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ADVANCING SITE SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH MINNESOTA'S EVOLVING B3 FRAMEWORK

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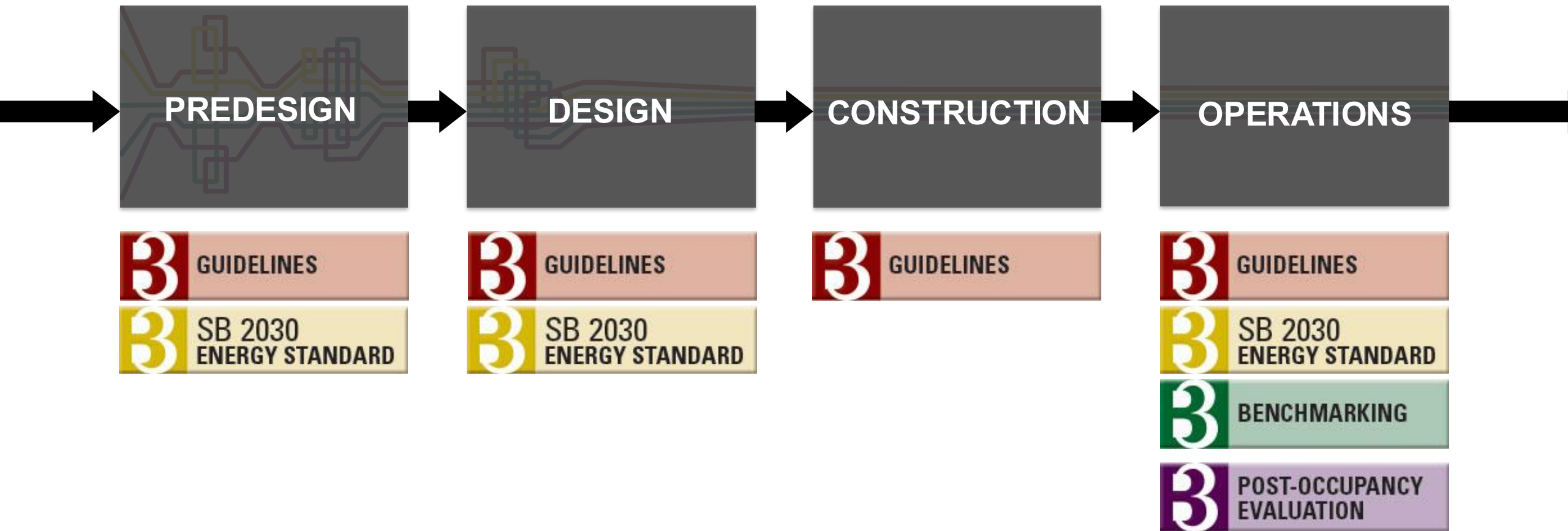
SESSION OUTLINE

B3 SITE + WATER GUIDELINES

CASE STUDIES

PANEL DISCUSSION







B3 SITE + WATER UPDATES

VERSION 3.2 REVISION 3

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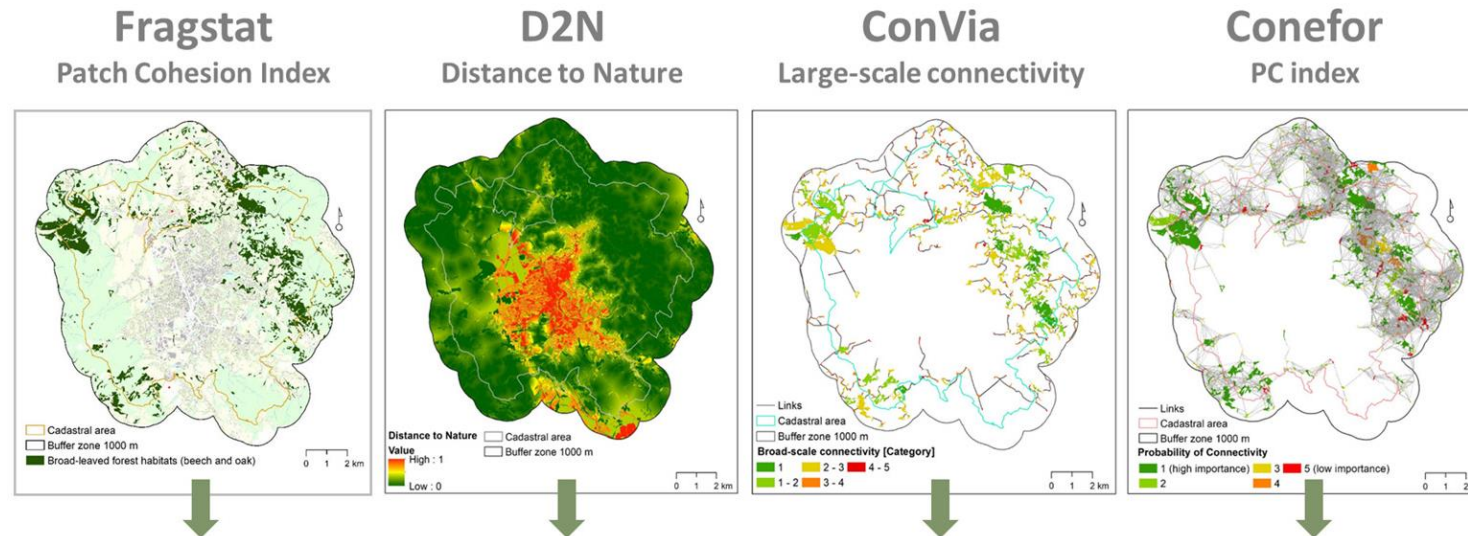
B3 - SITE AND WATER OVERVIEW

Site and Water Guideline	New Buildings	Major Renovations
S.1 Site and Water Connections	Required	Required for Minimum Site Scope (See Guideline)
S.2 Site Water Quality and Efficiency	Required	Required for Minimum Site Scope (See Guideline)
S.3 Soil	Required	Required for Minimum Site Scope (See Guideline)
S.4 Vegetation	Required	Required for Minimum Site Scope (See Guideline)
S.5 Animal Habitat Support	Required	Required for Minimum Site Scope (See Guideline)

S1 - SITE AND WATER CONNECTIONS

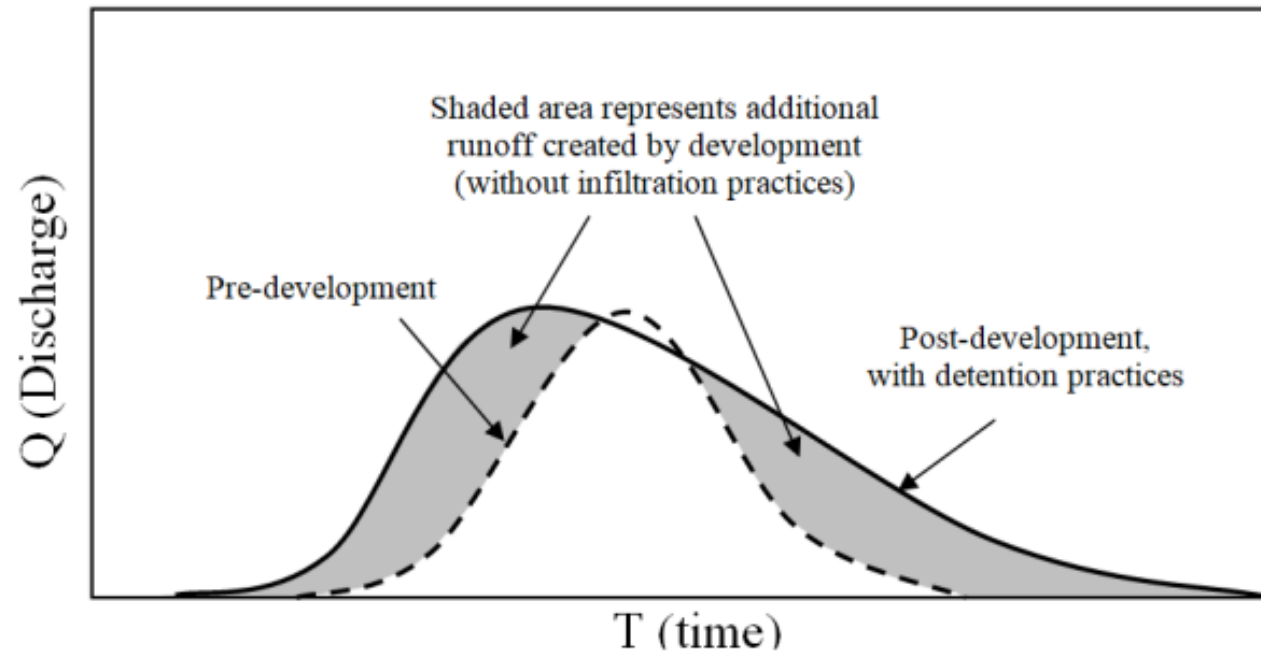
TO CREATE SITES THAT ARE RESILIENT, HEALTHY, AND SUSTAINABLE, AND TO **ENSURE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT AND THE SITE** THROUGH VEGETATION SELECTION, PROVISION OF ANIMAL HABITATS, AND CONNECTIONS TO HUMAN-MADE SYSTEMS.

Comparison of four methods of connectivity assessment



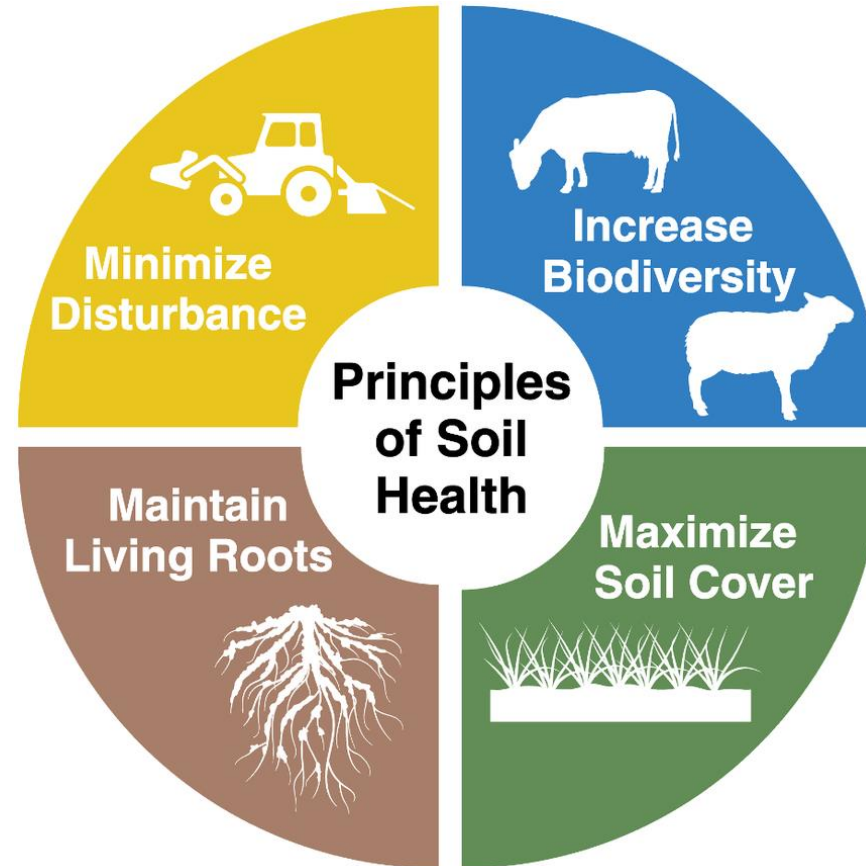
S2 – SITE WATER QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY

TO RESTORE THE NATURAL WATER CYCLE OF MINNESOTA BIOMES TO SUPPORT NATURAL HYDROLOGY, SOILS, VEGETATION, AND ANIMALS; **REDUCE AND LIMIT WATER BOUND POLLUTANTS LEAVING THE SITE; OPTIMIZE POTABLE WATER USE;** AND RESPOND TO THE ECOLOGICAL FACTORS OF THE PROJECT SITE AS A PART OF ITS LARGER WATERSHED.



S3 - SOILS

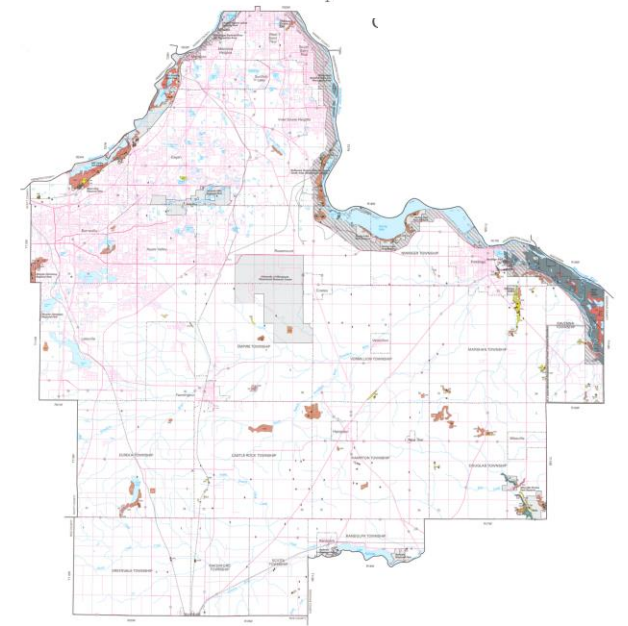
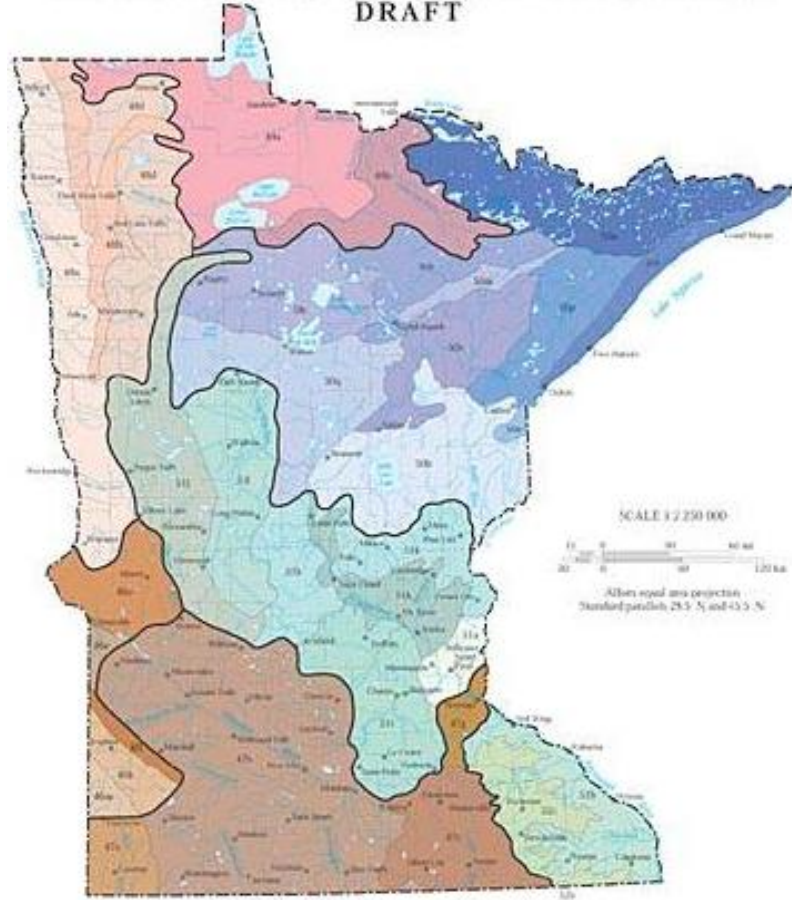
TO ENSURE THE MAINTENANCE AND RESTORATION OF HEALTHY SOILS BY DOCUMENTING EXISTING SOIL CONDITIONS, **PRESERVING AND PROTECTING BENEFITS OF EXISTING SOIL**, MINIMIZING THE IMPACTS OF CONSTRUCTION, REPAIRING SOILS TO RETURN TO SUPPORTIVE CONDITIONS, AND DOCUMENTING SOIL MAINTENANCE PRACTICES TO ENSURE ONGOING OPTIMAL SOIL CONDITIONS.



S4 - VEGETATION

TO OPTIMIZE THE ECOLOGICAL
FUNCTION OF PROJECT SITES BY
**RESTORING MINNESOTA'S NATIVE
VEGETATION, PROTECTING NATURAL
AREAS, CONSERVING EXISTING SITE
FEATURES, AND SELECTING VIBRANT
AND APPROPRIATE VEGETATION** TO
ENSURE THE OPTIMUM FUNCTIONING OF
ECOSYSTEMS AND HUMAN USES ON THE
PROJECT SITE.

MINNESOTA LEVEL III AND IV ECOREGIONS
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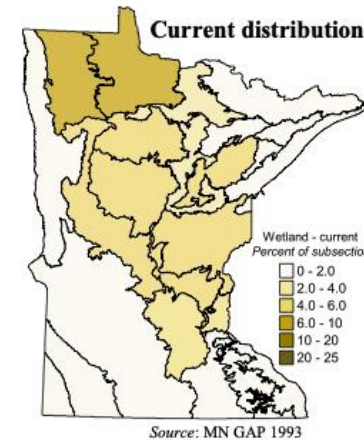
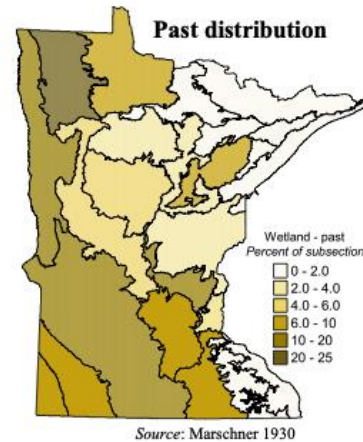


ONLINE IMAGE: <https://stormwater.pca.state.mn.us/ecoregions>
MN Stormwater Manual – MPCA

ONLINE IMAGE: <https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/eco/mcbs/maps/dakota.pdf>
MBS COUNTY LEVEL SURVEY – DAKOTA COUNTY

S5 – ANIMAL HABITAT SUPPORT

TO PROTECT AND SUPPORT SITE ANIMAL HABITAT RESILIENCE BY REDUCING THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT ON ANIMAL SPECIES AND PROVIDING SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENTS FOR AT-RISK NATIVE SPECIES THAT ARE ESSENTIAL TO ECOSYSTEM HEALTH.

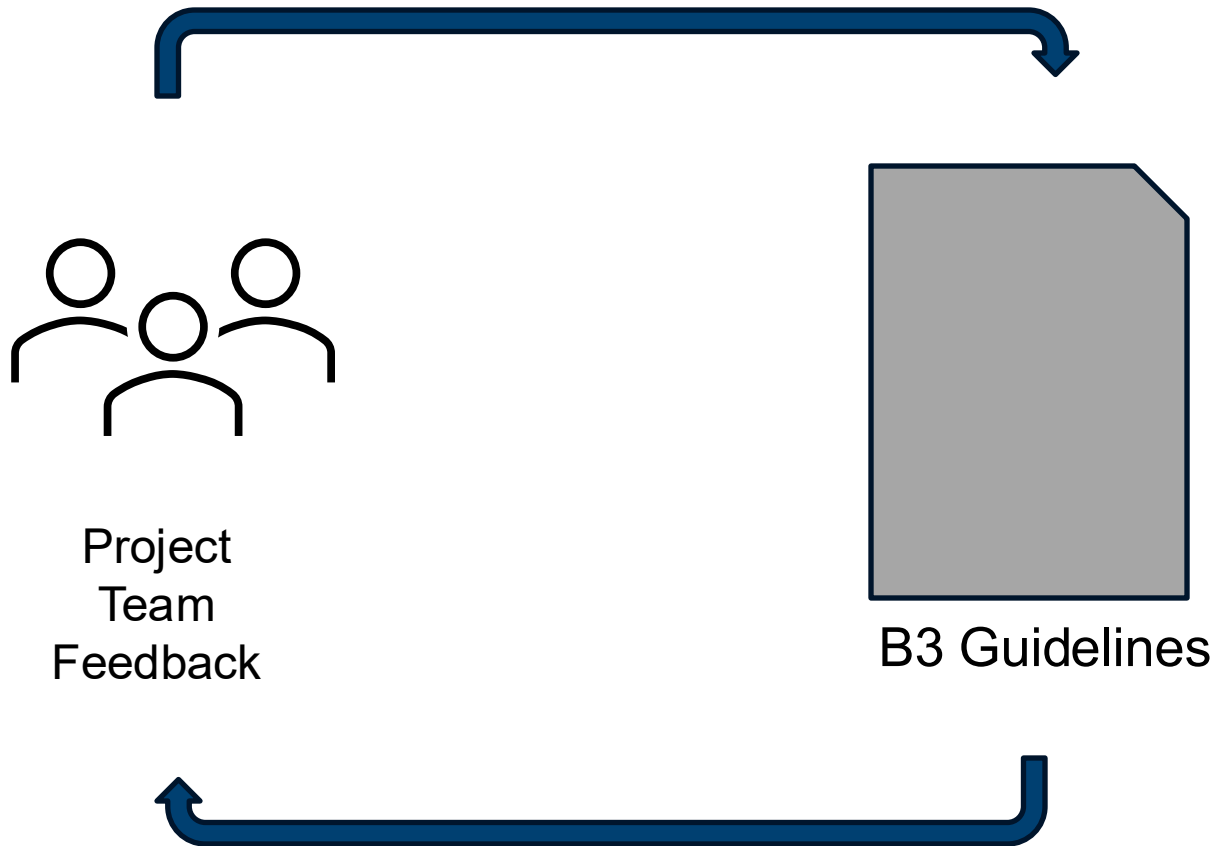


Tomorrow's Habitat for the Wild and Rare: An Action Plan for Minnesota Wildlife

Management Options to Support Species in Greatest Conservation Need

- Prevent loss or degradation of all types of nonforested wetlands.
- Preserve nonforested wetlands, especially in the Eastern Broadleaf Forest and Prairie Parkland provinces.
- Focus on protecting wetlands larger than 10 hectares (25 acres) and wetland complexes.
- Restore large wetland complexes, with attention to the habitat features required by SGCN.
- Avoid creating impoundments that flood wet meadows.
- Manage the invasions of invasive exotic plants in nonforested wetlands (e.g., purple loosestrife, *Phragmites*).
- Protect known nesting areas of Forster's terns.
- Enforce wetland protection regulations ("no-net loss").

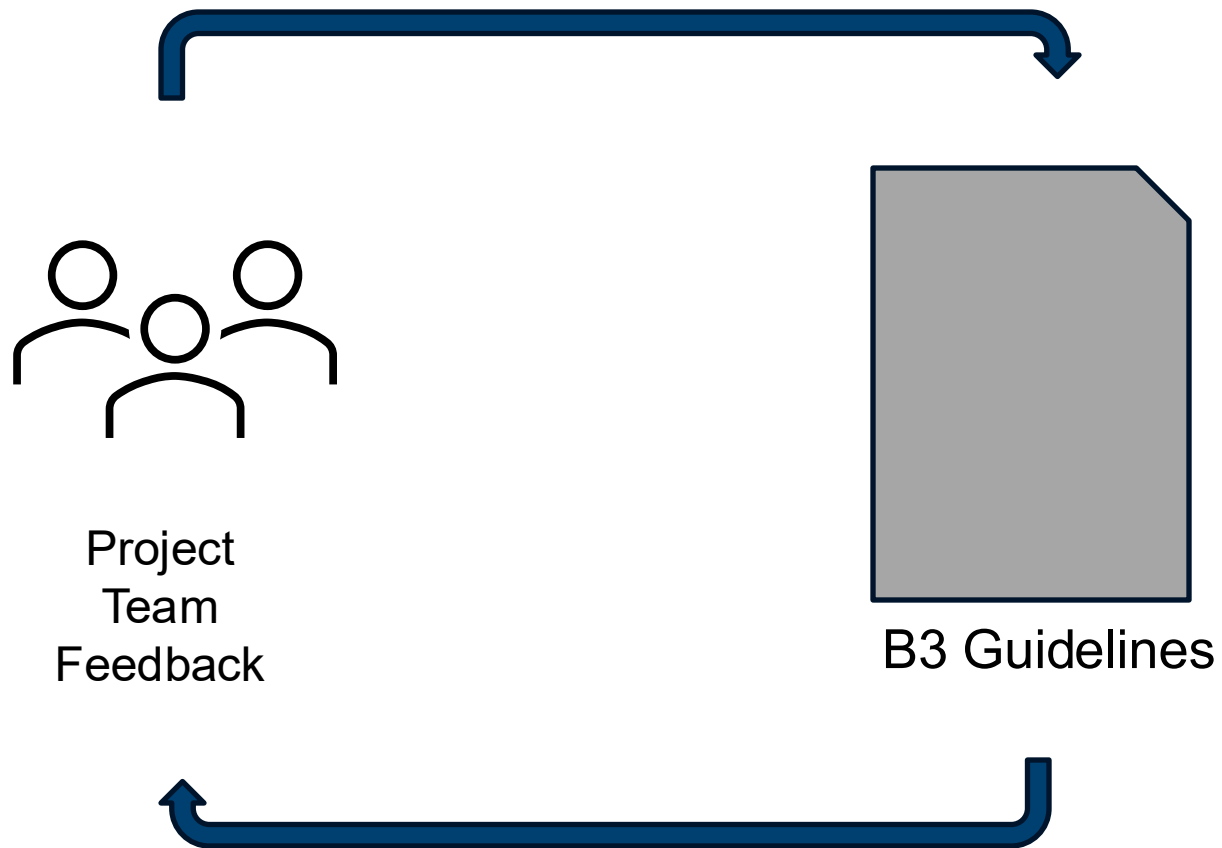
We welcome feedback from project teams participating in the B3 program. Please reach out to info@b3mn.org to schedule a meeting or to suggest proposed amendments/changes/additions to B3 requirements.



UPDATES **SUMMARY**

The following changes are proposed and will be open for comment. Based on the feedback we have already received, and your comments following this presentation, along with ongoing maintenance and renovation of the guideline language, reporting strategy, and overall program structure, we hope to have a new set of guidelines by Fall 2026.

OVERVIEW OF SITE + WATER CHANGES



S2 – Evapotranspiration Calculations
S2 – Site Albedo Calculations
S2 – Hydrologic Soil Group Determination
S2 – Irrigation and Outdoor Water Calc
S2 – Green Roof Incentives

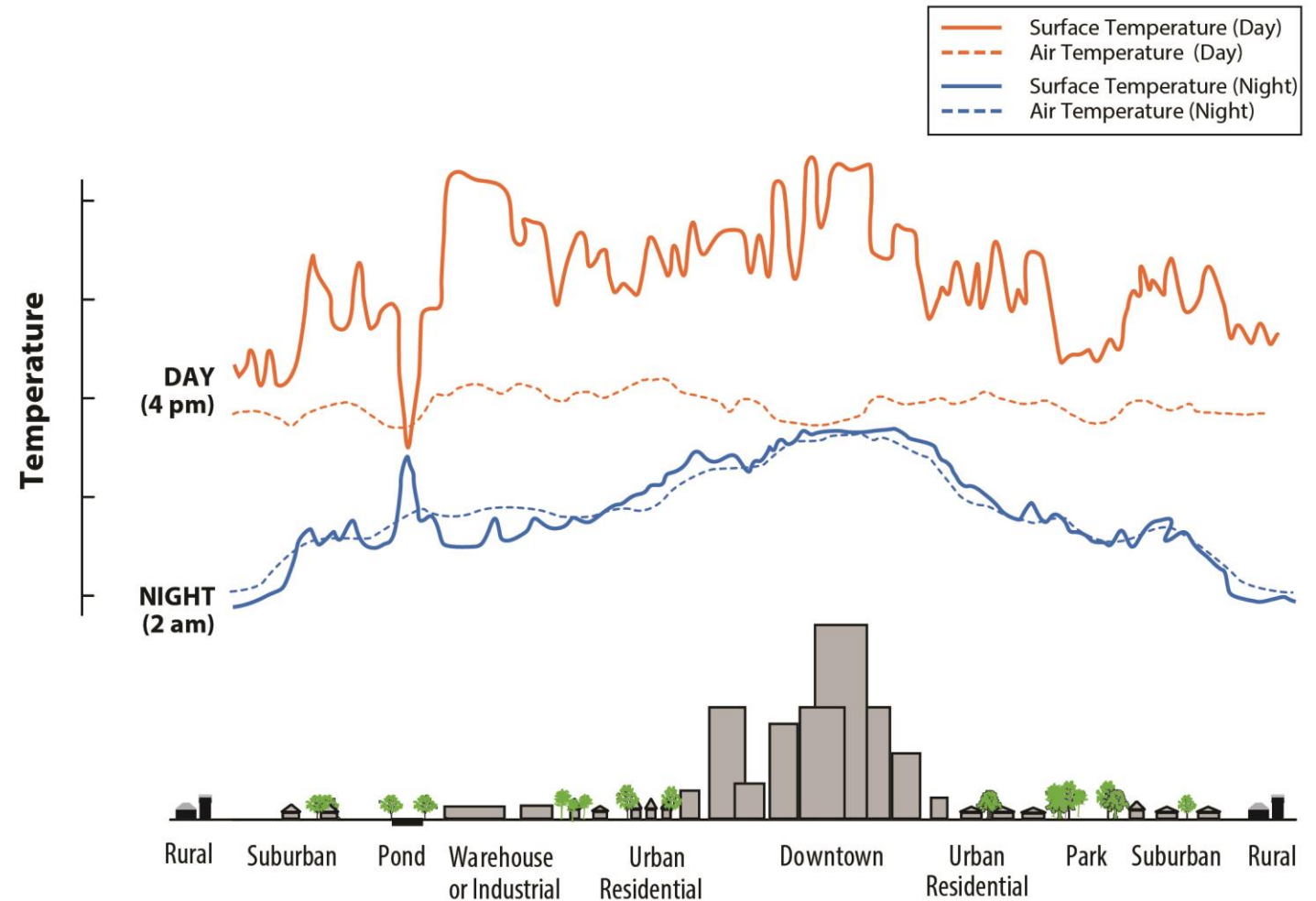
S3 – HSG Testing protocol and Methodology
S3 – Site Soil Protection Zones (SSPZ)

S4 – Green Roofs
S4 – Biomass Targets
S4 – Class Fact Sheets
S4 – Plant Communities and SNAs
S5 – Habitat Requirements
S5 – Habitat Determination

S4 – Site Albedo + ET

Albedo measures the amount of absorption or reflectance a surface has. A higher albedo has more reflectance, a lower albedo has more absorptance.

B3 has been using the albedo calculator for many years to promote the use of more reflectance in site materials to mitigate the effects of urban heat island effect.

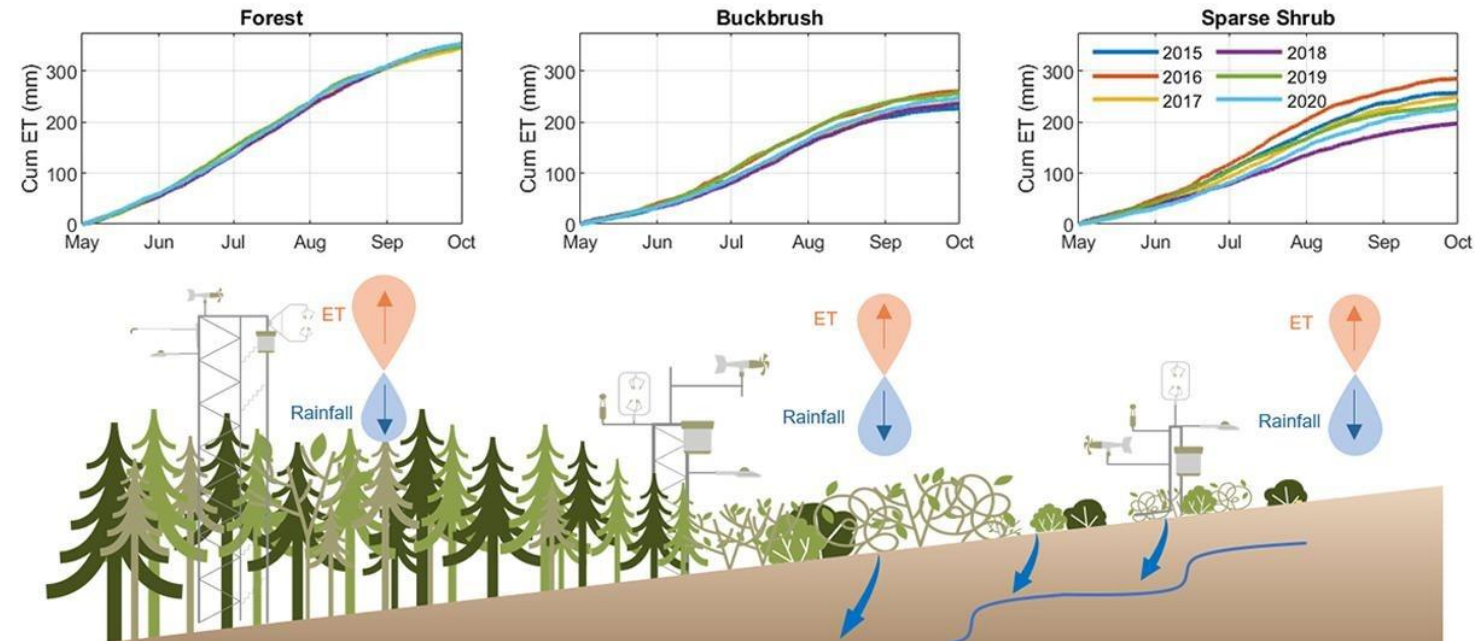


S2 – Evapotranspiration Calculations

ET Added

Now B3 has integrated Evapotranspiration calculations for non-stormwater BMP vegetative cover within the Site Albedo Calculator. This allows project teams to account for and easily calculate the Evapotranspiration of trees, shrubs, ground cover, and turf as part of their overall on-site volume reductions.

The calculator also promotes the use of vegetation over impervious (and often lower albedo materials) for site areas.

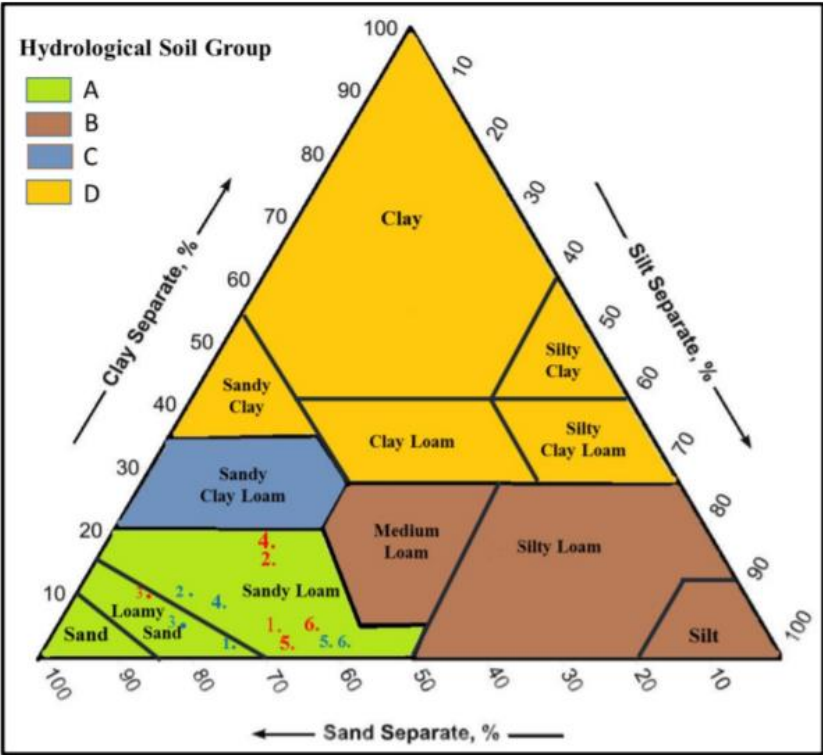


S2 – Evapotranspiration Calculations

EXISTING: Mean Site Albedo + Evapotranspiration before development																	
	Hardscape/Building								Vegetation						Total Area (ft2)	Existing	
	Material	Material	Material	Material	Material	Material	Material	Total Hardscape	Turf	Deciduous Tree Canopy **/***	Coniferous Tree Canopy **/***	Grasses + Shrubs	Stormwater BMP From MIDS *	Total Vegetation		Mean Site Albedo	
Name of Material																	
Square Feet of Area								0						0		#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Percent of Total Area	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!					#DIV/0!	0%	#DIV/0!		
Albedo of Area								#DIV/0!	28%	40%	40%	30%	30%	34%		Site Evapotranspiration	
								ET Rates:	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.3	0			#VALUE!	inches/storm event
																#VALUE!	
PROPOSED: Mean Site Albedo and Evapotranspiration after development																	
	Hardscape/Building								Vegetation						Total Area (ft2)	Proposed	
	Material	Material	Material	Material	Material	Material	Material	Total Hardscape	Turf	Deciduous Tree Canopy **/***	Coniferous Tree Canopy **/***	Grasses + Shrubs	Stormwater BMP From MIDS *	Total Vegetation		Mean Site Albedo	
Name of Material																	
Square Feet of Area								0						0		#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
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								ET Rates:	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.3	0			#VALUE!	inches/storm event
																MIDS Default Event Volume	1.1 inches
																Remaining Event Volume	#VALUE! inches
																MIDS Total Event Volume	0.00 acre ft
																MIDS reductions	2.5 acre ft
																ET reductions from this sheet	#VALUE! acre ft
																Total Volume Reductions (MIDS + ET)	#VALUE! acre ft
																Total % Volume Managed on site	#VALUE! Total %

S2 – Hydrologic Soil Group (HSG) Determination

S2 Hydrologic Soil Group Determination– Added testing protocol and clarified methodology for determining the site’s Hydrologic Soil Group (HSG) for use in MIDS calculations. https://stormwater.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/Design_infiltration_rates



Hydrologic soil group	Infiltration rate (inches/hour)	Infiltration rate (centimeters/hour)	Soil textures	Corresponding Unified Soil Classification ¹
A	Although a value of 1.63 inches per hour (4.14 centimeters per hour) may be used, it is Highly recommended that you conduct field infiltration tests or amend soils. ^b See Guidance for amending soils with rapid or high infiltration rates and Determining soil infiltration rates .		gravel sandy gravel	GW - Well-graded gravels, fine to coarse gravel GP - Poorly graded gravel
	1.63 ^a	4.14	silty gravels gravelly sands sand	GM - Silty gravel SW - Well-graded sand, fine to coarse sand
	0.8	2.03	sand loamy sand sandy loam	SP - Poorly graded sand
B	0.45	1.14	silty sands	SM - Silty sand
	0.3	0.76	loam, silt loam	MH - Elastic silt
C	0.2	0.51	Sandy clay loam, silts	ML - Silt
D	0.06	0.15	clay loam silty clay loam sandy clay silty clay clay	GC - Clayey gravel SC - Clayey sand CL - Lean clay OL - Organic silt CH - Fat clay OH - Organic clay, organic silt

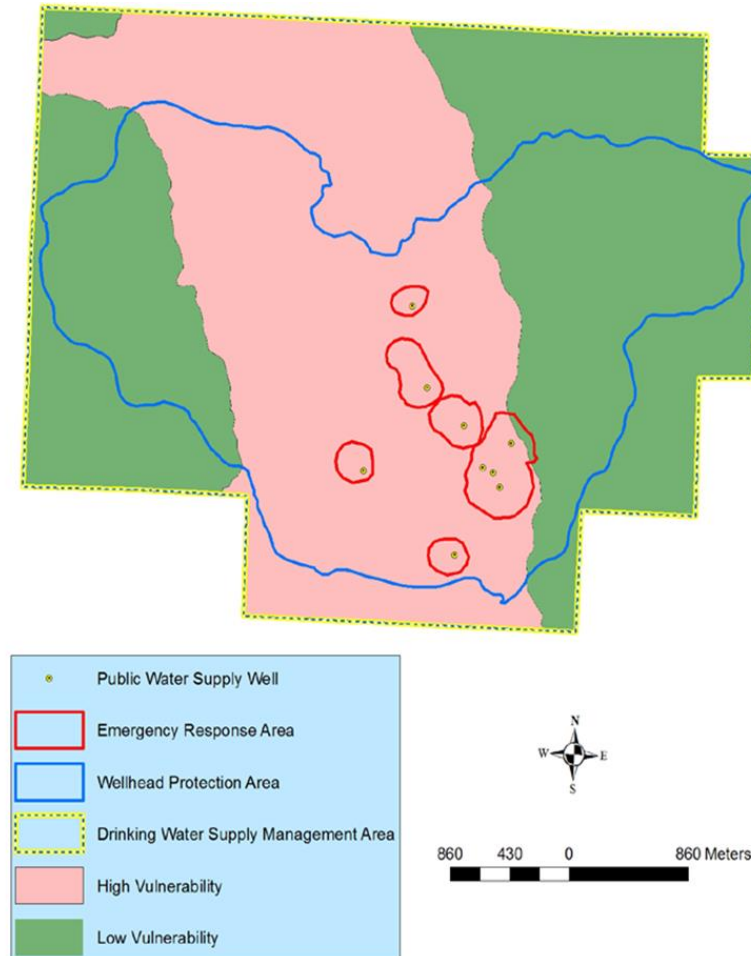
¹For Unified Soil Classification, we show the basic text for each soil type. For more detailed descriptions, see the following links: [The Unified Soil Classification System](#), [CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION \(CALTRANS\) UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM](#)

S2 – Stormwater Requirements for sites with infiltration restrictions

D Soils: 0.006 in./hr. ***Or if no infiltration is allowed on site.	Use MIDS Default	Use MIDS Default	15%	85%
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For sites that have a qualified infiltration restriction which allows for 0% infiltration within the project site area (ex. karst soils, wellhead protection zones, easements, etc.) the project team can now provide proof of that restriction and can use the volume requirements within S2A for “D” type Hydrologic Soil Group sites regardless of actual soil conditions tested/reported for the site.

This allows for less stringent requirements given that the project site cannot use infiltration which is likely the easiest and likely the least costly method to manage stormwater volume on site.



ONLINE IMAGE

https://stormwater.pca.state.mn.us/sites/stormwater/files/Wellhead_protection_example.png

MN PCA – MN Stormwater Manual - Wellhead protection zones

S2 – Green Roof Incentives

S2 – Green Roofs - Incentivized roof captured rainwater/reuse by making roof area contribution to be 1.5x actual area. This allows for greater potential to capture and reuse stormwater on sites that cannot easily infiltrate (D soils, Wellhead protection zones, perched aquifers, karst soils, etc.)



S4 – Class Fact Sheets for Determining Adjacencies

Clarified that project teams should either use the applicable MN DNR Class Fact Sheets or the nearest applicable Scientific Natural Area (SNA) to determine vegetative reinforcement/replication of surrounding habitat.

WET FOREST SYSTEM
Northern Floristic Region

WFn53
- continued -

WFn53 Northern Wet Cedar Forest — Species Frequency & Cover

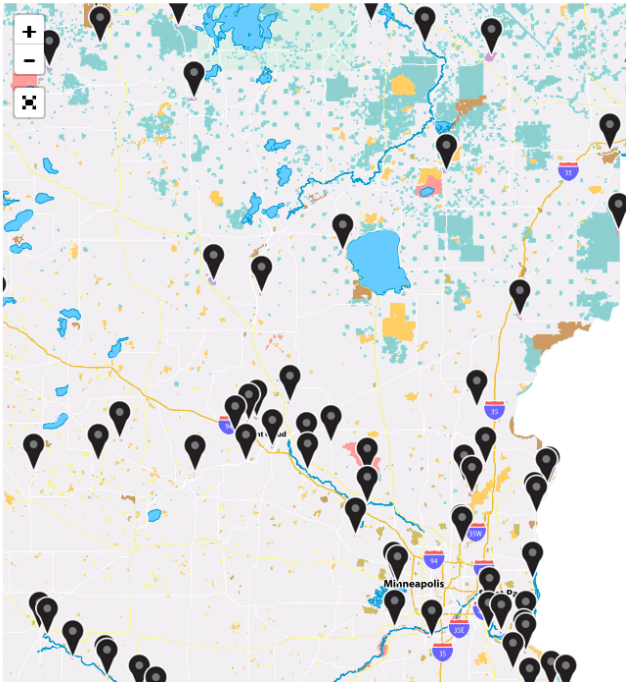
	freq%	cover		freq%	cover				
Forbs, Ferns & Fern Allies			Grasses & Sedges						
Dwarf raspberry (<i>Rubus pubescens</i>)	95	•••	Bristle-stalked sedge (<i>Carex leptalea</i>)	54	••				
Starflower (<i>Trientalis borealis</i>)	93	•	Bladder sedge (<i>Carex intumescens</i>)	52	•				
Bunchberry (<i>Cornus canadensis</i>)	91	•	Long-stalked sedge (<i>Carex pedunculata</i>)	48	••				
Naked miterwort (<i>Mitella nuda</i>)	91	••	Soft-leaved sedge (<i>Carex disperma</i>)	46	•				
Common oak fern (<i>Gymnocarpium dryopteris</i>)	84	•	Three-fruited bog sedge (<i>Carex trisperma</i>)	45	••				
Wild sarsaparilla (<i>Aralia nudicaulis</i>)	82	••	Fowl manna grass (<i>Glyceria striata</i>)	44	•				
Sweet-scented bedstraw (<i>Galium triflorum</i>)	82	•	Drooping woodreed (<i>Cinna latifolia</i>)	33	•				
Goldthread (<i>Coptis trifolia</i>)	82	••	Drooping wood sedge (<i>Carex arctata</i>)	30	•				
Bluebead lily (<i>Clintonia borealis</i>)	80	•	Graceful sedge (<i>Carex gracillima</i>)	29	•				
Canada mayflower (<i>Maianthemum canadense</i>)	78	•	Low Shrubs						
Lady fern (<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>)	77	••	Creeping snowberry (<i>Gaultheria hispidula</i>)	36	•				
Alpine enchanter's nightshade (<i>Circaea alpina</i>)	72	•	Labrador tea (<i>Ledum groenlandicum</i>)	33	•				
Spinulose shield fern or Glandular wood fern*	61	•	Red raspberry (<i>Rubus idaeus</i>)	31	•				
Twinflower (<i>Linnaea borealis</i>)	58	•	Tall Shrubs						
Common strawberry (<i>Fragaria virginiana</i>)	53	•	Fly honeysuckle (<i>Lonicera canadensis</i>)	71	•				
Large-leaved aster (<i>Aster macrophyllus</i>)	52	•	Speckled alder (<i>Alnus incana</i>)	67	•••				
Common marsh marigold (<i>Caltha palustris</i>)	49	•	Beaked hazelnut (<i>Corylus cornuta</i>)	63	•				
Woodland horsetail (<i>Equisetum sylvaticum</i>)	48	••	Mountain maple (<i>Acer spicatum</i>)	62	•••				
Crested fern (<i>Dryopteris cristata</i>)	48	•	Swamp red currant (<i>Ribes triste</i>)	51	•				
Rose twistedstalk (<i>Streptopus roseus</i>)	46	•	Red-osier dogwood (<i>Cornus sericea</i>)	47	•				
Touch-me-not (<i>Impatiens</i> spp.)	45	•	Juneberries (<i>Amelanchier</i> spp.)	43	•				
Rattlesnake fern (<i>Botrychium virginianum</i>)	44	•	Dwarf alder (<i>Rhamnus alnifolia</i>)	29	•				
Palmate sweet coltsfoot (<i>Petasites frigidus</i>)	43	•							
Long beech fern (<i>Phegopteris connectilis</i>)	43	•	Trees						
Nodding trillium (<i>Trillium cernuum</i>)	40	•		Canopy	Subcanopy	Shrub Layer			
Red-stemmed aster (<i>Aster puniceus</i>)	39	•		freq% cover	freq% cover	freq% cover			
Kidney-leaved violet (<i>Viola renifolia</i>)	39	•	White cedar	83	••••	70	•••	70	•
Red baneberry (<i>Actaea rubra</i>)	36	•	Balsam fir	46	••	59	•••	80	••
Three-leaved false Solomon's seal (<i>Smilacina trifolia</i>)	35	•	Black ash	42	•••	57	•••	75	••
Shining firmoss (<i>Huperzia lucidula</i>)	34	•	Paper birch	40	••	36	•	39	•
Wood anemone (<i>Anemone quinquefolia</i>)	32	•	Black spruce	24	••	17	••	19	•
Interrupted fern (<i>Osmunda claytoniana</i>)	28	•	White spruce	18	••	17	•	29	•
Northern bugleweed (<i>Lycopus uniflorus</i>)	28	•	Yellow birch	17	•	25	••	28	•
Cinnamon fern (<i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i>)	23	•	Red maple	-	-	13	•	50	•
One-flowered pyrola (<i>Moneses uniflora</i>)	23	•	Mountain ash	-	-	11	•	39	•
			American elm	-	-	9	•	23	•

*Spinulose shield fern or Glandular wood fern (*Dryopteris carthusiana* or *D. intermedia*)

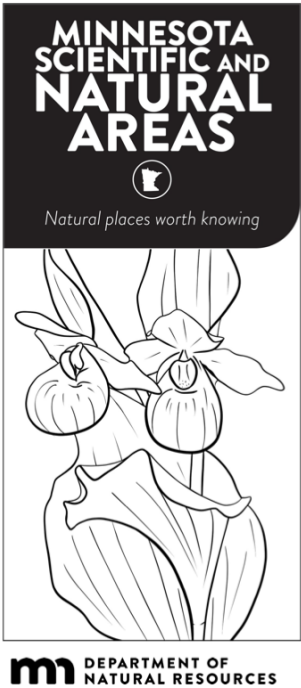
S4 – Plant Communities and Scientific Natural Areas (SNA)

Aligned the B3 plant community requirements so project teams are either referencing the class fact sheet or the nearest applicable Scientific Natural Areas (SNA) for vegetative reinforcement based on actual site conditions/continuity instead of solely relying on proximity to SNAs which may not be the most applicable or useful plant community to reinforce or replicate on the project site.

Minnesota Scientific and Natural Areas Find by Map



PLANT CHECKLIST Roscoe Prairie SNA



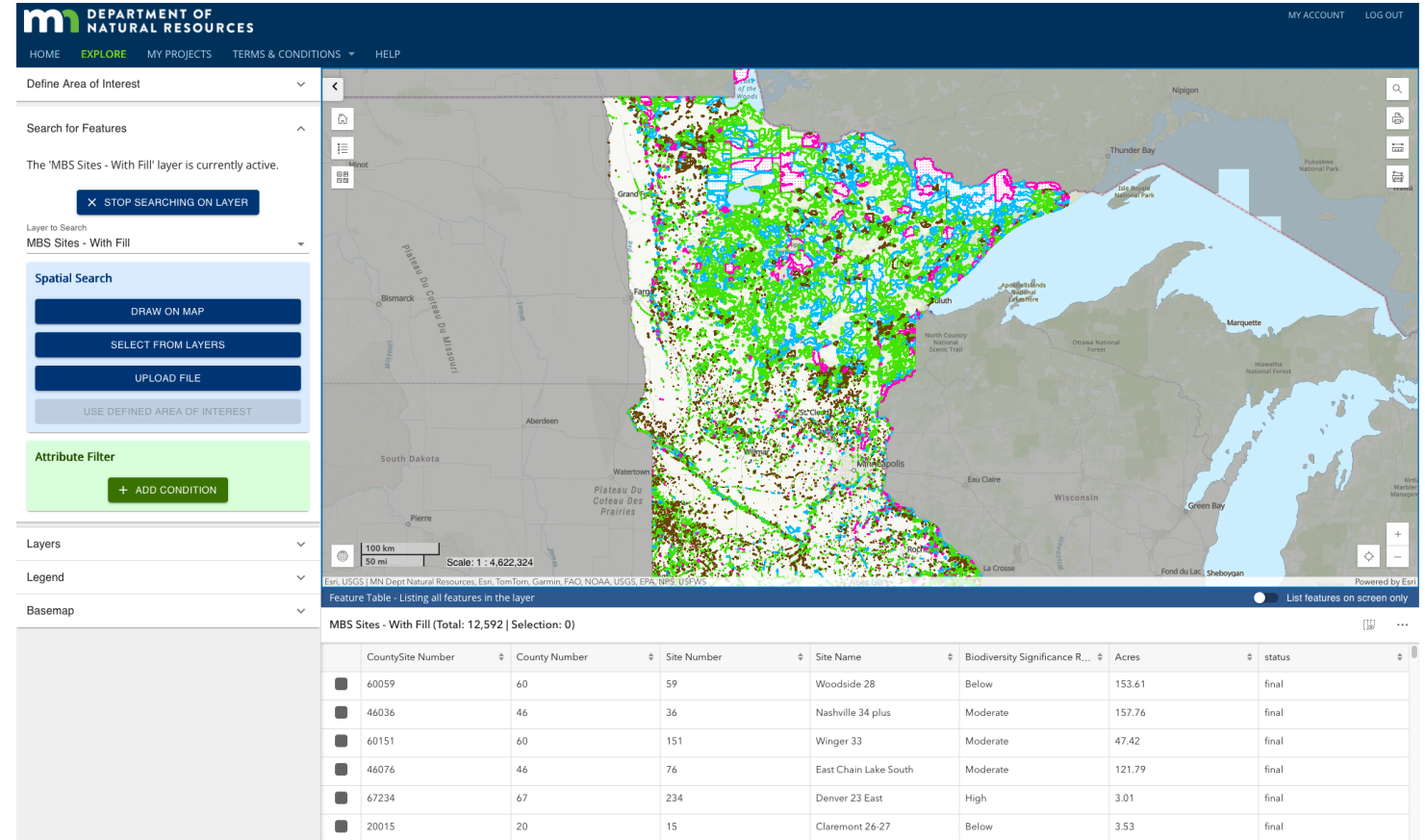
Species	Confidence
AQUATICS	
___ water smartweed (<i>Persicaria amphibia</i>)	2
FERNS AND LYCOPHYTES	
___ field horsetail (<i>Equisetum arvense</i>)	2
___ water horsetail (<i>Equisetum fluviatile</i>)	3
___ common scouring rush (<i>Equisetum praealtum</i>)	3
FORBS	
___ common yarrow (<i>Achillea millefolium</i>)	2
___ slender-leaved false foxglove (<i>Agalinis tenuifolia</i>)	2
___ glaucous false dandelion (<i>Agoseris glauca</i>)	2
___ prairie wild onion (<i>Allium stellatum</i>)	2
___ long-headed thimbleweed (<i>Anemone cylindrica</i>)	3
___ pasqueflower (<i>Anemone patens</i>)	3
___ field pussytoes (<i>Antennaria neglecta</i>)	2
___ American hemp (<i>Apocynum cannabinum</i>)	3
___ swamp milkweed (<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>)	2
___ common milkweed (<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>)	2
___ Canada milk-vetch (<i>Astragalus canadensis</i>)	1
___ ground plum (<i>Astragalus crassicaerpus</i>)	1
___ common marsh marigold (<i>Caltha palustris</i>)	2
___ hedge bindweed (<i>Calystegia sepium</i>)	3
___ white lamb's quarters (<i>Chenopodium album</i>)*	3
___ spotted water hemlock (<i>Cicuta maculata</i>)	2
___ field thistle (<i>Cirsium discolor</i>)	2
___ Floodman's thistle (<i>Cirsium floodmanii</i>)	3
___ swamp thistle (<i>Cirsium muticum</i>)	3
___ Hill's thistle (<i>Cirsium pumilum</i>)	1
___ bastard toadflax (<i>Comandra umbellata</i>)	2
___ bird's foot coreopsis (<i>Coreopsis palmata</i>)	2
___ small white lady's slipper (<i>Cypripedium candidum</i>) ^{SPC}	1
___ white prairie clover (<i>Dalea candida</i>)	2
___ purple prairie clover (<i>Dalea purpurea</i>)	2
___ Canada tick trefoil (<i>Desmodium canadense</i>)	3
___ flat-topped aster (<i>Doellingeria umbellata</i>)	2
___ tall cinquefoil (<i>Drymacallis arguta</i>)	3

Species	Confidence
___ narrow-leaved purple coneflower (<i>Echinacea angustifolia</i>)	2
___ daisy fleabane (<i>Erigeron strigosus</i>)	2
___ common boneset (<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>)	2
___ grass-leaved goldenrod (<i>Euthamia graminifolia</i>)	2
___ spotted Joe pye weed (<i>Eutrochium maculatum</i>)	2
___ common strawberry (<i>Fragaria virginiana</i>)	2
___ northern bedstraw (<i>Galium boreale</i>)	2
___ bottle gentian (<i>Gentiana andrewsii</i>)	2
___ downy gentian (<i>Gentiana puberulenta</i>)	1
___ lesser fringed gentian (<i>Gentianopsis virgata</i>)	3
___ prairie smoke (<i>Geum triflorum</i>)	2
___ autumn sneezeweed (<i>Helenium autumnale</i>)	2
___ sawtooth sunflower (<i>Helianthus grosseserratus</i>)	2
___ Maximilian's sunflower (<i>Helianthus maximiliani</i>)	2
___ stiff sunflower (<i>Helianthus pauciflorus</i>)	3
___ rough hawkweed (<i>Hieracium umbellatum</i>)	2
___ yellow star-grass (<i>Hypoxis hirsuta</i>)	2
___ two-flowered cyntia (<i>Krigia biflora</i>)	2
___ marsh vetchling (<i>Lathyrus palustris</i>)	3
___ veiny pea (<i>Lathyrus venosus</i>)	2
___ field peppergrass (<i>Lepidium campestre</i>)*	3
___ rough blazing star (<i>Liatris aspera</i>)	2
___ northern plains blazing star (<i>Liatris ligulistylis</i>)	2
___ dotted blazing star (<i>Liatris punctata</i>)	3
___ great blazing star (<i>Liatris pycnostachya</i>)	2
___ Michigan lily (<i>Lilium michiganense</i>)	3
___ wood lily (<i>Lilium philadelphicum</i>)	2
___ hoary puccoon (<i>Lithospermum canescens</i>)	2
___ hairy puccoon (<i>Lithospermum carolinense</i>)	1
___ great lobelia (<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>)	3
___ pale-spiked lobelia (<i>Lobelia spicata</i>)	3
___ cut-leaved bugleweed (<i>Lycopus americanus</i>)	2
___ rough bugleweed (<i>Lycopus asper</i>)	2

S5 – Habitat Requirements

S5 – Habitat Determination and Documentation

S5 – Habitat Determination + Documentation – Clarified the protocol for rare/threatened species investigation to use the MN DNR Conservation Explorer Tool and the automated Natural Historic Inventory System (NHIS) reporting to determine the presence of state-listed rare, threatened, or protected species within, or adjacent to the project site. There is no need to coordinate with the MBS Staff or MN DNR to make protected species habitat determinations and management plans in this revision.



S5 – Habitat Requirements

S5 – Habitat Determination and Documentation

S5 – Habitat Requirements – Year-Round Water Feature – The year-round open water habitat requirement has been scaled back to only apply to large sites above 20 acres.

All sites are still required to have aquatic habitat in the size and type specified in the B3 Guidelines but the year-round requirement is only required for large sites above 20 acres.



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v3.2 r3 SITE + WATER CHANGES

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CASE STUDY

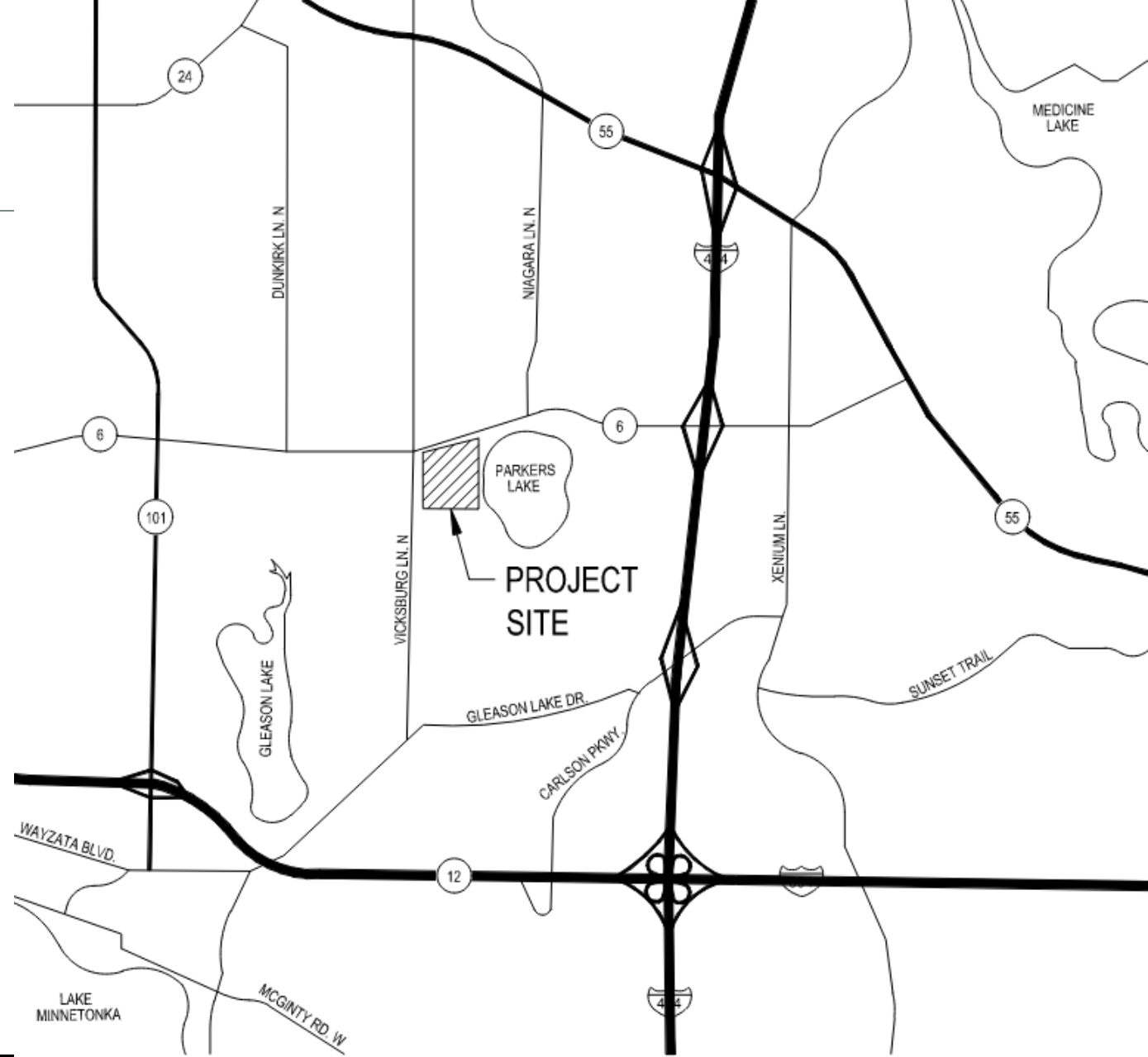
**HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES FACILITY**

BACKGROUND



Location:	Plymouth, MN
Cost:	\$41 Million
Completed:	Spring 2025
Client:	Hennepin County
Design Team:	Civil - Elan Design Lab, Inc. Architecture - Leo A Daly Landscape Architecture - Damon Farber

PROJECT SITE





HENNEPIN COUNTY CAMPUS



Parkers Lake Community Playfield

Darryl's Small Engine Repair

Parkers Lake Baptist Church

Parkers Lake Park

PROJECT SITE

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Vicksburg Ln N

Keys To Joy Music Studio

Hennepin County Corrections Work...

Sheppard Ln N

Domino's Pizza

Hennepin County Adult Corrections Center
Parkers Lake Golf Center

Sheppard Ln N

15th Ave N

Lions Park

14th Ave N

13th Pl N

Kingsview Ln N

13th Ave N

12th Ave N

Schwaller Susan

10th Ave N

9th Ave N

Luce Line Trailhead (Plymouth Township)

Luce Line Trail Parking

Carfreelife

s Gutterglove

Ave N

Weston Ln N

PROJECT GOALS



HENNEPIN COUNTY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Goal to achieve Net Zero

INCORPORATE STORMWATER REQUIREMENTS:

City of Plymouth (Parkers Lake)

Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

Minnehaha Creek Watershed District

B3 (elected)

MPCA NPDES

PROVIDE A FUNCTIONAL SITE

MAINTAIN OPERATIONS DURING CONSTRUCTION

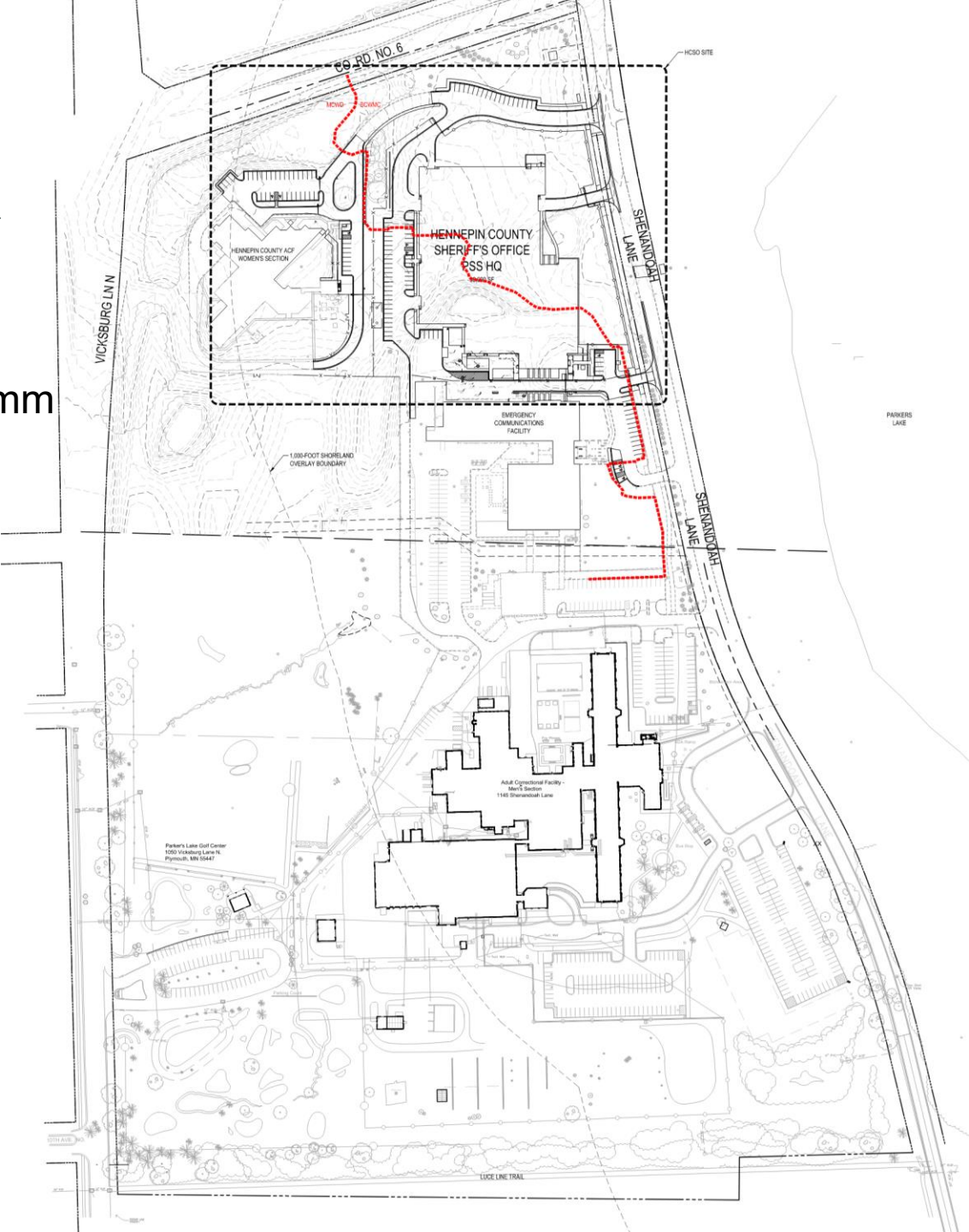
DESIGN WITH MAINTENANCE IN MIND

CAMPUS AND WATERSHEDS

City: City of Plymouth Shoreland Overlay District

Watershed: Bassett Creek Watershed Management Comm
Minnehaha Creek Watershed District

Sustainability: Hennepin Climate Action Plan, B3



REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

Agency / Contact	Jurisdictional Threshold	Volume Control	Rate Control	Water Quality
City of Plymouth	Soil Disturbance > 0.5 acres	Follow MIDS	No increase in the 2, 10, or 100-year storm event rates from existing to proposed conditions.	85% TSS Removal and 60% TP removal from proposed conditions. Follow MIDS
City of Plymouth: <i>Shoreland Overlay District</i>	1,000 feet from Parkers Lake	25% maximum impervious surface coverage		
Minnesota B3: Guideline S.2 (Assuming HSG C soils) NOTE: See Table 3 for requirements for all HSG Designations.	Site disturbance greater than 3,000 sf or area of imperviousness renovated greater than 2,000 sf	Infiltrate a min. of 30% of storm event. Evapotranspire (ET) a minimum of 55% of design storm.* Reuse a min. of 7% of the design storm. See Table 3 below.	The site shall be designed to not exceed the pre-settlement runoff rate for native soil and vegetation conditions, per NRCS TR-55.	Remove 80% post development TSS and 60% TP. Reduce area of impervious surfaces requiring chlorides by 20%. Provide a Chloride management plan.
Bassett Creek Water Management Commission (BCWMC)	One or more acres of new impervious surfaces.	Capture and retain onsite 1.1 inches of runoff from the new and/or fully reconstructed impervious surfaces OR meet a Flexible Treatment Option** (FTO)	No increase in the 2, 10, or 100-year storm event rates from existing to proposed conditions.	If unable to meet 1.1 inch performance goal, meet water quality requirements in applicable FTO.
Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD)	Any new impervious surfaces	Provide Abstraction of the first one inch of rainfall	No net increase in the peak runoff rate for the 1-, 10- and 100-year design storms	Meet MPCA volume control requirements
MPCA Construction Stormwater Permit	1 acre of new impervious	Infiltrate 1" from new impervious surfaces.		

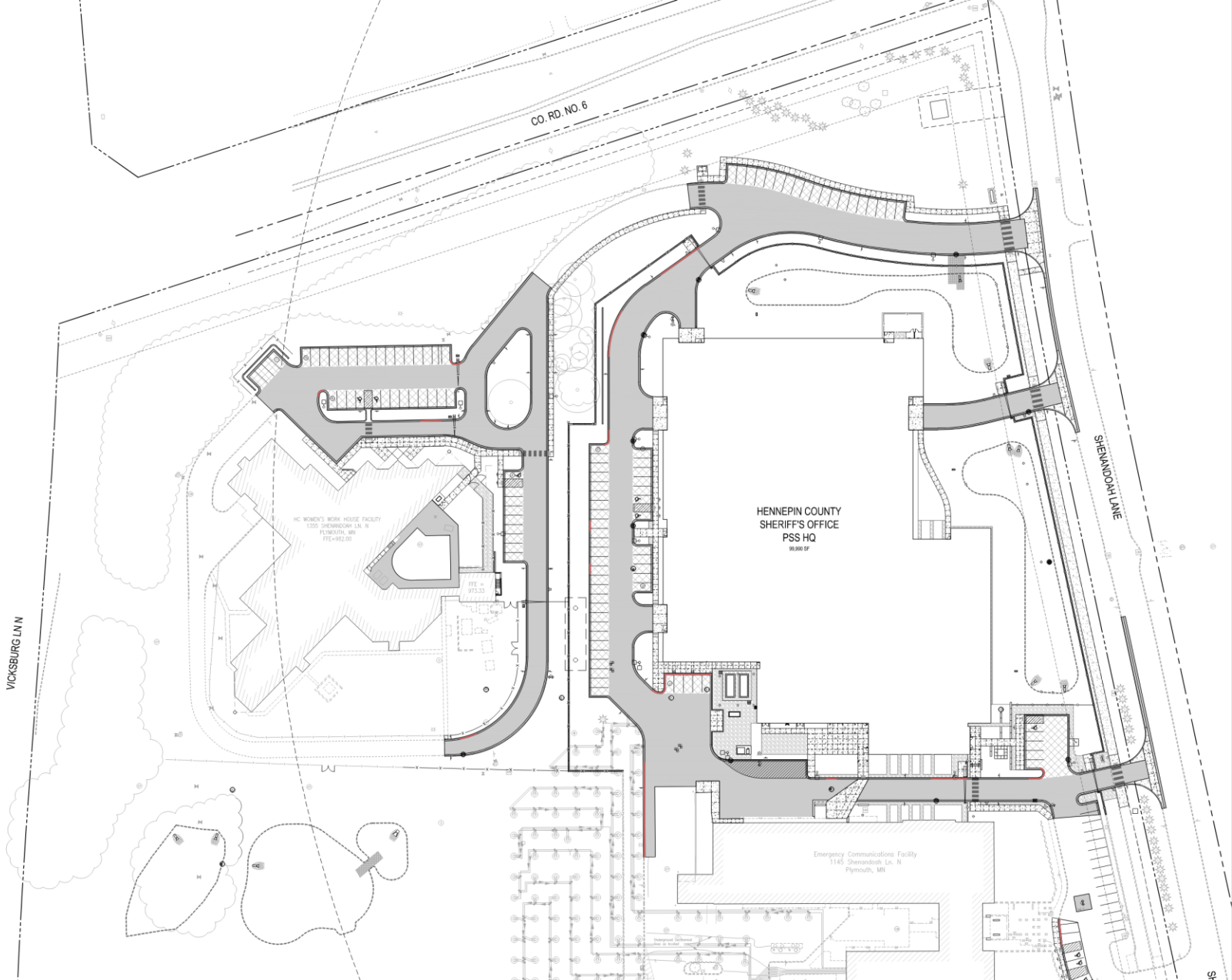
B3 VERSION 3.2

Table 5.0: B3 Guideline 3.2.A.1 – Site Water Cycle Requirements*

Hydrological Soil Groups	Infiltration at Least	Evapotranspiration at Least	Onsite Reuse	Runoff Not to Exceed	Total Onsite Managed
A Soils: 1.63–0.8 in./hr.	100%	0%	0%	0%	100%
B Soils: 0.45–0.3 in./hr.	50%	40%	5%	5%	95%
C Soils: 0.2 in./hr.	30%	55%	7%	8%	92%
D Soils: 0.006 in./hr.	0%	60%	25%	15%	85%

*Note: B3 Guideline S.2 par. A.1.ii states, “Additional infiltration above the percentage required may be used to meet ET & onsite reuse requirements.”

SITE PLAN



SITE COORDINATION



ITERATIVE PROCESS

NOT ONE SOLUTION WORKED

ALTERNATE CONSIDERATIONS:

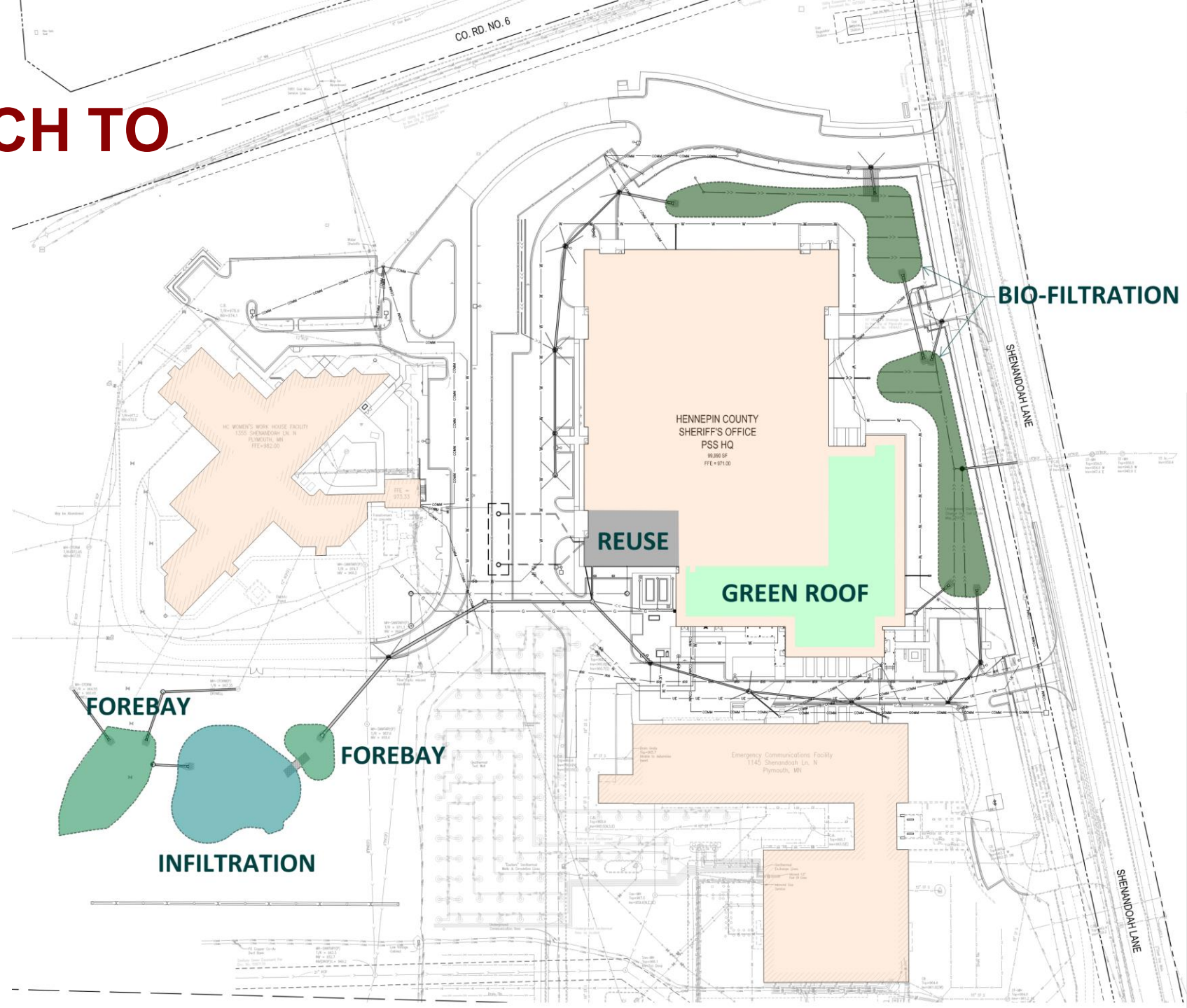
Green roof

Reuse (grey water or irrigation)

Off site exploration of soils

REDUCE MANAGED TURF

CAMPUS APPROACH TO STORMWATER MANAGEMENT



GREEN ROOF



BIOFILTRATION BASINS



INFILTRATION AND VEGETATION







HCSO PSS FACILITY

B3 SITE COORDINATION



SITE AND WATER CONNECTIONS

Animal Network

SITE WATER QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY

Irrigation

SOIL

Topsoil

Soil Disturbance

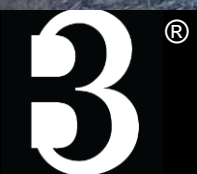
Off-site exploration of soils

VEGETATION

Site Albedo Minimum

ANIMAL HABITAT SUPPORT

Protection of rare, threatened, and endangered species



THANK YOU!

CASE STUDY-

**MN ZOO WATERFRONT RENEWAL PROJECT
(PREVIOUSLY LAKESIDE PLAZA)**



BACKGROUND

CLIENT

MN ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN - APPLE VALLEY, MN

BUDGET

\$15M (2023 MN STATE BONDING)

DESIGN TEAM

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE – DAMON FARBER

ARCHITECTURE / LEAD- LEO A DALY

CIVIL- LOUCKS

STATUS

IN CONSTRUCTION

B3

SMALL-BUILDING PATH





CLIENT GOALS

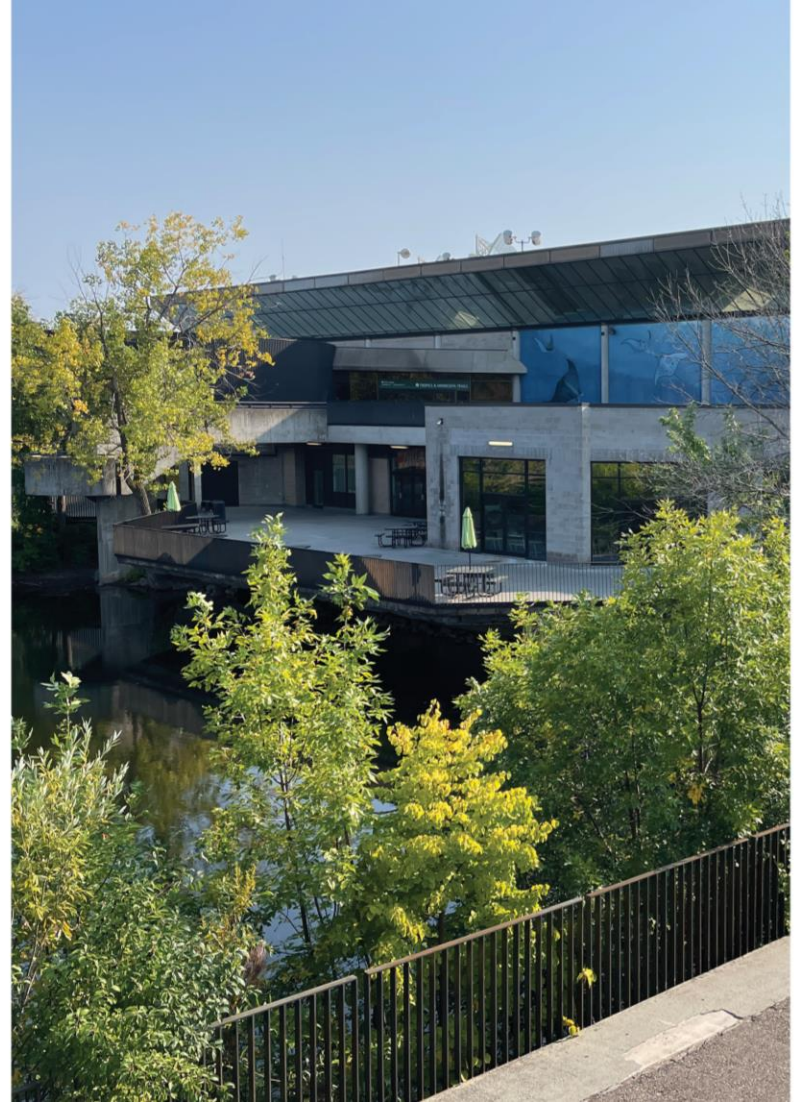
Slow, clean, and utilize plaza stormwater runoff

Establish habitat for threatened and endangered species

Improve the water quality of the lake

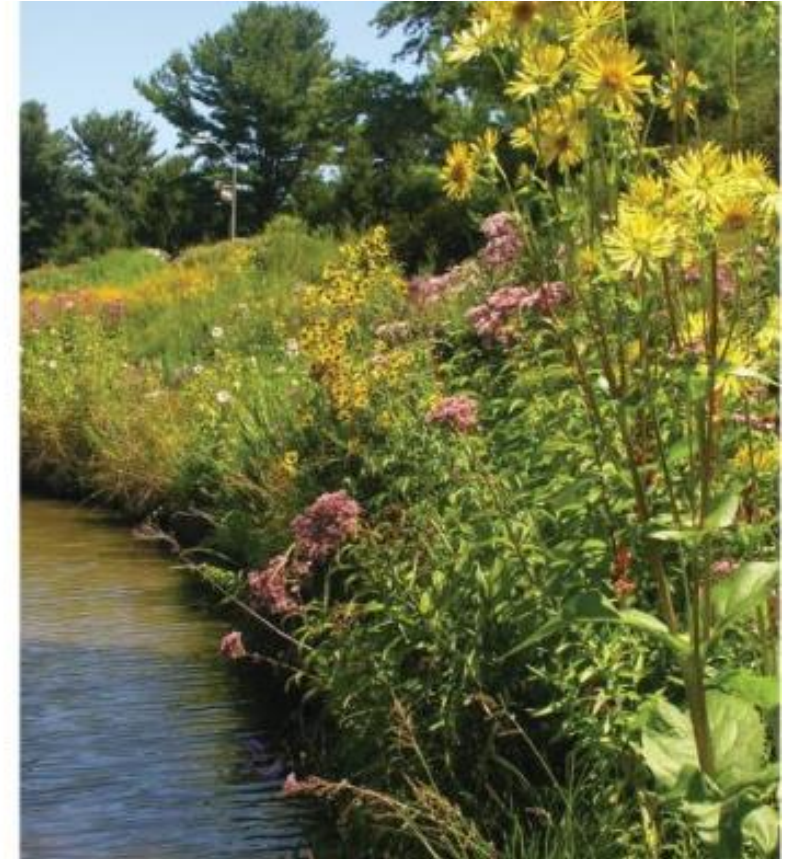
Improve immersive zoo experience and provide learning opportunities

Use existing site resources- logs for waterfront habitat & mucky soils for turtle habitat



OVERLAYING B3 REQUIREMENT

- 13 NEW OVERSTORY TREES MINIMUM
- A TOTAL OF 59,819 SQ. FT. OF NATIVE PLANTING AREA IS REQUIRED
- (CURRENTLY 100% NATIVE PLANTING SPECIES shy by 19,026 sq ft)
- 50% OF ALL PLANT MATERIAL RICH IN POLLEN
- THREE SEASONS OF BLOOMING, TWO SPECIES FOR EACH SEASON
- HABITAT CREATION: RUSTY PATCH BUMBLEBEES AND BLANDING'S TURTLES
- INCORPORATE KEYSTONE SPECIES: BUR OAK
- INCORPORATE UPLAND PRAIRIE CLASSIFICATION SPECIES
- INCORPORATE PINE BEND BLUFF SNA SPECIES



S.5 ANIMAL HABITAT SUPPORT

BLANDINGS TURTLES THREATENED

- + Calm, shallow water bodies with mud bottoms and abundant aquatic vegetation (cattails and water lilies)
- + Overwinter in mud
- + Shallow water is breeding ground for amphibians and invertebrates that are important food source
- + 3:1 slope is manageable and should be vegetated with native grasses and forbs
- + DNR mentioned 10:1 is more desirable
- + Nest in sandy, upland soils and open areas



- + Utilize tree removal for turtle basking logs
- + submerged logs



RUSTY PATCH BUMBLEBEES ENDANGERED

- + Variety of flowers that bloom at different times that are high in nectar, March - October
- + Native and pesticide-free



USFWS Regulatory Layers

To ensure compliance with federal law, conduct a federal regulatory review using the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) online [Information for Planning and Consultation \(IPaC\) tool](#). This report is not a substitution for a Section 7 review.

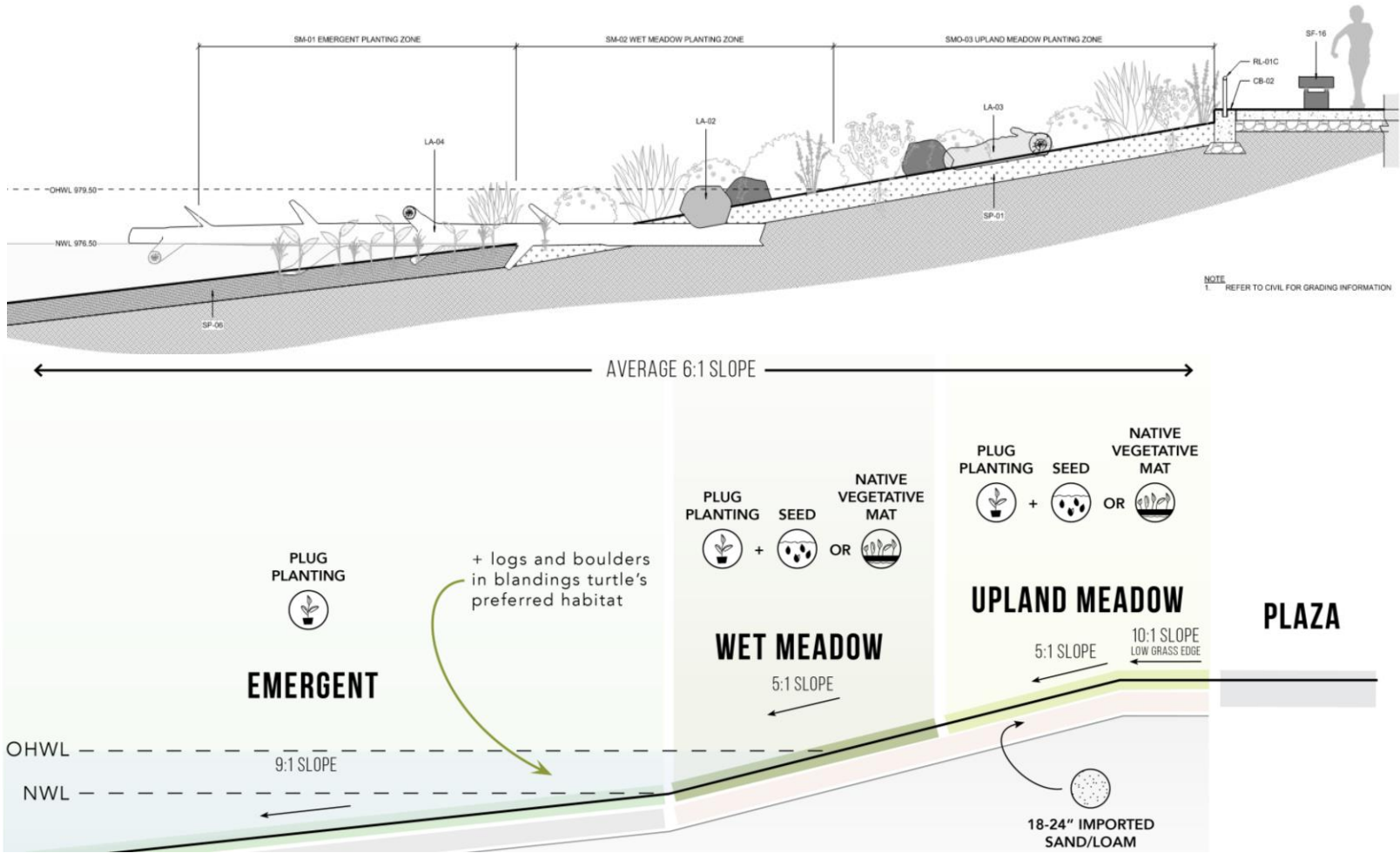
For informational purposes only, this tool currently checks the following USFWS Regulatory Layers:

Rusty Patch Bumblebee High Potential Zones: (search distance = 0; within area of interest only) The rusty patched bumble bee (*Bombus affinis*), federally listed as endangered, is likely to be present in suitable habitat within the high potential zones. From April through October this species uses underground nests in upland grasslands, shrublands, and forest edges, and forages where nectar and pollen are available. From October through April the species overwinters under tree litter in upland forests and woodlands. The rusty patched bumble bee may be impacted by a variety of land management activities including, but not limited to, prescribed fire, tree-removal, haying, grazing, herbicide use, pesticide use, land-clearing, soil disturbance or compaction, or use of non-native bees. The [USFWS RPBB guidance](#) provides guidance on avoiding impacts to rusty patched bumble bee and a key for determining if actions are likely to affect the species; the determination key can be found in the appendix. Please visit the [USFWS Rusty Patched Bumble Bee Map](#) for the most current locations of High Potential Zones.

The following USFWS Regulatory Species are within the search area:

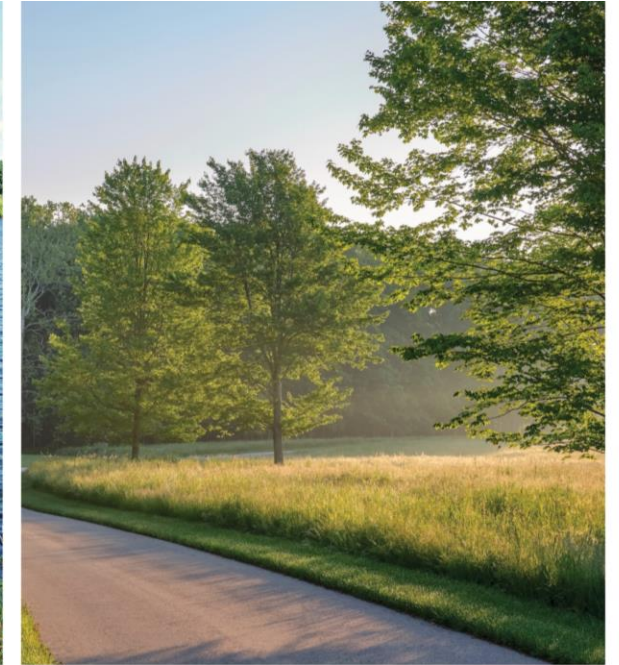
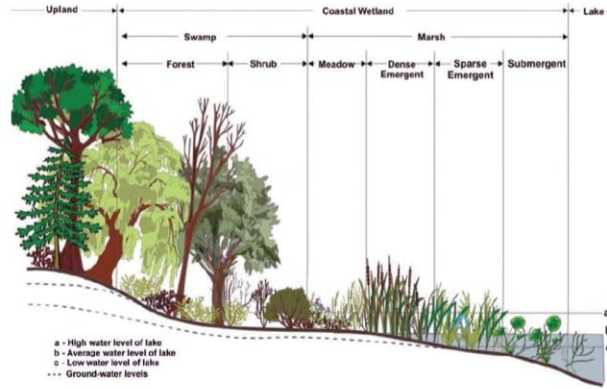
- **Rusty Patched Bumble Bee High Potential Zone**

S.5 HABITAT SUPPORT



S.4 VEGETATION (NATIVE PLANTING + AESTHETIC)

70% of the project site area (excluding the building footprint and code-minimum parking) shall be planted using native species.



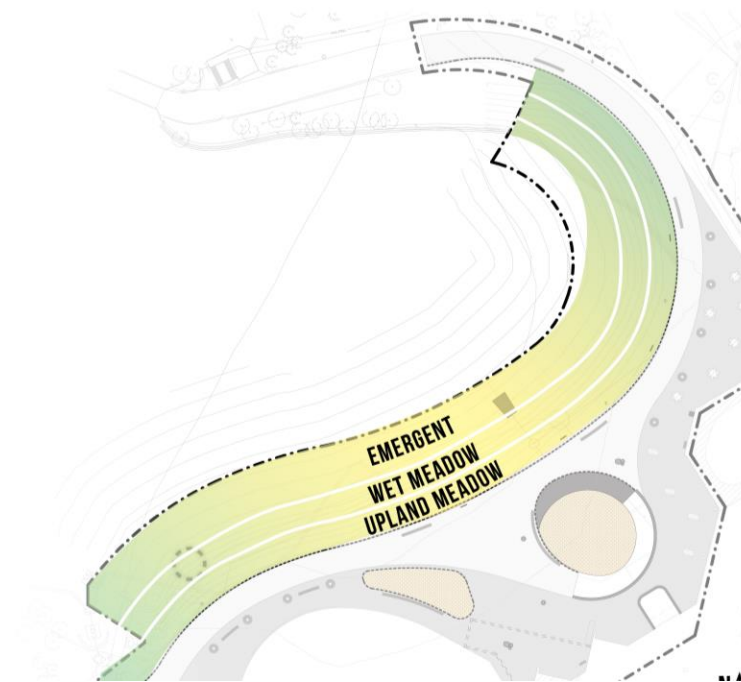
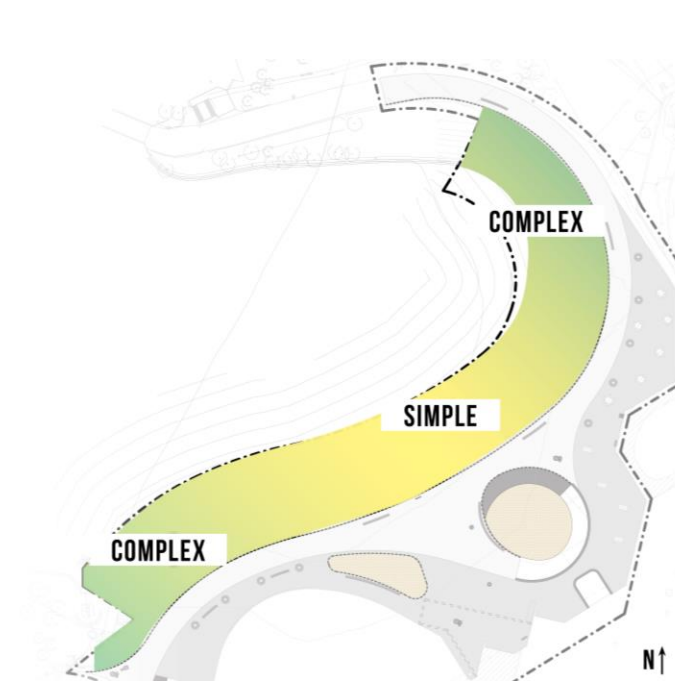
FUNCTION FORWARD

- + enhanced biodiversity
- + resilience
- + improved water quality

FORMAL

- + aesthetically refined
- + different type of maintenance

S.4 VEGETATION (NATIVE PLANTING + AESTHETIC)



EMERGENT WET MEADOW UPLAND MEADOW

S.4 VEGETATION (NATIVE PLANTING + INSTALLATION)



SEED + PLUG

- + lower cost
- + several year establishment period
- + day-one appearance consideration
- + mix customization possible



NATIVE VEGETATED MAT

- + labor savings
- + erosion control savings
- + skip awkward establishment period/ maintenance labor associated with weed-control
- + best day-one appearance
- + mix customization possible



S.4 VEGETATION (LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE)



CASE STUDIES

YEAR 2



YEAR 3



BOHEMIAN FLATS OAK SAVANNA
SEEDING & TREE PLANTING

YEAR 1



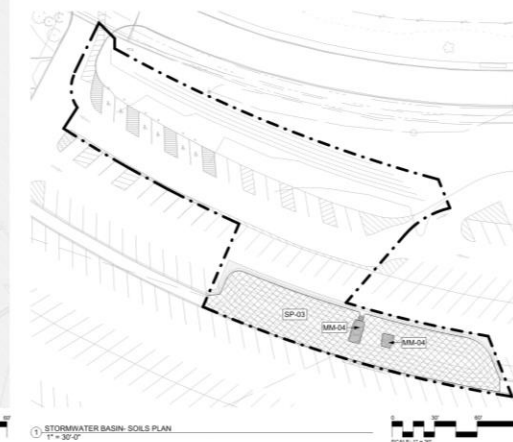
YEAR 2



YEAR 3



- Small trees 400 cubic feet
- Medium trees 800 cubic feet
- Large trees 1,200 cubic feet
- If using structural soils, multiply the total soil volumes above by five (x5)



1. PRIOR TO PLACEMENT OF SOIL MIXES THROUGHOUT SITE, PROVIDE MOCK-UP OF EACH SOIL TYPE. CONSTRUCT MOCK UPS IN LOCATION THAT SHALL BE FREE OF CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC DURING SOILS INSTALLATION. MOCK UP INSTALLATION TO BE REVIEWED BY LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT FOR APPROVAL OF PRACTICES & PROFILES.
2. MOCK UP SIZE SHALL BE 10'X10' AND SHALL BE PROTECTED FOR DURATION OF SOIL PLACEMENT.
3. MOCK UP SHALL INCLUDE SUBGRADE PREPARATION, PLACEMENT OF ORGANIC AMENDMENTS, TELLING INTO SOIL COLUMN, COMPACTION METHODS INCLUDING TYPE OF COMPACTION EQUIPMENT AND NUMBER OF PASSES.
4. SOIL COMPACTION FROM MOCK UP SHALL BE TESTED IN SITES TESTING LAB FOR BULK DENSITY; PROVIDE 4 SAMPLES / MOCK UP AND AVERAGE RESULTS.
5. SOIL MOISTURE SHALL BE TESTED FROM MOCK UP USING CONE PENETROMETER & SOIL, MOISTURE METER. SAMPLE 4 READINGS TAKEN AT SAME TIME AS BULK DENSITY TESTING.
6. IN THE EVENT SOIL TESTS OF MOCK UP FAIL TO CONFORM TO SPECIFICATIONS, CONTRACTOR SHALL RECONSTRUCT AND RETESTED.
7. PROTECT MOCK UP DURING INSTALLATION OF REMAINING SOIL. APPROVED MOCK UPS SHALL BE USED TO CALIBRATE PENETROMETER READINGS.

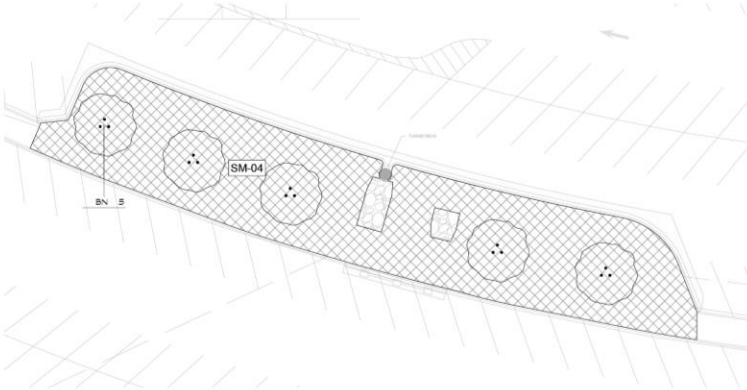
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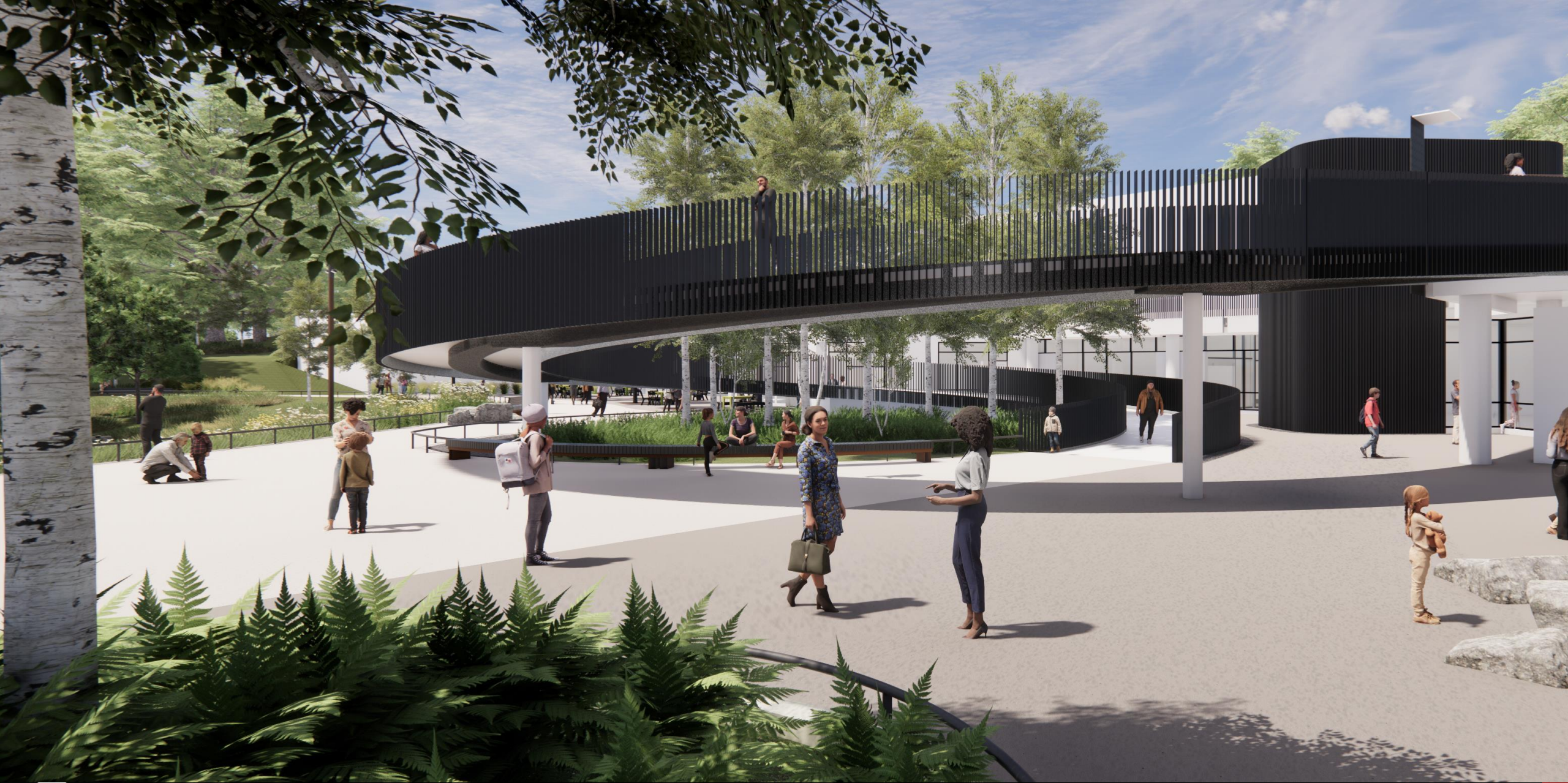
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S.2 SECONDARY SITES

	Scientific Name	Common Name	% of Mix	Seeds/ Sq Ft	PLS lbs/ac	Bloom Season
Grasses:	Andropogon gerardii	Big Bluestem	9.00	2.98	0.81	
	Calamagrostis canadensis	Blue-joint Grass	0.30	2.78	0.03	
	Elymus virginicus	Virginia Wild Rye	18.00	2.50	1.62	
	Glyceria striata	Fowl Manna Grass	3.50	10.41	0.32	
	Leersia oryzoides	Rice Cutgrass	10.00	11.24	0.90	
	Panicum virgatum	Switchgrass	4.75	2.20	0.43	
	Sorghastrum nutans	Indian Grass	16.00	6.35	1.44	
	Spartina pectinata	Prairie Cordgrass	7.00	1.53	0.63	
Sedges/Rushes:	Carex scoparia	Pointed Broom Sedge	0.50	1.39	0.05	
	Carex stipata	Awl-fruited Sedge	0.75	0.84	0.07	
	Carex vulpinoidea	Fox Sedge	2.00	5.36	0.18	
	Scirpus atrovirens	Green Bulrush	0.50	7.60	0.05	
	Scirpus cyperinus	Woolgrass	0.25	14.05	0.02	
Forbs:	Anemone canadensis	Canada Anemone	0.20	0.05	0.02	Spring
	Asclepias incarnata	Rose Milkweed	4.50	0.71	0.41	Summer
	Bidens cernua	Nodding Beggarstick	1.50	1.74	0.14	Summer
	Boltonia asteroides	False Aster	1.00	5.29	0.09	Fall
	Desmodium canadense	Showy Tick-trefoil	3.00	0.55	0.27	Summer
	Eutrochium maculatum	Joe-pye Weed	0.50	1.99	0.05	Summer
	Eupatorium perfoliatum	Boneset	0.50	4.13	0.05	Fall
	Helenium autumnale	Sneezeweed	0.80	3.44	0.07	Fall
	Hypericum pyramidatum	Great St. Johnswort	0.25	1.57	0.02	Summer
	Liatris pycnostachya	Prairie Blazing Star	1.25	0.45	0.11	Summer
	Lythrum alatum	Winged Loosestrife	0.20	6.25	0.02	Summer
	Mimulus ringens	Monkey Flower	0.15	11.40	0.01	Summer
	Monarda fistulosa	Wild Bergamot	0.50	1.16	0.05	Summer
	Ratibida pinnata	Yellow Coneflower	1.25	1.24	0.11	Summer
	Silphium perfoliatum	Cup Plant	2.25	0.09	0.20	Summer
	Solidago rigida	Stiff Goldenrod	1.00	1.36	0.09	Fall
	Sparganium eurycarpum	Giant Burreed	2.00	0.03	0.18	Summer
	Symphyotrichum novae-angliae	New England Aster	0.75	1.64	0.07	Fall
	Thalictrum dasycarpum	Purple Meadow Rue	0.50	0.33	0.05	Summer
	Verbena hastata	Blue Vervain	1.00	3.07	0.09	Summer
	Vernonia fasciculata	Ironweed	2.75	2.18	0.25	Summer
	Veronicastrum virginicum	Culver's Root	0.40	10.58	0.04	Summer
	Zizia aurea	Golden Alexanders	1.20	0.44	0.11	Spring
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