

Green Infrastructure – Triple Bottom Line Benefits at Different Scales



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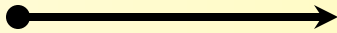
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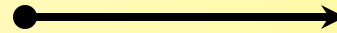
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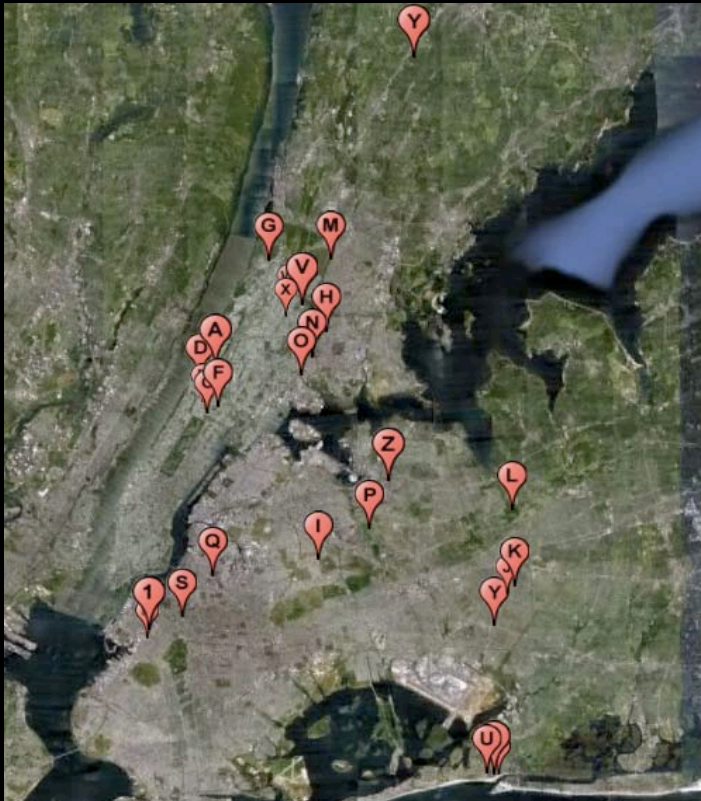
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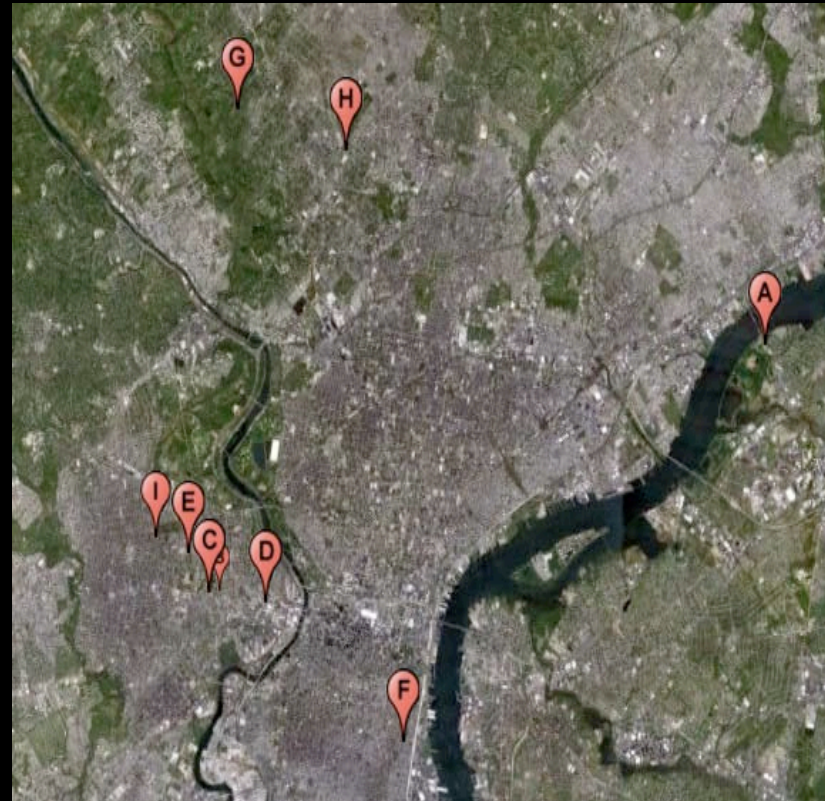
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GI Monitoring Network

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New York City sites



Philadelphia sites

Commitments to GI

- NYC (2010) **>\$1.5 billion over 25 yrs**
 - Capture first inch from 10% of impervious surfaces
 - \$187 million in first 5 years (200 bioswales this year)
- Philadelphia (2009) **>\$1 billion over 25 yrs**
 - Capture first inch of rainwater from ~47% of impervious surfaces in CSO districts
 - ~744 acres in first 5 years
- Other committed/almost committed cities:
 - Syracuse, Milwaukee, Kansas City, Portland, Chicago, St. Louis, Washington DC, Seattle, Cincinnati, Louisville

Triple (Quadruple?) Bottom Line

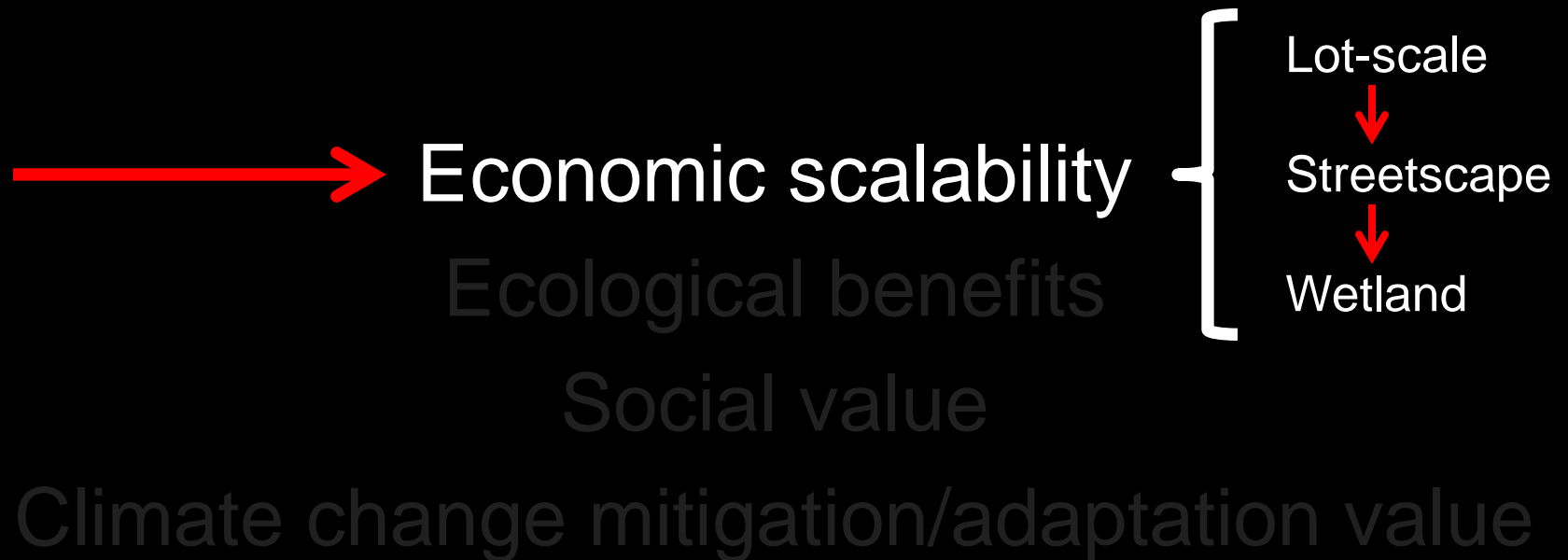
Economic scalability

Ecological benefits

Social value

Climate change mitigation/adaptation value

Triple (Quadruple?) Bottom Line



West Ward Pride Garden (Newark, NJ)



13th Avenue
School (without
schoolyard)

Vacant lot

Before

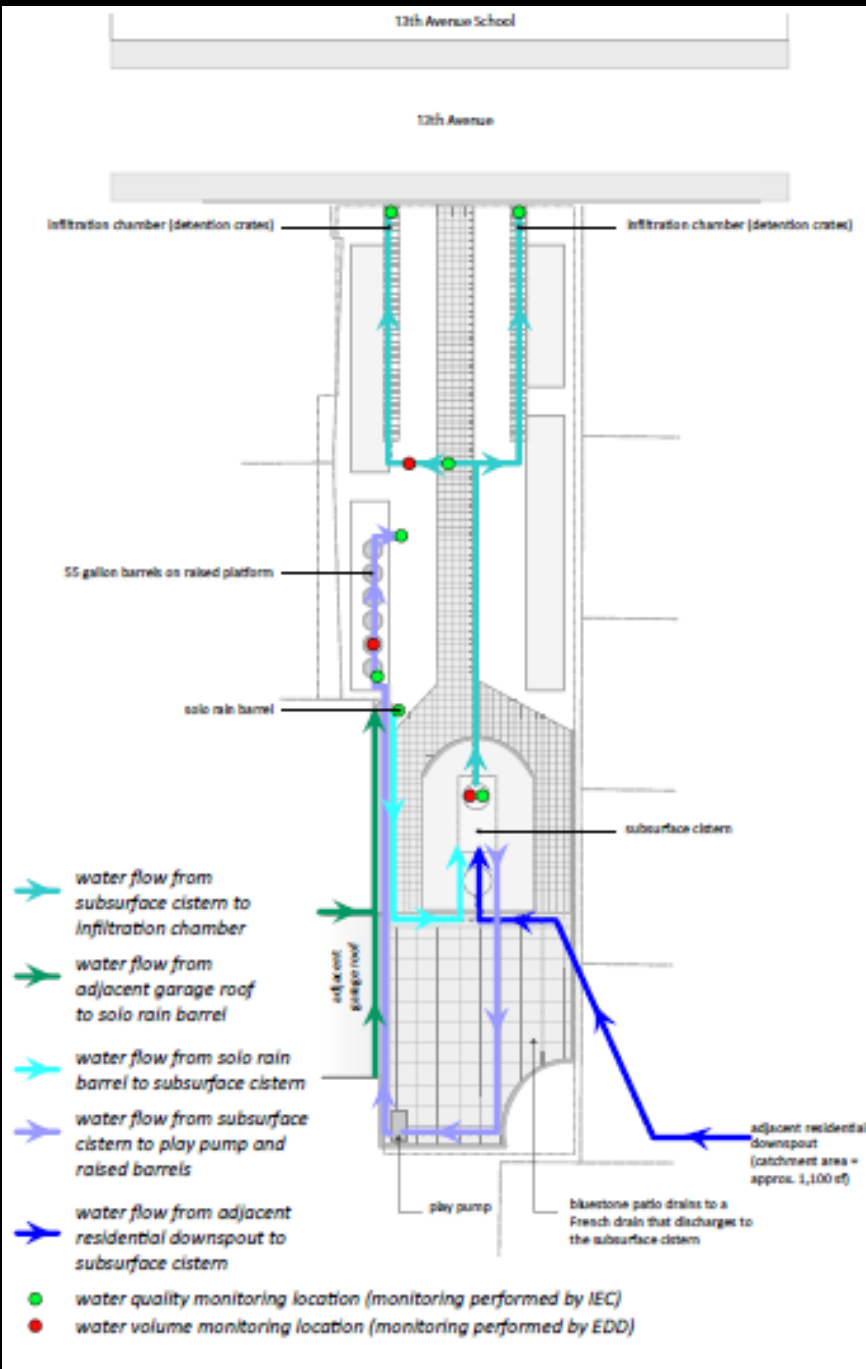


PROJECT SITE - BEFORE

After



PROJECT SITE - AFTER



INSTALLATION OF SUBSURFACE CISTERN (AKA STORMCHAMBER)



INSTALLATION OF INFILTRATION CHAMBER



INSTALLATION OF PERMEABLE PAVER WALKWAY



RAIN BARRELS ON RAISED PLATFORM WITH SPIGOT CONNECTION



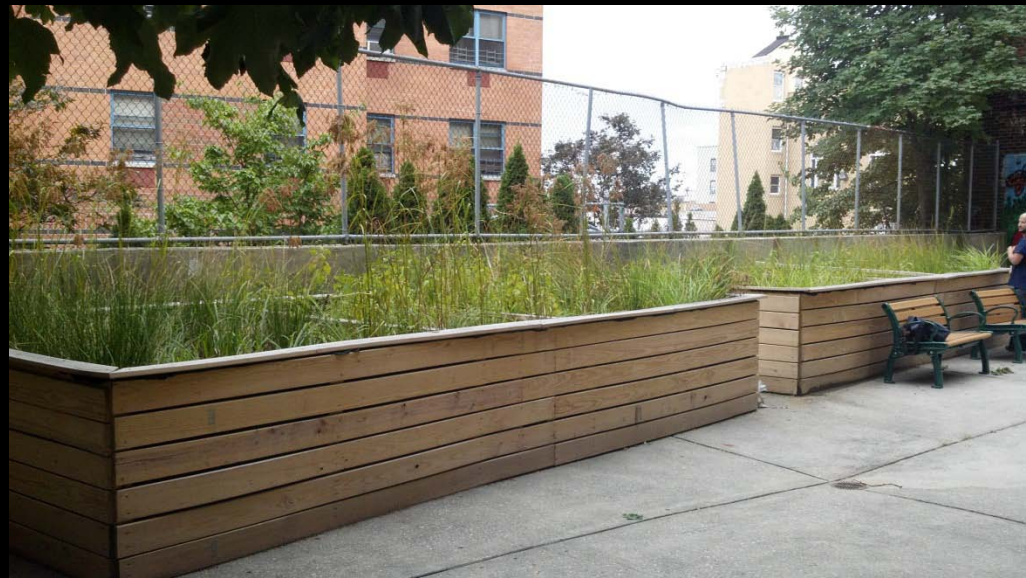
STUDENTS HAVE FUN OPERATING PLAY PUMP

Rain Event	Date	Day	Total Storm Depth (mm)	Total Storm Volume (m3)	Storm Duration (hrs)	Average Intensity (mm/hr)	Antecedent Dry Period (days)
1A	9/12/2010	9	2.8	0.37	1	2.8	18
1B	9/13/2010	10	27.1	3.58	0.5	54.2	1
2	9/16/2010	13	33.0	4.36	0.5	65.9	2
3	9/27/2010	24	25.4	3.36	6.5	3.9	9
4A	9/30/2010	27	19.0	2.51	2	9.5	1
4B	10/1/2010	28	16.8	2.22	9	1.9	0
5	10/4/2010	31	2.5	0.33	5	0.5	3
6	10/11/2010	38	55.3	7.31	4	13.8	7
7	10/14/2010	41	12.6	1.66	6	2.1	1.5
Averages			21.6	2.86	3.8	17.2	4.7

Percent of storm volume infiltrated: 4 - 69%

Rain Event	"Infiltration" Rate (Rate of Descent) (m3/day)	Available Detention Volume in Cistern (m3)	Hours at Capacity in Cistern	Total Draw-down Time (hours)	Infiltrated Volume (m3)	Percent Storm Infiltrated	Percent Storm Retained	Percent Storm Mitigated	Total Volume Mitigated (m3)
1A	0.195	0.518	0	21	0.26	69%	0%	69%	0.26
1B	0.471	0.581	0.7	11	0.13	4%	2%	6%	0.20
2	0.231	0.518	0.3	32	0.39	9%	0%	9%	0.39
3	0.281	0.715	5.8	45	0.55	16%	6%	22%	0.75
4A	0.302	0.518	5.7	22	0.27	11%	0%	11%	0.27
4B	0.258	0.282	12.6	54	0.66	30%	0%	30%	0.66
5	0.412	0.395	0.0	10	0.12	37%	0%	37%	0.12
6	0.282	0.518	0.3	31	0.38	5%	0%	5%	0.38
7	0.200	0.518	0	35	0.43	26%	0%	26%	0.43
Averages	0.292	0.507	2.8	29	0.353	23%	1%	24%	3.44
									13%

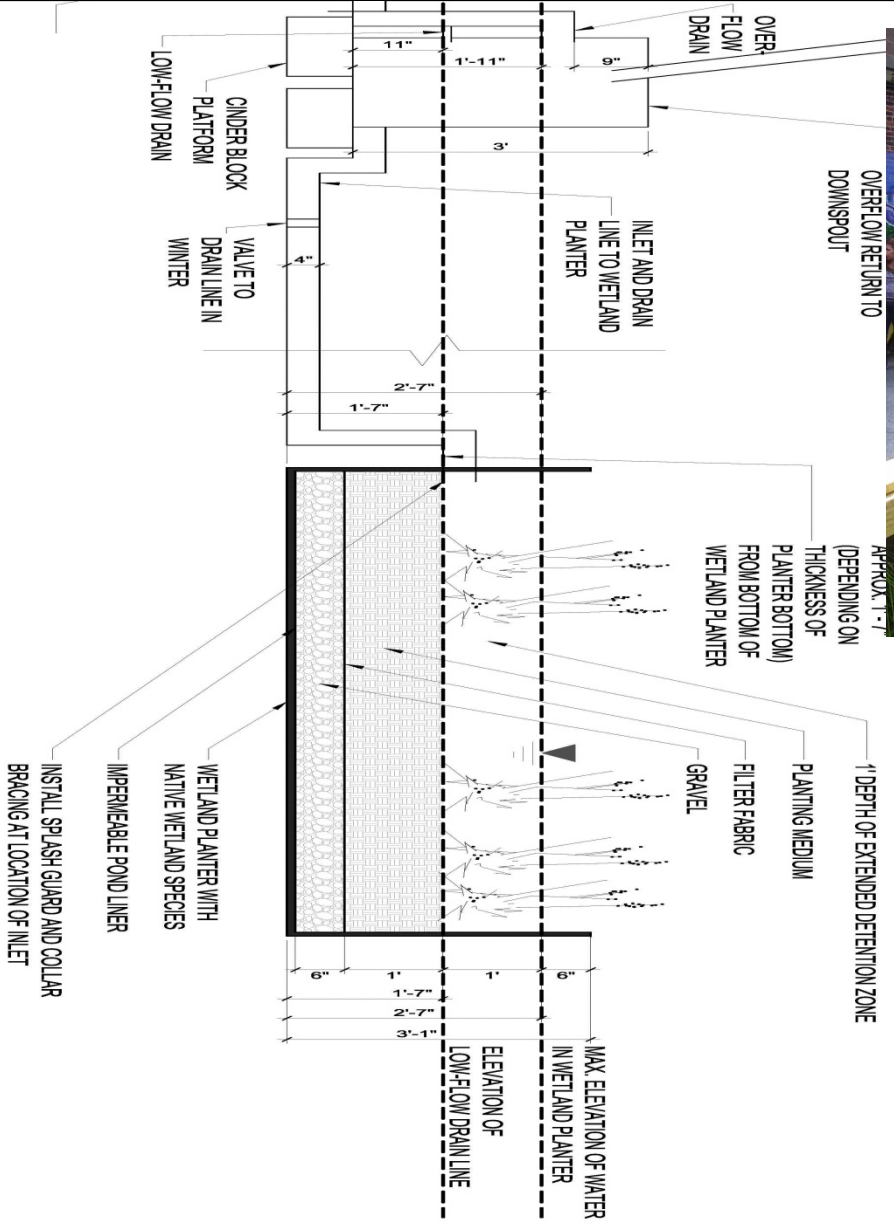
Prospect Ave, Bronx, NY



Low cost stormwater management on underutilized urban spaces



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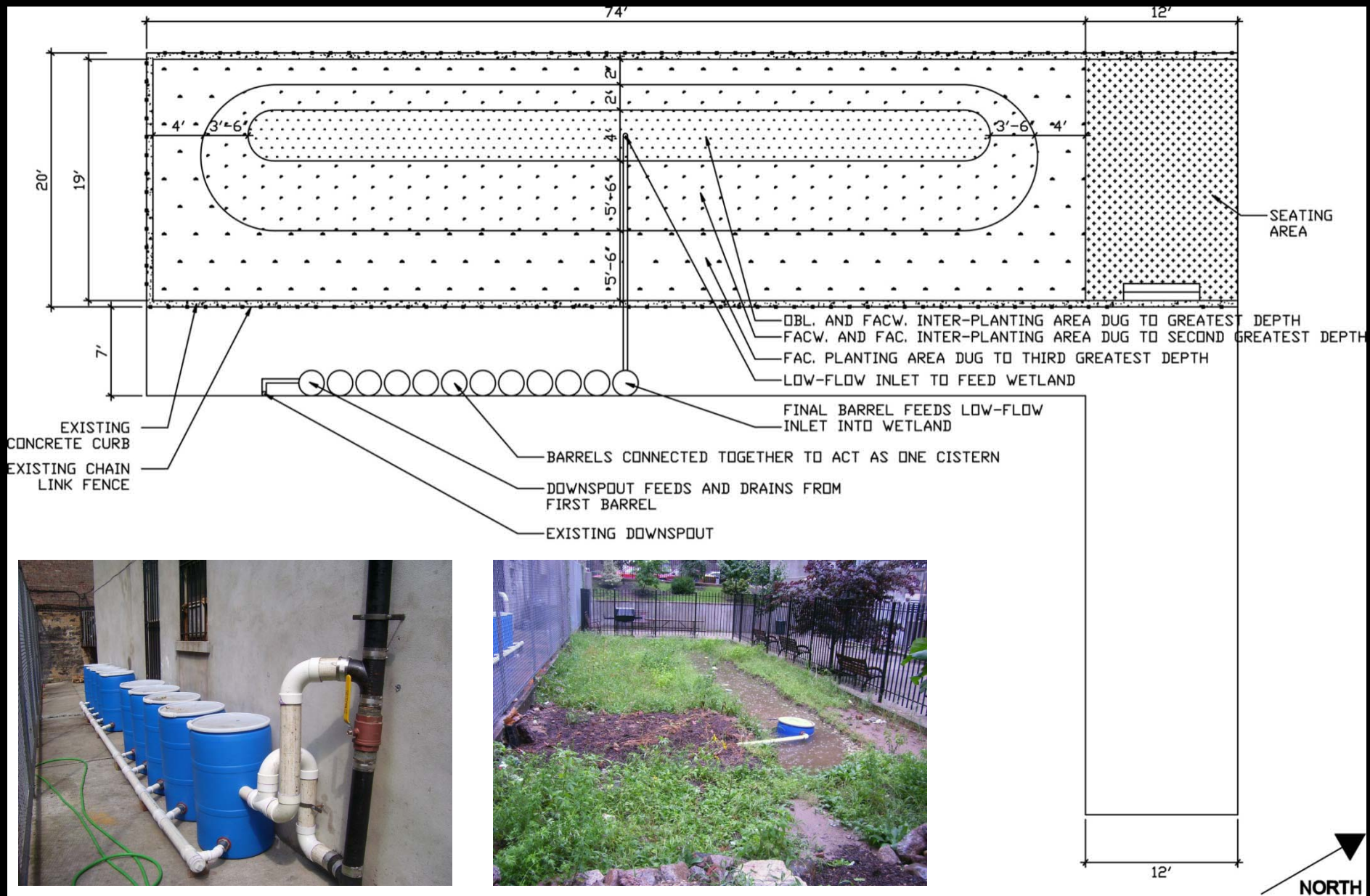
**STORMWATER FALLING ON 3,600SF IMPERVIOUS ROOF
CATCHMENT DURING ONE-INCH STORM
= 2,244 gallons**

**ENGINEERED MAXIMUM
STORAGE VOLUME
= 3,638 gallons**

**% OF STORMWATER
DETAINED DURING ONE-
INCH STORM
= 100%**

West 150th Street, NYC







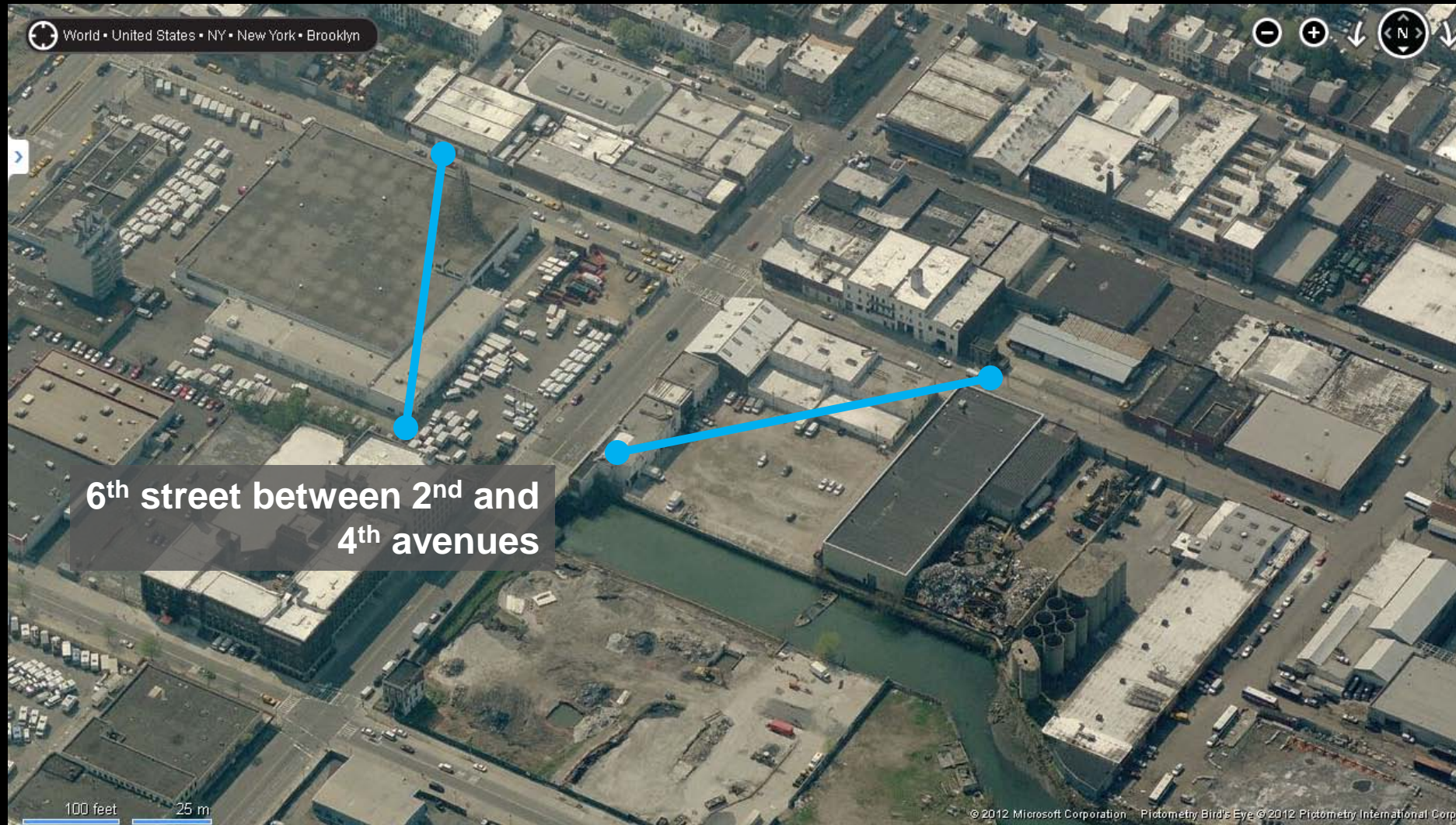


**STORMWATER FALLING ON 2,648SF IMPERVIOUS
ROOF DURING ONE-INCH STORM
= 1,651 gallons**

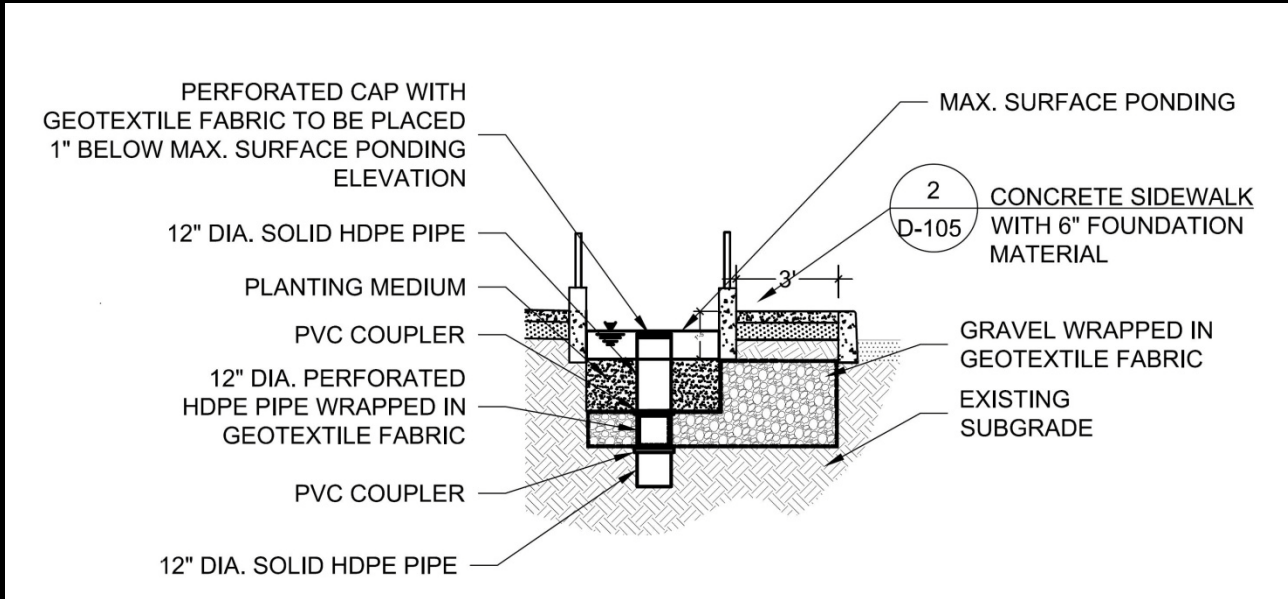
**ENGINEERED MAX STORAGE VOLUME
= 4,040 gallons**

**% OF ONE-INCH STORM DETAINED/RETAINED
= 100%**

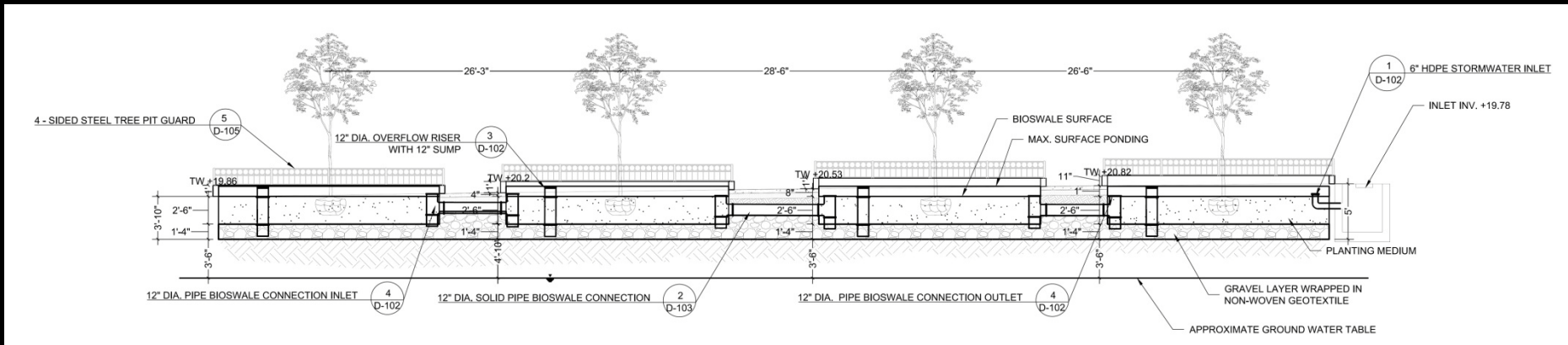
The Sixth Street Green Corridor (Brooklyn, NY)



Section (proposed modification to NYCDEP standard bioswale)

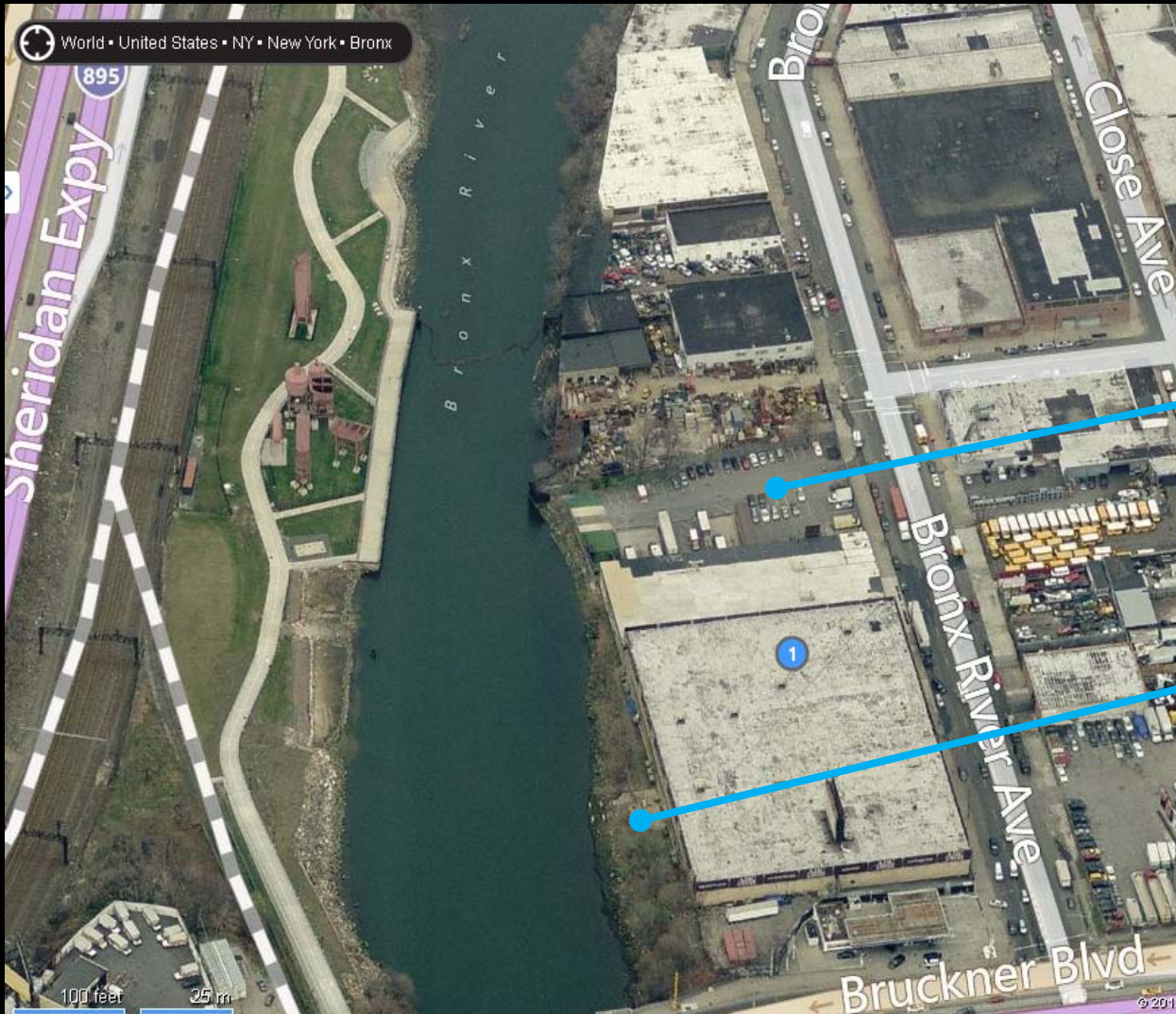


Elevation



Construction to begin 2013

ABC Carpet (Bronx, NY)

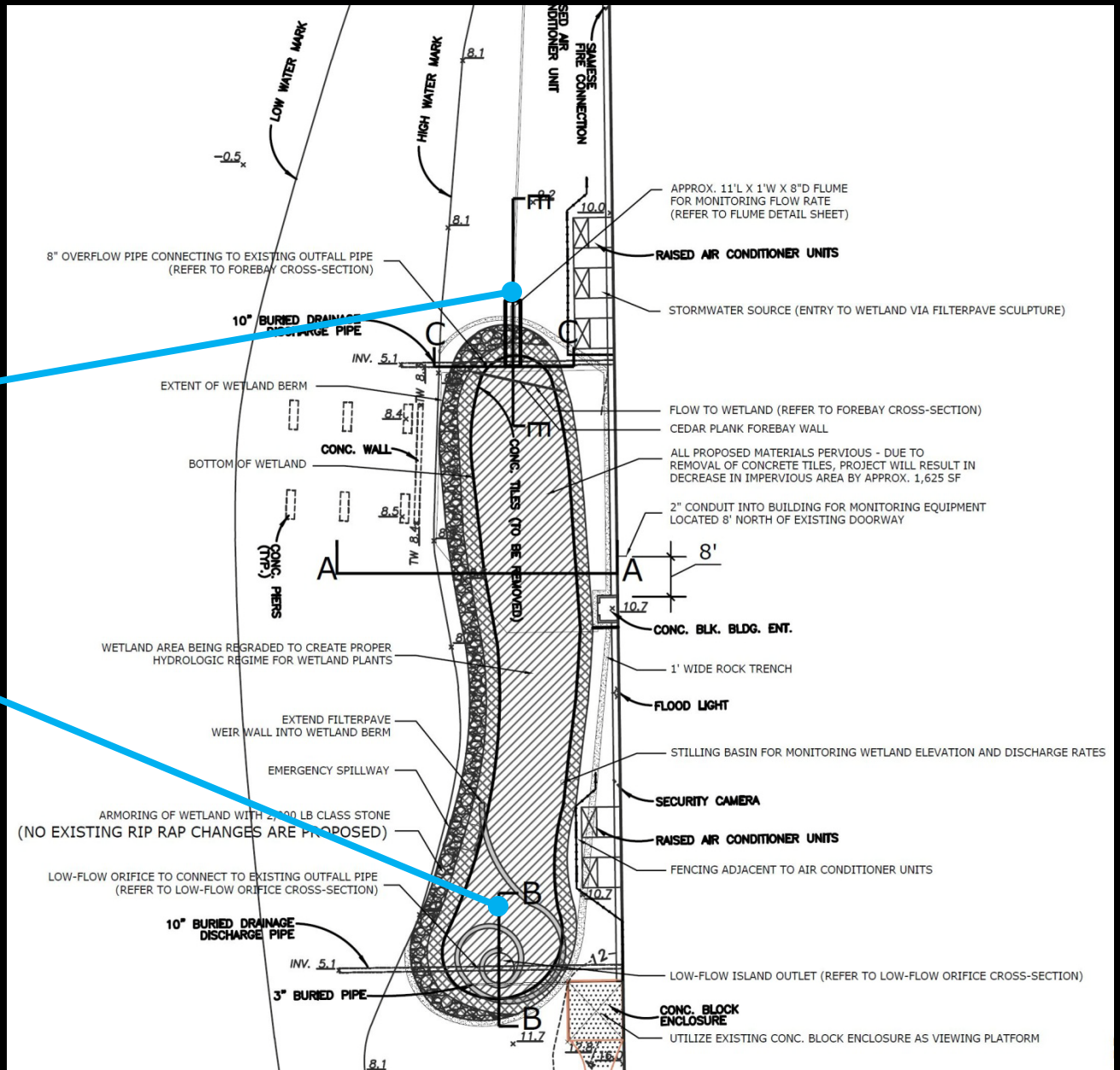


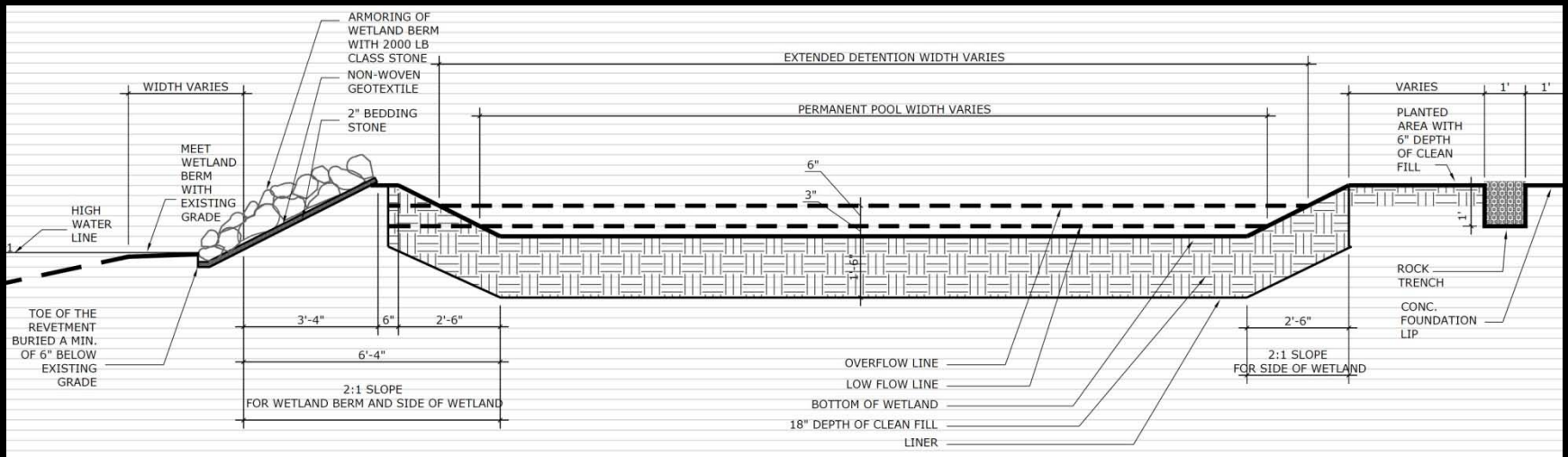
Impervious parking lot draining to Bronx River

Underutilized riparian land

Inflow from parking lot

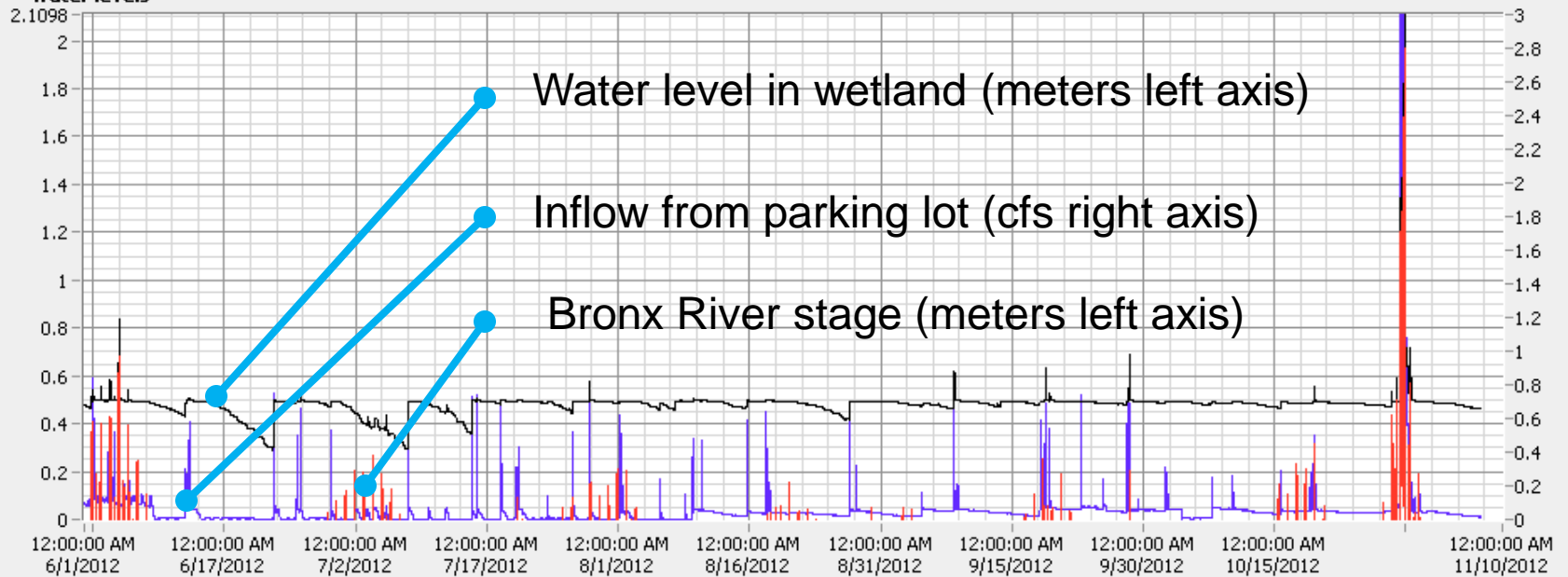
Overflow to river



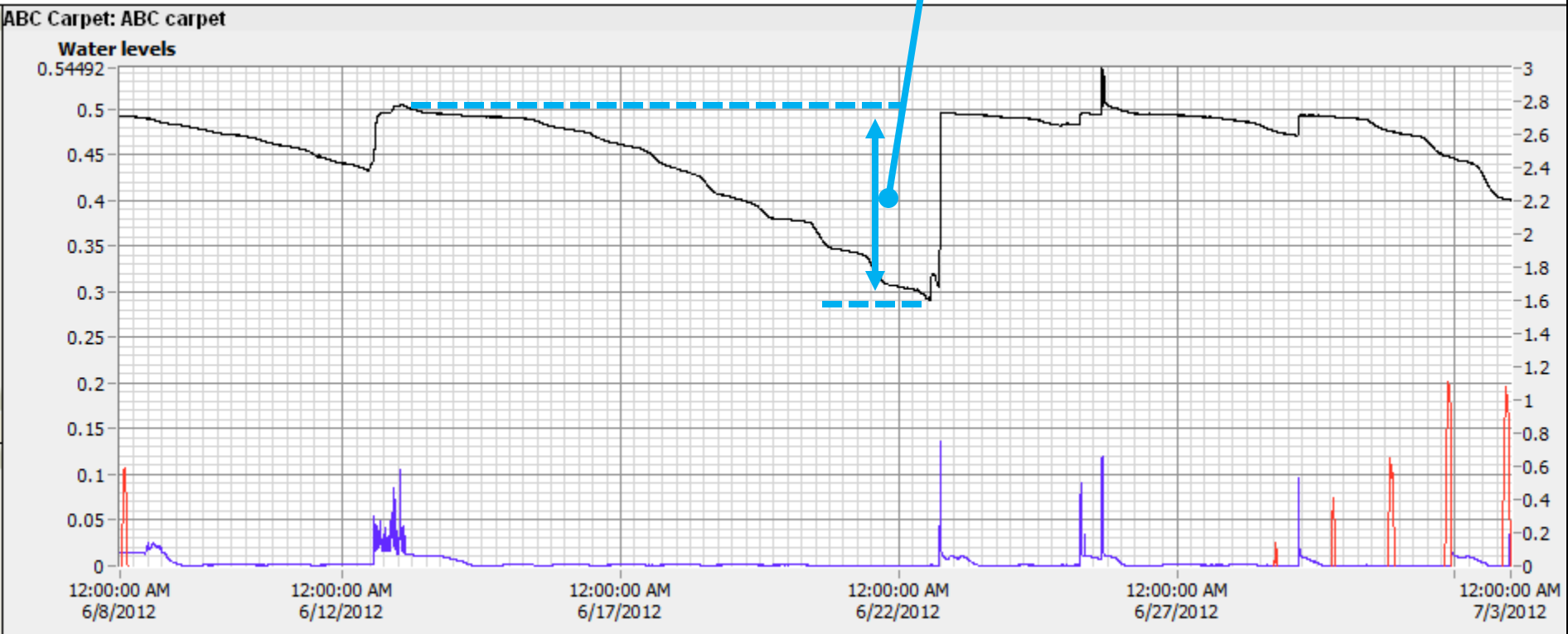


ABC Carpet: ABC carpet

Water levels



8000 gallons of stormwater
(20 cm over 1625 sf wetland
area) evaporated over one 10
day period





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12-May

Jul-12

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Nov-12



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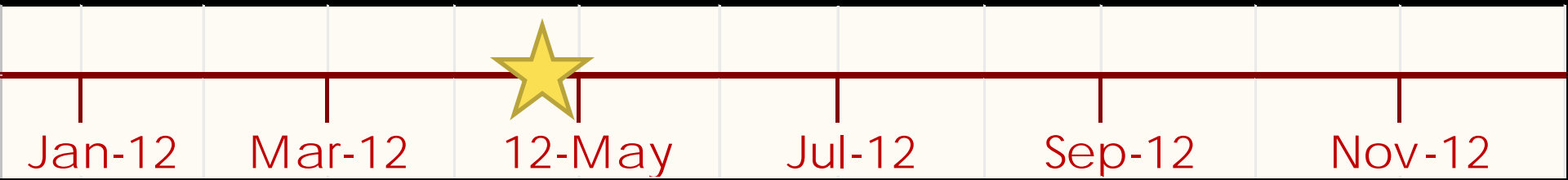
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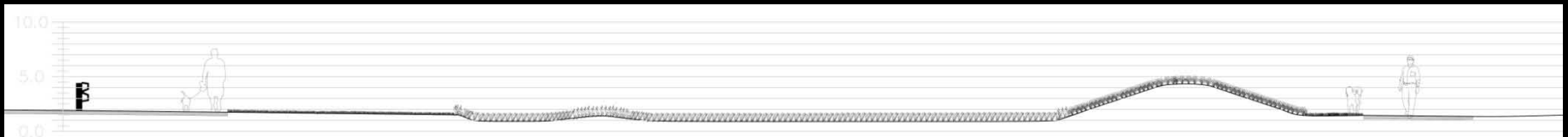
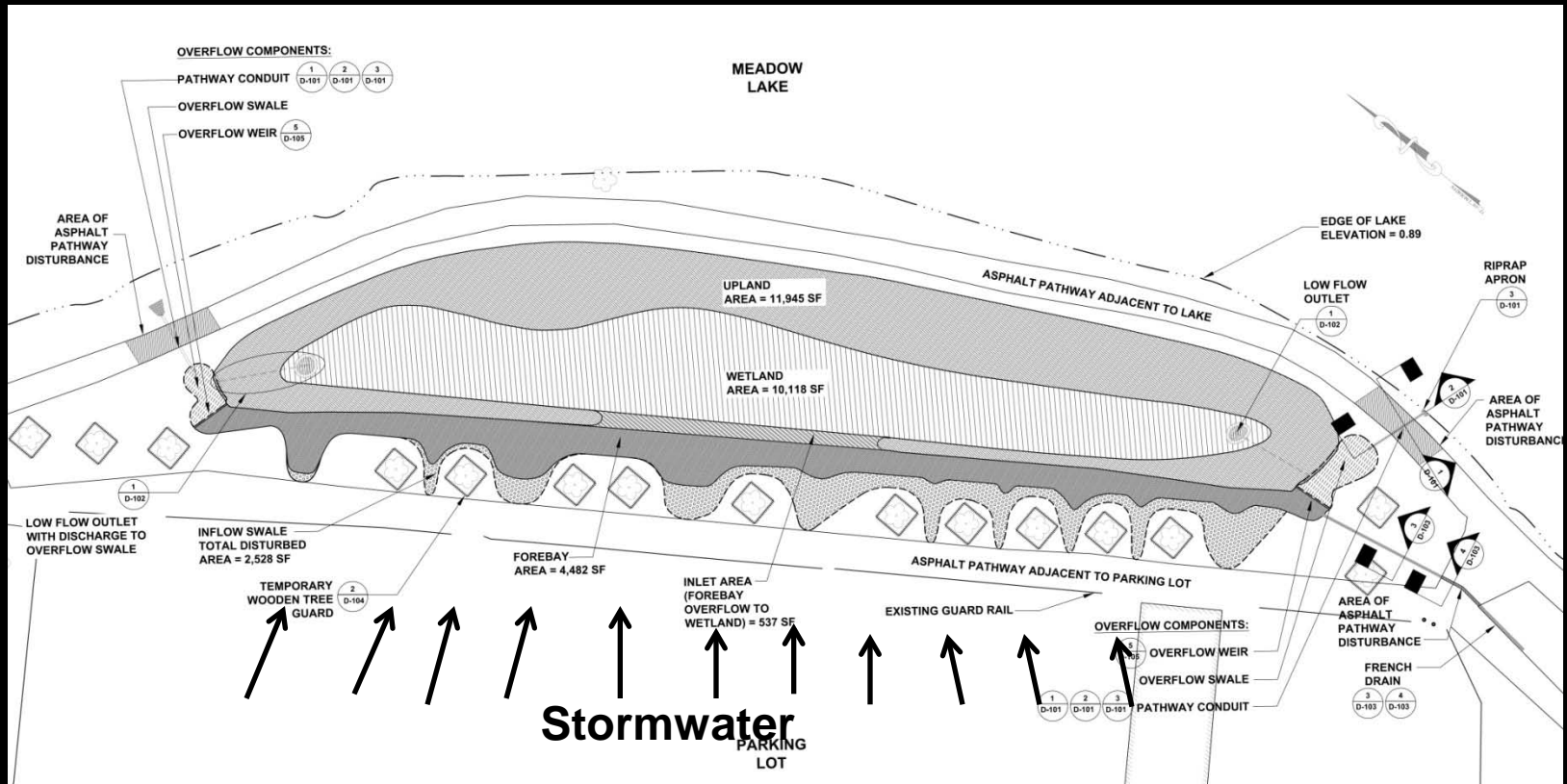


Flushing Meadows Corona Park (Queens, NY)



Underutilized lawn

Impervious parking lot
(drains to lake)

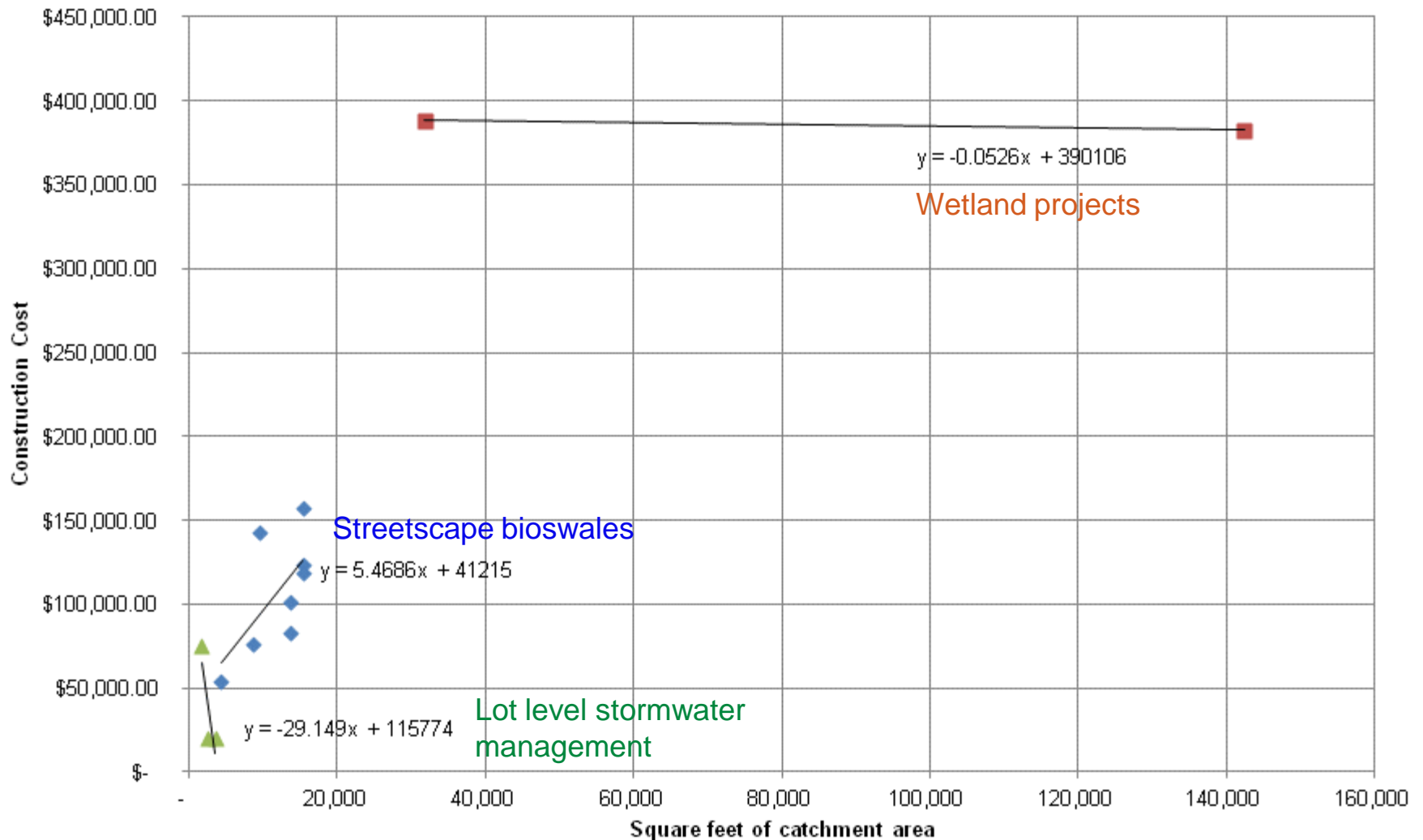


Construction to begin Spring 2013

Construction Cost¹ Versus Catchment Area²

¹ Some construction costs are estimated

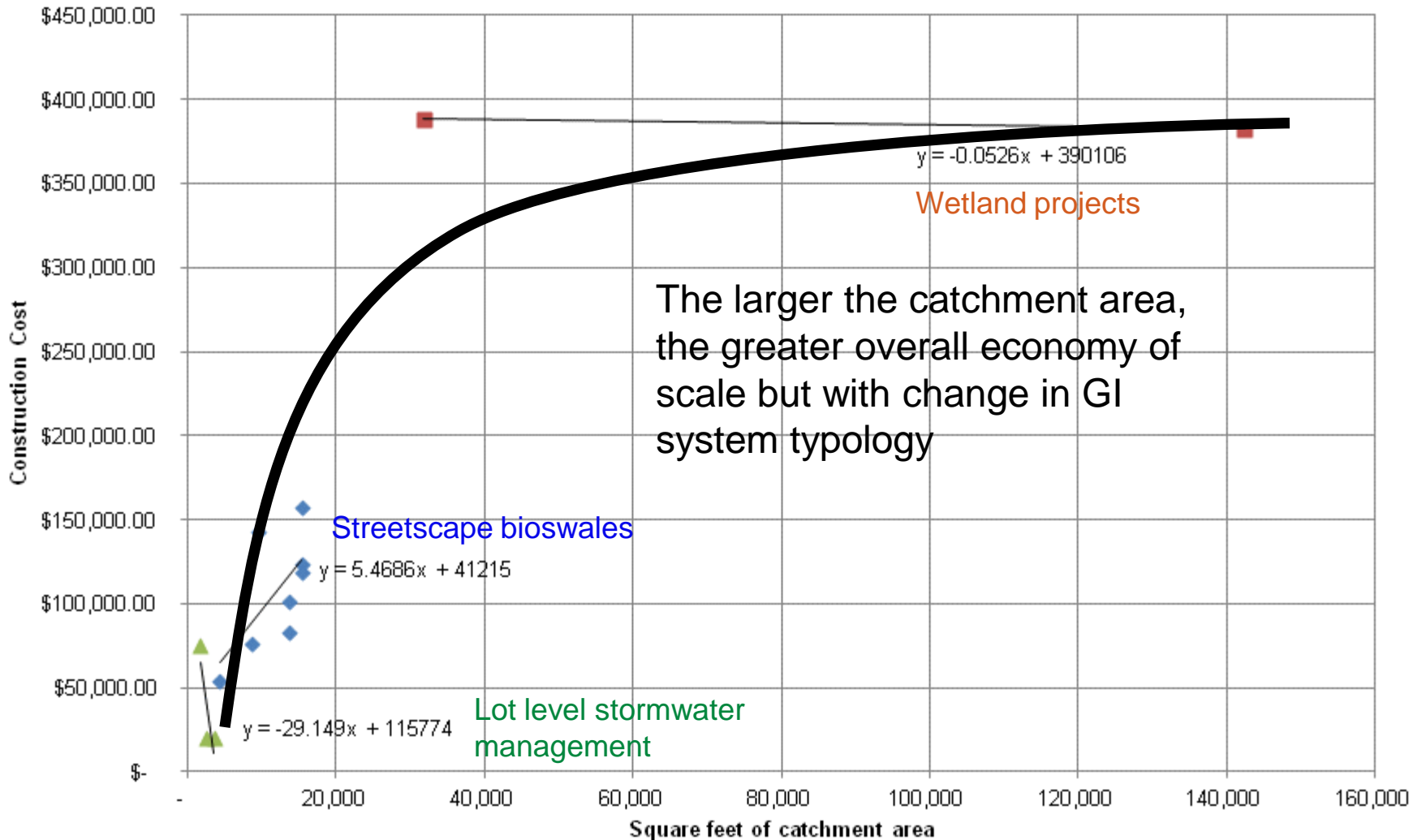
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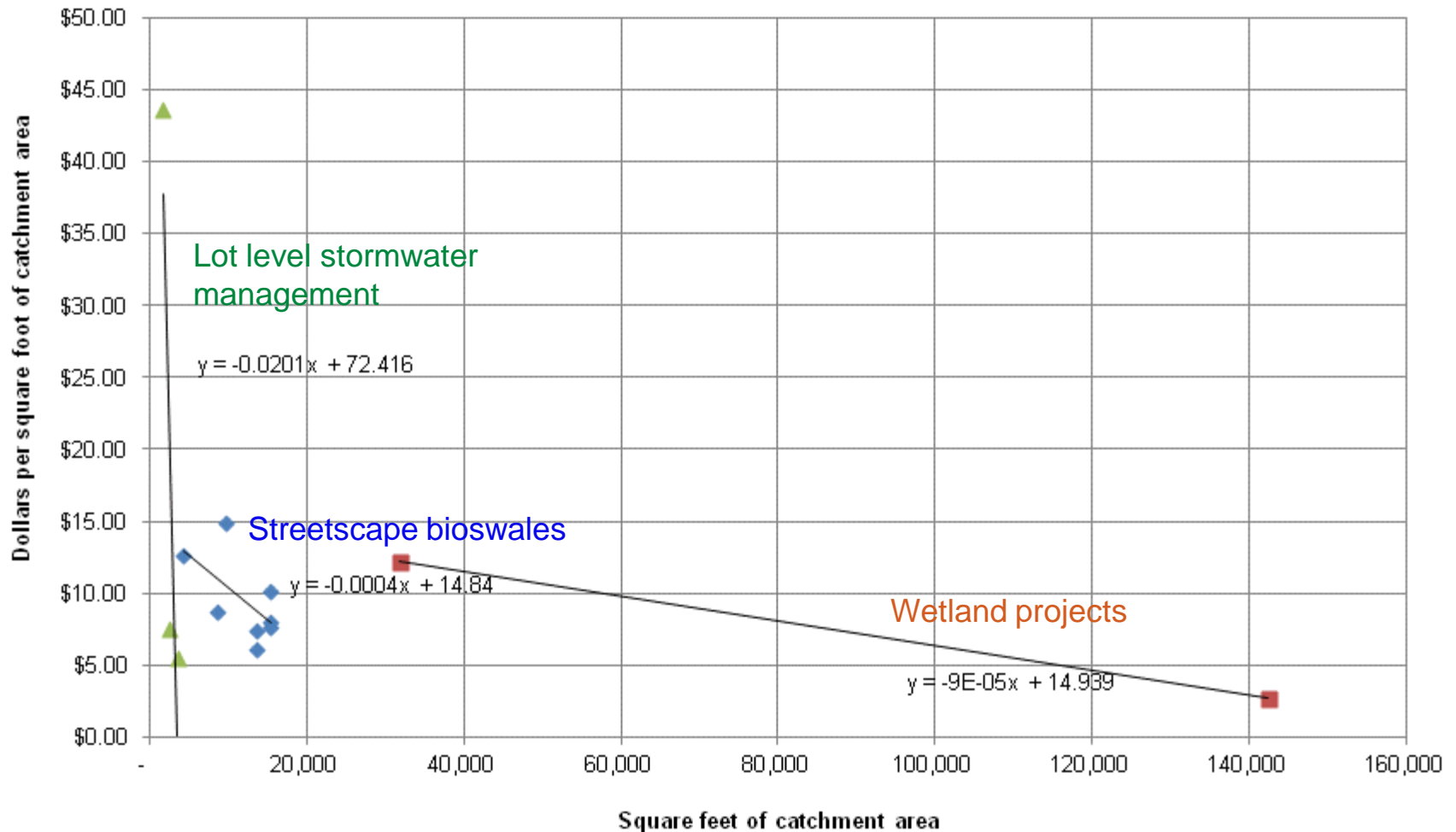
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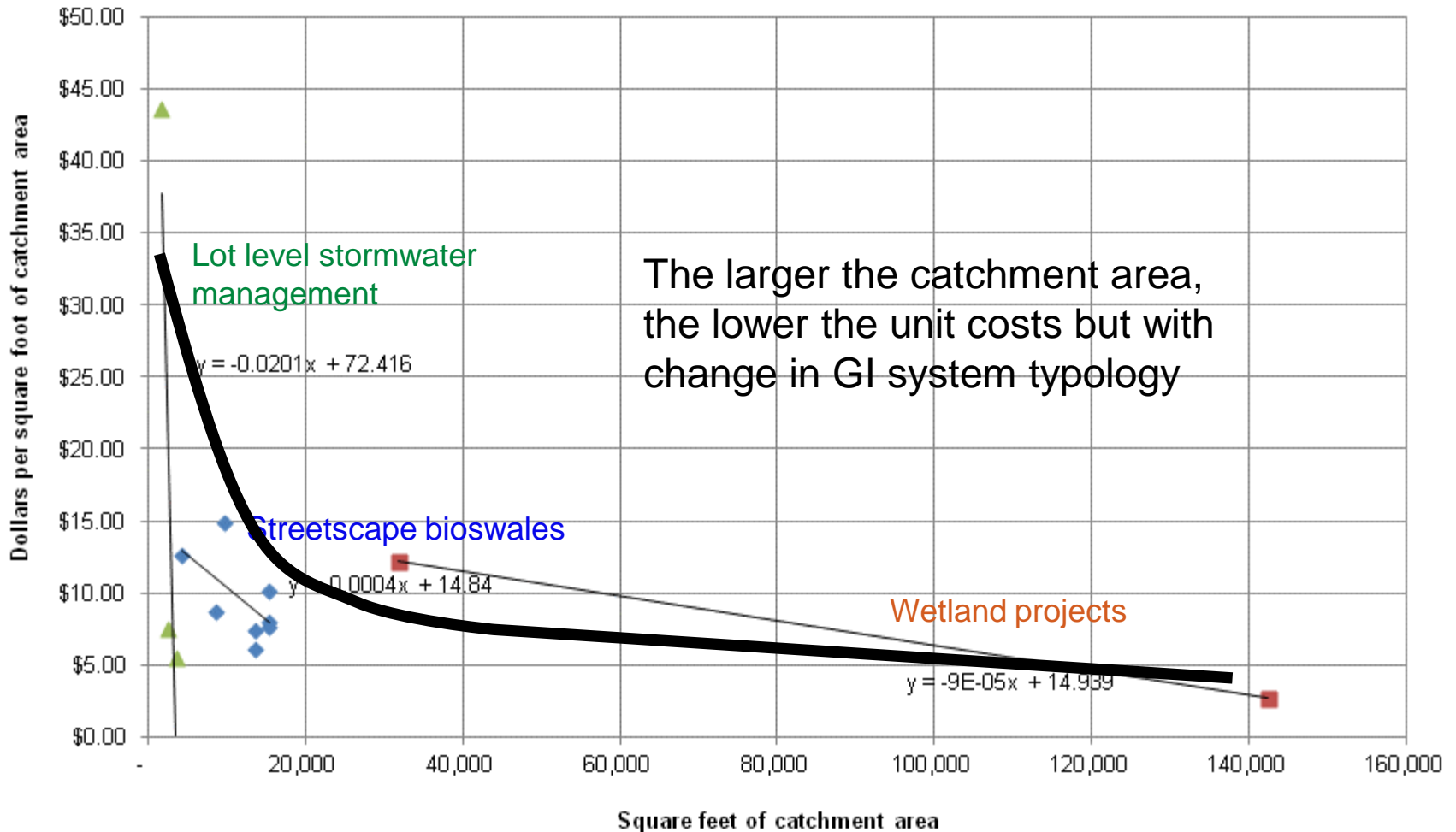
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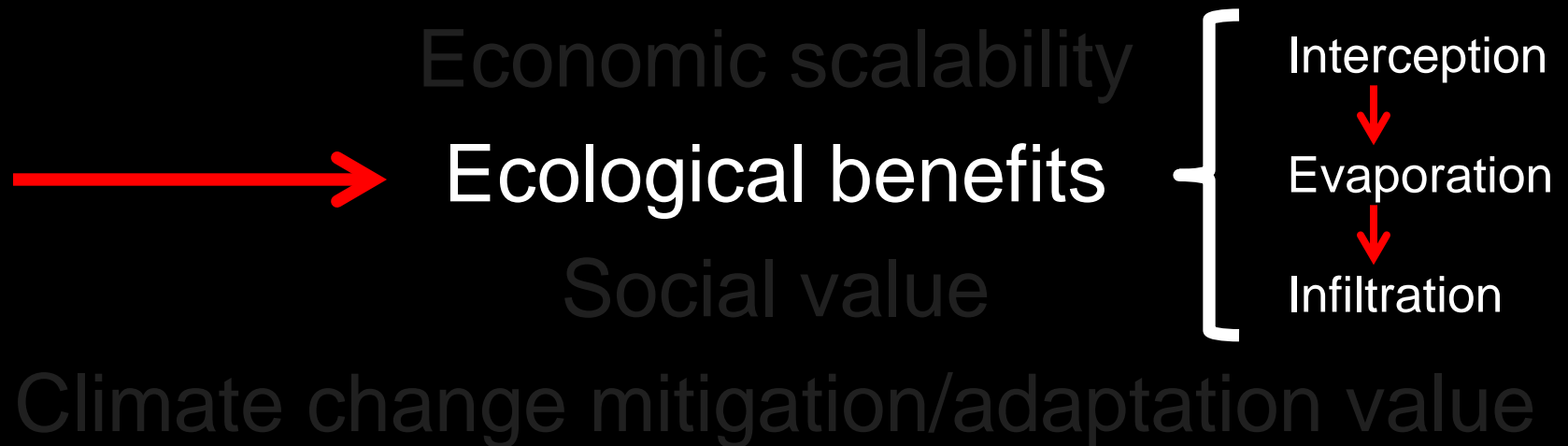
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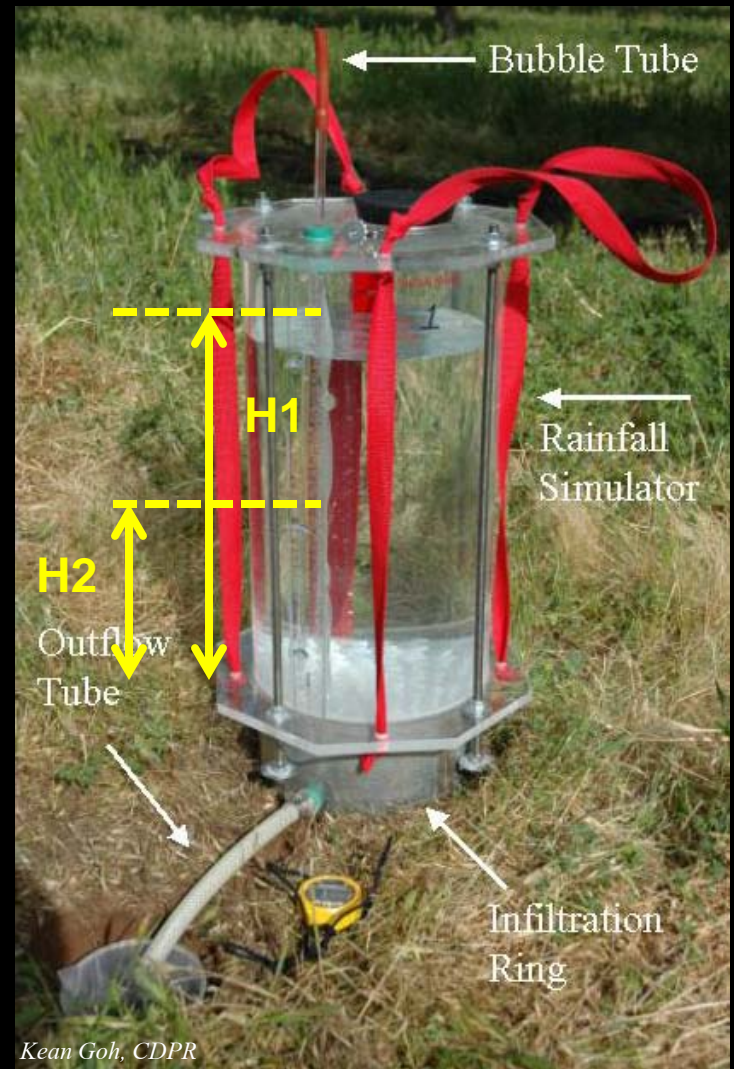
Are the type and scale of GI projects we are implementing “*restoring pre-development hydrology*”?

Are the ecological services derived from GI meaningful, in an infrastructure context?

Infiltration capacity of conventional and new engineered permeable urban spaces

Sites: New York City and Philadelphia

Method: Cornell Sprinkle Infiltrometer



Alizadehtazi et al (in revision)

Conventional Permeable Urban Spaces

Vegetated
Courtyard



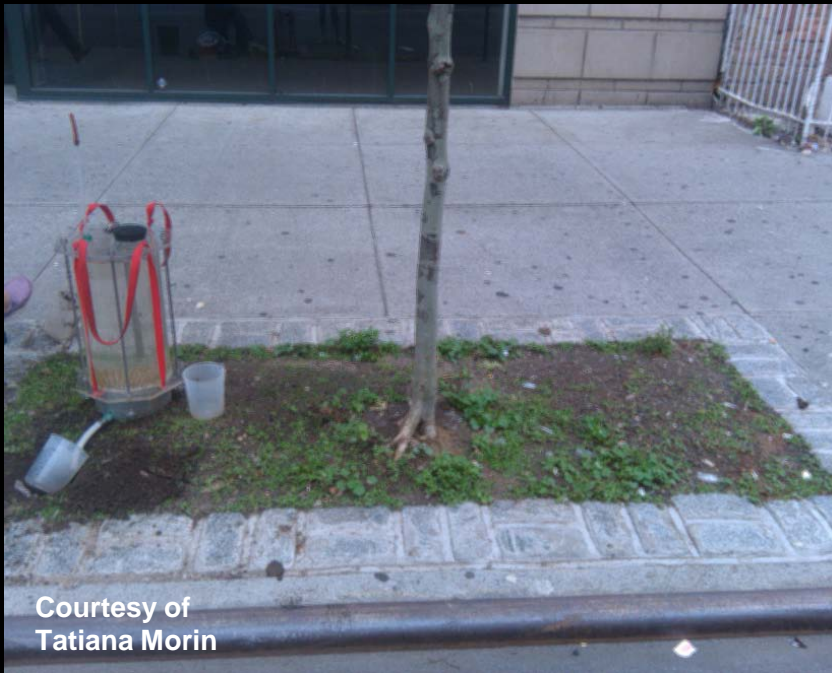
Backyard



Urban Park

Conventional Permeable Urban Spaces

Tree Pits



Courtesy of
Tatiana Morin

Without guards



Courtesy of
Tatiana Morin

With guards

New Engineered Permeable Urban Spaces

Porous
Pavers



Porous
Rubberized
Safety
Materials



Porous
Asphalt



Porous

Standard



Concrete

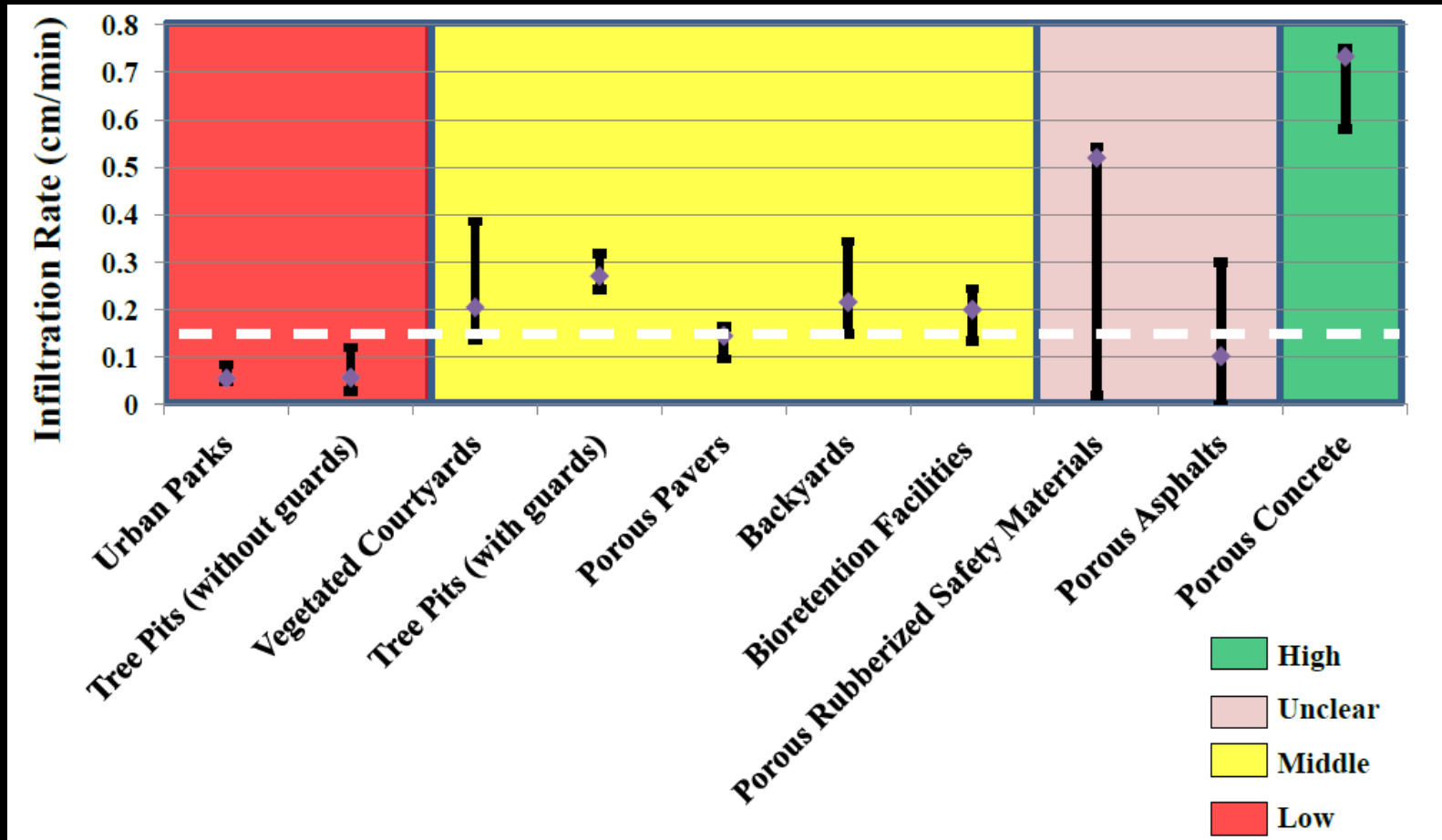
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New Engineered Permeable Urban Spaces



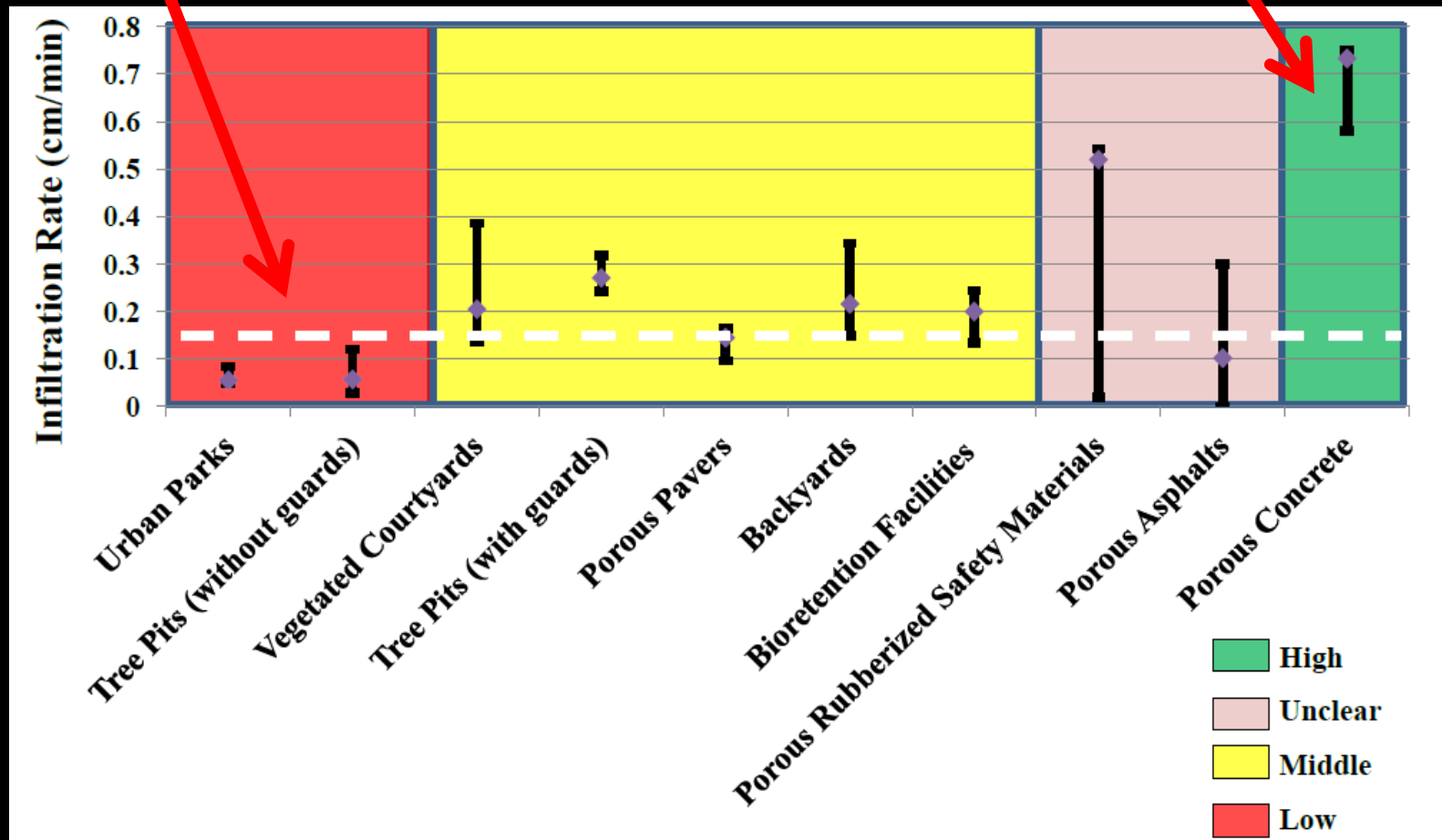
Bioretention “Greenstreets”

Results



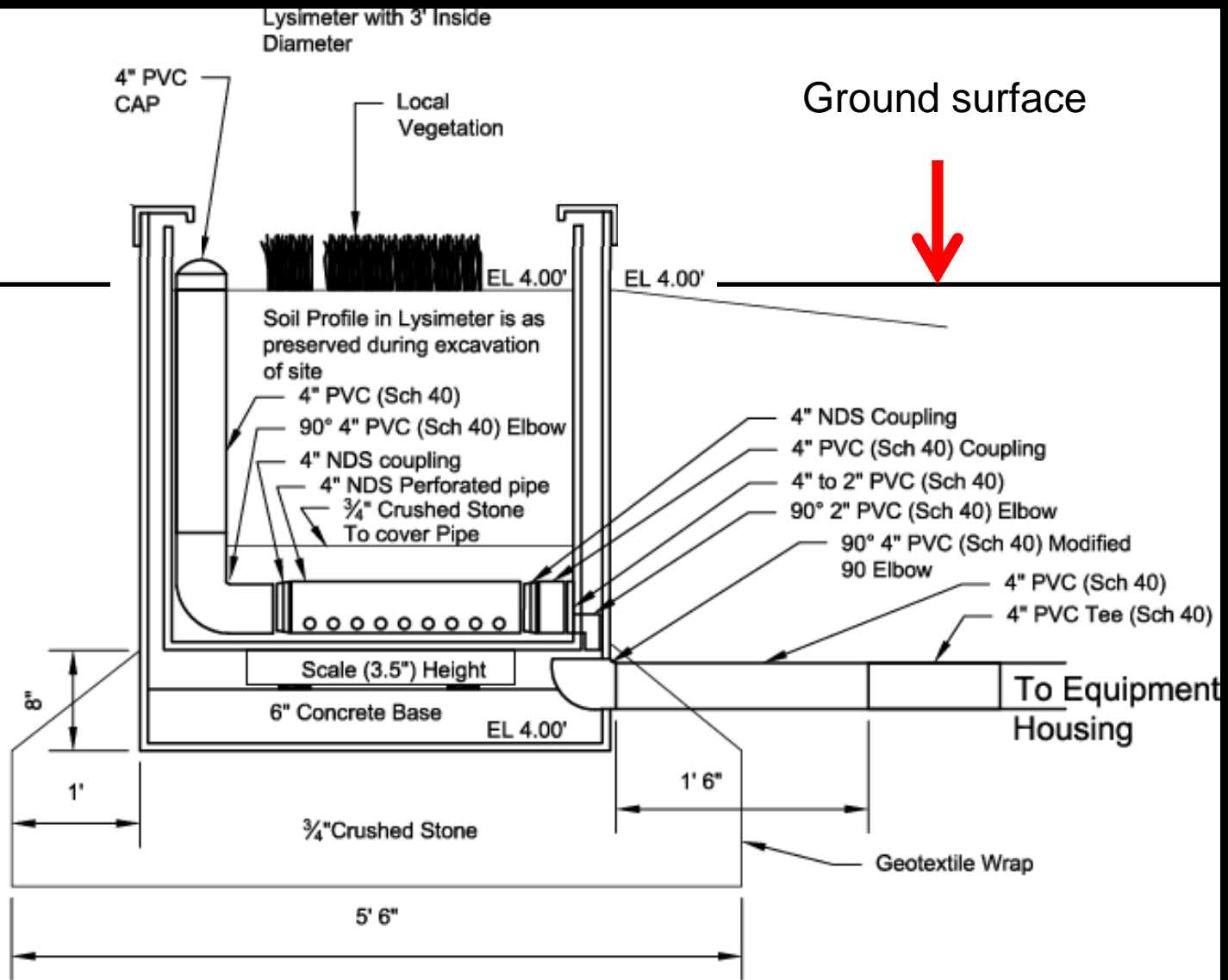
Conventional spaces (parks and tree pits without guards) were the sites with the lowest infiltration capacity

An engineered permeable space consistently presented the highest infiltration capacity



Take home message: we can engineer more permeability into our heavily developed landscapes

Can we accelerate urban evaporation (= mitigate the urban heat island) by directing stormwater to urban green spaces?



Weighing Lysimeter

Not To Scale

Sites

Ecological reference: Alley Pond Park (Queens, NY)



Summer



Winter

Sites

Two different bioretention “Greenstreets”



Colfax site: surrounded by curb

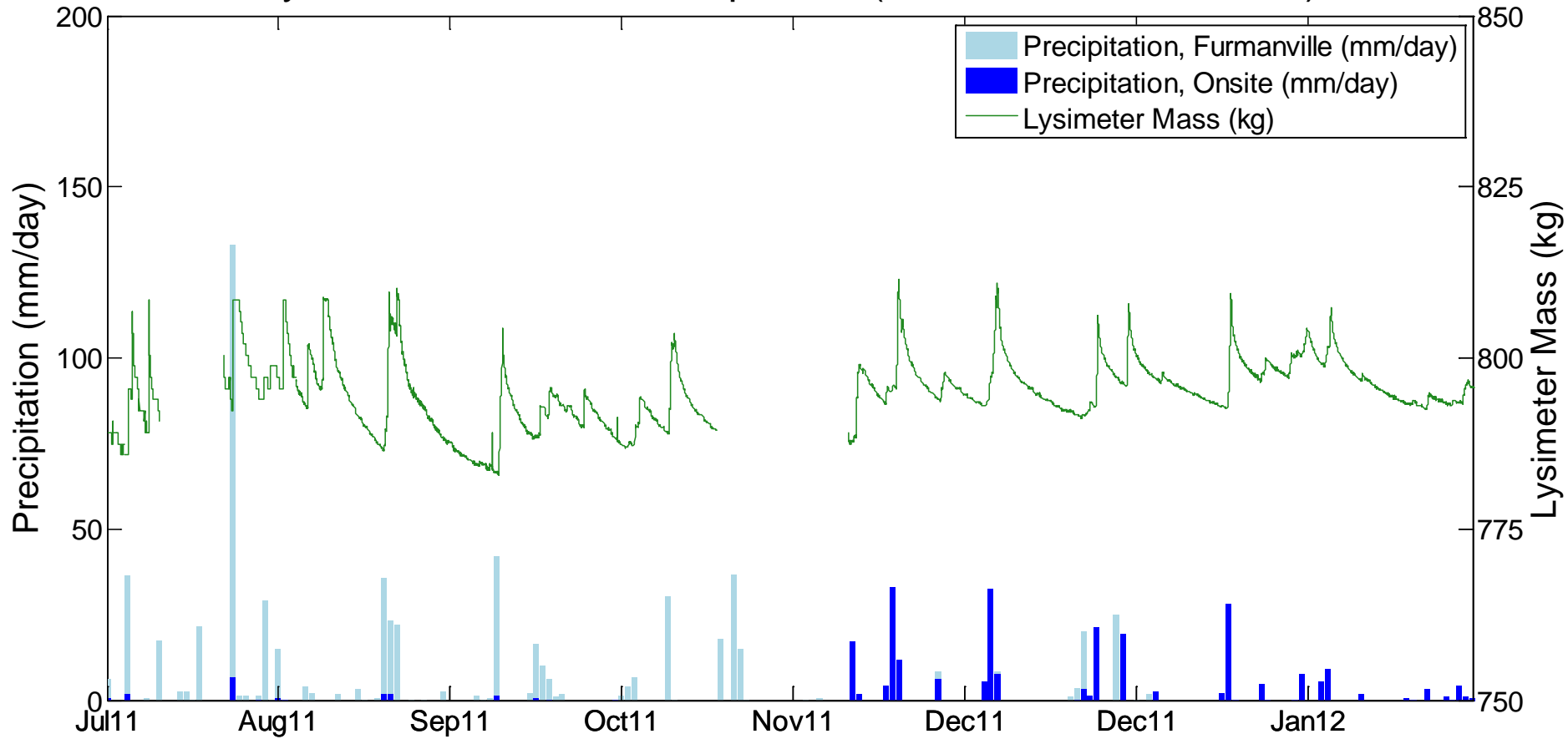


Nashville site:
hydraulically
connected to
surrounding street
and sidewalk
catchments through
curb cut (11:1)

Sample Lysimeter data

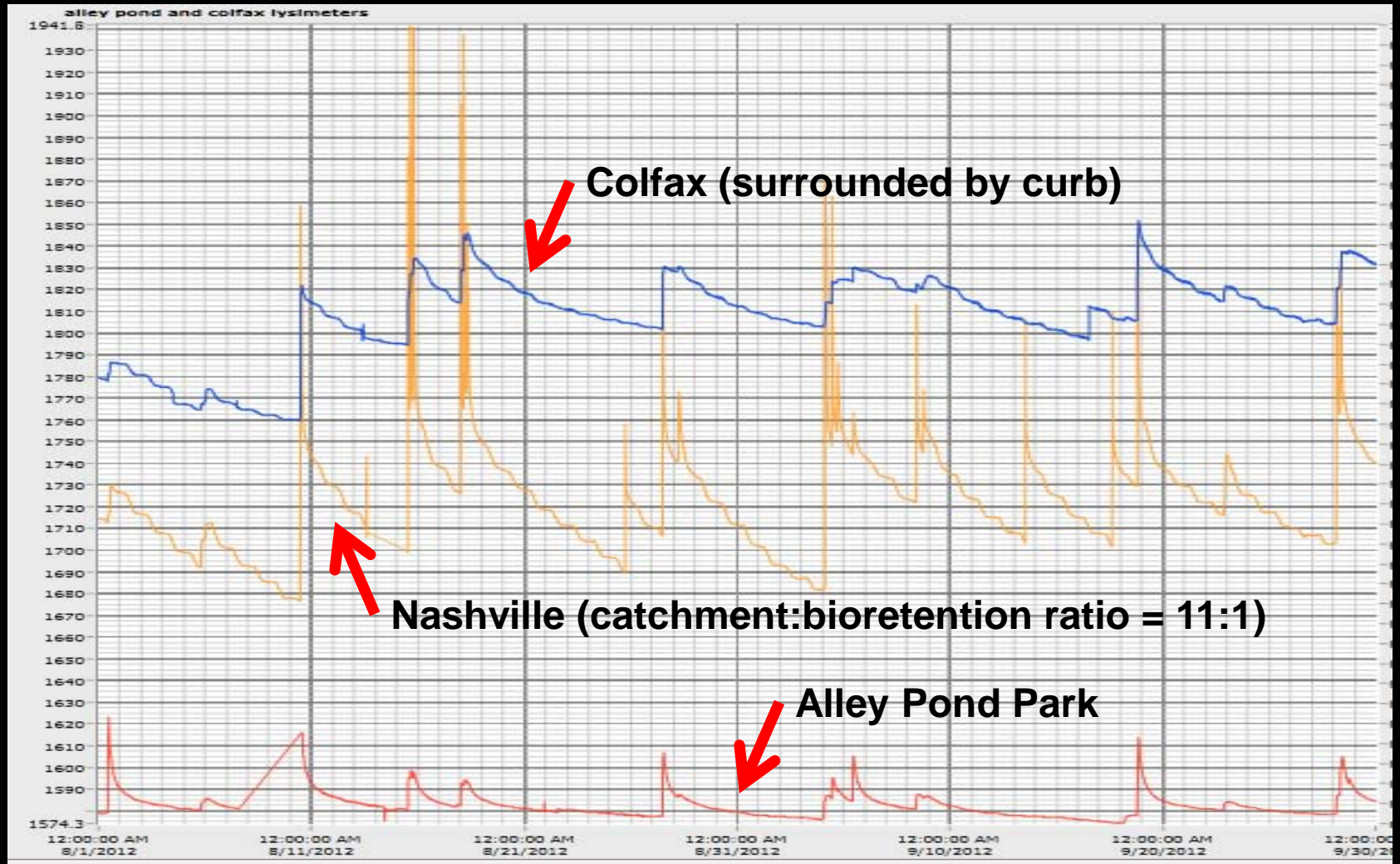


Bioretention Area (Greenstreet) - Nashville
Lysimeter Mass and Precipitation (Onsite and Furmanville)



Comparison of Results

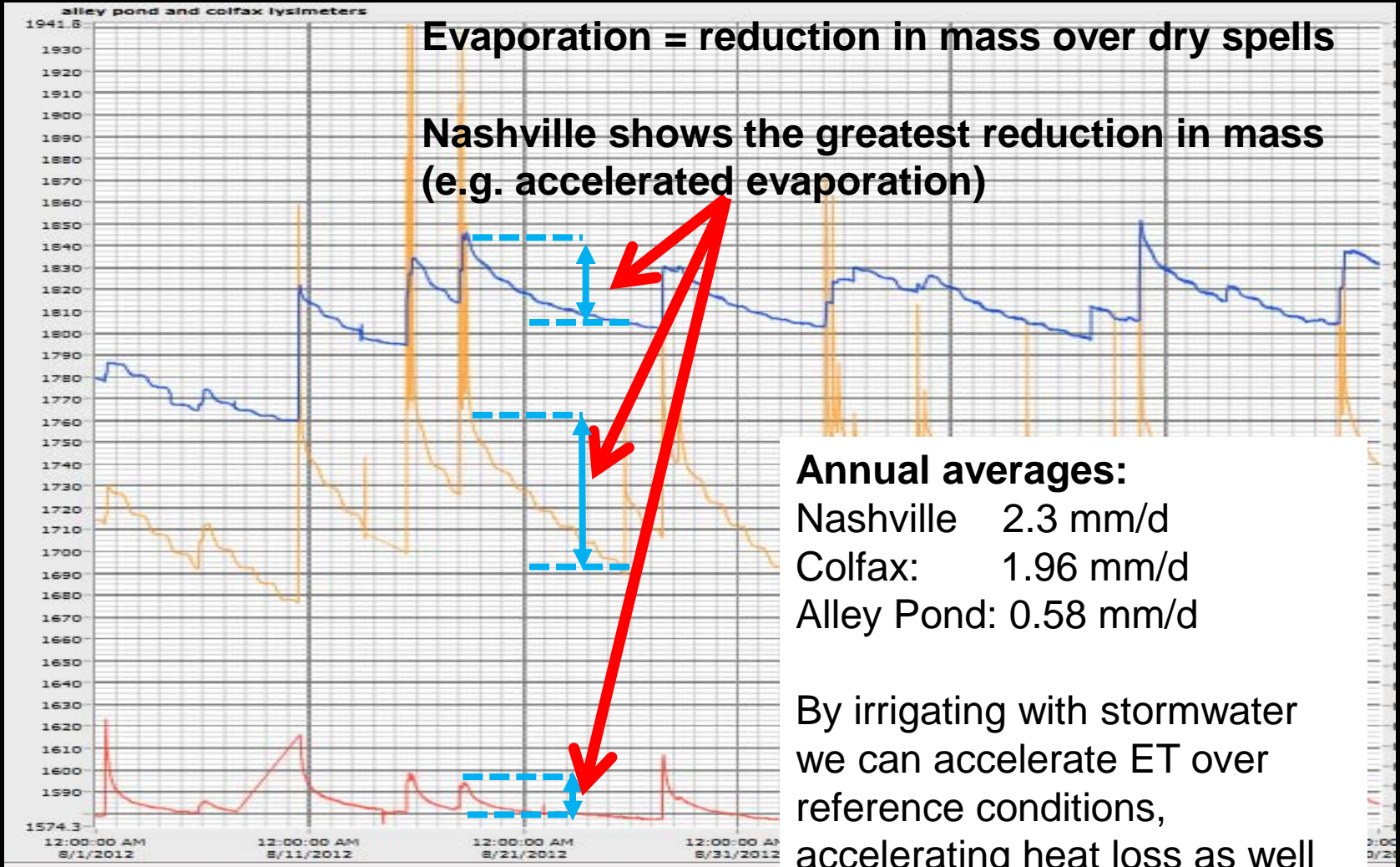
Lysimeter Mass →



Time (two months) →

Comparison of Results

Lysimeter Mass →



Time (two months) →

Intercepting precipitation with new tree canopies

Why?

- Trees bring lots of benefits (e.g. shade, wind break, habitat, aesthetics)
- In forests, 10-40% of rainfall is intercepted (Zinke, 1967)

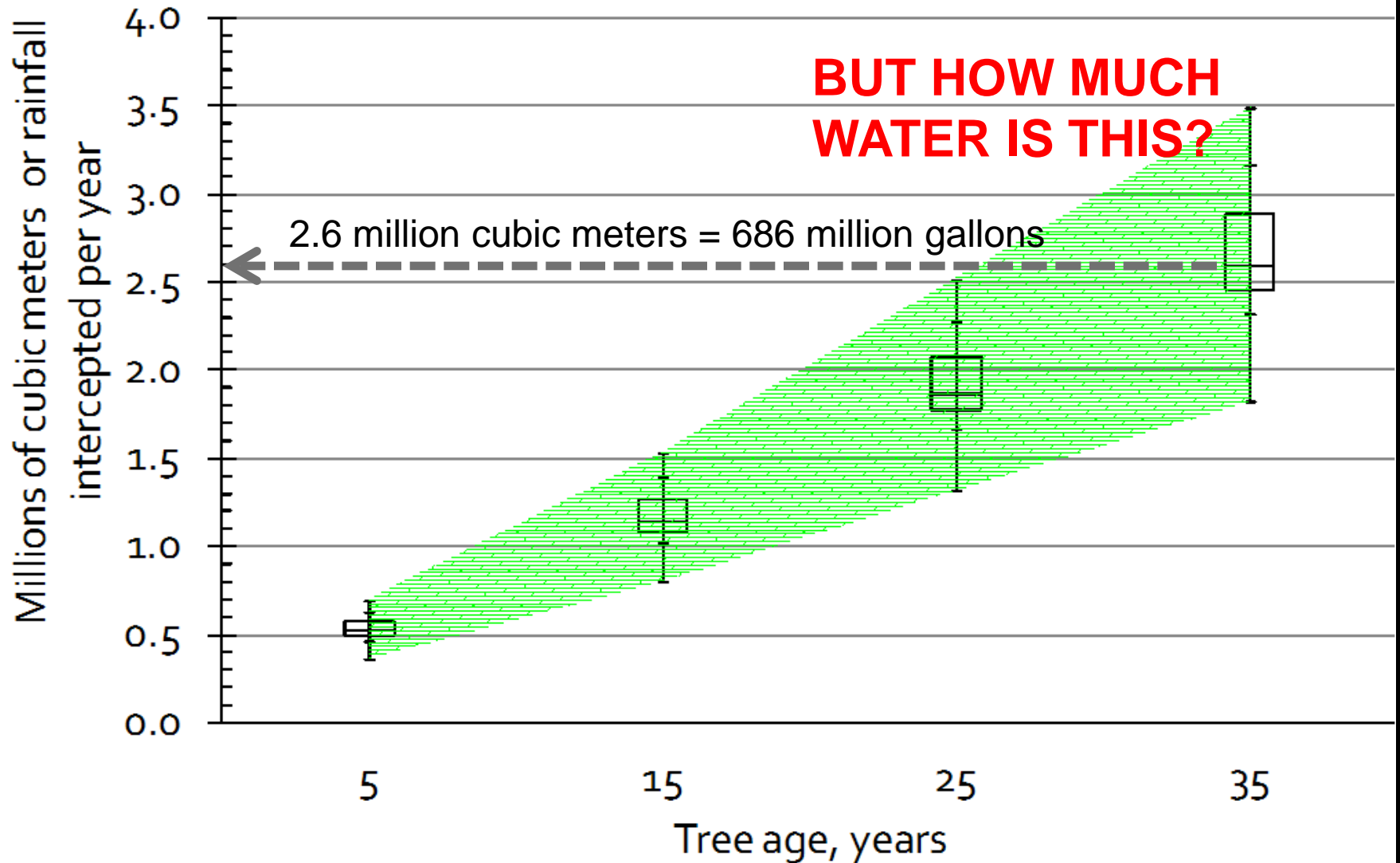


A preliminary assessment of the stormwater benefits of the Million Trees initiative at its half way point

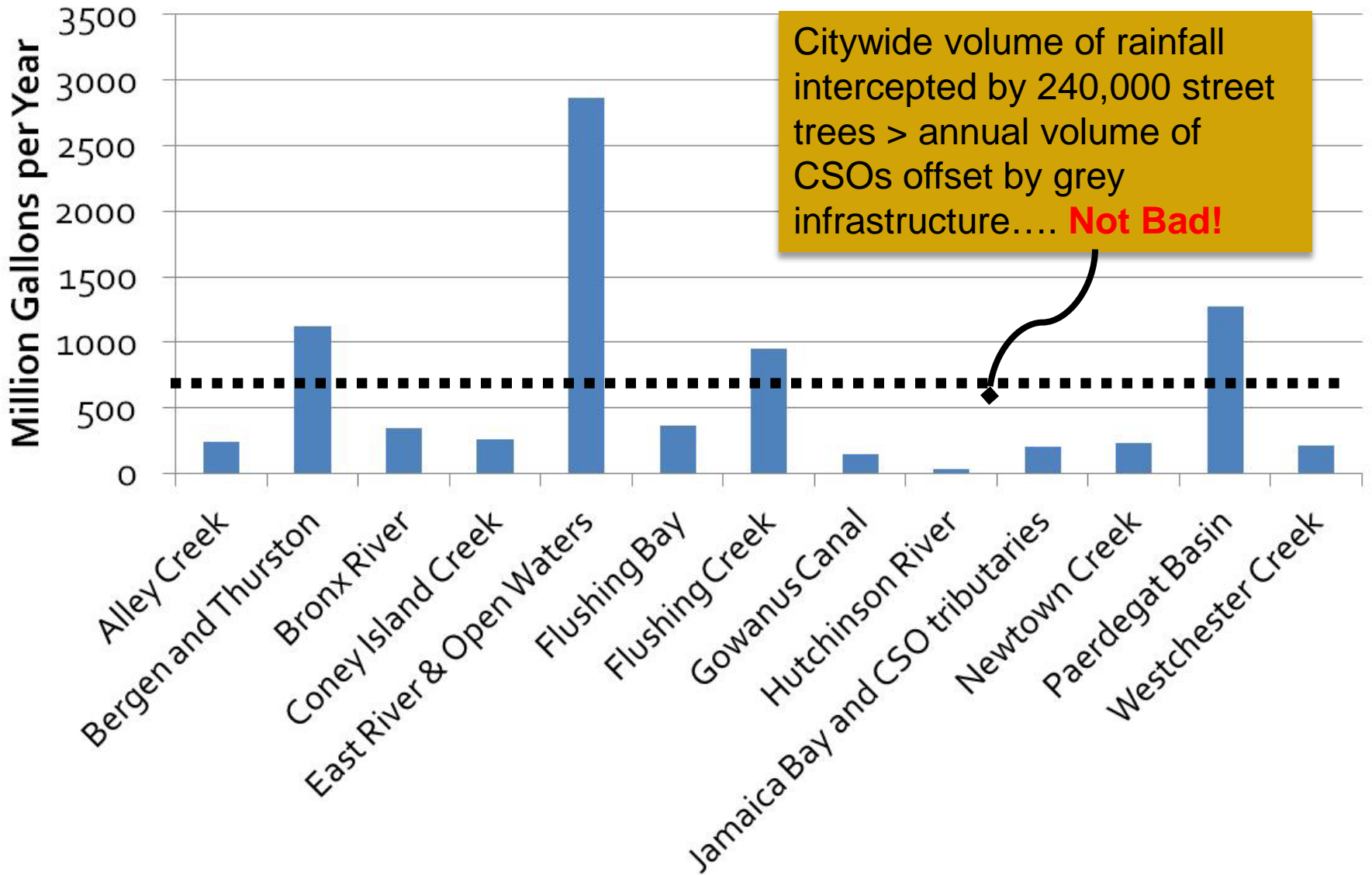
milliontrees **NYC**

A PLANYC INITIATIVE WITH NYC PARKS AND NEW YORK RESTORATION PROJECT

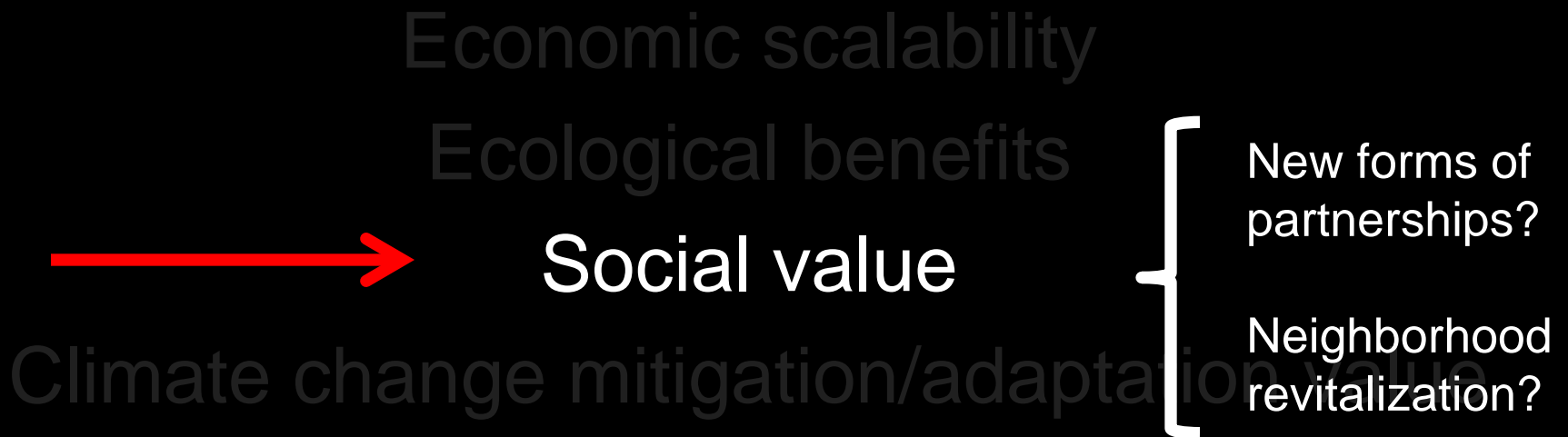
Annual volume of rainfall intercepted by the first 240,000 street trees, NYC total



Projected Reduction in Annual CSOs resulting from Cost-Effective "Grey" Infrastructure Investments (2045)

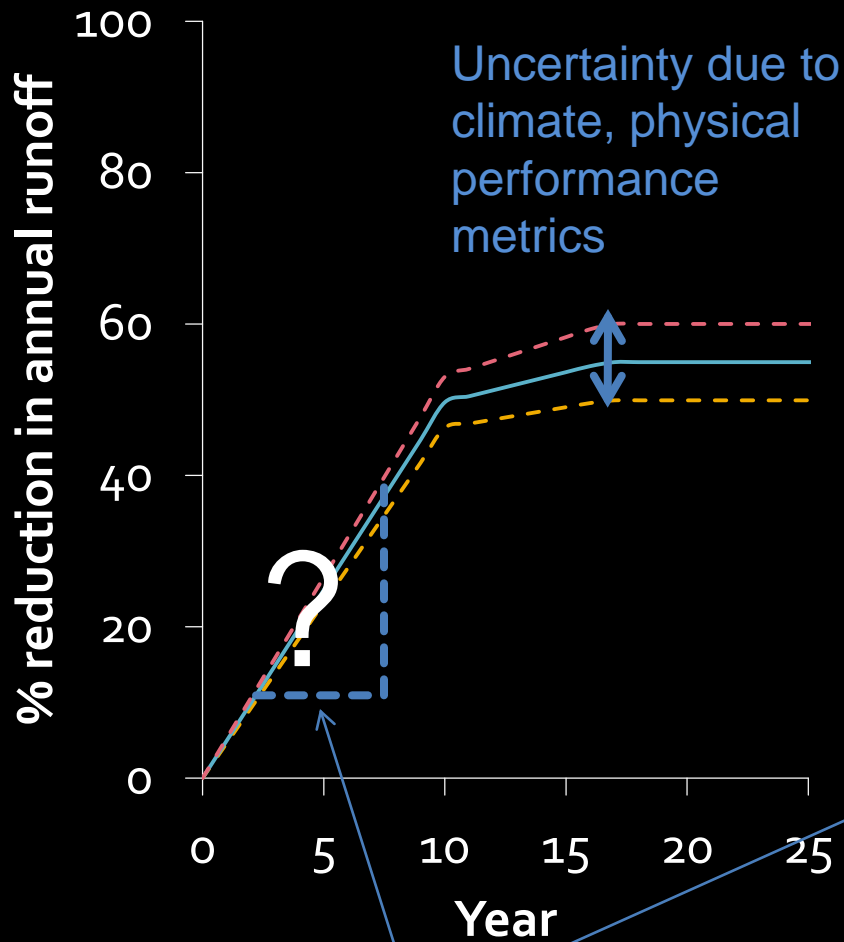


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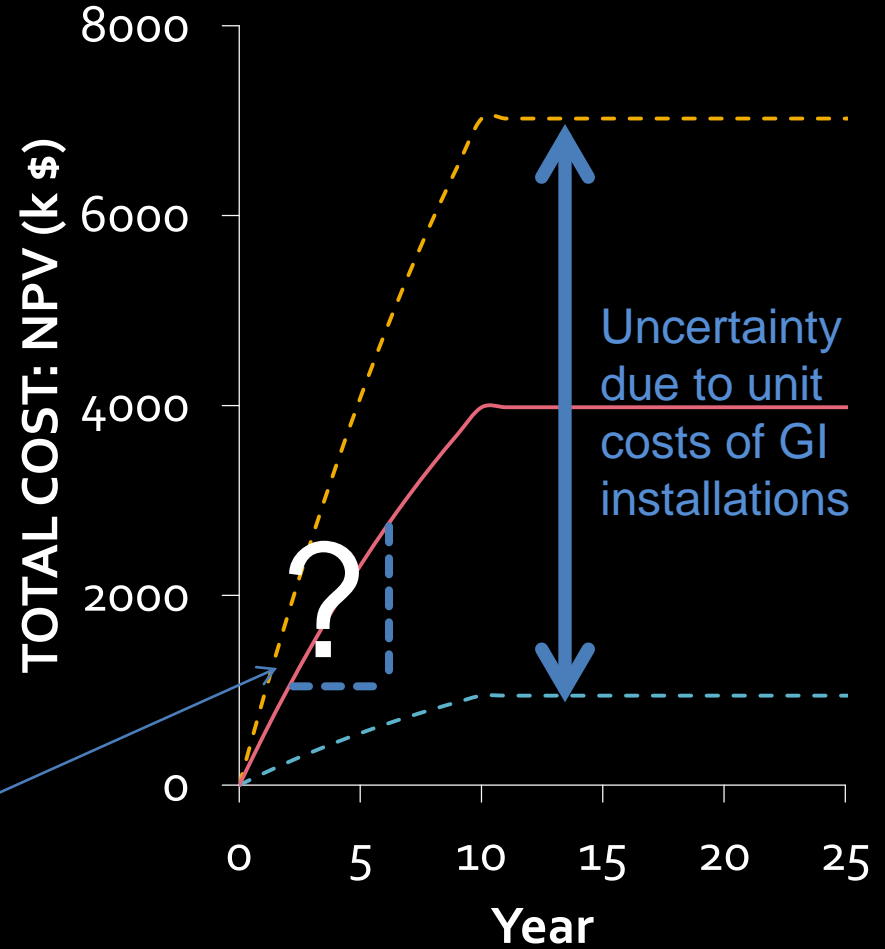


Challenge of scaling up

Uncertainty in Performance



Uncertainty in Cost



Social / institutional uncertainty associated with rate of adoption

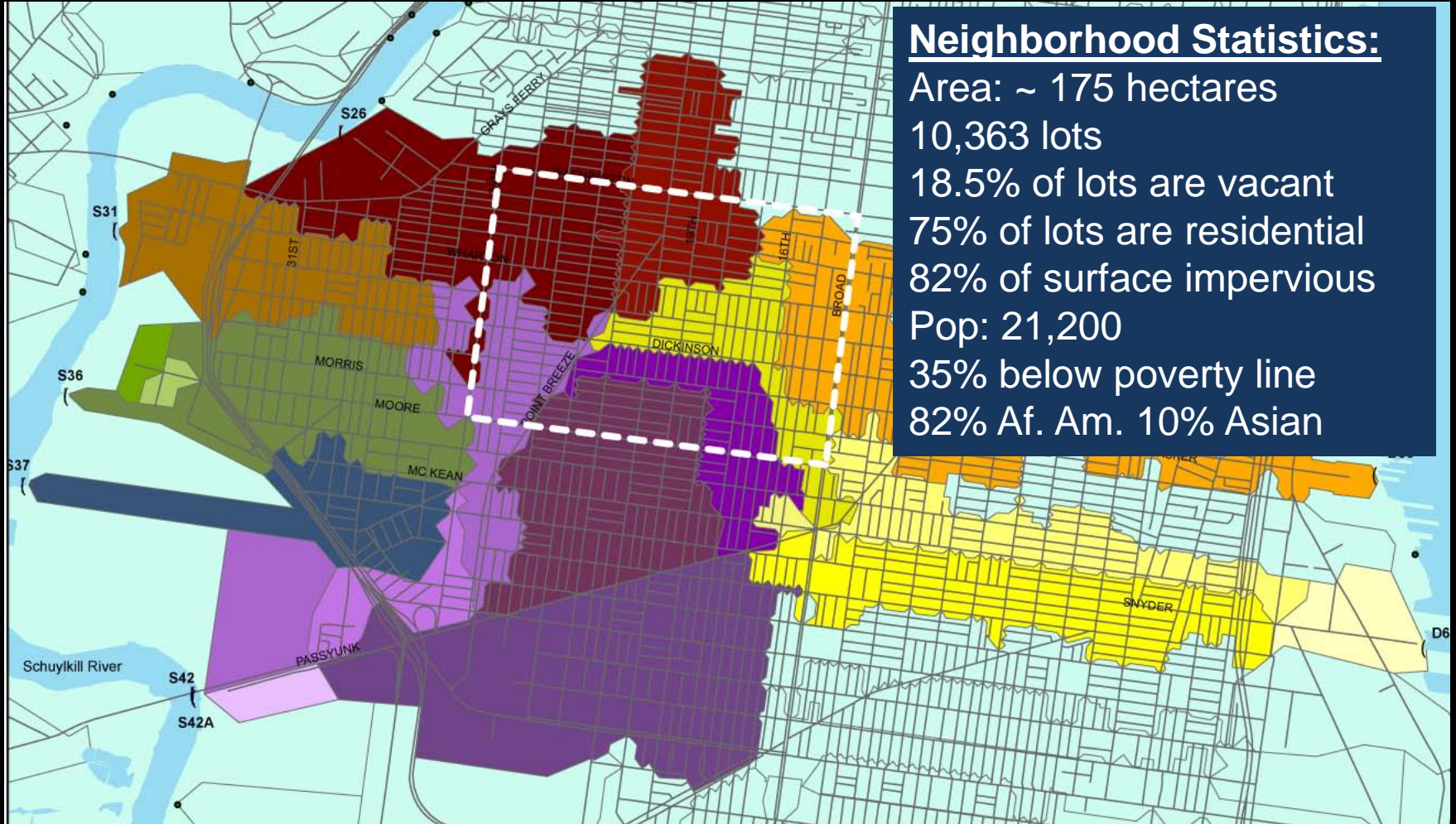
Project goals:

Disclaimer: results of this study do not represent any official position by PWD

- Answer a practical question:
 - Will PWD achieve its goal of promoting stormwater capture on 47% of the impervious surfaces in neighborhoods in combined sewer areas w/in 25 yrs?
- Develop a new modeling platform:
 - Simulation of spatiotemporal emergence of GSI in a sample Philadelphia neighborhood
 - Realistic depiction of interacting spatial, economic, legal, physical, and policy factors

Collaborators: Alex Waldman, Katy Travaline, Tim Bartrand, Juliet Geldi, Gavin Riggall, Chariss McAfee, Charles Loomis, Franco Montalto

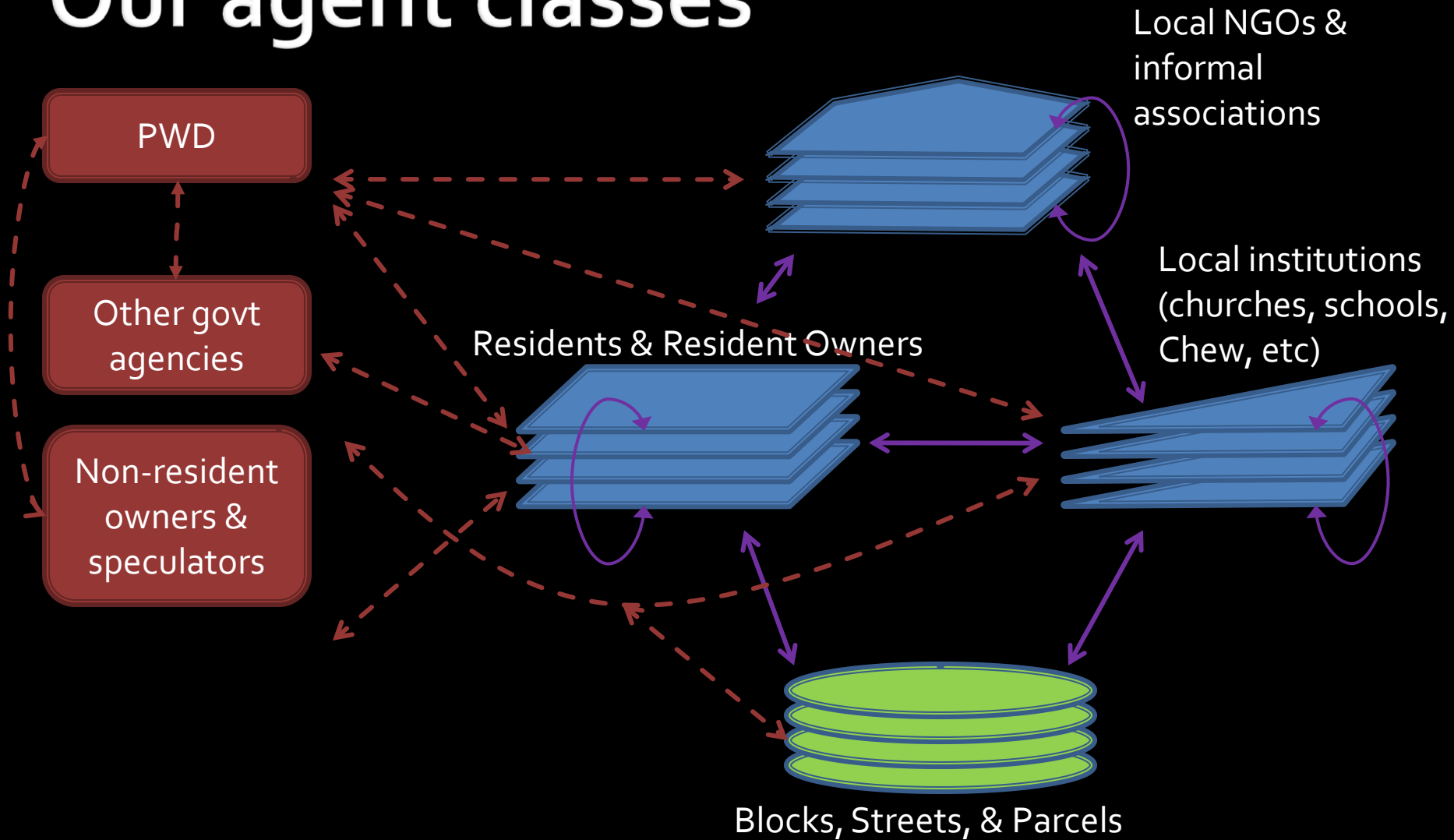
Study Site: Point Breeze (Phila, PA)



Methods: Agent-Based Models

- A family of computational models, typically custom built, that simulate the “bottom up” actions and interactions of autonomous “agents” in a network environment
- Can be used to develop insights into how agent behavior and multi-domain interactions affect system performance

Our agent classes



Global agent



Local agent set



Reactive set

Initializing Agent Attributes through empirical methods

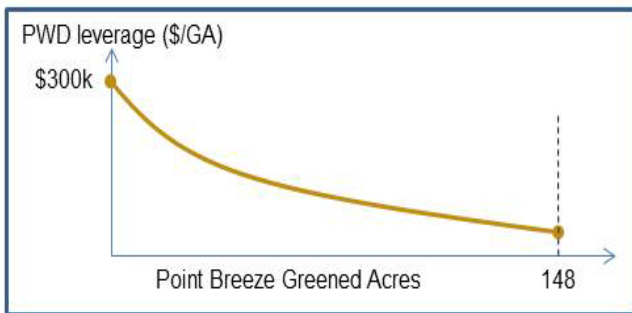
- PWD → Implementation & Adaptive Management Plan (PWD initiated, GSI following public works, private GSI)
- Property → Geospatial data sets; census and other aggregate data downscaled using stochastic methods
- Property owners, other city agencies, community organizations → Outreach activities

- Participant-observation
- Interviews
- Community Street Fair
- Questionnaires
- Policy Official Outreach

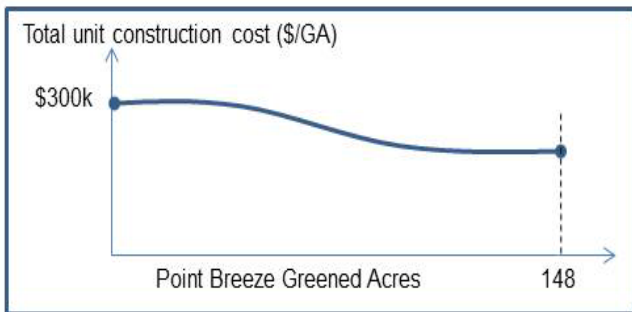


Behavioral rules: PWD

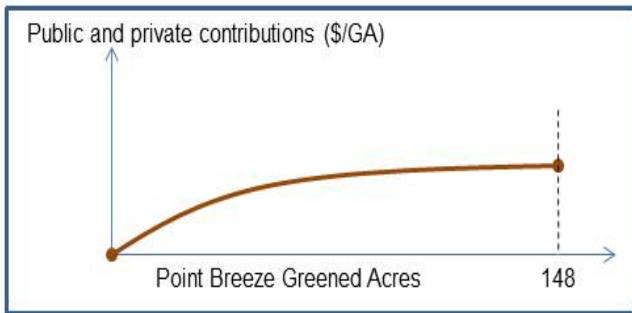
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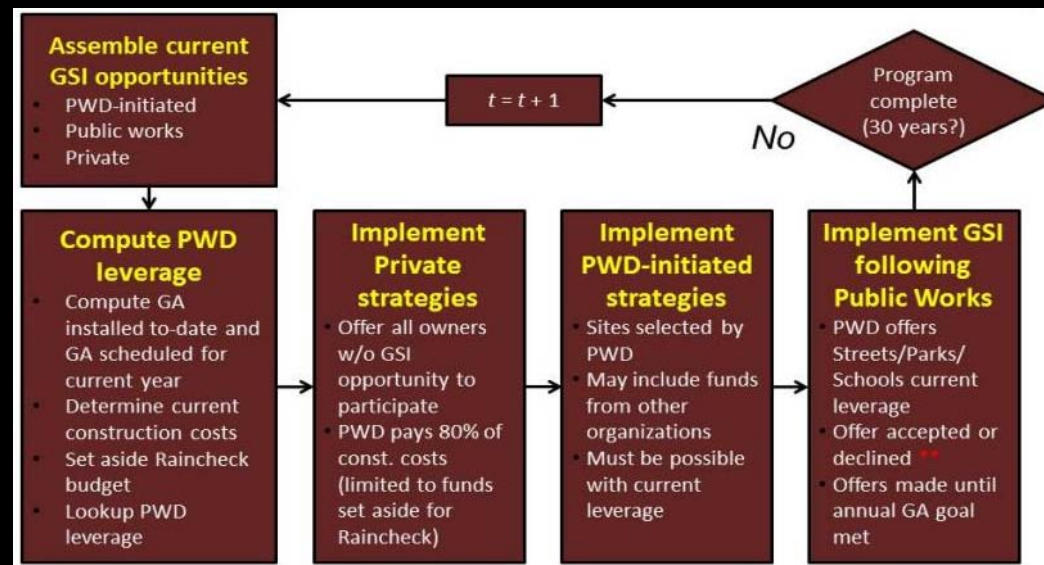
Learning curve



Partnerships

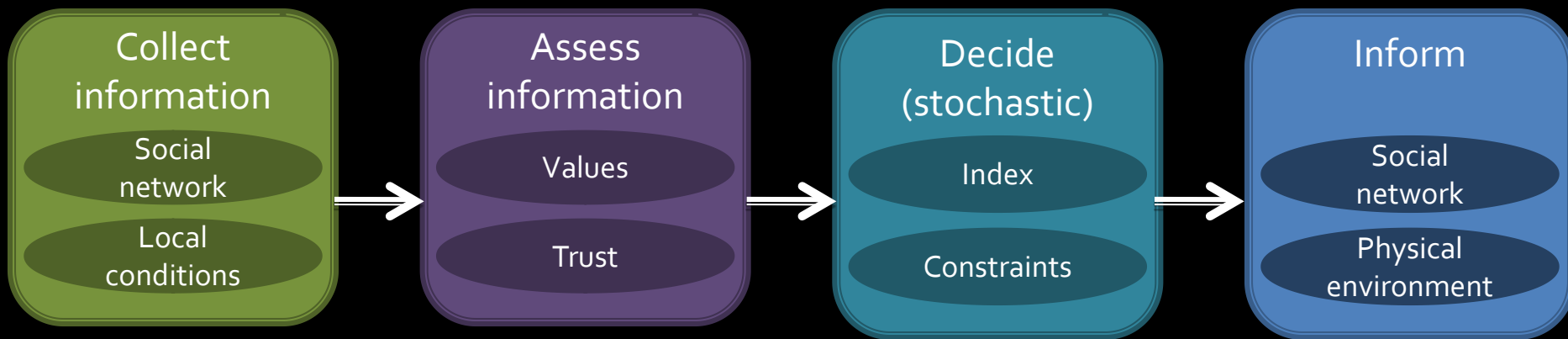


PWD decision sequencing (sample)

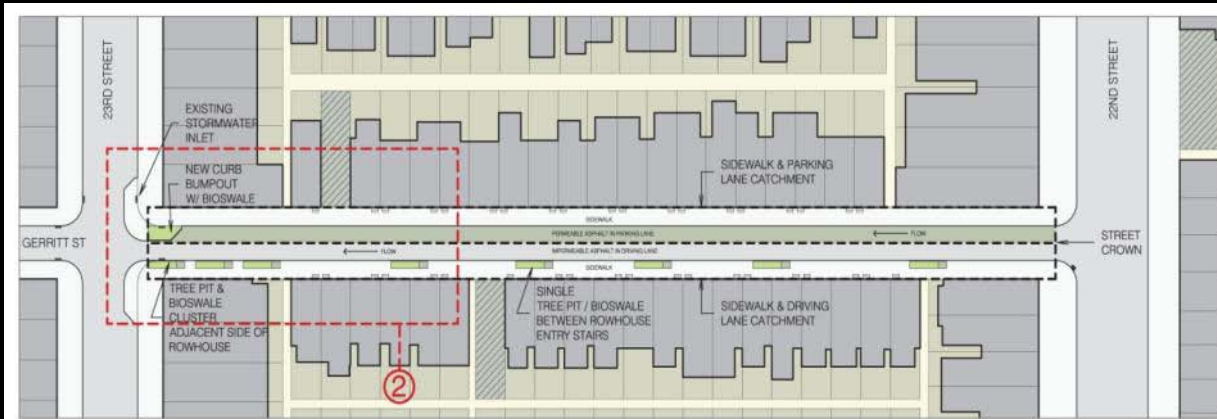


Behavioral rules: Property owners

Property owner decision sequencing

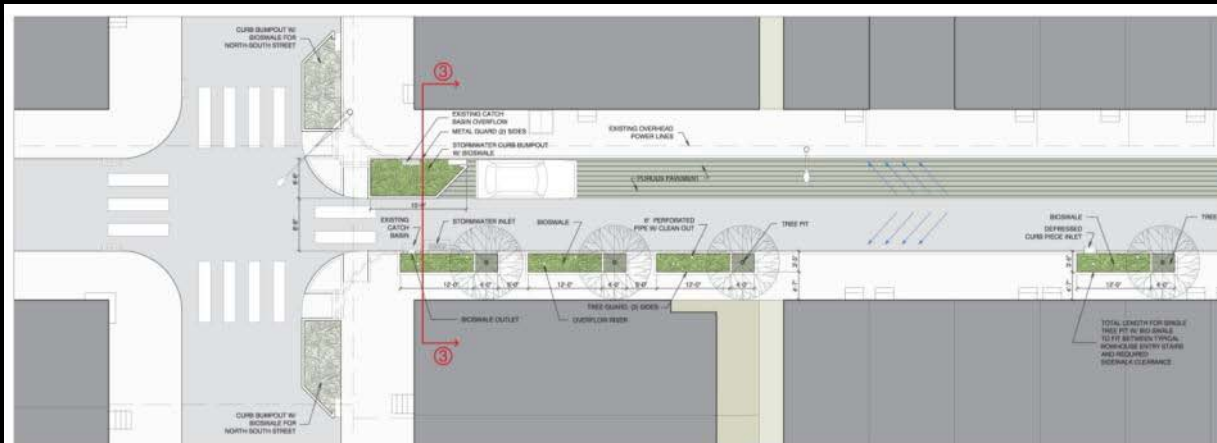


Sample simulations:



1 SITE PLAN - CATCHMENT & EXISTING CONDITIONS

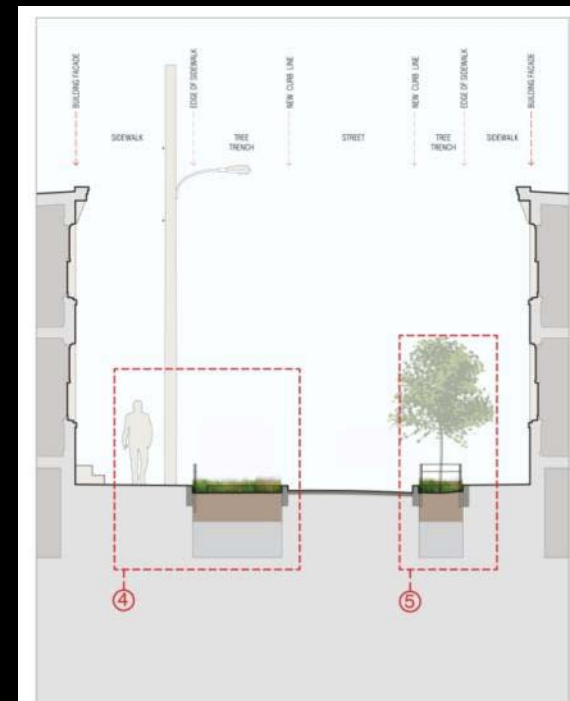
1"=40'



2 PLAN - PROPOSED

1/8"=1'

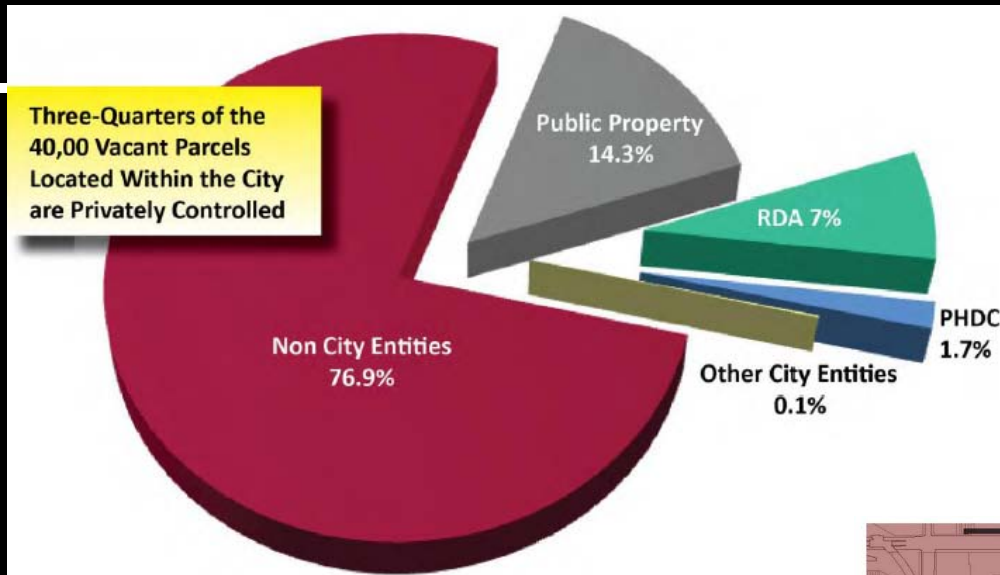
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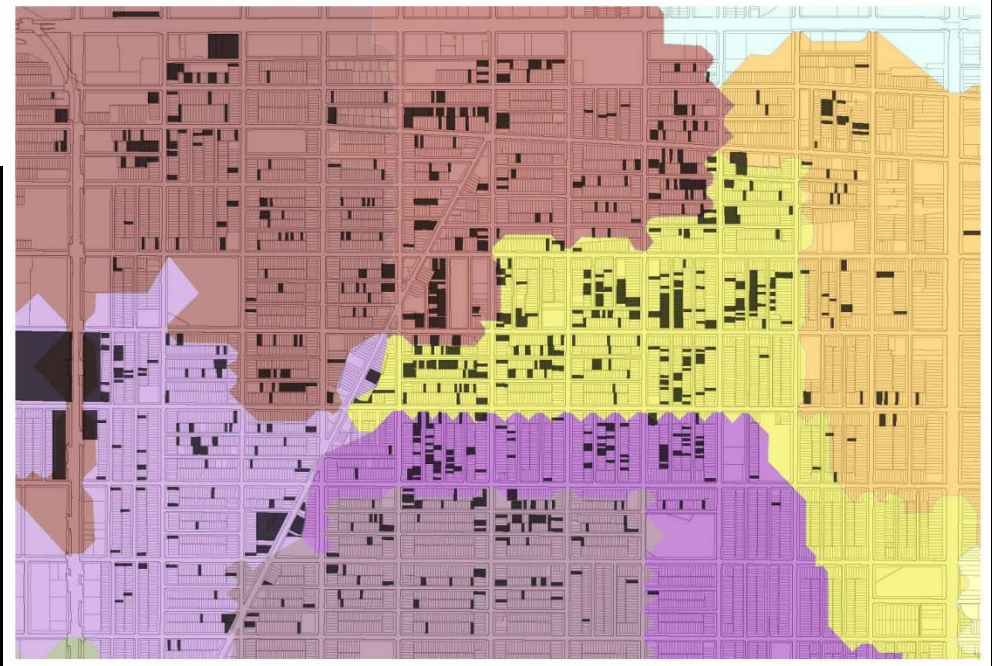
3 SECTION

1/4"=1'

Vacant Land in Philadelphia



Source: Philadelphia Water Department (2010), Econsult Corporation (2010)

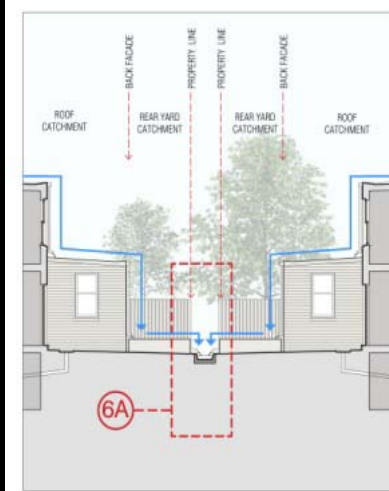


Sample simulations:



1 SITE PLAN - EXISTING DRAINAGE

1"=40'



4 ALLEY SECTION

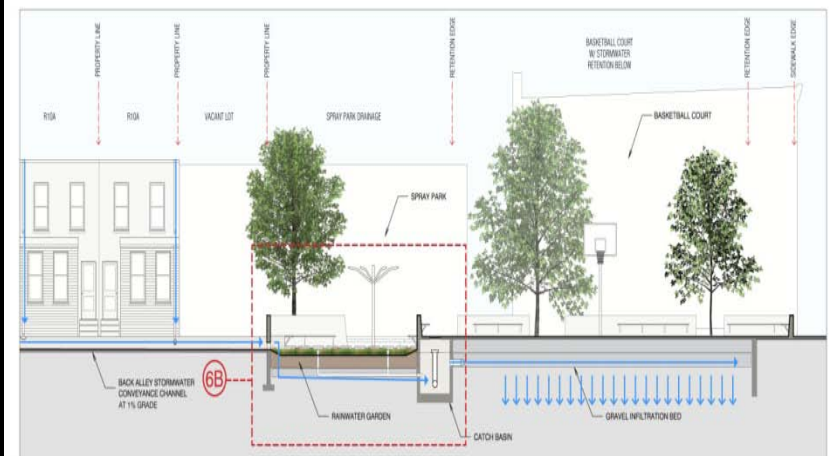
1/8"=1'

Model 2: Also allows PWD to manage residential stormwater on publically owned vacant parcels of land



2 SITE PLAN - PROPOSED DRAINAGE

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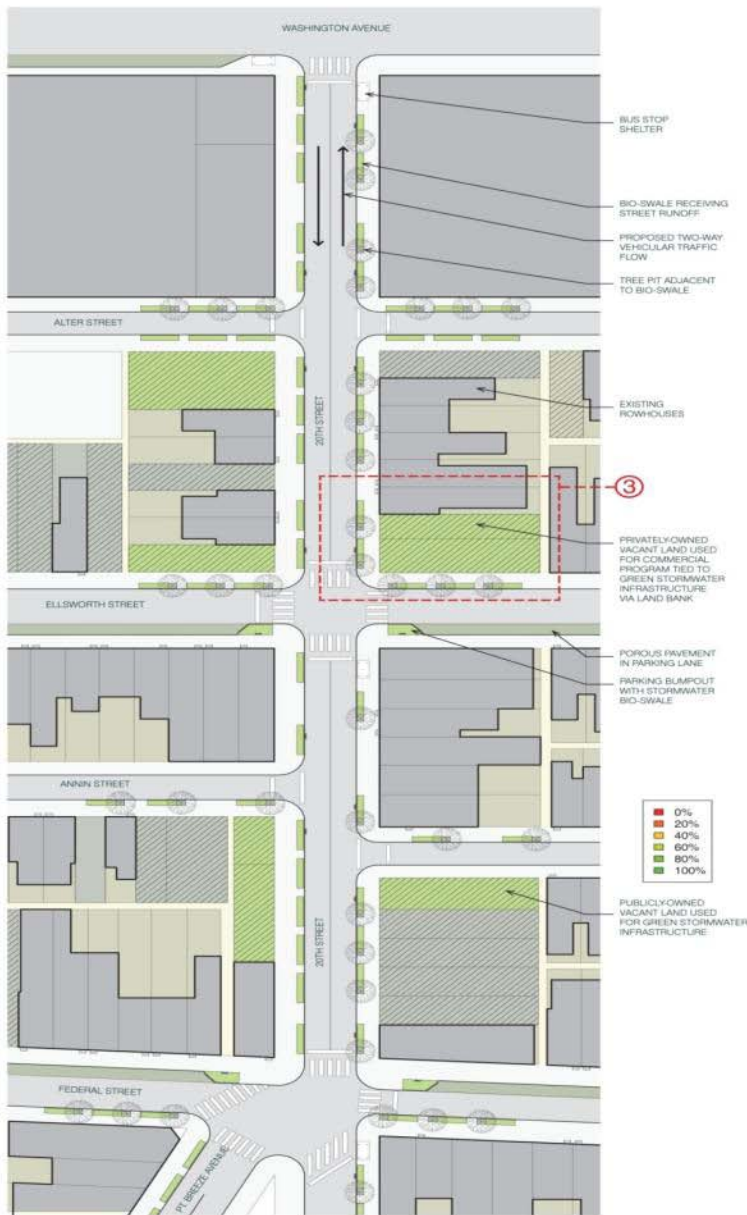


5 BLOCK SECTION

1/8"=1'

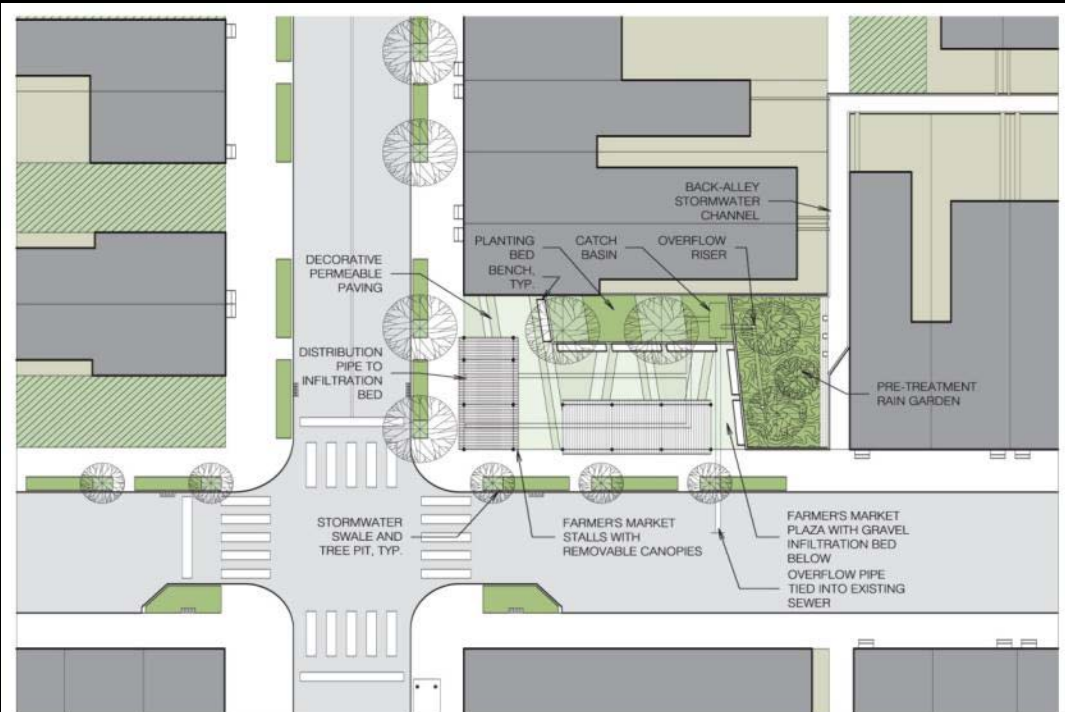
Sample simulations:

Model 3: Adds in a GSI banking program whereby a third party acquires privately owned vacant land and sells GSI credits to offset stormwater impacts of development elsewhere



2 SITE PLAN -20th SREET GATEWAY

1" = 40'



3 SYNERGY 1 - LAND BANK PARCEL + COMMERCIAL PROGRAM

1" = 20'

Visualization of Results (sample run)

Setup GO Reset Sim

Create and parameterize spatial agents
Make physical domain

Create and parameterize social agents
Make social domain

Global parameter inputs
Setback_ft: 10

conTL2VL: On/Off conTL2GD: On/Off
conTL2P: On/Off conTL2PG: On/Off

Analyze GI potential by address block
Calc STBLK RG Opps

Set run parameters
PWDStrategy: Private GI
PercentG: 0.47

OMEscalationRate: 0.02 MarketInc: 0.04

Solution monitors
year: 1 quarter: 1

Real estate monitors
SF sold: 5 # VL sold: 0

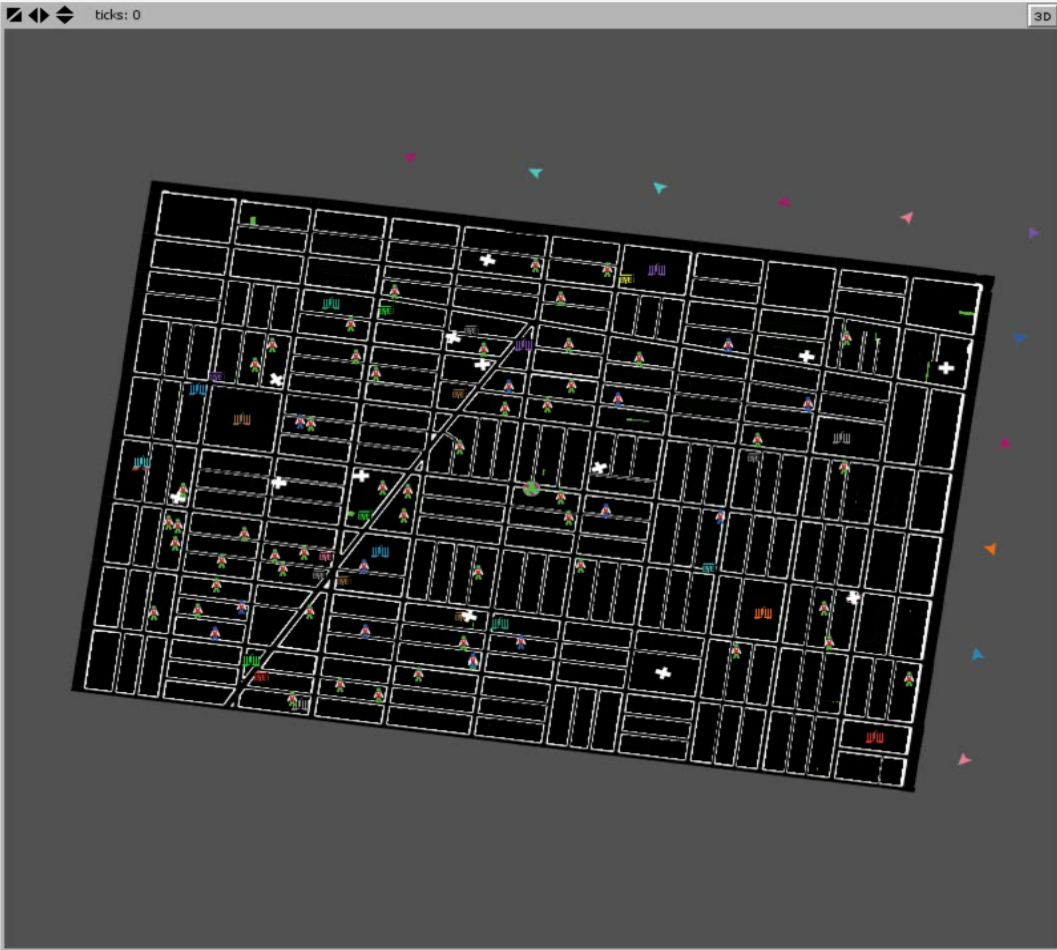
Budget monitors
Annual Budget: 99000 Annual Expensed: 93750 Annual GI O&M costs: 0

Green infrastructure monitors
RG Area: 0 GR Area: 0 ETP Area: 0 PP Area: 0
SCH Area: 0 VL Area: 0 Park Area: 0

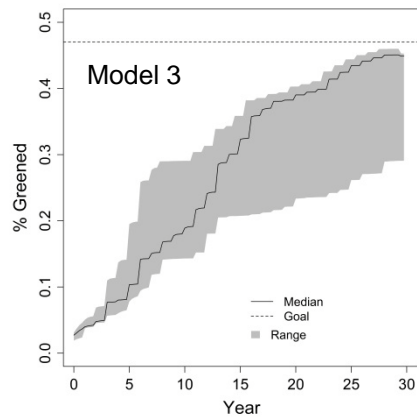
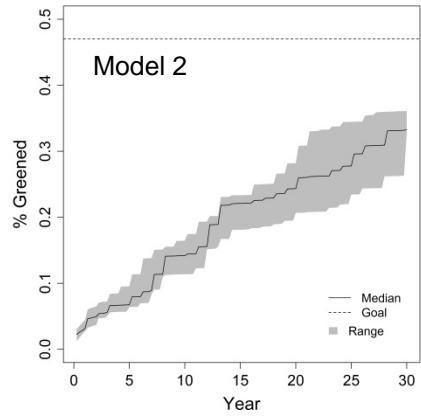
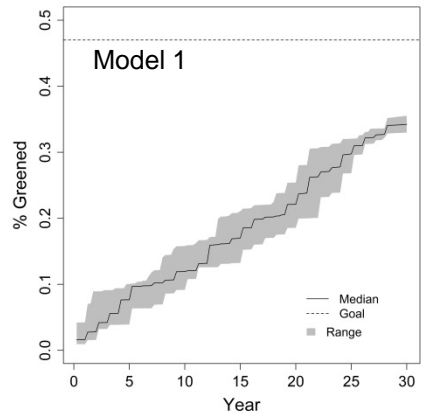
Block Green Fraction
of SIBLs: 0 to 337 %: 0 to 1

GA Implemented
Acres: 0 to 10 Quarter: 0 to 10

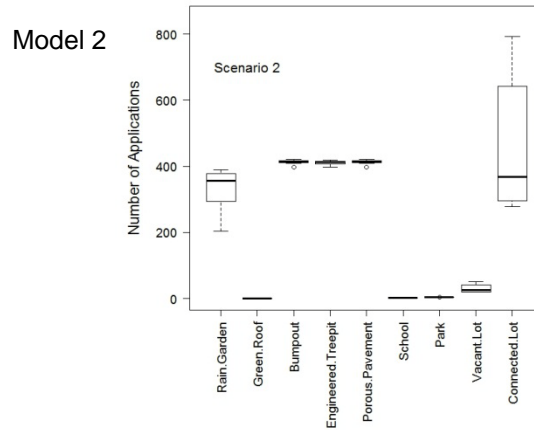
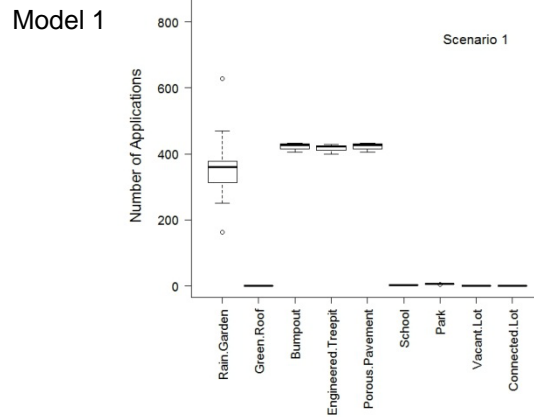
PWD costs
Cost (\$): 0 to 103000 Quarter: 0 to 10



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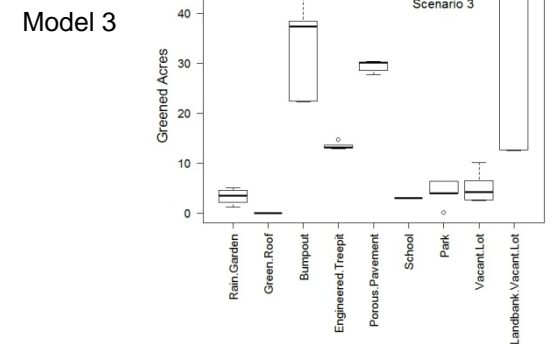
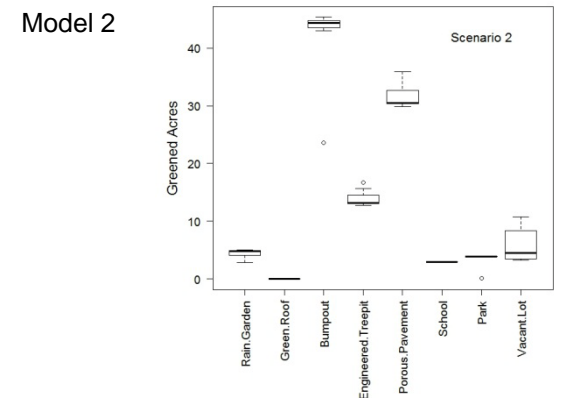
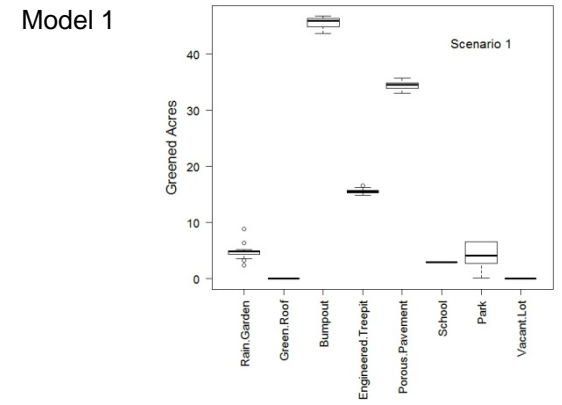
Frequency of Different GI Strategies After 30 Years



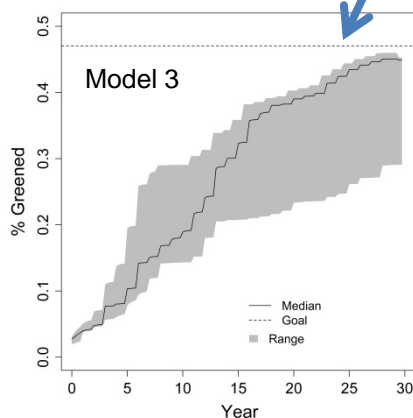
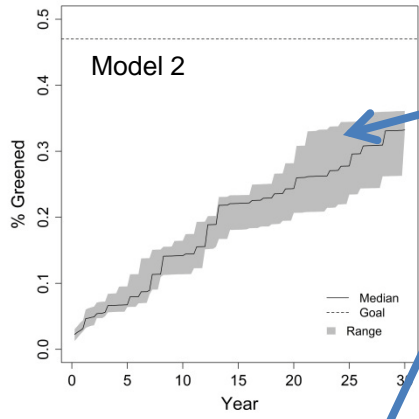
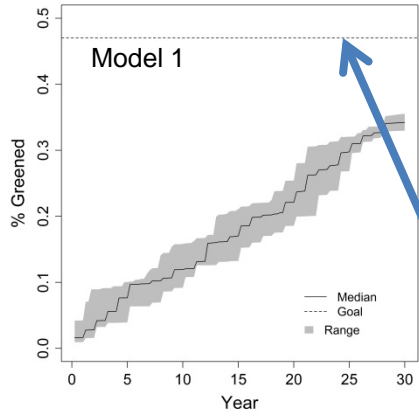
Model 3

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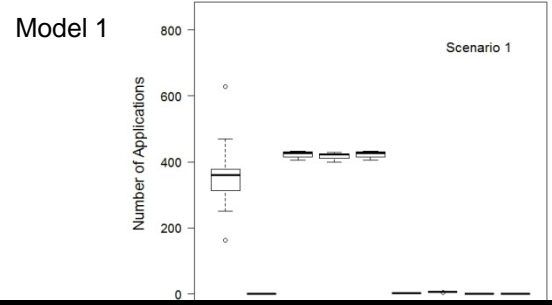
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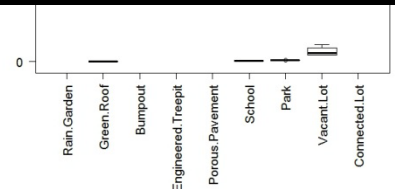


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Only Model 3 gets close to achieving the 47% goal

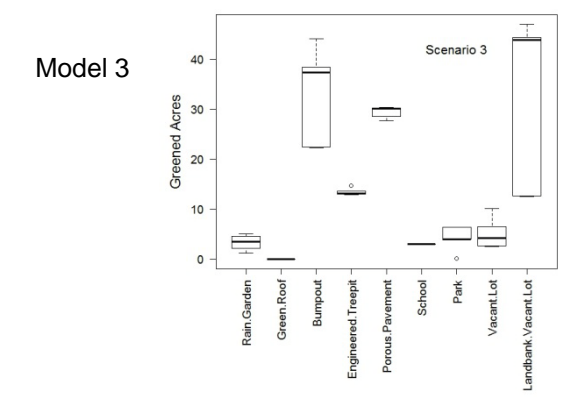
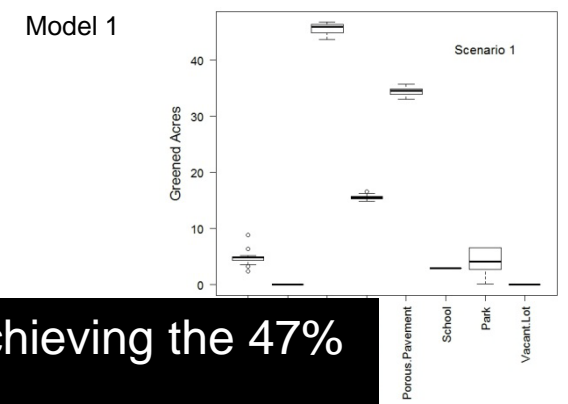
Role of privately-owned vacant land in achieving coverage goals at the neighborhood scale is key



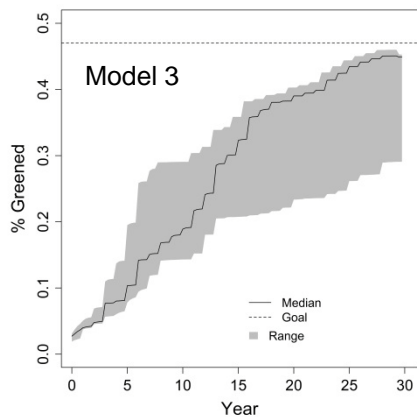
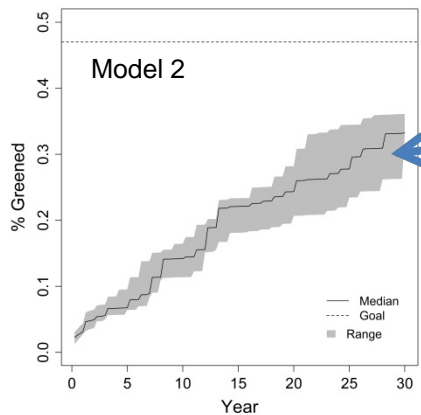
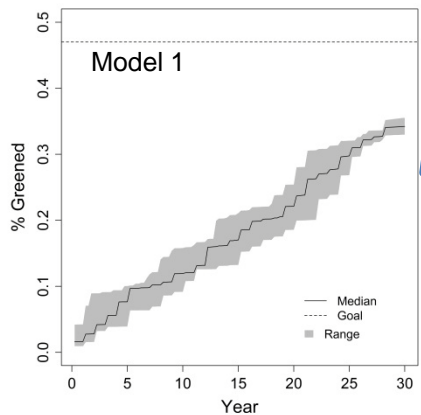
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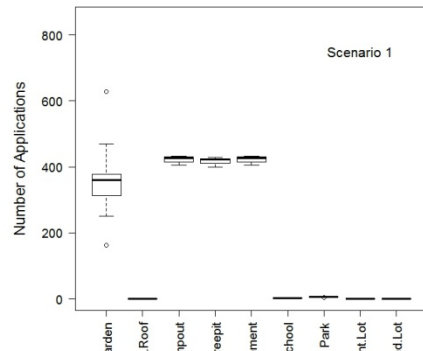


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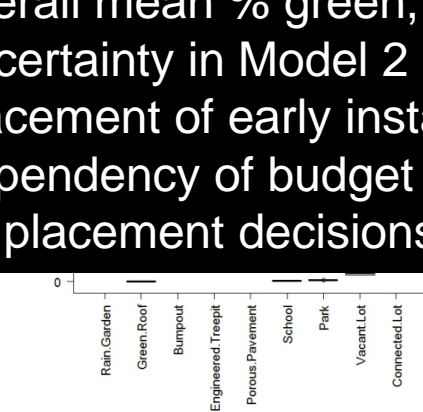


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Model 1



Model 2

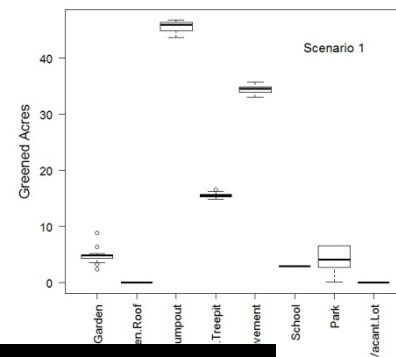


Model 3

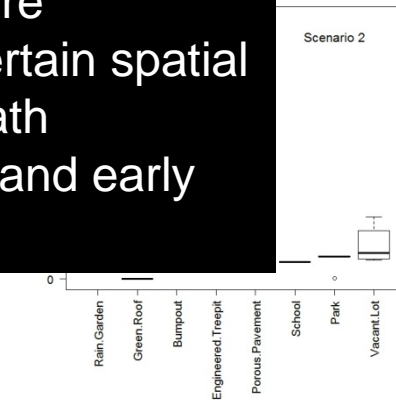
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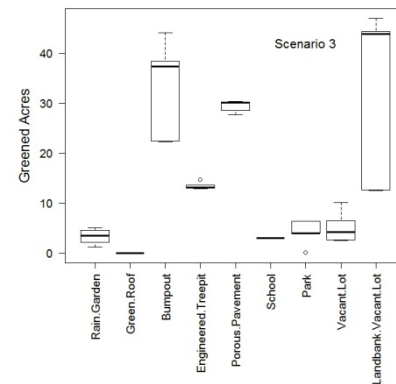
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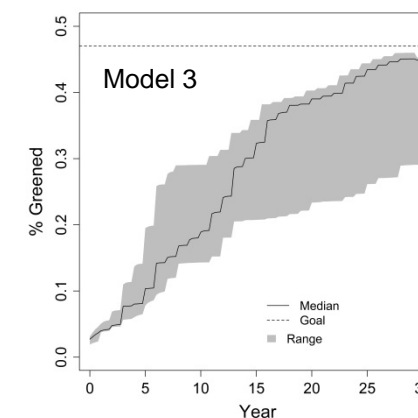
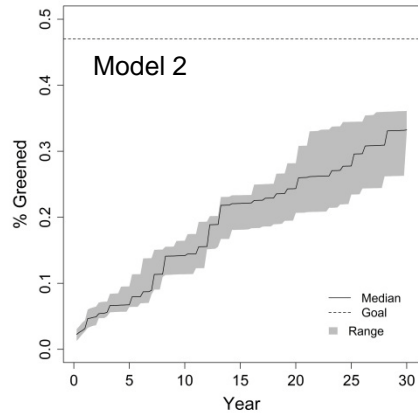
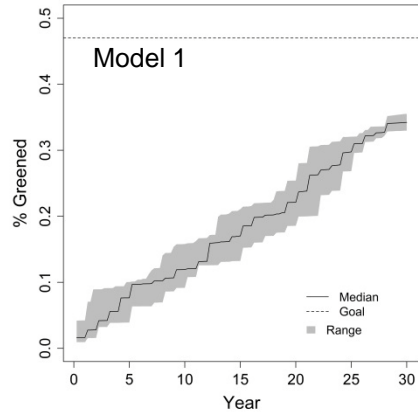


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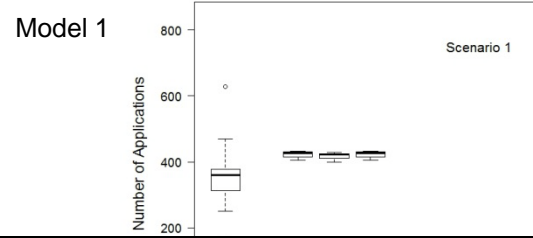


Though models 1 and 2 arrive at a similar overall mean % green, there is more uncertainty in Model 2 due to uncertain spatial placement of early installations (path dependency of budget allocations and early GI placement decisions)

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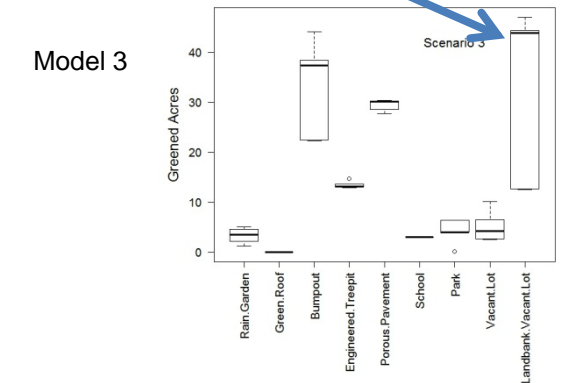
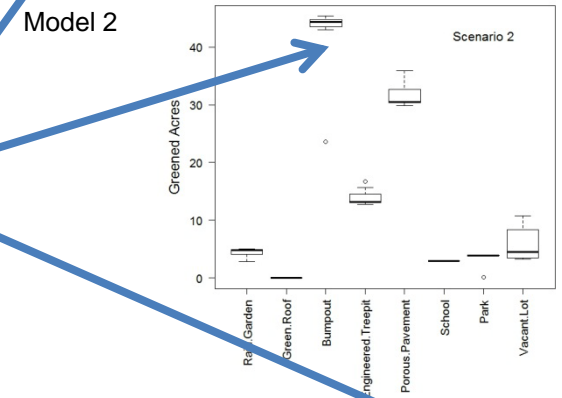
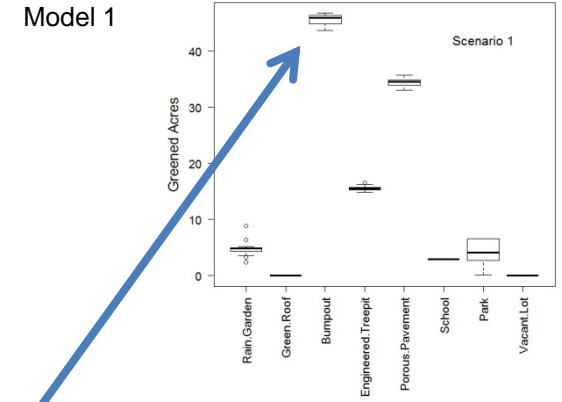


ROW strategies (bump outs and porous pavement) will account for a large percentage of greened acres in all three models

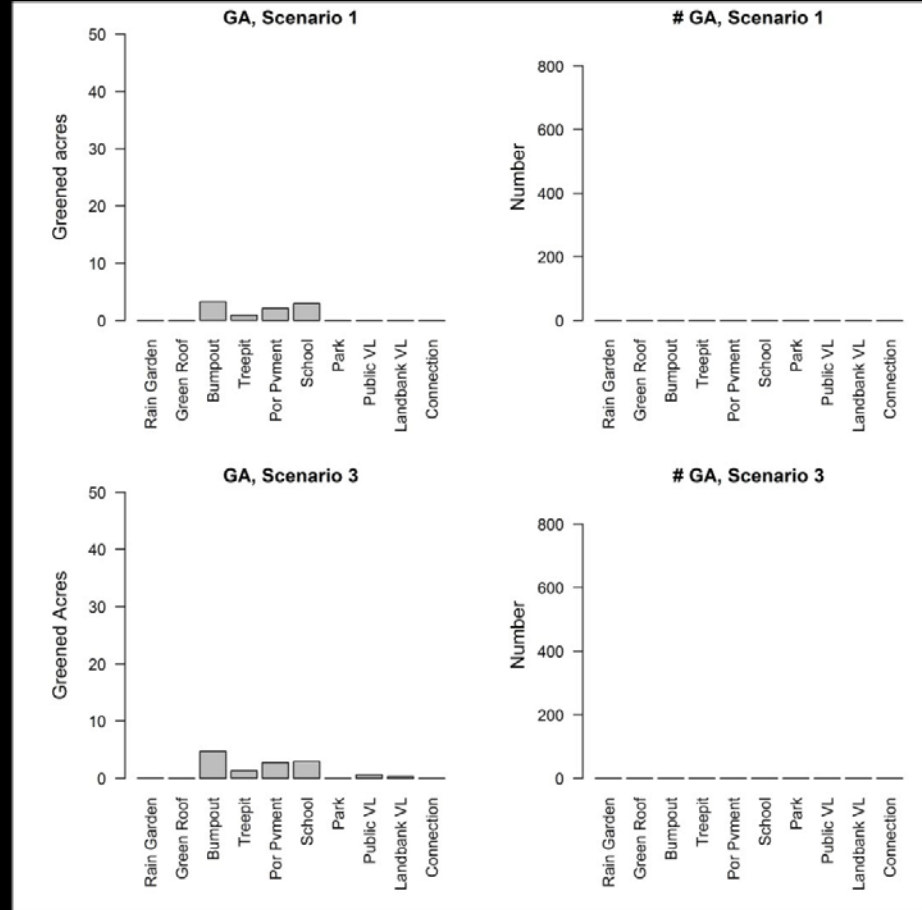
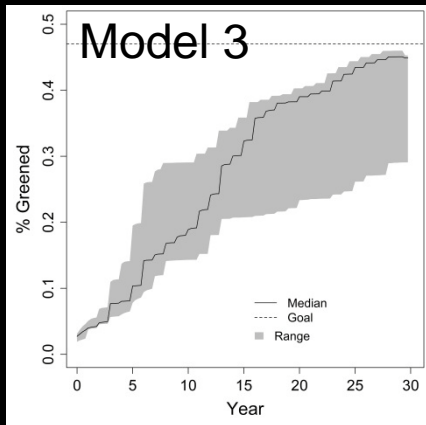
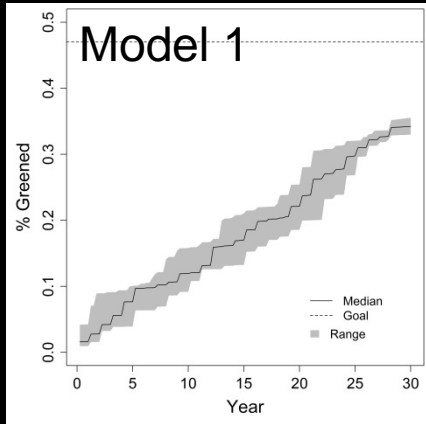
In Model 3, GSI on banked private land could, however, account for even more greened acres

Importance of public/private partnerships for changing the urban watershed

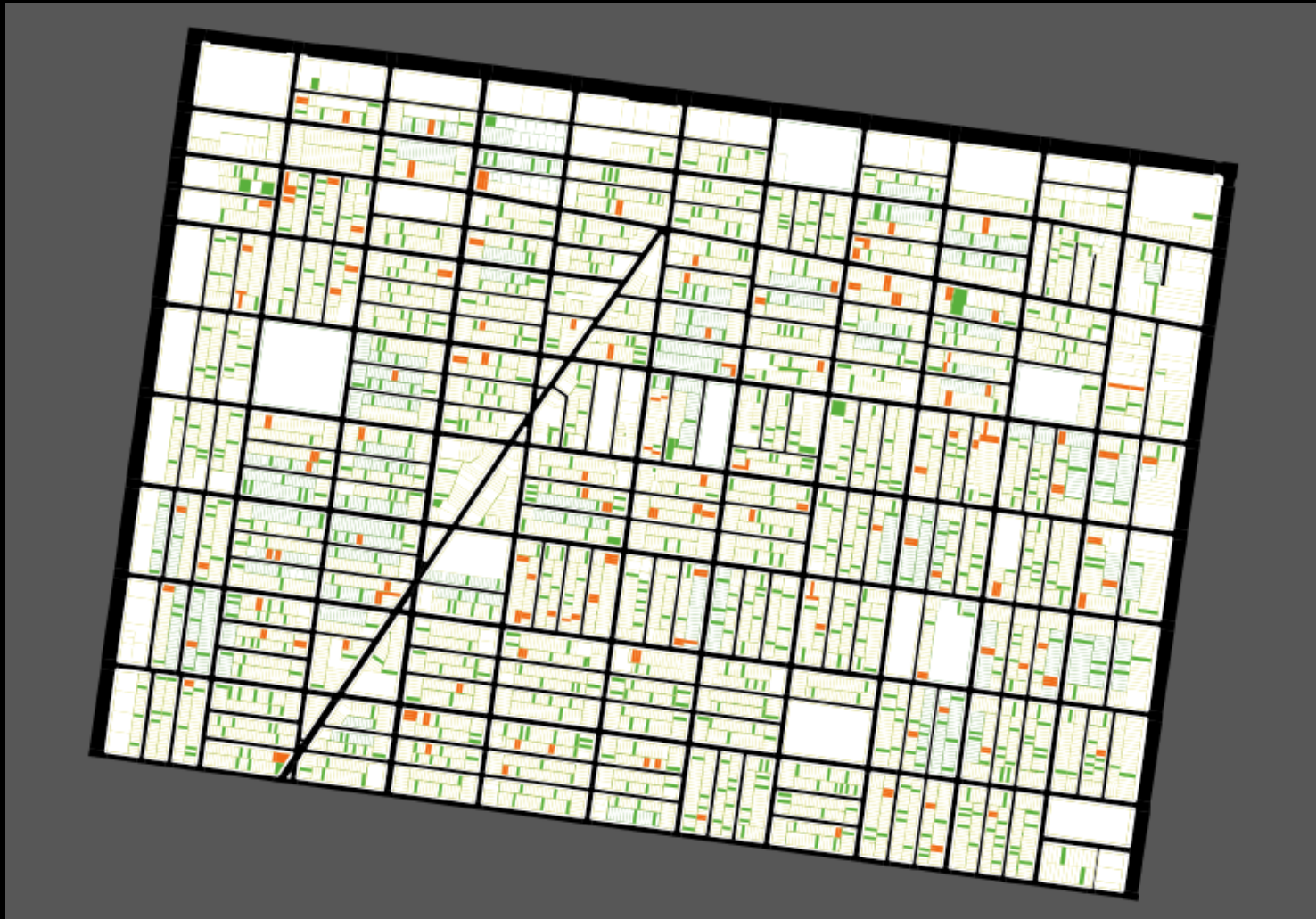
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Animated results



How would the results differ in a neighborhood with a different spatial distribution of vacant land?

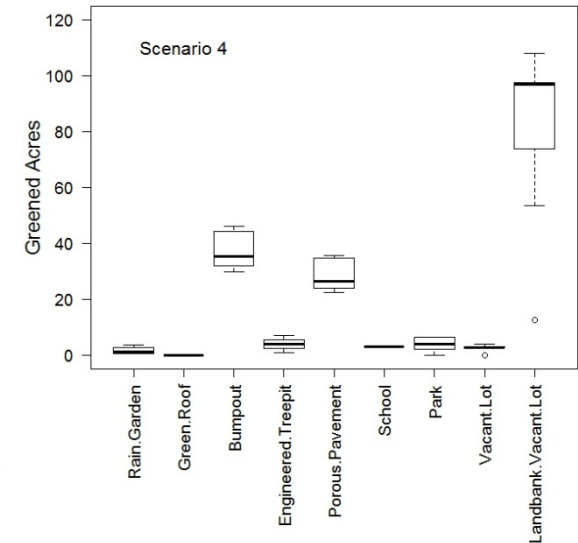
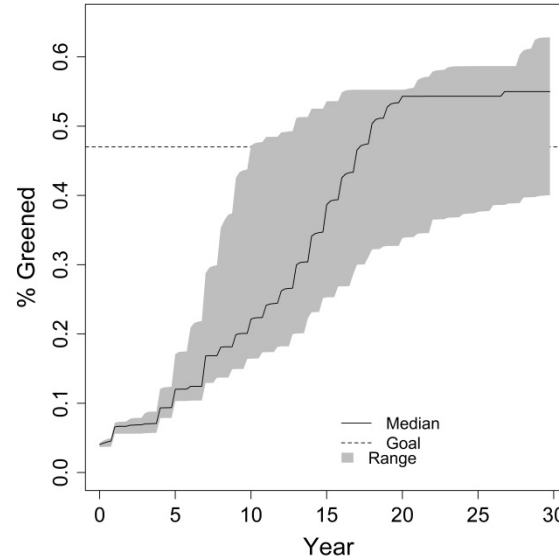
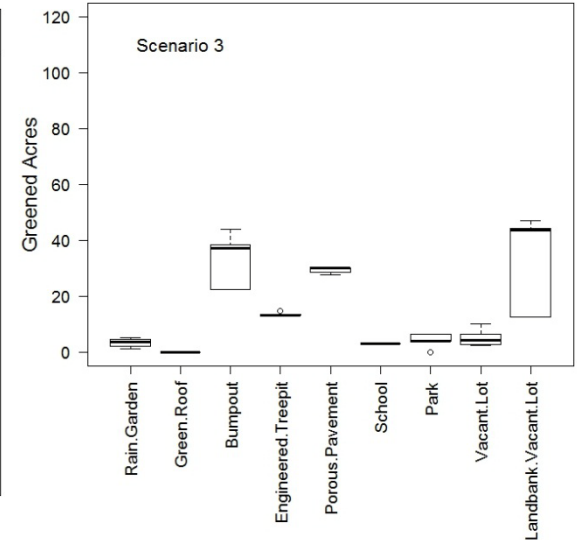
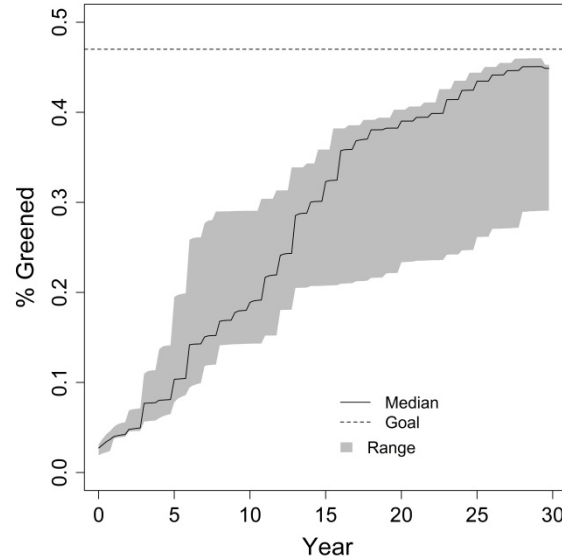


Results

Uniform distribution leads to greater neighborhood greening

Could indicate that dedicating some vacant land to stormwater management could help the city achieve its greening goals....

Can these become new community open-space assets??



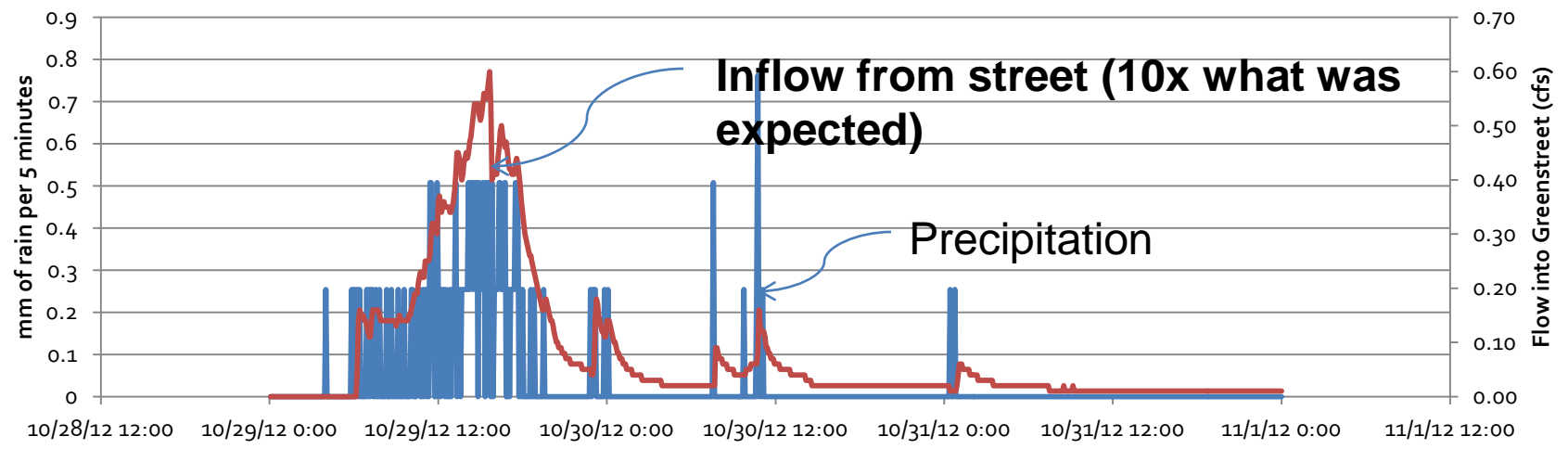
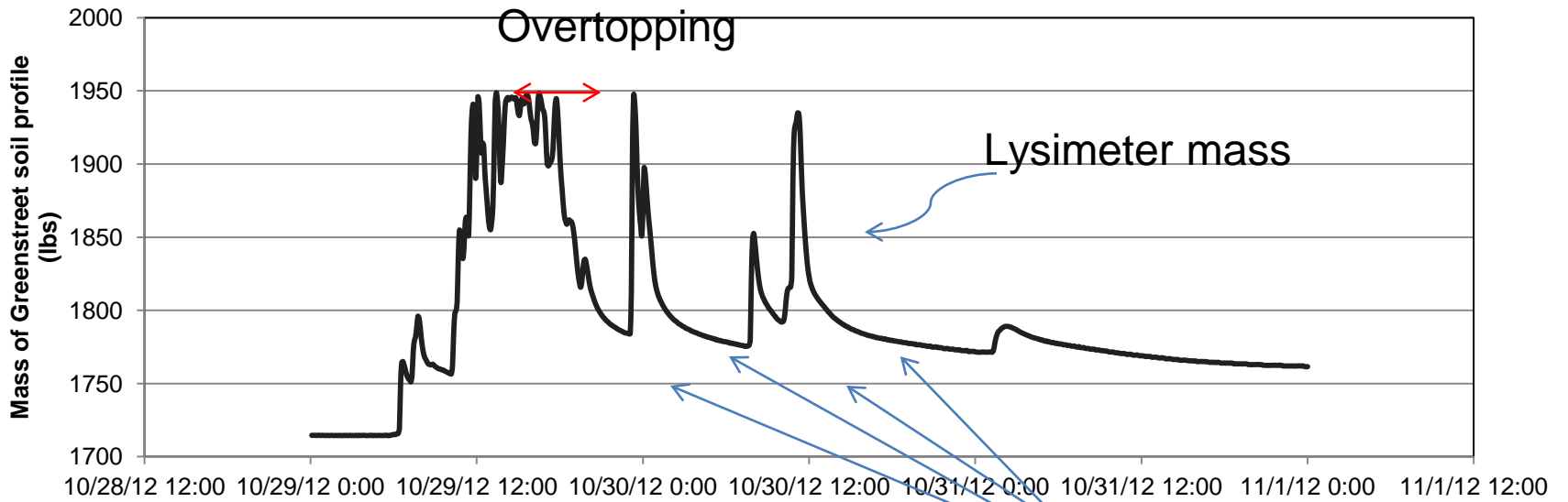
Triple (Quadruple?) Bottom Line

Economic scalability

Ecological benefits

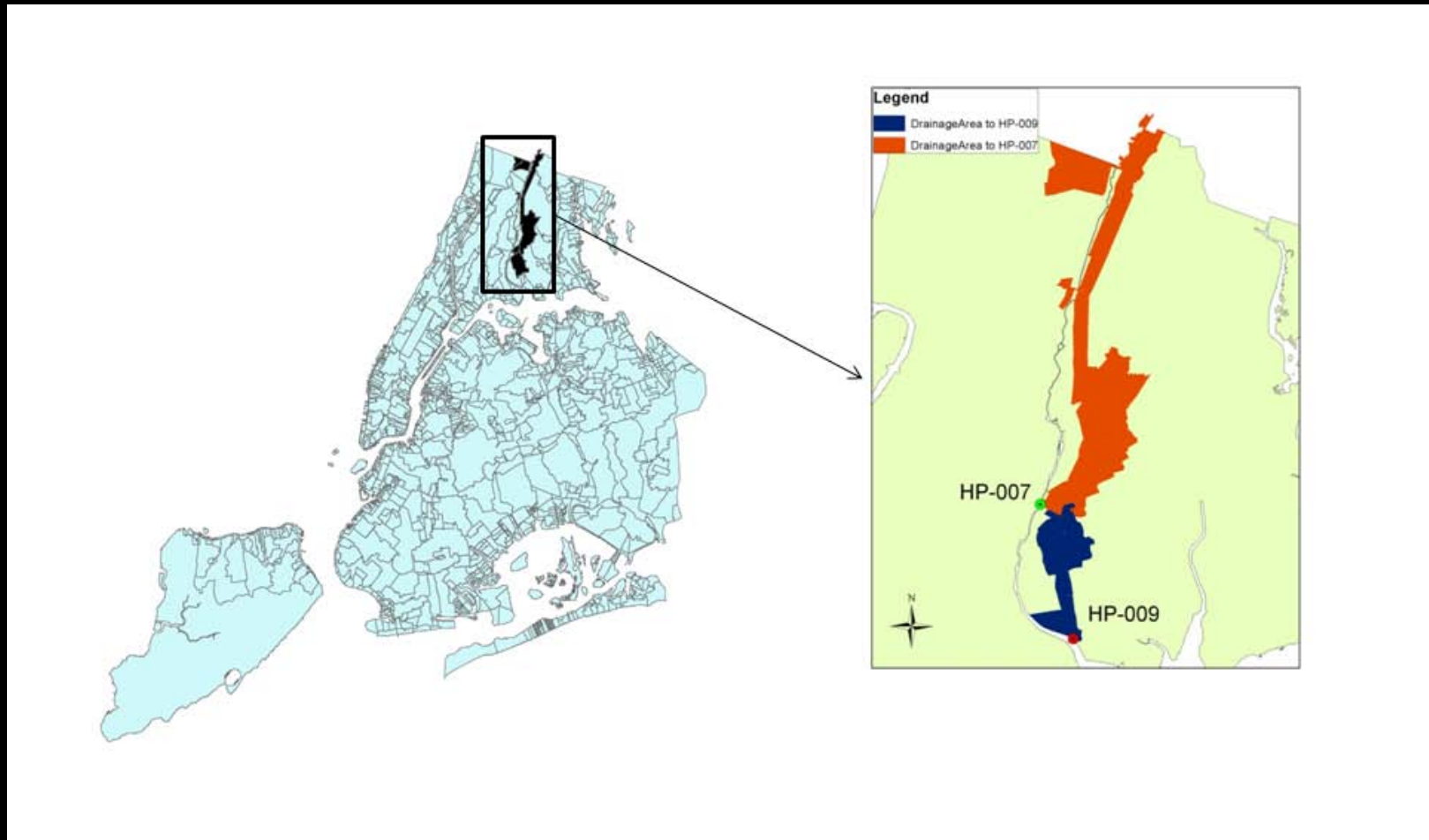
Social value

➔ Climate change mitigation/adaptation value



Mitigation value

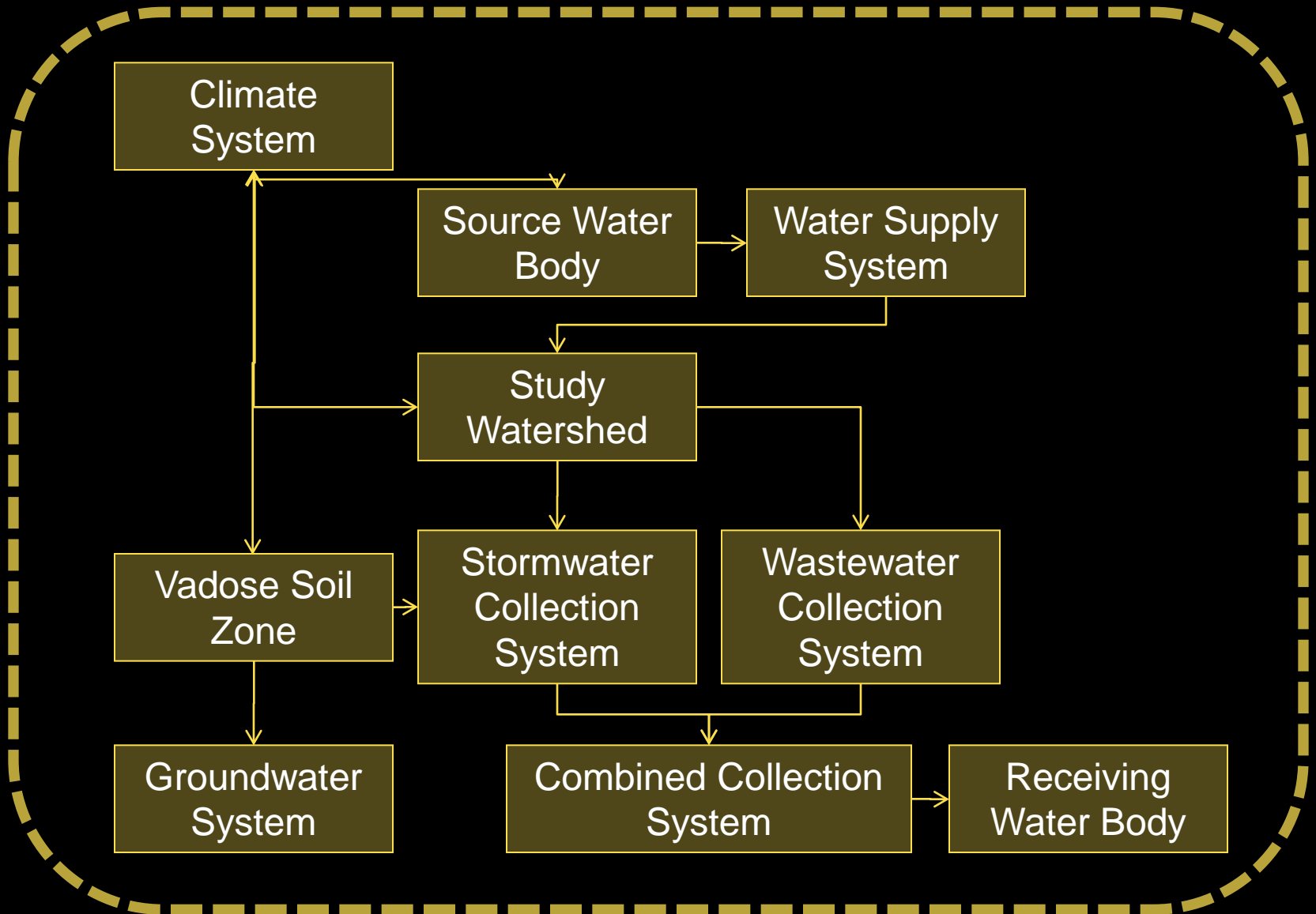
A Life Cycle Comparison of “grey” and “green” approaches to CSO reduction (Bronx, NY)



Three strategies

- Distributed green approach
- Detention tank with pump
- Detention tank with treatment/discharge

Life Cycle Assessments



Analysis considered

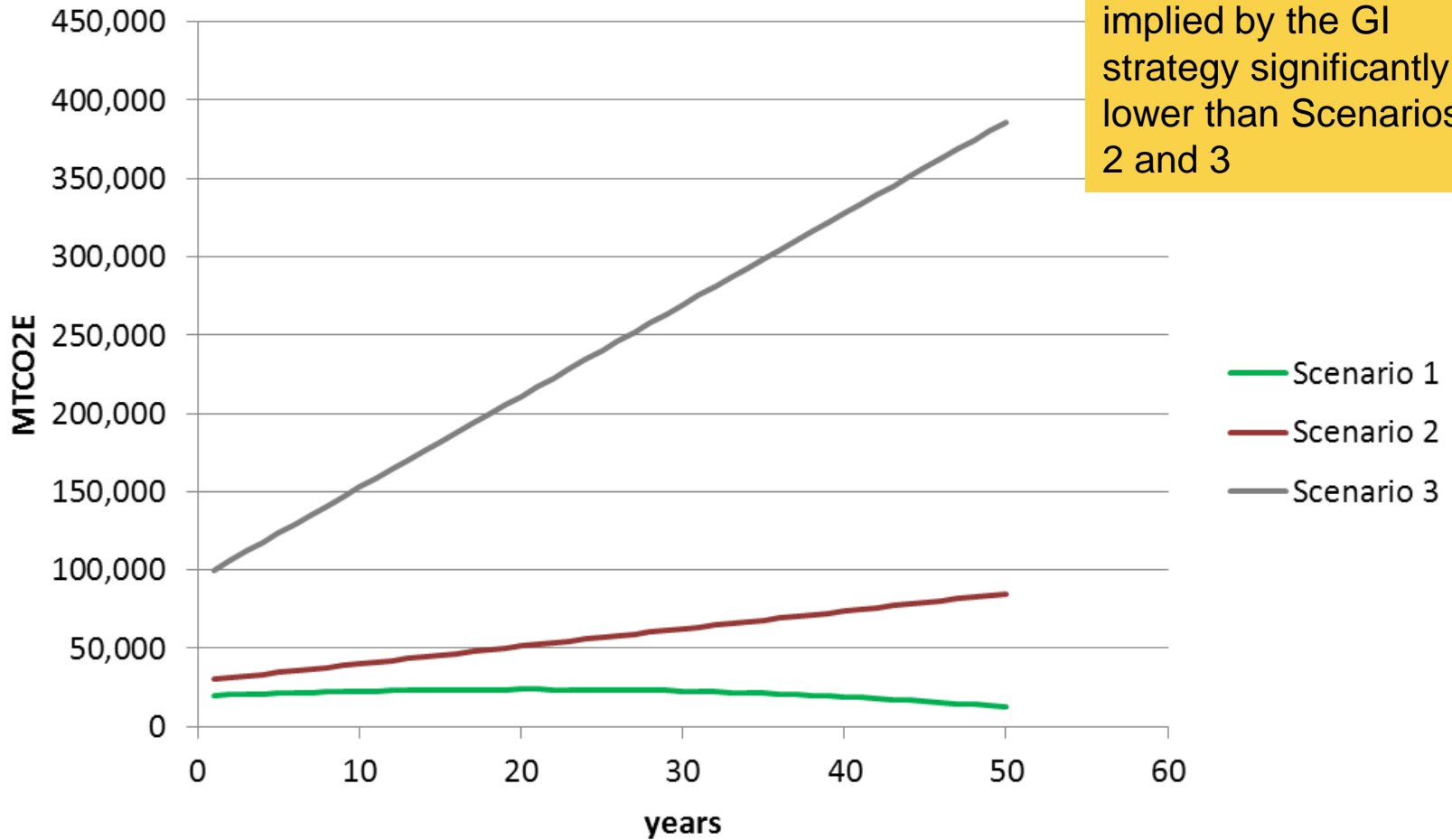
- **GHG released during**
 - Project installation
 - 50 yrs of operation and maintenance
 - At WWTP with the project in place
- **Also considers GHG associated with**
 - Shade provided by trees near residences
 - Wind blocked by trees near residences
 - Carbon permanently sequestered in trees

Watershed modeling

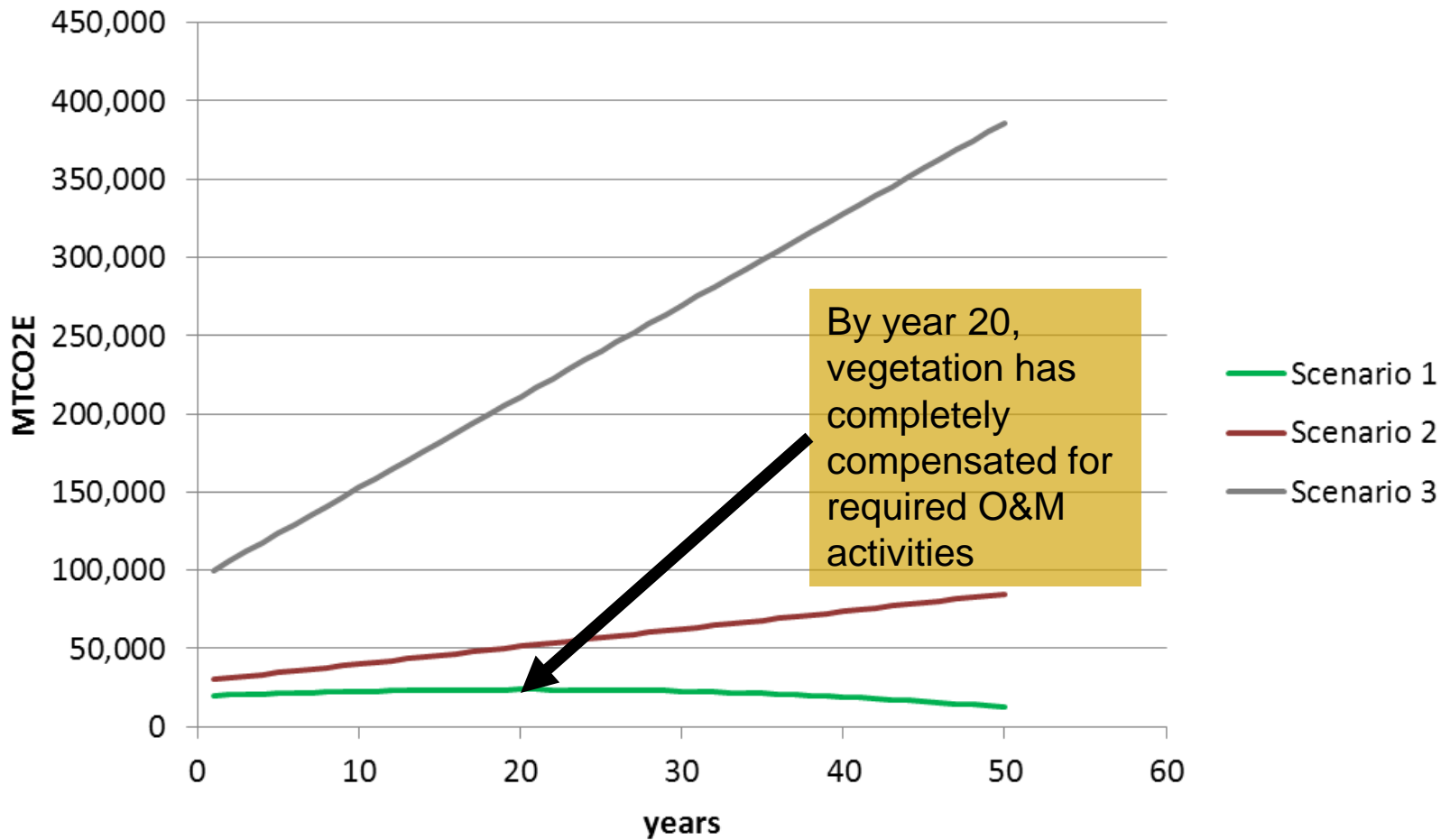
CSO reduction strategy	Change in volume of untreated sewer overflows per year over do-nothing case	Change in flow to the Hunts Point Wastewater treatment plant over do-nothing
1. Green	Down	Up
2. Grey- detention tank	Down	Up
3. Grey- treat and discharge	Down	No change

LCA Comparison

GHG emissions implied by the GI strategy significantly lower than Scenarios 2 and 3

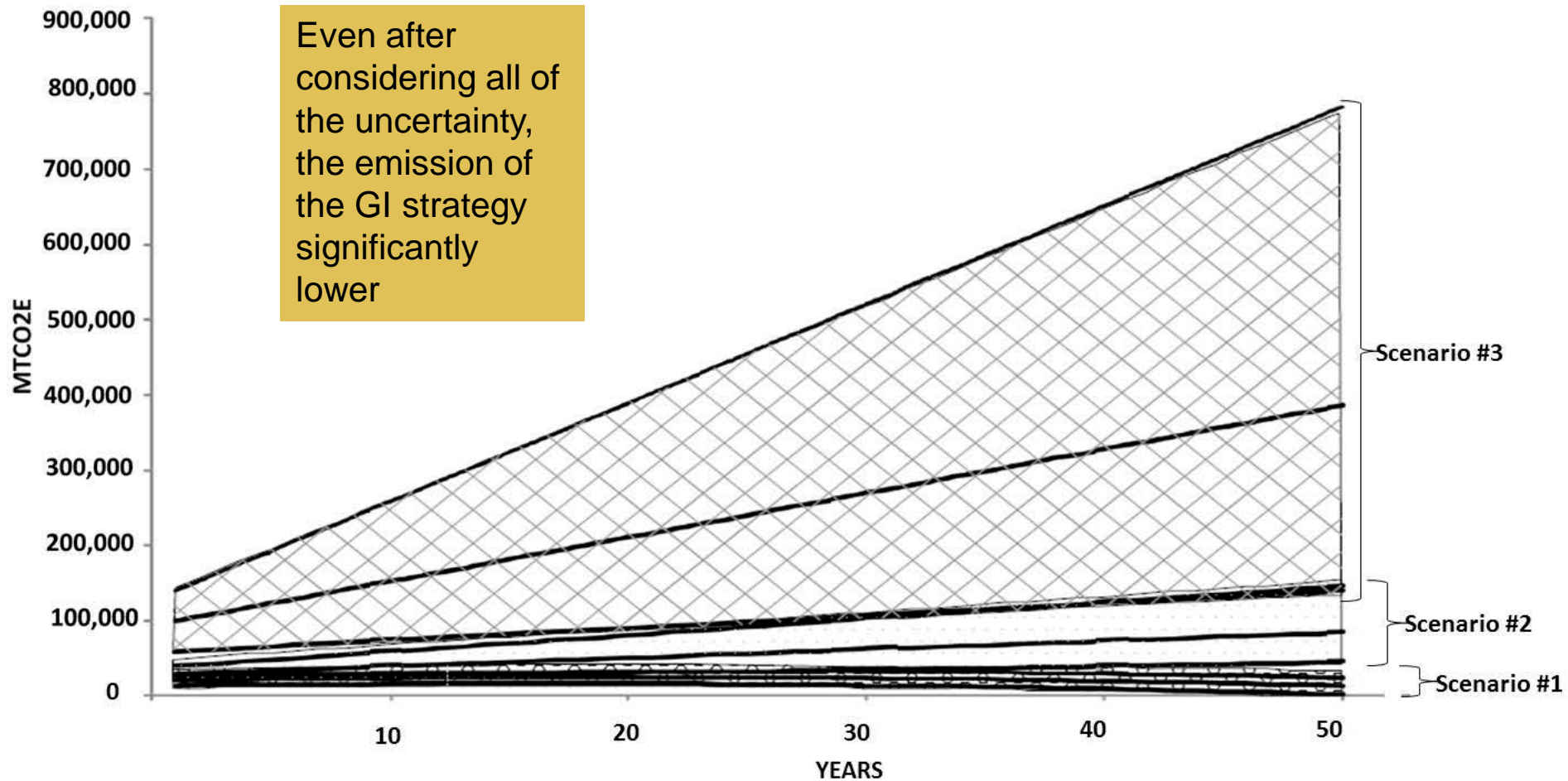


LCA Comparison



Sensitivity Analysis

Even after considering all of the uncertainty, the emission of the GI strategy significantly lower



Concluding Remarks

- Quantification of actual TBL benefits of urban GI is still at the early stages
- At the site and watershed scale, the opportunity for making urban watersheds more functional is great.
- Cost-effectiveness, however, is contingent upon selection of the proper strategy for the site, and creating the right partnerships
- These partnerships are also an opportunity for a wide range of stakeholders to assist in, and benefit from this unprecedented phase of investment in cities



STUDENTS HAVE FUN OPERATING PLAY PUMP

Thanks!



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