

A New Approach: Gray Vs. Green

Green infrastructure initiatives support the use of more natural sustainable ways of managing storm-water runoff, through low-impact development such as: ♦ Permeable pavement ♦ Green roofs ♦ Green streets ♦ Trees ♦ Rain gardens ♦ Bioswales



♦ More traditional gray infrastructure options include large, costly man-made structures and processes, including:

- ♦ Tunnels
- ♦ Regional storage tanks
- ♦ Satellite wet weather treatment facilities

♦ Best management practices for stormwater runoff suggest implementing green infrastructure solutions before gray. Green infrastructure not only improves watershed health, but also improves air quality, reduces energy consumption, enhances community livability, and promotes a variety of health benefits.

♦ 3RWW supports leading the region with green infrastructure implementation and closing the regulatory gap with gray infrastructure.

