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## Sustainability of Concrete Pavement Part 3 of 3


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## Green Streets

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## Green Streets

A Street considering equity of access for the users while balancing the environmental considerations of the selected materials and impacts of the design throughout the entire project lifecycle.

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## Green Street Components

- Pedestrian access
- Alternative Modes of Transportation
- Integrating Design
- Better Material Selection Choices
- Integrated Stormwater Management
- Urban Heat Island Effect
- Light Pollution
- Construction Emissions
- Public Education
- Use Regional Materials

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## Concrete Uses

See if you can spot all of the ways concrete can be utilized in a green street.



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### Improving Access




Clearly Marked Crossings      ADA Compliant Sidewalks and Ramps

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### Safer Walking Surfaces

Pervious concrete has less icing, better traction, higher contact pressures




Biomechanical testing on frozen pervious concrete

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### Increasing Alternative Transportation



- Relocating bus stops
- Reconstructing ADA compliant bus stop areas

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### Improving Access/Alternative Transportation

Cleveland, OH  
Bike lanes, dedicated center bus lanes



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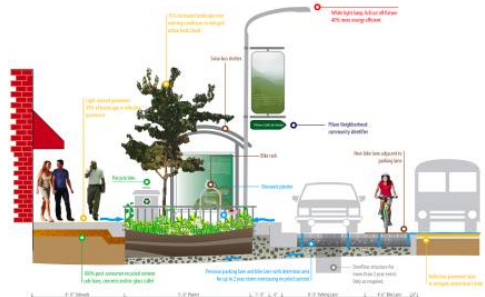
### Increasing Alternative Transportation




Curitiba, Brazil

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### Integrating Design



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## Concrete Material Improvements


- Recycled industrial by-products
- Recycled wash water
- Recycled aggregates
- Photocatalytic cement




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## Better Material Choices

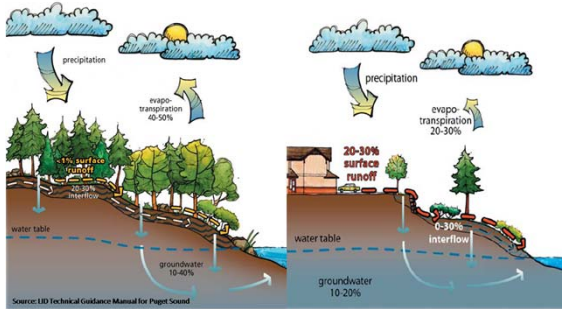
- 2 lift pavements, equal cost, better performance, lower environmental impact



An optimized 2 lift with lower cementitious, SCMs, recycled concrete aggregate, etc. can easily reduce the CO<sub>2</sub> by 50%.

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## Managing Stormwater



Source: IUD Technical Guidance Manual for Puget Sound

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## Mimicking Former Site Hydrology

- Storage
- Infiltration and the recharge of ground water
- Evaporation and evapotranspiration
- Detention




Source: Seattle Right of Way Manual

Stormwater planter in Kansas City

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## Green Street Stormwater Technologies



**Curb extensions:** Curb extensions are created by carving out portions of the street's parking zones and converting them into landscaped curb areas similar to the parkway



**Permeable Pavements:** Permeable pavement allows water to infiltrate the ground.

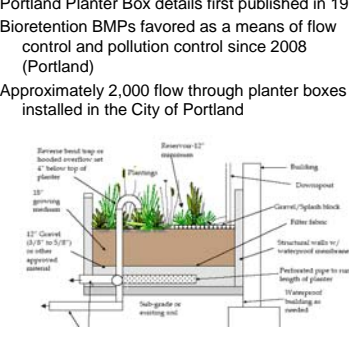
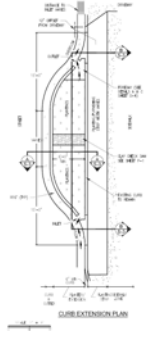


**Planters:** Planters transform a street's pedestrian zone into attractive and sustainable stormwater management systems.

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## Biotreatment History in the Pacific Northwest

Portland Planter Box details first published in 1998  
 Bioretention BMPs favored as a means of flow control and pollution control since 2008 (Portland)  
 Approximately 2,000 flow through planter boxes installed in the City of Portland

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## NE Siskiyou Curb Extensions

- Helps with stormwater volume, rate, and quality
- Helps with traffic calming
- Helps with pedestrian safety

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## NE Siskiyou

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CHECK DAM SPACING			
Facility Length	Longitudinal Street Slope	# of Check Dams*	Additional Inlets**
30	<=1%	0	None
	>1%	1	None
31 - 50	<=1%	1	None
	>1%	2	1
51 - 70	<=1%	2	1
	>1%	3	2
71-90	<=1%	3	2
	>1%	4	3
91 +	<=1%	4	3
	>1%	5	4

**CHECK DAM NOTES:**

- Check dams shall be evenly spaced between inlet and outlet. Additional requirements may be necessary on steep slopes.
- Additional check dams to be placed directly downstream of check dam(s).
- Top of Check Dam to be 1/2" below gutter elevation at inlet (at curb line) but not greater than 2" below top of curb.

Source: City of Portland Stormwater Manual

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## Bioretention Gone Right

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## Biotreatment Construction and Commissioning

- Biotreatment media must be protected from construction runoff
- Compaction should be avoided
  - > Material staging
  - > Heavy equipment traffic
- Install media as final component
- Block inlets, cover media until construction completed

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## Biotreatment Inspection and Maintenance

Inspection and Maintenance Fundamentals

- Remove trash and debris
- Inspect energy dissipation elements
- Restore design percolation rate
- Restore design storage capacity and grade/elevation
- Note areas of deposition and bed channelization
- Restore even mulch and media distribution
- Note flow patterns around inlet and overflow and correct as necessary

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## Pervious Concrete

Porous concrete layer (thickness determined by design)  
 Stone reservoir  
 Filter course (as required by soil conditions)  
 Filter fabric and geotextile  
 Undisturbed soil

Figure 2. Pervious concrete pavement systems should be designed incorporating various aspects of the infiltration basin shown here and is dependent on soil permeability.  
 Source: American Pavement Concrete Association

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Source: Seattle Right-of-Way Manual

	MINIMUM PERCENT OF PERMEABLE AREA	MINIMUM PERCENT OF PERMEABLE AREA	MINIMUM PERCENT OF PERMEABLE AREA
CONCRETE	4"	4"	3"
ASPHALT	2 3/8"	3"	4"
PAVING	2 3/8"	3 3/8"	3 3/8"
ENGINEERING NEEDS	NO	YES	YES
CONSTRUCTION NEEDS	NO	YES	YES

EXHIBIT 2.8  
 PERVIOUS PAVEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR TOP LIFT DEPTH, ENGINEERING, AND COMPACTION  
 Source: Portland Stormwater Manual

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BMP	Level of Effectiveness			Unit Operation/Process
	Volume	Peak Discharge	Water Quality	
<b>Lid Practices</b>				
Infiltration	Medium	High	High	Volume Reduction; microbially mediated transformation; uptake and storage, size separation, sorption
Biologes	Medium	Medium	High	Volume Reduction; microbially mediated transformation; uptake and storage, size separation, sorption
Catch Basin Controls	No Impact	No Impact	Low	Size separation and exclusion; density, gravity, inertial separation
Gutter Filter	No Impact	Low	Medium	Size separation and exclusion; physical sorption
Infiltration Trenches/Strips	Medium	Medium	Medium	Size separation and exclusion; density, gravity, inertial separation
<b>Retention/Retention</b>				
Pollution Prevention Street Sweeping	No Impact	High	Medium	Volume reduction; size separation and exclusion
Surface Sand Filter	Low	Low	Medium	Size separation and exclusion; microbially mediated transformation; sorption
<b>Soil Amendments</b>				
Soils	Medium	Medium	Medium	Volume reduction; size separation and exclusion; microbially mediated transformation; uptake and storage, sorption
Swales	Medium	Medium	High	Volume reduction; density, gravity, inertial separation; microbially mediated transformation; uptake and storage
Vegetation/Landscaping	High	High	High	Volume reduction; microbially mediated transformation; uptake and storage
<b>Conventional and Innovative BMP's</b>				
Advanced Biological Systems	Medium	Medium	High	Microbially mediated transformation; uptake and storage
Detention and Retention Ponds	No Impact	High	Low	Flow and volume attenuation; density, gravity, inertial separation; coagulation/flocculation
Disinfection Systems	No Impact	No Impact	Medium	Chemical disinfection
Flocculation/Precipitation	No Impact	No Impact	Medium	Inertial/flocculation
Sedimentation Ponds and Forebays	No Impact	Medium	Low	Flow and volume attenuation; density, gravity, inertial separation
Surface Filters (Filter Fabric)	No Impact	No Impact	Low	Size separation and exclusion

Ratings are qualitative. "High effectiveness" means that one of the BMP's primary functions is to meet that objective. "Medium effectiveness" means that a BMP can partially meet the objective but should be used in conjunction with other BMP's. "Low effectiveness" means that the BMP's contribution to the objective is a byproduct of its other functions, and another decentralized control should be used if that objective is important.  
 Source: Low Impact Development Design Manual for Highway Runoff Control

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## Urban Heat Islands

- 6 – 12 °F Hotter in daytime
- Up to 22 °F Hotter at night
- More Smog Occurrences
- High Level of Ground-Level Ozone
- More Frequent Air Quality Alerts
- Increased Health Problems
- Higher Energy Demand

Figure 3. Thermal Behavior of Pavements (EPA 2010)

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## Urban Heat Island

### Two Views of Cities and CO<sub>2</sub>

CO<sub>2</sub> Generated by Automobiles in the Chicago Region per Year

Traditional View  
Cities produce large amounts of GHGs.

Emerging View  
Cities produce relatively low amounts of GHGs.

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## Urban Heat Island Strategies

- Highly reflective surfaces
- Infrared blocking coatings
- Permeable pavements
- Shading
- Vegetation

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## Energy Efficient Lighting

- Examples in Chicago achieved 49% reduction in energy use over a streetscape baseline
- Utilize a white light source
- Eliminate light trespass into the night sky



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## Construction Emissions

- Use more durable materials
- Use more efficient construction equipment




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## Public Education about Target Pollutants

AUTOMOBILES	HOME	PUBLIC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gasoline</li> <li>• Oil</li> <li>• Antifreeze</li> <li>• Car washing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toxic chemicals</li> <li>• Paints</li> <li>• Fertilizers and pesticides</li> <li>• Soil erosion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Littering</li> <li>• Pet waste</li> </ul>



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## Case Studies – Austin, TX


### Scoop the Poop

**PRE-PROGRAM (2000)**

- 250 TONS PET WASTE PER YEAR INTO WATERSHED

**CURRENT (2005)**

- 540,000 MUTT MITTS
- REDUCED BY 135,000 LB




### Grow Green

**BROCHURES PROVIDED TO PARTICIPATING NURSERIES**

14 OF 16 SHOWED INCREASED SALES FOR GROW GREEN PLANTS

- 4 SHOWED DECREASED FERTILIZER SALES
- 11 SHOWED INCREASED ORGANIC AND NATURAL FERTILIZER SALES



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## Regional Materials

- Less transportation = lower emissions
- LEED, Chicago, Greenroads use 500 miles

ZONE	MATERIAL OR SERVICE	MAXIMUM DISTANCE
7	Ideas	12,429.91 miles
6	Renewable Energy Technologies <sup>SM</sup>	9000 miles
5	Assemblies that actively contribute to building performance once installed <sup>SM</sup>	3000 miles
4	Consultant Travel <sup>SM</sup>	1500 miles
3	Light, low density materials <sup>SM</sup>	1000 miles
2	Medium Weight and density materials	500 miles
1	Heavy, high density materials <sup>SM</sup>	250 miles

*Living Building Challenge Regional Materials*

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### **For More Information**

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  - Seattle Right-of-Way Manual