

Siting & Prioritizing Green Infrastructure for Phosphorus Reduction





Project Goals



Area Overview

1,071 acres

Lower Stony Brook

Google Earth

Site Prioritization

Drainage Area Analysis

Drainage areas characterized as:

- **High** Minimal constraint impacts
- Off-site High DA can be easily managed by an adjacent parcel
- **Medium** Some constraints however drainage area could still be managed with additional coordination
- Off-site Medium Drainage area may need to cross a street or need further investigation
- Low Drainage area is not suitable for GI nor can it be managed by another location

Drainage Area Tracking

	A	В	C	D	E	F	G	н	I	J	К	L	M	N	0	
		Designed Area	0	Nearest	Nearest	Sugar	Secondary	Designed Area					Alternative		GI	
	Study Area	Urainage Area	Un-site	Inlet	Inlet	Eesture	Street	Drainage Area	Drainage Area (SF)	Constraints	Opportunities	Infrastructure	Green	GLID	Footprint	GLo
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										Trees, Street Parking,	Strips, Additional					
										Possible Laterals, Street	Drainage, Degraded					
2	Lower Stony Brook	1000	ROW	18GCB24	1807910009	1707210016	1707210016	Medium Potential	10,627	Furniture	Sidewalk	Porous Pavement	Subsurface System	-	-	Roa
										Trees, Street Parking,	Wide Sidewalk, Grass					
										Possible Laterals, Street	Strips, Additional					
3	Lower Stony Brook	1001	ROW	17GCB93	1707910004	1707210016	-	Medium Potential	3,124	Furniture	Drainage	Bioretention	Subsurface System	-	-	Roa
			I					Ì		Trees, Utilities, Street						
										Parking, Possible	Topography, Additional					
4	Lower Stony Brook	1002	ROW	18GCB22	1807910026	1807210024	-	Off-site Medium Potential	809	Laterals, Street Furniture	Drainage	Subsurface System	-	-	-	Off
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										Possible Laterals, Street						
5	Lower Stony Brook	1003	ROW	18GCB26	1807910036	1807210024	-	Off-site Medium Potential	4,080	Furniture, Entrances	Additional Drainage	Subsurface System	-	-	-	Off
								•		Narrow Sidewalk, Street						
										Parking, Possible						
6	Lower Stony Brook	1004	ROW	18GCB21	1807910028	1807210024	-	Off-site Medium Potential	1,057	Laterals, Street Furniture	Grass Strips	Subsurface System	-	-	-	Off
				•				• •			Wide Sidewalk,		•			
										Street Parking, Possible	Additional Drainage,					
										Laterals, Street Furniture,	Ease of Drainage Area					
7	Lower Stony Brook	1005	ROW	18GCB104	1807910085	1807210024	-	Off-site High Potential	4,122	Entrances	Diversion	Porous Pavement	Subsurface System	-	-	Off
								•		Street Parking, Possible						
										Laterals, Street Furniture,	Wide Sidewalk,					
8	Lower Stony Brook	1006	ROW	18GCB58	1807910068	1807210035	-	Medium Potential	1,814	Entrances	Additional Drainage	Porous Pavement	Subsurface System	-	-	Roa
			1					• •		Street Parking, Possible			°			
										Laterals, Street Furniture,						
9	Lower Stony Brook	1007	ROW	18GCB61	1807910066	1807210035	-	Low Potential	1,577	Entrances	Wide Sidewalk	-	-	-	-	
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10	Lower Stony Brook	1008	ROW	18HCB1	1808910042	1808210041	-	Off-site High Potential	8,267	Utilities, Street Furniture	Diversion	Bioretention	Subsurface System	-	-	Off
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										Laterals, Street Furniture,						
11	Lower Stony Brook	1009	ROW	18HCB6	1808910210	1808210041	-	Low Potential	8,703	Entrances, Topography	Additional Drainage	-		-	-	1
										Narrow Sidewalk, Utilities,						
										Possible Laterals, Street	Grass Strips, Ease of					
12	Lower Stony Brook	1011	ROW	18HCB25	1808910212	1808210076	-	Off-site High Potential	8,512	Furniture, Entrances	Drainage Area Diversion	Bioretention	Subsurface System	-	-	Off-
										Street Parking, Possible						1
										Laterals, Street Furniture,						
13	Lower Stony Brook	1012	ROW	18HCB31	1808910198	1808210076	-	Low Potential	4,232	Entrances, Topography	Additional Drainage	-	- 1	-	-	
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										Possible Laterals, Street						
										Furniture, Entrances,	Wide Sidewalk,					
14	Lower Stony Brook	1013	ROW	18HCB28	1808910052	1808210076	-	Low Potential	5,212	Topography	Additional Drainage	-	-	-	-	
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15	Lower Stony Brook	1014	ROW	18HCB44	1808910086	1808210006	-	Medium Potential	4,051	Laterals, Entrances	Additional Drainage	Porous Pavement	Subsurface System	-	-	Roa

Drainage Area Feasibility

Constraints Encountered

360° Site Visit Tour

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Hand Auger Characterization and Infiltration Testing

Storm Sampling Results

Total Phosphorus

Storm Sampling Results

Total Suspended Solids

Site Suitability Prioritization

Selection Criteria for Site 1820

Selection Criteria for Site 1022

Types of Designs

Right-of-Way Bioretention

- Linear bioretention implemented within the ROW
- Treatment of adjacent ROW runoff through curb cuts and other diversions

Example: Walnut Ave.

Types of Designs

Small Catchment Bioretention

- Bioretention on a public or private property
- Treatment of adjacent areas < 1 ac
- Often sited in grassed areas, small parks, or other open spaces

Example: Amory St. & Dimock St.

Types of Designs

Large Catchment Bioretention

- Bioretention on a public or private property
- Treatment of adjacent areas > 1 ac
- Multiple drainage diversions, disconnections, and street crossings typical
- Often sited in vacant lots or other large open spaces

Example: Harold St. & Hollander St.

Concentual Design – Not for Construction

Design Considerations

Design Consideration	Description					
Deteriorating Site	Broken or overgrown sidewalk, abandoned lot, or area needing maintenance					
Drainage Diversion	Routing drainage from roof to ground level BMP or street drainage to parcel					
Programmatic	Active construction or existing use requiring consideration					
Transportation	Parking, bus lane, bike lane, driveways, loading zones, state route, or MBTA infrastructure					
Subsurface Utilities	Subsurface utilities within site, intersecting drainage crossing, or within close proximity					
Landscaping	Existing trees, bushes, or planters					
Surface Structures	Utility poles, enclosures, sidewalk furniture, etc.					
Topography	Steep grades, significant elevation drop/increase					

Site Plan View

First Baptist Church Bioretention Drainage Area Plan View

Bioretention Section

Inlet Details

Design Calculations

- Estimate bioretention footprint
 - 5-7% of tributary area (43,560 ft²) = 2,178 3,049 ft²
- · Calculate water quality volume

$$WQv = \frac{WQ_{Depth}}{12} * Area_{Impervious}$$

WQv= 3,650 ft³

Calculate drawdown time

 $Time_{drawdown} = \frac{WQv}{K * Bottom Area}$

- WQv = 3,650 ft³
- K = 7.3 in/hr (assumed from field investigations)
- Bottom Area = 3,073 ft²
- Drawdown Time = 1.95 hours
- Stormwater Handbook guidelines < 24-hours
- Calculate storage volume

 $Storage = Area * (D_{Surface} + D_{Soil} * Porosity_{Soil} + D_{Stone} * Porosity_{Stone})$

- D_{surface} = 9-inches
- D_{soil} = 3-feet
- D_{stone} = 1-foot
- Porosity_{Soil} = 0.3
- Porosity_{Stone} = 0.4
- Storage Volume = 6,300 ft³ > WQv

- Estimate phosphorus load reduction
 - Calculate annual volume

$$Vol = Rv * A * (\frac{p}{12})$$
 $Rv = 0.05 * (0.009 * \% Imp)$

- % Impervious = 90%
- Catchment Area = 43,560 ft²
- Annual Rainfall = 44 in
- Annual Runoff Volume = 137,359 ft³
- · Calculate annual TP load

$$TP \ Load = Vol \ * \frac{EMC}{16018}$$

- Influent EMC = 1.74 mg/l
- Effluent EMC = 0.12 mg/l

Component	Ratio	Volume	Load
Inflow	100%	137,359 ft ³	14.9 lb/yr
Overflow	10%	13,736 ft ³	1.49 lb/yr
Outflow	10%	13,736 ft ³	0.10 lb/yr
Infiltration Loss	80%	109,887 ft ³	0.82 lb/yr
Total Discharge	20%	27,472 ft ³	1.60 lb/yr
	L	oad Reduction	13.3 lb/yr (89%)

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First Baptist Church Bioretention Planting Plan

	Genus and Species	Common Name				
Lowland Mix	Andropogon gerardii Carex formosa Panicum virgatum Polygonum hydropiper	Big Blue Stem Handsome Sedge Switchgrass Marsh Pepper Knotweed				
Upland Mix	Asclepias tuberosa Eupatorium fistulosum Hypericum ascyron Monarda fistulosa	Butterfly Milkweed Joe Pye Weed Great St. John's-wort Wild Bergamot				
Shrubs & Tree	Actaea racemose Amelanchiar speicies Clethra alnifolia Sambucas nigra 'Eva ppaf'	Bugbane Serviceberry Sweet Pepperbush Black lace Elderberry				

Construction and Material Specifications: Key Points

Materials

Aggregates

- · Shall be double washed and free of fines and foreign material.
- Shall have no more than 0.5% wash loss per AASHTO T-11 wash loss test.
- Shall have a minimum installed porosity of 0.4.

Bioretention Soil Media

- · Shall be a homogeneous mix consisting of:
 - Sand: 85-88%
 - Silt and Fines: 8-12%
 - Organic Content: 3-5%
 - Clay Fraction: <2%
- Shall have a phosphorus content (Mehlich-3) of 15 60 mg/kg P.
- Shall have a minimum installed infiltration rate of 2 in/hr.

Underdrains

- Shall be constructed of SDR 35 smooth wall PVC pipe.
- The minimum pipe diameter shall be 12 inches.
- A minimum of 4 rows of 3/8 inch diameter perforations shall be provided around the diameter of the underdrain pipe and the perforations shall be placed 6 inches on center.
- Filter socks or geotextile fabric shall not be used to wrap the underdrain pipes.
- · Cleanouts shall be provided at the end of all underdrain lines.

Vegetation

 Plant size should be no less than 2.5" diameter at breast height (DBH) for trees, 3-gallon for shrubs, and 1-quart for herbaceous plants.

Mulch (if needed)

- Shall be placed in a uniform 3" layer above the bioretention soil media.
- Shall be triple shredded hardwood mulch, free of weed seeds, soil, roots, and other material that is not bole or branch wood or bark. No pine needles, pine bark, or wood chips shall be used.
- · Shall be at least 6 months old.

River Rock

- Shall be double washed and free of fines and foreign material.
- Shall be 1-3 inches, a neutral shade of white or brown, and free from jagged edges.

Execution

- The Contractor shall protect bioretention surfaces, excavations, and materials storage areas from severe weather conditions and contamination by dust, dirt, mud, cement, or other fine-grained material or sediment.
- · Bioretention areas shall not be used as sediment and erosion control facilities.
- The method of excavation shall minimize compaction and surface sealing of the bottom of the bioswale.
- Prior to installation of the stone base, the bottom of the excavation shall be scarified to a minimum depth of 6 inches to alleviate any compaction of the facility bottom. The soil shall not be saturated at the time of rototilling and the stone base shall be placed after the soil has been tilled and before rain is forecast.
- No equipment shall be used to compact any portion of the bioretention installation, except hand tools to encourage natural settling.
- · No equipment shall be driven over/in the bioretention area.
- Soil analysis shall be submitted to the Engineer for approval prior to placement in the bioretention area.
- Soil media shall be installed in lifts of no more than 12 inches. Water lifts lightly with a supply of clean water to encourage natural settlement. The surface of each lift shall be scarified by raking immediately prior to placing the next lift.
- After installation, the soil media shall be tested with a double ring infiltrometer (ASTM D3385) or Engineer approved alternative testing methodology to determine an actual drainage rate. The permeability should fall between 2 and 6 inches per hour.
- No fertilizer shall be added unless directed by the Engineer.

See separate specification documents for additional details

Maintenance Requirements

Litter and Debris

Issue: Litter and debris, such as fallen leaves or branches, may be dropped, blown, or carried by runoff into the bioretention area. Litter and debris are aesthetic nuisances and can affect plant growth and drainage performance; they also have potential to add phosphorus if not removed.

Task: All litter and debris should be removed from the inlets and bioretention by hand or with hand tools and disposed of off-site as trash or yard waste. Be careful not to trample bioretention plants during removal.

Blocked Inlet

Issue: Sediment, trash, or debris can collect within or immediately downstream of the inlet. Even a small sediment deposit can prevent runoff from entering the bioretention area.

Task: The inlets should be inspected monthly and after storm events with more than an inch of rainfall. Any sediment, litter, or debris collected at the inlet should be removed with a hand shovel and disposed of.

Erosion

Issue: The flow of water within the bioretention area could form small gullies or bare spots, especially around inlets and sloped areas.

Task: For small areas, less than 2" deep and 6" wide, use a rake to smooth the area and recover with mulch/river stone. For deeper or larger areas, add bioretention soil to make the surface even, smooth the area with a rake, and add mulch/river stone to the surface. If flow continues to cut into these areas, cover the surface of that area with 1" diameter stone.

Surface Clogging

Issue: Over time, the bioretention area may become clogged by sediment, leaf debris, and surface compaction, keeping standing water on the surface for too long. Standing water more than 48 hours after a storm suggests significant clogging. Task: Using a hand rake, work around the plants to remove and dispose of the surface mulch/river stone and top 1-2" of soil below the mulch/river stone. Replace the removed soil with bioretention soil meeting construction specifications and cover with mulch/river stone. This maintenance task should be done annually in the fall or if the bioretention soil is draining poorly.

Snow Removal and Spring Restoration

Issue: Piling snow on the bioretention surface may concentrate salts, damage vegetation, and compact bioretention soils.

Task: Minimize snow stockpiles over bioretention areas where possible. Bioretention should be inspected and maintained after each snow melt. Required maintenance after snow melt is likely to include removal of litter and debris, and removal or pruning of severely damaged plants. In the spring, test the bioretention for surface clogging and plant health and perform corrective maintenance as needed.

Weed Growth

Issue: Weeds may grow within the bioretention area, impacting aesthetics and crowding desirable vegetation.

Task: Consult planting plan and remove plants by hand that don't appear within the plan. Dispose of plant material as yard waste. Fill any holes within the bioretention soil and cover exposed soil areas with mulch/river stone.

Vegetation Health

Issue: Bioretention plants may die or become damaged over time due to a variety of factors including foot traffic, constantly saturated soils, drought, snow, or contaminated stormwater. Healthy bioretention vegetation is important to maximize pollutant removal, infiltration rates, and aesthetics.

Task: Because the bioretention is a water quality feature, fertilizer and pesticides should not be used. Dead plants should be removed and replaced as soon as possible with a plant of the same species and similar size. When replacing plants, use bioretention soil meeting construction specifications to fill any holes. New plants may require watering during extended dry periods.

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Maintenance Checklist

Date: Site:	Date: Site:
Inspector:	Maintenance Coordinator:
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Trash/Debris Present? Yes No	Eroded Areas Repaired: 🗆
Weeds or invasive plants present? Yes No	Gravel Splash Pad Repaired: 🗖

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Similar Concept Locations

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5 other sites were identified with characteristics similar to the First Baptist Church Bioretention.

Summary of First Baptist Church Bioretention Similar Concepts

Number of Sites: 5

Area: 3.2 acres

% of Remaining DA: 3.3%

Characteristics:

 High public visibility off-site locations including churches and active parks & schools

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Similar Opportunities

Site Name	Number of Sites	Area (Acres)	% of Remaining DA
Amory St.	29	8.1	8.6%
Harold St.	9	4.6	4.9%
Walnut Ave.	205	36.3	38.4%
Mildred C. Hailey	41	12.0	12.7%
First Baptist	5	3.2	3.3%
Other Projects	143	30.2	32.0%

Next Steps in the Design Process

Stakeholder Coordination on Concept Design

Meet with stakeholders to garner input and support for the proposed concept and discuss maintenance responsibilities.

Survey & Geotech Investigation

Refine understanding of site constraints and design characteristics.

Design Advance design based

Preliminary

on survey and geotech, utility conflicts, and stakeholder input.

Stakeholder Coordination on Preliminary Design

Receive feedback through review of design documents f and presentations.

Final Design

Incorporate feedback from stakeholders and finalize construction documents.

Potential Stakeholders

- · First Baptist Church
- Public Works Department
- BWSC

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Conclusions

Value in area-wide approach

Simple, low-cost screening data

Mix of design configurations

Piloting with long-term in mind

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