# DEVELOPING A GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN FOR (Permittee)







(your name) (date)

#### What is Green Infrastructure?

Green infrastructure uses soils and plants to reduce, slow down, and clean runoff before it reaches our creeks and Bay/Delta.

#### GI facilities include:

- Pervious pavement
- Bioretention facilities ("rain gardens")
- Landscaped infiltration areas
- Green roofs
- Rainwater harvesting systems

Private development and public infrastructure





#### **Green Infrastructure Benefits**

- Long-term solution to reduce pollution and meet water quality goals
- Sustainable, low-maintenance treatment option
- Can be integrated into landscaping and other non-buildable areas
- Supports protection and restoration of urban creeks

#### Additional potential benefits:

- Neighborhood greening
- Active and passive recreation
- Traffic calming
- Habitat creation
- Heat island mitigation
- Non-potable water supply



# Why does (Permittee) need a GI Plan?

#### Mandated by the [Permittee's] stormwater NPDES permit

- Framework for the Plan must be adopted by June 30, 2017
- Green Infrastructure Plan must be submitted September 30, 2019
- Required to meet mandated PCB and mercury load reductions

#### Benefits of developing a GI Plan

- Facilitates systematic integration of GI into existing practices
- Identifies priority implementation spots (best bang for the buck)
- Supports (Permittee) in meeting current & future permit requirements
- Assists in understanding of compliance costs and planning & budgeting for future implementation
- Consistent with County's mission to create sustainable communities

# Who else is doing this?

## Cities across the country are incorporating GI into their infrastructure



Daly City



Fremont



San Francisco



Portland



Seattle



Philadelphia (pervious pavement)

## What goes into a Green Infrastructure Plan?

#### **Plan Elements**

- Interdepartmental Coordination
- Community Engagement and Outreach
- Project Identification and Prioritization
- Evaluation of Pollutant Load Reductions
- Projections of the Pace of Implementation
- Project Tracking System
- Design Guidance and Specifications for GI Projects
- Integration—Updates to Existing Planning Documents

#### **Supporting Documents and Information**

- Supporting Policies, Ordinances, and Legal Mechanisms
- Funding Options

## **Near Term Planning Milestones**

The GI Plan Framework must be approved by (Permittee's) (governing body, mayor, city manager, or county manager) by June 30, 2017.

Task	Completion Date	Status
DRAFT GI Plan Framework & Budget	Jan 30 (suggested)	
Inreach Meetings	(insert a range)	
Interdepartmental Team Formation	(asap)	
Refined GI Plan Framework & Budget	(asap)	
Framework Resolution Introduced	(per your city's process)	
Framework Resolution Passed	June 30 (required)	

## **Interdepartmental Staffing Needs**

Development of a GI Plan will include, at a minimum, analysis of all CIPs and roadways for green infrastructure inclusion. It may also include analysis of other public parcels for stormwater management potential.

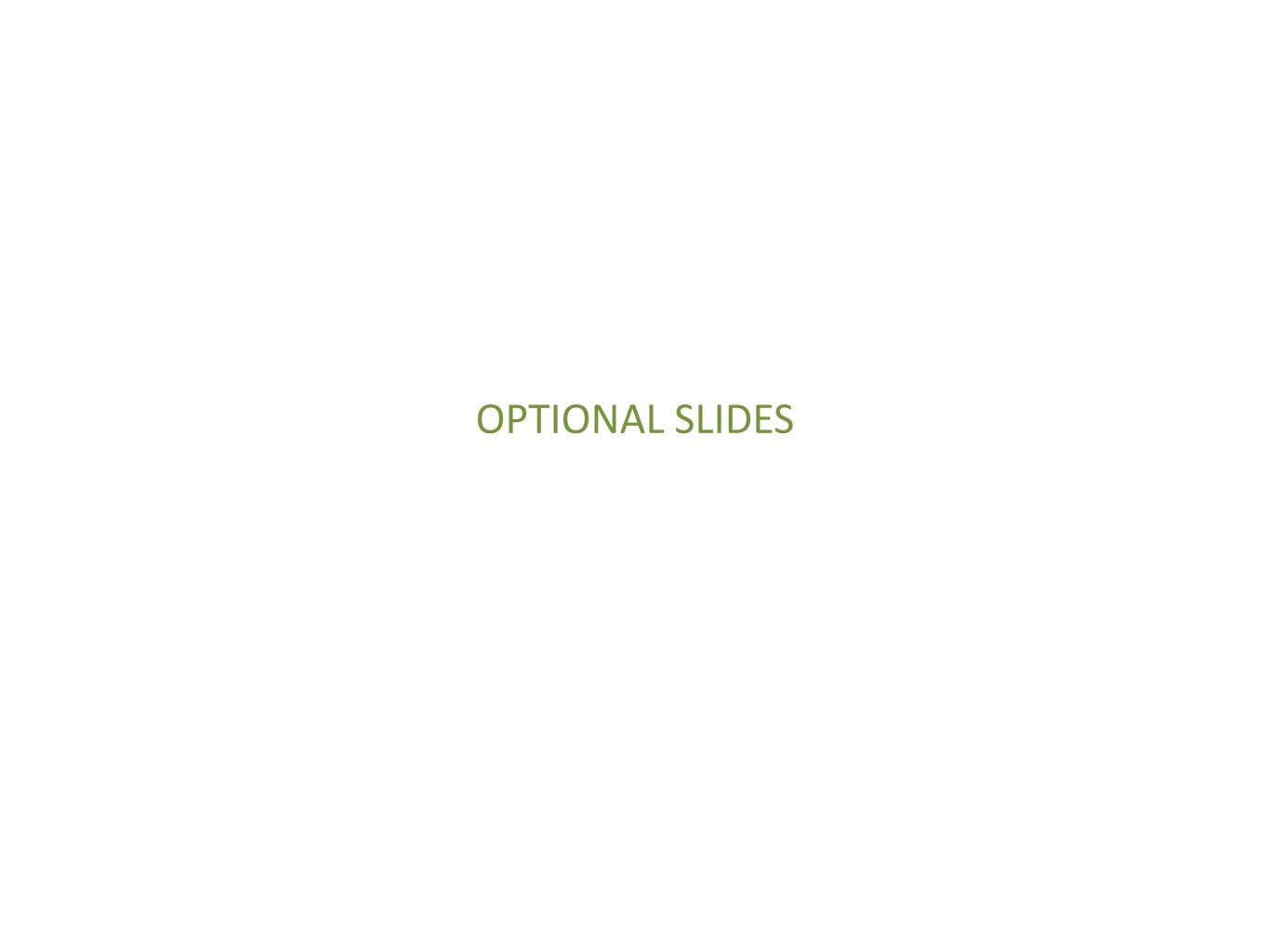
A successful planning team will need representatives from:

- (Planning Department)
- (Public Works/Engineering)
- (Transportation Services and/or Transportation Dept.)
- (Park and Rec)
- (Finance)
- (Other)

## **Next Steps**

(NOTE: these are just sample next steps depending on audience and timing)

- (Inreach presentations to \_\_\_\_\_)
- (Designate department representatives to (Permittee) GI Plan TAC)
- (Develop budget estimates for FY 16/17, FY 17-18, and FY 18/19)
- (Submit comments on the DRAFT GI Plan Framework by \_\_\_\_\_)
- (Final GI Framework & Budget submitted to (decision-making body or decision-maker) by



# Long Term Planning Milestones & Initial Budget Estimate

Task	Completion Date	Status