

# Using Green Infrastructure To Protect Water Quality



# West Union – Iowa's Green Street Pilot Project

## Green Pilot Streetscape Project

### A Sustainable Vision for West Union



The City of West Union

Main Street West Union

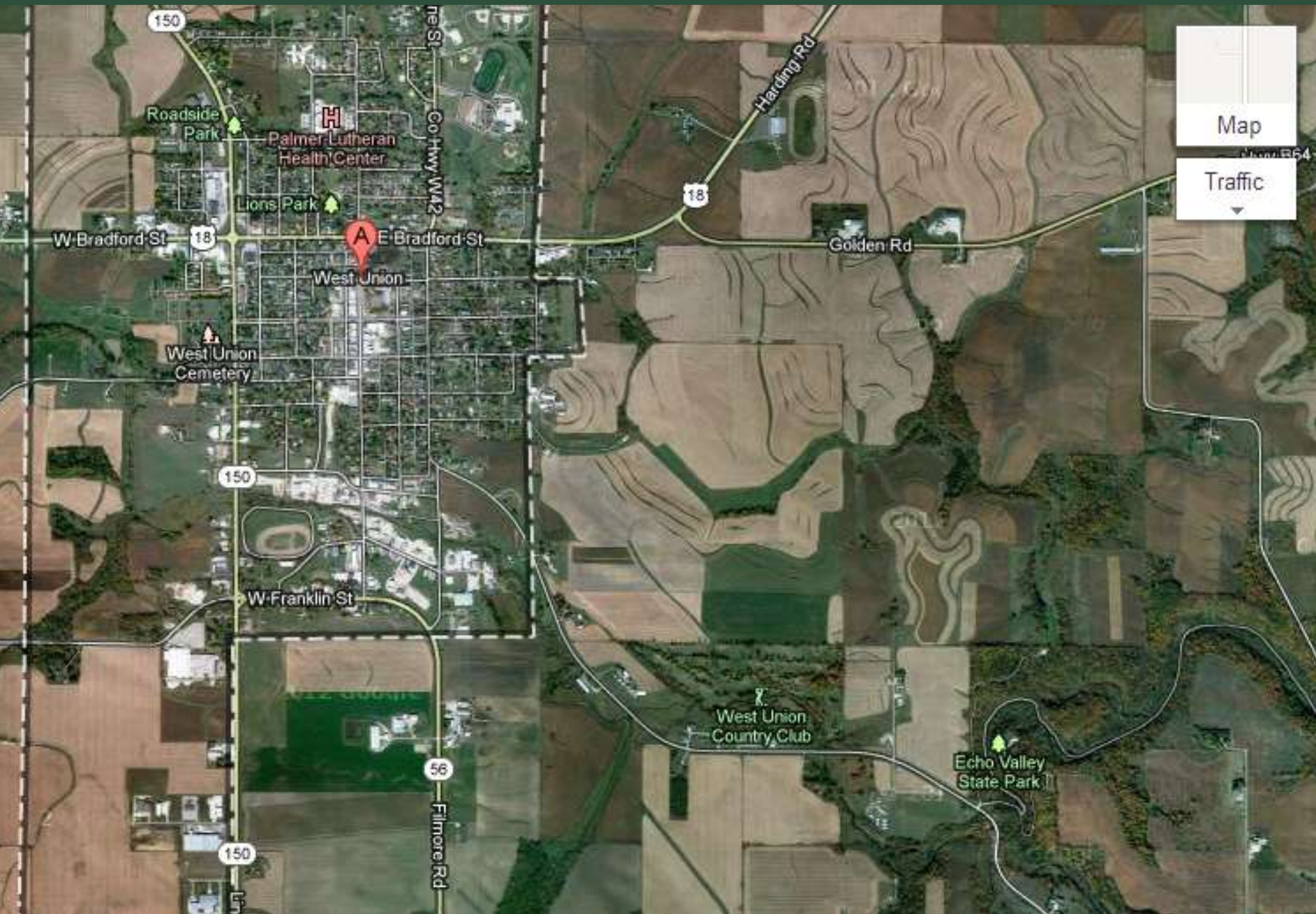
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Map

Traffic

























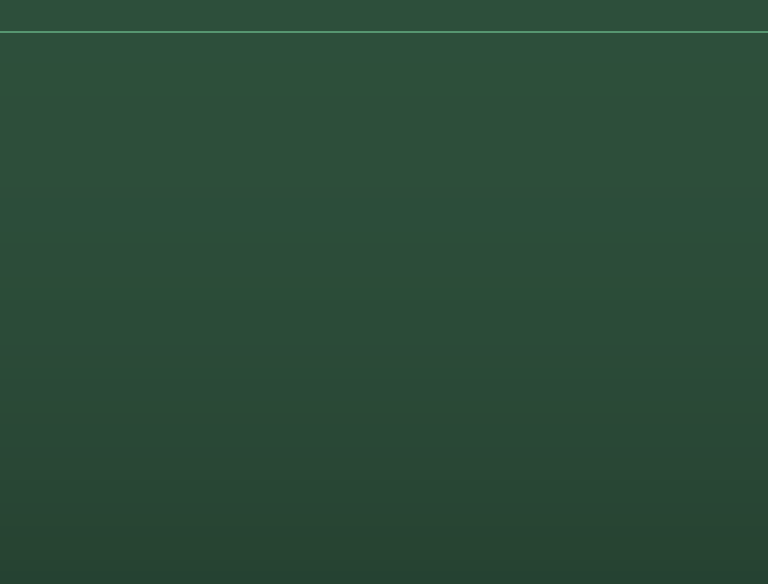
HISTORIC BRICK PAVERS beneath the street will be salvaged and re-used in key locations like the intersections

RAIN GARDENS along the street will detain and treat stormwater runoff and will provide colorful plantings with year-round interest

STREET TREES will be added to frame pedestrian spaces and shade buildings and sidewalks

PERMEABLE UNIT PAVING in the street and sidewalk will filter stormwater and reduce runoff rates and volumes





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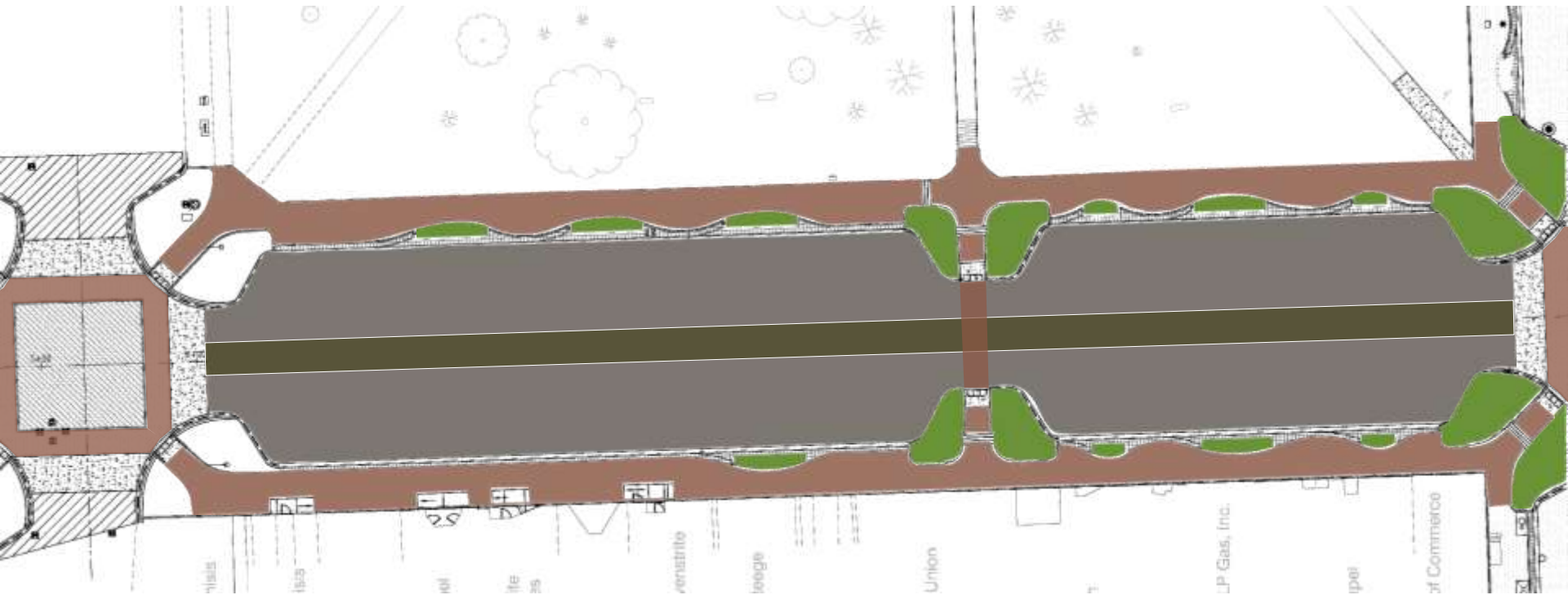


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# Stormwater Materials



Street Permeable Paver:  
*Eco-Optilock*



Sidewalk Permeable Paver:  
*Eco-Prioria*

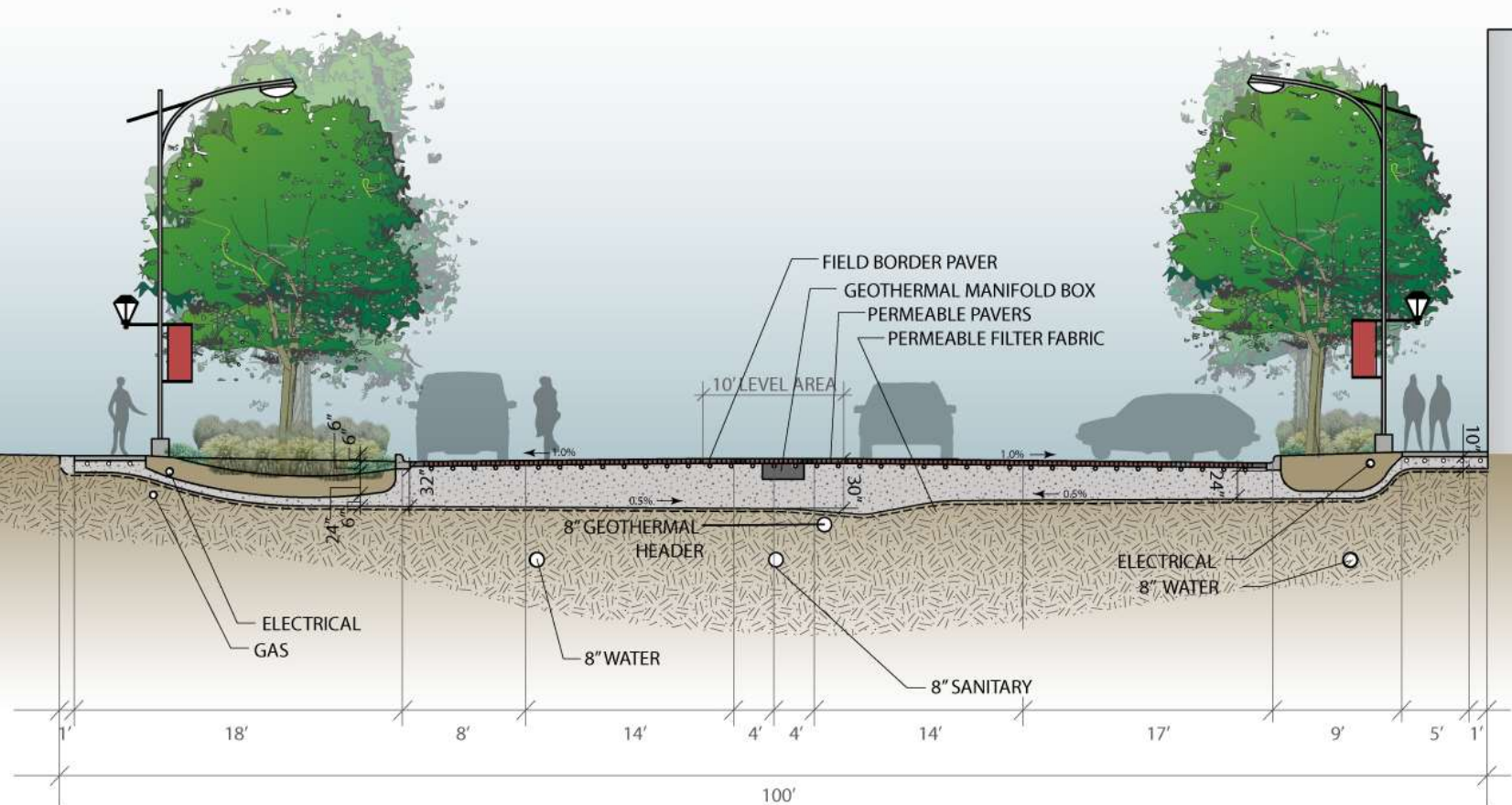


Bioretention Areas





# Street Section

























# Summary of Results

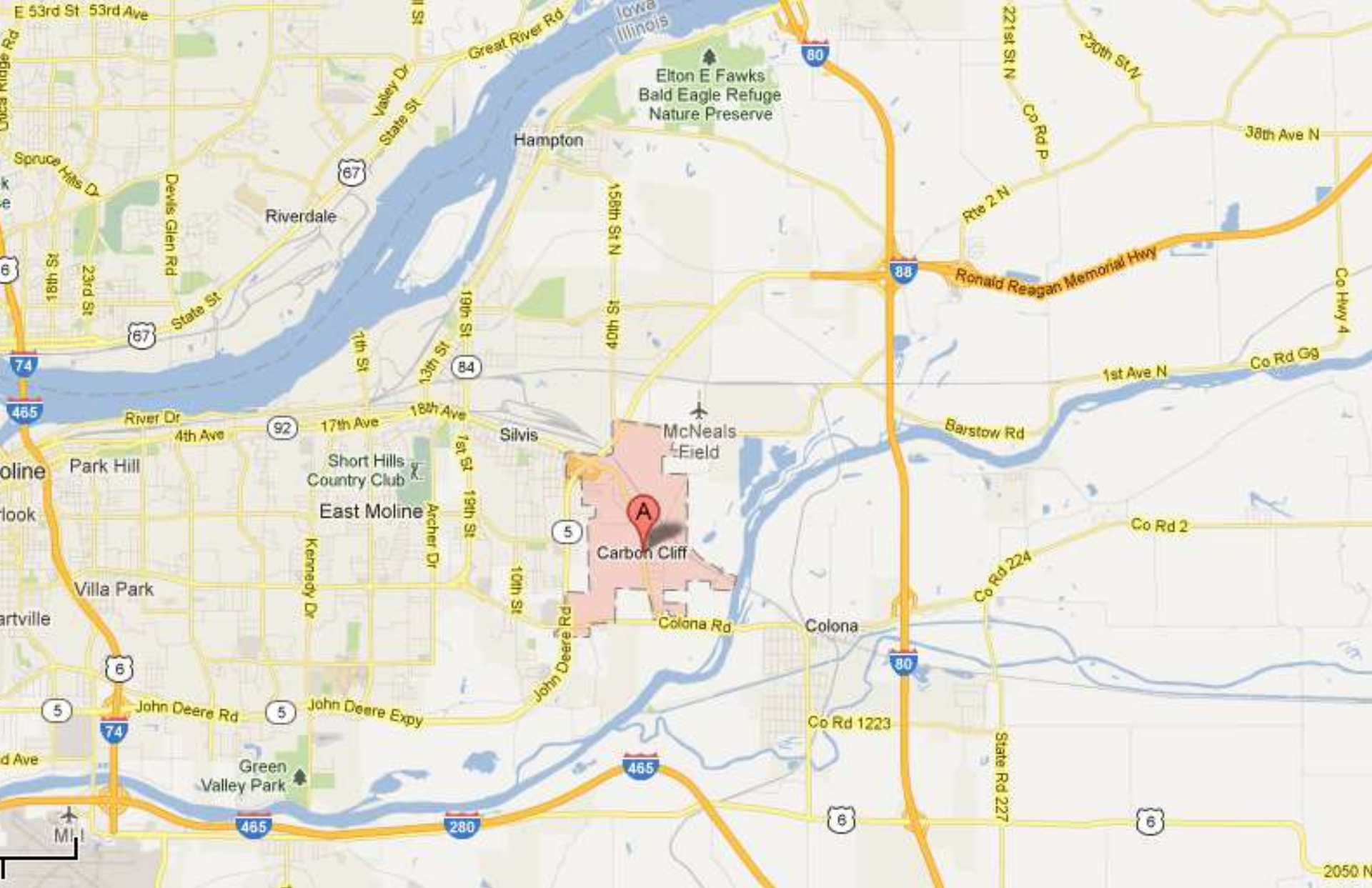
|                             | Pre-Project | Post-Project | % Reduction |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| Threshold Event             | 0.05"       | 1"           | -           |
| 2-Year Event (2.91" rain)   |             |              |             |
| Runoff Volume (inches)      | 2.2         | 1.38         | 37%         |
| Peak Flow (cfs)             | 19.2        | 3.8          | 80%         |
| 10-Year Event (4.31" rain)  |             |              |             |
| Runoff Volume (inches)      | 3.49        | 2.53         | 28%         |
| Peak Flow (cfs)             | 29.8        | 5.8          | 81%         |
| 100-Year Event (6.36" rain) |             |              |             |
| Runoff Volume (inches)      | 5.44        | 4.35         | 20%         |
| Peak Flow (cfs)             | 45.8        | 8.3          | 82%         |

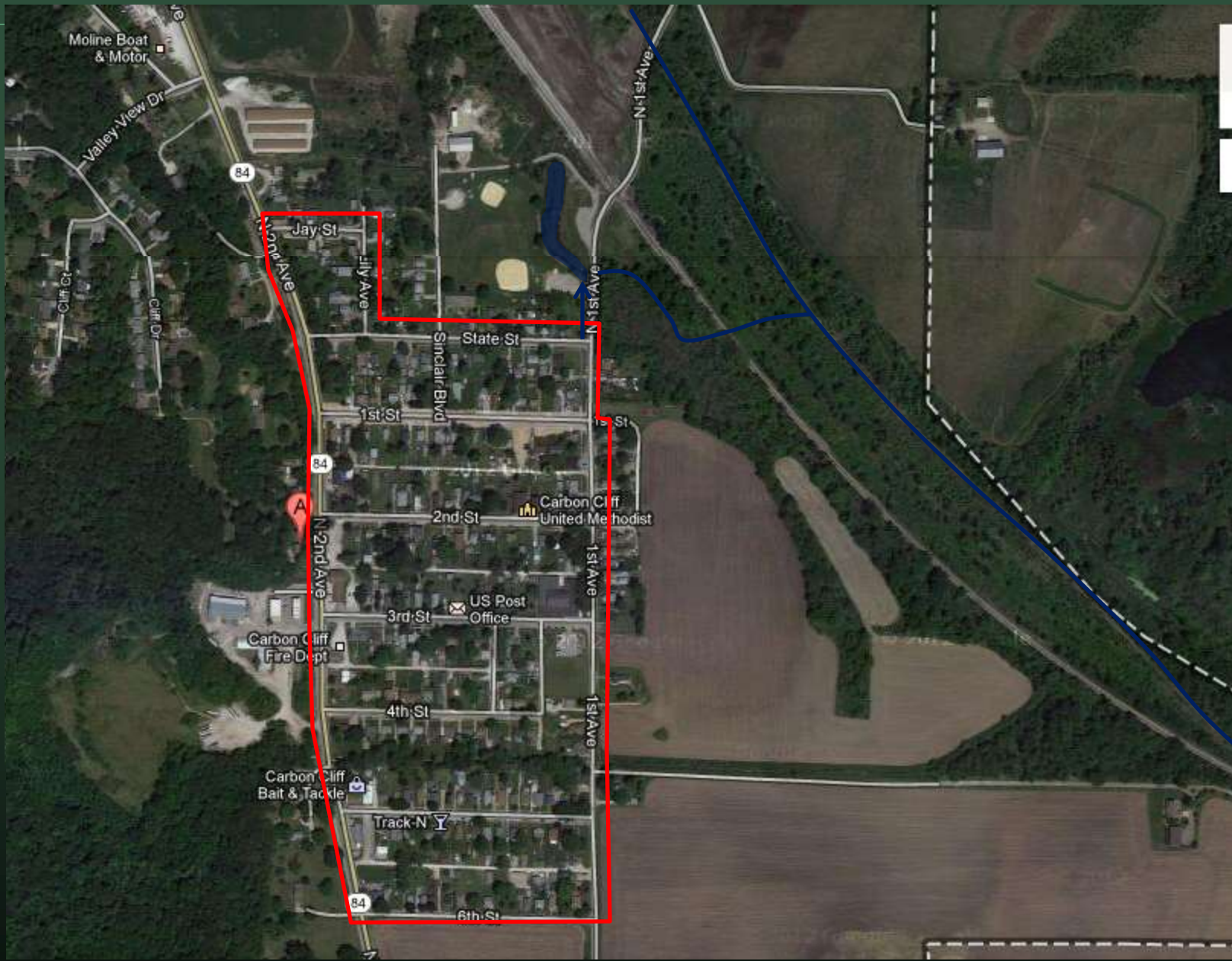


# Carbon Cliff Permeable Streets







































Charles City, Iowa









## 2-Year Event

Permeable Paving  
Flows  
Storm Sewer  
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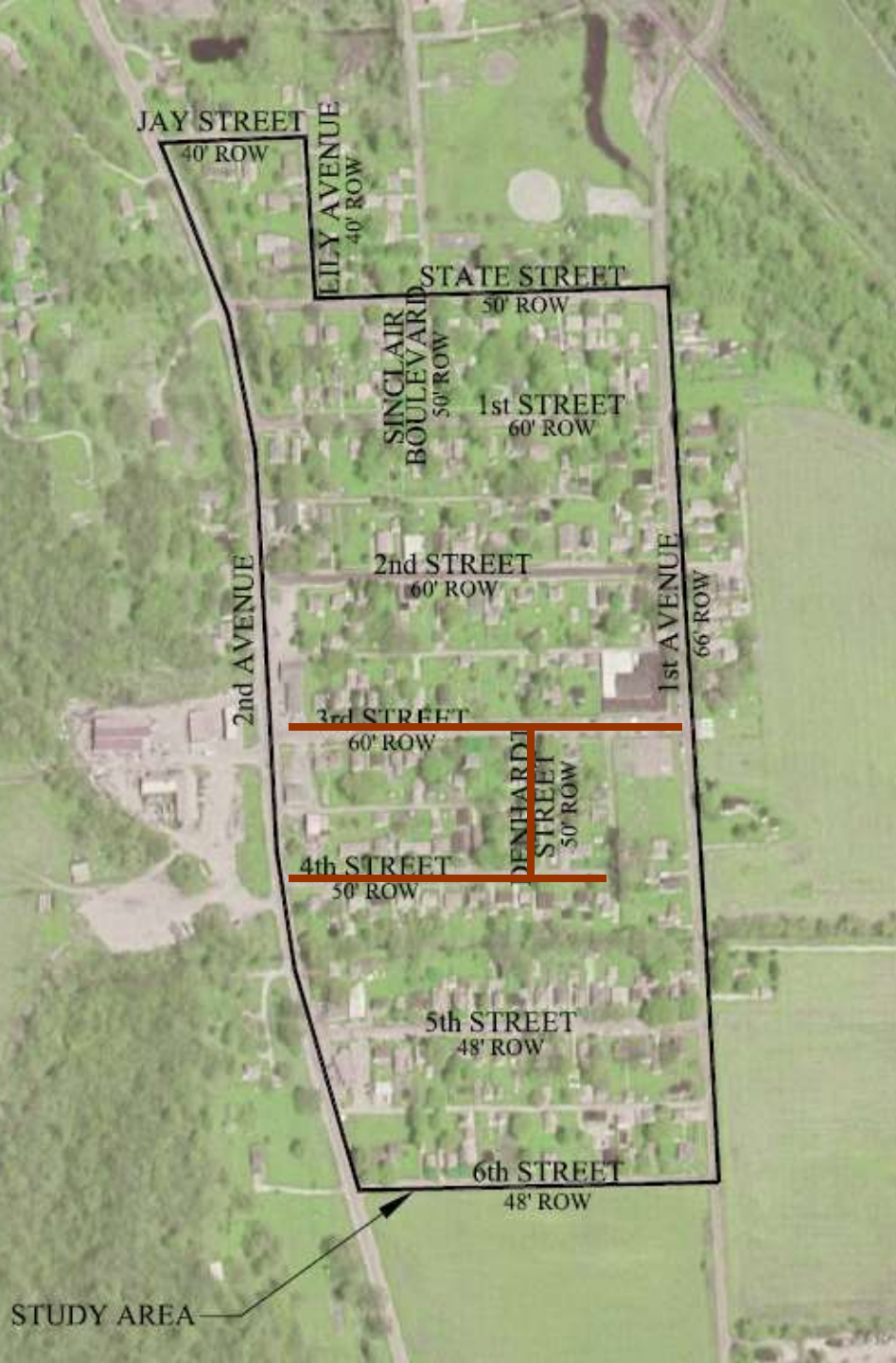


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## Proposed Phase 3











# AMCOL Headquarters



# AMCOL Headquarters Hoffman Estates, IL





























# Carol Stream Park District: LEED Silver Recreation Center

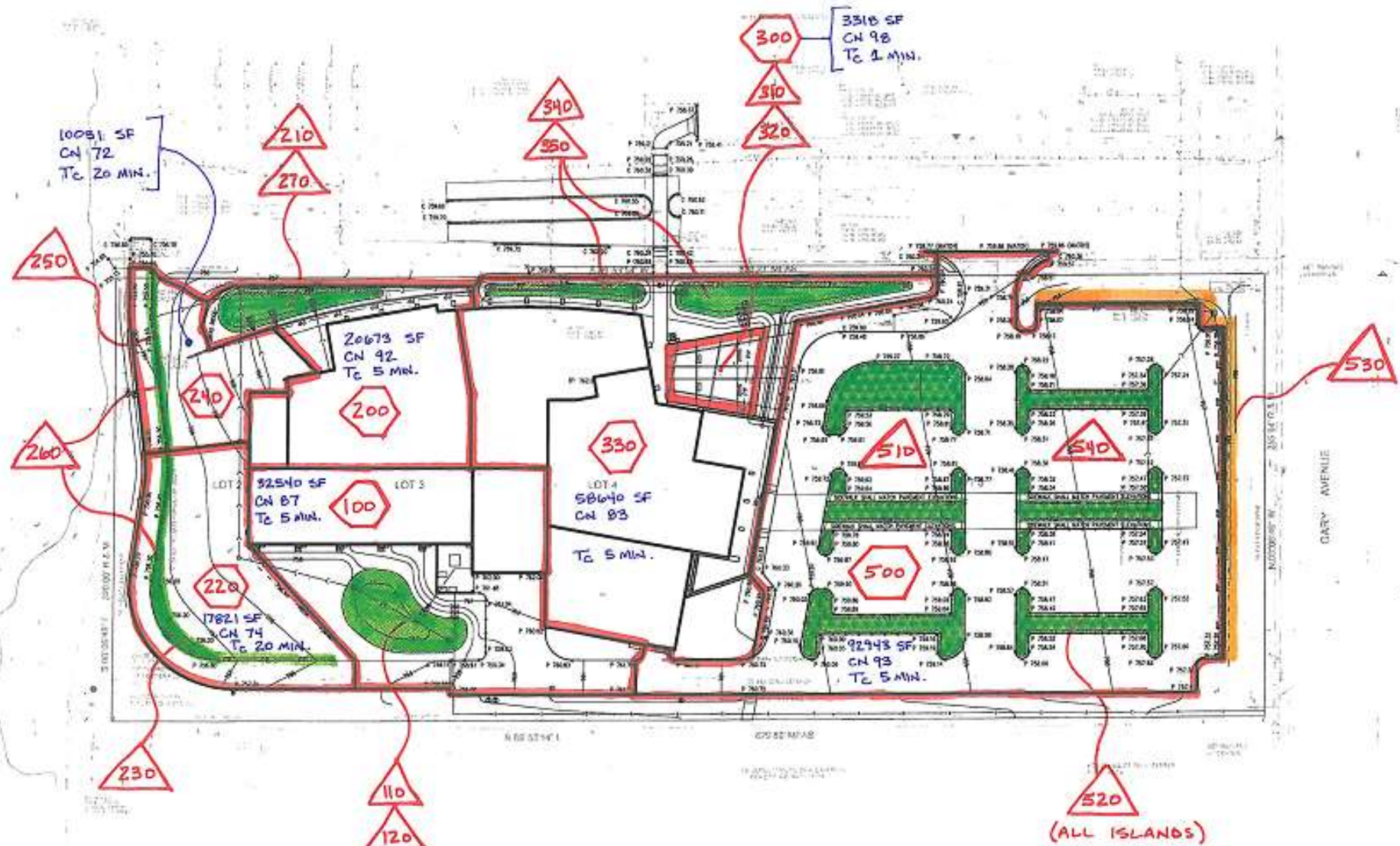






# Site Plan



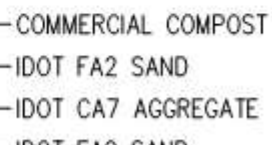
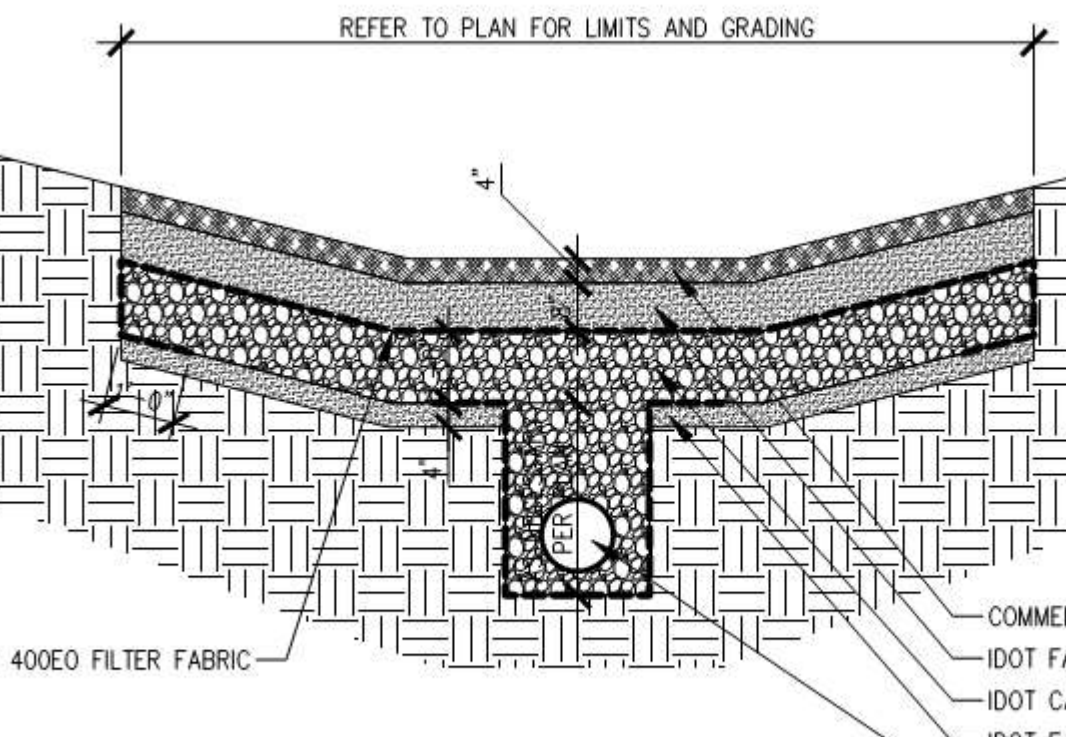




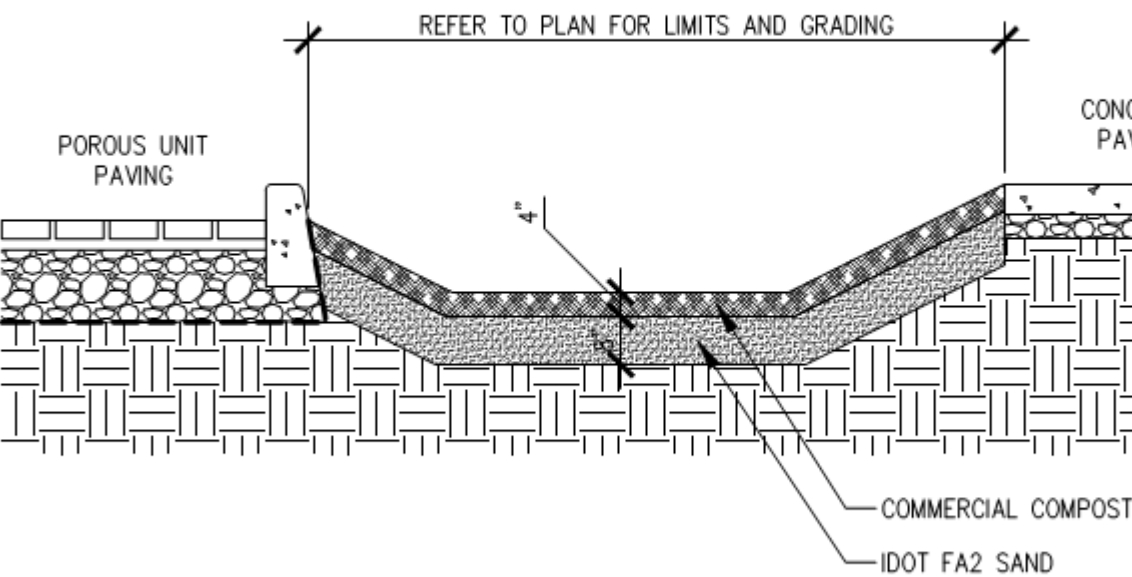
# Site Objectives

- LEED Sustainable Sites
- Highest Environmental Performance
- Reduced Irrigation
- Increased Longevity
- Cost Effective









# Construction







# Environmental Performance

- 2-Year Runoff Rate Reduction = 95%
- 2-Year Runoff Volume Reduction = 70%
- Sediment Load Reduction = 90%
- Metals Load Reduction = 90%
- Phosphorous Load Reduction = 65%
- Potential Deicing Salt Reduction = 75%
- Elimination of Asphalt Sealants
- Reduced Irrigation Demand





# Economic Considerations

- Cost: ~24% premium for permeable paving system but 11 year ROI
- Longevity: 50 year pavement life
- Safety: Reduced nuisance ponding & icing
- Space efficiency: Integration of stormwater & landscape
- Water Efficiency: Reduced Irrigation
- Aesthetics: Brick paving, lush landscapes
- Environmental performance improvements



# DuPage County Water Quality Improvement Program Grant

- Reduces Pollutants of Concern
- Reduces Non-Point Source Pollution
- Reduces Streambank Erosion
- Restores Pre-Development Hydrology
- Educates Community Leaders & Citizens
- Grant = \$117,133 (20% of expenses)





# Lost Valley Visitors Center in Glacial Park



*US Green Building Council*

*15 August 2013*



# Design Implementation – Sustainable Sites

## **D. Sustainable Site Practices**

1. Replicate natural hydrology on all land use surfaces through the integration of high-performance “green infrastructure” strategies for multiple, stacked benefits:
  - a. Porous pavement
  - b. Bio-retention
  - c. Native landscapes



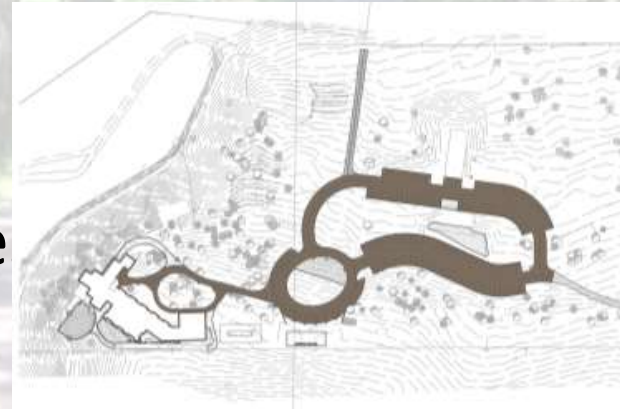
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## LOST VALLEY



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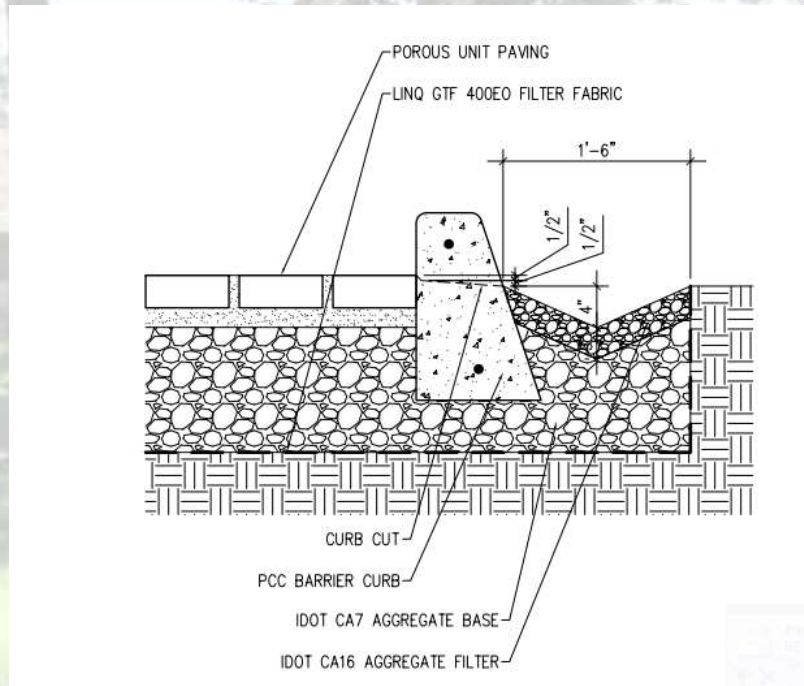
- a. Porous Pavement- Interlocking Concrete Unit Pavement System
  - i. Slows, cools, cleanses, and infiltrates rainwater
  - ii. Durable, longer-lasting
  - iii. Reduced maintenance costs
  - iv. Improved winter-time characteristics
  - v. Traffic calming
  - vi. Aesthetic characteristics
  - vii. Educational opportunities





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### Permeable Paving



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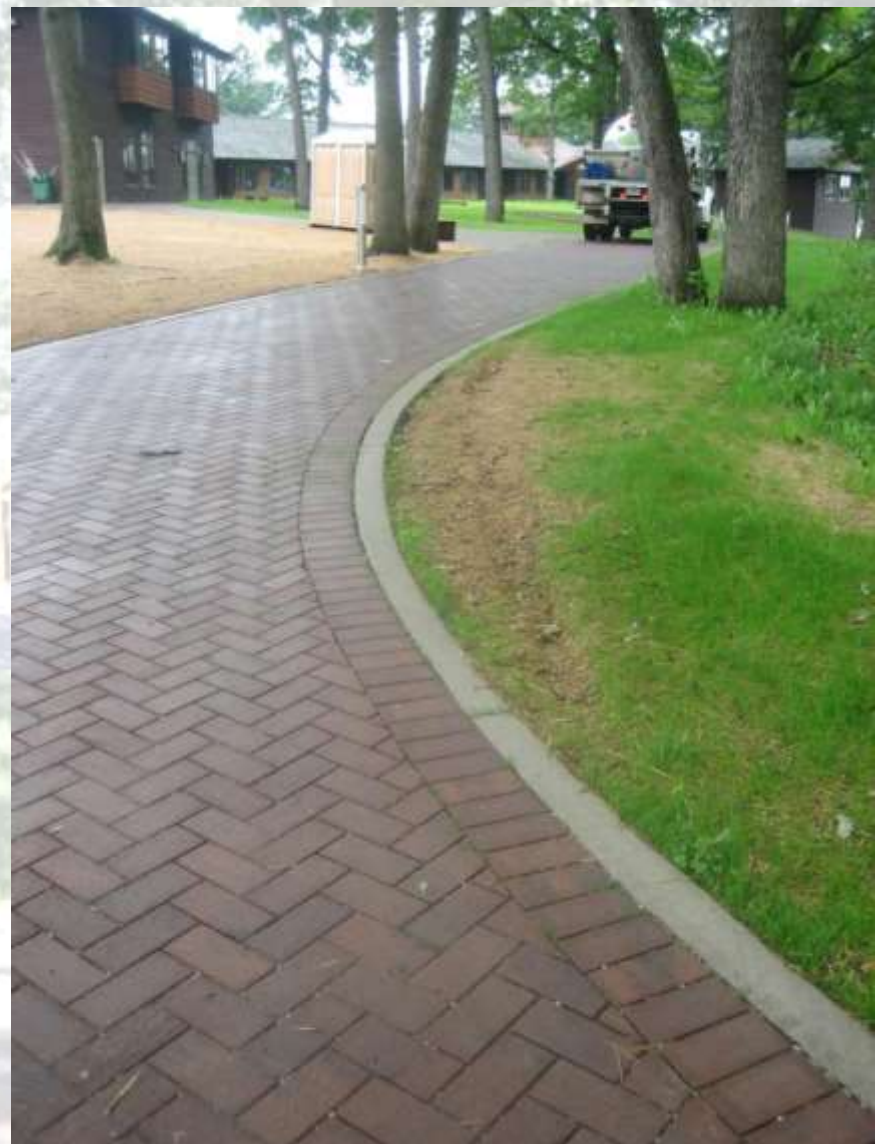




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**Porous Pavement**



# Design Implementation – Sustainable Sites

## LOST VALLEY



**Before**



**After**



## Design Implementation – Sustainable Sites

- b. Bioretention - Rain Gardens and Bioswales
  - i. Slows, cools, cleanses, and infiltrates rainwater
  - ii. Improves biodiversity
  - iii. Reinforces native landscape character
  - iv. Educational opportunities





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## Design Implementation – Sustainable Sites

2. Detention / Evaporation
  - a. Adaptive re-use of pool
  - b. Slows, cools, cleanses, and infiltrates rainwater
  - c. Expands usable, programmable outdoor space



## Design Implementation – Sustainable Sites

### Detention / Evaporation





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## Detention / Evaporation



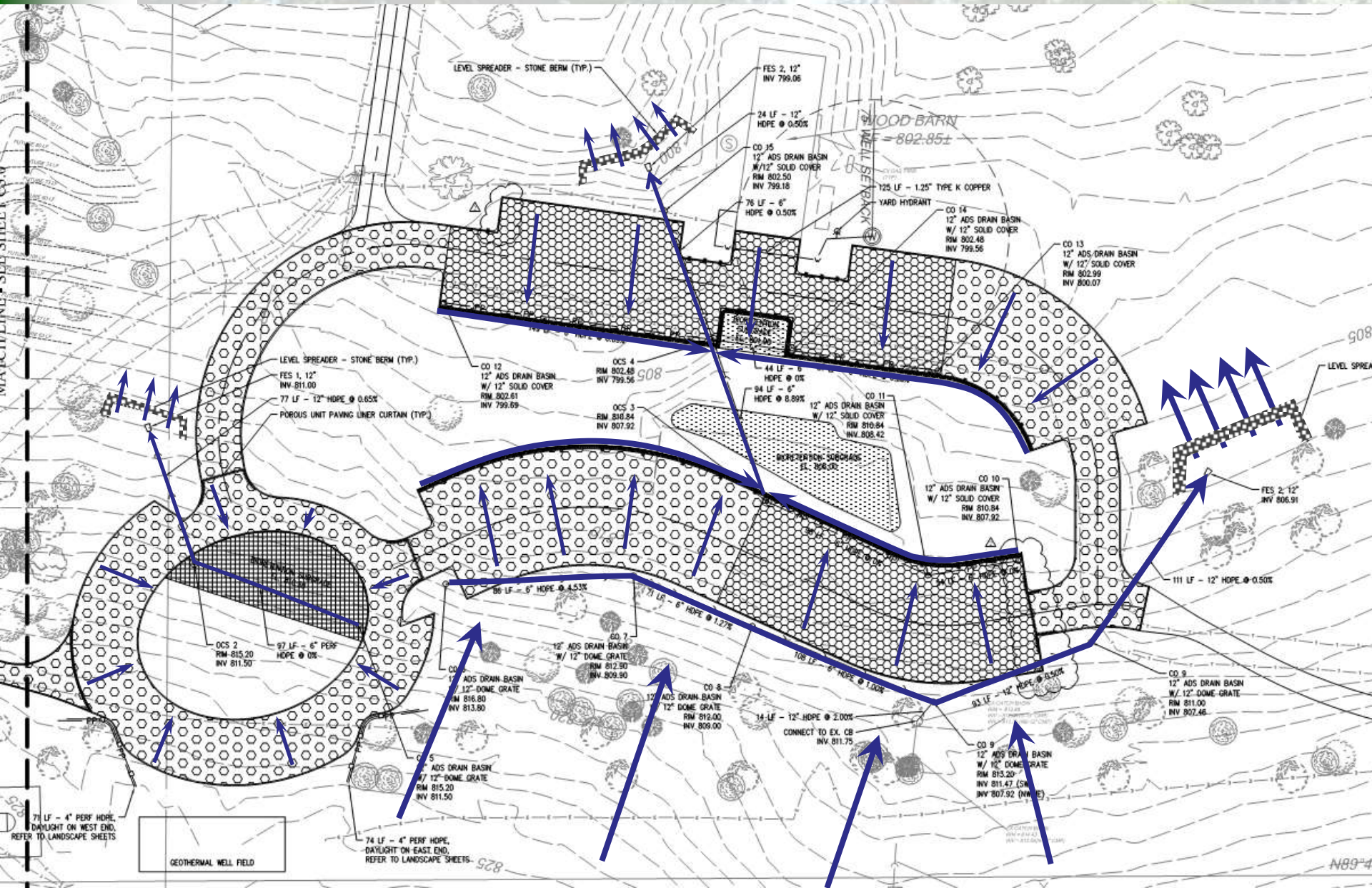
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Make all water a visible element



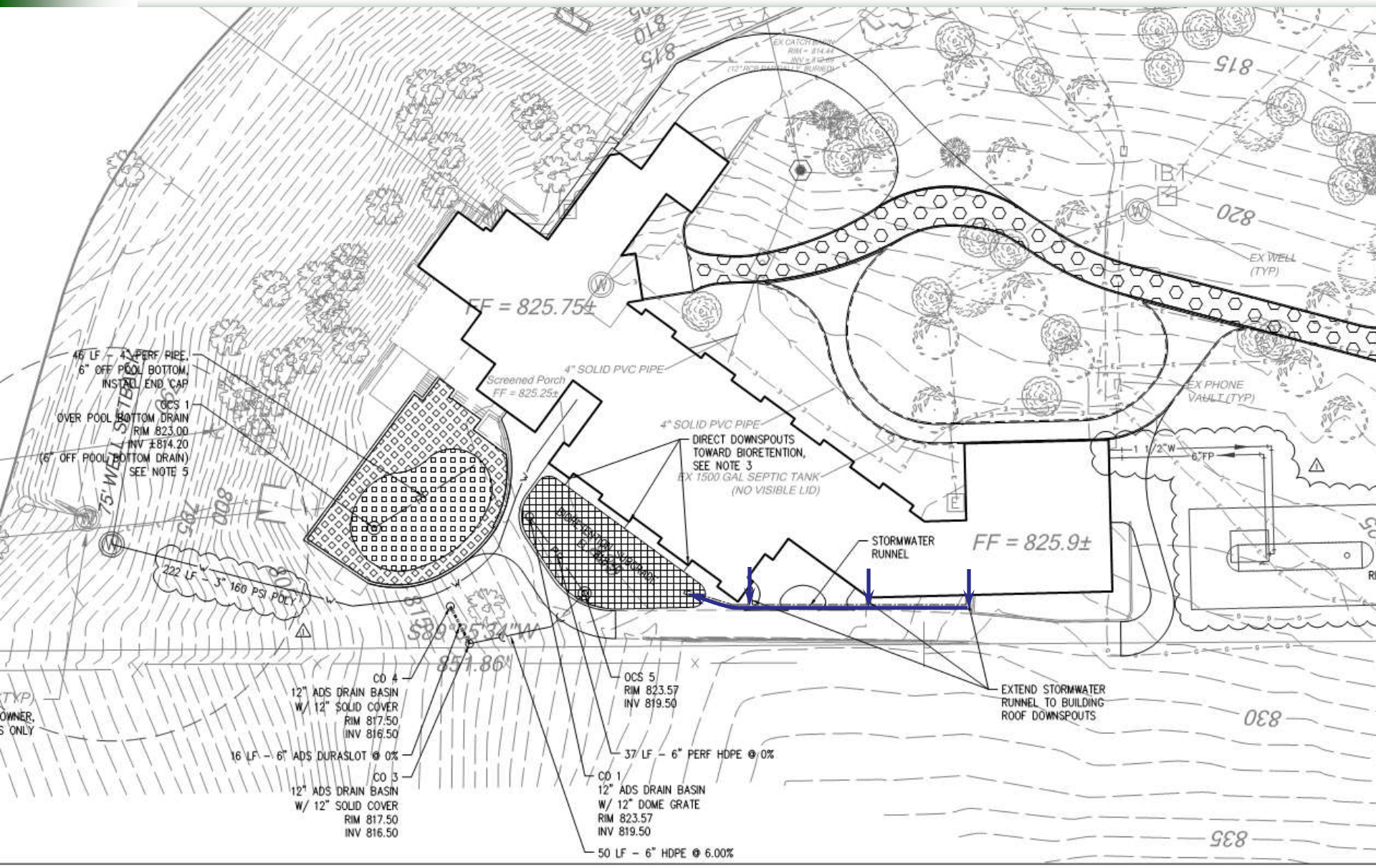


# Water Management Plan





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# Design Implementation – Sustainable Sites

## Project Performance

**Table 3 - Estimated Runoff Rates & Volumes**

| Event  | Pre-Development      |                       | Post Development     |                       |
|--------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
|        | Peak Discharge (cfs) | Runoff Volume (ac-ft) | Peak Discharge (cfs) | Runoff Volume (ac-ft) |
| 1-yr   | 4.05                 | 0.28                  | 0.06                 | 0.07                  |
| 2-yr   | 7.07                 | 0.44                  | 0.10                 | 0.14                  |
| 100-yr | 42.90                | 2.44                  | 0.84                 | 0.98                  |

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3. Native Landscapes – Adapted prairie grasses and forb species
  - a. Slows, cools, cleanses, and infiltrates rainwater
  - b. Improves biodiversity
  - c. Reinforces authentic landscape character
  - d. Improves habitat
  - e. Educational opportunities





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## Native Landscapes



Before

