

### Low-Impact Development You can do it anywhere



**Mission Statement "Our mission is to protect** and preserve **Orange County's marine habitat** and watershed through education, restoration, and enforcement".

# Orange County Coastkeeper LID Demonstration Project

- Two Year Project funded by MWD Innovative Conservation Grant
- Retrofit at least ten homes with LID elements of owners choosing
- Goal of water savings/pollution reduction
- Provide homeowners support throughout the installation process

# Tasks

- 1. Review relevant local ordinances and regulations to identify any that impede capture and infiltration of stormwater.
- 2. Identify candidate residential sites in Orange County for BMP implementation
- 3.Assist homeowners in identifying and selecting, cost-effective LID BMP retrofits for each site.
- 4. Assist the land-owner in soliciting bids from qualified contractors to perform the work.
- 5. Subsidize installation of the BMP retrofit
- 6. Collect runoff, water quality, water usage, groundwater recharge, and cost data from each site.
- 7. Analyze data to produce (a) documentation of water savings due to decreased water use and increased infiltration to restore groundwater(b) A rebate/incentive formula (c) recommendations for revision of relevant stormwater regulations

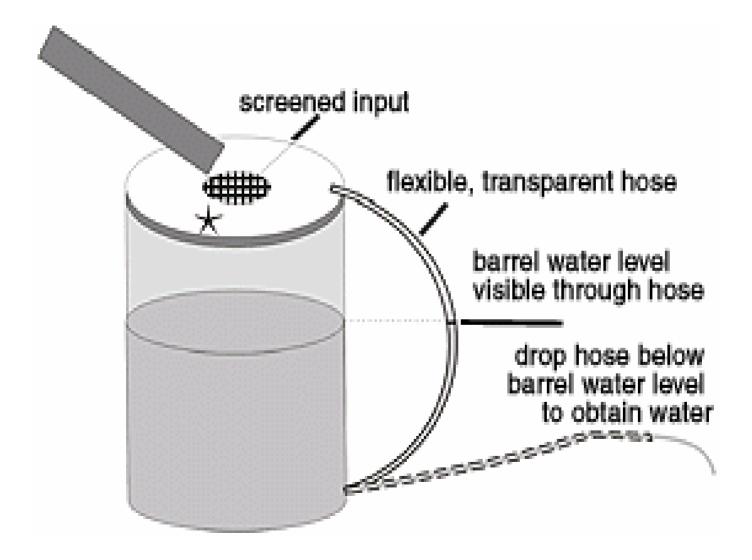
# **Rain Barrels and Cisterns**



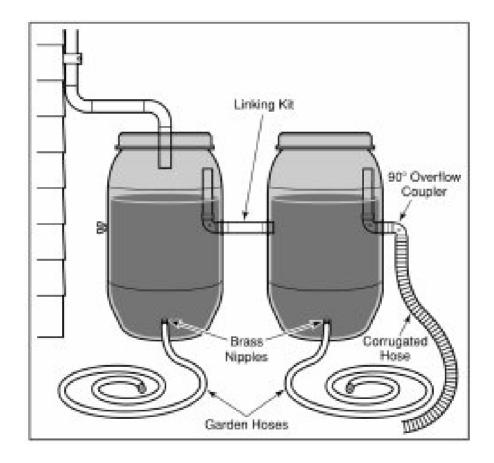


- Collect rainwater from rooftops, driveways & patios
- Lower household water consumption.
- A source of water during dry periods

# Basic Rain Barrel Design



# Multiple Water Barrels









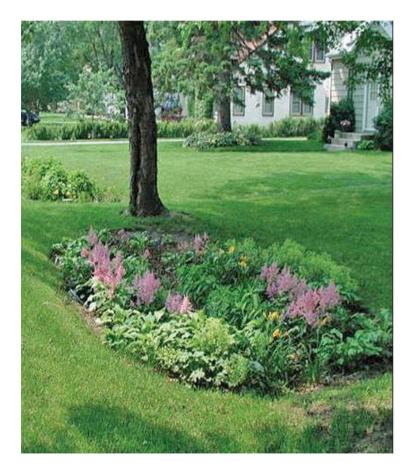








# **Rain Gardens**



- Capacity to treat and store runoff
- Affordable
- Easy to design
- Replicates the natural water cycle
- Low maintenance once established

# Residential





# Landscaping





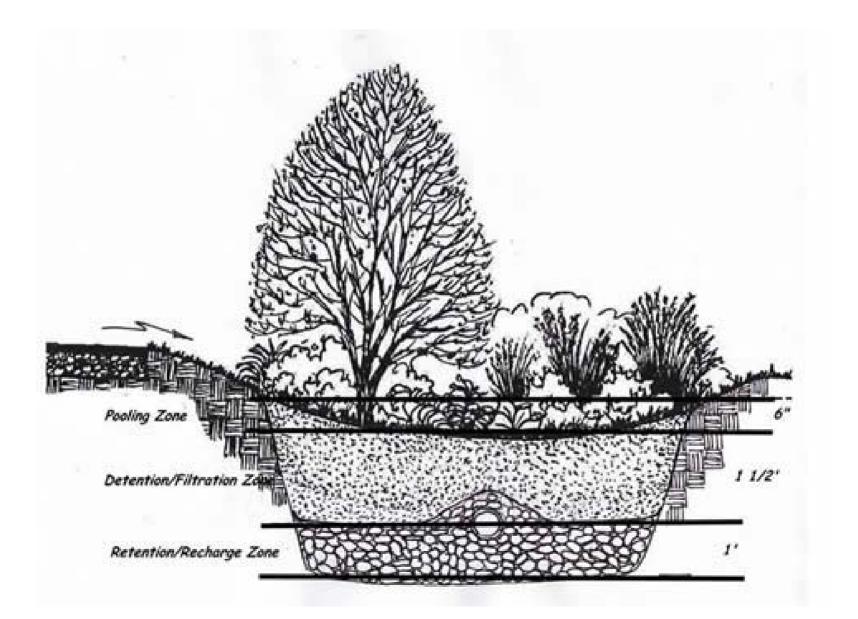




# Planter box detention tank



#### Residential tank



# Bio-Swales & Berms





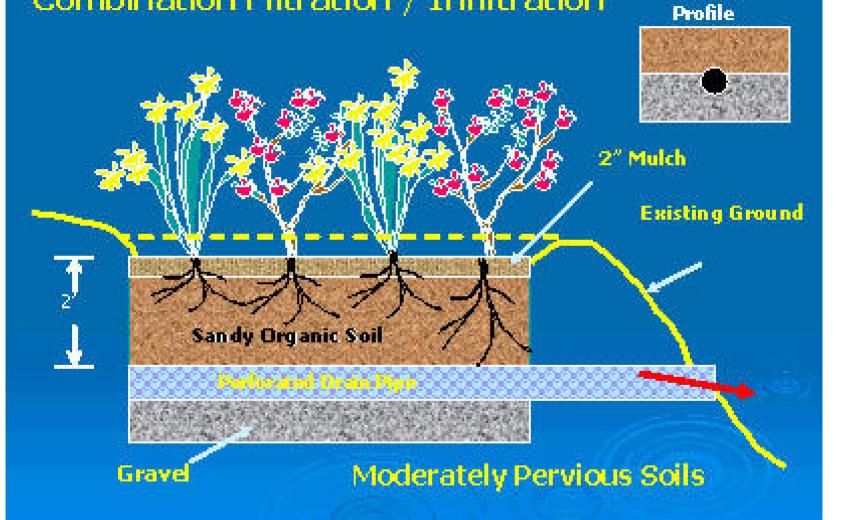
- Filters out roadway pollutants
- Can be installed almost anywhere
- Reduces storm runoff
- Covered with vegetation or gravel

• Raised areas used to direct water into swales





#### Bio-retention Cells: Combination Filtration / Infiltration



# Mulches





- Good for low traffic areas
- Cost effective & readily available
- Variety of mulch options: pebbles, barks, gravel

### Parks





# Playgrounds



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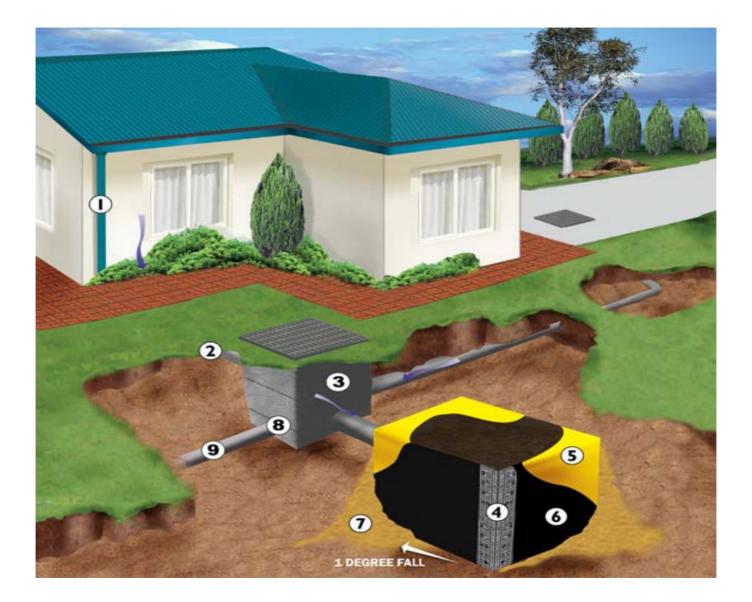
### **Business**



# **Storm water storage Tanks**

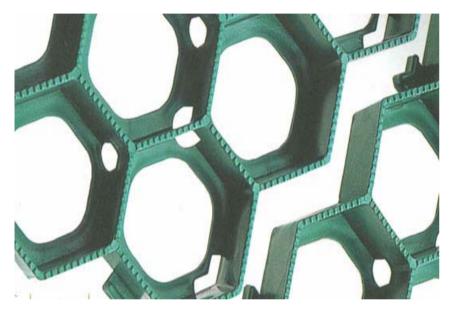


- Removes pollutants
- Subsurface location
- Effective in any soil condition





# **Permeable Pavers**





- Reduce stormwater runoff leaving parking lots & driveways
- A decrease pollutants reaching surface waters
- Recharge & storage of groundwater
- Reduce down-stream flooding

# Interlocking Concrete Blocks



- Can be filled with: vegetation, sand, gravel, or mulches.
- Great for heavy traffic areas









# **Grass Pavers**

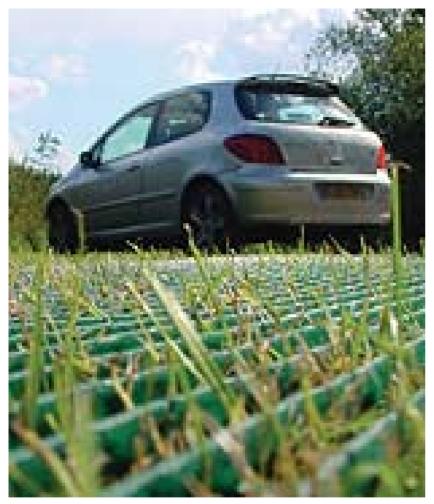


- Great permeable qualities.
- Suitable for high traffic areas
- Easy to install





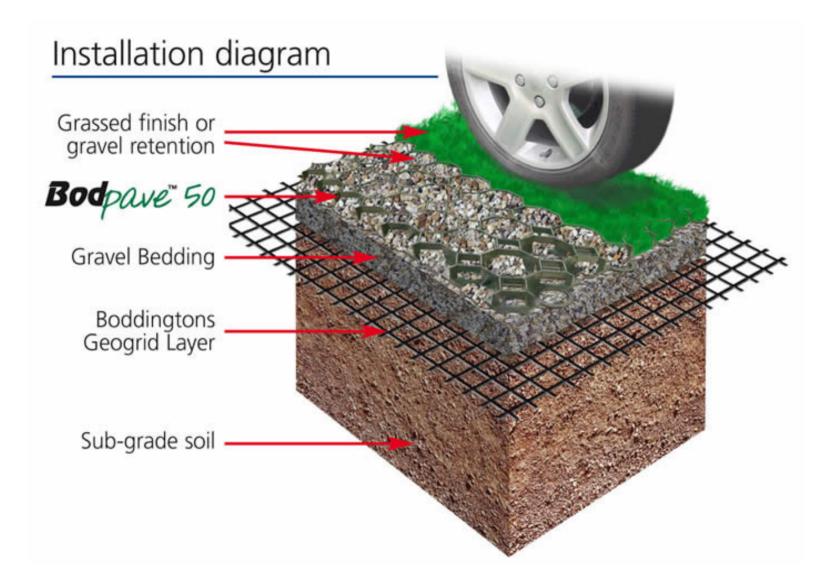
Building green driveway with PermaTURF. Cells will be filled with grass seed and sand/loam mix. photo by Franke James



### Parking lots

# Driveways





# Porous Concrete & Asphalt





### Concrete solution

Pervious concrete, widely used in the South, is becoming increasingly popular in northern climes. Tests have shown that the porous concrete, if installed and maintained properly, can hold up under the freeze-thaw cycles experienced in Ohio.

#### Conventional concrete

- Strong, good for heavy truck traffic.
- 2. Smooth surface.
- 3. Deflects water.
- Used on roads, parking lots sidewalks and airport runways.

 Gravel or crushed stone mixed with cement, water and sand.

#### Pervious concrete

- Not as strong as conventional concrete.
- 2. Rougher surface.
- Water seeps through, reducing stormwater runoff.
- Muffles noise and reduces hydroplaning.
- Used primarily on parking lots, sidewalks and some roads.

Uses stone that is smaller than conventional concrete and cement with little or no sand in the mixture. This creates porous spaces that allow water to pass through.

SOURCE: Researchers at Cleveland State University and Iowa State University

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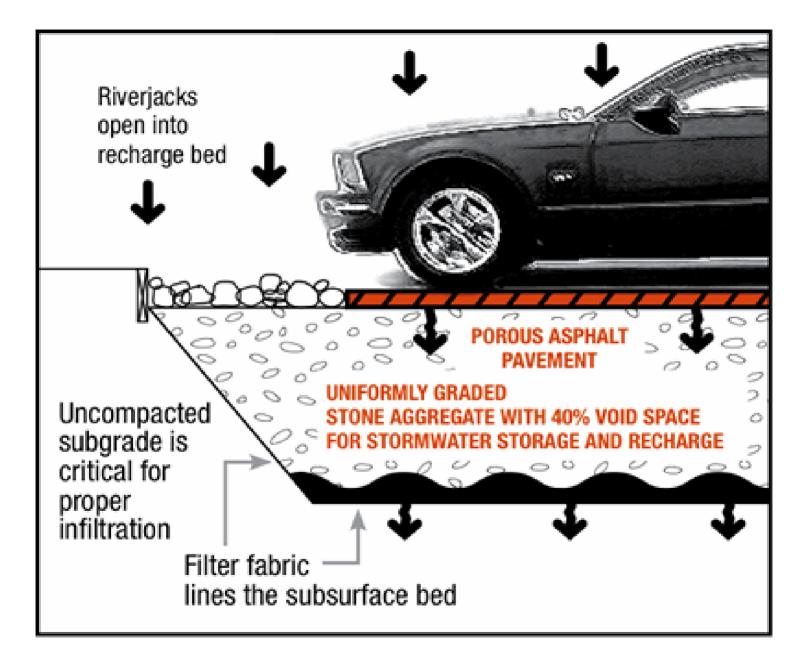
Porous Concrete



#### **Parking lots**

#### Driveways





# **Green Roofs & Walls**



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# Business & Apartment Building Rooftops



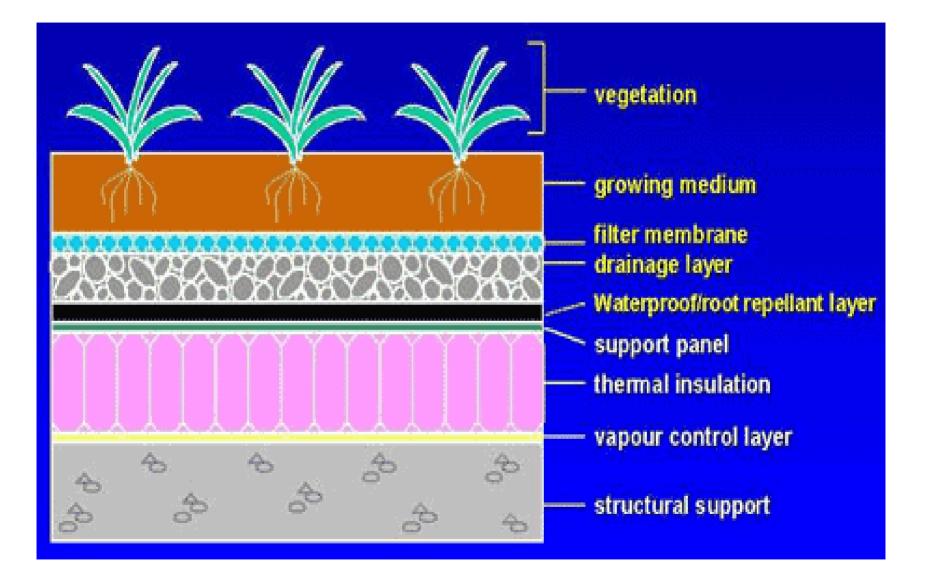






- Reduces urban heat island effect
- Reduces fossil energy use
- Extends roof life

• New techniques do not allow structural damage



# Retaining Walls & Fences





# Questions?

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