Applying GSI at Brownfield Sites 11 February 2020

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Overview

- Environmental Site Assessment
- Guidelines for Using GSI on Brownfield Sites
- GSI Techniques



Ideas and Approach for Project





Environmental Site Assessment

- Phase I ESA
 - Visual site investigation
 - Historic property records and photos
 - Property ownership
 - EGLE database
- Phase II ESA
 - Soil sampling (boring or test pits)
 - Groundwater monitoring
- Supplemental Site Assessment
 - Intense monitoring
 - Horizontal and vertical mapping of contamination
 - Evaluation of remedial approaches



Using GSI on Brownfield Sites

- Differentiate between types of contaminates (DNAPL, LNAPL, biodegradable, etc.) and map areas of contamination.
- Keep non-contaminated stormwater separate from contaminated water and soils. GSI can retain, treat, and release without contact with contaminated soils.
- Utilize trees and vegetation to promote ET.
- Brownfield redevelopment often requires capping (no impervious) – ideal for building footprint.
- Minimize infiltration on a Brownfield site that might impact remediation efforts on site or impact adjacent land uses.
- Minimize infiltration and runoff from new development adjacent to a Brownfield site.



GSI Techniques



Planter Boxes



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Street Trees & Tree Box Filters



Street Trees

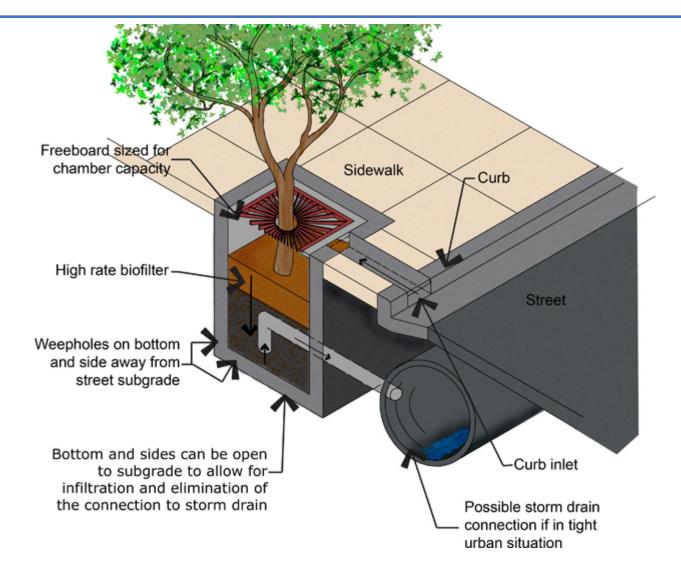




Tree Box Filters



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Trench with Trees





Permeable Pavement



Permeable Asphalt



Porous Concrete



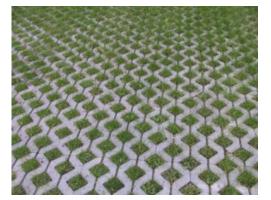
Interconnected Concrete Pavers



Concrete Block Pavers









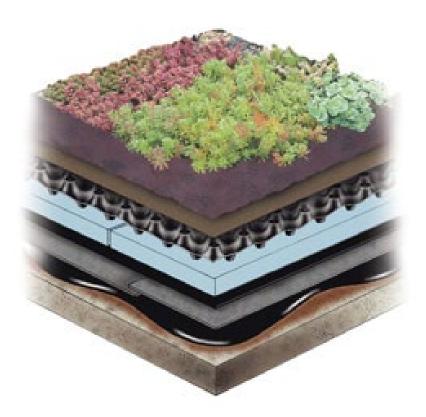




Vegetated Roofs and Walls



Types of Vegetated Roofs





Extensive

Intensive



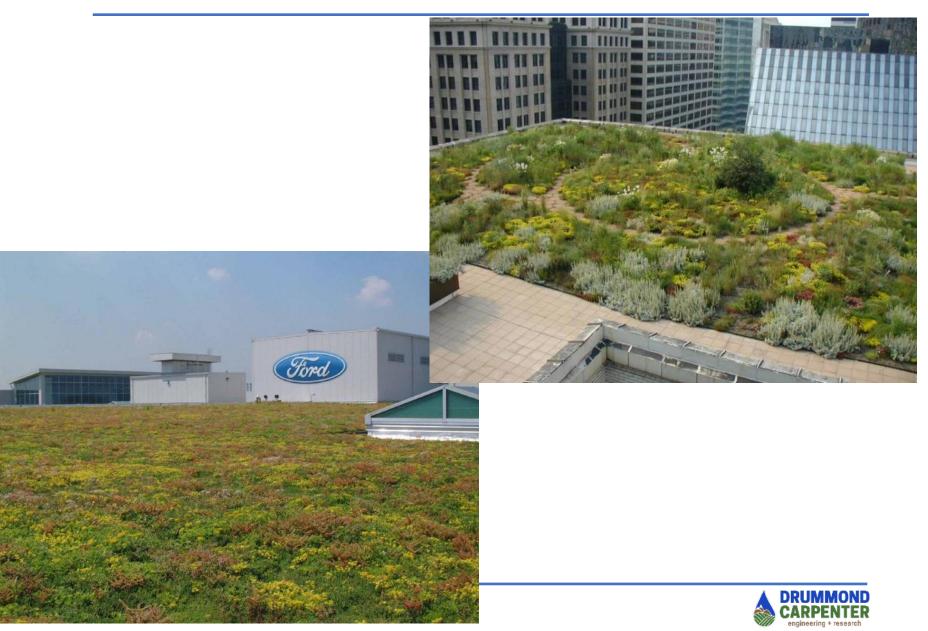
Vegetated Roofs







Famous Vegetated Roofs









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Live Walls





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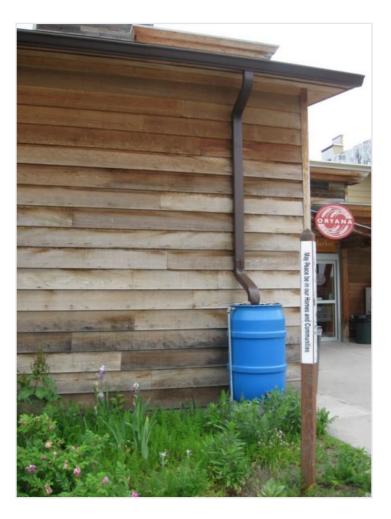


Cisterns, Water Harvesting and Reuse



Rain Barrels















Cisterns





The Taubman Center's 12,000-gallon cistern during installation



Treatment Train Approach



Treatment Train Approach







Questions?

