

# Green Infrastructure Design Guide – Overview

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- New model guidance document and standards for local agency use in meeting Green Infrastructure Plan provision



# MRP Provisions

- C.3.i(2)(e): General guidelines for overall streetscape and project design and construction so that projects have a unified, complete design that implements the range of functions associated with the projects.
- C.3.i(2)(f): Standard specifications and, as appropriate, typical design details and related information necessary for the Permittee to incorporate green infrastructure into projects in its jurisdiction.

# Existing Documents

- *Sustainable Green Streets and Parking Lots Design Guidebook*, January 2009
- *C.3 Stormwater Technical Guidance*, Version 5, June 2016
- Streets and Parking Lots Guidebook
  - 10 years old
  - Some key details not provided
- Terminology differences
- Some differences in guidance
- Additional technical guidance needed for:
  - non-regulated projects
  - “under-sized” GI treatment measures / elements
- O&M not comprehensive
- Layout & graphic design not consistent

# Guidelines, Standard Specifications and Typical Design Details

Core element of MRP 2.0 requirements for the 2019 Annual Report

- Reorganize and develop new guidance:

- Build from *San Mateo County Sustainable Green Streets and Parking Lots Design Guidebook*
  - CD+A and URD experience through developing other GI guidance and projects
- Reference Best Practice and other Model Documents
- Coordinate with BASMAA Development Committee and GI Design Charrette

- Best Practices
- New Custom Guidance
- Local Experience



# Guidelines, Standard Specifications and Typical Design Details

- Developed with input and feedback from GI Committee
- Emphasis on landscape-based measures
  - See *C.3 Regulated Projects Guide* for elements such as mechanical treatment measures
- Focus on universal aspects and implementation of GI – no distinction between bioretention and infiltration

# Green Infrastructure Design Guide Chapters

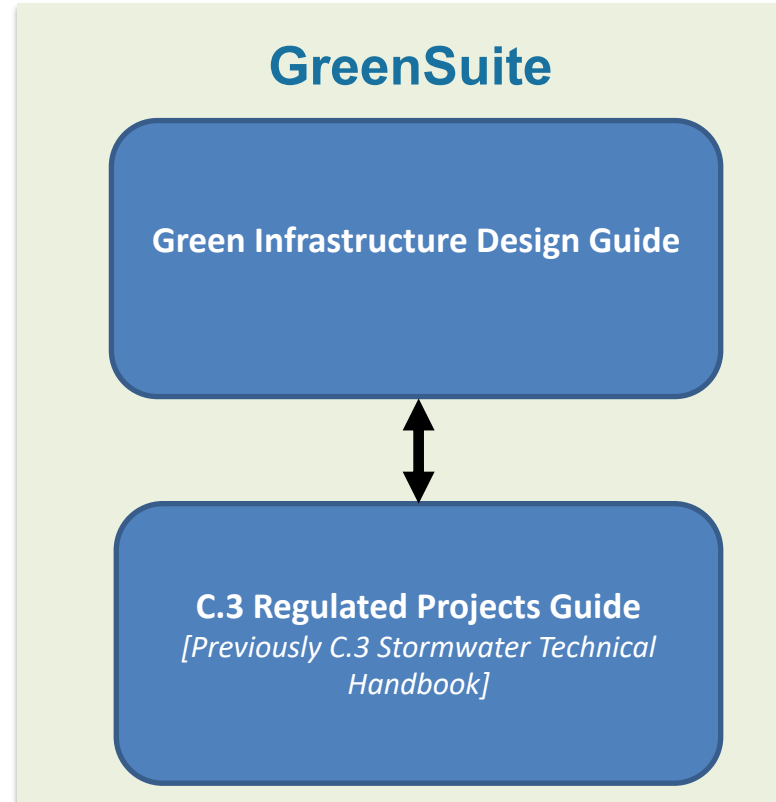
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6. Potential GI Funding Source Analysis & Rec's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Final GI Funding Report</li></ul>
7. Guidance for Sizing GI Facilities in Streets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BASMAA's regional approach for sizing for constrained non-regulated street projects</li><li>• 2 companion documents</li></ul>

# Ch 1 Introduction

- Background “Primer” for those less knowledgeable about GI
- 1.0 Introduction
- Overview
- How to Use
  - Guide for GI design, implementation, and O&M
  - Not for construction activities
  - How to use the GreenSuite and Design Guide
- Principles of GI Stormwater Design
  - Stormwater management goals
  - Benefits of GI





# Ch 1 Introduction

- **1.1 Sustainable Stormwater Design Basics**
  - Regional Projects, Green Streets, Parcel types
  - Case studies
- **1.2 Existing Regulatory Framework & Related Policies and Programs**
  - MRP; C.3 and GI Plans
  - Reasonable Assurance Analysis
  - SMCWPPP
- **1.3 Local GI Policies and Programs**
  - Countywide Stormwater Resource Plan
  - Planning and related Documents
- **1.4 GI Design Functions, Design Considerations, and Strategies**
  - GI Functions
  - San Mateo County considerations

# Ch 2 GI Measures & Opportunities

## 2.1 Introduction

- Toolbox of GI measures
- Opportunities
- GI Measure Applicability
  - locations
  - Type
  - Function

Table 2.1 Green Infrastructure Measure Applicability

Green Infrastructure Measures	Guidance Location	Suitable Green Infrastructure Location				C.3 Regulated Project Type		Primary and Secondary Functions <sup>9</sup>				
		Site	Parking Lot	Building	Street	Stand-alone Treatment	Element of Treatment Train	Infiltration <sup>1</sup>	Bio-Retention	Pollutant Removal	Interception	Detention
Treatment Measures												
Stormwater Planter <sup>2</sup>	2.1	●	●		●	●		■/■	■	■	■ <sup>3</sup>	■/■
Stormwater Curb Extension	2.2		●		●	●		■/■	■	■	■ <sup>3</sup>	■/■
Rain Garden	2.3	●	●		●	●		■/■	■	■	■ <sup>3</sup>	■/■
Tree Well	2.4	●	●		●	●		■/■	■	■	■	■/■
Infiltration Systems	2.5	●	●		●	●	● <sup>6</sup>	■/■	■	■		■/■
Pervious Pavement	2.6	●	●		●	●	●			■		■/■
Green Roof	2.7	●		●		● <sup>4</sup>			■	■	■	
Rainwater Harvesting <sup>5</sup>	2.8	●	●	●		●						■
Alternative Treatment Measures <sup>7</sup>												
Vegetated Swale	2.9	●	●		●		●	■/■		■	■/■	
Green Gutter	2.10	●	●		●			■/■	■	■		
Stormwater Tree	2.11	●	●		●			■/■	■		■	
Site Design Measures												
Interceptor Tree	2.12	●	●	●	●					■	■	
Green Wall <sup>8</sup>	2.13			●					■	■	■	

### Endnotes

1. Where site-specific percolation tests confirm that an infiltration rate of 0.5/hour is realistic, see C.3 Regulated Projects Guide for further discussion.
2. Alternative Term: "Bioretention Swale" – linear bioretention areas, not the same as "Vegetated Swale".
3. Primary Function if trees are included in design.
4. If built to specifications approved by Regional Water Board.
5. Includes cisterns, rain barrels, and other measures and strategies for maximizing use of rain water for non-potable uses such as toilet flushing or landscape irrigation.
6. Some types of infiltration systems require pre-treatment.
7. Alternative Treatment Measures have limited, or currently, no credit towards C.3 regulated project treatment requirements.
8. Not identified as a site design measure in the MRP.
9. See page 1-30 for definitions of these functions.

### Legend

- Applicable Green Infrastructure Measure
- Primary Function
- Secondary Function
- /■ Primary or Secondary Function Depending on Site Conditions and Design

# Ch 2 GI Measures & Opportunities

## ■ GI Measures

- Definition and description
- Why use and constraints
- Opportunities for Buildings, Sites, and Streets
- Special design considerations

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# Ch 2 GI Measures & Opportunities

## 2.9 Green Infrastructure Measures and Opportunities *Vegetated Swales*

**DEFINITION:** Vegetated swales are shallow, linear, and relatively narrow landscaped areas designed with gentle side slopes and bottom areas that capture, slowly convey, and potentially infiltrate stormwater runoff as it moves to downstream discharge points.

Vegetated swales are primarily used to convey stormwater runoff on the land's surface while also providing some water quality treatment. As water flows through a vegetated swale, it is slowed by the interaction with plants and soil, allowing trash, sediments, and particulate-based pollutants to settle out. Runoff in vegetated swales travels more slowly than it would through pipes in a traditional stormwater conveyance system, allowing for some attenuation of peak flows. The longer a vegetated swale is, the greater the residence time for slowing and filtering of stormwater runoff; however, the gradient of the vegetated swale and the use of weirs may affect flow rates. Vegetated swales have some potential to infiltrate stormwater runoff as it moves downstream depending on the specific conditions of the site and through the use of check dams to retain shallow amounts of runoff. Vegetated swales are typically built very shallow and contain runoff that is only a few of inches deep.

Parking lots, streets, and certain site/building locations that have a long, continuous space to support a functioning landscape system are excellent candidate sites for vegetated swales.

Vegetated swales are relatively low-cost compared with standard landscaped areas, simple to construct, and widely accepted as a stormwater management strategy. Vegetated swales can be planted in a variety of ways ranging from mown grass to a diverse palette of grasses, sedges, rushes, shrubs, groundcovers and trees.

For building, site, street, and parking lot applications, vegetated swales can be used in both relatively flat conditions or steeper conditions up to a 5% longitudinal slope.

For regulated projects, vegetated swales can only be used for conveyance or pre-treatment as they are not a regulated treatment measure unless they are part of a treatment train; see the C.3 Regulated Project Guide for more details.

◀ This parking lot in San Mateo County utilizes a vegetated swale to manage a large portion of impervious area runoff.



### The Anatomy of a Vegetated Swale

- 1 Cross section is parabolic or trapezoidal with defined side slope conditions
- 2 Side slopes are ideally set at a 4:1 slope (3:1 maximum)
- 3 For street conditions, use a 12-inch flat shelf transitioning between the curb or pavement and the slope when used adjacent to a parking lane, bicycle facility, or sidewalk
- 4 6" preferred, maximum of 12" of stormwater runoff retention
- 5 Imported soil mixture (see C.3 Regulated Project Guide for soil specifications)
- 6 Native soil condition (an underdrain system may be needed with some native soil conditions)
- 7 Vegetated swales can be either infiltrative, or use bioretention/flow-through with an underdrain system

### Why Choose Vegetated Swales?

- Can complement the rural and semi-rural character that exists in several San Mateo County communities.
- Can provide vegetation that buffers pedestrians and bicyclists from moving vehicles.
- Provides vegetation along streets, buildings, and parking lots which can increase community identity and soften the look of a built space.
- Can include trees that provide protection from sun, fostering a pleasant environment.
- They often require less infrastructure to build and are simple and inexpensive to construct.
- Are excellent choices for new residential and commercial development and can be easily retrofitted within parking lots and along street and building frontages.

### Potential Constraints?

- They need long, continuous spaces which can be difficult to find.
- They are often designed to be "too deep" and, as a result, are not aesthetically pleasing.
- Does not meet design standards for regulated projects but can be used as part of a treatment train to transport stormwater to a regulated project treatment measure.
- Difficult to incorporate on street parking with vegetated swales and provide good pedestrian circulation, unless space is provided for people to step out of vehicles and bridging is provided across the vegetated swale.

# Ch 2 GI Measures & Opportunities

## 2.3 Green Infrastructure Measures and Opportunities Rain Gardens



▲ This rain garden at the Sacramento Library front entrance accepts runoff from a large parking lot.



▲ The Brisbane City Hall Rain Garden replaced what was once an under-utilized asphalt space.

### Opportunities for Buildings and Sites

Rain gardens can be retrofitted in a variety of building site applications. Large areas of unused or inefficiently used spaces are prevalent throughout mixed-use, commercial, industrial areas, and residential neighborhoods. These leftover landscape and asphalt spaces are prime candidates for building rain gardens that can accept building runoff. In some cases, rain gardens can be sited to accept runoff from both buildings and parking lots.



▲ A rain garden capturing surface and roof runoff at Laurel Elementary in San Mateo County.

## 2.3 Green Infrastructure Measures Rain Gardens



▲ Check dam slows runoff in sloped street canyons. This rain garden is also used to separate vehicles and bicycle facilities.



▲ An offset and angled intersection was retrofitted to include an extensive rain garden. Storm drain pipes from two streets runoff into the rain garden, which set the design of the rain garden.

### Opportunities for Streets

Rain gardens can be used in a variety of street applications such as wide shoulders, parking areas, and wide centers, industrial areas, and residential neighborhoods prime candidates for installing rain gardens.

Within the roadway, rain gardens can be placed within islands, and in parking lanes or other landscape areas and pavement to park or pavement to plaza project shed between the curb and sidewalk or off-street facility. When designing rain gardens, consider inter-art, or other improvements into the design to provide



▲ This rain garden was a retrofit project specifically to implement green infrastructure, but it also helps enhance the community's character and calm traffic by installing vegetation where access might be used to be.

### Special Considerations for Rain Garden Design

- Pedestrian access across rain gardens may be needed to allow convenient and direct access between two destinations, such as between an on-street parking stall and a building entry. This can be achieved with breaks between rain gardens or using pedestrian bridges constructed of decking, grates, or other acceptable and accessible materials.
- Where space permits, consider rain garden edges having a short flat bench along a pedestrian or bicycle facility and a low gradient slope leading to the bottom of the rain garden. This edge condition, rather than curved side walls, can save construction materials costs as well as present a more garden appearance.
- The top surface of the rain garden should be kept as high as possible; however, the bottom elevation may need to be designed to accept stormwater runoff from existing storm drain pipe outlet elevations.
- For street applications, existing roundabouts, median, traffic islands, and remnant landscape areas may be redesigned and retrofitted as rain gardens to manage stormwater, however, challenges exist when these areas are at high points of the roadway. Significant regrading of the street or additional piped infrastructure may be needed to route runoff to these spaces.
- Trees are encouraged to be planted within rain garden spaces, however, care needs to be taken to not obstruct site visibility, especially for drivers.
- For parking lot conditions, there should be wide enough space between a parking stall edge and a rain garden for people to enter and exit their vehicles without having to enter the rain garden. Widths should be sized based on context and level of pedestrian use, and at least, the minimum accessible path of travel requirements.
- If rain gardens have a vertical drop in grade to manage stormwater volumes, a flat landscaped "shell" curb, and/or low railings can be used to prevent pedestrians or vehicles from entering the rain garden (see Section 3.1 General Design Strategies and Guidelines for additional information on edge treatments).
- For building applications, rain gardens can be either elevated or in-ground to receive rooftop runoff.
- When longitudinal slopes are over 2%, check dams will be needed. For slopes over 5%, the interior of the overall rain garden needs to be terraced.



▲ A rain garden in Village Homes accepts street and site runoff.



▲ This rain garden at the UC Davis campus captures roof runoff and features drought-tolerant plantings.



▲ A large rain garden within a regional park in Los Angeles features a boundary and integrated seating.



# GI Design Guide



## Chapter 3

### Design Strategies and Guidelines

- 3.0 *Introduction*
- 3.1 *General Design Strategies and Guidelines*
- 3.2 *Building and Sites Design Strategies and Guidelines*
- 3.3 *Building and Sites Design Examples for San Mateo County*
- 3.4 *Sustainable Streets Design Elements and Process*
- 3.5 *Sustainable Streets Design Strategies and Guidelines*
- 3.6 *Sustainable Streets Design Examples for San Mateo County*

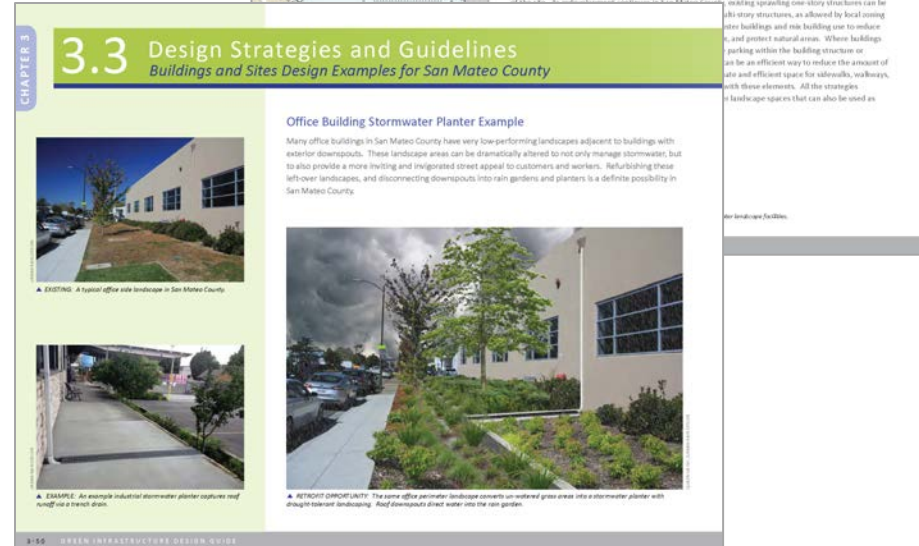
# Ch 3 Intro to Design Strategies and Guidelines

- **3.1 General Design Strategies & Guidelines**
  - For All Locations and For Sustainable Streets
    - Applicable to most GI measures and locations
    - Builds on Ch 2 and Ch 4 design considerations



# Ch 3 Intro to Design Strategies and Guidelines

- **3.2 Building & Sites Design Strategies and Guidelines**
  - Focused building & sites design strategies and guidance
- **3.3 Building & Sites Design Examples for San Mateo County**
  - How can implement GI and what can look like
  - Different contexts and types

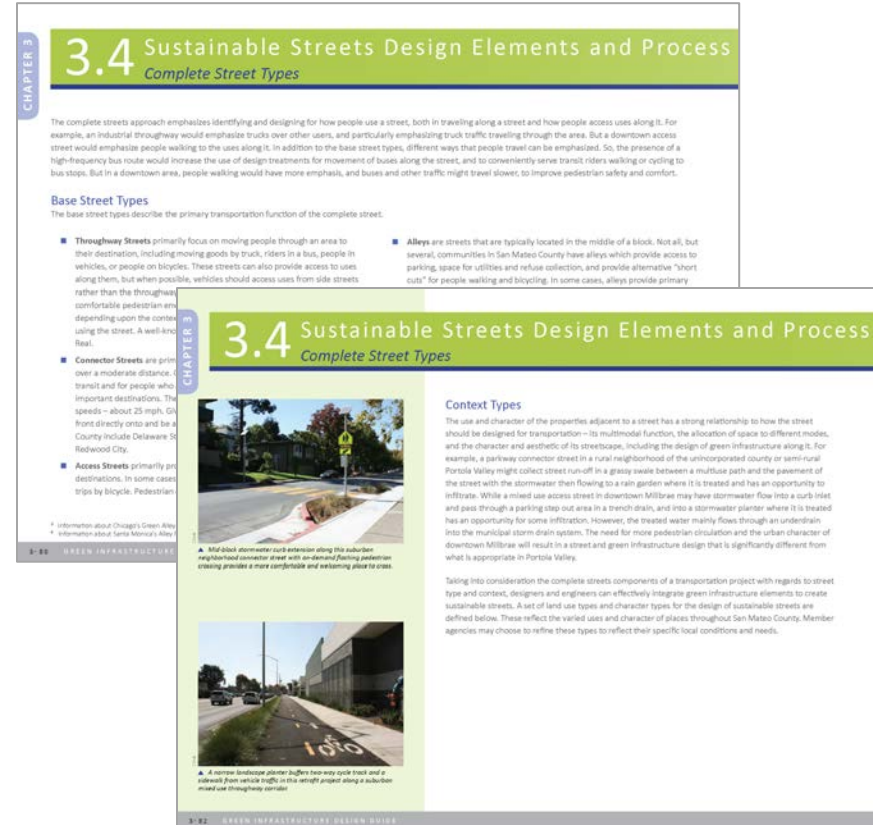




# Ch 3 Intro to Design Strategies and Guidelines

## ■ 3.4 Sustainable Streets Design Elements & Process

- What is a Sustainable Green and Complete Street?
  - Definition
  - Summarizes Complete Street types
  - How to select complementary GI and Complete Street techniques
  - GI measure applicability by street type
  - GI measure applicability by context type
  - GI locations within streets
  - Implementation approach and phases



# Ch 3 Intro to Design Strategies and Guidelines

- **3.5 Sustainable Streets Design Strategies and Guidelines**
  - Focused for GI within street environment
  - More detailed guidance building upon Ch 2 and 4, and Section 3.1
  - Organized by:
    - GI measure
    - General, Green Street, Complete Street

**CHAPTER 3** **3.5 Sustainable Streets Design Strategies and Guidelines**  
*Stormwater Planter*

**General Guidance**

- Existing sidewalks can often be redesigned to manage stormwater with the use of stormwater planters.
- Permeable paving placed within the parking lane of the street or sidewalk can complement the stormwater planter and allow improved management of the street's stormwater runoff.
- Stormwater planters can also be used to medians and other islands including dividers between vehicle and bicycle lanes, roundabouts, and intersection "jockhug" islands.
- In shared streets, stormwater planters can be placed between the vehicle drive area and the primary pedestrian zone, as well as between vehicle travel lanes for traffic calming purposes.
- Stormwater planters within the right of way are typically located between the curb and sidewalk or vehicle lane and primary pedestrian zone in shared streets and take the place of the landscape strip or parkway.
- Can be used on streets with or without parking.

**Green Streets Guidance**

- Locating stormwater planters near and just upstream of drainage inlets will help ensure that street runoff flows to the green infrastructure, because the grade of the street and gutter should already flow to the inlet.

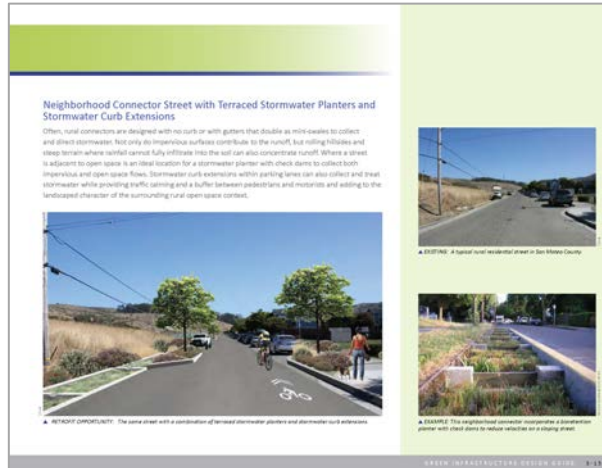
**Locations for Stormwater Planters**

Street Types	Stable Locations
Throughways	
Downtown, Commercial, or Mixed Use Thoroughway	●
Neighborhood or Industrial Thoroughway	●
Parkway	
Connectors	
Downtown, Mixed Use, Commercial, or Urban Industrial Connector	●
Neighborhood or Industrial Connector	●
Parkway Connector	
Access	
Downtown Access	●
Mixed Use Access	●
Neighborhood Access	●
Industrial Access	●
Park Access	
Alley	
Downtown Alley	
Mixed Use Alley	●
Neighborhood Alley	●
Industrial Alley	
Path	
Walkway	●
Shared Use Path	●

**Typical plan of stormwater planter set back from the roadway curb and trees planted outside of the stormwater planters.**

# Ch 3 Intro to Design Strategies and Guidelines

- **3.6 Sustainable Streets Design Examples for San Mateo County**
  - How can implement GI and what could can like
  - Different contexts & street types



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# Ch 4 Intro to Design Strategies and Guidelines

## 4.4 Key Design and Construction Considerations Overflow Options

### Overflow Options

Overflow within green infrastructure systems can be managed in several ways depending on what type of stormwater infrastructure is already available. Try whenever possible to have a viable surface overflow as the primary overflow and the gully system as a secondary overflow. In retrofit conditions, simply allowing water to overflow from the stormwater facility through a curb cut and exit back into the street or parking lot where it can eventually be captured by an existing storm drain inlet is the most cost-effective and least intensive option. Another option for handling overflow is to construct a new storm drain inlet located either within the stormwater facility or immediately adjacent to an existing curb cut.

### Undesirable Overflow Inlet Placement

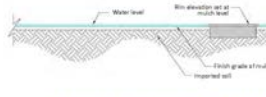
Many projects in San Mateo County have overflow inlets rim fixed at predetermined either too high or too low for optimum stormwater retention. Having a fixed rim risk that infiltration/evaporation of water will occur as planned and leaves no ability to conditions in the future. The illustrations below show the common conditions of too little water due to a fixed inlet rim elevation. The opposite page illustrates options alternatives to maximize the potential flexibility of water retention depths.



▲ The storm inlet rim is fixed at a height of over 8 inches. If this rain garden does not infiltrate or a manhole cover is installed, it could cause the effects of too much prolonged standing water.



▲ Commonly, this stormwater curb extension inlet rim is fixed at the chain grade of rock mulch leaving little opportunity for water retention.



Undesirable Inlet Placement: Fixed Flush with Chain Grade

## 4.9 Key Design and Construction Considerations Soil Preparation, Landscape Grading, and Mulch Placement

### Effective Landscape Grading

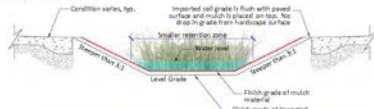
Many stormwater facilities built in San Mateo County are designed to be too deep and with very steep side slopes. These types of conditions have permanent operation and maintenance consequences including erosion issues, plant dedication, and difficulty to physically access plant material. For future projects, it is best to design facilities with gradual side slopes and shallower depth facilities to help limit erosion, better mimic natural landscape conditions, and promote more flat space for water contact. The type of green infrastructure facility may need to be reconsidered to have curb walls rather than side slopes in narrow locations to limit the issues associated with erosion, constrained areas for tree planting, and other conditions. See below for grading comparisons.



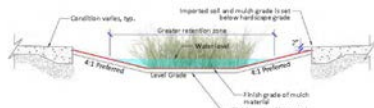
▲ This newly installed green infrastructure facility will have consistent problems with erosion control and plant health issues because of steep side slope conditions (steeper than 3:1 slope).



▲ This rain garden is graded very shallow to allow grading of water, but it is not necessarily deep or have steep side slopes. Unfortunately this rain garden will perform better over time and will be easier to maintain.



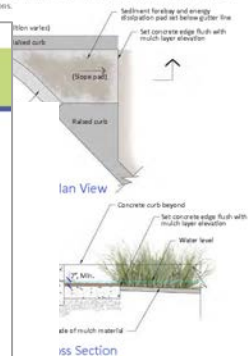
Undesirable Grading Scenario: Steep Slopes/Deep Facility



Optimum Grading Scenario: Gentle Slopes/Shallow Facility

### Sediment Forebays for Stormwater Curb Extensions

Because streets are typically the primary conveyance system of stormwater runoff within the urban watershed, they often produce and transport the highest sediment load. For this reason, special consideration should be made to allow for a suitable sediment forebay for stormwater curb extensions receiving gutter flow. The sketches below illustrate some basic guidance on sediment forebays for stormwater curb extension applications.



▲ This stormwater curb extension has no concrete forebay. Sediment build-up and blocks runoff from entering.



▲ This stormwater curb extension has a concrete forebay that captures sediment that is removed regularly.



▲ While this is a good concrete pad, the elevation needs to be lowered at least 2 inches to allow for sediment capture.

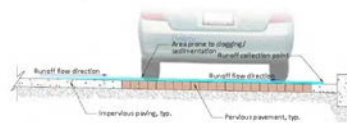
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## 4.10 Key Design and Construction Considerations Effective Placement of Pervious Pavement

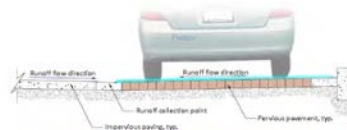


### Effective Placement of Pervious Pavement

Pervious pavement works the best and is easiest to maintain if it only receives direct rainfall on it rather than run-on from adjacent impervious areas. When an impervious area runs onto pervious pavement it carries sediment loads that clog the pores of the pavement or the joints between the pavers depending on the type of pervious pavement. If pervious pavement is used, try to direct runoff away from the pervious surfaces to help reduce sediment transport. See sketches below.



Undesirable Pervious Pavement Placement: Impervious Area Run-on



Optimum Grading Scenario: No Impervious Area Run-on



## 4.12 Key Design and Construction Considerations Sizing of Green Infrastructure Facilities

### Standard Sizing Methodology

MPF Provision C.3.d specifies minimum bioretention sizing requirements for stormwater treatment measures at regulated projects. Regulated projects must treat the water quality design flow or volume of stormwater runoff through infiltration, bioretention, or capture and use. Certain regulated projects must also meet the sizing requirements for hydromodification management (HDM) in Provision C.3.g, depending on the location and amount of impervious surface created and/or replaced on the site.

Chapter 5 of the **C.3 Regulated Project Guide** contains detailed procedures for sizing specific stormwater treatment measures using volume-based sizing criteria, flow-based sizing criteria, or a combination flow and volume approach. The volume-based design standard is capture and treatment of 80% of the annual runoff (the small, frequent storm events.) There is also a simplified sizing method for bioretention in which the surface area of the treatment measure is equal to 4% of the contributing impervious area, i.e., a sizing factor of 0.04.

In general, green infrastructure facilities are required to meet the same sizing criteria as regulated projects. Green infrastructure should be sized to treat the C.3.d flow and/or volume of runoff from contributing impervious surface areas in the public realm (e.g., street, sidewalk, parking lot, etc.) as well as portions of adjacent parcels that drain to those areas if necessary. If site constraints in the public right-of-way prevent sizing green infrastructure to meet C.3.d sizing requirements, the alternative sizing methodology described below may be used.

<sup>1</sup> This sizing factor is based on a permeability of 0.1 inches per hour (in/hr) through the bioretention soil media and a rainfall intensity of 0.2 in/hr, as specified in MPF Provision C.3.d.

### Alternative Sizing Methodology for Street Projects

Recognizing that green infrastructure in the public right-of-way may not be able to meet the standard sizing methodology due to constraints such as lack of space, utility conflicts, or other factors, the MPF allows non-regulated green street projects with documented constraints to use an alternative sizing methodology. SASMAA has developed regional guidance for alternative sizing, based on a hydrologic modeling analysis, with sizing curves for the minimum bioretention surface area needed to provide treatment of 80% of annual runoff (per C.3.d) and design approaches to use when the C.3.d sizing requirements cannot be met.<sup>1</sup>

The hydrologic analysis report provides an equation to calculate the minimum bioretention sizing factor to meet C.3.d based on the mean annual precipitation (MAP) of the project site:

$$\text{Sizing Factor} = 0.00060 \times \text{MAP} + 0.0086$$

Where: Sizing factor is the ratio of the surface area of the bioretention facility to the impervious area contributing runoff

Based on this equation, green street bioretention facilities in some areas of the County can be sized with as low as a 2% sizing factor and still meet the C.3.d sizing requirements.

If a green street opportunity is constrained such that the minimum sizing factor cannot be achieved, understated green infrastructure measures may still be worth constructing to provide some water quality, runoff reduction, urban greening, or other community benefits. The sizing curves in the SASMAA guidance can be used to determine what percentages of the C.3.d volume are treated in smaller facilities. Refer to **Appendix 3** for the complete document, *Guidance for Sizing Green Infrastructure Facilities in Street Projects*, and to companion technical memorandum, *Green Infrastructure Facility Sizing for Non-regulated Street Projects*.

<sup>1</sup> Ebbetts, 2018. "Guidance for Sizing Green Infrastructure Facilities in Street Projects."

# Ch 5 Key Implementation Strategies

- **5.1 Funding GI and Reducing Project Costs**
  - Strategies for Funding GI
  - How to reduce Project Costs
- **5.2 Changing Municipal Policy and Code**
  - Demonstration Projects
  - Staff Collaboration
  - Flexible Design Guidance



# Ch 5 Key Implementation Strategies

## ■ 5.3 Creating Incentives

- Reward-based
- Mandate-based
- Community-based

## ■ 5.4 Public Education, Outreach, and Demonstration Projects

- How to
- Types





# Ch 6 Operations & Maintenance

## ■ 6.1 Introduction

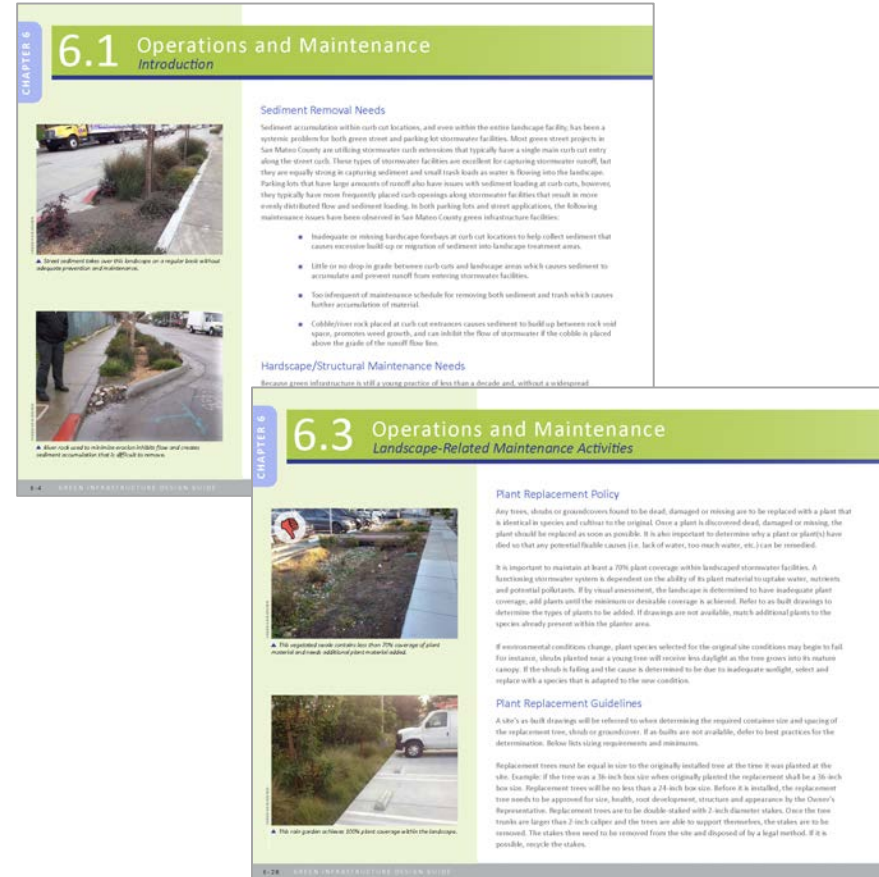
- Purpose
- Difference from C.3 Regulated Projects Guide
- Common types of GI O&M issues
- How to conduct site maintenance
- Types of maintenance programs

## ■ 6.2 Hardscape and Functional Maintenance Activities

- Focused on issues found with hardscape and functional elements of GI facilities

## ■ 6.3 Landscape-related Maintenance Activities

- Focused on landscape-related issues and activities found with GI facilities



# Ch 6 Operations & Maintenance

## 6.4 Maintenance Quality

### Observation Levels

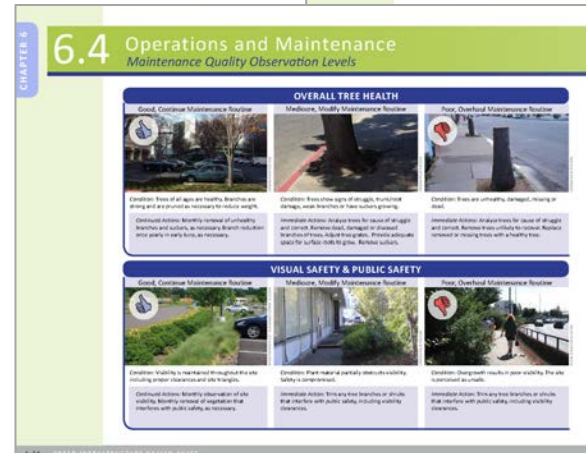
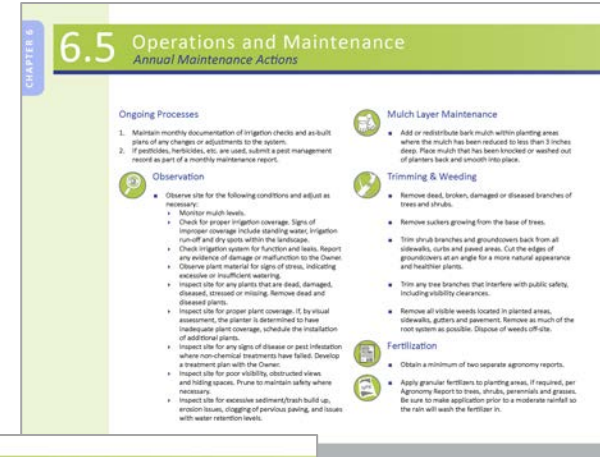
- What to look for to determine level of maintenance activity

## 6.5 Annual Maintenance Actions

- GI maintenance activity plan

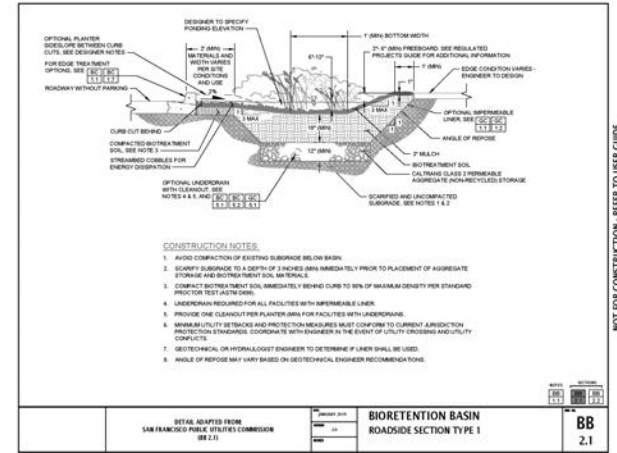
## 6.6 Annual Landscape & Hardscape Maintenance Schedule

- Monthly checklist for GI maintenance activities



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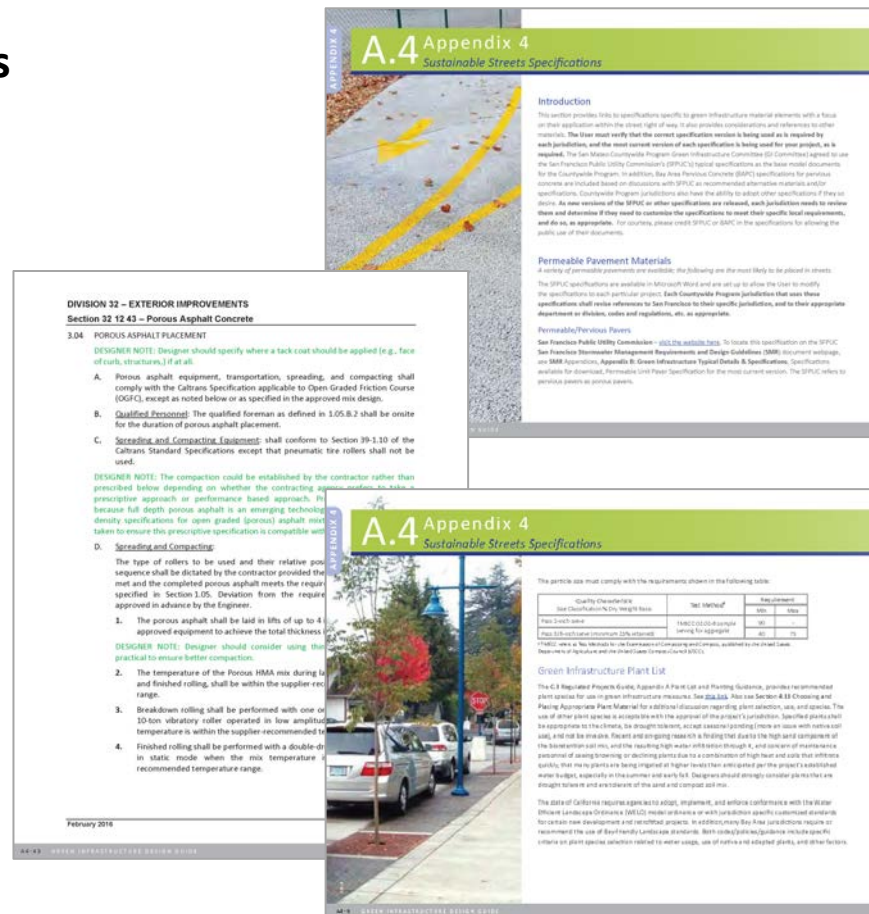
- **1 Glossary**
  - Terms in Design Guide
- **2 Reference Documents**
  - Documents cited or referenced
- **3 Sustainable Streets Typical Design Details**
  - How to use
    - Customize for site specific conditions
    - Verify most current version is used
    - Verify if jurisdiction where project is has different details
  - Base details: SFPUC GI Typical Details
  - SMCWPPP modified/new typical details
  - References to other agency typical details



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## ■ 4 Sustainable Streets Specifications

- How to use
  - Customize for site specific conditions
  - Verify most current version is used
  - Verify if jurisdiction where project is has different specifications
- For permeable pavements, biotreatment soil, and composted mulch
- Plant palette and MWEO
- Design and functional considerations
- Base specs: SFPUC or Bay Area Pervious Concrete



# Appendices

## ■ 5 Sample Maintenance Plan Forms

- Maintenance checklists for:
  - Landscaped Stormwater Facility
  - Pervious pavement

## ■ 6 Potential GI Funding Source Analysis & Recommendations

- SMCWPPP GI Funding Nexus Evaluation

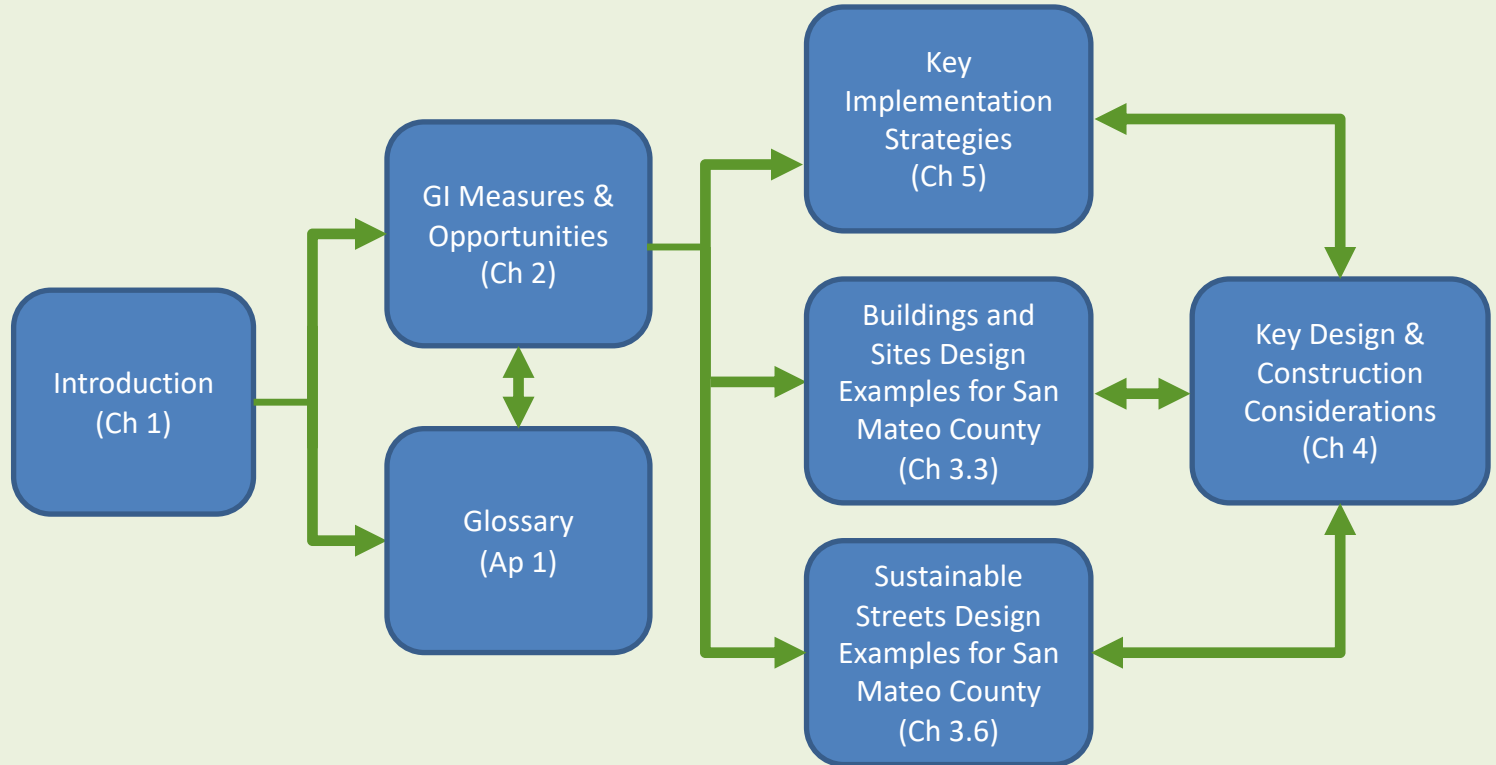
## ■ 7 Guidance for Sizing GI Facilities in Streets

- BASMAA's regional approach for sizing for constrained non-regulated street projects



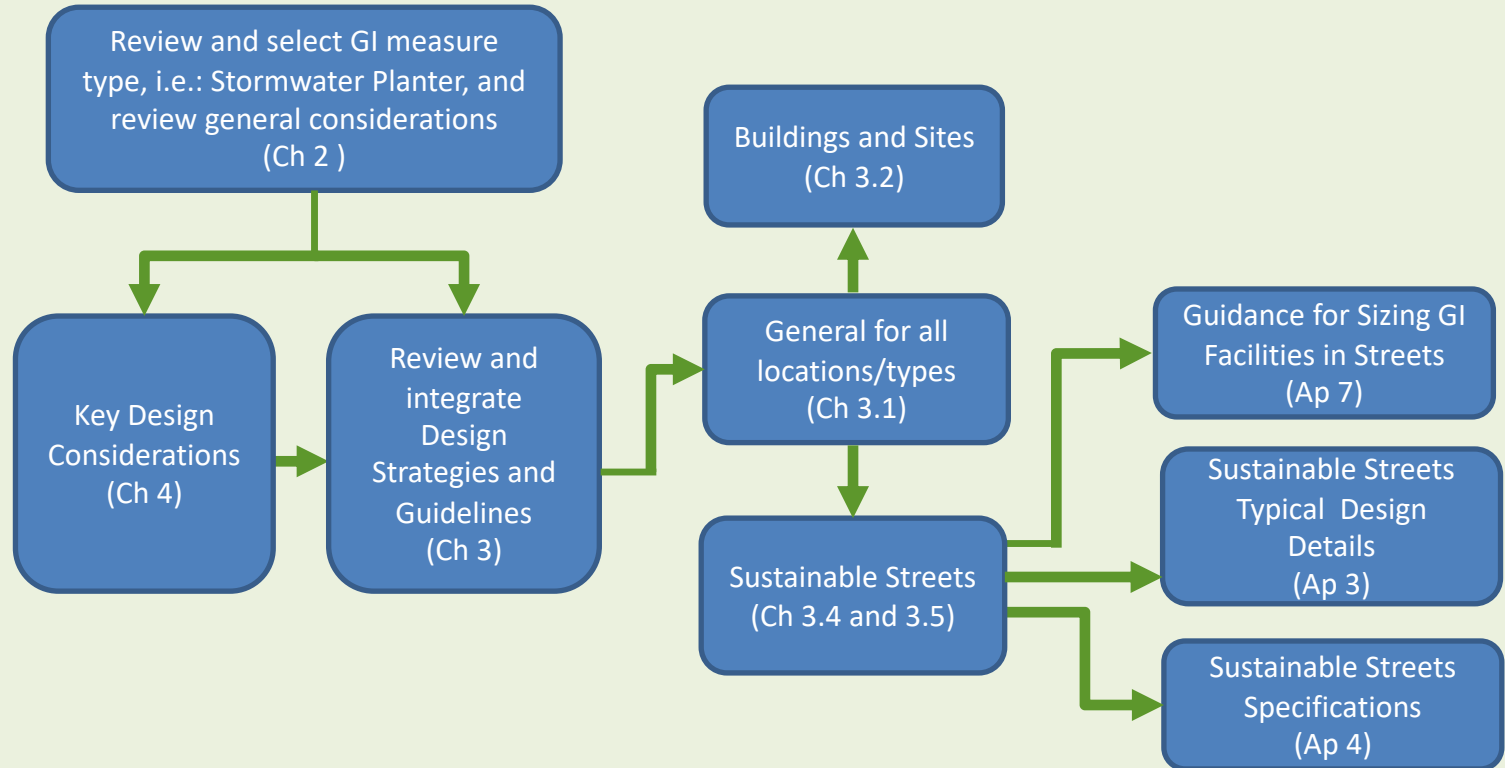
# How to Use the GI Design Guide

## User New to GI



# How to Use the GI Design Guide

## User Experienced with GI and Ready to Design





# GI Design Guide Next Steps

- Consider and Respond to GI Committee comments
  - Reorganize Chapters 2 and 3 content and matrices to group:
    - All tree type measures (tree well, stormwater tree, and interceptor tree)
    - All building type measures (green roof, green wall, and water harvesting)
  - Update photos, graphics and typical GI construction details
  - Clarify, add or expand content:
    - GI Measures, e.g., vegetated swale, rain garden, interceptor tree
    - Water reuse of water capture projects
    - Design considerations, e.g.: curb cuts, inlet/outlet cobbles
    - Etc.



# GI Design Guide Next Steps

- Address any inconsistencies with newly updated C.3 Regulated Projects Guide
- Consider and respond to comments received as jurisdictions and consultants use the Design Guide

# GI Design Guide Next Steps

- Develop web-based document
  - Allow for more interactive and easier to use digital document
  - Final format TBD (whether fully web-based or a more interactive PDF on web)
  - Allow user to jump between certain sections and to other elements

# Green Infrastructure Design Guide

- Questions?

