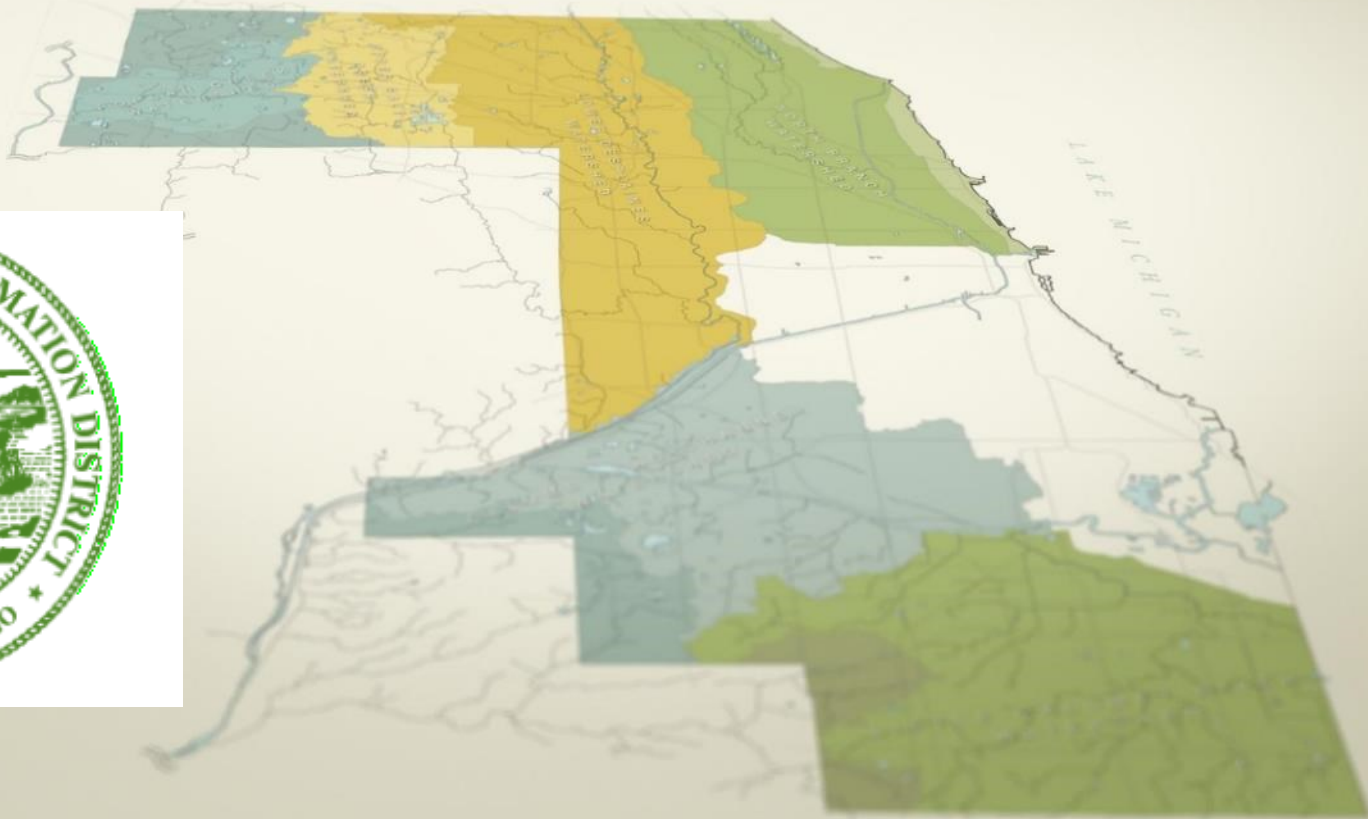


# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

## Green Infrastructure Program Updates



Calumet Stormwater Collaborative

June 1, 2018 - Chicago

# Stormwater Management Programs

## Flooding remains our #1 issue

- Stormwater Phase I (DWP) Projects
  - Design and Construction of Regional Flood Control and Streambank Stabilization Projects
- Stormwater Phase II Projects
  - Funding of Shovel-Ready Projects
  - Design of Conceptual Projects
- Green Infrastructure
  - Partnerships with Local Communities
- Flood-Prone Property Acquisitions
  - Voluntary buyouts where no practical engineered solution exists



# Stormwater Management Program

MWRD conveyed authority in November 2004 to plan, manage, implement, and finance activities relating to stormwater management in Cook County

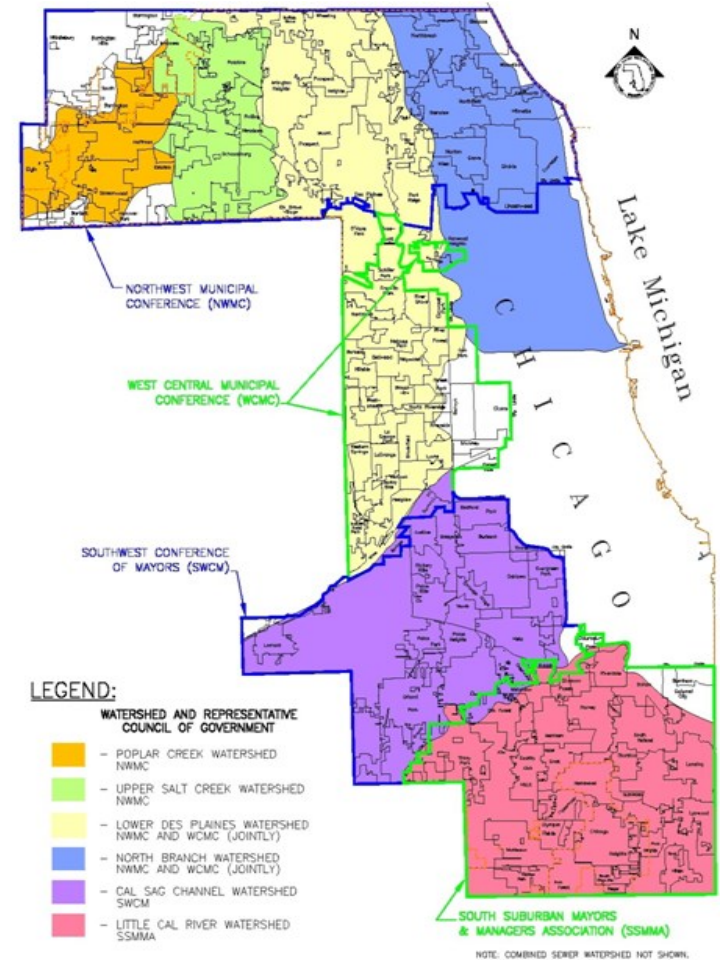
Cook County Stormwater Management Plan (CCSMP) adopted in 2007 establishing program framework

Primary Stormwater Management Activities:

- Develop Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to address REGIONAL stormwater problems
- Comprehensive uniform stormwater regulations to ensure future development and redevelopment does not exacerbate flooding

# Detailed Watershed Plan Development

- Poplar Creek
- Upper Salt Creek
- Lower Des Plaines River
- North Branch Chicago River
- Calumet-Sag Channel
- Little Calumet River

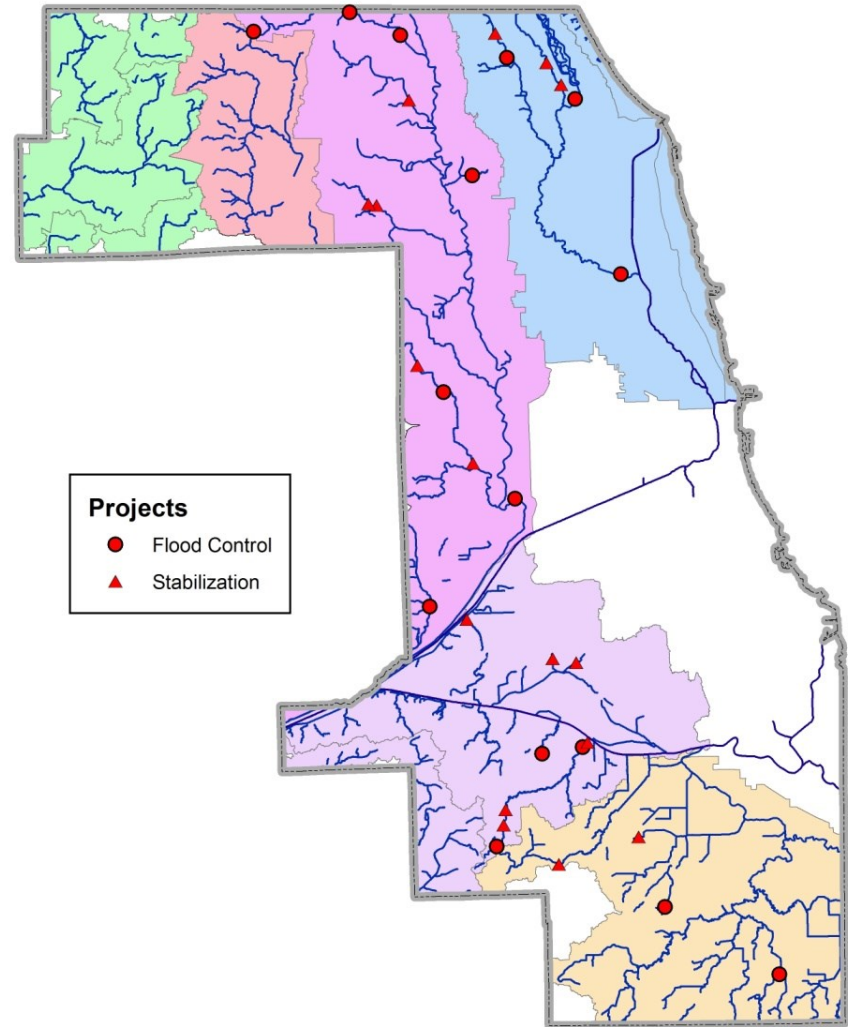


# Recommended DWP Projects

15 Flood Control Projects to address overbank flooding

12 Streambank Stabilization Projects to address critical erosion

Prioritized based on Benefit-to-Cost Ratio and Distributed across Cook County



# Regional Streambank Projects

## ***Streambank Stabilization Projects***

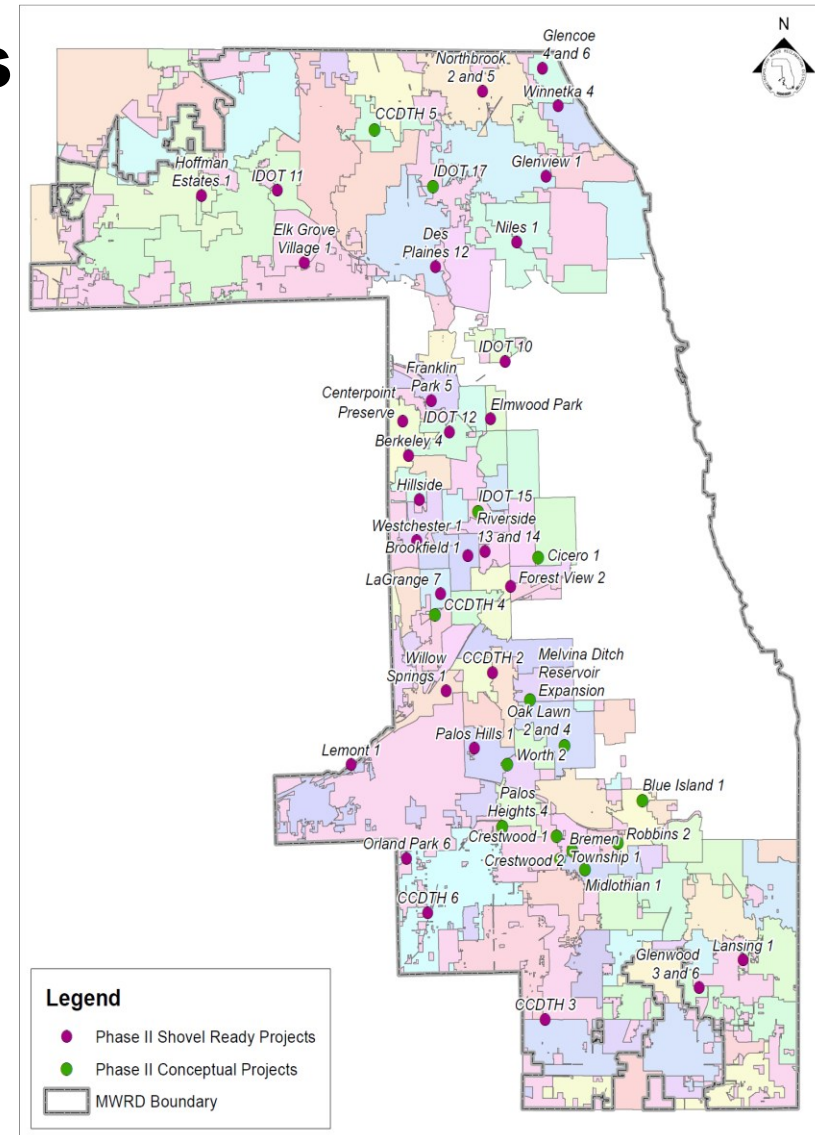
- Address erosion threatening structures, roadways, utilities on regional waterways
- Natural channel design is our goal where practical
- Structural measures when necessary
  - Concrete walls
  - Sheet piles
  - Gabions



# Phase II Flood Control Program

## Initial (2014) Call for Projects

- 21 Shovel Ready Projects (3 GI)
- >3,000 Structures Protected
- \$81M Construction Costs
- \$41M in MWRD Dollars
- 13 Conceptual Projects
- 5 Pilot Study Master Plans
- >\$15M in Engineering Fees
- Final Design in progress or under development





# Green Infrastructure Program

## Space to Grow

- Managed by Healthy Schools Campaign and Openlands
- Funding and technical assistance from
  - Chicago Public Schools
  - Chicago Dept. of Water Management
  - MWRDGC

## Chicago Housing Authority

- Dearborn Homes Rainwater Harvesting

## Local Municipalities

- Evanston, Blue Island, Kenilworth, Wilmette, Northbrook, Niles, and Berwyn (complete)
- Skokie (under construction)



# Green Infrastructure Program

## 2017 GI Call for Projects:

- Projects solicited from Cook County Municipalities, Townships, and other Governmental Organizations
- Applications mailed to elected officials, posted on mwrdd.org, and publicized through press releases, and at various public events
- Application period  
May 25<sup>th</sup> -July 14
- Fillable Application Form (PDF) format
- Eligibility Information and Instructions



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

**Press Release**

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For immediate release  
June 14, 2017

**Calling all green infrastructure projects:  
MWRD welcomes government partners**

Applications are being accepted until July 14 by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) to help fund local government projects that utilize green infrastructure (GI) to better manage stormwater.



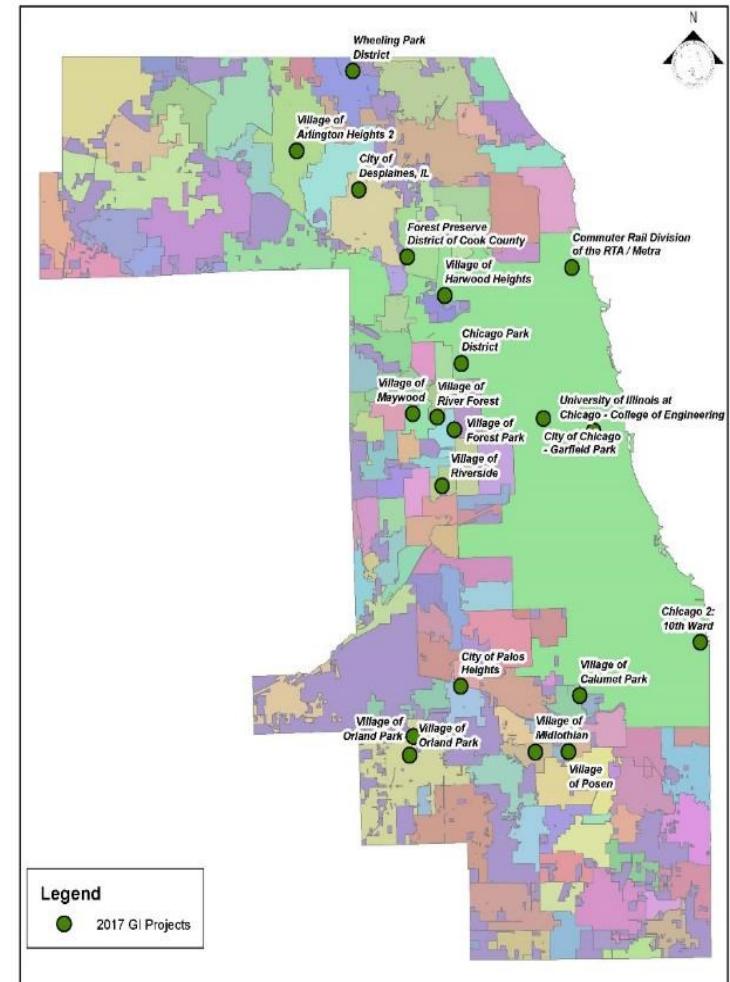
GI is designed to capture water and allow it to infiltrate into the ground before it enters the traditional

# Green Infrastructure Program

## 2017 GI Call for Projects:

- 47 Projects submitted
- 20 Projects were accepted
- 730 Structures to Benefit
- \$11.7M estimated total Construction Costs
- 3.6M gal Design Retention Capacity estimated
- Applicants whose projects were not selected notified their proposals may be eligible for future consideration

2017 Green Infrastructure Projects





# 2017 GI Call for Project Results

## **Primary Selection Criteria**

- Structures protected by project
- Project timeframe
- Project visibility/educational opportunity
- Median income of area

## **Other factors**

- Total cost of project
- Combined Sewer Area
- Resources and experience in performing maintenance
- Partner agency new to MWRD GI funding

# 2017 GI Call for Project Results

## 2017 Recommended Projects:

**Arlington Heights** – permeable parking lot pavers and a bioinfiltration basin at Arlington Heights Police Station.

**Calumet Park** – detention pond, bioswales, permeable pavement and rain gardens as part of the Winchester Avenue improvements.

**City of Chicago, Department of Planning and Development** – Stormwater storage at Garfield Park Community Eco Orchard.

**City of Chicago, 10th Ward** – green alleys

**Chicago Park District** – improving stormwater infiltration through the establishment of native habitat at three Chicago parks.

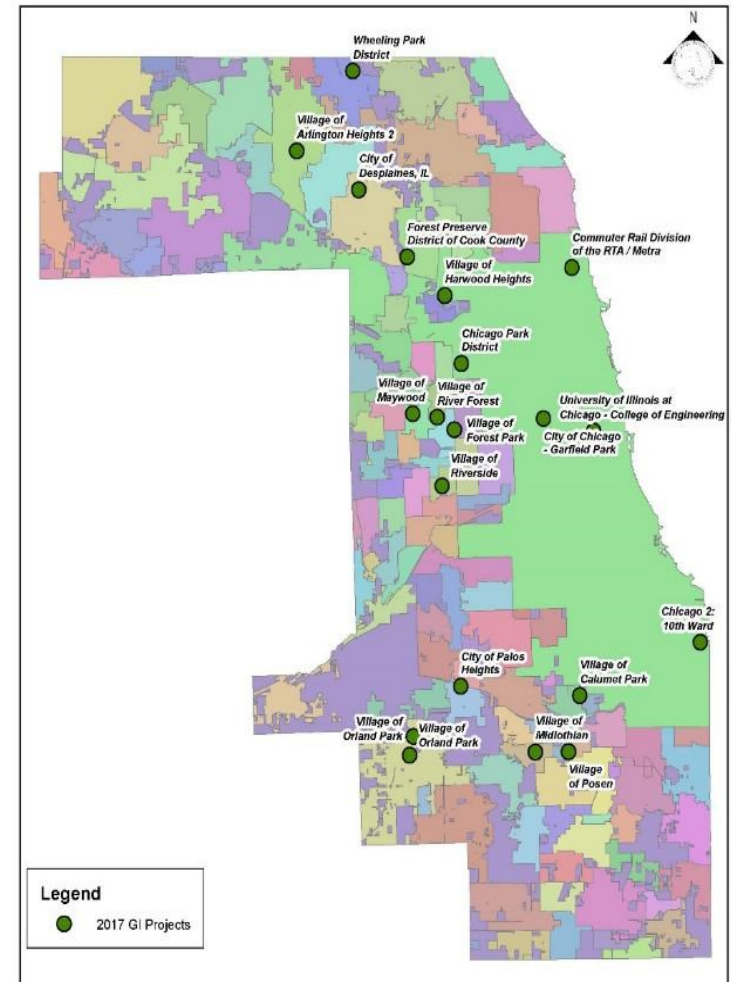
**Metra** – permeable pavement, naturalized plantings and other GI improvements for the new Peterson Ridge Metra station in Edgewater neighborhood.

**University of Illinois at Chicago** – permeable pavers and rain gardens at Arthington Mall and Parking Lot B2.

**Des Plaines** – green alleys.

**Forest Park** – green alleys.

2017 Green Infrastructure Projects



# 2017 GI Call for Project Results

## 2017 Recommended Projects:

**Harwood Heights** – green alleys.

**Maywood** – green alleys.

**Midlothian** – permeable pavement, bioswales and rain garden.

**Orland Park** – green roof on the Orland Park Village Hall and Nature Center.

**Palos Heights** – permeable pavers in the Lake Katherine Nature Center parking lot.

**Forest Preserve District of Cook County** – porous parking lot retrofit and pavement removal and naturalization at the Dam No. 4 Woods East.

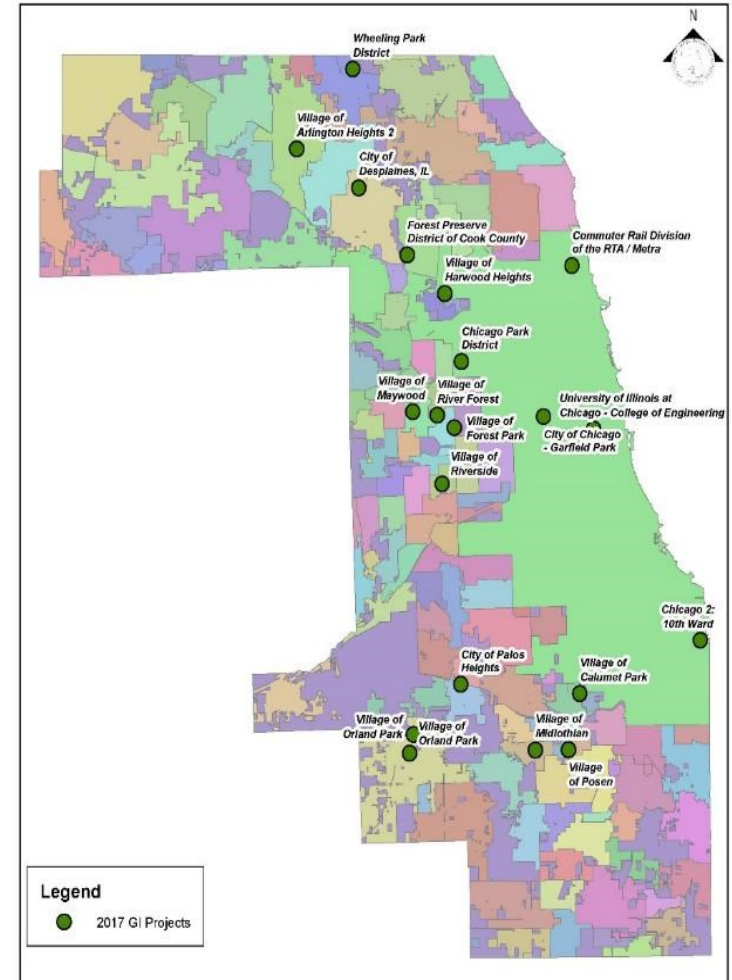
**Posen** – rain gardens and permeable parking lots as municipal facilities.

**Riverside** – permeable pavers in the commuter parking lot.

**River Forest** – green alleys.

**Wheeling Park District** – reconstructing the Chamber Park parking lot with a rain garden.

2017 Green Infrastructure Projects



# GI Applicant Eligibility Requirements

- ✓ Project located within District's corporate limits
- ✓ Project designed to include onsite stormwater control measures using Green Infrastructure
- ✓ Project must be bid and awarded in accordance with District's Purchasing Act, MPLA, and Diversity Requirements
- ✓ Applicant must be willing and capable of performing maintenance of the project
- ✓ Applicant must be able to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the District
- ✓ District will consider whether potential partner agency is in compliance with WMO & IICP when prioritizing

# Green Infrastructure Program

## Program Components

- Rain Barrel Program
- Comprehensive Land Use Policy
- Community Assistance and Public Outreach
- Projects and Design Retention Capacity



# Blue Island Rain Garden





# Blue Island Permeable Parking Lot



# Evanston Permeable Parking



# Evanston Bioswale



# Egan WRP Permeable Parking Lot



# Berwyn Green Alleys During Construction



# Berwyn Green Alleys After Construction



# Wadsworth School Before Construction



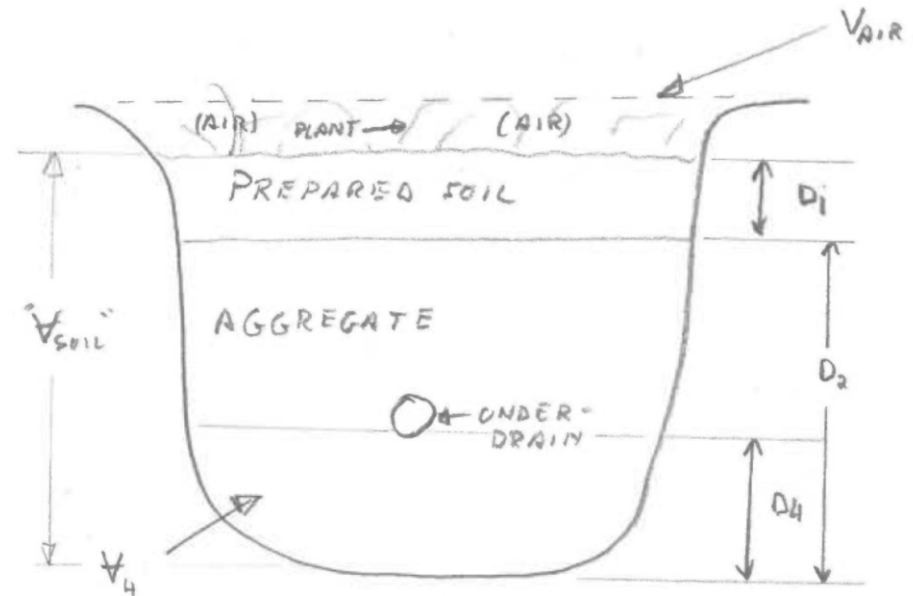
# Wadsworth School After Construction





# Design Retention Capacity: Definition & Calculation

- Volume of stormwater prevented from entering the sewer
- Includes retention volume and 6-hr infiltration
- 50% credit given for void volume above underdrain (much will drain to sewer)
- 100% credit given for void volume below underdrain (retained and infiltrated)



# Design Retention Capacity: Calculation Spreadsheet

| Section 3 BMP Specifications      |   |                   |   |             | Reference (Page#, report, etc) |
|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------|---|-------------|--------------------------------|
| 10                                | Dimensions of the bioinfiltration facility (length, width, or area)   | L                 |   | feet        |                                |
|                                   |   | W                 |   | feet        |                                |
|                                   |   | A <sub>BMP</sub>  |   | square feet |                                |
| 11                                | Depth of prepared soil  | D <sub>1</sub>    |   | feet        |                                |
| 12                                | Prepared soil porosity (0.25 maximum unless detailed materials report provided)   | P <sub>1</sub>    |   | [unitless]  |                                |
| 13                                | Depth of underlying aggregate (optional)  | D <sub>2</sub>    |   | feet        |                                |
| 14                                | Aggregate porosity (0.38 maximum unless detailed materials report provided)   | P <sub>2</sub>    |   | [unitless]  |                                |
| 15                                | Surface storage volume (provide supporting calculations, max depth 12 inches) (=6" for projects with safety-limited surface storage (CPS))  | V <sub>AIR</sub>  |   | cubic feet  |                                |
| 16                                | Total media void volume = A <sub>BMP</sub> * [(D <sub>1</sub> * P <sub>1</sub> ) + (D <sub>2</sub> * P <sub>2</sub> )]  | V <sub>SOIL</sub> | 0 | cubic feet  |                                |
| DRC Volume Including Infiltration |   |                   |   |             | Reference (Page#, report, etc) |
| 20                                | Depth of Prepared Soil <u>Below Drain</u> (if drained, if not drained, total depth of prepared soil)  | D <sub>3</sub>    |   | feet        |                                |
| 21                                | Soil Void Volume <u>Below Drain</u> = (A <sub>BMP</sub> *D <sub>3</sub> *P <sub>1</sub> )   | V <sub>3</sub>    | 0 | cubic feet  |                                |
| 22                                | Depth of Prepared Aggregate <u>Below Drain</u> (if drained, if not drained, total depth of prepared aggregate) (must be less than or equal to total depth, D <sub>1</sub> +D <sub>2</sub> ) | D <sub>4</sub>    |   | feet        |                                |
| 23                                | Aggregate Void Volume <u>Below Drain</u> = (A <sub>BMP</sub> *D <sub>4</sub> *P <sub>2</sub> )  | V <sub>4</sub>    | 0 | cubic feet  |                                |
| 24                                | 6-hr infiltrated volume = (i*A <sub>BMP</sub> *5[hrs])/12[in/ft])   | V <sub>5</sub>    | 0 | cubic feet  |                                |
| 25                                | 50% of Volume Above Drain = 0.5*(V <sub>SOIL</sub> -V <sub>4</sub> -V <sub>3</sub> )  | V <sub>6</sub>    | 0 | cubic feet  |                                |
| 26                                | Total Retained and Infiltration Volume (V <sub>3</sub> +V <sub>4</sub> +V <sub>5</sub> +V <sub>6</sub> +V <sub>AIR</sub> )  | V <sub>DRC</sub>  | 0 | cubic feet  |                                |
| 27                                | V <sub>DRC</sub> = Above [in Gallons]   | V <sub>DRC</sub>  | 0 | gallons     |                                |

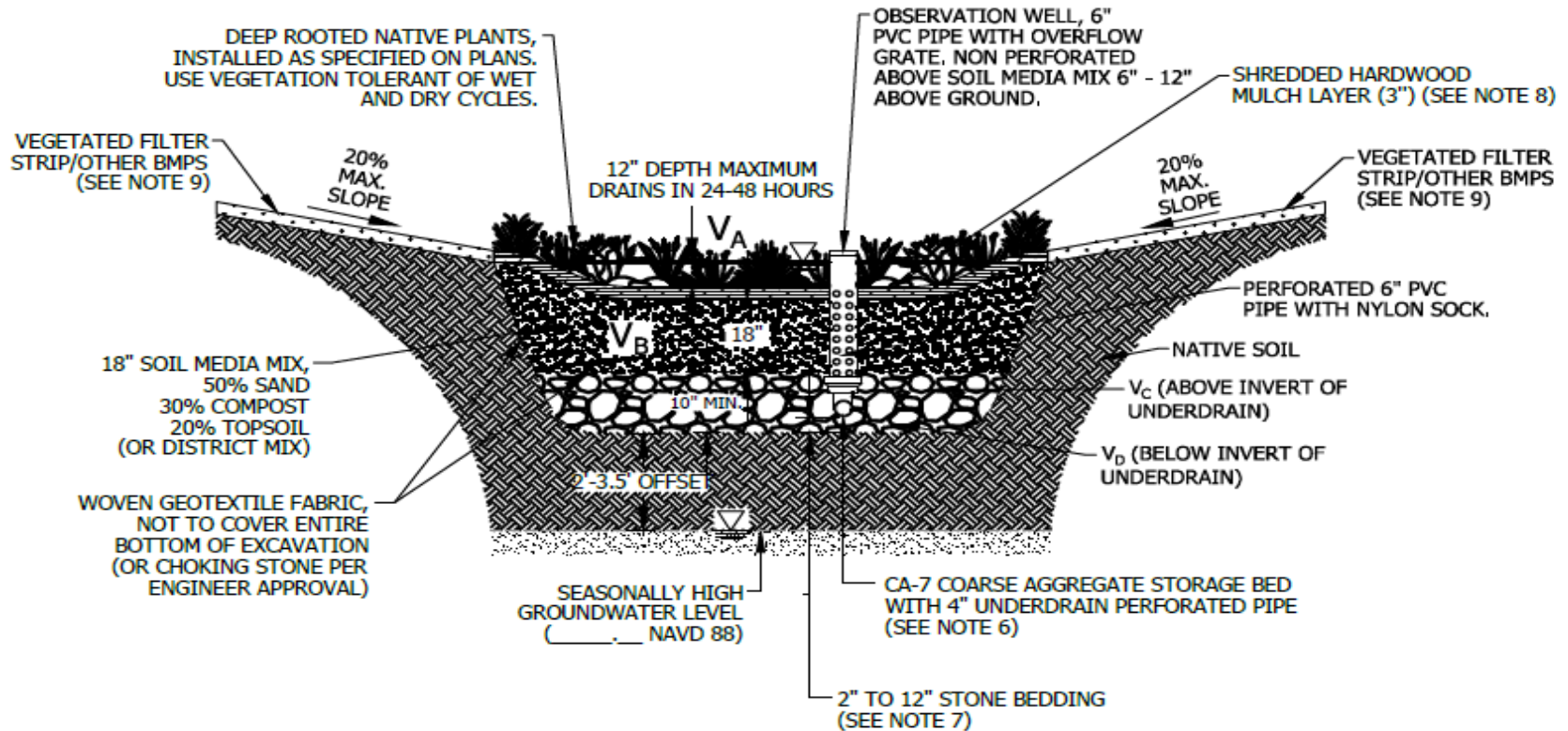
# Design Retention Capacity (Constructed So Far) – Part 1

| Project Title                                   | Type of GI                              | DRC Estimate (gal) |
|---|---|--------------------|
| CPS Green Infrastructure 2014 (Phase I)         | All Types                               | 731,004            |
| CPS Green Infrastructure 2015 (Phase IIA)       | All Types                               | 364,504            |
| CPS Green Infrastructure 2016 (Phase IIB)       | All Types                               | 388,648            |
| Blue Island GI                                  | Rain Gardens, Permeable Pavement        | 150,809            |
| Evanston Civic Center Parking Lot (GI)          | Permeable Pavement, Rain Gardens        | 167,278            |
| Northbrook - Wescott Park Stormwater Reuse (GI) | Real-Time Control, Retention and Re-use | 162,926            |

# Design Retention Capacity (Constructed So Far) – Part 2

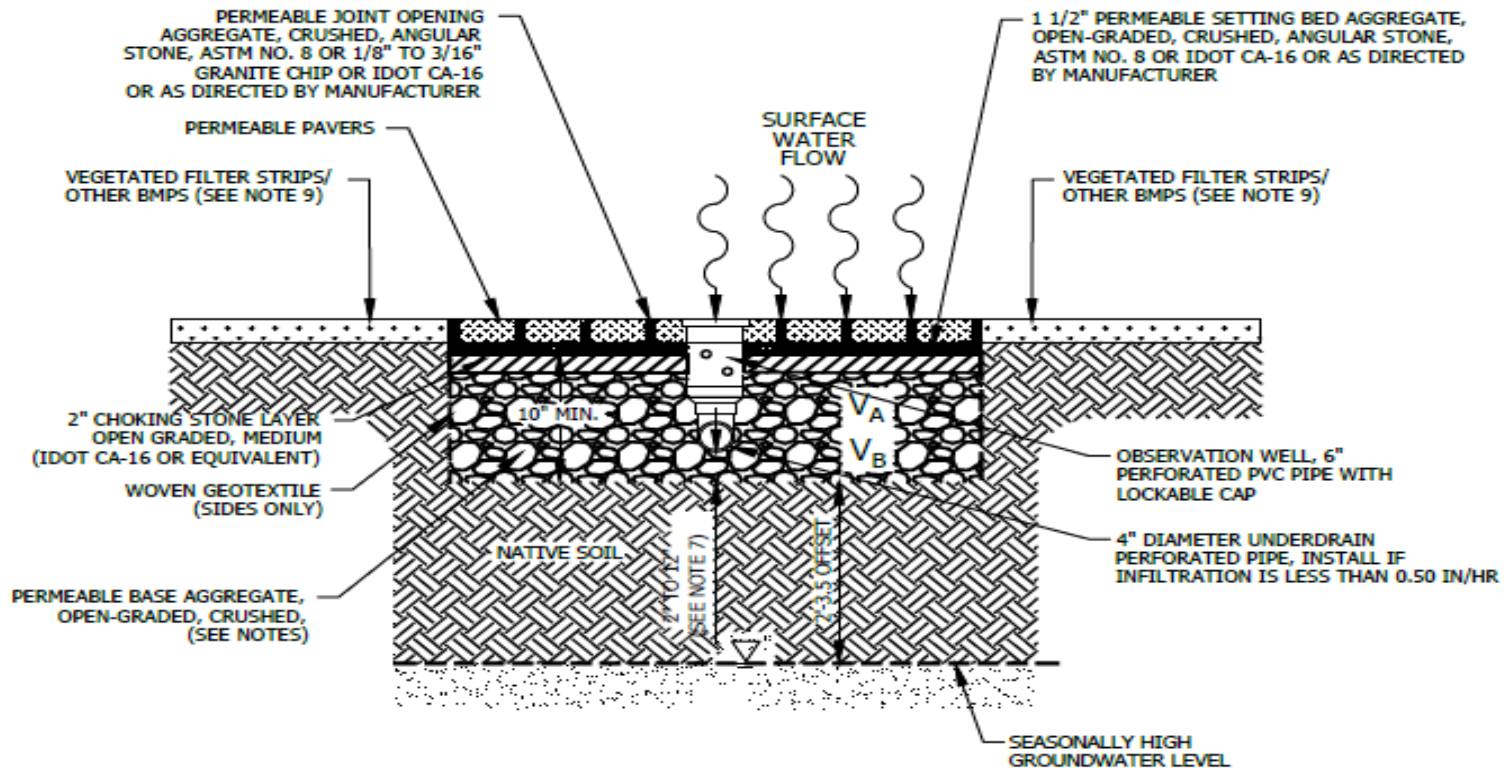
|                                   |   |                   |
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| Kenilworth (GI)                   | Porous Asphalt streets, rain gardens, "porous parkways" | 1,319,897         |
| Wilmette Green Alleys             | Permeable Pavement                                      | 74,677            |
| Skokie GI                         | Rain Gardens / Bioswales                                | 46,424            |
| Niles                             | Bioswale and Permeable Parking                          | 53,811            |
| Berwyn Green Alleys               | Green Alleys  | 679,122           |
| Egan Parking Lot and Rain Gardens | Rain Garden and Permeable Parking                       | 360,855           |
| Rain Barrels                      | Rain Barrels  | 5,311,570         |
|                                   | <b>TOTAL Built</b>                                      | <b>9,811,524</b>  |
|                                   | <b>Total Projected by Dec 2018</b>                      | <b>11,129,027</b> |

# Bioretention Facility Detail



| VOLUME TYPE                | POROSITY | MEDIA VOLUME   | STORAGE VOLUME              | VOLUME PROVIDED |
|----------------------------|----------|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| SURFACE STORAGE            | 1.00     | V <sub>A</sub> | 1.00 x V <sub>A</sub>       |                 |
| SOIL MEDIA MIX             | 0.25     | V <sub>B</sub> | 0.5 x 0.25 x V <sub>B</sub> |                 |
| COARSE AGG. (ABOVE INVERT) | 0.36     | V <sub>C</sub> | 0.5 x 0.36 x V <sub>C</sub> |                 |
| COARSE AGG. (BELOW INVERT) | 0.36     | V <sub>D</sub> | 0.36 x V <sub>D</sub>       |                 |
| TOTAL                      |          |                |                             |                 |

# Permeable Pavers Detail



| VOLUME TYPE                     | POROSITY | MEDIA VOLUME   | STORAGE VOLUME               | VOLUME PROVIDED |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| COARSE AGGREGATE (ABOVE INVERT) | 0.36     | V <sub>A</sub> | 0.50 X 0.36 x V <sub>A</sub> |                 |
| COARSE AGGREGATE (BELOW INVERT) | 0.36     | V <sub>B</sub> | 0.36 x V <sub>B</sub>        |                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    |          |                |                              |                 |



# New Initiatives

Develop Green Book targeting multiple audiences:

- Guide for residents to build rain gardens, etc.
- Enhanced green infrastructure details for developers
- Suite of GI/BMP details for use by municipal engineers

Develop and Implement a Flood Relief Plan for Cook County

- Work with local communities to find solutions to stormwater issues using an outcome-based approach
- Deliver results that address stormwater and other community issues at an affordable cost



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