## Increasing Climate Resilience throughout the Royce Brook Watershed

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# Project Goal is to Reduce Flooding in Hillsborough and Manville (supported by NFWF Coastal Resiliency Fund)

- Design stormwater management systems that will manage the 100-year storm from existing development
- Prioritize nature-based solutions
- Design retrofits to manage the increase in rainfall due to climate change for sites that already have stormwater management

Condition (100-yr Design Storm)	24-hour rainfall total (in)
2000 Rainfall Total	8.21
2020 Rainfall Total	8.95
2100 Rainfall Total	12.15

# Types of Nature-Based Solutions (FEMA, 2021)

- WATERSHED OR LANDSCAPE SCALE: Interconnected systems of natural areas and open space. These are large-scale practices that require long-term planning and coordination.
- **NEIGHBORHOOD OR SITE SCALE**: Distributed stormwater management practices that manage rainwater where it falls. These practices can often be built into a site, corridor, or neighborhood without requiring additional space.
- **COASTAL AREAS**: Nature-based solutions that stabilize the shoreline, reducing erosion and buffering the coast from storm impacts. While many watershed and neighborhood-scale solutions work in coastal areas, these systems are designed to support coastal resilience.

#### WATERSHED SCALE



#### LAND CONSERVATION

Land conservation is one way of preserving interconnected systems of open space that sustain healthy communities.

Land conservation projects begin by prioritizing areas of land for acquisition. Land or conservation easements can be bought or acquired through donation.



#### GREENWAYS

Greenways are corridors of protected open space managed for both conservation and recreation.

Greenways often follow rivers or other natural features. They link habitats and provide networks of open space for people to explore and enjoy.



#### FLOODPLAIN RESTORATION

Undisturbed floodplains help keep waterways healthy by storing floodwaters, reducing erosion, filtering water pollution, and providing habitat.

Floodplain restoration rebuilds some of these natural functions by reconnecting the floodplain to its waterway.



#### WETLAND RESTORATION AND PROTECTION

Restoring and protecting wetlands can improve water quality and reduce flooding. Healthy wetlands filter, absorb, and slow runoff.

Wetlands also sustain healthy ecosystems by recharging groundwater and providing habitat for fish and wildlife.



#### STORMWATER PARKS

Stormwater parks are recreational spaces that are designed to flood during extreme events and to withstand flooding.

By storing and treating floodwaters, stormwater parks can reduce flooding elsewhere and improve water quality.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD OR SITE SCALE



#### RAIN GARDENS

A rain garden is a shallow, vegetated basin that collects and absorbs runoff from rooftops, sidewalks, and streets.

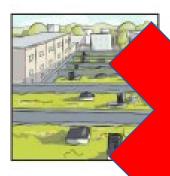
Rain gardens can be added around homes and businesses to reduce and treat stormwater runoff.



#### VEGETATED SWALES

A vegetated swale is a channel holding plants or mulch that treats and absorbs stormwater as it flows down a slope.

Vegetated swales can be placed along streets and in parking lots to soak up and treat their runoff, improving water quality.



#### **GREEN ROOFS**

A green fitted with a planting ation. A green roof y soaking up rainfall.

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commerce addings. Intensive green roofs, which have shallower soil, are more common on residential buildings.



#### RAINWATER HARVESTING

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#### PERMEABLE PAVEMENT

Permeable pavements allow more rainfall to soak into the ground. Common types include pervious concrete, porous asphalt, and interlocking pavers.

Permeable pavements are most commonly used for parking lots and roadway shoulders.



Because of trees' many benefits, many cities have set urban tree canopy goals.



#### TREE TRENCHES

A stormwater tree trench is a row of trees planted in an underground infiltration structure made to store and filter stormwater.

Tree trenches can be added to streets and parking lots with limited space to manage stormwater.



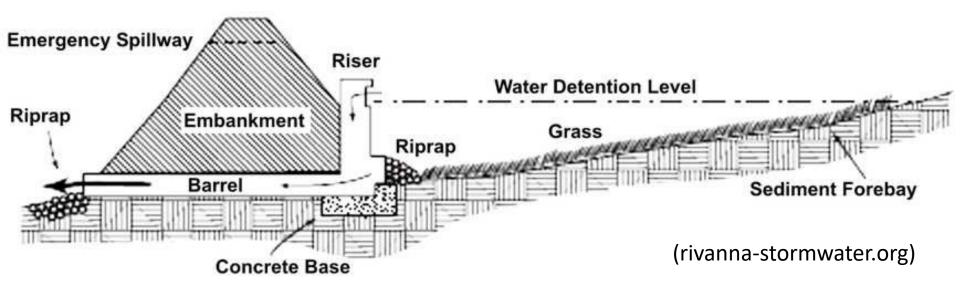
#### **GREEN STREETS**

Green streets use a suite of green infrastructure practices to manage stormwate runoff and improve water quality.

Adding green infrastructure features to a street corridor can also contribute to a safer and more attractive environment for walking and bilking.

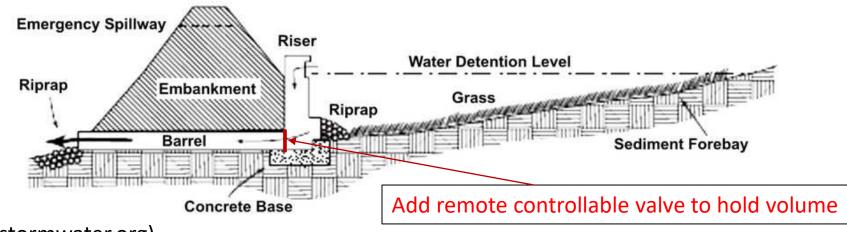
### How can we reduce 100-YR storm flooding?

- Capture stormwater and detain it to reduce the peak flow of the flooding
  - Typical detention basin approach
  - Effective if no back-up downstream
  - Can combine with distributed systems to hold more volume



### How can we reduce 100-YR storm flooding?

- Hold a retain stormwater as long as possible
  - More effective when floodwater backed-up downstream
  - Digital control system to hold volume and release water once flood recedes
    - Would not work well as passive system due to smaller storm event management not draining quick enough
  - Difficult to combine with distributed storage systems



(rivanna-stormwater.org)

### Where do we target our efforts?

- Target developments with:
  - little to no existing stormwater management
  - available land to capture and hold large volumes of stormwater
  - willing participants for buyouts to create land for stormwater management.
- Identify key flooding hotspots and identify areas contributing upstream of those areas
- Use right-of-way areas to capture stormwater
- In-line stream storage (complicated design and difficult to obtain NJDEP permits)

### How can we hold the volume?

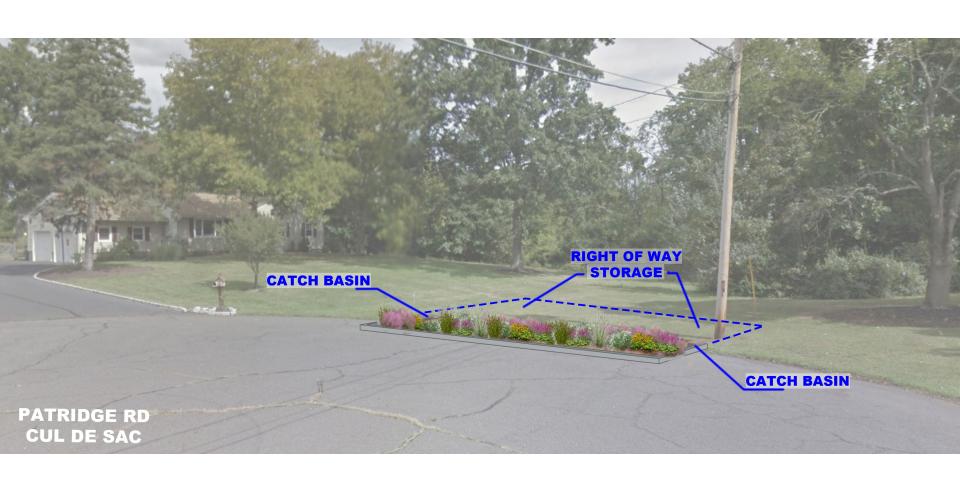
- Smaller distributed systems
  - Individual Household Rain Gardens
  - Pervious Pavement
  - Right-of-way Stormwater Planters

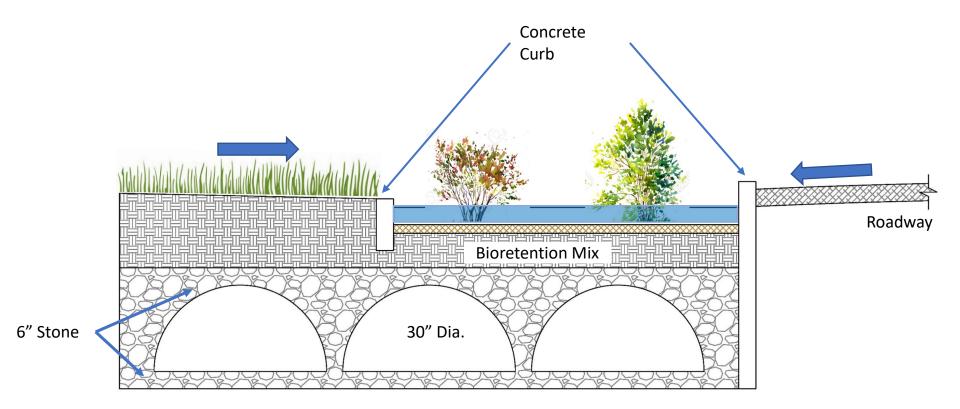












### How can we hold the volume?

- Large Detention/ Bioretention Basins
  - Can provide largest volume storage to land area



- Underground Storage Systems
  - Can create systems under lots by combining storage with. Allows mixed use of stormwater management area and recreational uses (i.e. parks)



### What are design options for retrofitting sites?

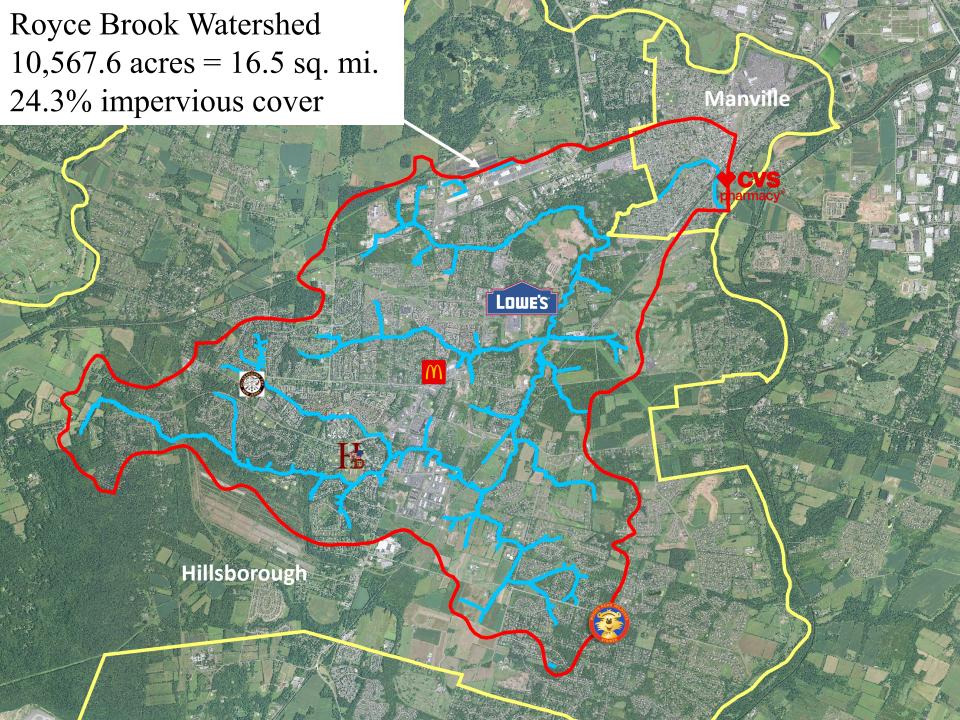
- Right of way only and public land
- Create distributed projects on private lands

#### Residential

- Small buyouts of residential area to create available land for stormwater capture
- Large buyouts to maximize stormwater capture

#### Commercial

- Underground storage in parking lots
- Remove sections of unutilized areas to create larger storage systems

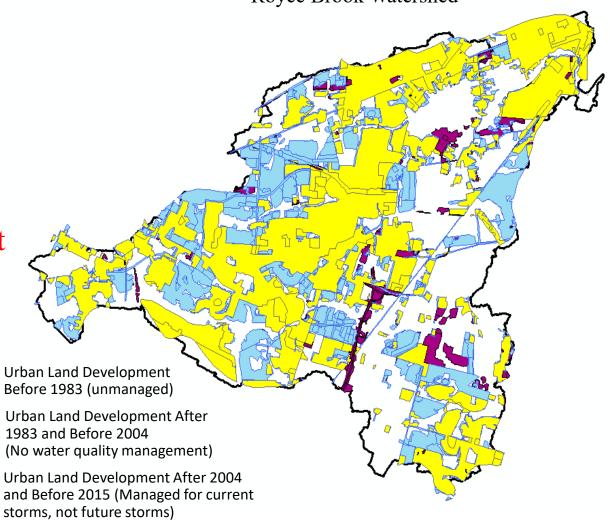


What Land is Being Managed in the Royce Brook Watershed?

Managed and Unmanaged Urban Land Use in the Royce Brook Watershed

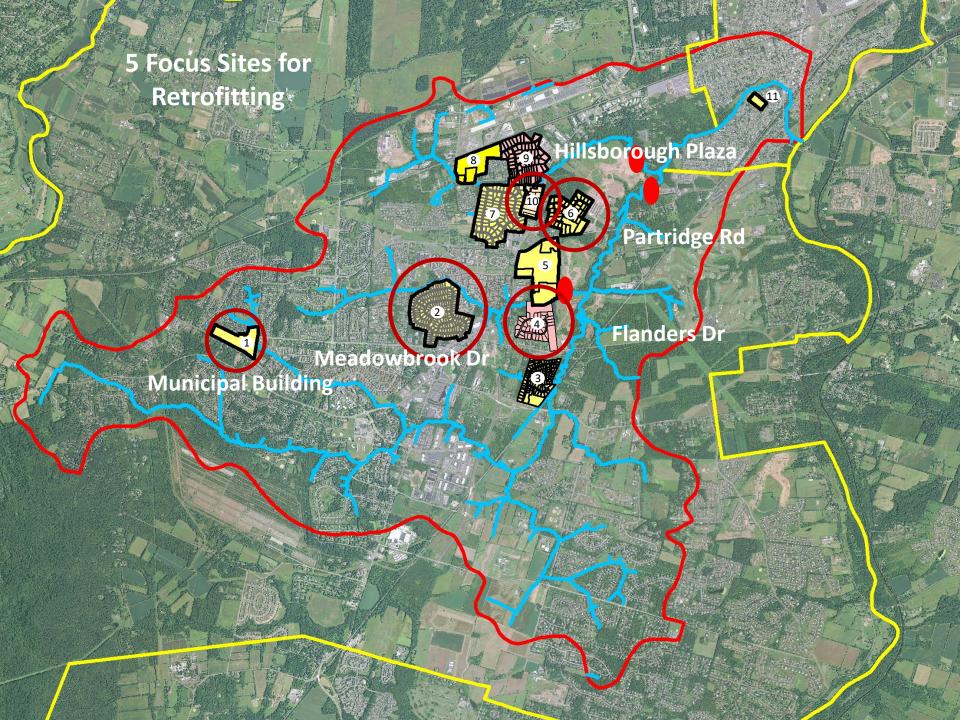
 Urban land in the Royce Brook Watershed

 Majority of development was created before 1983



### 11 Potential Development Sites for Retrofitting

- 673.4 acres = 1.05 sq. mi.
- Six residential developments
- Three commercial sites (one with some stormwater management)
- One municipal site
- One public school
- Possible solutions
  - -Constructed wetlands
  - -Bioretention
  - -Permeable pavement
  - -Roadside rain gardens
  - -Homeowner rain gardens

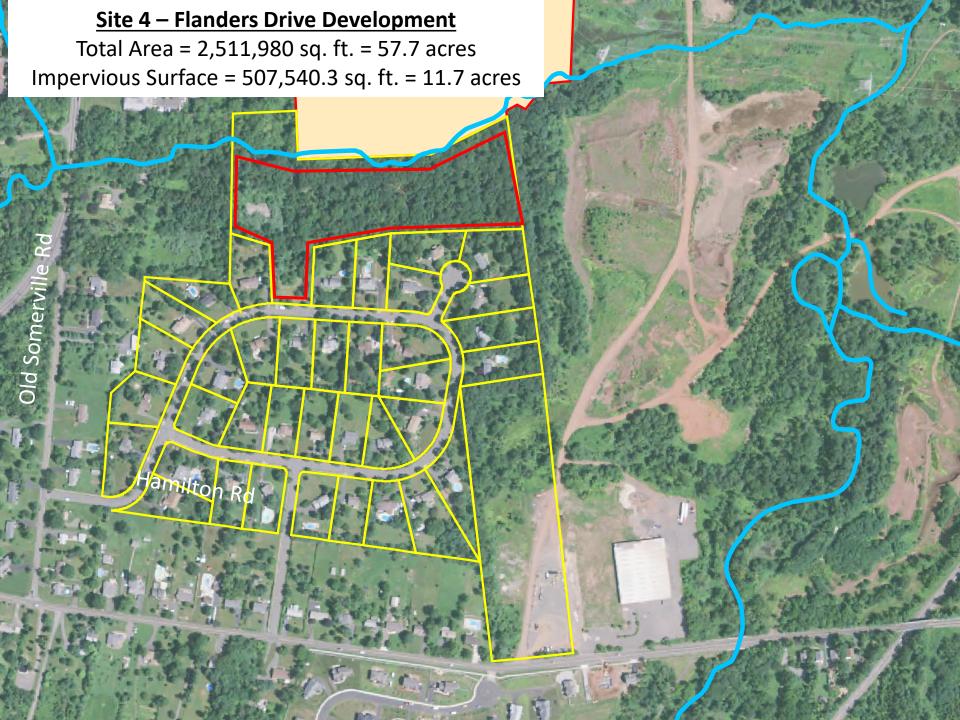


### 5 Focus Sites for Retrofitting

- Hillsborough Municipal Building
- Flanders Drive
- Partridge Farm Rd
- Meadowbrook Dr
- Hillsborough Plaza (Tractor Supply)

### 3 Key Cases

- Design limited to municipal lands
- Design to retrofit
  - At least 80% reduction of predevelopment peak
- Design unrestrained to reach 100% capture and hold

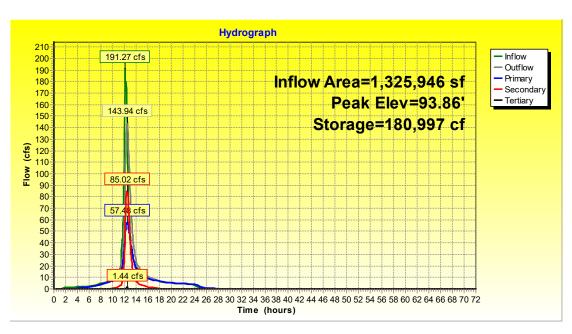


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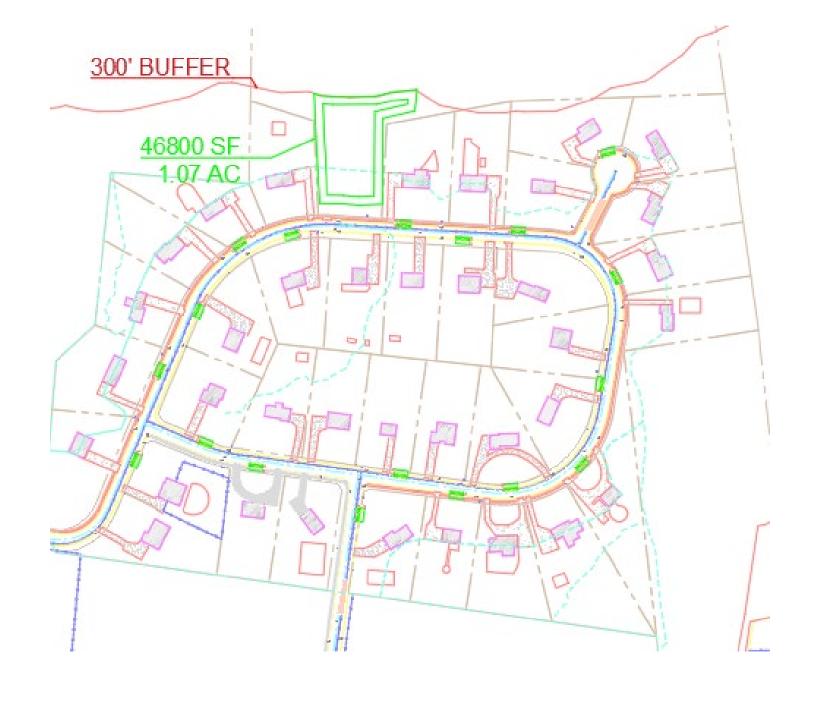
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- Space for 1 basin and distributed systems in ROW

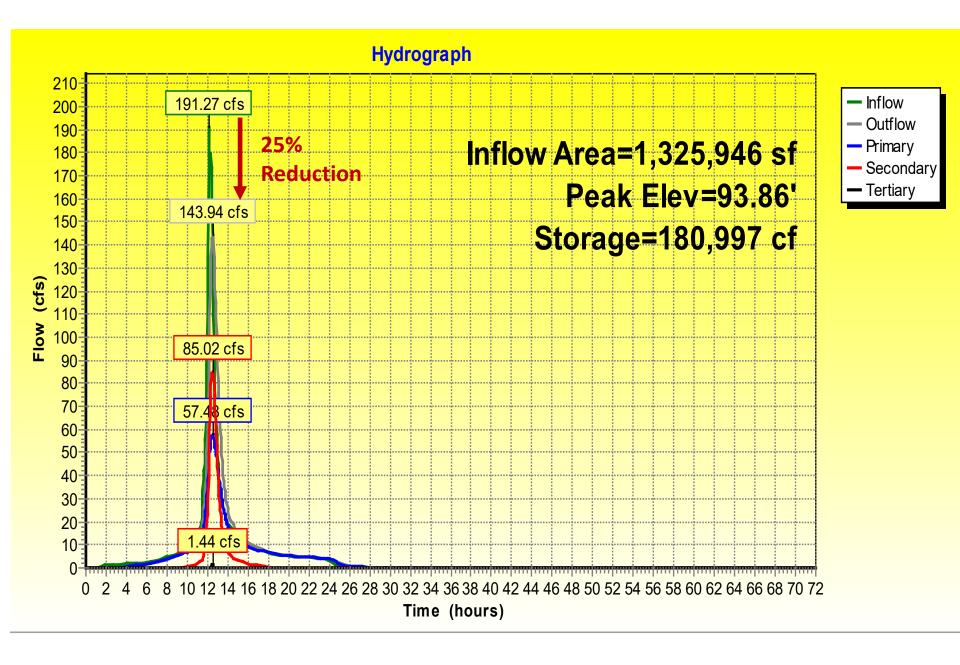
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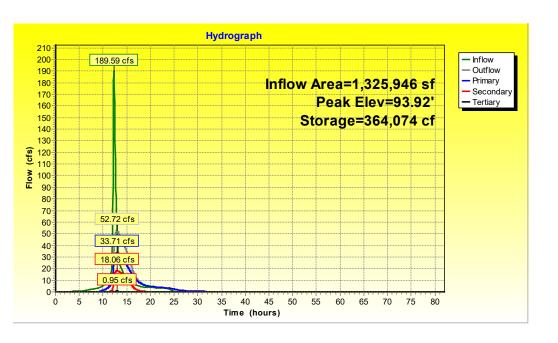
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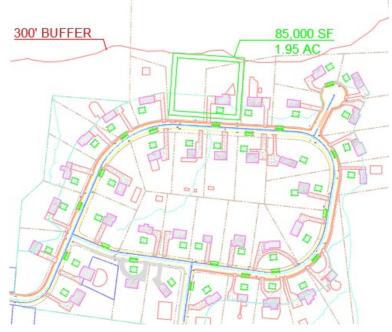
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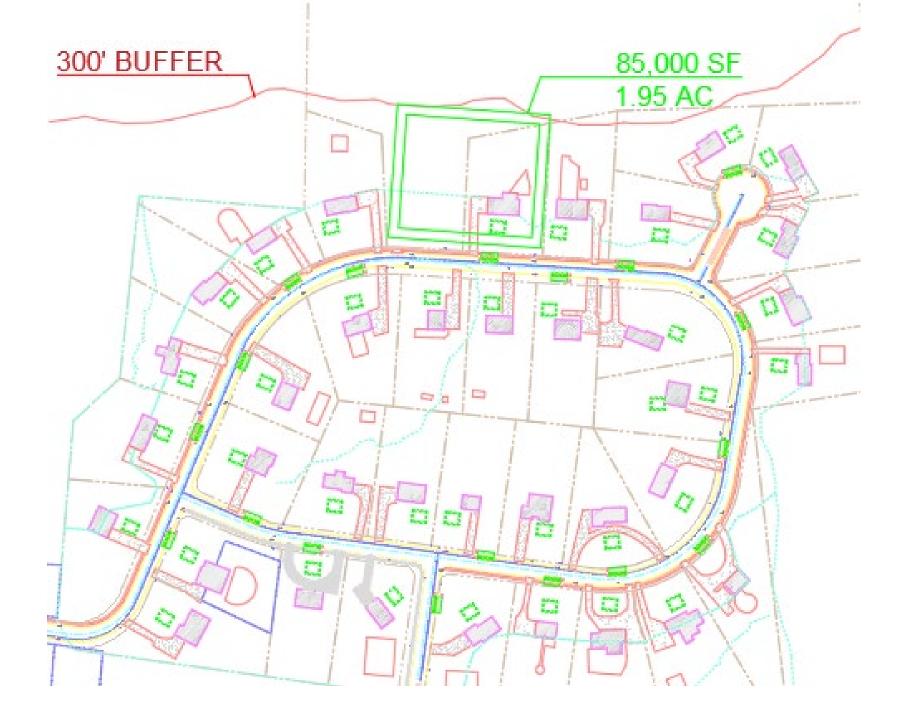
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RG - Roof	20,276	4%
RG - Road	25,464	5%
Total Storage Volume	474,860	cf
Peak Discharge	52.72	cfs
Peak Reduction	72%	% of Inflow (191.3cfs)
Detention Time 75%	17	hrs
Basin Area	1.95	ac







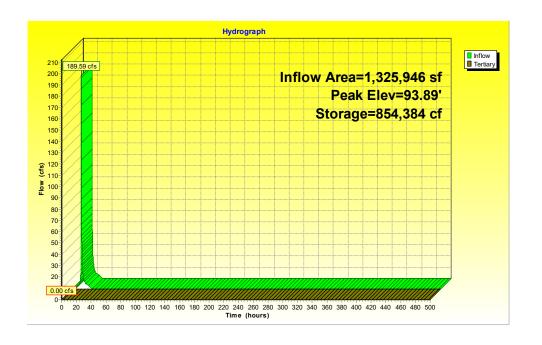
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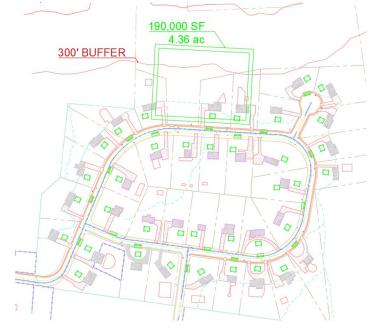
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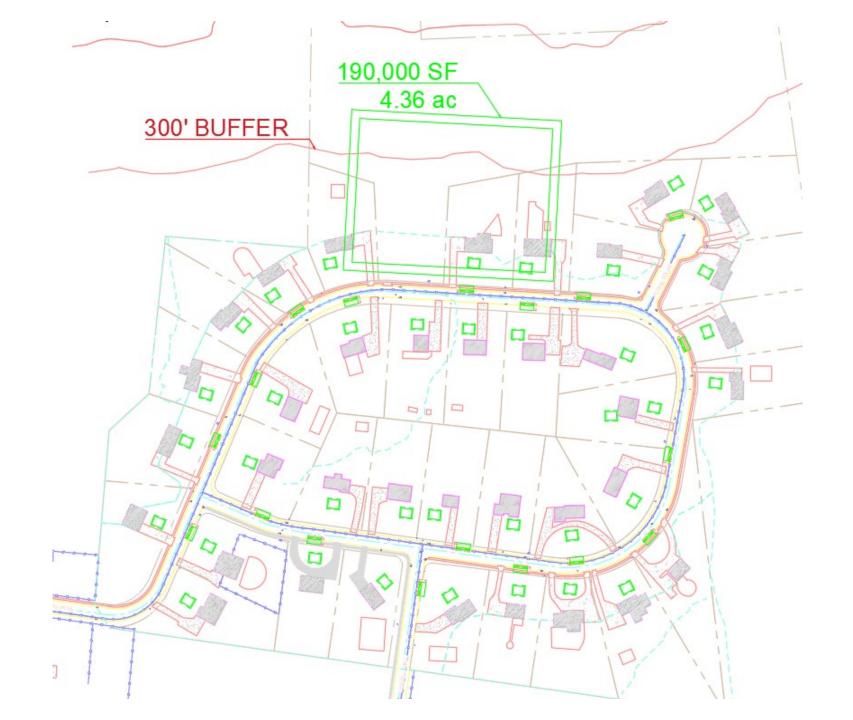
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PP	58,570	6%
RG - Roof	20,276	2%
RG - Road	25,464	3%
Total Storage Volume	970,310	cf
Peak Discharge	0	cfs
Peak Reduction	100%	% of Inflow (191.3cfs)
Basin Storage Peak	853,911	cf
*Detention Time 50%	NA	hrs
Detention Time 75%	NA	hrs
Detention Time 100%	NA	hrs
Basin Area	190,000	sf
Basin Area	4.36	ac



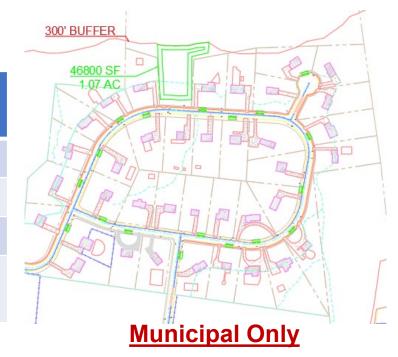


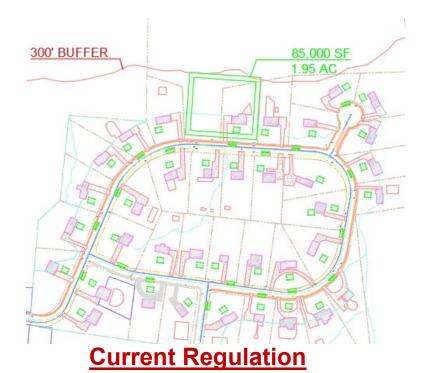


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### **Case Comparison**

Parameter	Municipal	Current Reg	All Storage
Basin Size (acre)	1.07	1.95	4.36
Peak Red.	25%	72%	100%
Storage (CF)	212,992	474,860	970,310
Det. Time 75% (hr)	14.4	17	n/a







### **Cost Estimate Comparison**

Parameter	Municipal	Current Reg	All Storage
Const. cost of systems w/ distributed	\$534,002	\$1,932,535	\$2,229,011
Cost of property buyouts	\$0 (0 properties)	\$538,500.00 (1 property)	\$1,634,700 (3 properties)
Total w/ distributed systems	\$534,002	\$2,471,035	\$3,863,711
Parameter	Municipal (same basin)	Current Reg (larger basin)	All Storage (larger basin)
Parameter  Const. cost w/ larger basin only (est)			
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### How much do distributed systems help?

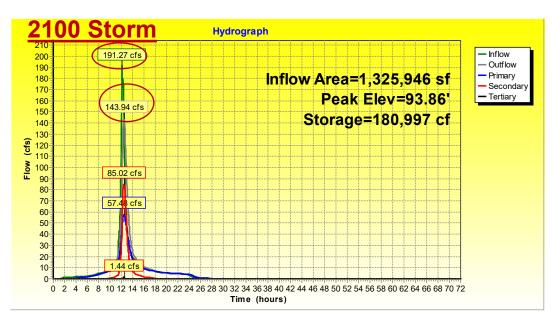
- Types of Systems
  - Roadway stormwater planters (160 SF x 18 planters)
  - All non-road pavement pervious w/ storage underneath (6")
  - Rain garden at each house (750 SF x 37 gardens)
- Significantly reduces size of basin & water quality benefits
  - requires more design and logistics issues and may cost more



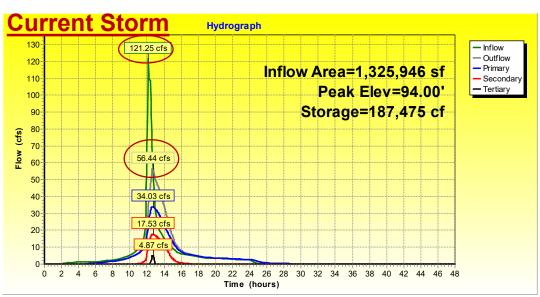


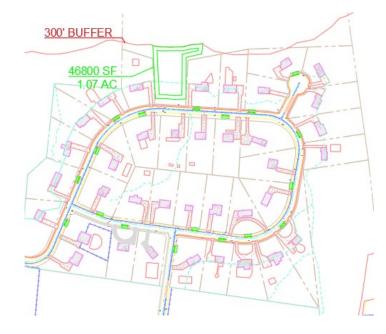
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## **Current 100-YR vs 2100 100-YR Storm?**



• Much higher inflow and outflow peaks in 2100 storm





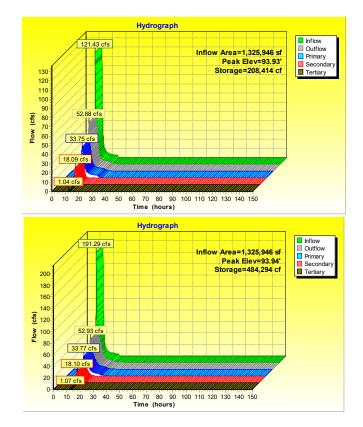
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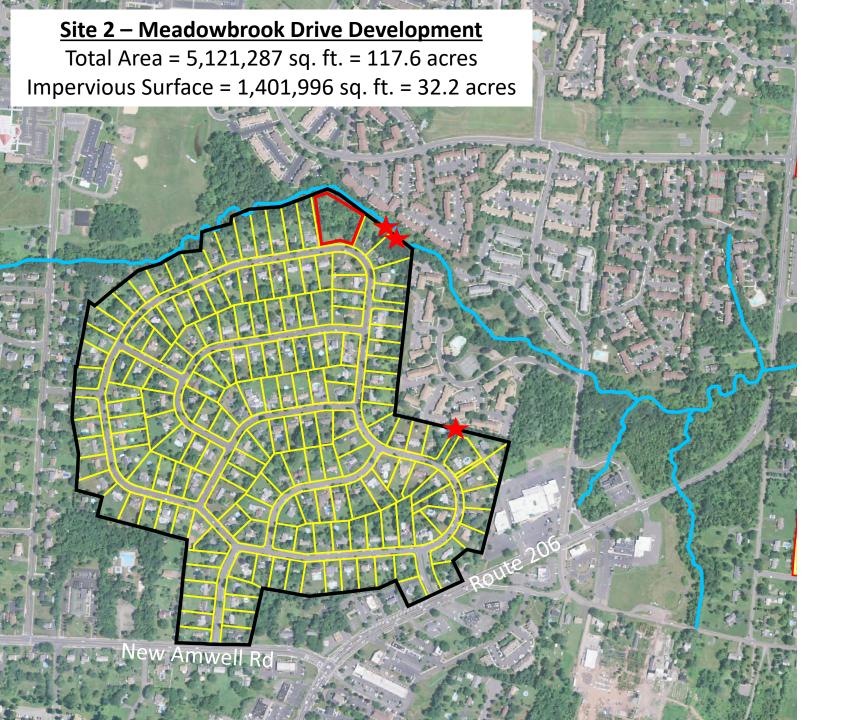
# How much do basins need to increase to manage 2100 storm vs. current?

### **Current Storm**



- Basins may need to be about 120% larger to produce similar hydrologic outputs (basin only case)
  - Highly variable based on-site conditions and basin dimensions

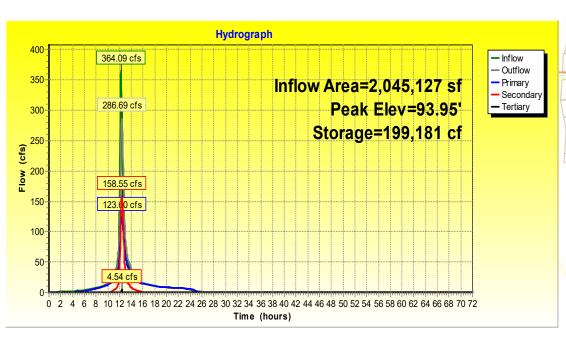


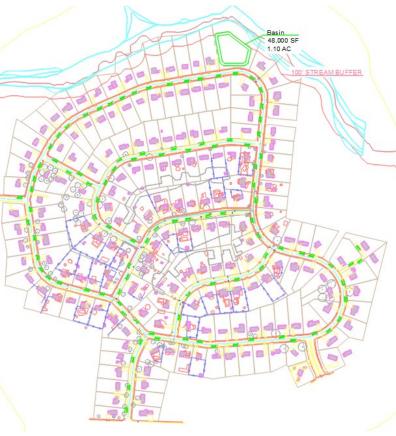


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- Reduces Peak by 21%
   meeting requirement of 2100
   storm 80% reduction of
   predevelopment
- Space for 1 basin and distributed systems in ROW

	Storage Volume (cf)	% Contribution
Basin	201625	59%
RG - Road	63630	41%
Total Storage Volume	344439	cf
Peak Discharge	286.69	cfs
Peak Reduction	21%	% of Inflow (364.09cfs)
Detention Time 75%	13.85	hrs
Basin Area	1.10	ac







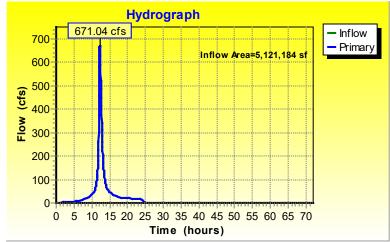
	Storage Volume (cf)	% Contribution
Basin	201,625	59%
RG - Road	63,630	41%
Total Storage Volume	344,439	cf
Peak Discharge	286.7	cfs
Peak Reduction	21%	% of Inflow (364.09cfs)
Detention Time 75%	13.9	hrs
Basin Area	1.10	ac

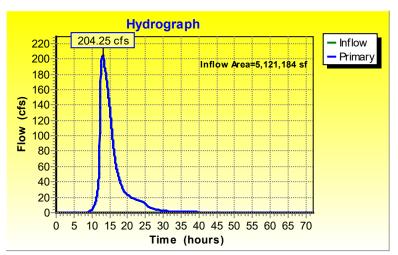
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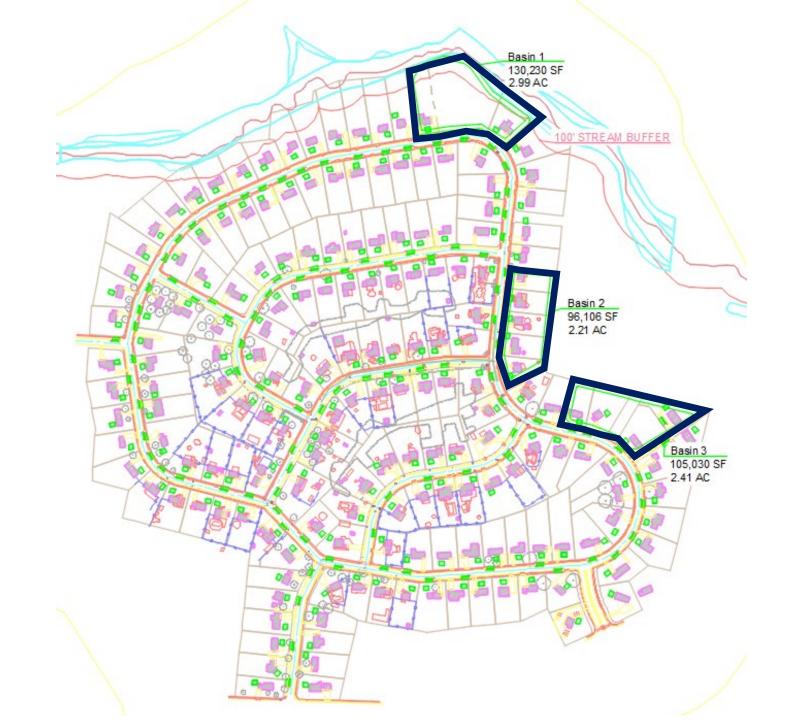
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	Storage Volume (cf)	% Contribution
Basins (3)	1454146	81%
PP	121070	7%
RG - Roof	67704	4%
RG - Road	142814	8%
Total Storage Volume	1785734	cf
Peak Discharge	204.25	cfs
Peak Reduction	70%	% of Inflow (671cfs)
Detention Time 75%	18.58	hrs
Basin Area	7.6	ac







	Storage Volume (cf)	% Contribution
Basins (3)	1,454,146	81%
Porous Pavement	121,070	7%
RG - Roof	67,704	4%
RG - Road	142,814	8%
Total Storage Volume	1,785,734	cf
Peak Discharge	204.3	cfs
Peak Reduction	70%	% of Inflow (671cfs)
Detention Time 75%	18.6	hrs
Basin Area	7.6	ac

**Store All Volume** 

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Basin	3,358,155	91%
PP	121,070	3%
RG - Roof	67,704	2%
RG - Road	142,814	4%
Total Storage Volume	3,689,743	cf
Peak Discharge	0	Cfs
Peak Reduction	100%	
Detention Time 75%	NA	hrs
Basin Area	17.2	ac



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Basin Area	17.2	ac

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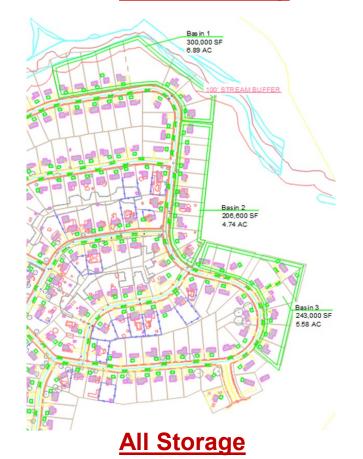
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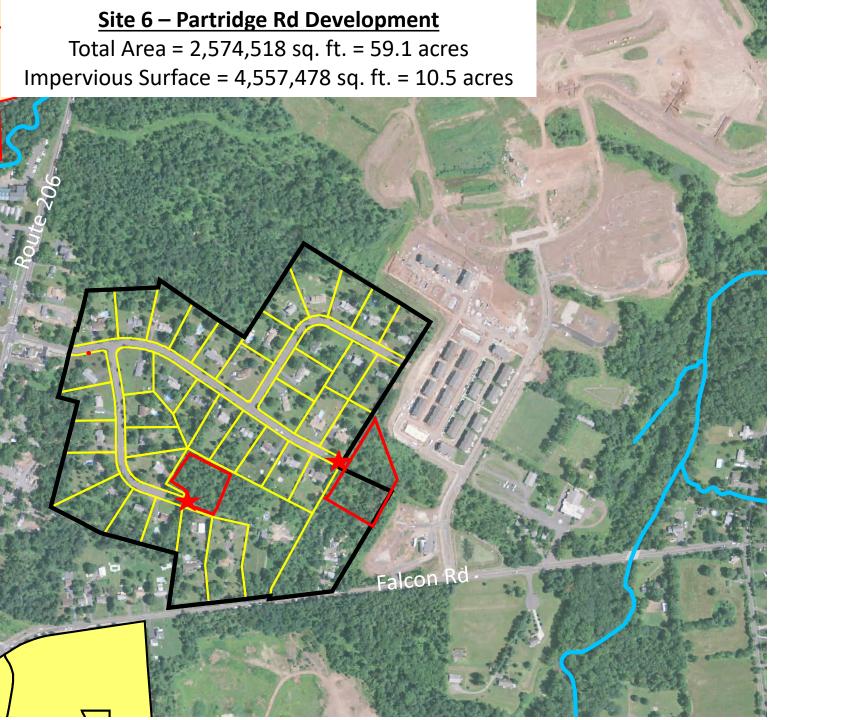
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23 Bioswales = 47,375 cu. ft. storage

Bioswales capture and treat runoff for first 2" of rainfall

Basin 1 = 233,464 cu. ft. storage

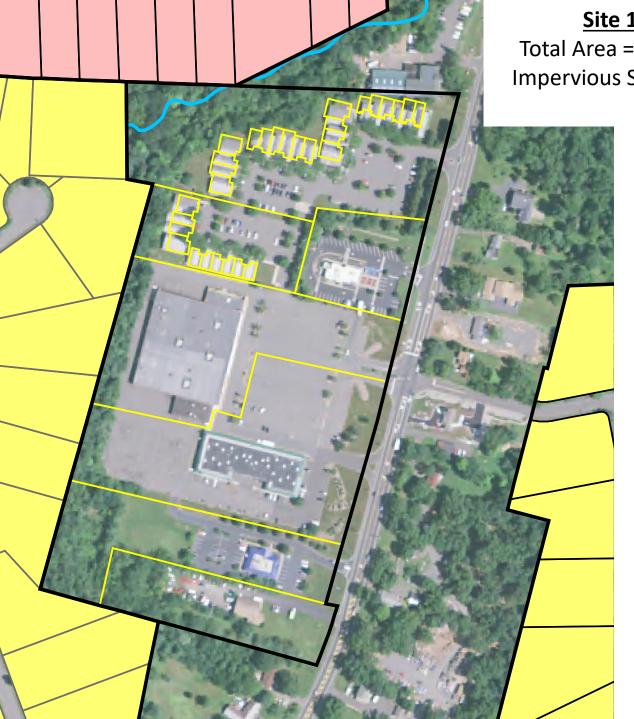
Basin 2 = 266,220 cu. ft. storage

Total Storage = 547,059 cu. ft.

Two bioretention systems can capture 40.3% of the drainage area including 51.4% of the impervious cover.

## **Preliminary Design Results**

100-year Storm	Rainfall (in)	Volume (cu. Ft.)	Volume Managed (%)
2000	8.21	510,868	107.1%
2020	8.95	572,362	95.6%
2100	12.15	839,248	65.2%



### <u>Site 10 – Hillsborough Plaza</u>

Total Area = 1,036,600 sq. ft. = 23.8 acres Impervious Surface = 626,500 sq. ft. = 14.4 acres

## HILLSBOROUGH PLAZA

# GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT 256 US-206, HILLSBOROUGH CITY] SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT WILL BE INSTALLED IN 256 US-206 PLAZA.

1. ISLANDS OF PARKING LOT WILL BE DE-PAVED AND RE-INSTALLED TO BE RAIN GARDENS, TO CAPTURE, INFILTRATE THE STORMWATER RUNOFF FROM THE ROAD.

2. RAIN GARDENS WILL BE INSTALLED ON THE GRASS AREA AROUND THE PLAZA, TO CAPTURE, INFILTRATE THE STORMWATER RUNOFF FROM THE ROAD.

3. PARKING LOT AT THE SOUTH SIDE OF PLANET FITNESS WILL BE REPLACED WITH PERVIOUS CONCRITE TO CAPTURE THE STORMWATER RUNOFF FROM THE ROAD AND THE ROOF.

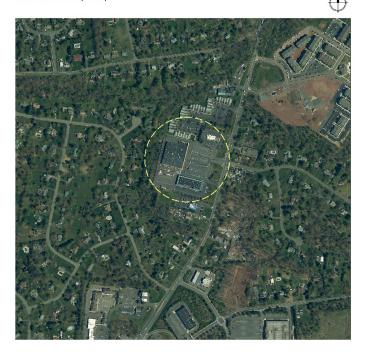
4. UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK WILL BE INSTALLED UNDER THE PARKING LOT TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF GREEN INFRASTRUCTURES.

THE PROJECT WILL SERVE AS A DEMONSTRATION FOR CITIZEN TO LEARN ABOUT SUSTAINABLE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND LOCAL POLLINATOR ECOLOGY.

### LIST OF DRAWINGS:

SHEET NAME	TITLE
COVER	COVER SHEET
P-1	EXISTING CONDITIONS AND DEMOLITION PLAN
P-2	PROPOSED SITE PLAN
DT-1	DETAILS
DT-2	DETAILS 2
DT-3	DETAILS 3
DT-4	DETAILS 4

### LOCATION MAP (N.T.S):



#### LEGEND:



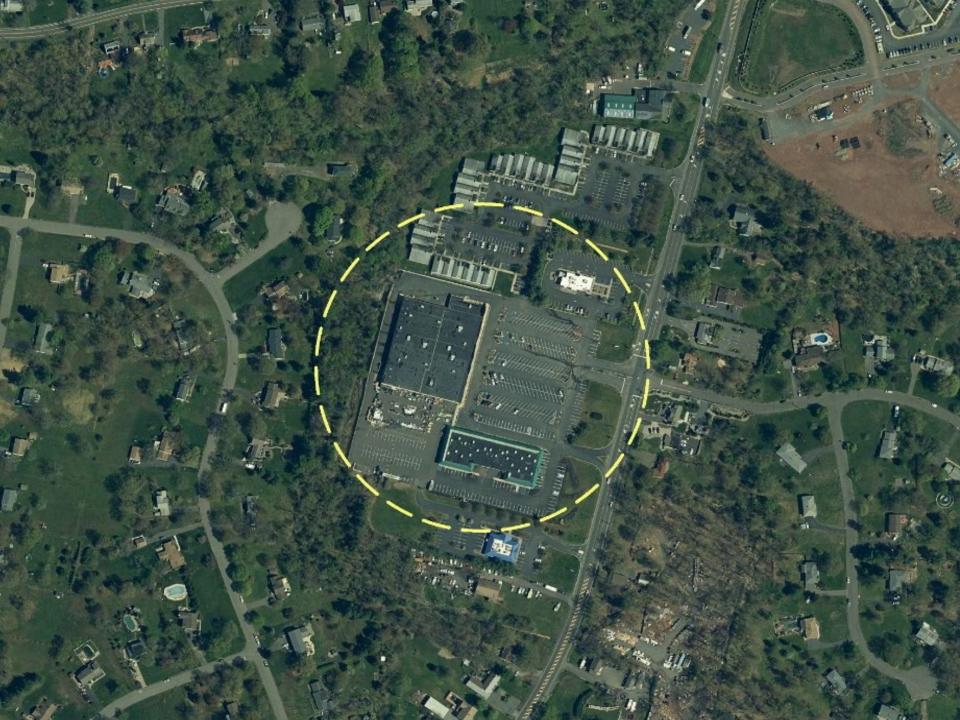
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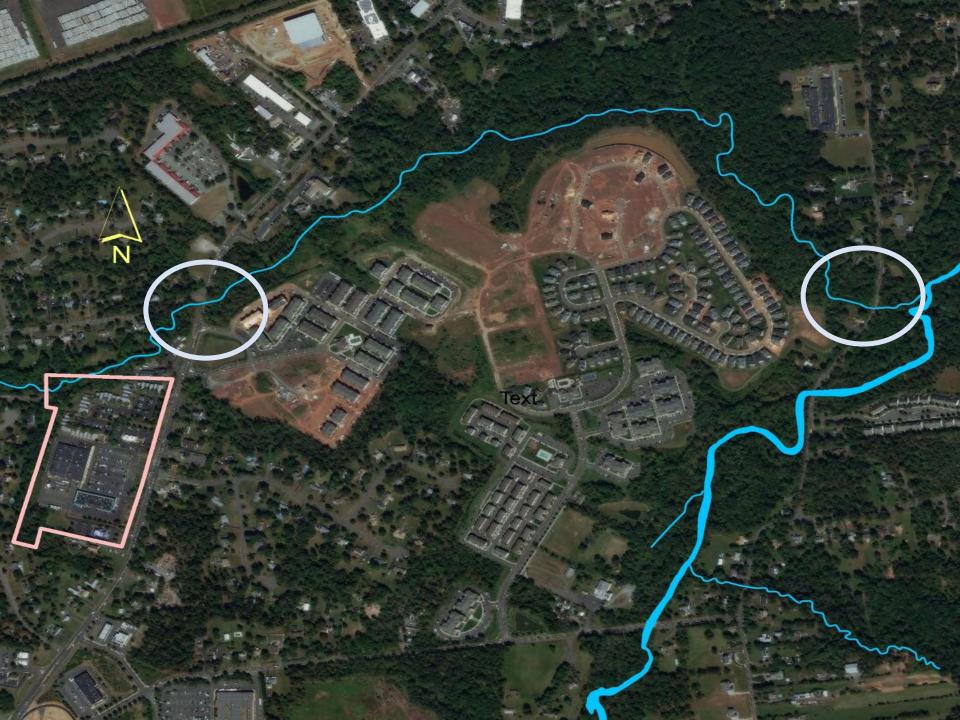
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- 3. ANY OVERHEAD AND UNDERGROUND UTILITIES SHOWN ARE FROM FIELD OBSERVATIONS AND ARE NOT A COMPLETE REPRESENTATION. A UTILITY MARKOUT NEEDS TO BE CONDUCTED PRIOR TO MOBILIZATION BY THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR EXCAVATION. NJ ONE CALL: 811 OR 800-272-1000

PLAN REVISIONS		
REV. DATE	REV. SUMMARY	REV. SHEETS



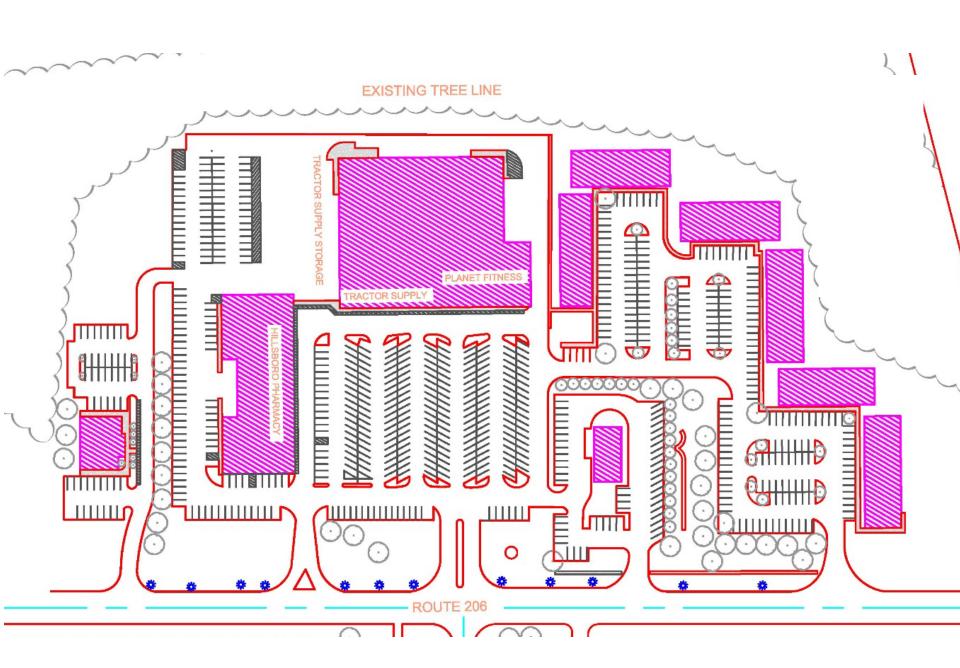
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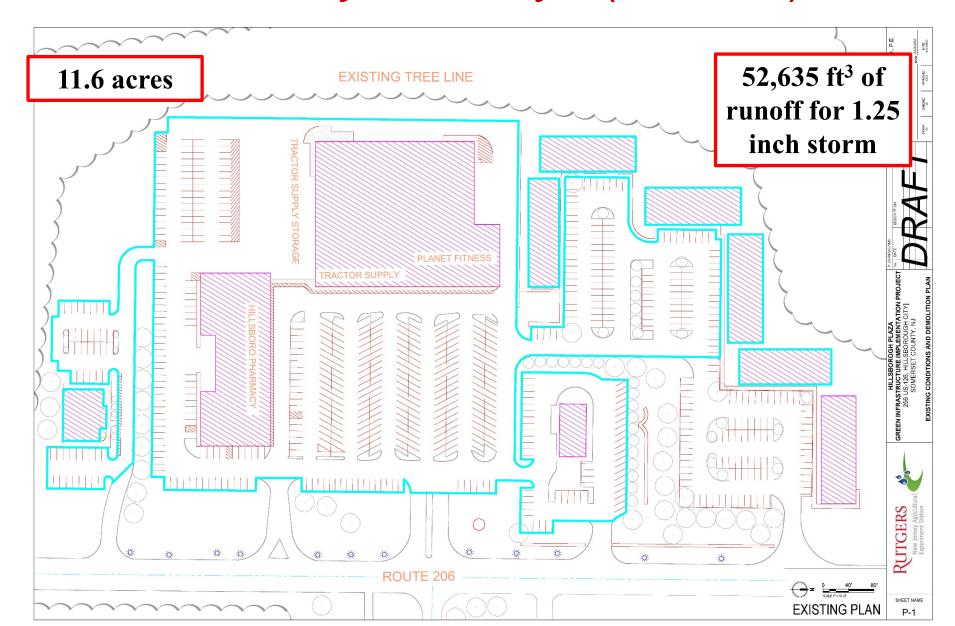


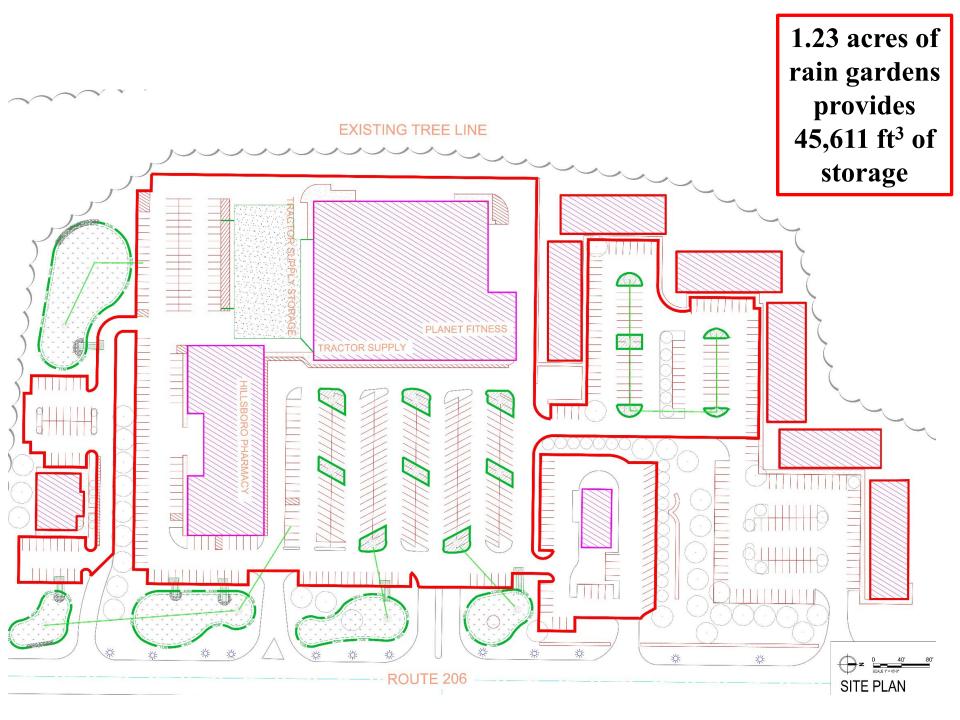


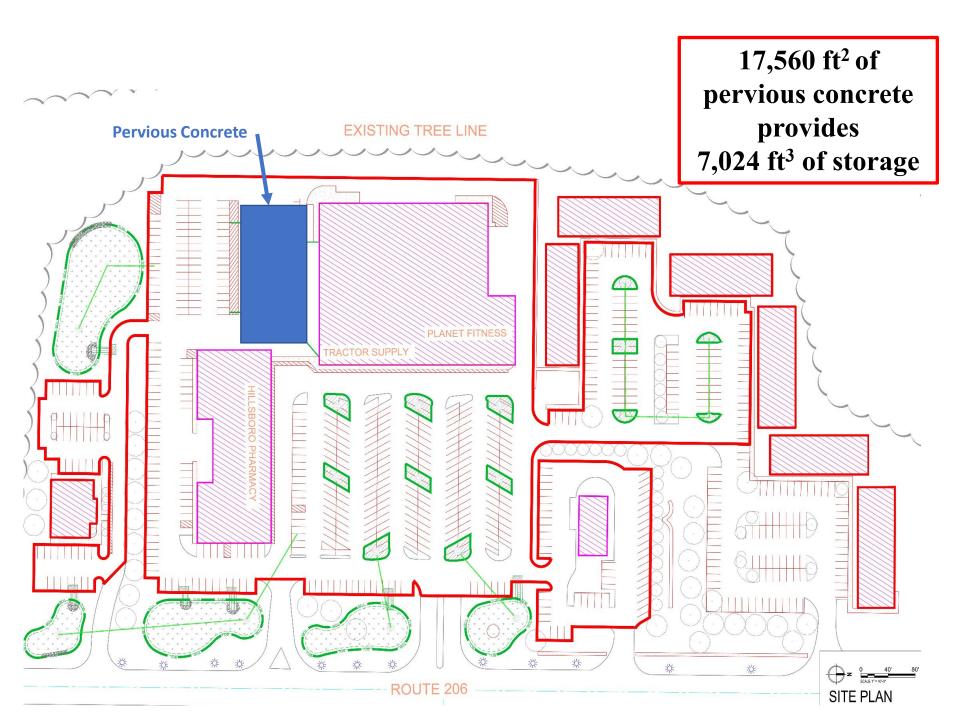
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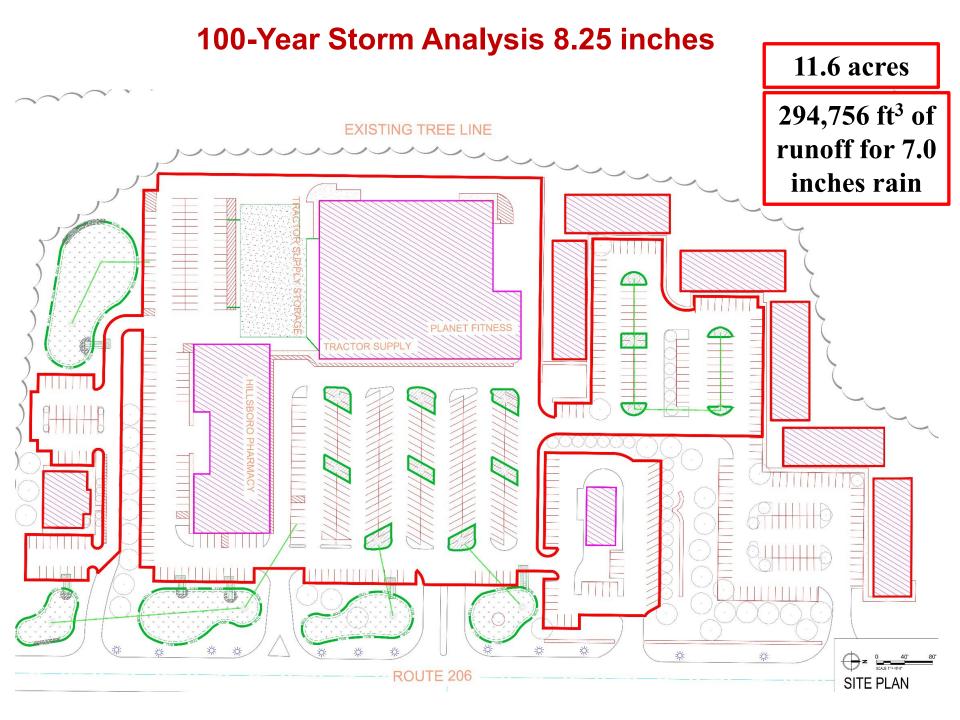


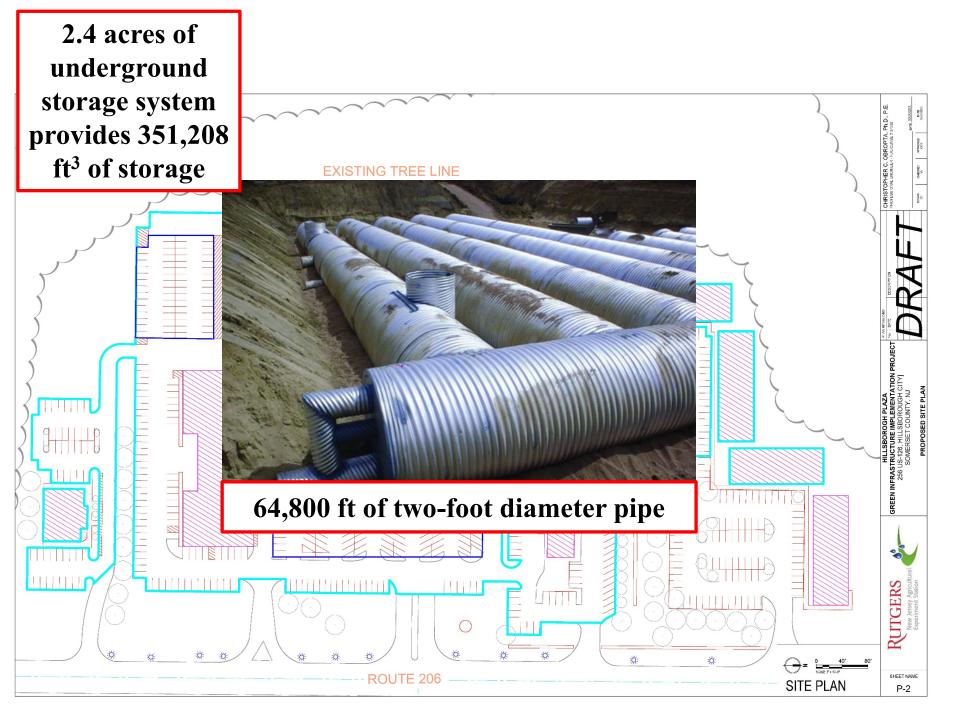
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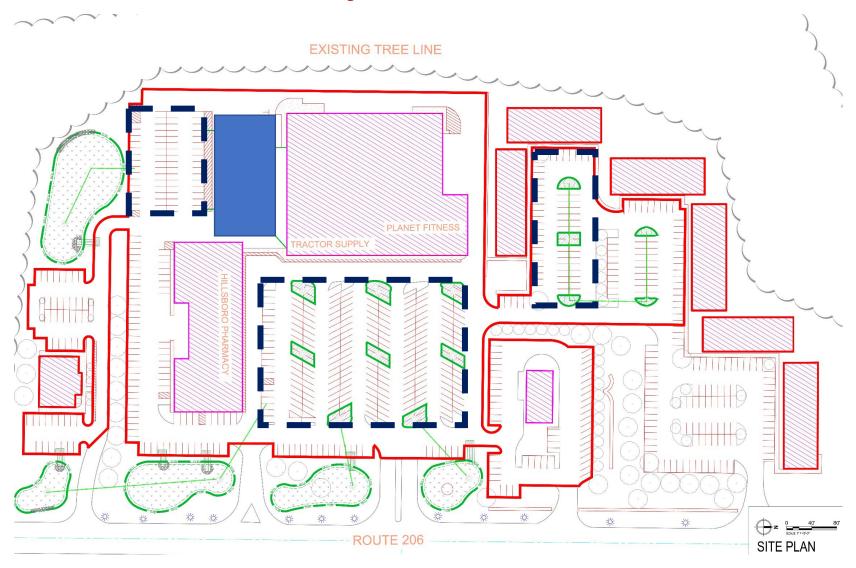








## **Green and Gray Infrastructure Practices**



# Finalize Preliminary Designs

- Finalize design
- Determine if this will reduce flooding in Hillsborough and Manville (need more modeling)



**Questions?** 





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