# **CITY OF LAKEWOOD**

GREEN AND GREY INFRASTRUCTURE CONTROL STRATEGIES

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## **Green Infrastructure Control Strategies**

Stormwater Control Strategy	Relative Cost	Pros/Cons	Life Cycle/Maintenance
Rain gardens/Bioretention	\$ - \$\$\$	<ul> <li>Increased risk of groundwater pollution if there is not adequate separation between bioretention facilties and groundwater table;</li> <li>High groundwater may impede proper functioning;</li> <li>Good for areas less than 2 acres, various land areas;</li> <li>Reduces temperature, suspended solids, metals;</li> <li>Requires ongoing maintenance.</li> </ul>	
Street Planters	\$\$ - \$\$\$	<ul> <li>Reduced runoff/volume, pollutants, water temperatures;</li> <li>Need adequate separation from groundwater table;</li> <li>Can be used in sidewalks, curbside, and within roads in urban areas;</li> <li>Runoff conveyed by sheet flow or curb cuts;</li> <li>Requires regular maintenance and trash removal;</li> <li>Utility interferences could impact cost.</li> </ul>	**************************************
Pervious Pavement	\$\$\$	<ul> <li>Should not be used in areas of potential groundwater contamination;</li> <li>Reduces suspended solids;</li> <li>Reduces runoff volumes;</li> <li>Filters solids and removes them in the subpavement layers;</li> <li>Buffers water temperatures;</li> <li>Reduces use of winter salt applications.</li> </ul>	**************************************

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Sand/Infiltration Filter	\$	<ul> <li>Water flows through sand or gravel and either into groundwater or a pipe, or into storage;</li> <li>Needs frequent maintenance depending on location;</li> <li>Useful on smaller sites;</li> <li>Prone to sediment clogging.</li> </ul>	
Tree Planting	\$	<ul> <li>Intercepts rainfall, helps increase infiltration and ability of soil to store water;</li> <li>Provides shade, reduces wind speed,;</li> <li>Releases water into atmosphere;</li> <li>Absorbs air pollutants, reduces energy consumption;</li> <li>Poorly chosen trees can affect powerlines, broken limbs incurs clean-up costs, requires maintenance;</li> <li>Leaves need to be cleaned up to prevent storm sewer clogging.</li> </ul>	
Downspout Disconnect	\$	<ul> <li>Reduces stormwater in the sewer system;</li> <li>Minimal maintenance and cost;</li> <li>Need positive drainage around the downspout discharge to ensure stormwater does not pool;</li> <li>Policies and controls need to be in place and implemented to ensure compliance.</li> </ul>	***

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Green Roofs	\$\$\$\$	<ul> <li>Stores large amounts of water in growing media;</li> <li>Reduces amount of solar radiation;</li> <li>Reduces roof surface temperature;</li> <li>Limited amount of plant choices;</li> <li>Greater weight on roof;</li> <li>Need for irrigation and drainage system requiring energy, water, materials;</li> <li>Higher capital and maintenance cost;</li> <li>Could add nutrients to runoff.</li> </ul>	40 4 Co
Blue Roofs	\$\$\$\$	Non-vegetated detention systems placed on roofs that capture and temporarily store rainwater, slowly releasing to the sewer system;      Provides for evaporation;      Less costly than green roofs;      Greater weight on roof.	*0*0
Rain Harvesting	\$\$	<ul> <li>Reduces stormwater runoff by capturing rainfall where it lands—reduces flooding and erosion;</li> <li>Reduce water treatment needs—reduces irrigation costs;</li> <li>Used for non-drinking purposes;</li> <li>Easy to maintain;</li> <li>Unpredictable rainfall levels;</li> <li>Initial moderate cost;</li> <li>Roofs may seep chemicals into water;</li> <li>Seasonal—not for winter.</li> </ul>	**************************************

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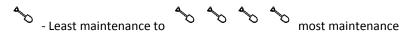
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*** Sewer Separation	\$\$\$	<ul> <li>Reduction in basement and street flooding;</li> <li>Reduction in CSO and resulting biological impacts to receiving waters;</li> <li>Possible cost savings related to incidental infrastructure upgrades performed under the same project;</li> <li>Extensive construction impacts.</li> </ul>	*0 *x *0
Storage Tunnels	\$\$\$\$	<ul> <li>Existing sewer system can remain in place;</li> <li>Effective CSO reduction without increases to stormwater discharges;</li> <li>High initial cost for construction;</li> <li>Moderate to high construction impacts depending on the location;</li> <li>On-going cost of maintaining the pumping station, cleaning, maintaining volume;</li> <li>Fixed volume can be regularly exceeded.</li> </ul>	***
	\$\$	<ul> <li>Relatively inexpensive, though costs can vary widely;</li> <li>Can reduce the likelihood of sewer backup into structures;</li> <li>Multiple solutions and technologies available from which to choose;</li> <li>Can be intrusive on private property owners;</li> <li>Can reduce the level of service of storm sewers.</li> </ul>	***
Source Control			

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High Rate Treatment	\$\$\$	<ul> <li>+ Small footprint requires reduced space;</li> <li>+ Competitively low cost when compared to WWTP upgrades;</li> <li>- Does not treat all nutrients;</li> <li>- Requires trained personnel to run and maintain with an increased cost to the City.</li> </ul>	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
Waste WaterTreatment Plant Upgrades	\$\$\$\$	<ul> <li>Costs vary, but are relatively high for any infrastructure improvement;</li> <li>Space requirements may be substantial.</li> <li>Nutrient treatment;</li> <li>High pollutant removal.</li> </ul>	** ** *** ****

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