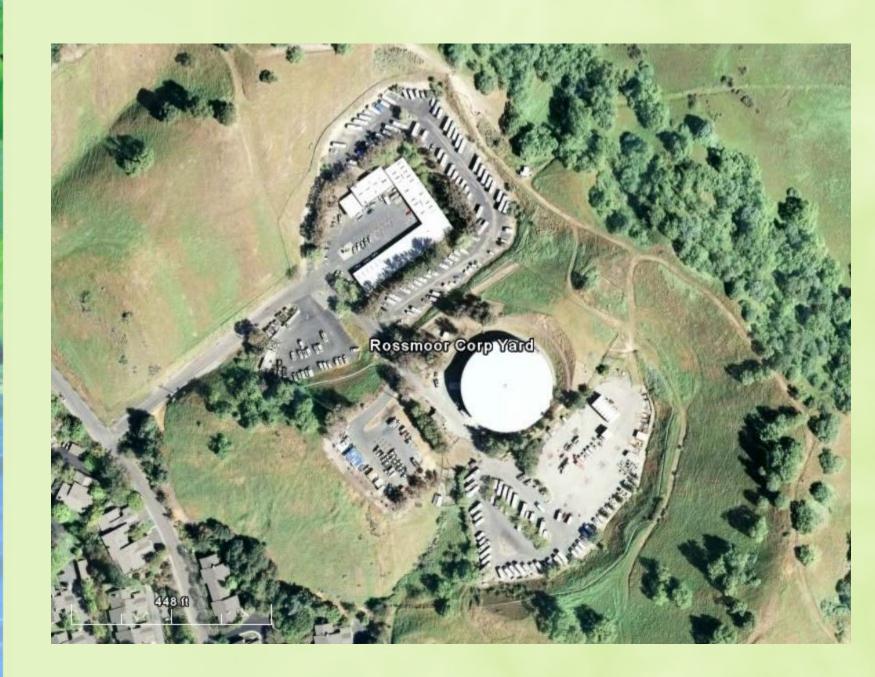
LID Challenge:

Topography and Density

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Belmont Terrace Subdivision



- 128-Lot Subdivision
- Multi-Family
- Free-standing
- Cluster-Style
- 13.8 Acre Site

- Two previously approved projects were merged.
- Earlier projects had predated C.3 requirements, but Belmont Terrace was required to provide treatment of runoff (but not flow control).



Steep Topography



- Average Slope ≈ 25%
- 160' elevation drop

- Landslide mitigation required replacement of up to 35' of soil.
- Earlier project on the site was abandoned.

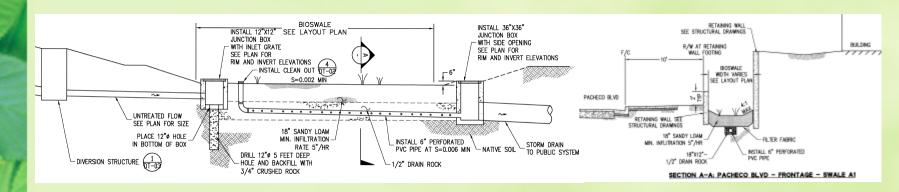


Site Design



- Site is divided into Drainage Management Areas.
- Runoff from each Drainage Management Area is treated by one IMP.

Treatment Design

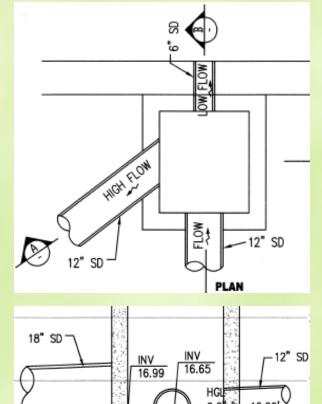


- Application predated the flow control requirement.
- Each treatment IMP is sized to 4% of tributary impervious area.
- IMPs are bioretention areas enclosed by retaining walls.



High Flows Bypass Treatment

- Due to slope and soil conditions, diversion structures added to divert high flows around IMPs.
 - 6" pipe conveys design flows to IMP for treatment, with flow line level with bottom of structure.
 - 12" pipe bypasses IMP and conveys higher flows to storm drain system, with flow line elevated above that of 6" line.





 Some initial installations flawed, with the flow line of bypass pipe lower than that of treatment pipe.

Design Considerations



- Considering stormwater management early is crucial to a well-integrated design.
- IMPs had to be enlarged to compensate for elimination of pervious pavements.

 Hazards associated with IMPs should be considered during initial project design.



Know Utility Locations!!!



 This bioretention area has to be redesigned due to a conflict with an unknown underground pipeline.

- A planned retaining wall had to be replaced with an earthen berm.
- Coordinating stormwater management design with planned utility locations is also crucial.



During Construction



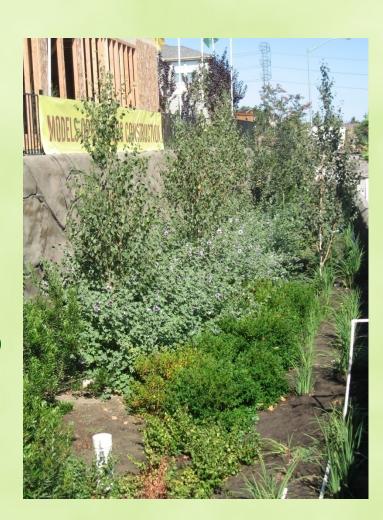
- Time construction of IMPs deliberately – avoid having to reconstruct IMPs!
- Use IMP excavations as sedimentation basins during the construction process.

 Protect IMPs once they are constructed – <u>avoid</u> <u>having to reconstruct</u> <u>IMPs!</u>



Initial Lessons Learned

- It is possible for steep, densely-developed sites to comply with C.3.
- IMPs can and should be attractive, safe and green project amenities.
- Early incorporation of stormwater management into project design is crucial.
- Thorough planning design and scheduling - saves time and money and makes for a more desirable project.



So How's It Look?





Looks pretty good, huh?

Some Design Issues

 Properly designed energy dissipation is an absolute imperative!





 And getting elevations correct is extremely important!

Fine Grading is Crucial!



 The ponding area should be far larger. Bioretention Areas should be graded as flat as possible to prevent channelization.



But Despite Any Design Issues...



...the Proof is in the Clean Water.

