

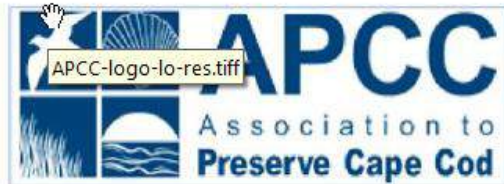
Eastham “Rain Garden” Workshop

Green Infrastructure

Function and Maintenance



- Eastham Public Library
- 05.02.18



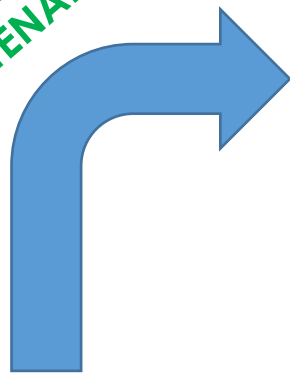
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WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?



OPERATION AND
MAINTENANCE



BARNSTABLE
CLEAN
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COALITION



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STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES

REGULATIONS AND
DESIGN MANUALS



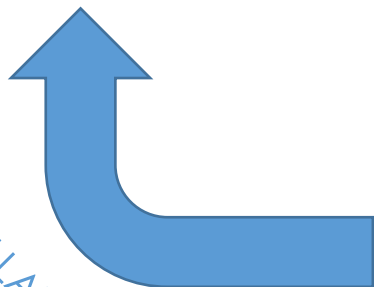
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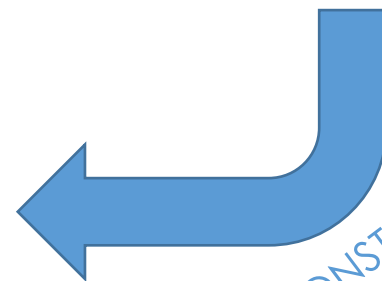
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DESIGNERS

INSTALLATION



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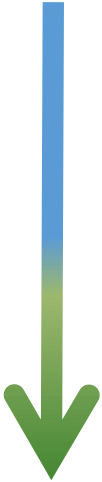


CONSTRUCTION
DRAWINGS

GI - HOW DOES IT WORK?



- 1 "Collect" the water
- 2 "Move" to where you want it to go
- 3 "Remove" sediment and debris
- 4 "**Filter**" to clean the water
- 5 "Overflow" for larger storms







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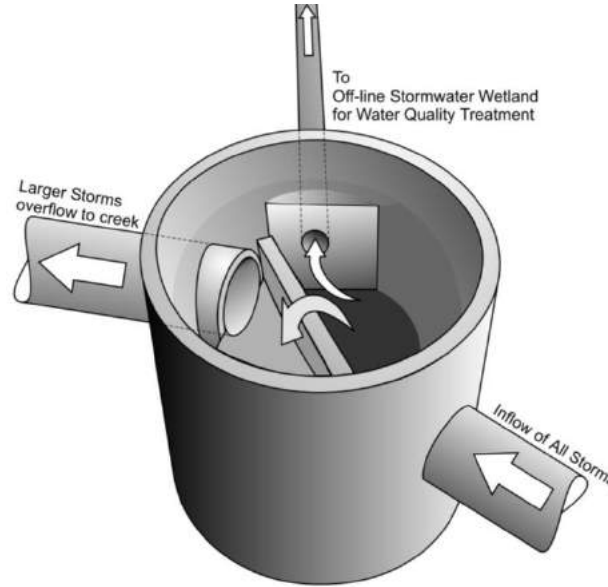
HOW CAN WE AVOID THIS?



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- ① Drainage Inlets
 - ② Swales
 - ③ Sediment Collection
 - ④ Treatment Areas
(Bioswales/Raingardens)
 - ⑤ Outlets & Spillways
 - ⑥ Surrounding Area
- Vegetation
- Long-Term Maintenance

1 DRAINAGE INLETS

- Diversion struct.
- Pipe Inlets
- Trench grates
- Curb Cuts
- Paved inlet flumes
- Catch basins
- Roof downspouts



MAINTENANCE

- Clean sediment
- Remove leaf litter from inlets
- Watch for scouring



Inlet Clogging

LESSONS LEARNED

- Stone prone to clogging
- Ensure it is located at the low point and water can enter easily.
- Curbing increases side slope and depth
- When applicable zero curb
 - Allow for sheet flow



2 SWALES & CONVEYANCE



- Grass swales
- Vegetated swales
- Turf reinforced (TRM) swales
- Stone swales



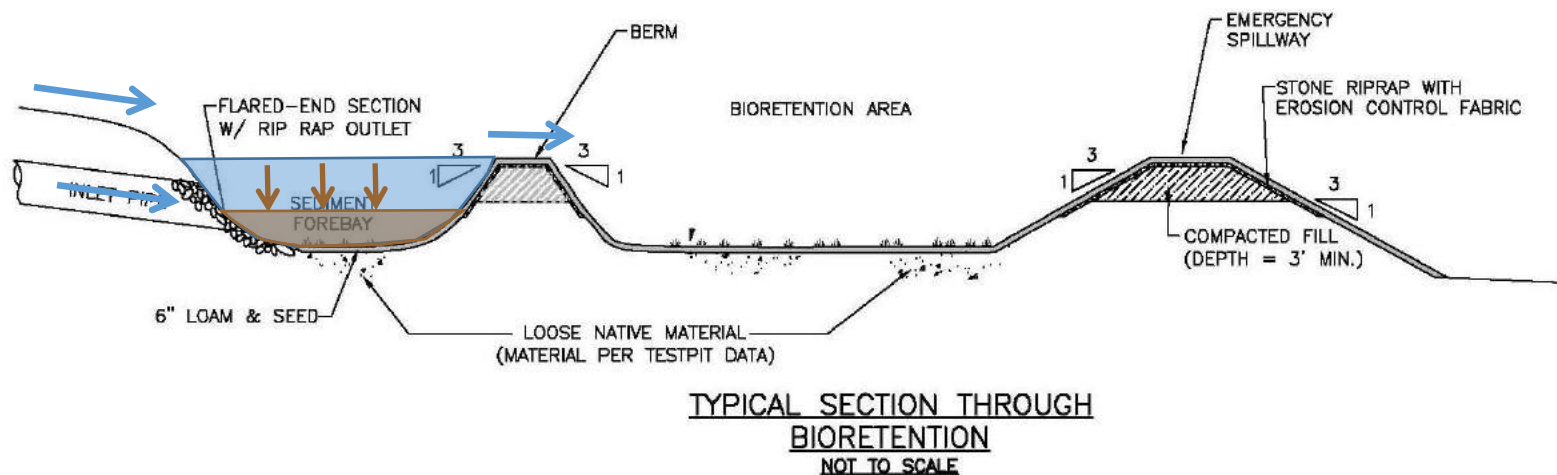
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MAINTENANCE

- Debris Cleanout
- Sediment/Organic Debris Removal
- Check for areas of erosion/gullies in the swale, particularly along the swale bottom.
- Repair/reseed as necessary



3 SEDIMENT COLLECTION



MAINTENANCE

- Remove trash and debris from the surface.
- Signs of erosion gullies. Repair as necessary.
- Remove sediment accumulation and properly dispose when accumulation is greater than or equal to 3 inches or you cannot see stones.*



LESSONS LEARNED

- Early Designs
 - Inlets & Sediment collection areas or “forebays” with rip/rap or stone
 - Sediment forebays large/difficult to clean
- Lessons Learned
 - Smaller forebay/more frequent cleaning
 - Use a hardscape smooth surface at the bottom



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TREATMENT AREAS



MAINTENANCE

- Debris Cleanout
- Signs of erosion gullies, animal burrowing, overtopping or slumping
- Sediment/Organic Debris Removal
- Vegetation Maintenance & Replacement
- Water Draining properly
 - If standing water is observed for more than 48 hours after a storm event maintenance required



LESSONS LEARNED

- Early Designs
 - 6"-12" depth
 - Flat bottom – zero slope
 - Became too deep
 - Side slope stabilization
 - Curb and gutter systems
- Lessons Learned
 - Shallower depth has advantages
 - Use check dams
 - More cells
- Benefit
 - Aesthetics
 - Improved Function
 - Easier Maintenance



Source: Los Angeles Zoo designed by others

5 OUTLETS & SPILLWAYS



- Overflow/Outlet Structures
- Spillways



MAINTENANCE

- EMERGENCY SPILLWAYS
 - Check for settling gulling, erosion damage, settling & clogging
 - Repair as necessary and return to design grades
- OVERFLOW STRUCTURE
 - Check for sediment accumulation that impacts inflow. If sediment accumulation. Schedule cleaning
 - Check for leaf litter, debris and inlet clogging



6 SURROUNDING AREA



- Debris Removal
 - Remove trash from perimeter areas.
- Pavement Sweeping
 - Sweep parking lot minimum once a year after spring thaw.
- Drainage Network
 - Ensure proper operation.
- Contributing drainage area stabilized





- **Pruning**

- Why?
 - Maintain plant health and vigor
 - Removal of dead or broken wood
 - Encouragement of flowering and fruiting
 - Control of overgrowth of plant material
- When?
 - Annually – Fall or Spring

- **Weeding**

- Why?
 - Control invasive plants
 - Promote native non-invasive plant growth
- When?
 - Monthly
 - April thru October
- Do not use chemical herbicides
- Remove by hand



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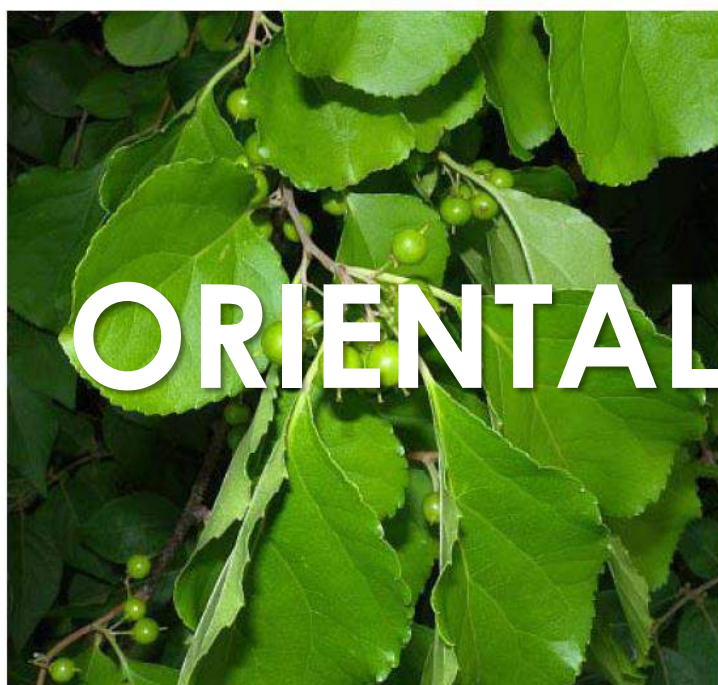
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LESSONS LEARNED

- Early Designs
 - Ornamental/flowering
 - “gardens”=MORE MAINTENANCE
 - Predominantly Native Plants
 - Included Larger shrubs
 - Trees often excluded
- Lessons Learned
 - Greater mix of plants
 - Grasses, Herbs and Forbs do well
 - Less manicured and ornamental more wild & natural ”=LESS MAINTENANCE
 - **Work with Nature**

Cool Season Grasses:

Cool Season Grasses start their growth early in the spring and continue growth until the rain and cool weather ends. They go dormant during hot, dry months of summer, but resume growth in the fall when the rain returns.

Examples:

Deschampsia cespitosa
Festuca Idahoensis “Siskyou Blue”
Juncus patens “Elk’s Blue”

Tufted Hairgrass
 Fescue
 Rush



Warm Season Grasses

Warm season grasses break dormancy in mid-spring and grow during the hot summer months. Because of their extensive root system, these plants conserve water and nutrients. These grasses have a low water requirement and remain green and growing during dry conditions.

Examples:

Schizachyrium scoparium
Panicum virgatum ‘Heavy Metal’
Miscanthus sinensis “Gracillimus”

Little Bluestem
 Heavy Metal Switchgrass
 Maiden Grass



Herbs and Forbs

Herbs and Forbs may be annuals, biennials or perennials, but all are defined by the fact they do not form secondary woody growth. These plants all resprout or regrow from their roots.

Examples:

Iris douglassiana
Polystichum munitum
Liriope sp.

Douglas Iris
 Swordfern
 Lilyturf





VEGETATION





TO MOW OF NOT MOW?



IS THAT THE QUESTION ?













FERTILIZING

- Fertilization should not be necessary
 - Compromises pollutant reduction effectiveness
 - Leads to weak plant growth
 - Promotes disease and pests
 - Inhibits soil life



SHORT-TERM MAINTENANCE



- Why Inspect?
 - Ensure proper design function after construction
- When to inspect?
 - 6 months period after construction
 - Monthly during an immediately after construction
 - After rain events of 1" and greater

What to inspect?

- Erosion and Gullying
- Grass/Plant growth
- Washouts Inlet flumes or pipes inlets
- Sediment forebay



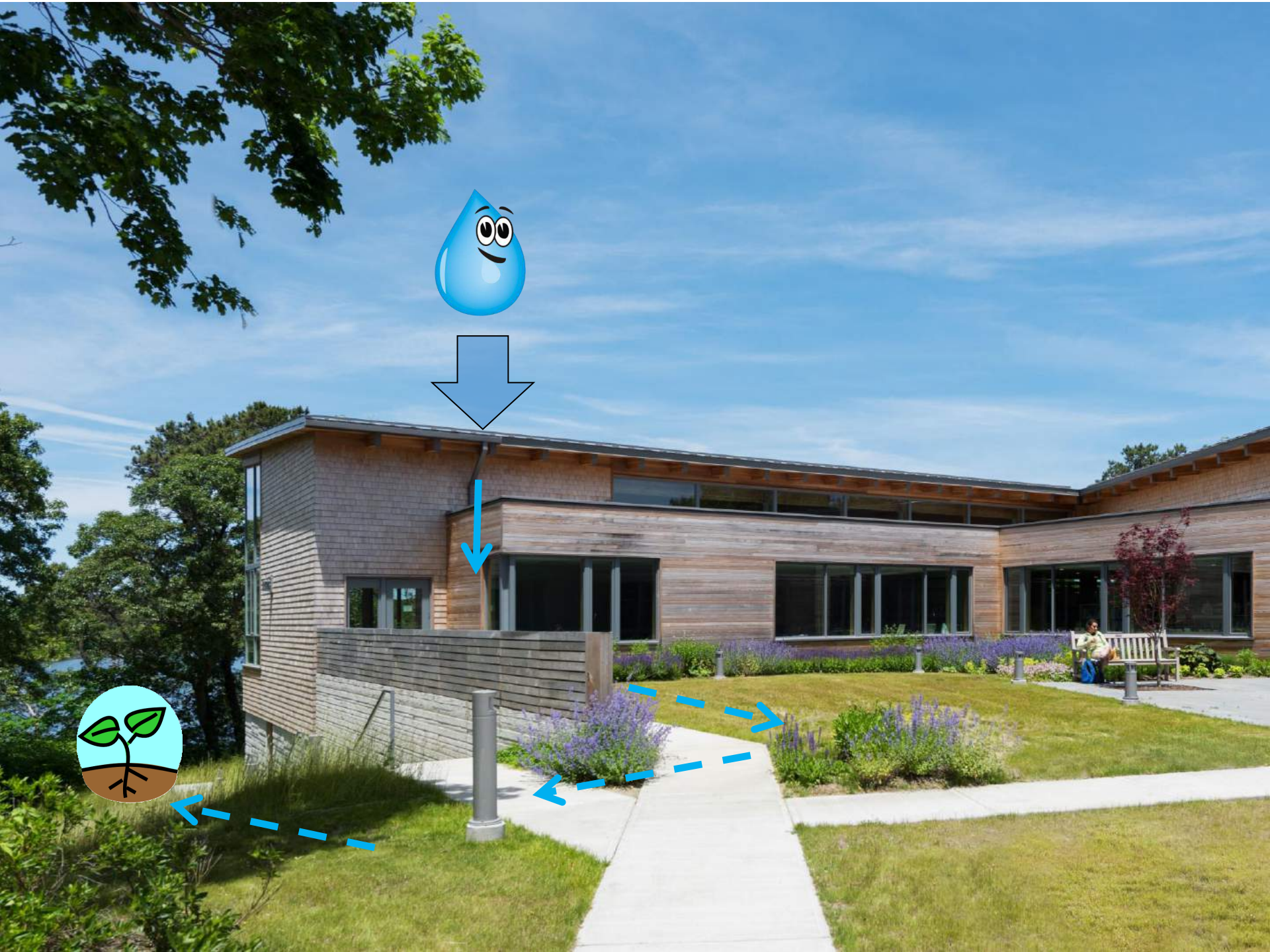
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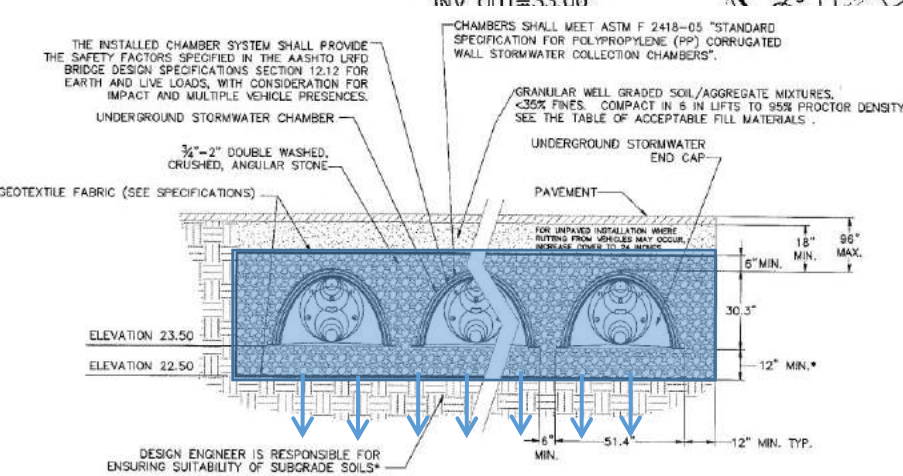
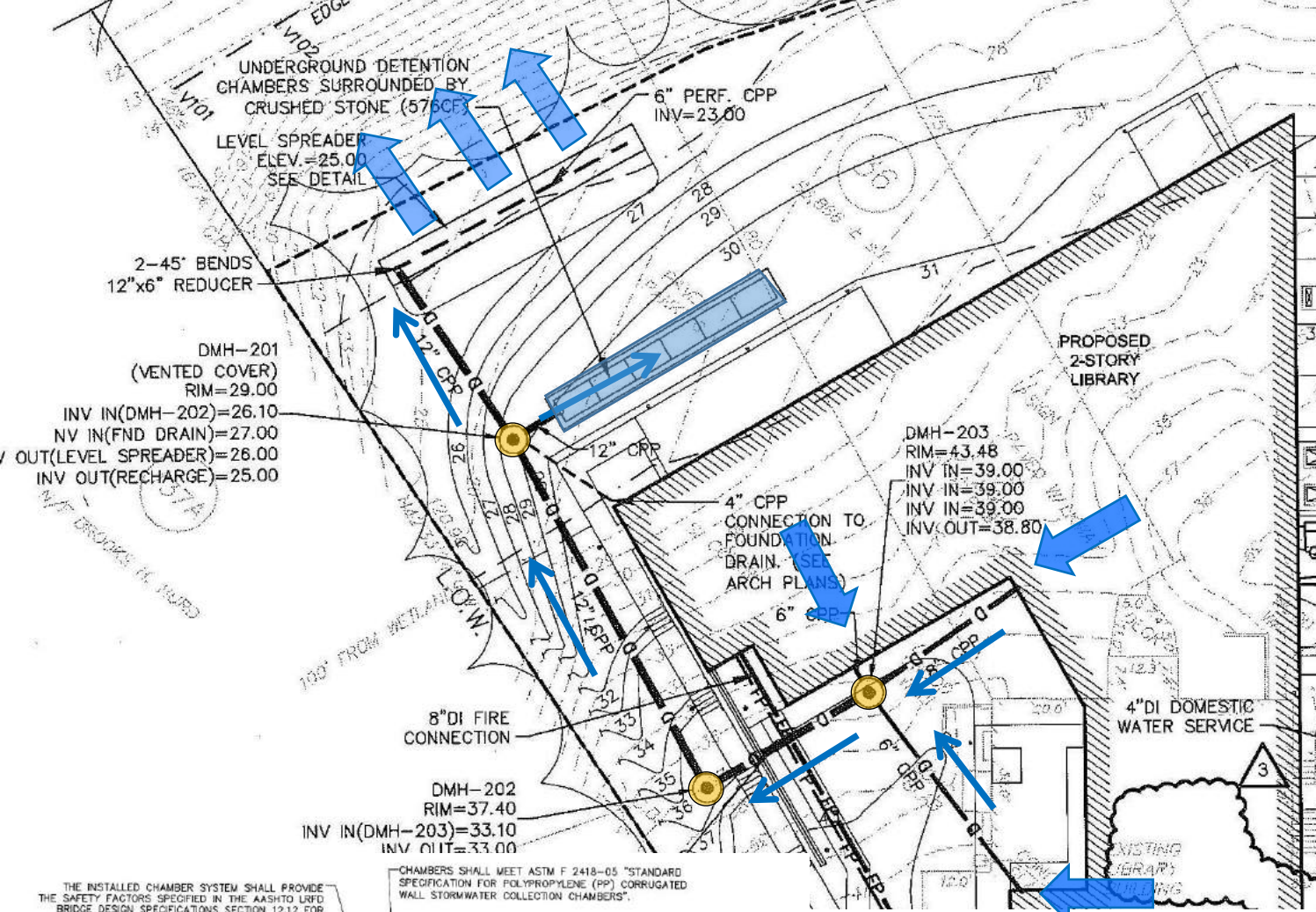
- When to inspect?
 - Spring thru fall
 - During the typical routine landscape maintenance:
 - Once per month
 - After large storm events
 - During other extreme weather events
- What to Inspect?
 - Debris Accumulation
 - Sediment build up
 - Weeds and invasive plants
 - Plant and grass health
 - Erosion/Gullying
 - Inlet/Outlet structure clogging



HANDS-ON MAINTENANCE EXERCISE

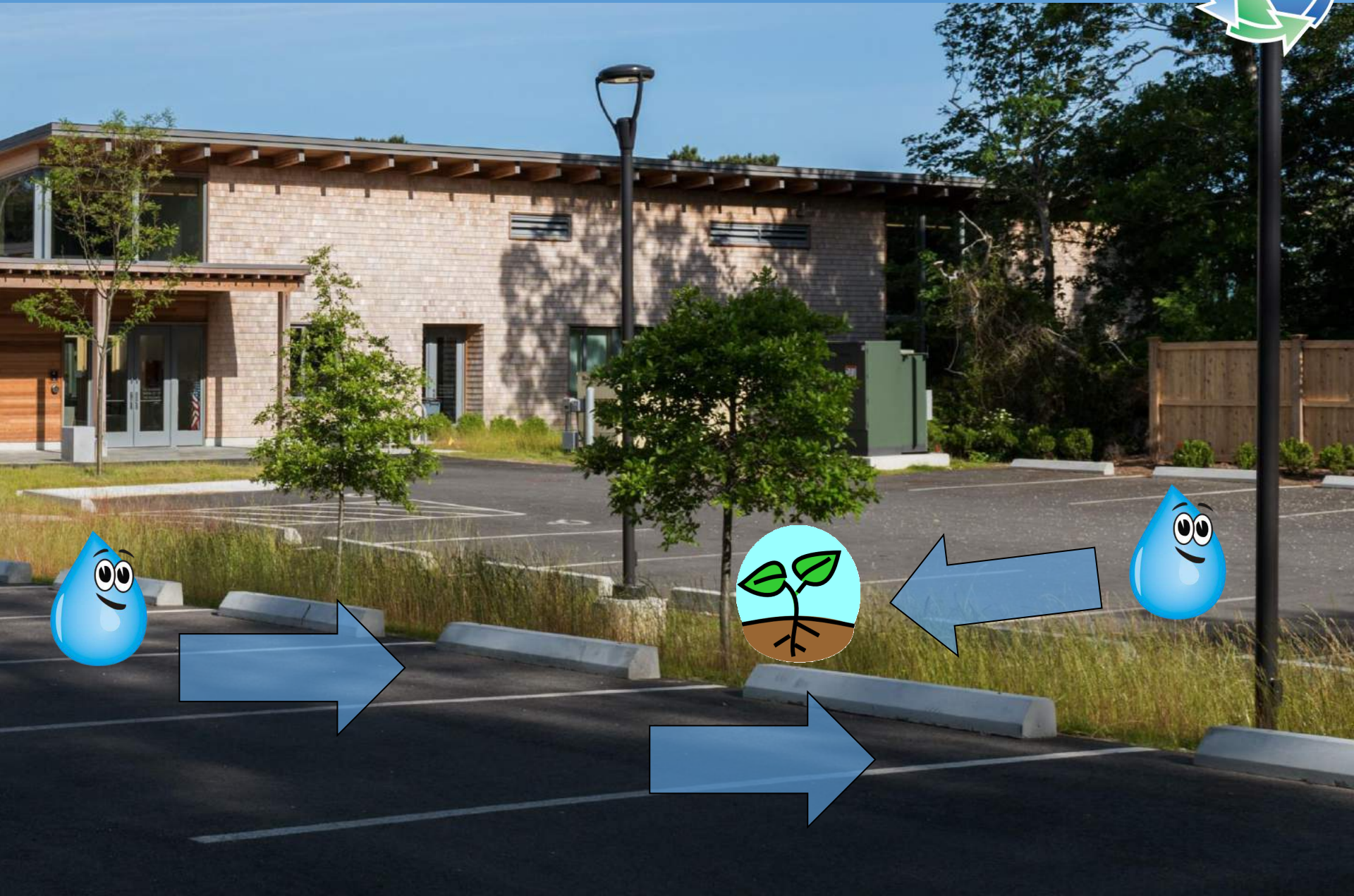
- **2:00 – 3:00pm Hands-on Maintenance Exercise**
 - Parking lot stormwater runoff treatment system
 - Roof runoff stormwater treatment system(s)





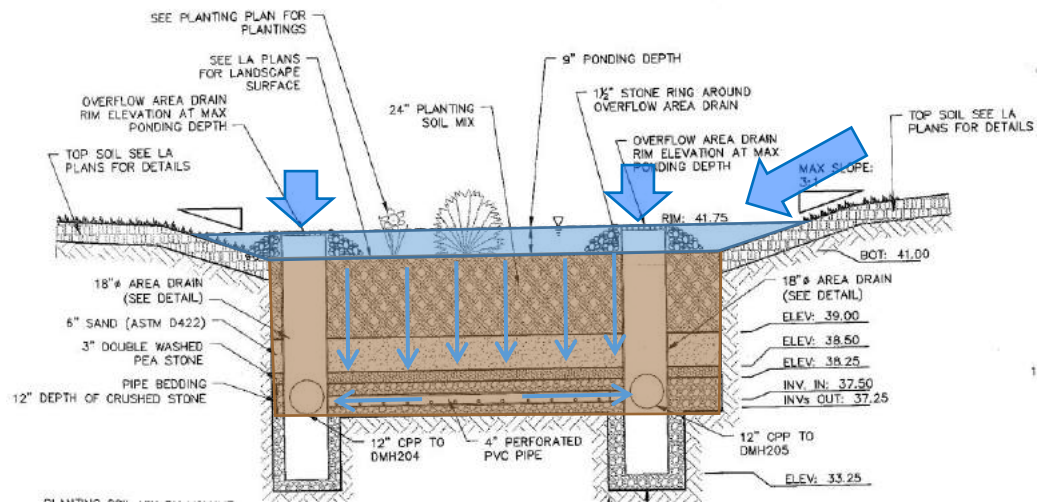
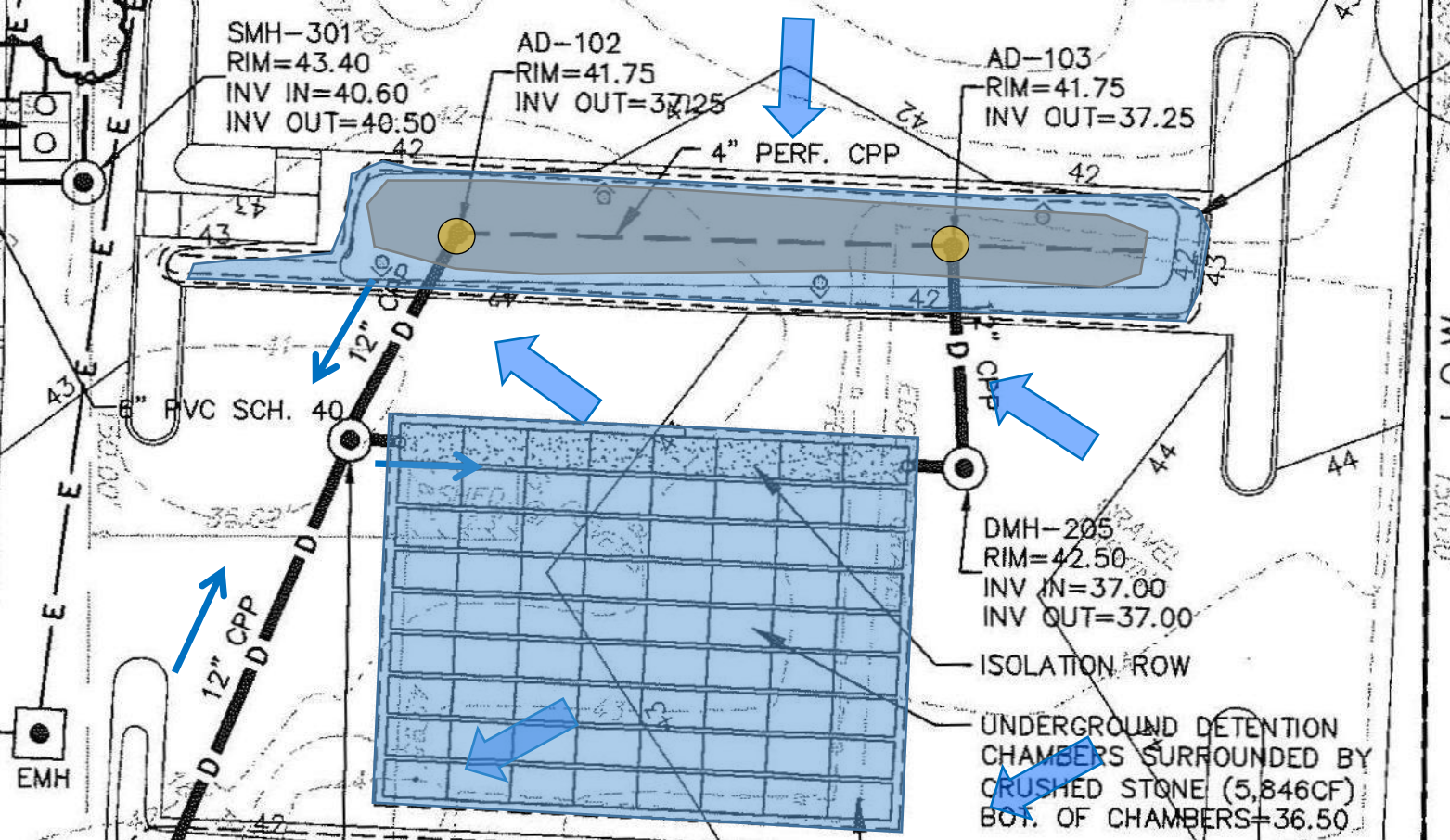


Bioswale

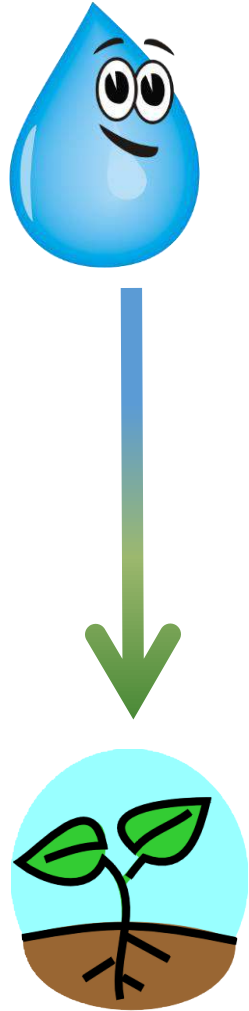


Bioswale





RECAP



- ① “Collect” - Drainage Inlets
- ② “Move” - Swales
- ③ “Remove” - Sediment Collection
- ④ “Filter” Treatment Areas
(Bioswales/Raingardens)
- ⑤ “Overflow” - Outlets & Spillways
- ⑥ Surrounding Area

Maintenance Checklist
Eastham Library – Bioretention/Bioswales

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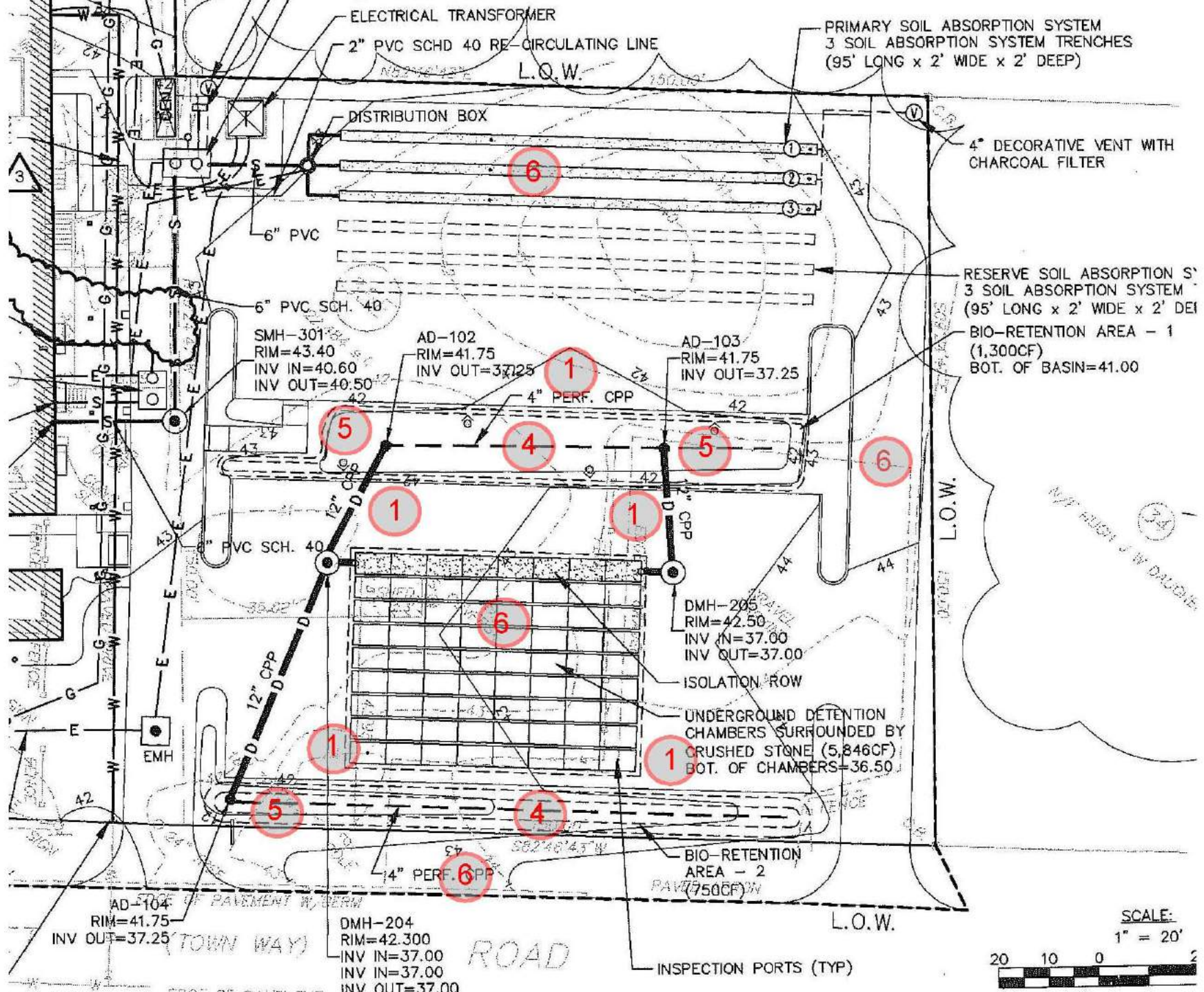
Time:

Inspector:

Maintenance Item	Description	Maintenance (Y/N)
1. Drainage Inlet: Includes: Inlet Flumes, catch basins, diversion structure Inspect annually and after major storm events (2" of rain or greater)		
Surface Debris Cleaning	Remove all trash, leaf litter and inlet clogging.	
Inlet Flumes	Check for clogging and sediment accumulation that impacts inflow. If sediment/debris accumulation	
Actions to be taken:		
2. Swales (if applicable) Inspect annually and after major storm events (2" of rain or greater)		
Debris Cleanout	Remove all trash and debris from the swale.	
Sediment/Organic Debris Removal	Removed and properly disposed of when build-up is greater than or equal to 3 inches.*	
Erosion	Check for areas of erosion/ gullies in the swale, particularly along the swale bottom. Repair/reseed as necessary	
Actions to be taken:		
2. Sediment Collection (if applicable): Includes: Sediment Forebays, Structure/Deep Sumps Inspect bi-annually and after major storm events the first year.		
Debris Cleanout	Remove trash and debris from the surface.	
Side Slopes	Signs of erosion gullies, animal burrowing, overtopping or slumping are observed. Repair as necessary.	
Sediment/Organic Debris Removal	Remove sediment accumulation and properly dispose when accumulation is greater than or equal to 3 inches or you cannot see stones.*	
Actions to be taken:		

Maintenance Item	Description	Maintenance (Y/N)
4. Treatment Area (Bioretention/Bioswale Area) Inspect bi-annually and after major storm events the first year; then annually and after major storm events (2" of rain or greater)		
Debris Cleanout	Remove trash and debris from the surface.	
Side Slopes	Signs of erosion gullies, animal burrowing, overtopping or slumping are observed. Repair as necessary.	
Sediment/Organic Debris Removal	Remove sediment accumulation and properly dispose when accumulation is greater than or equal to 3 inches or you cannot see stones.*	
Vegetation Maintenance Replacement	Area mowed twice per year minimum (12" grass height). Over seed bare or thin grass growth areas.	
Water Draining properly	If standing water is observed for more than 48 hours after a storm event, rototill or aerate the bottom 6 inches to breakup any hard-packed sediment, and replenished with mulch.*	
Actions to be taken:		
5. Outlet Structures/Spillways Includes: Bio outlet structures and emergency/overflow spillways Inspect annually and after major storm events (2" of rain or greater)		
Emergency Spillways	Check for settling gulling, erosion damage, settling & clogging. Repair as necessary and return to design grades.	
Spillway Overflow	Look for areas of erosion in the overflow swale between. Repair as necessary.	
Overflow Structure	Check for sediment accumulation that impacts inflow. If sediment accumulation. Schedule cleaning. Check for leaf litter, debris and inlet clogging.	
Actions to be taken:		
6. Surrounding Grounds Maintenance – Inspect frequently		
Debris Removal	Remove trash from perimeter areas.	
Pavement Sweeping	Sweep parking lot minimum once a year after spring thaw.	
Drainage Network	Ensure proper operation.	
Contributing drainage area	Contributing drainage area stabilized	
Actions to be taken:		

*Sediment shall be disposed of offsite in a pre-approved location.



A photograph of a modern, two-story building with a steep, gabled roof made of dark wood. The building features large, multi-paned glass windows that reflect the surrounding greenery. The lower portion of the building is clad in light-colored, rectangular stone or concrete blocks. The building is situated on a grassy slope, surrounded by lush green trees and bushes. The sky is a clear, bright blue. Overlaid on the center of the image is the text "THANK YOU! QUESTIONS?" in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

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