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Why Green Infrastructure Is Such A Home Run...

Hi Danielle!

Cities need as much green infrastructure as possible given the density of their communities. In the urban environment, green infrastructure covers everything from parks to street trees and green roofs to bioswales. Basically, **anything that can absorb, delay and treat stormwater is green infrastructure.**

Green also creates climate benefits such as creating oxygen, sequestering carbon, and creating wildlife habitats. Green infrastructure has an added benefit to health for residents as urban greenery has been proven to assist in improving mental health and well-being.

How Green Infrastructure Assists In Community Involvement...

Every city should have its own green infrastructure strategy and actionable plan to make it happen. There is a great deal of interest in more fully involving citizens in efforts to increase the amount of green infrastructure in cities. The achievement of multifunctional and inclusive spaces is an opportunity to increase civic participation with urban planning initiatives.

What Green Infrastructure Can Do For Cities...

There's a long list of benefits the city can use to encourage the use of green infrastructure: mitigating flooding, improving stormwater quality, reducing pollution, improving social and health benefits, and creating a healthier environment for the city to enjoy.



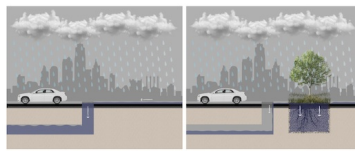
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WHAT IS GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE?

Green infrastructure refers to a variety of stormwater management solutions that use plants, soil systems and permeable surfaces to manage stormwater the way nature intended by capturing and utilizing rainwater where it falls. It improves water quality by reducing localized flooding, the amount of rainwater getting into our combined sewer system, and pollutants and litter in our creeks, streams, and rivers.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Green infrastructure slows, absorbs, and filters stormwater before it enters Kansas City's sewer system.
- It replenishes groundwater and sustains plants, trees, and natural habitats while working with other structural infrastructure to increase the conveyance capacity of our underground sewer pipes and reduce overflows from the combined sewer system.
- It also filters pollutants from rainwater runoff before it is discharged into our local creeks, streams, and rivers in the City's combined and separate sewer systems.

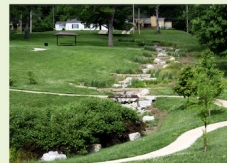


WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- Green infrastructure is a sustainable solution that looks beautiful above ground and works wonders below when properly maintained.
- It enhances our neighborhoods and parks, improves the quality of life for local residents, protects public health and our environment, and deters blight.

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

Green infrastructure can take many forms, depending on its location, size, plants selected, and design features. These installations can be as large as a stormwater wetland in a community park or as small as a rain garden.



[Click here to see some ways Kansas City has already integrated Green Infrastructure](#)

LINK can assist cities in developing a strategy for implementing green infrastructure in their community. We can connect the dots between the technical phases of planning, engineering, and engaging the community on the benefits of green infrastructure for their residents.

We love to talk through ideas, if you are thinking about a green infrastructure plan, feel free to call for a quick chat on where to start.

Thank you for your loyalty and for your valuable time.

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