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Date: **Wednesday, October 19, 2022**  
Time: **7 PM**  
Location: **Board Office**  
**5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100**

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## AGENDA

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes Meeting September 21, 2022
- III. Chairperson Report
- IV. **NYC Department of Environmental Protection**  
**Topic: "Unified Stormwater Rule"**  
**Melissa Enoch, Managing Director, Infrastructure Planning & Partnerships**
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
- VII. Adjournment

Dr. Camelia Tepelus  
Chair, Environment & Sanitation Committee

# Unified Stormwater Rule

*Informational Briefing*

October 19, 2022

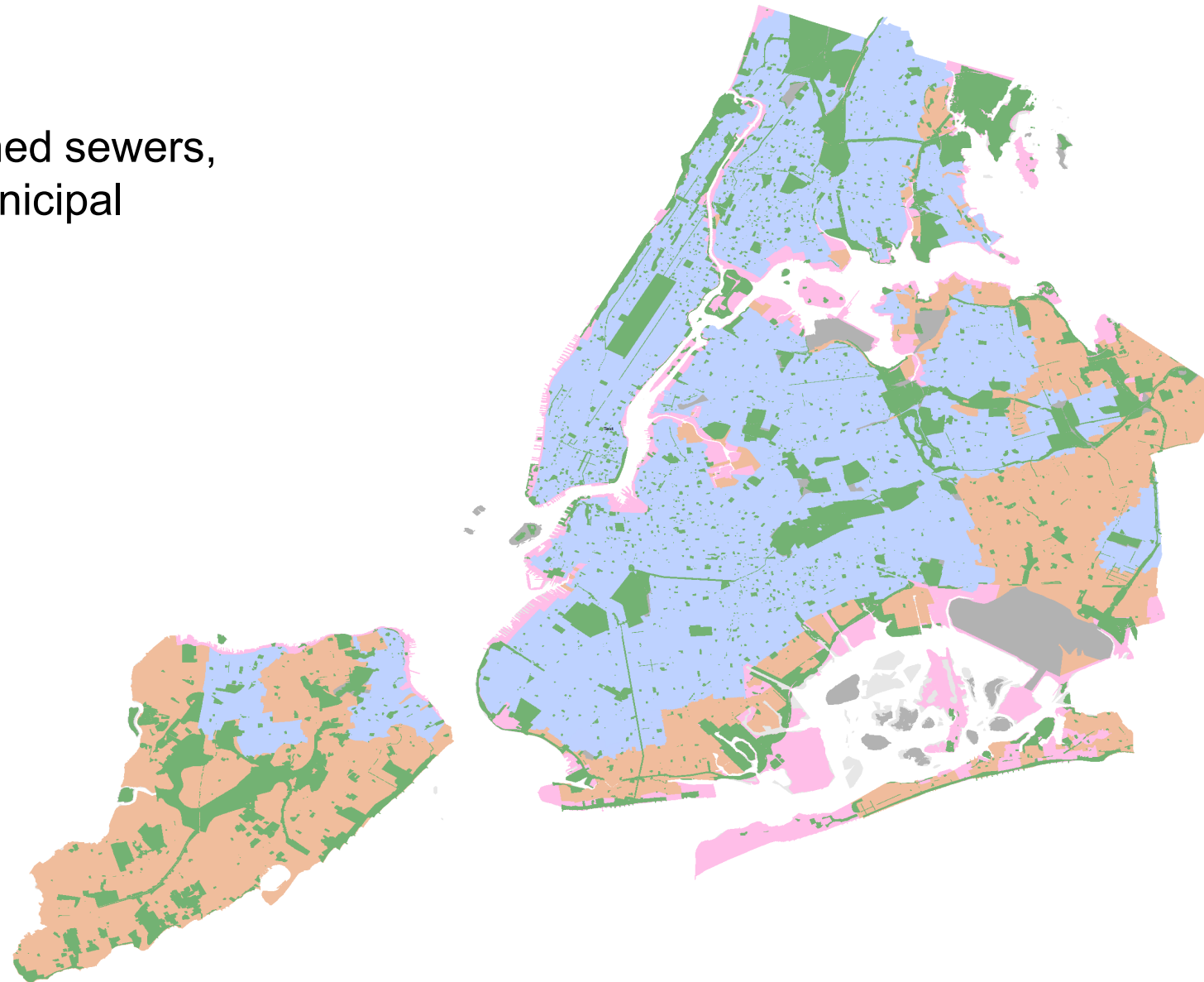
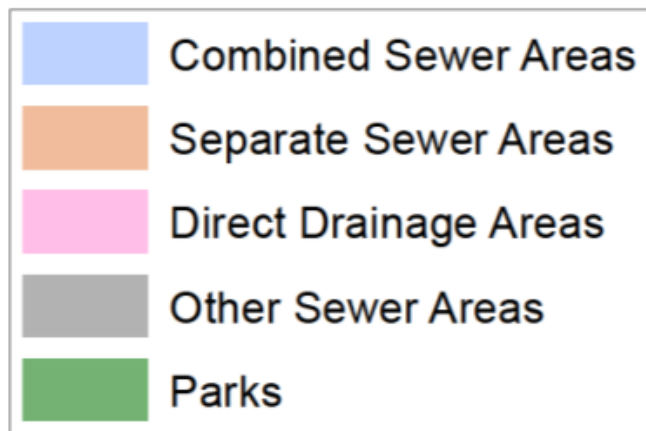


# USWR Regulatory Context



# NYC Sewer Drainage Areas

Approx. 60% of NYC is served by combined sewers, while 30 - 40% is served by the City's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)



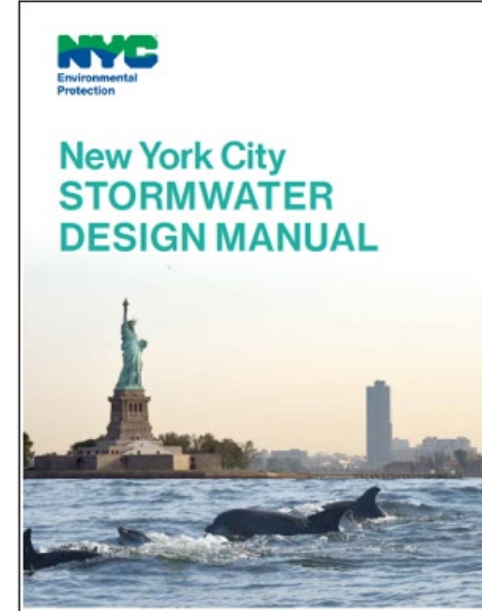


# Regulatory Context – Previous Rules

**Ch. 19.1**  
Water Quality Requirements

## Stormwater Construction Permit

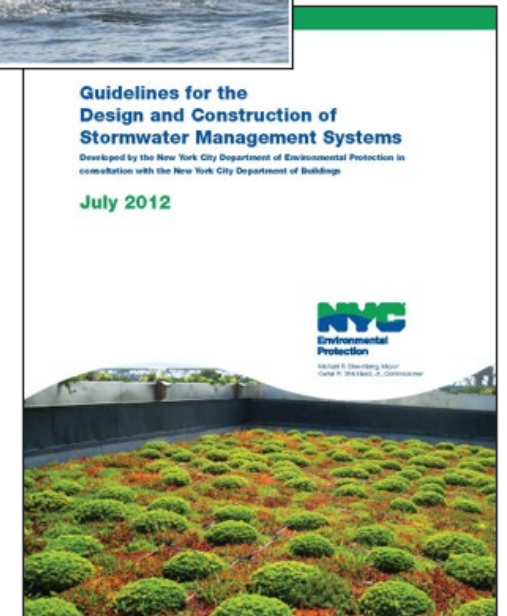
- Applied to **MS4 projects** that disturb 1 acre or more of soil
- Manage volume of 1.5-inch rainfall event



**Ch. 31**  
Stormwater Quantity and Flow Rates

## Site/House Connection Proposal

- Release rate and volume requirements based on allowable flow for site (varied based on location)
- Additional release rate requirements for **CSS projects**, per 2012 Stormwater Rule



# USWR Overview

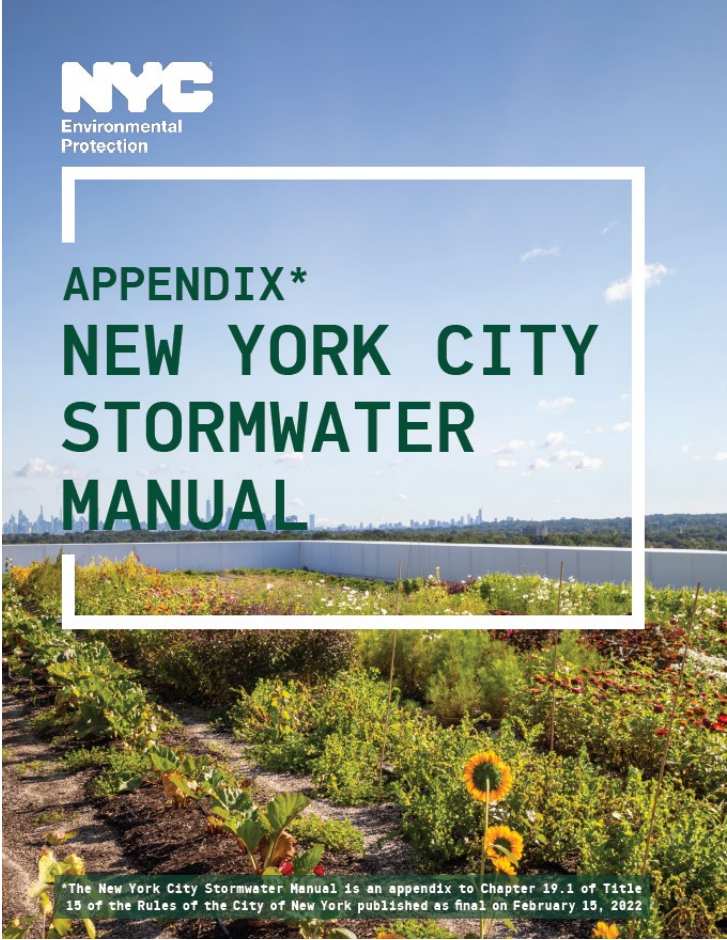
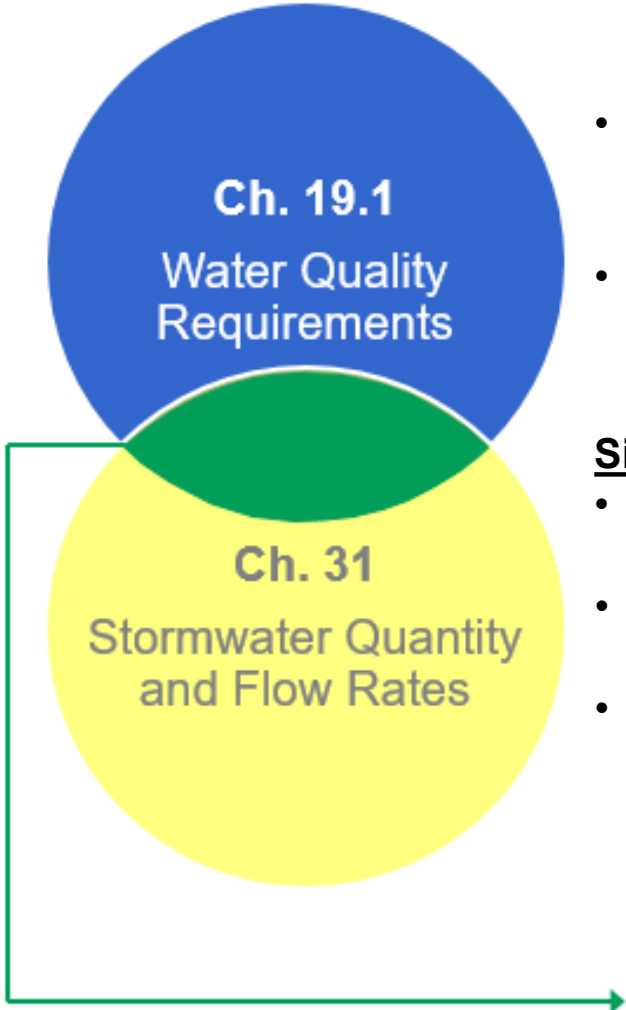
## Stormwater Construction Permit

- Applies to **CSS/MS4 projects** that disturb 20,000 sf or more of soil, OR add 5,000 sf or more of new impervious area
- On-site projects must manage volume of 1.5-inch rainfall event using a new retention-first stormwater management practice hierarchy
- ROW projects also have construction and post-construction requirements

## Site/House Connection Proposal

- Applies to **CSS/MS4 projects** that require a sewer connection proposal
- Projects must provide new detention volume and maximum-release rates
- Simplified formulas and change in minimum orifice size to streamline design

Clear guidance on how green infrastructure volume can be applied towards multiple goals



# USWR Benefits

Aligns stormwater management regulations citywide and improves the way that new and redeveloped properties manage stormwater by requiring green infrastructure where feasible and updating detention volumes and controlled release rates for stormwater entering city sewers.



## 362 MGY CSO Volume Reduced

From new green infrastructure by 2030, contributing to CSO Order goals



## 10,515 Tons TSS\* Removed

After 30 years of implementation, contributing to NYC MS4 Permit goals



## Retention-First

Requires evaluation of stormwater retention/reuse to be the first option properties select



## Design Flexibility

New stormwater management practice options and guidance to maximize design flexibility for development teams



# Chapter 19.1 Applicability:

Requires compliance	Does not require compliance
$\geq 20,000$ sq ft of disturbance, submitted to DOB after 2/14/22	$\geq 20,000$ sq ft of disturbance, submitted to DOB before 2/15/22
$\geq 1$ -acre of disturbance, submitted to DOB after 3/25/21 in CSS	$\geq 1$ -acre of disturbance, submitted to DOB before 3/26/21 in CSS
$\geq 1$ -acre of disturbance, in MS4	$\geq 1$ -acre of disturbance, in MS4, that has coverage under State General Permit before June 1, 2019





# Chapter 31 Applicability:

## New § 31-09:

Does not apply to any site with a sewer availability certification issued prior to the effective date of USWR.

## Except that

Does apply to any site located in a **rezoned area** and developing the site pursuant to the rezoning, even if applied for or received certification prior to effective date of USWR.



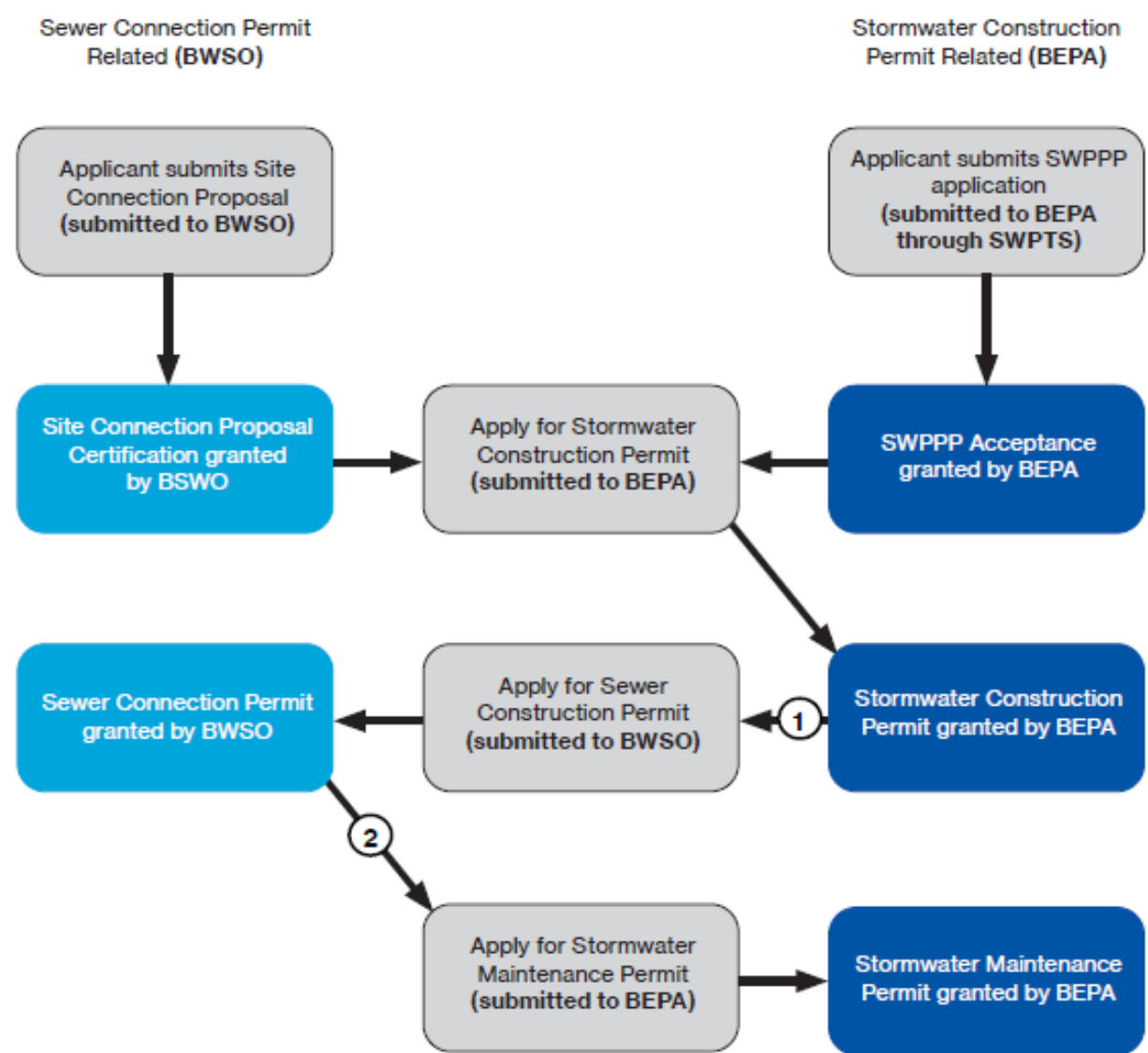
# NYC Stormwater Manual



## APPENDIX\* NEW YORK CITY STORMWATER MANUAL

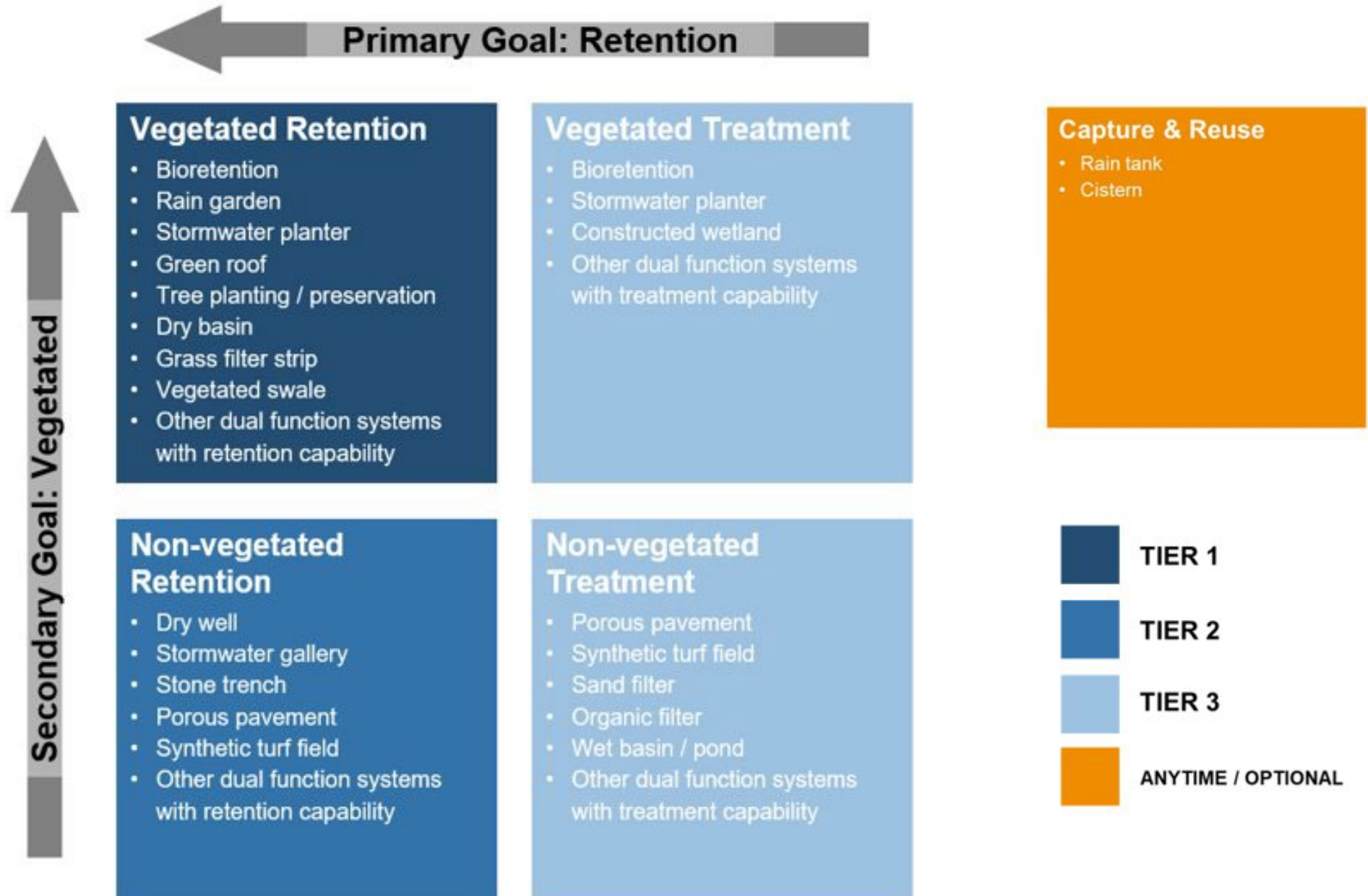


# USWR Permit Process

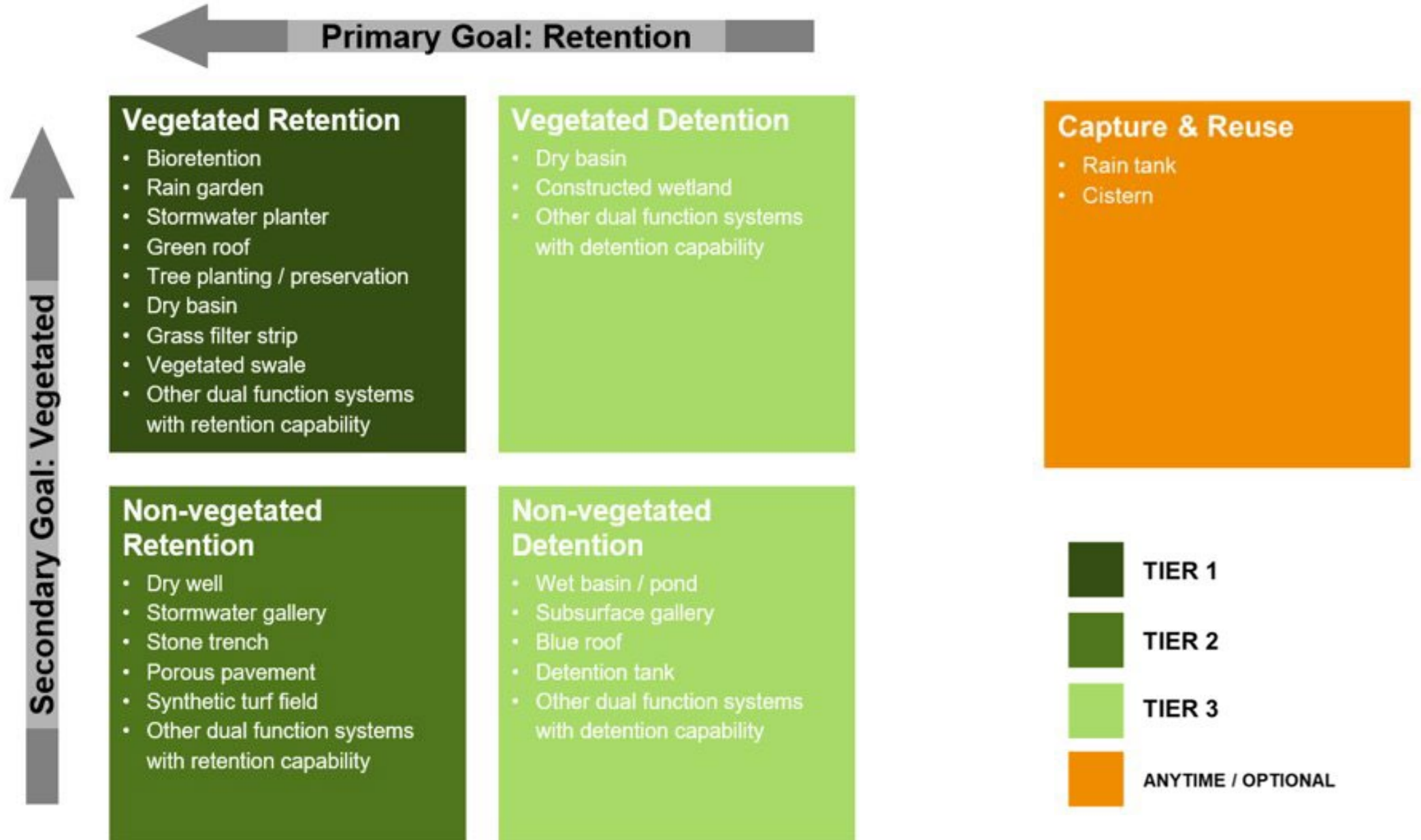




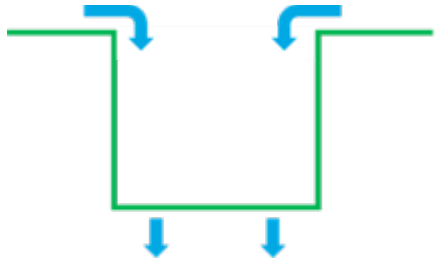
# MS4 Area Hierarchy



# CSS Area Hierarchy

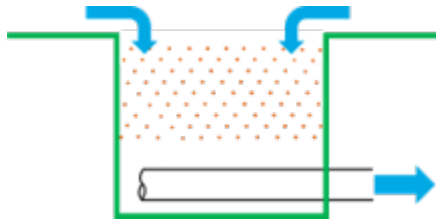


# SMP Function Types



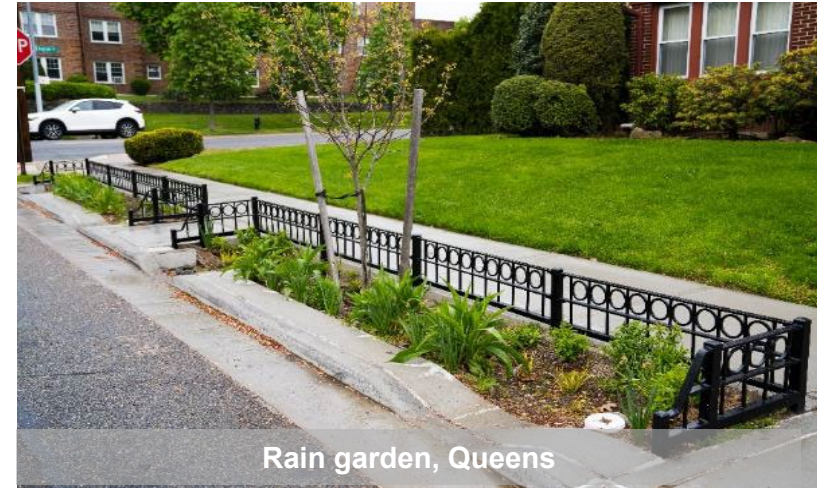
## Infiltration

- Water is captured and infiltrated into the underlying soils, which is sometimes referred to as exfiltration.
- Relies on sufficient permeability rates of underlying soils. Practices do not use outlet pipes to drain water.
- Example: Bioretention, no outlet pipe

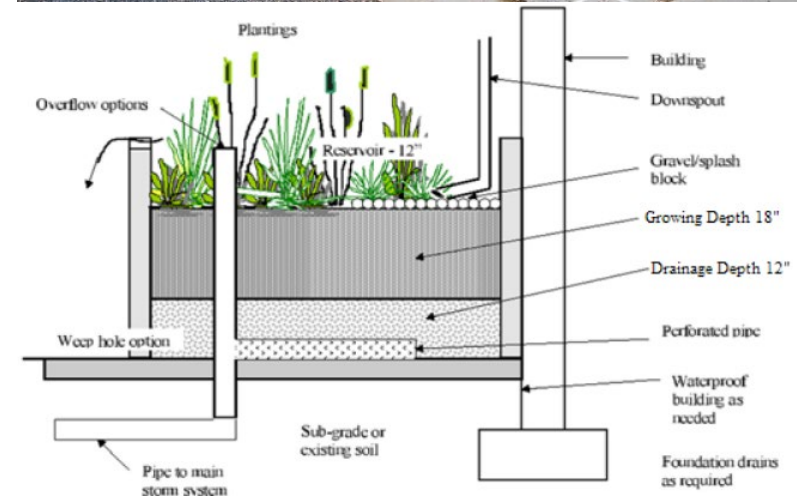


## Filtration

- Water passes through a filtration media to remove various pollutants.
- Relies on steady flow of water through the filtration media. Practices have an outlet pipe to support filtration.
- Example: Sand filter



Rain garden, Queens



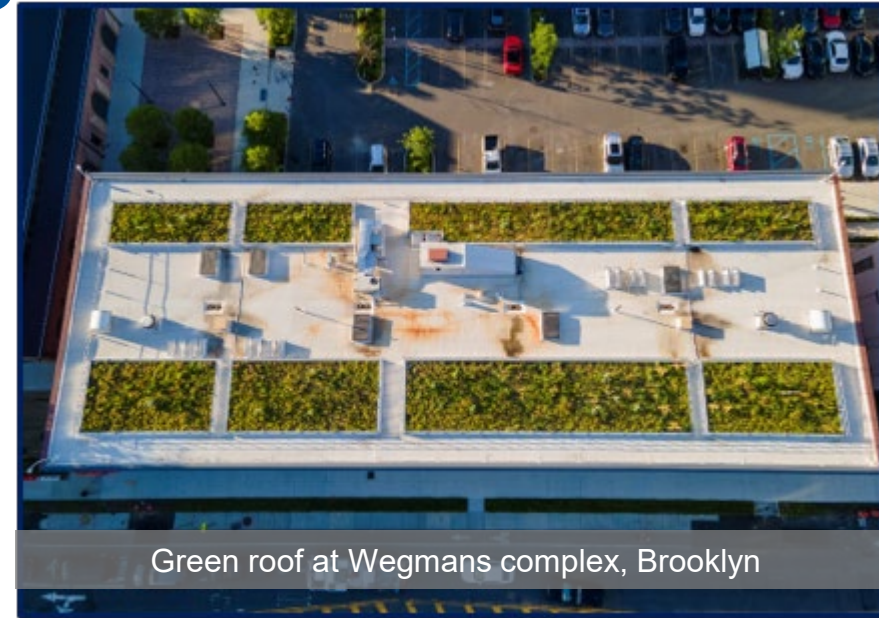
Filtration practice rendering



# SMP Function Types

## Evapotranspiration

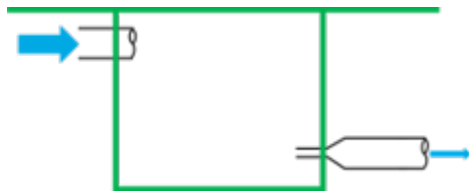
- Water is captured and evaporated or transpired back into the atmosphere.
- Relies on ET occurring between rainfall events. Practices are usually shallow and have no or limited ability to infiltrate water.
- Example: Green roof



Green roof at Wegmans complex, Brooklyn

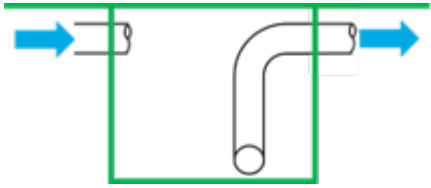
## Detention

- Water is temporarily stored and released at a lower flow rate.
- Relies on ability to control release rate. Practices have a controlled-flow device, such as an orifice.
- Example: Detention tank



Subsurface detention system at Pink Playground, Brooklyn

# SMP Function Types



## Reuse

- Water is captured and reused for non-irrigation purposes.
- Relies on continuous reuse of water. Practices can be integrated into existing non-potable and non-contact water uses.
- Example: Reuse in cooling tower



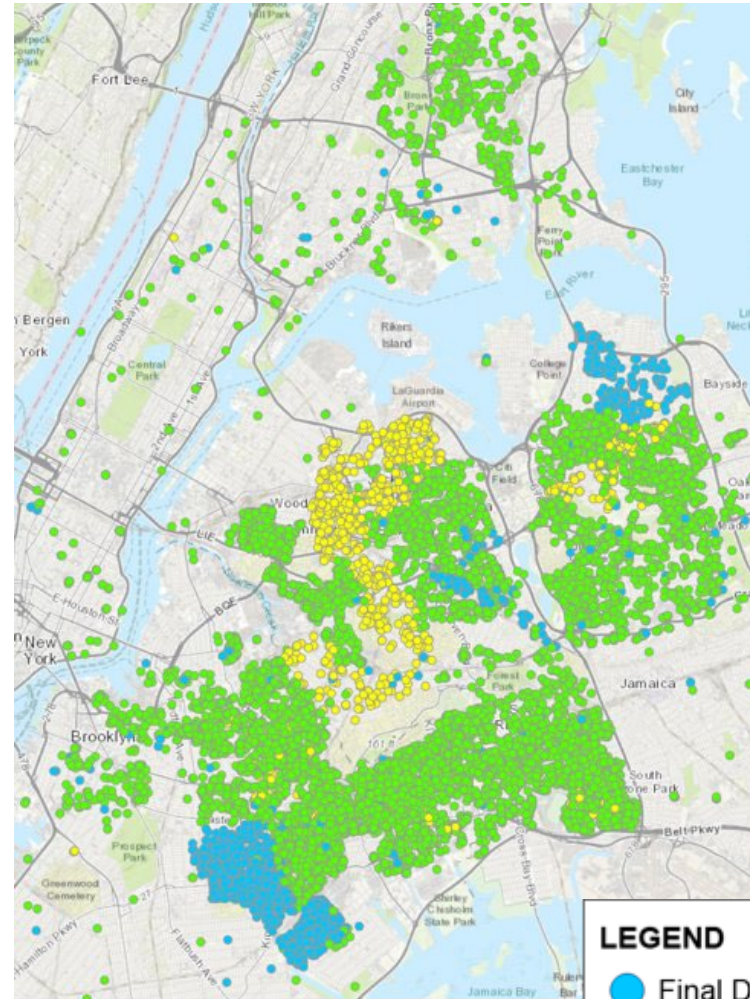
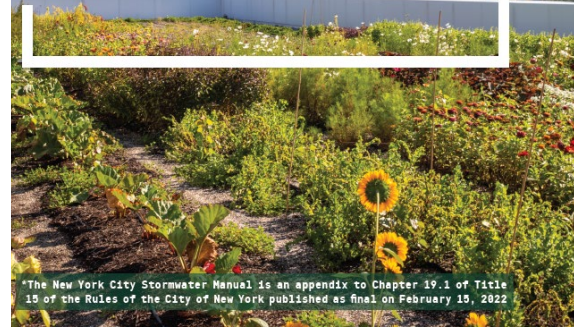
Stormwater reuse system at UA Local 1, Queens



# NYC Green Infrastructure

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INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGN STANDARDS

THE CITY OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

**STANDARD GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE SPECIFICATIONS**

September 1, 2021

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# Resources

1. [Unified Stormwater Rule Overview](#)
2. [Chapter 31](#)
3. [Chapter 19.1](#)
4. [NYC Stormwater Manual](#)



Rain garden, Queens





# Questions?

Chapter 19.1 questions:

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