

Catching Rain: Low Impact Development & Green Stormwater Strategies *for* Real Estate Professionals

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Marketing the Value of LID

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Marketing Hurdles

“fear about higher costs is cited again and again as one of the top hurdles to more widespread use of green solutions”

Source: Lisa Stiffler:
“Saving cash with green stormwater solutions,” *Sightline*



Marketing Hurdles

“78 percent of the American public does not understand that runoff from agricultural land, roads, and lawns, is now the most common source of water pollution; and nearly half of Americans (47 percent) believes industry still accounts for most water pollution”

Source: National Environmental Education & Training Foundation 2005



7. Which of these are you most worried about?

Response Category	Total N=1200	Idaho N=400	Oregon N=400	Washington N=400
The quality of your drinking water	35%	34%	36%	34%
The health of local rivers, streams, and lakes	24%	24%	23%	24%
The air quality in your community	17%	22%	17%	15%
Industrial pollution	11%	5%	11%	13%
Agricultural pollution	5%	4%	3%	6%
The health of area forests	9%	11%	9%	9%

DHM Research | EarthFix Clean Water Act Survey, July 2012
 EarthFix Clean Water Act Survey July 9 – July 14, 2012; N=1,200 (N=400 ID, OR, WA)

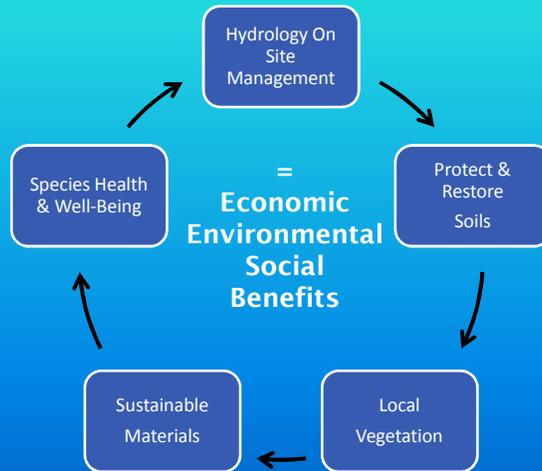
Marketing Advantages

“In addition to reducing polluted stormwater runoff, GI practices can also positively impact energy consumption, air quality, carbon reduction and sequestration, property prices, recreation and other elements of community health and vitality that have monetary or other social value”

Source: CNT The Value of Green Infrastructure



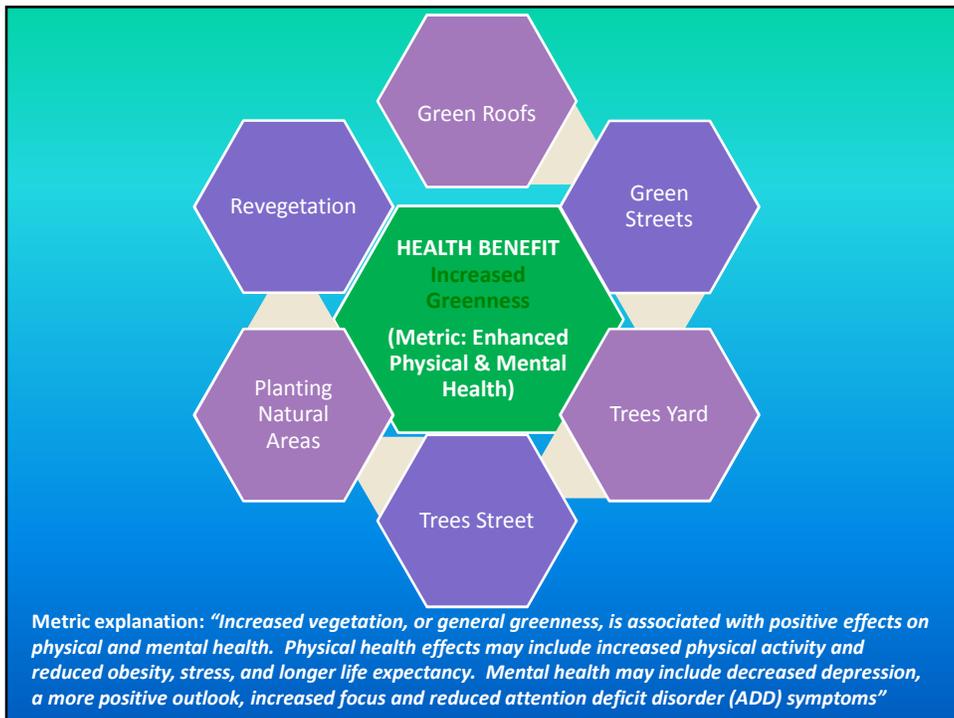
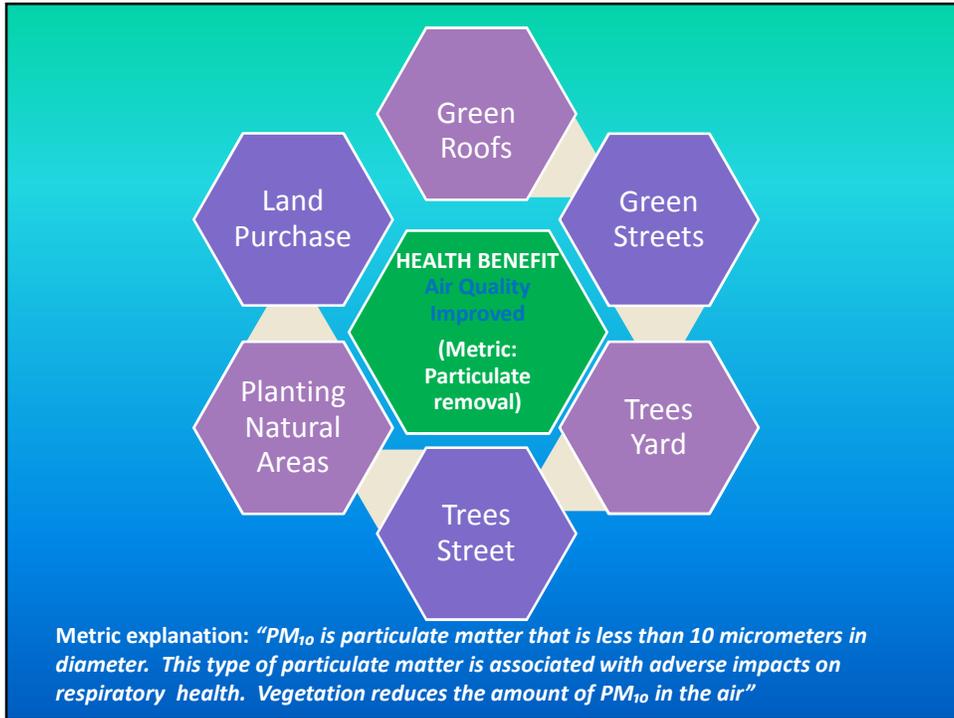
The Value Add Proposition of LID

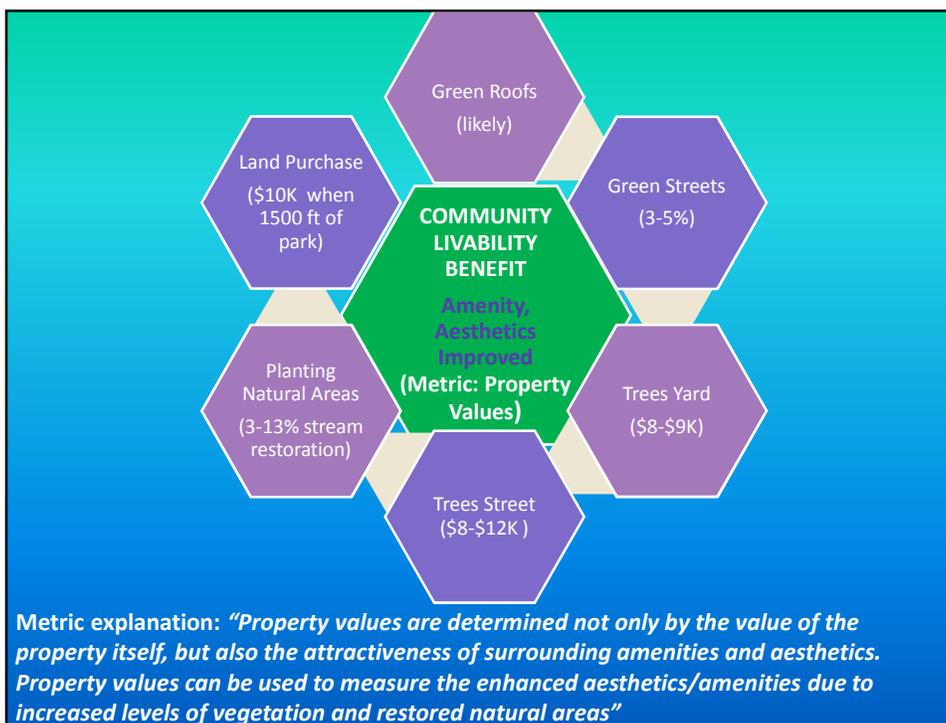


Quantifying The Benefits of LID



Source: Portland's Green Infrastructure: Quantifying the Health, Energy, and Community Livability Benefits Report 2010





Property Values Affected by LID BMPs

Numerous studies have been conducted that explore how property values increase in locations near green infrastructure and open space. The approach used considers all properties within an area, and employs regression analysis to isolate the degree of price difference that is attributable to individual property characteristics. The technique is called the hedonic property value method. Fortunately, several hedonic property value studies have been conducted in the Portland area and have addressed the question of how trees, open space, and increased vegetation have an impact on property values in the City. As described above, this report uses property values as a metric or proxy for the benefit of improved aesthetics and amenities within the City, and so hedonic property value studies were sought that linked property values explicitly to G2G BMPs or similar environmental features.

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- Lutzenhiser, Margot, and Noelwah Netusil, (2001), The Effect of Open Spaces on a Home's Sale Price, *Contemporary Economic Policy* 19(3):291-298.
- Steiner, Carol F. and John B. Loomis (1996) Estimating the Benefits of Urban Stream Restoration using Hedonic Price Method. *Rivers* 5(4): 267-278.
- Ward, Bryce, MacMullan, Ed, Reich, Sarah, (2008). The Effect Of Low-Impact-Development On Property Values *Proceedings of the Water Environment Federation, Sustainability 2008*, pp. 318-323(6)

Born in Detroit

The answer, believe it or not, was born in Detroit, in 1938. Andrew Court, an economist for General Motors, was looking for a type of analysis that would compare the prices of cars produced at different times.

He argued that size, power, weight, etc. may vary from year to year, so what he wanted was a control for these changes in order to get a measure of the valuation of each component, and hence the price change, holding them constant.

In the simplest form, you had:

$$P = S_0 + S_1 Z_1 + S_2 Z_2 + \dots + Ut + V,$$

where your Z_i are component parts, and t is your time trend.

Uses

When large databases became available, it became useful to consider the same type of analysis for several reasons:

Real estate assessment - it could be done quickly.

Measurement of individual contributions - structure might be easy to measure based on costs, but what about neighborhood?

Externalities - If air pollution is important, for example, shouldn't we be able to measure its impact on property values?

$$P = S_0 + S_1 Z_1 + S_2 Z_2 + \dots + Ut + V,$$

- Should equation be linear? Does the 10th room impart as much value as the 3rd room, or the 7th?
- What is the hedonic price of an attribute?
A > $\partial P / \partial Z_i \rightarrow$ hedonic price.
- What is the meaning of a hedonic price? Is it supply, or demand, or what?
- Are the coefficients stable over time?
- Should the buyer's or seller's characteristics go into the equation?

The Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT)



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Tools for LID Evaluation:

[Green Infrastructure Valuation Guide](#)
[Green Values® Stormwater Toolbox](#)

Benefit Measurement & Valuation

- Step 1
 - Quantification of Benefit
- Step 2
 - Valuation of Quantified Benefits

Practice	Reduces Stormwater Runoff				Increases Available Water Supply	Increases Groundwater Recharge	Reduces Salt Use	Reduces Energy Use	Improves Air Quality	Reduces Atmospheric CO ₂	Reduces Urban Heat Island	Improves Community Livability				Improves Habitat	Cultivates Public Education Opportunities
	Reduces Water Treatment Needs	Improves Water Quality	Reduces Grey Infrastructure Needs	Reduces Flooding								Improves Aesthetics	Increases Recreational Opportunity	Reduces Noise Pollution	Improves Community Cohesion		
Green Roofs	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Tree Planting	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Bioretention & Infiltration	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	●
Permeable Pavement	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Water Harvesting	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

Source: CNT 2010 ● Yes ○ Maybe ○ No

Review of LID BMP Plant Trees		
Feature: Planting Trees – Step 1 Quantification of Benefit		
Economic Measurement	Environmental Benefit	Societal Benefit
Number of trees * av. Annual interception per tree (gal/tree) = total runoff reduction (gal)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Reduces Stormwater run-off -Increases ground water recharge -Reduces energy use -Improves air quality -Reduces atmospheric CO2 -Reduces Urban Heat Island -Improves Habitat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Improves Community Livability -Cultivates public education opportunities -Improves mental well-being

Review of LID BMP Plant Trees	
Feature: Planting Trees – Step 2 Valuation of Quantified Benefits	
Benefit Reduces Stormwater Run-off	Valuation Methodology of Benefit
- Reduced Water Treatment Needs	Runoff reduced (gal) * avoided cost per gallon (\$/gal) = avoided stormwater treatment costs (\$)
- Reduced Grey Infrastructure Needs	Conventional cost of structure (\$/SF) * total area of structure (SF) = total expenditure for conventional approach (\$) Total expenditure for conventional approach (\$) * % retained = avoided cost savings (\$)
- Improved Water Quality	Secchi Disk Test (clarity of water depth) Hedonic Price Method
- Reduced Flooding	Hedonic Price Method; Insurance Premiums; Avoided Damage Cost Approach

Review of LID BMP Plant Trees	
Feature: Planting Trees – Step 2 Valuation of Quantified Benefits	
Benefit Improves Community Livability	Valuation Methodology of Benefit
- Improves Aesthetics	Hedonic Price Method -Ward et al (2008) 3.5-5.0% King County -Wachter (2004); Wachter & Wong (2008) 2-10% -Report recommends a mean of 3.5% increase be used
- Increases Recreational Opportunities	User Day Methodology (Stratus 2009)
- Reduces Noise Pollution	Hedonic Price Method Reduction in property value of .55-.86% per 1 decibel increase in noise level
- Improves Community Cohesion	-Increase in social capital -Decrease in crime (Sullivan, Kuo & Depooter 2004)

Example Demonstration 1: Benefit Assessment of a single Green Roof			
Benefit	Step 1: Benefit Quantification (resource units)	Step 2: Benefit Valuation (resource unit * price)	Annual Benefit \$
Reduces Stormwater Runoff	Annual Stormwater Retention Performance: 71,100 gal retained (Example 1.1)	Value of Annual Avoided Treatment Costs: 71,100 gal * \$0.000919/gal = \$65.33 (Example 1.6)	\$65.33
Reduces Energy Use	Annual Building's Cooling (electricity) Savings (kWh): 1,122 kWh (Example 2.1)	Value of Annual Building's Cooling Savings: 1,122 kWh * \$0.0695/ kWh = \$77.80 (Example 2.5)	\$107.60 + \$444.75 = \$552.35
	Annual Building's Heating Natural Gas Savings (Btu): 36,158,750 Btu (Example 2.2)	Value of Annual Building's Heating Savings: 36,158,750 Btu * \$0.000123/Btu = \$444.75 (Example 2.5)	
	Annual Off-site Water Treatment Electricity Savings (kWh): Equivalent treatment needs of 71,100 gal = 110.77 kWh (Example 2.4)	Annual Off-site Water Treatment Electricity Savings will not be valued here because the value has already been accounted for above (Example 1.6).	
	Total Annual Electricity Savings (kWh, from on-site and off-site benefits): Σ 1,122 kWh in cooling savings + 110.77 kWh in water treatment electricity savings = 1,232.77 kWh	The Total Annual Electricity Savings will not be valued here to prevent double counting. Instead, it is used to quantify "Air" and "Climate" benefits.	
Improves Air Quality	Annual Direct NO_x Uptake: Lower Bound = 1.59 lbs NO _x Upper Bound = 2.89 lbs NO _x Average = 2.05 lbs NO _x (Example 3.1) Annual Indirect Reduction in NO_x Emissions (from reduced electricity and natural gas): 28.24 lbs NO _x (Example 3.5) Total Annual NO_x Benefit (Direct uptake using the average NO _x uptake value + Indirect avoided emissions): Σ 1.95 lbs NO _x + 28.24 lbs NO _x = 30.19 lbs NO _x (Example 3.6)	Value of Total Annual NO_x Benefit: 30.19 lbs NO _x * \$3.37/lb NO _x = \$100.83 (Example 3.6)	\$100.83
Reduces Atmospheric CO ₂	Total Annual Indirect Benefit (from electricity and heating natural gas savings): 1,939.58 lbs CO ₂ + 4,226.6 lbs CO ₂ = 6,166.18 lbs CO ₂ (Example 4.5) Annual Direct Carbon Sequestration Benefit in CO₂ Equivalents (multiplying lbs C from Example 4.1 by conversion factor): = 630.23 lbs CO ₂ (Example 4.6) Total Annual Climate Benefit (Direct + Indirect): Σ 630.23 lbs CO ₂ + 5,866.18 lbs CO ₂ = 6,496.41 lbs CO ₂ (Example 4.6)	Value of Total Annual Climate Benefit: 6,496.41 lbs CO ₂ * \$0.01756/lb CO ₂ = \$113.04 in total annual climate benefits (Example 4.6) <small>Note: Here the lower bound (EU's ETS Carbon Price) of the range of carbon pricing was used. Keep in mind that this provides a conservative estimate of the economic, environmental and other social values of carbon abatement.</small>	\$113.04
Total Annual Benefit (Σ Annual Benefits)			\$708.75

Example Demonstration 2:

Benefit Assessment of a Neighborhood Scale

Benefit	Annual Benefit (\$) per 5,000 SF green roof (Example Demonstration 1)	Annual Benefit (\$) from scaled green roof program [- annual benefit per roof * 240 converted roofs]
Reduces Stormwater Runoff	\$6.53	$\$6.53 * 240 = \$1,567.20$
Reduces Energy Use	$\$107.60 + \$444.75 = \$552.35$	$\$552.35 * 240 = \$132,564.00$
Improves Air Quality	\$100.83	$\$100.83 * 240 = \$24,199.20$
<i>Note: The figures used here only account for the benefits of reduced NO_x. Similar steps should be performed for the other criteria pollutants, when possible.</i>		
Reduces Atmospheric CO₂	\$49.04	$\$49.04 * 240 = \$11,769.60$
Total Annual Benefit [Σ Annual Benefits]	\$708.75	$\$708.75 * 240 = \$170,100.00$

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Limitations & Constraints

- More research needed to monetize social benefits
- Full life cycle analysis needed re long-term value
- Cost benefit analysis
- Valuation of further LID practices
- Need for more local and regional data
- Standards adopted to assess municipal/regional impacts of LID

GREEN VALUES™ STORMWATER MANAGEMENT CALCULATOR

Green Interventions:

- Roof Drains to Raingardens at All Downspouts:
- Half of Lawn Replaced by Garden with Native Landscaping:
- Porous Pavement used on Driveway, Sidewalk and other non-street pavement:
- Green Roofs:
- Provide Tree Cover for an Additional 25% of Lot:
- Use Drainage Swales instead of Stormwater Pipes:

Site Statistics:

- Scenario: New Development, Suburban
- Is this an existing site:
- Total size of site: 40 acres
- Number of lots: 80
- Average Roof Size, including Garage: 1200 ft²
- Average Number of Trees on Lot: 0
- Average Driveway Area: 400 ft²
- Average Impermeable patio, deck, alley or parking lot: 100 ft²
- Sidewalk Width: 5 ft
- Average Street Width: 32 ft
- Soil Type: C
- Average Slope: 1%
- Real Discount Rate: 3.1%
- Life Cycle in Years: 100

RESULTS:

The difference between the conventional system and the green intervention(s) you chose decreases the total \$60 per life cycle costs and increases benefits by \$1,077,400. This strategy reduces peak discharge by 23%.

Cost Breakdown:

Item	Conventional	Green	Reduction
Per Lot Life Cycle Cost	\$6,000	\$5,939	\$61
Total Life Cycle Cost	\$480,000	\$475,120	\$4,880

Benefit Breakdown:

Item	Conventional	Green	Reduction
Per Lot Life Cycle Benefit	\$0	\$1,077	\$1,077
Total Life Cycle Benefit	\$0	\$86,160	\$86,160

Net Present Value (NPV) Breakdown:

Item	Conventional	Green	Reduction
Per Lot Life Cycle NPV	\$0	\$1,024	\$1,024
Total Life Cycle NPV	\$0	\$83,312	\$83,312

Example 1

CALCULATOR

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CALCULATE

Cost Breakdown

Category	Conventional	Green	Reduction
Construction, Operation and Maintenance Costs			
Per Lot Cost	\$21,401	\$15,230	\$6,171
Total Costs	\$1,939,805	\$1,501,450	\$438,355
Annual Value Over 100 Year Life Cycle (Public Costs)			
	Conventional	Green	Reduction
FOR LIFE CYCLE COST	\$9,767	\$4,779	\$4,988
Total Life Cycle Cost	\$536,558	\$332,289	\$204,269
Annual Value Over 100 Year Life Cycle (Homeowner Costs)			
	Conventional	Green	Reduction
FOR LIFE CYCLE COST	\$89,463	\$61,021	\$28,442
Total Life Cycle Cost	\$4,677,844	\$4,155,876	\$521,968

Water Management Costs Include:

- Storm Sewers and Drains
- Porous Pavement
- Stormwater
- Landscaping
- Fuel
- Labor Plans
- Rain Barrels
- Trees
- Vegetated Stormwater Management
- Vegetated Drains

Water Management Costs Include:

- Stormwater Swales
- Stormwater Basins
- Stormwater Ponds
- Street

Benefit Breakout

Category	Conventional	Green	Increase
Present Value Over 100 Year Life Cycle Public Benefits:			
Per Lot Life Cycle Benefits:	\$0	\$316	\$316
Total Life Cycle Benefits:	\$0	\$25,253	\$25,253
Present Value Over 100 Year Life Cycle Homeowner Benefits:			
Per Lot Life Cycle Benefits:	\$0	\$3,824	\$3,824
Total Life Cycle Benefits:	\$0	\$305,912	\$305,912

Note: Homeowner Benefits include:

- Compensatory Value of Trees
- Reduced Energy Use

Note: Public Benefits include:

- Reduced Air Pollution
- Carbon Dioxide Sequestration
- Groundwater Replenishment
- Reduced Treatment Benefits

RESULTS

The difference between the conventional system and the green intervention(s) you chose **decreases** the total 100 year life cycle costs and **increases** benefits by **\$1,377,482!** This strategy reduces peak discharge by **28%**.

Category	Conventional	Green	Reduction
Hydrologic Results			
Lot Level Improvements			
Lot Discharge (cf)	1,965	1,320	33.8%
Lot Peak Discharge (cfs)	7.40	5.30	28.4%
Total Site Improvements			
Total Peak Discharge (cfs)	55.72	41.00	26.7%
Beneficial Use Improvements			
Total Excession Recharge (ft)	148,005	90,075	39%
Annual Discharge Improvements			
Average Annual Discharge (mm)	42.67	31.52	26.4%

Example 2

CALCULATOR

Green Interventions:

- Roof Drains to Raingardens at All Downspouts:
- Half of Lawn Replaced by Garden with Native Landscaping.
- Porous Pavement used on Driveway, Sidewalk and other non-street pavement.
- Green Roofs:
- Provide Tree Cover for an Additional 25% of Lot:
- Use Drainage Swales instead of Stormwater Pipes.

Site Statistics:

Select a scenario: Custom

Is this an existing site: (if checked no construction costs included)

Total size of site: acres

Number of lots:

Average Roof Size, including Garage: ft²

Average Number of Trees on Lot:

Average Driveway Area: ft²

Average Impermeable patio, deck, alley or parking lot: ft²

Sidewalk Width: ft

Average Street Width: ft

Soil Type: C

Average Slope: 1%

Real Discount Rate: %

Life Cycle in Years: 20

CALCULATE

Category	Conventional	Green	Reduction
Present Value Over 20 Year Life Cycle Public Costs	\$2,200	\$1,100	\$1,079
Per Lot Life Cycle Cost	\$2,200	\$1,100	\$1,079
Total Life Cycle Cost	\$2,200	\$1,100	\$1,079

Category	Conventional	Green	Reduction
Present Value Over 20 Year Life Cycle Homeowner Costs	\$13,385	\$13,071	\$314
Per Lot Life Cycle Cost	\$13,385	\$13,071	\$314
Total Life Cycle Cost	\$13,385	\$13,071	\$314

Benefit Breakout

Present Value Over 20 Year Life Cycle Public Benefits:

	Conventional	Green	Increase
Per Lot Life Cycle Benefits:	\$0	\$129	\$116
Total Life Cycle Benefits:	\$0	\$120	\$110

Present Value Over 20 Year Life Cycle Homeowner Benefits:

	Conventional	Green	Increase
Per Lot Life Cycle Benefits:	\$936	\$2,069	\$1,133
Total Life Cycle Benefits:	\$936	\$2,069	\$1,133

Note: Homeowner Benefits include:

- Compensatory Value of Trees
- Reduced Energy Use

Note: Public Benefits include:

- Reduced Air Pollutants
- Carbon Dioxide Sequestration
- Groundwater Replenishment
- Reduced Treatment benefits

RESULTS

The difference between the conventional system and the green intervention(s) you chose **decreases** the total 20 year life cycle costs and **increases** benefits by **\$2,602!** This strategy reduces peak discharge by **36%.**

Hydrologic Results	Conventional	Green	Reduction
Lot Level Improvements:			
Lot Discharge (cfs)	583	422	41.4%
Lot Peak Discharge (cfs)	0.22	0.11	50.7%
Total Site Improvements:			
Total Peak Discharge (cfs)	0.31	0.19	38.2%
Total Detention Required (cu ft)	763	397	48%
Annual Discharge Improvements:			
Average Annual Discharge (acre ft)	0.22	0.13	0.46

Example 3

Green Interventions:

- Root Grates to Retain or Re-direct at All Downspouts
- Half of Lawn Replaced by Garden with Rainwater Retention
- Stormwater captured on driveway, sidewalk and other non paved pavement
- Deep Soils
- Stormwater Cover for an Additional 25% of Lot
- Stormwater Cover for an additional 50% of Lot

RESULTS

The difference between the conventional system and the green intervention(s) you chose **decreases** the total 20 year life cycle costs and **increases** benefits by **\$148!** This strategy reduces peak discharge by **13%.**

Category	Conventional	Green	Reduction
Present Value Over 20 Year Life Cycle Public Costs	\$9	\$56	\$46
Per Lot Life Cycle Benefits:	\$9	\$56	\$46
Total Life Cycle Benefits:	\$9	\$56	\$46

Present Value Over 20 Year Life Cycle Homeowner Benefits:

	Conventional	Green	Increase
Per Lot Life Cycle Benefits:	\$936	\$2,069	\$1,133
Total Life Cycle Benefits:	\$936	\$2,069	\$1,133

Note: Homeowner Benefits include:

- Compensatory Value of Trees
- Reduced Energy Use

Note: Public Benefits include:

- Reduced Air Pollutants
- Carbon Dioxide Sequestration
- Groundwater Replenishment
- Reduced Treatment benefits

Hydrologic Results	Conventional	Green	Reduction
Lot Level Improvements:			
Lot Discharge (cfs)	603	708	11.6%
Lot Peak Discharge (cfs)	0.22	0.18	17.2%
Total Site Improvements:			
Total Peak Discharge (cfs)	0.31	0.27	12.6%
Total Detention Required (cu ft)	753	540	15%
Annual Discharge Improvements:			
Average Annual Discharge (acre ft)	0.22	0.19	0.07

Example 4

RESULTS

The difference between the conventional system and the green intervention(s) you chose **decreases** the total 20 year life cycle costs and **increases** benefits by **\$1,641!** This strategy reduces peak discharge by **15%**.

Benefit Breakout

Present Value Over 20 Year Life Cycle Public Benefits:			
	Conventional	Green	Increase
Per Lot Life Cycle Benefits:	\$0	\$69	\$60
Total Life Cycle Benefits:	\$0	\$69	\$60

Present Value Over 20 Year Life Cycle Homeowner Benefits:			
	Conventional	Green	Increase
Per Lot Life Cycle Benefits:	\$936	\$3,672	\$2,736
Total Life Cycle Benefits:	\$936	\$3,672	\$2,736

Green Interventions:

- Best Practices Range View at All Discharge
- Half of Area Paved by Green with Filter Landscaping
- Stormwater Plant with Low Water Use, Drought Tolerant and other non-Plant (permeable)
- Green Roofs
- Reduce Tree Cover for an Additional 25% of Lot
- Use Infiltration Basins instead of Stormwater Ponds

Hydrologic Results

Lot Level Improvements:	Conventional	Green	Reduction
Lot Discharge (cfs)	833	698	25.4%
Lot Peak Discharge (cfs)	0.22	0.15	30.1%

Site Site Improvements:	Conventional	Green	Reduction
Total Peak Discharge (cfs)	0.31	0.24	21.8%

Retention Size Improvements:	Conventional	Green	Reduction
Total Detention Required (ft ³)	783	554	27%

Annual Discharge Improvements:	Conventional	Green	Average Annual Ground Water Recharge Increase:
Average Annual Discharge (ac-ft)	0.22	0.17	0.03

Note: Homeowner Benefits include:

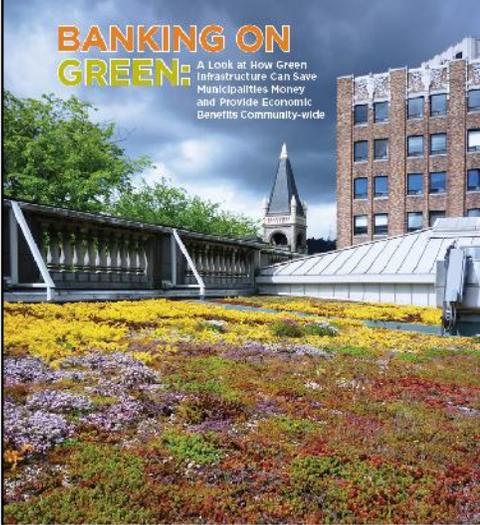
- Compensatory Value of Trees
- Reduced Energy Use

Note: Public Benefits include:

- Reduced Air Pollutants
- Carbon Dioxide Sequestration
- Groundwater Replenishment
- Reduced Treatment benefits

BANKING ON GREEN:

A Look at How Green Infrastructure Can Save Municipalities Money and Provide Economic Benefits Community-wide



A Joint Report by American Rivers, the Water Environment Federation, the American Society of Landscape Architects and ECDNorthwest
April 2012

Washington

- [14th Avenue Neighborhood Street Fund Project, Seattle](#)
- [Cromwell Park, Shoreline](#)
- [Extended Wetland Multi-Cell Storm Water Facility for Low Impact Development, Woodinville](#)
- [Half Moon Park, Liberty Lake](#)
- [High Point HOPE VI Redevelopment, Seattle](#)
- [Hockinson Meadows Community Park, Clark County](#)
- [James Chase Middle School, Spokane](#)
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- [Spokane Community College, Jenkins Wellness Center, Spokane](#)
- [Sprinker Recreation Center Low Impact Parking, Spanaway](#)
- [Taylor 28, Seattle](#)

Basic Findings

□ 479 Green Infrastructure (GI) Case Studies

- 41% found grey to green was cheaper than conventional
- 31% found grey to green no cost difference
- 25% found grey to green more expensive

- Green infrastructure can further reduce costs of treating large amounts of polluted runoff.
- Green infrastructure can help municipalities reduce energy expenses.
- Green infrastructure can reduce flooding and related flood damage

Half Moon Park – Liberty Lake

Case Study



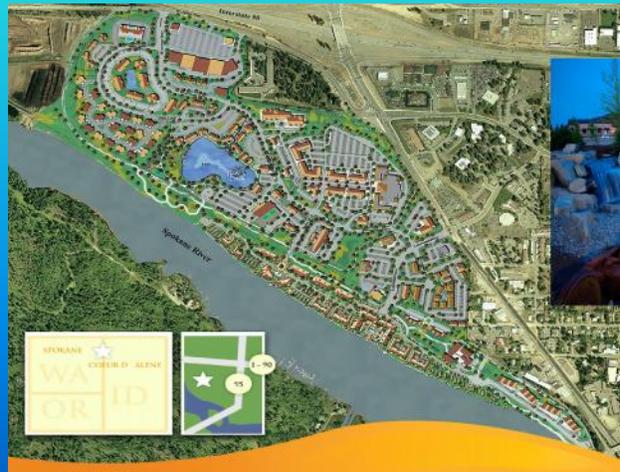
SCC Jenkins Wellness Center - Spokane

Case Study



Riverstone, Mixed Use Development-Coeur d' Alene

Case Study



HIGH-POINT HOPE VI REDEVELOPMENT SEATTLE

Case Study



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High-Point Commons Park

Features:
Bioretention facility;
rain garden;
bioswale;
downspout removal;
pervious concrete
streets, sidewalks,
parking;
porous paving;
preservation of
existing trees;
amended soils

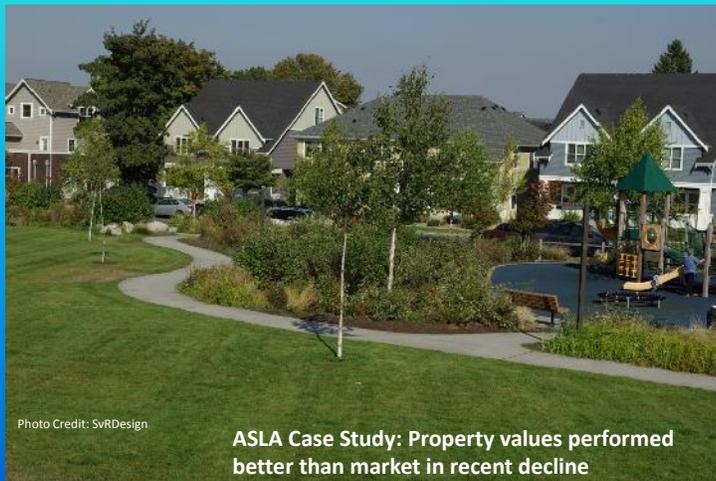


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ASLA Case Study: Property values performed better than market in recent decline

Hi-Point 32nd Ave Porous Concrete

Stormwater is retained
fully onsite



SHAMROCK HEIGHTS Case Study

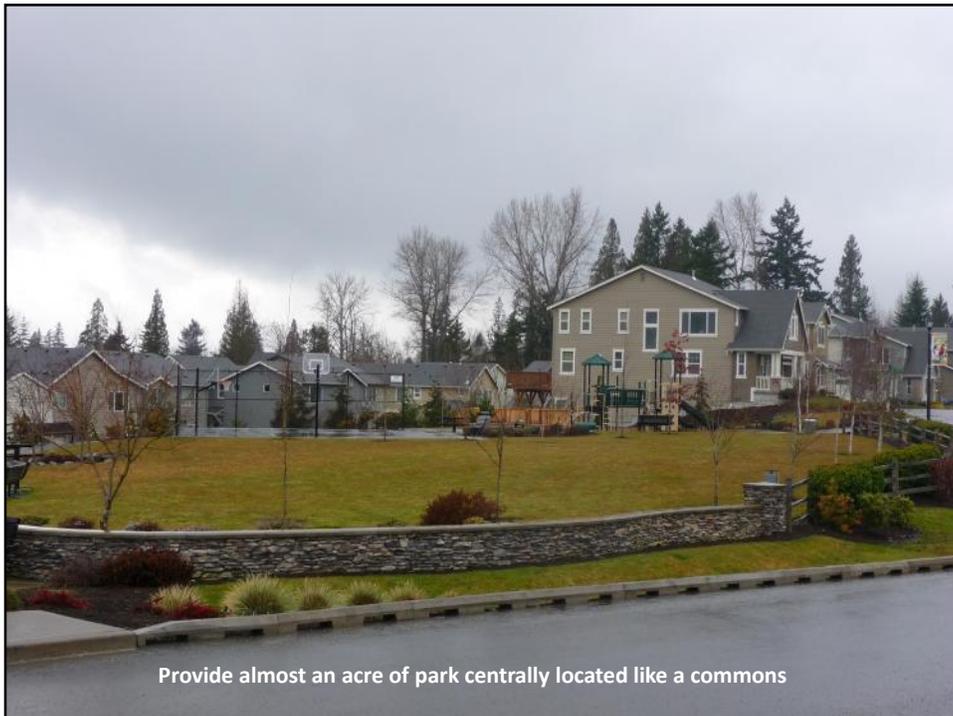


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Question	Shamrock Heights	Cascade Crest	Westchester
	Av. Score	Av. Score	Av. Score
Neighborhood is Well Designed	8.8	8.1	8.56
Park(s), Greenbelts, and/or Open Space Add Value	9.45	8.24	5.83
Park, Play Toys, and Sport Court Enjoyed by Community	9.4	3.83	1.72



Provide almost an acre of park centrally located like a commons

Restore Wetlands

The site had documented flooding issues which Triad Associates then corrected with grading and restoration of the pre-existing wetland.



Rain Channels

CamWest "buyers are looking for more privacy"



Windermere "people were very jazzed by the LID features"



CanWest *“significant cost reductions only come when the streets can be designed at narrower widths”*

Paired Sales Analyses
2007-2009

Premium for Green Amenities:
\$7.50-\$12.50 per sq.ft.

Key Points to Remember

- LID = Enhanced community livability
- LID = Reduces flood risk
- LID = cleaner waterways for all
- Green Infrastructure typically costs less than conventional
- LID has environmental, economic and social benefits

“The nation behaves well if it treats the natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased, and not impaired, in value.”

PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Field trip transition

- Drivers: remember directions
- Everyone:
- Find your carpool group quickly
 - Bring your camera & gear