

# Porous Pavement

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# POROUS PAVEMENT 101



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# What is porous pavement?

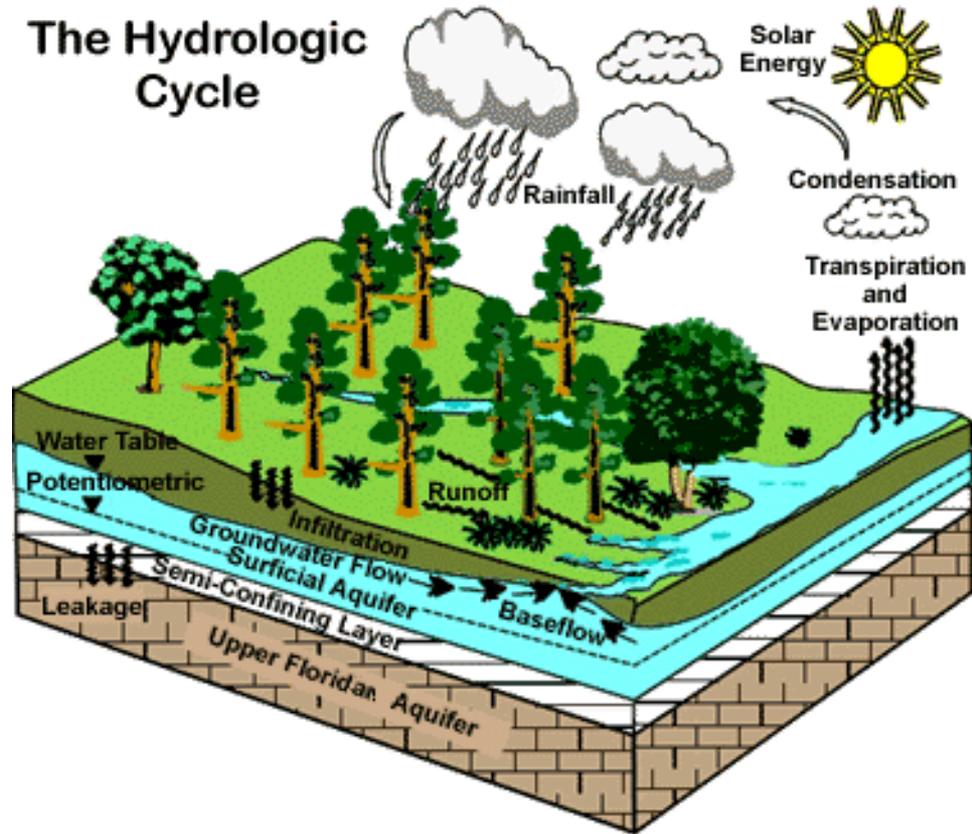
- METRO Definition: Surface to walk, drive or park on that reduces stormwater runoff by allowing water to soak into the ground.
- Examples include permeable pavers, pervious concrete, porous asphalt, and gravel.

# Why use porous pavement?

- Infiltration of stormwater onsite mimics the predevelopment condition
- Does not require dedication of additional land for stormwater facilities
- Provides improved treatment because stormwater is not concentrated into a point source discharge
- Reduces storm surge by slowly infiltrating stormwater

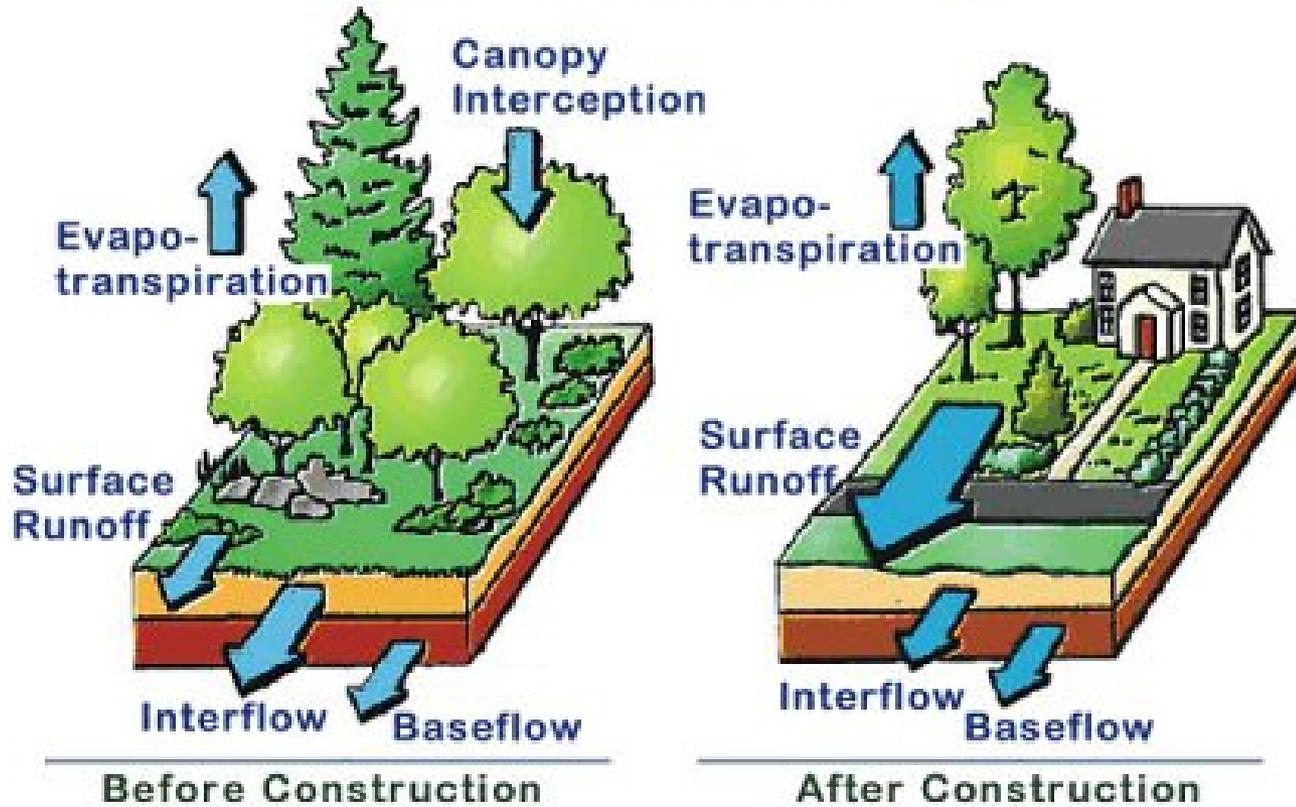


# The Hydrologic Cycle



Source: US EPA

## Local Hydrologic Cycle



Source: US EPA

# Stormwater Treatment

- More efficient than conventional materials at degrading or retaining pollutants
- Treatment through filtration, absorption, and microbial degradation
- Shown to remove metals, nutrients and hydrocarbons

Source: University of Rhode Island “Porous Pavement and Groundwater Quality Technical Bulletin”



# Is Porous Pavement right for my application?

- What is the site topography?
  - Are there steep slopes?
  - Can runoff onto the site be controlled?
- How will my site be used?
  - What is the anticipated loading?
  - Is there a potential for spills/contamination?
- What are the subsurface soil conditions?
  - How permeable is the soil?
  - Where is the groundwater table?



# EPA Recommendations

<b>...The Slope of the Area</b>	Not more than 5%
<b>...The Infiltration Rate</b>	1.3 cm (0.5 in) per hour at a depth of 0.9 m (3 ft) below the bottom of the stone reservoir
<b>...The Minimum Depth to Bedrock</b>	At least 1.2 m (4 ft) below the stone reservoir
<b>...The Seasonally-High Water Table</b>	At least 1.2 m (4 ft) below the stone reservoir
<b>...The Minimum Setback from Water Supply Wells</b>	At least 30 m (100 ft)
<b>...The Minimum Setback from Building Foundations</b>	At least 3 m (10 ft) down gradient At least 30 m (100ft) up gradient
<b>...The Drainage Area</b>	Not more than 6.1 hectares (15 acres)
<b>...The Use of Porous Pavement</b>	Not to be used in areas where wind erosion supplies significant amounts of windblown sediment

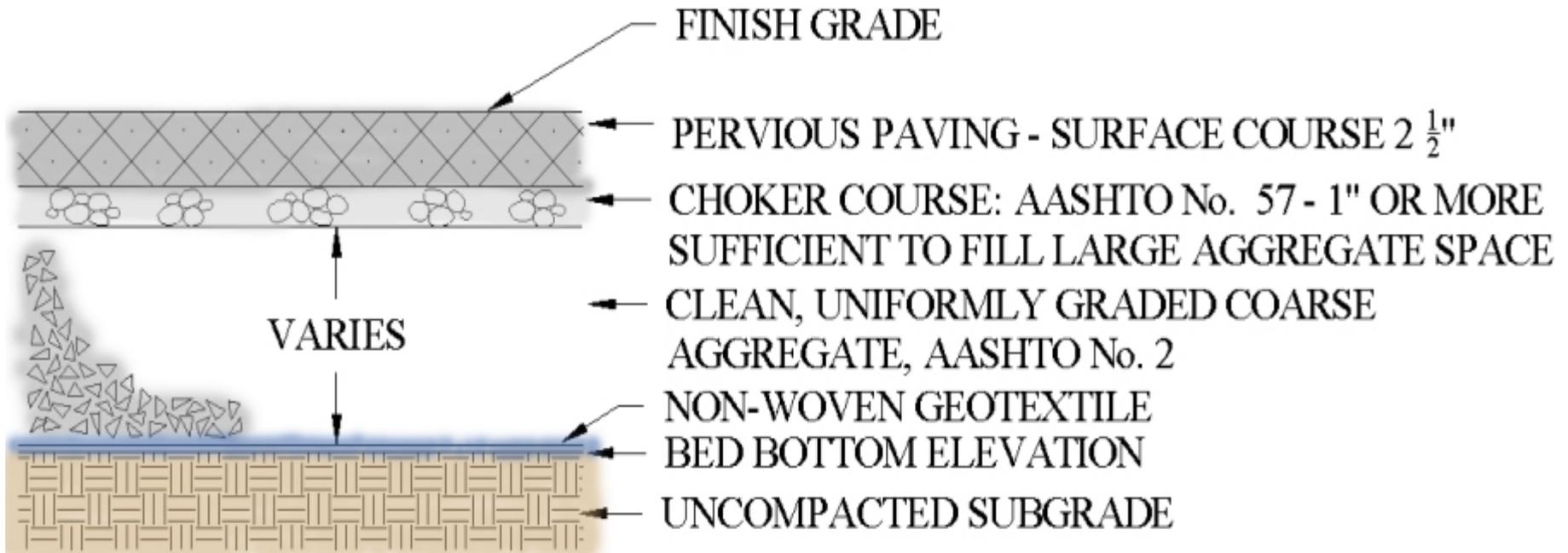
# Types of Porous Pavement

- Porous Asphalt
- Pervious Concrete
- Permeable Pavers
- GrassPave
- GravelPave

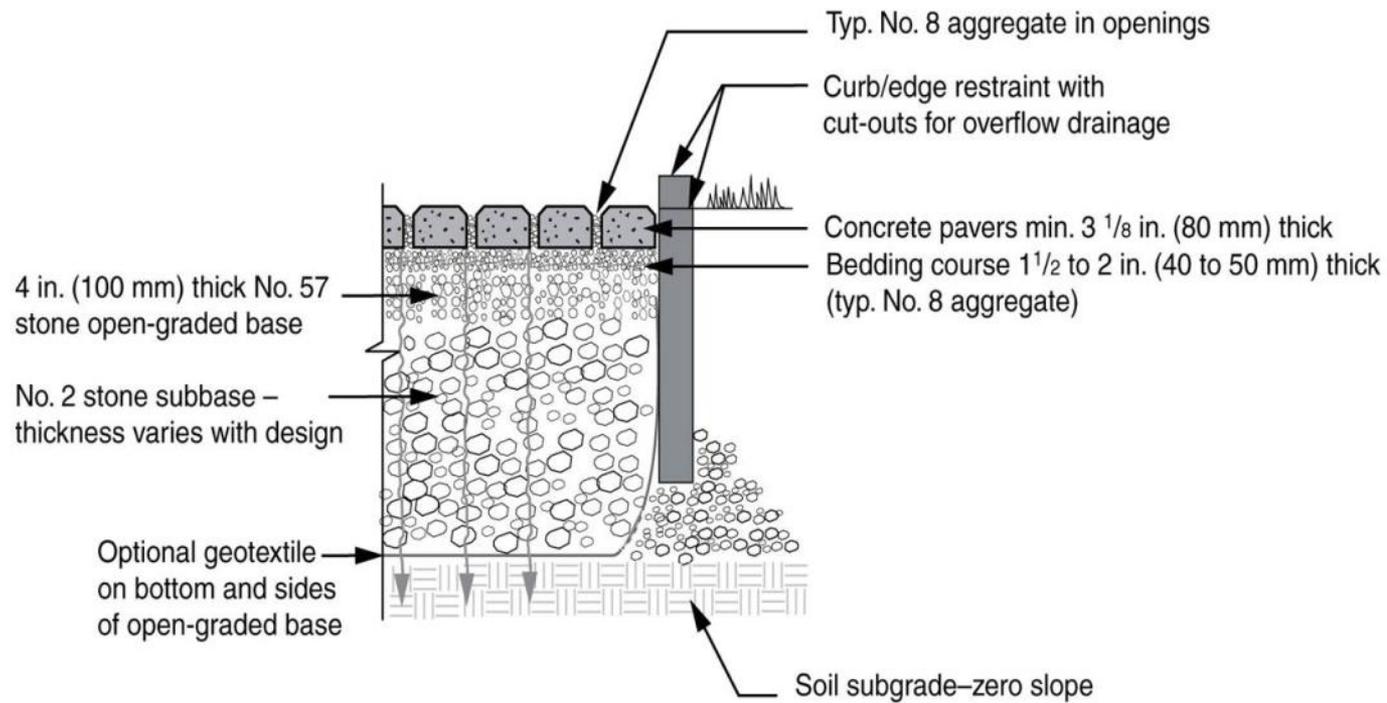




# Porous Pavement Section



# Porous Paver Section



# Site Preparation

- Excavate to subgrade elevation
- Protect the subgrade from compaction during construction
- Do not allow construction traffic on subgrade
- Verify design infiltration rates prior to placing coarse aggregate base



# Subgrade & Base Preparation

- Place geotextile fabric on uncompacted subgrade
- Verify that material meets specifications
- Place coarse aggregate base similar to wet weather construction
- Avoid traffic on subgrade!



# Stone Base Grading

<b>Course</b>	<b>Square-Sieve Opening</b>	<b>Percent Passing (by weight)</b>
<b>Top and Bottom Filter Courses</b>	1/2 inch	100
	3/8 inch	0-5
<b>Reservoir Course</b>	3 inch	100
	2 1/2 inch	90-100
	2 inch	35-70
	1 1/2 inch	0-15
	3/4 inch	0-5
<i>Additional requirement, if needed</i>	100	0-2



**Standard Pavement**

**Porous Pavement**



# Denver, CO – After Major Snowfall

Sites Directly Across The Street – Photos Less Than 5 mins. Apart

**Pervious Concrete (Left)**



**Conventional Asphalt (Right)**



Photo Source: Dan Huffman - National Ready Mixed Concrete Association

# Critical Considerations

- Porous pavement is a stormwater facility - to function properly it must be designed and constructed properly
- Constructed on uncompacted subgrade
- Coarse aggregate must be clean with no fines
- Surface Course must be installed per engineer or manufacturer specs
- Specifications and construction practices must be strictly observed for proper function
- Adjacent site drainage must be controlled

# Maintenance

- Inspect several times first few months during storm events
- Inspect semi-annually thereafter
- Pavement surface may be flushed or jet washed
- Pavement surface should be cleaned with a Vac Truck at least twice a year

# Costs

- Typically more expensive than traditional surfacing due to increased aggregate section
- Costs may be offset by lack of other stormwater infrastructure (piping, manholes, catch basins, ponds, etc.)
- Cost may be offset by lower stormwater fees, reduced timelines, accelerated permitting

# Costs

- METRO conducted alternatives cost analysis for different surfacing options
- Purpose was to develop an “apples to apples” cost comparison
- Used three types of installations for the cost comparison

# Costs - Design Alternatives

- Six pavement sections were considered for the three scenarios considered:
  - Porous Asphalt Pavement
  - Pervious Concrete Pavement
  - Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavers
  - Porous Gravel with a Geo-cellular grid
  - Conventional Asphalt plus Drainage Structures
  - Conventional Concrete plus Drainage Structures

# Costs - Design Scenarios

- **Neighborhood Roadway** – A roadway roughly consistent with a 200' city block. Assuming 50' lots, the street would access eight homes. The width would be sufficient to accommodate two 12' travel lanes with 10' for parking on one side of the street. Based on these requirements the street's paved area would total 6,800 SF. It is assumed that the street will be curbed; however, sidewalks were not considered for this study.
- **Parking Lot** – A parking lot for a small business. The lot would include ten 10'x20' stalls and a 50'x24' drive aisle. The total area would be 3,200 SF. Curbs, but no sidewalks, are assumed.
- **Driveway** – A driveway large enough for three cars with room for some maneuvering. 800 SF of pavement is assumed.

# Costs - Driveway

Driveway				
Material	Surface inches	Base inches	Size	Cost
Porous Concrete	8	9	1"-0"	\$7,220
Porous Asphalt	3	9	1"-0"	\$3,880
Interlocking Pavers	Paver	9	1"-0"	\$11,600
Plastic Grid Reinforced Gravel	Geocell	9	¾"-0"	\$3,680
Conventional Concrete	4.5	4	1"-0"	\$5,330
Conventional Asphalt	3	8	1"-0"	\$3,440

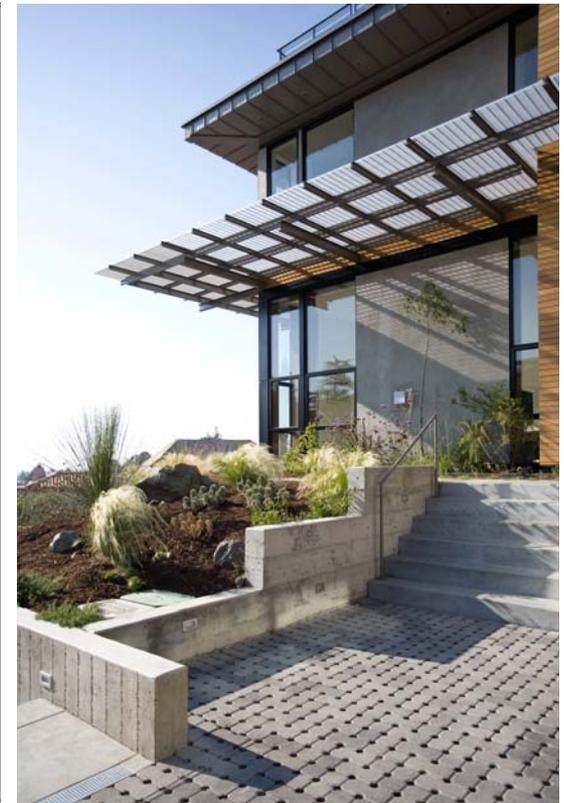


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# Costs – Parking Lot

Parking Lot				
Material	Surface inches	Base inches	Size	Cost
Porous Concrete	8	9	1"-0"	\$37,630
Porous Asphalt	3	12	1"-0"	\$19,660
Interlocking Pavers	Paver	12	1"-0"	\$50,450
Plastic Grid Reinforced Gravel	Geocell	9	¾"-0"	\$11,900
Conventional Concrete	5	6	1"-0"	\$31,870
Conventional Asphalt	3	12	1"-0"	\$24,570



# Costs – Neighborhood Road

Neighborhood Road				
Material	Surface inches	Base inches	Size	Cost
Porous Concrete	8	9	1"-0"	\$73,040
Porous Asphalt	4	12	1"-0"	\$38,590
Interlocking Pavers	Paver	12	1"-0"	\$100,460
Plastic Grid Reinforced Gravel	Not Applicable			
Conventional Concrete	5	6	1"-0"	\$70,340
Conventional Asphalt	4	12	1"-0"	\$58,020



Photo Source: Jim Huddleston Asphalt Pavement Association of Oregon

# Pervious Concrete

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Home Builders Association  
of Metropolitan Portland



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# Pervious Concrete

## AGENDA

- Brief description/definition
- Benefits and limitations
- Cost
- Applicability - appropriate situations and site conditions for use
- Design – How to
- Install – How to
- Maintain – How to
- Features- what does it do and how is it **UNIQUE** from other materials?

# OVERVIEW

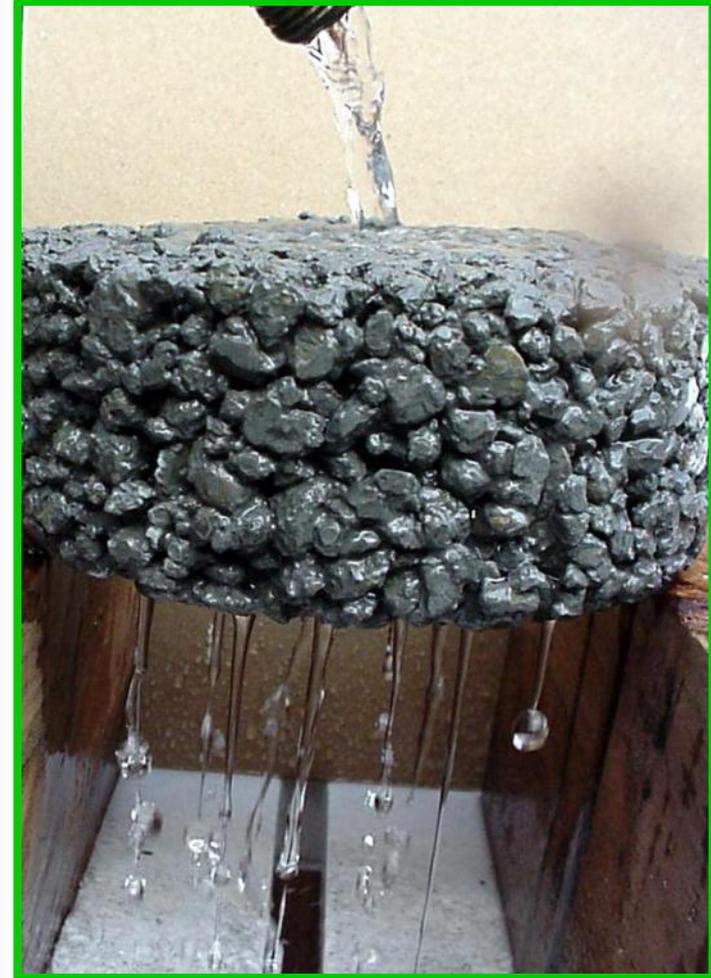


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# Pervious Concrete Pavement

## General Description:

- ◆ Structural pavement: 500-4000 psi
- ◆ Components:
  - Coarse aggregate
  - Portland cement
    - Supplemental mtrls.
      - Fly Ash / Slag
      - Fibers, Integral Color, etc.
  - Water
  - Admixtures
- ◆ Void content range of 15-30%
- ◆ Designed to allow stormwater drainage to the sub-grade for filtration, ground water recharge & reduction in over-all runoff



# BENEFITS & LIMITATIONS



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# Conventional vs Pervious

Asphalt Pavement (Left) (Same Site) Pervious Concrete (Right)



Conventional Pavement – Asphalt (Background)

**Pervious Concrete (Foreground)** - Raining



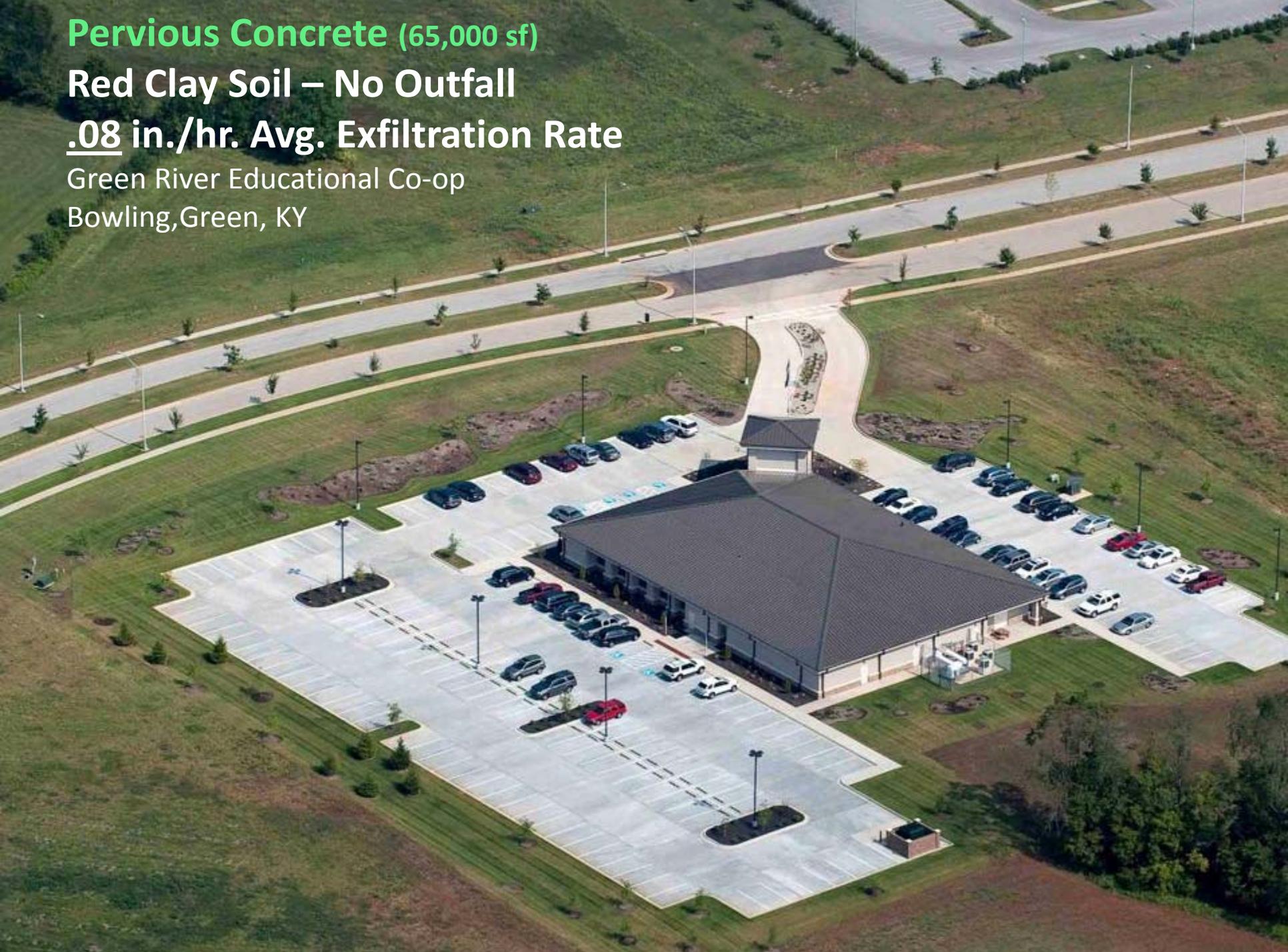
**Pervious Concrete (65,000 sf)**

**Red Clay Soil – No Outfall**

**.08 in./hr. Avg. Exfiltration Rate**

Green River Educational Co-op

Bowling, Green, KY



# COST



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## COSTS

**See Exhibiting Vendors**

&

Better Ready-Mixed  
Concrete Producers



**Cost Savings / Site Optimization**

# CMI Homebuilders Inc. – Snohomish, WA



20 Home Subdivision (near Seattle)

Traditional Const.

- ◆ \$175 K – Cost of traditional Detention Vault, Catch Basins, & Pipes
- ◆ \$48 K – Asphalt Road Const. – 1<sup>st</sup> cost
- ◆ \$37 K – Traditional Raised Curbs

# CMI Homebuilders Inc. – Snohomish, WA



20 Home Subdivision (near Seattle)

## Pervious Concrete Technology

- ◆ Eliminated All Catch Basins Within Plat
- ◆ Eliminated Piping To Detention Areas (Cleaning!)
- ◆ Eliminated Detention Vault
- ◆ Eliminated Street Curbing
- ◆ Reclaimed 2 Lots worth \$100 K each

# CMI Homebuilders Inc. – Snohomish, WA



20 Home Subdivision (near Seattle)

## **Pervious Concrete Technology**

- ◆ \$ 260 K – 1<sup>st</sup> Cost Differential Favorable to Pervious Concrete (\$200 K vs \$ 460 K)
- ◆ Site Optimization – Increased Revenue Opportunity – ROI / ROE dynamics

# APPLICABILITY



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# Pervious Concrete Apps.

- ◆ Parking Areas
- ◆ Driveways
- ◆ Sidewalks
- ◆ Roadways
- ◆ Pedestrian Plazas
- ◆ Swales & Ditches
- ◆ Erosion Control
- ◆ Slope Protection
- ◆ Load-bearing Walls
- ◆ ETC.



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# Park & Ride Parking Lot (4 acres)

Serving Site of 2008 Super Bowl – Glendale, Ariz.





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# Pervious Concrete – Portland, Oregon



# Oregon Commuter Plaza – City of Beaverton



evolution  
**ULTIMATE**  
Architectural Pervious Concrete



# City of Beaverton



# Condo Complex – Canby, OR



# Pervious Concrete – 8<sup>th</sup> Dr. - Portland



# Residence – Lake Oswego, OR



# 12th St. – Vancouver, WA



# CSO Path – Swan Island (Portland, OR)



# Pervious Concrete - Ohio St. – Longview, WA



# Habit for Humanity Development – Keizer, OR



**Local jurisdiction required developer to tie into stormwater system 1 mi. away or use Low Impact Development (Pervious Concrete)**

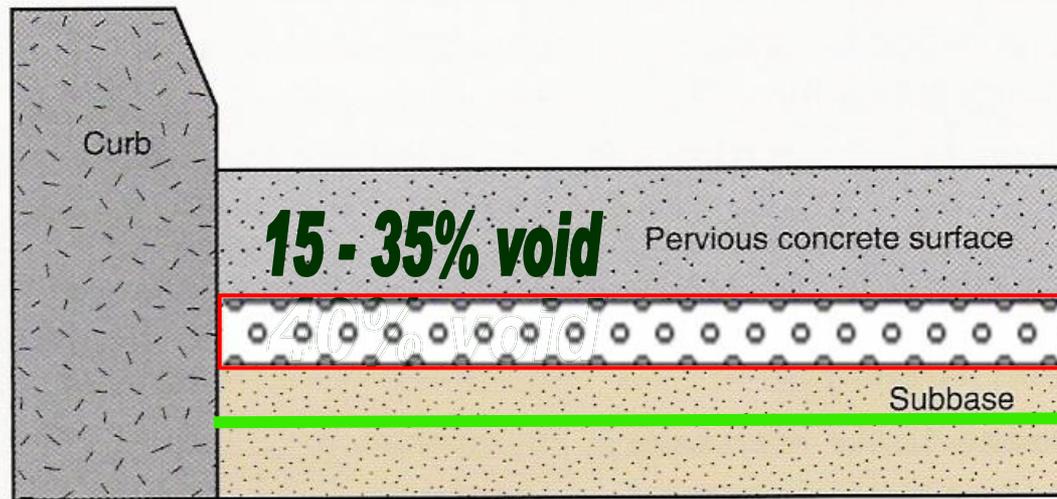
# DESIGN



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# Typical Design for Pervious Concrete



- ◆ Pervious concrete: 6-8 inches
- ◆ Open-graded stone subbase: determined by local hydrologic conditions (6 - 18 inches typical)
- ◆ Geotextile prevents movement of fines into stone bed
- ◆ Perforated pipe to capture and transport water **(optional)**

# Alternative Drainage

## Frequently Used for Poor Percolating Soils

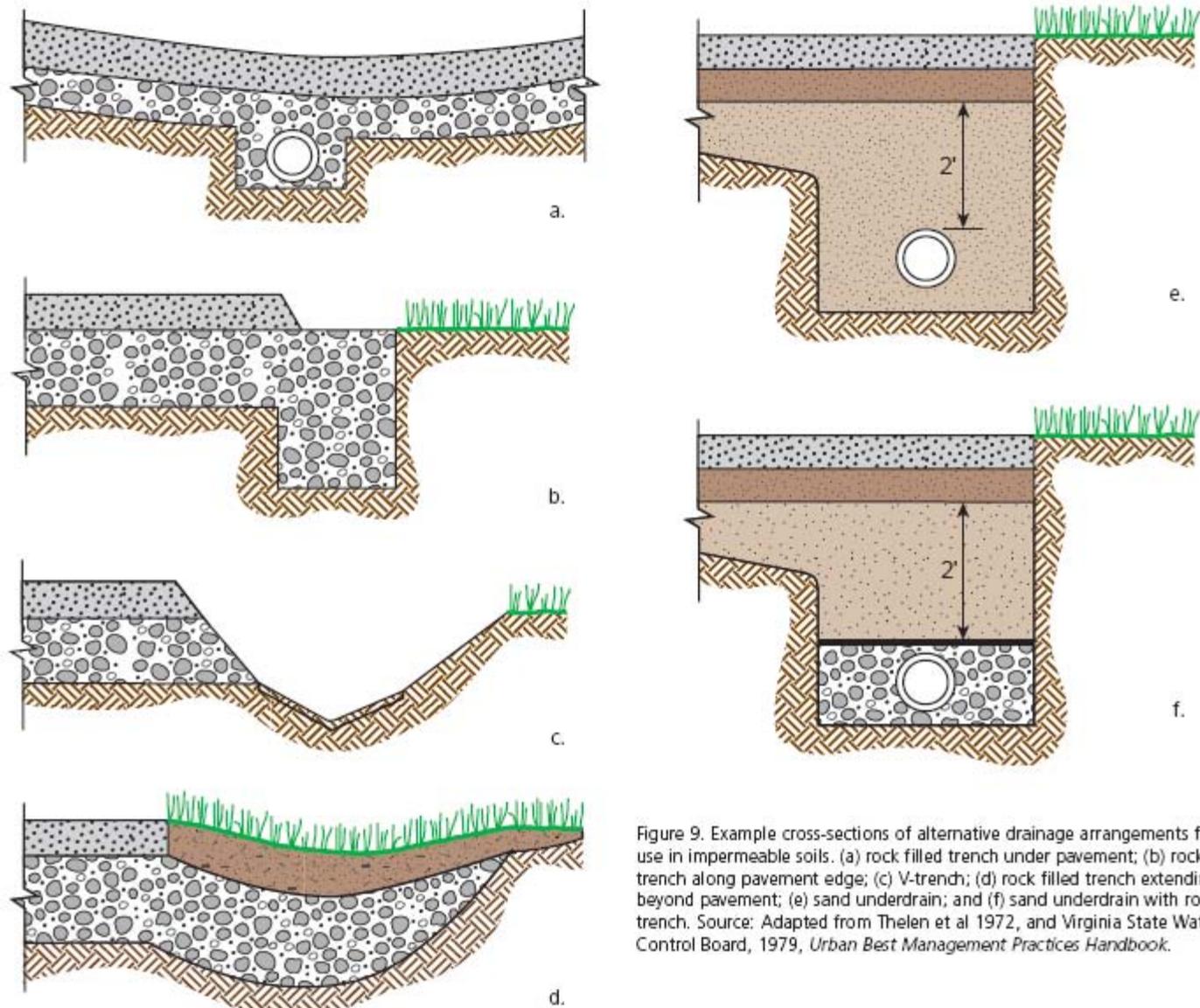


Figure 9. Example cross-sections of alternative drainage arrangements for use in impermeable soils. (a) rock filled trench under pavement; (b) rock trench along pavement edge; (c) V-trench; (d) rock filled trench extending beyond pavement; (e) sand underdrain; and (f) sand underdrain with rock trench. Source: Adapted from Thelen et al 1972, and Virginia State Water Control Board, 1979, *Urban Best Management Practices Handbook*.

Pervious Concrete Surface

# Not Graded for Runoff !

## There Is No Runoff

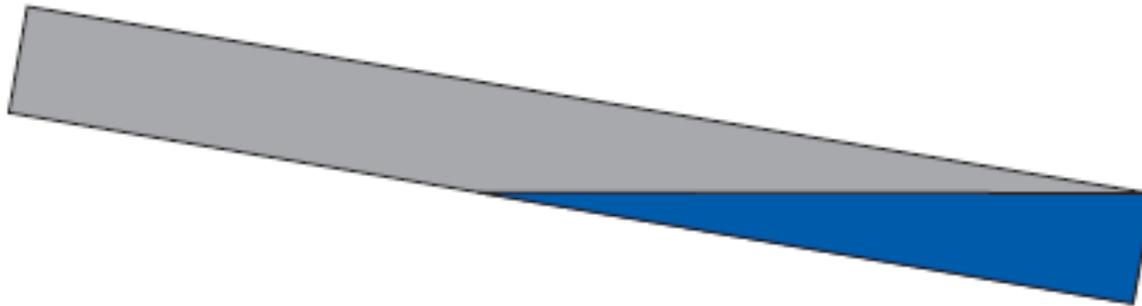
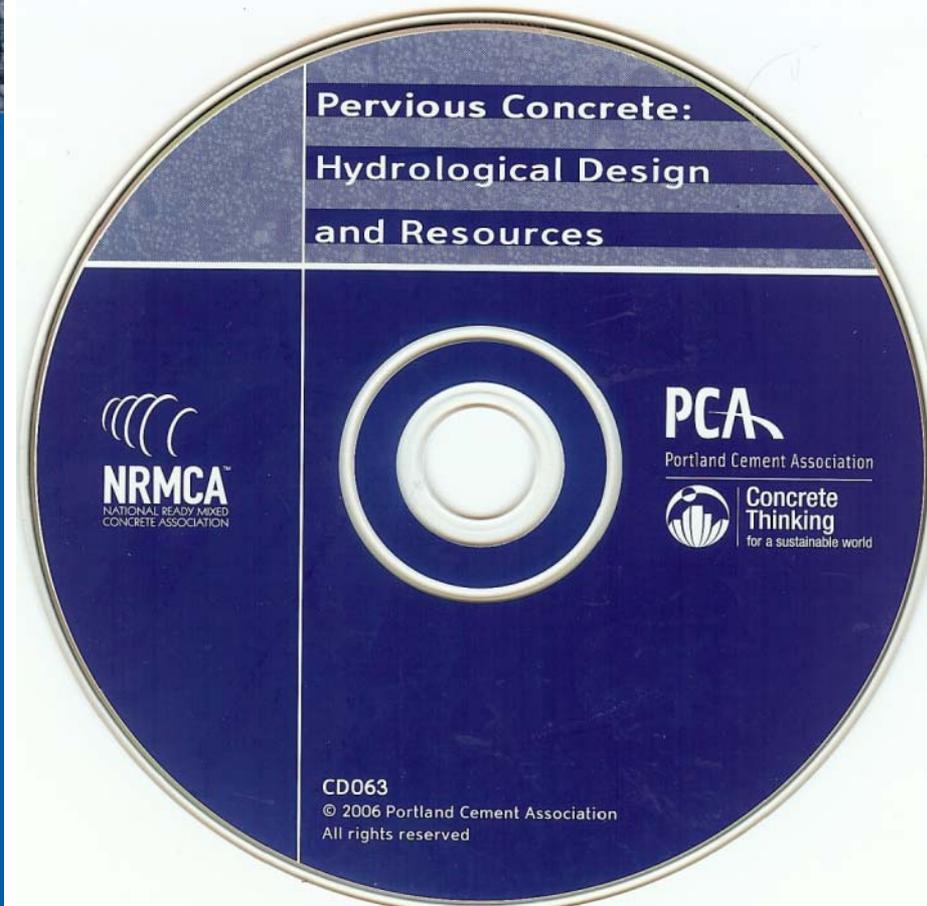
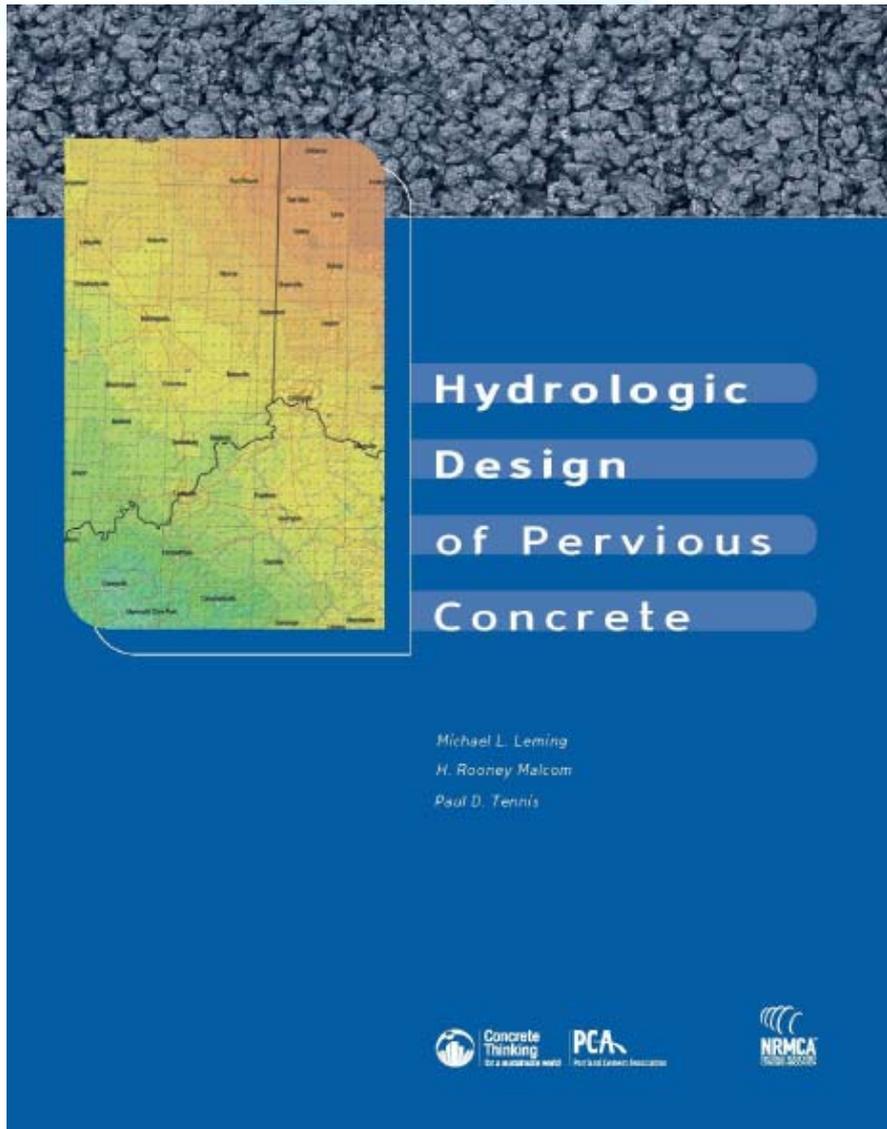


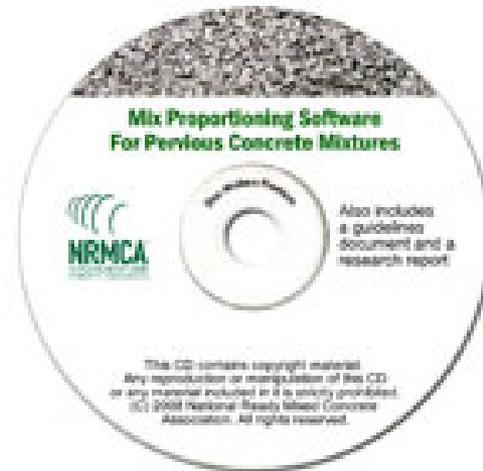
Figure 7. For sloped pavements, storage capacity calculations must consider the angle of the slope, if the infiltration rate of the subgrade is exceeded.

# Design Guide and/or Software Program



# Pervious Concrete – Mix Design

This software program helps the user to establish mixture proportions for pervious concrete for a design void content and optimum consistency. Along with the software two documents are included. The first document is a guideline that details the pervious concrete mixture proportioning methodology. The second document is a research report that provides experimental validation of the mixture proportioning methodology based on testing conducted at the NRMCA Research Laboratory. A special feature of this software program is that the mixtures can be designed for a void content that is close to that measured by the newly standardized ASTM C1688 Standard Test Method for Density and Void Content of Pervious Concrete. The program was developed by NRMCA Engineers after more than a year of laboratory research work. The program was developed by NRMCA Engineers after more than a year of laboratory research work. Regular member price will be \$45 as of March 1st. THIS PRICE INCLUDES AN INTRODUCTORY SAVINGS OF \$10 PER CD



# INSTALLATION



Pervious Concrete



Install geotextile fabric under retention layer



Generalized Basic Const. Process

## Cover geotextile fabric with stone



Retention Layer installed



Mixture – Usually Very “Dry” (low slump)



Pervious Concrete

## Small Placement (Highly Permeable Base)





Various Placing Equipment Types  
Pervious Concrete - 2010









Text reference for

# Pervious Concrete Contractor Certification



NRMCA Publication #2PPCRT



# MAINTENANCE



Pervious Concrete



# Clogging Prevention/Maintenance

Vacuum Sweepers – Highly Effective

Passes water at 3-5 gal.  
per min. per sq. ft.

or

**270 – 450 in.  
per hour !**



Power Washing – VERY Effective

# UNIQUE FEATURES



Pervious Concrete



**Concrete**: IDEAL hardscape material to put voids into for high porosity purposes:

- Rigid structure maintains voids under load & extreme temps.
- Load-Carrying Ability, Durability, & Versatility
- Does not introduce toxins to water
- Available from someone YOU KNOW – Supplier already!



# Pervious Concrete Shopping Center Entrance/Service Road "Canyon Crossing" – Puyallup (Seattle), WA



# 1 Mi. Long Pervious Concrete Residential Roadway Shoreview (Minneapolis), MN



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Pervious Concrete (Foreground) – Heavy Rain

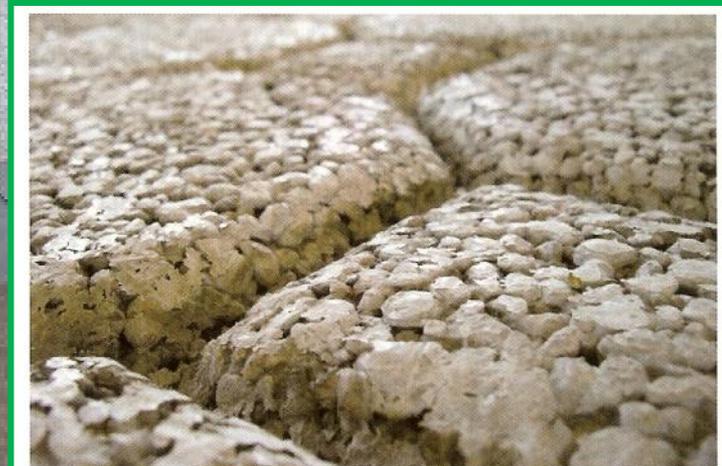
# Pedestrian Plaza – Phoenix, AZ

Progressive Concrete Works, Inc.



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Stamped Pervious Concrete – Fresno, Calif.



# Along Mississippi River – Minneapolis Metro



# Pervious Concrete – Progressive Concrete Works, Inc.



# Pervious Concrete

## BEST WEB RESOURCES

- ❖ [www.perviouspavement.org](http://www.perviouspavement.org) (Natl./Local Apps.)
- ❖ [www.concretethinker.com](http://www.concretethinker.com) (Portland Cement Assn.)
- ❖ [www.concrete.org](http://www.concrete.org) (American Concrete Institute)
- ❖ [www.ocapa.net](http://www.ocapa.net) (OR Concrete & Agg. Prdcrs. Assn.)
- ❖ [www.washingtonconcrete.org](http://www.washingtonconcrete.org) (WA Agg. & Concrete Assn.)
- ❖ [www.nrmca.org](http://www.nrmca.org) (Natl. Ready Mixed Concrete Assn.)

# Pervious Concrete

**QUESTIONS ?**

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**THANK YOU**



# POROUS ASPHALT FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Metro Porous Surfaces Seminar

April 2010

Jim Huddleston, P.E.  
Executive Director



THESE PARKING AREAS ARE PAVED WITH  
POROUS PAVEMENT  
PAVEMENT THAT LEAKS  
SINCE 1977, IT HAS RAISED THE LOCAL  
WATER TABLE WHILE REDUCING EROSION,  
POLLUTION, AND THE NEED FOR STORM  
DRAINS OR ROAD SALT.

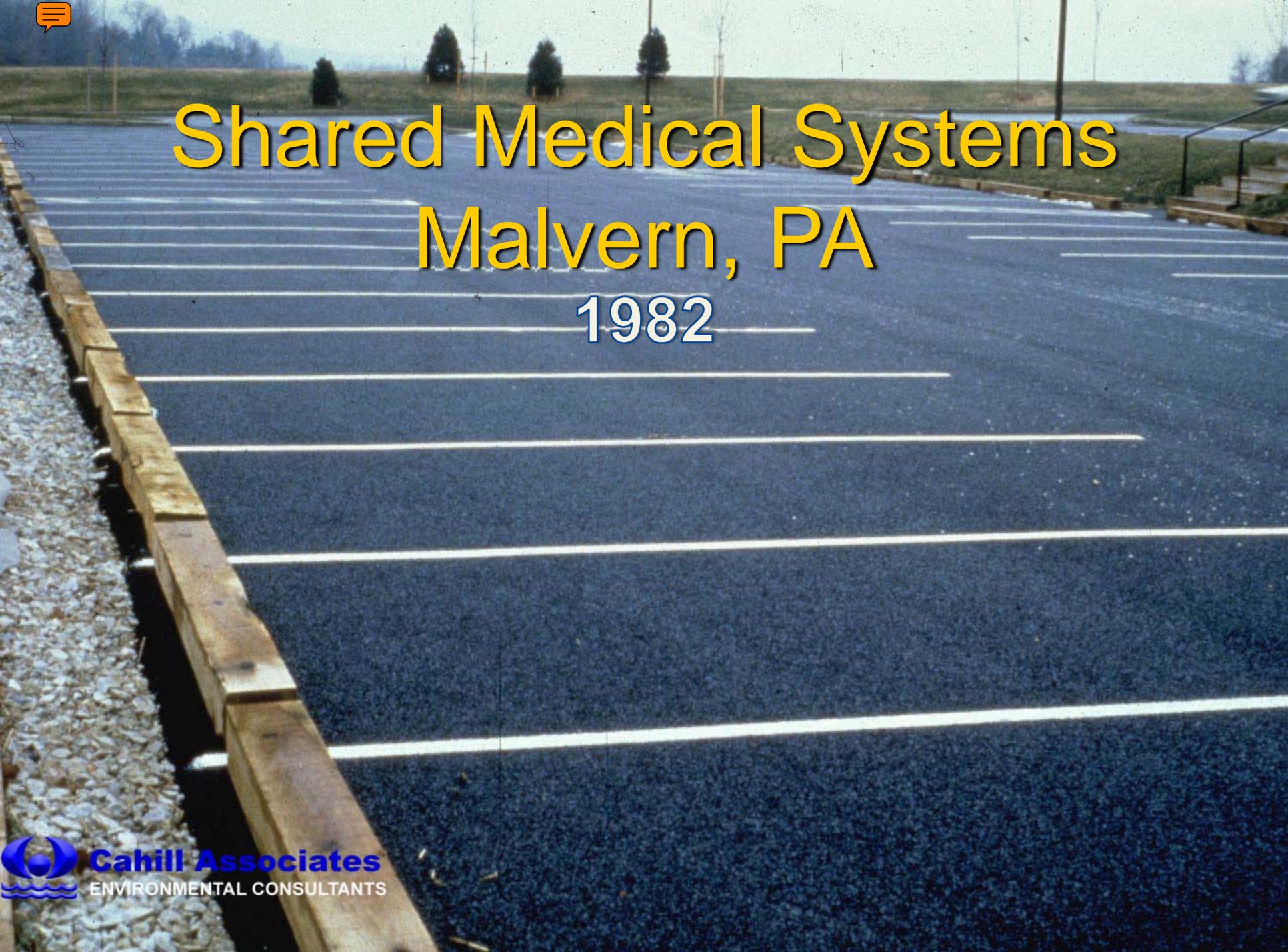
A BROCHURE IS AVAILABLE.  
A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT BY  
MASS. D.E.P. & MASS. DEM.





# Morris Arboretum Philadelphia, PA

1984



Shared Medical Systems  
Malvern, PA  
1982



# ***Porous Asphalt Pavements for Stormwater Management***

Design, Construction and Maintenance Guide

- Introduction**
- Overview and History**
- Water Quality**
- Design**
- Materials**
- Construction**
- Guidelines**
- Maintenance**
- Conclusion**



# Porous Asphalt Design and Construction

- Structural Design
- Materials
- Mix selection and design
- Construction
- Maintenance
- Case Studies

# Structural Design

- Follow AASHTO Design Procedures
  - Layer coefficients
    - Open-Graded 0.40-0.42
    - Asphalt Treated Permeable Base 0.30-0.35
    - Stone bed 0.10-0.14
- Minimum Asphalt thickness
  - 2.5” Parking areas (few or no trucks)
  - 4.0” Residential type streets
  - 6.0” Heavy truck traffic

# Hot Mixed Asphalt Materials

- Use Oregon Standard Specifications:
  - 3/4" Open-Graded Mixture
  - 1/2" Open-Graded Mixture
  - (3/8"\* Open-Graded Mixture)
  - 3/4" Asphalt Treated Permeable Base
- Use PG 70-22 or PG 70-22ER binder
- In Cold climates Use PG 70-28 or PG 70-28ER

# Oregon Gradation “Control Points”

Sieve Size	3/8”*	1/2”	3/4”	ATPB
1”		-	99-100	99-100
3/4”	-	99-100	85-96	85-95
1/2”	99-100	90-98	55-71	35-68
3/8”	90-100	-	-	-
#4	22-40	18-32	10-24	2-10
#8	5-15	3-15	6-16	0-5
#200	1-5	1-5	1-6	0-2

# Porous Asphalt Mix Options

<b>Mix Size</b>	<b>Application</b>	<b>Layer Thickness</b>
3/8" Open	Parking/Recreational Facilities/Roads and Streets	1.5 – 2.5 Inches
1/2" Open	Wearing Surface, Roads, Streets, Heavy Commercial	2.0 – 4.0 Inches
3/4" Open	Wearing Surface, Roads, Heavy Commercial	2.0 – 5.0 Inches
3/4" ATPB	Base Course	3.0 – 6.0 Inches

# Asphalt Design “System”

- To minimize clogging select mix types so the aggregate size and air void content increase with depth
- ATPB makes outstanding base-stable platform, low binder content, high air voids
- Topped with ½” or 3/8” porous wearing to provide low maintenance high performance porous system

# Two Layer System

- ATPB can provide a construction platform and allow staged construction
- ATPB is relatively low cost low binder content product with high air voids high stability
- ATPB can be placed directly on top of reservoir course eliminating need for choker course



# HMAC Mix Design

## (the recipe)

- Require an ODOT Certified Mix Design Technician (CMDT)
- Use current version of the ODOT Contractor Mix Design Guidelines for Open-Graded mixtures

# Mix Design Criteria

	<b>3/4", 1/2", &amp; 3/8"* Open-Graded</b>	<b>3/4" ATPB</b>
<b>Air Voids, %</b>	> 16	-
<b>Draindown, %</b>	70 - 80	-
<b>TSR, min</b>	80	-
<b>Coating, %</b>	-	90
<b>VFA, %</b>	40 - 50	-
<b>VIR, %*</b>	14.0 – 15.5	-

# Construction of Porous Asphalts

- Conventional Paving Equipment
- Lower mixing and placement temperatures to minimize draindown in haul vehicles



# Construction of Porous Asphalts

- **Compaction Equip:**
  - Steel wheel rollers only
  - Generally static mode
  - 8 ton minimum
  - 3-4 complete coverages



# Post Construction Guidelines

- Restrict traffic for 24 hrs.

Protect porous pavement from contamination:

- Run-off sediment
- Construction debris







# Maintenance/Snow Removal

- Inspect several times first few months during storm events.
- Inspect annually thereafter.
- Pavement surface should be vacuumed and may be flushed or jet washed annually.
- Damaged pavement can be repaired using dense hot mix provided <10% area.
- Use liquid de-icing compounds as needed
- Do not use sand, ash, or salt for snow or ice

# Porous Pavements



**Port of Portland  
Terminal 6**

**Pringle Creek  
Green Streets**



# Terminal 6 – Porous Pavement Project -- Overview

- 35.7 acres of porous pavement and 15.4 acres of impervious pavement
- 100% onsite storm water management through porous pavement system and vegetated swales



## *Terminal 6 – Porous Pavement Project -- Overview*

Port of Portland  
is extremely  
proud and  
happy with  
project





# Pringle Creek

COMMUNITY

A Sustainable Living Community | [pringlecreek.com](http://pringlecreek.com)



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# Pringle Creek Community – Porous Asphalt Streets

## RESIDENTIAL LOTS

Updated Nov. 6, 2006



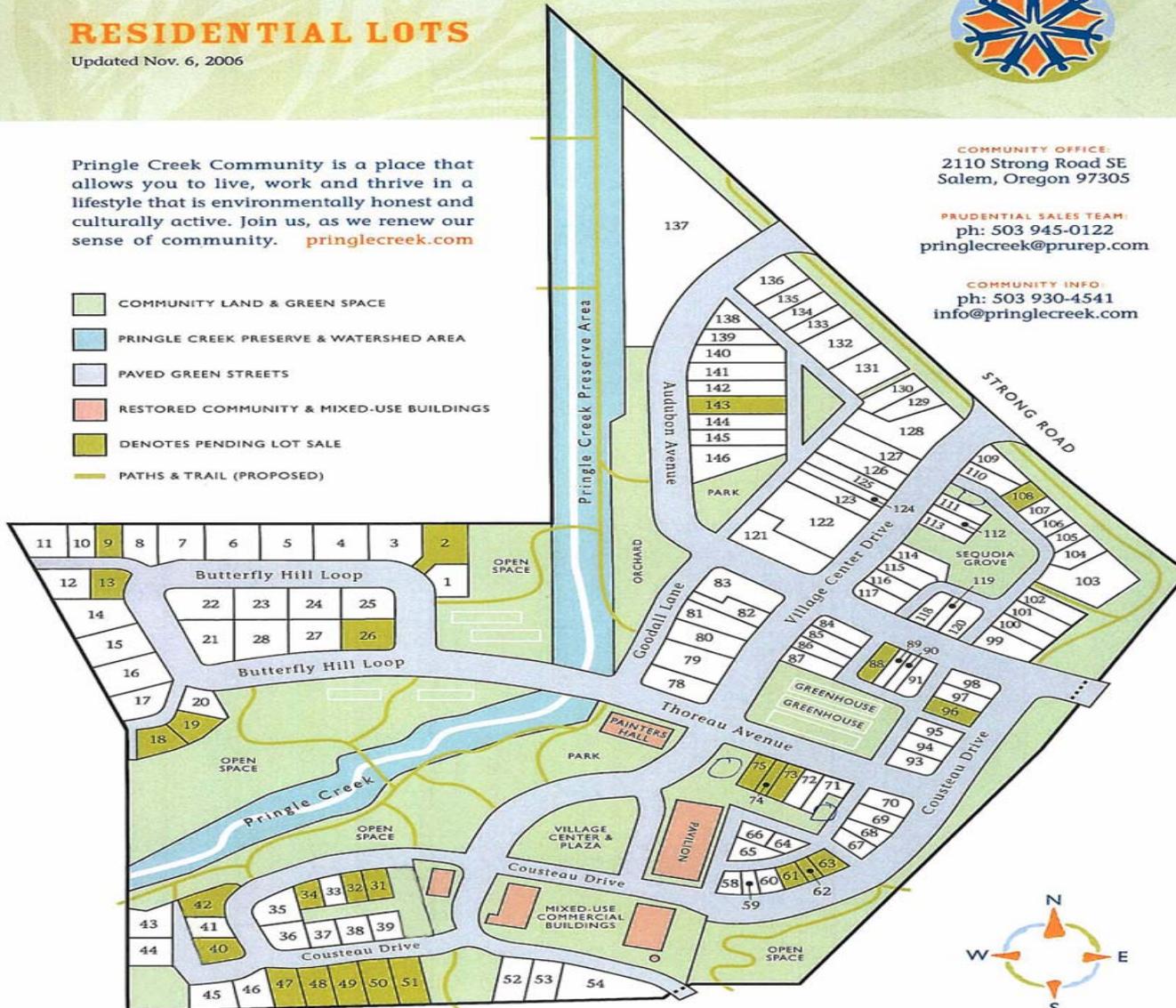
Pringle Creek Community is a place that allows you to live, work and thrive in a lifestyle that is environmentally honest and culturally active. Join us, as we renew our sense of community. [pringlecreek.com](http://pringlecreek.com)

**COMMUNITY OFFICE:**  
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Salem, Oregon 97305

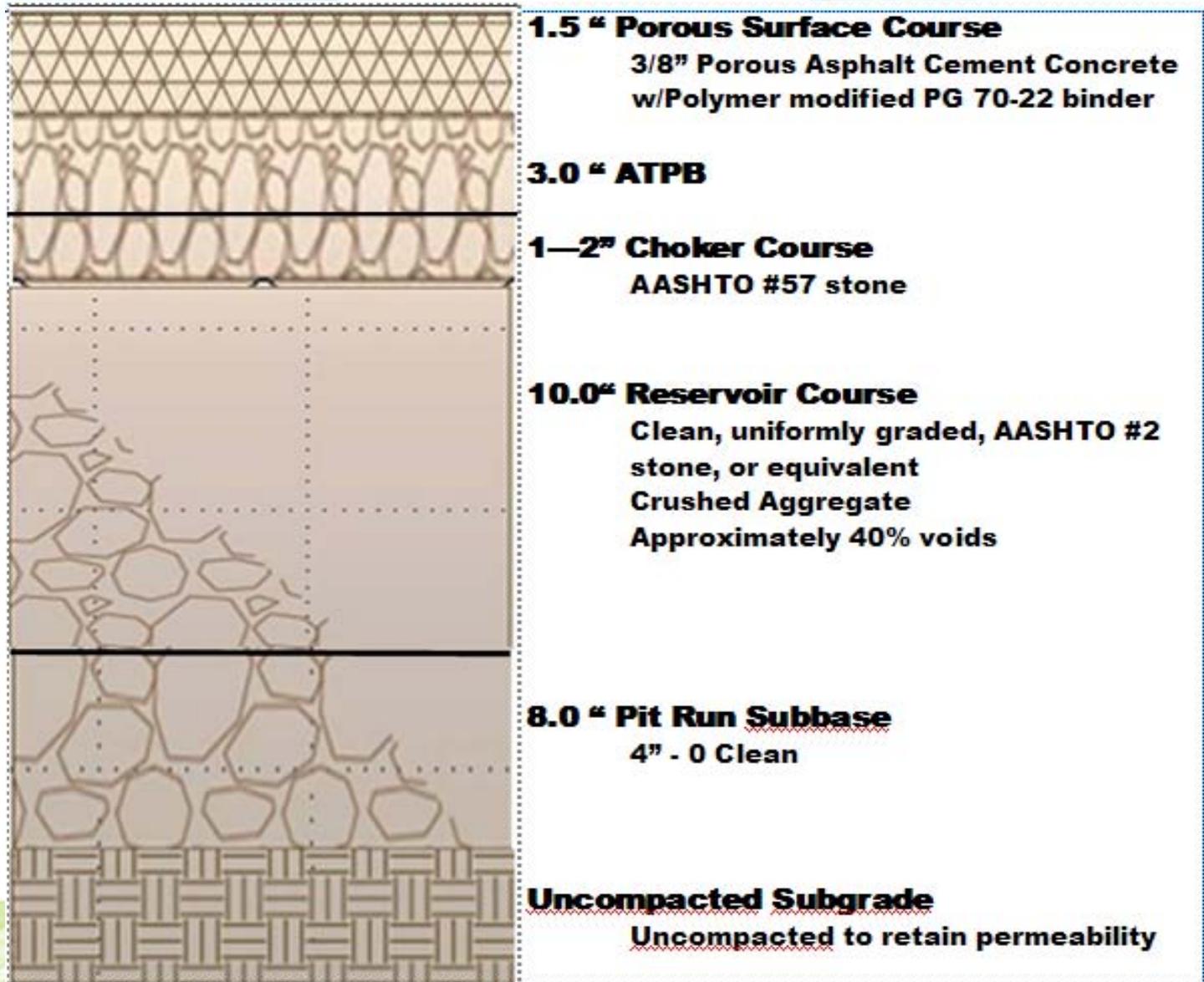
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-  COMMUNITY LAND & GREEN SPACE
-  PRINGLE CREEK PRESERVE & WATERSHED AREA
-  PAVED GREEN STREETS
-  RESTORED COMMUNITY & MIXED-USE BUILDINGS
-  DENOTES PENDING LOT SALE
-  PATHS & TRAIL (PROPOSED)



# Pringle Creek Community – Porous Asphalt Streets



# Pringle Creek Community – Porous Asphalt Streets

- Paving asphalt treated permeable base (ATPB)
- 3" lift
- 3% asphalt
- 30%-35% voids
- Paved full width
- Crowned section 2½%



# Pringle Creek Community – Porous Asphalt Streets

- Base paving was completed before utilities
- How do you keep it clean?
- Contractor had the idea to cover it all with a Geotextile



# *Pringle Creek Community – Porous Asphalt Streets*

- And then winter came early
- November storms gave us record rainfall of more than 11”
- Lots of wind as well



# Pringle Creek Community – Porous Asphalt Streets

- Pavement held up exceedingly well under saturated conditions
- Not a single weak spot on the project



# *Pringle Creek Community – Porous Asphalt Streets*

- April 2007
- Utilities all in
- Grading complete
- Sidewalks, curbs and some landscaping complete
- All in winter/ spring running on the ATPB



# *Pringle Creek Community – Porous Asphalt Streets*

Contractor removed Geotextile and cleaned surface to prepare for top lift



# Pringle Creek Community – Porous Asphalt Streets

## Top Lift

Sieve	% Passing
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1/2"	100
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3/8"	97
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1/4"	55
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#4	34
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#8	7
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#30	3
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#200	2.1
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Asphalt %	6.0
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Binder	PG 70-22 ER
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(Polymer Modified)



# *Pringle Creek Community – Porous Asphalt Streets*

The completed project came out very nice, owner is extremely happy



# Pringle Creek Community – Porous Asphalt Streets

Performance in  
wet weather  
has been  
outstanding



# *Pringle Creek Community – Porous Asphalt Streets*



# Porous Asphalt Benefits

- Low cost – similar to conventional
- Easy to produce and construct - same as conventional
- Speed of Construction – can built on same time line as conventional
- Allows staged construction
- Proven performance:
  - 20 years common application
  - 30 years as highway wearing surfaces
  - Can handle heavy truck traffic

# Resources

- Asphalt Pavement Association of Oregon, Salem, OR ([apao.org](http://apao.org))
- National Asphalt Pavement Association NAPA ([hotmix.org](http://hotmix.org))
- Asphalt Pavement Alliance APA ([Pavegreen.com](http://Pavegreen.com))



# Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavements

**W** **Willamette**  
**G** **Graystone**  
MANUFACTURING SOLID SOLUTIONS

[www.willamettegraystone.com](http://www.willamettegraystone.com)

[www.icpi.org](http://www.icpi.org)



## Learning objectives:

- Introduction of structural design principles of permeable paver pavement.
- Introduction to the steps of construction
- Maintenance
- Benefits of permeable paver pavement



### **Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavements**

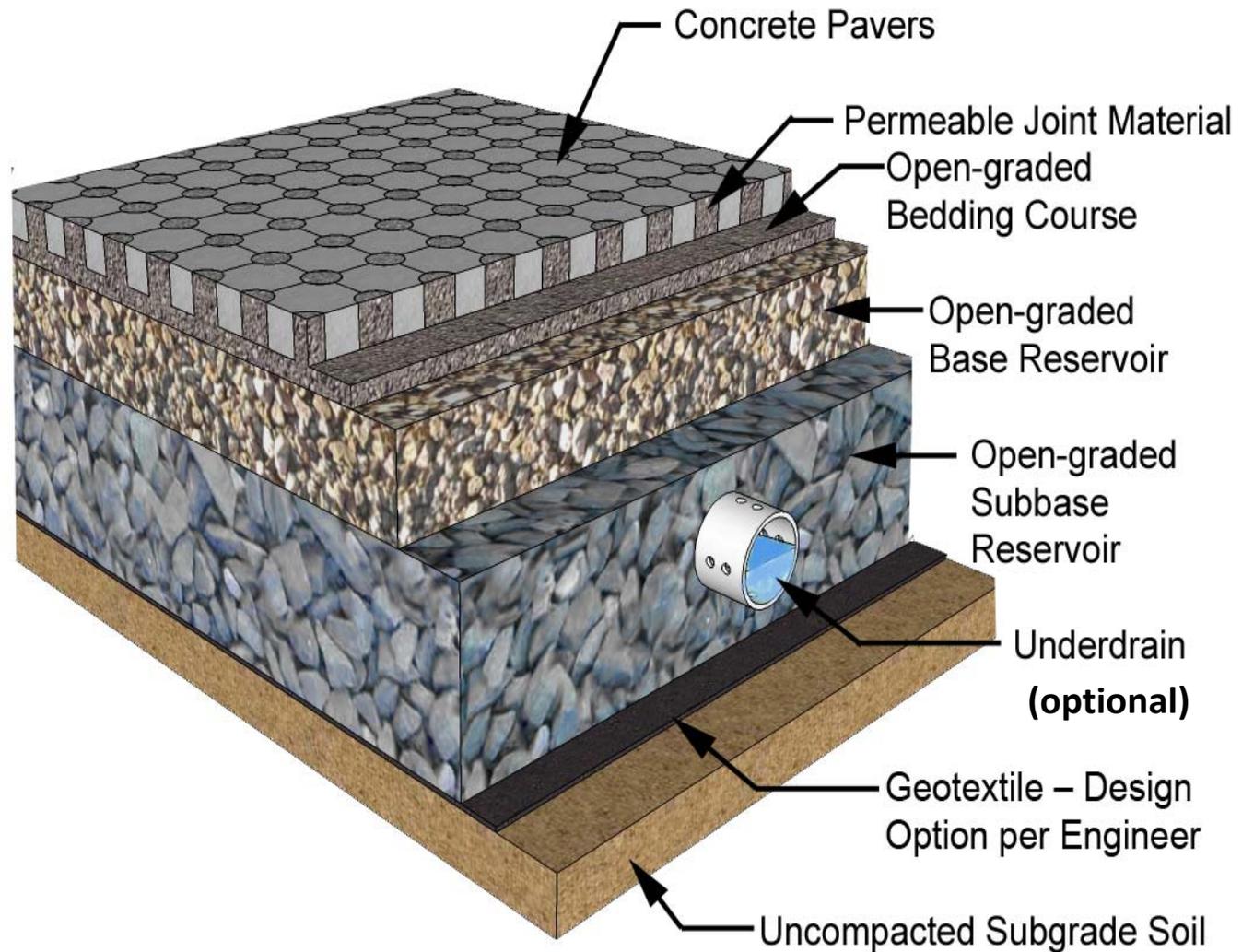
Selection • Design • Construction • Maintenance

*David R. Smith*

Third Edition

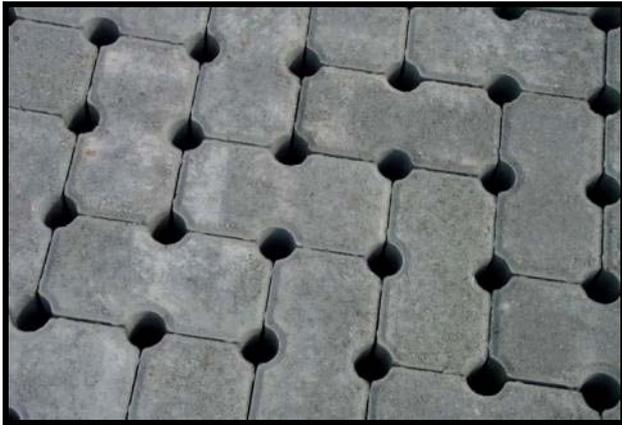


# Permeable Interlocking Concrete Paver Pavement





# Paver Types Interlocking shapes/patterns





# Paver Shapes



# Completed Projects





Eugene, OR



Creswell, OR





Wilsonville, OR

Toyota, Vancouver, WA



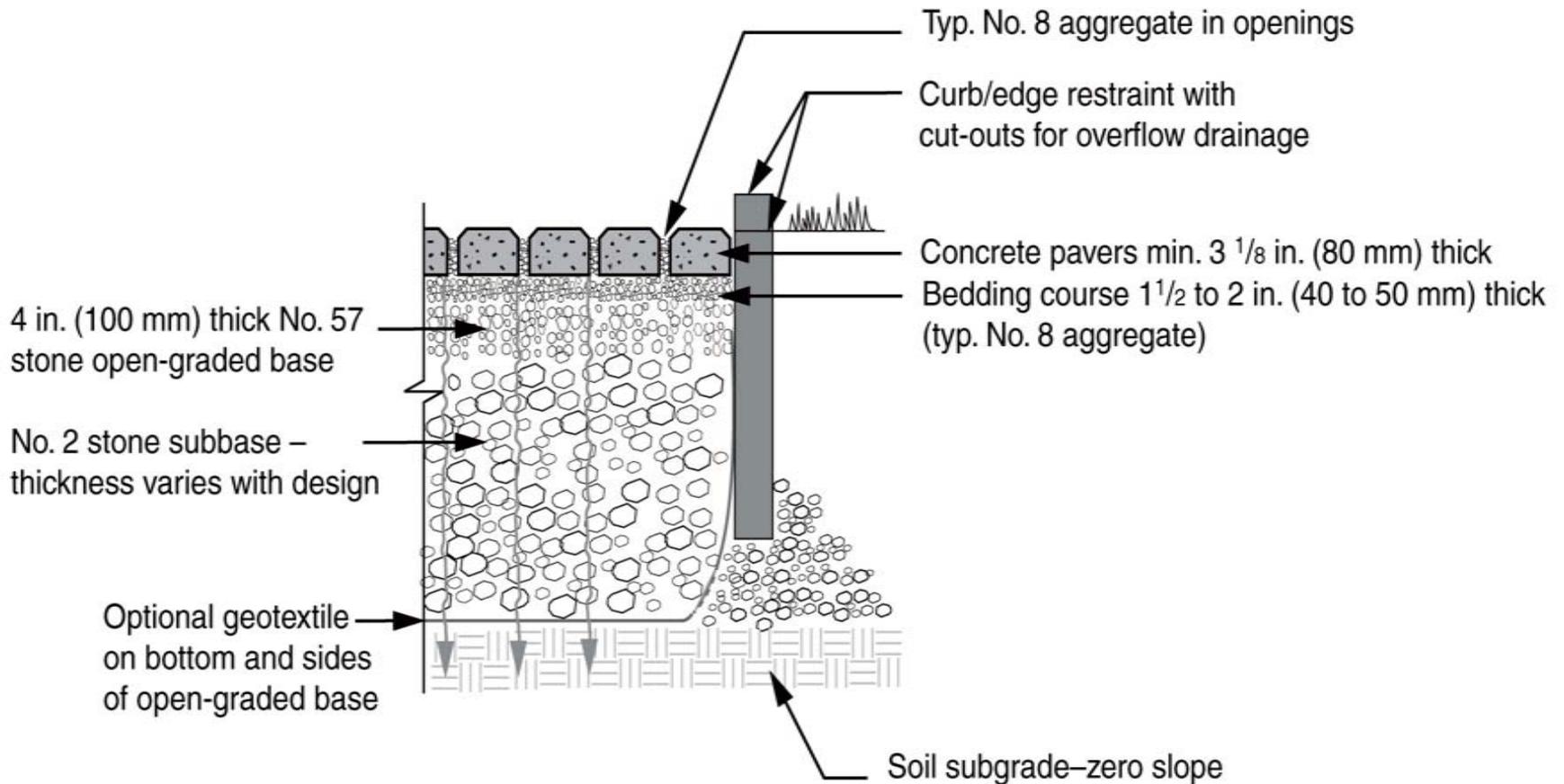


**Portland, OR**

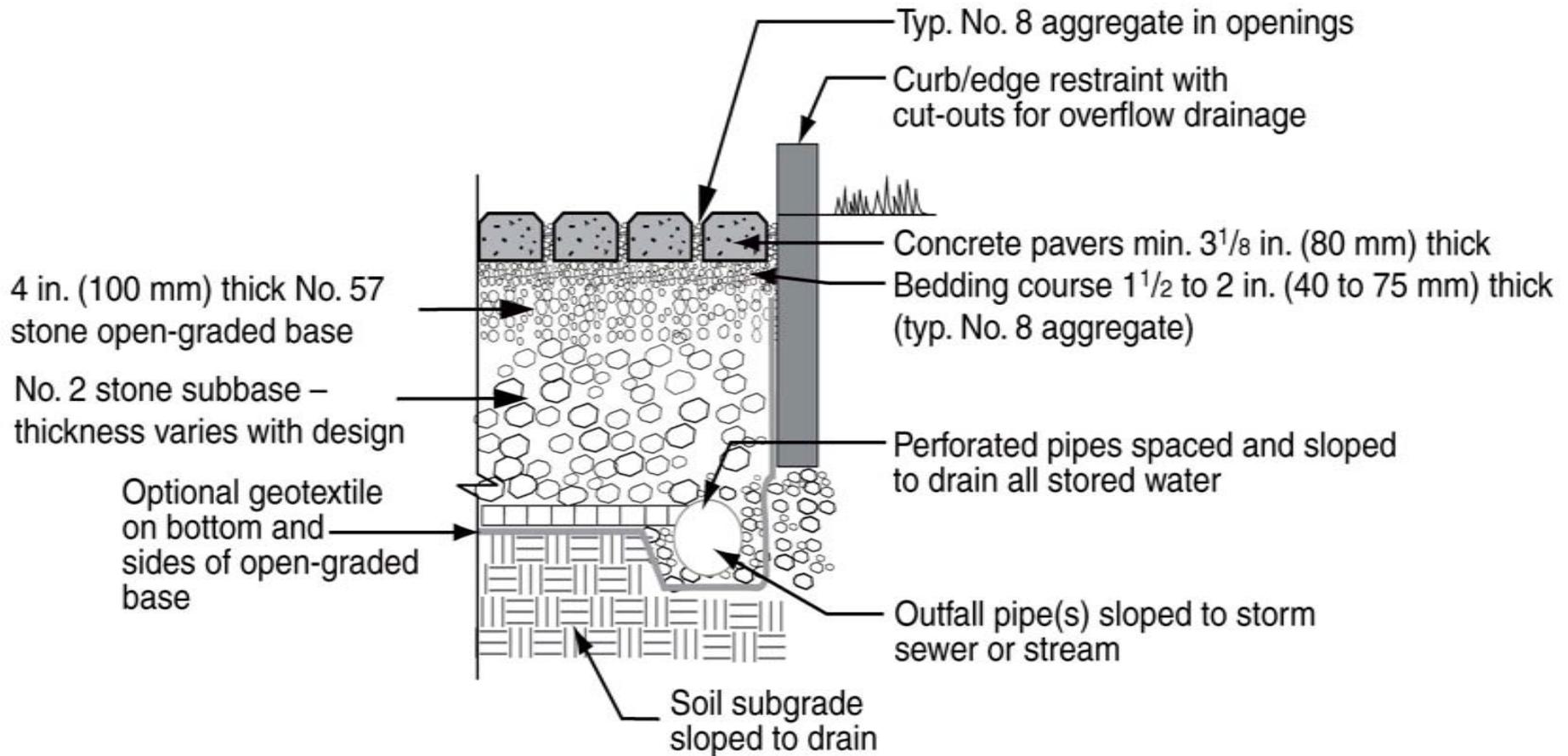
# Three Design Options

- Full Exfiltration
- Partial Exfiltration
- No Exfiltration

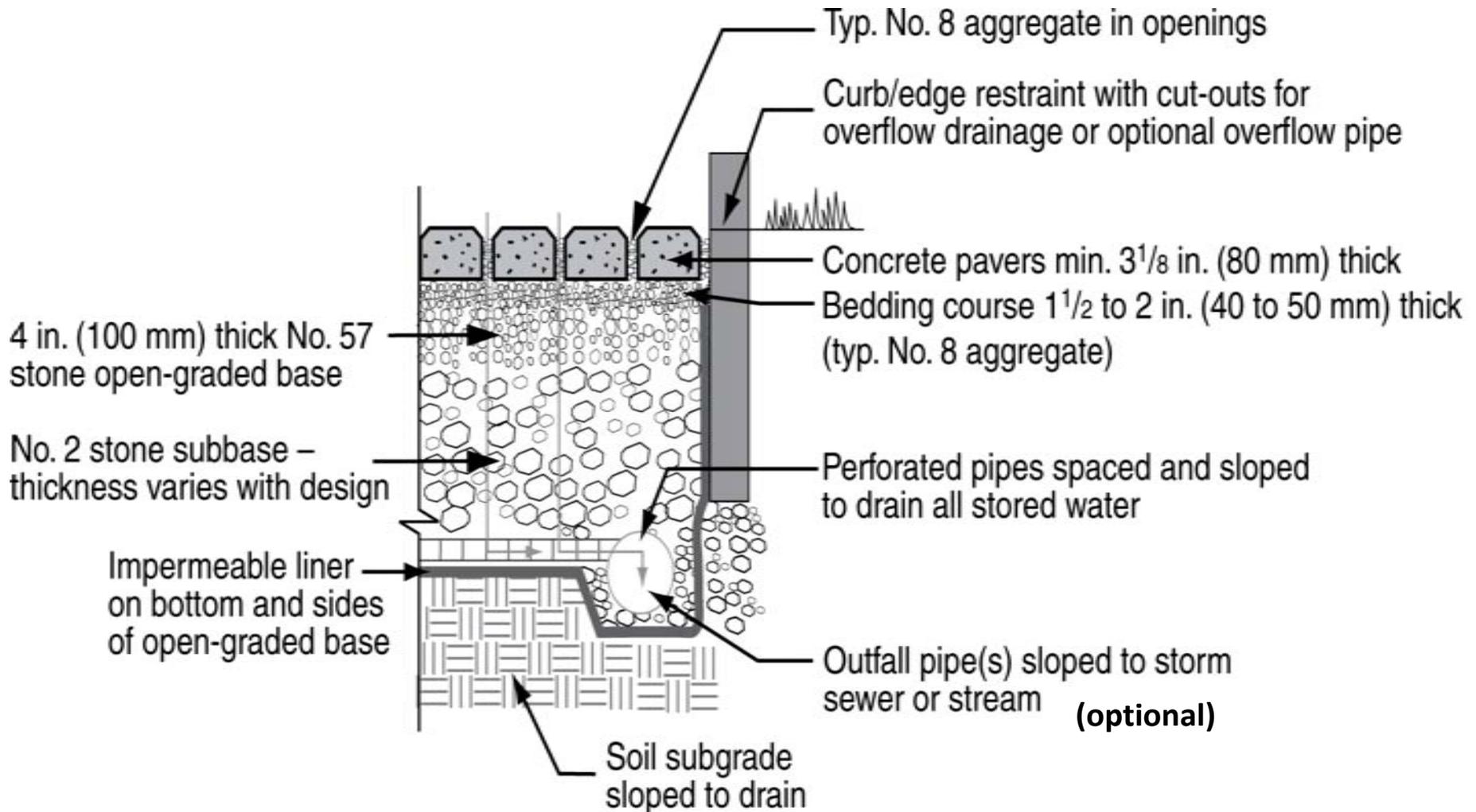
# 1. Full Exfiltration Option



## 2. Partial Exfiltration Option



### 3. No Exfiltration Option



# Residential Driveway Excavation, Drain Tile, Base



# Level Base Aggregate



# Compact Base Aggregate



- Screed Leveling Layer #8 Stone





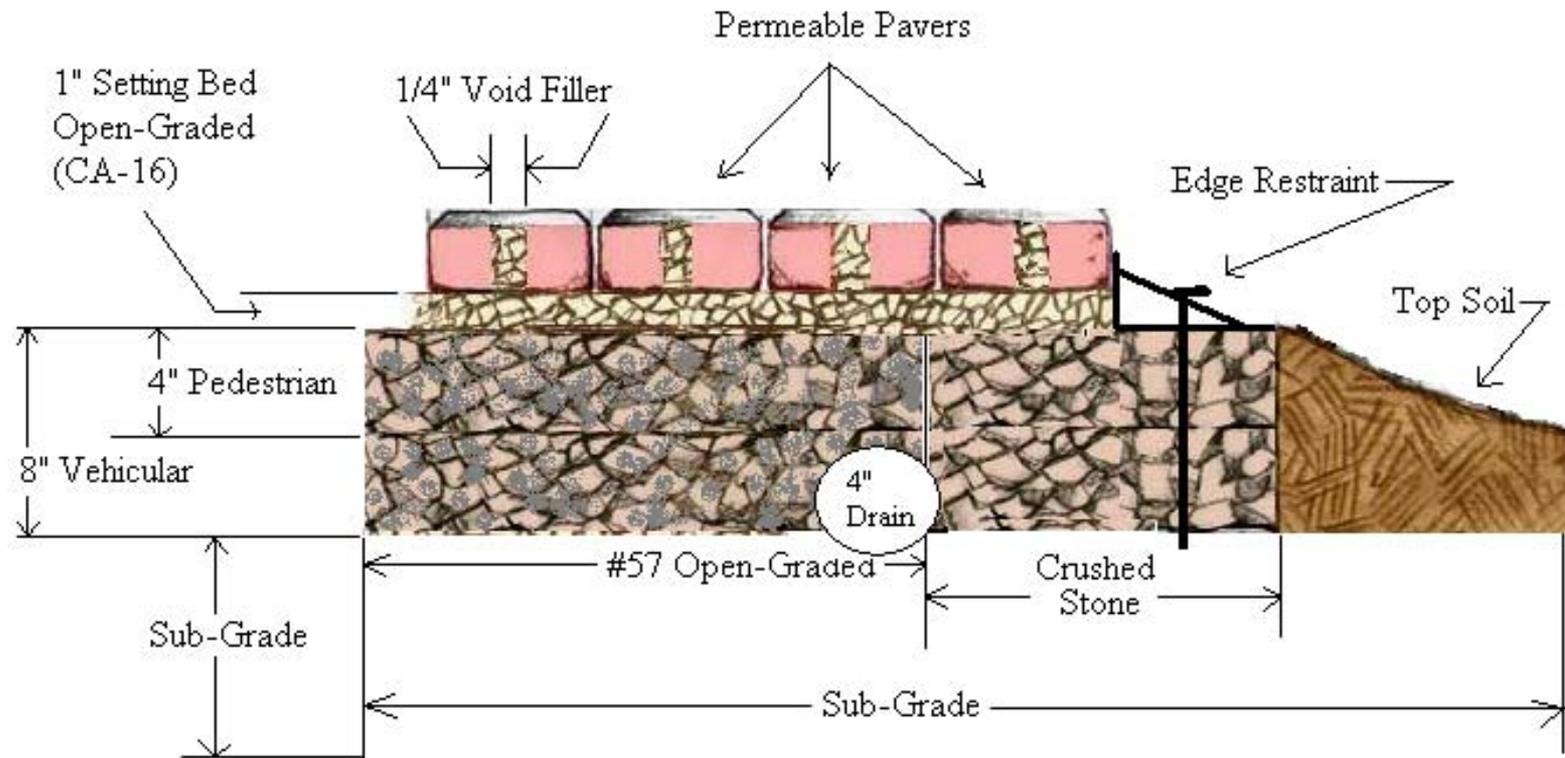


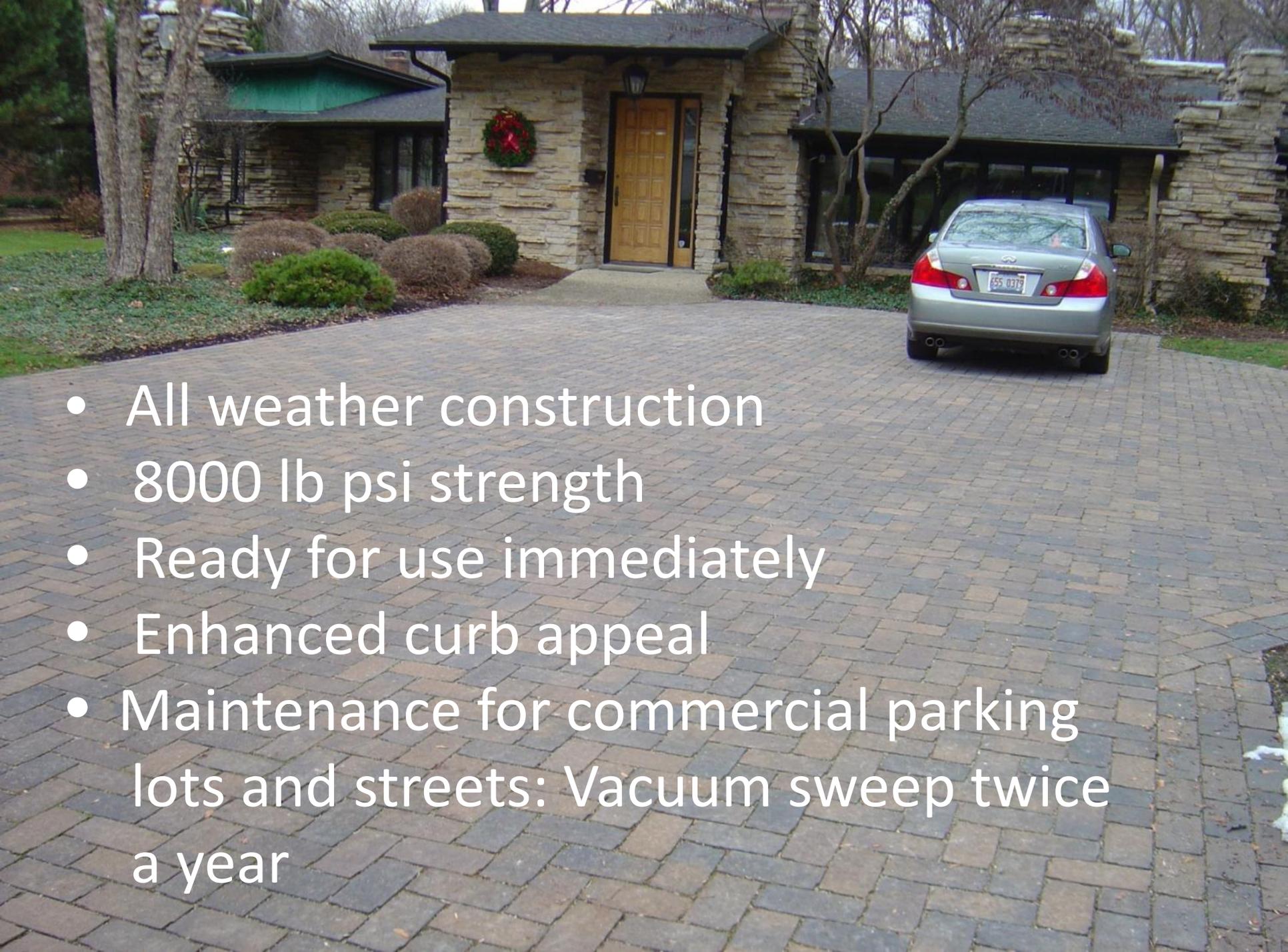
Paver Shape: Aqua Bric  
Laying Pattern: Herringbone

# Invisible Edge Restraint



# Optional Residential Installation Method





- All weather construction
- 8000 lb psi strength
- Ready for use immediately
- Enhanced curb appeal
- Maintenance for commercial parking lots and streets: Vacuum sweep twice a year

# Questions?



# Pervious Flexible Paving Systems

Presented by Andy Gersen

The Gersen Co.

*Stormwater Product Specialists*

# Pervious Flexible Paving Systems aka Plastic Permeable Pavers

- Grass Systems  
(Turf  
reinforcement)
- Gravel  
Containment

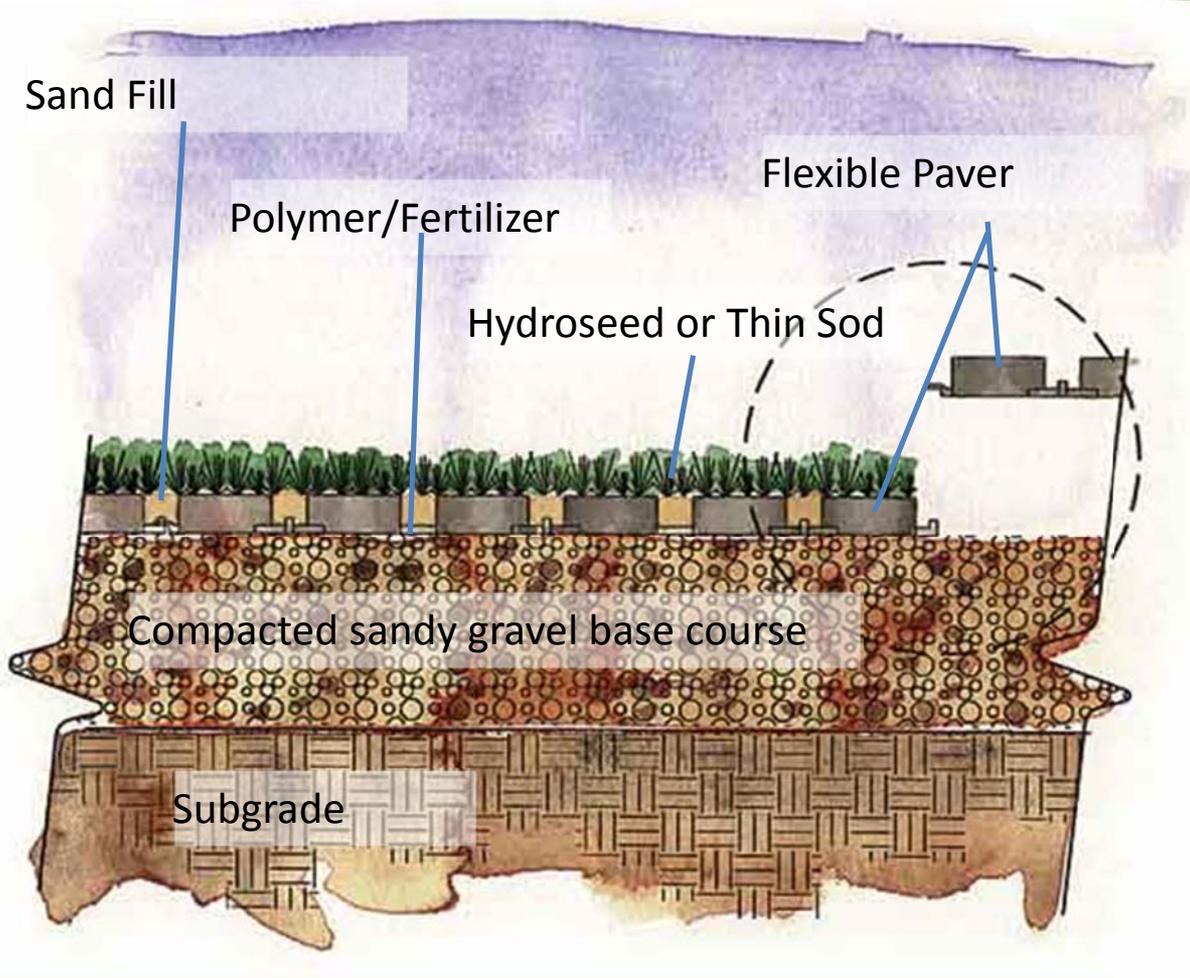
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Gravelpave2 by Invisible Structures



# Grass Flexible Pervious Pavers



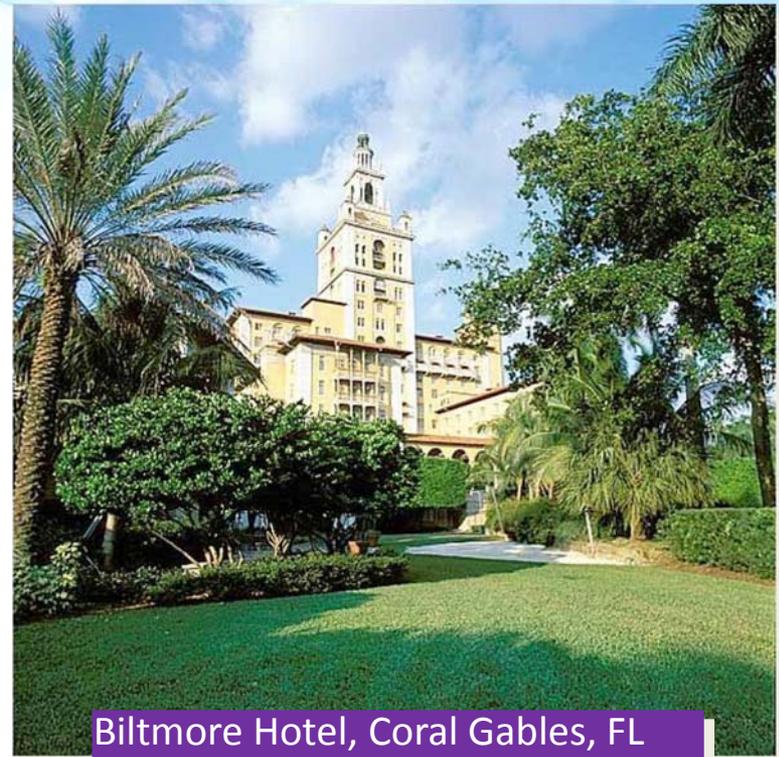
## Trade Names

From BuildingGreen.com

- Grasspave2
- Netpave 50
- GT Interlocking Panels
- MODI Porous Paving Grid
- Salvaverde

# Grass Pervious Paving Systems

- Recharges Groundwater
- Reduces Runoff Volume
- Captures Suspended Solids
- Cleans Hydrocarbon Drips/Pollutants
- Protects Grass Root Zone from Compaction



Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables, FL  
Grasspave2 by Invisible Structures

## Competitive Features

- 100% Grass Coverage
- 92% Open for Root Zone
- Hydrogrow - Polymer Fertilizer
- Only Flexible Mat System
- Large Pre-assembled Rolls
- Quick Install
- Sand to Fill the Rings



Grasspave2 by Invisible Structures

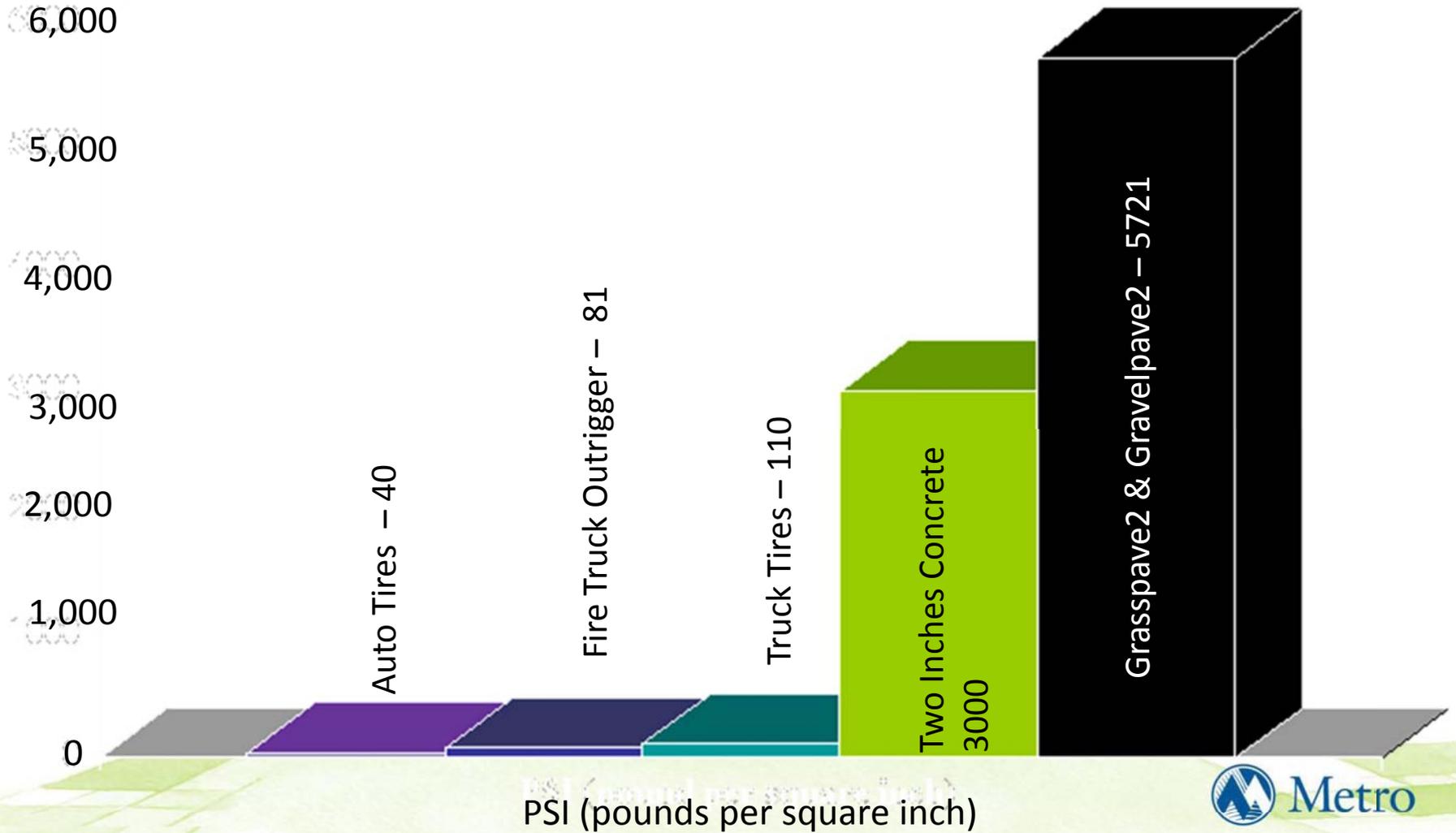
# Primary Applications

- Parking
- Fire/Emergency Access
- Utility Access
- Residential Drives, Parking
- Pedestrian Traffic



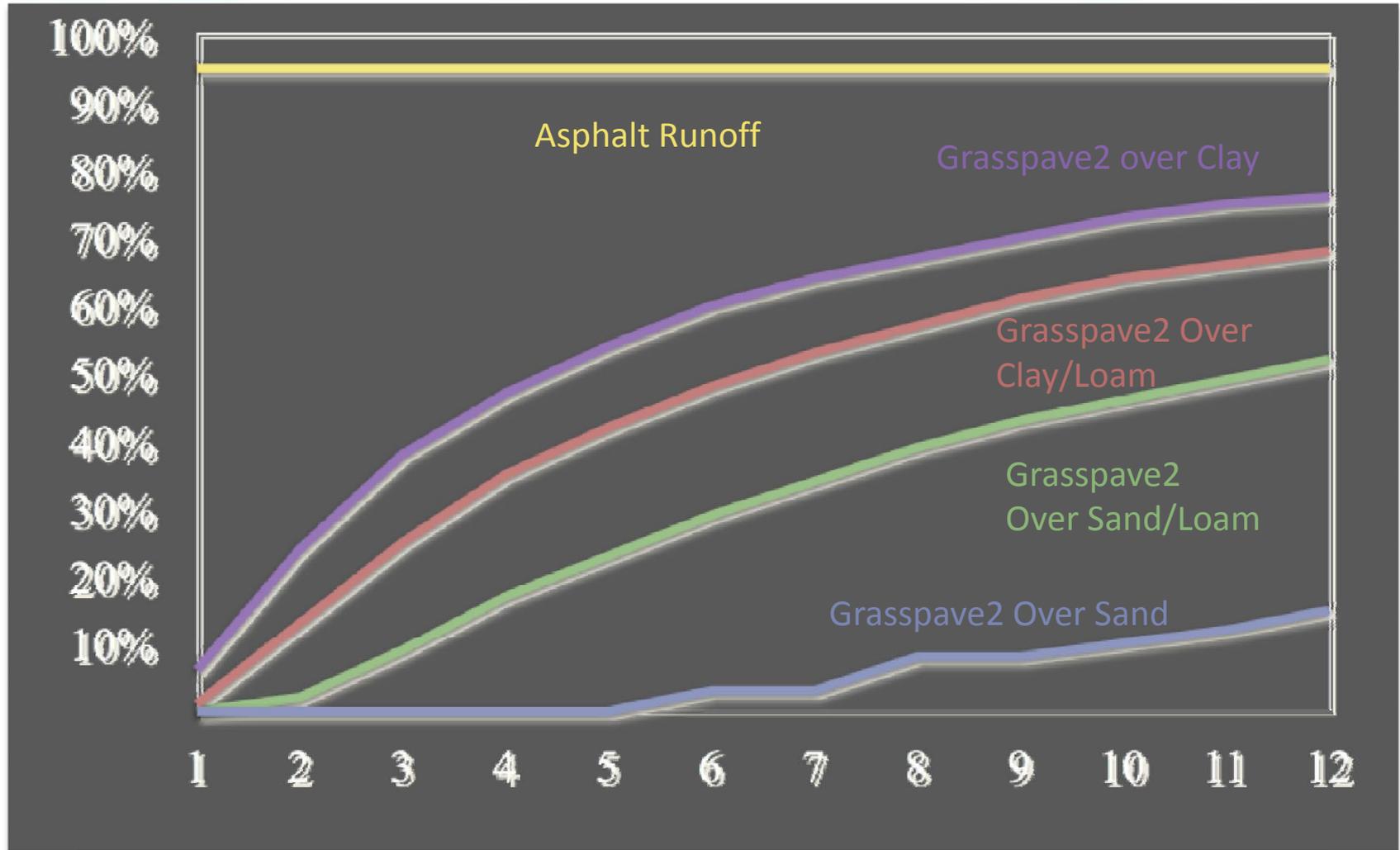
World's Fair Park, Knoxville, TN  
Grasspave2 by Invisible  
Structures

# Lab Compression Test Results



# Runoff Comparison Chart

Runoff coefficients, Grasspave<sup>2</sup> and sandy gravel base over various soil types



## Inches of Rain During 24 Hours

Calculations include Grasspave<sup>2</sup> placed over 6" of sandy gravel base course, laid over native soils indicated  
Gravelpave<sup>2</sup> estimated

# Pervious Pavements and Runoff Reduction

- Pervious pavements allow water to infiltrate back into the ground instead of runoff
- The rate of infiltration is dependant upon the type of paver
- The Effective Imperviousness to the right relates to the runoff coefficients of the previous slide.
- Like golf, the lower the number, the better

Source: Urban Drainage and Flood Control District - Drainage Criteria Manual vol. 3

## Type of Paver E.I.\*

Asphalt/Concrete	95%
Cobble Block	60%
Modular Block (20% open)	40%
Pervious Concrete	40%
Modular Block (40% open)	25%
<b>Gravel Paver</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Grass Paver</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Undeveloped Land (Meadow)</b>	<b>21-40%</b>

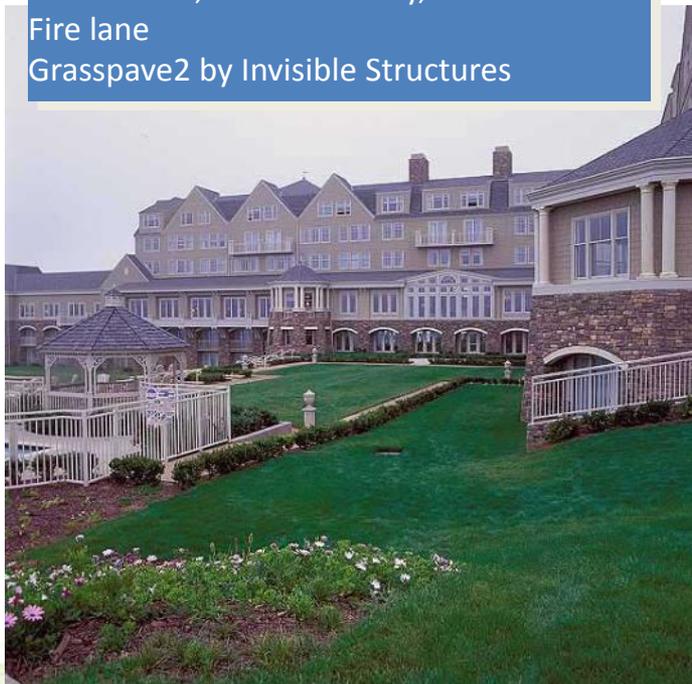
\*E.I. = Effective Imperviousness assuming no tributary from other surfaces

*This means that similar to a grass surface, only 25% of stormwater that falls onto Gravel or Grass pavers runoff - the other 75% can infiltrate into the ground*

Blue Cross Blue Shield, MI – Event Parking  
Grasspave2 by Invisible Structures



Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay, CA  
Fire lane  
Grasspave2 by Invisible Structures



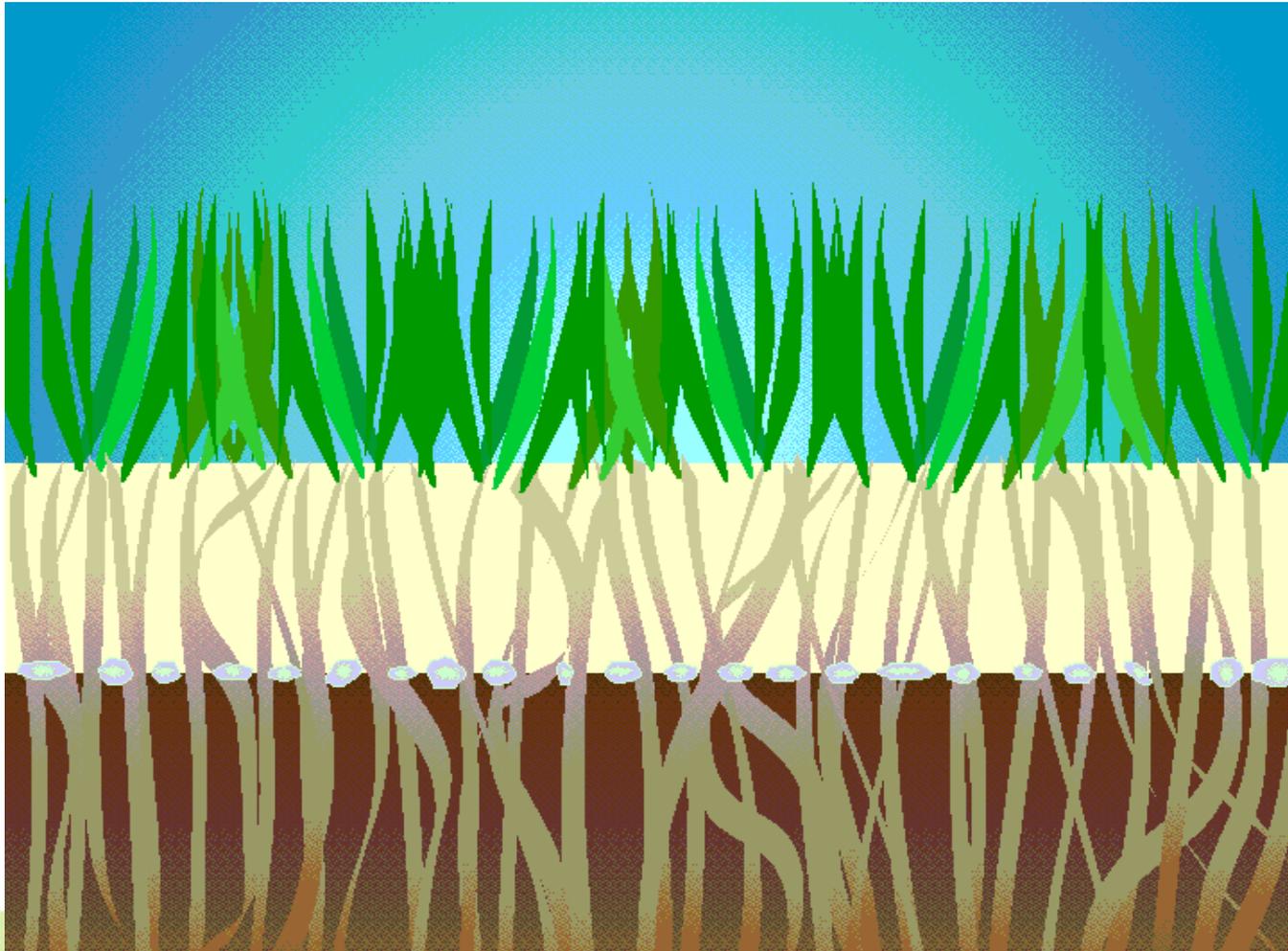
# 100% Grass Coverage

Oracle, Rocklin, CA – Fire lane  
Grasspave2 by Invisible Structures



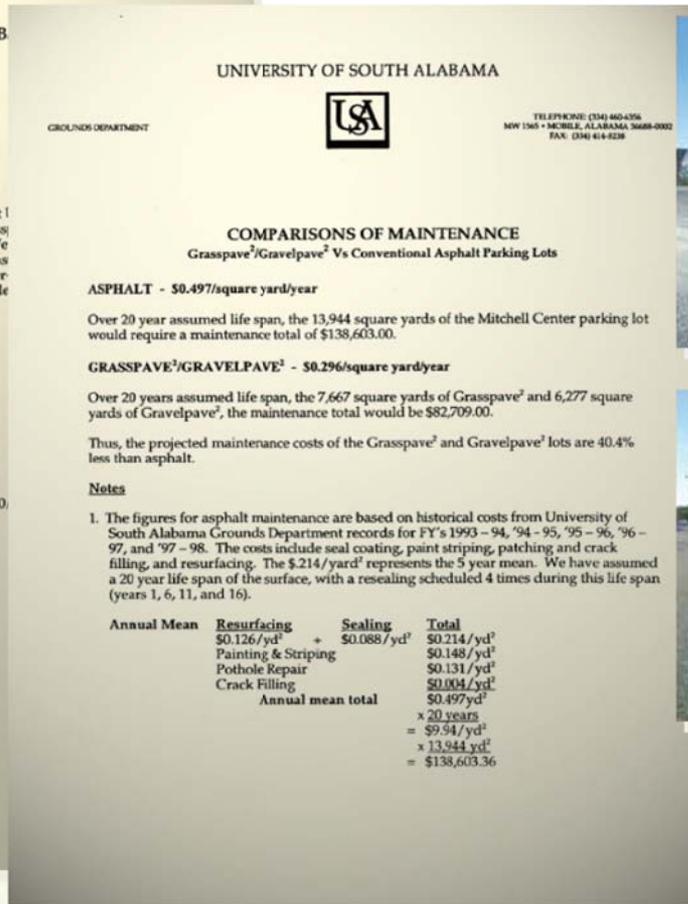
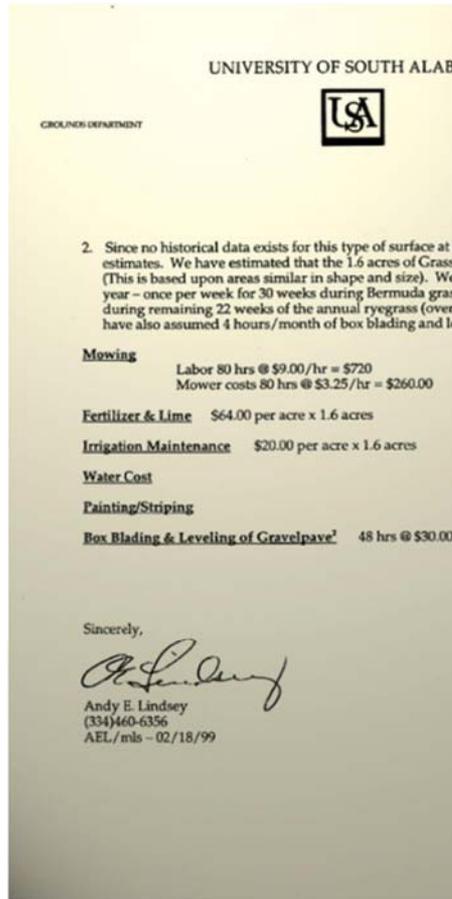
# Polymer Fertilizer

Lasts Six to Twelve Months



# Maintenance \$56,000 Savings

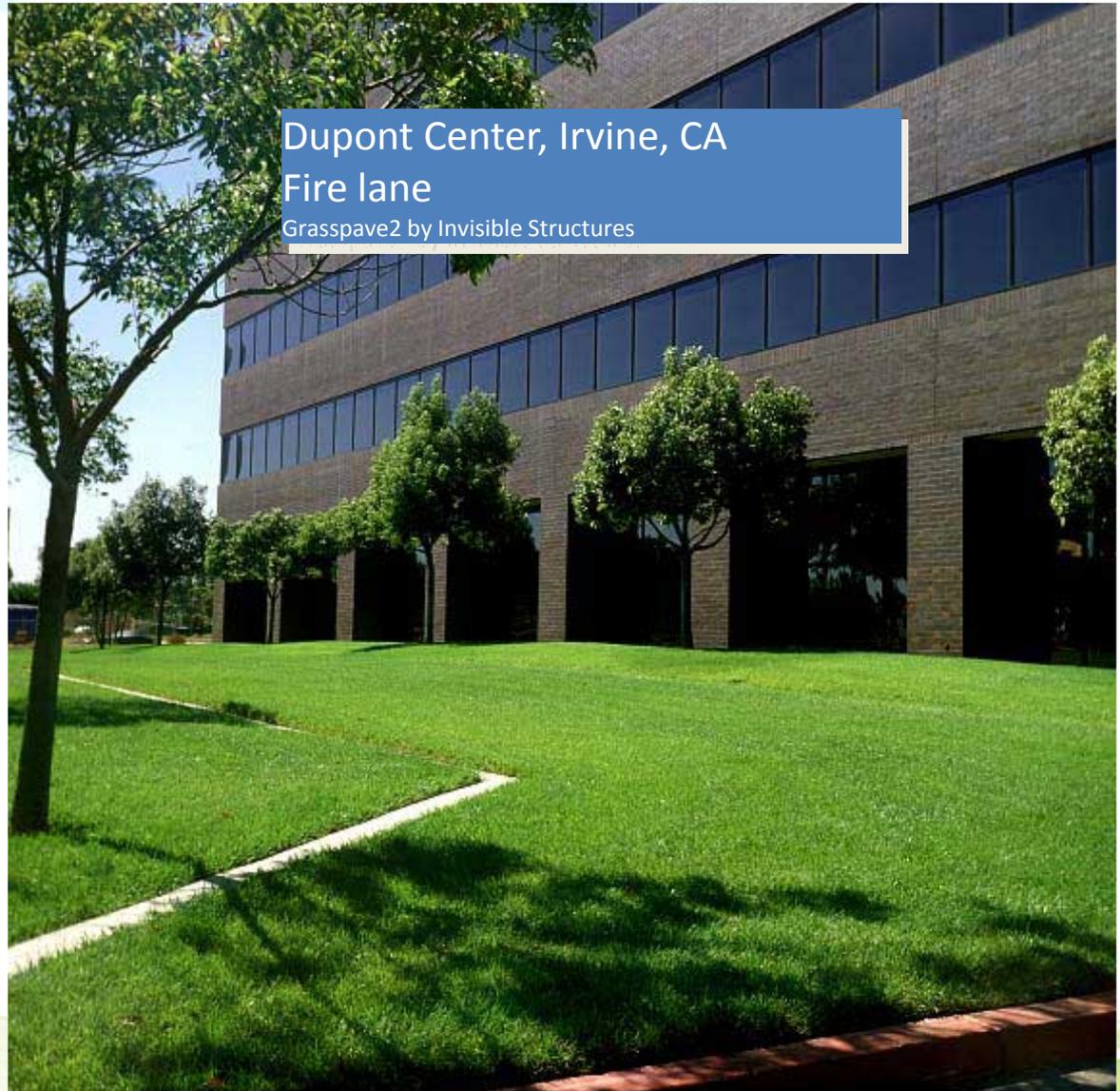
Over 20 years using Grasspave2/Gravelpave2 instead of asphalt  
 \*126,000 sq ft. parking lot (11,700 m2)



# Fire Lanes and Emergency Access



100' Ladder With Outrigger  
70,000 lbs.  
Grasspave2 by Invisible Structures



Dupont Center, Irvine, CA  
Fire lane  
Grasspave2 by Invisible Structures

# LEED™ Points

(Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design)

LEED points for all products - Grasspave2 photos shown



- Reduced Site Disturbance
- Stormwater Management
- Reduced Heat Island Effect
- Water Efficient Landscaping
- Innovative Wastewater Technology
- Water Use Reduction
- Recycled Content
- Erosion and Sediment Control



# Urban Heat Island Mitigation



Grass Albedo 0.40

Air Conditioning Effect  
Through Transpiration

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Climate and Energy, Arizona State  
University

# World's Largest Grass Pervious Paving System

Parking - 317,000 sq ft Grasspave2  
Reliant Stadium, NFL's Houston Texans



Provides:

- Stormwater filtering and Storage
- Parking
- “Greening of Reliant”
- Allows for Festivals and Other Revenue Generating Use



# Stadium and Arena Parking Lots

Ladd Peebles Stadium, Mobile, AL  
Grasspave2 and Impermeable Asphalt



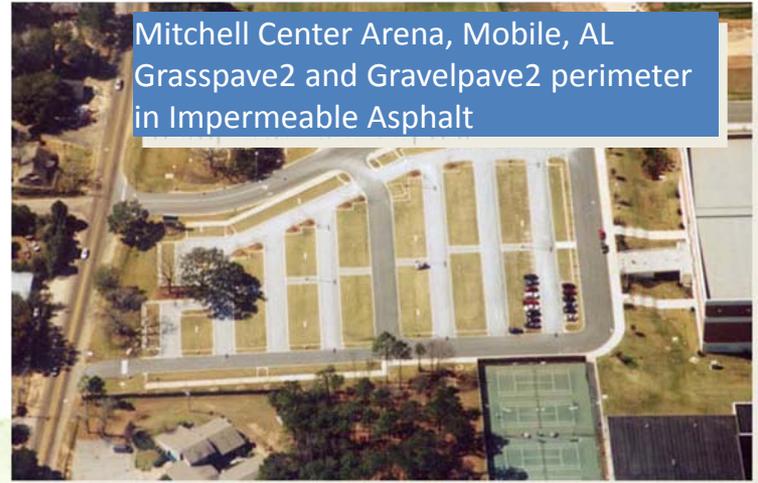
Orange Bowl, Miami, FL  
Grasspave2 and Impermeable Asphalt



St. Louis Rams Stadium, MO  
Grasspave2 and Impermeable Concrete



Mitchell Center Arena, Mobile, AL  
Grasspave2 and Gravelpave2 perimeter  
in Impermeable Asphalt



# Seasonal and Overflow Parking

Westfarms Mall, West Hartford, CT



## Snow Removal

Raise blade 1 inch above surface and/or attach skids



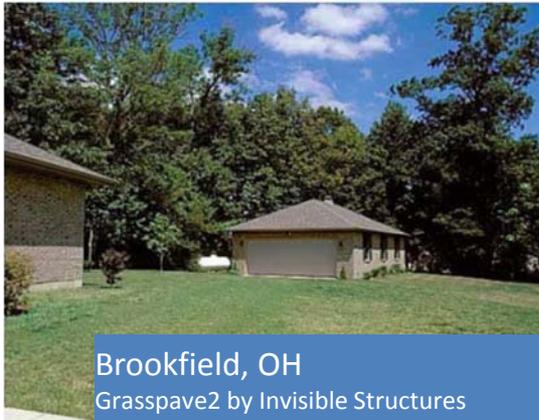


Joe Leiberis, Westfarms' facilities director, says that he doesn't worry much any more. “We're really happy with it,” he says emphatically, after witnessing the durable, natural parking lot (Grasspave2) handle winters, summers, hurricanes, heavy traffic and more.]

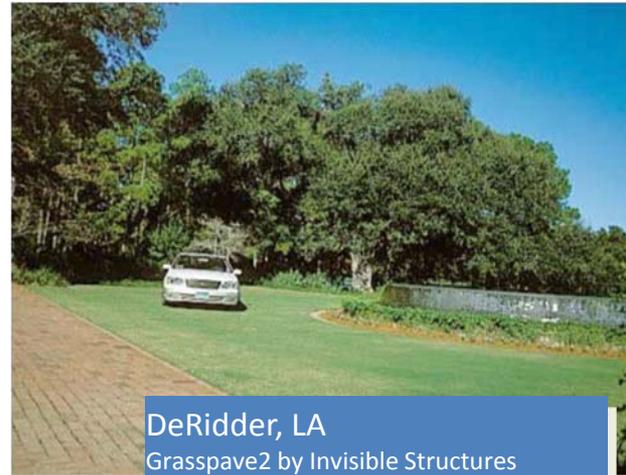
# BMP for Cold Climates

- Porous pavements are well suited to cold regions as a method for managing stormwater.
- Studies conducted in Lulea, North Sweden showed porous pavement to out perform less suitable systems, such as dry basin or stormwater reuse.

# Residential and Commercial Driveways



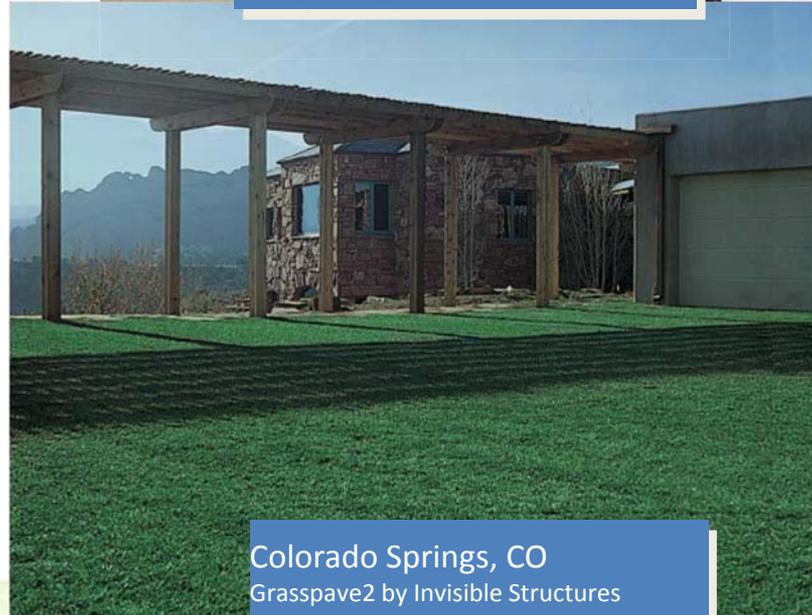
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Houston, TX  
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Colorado Springs, CO  
Grasspave2 by Invisible Structures



# Helicopter Landing Pads

Pentagon RDF, Washington, DC

16,000 sq ft

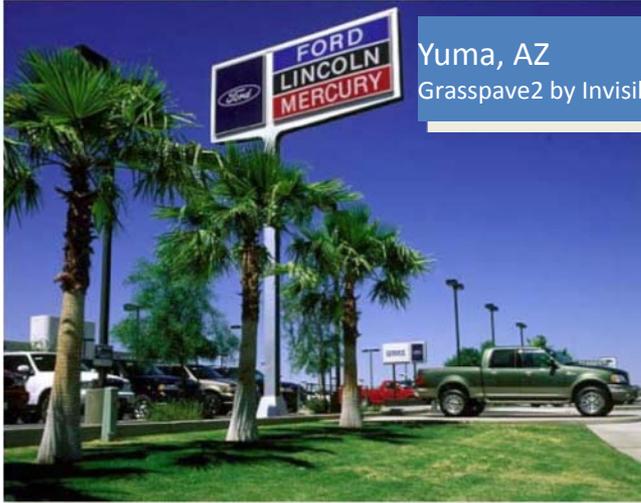
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Reinforced with Flexible  
Pervious Pavement

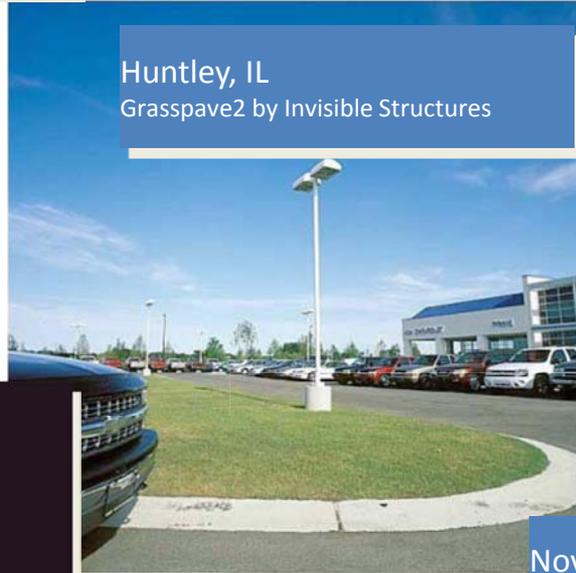
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# Automobile Dealership Displays

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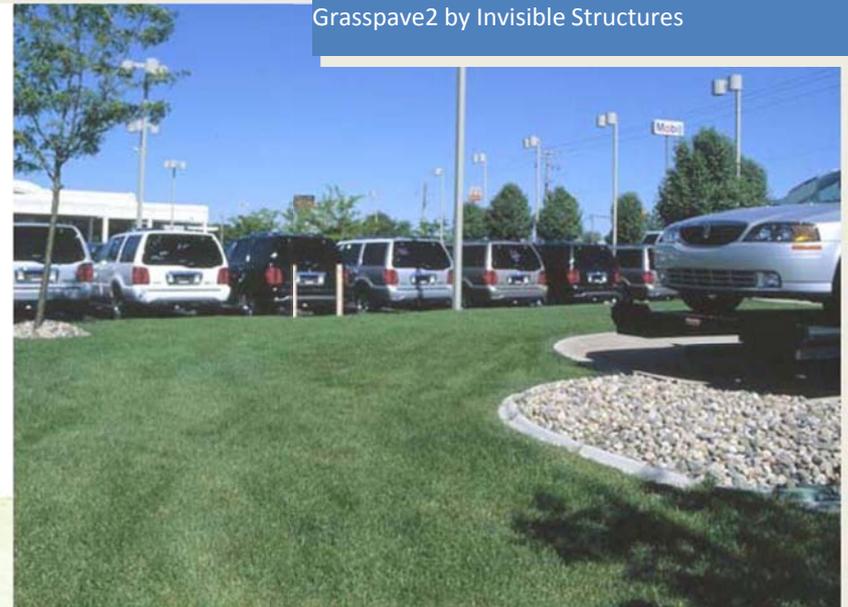
Huntley, IL  
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Redwood City, CA  
Grasspave2 by Invisible Structures



Nova, MI  
Grasspave2 by Invisible Structures



# Installation of Flexible Plastic Pervious Pavement with Grass Coverage

(Refer to Manufacturer's Technical Specifications for Complete Installation Details)



1. Install and compact base



2. Add soil amendment - fertilizer/polymer\*



3. Unroll paver, connect, and cut as needed



4. Fill with sand\*\*



5. Lay sod or hydroseed



6. Use and maintain - irrigate, fertilize, mow. Do Not Aerate

\*Check with Specific Manufacturer. Some do not supply a Fertilizer/Polymer

\*\*Some Manufacturers fill with top soil or existing soil. Sand is the preferred method of Prof. Bruce K. Ferguson, author, [Porous Pavements: Integrated Studies in Water Management and Land Development](#)

# Installation Costs

\$4.50 to \$6.00/sq foot

- Base Course including Excavation
- Polymer/Fertilizer
- Flexible Grass Paver
- Sand
- Hydroseeding or Thin Cut Sod
- Labor

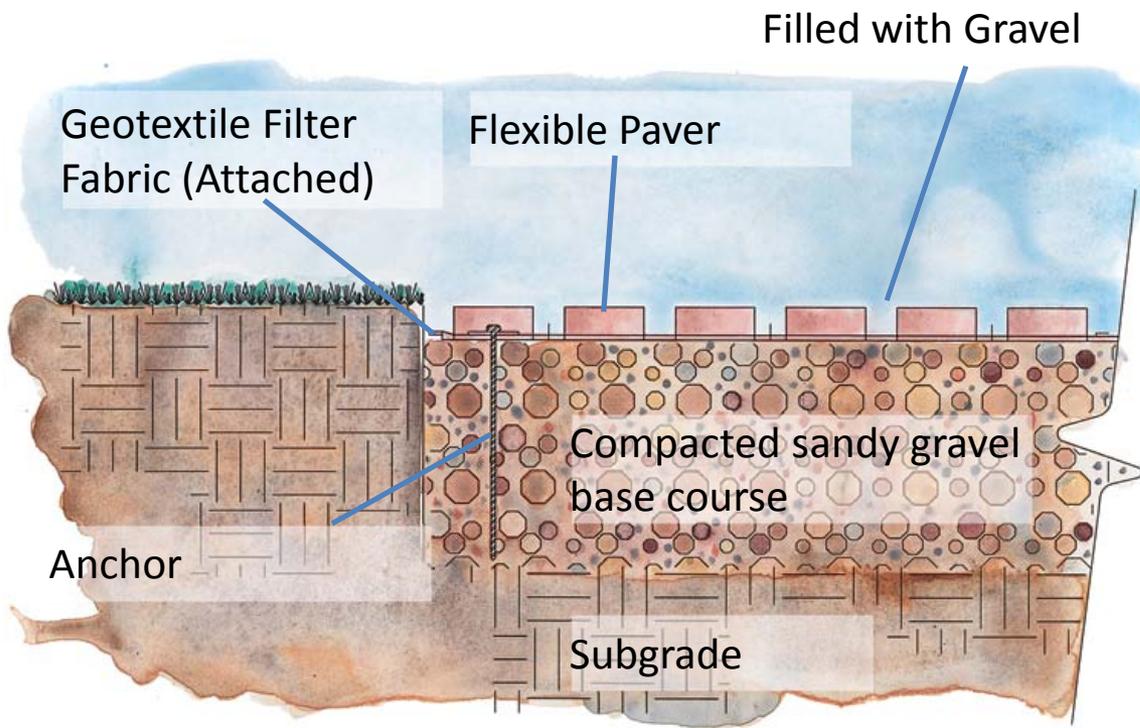
Reduces Site Costs

- No Root Barrier for Trees
- No Additional Drainage Lines
- Stormwater Mitigation
- Multiple Use Site
- Reduced Maintenance
- 60 Year Lifespan (Grasspave2)

# Grass Flexible Pervious Paver Recap

- Applications
  - Light to Moderate Vehicular Use
  - Reinforce Turf
- Benefits
  - True Pervious Paving
  - Stormwater Pollution Filtration and Treatment
  - Heat Energy Reflection and Reduction (Reducing “Urban Heat Island” Effect)
  - Tree Growth in Parking Areas
  - 100% Grass Coverage
  - Easy to Install Rolls

# Gravel Flexible Pervious Pavers

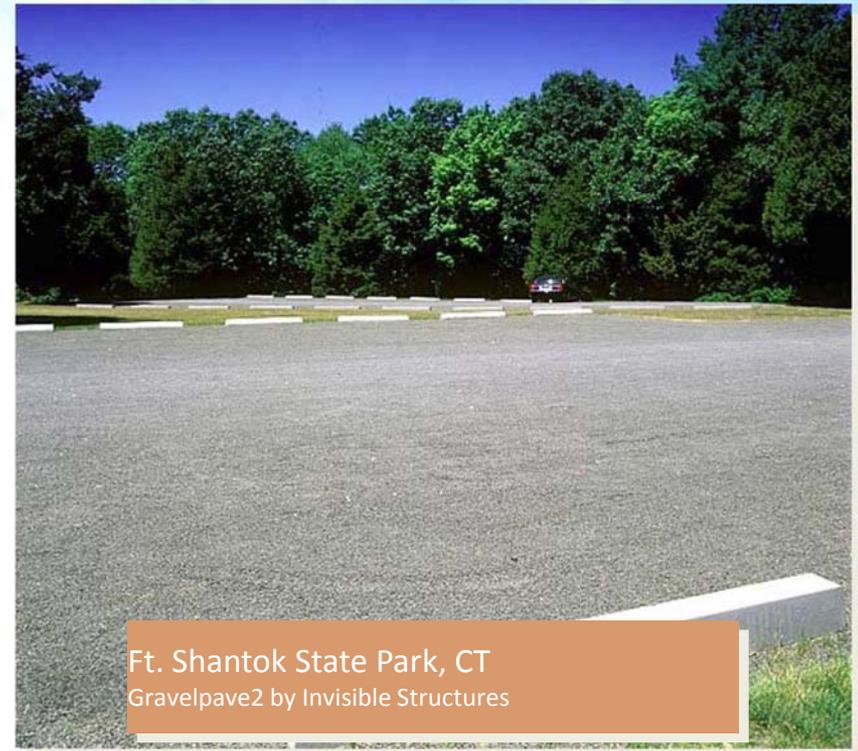


## Trade Names

- Gravelpave2
- Agrablock
- Integra 500
- Ground Grid
- Netpave 50

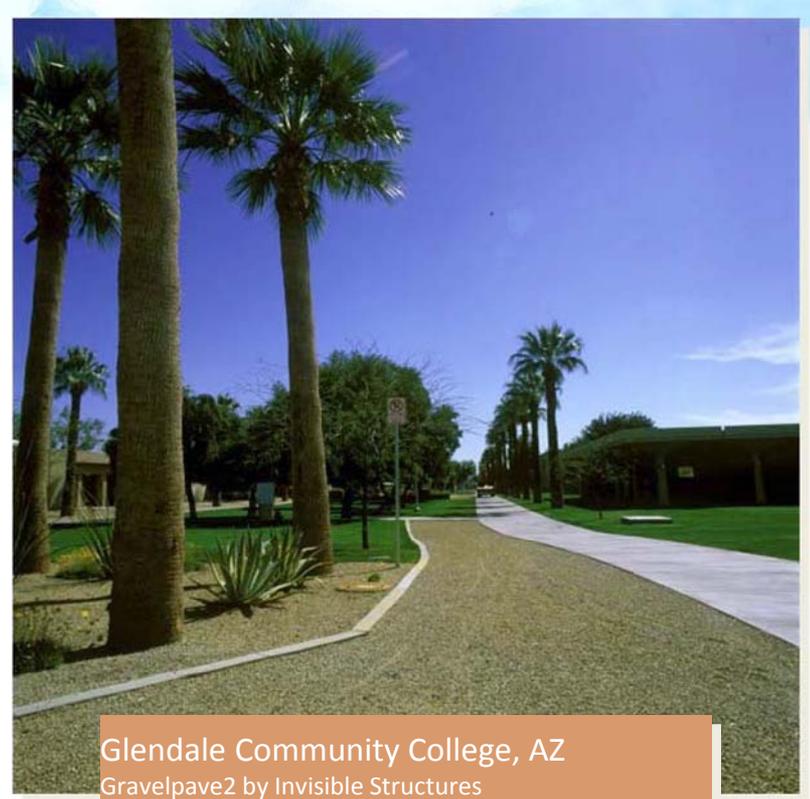
# Gravel Pervious Paving System

- True containment of gravel
- Pervious surface
- Unlimited traffic volume and duration of parking
- Pollution treatment, removal and filtration
- Heavy load capacity



# Gravel Flexible Pervious Pavement Applications

- Parking Aisles and Bays
- ADA Trails - Multiple Use
- Service, Access Drives, and Firelanes
- Driveways
- RV Parking, Boat and Truck Storage
- Boat Ramps
- High Use Pedestrian Areas



Glendale Community College, AZ  
Gravelpave2 by Invisible Structures

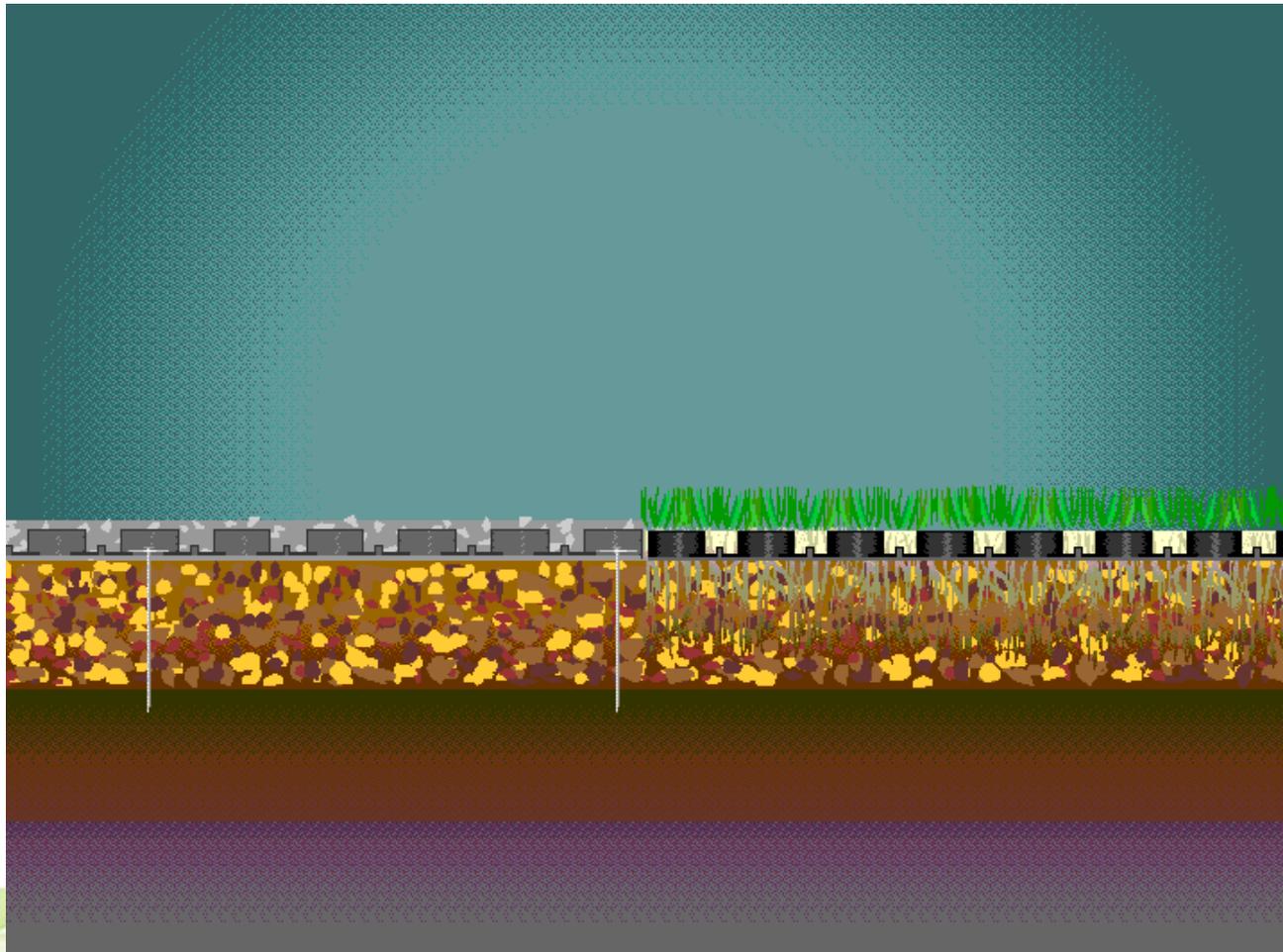
# Gravel Flexible Pervious Pavement Competitive Features

- Pervious Stabilization
  - Fine gravel fill
  - Fabric Backing
- Very Low Maintenance
- Prevents Gravel Migration
- ADA Accessible (Gravelpave2 Tested 1998) - Firm, Stable, and Slip Resistant
- Dust Free
- Large, Flexible Rolls for Easy Installation



National Garden, United States Botanic  
Gardens, Washington D.C.  
Gravelpave2 by Invisible Structures

# Reduce Runoff, Cleans Stormwater and Filters Pollutants Airborne and Surface



# Gravel Fill Examples

Clean, Sharp, Hard, Uniform Size - 3/16 inch to 3/8 inch



# Colors to Match Aggregate

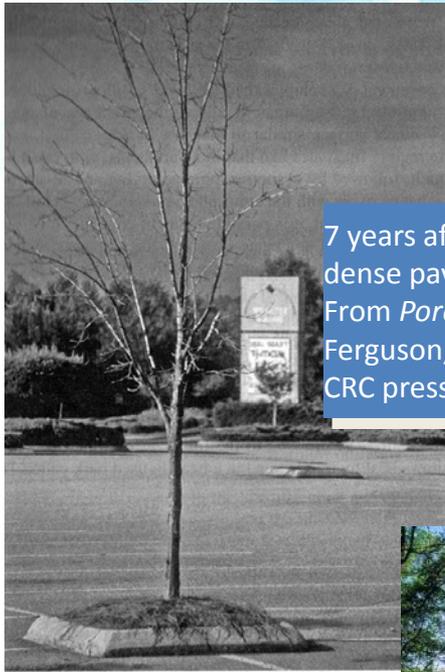


# Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)



Gravelpave2 - Tested to Meet Required Standards  
By Beneficial Designs, Inc.  
April 1999

# Tree Preservation



7 years after planting in dense pavement  
From *Porous Pavements* by Bruce Ferguson, 2006, CRC press Taylor and Francis



Tree Preservation and Slope Protection, Ronald Reagan Park, Washington D.C.  
Grasspave2 by Invisible Structures



Tree Preservation in Parking lot, Ada, MI  
Gravelpave2 by Invisible Structures

- Pervious paving allows for water, oxygen, and CO<sub>2</sub> transference.
- Flexible plastic pavements protect roots from compressive damage.

# Parking Lots



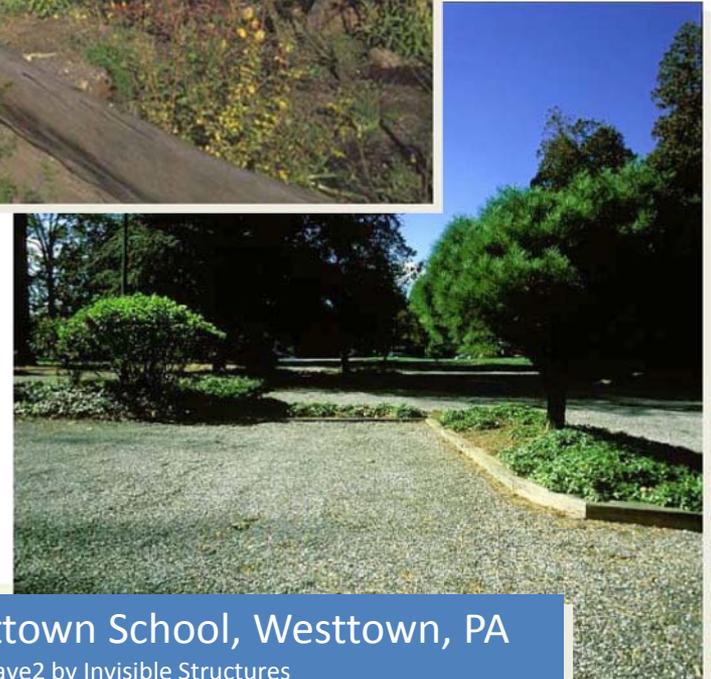
Bowditch Point Park,  
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Grand Canyon Trust, Flagstaff, AZ  
Gravelpave2 by Invisible Structures



Vancouver City Works Yard,  
Vancouver, BC - LEED™ Winner  
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Westtown School, Westtown, PA  
Gravelpave2 by Invisible Structures

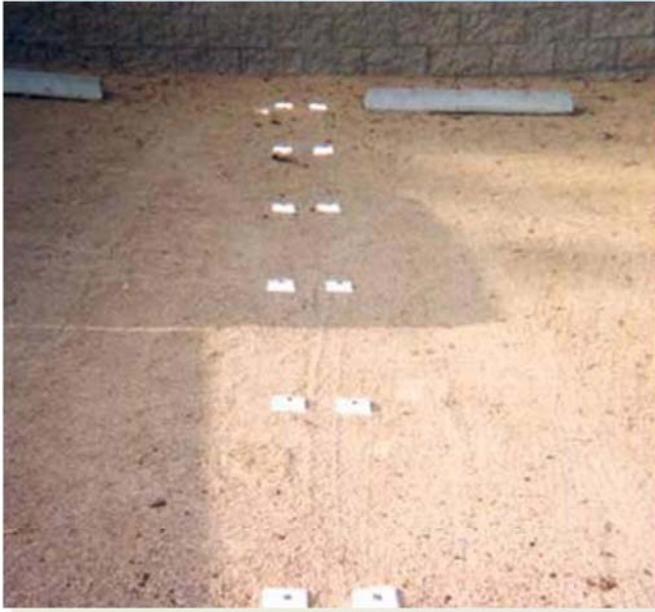
# Urban Heat Island Mitigation



- Light Aggregate Fill Albedo 0.16
- Void Space in Gravel Creates Insulation
- Angular Aggregate Reduces Solar Absorption

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# Parking Delineation



# Trails

## Saperton Landing, BC

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## Daniel Boone National Forest, KY

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## Oakdale Nature Preserve, IL

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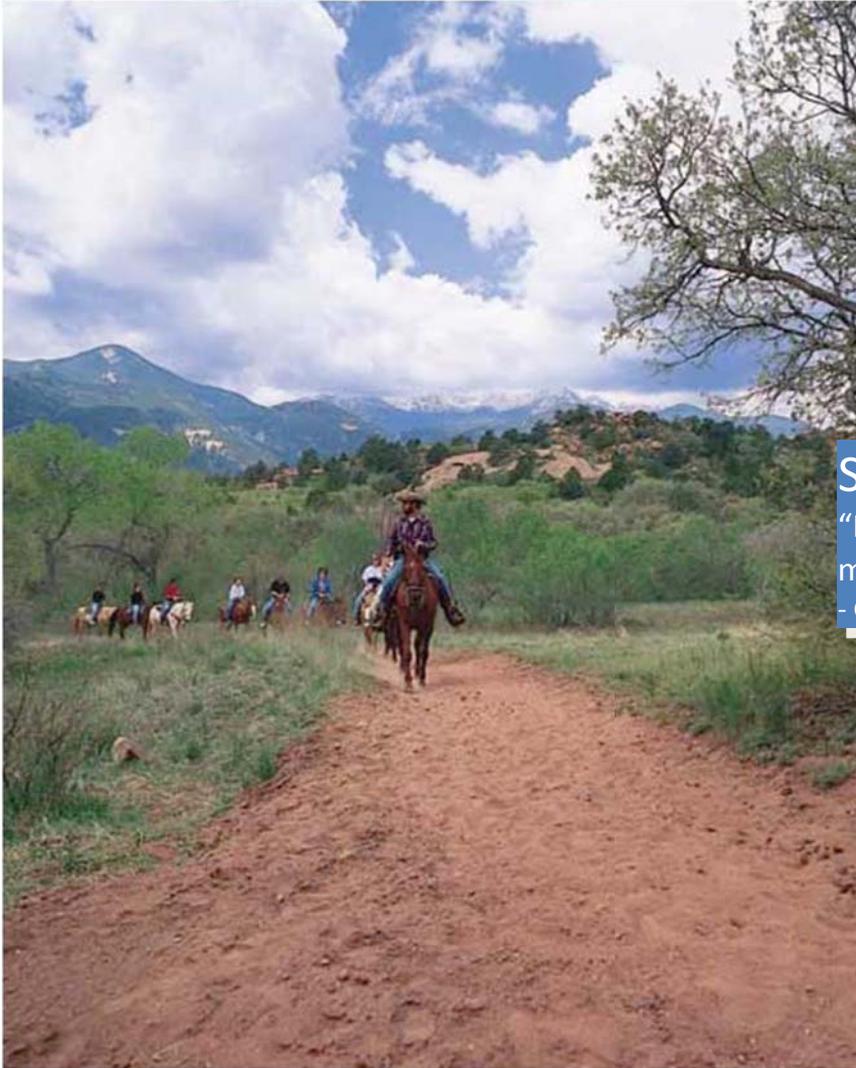
## Private Residence Trail, CO

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# Garden Of the Gods

Colorado Springs Park and Recreation Dept.  
Colorado Springs, CO



## Severe Rutting Prior to Installation

"I estimate the [Gravelpave2 ]installation has cut maintenance cost and time by 80 percent."

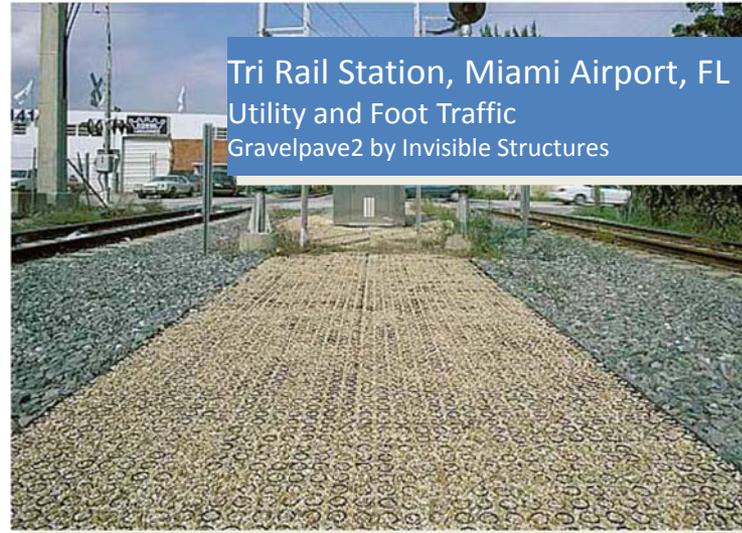
- Greg Jensen, Senior Park Maintenance Technician



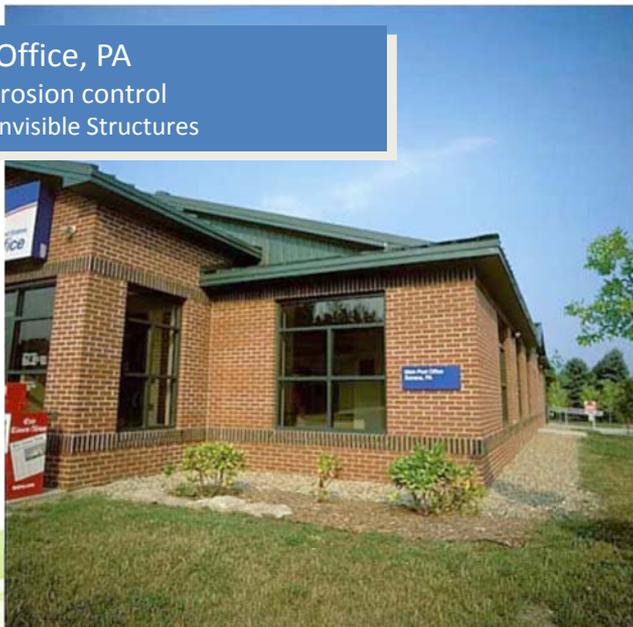
# Utility Access, Fire Lanes and Specialty Installs



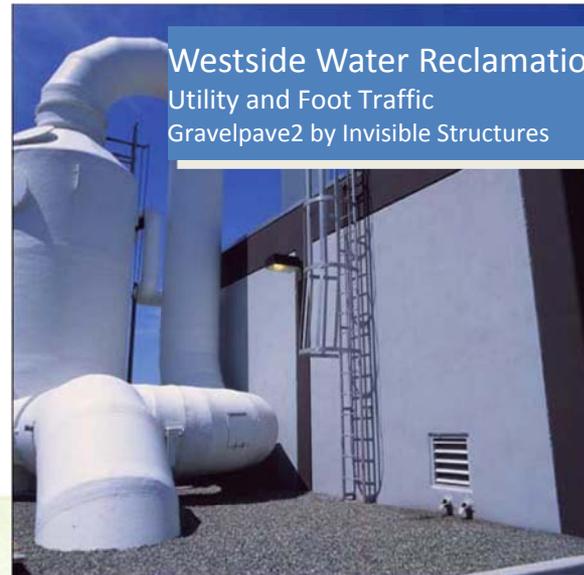
Colorado Springs City Building, CO  
Firelane  
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Tri Rail Station, Miami Airport, FL  
Utility and Foot Traffic  
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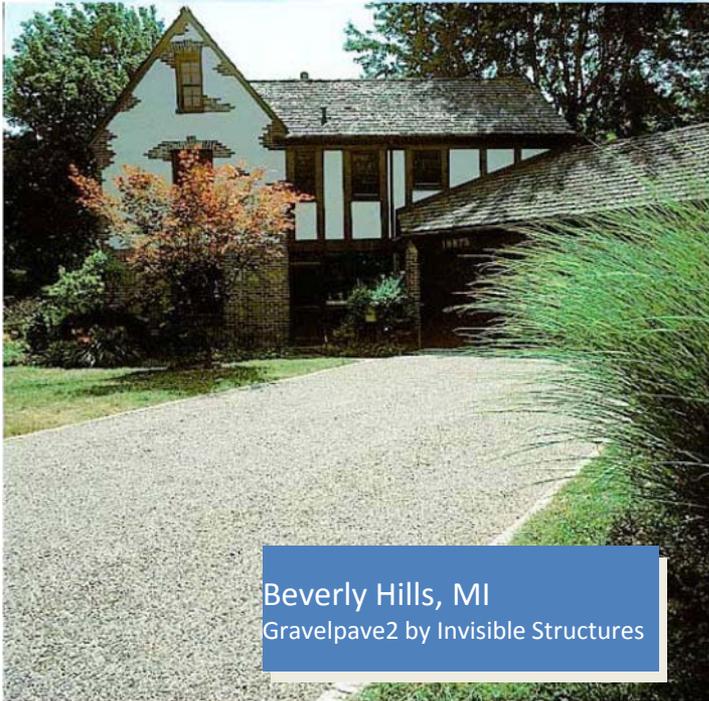


Seneca Post Office, PA  
Eave drip line erosion control  
Gravelpave2 by Invisible Structures



Westside Water Reclamation, Vancouver, WA  
Utility and Foot Traffic  
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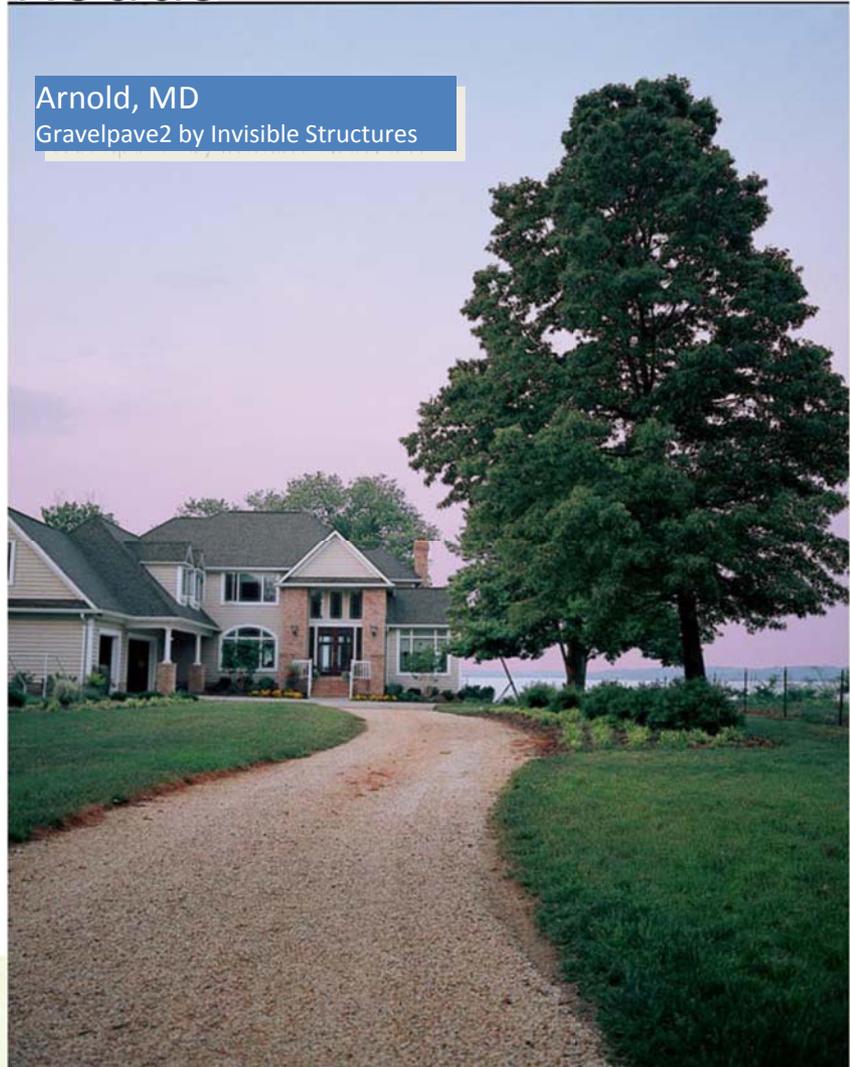
# Driveways and Roads



Beverly Hills, MI  
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Austin Museum of Art, Laguna Gloria,  
Austin, TX  
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Arnold, MD  
Gravelpave2 by Invisible Structures

# Grass and Gravel Flexible Pervious Paving Combinations

City Works Yard, Vancouver, BC



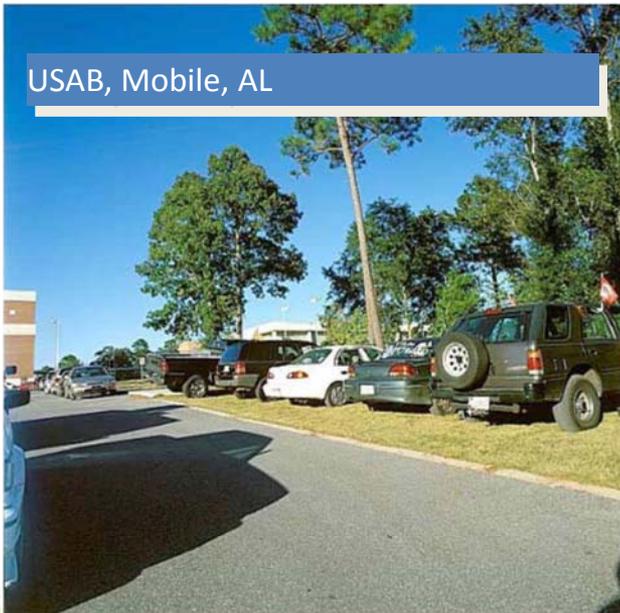
Resort and Spa, Scottsdale, AZ



Glendale Comm. College, AZ



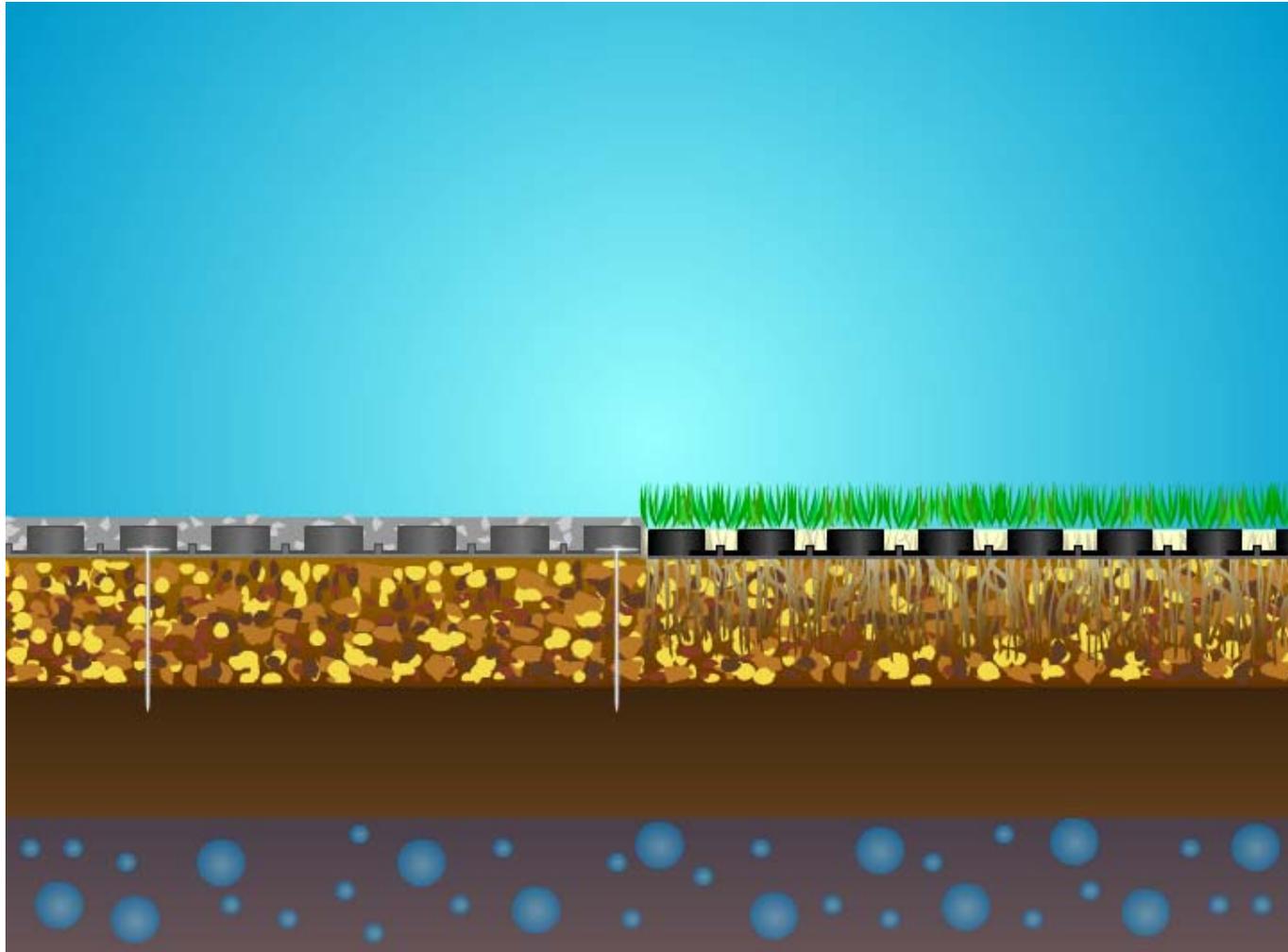
USAB, Mobile, AL



Goodyear Park, Goodyear, AZ



# Pervious Base Filters Surface and Airborne Pollutants from Rain Water



# Percentage of Pollutants Removed by Pervious Pavements

Total Suspended Solids	95%
Total Phosphorous*	65%
Total Nitrogen*	82%
Nitrogen Oxides (NOx)*	NA
Heavy Metals*	96-99%
Hydrocarbons**	Up to 100%

Data will vary depending on design characteristics and underlying soils

\*2000, R Winer, Center For Watershed Protection, (5 data points)

\*\*"In-Situ Bioremediation of Contaminated Subsurface Media", published by Water Environment Federation, 1993

# Installation of Flexible Plastic Pervious Pavement with Gravel Surface

(Refer to Manufacturer's Technical Specifications for Complete Installation Details)



1. Install and compact base



2. Unroll paver, connect, and cut as needed



3. Secure to base with anchors\*



4. Fill with open graded 3/8" aggregate (gravel)



6. Use and maintain

\*Check with Specific Manufacturer. Some do not supply Anchors

# Installation Costs

\$5.00 to \$6.50/sq foot

- Base Course including Excavation
- Anchors
- Flexible Gravel Paver
- Gravel Fill
- Labor

## Reduces Site Costs

- No Root Barrier for Trees
- No Additional Drainage Lines
- Stormwater Mitigation
- Multiple Use Site
- Reduced Maintenance
- 25 Year Lifespan (Grasspave2)

# Gravel Flexible Pervious Pavement Recap

- Applications

- Unlimited, Lower Speed Vehicular Traffic
- ADA Multiple Use Trails

- Benefits

- Pervious Load Bearing Surface
- Stormwater Pollution Filtration and Treatment
- Heat Energy Reflection and Reduction (Reducing “Urban Heat Island” Effect)
- Fabric Injection Molded to Grid for Added Stability
- Gravel Containment Eliminates Rutting
- Tree Growth within Parking Areas

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# PERVIOUS CONCRETE

## A Contractor's Point Of View



Metro

# Bioswale Acres



# Pervious Concrete Is:

- A proven alternative to asphalt and conventional concrete
- A unique product which provides savings for the site owner - storm water can be addressed much earlier in the development process than it historically has been

**ZERO RUNOFF**

THIS PROVIDES THE ULTIMATE ENVIRONMENTAL AND LOW COST SOLUTION !!!



*Hard pavement collects runoff and sends it downstream.*

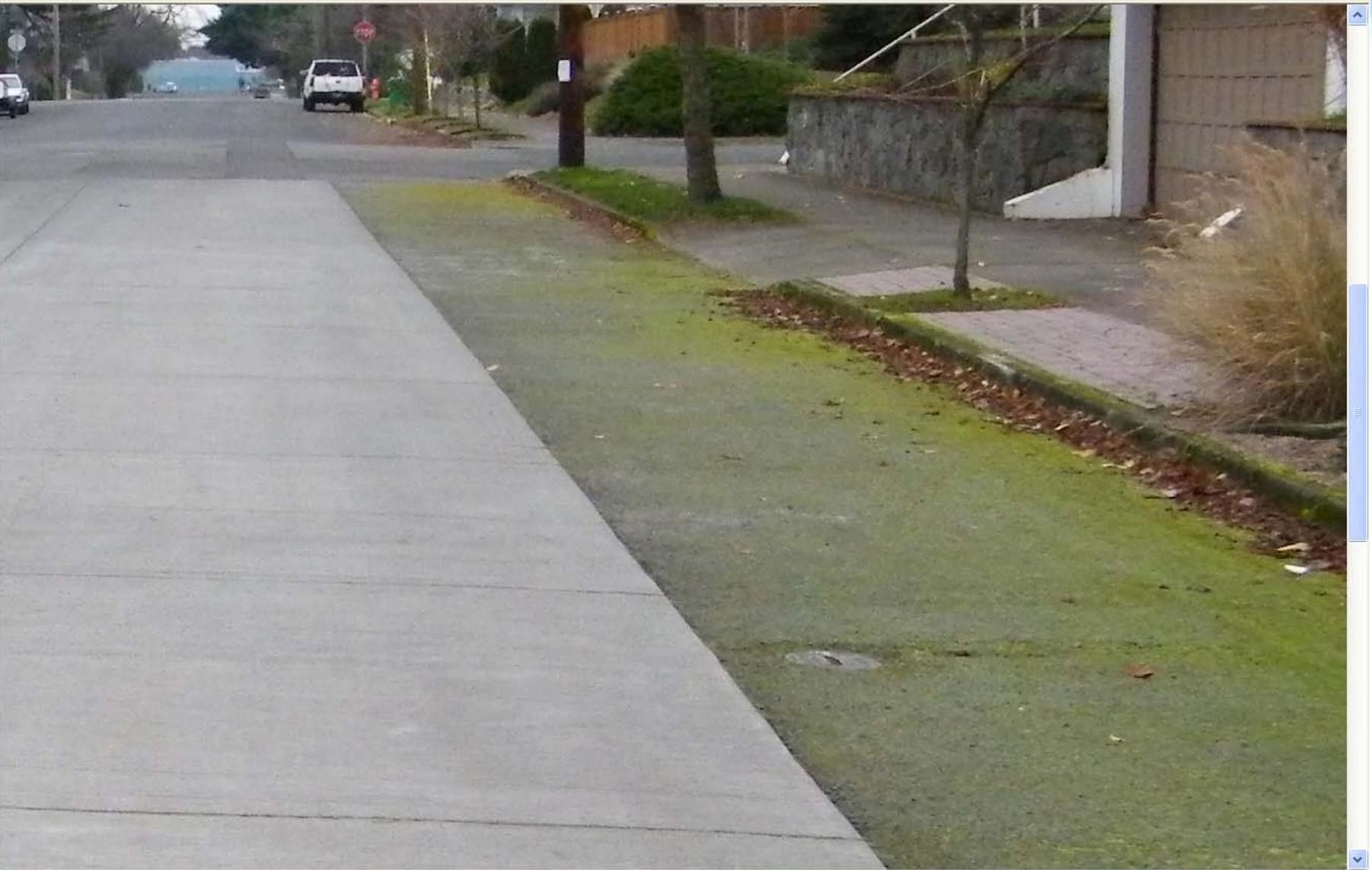
*Concentrated Runoff is created.*

*Pervious pavement keeps rainfall on site  
by Infiltration & Dispersion*

*No Runoff is created.*

# Limitations

- Plugging ( tree lined streets)
- Raveling of aggregate
- Not meant for high speed traffic.
- Soil conditions
- Hard to place compared to normal concrete.
- Difficult to place in hot weather.



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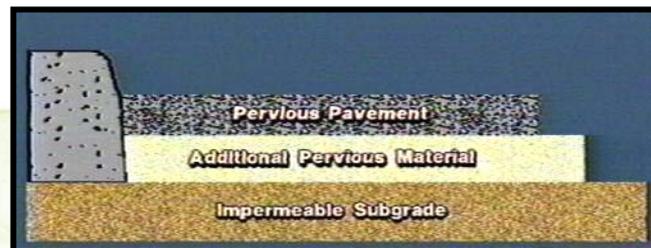
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# Design

- Two factors determine design thickness:
  - Hydraulic properties such as permeability and volume of voids
  - Structural properties such as pavement tensile strength and subgrade stiffness
- Select appropriate material properties and thickness for:
  - Hydrological requirements
  - Anticipated loading
  - **Larger** of two values governs design

# Designing Pervious Concrete Pavement Structure

- Define loading condition
- Assess soil support value
- Select thickness based on flexural strength (MR=375 psi)
- Check against overweight loading
  - ½” thickness increase can increase strength and life expectancy by 33% to 50%



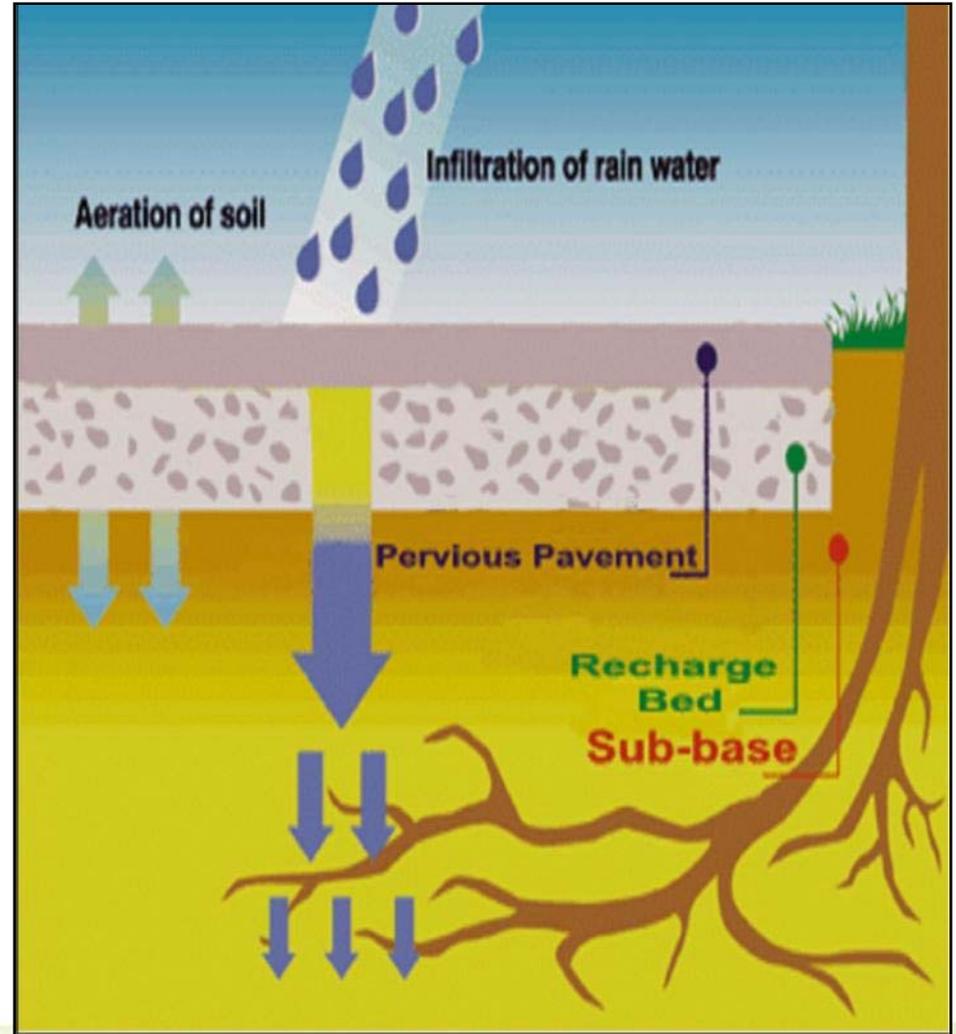
# Design for Storm Water

- Gravel Storage volume – 30 to 40% voids
- Protect storage layer with fabric over native soil
- Design retention volume and outlet control if needed.
- Retention period = time to saturate voids
- Permeability = 200"/hr. minimum
  - Excess capacity – Can clog to 95% and still have 500% factor of safety
  - **Soils and storm event will *always* control base**
- Water Quality Treatment - ?

# TREE GROWTH ENHANCED

Pervious pavement allows rainfall to have the same impact as rainfall on a grassy field.

Roots get air and water and will not push up pavement



# Appropriate Situations

- Parking Lots
- Sidewalks
- Low speed residential streets



10/19/2005



09/30/2005

# Sultan, WA. Stratford Place



# Site Conditions

- 6” of open graded aggregate for sub base
- A minimum of 6” of pervious concrete for traffic areas.



# Subbase and Subgrade Soils

- Estimating infiltration rates is complex
- Simple models are accepted
- TR-55 from Dept. of Agriculture provides values
- **Percolation rates of  $\frac{1}{2}$  in./hr are suitable**
- Sandy soils often don't require a porous subbase
- Replace clay soils with porous subbase
- Drawdown time (100% recovery) as short as possible & not more than 5 days

# Base & Water Storage

## Open Graded 30-40%



8.10.2002

# Installation



08/09/2005



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# Maintenance

- Little maintenance required
- Prevent clogging with debris
- Design site to minimize flow of soil and leaves onto pavement



# Cost

- Pervious concrete is estimated at \$1.00 / 1" sq. ft. installed.

# Conclusions

- Pervious concrete always “works”, depending on the goal and application.
- Science is sound
  - “StreetPave” for structural design
  - Approved hydrological design procedure, or generic, such as PCA
  - ACI 522 for specification
  - NRMCA Certified Contractors
- Barriers to use are human and related to regulations – we are working through them.
- Applications are limited only by your imagination

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