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Examples of Green Infrastructure in North Carolina

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Post Construction – Aquatic Shelf is Typical



NC Museum of Art – Wet Pond with Aquatic Shelves



Designed for Human Interaction



Wet Ponds with Floating Wetlands



Constructed Stormwater Wetlands



Stormwater Wetlands @ School



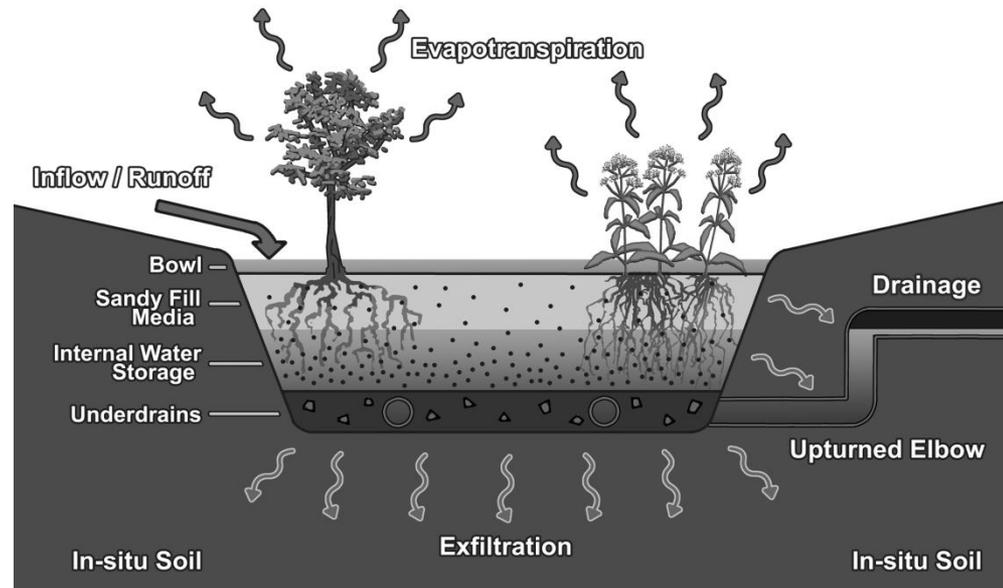
Winter – Student Classroom



Bioretention



Bioretention (Rain Gardens)



Bioretention Cells



Large Parking Lot



Grassed Bioretention



Transportation Bioretention



Treating Rooftops



Backyard Rain Gardens



Wetland Swale – Good for Nutrient Removal (and...)



Permeable Pavement

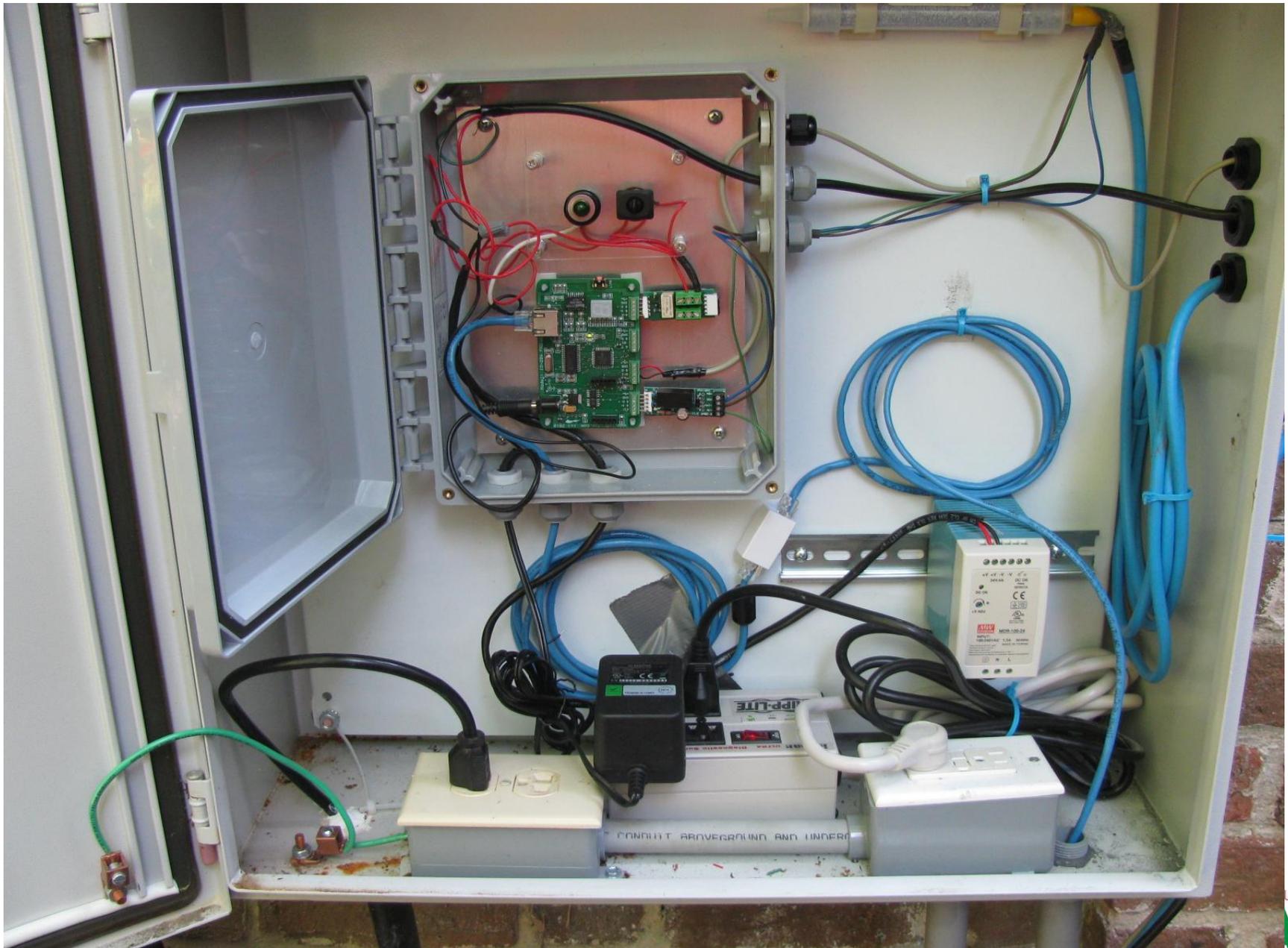


Rainwater Harvesting



Using RTC to Optimize Stormwater Management of RWH Systems





Down Spout Disconnections (DSD)



Downspout connected to the sewer pipe. Most homes in the Pocket had downspouts installed in this way.



Downspout disconnected from the sewer pipe so the rainwater flows to the grass or garden.

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Helping Protect Our Waterways

DSD



Infiltration

DSD





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Preliminary Results- (4.5 months of data)

- Four downspout disconnection sites were amended with lime and 1 inch of compost incorporated in the upper 6-8 inches of the soil profile.
- Sites were then seeded, protected with wood fiber matting, and allowed a three-month establishment period prior to data collection.
- Two of the four amended downspout disconnection systems showed significant volume reduction from the pre-amendment period. Total volume runoff volume reduction was increased 17% and 23%.



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- The two sites that showed improvement had contributing roof area of 300 sf and slopes less than 7%.
- The site with greater than 500 sf of contributing area did not show a significant difference in performance, and the site with a 27% slope showed a decrease in volume reduction and increase in erosion.
- All four amended sites were previously established lawn in a neighborhood developed prior to 1940.

Infiltration

HOW HIGH POINT DRAINAGE WORKS TO RECHARGE OUR GROUNDWATER AND PROTECT THE CREEK

HOUSES use different strategies to collect, infiltrate, and cleanse rainwater.

- splashblocks
- rocks
- furrows or channels
- stormwater pop-ups
- planted depressions (raingardens)
- yard drains

STREETS slope to one side and cuts in curb direct rainwater into planted and grass swales.

SWALES collect, absorb, and filter rainwater from streets and houses into the ground before going into the city storm drain.

CONVEYANCE FURROWS direct water away from the house via a path of gravel and crushed rock.

