



# Ken Lake Stormwater Treatment Concepts

Lakemoor Community Club Town Hall Meeting, October 28, 2024

James Packman, PMP, Associate Scientist  
Rachel Johnson, EIT, Environmental Engineer  
Erynne van Zee, Environmental Engineer and Landscape Designer



# Lake and Stormwater Concerns

## Project Objectives & Goals

# Lake Water Activities & Concerns

## Water Quality

- No major issues known
- Monitoring by Stormwater committee quarterly

## Lake Treatment

- Aquatic weed control May through October

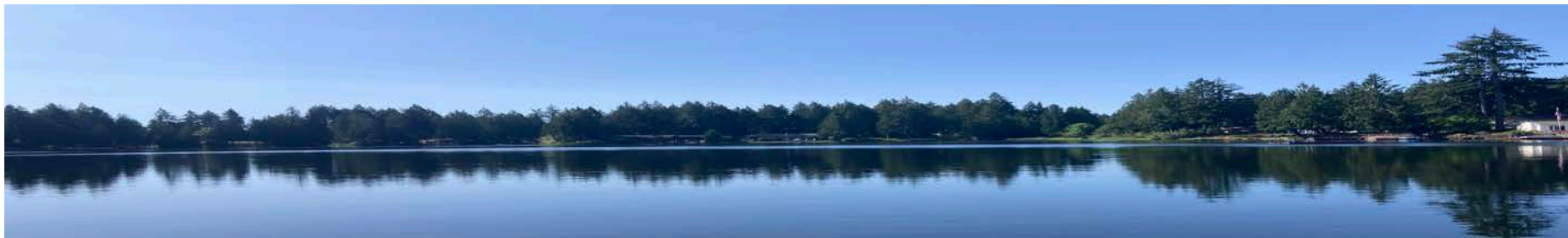
## Community Education

- Watercraft inspection and cleaning
- Noxious weed management



## Concerns

- Muck in lake near some stormwater outfalls and in southern canals
- Aquatic plant and shoreline management
- Swimmer's itch in some areas (parasites)



# Project Objectives & Goals

## Project Goals

- Stormwater management planning
- Potential treatment of stormwater

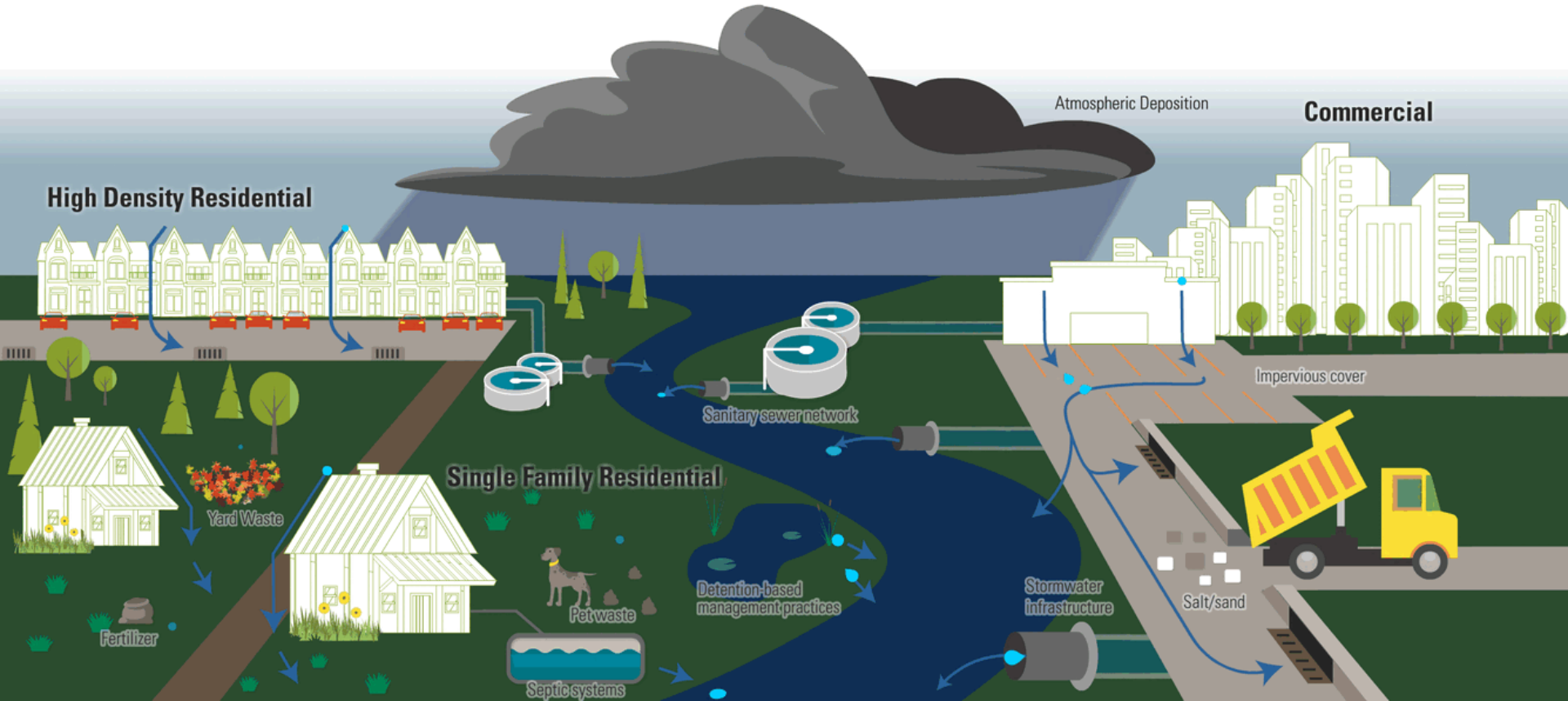
## Project Objectives

1. Review background documents and previous reports
2. Create spreadsheet database for lake water sample results
3. Site visit and reconnaissance of stormwater outfalls
4. Identify four priority drainage areas/basins
5. Identify stormwater treatment concepts, visualizations, and cost estimates

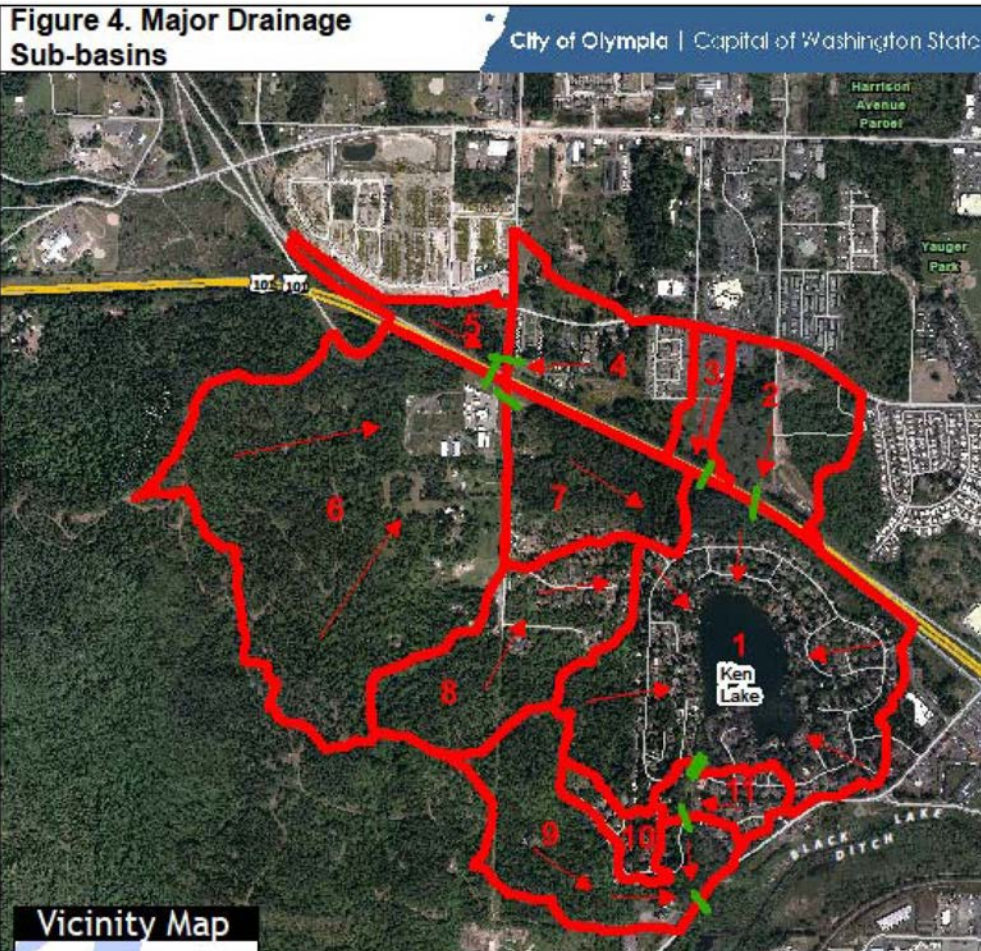


# Four Priority Stormwater Areas

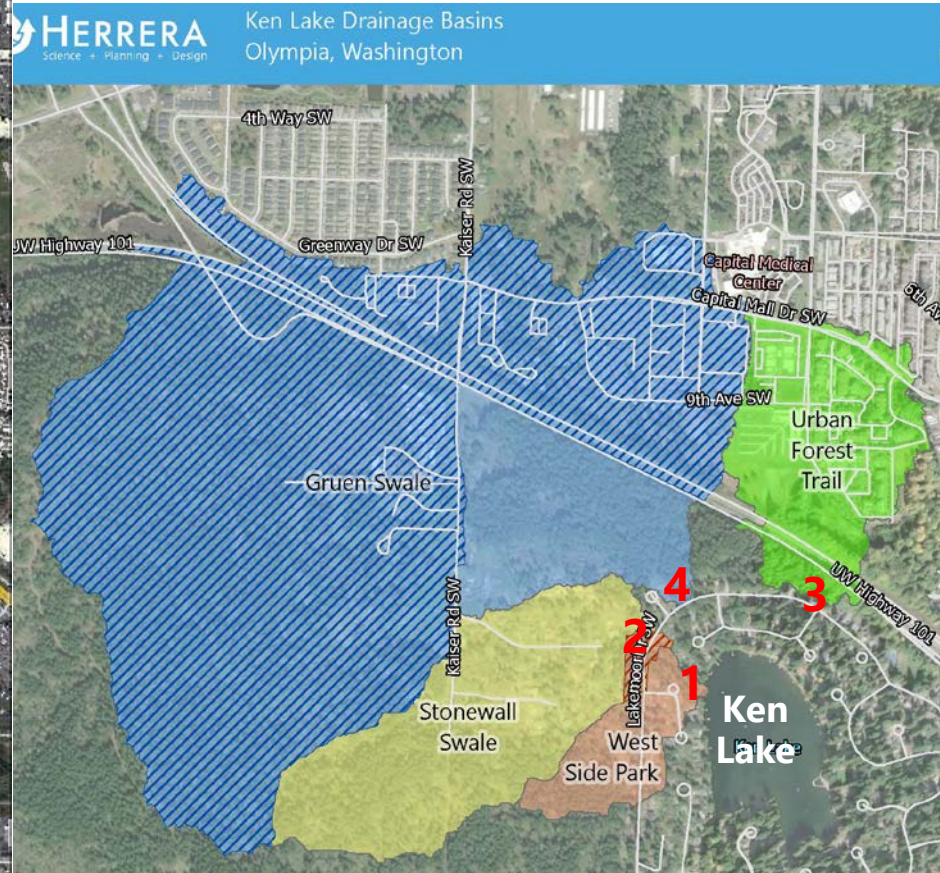
# Stormwater Runoff in Urban Watersheds



# Stormwater Drainage Basins



**City of Olympia map of drainage subbasins, 2012**



**Herrera map of four priority subbasins, 2024**

# Modeling Stormwater Runoff, TP, and TSS

## Annual Estimated Stormwater Runoff

Basin	Area (acres)	Percent Impervious	Annual Runoff (acre-feet)
1. West Side Park	21	18%	35
2. Stonewall Swale	73	9%	253
3. Urban Forest Trail Swale	55	50%	103
4. Gruen Swale	376	14%	17

## Annual Estimated Phosphorus and Total Suspended Solids Loading

Basin	Total Phosphorus (kg/yr)	Area-weighted TP (kg/ac)	Total Suspended Solids (kg/yr)	Area-weighted TSS (kg/ac)
1. West Side Park	3.7	0.11	2,600	73
2. Stonewall Swale	7.8	0.15	19,500	77
3. Urban Forest	24	0.44	7,800	75
4. Gruen Swale	58	0.17	1,200	73

Modeling assumptions:

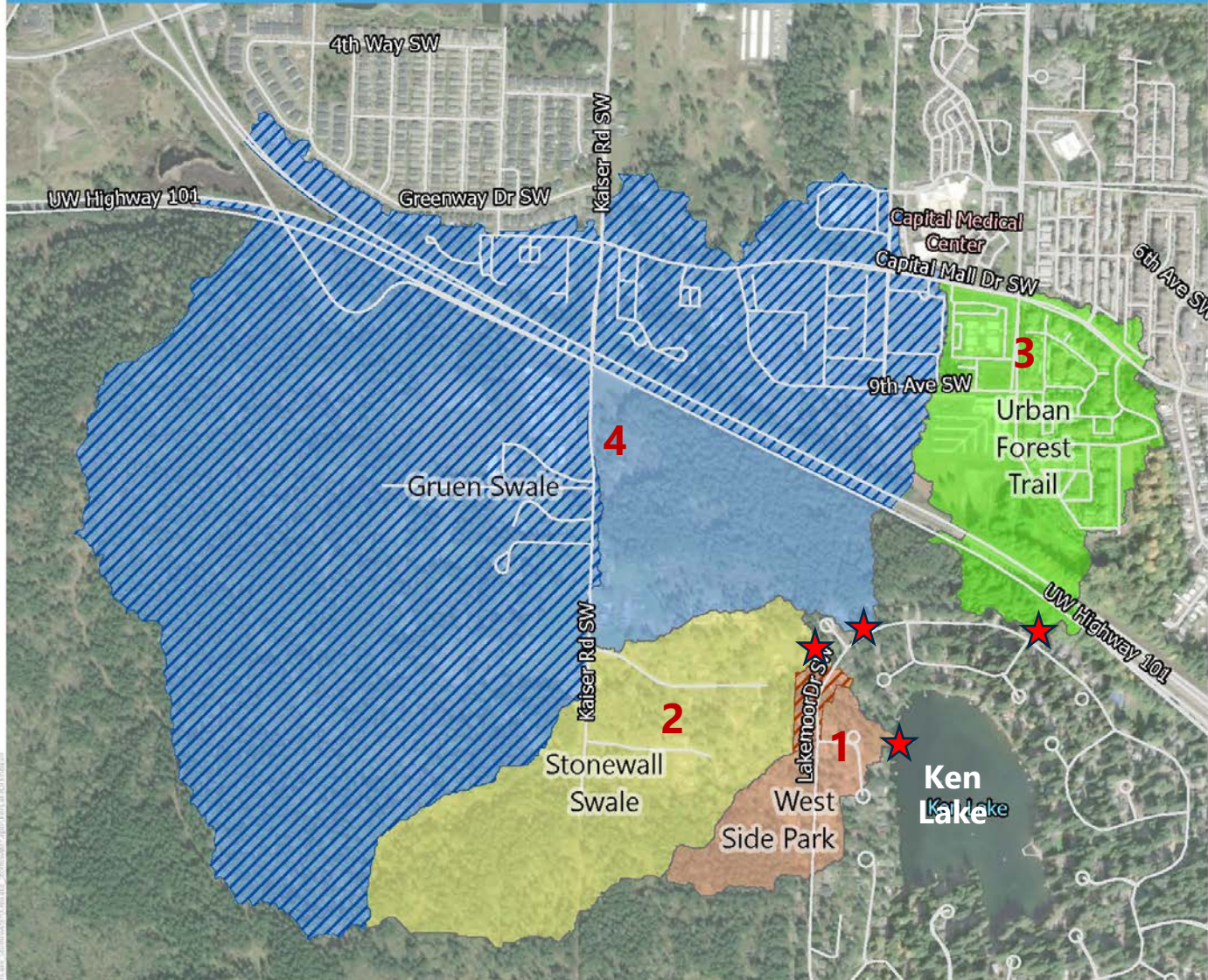
- 50 inches annual rainfall
- Land-use based on zoning
- Average annual loading for TP and TSS based on: *Western Washington NPDES Final S8.D Data Characterization 2008-2013*, Dept of Ecology, publication 15-03-001, February 20215



# Four Priority Sites



Ken Lake Drainage Basins  
Olympia, Washington



# Four Priority Sites

1. West Side Park



2. Stonewall Swale



# Four Priority Sites

## 4. Gruen Swale

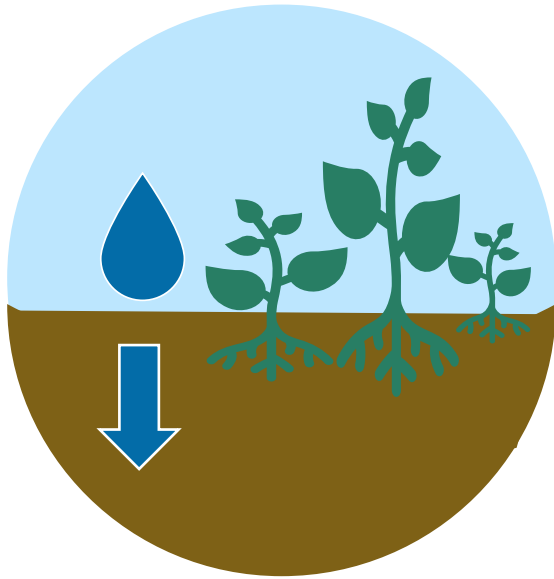


## 3. Urban Forest Trail Swale

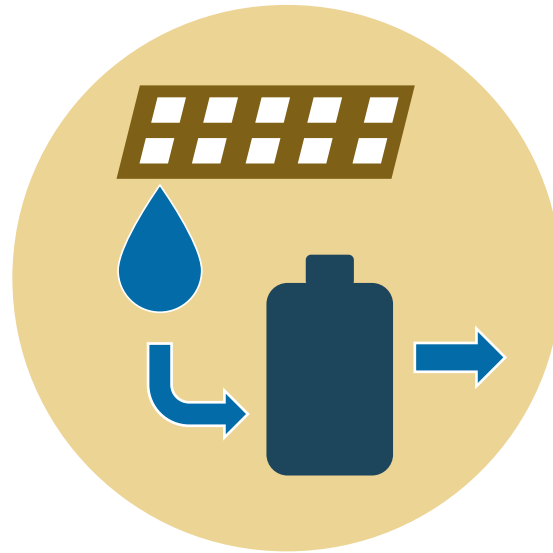


# Stormwater Treatment Concepts

# Menu of Stormwater Treatment Options



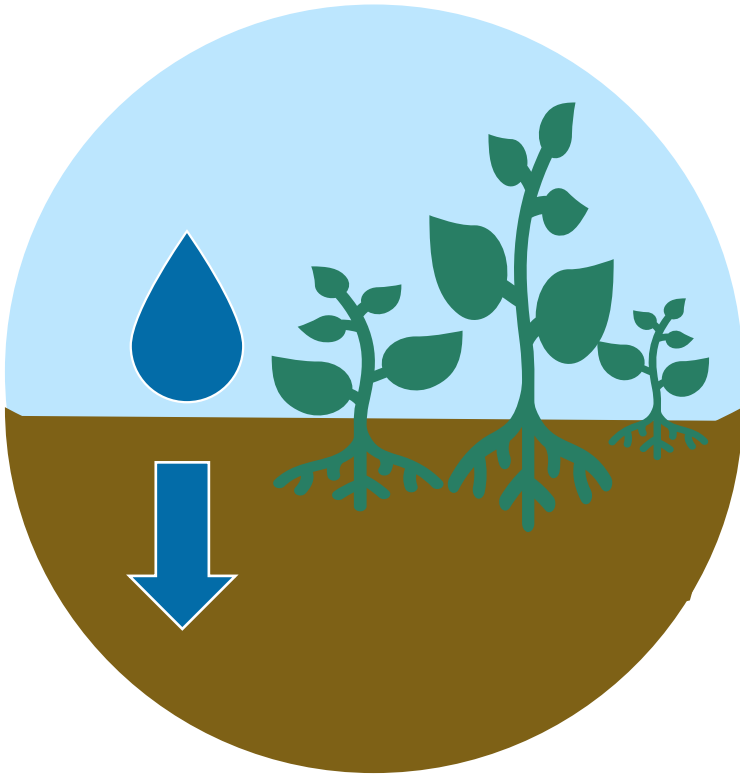
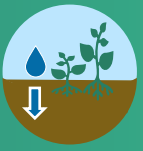
**Bioretention  
Swales**



**Treatment  
Devices**



**Watershed  
Programs**



## Bioretention Swales

# Bioretention Swales



## What are they?

- Shallow, landscaped depressions for infiltrating water through surface soils
- Specially designed soil mix
- Well-adapted plants (native, non-invasive, etc.)

## What are the benefits?

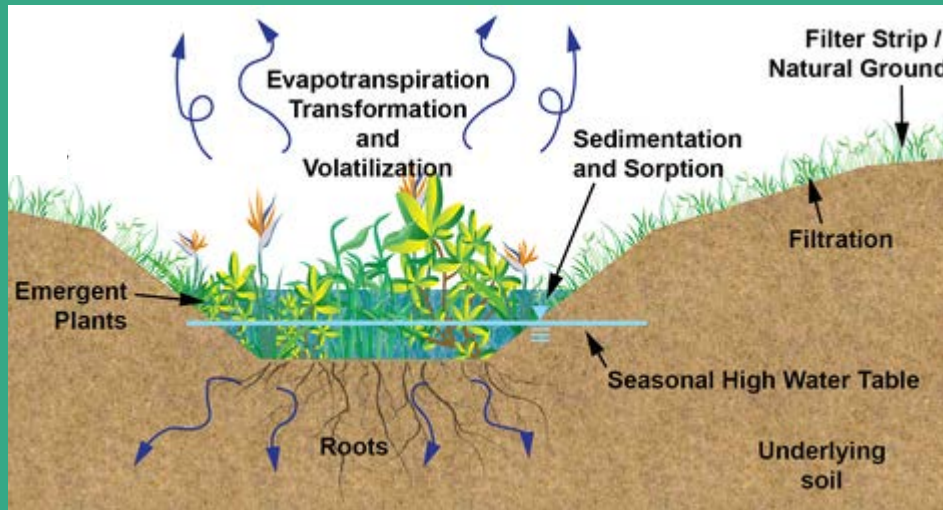
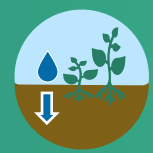
- Remove sediment, organic debris (muck), bacteria, and nutrients from stormwater
- Slow down water flow, reduce erosion
- Add native vegetation and habitat
- Small scale for residential application

## Limitations/Considerations:

- Potentially limited infiltration
- Regular maintenance required



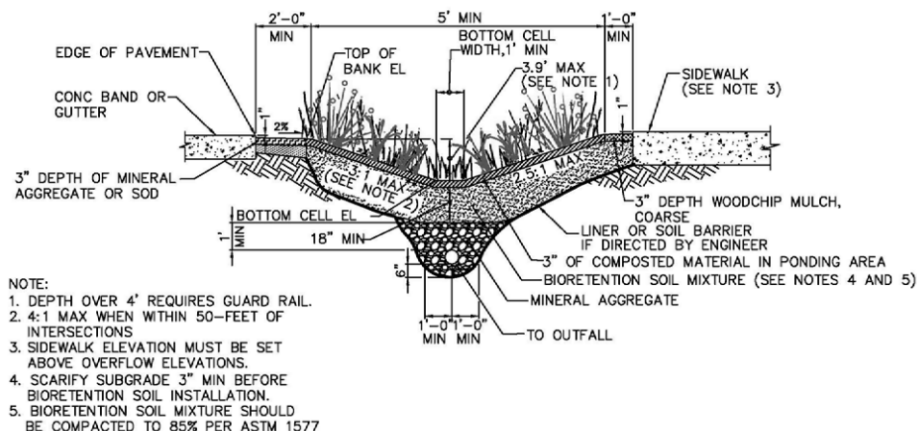
# Bioretention Swales



## Design elements:

- Maximum ponding depth: 12 inches
- Drawdown time: 24 hours
- Soil depth: 18" +
- Overflow to storm sewer system
- Bioretention soil mix can be optimized for phosphorus removal

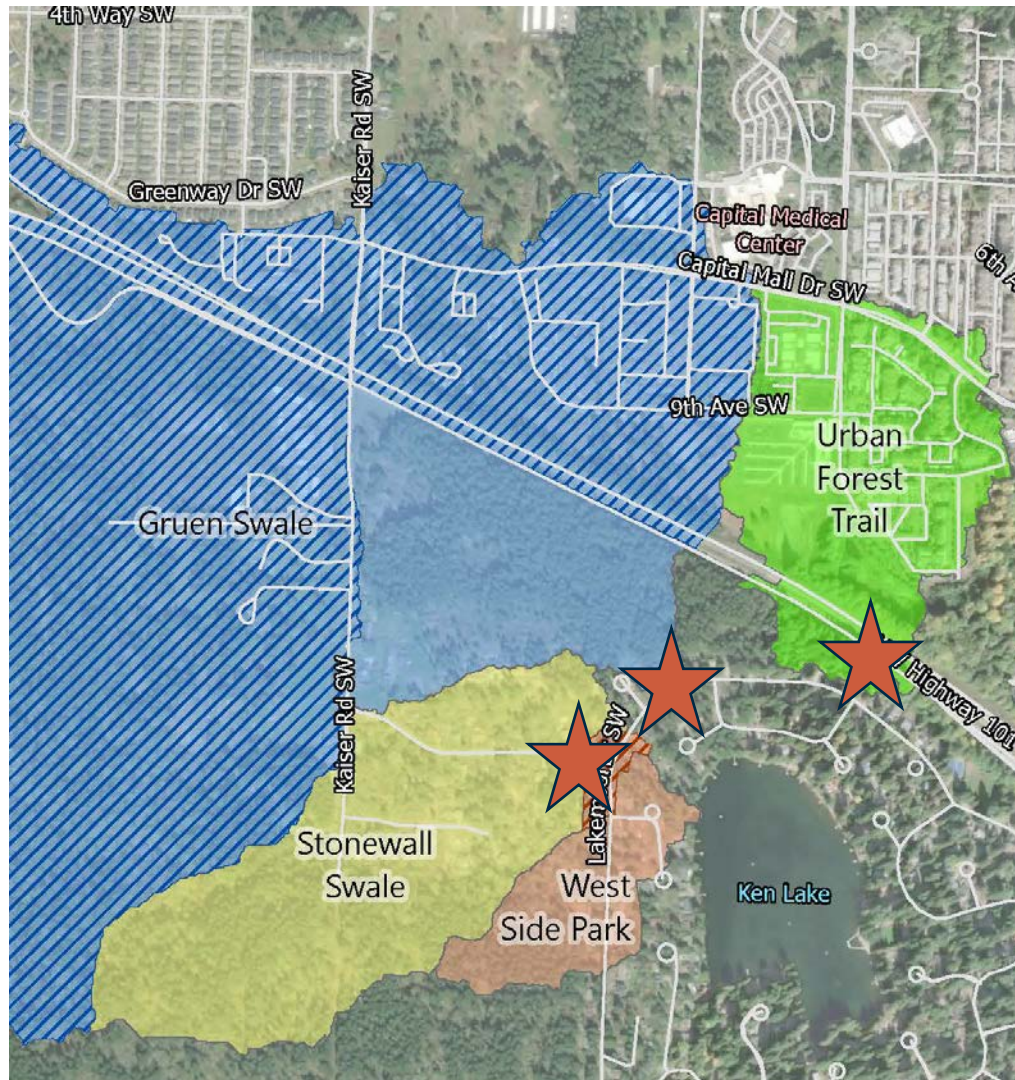
Figure 7.4.1 Example of a Bioretention Swale



Modified from City of Seattle ROW Manual Figure 6-15



# Bioretention Swales



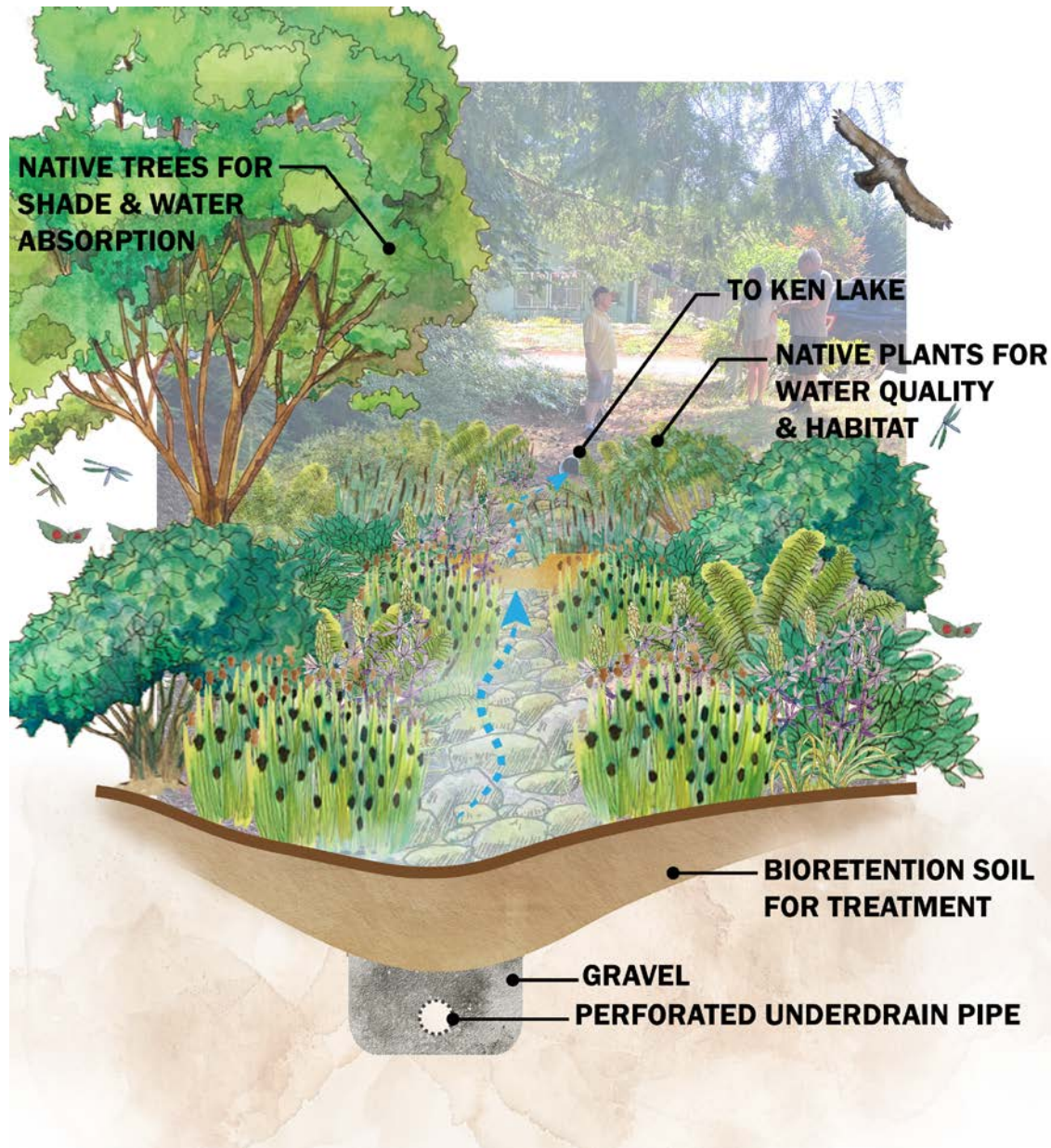
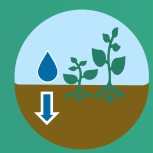
**Locations:** Upstream areas where have space; treat water coming into neighborhood

- Stonewall Swale
- Gruen Swale
- Urban Forest Trail Swale

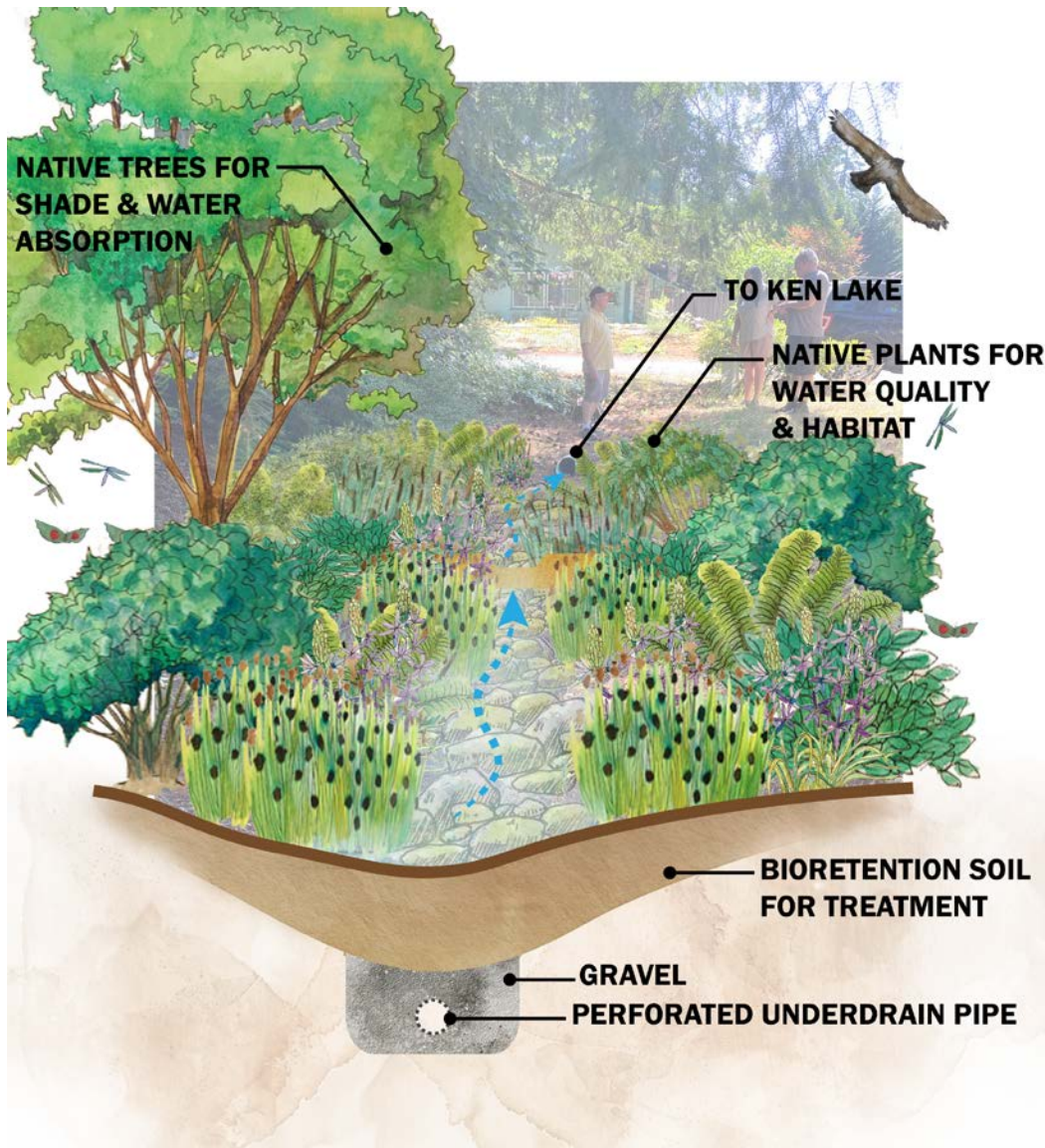
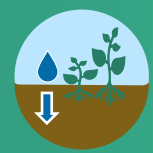
## **Maintenance Needs:**

- Avoid compaction
- Water plants during establishment
- Weeding and pruning
- Mulching
- Plant replacement
- Erosion repair
- Sediment removal

# Bioretention Swales



# Bioretention Swales



## High-level cost estimate:

- \$5,000/ site for infiltration testing

## Stonewall swale:

- Swale area: ~ 560 sq. ft.
- ~30% of impervious area
- Cost: ~ \$135,000

## Gruen swale:

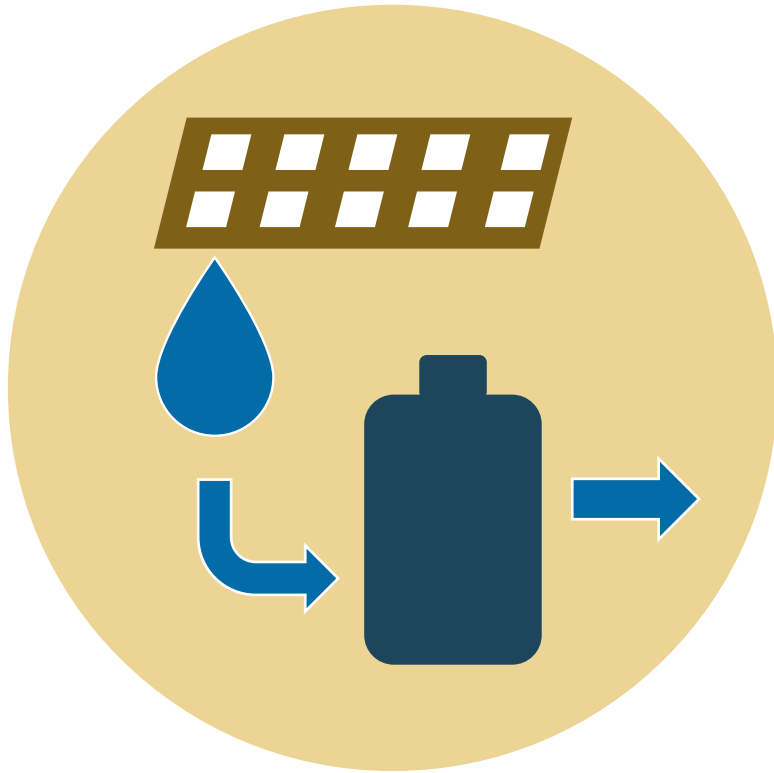
- Swale area ~1,900 sq. ft.
- ~12% of impervious area
- Cost: ~\$280,000

## Urban Forest Trail swale:

- Swale area ~ 450 sq. ft.
- ~5% of impervious area
- Cost: ~\$130,000

## Cost assumptions include:

- *Design, permitting, traffic control, erosion control, installation*
- *Underdrain*
- *Contingency*



## Treatment Devices

# Treatment Devices



## What are they?

- Underground stormwater treatment devices
- Vault structures with rechargeable, media-filled cartridges
- Cartridges filter and trap particles and pollutants in media (proprietary mix)

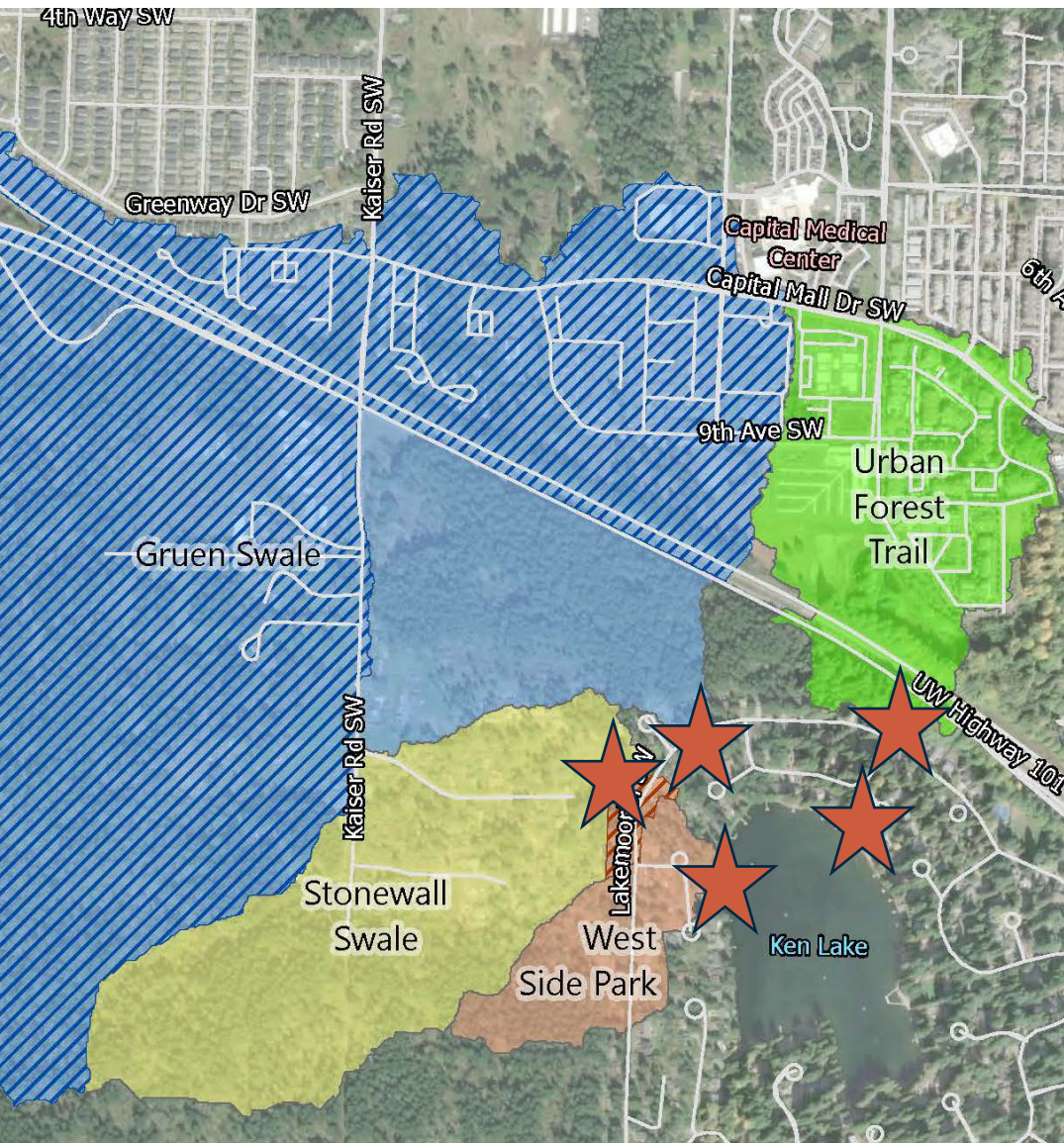
## What are the benefits?

- Trap sediment and capture pollutants
- Installed in the street/right-of-way, small footprint
- Can be optimized for phosphorous removal

## Limitations/Considerations:

- Underground area needs
- Elevation difference between inflow and outflow pipes
- Regular maintenance required
- Replacing media cartridges expensive

# Treatment Devices



**Locations:** Downstream areas connected to stormwater catch basins; treat water before outfall to lake

- Downstream of bioretention swale
- Upstream of outfall

## **Maintenance Needs:**

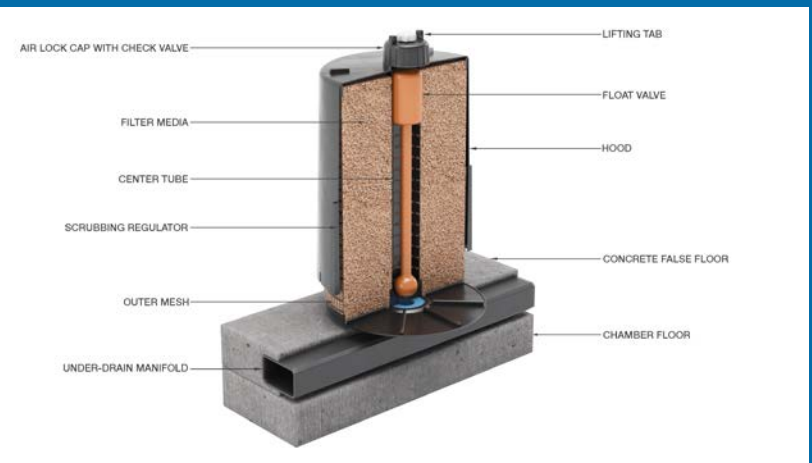
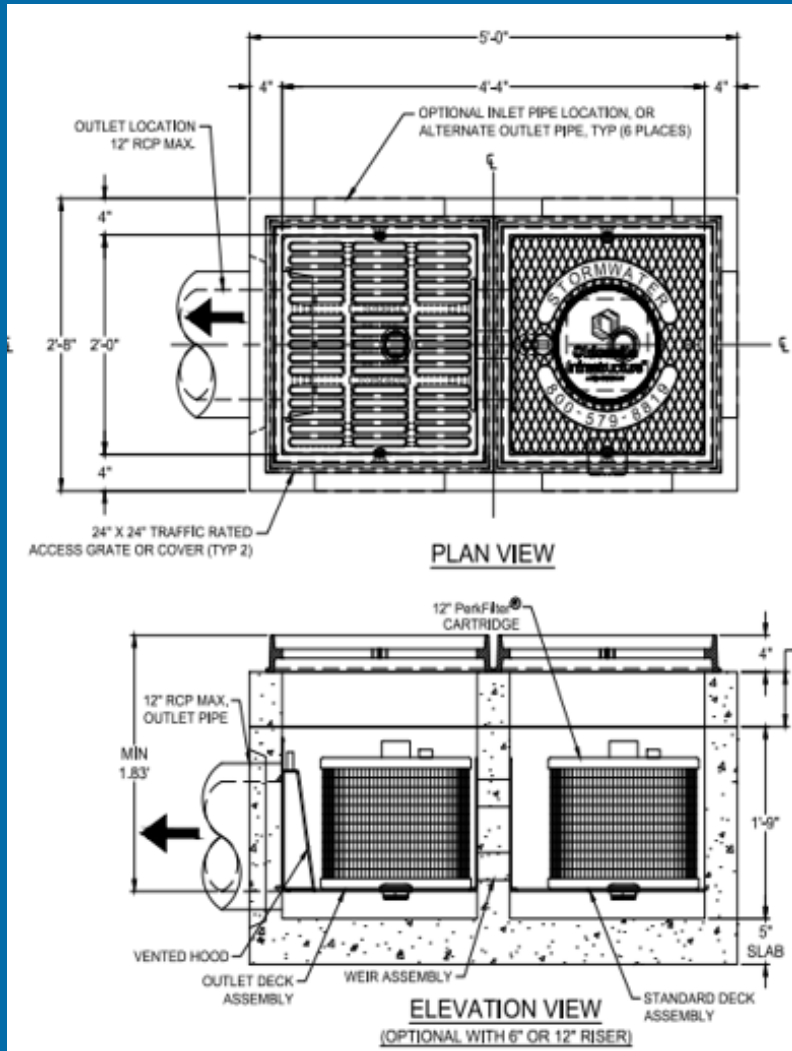
- Annual inspection of cartridges
- Regular removal of sediment and debris (vacuum truck)
- Cartridge replacement (every 1 – 3 years)

# Treatment Devices

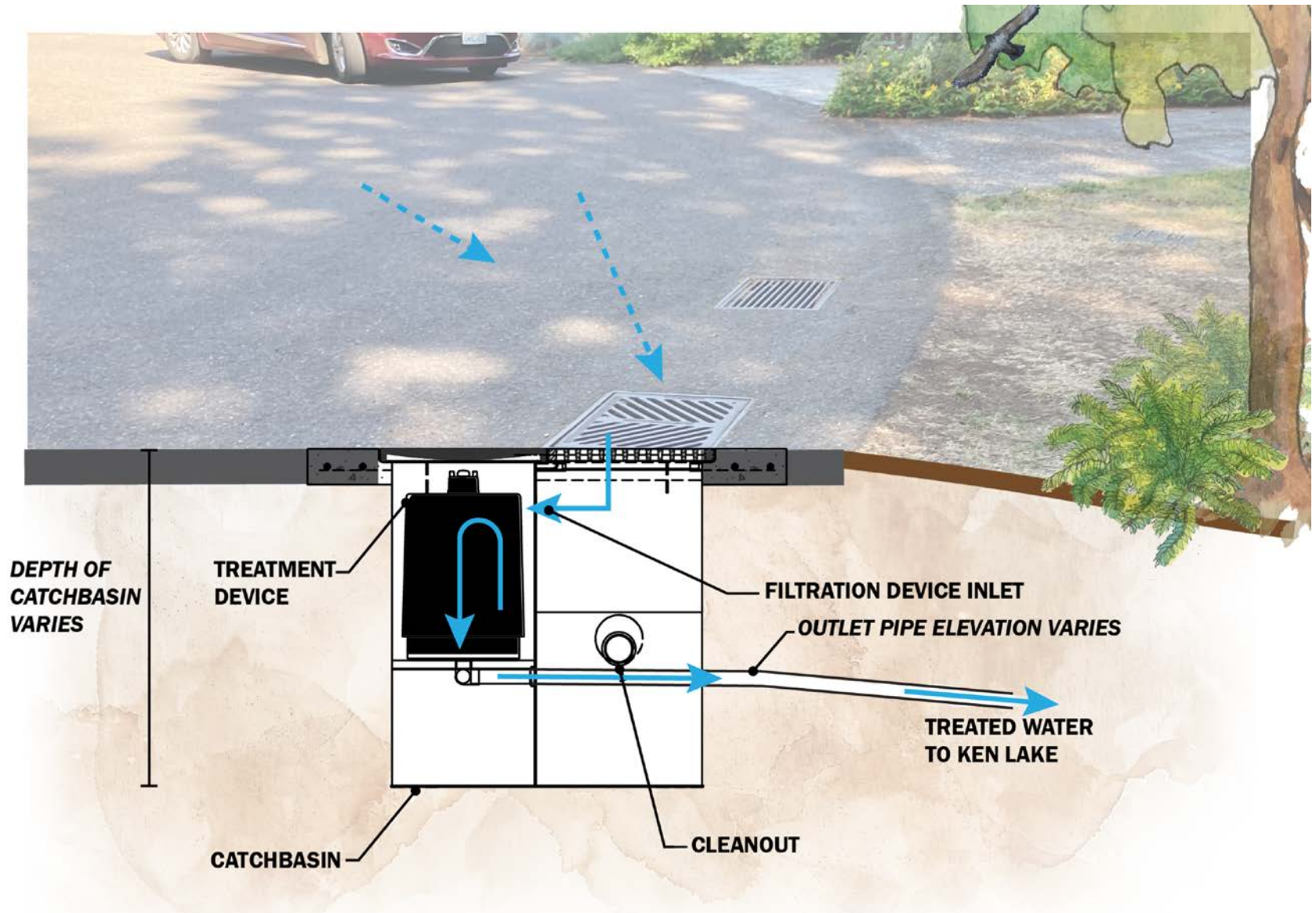


## Design elements:

- Underground, connected to existing catch basin
- 1 – 2 cartridges
- Access to cleanout

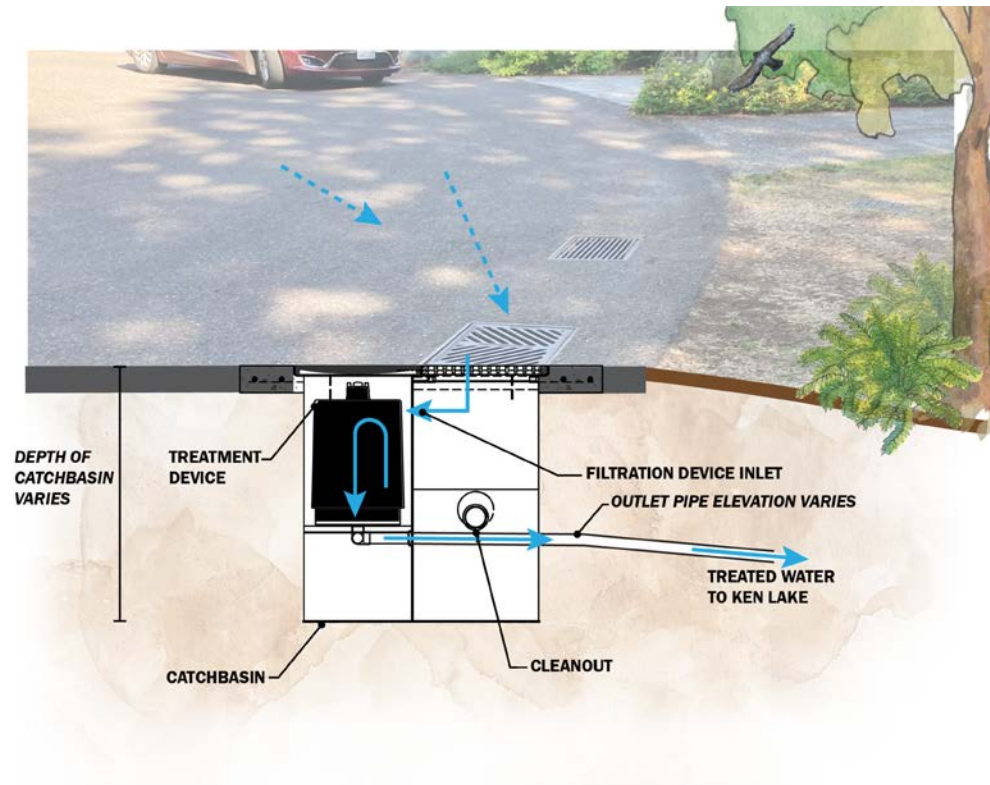


# Treatment Devices





# Treatment Devices



For Example:

## StormFilter Stormwater Treatment Device

<https://www.conteches.com/stormwater-management/filtration/stormfilter/>

## High-level cost estimate:

### Cost for 1 – 2 cartridges

- Cost: ~\$60,000

### Cost for a larger cartridge vault (eg 4 – 6 cartridges)

- Cost: ~\$180,000

### Maintenance costs:

- Replace every 1 – 3 years; \$175/cartridge for materials
- Additional cost for maintenance team to replace
- Assume vector truck provided by City of Olympia

### Cost assumptions include:

- Construction and materials
- Design and permitting
- Construction management
- Contingency

### Specific cartridges used would depend on:

- Available space
- Depth: grate to outlet pipe
- Cost



## Watershed Education Programs

# Watershed Education Programs



2016

## Ken Lake Parks Master Plan

Add to existing LCC community education

Homeowners manage and treat stormwater from HOA areas

- **Management practices:**

- Residential rain gardens
- Catch basin socks

- **Community programs:**

- Adopt-a-Drain program
- Free pet waste stations

- **Programs for residents**

- Natural yard care





## Residential Rain Gardens

### What are they?

- Shallow, landscaped depression
- Compost-amended native soils (not engineered)
- Temporarily ponds to store water and infiltrate

### What are the benefits?

- Reduce volume of water into storm drain system
- Remove sediment, bacteria, and nutrients
- Native vegetation and habitat

### Limitations/considerations:

- Manage water from one house roof/driveway

### Locations:

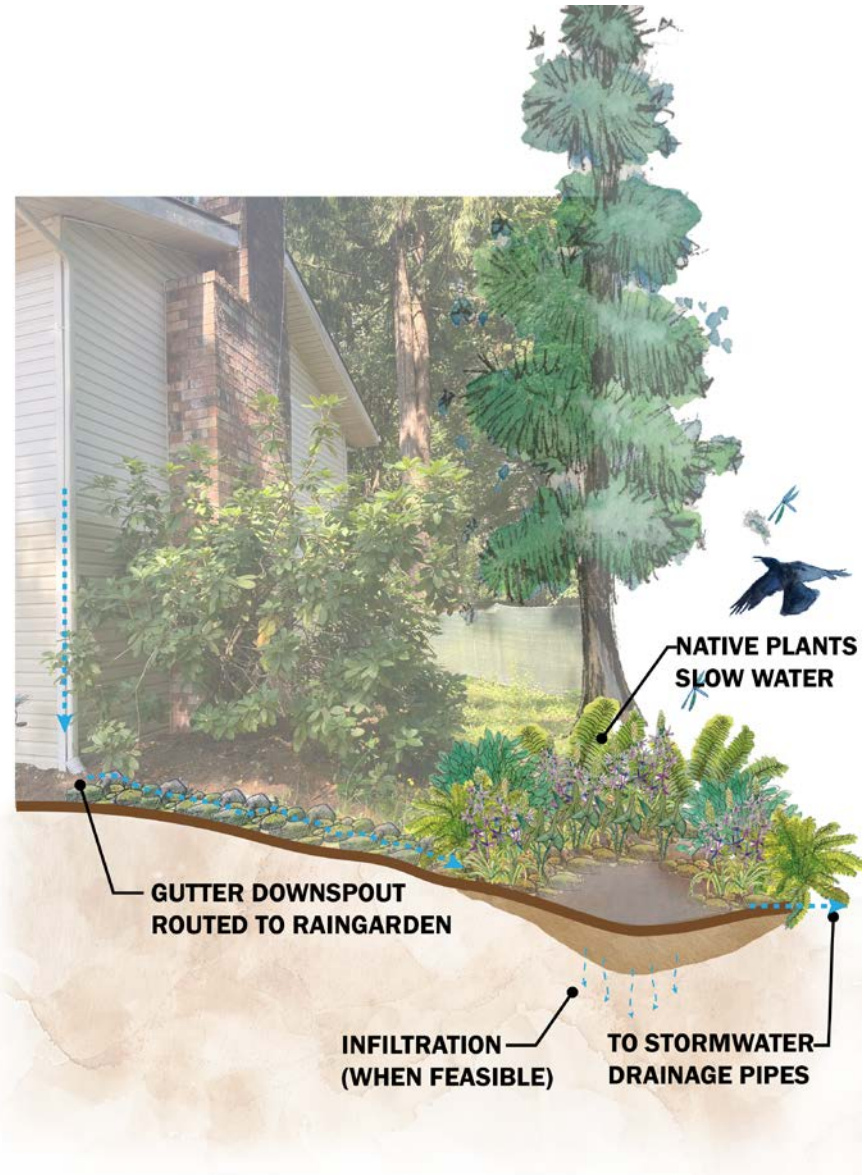
- On private properties, to manage water from roof downspouts or driveways

### Maintenance needs:

- Water plants during establishment
- Weeding, pruning, and mulching
- Plant replacement
- Erosion repair and sediment removal

### Cost estimate:

~\$6,000 - \$8,000/ rain garden (to manage half of roof)





## Catch Basin Filter

### What are they?

- Also called filter socks
- Placed in drain – water must pass through

### What are the benefits?

- Filters sediment from streets and neighborhood
- Easy to install and monitor

### Limitations/considerations:

- Only treats street runoff (not flow already in sewer)

### Locations:

- Target areas with most street sediment and yard debris

### Maintenance needs:

- Monitor, replace as needed

**Cost estimate:** approx. \$70/filter.

**For Example.** Frameless Storm Drain Filter, \$74,

<https://www.newpig.com/pig-frameless-storm-drain-filter-for-small-drains/p/FLT1000>

### RISK

Can cause flooding if not maintained





## Adopt-a-Drain

### What is it?

- Neighbors 'adopt' a nearby catch basin
- Keep it clear and free of trash, leaves, and debris to prevent year-round prevention

### What are the benefits?

- Reduce localized flooding
- Improve water quality by removing sediments and pollutants
- Augments street sweeping

### Maintenance needs:

- ~ 2x/month for 15 minutes time requirement
- Remove trash, leaves, other debris

### Cost estimate:

Free; neighbors supply tools to keep clear





## Pet Waste Stations

### What are they?

- Free supplies in public places to dispose properly of pet waste

### What are the benefits?

- Reduce bacteria, nutrients, and sediment
- Water quality improvements

### Locations:

West Side Park, Urban Forest Trail, other community locations

### Maintenance needs:

- Empty garbage
- Replace bags
- Keep area around station clean

### Cost estimate:

Free to install– City of Olympia program

- City has free station to install
- Allow City reps to inspect installation and maintenance
- Complete 6-month evaluation





## Natural Yard Care

### What is it?

- Method of maintaining yard with fewer inputs (water, pesticides, fertilizers, etc.)
- Support healthy, low-maintenance landscape
- Use native plants with deep roots and mulch to hold dirt in place

### What are the benefits?

- Build healthy soil
- Reduce inputs and improve downstream water quality

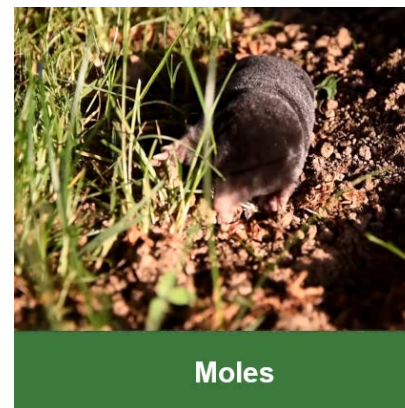
### Maintenance needs:

- Mowing, aerating, weeding, pruning, watering
- Planting

### Cost estimate:

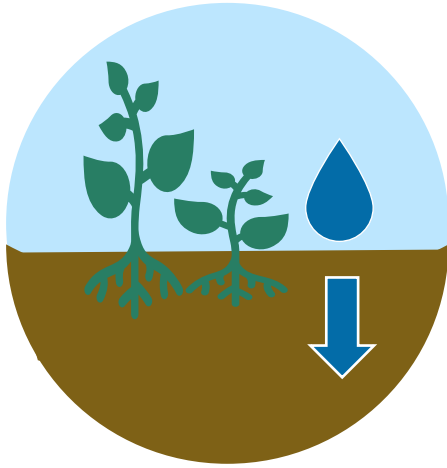
Free

## 5 steps to natural yard care





# Summary of Treatment Options



## Bioretention Swales

**Location**

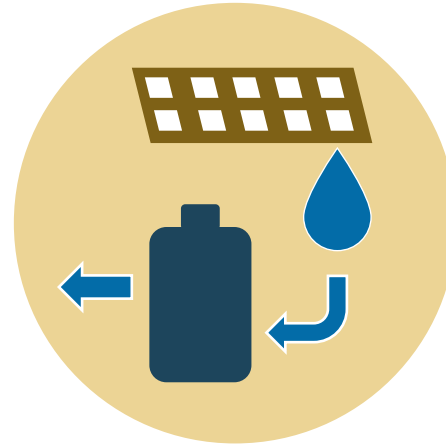
Existing Swales

**Estimated cost ea.**

\$130K - \$280K

**Best for**

Surface flow from upstream areas



## Treatment Devices

Underground

\$60K - \$180K

Piped flow from upstream and neighborhood



## Watershed Programs

HOA/Private Property

Free - \$8K

Neighborhood streets and yards

# Your Team at Herrera

## **James Packman, PMP**

[Herrera Environmental Consultants](#)

Associate Scientist

206.787.8329

[jpackman@herrerainc.com](mailto:jpackman@herrerainc.com)

## **Rachel Johnson, EIT**

[Herrera Environmental Consultants](#)

Environmental Engineer

206.787.8225

[rjohnson@herrerainc.com](mailto:rjohnson@herrerainc.com)

## **Erynne van Zee**

[Herrera Environmental Consultants](#)

Environmental Engineer and  
Landscape Architect

206.787.8359

[evanzee@herrerainc.com](mailto:evanzee@herrerainc.com)