

Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Green Asset Management Webinar

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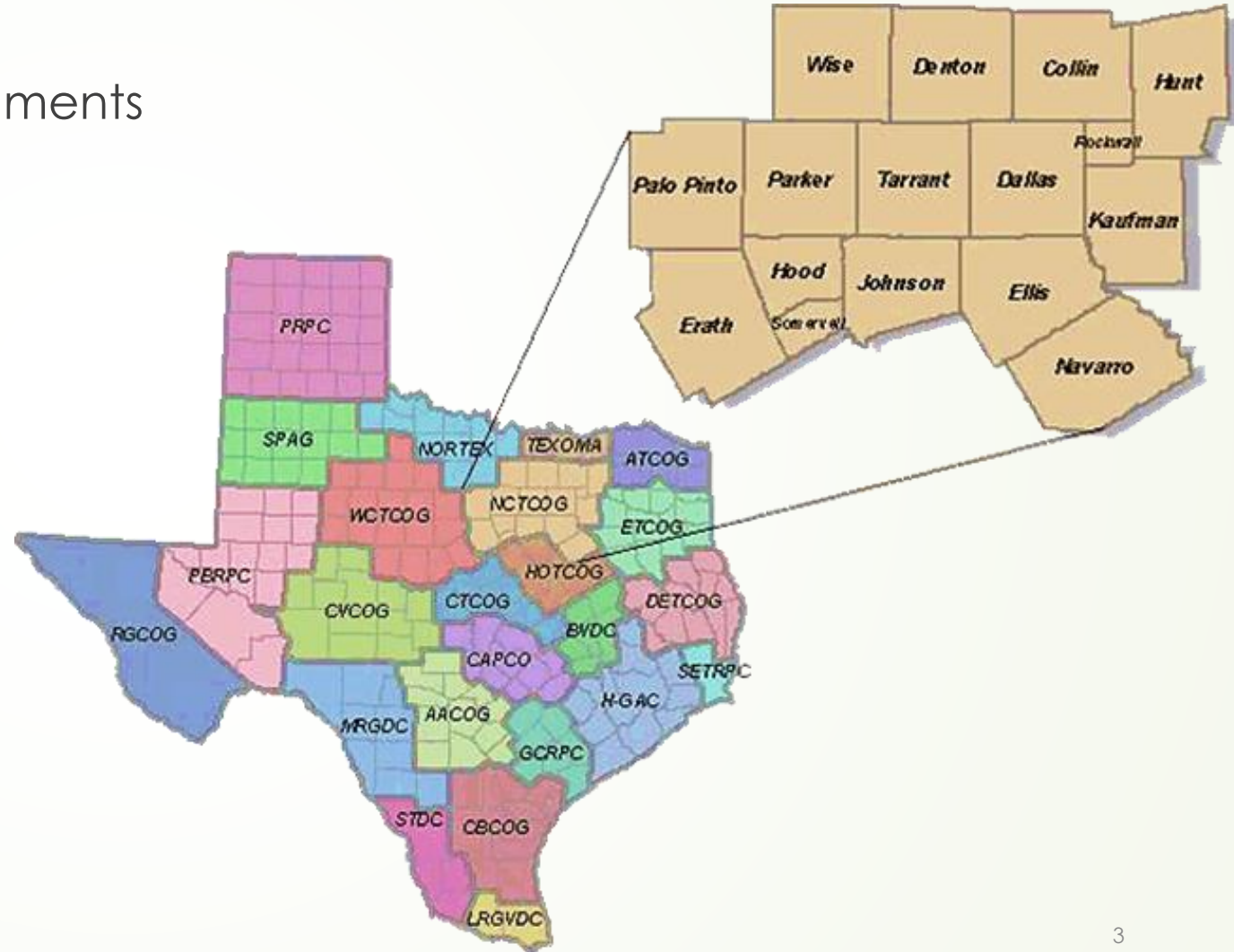
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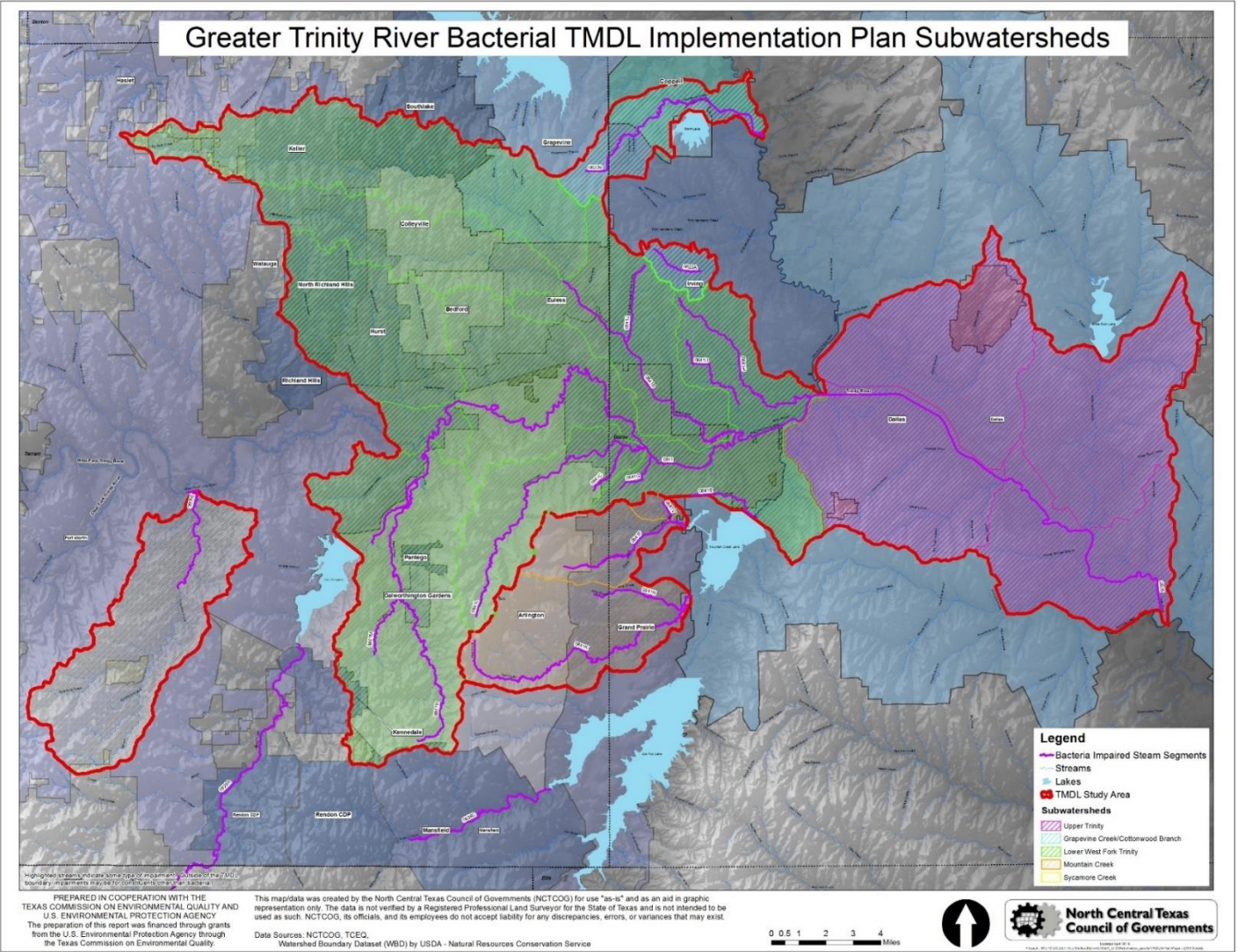
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What is the North Central Texas Council of Governments?

- Voluntary association of local governments
- Established in 1966
- Assists local governments in:
 - Planning for common needs
 - Cooperating for mutual benefit
 - Recognizing regional opportunities
 - Resolving regional problems
 - Making joint decisions



Bacteria Impairments in the DFW Metroplex



Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Program



Approved by the Commission: December 11, 2013
Approved by the Coordination Committee: July 11, 2012
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June 30, 2020, June 27, 2024

Implementation Plan Twenty-Five Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria in the Greater Trinity River Region

Upper Trinity River

Segment o805

Assessment Units o805_o3 and o805_o4

Cottonwood Branch and Grapevine Creek

Segments o822A and o822B

Assessment Units o822A_o2 and o822B_o1

Lower West Fork Trinity River

Segments o841, o841B, o841C, o841E, o841G, o841H, o841I,
o841J, o841L, o841M, o841R, o841T, and o841U

Assessment Units o841_o1, o841_o2, o841B_o1, o841C_o1, o841E_o1,
o841G_o1, o841H_o1, o841I_o1, o841J_o1, o841L_o1, o841M_o1,
o841R_o1, o841T_o1, and o841U_o1

Mountain Creek Lake Tributaries

Segments o841F, o841K, o841N, o831P, o841Q, and o841V

Assessment Units o841F_o1, o841K_o1, o841N_o1, o841P_o1,
o841Q_o1, and o841V_o1

Sycamore Creek

Segment o806E

Assessment Unit o806E_o1

- 1996 & 2006 bacteria impairments in Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex on 303(d) List (*Texas Integrated Report of Surface Water Quality for Clean Water Act Sections 305(b) and 303(d)*).
- 2011 & following years saw TCEQ adoption and EPA approval of several *Total Maximum Daily Loads* (TMDLs) in Dallas Fort Worth Metroplex.
- The Implementation Plan (I-Plan) describes implementation strategies, such as Green Infrastructure (GI) in planning and development.

Other Green Infrastructure Initiatives at NCTCOG

- ▶ *integrated* Stormwater Management (iSWM)
- ▶ Integrating Transportation & Stormwater Infrastructure (TSI)
- ▶ Blue-Green-Grey Funding Program



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Asset Management for Green Infrastructure

Introduction & Real-World Applications

In Partnership with North Central Texas Council of Governments

29 April 2025



Overview

- What is green (and gray) infrastructure?
- Introduction to the 5 Core Components of Integrated Green/Gray Asset Management
 - With case study examples from the City of Tucson Storm to Shade's Asset Management Program
- Resources



Green Infrastructure

What is it and why should you care?

Water/Wastewater/Stormwater Infrastructure

Gray:

Green:



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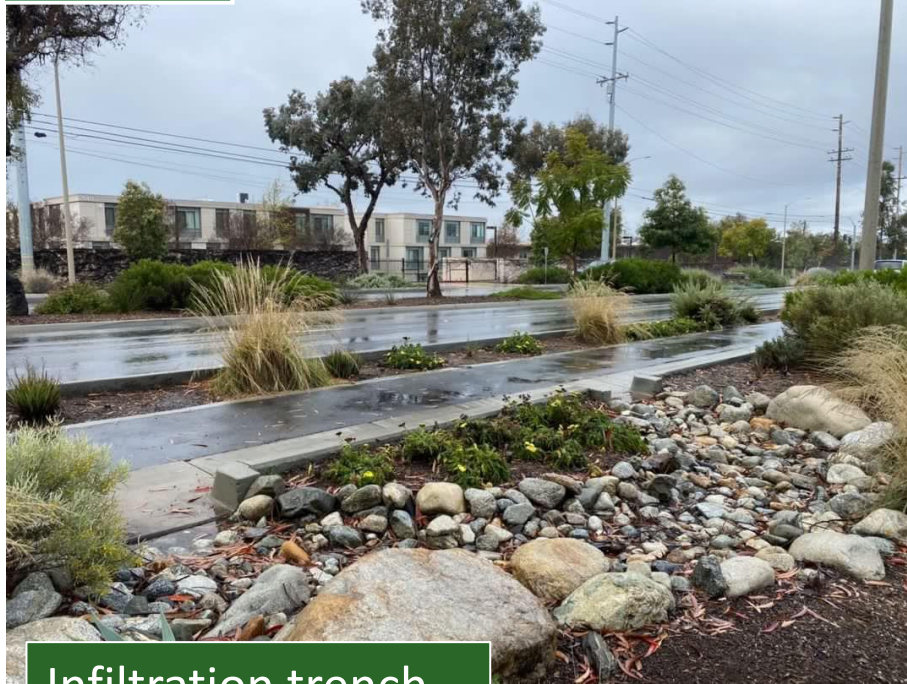
Stormwater/Wastewater Infrastructure

Gray



Sewer pipe

Green



Infiltration trench

Some co-benefits of infiltration trench:

- Filtration of water through soil
 - Plant & fungi uptake of pollutants
- Dispersed absorption – stormwater does not make it to treatment plant
- Space for public enjoyment, habitat

Function: Convey storm water away from roads/buildings

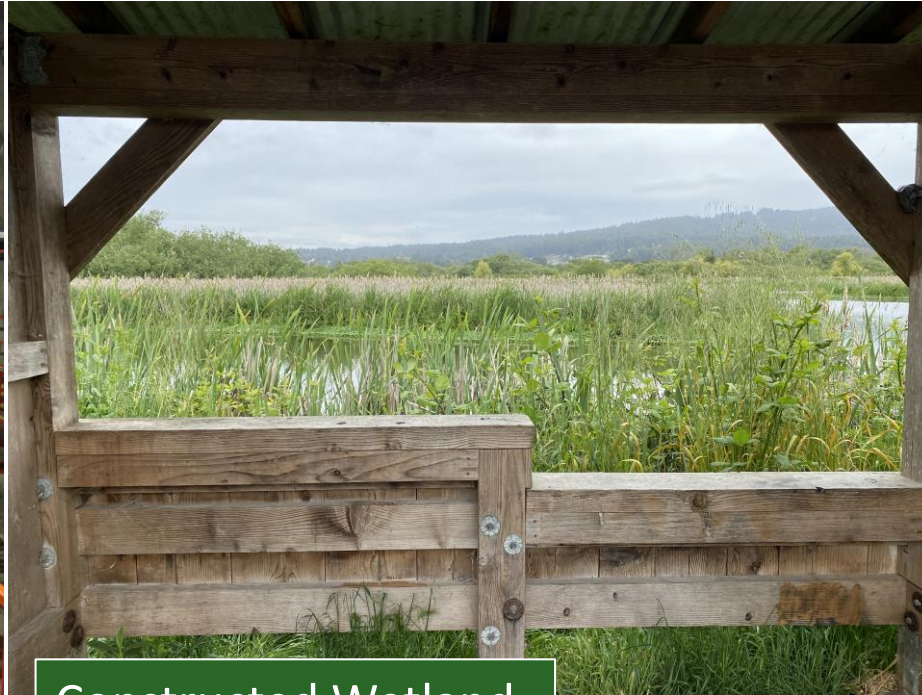
Wastewater Infrastructure

Gray

Green



Wastewater Treatment Plant



Constructed Wetland

Some co-benefits of constructed wetlands:

- Habitat
- Flood mitigation
- Air quality improvement
- Space for public enjoyment and engagement

Function: Treat municipal wastewater & return cleaned water to a nearby water body without harm to humans or the environment

Why Green Infrastructure?



Climate Resiliency



Partnerships



Co-Benefits



Asset Management: Blending Green and Gray for Holistic Decision-Making

What asset management is and how it helps systems make good management decisions about their green and gray assets together

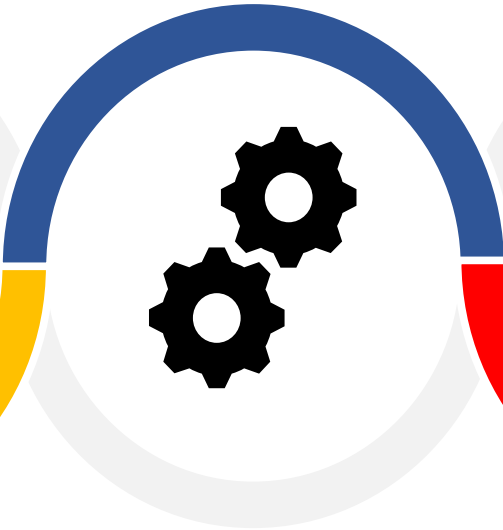
Asset Management is a framework designed to help you decide how, when and where to spend limited funds to achieve the best results.

Five Major Components

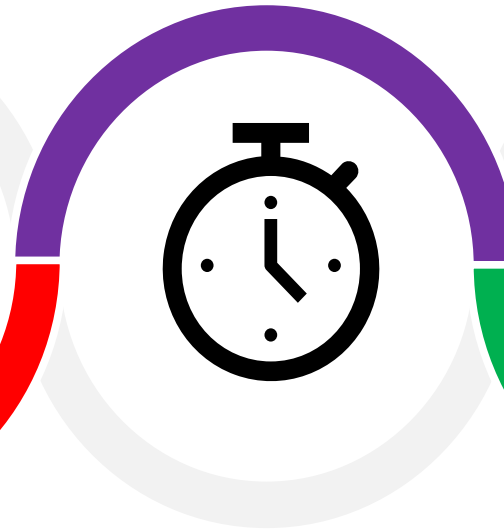
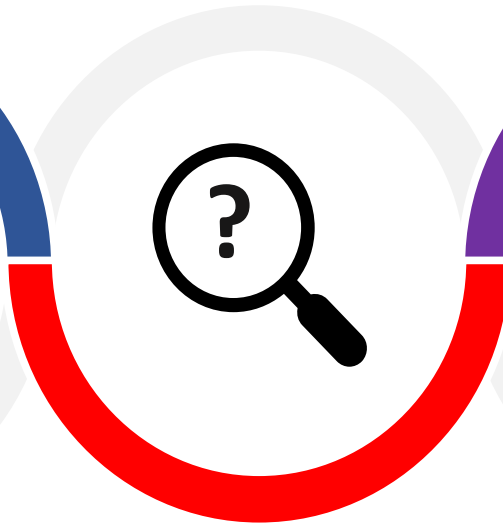
What service level
development service
provide?



Which ones are most
critical to provide that
service?



Do you have the
Long term
money to get it
funding?



What assets do
Current State do
of the Assets

How do you ensure the
Life Cycle Costing
assets do their job over their
life spans?

Core Component:

Level of Service *Goals*

Level of Service Goals provide strategic direction for managerial, operational, and financial decisions.

- What service levels do your customers/community members want?
- What service levels can you provide?
- How will you measure performance?

Customer Service

Fewer than 2 complaints received regarding vegetation overgrowth, trash, and/or flooding of green infrastructure per month

System Maintenance

The system will inspect and perform routine maintenance on all infiltration planters and rain gardens once a month. Routine maintenance includes weeding, mowing, unclogging, litter removal, and pruning.

Response Time

System staff will inspect all green infrastructure installations within two weeks after a large storm event to assess damage.

Drought/Demand Management

The utility will develop a management plan for stormwater runoff entering streams and other source water to minimize pollutants within 3 years.

Example: Level of Service Goals

S2S maintains GSI assets to ensure safety by:

- *Infiltrating standing water*
- *Pruning vegetation for site visibility, mobility access and hazards*
- *Preserving structural integrity*
- *Clearing trash, invasive plant species and debris*



Core Component:

Current State of the Assets

Asset Inventory

What is the [Green] asset?

Is it managed as a whole or by individual component?

Is it replaced as a whole or by components?

What data do you collect about an asset?

The asset can be broken into components



“Parent” Asset



Conveyance allowing stormwater to flow into or out of a GSI feature



Removed section of curbing that serves as an inlet or outlet



Circular core drilled through curbing that serves as an inlet or outlet



Rough area at inlet that allows sediment to settle before water enters a basin



INFILTRATION BASIN



PLANTING SHELF

“Child” Assets



Example Asset Classification: Position

- Physical location where GSI assets sit within others’ jurisdictions
- Report on costs for assets located within other departments’, divisions’, and partner entities’ land.

<u>Storm to Shade Program GSI</u> <u>EAM Positions</u>	
Street, GSI	Police, GSI
Parks, GSI	Fire Station, GSI
Ward Office, GSI	Housing (HCD), GSI
Well Site, GSI	TUSD Facility, GSI
Pima County FCD, GSI	Misc. COT Facility, GSI

Ward	FY2024
1	\$57,965
2	\$0
3	\$114,732
4	\$24,191
5	\$50,588
6	\$140,565
Total	\$388,041

	EAM POSITION	
	Street, Parks, Ward Office	Pima County RFCD
FY23	\$231,405	\$8,951
FY24	\$379,499	\$48,018



Tucson Asset Management System: Work Order Execution for 810 GSI assets

**Contractors access Work Orders using
Desktop and/or Mobile apps**

Work Orders created through:

- Scheduled Preventative Maintenance
- Work Requests – Ad hoc / As needed work
- Contractor Checklist-initiated Follow-ups

**Workflow driven by the Work Order
Status field: *Scheduled, Open, Field Work
Complete, Awaiting Invoice, Closed***

Mobile application:

Desktop application:

All Projects

Complete

In Construction

In Design

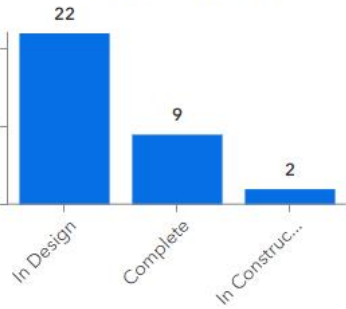
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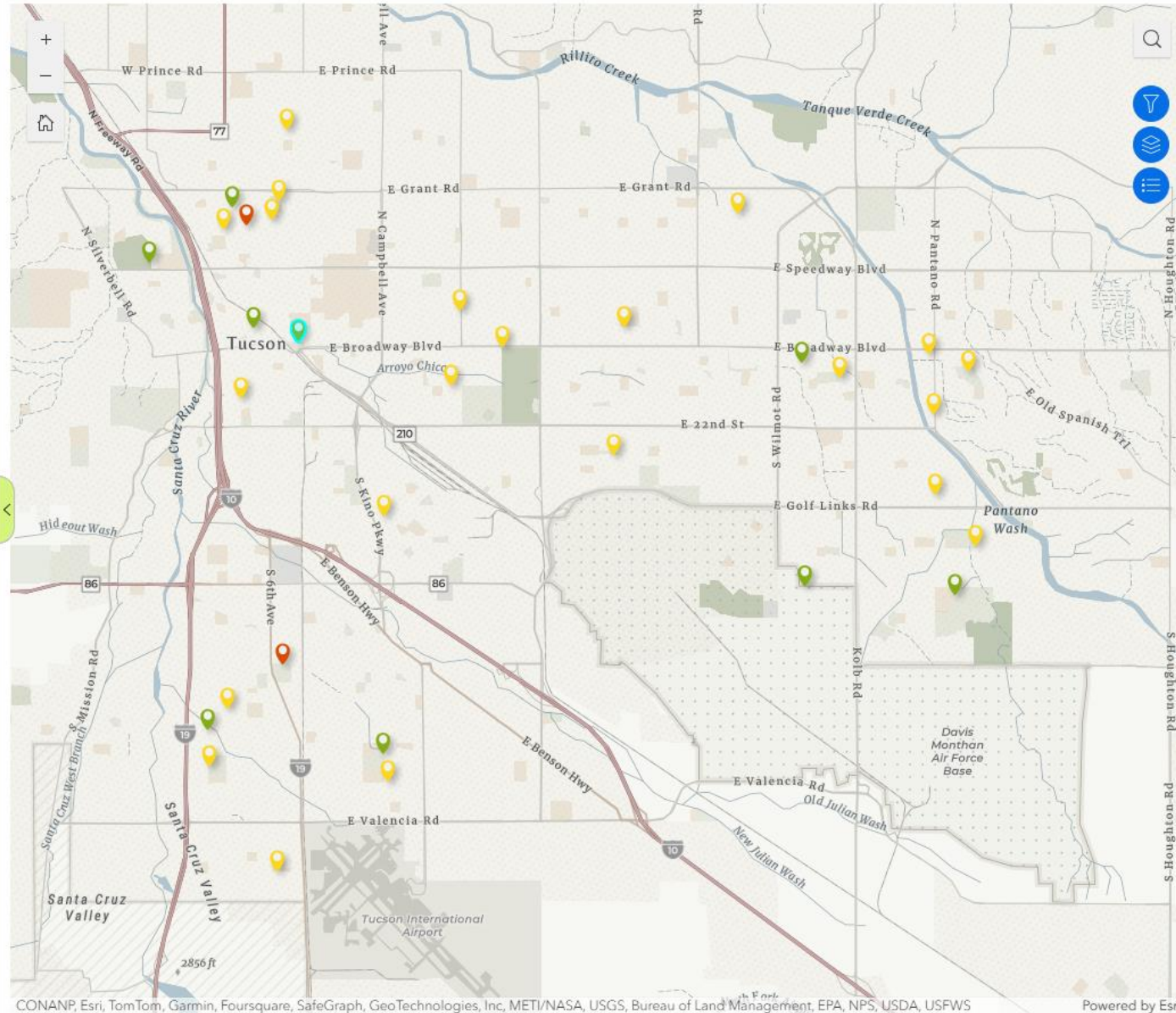
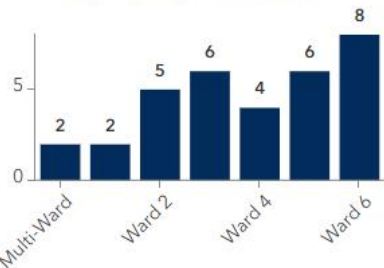
Storm to Shade has 33 new GSI projects in design, construction or completed throughout Tucson.

Click on the tabs at the top to see all projects by phase.

Number of Projects by Phase



Number of Projects by Ward



33 GSI Project(s)

Scroll down and click on each to learn more.



Complete



Ironhorse Park GSI

Storm to Shade has completed the construction of green stormwater infrastructure in Iron Horse Park. This green stormwater infrastructure installation includes the addition of sidewalk scuppers that allow stormwater running on 10 th Street and 1 st Avenue to enter and fill newly constructed basins irrigating 16 new native trees and dozens of native plants.

[Learn More](#)


In Design



18th St. & Main Ave.

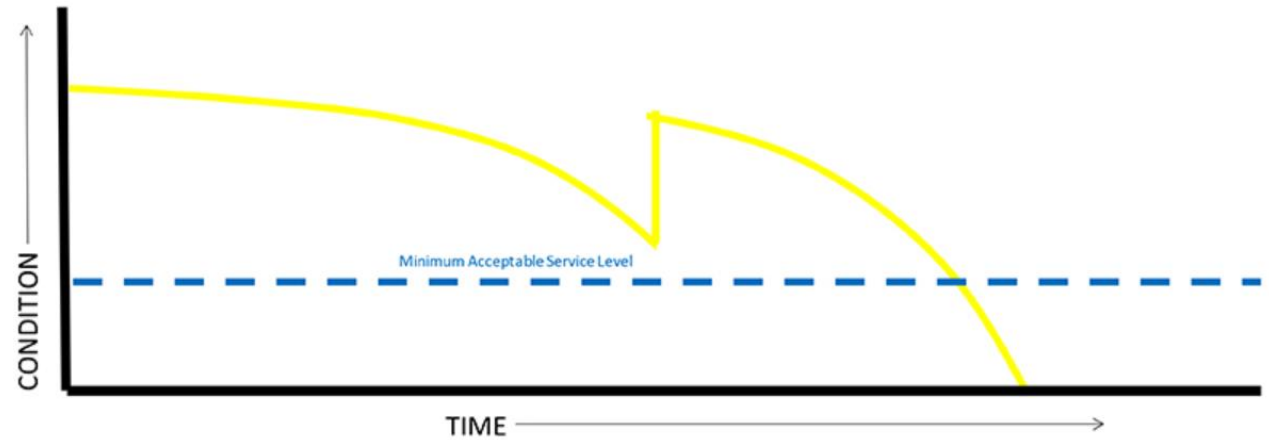
Storm to Shade is funding the design and construction of two in-street traffic-calming green stormwater infrastructure (GSI)

Condition

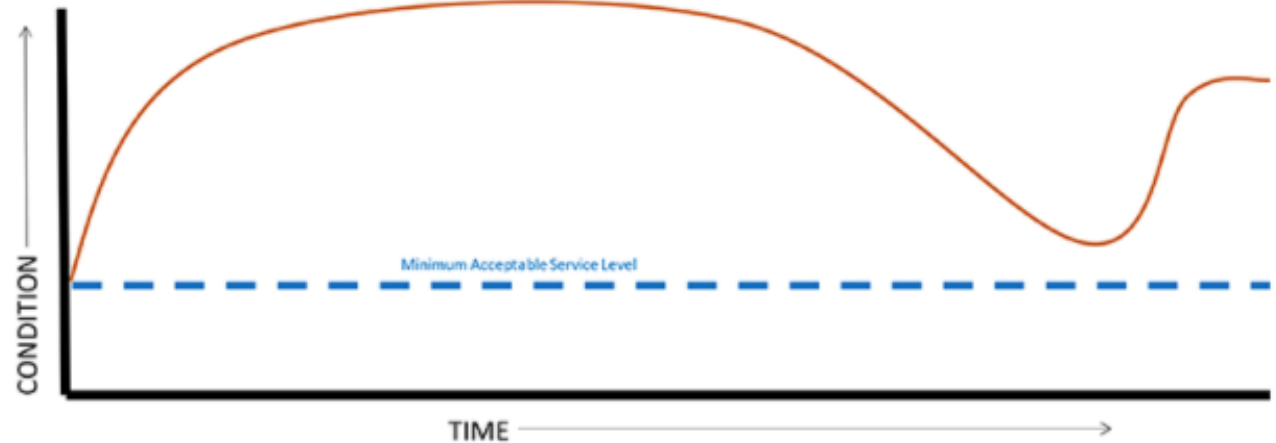
Defines the physical state of the asset at a moment in time

Will help inform useful life remaining, maintenance, interventions, replacement and other asset decisions.

Condition Curve – Typical *Gray Asset*



Condition Curve – Typical *Green Asset*



5 Step Condition Scale: A good starting place for monitoring asset condition over time

1
2
3
4
5

OR

Excellent
Good
Average
Fair
Poor

OR

A
B
C
D
E

Example Condition Scale for Bioretention Swales and Planters (Vegetation Components):

1

Vegetation and trees are in very good condition: excellent vigor in trees with no pests/disease/damage, symmetrical tree growth; desirable vegetation makes up >90% of soil area; excellent vigor in vegetation; weeds cover <25% of soil area.

2

Vegetation and trees can wait for routine maintenance and/or pruning: average vigor in trees with no pests/disease/damage, minor asymmetry in tree form; desirable vegetation covers 75%-89% of soil area; average vigor in vegetation; weeds cover 25%-49% of soil area.

3

Vegetation and trees require priority maintenance, pruning, irrigation and/or weeding: fair vigor in trees with minor pests/disease/damage, minor defects in tree form; desirable vegetation covers 50%-74% of soil area; fair vigor in vegetation; weeds cover 50%-74% of soil area.

4

Vegetation and trees require high priority weeding, irrigation and lower priority replanting: poor vigor in trees with significant pests/disease/damage and significant growth defects; desirable vegetation covers 25%-49% of soil area; poor vigor in vegetation; weeds cover 75%-89% of soil area.

5

Vegetation and/or tree require replacement with high priority: Trees are dead or nearly dead and not able to be saved; desirable vegetation covers <25% of soil area; vegetation is dead or nearly dead and not able to be saved; weeds cover >90% of soil area.

Core Component:

Criticality *Risk*

Understanding and determining the risk for each of your assets in order to prioritize activities that are most critical to your system.

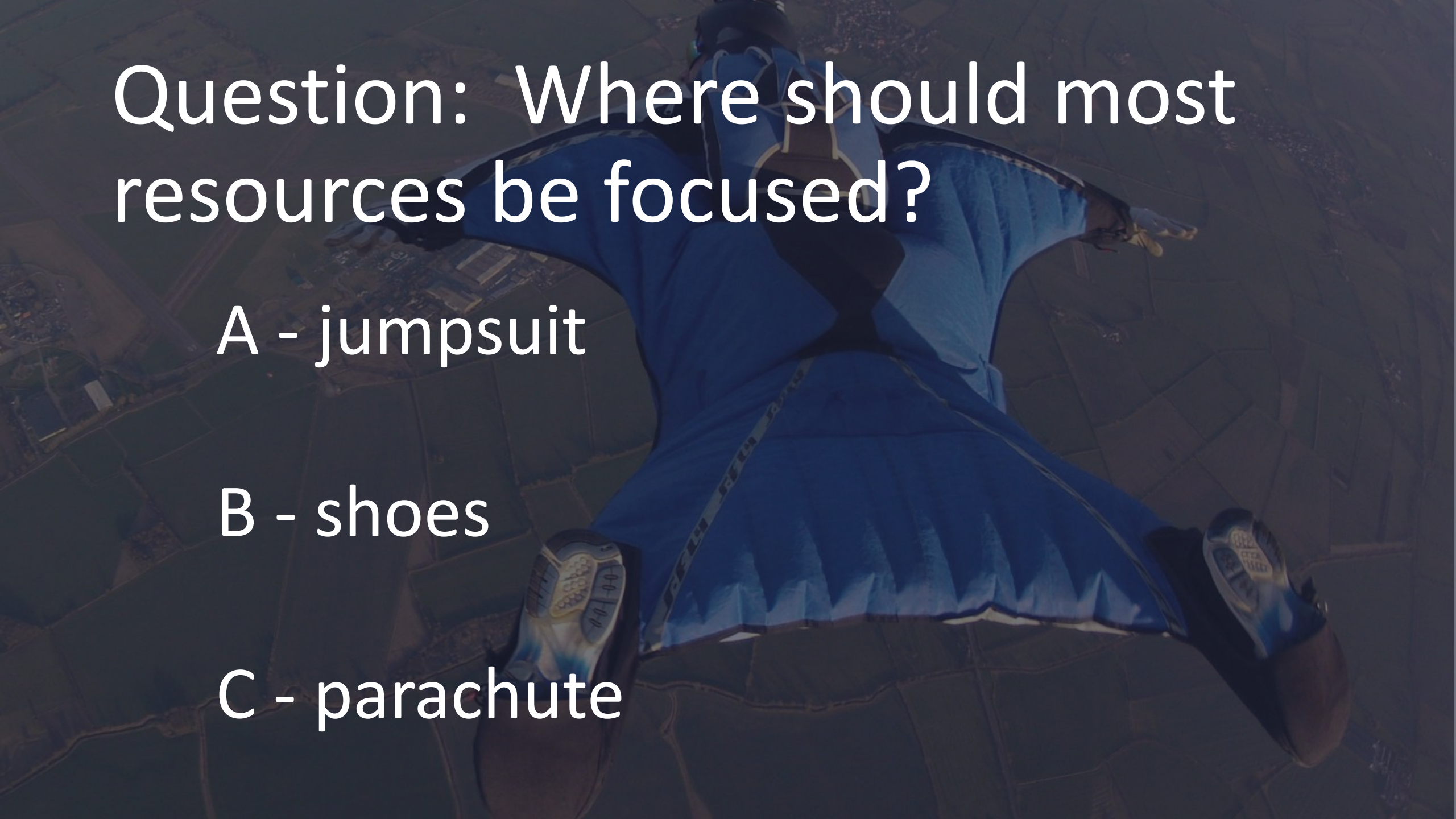


Let's look
at a
simple
example



Operation: skydiving

Assets: jump-suit, shoes, parachute



Question: Where should most
resources be focused?

A - jumpsuit

B - shoes

C - parachute

Answer:



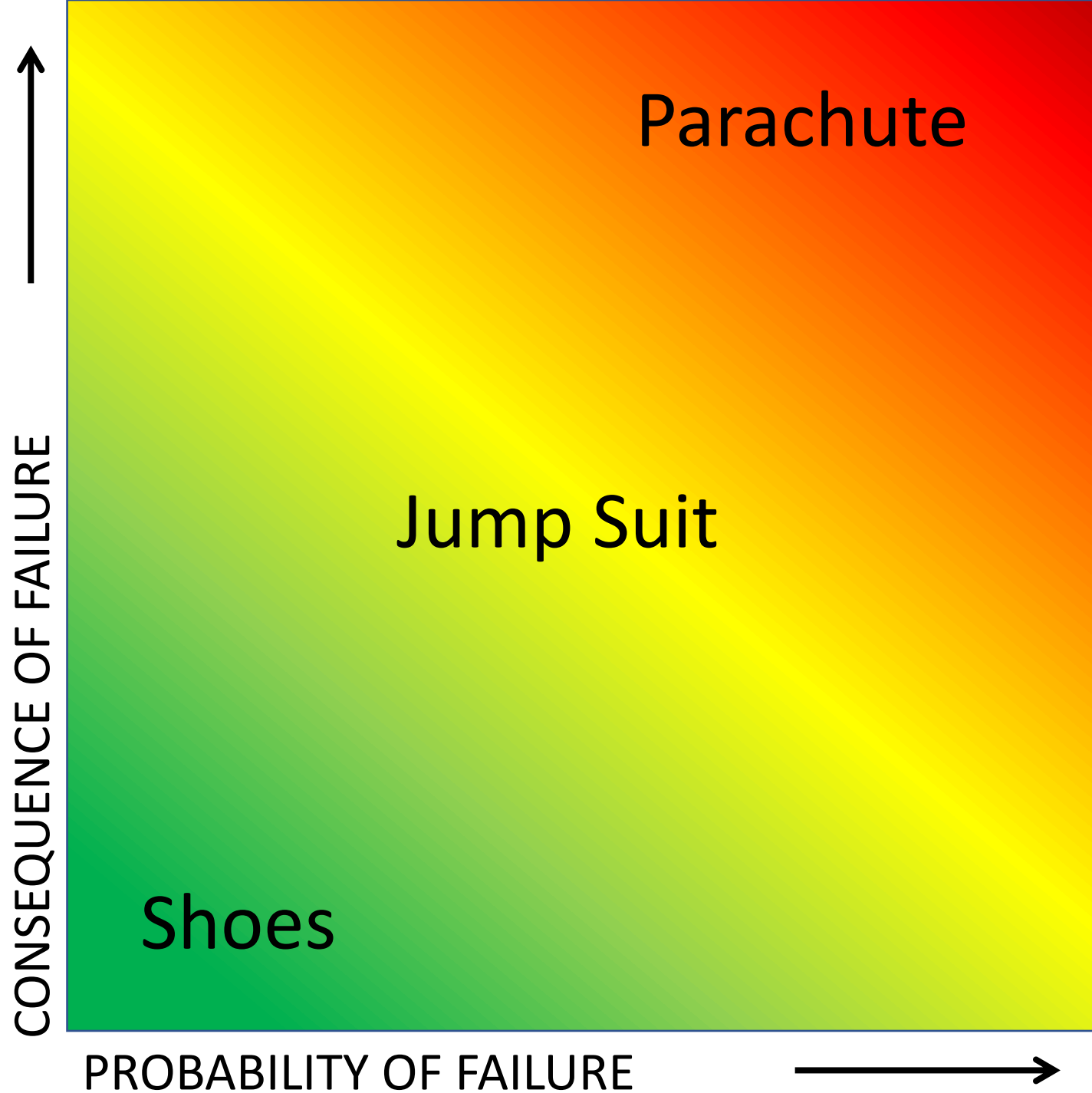
A person in a blue wingsuit is shown from behind, flying over a city at night. The wingsuit is spread wide, and the person's arms are outstretched. The city lights are visible in the background, and the overall scene is dark with a blue tint.

Probability of Failure

A crow is perched on top of a tombstone. The tombstone is grey and has 'R.I.P.' carved on it in a large, bold, serif font. There are some pine branches and leaves around the tombstone, and a small pile of leaves is at the base. The background is dark and blurry, showing some white structures.

Consequence of Failure

How we would
manage these
assets based on
the risk





Mortality/Degradation of Green Assets can look like...

Infiltration Basin: vegetation death, invasive species, inlet blocked, debris clogging drain, sediment trap clogged or disturbed, compacted soils, irrigation access caps missing or damaged



Permeable Pavement: clogged joints or pores, ponding, underdrain deteriorated

Factors
influencing
the
**probability
of failure** of
Permeable
Pavement

- Low levels of preventative maintenance
- Construction
- Weather (freeze-thaw cycle)
- Traffic load/type
- Location

Consequence of failure for Permeable Pavement

- Clogged pavements (without overflow) causing overland flow into private property, potentially causing damages
- Financial impacts for required repairs
- Closing/restricting roadways or parking lots
- Tripping hazards for users, potentially causing injuries
- Loss of public support or confidence

Core Component:

Life Cycle Costing

*Costs the asset
will incur over its
lifespan*

Costs can include: planning, design, acquisition, installation, maintenance, rehabilitation, replacement, retirement/disposal

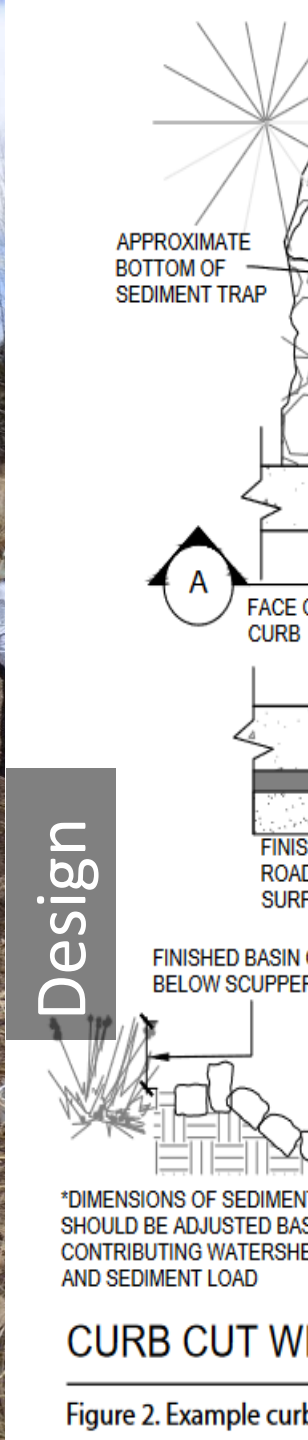
Natural assets don't have some of these costs (won't be replaced)



What is a green asset's life cycle?



Planning



Design

CURB CUT WITH SEDIMENT TRAP

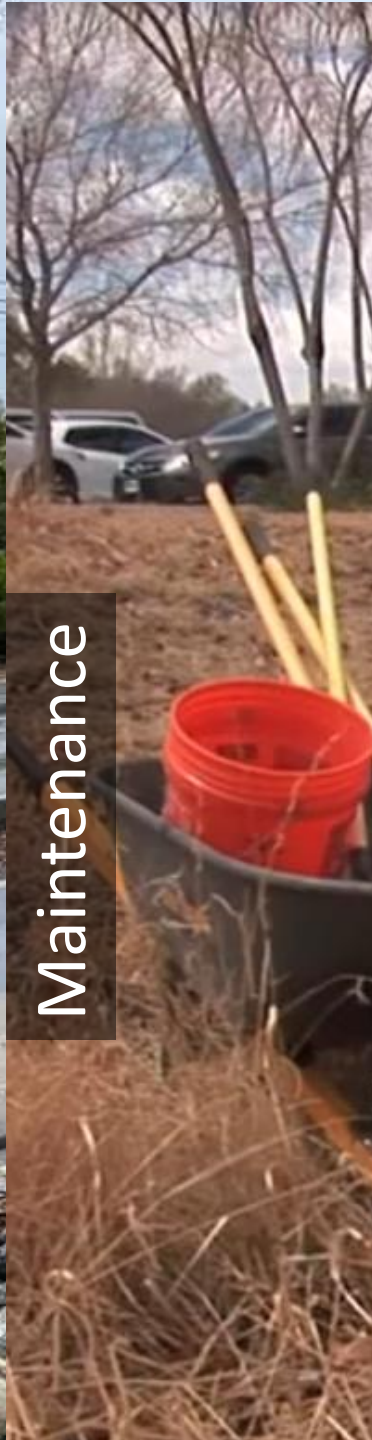
Figure 2. Example curb cut with sediment trap



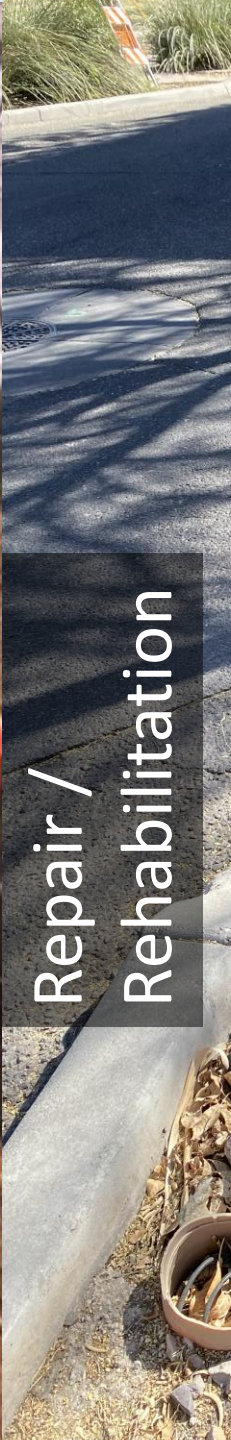
Construction



Operation



Maintenance

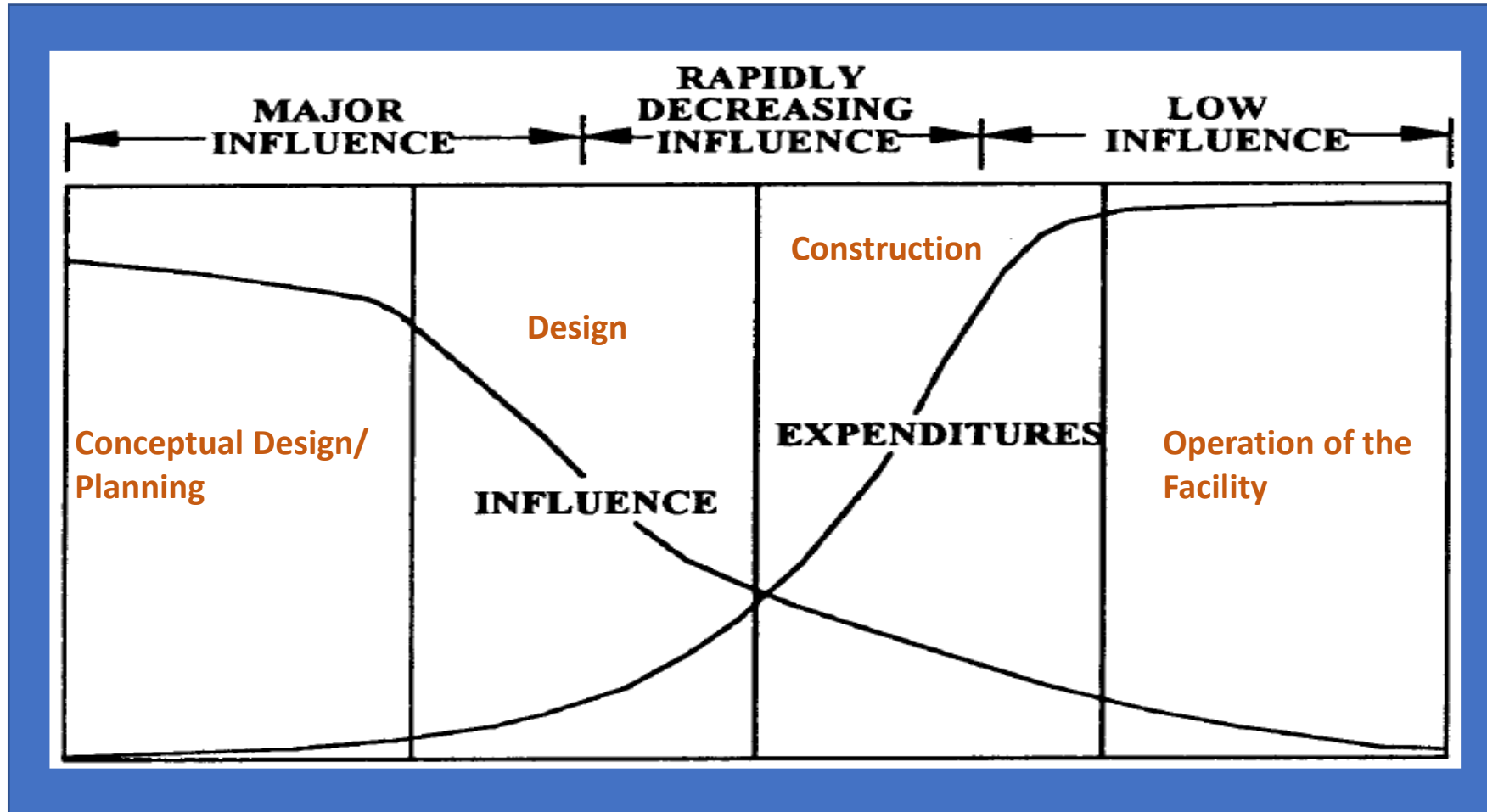


Repair / Rehabilitation



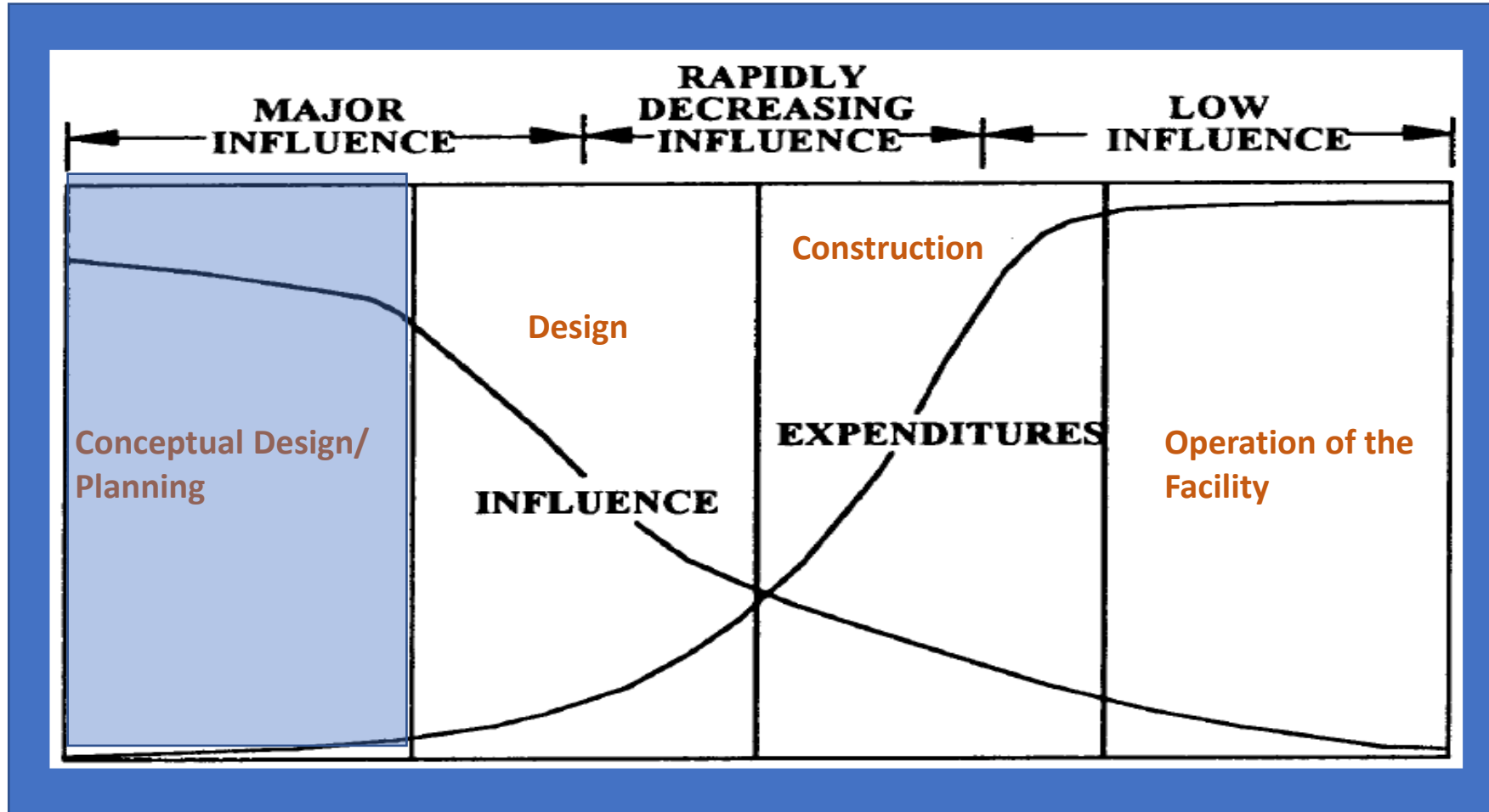
Replacement / Decommissioning

An Asset's Life Starts During the Planning Phase



Source: Gibson and Hamilton (1994) Analysis of pre-project planning effort and success variables for capital facility projects. Construction Industry Institute Source Document 105.

Initial Planning: Most Influence, Least Cost



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Operations and Maintenance (O&M)

- Maintenance may take a different type of skill set, may need different staff for green vs gray assets
- The operation part of green infrastructure tends to be relatively simple. Almost all of the assets are passive operation

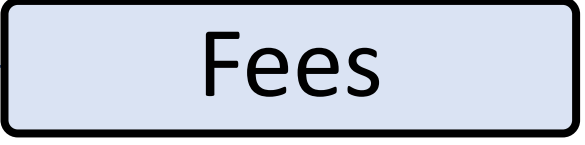
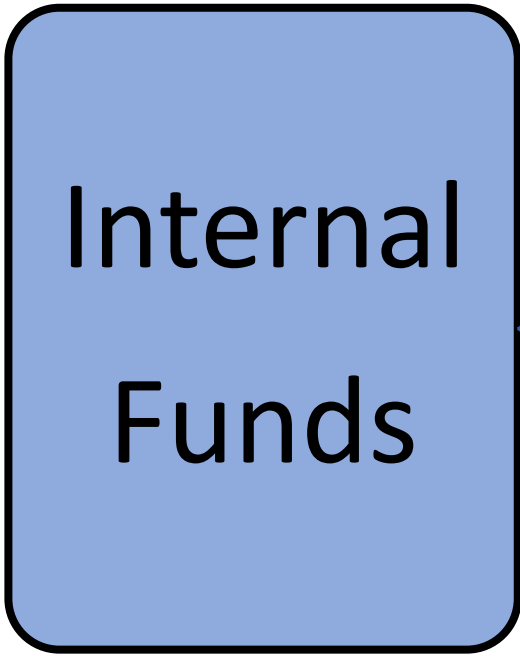
Core Component:

Long-Term Funding

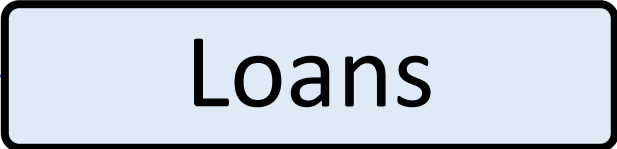
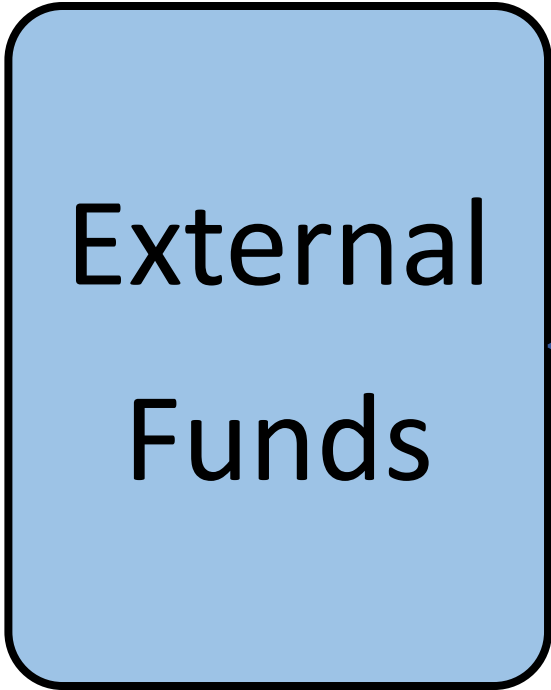
*The money you
need to get it all
done*

In order to maintain the desired level of service for the lowest life cycle cost, a system must have a sustainable, long-term funding strategy.

O&M



Capital
Projects

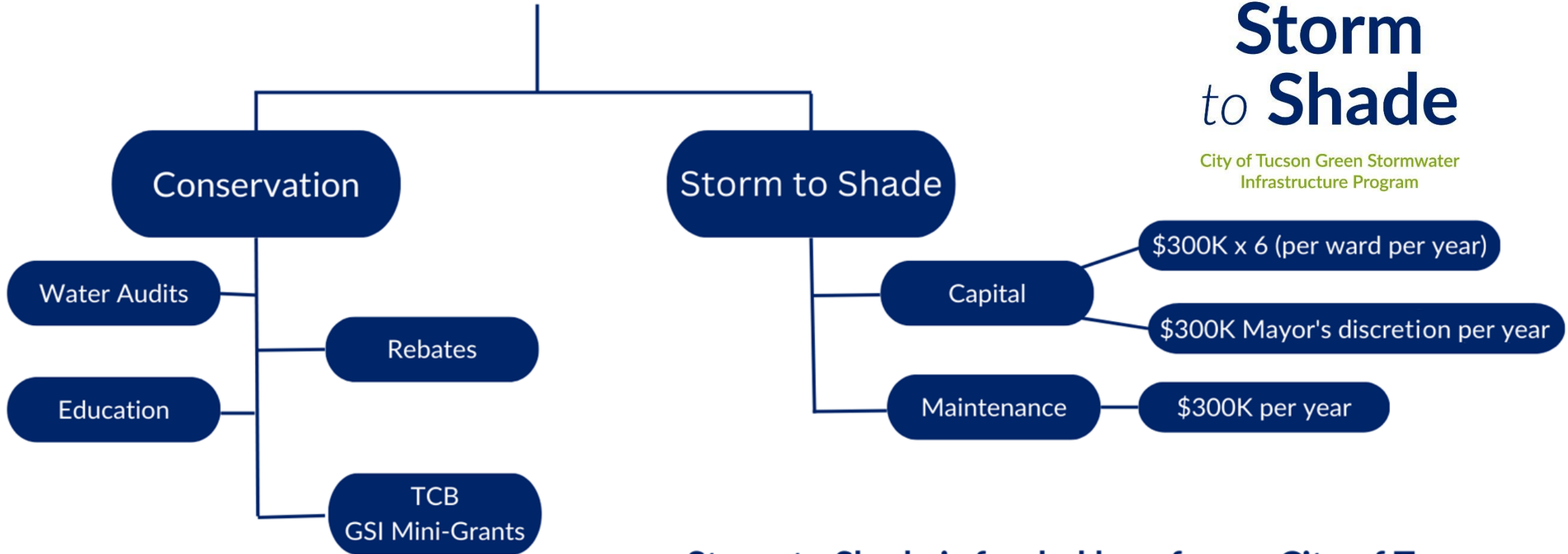


Conservation and Stormwater Resources



Storm to Shade

City of Tucson Green Stormwater
Infrastructure Program



Storm to Shade is funded by a fee on City of Tucson utility bill based assessed at .13 per CCF averaging \$1 per month for the average household.



**Storm
to Shade**

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To truly claim an “equitable approach [to green infrastructure], we have to make sure our GSI investments are installed *with* dedicated maintenance capacity.

Building without dedicated maintenance capacity may leave communities with another type of burden.

Maintenance Capacity:

- \$
Do you have the funds to pay people to maintain your green infrastructure?
- Knowledge
Does the staff know how to maintain green infrastructure, specifically?
- Systems
Do you have a way to track **maintenance** and **asset condition** over time?



Level of Service Goals | Glenn St 46 Chicane Case Study

PM = \$138,800
Herbicide = \$15,900
Seed Cost/lb = \$145

Oct 2022, 2 yrs after install - Before S2S initiated preventative maintenance (PM): invasive plants, sediment clogs, pooling



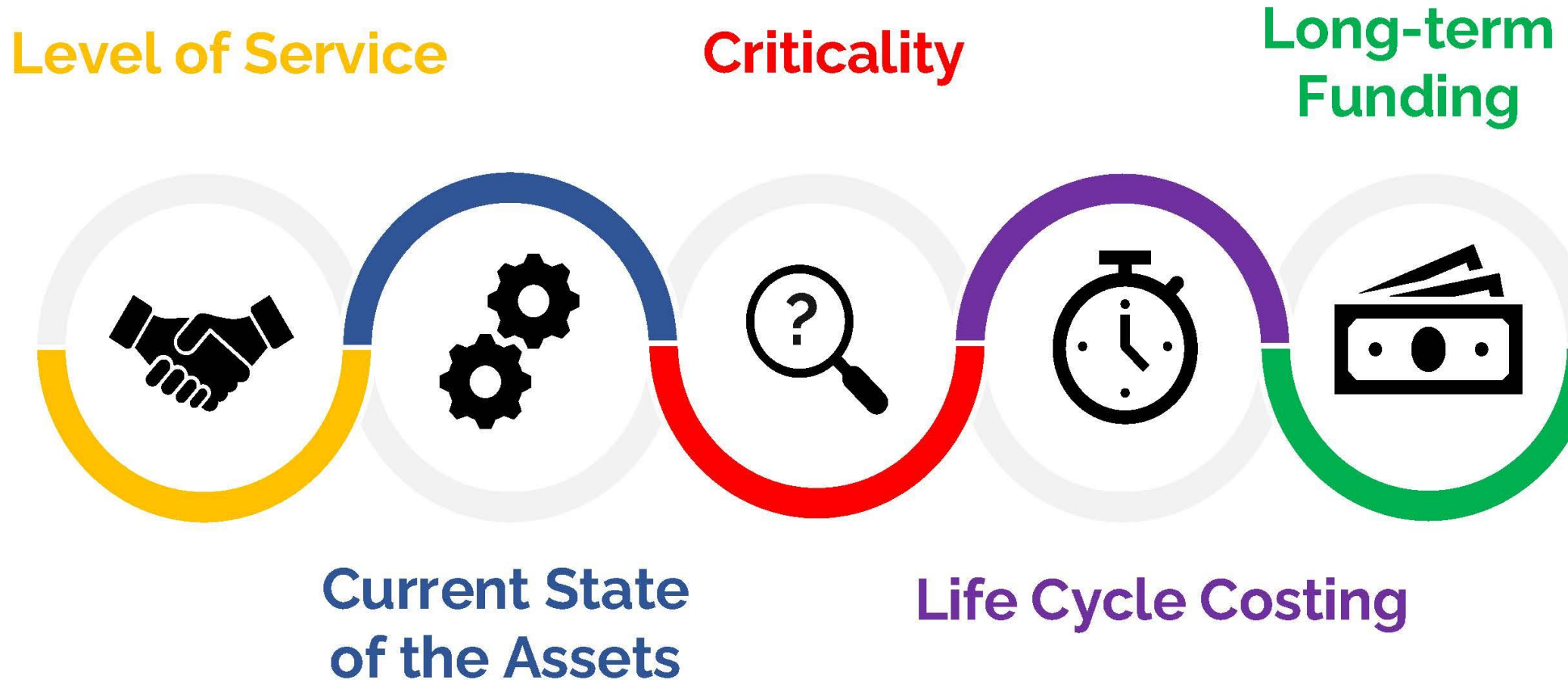
Jan 2024, 2 yrs preventative maintenance: Invasives under control and infiltration restored after 5 rounds of seasonal maintenance, 8 herbicide treatments, & 1 yr native seed dispersal



April 2025, 3.5 yrs PM: Native seed thriving amidst controlled invasives



Five Major Components



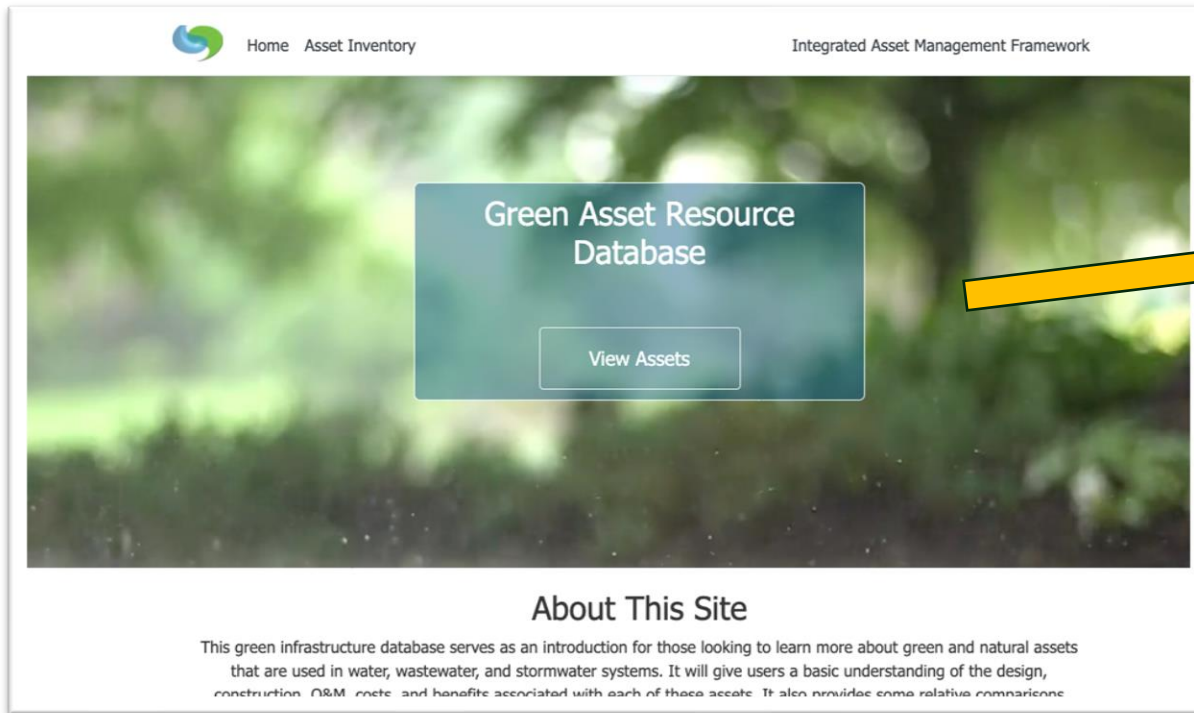
Want help with asset management at your system/community? Talk to us! →

<https://efcnetwork.org/get-help>



Additional Resources

Integrated Asset Management Framework & Green Asset Resource Database

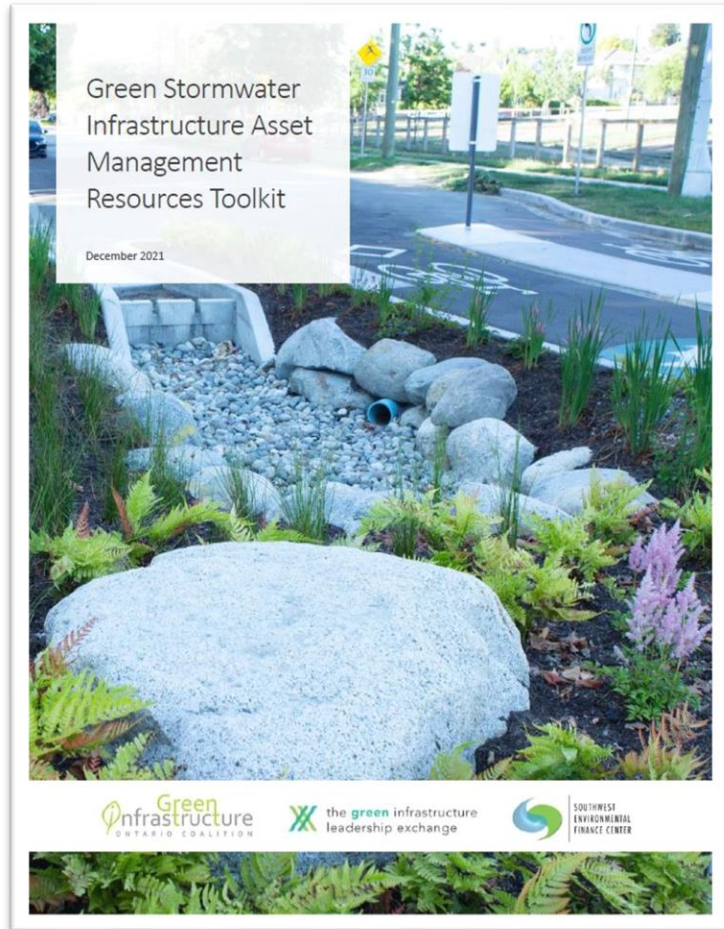


The screenshot shows the 'Green Asset Resource Database' table. It has a search bar at the top right and a 'Show 10 entries' dropdown at the top left. The table has six columns: Name, Asset Type, Construction Rank, O&M Difficulty, and Action. Each row includes a small image of the asset type. A yellow arrow points from the 'View Assets' button in the previous screenshot to this table.

Name	Asset Type	Construction Rank	O&M Difficulty	Action
Bioretention Areas	Enhanced	2	2	View
Blue Roof	Engineered	3	3	View
Constructed Wetlands	Natural	5	2	View
Curb and Gutter Elimination	Engineered	2	1	View
Downspout disconnection	Engineered	1	N/A	View
Drainage Ditch or Channel	Enhanced	2	2	View

<https://swefcapps.unm.edu/gardb>

Green Stormwater Infrastructure Asset Management Resources Toolkit



<https://greeninfrastructureontario.org/app/uploads/2022/01/GSI-AM-Resources-Toolkit-Final-Dec-17.pdf>

GSI Operations & Maintenance Manual & Video Series



<https://aridlidcoalition.org/index.php/gsi-maintenance>

City of Tucson - Storm to Shade Resources



- Green Stormwater Infrastructure Maintenance Pocket Guide (English and Spanish)
- GSI Low Impact Development Standard Details and Site Guidelines
- Storm to Shade Pilot Program Report

<https://climateaction.tucsonaz.gov/pages/s2s-resources>

Thanks for tuning in!

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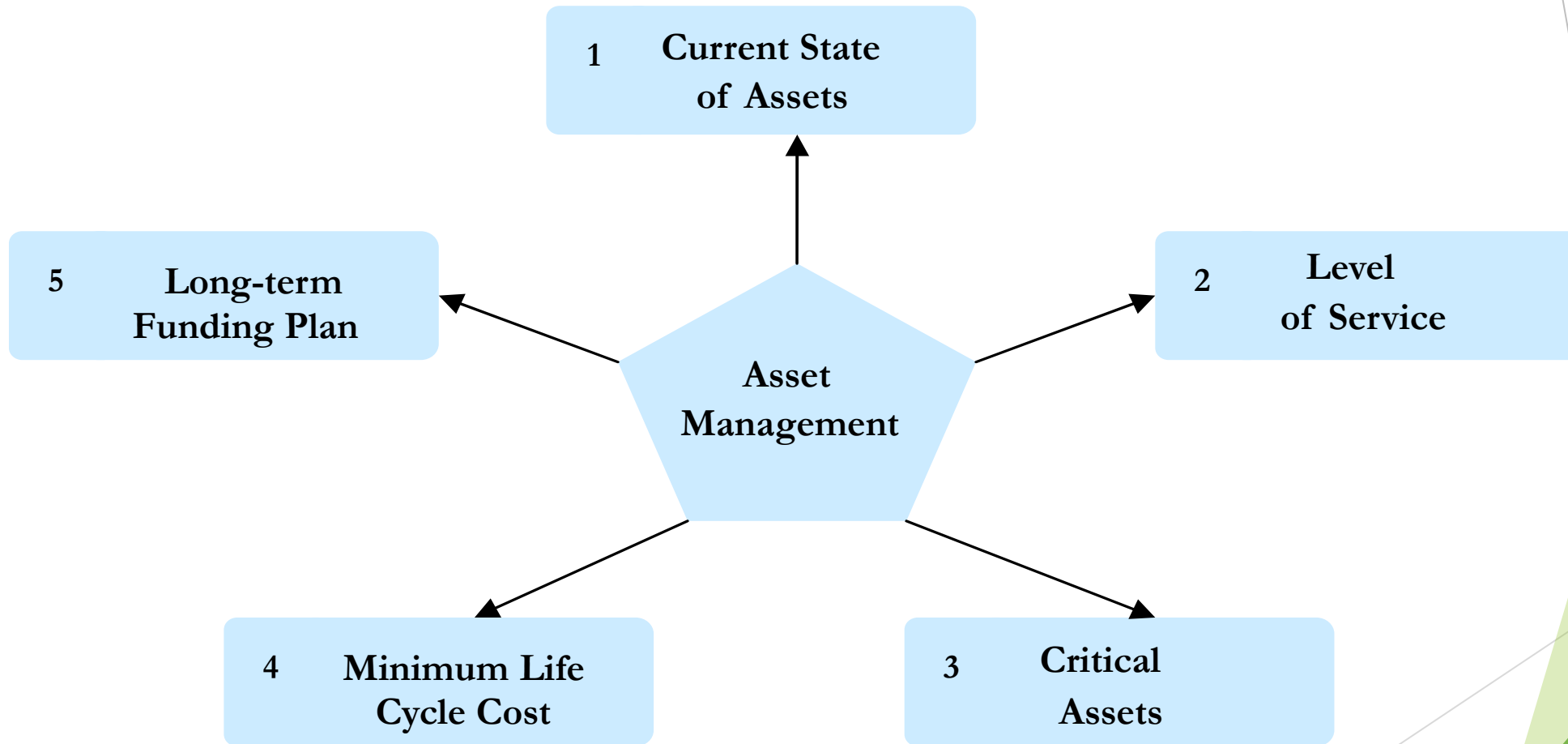
Green Asset Management in North Texas

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What is Asset Management?

“...asset management methods account for and link inventory, condition, service levels, useful life, and repair costs to produce insights regarding where, how much, and when to invest in system maintenance, rehabilitation and replacement.”
(AMSA, 2002, p. 7)

The Five Steps of Asset Management

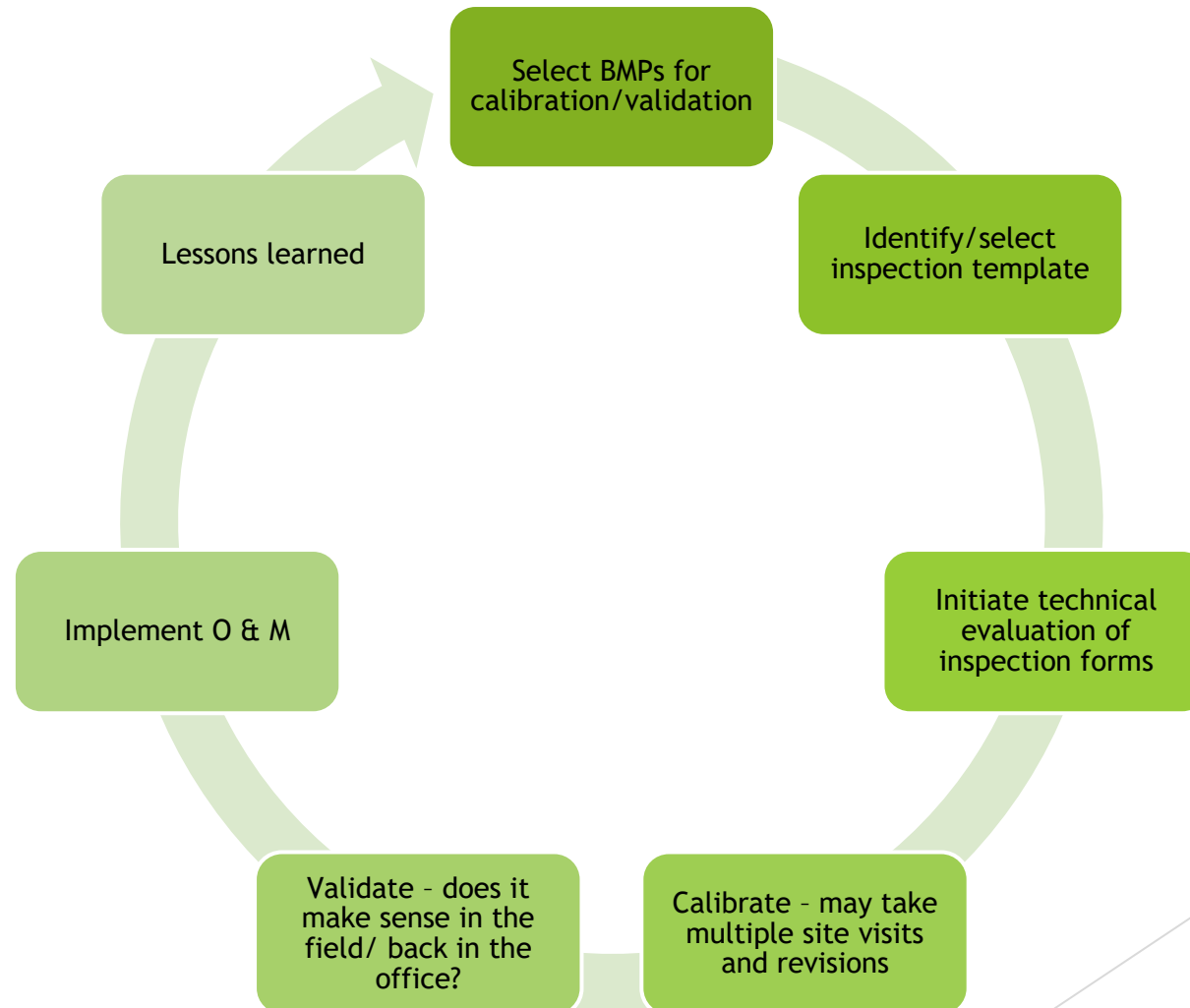


Green Asset Management

- Applying principles of asset management to GSI
- Developing tools to apply asset management to GSI
- Testing the methodology
- Developing Manual



BMP Inspection Form Development Process



Bioretention systems

- Guidance
 - Scoring system
 - Activity
 - Frequency
- Checklist
 - Inspection items
 - Weight
 - Score
 - Comments/corrective action
 - Total Score

Regular Inspection and Maintenance Guidance for Bioretention Systems	
<p>Maintenance of bioretention systems and tree filters can typically be performed as part of standard landscaping. Regular inspection and maintenance is critical to the effective operation of bioretention systems to insure they remain clear of leaves and debris and allow free draining. This page provides guidance on maintenance activities that are typically required for these systems, along with the suggested frequency for each activity. Individual systems may have more, or less, frequent maintenance needs, depending on a variety of factors including the occurrence of large storm events, overly wet or dry conditions (I.E., drought), regional hydrologic conditions, and the upstream land use.</p>	
Score, description 0, Continue routine maintenance/NA 1, Minor Issues observed, needs attention 2, Major Issues observed, requires immediate attention 3, Failure	
Inspection Activities: common maintenance activities include the removal of leaves from the system and bypass structure. Visual inspections are routine for system maintenance. This includes looking for standing water, accumulated leaves, holes in the soil media, signs of plant distress, and debris and sediment accumulation in the system. Mulch and/or vegetation coverage is integral to the performance of the system, including infiltration rate and nutrient uptake. Vegetation care is important to system productivity and health.	
ACTIVITY	FREQUENCY
<p>Check to ensure the filter surface remains well draining after storm events. Remedy: If filter bed is clogged, draining poorly, or standing water covers more than 15% of the surface, then remove top few inches of discolored material. Till or rake remaining material as needed. A record should be kept of the time to drain for the system completely after a storm event. The system should drain completely within 72 hours.</p>	After every major storm in the first few months, then annually.
<p>Check inlets and outlets for leaves and debris. Remedy: Rake in and around the system to clear it of debris. Also, clear the inlet and overflow if obstructed.</p>	Quarterly initially, then annually.
<p>Inspect inlets and outlets to ensure good condition and no evidence of deterioration. Check to see if high-flow bypass is functioning. Remedy: Repair or replace any damaged structural parts, inlets, outlets, or sidewalls.</p>	
<p>Check for animal burrows and short circuiting in the system. Remedy: Soil erosion from short circuiting or animal burrows should be repaired when they occur. The holes should be filled and lightly compacted</p>	
<p>Check to insure the filter bed does not contain more than 2 inches accumulated material. Remedy: Remove sediment as necessary. If 2 inches or more of filter bed has been removed, replace media with either mulch or a (50% sand, 20% woodchips, 20% compost, 10% soil) mixture.</p>	
<p>During extended periods without rainfall, inspect plants for signs of distress. Remedy: Plants should be watered until established (typical only for first few months) or as needed thereafter.</p>	Annually
<p>Check for robust vegetation coverage throughout the system. Remedy: If at least 50% vegetation coverage is not established after 2 years, supplemental planting should be performed.</p>	
<p>Check for dead or dying plants, and general long term plant health. Remedy: This vegetation should be cut and removed from the system. If woody vegetation is present, care should be taken to remove dead or decaying plant material. Separation of herbaceous vegetation rootstock should occur when over-crowding is observed (greater than 80%).</p>	Annually

Version 9/26/2022, Adapted from 1/15/2011 University of New Hampshire Stormwater Center

CHECKLIST FOR INSPECTION OF BIORETENTION SYSTEM					
Location:		Time:		Inspector:	
Date:		Date last rain event:		Site Conditions:	
Rain > 0.10" last 24 hours Y / N		Vegetation:			
GRADE: 0%		Final Score		0	
		Total points possible		66	
Score, description 0, Continue routine maintenance/NA 1, Minor Issues observed, needs attention 2, Major Issues observed, requires immediate attention 3, Failure					
Inspection Items	Weight	Score 0 - 3, circle score or select drop down menu	Comments/Corrective Action		
1. Standing Water (Annually)					
A) No evidence of standing water after 72 hours.	3	0 1 2 3	Score = 0		
2. Short Circuiting & Erosion (Annually)					
A) No evidence of animal burrows or other holes?		0 1 2 3	Score = 0		
B) No evidence of erosion?		0 1 2 3	Score = 0		
C) Evidence of sediment accumulation on surface? Attach picture		0 1 2 3	Score = 0		
3. Overflow Bypass / Inlet Inspection (Annually)					
A) Surface is at design level, typically 4" below overflow	2	0 1 2 3	Score = 0		
B) Overflow bypass / inlet (if available) is functional?	3	0 1 2 3	Score = 0		
C) Overflow bypass / outlet (if available) is functional?	3	0 1 2 3	Score = 0		
D) No evidence of blockage or accumulated leaves/sediment?	3	0 1 2 3	Score = 0		
4. Debris Cleanup (Annually)					
A) Free from litter, leaves, and dead vegetation?		0 1 2 3	Score = 0		
5. Mulch Depth (if applicable)					
A) Mulch at original design depth? If applicable.		0 1 2 3	Score = 0		
6. Vegetation Coverage (Annual)					
A) Plants are stable, roots not exposed?		0 1 2 3	Score = 0		
B) Robust coverage?		0 1 2 3	Score = 0		
C) Invasive plants present (> 5%) (attach picture)?		0 1 2 3	Score = 0		
D) Dead or decaying plants removed from the system?		0 1 2 3	Score = 0		
E) Prune perennial vegetation?		0 1 2 3	Score = 0		
F) Prune dead, diseased, or crossing tree branches		0 1 2 3	Score = 0		
7. Drought Conditions (As needed)					
A) Water plants as needed, if applicable.		0 1 2 3	Score = 0		
B) Dead or dying desirable, if applicable.		0 1 2 3	Score = 0		
		TOTAL Score 0			
Notes					
Corrective Action Criteria: 90 - 100%, Pass, continue routine maintenance 46 - 90%, Needs attention/maintenance < 45%, Needs urgent repair/replacement					
Corrective Action Needed					Due Date
1.					
2.					
3.					

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Porous Pavements











Regular Inspection and Maintenance Guidance for Porous Pavements	
Regular inspection and maintenance is critical to the effective operation of porous pavement. It is the responsibility of the owner to maintain the pavement in accordance with the minimum design standards. This page provides guidance on maintenance activities that are typically required for these systems, along with the suggested frequency for each activity. Individual systems may have more, or less, frequent maintenance needs, depending on a variety of factors including the occurrence of large storm events, seasonal changes, and traffic conditions.	
Score, description	
0, Continue routine maintenance/NA	
1, Minor Issues observed, needs attention	
2, Major Issues observed, requires immediate attention	
3, Failure	
Inspection Activities: Visual inspections are an integral part of system maintenance. This includes monitoring pavement to ensure water drainage, debris accumulation, and surface deterioration.	
ACTIVITY	FREQUENCY
Check for standing water on the surface of the pavement after a precipitation event, no standing water should remain within 30 minutes after rainfall had ended. Remedy: Cleaning of porous pavement is recommended.	1 to 2 times per year, more frequently for high use sites or sites with higher potential for run-on
Inspect for sediment and organic debris on the pavement surface or within forebays. Remedy: Vacuum sweeper shall be used regularly to remove sediment and organic debris on the pavement surface. The sweeper may be fitted with water jets. For loose debris, a power/leaf blower or gutter broom can be used to remove leaves and trash.	
Inspect for accumulation of debris and dead leaves. Remedy: Pavement vacuuming should occur during spring and fall cleanup to remove accumulated debris and dead leaves, at minimum.	
Inspect for blockage or clogging of open spaces. Remedy: Power washing can be an effective tool for cleaning clogged areas. This should occur at mid pressure typically less than 500 psi and at an angle of 30 degrees	
Check for damage to porous pavements from non-design loads. Remedy: Damaged areas may be repaired by use of infrared heating and rerolling of pavement. Typical costs may be 2,000/ day for approximately 500 ft of trench.	
Maintenance Activities	
Routine preventative cleaning is more effective than corrective cleaning.	
ACTIVITY	FREQUENCY
Controlling run-on and debris tracking is key to extending the life of porous surfaces. Erosion and sedimentation control of adjacent areas is crucial. Forebay areas should remain clear. Vacuuming adjacent non porous asphalt can be effective at minimizing run-on.	Whenever vacuuming adjacent porous pavements
Do not store materials such as sand/salt, mulch, soil, yard waste, and other stock piles on porous surfaces.	As needed
Damage can occur to porous pavement from non-design loads. Precautions such as clearance bars, signage, tight turning radius, high curbs, and video surveillance may be required where there is a risk off non-design loads. Posting of signage is recommended (i.e. passenger vehicles only, light truck traffic, etc. as per pavement durability rating.).	

CHECKLIST FOR INSPECTION OF POROUS PAVEMENTS				
Location:		Inspector:		
Date:		Time:		Site Conditions:
Rain > 0.10" last 24 hours Y / N		Date of last rain event:		
GRADE: 0%		Final Score		0
		Total points possible		33
Score, description 0, Continue routine maintenance/NA 1, Minor Issues observed, needs attention 2, Major Issues observed, requires immediate attention 3, Failure				
Inspection Items	Weight	Score 0 - 3, circle score or select drop down menu		Comments/ Corrective Action
1. Debris Cleanup (Annually)				
B) Estimated percent of blocked open spaces?	5	0 1 2 3	Score = 0	
0, none 1, 1-25% 2, 26-50% 3, >50%				
C) Adjacent non porous pavement clear of debris?		0 1 2 3	Score = 0	
D) Catch basins clean (if applicable)?		0 1 2 3	Score = 0	
2. Controlling Run-On (Annually)				
A) Adjacent vegetated areas show no signs of erosion and run-on to porous pavement? If applicable.		0 1 2 3	Score = 0	
3. Outlet / Catch Basin Inspection (If available) (Annually)				
A) No evidence of blockage?		0 1 2 3	Score = 0	
B) Good condition, no need for cleaning/repair?		0 1 2 3	Score = 0	
4. Pavement/Material Condition (Annually)				
A) No evidence of deterioration?		0 1 2 3	Score = 0	
B) No cuts from utilities visible?		0 1 2 3	Score = 0	
C) No evidence of improper design load applied?		0 1 2 3	Score = 0	
5. Signage / Stockpiling (If applicable)				
A) Proper signage posted indicating usage for traffic		0 1 2 3	Score = 0	
B) No stockpiling of materials and no seal coating?		0 1 2 3	Score = 0	
6. Weed control (As Needed)				
A) No evidence of vegetation in pavement?		0 1 2 3	Score = 0	
B) Litter present?		0 1 2 3	Score = 0	
		TOTAL Score 0		
Notes				
Corrective Action Criteria: 90 - 100%, Pass, continue routine maintenance 46 - 90%, Needs attention/maintenance < 45%, Needs urgent repair/replacement Corrective Action Needed				
				Due Date
2.				
3.				

- Inspection Item Example
 - Estimated % of blocked open spaces
 - Scored 1 - 3
 - 0 = none
 - 1 = 1 - 25%,
 - 2 = 25 - 50%,
 - 3 = >50%,
- Corrective Action Criteria
 - 90 - 100% Pass
 - 46 - 90% Needs attention
 - < 45% Needs urgent repair or replacement

Supplemental documents for inspections

NATIVE VERSUS INVASIVE LOOK ALIKE PLANTS IN NORTH TEXAS

BASTARD CABBAGE (I) VS TANSY MUSTARD (N)	Bastard cabbage has yellow flowers with small bulbs down the stem. Tansy mustard also has yellow blooms, but the stems have small pin like leaves.		
ALLIGATORWEED (I) VS AMERICAN WATERWILLOW (N)	The difference between these two aquatic plants is highlighted in the blooms, they are different, but the stems look almost identical. Globular white flowers indicate alligatorweed and white with purple center waterwillow.		
CHINABERRY TREE (I) VS WESTERN SOAPBERRY (N)	Chinaberry fruit is opaque with bi-pinnately compound leaves. Soapberry fruit is more translucent with pinnately compound leaves.		
CHINESE TALLOW (I) VS EASTERN REDBUD (N)	Chinese tallow and eastern redbud both have tear drop shaped leaves with seed pods(kernels) that drape down. The Chinese tallow have uncovered flowers while redbuds have enclosed seeds which bloom into flowers.		
BERMUDAGRASS (I) VS BUFFALO GRASS (N)	Bermuda Grass seed heads narrow and dark compared with Buffalo grass's seed heads which produce white seeds.		

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO CONTROL THE GROWTH OF INVASIVE SPECIES?

Many invasive plants undermine native ones and disturb soil and growth patterns which is why it is crucial to maintain controlling and stopping the spread of these invaders.


YELLOW BLUESTEM (I) VS LITTLE BLUESTEM (N)

Yellow bluestem have V-shaped seed heads that pop out of the top of the grasses. Little bluestem doesn't have V-shaped seed heads - these bluestems seeds are feathery.

HOW CAN YOU HELP THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE PLANTS?

Knowing the difference between invasive and common native species helps identify what should be weeded and what shouldn't in impacted areas.

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JOHNSONGRASS (I) VS SWITCHGRASS (N)	Yellowish brown bunches of seeds for both plants. Johnsongrass seed heads are darker than switchgrass.		
CHINESE PRIVET (I) VS FLOWERING DOGWOOD (N)	The leaves are make these easier to identify, dogwoods have predominant veins through-out the entire leaf while privets do not.		
GIANT RAGWEED (I) VS GOLDENROD (N)	Ragweed has lobed leaves and yellow flowers while goldenrod also has yellow flowers and elongated leaves		
NODDING THISTLE (I) VS TEXAS THISTLE (N)	Both thistles have spiked stems but noddling thistle blooms are rounded while Texas thistles are more coned shaped.		
CRABGRASS (I) VS BAHIA GRASS (N)	Crabgrass starts more centrally then spreads out and creates v shaped seed bunches, while Bahia grass is less coarse but has those v shaped seed pouches.		

Crabgrass picture above was posted by Michigan State University in an article called: Large Crabgrass: *Digitaria sanguinalis*

STOP THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES

Lessons Learned

- Keep it simple
- Know your team
- Test and re-test your sheets



CHECKLIST FOR INSPECTION OF BIORETENTION SYSTEM / TREE FILTERS

Location: PCWRP Bioretention Inspector: Steady day
Date: 5/5/22 Time: 7 Site Conditions: cloudy day
Date Since Last Rain Event: 7

Inspection Items	Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U)	Comments/Corrective Action
1. Initial Inspection After Planting and Mulching		
Plants are stable, roots not exposed	S U	
Surface is at design level, typically 4" below overpass	S U	<u>undercut checked</u>
Overflow bypass / inlet (if available) is functional	S U	<u>fix</u>
2. Debris Cleanup (2 times a year minimum, Spring & Fall)		
Litter, leaves, and dead vegetation removed from the system	S U	
Prune perennial vegetation	S U	
3. Standing Water (1 time a year, After large storm events)		
No evidence of standing water after 72 hours	S U	
4. Short Circuiting & Erosion (1 times a year, After large storm events)		
No evidence of animal burrows or other holes	S U	<u>0 outfall channel</u>
No evidence of erosion	S U	
5. Drought Conditions (As needed)		
Water plants as needed	S U	
Dead or dying plants	S U	
6. Overflow Bypass / Inlet Inspection (1 times a year, After large storm events)		
No evidence of blockage or accumulated leaves	S U	<u>sediment</u>
Good condition, no need for repair	S U	
7. Vegetation Coverage (once a year)		
50% coverage established throughout system by first year	S U	<u>note present</u>
Robust coverage by year 2 or later	S U	
8. Mulch Depth (if applicable)(once every 2 years)		
Mulch at original design depth? if applicable	S U	
Mulch at original design depth after tilling or replacement	S U	
9. Vegetation Health (once every 3 years)		
Dead or decaying plants removed from the system	S U	
10. Tree Pruning (once every 3 years)		
Prune dead, diseased, or crossing branches	S U	
Corrective Action Needed		Due Date
1. <u>inlet blocked and bypass cutting</u>		
2.		
3.		

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It is present & invasive

CHECKLIST FOR INSPECTION OF BIORETENTION SYSTEM

Location: Rain Garden Inspector: Steady day
Date: 5/5/22 Time: 7 Site Conditions: cloudy day
Rain > 0.10" last 24 hours Y/N Y Final Score: 69
Date Since Last Rain Event: 7

Inspection Items	Weight	Score 0-3, circle score or select drop down menu	Comments/Corrective Action
1. Standing Water (Annually)			
A) No evidence of standing water after 72 hours	3	0 1 2 3	Score = 0
2. Short Circuiting & Erosion (Annually)			
A) No evidence of animal burrows or other holes?		0 1 2 3	Score = 0
B) No evidence of erosion?		0 1 2 3	Score = 0
C) Evidence of sediment accumulation on surface? Attach picture		0 1 2 3	Score = 0
3. Overflow Bypass / Inlet Inspection (Annually)			
A) Surface is at design level, typically 4" below overflow	2	0 1 2 3	Score = 0
B) Overflow bypass / inlet (if available) is functional?	3	0 1 2 3	Score = 0
C) Overflow bypass / outlet (if available) is functional?	3	0 1 2 3	Score = 0
D) No evidence of blockage or accumulated leaves/sediment?	3	0 1 2 3	Score = 0
4. Debris Cleanup (Annually)			
A) Free from litter, leaves, and dead vegetation?		0 1 2 3	Score = 0
B) Mulch Depth (if applicable)		0 1 2 3	Score = 0
C) Mulch at original design depth? if applicable		0 1 2 3	Score = 0
5. Vegetation Coverage (Annual)			
A) Plants are stable, roots not exposed?		0 1 2 3	Score = 0
B) Robust coverage?		0 1 2 3	Score = 0
C) Invasive plants present (> 5%) (attach picture)?		0 1 2 3	Score = 0
D) Dead or decaying plants removed from the system?		0 1 2 3	Score = 0
E) Prune perennial vegetation?		0 1 2 3	Score = 0
F) Prune dead, diseased, or crossing tree branches		0 1 2 3	Score = 0
6. Drought Conditions (As needed)			
A) Water plants as needed, if applicable	N/A	0 1 2 3	Score = 0
B) Dead or dying desirable, if applicable	N/A	0 1 2 3	Score = 0
TOTAL Score: 0			
Notes			
Corrective Action Criteria:			
0-21, Pass, continue routine maintenance			
21-45, Needs attention/maintenance			
46-69, Needs urgent attention/replacement			
Corrective Action Needed		Due Date	
1.			
2.			
3.			

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huge change to %

would not check infiltration every year. Could replace it.

possible hole per hour - double ring infiltrometer



Criticality



How important the GI BMP is to water quality, water quantity reduction and the co-benefits related to the triple bottom line of economic, social, and environmental benefits



Consequence of failure - Risk analysis to determine water quality and water quantity reduction levels of service lost if GI BMP fails



Regulatory impact: e.g. Asset I part of a TMDL implementation plan

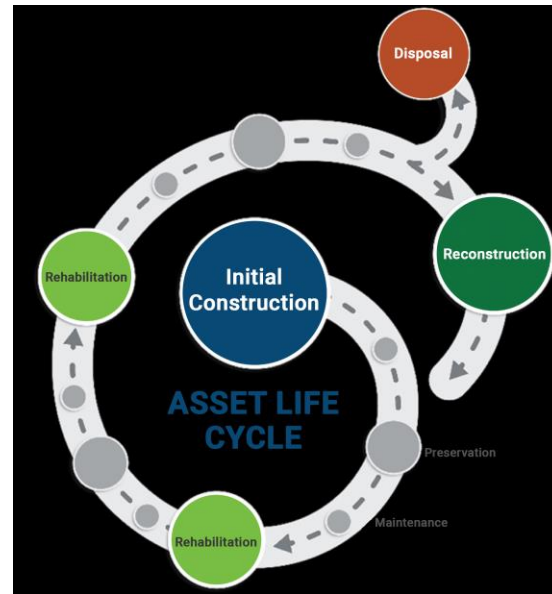
Identifier of BMP	Criticality	Consequence of Failure	Area vulnerable to flooding	Potential TMDL impact

Minimum Life Cycle Costs

What alternative strategies exist for managing Operation and Maintenance (O&M), personnel, and capital budget accounts?

What strategies are the most feasible for my organization?

What are the costs of renewal, rehabilitation, and replacement for critical assets?





Long-Term Funding

- ▶ Do we have enough funding to maintain the assets for our required level of service?
- ▶ Is our source of funding sustainable for long-term needs?
- ▶ Revising the funding structure.
- ▶ Funding a dedicated reserve from current revenues (i.e., creating an asset annuity).
- ▶ Financing asset rehabilitation, repair, and replacement through borrowing or other financial assistance.

(EPA Asset Management: A Best Practices Guide, 2008).



Conclusions

- ▶ Applying asset management (AM) principles to green assets can help cities use a familiar methodologies to
 - ▶ Maintain
 - ▶ Repair
 - ▶ Replace and guarantee funding of GSI
- ▶ Most AM software allow for Green asset integration
- ▶ Local inspection and criticality criteria need to be developed



Community-Science Partnership to Enhance Stormwater Management and Equity





Piloting a Regional Vision

- ▶ Planning Phase: October 2022 - April 2023 Pilot Project in Denton.
- ▶ **Community Science Working Group**, representatives from the City of Denton and environmental and community groups, to advise project development
- ▶ Execute a series of **workshops for local stakeholders** to develop, refine, and evaluate the CGAM Tool for the city
- ▶ The project aims to reduce local stormwater flooding, establish new community connections, and launch the tailored CGAM tool for the City of Denton



Community Green Asset Management Tool: A Pilot Project

- ▶ We addressed these challenges by incorporating community priorities into an **asset management framework** for BGI
- ▶ This approach manages **infrastructure assets** by minimizing costs of owning, operating, and maintaining them
- ▶ Developed and piloted a **Community Green Asset Management (CGAM) Tool** that reflects local concerns, priorities, and values associated with BGI

Online Interactive Platform (Hub)



Current Storymap
Example:

<https://arcg.is/1ePDLm0>

CIVIC Innovation: Dent

Nature-based solutions to flooding and water quality
in North Texas

Hub Platform: Interactive tools for co-development of data with local communities

- Community Citizen Science Projects
- Educational Modules
- Training Workshops
- Interactive Signage
- K-12 and Undergraduate classroom materials



Blue-green Infrastructure (BGI) site in downtown Denton, TX

Flooding is a concern in cities all over the country, especially in areas with rapid growth. Some of these cities, like Denton, are using nature-based solutions to help solve the problem.

By installing green spaces - like strips between roads full of native plants or trees, or driveways with porous pavements, or low-lying areas with rock channels or mulch - instead of concrete to slow down water, these sites can greatly reduce flooding. Creating places to allow water to sink into the soil limits flood damage to nearby homes and businesses, and helps that water to go back into our rivers and lakes, improving water quality in the process.

Sounds like a win-win, right? Not everyone agrees. Despite growing evidence of success for flood control and water filtration, getting support to build these sites can be challenging. To explore these challenges, we're putting together a team of community stakeholders to share their perspectives about existing and future sites for Denton.

C-GAM Tool for BGI - Pilot Testing

C-GAM Survey Tool 1.0

Prototype of the C-GAM survey evaluation tool for pilot testing by CIVIC Volunteers.

<https://survey123.arcgis.com>



This project is funded by the National Science Foundation

For more information about the CIVIC Innovation project in Denton, fill out the interest form below to join our mailing list

CIVIC Innovation Denton BGI Project Interest Form

Sign up here to receive additional information and project updates.

<https://survey123.arcgis.com>



Have data to contribute to the project? Fill out the survey below and it will appear on our community map!

Denton BGI Site Survey - CIVIC Project

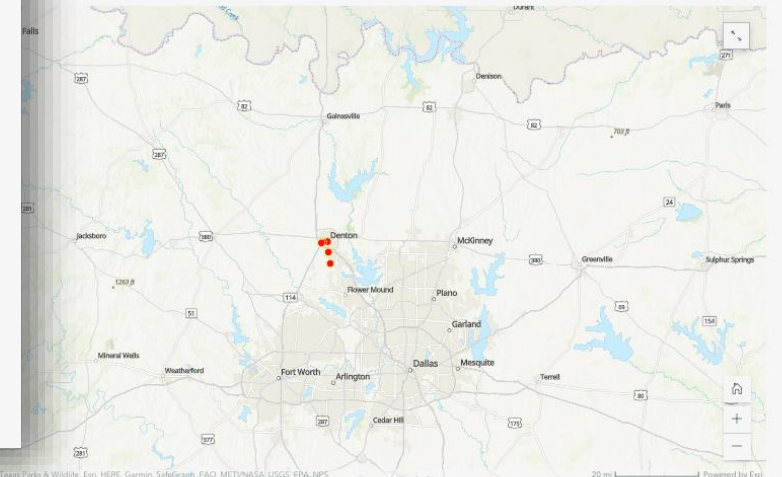
Description content for the survey

First Name*

Last Name*

Date (of site visit)*

Denton Area BGI Site Survey

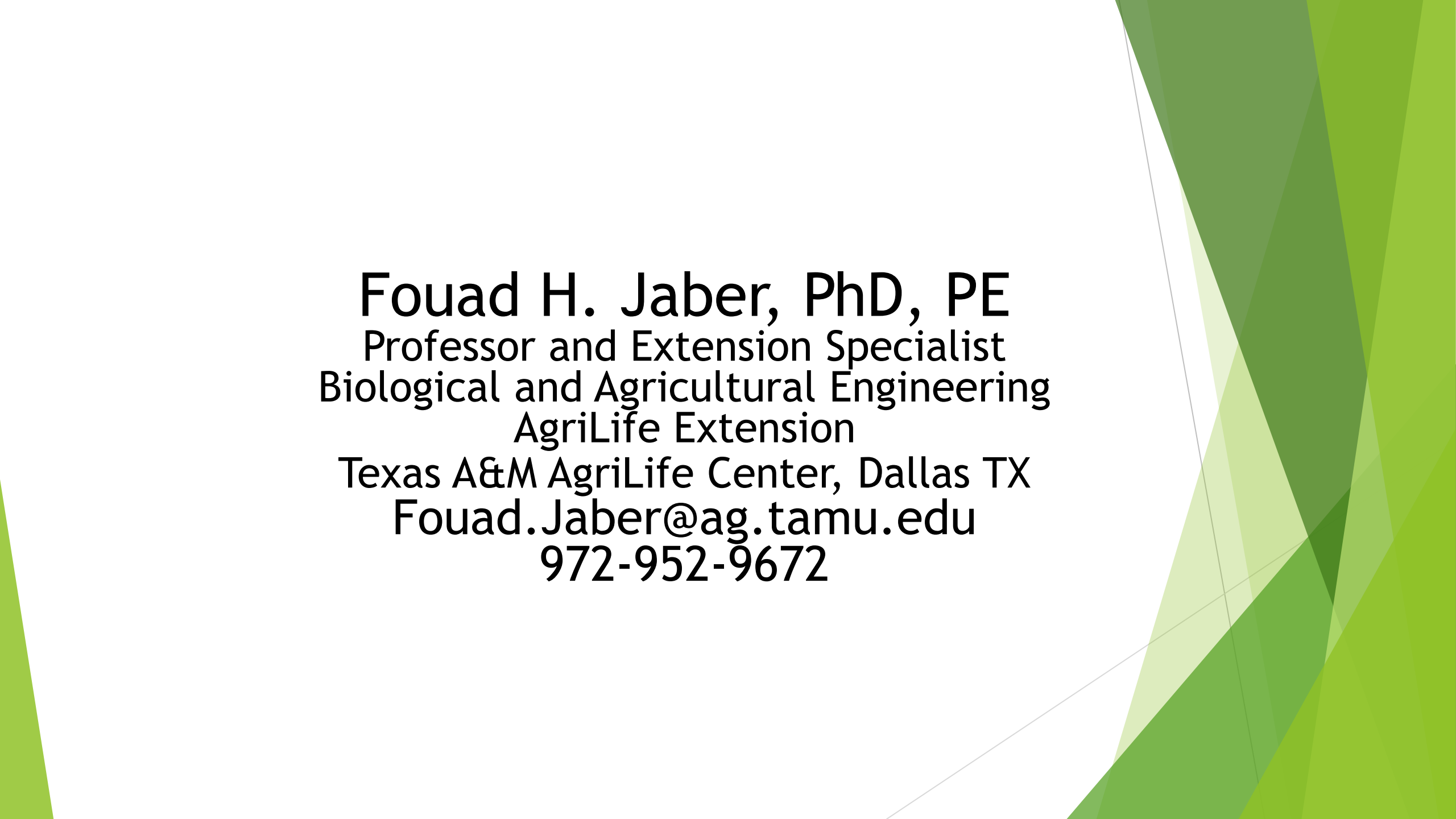


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Denton Area BGI Site Survey Community Map

Want to learn more about Blue-Green Infrastructure?

Click on the Resource Library below to find online resources

The background features abstract, overlapping green geometric shapes, primarily triangles and polygons, in various shades of green, creating a modern and dynamic visual effect.

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