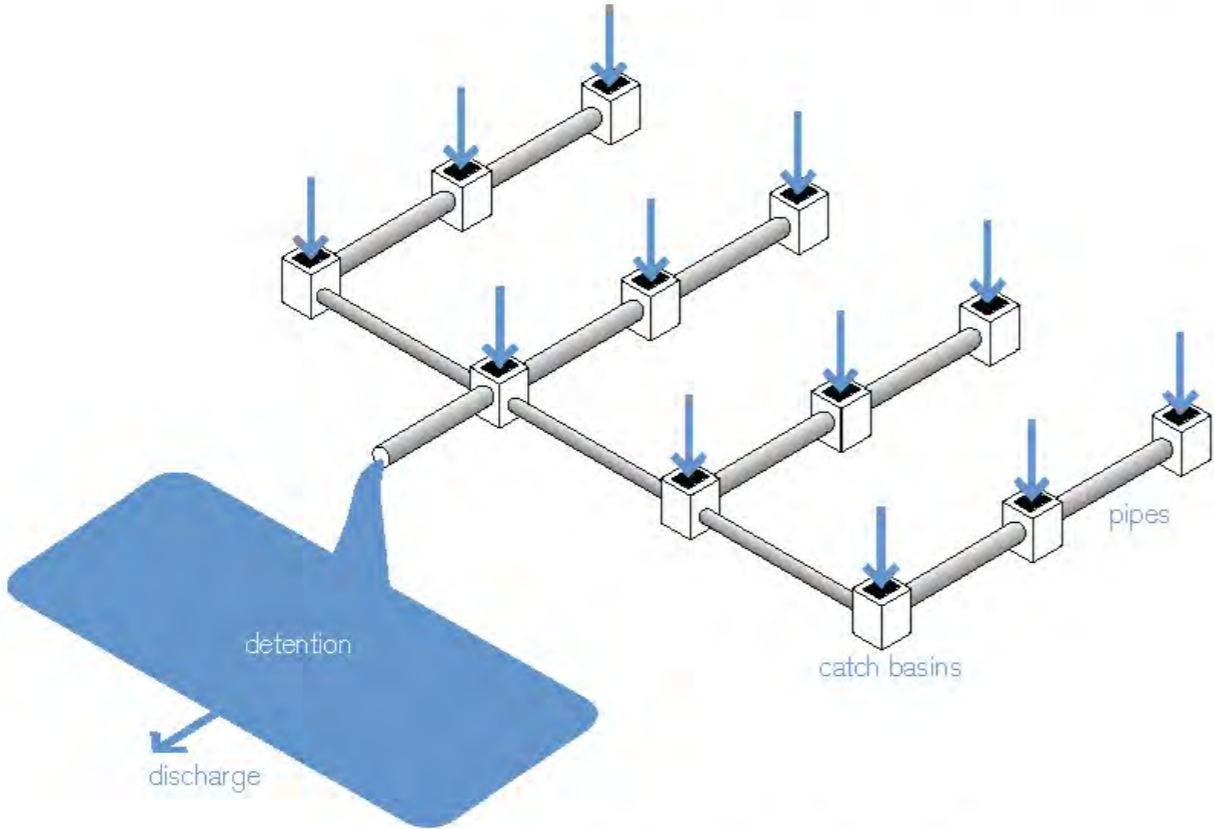




# GSI: WHAT'S GREEN GOT TO DO WITH IT

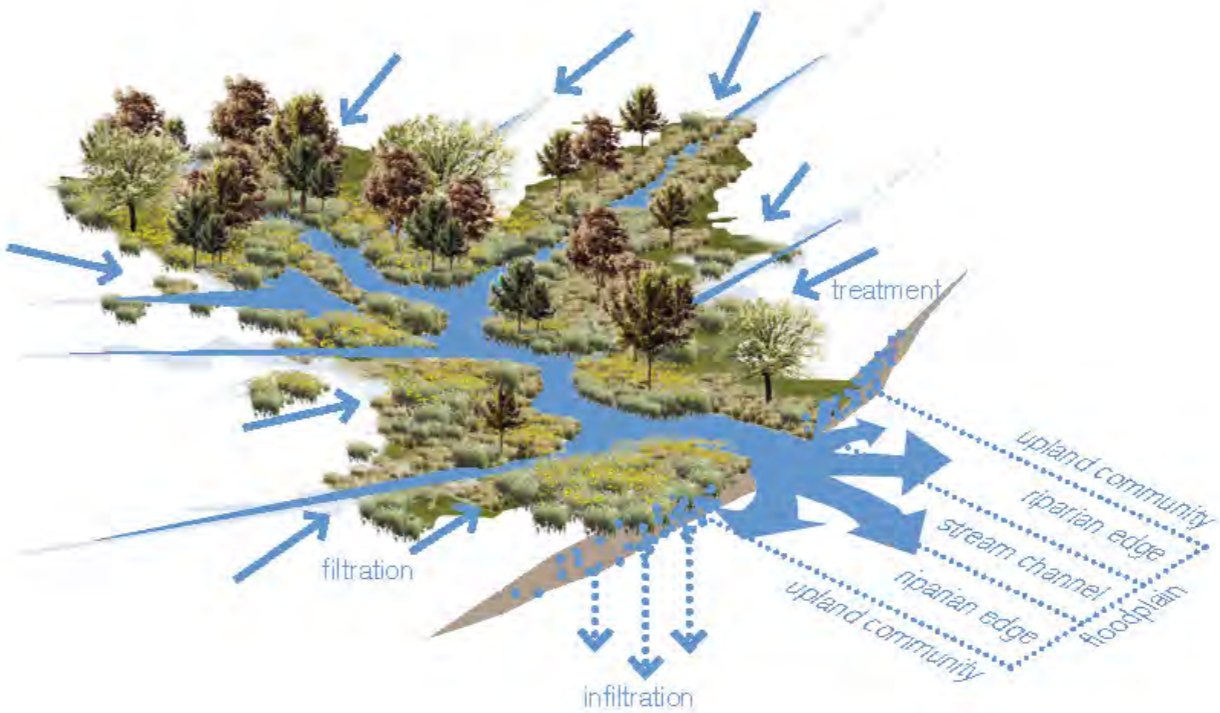
## GSI Defined

hard engineering  
...just transfers pollution  
to another site



conventional management: "pipe-and-pond" infrastructure  
drain, direct, dispatch

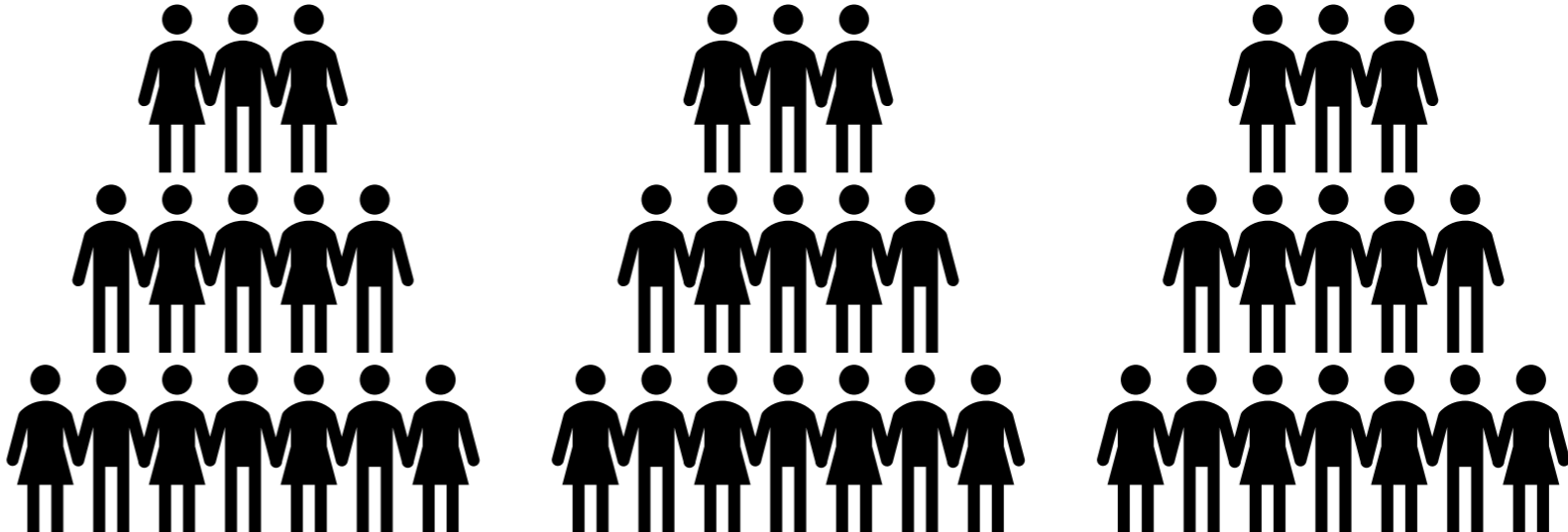
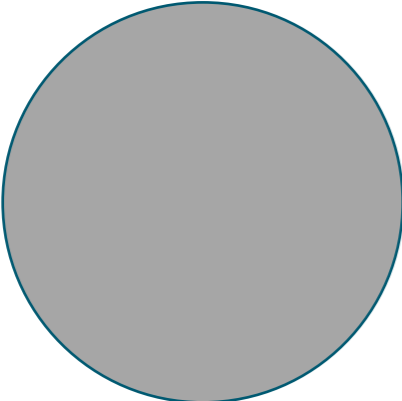
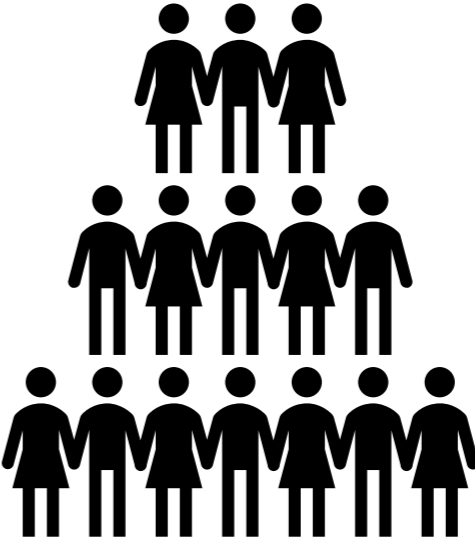
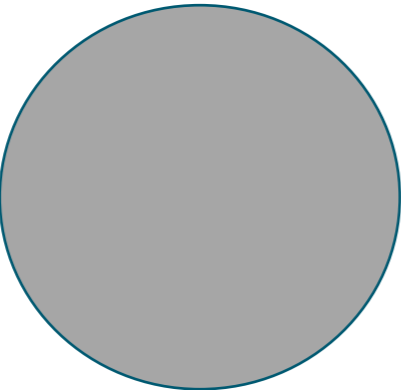
soft engineering  
...metabolizes pollutants  
on site — parks, not pipes!



low impact management: watershed approach  
slow, spread, soak

# GSI: WHAT'S GREEN GOT TO DO WITH IT

How's The Water Going To Get There?



# GSI: WHAT'S GREEN GOT TO DO WITH IT

Where's the Water Going to Go- The Bucket is Full



Melbourne, FL

# GSI: WHAT'S GREEN GOT TO DO WITH IT

## GSI Practices

- Rain Gardens
- Bioswales
- Permeable Pavements
- Tree Box Filters
- Green Roofs
- Urban Tree Canopy
- Constructed Wetlands
- Vegetated Filter Strip
- Rainwater Harvesting

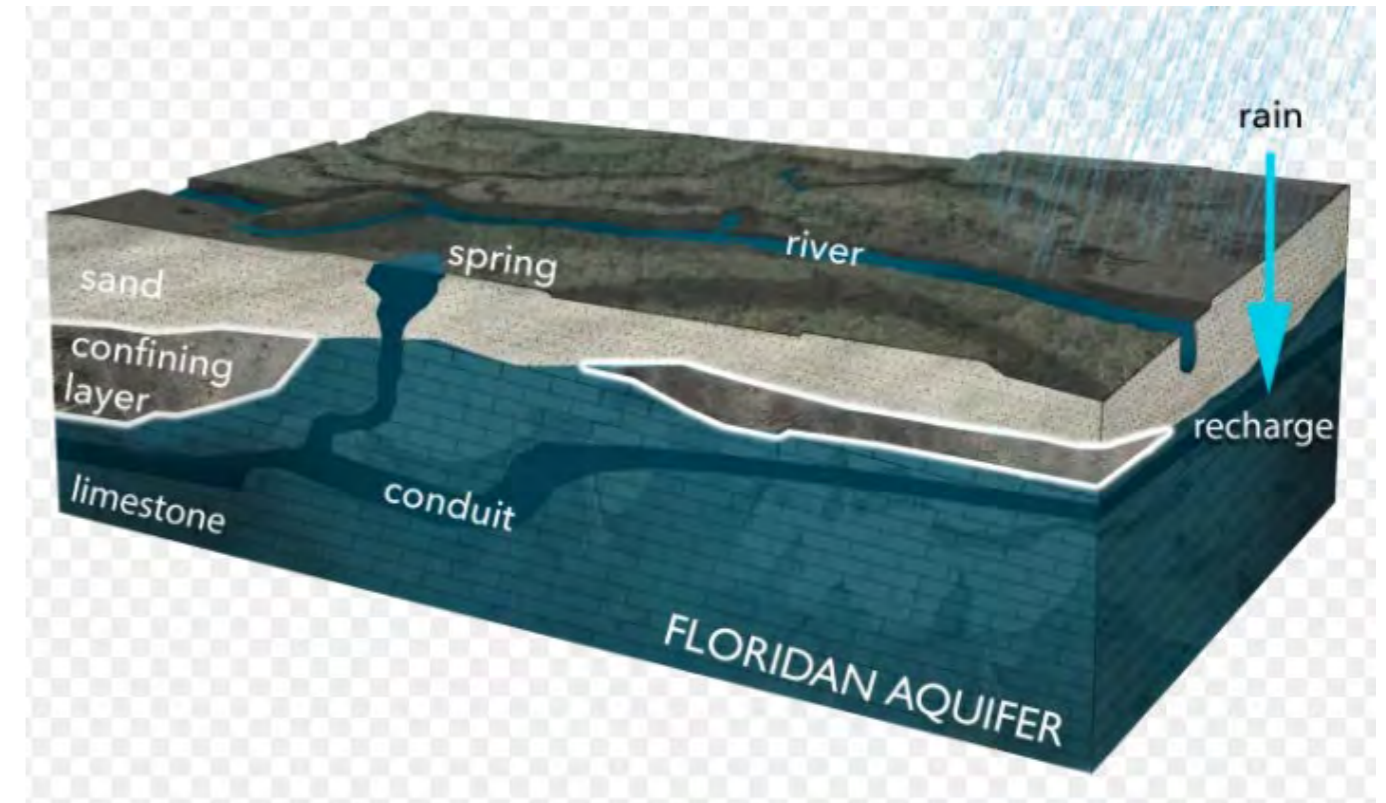




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## GSI- THE WHY FOR MUNICIPALITIES

- Recharge Aquifers to Combat Sea Level Rise
- Reduce Pressure on Municipalities to Clean Other People's Runoff
- Solves Tough Engineering Problems
- Adds Tax Revenue for Municipalities
- Mitigates Flash Flooding



BUT

DO DEVELOPERS

CARE???

# GSI: WHAT'S GREEN GOT TO DO WITH IT

## GSI- THE WHY FOR DEVELOPERS

- Increased Lot Yield
- Lower Cost of Development
- Increase Project Revenue
- Maximize ROI
- Make More Money.....The GREEN

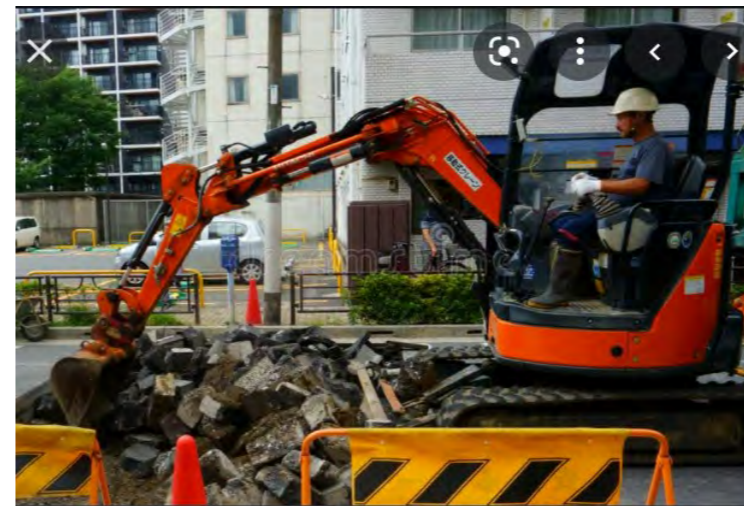




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## GSI Misconceptions

- Too Expensive to Build
- Too Expensive to Maintain
- Too Expensive to Repair



MAINTENANCE

# GSI: WHAT'S GREEN GOT TO DO WITH IT

## GOALS FOR RAIN GARDENS AND BIOSWALES

- Look amazing (aesthetics)
- Filter Pollutants (water quality)
- Be Maintenance Free (good luck 😊)
- Be able to handle a layer of trash and sediment

**That's pretty much impossible – but using pretreatment devices gets us much closer!**

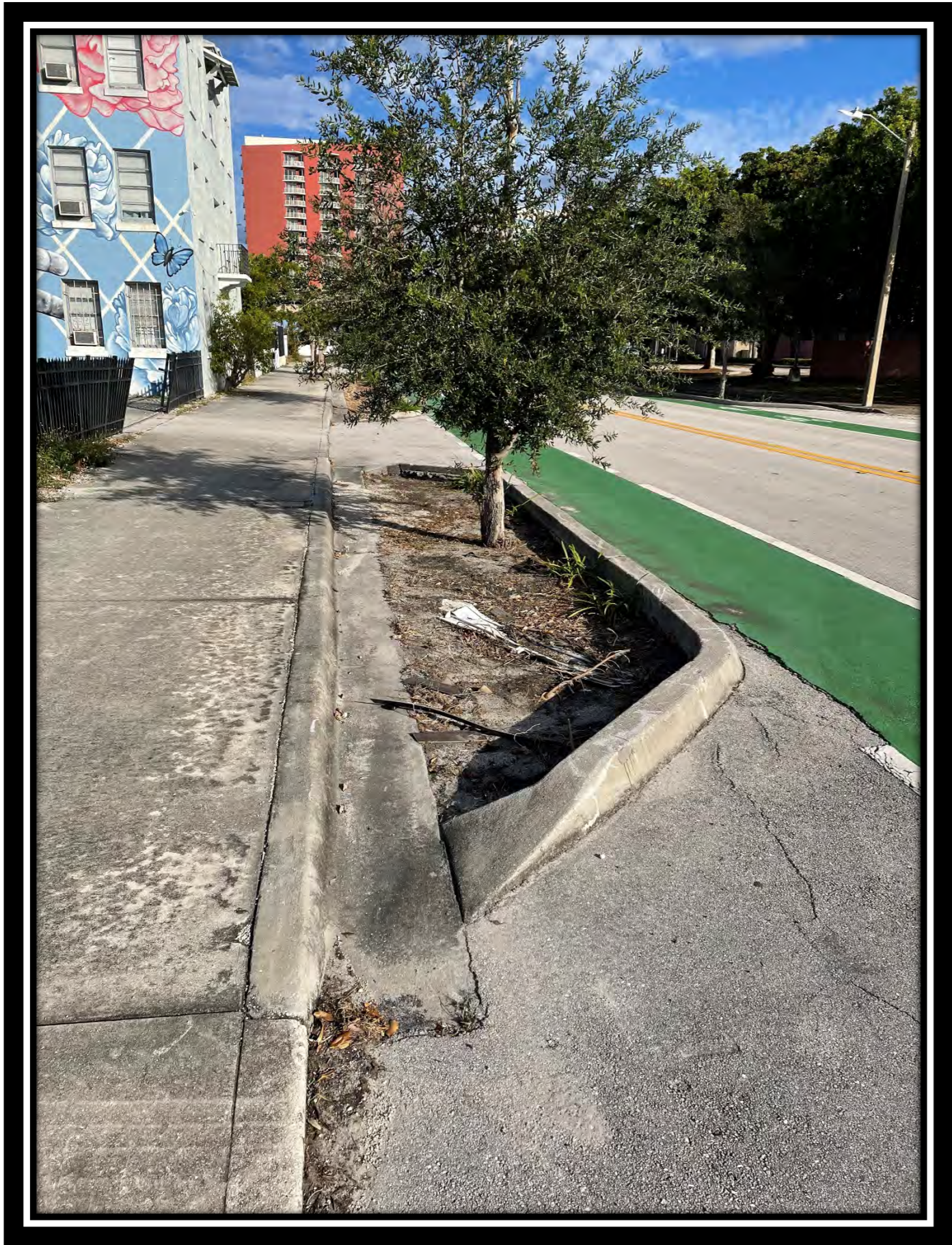
\* Energy Dissipation

\* Collection of sediment/debris





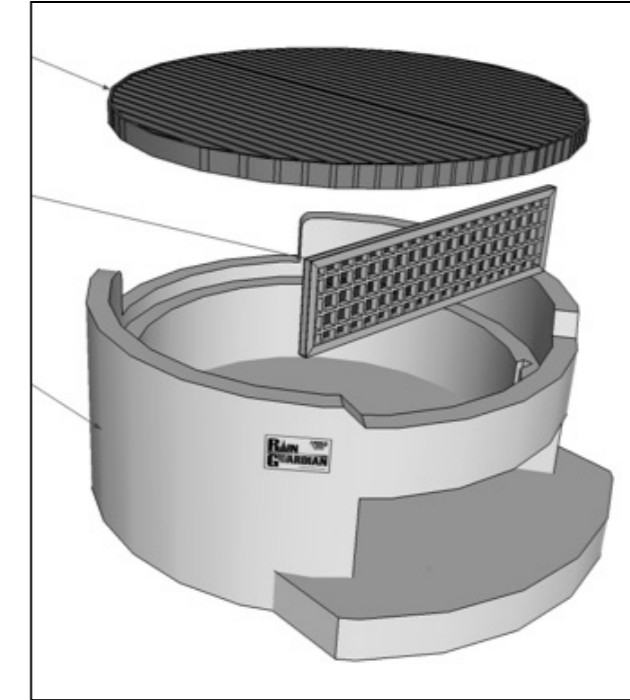




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## CURBLINE PRETREATMENT

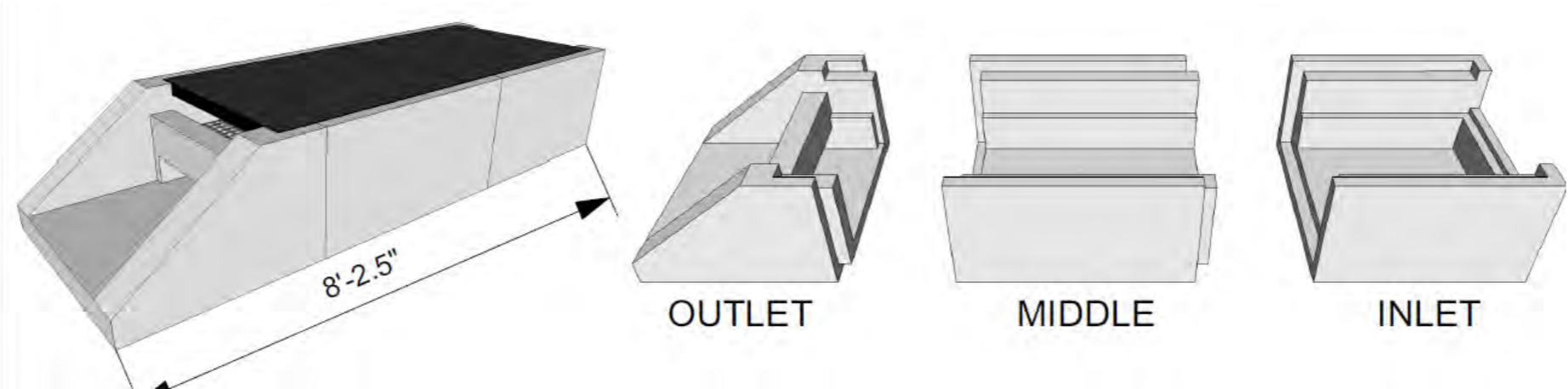
- Extend Effective Bioretention Cell Life
- Maximize Capacity
- Easy Installation
- Simplify Maintenance



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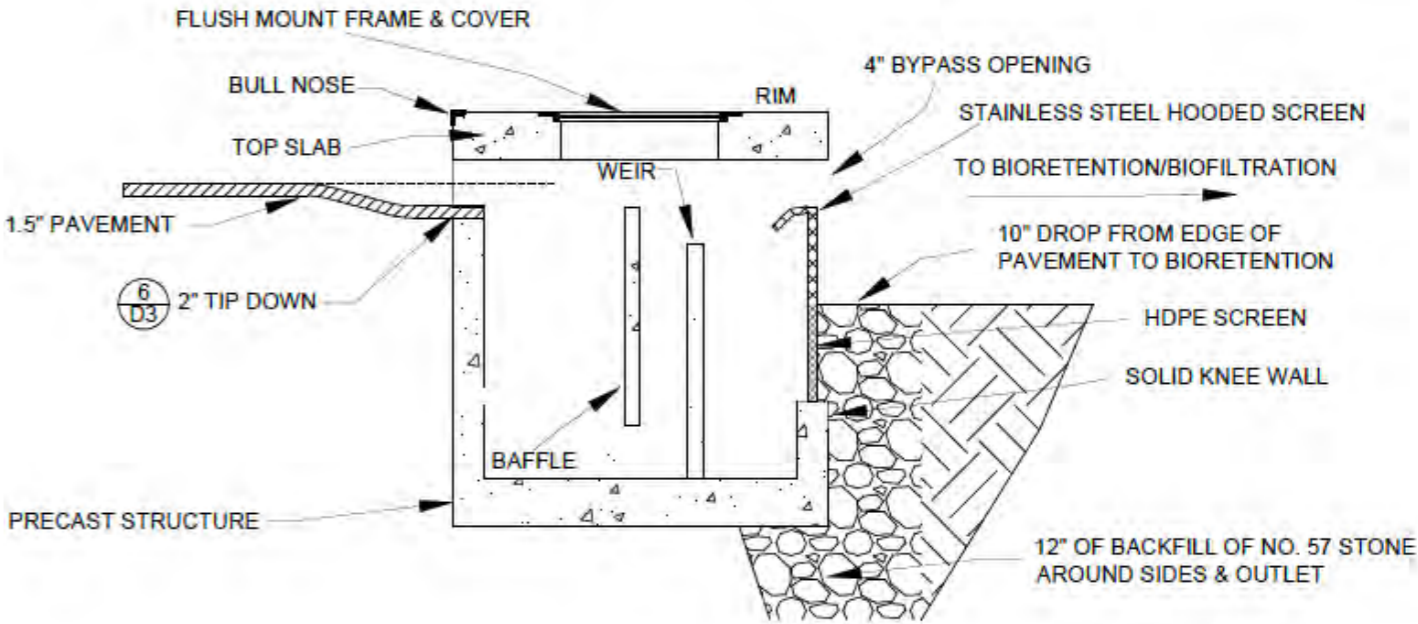
- When BMP is behind sidewalk
- Modular based on sidewalk width
- Solid cover on top



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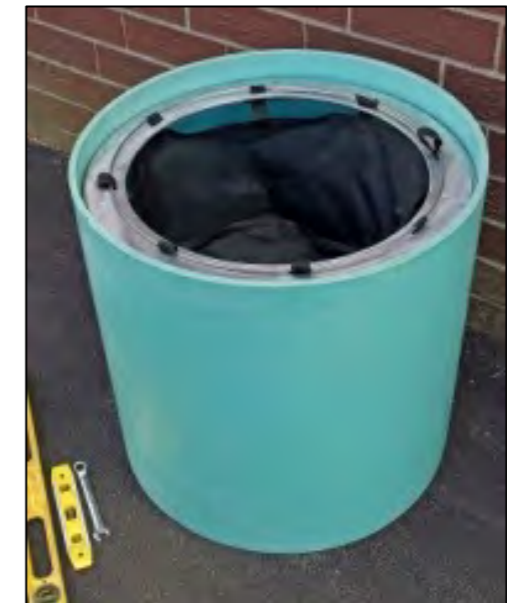
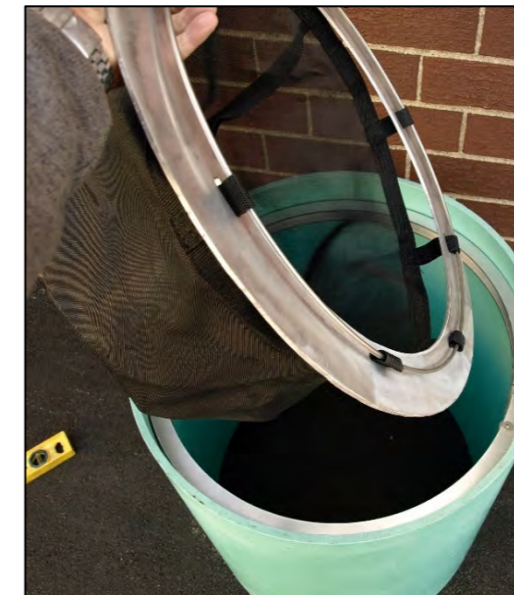
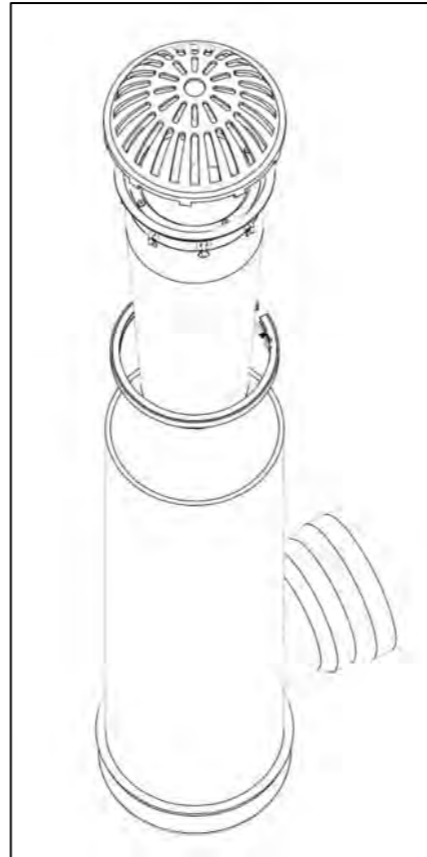
- Larger watersheds
- Higher volumes of sediment
- Formal sump and storage
- Baffles, weirs and screens



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## DOMED OVERFLOW WITH FILTER INSERT

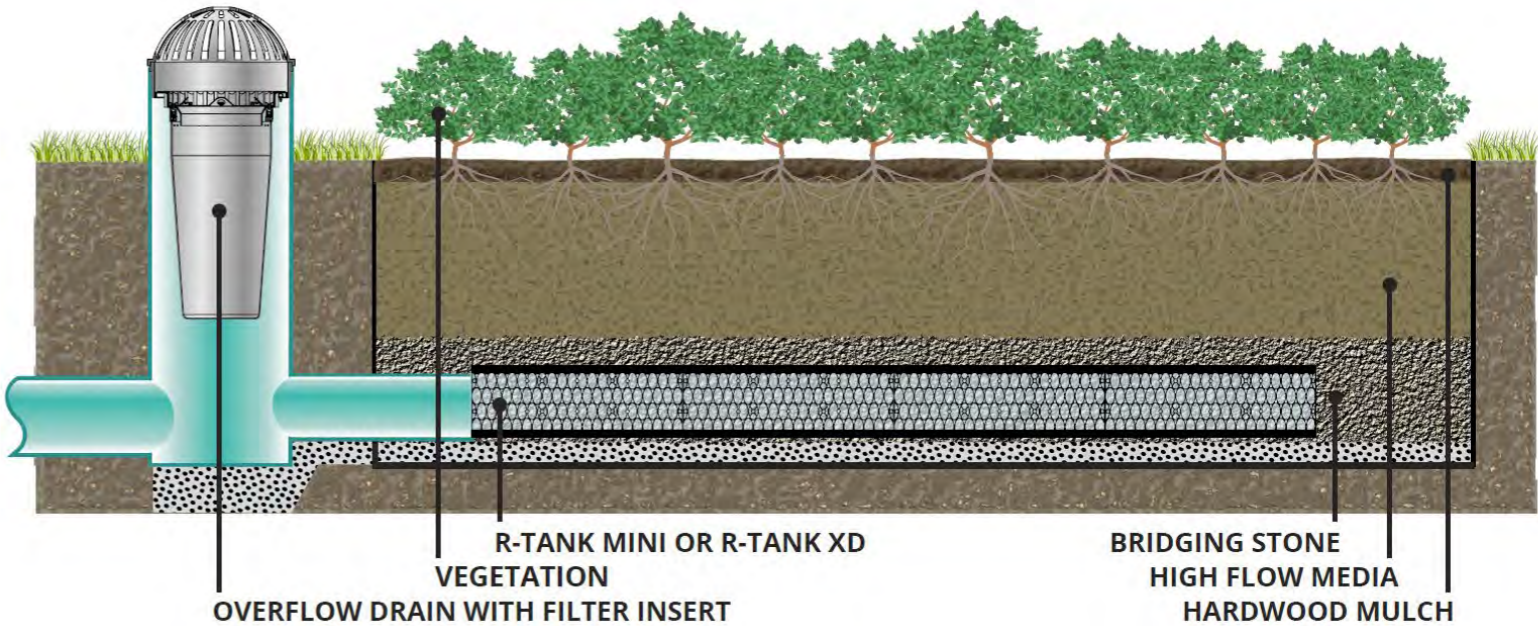
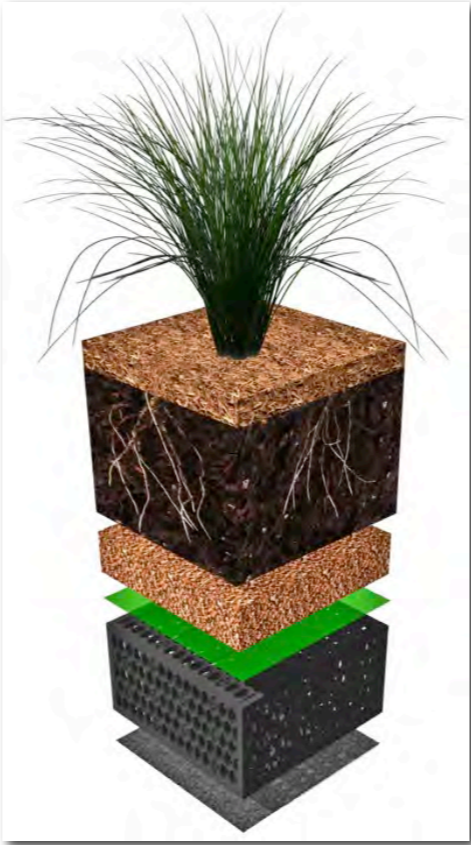
- Conveyance of larger storms
- Collection of floatables, mulch, debris
- Expanding ring mount
- No screws or fasteners
- Low cost
- Easy to clean



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## MODULAR BIOFILTRATION SYSTEM

- Space efficient
- 100 in/hr innovative media
- Provides treatment for a variety of pollutants
- Engineered system



- Smaller footprint = less disturbance
- Smaller footprint = smaller maintenance footprint
- Smaller footprint = feasibility in tight spaces previously overlooked

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## MODULAR BIOFILTRATION SYSTEM

### Vegetated System:

Plants process pollutants removed from run-off and root system maintains drainage and aeration of media.

### 3" Layer of Shredded Hardwood Mulch:

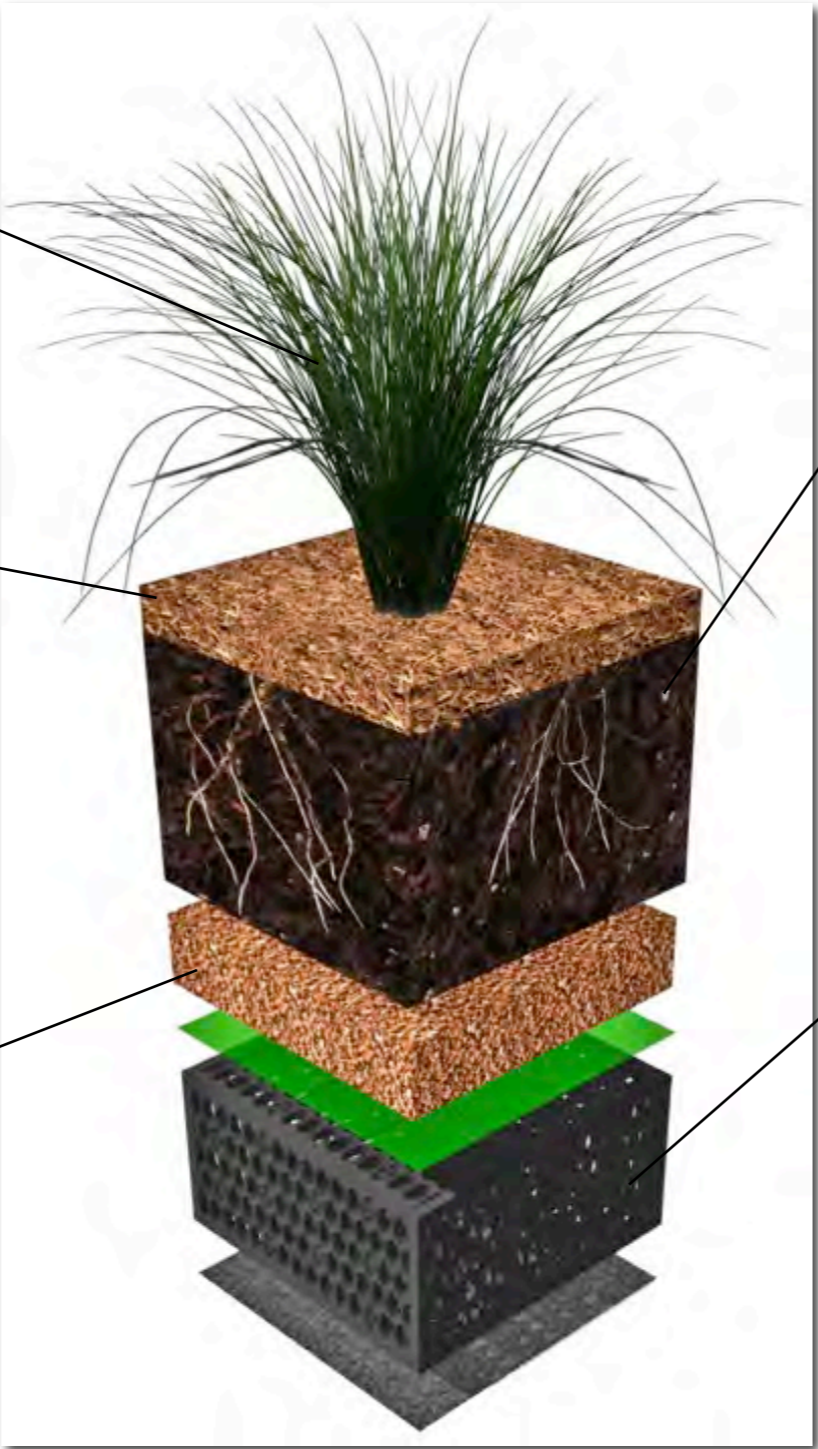
Pre-treatment mechanism.

Removal and Replacement of Mulch Represents the Bulk of System Maintenance!

### 6" Bridging Stone & Separation Layer:

Clog-Proof Clean Stone & Micro-Grid Replace Traditional Geotextile Layer

No geotextile = no clogging



### 18" High Performance Media:

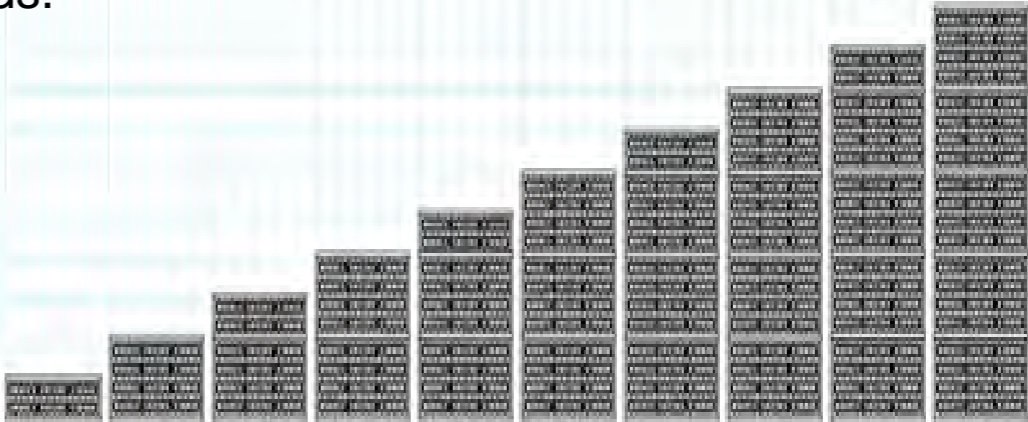
Flows at 100" Per Hour / 200 ft per day  
Resistant to Clogging

### High Performance Underdrain:

9.45" Modular Tank, or "Flat Pipe" w/95% Open Surface Collects Water Efficiently.

Optional 2" Low-Profile Panel Addresses Shallow Applications.

Expand into Modular Tanks for Larger Storage Needs.





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## TIGHT URBAN SITES



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## GREEN ROADWAY PROJECTS



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Rain Gardens on Private Projects



# GSI: WHAT'S GREEN GOT TO DO WITH IT

Infill Housing





 **FERGUSON**  
WATERWORKS

# ALTERNATIVE SURFACES



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TRADITIONAL PERMEABLE PAVERS



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## Why Fill the Joints?

- Provide Stability for Traffic Loads
- Prevent Pavers from Shifting
- Filter Sediments and Trash
- **PROBLEM**

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**Open-Joint Pavers Help  
Maximize Conveyance  
Rates and Reduce  
Maintenance**

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INFILL vs OPEN JOINT PAVER

**100" / Hour**

VS

**1,000" / Hour**

50% Clogged – 50"/hr

75% Clogged – 25"/hr

90% Clogged – 10"/hr

50% Clogged – 500"/hr

75% Clogged – 250"/hr

90% Clogged – 100"/hr

Higher Conveyance Rates (> 1000 inches/hour) Can  
Minimize Owner Pain By Extending Maintenance Cycles

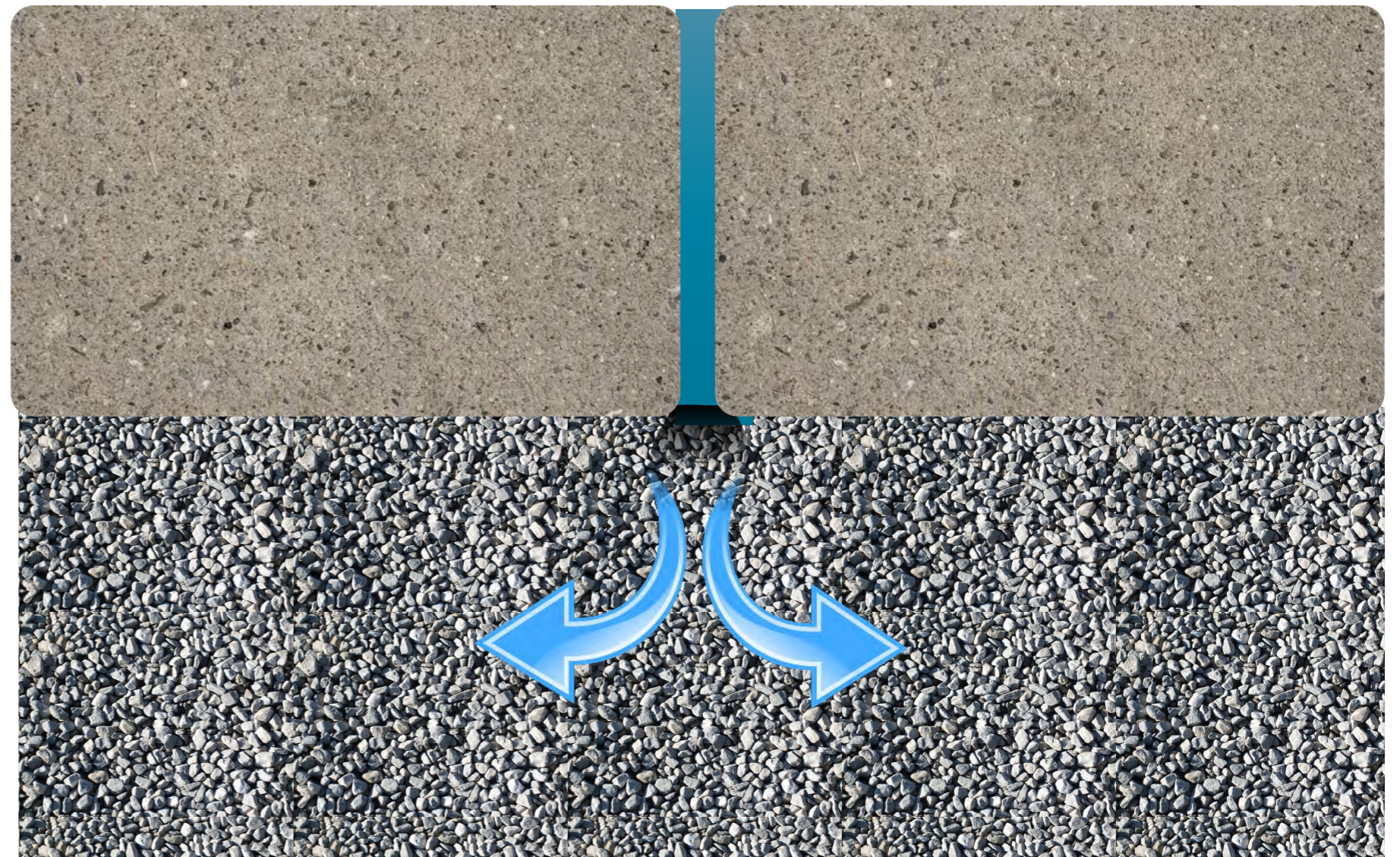
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TRADITIONAL PERMEABLE PAVERS

## Typical Paver



## Open-Joint Paver



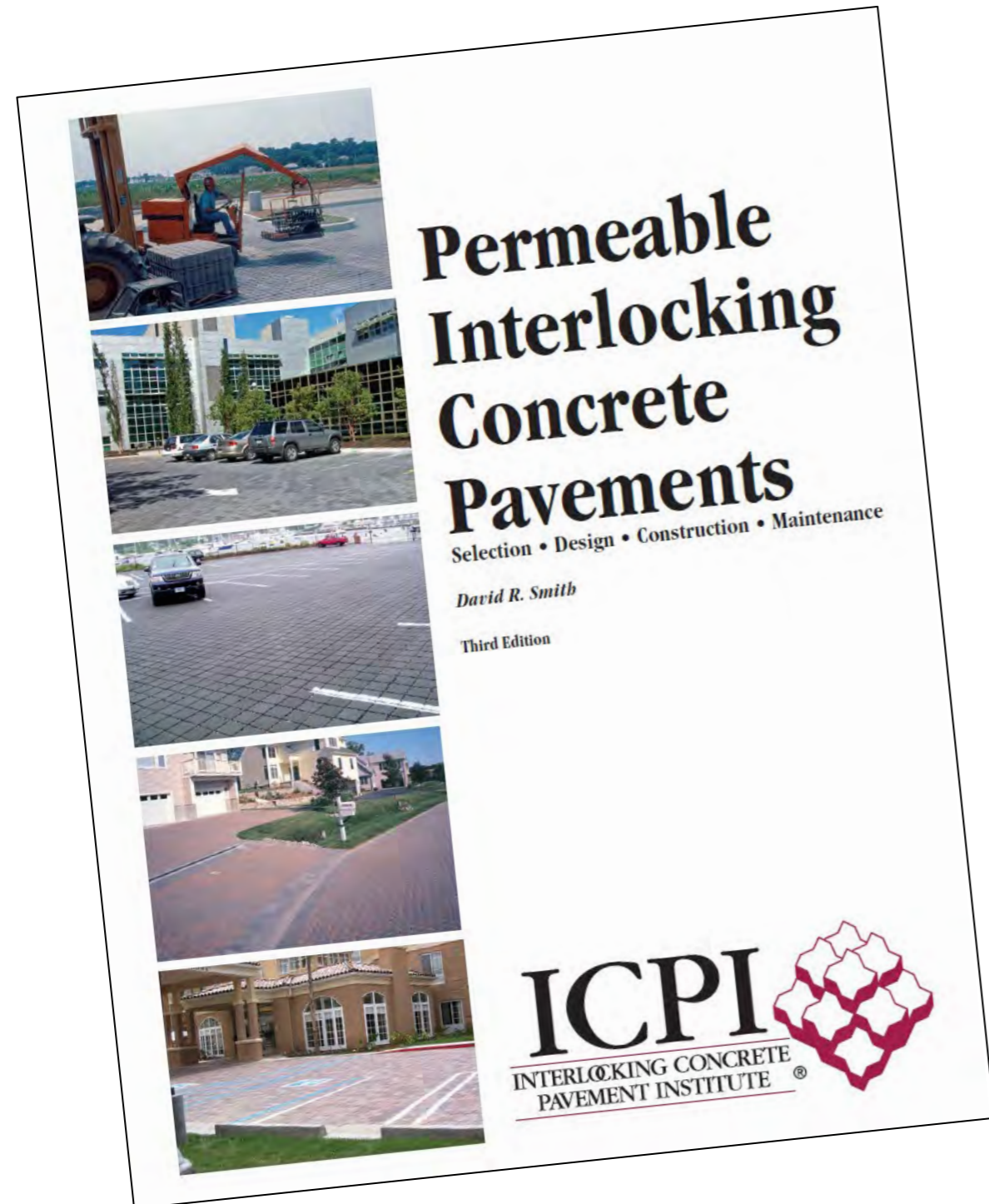
## Where Does Clogging Occur?

Initiating clogging at the **BOTTOM** of the joint creates several inches of head pressure to drive water into the base.

...of course, that's only good if you can still remove the sediment!

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## MAINTENANCE



### In-service Inspection Checklist

- Vacuum surface openings in dry weather to remove dry, encrusted sediment. These appear as small, curled “potato chips.” Vacuum settings may require adjustment to prevent uptake of aggregate in the pavement openings and joints.
- Inspect after at least one major storm per year.
- Maintained vegetation around pavement to filter runoff and minimize sediment deposition on the pavement.
- No standing water on the surface after storms.
- Repair ruts or deformations in pavement exceeding 1/2 in. or 13 mm.
- Repair pavers more than 1/4 in. or 6 mm above/below adjacent units.
- Replace broken units that impair the structural integrity of the surface.
- Replenish aggregate joint materials as needed.
- Check drain outfalls for free flow of water.
- Check outflow from observation well annually.

*“Vacuuming should be done at least once or twice annually”*

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## MAINTENANCE



- Cost to Vacuum
- Cost of Replacement Rock
- Labor to Install
- Loss of Lot During Maintenance
- When Can Lot be Closed and How Long Must it Be Closed?
- **What is the Maintenance Schedule?**

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## OPEN JOINT PERMEABLE PAVER SYSTEM

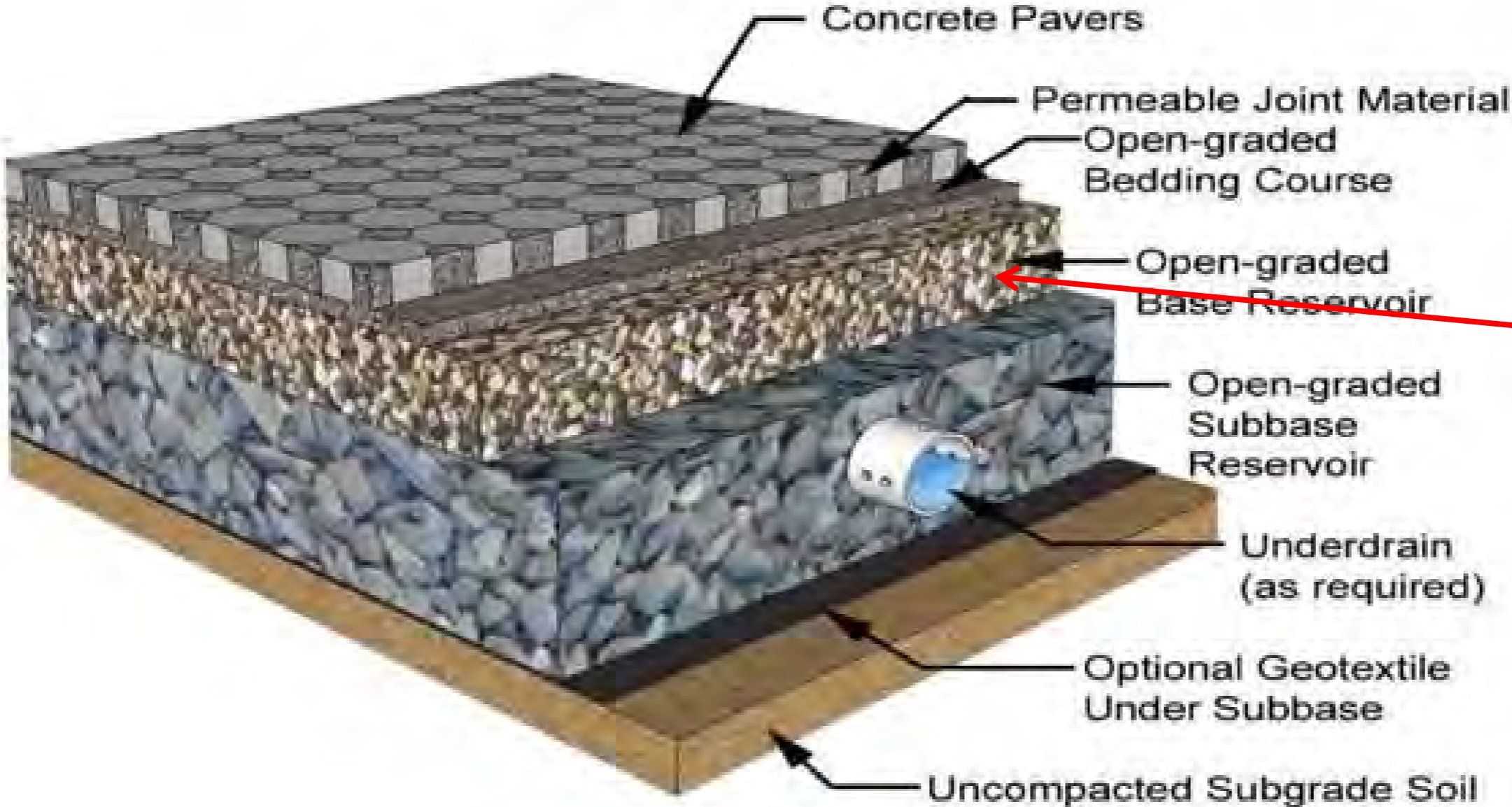
- Concrete Open-Joint Permeable Paver with 3 Functions



- Pavement – Handles Traffic Loads with 6000 psi Concrete
- Drains – Open Joints Move Water Without Inlets
- Stores & Infiltrates – Stores 1” of Water

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## OPEN JOINT PERMEABLE PAVER SYSTEM



Increase rock base or add void space for additional water storage





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## TRADITIONAL POUR IN PLACE CHALLENGES

- Durability
- Labor Intensive
- Quality Control Issues
- Difficult to Produce
- Weather Dependent (can't install when too cold or hot)
- Difficult to Maintain and Repair

**HIGH  
RISK!!!**



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## TRADITIONAL POUR IN PLACE CHALLENGES

### Project Conditions

#### A. Weather Restrictions

1. The Contractor shall not place pervious concrete pavement when the ambient temperature is predicted by the National Weather Service Point Forecast for the jobsite to be 40°F (4.4°C) or lower during the seven days following placement, unless otherwise permitted in writing by the Architect/Engineer.
2. The Contractor shall not place pervious concrete pavement later in the year than November 1 or earlier in the year than April 1 unless otherwise permitted in writing by the Architect/Engineer.
3. The Contractor shall not place pervious concrete pavement when the ambient temperature is predicted by the National Weather Service Point Forecast for the jobsite to rise above 90°F (32.2°C) during the seven days following placement, unless otherwise permitted in writing by the Architect/Engineer.
4. The curing cover shall remain securely in place, uninterrupted, until the concrete has reached a maturity equivalent to 14 days of curing at 70°F (21°C) at 95% relative humidity. Maturity shall be determined by an independent testing laboratory. No vehicular traffic shall be permitted on the pavement until curing is complete without written permission from the Architect/Engineer.

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## PRECAST POROUS PANELS

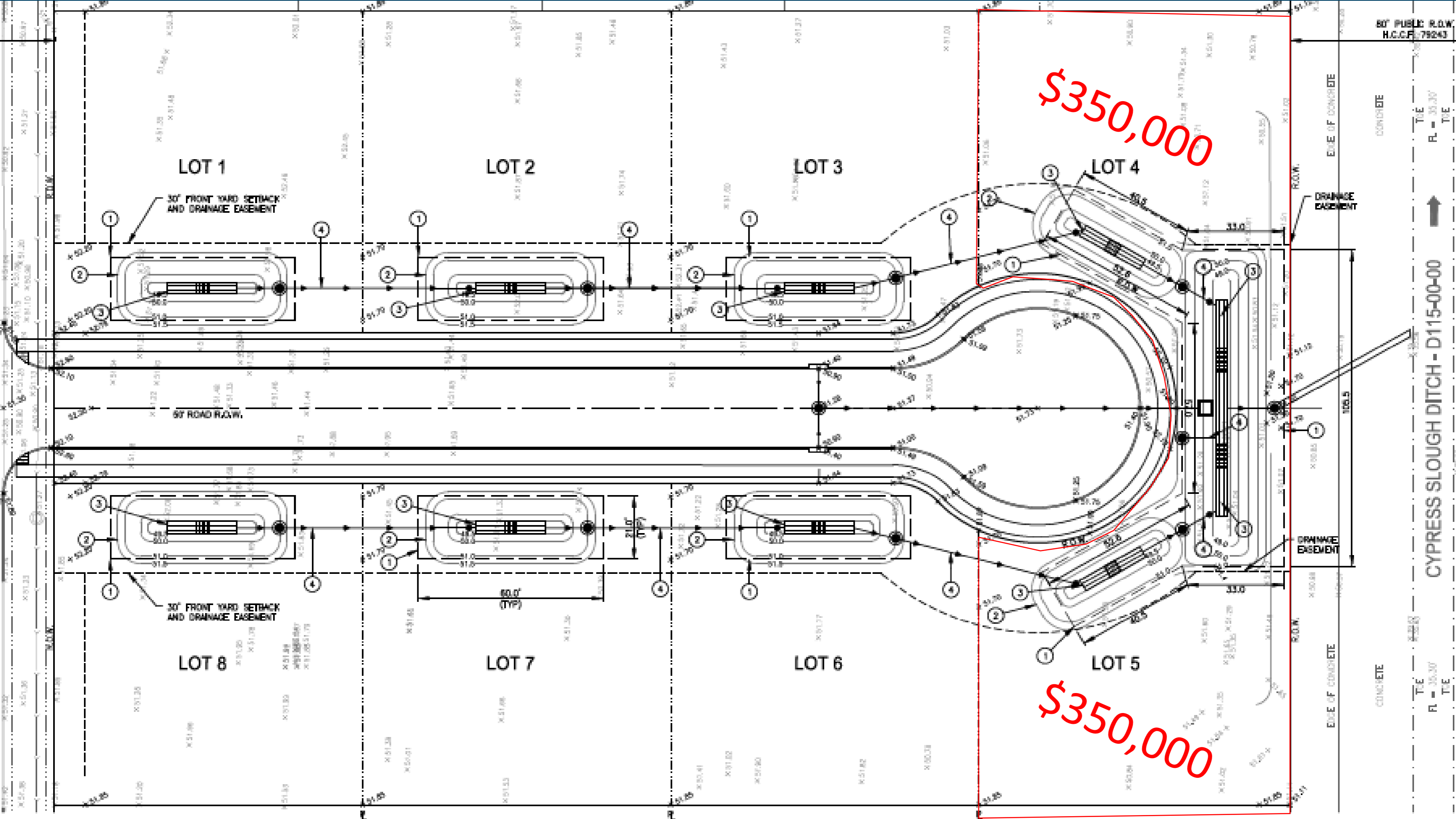
- Porous concrete is manufactured, cured and stored in controlled environment
- Ease of Installation
- Porous Section is Removable and Replaceable
- Can be Installed Year-Round in any Weather Condition
- Lower Life Cycle Costs

**LOW RISK!!!**









\$350,000

\$350,000

LOT 1

LOT 2

LOT 3

LOT 4

LOT 8

LOT 7

LOT 6

LOT 5

30' FRONT YARD SETBACK  
AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT

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50' ROAD R.O.W.

EDGE OF CONCRETE

CONCRETE

DRAINAGE  
CASEMENT

DRAINAGE  
EASEMENT

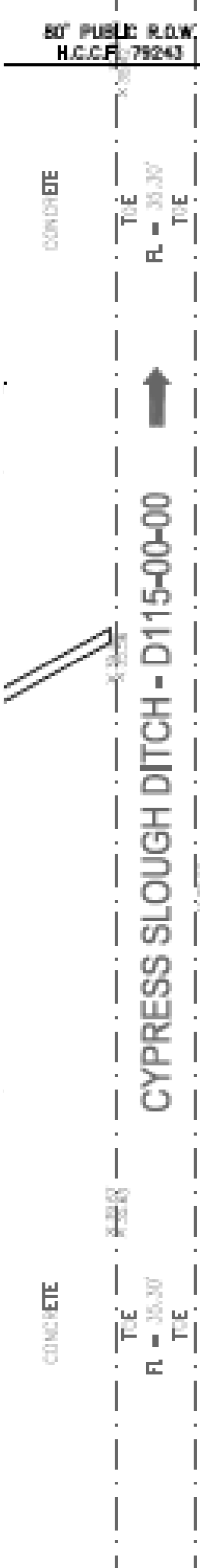
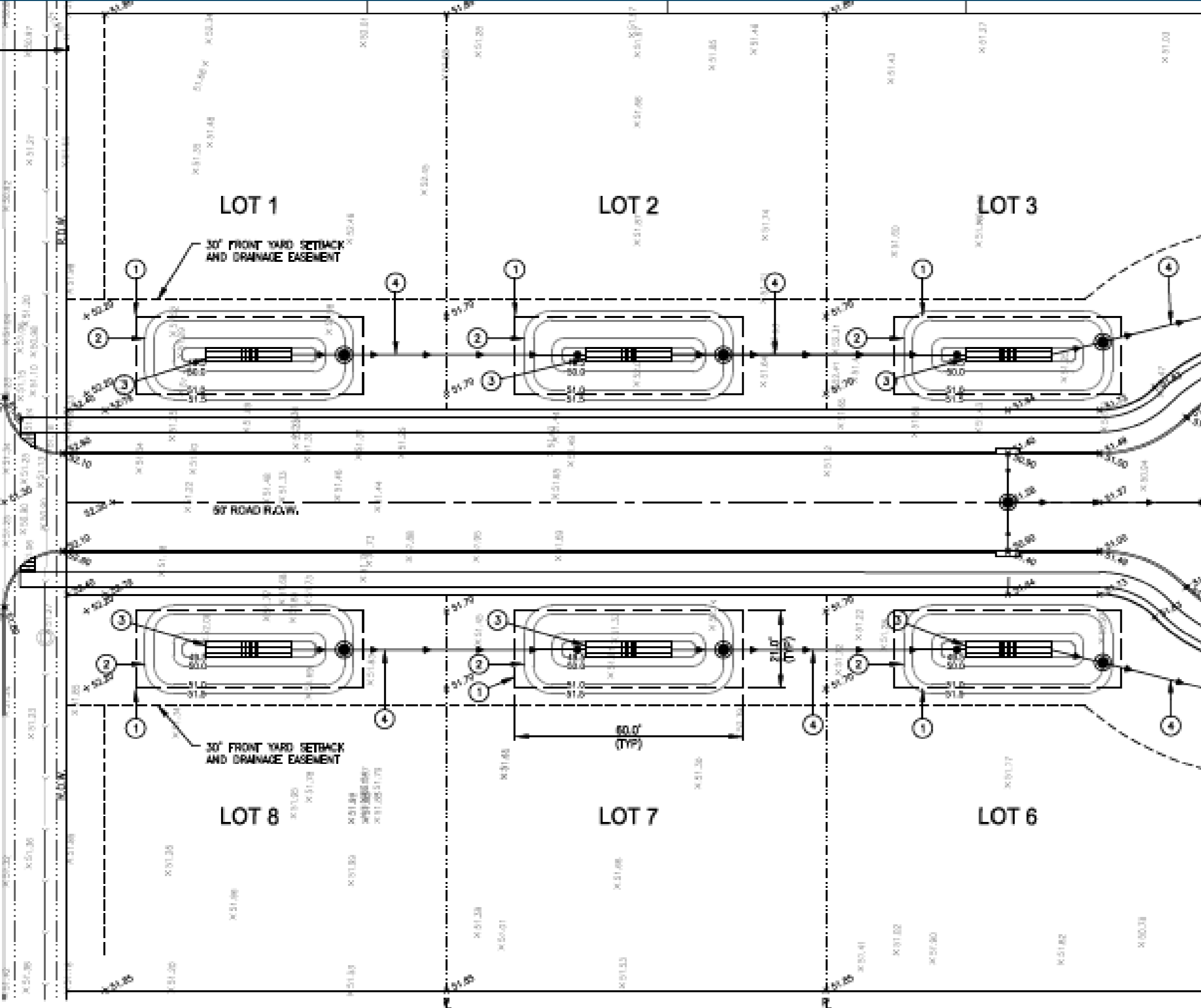
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CYPRESS SLOUGH DITCH - D115-00-00

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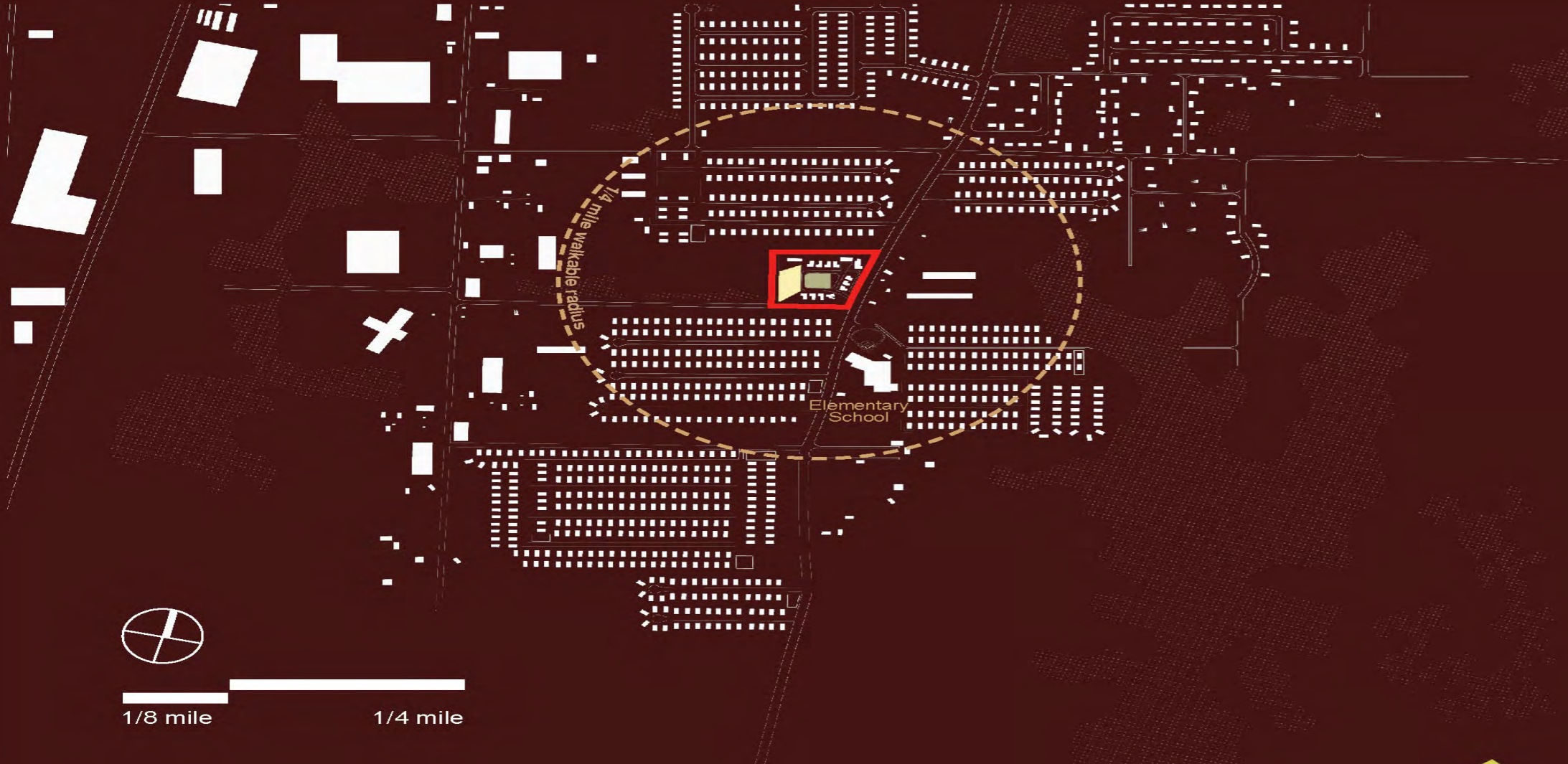
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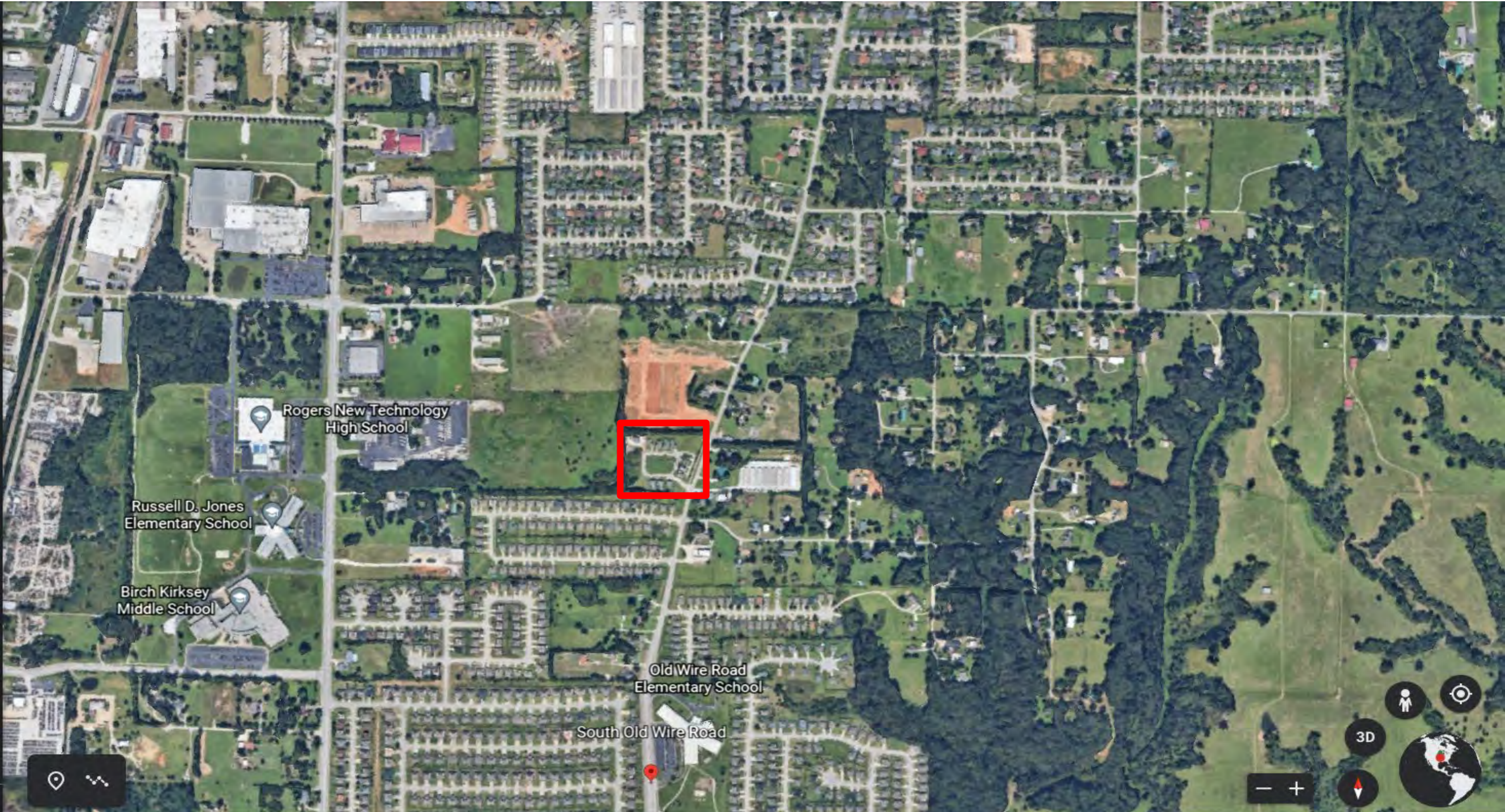
Case Study- Habitat Trails, Benton, Arkansas





Benton County, Arkansas was the third fastest growing county in the U.S., according to the 2000 census.





Rogers New Technology High School

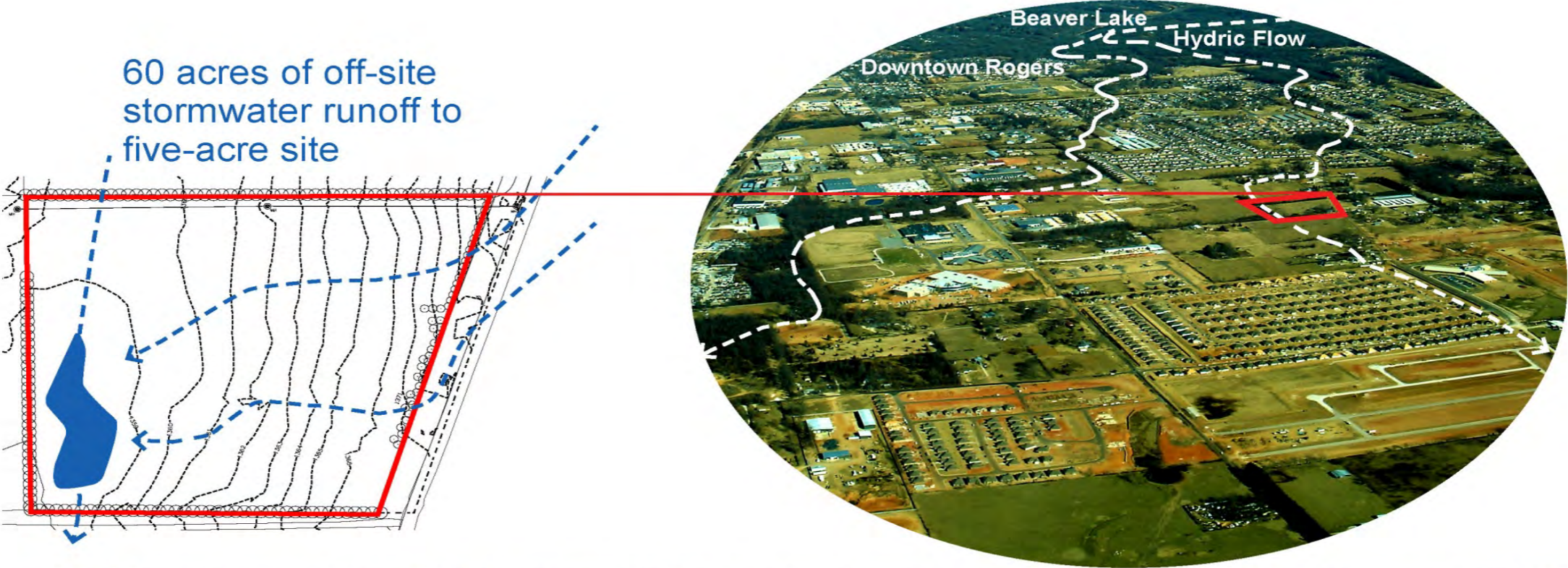
Russell D. Jones Elementary School

Birch Kirksey Middle School

Old Wire Road Elementary School

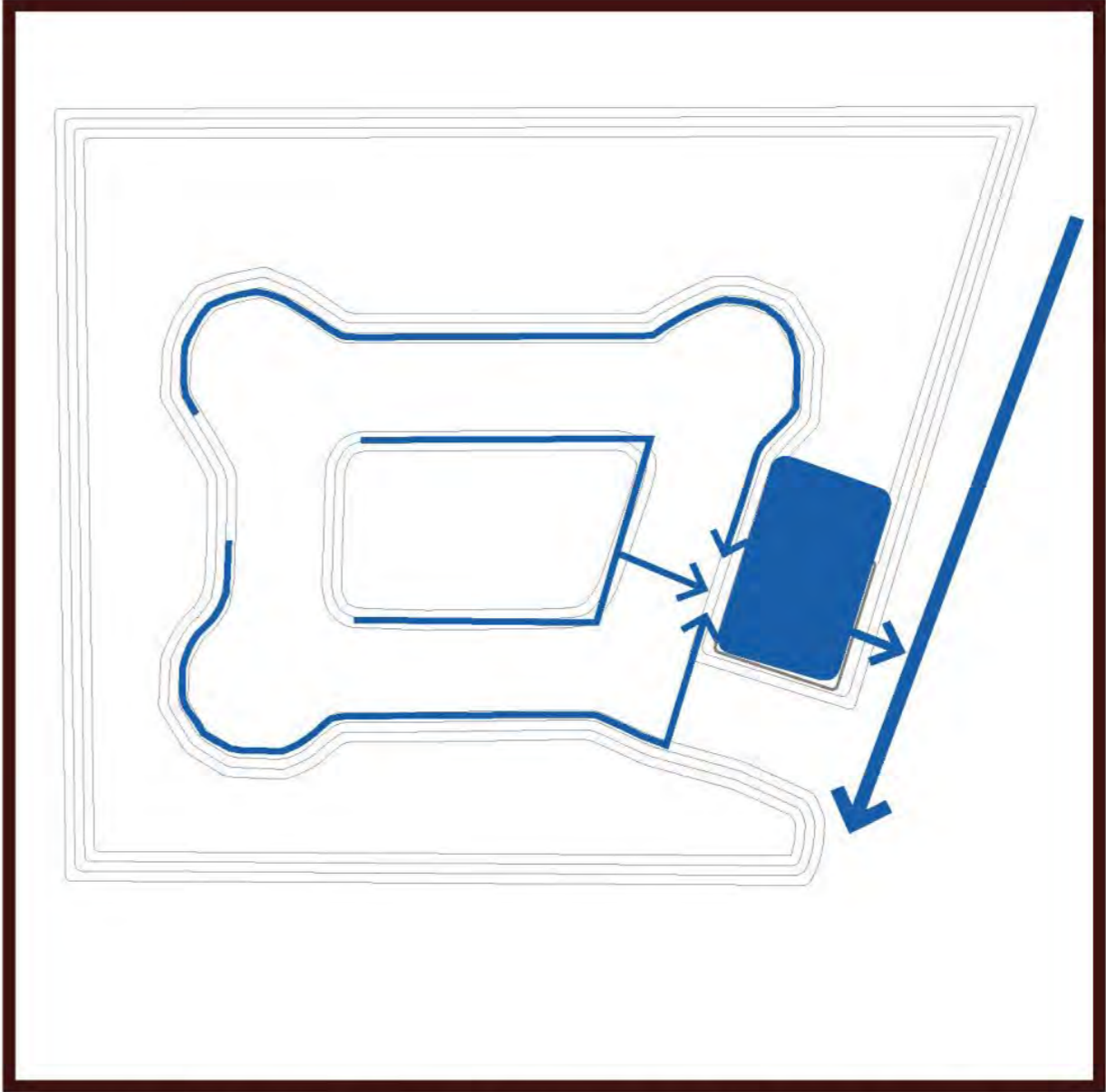
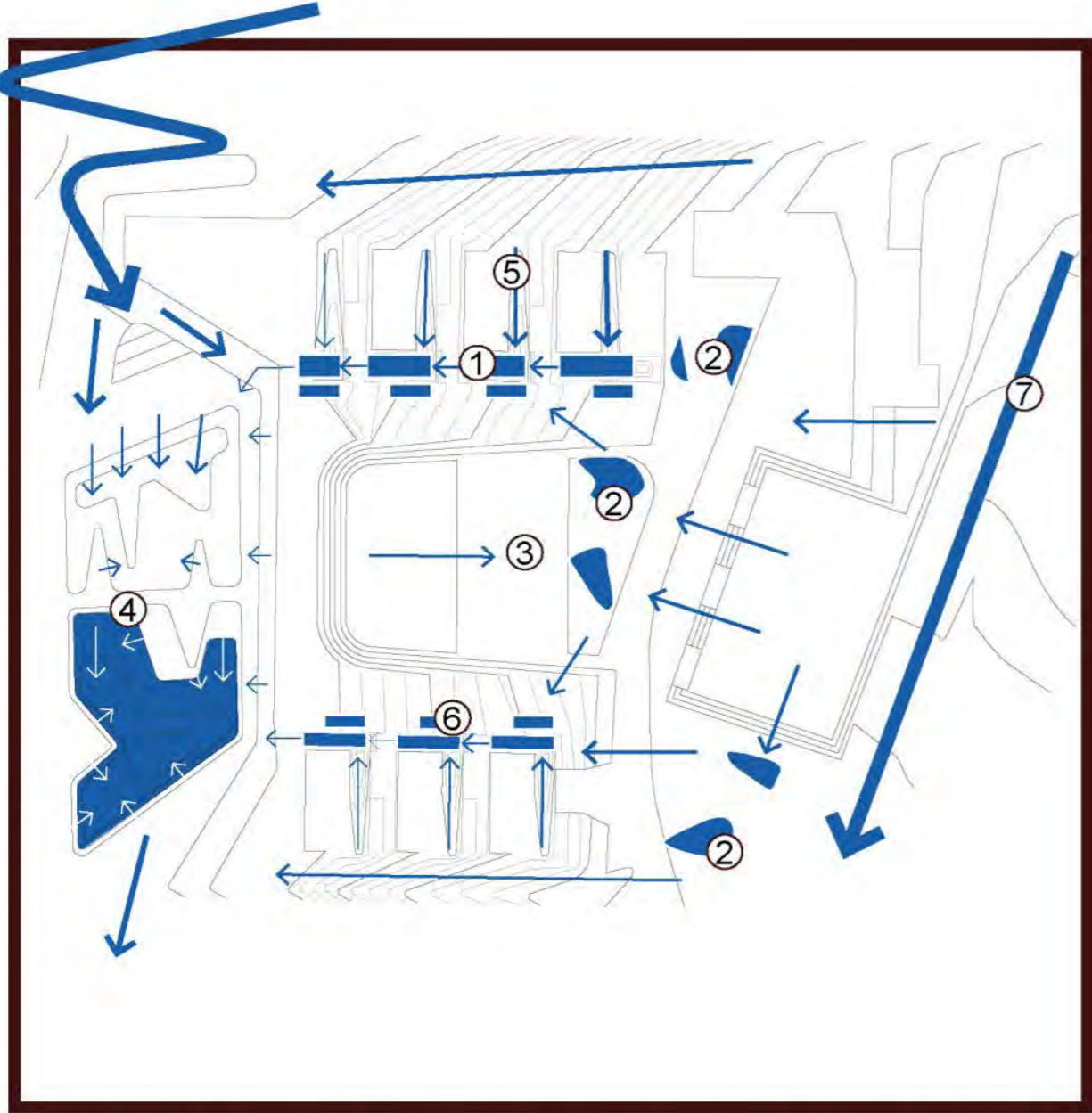
South Old Wire Road

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## GSI Design Versus Conventional Design

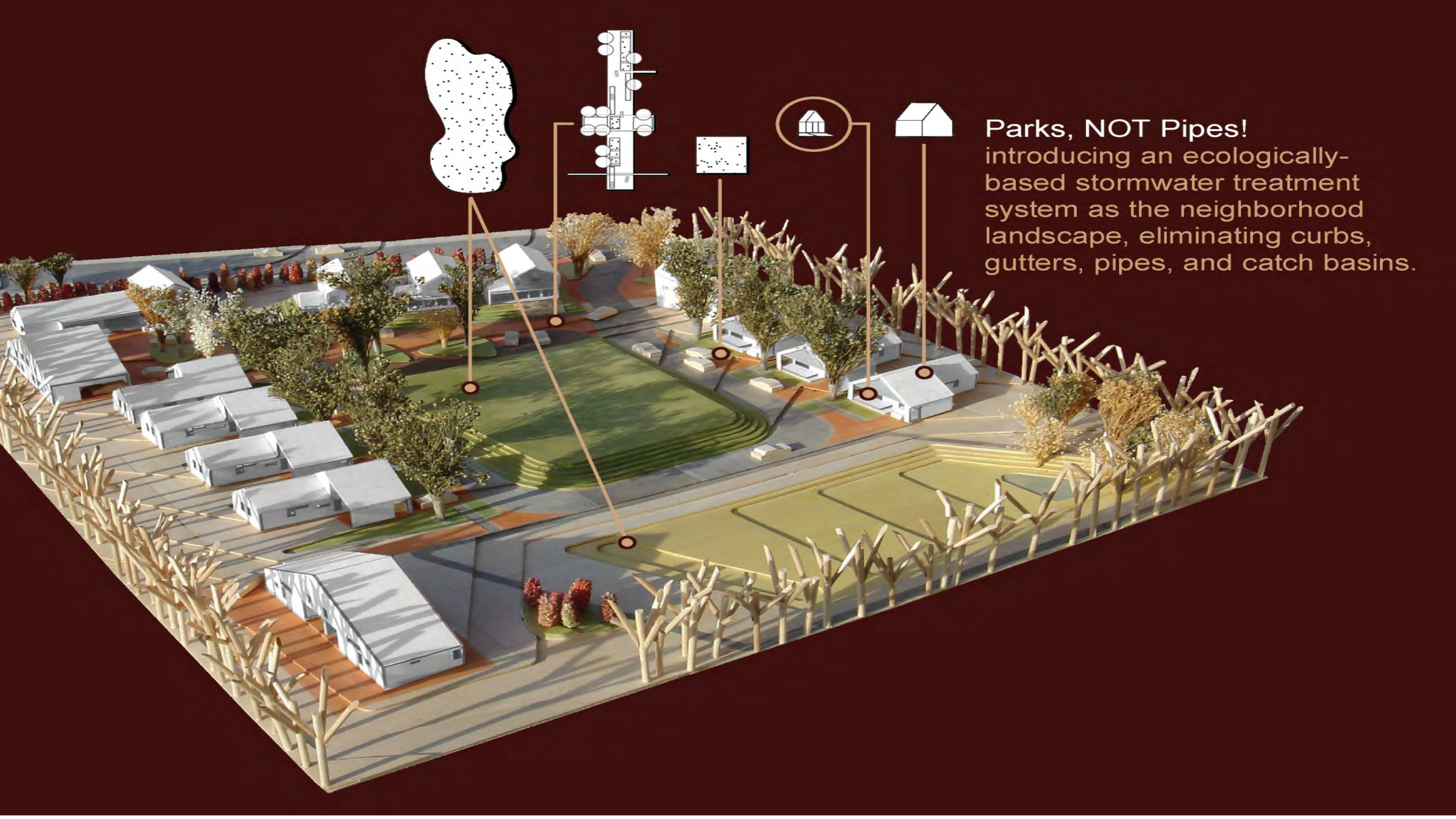


**Ecologically Engineered Stormwater Treatment System**

- 1 bioswale-conveyance/treatment
- 2 infiltration trenches-subgrade retention
- 3 sheetflow-recharge
- 4 wet meadow-treatment/recharge
- 5 side yard bioswales-treatment/conveyance
- 6 parking filter strips-sediment control
- 7 piped civil stormwater catchment

**Conventionally Engineered Stormwater Detention System**

"pipe and pond solution"



**Parks, NOT Pipes!**  
introducing an ecologically-based stormwater treatment system as the neighborhood landscape, eliminating curbs, gutters, pipes, and catch basins.







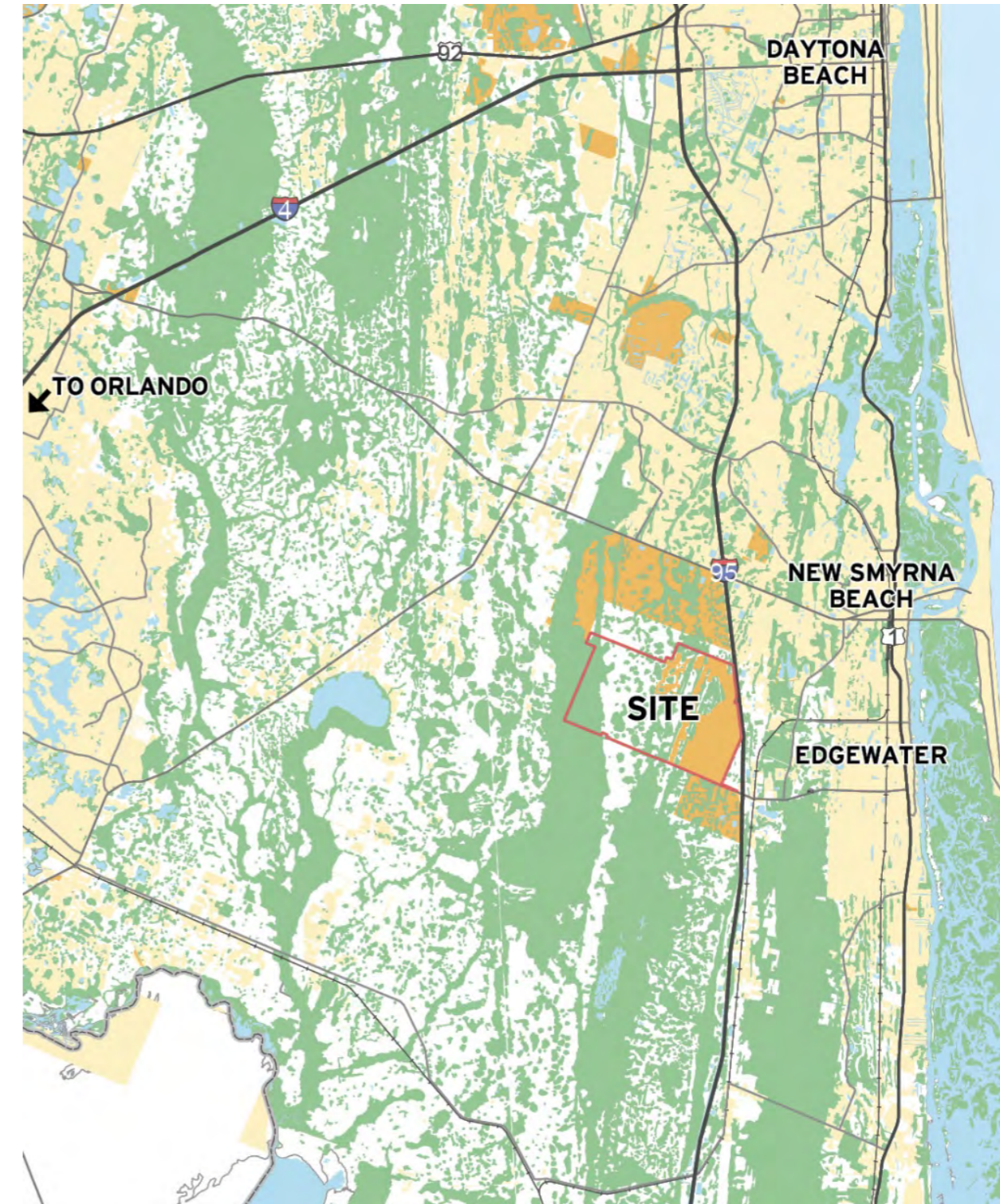
Estimated Curb and Gutter Design Cost  
of Construction: \$425 per Linear Foot

Estimated GSI Cost of Construction:  
\$250 per Linear Foot

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## Restoration Case Study

- This 5,187-acre master plan evolved significantly over its 4-year permitting process.
- Designs were for 8,500 dwelling units.
- It was fully entitled earlier this summer based on the 2009 design.
- Restoration is entitled to create a mixed-use, transit oriented community with 3.5 million ft<sup>2</sup> of commercial space.



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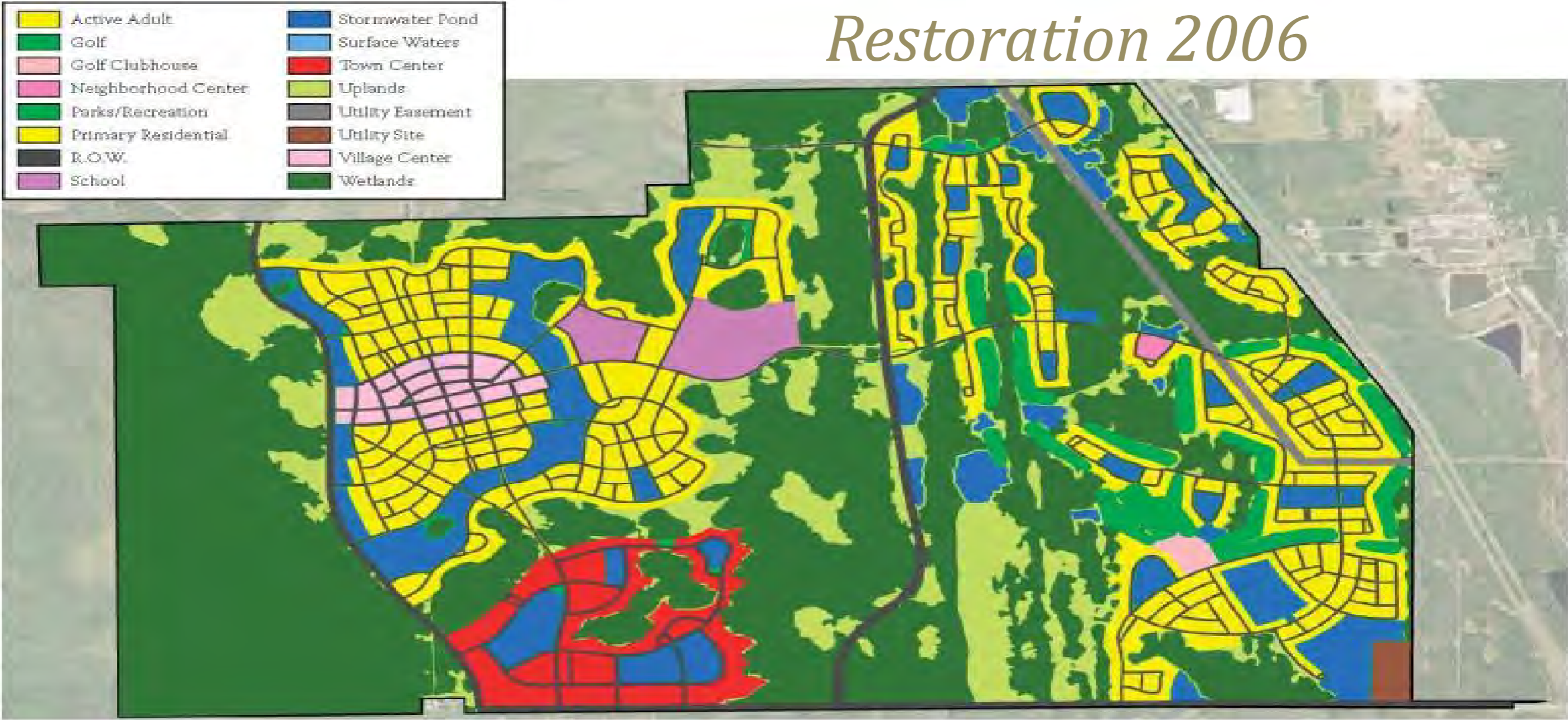
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## *Benchmarking Performance:* Roads

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## Conventional Approach

*Restoration 2006*



**RESTORATION** Master Plan - August 2006  
Edgewater, Florida

0' 1,500' 3,000'  
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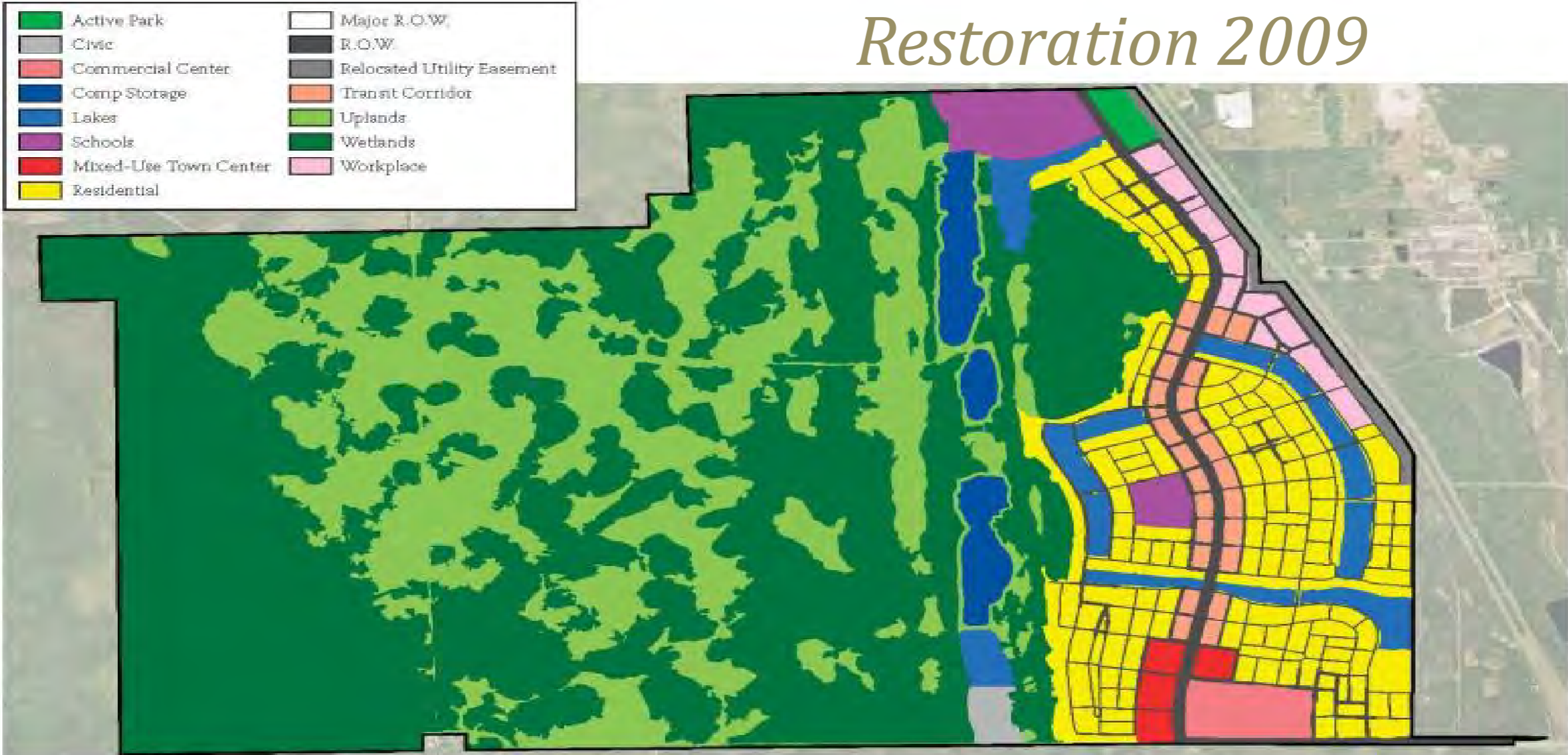
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Restoration's 2006 Road Infrastructure Life Cycle Analysis (50-year Life)

Location and Type	Description	ROW (Ft)	Miles	Lane Miles	\$/Linear Ft	Cost	Annual MtCO <sub>2e</sub>
Onsite: A	6-lane divided	150	5.45	32.7	\$2,000	\$57,552,000	2,289
Onsite: B	4-lane divided	124	2.17	8.68	\$1,500	\$17,186,400	608
Onsite: D	2-way street with bike lanes and on-street parking	70	9.36	18.72	\$1,000	\$49,420,800	1,310
Onsite: E	2-way street with parking on 1 side	52	50.27	100.54	\$800	\$212,340,480	7,038
Offsite: A	6-lane divided	150	2.58	15.48	\$2,000	\$27,244,800	1,084
Offsite: B	4-lane divided	124	2.51	10.04	\$1,500	\$19,879,200	703

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## GSI Approach



*Restoration 2009*

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Onsite: A	6-lane divided	150	0.67	4.02	\$2,000	\$7,075,200	281
Onsite: C	6-lane boulevard with streetcar frontage lanes and parking	190	2.68	16.08	\$4,000	\$56,601,600	1,126
Onsite: D	2-way street with bike lanes and on-street parking	70	6.03	12.06	\$1,000	\$31,838,400	844
Onsite: E	2-way street with parking on 1 side	52	26.75	53.5	\$800	\$112,992,000	3,745
Offsite: A	6-lane divided	150	2.81	16.86	\$2,000	\$29,673,600	1,180



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Restoration's 2006 to 2009 Road Infrastructure Comparison

<i>Inputs</i>	<u>2006 Plan</u>	<u>2009 Plan</u>
• Miles:	72	39
• Lane miles:	186	103
• Impervious area, ft <sup>2</sup>	17,000,000	10,000,000
• Landscaped area, ft <sup>2</sup>	6,000,000	3,000,000
• Cost	\$383,623,680	\$238,180,800
<i>GHG Emissions</i>		
• Mtons CO <sub>2</sub> e/yr:	13,031	7,176

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<i>Inputs</i>	<u>2006 Plan</u>	<u>2009 Plan</u>
• Road Construction Costs Avoided:		
• <b>\$145,000,000</b>		
• Cost	\$500,020,000	\$200,100,000
<i>GHG Emissions</i>		
• Mtons CO2e/yr:	13,031	7,176

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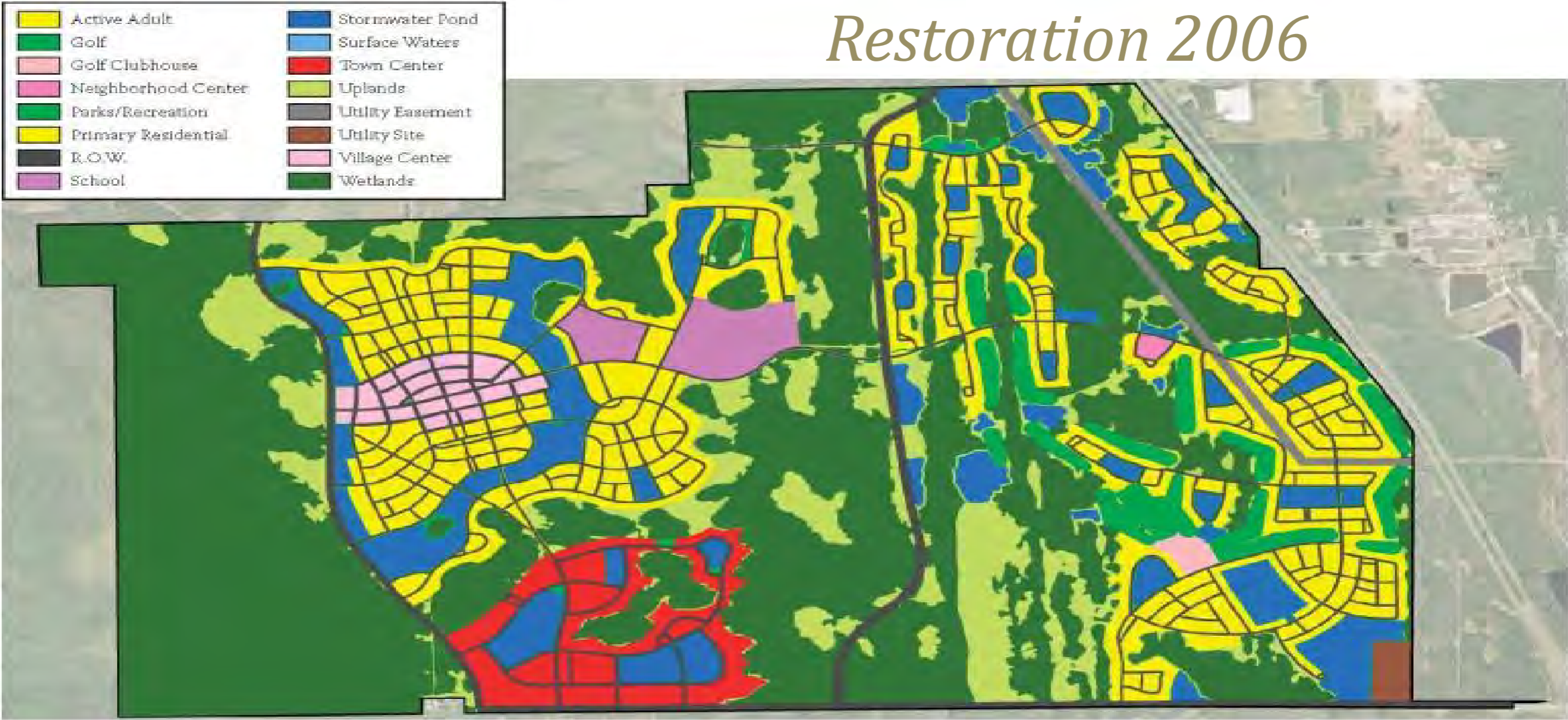
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Vehicle Miles Traveled Analysis- 2006 Design

*Restoration 2006*

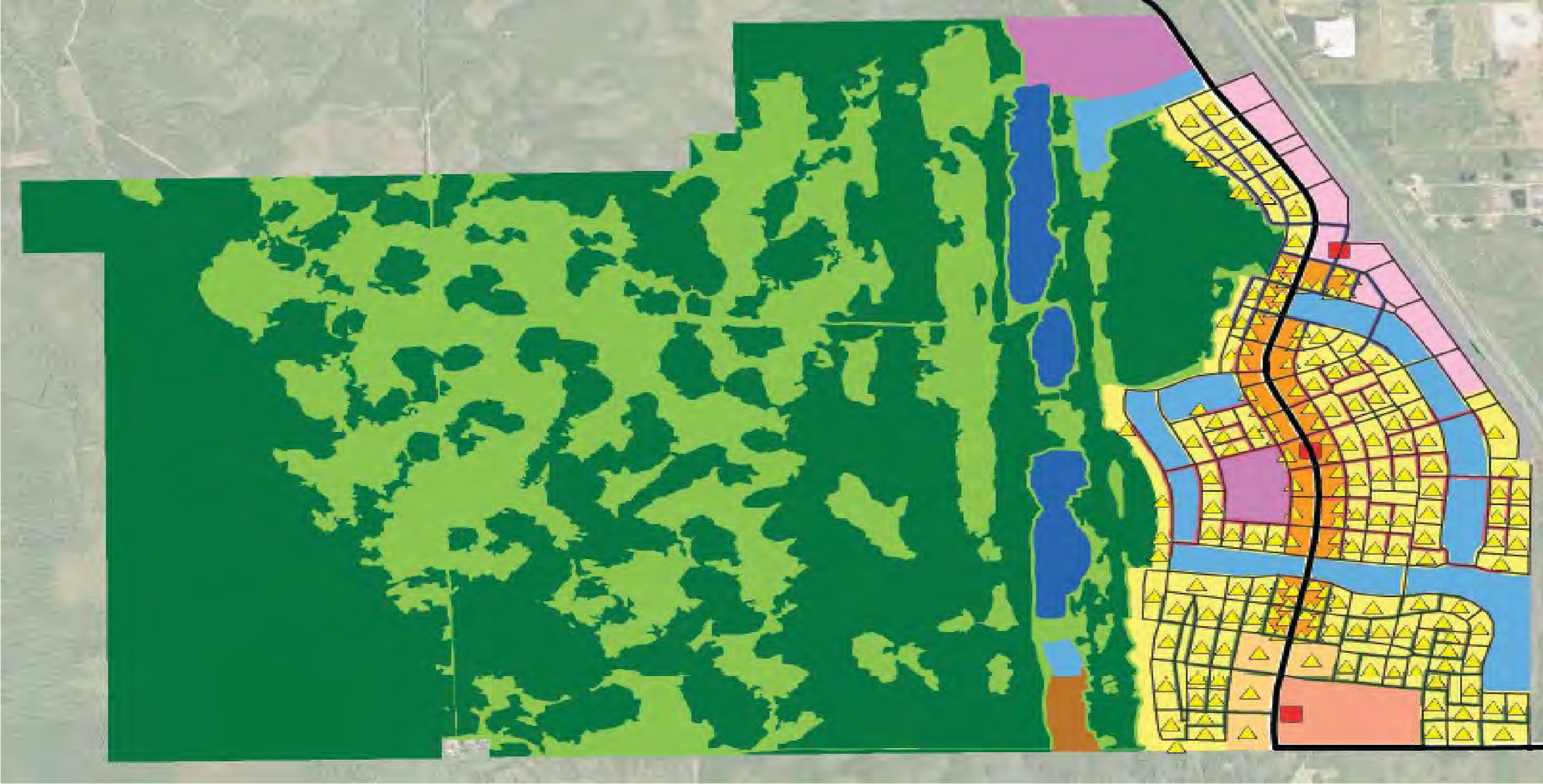


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Vehicle Miles Traveled Analysis- Comparison

<i>Inputs:</i>	<u>2006 Plan</u>	<u>2009 Plan</u>
• Trips, #	68,000	68,000
• Internal trip length, miles	1.75	0.38
• Onsite trip capture, %	20%	50%
• Total daily travel, miles	594,000	349,000
• Gasoline, gallons/day	29,254	17,216
<i>GHG Emissions</i>		
• Mtons CO2e/yr	98,900	58,200

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Vehicle Miles Traveled Analysis- Comparison

<i>Inputs:</i>	<u>2006 Plan</u>	<u>2009 Plan</u>
• Trips, #	68,000	68,000
•		
• Gallons Per Year Not Consumed:		<b>4,400,000</b>
• Fuel Costs Per Year Avoided:		<b>\$13,000,000</b>
•		
<i>GHG Emissions</i>		
• Mtons CO2e/yr	98,900	58,200

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# GSI: WHAT'S GREEN GOT TO DO WITH IT

## Benefits of Green Infrastructure- Triple Bottom Line

### Environmental

- Reduces water pollution and improves quality of ground and surface waters
- Reduces urban heat island effect
- Protects and enhances aquatic and wildlife habitats

### Social

- Improves aesthetics of communities
- Improves water and air quality
- Increases appeal of recreational opportunities

### Economic

- Reduces clearing and grading costs, and long-term costs of stormwater management
- Increases property values
- Lower heating and energy costs





# Thank You!!



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