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Sustainable drainage grids

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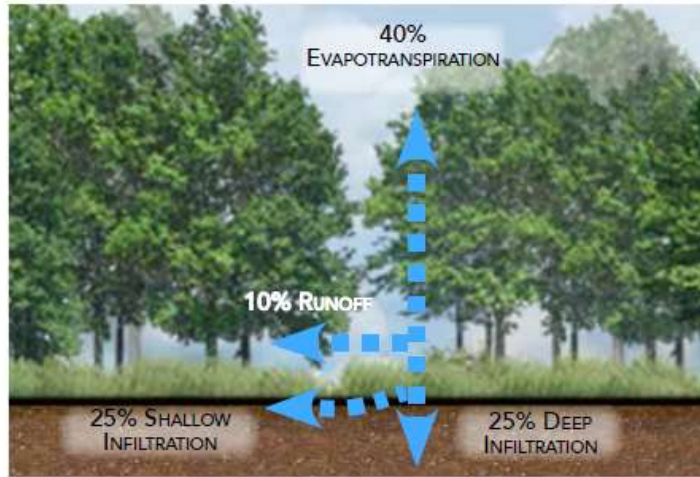
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## 1. Current challenges

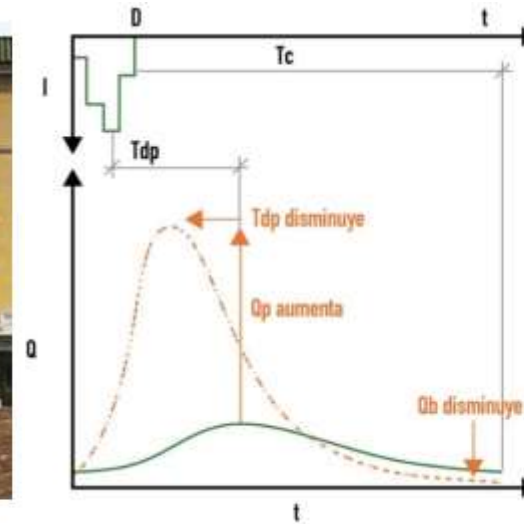
### Soil sealing: peak flow increase, lower concentration time, ...



Natural Area Diagram



Urban Area Diagram



### Floods and sewer network overflows

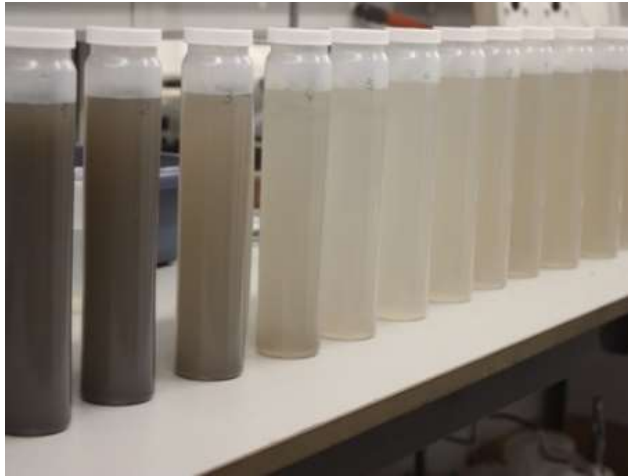


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### Stormwater pollution and combined sewer overflows



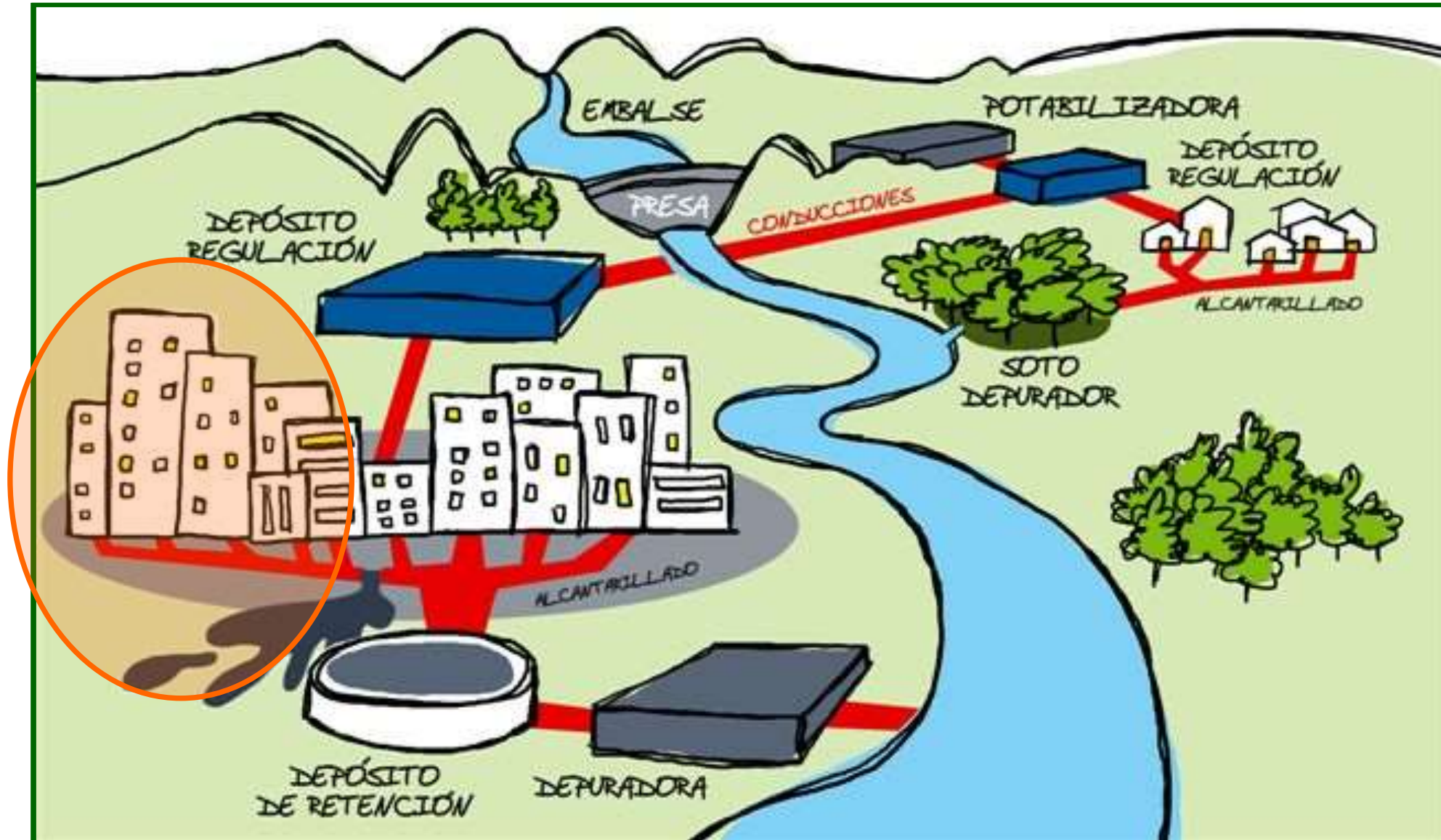
Energy consumption in stormwater management, few space for biodiversity, discomfort for citizens after raining, ...





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- **Goal 6: Clean water and sanitation:**
  - Improve water quality by **reducing pollution**
  - Substantially increase **water-use efficiency** of water resources

- **Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities**
  - Substantially decrease [...] water-related disasters

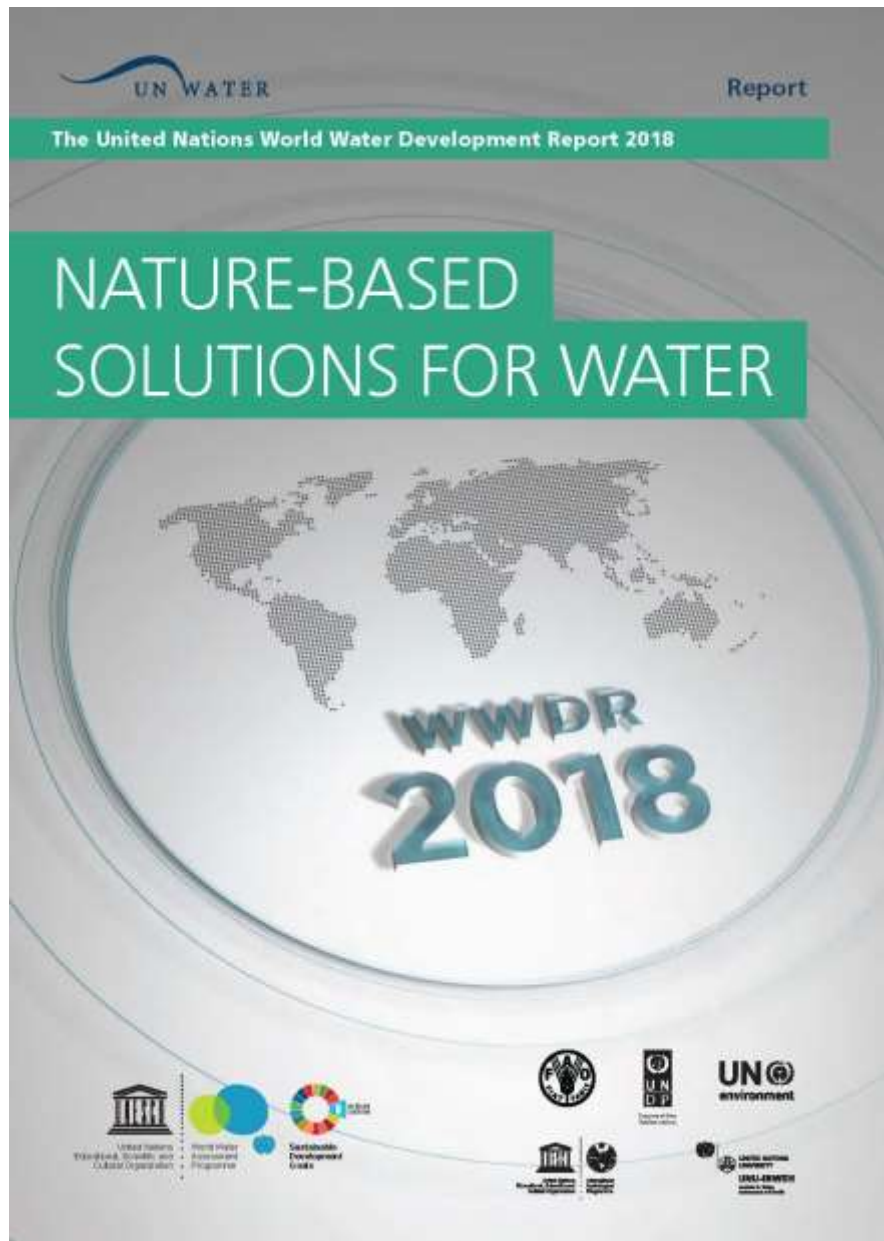
- **Goal 13: Climate action**
  - Strengthen resilience and **adaptive** capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters



**SUDS**







The 2018 UN World Water Development Report proposes an innovative response to water resource management challenges:

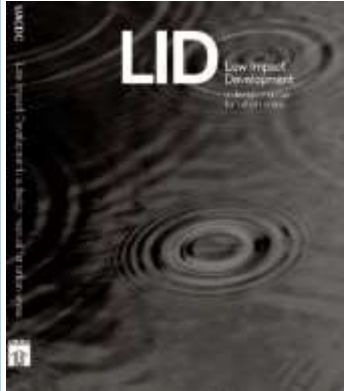
### nature-based solutions (NBS)

NBS uses or mimics natural processes to:

- ❖ enhance water availability (e.g. soil moisture retention, groundwater recharge),
- ❖ improve water quality (e.g. natural and constructed wetlands, riparian buffer strips), and
- ❖ reduce risks associated with water-related disasters and climate change (e.g., floodplain restoration, green roofs).

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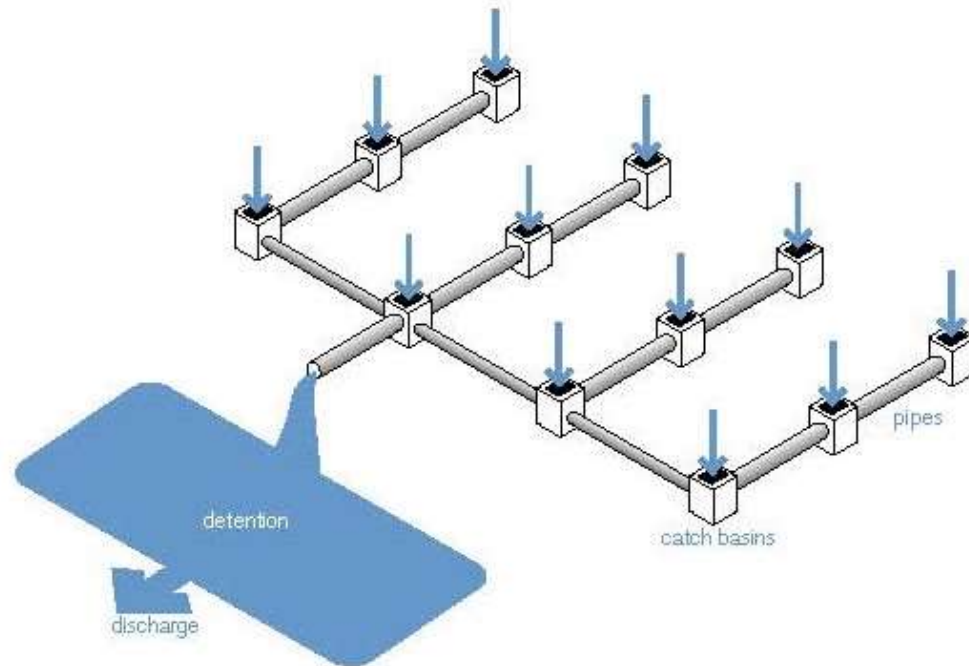
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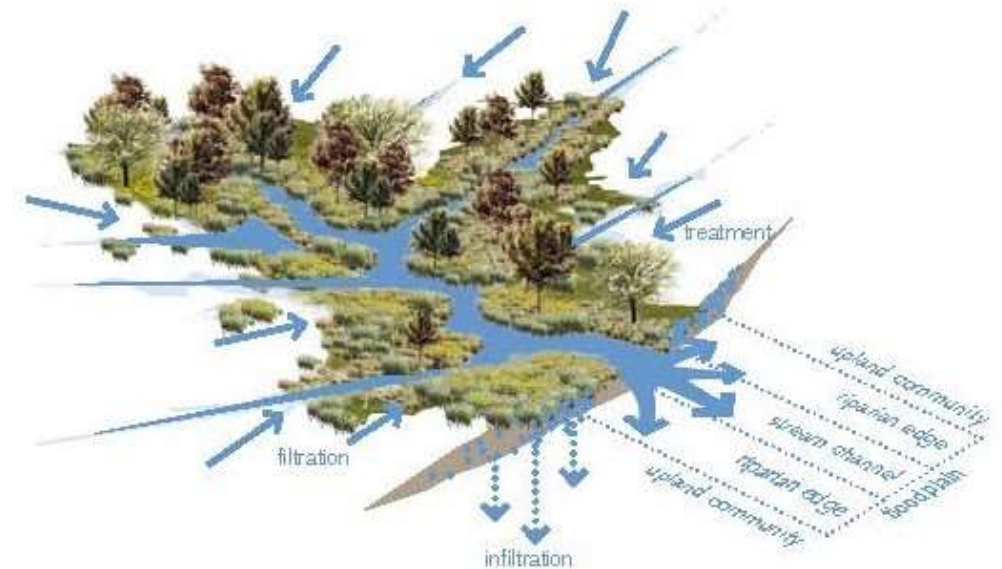
### Paradigm shift in urban drainage:

hard engineering  
...just transfers pollution  
to another site

soft engineering  
...metabolizes pollutants  
on site — parks, not pipes!

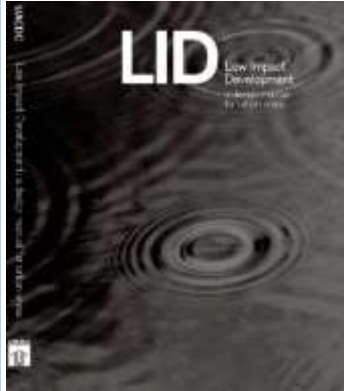


conventional management: 'pipe-and-pond' infrastructure  
drain, direct, dispatch

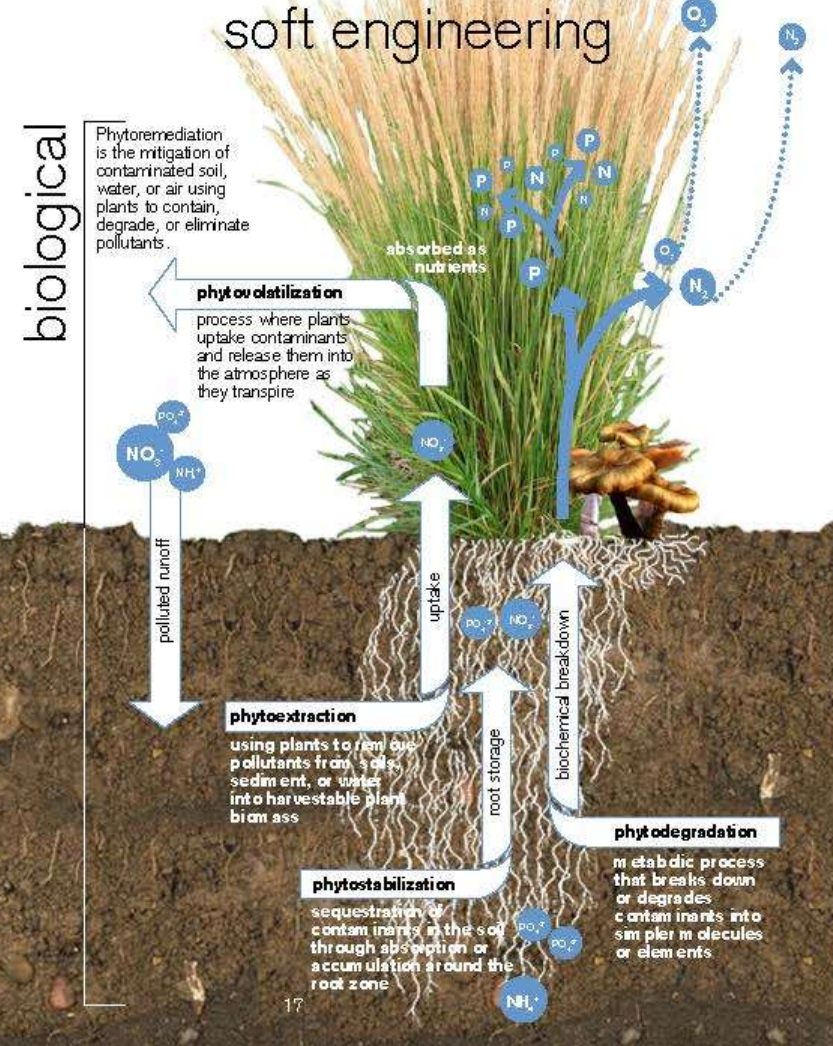
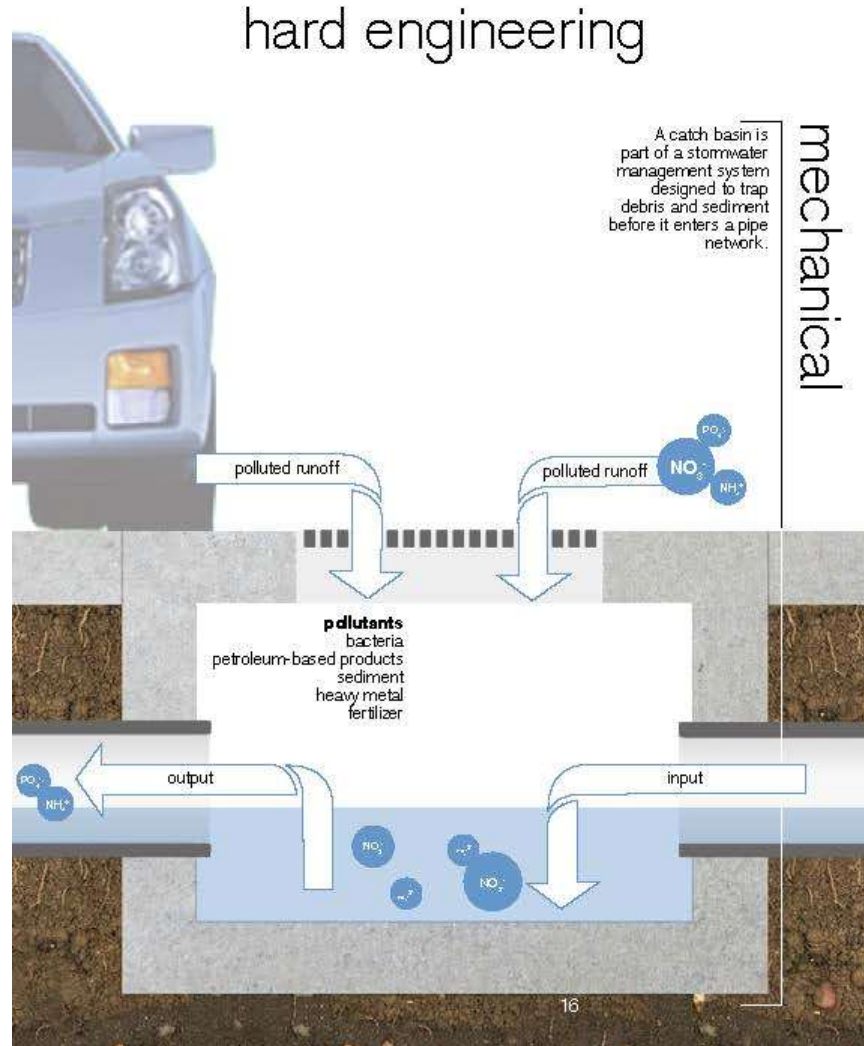


low impact management: watershed approach  
slow, spread, soak





### Nature Based Solutions – NBS



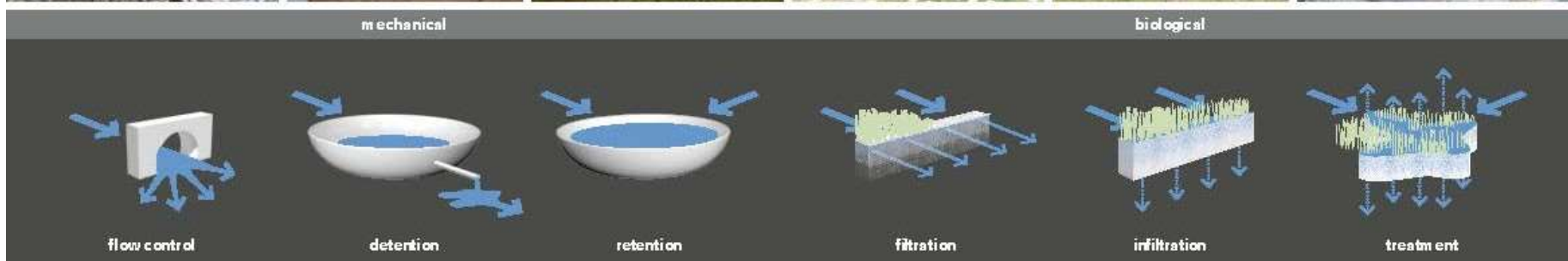
### SUDS – Sustainable Urban Drainage System

"Innovative" strategy for stormwater management and urban planning that seeks reproduce / restore the hydrological processes previous to urban development (filtering, storage, evapotranspiration, infiltration...), strategically integrating elements of runoff control in the urban landscape



integrating hard engineering

...and soft engineering toward a LID approach





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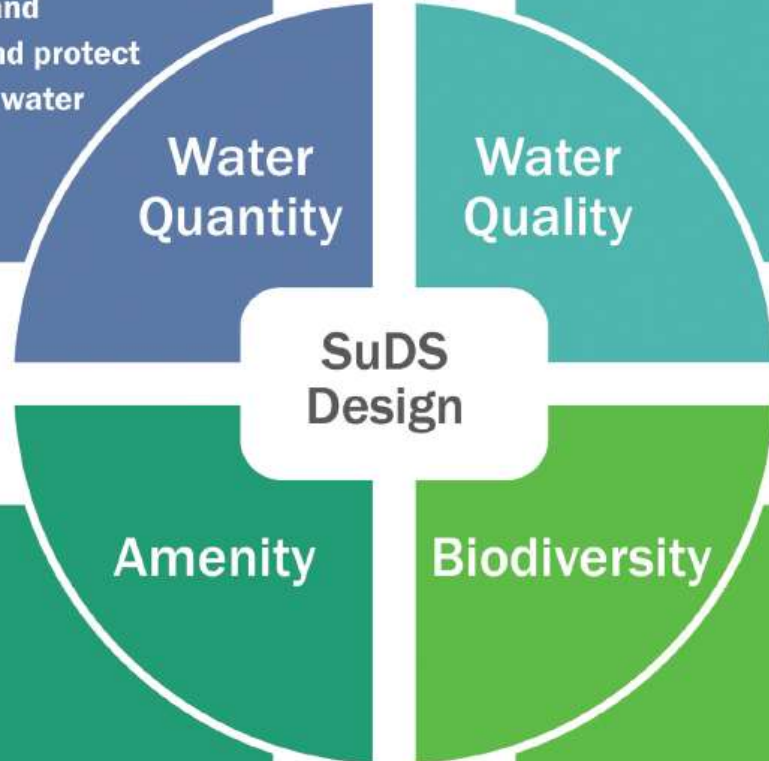
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**Control the quantity of runoff to**

- support the management of flood risk, and
- maintain and protect the natural water cycle

**Manage the quality of the runoff to prevent pollution**



**Create and sustain better places for people**

**Create and sustain better places for nature**



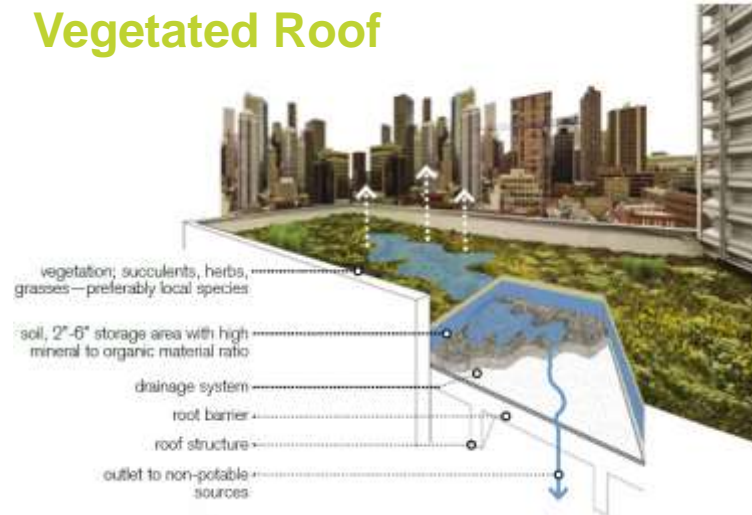


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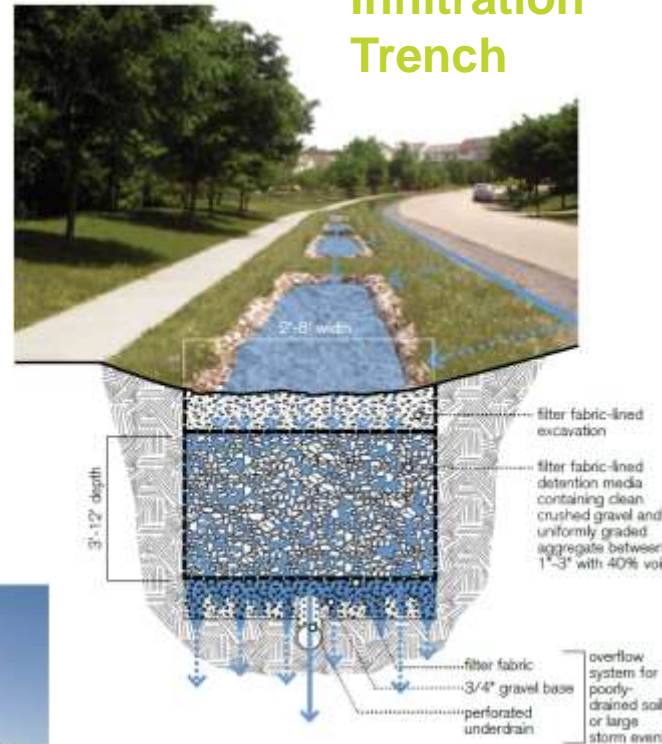
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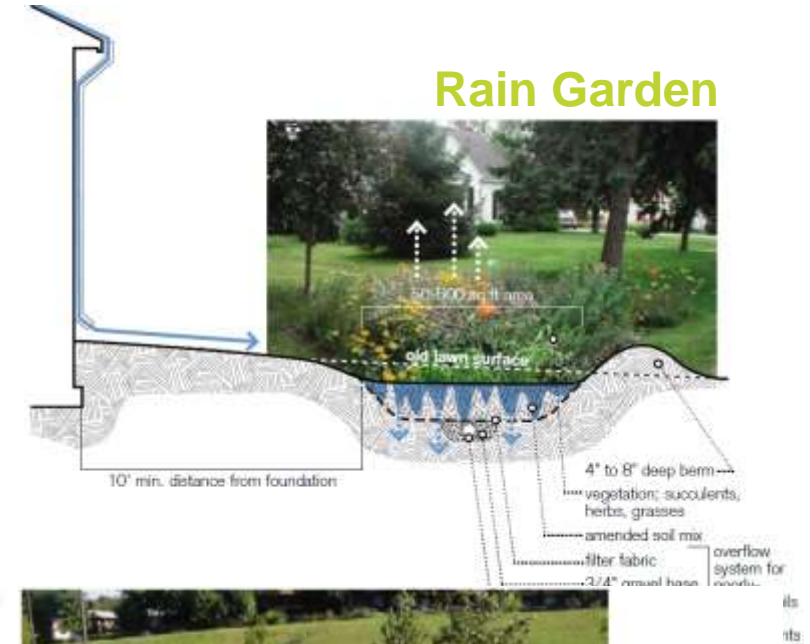
### Vegetated Roof



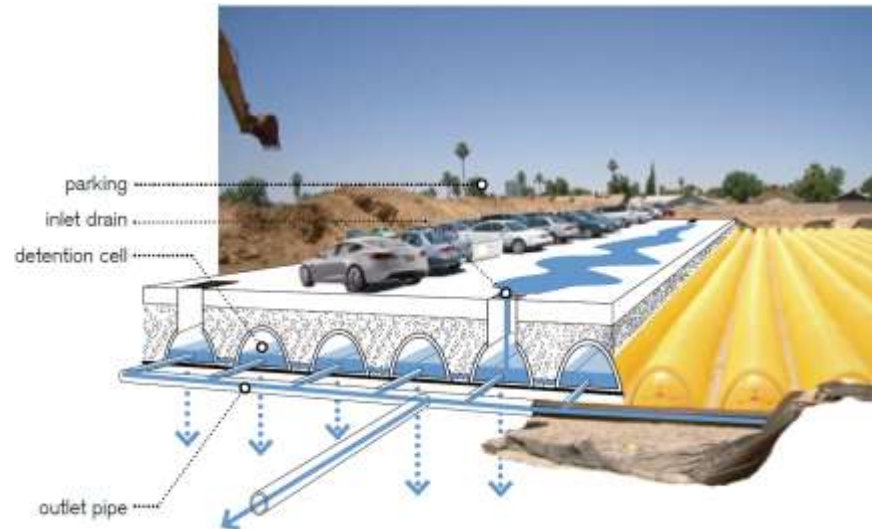
### Infiltration Trench



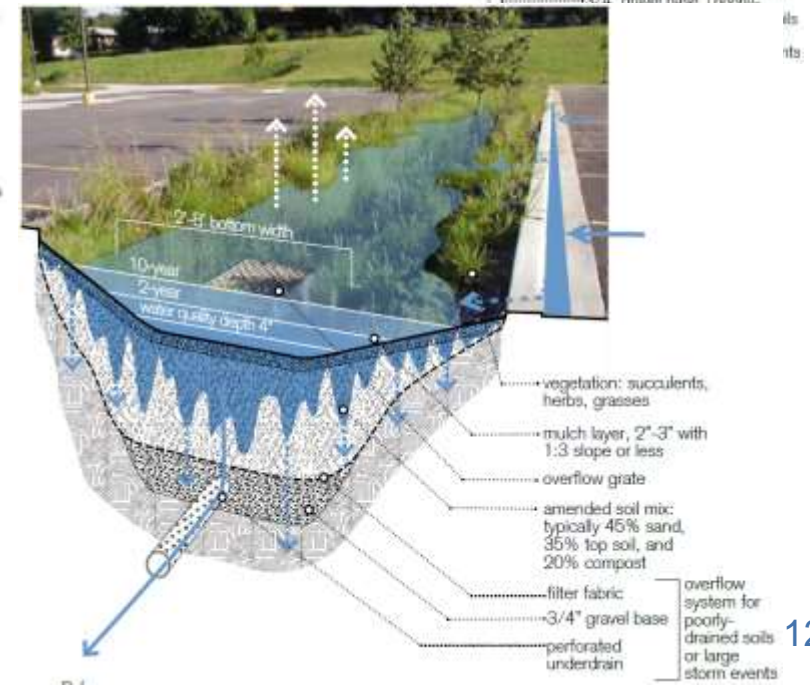
### Rain Garden



### Underground Detention



### Bioretention Area



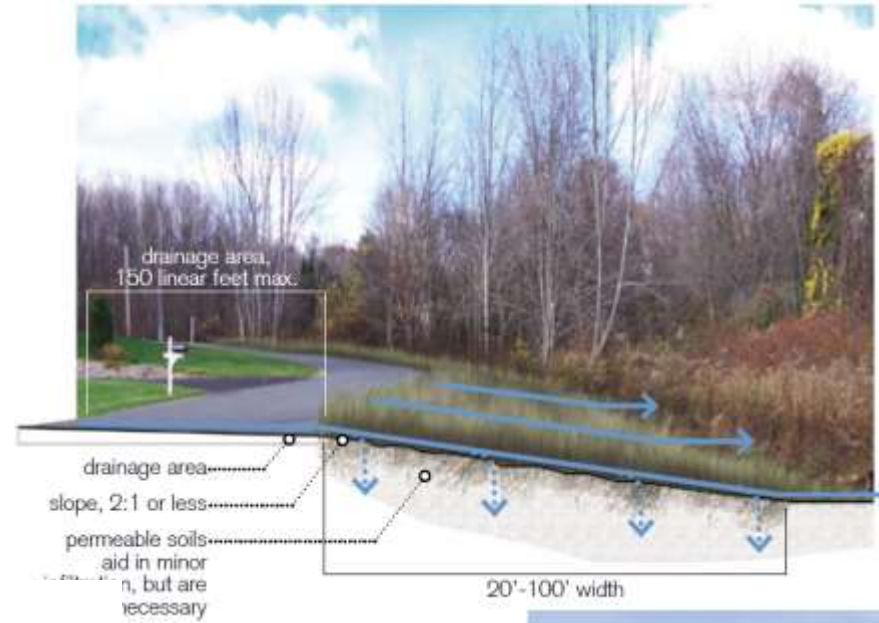


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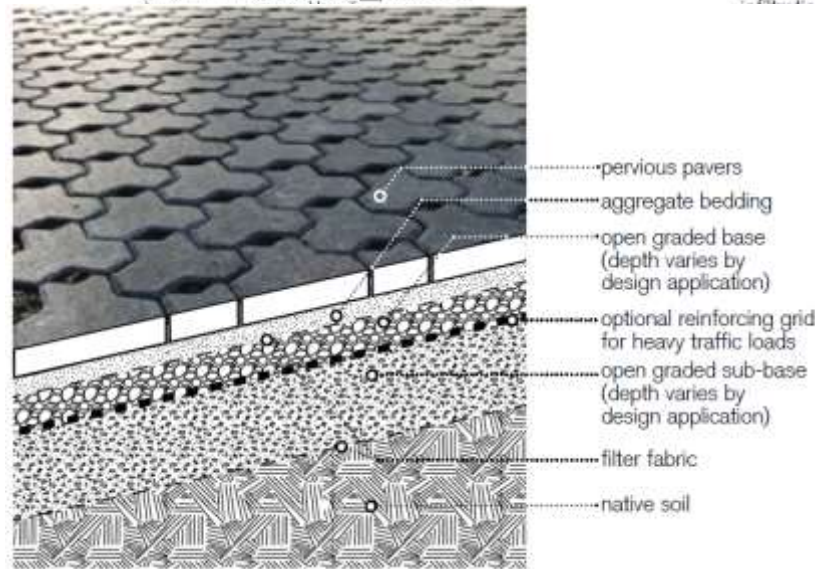


**Dry Swale**

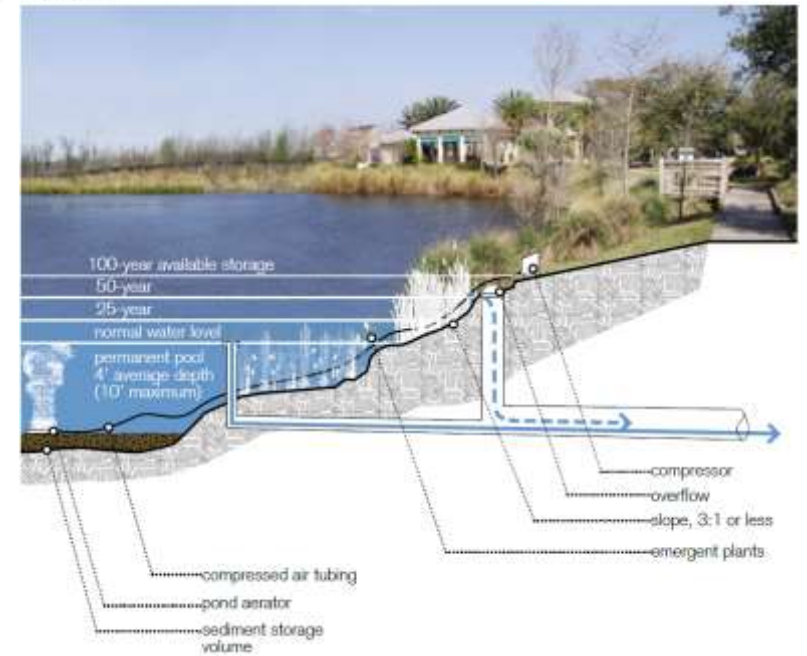


**Filter Strip**

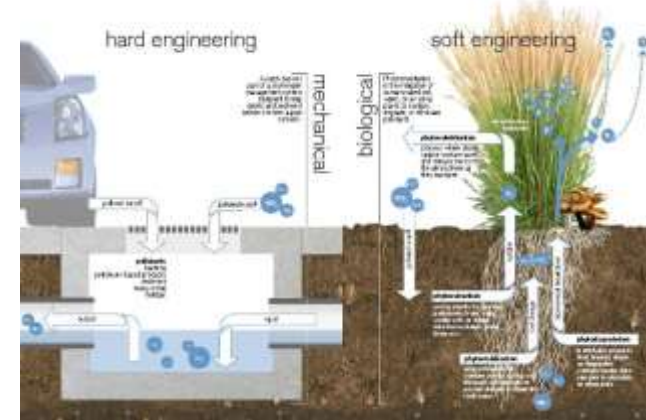
**Permeable Paving**



**Retention Pond**



- **Nature Based Solution (NBS)**
- **Decentralised** management
- Management **focused on citizens: educational opportunities**
- Stormwater is a **natural resource** (not a waste)
- **Integration** in urban landscape
- **Multifunctional spaces**
- **Diversity** of techniques
- **Specific** solutions for each place
- LEED, BREEAM... credits





### From linear economy (produce, use, dispose) → to circular economy

The water smart cities concept is enabled by implementing a combination of measures that are based on two strategies:

- ❖ Restore the natural drainage capacity of cities, by introducing nature based solutions



- ❖ Closing the urban water cycle, by awareness, efficiency and monitoring of measures, as well as water use.





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### INTEGRAL WATER MANAGEMENT FOR THE CITY OF THE FUTURE



### SUDS are part of the adaptation strategy against climate change:

- ❖ **Resilience against floods**, introducing nature based solutions that reduce and attenuate flows, leaving space in current systems for possible increases of storm intensities.
- ❖ **Resilience against droughts**, encouraging on site infiltration and contributing to groundwater recharge, easing hydric stress and reducing the necessity of importing drinking water.
- ❖ **Reduce heat island effect**, increasing the greenery in urban spaces and building green roofs.
- ❖ **Decrease the energy demand in buildings**, reducing indoor temperature and providing shadow in façades.
- ❖ **Reduce the energy consumption in urban water management**, reducing the runoff quantity that enter the sewer (necessity of pumping and treating).



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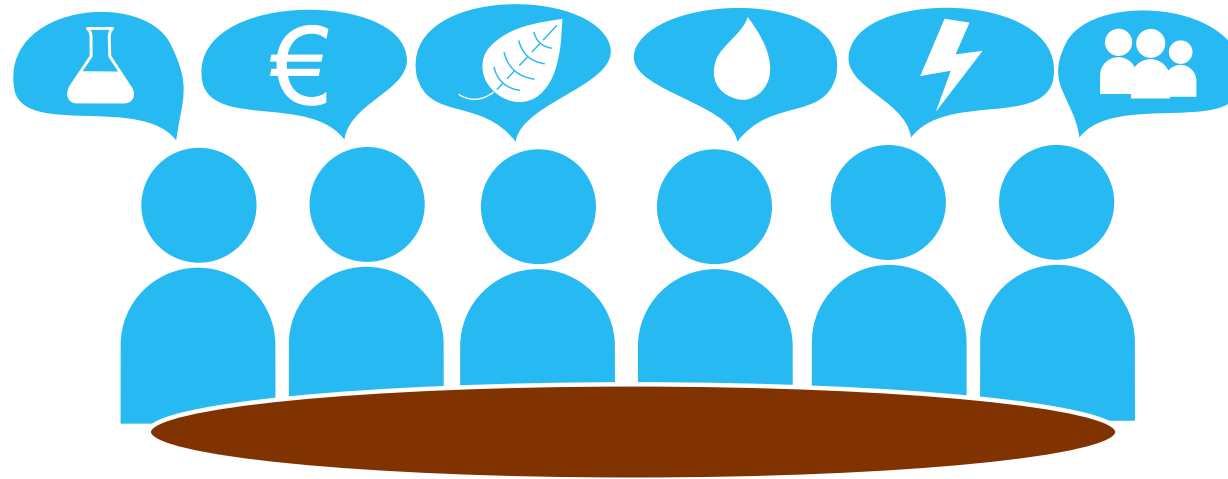
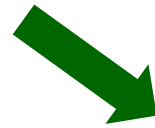


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### New York City (USA)



More benefits at lower economic cost

Figure 2: Phasing of Green Infrastructure and Grey Infrastructure Benefits

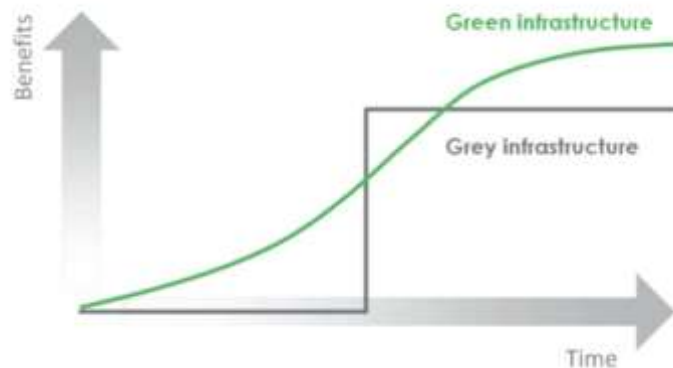
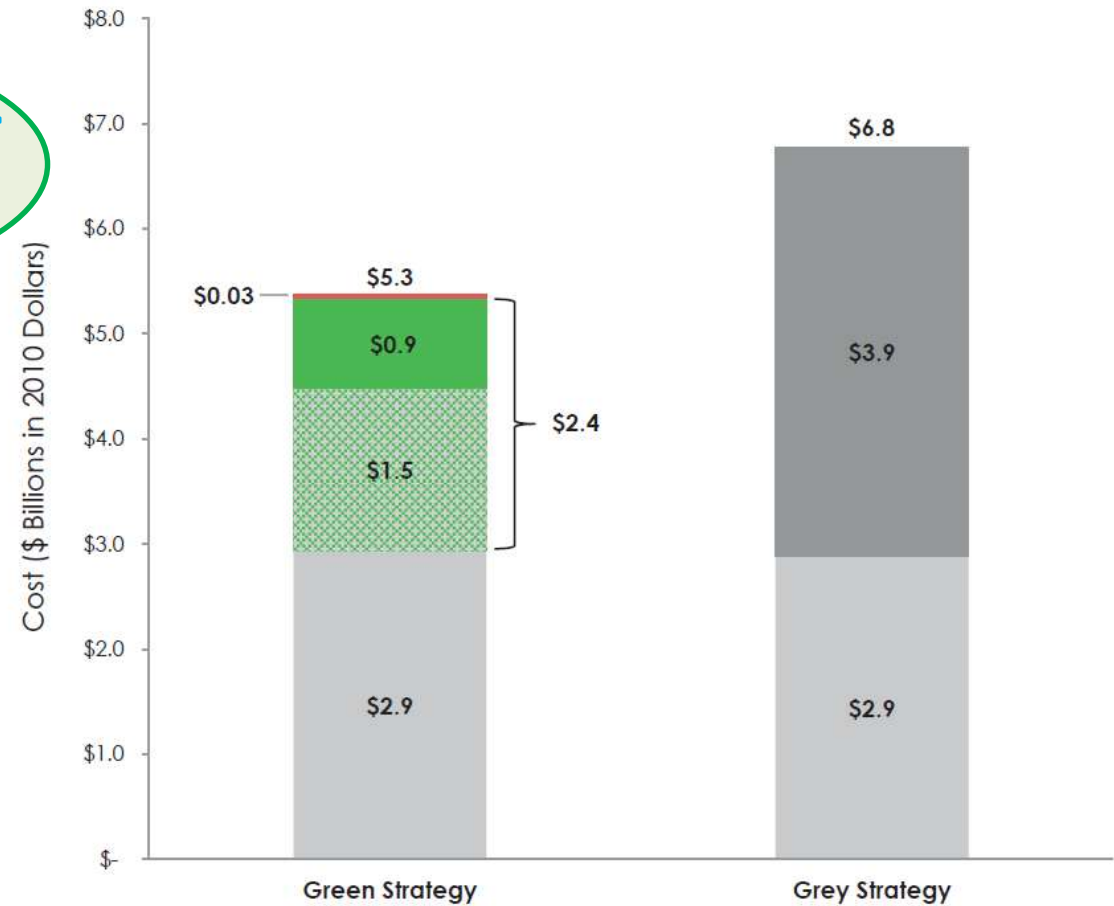


Figure 3: Citywide Costs of CSO Control Scenarios (after 20 years)



- Cost-Effective Grey Investments
- Green Infrastructure - Public Investment
- Optimize Existing System
- Reduced Flow
- Green Infrastructure - Private Investment
- Potential Tanks, Tunnels, & Expansions

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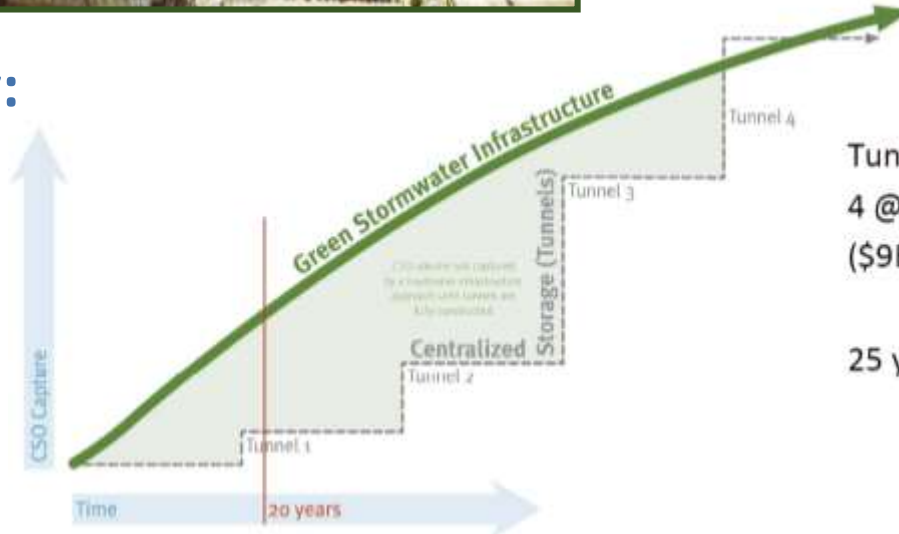


### Philadelphia (USA)

Vision: “Green City, Clean Waters”.



### Strategy:



Tunnels =  
4 @ >\$2+B / each  
(\$9B-10B)

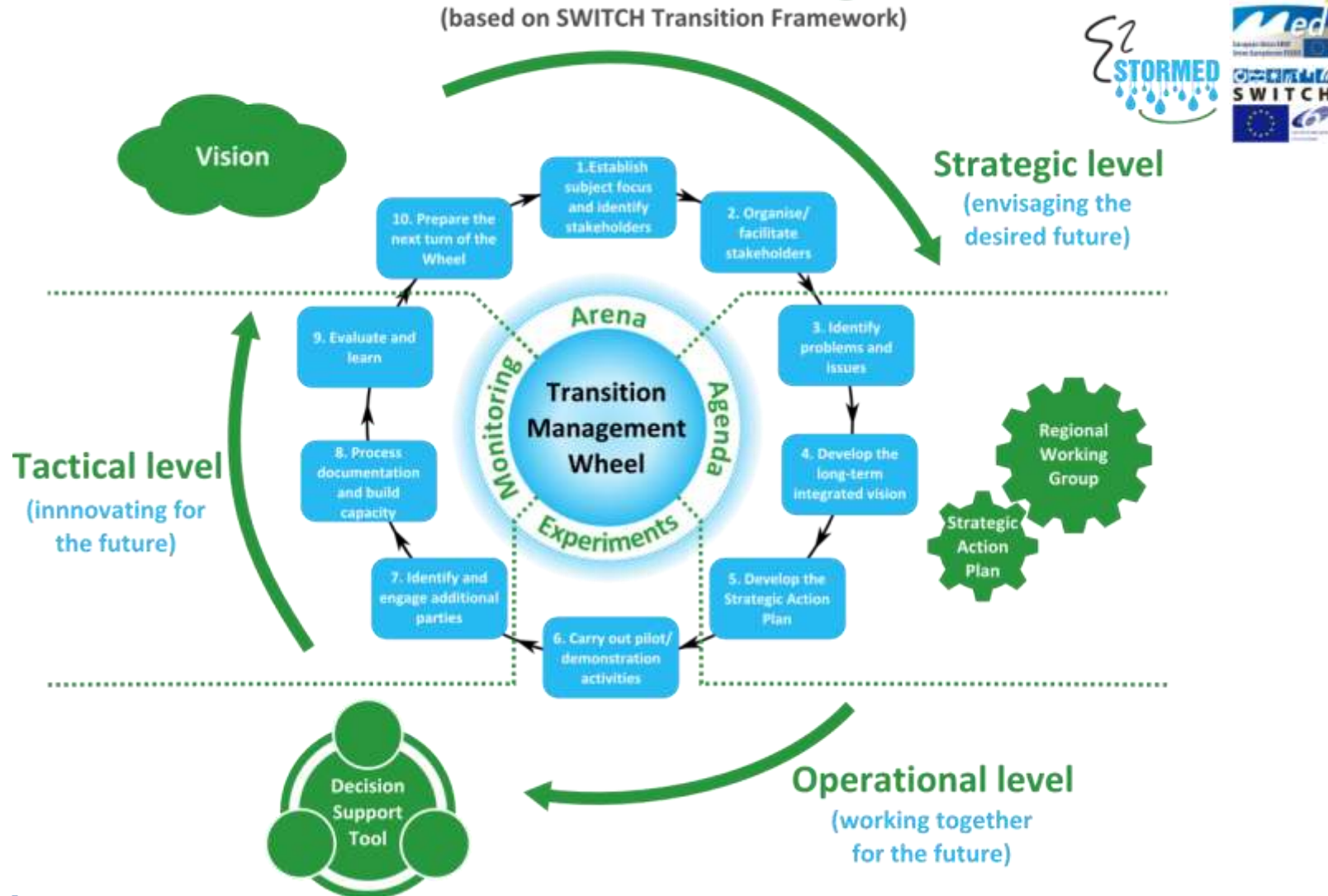
25 years / each = 100 years





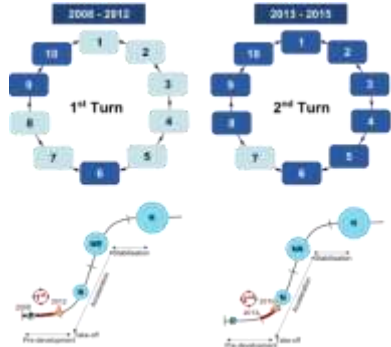
### E<sup>2</sup>STORMED Transition Management Wheel

(based on SWITCH Transition Framework)



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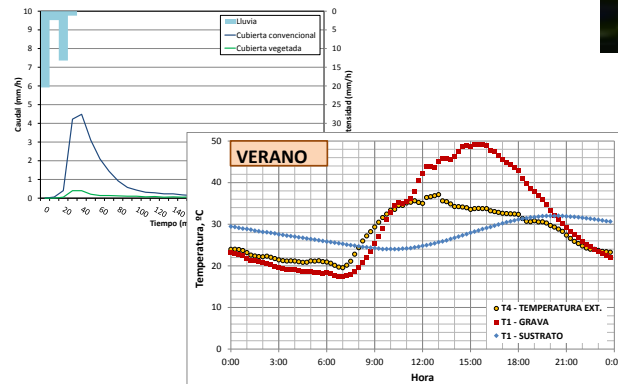


**Benaguasil: Sustainable city award**  
In the water management category 2015



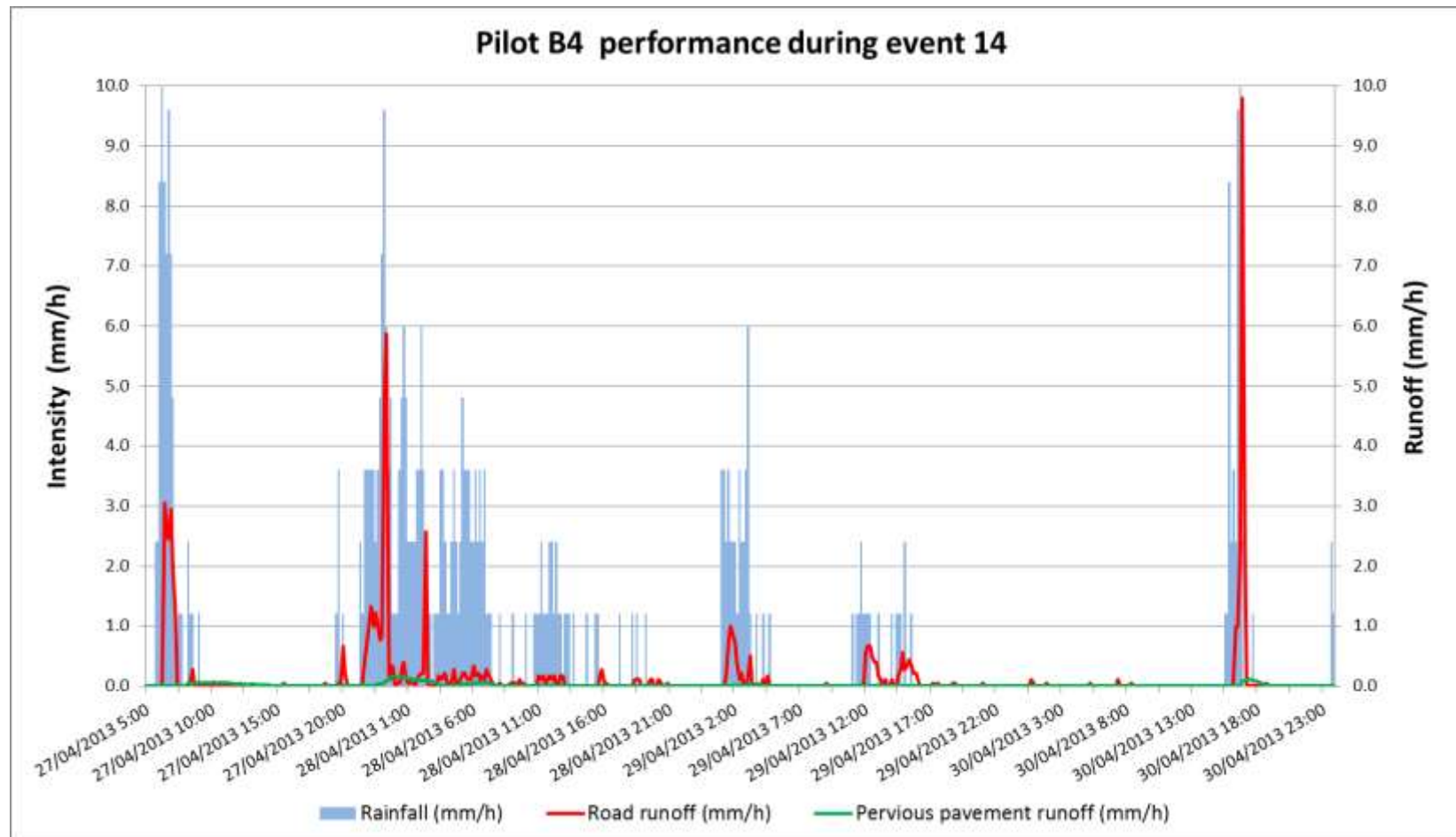
Rueda de Transición del proyecto E<sup>2</sup>STORMED

(basado en el Marco de Transición del proyecto SWITCH)





### Benaguasil porous car park monitoring



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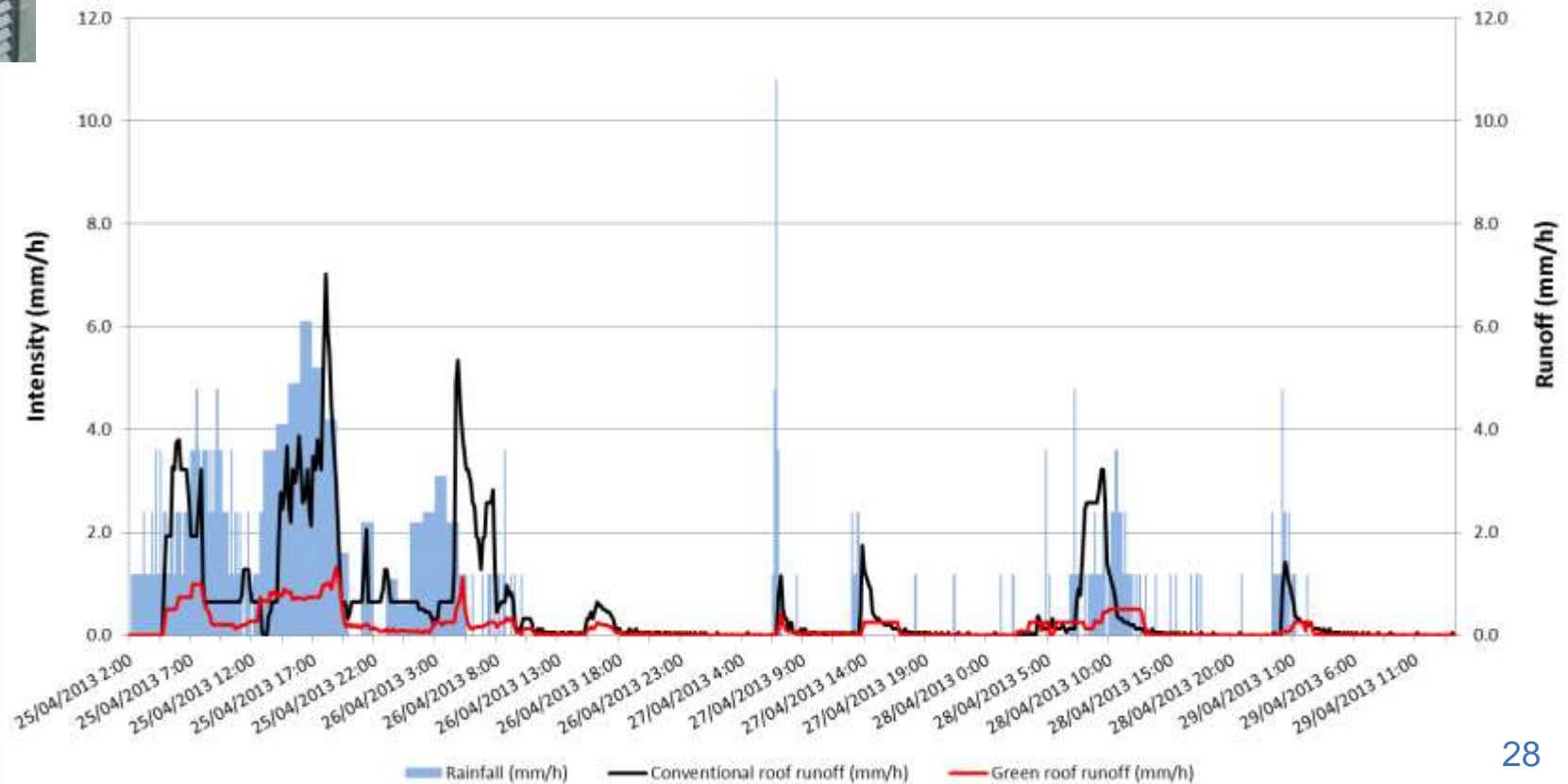
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### Pilot SUDS experience in Gozalbes Vera Public School. Xàtiva (Valencia).



Pilot X3 performance during event 14





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### Urban Development Works Plan in the new BBVA offices, Madrid.





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### Wanda Metropolitano Stadium site development, Madrid.

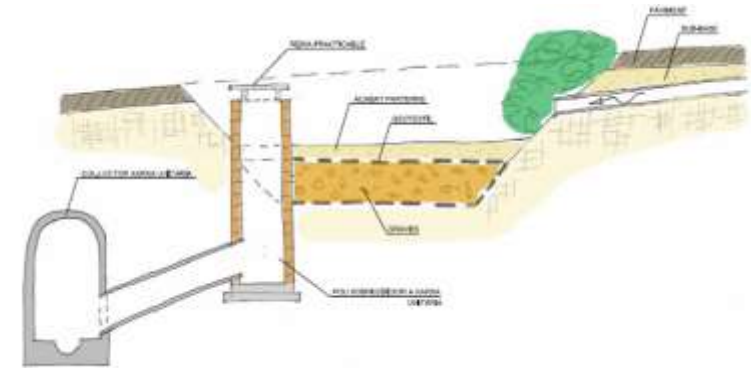
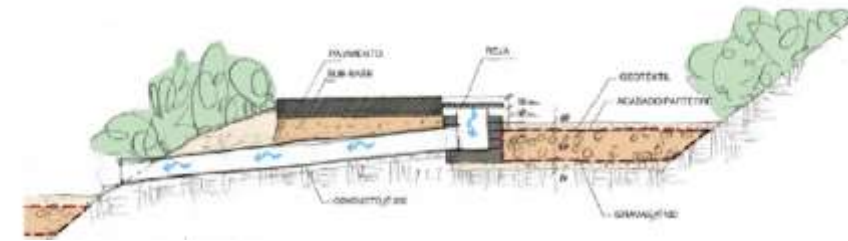
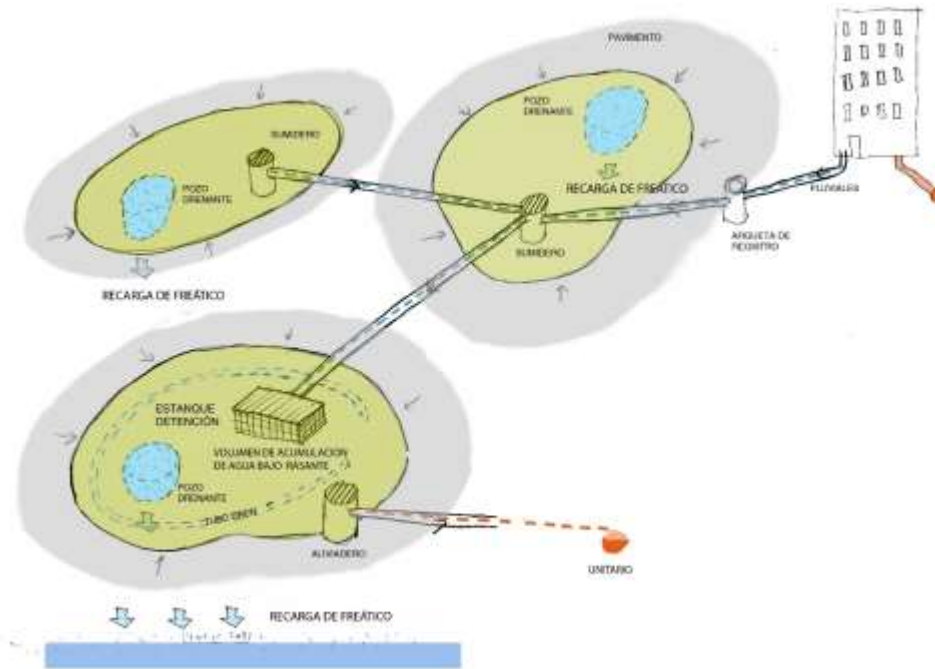




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### Result for the hydrologic-hydraulic modelling for the design storm

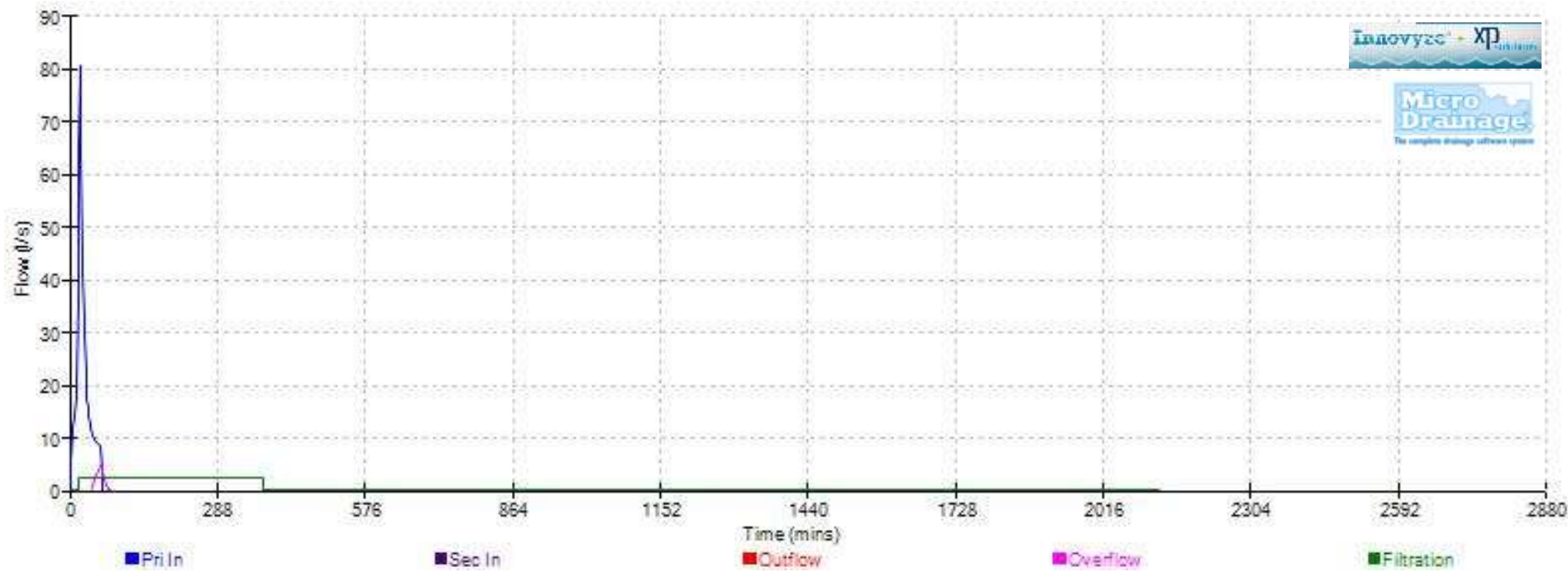
T = 10 years

Duration = 1 hour

Maximum intensity = 212 mm/h

Total rainfall volumen = 59 mm

**Reduction of peak inflow to the combined sewer in 85% approx.**





### Urban development of the Bon Pastor Neighbourhood, Barcelona.



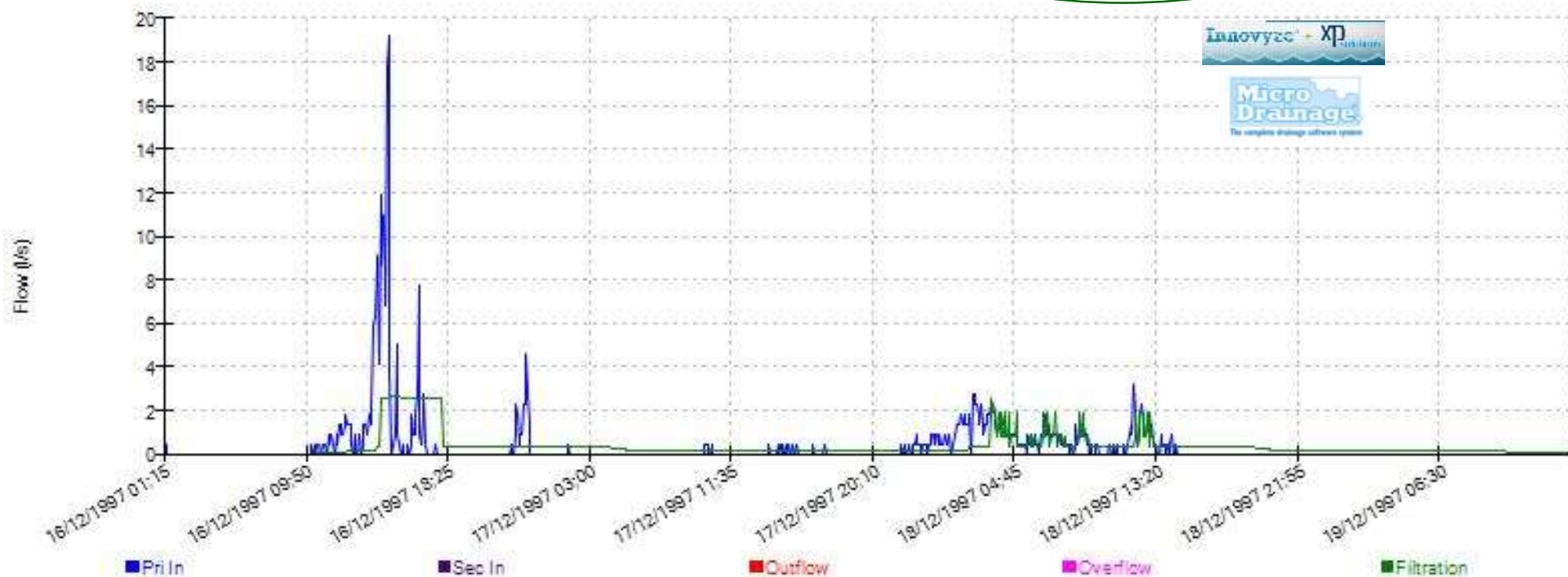
### Result for the hydrologic-hydraulic modelling for the typical year: 1997

Year 1997

5 minute precipitation data

Total rainfall volumen = 478 mm

Reduction of volume to enter in the combined sewer in 99,9 % approx.



### SUDS in El Greco Avenue (Healthy City), Sevilla.





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### Vegetated swale along the Xàtiva North Ring Road (Valencia).





### CoSuDS: Collaborative transition towards sustainable urban drainage: making it happen at district scale.



- The main goal of this European project was to **promote the transition toward a more efficient and sustainable stormwater management in cities.**
- **Collaborative sessions** with the participation of more than 30 **stakeholders** associated with water management in city, regional or national scale.





### Specific training in runoff management using SUDS.



### RedSUDS workshop 2017 and 2019





### Spanish framework: RD 638/2016 de modificación del RDPH

Trece. Se añade un artículo 126 ter en la sección 5.ª del capítulo III del título II con la siguiente redacción:

«Artículo 126 ter. *Criterios de diseño y conservación para obras de protección, modificaciones en los cauces y obras de paso.*

Además del cumplimiento de los requisitos previstos en los dos artículos anteriores con carácter general, se establecen los siguientes criterios para el diseño de las actuaciones en dominio público hidráulico:

7. Las nuevas urbanizaciones, polígonos industriales y desarrollos urbanísticos en general, deberán introducir sistemas de drenaje sostenible, tales como superficies y acabados permeables, de forma que el eventual incremento del riesgo de inundación se mitigue. A tal efecto, el expediente del desarrollo urbanístico deberá incluir un estudio hidrológico-hidráulico que lo justifique.»



### Basic guide to designing sustainable rainwater management systems in green areas and other public spaces. Madrid City Council.



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#### POZOS Y ZANJAS DE INFILTRACIÓN

**DESCRIPCIÓN:**  
Los pozos y zanjas de infiltración son excavaciones en el terreno que captan y almacenan temporalmente la escorrentía de superficies impermeables contiguas antes de su infiltración al subsuelo.

La diferencia reside en la forma de la excavación. Las zanjas son lineales, poco profundas y están rellenas de material drenante (granular o sintético); la superficie puede recubrirse de hierba, grava, arena o vegetación, sirviendo de pretratamiento. En cambio, en los pozos predomina la dimensión vertical, son profundos y están rellenos con material drenante (pocos de infiltración sin revestir) o contienen las tierras con un anillo reforzado (pocos de infiltración revestidos).

**VALIDACIÓN:**

**ESQUEMA:**

**EJEMPLO:**

**CRITERIOS DE DISEÑO:**

- El volumen de almacenamiento depende del área impermeable, la permeabilidad y la estabilidad del terreno, los patrones de lluvia del lugar, la porosidad del material drenante y el espacio disponible.
- Deben instalarse por infiltración completamente dentro de las 48 h posteriores al evento de lluvia.
- Una lámina de geotextil debe revestir el sistema para prevenir que las partículas finas lo colmaten. También suele colocarse un geotextil a unos 20 cm de la superficie para proteger la parte inferior de la entrada de sedimentos, y facilitar las labores de mantenimiento.
- La pendiente longitudinal de la base de la zanja debe ser lo más horizontal posible (máximo 3 ‰); y las pendientes laterales no mayores a 1H:3V.
- Los pozos revestidos alcanzan profundidades de 1,5-4 m y requieren de un pretratamiento con una reja (que impida la entrada de bosasa y sedimentos) y una abertura de Inspección visual, para las tareas de mantenimiento.

**BENEFICIOS:**

- Reducen el volumen de escorrentía y el caudal pico.
- Mejoran la calidad de la escorrentía y preservan el equilibrio natural del agua en su entorno.
- Pueden servir como mecanismo de riego pasivo para el arbolado o vegetación de las áreas adyacentes.
- Los pozos tienen una huella muy pequeña y se pueden usar en espacios reducidos.
- Las zanjas ayudan a distribuir el área de infiltración, por lo que reduce el impacto de las áreas poco permeables.

**REQUISITOS DE MANTENIMIENTO:**

- Eliminar hojas y sedimentos mensualmente.
- Inspección semestral de las estructuras de entrada, de pretratamiento y de filtración (en busca de encharcamientos).
- Cada 5 o 10 años, puede ser necesario rehabilitar las superficies de filtración (p. ej., retirando, lavando y reubicando los 20 cm superiores de material granular y reemplazando la capa superior de geotextil).

**LIMITACIONES:**

- Restringidos a lugares con elevada permeabilidad, sin altas cargas de fósforo (para evitar colmatación) y distancia al nivel freático > 1 m.
- La pendiente longitudinal de las zanjas debe ser inferior al 2-3 ‰ para facilitar la infiltración.
- No puede circular tráfico sobre el sistema, o no ser que haya sido diversado con la capacidad portante suficiente.
- Es difícil detectar la contaminación y colmatación de los materiales granulares del fondo cuando no se ha previsto un filtro más superficial.

**CONSIDERACIONES DE IMPLANTACIÓN:**

Gran requisito de espacio:	No
Apto en suelos impermeables:	No
Apto cuando la separación entre la base del SUDS y el nivel freático > 1 m:	No
Tratamiento suficiente cuando eventualmente haya vertidos ligeros sobre la cuenca:	Si*
Costes de construcción:	Zanja: 30 - 35 €/m Pozo: 25 - 40 €/m <sup>3</sup>
Costes de mantenimiento:	4 €/m <sup>2</sup> /año 0,1-0,4 €/m <sup>2</sup> /año

(\* En el caso de los pozos de material drenante con geotextil).



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### MEMORANDUM

**SUBJECT:** Community Solutions for Stormwater Management: A Guide for Voluntary Long-Term Planning

**FROM:** Joel Beauvais  
Deputy Assistant Administrator

**TO:** EPA Regional Administrators



- Communities **cannot afford to wait** to address the flooding and public health hazards of stormwater: the curb and gutter (gray infrastructure) approach alone to managing stormwater is **not enough** to address these risks.
- In the past several years, many cities have found that an **effective, comprehensive, long-term approach** to managing stormwater includes **green infrastructure** practices that manage rain **where it falls**.
- Comprehensive, long-term planning for stormwater management - **integrating stormwater** with economic development, transportation, recreation and other planning - supports smart investments and new funding sources.
- Communities are finding the **benefits** from such long-term approaches go well beyond helping to meet regulatory requirements and turn hazards into **opportunities** for their communities.





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