



FAQ SHEET

Los Angeles Green Street Standard Plans



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1. What is Standard Plan?

A Standard Plan is a pre-approved engineering drawing that can be readily incorporated into construction and contract documents by reference. It is intended for repetitive use on all projects. Since most of the design parameters are pre-approved, Standard Plans require minimum engineering and hence receive expedited plan checks and receive reduced permit fees.

2. What are Green Street Standard Plans?

Green Street Standard Plans are City approved construction details for Green Street elements that incorporate stormwater “best management practices”, or BMPs, into the pre-approved designs. Use of the Green Street Standard Plans improves water quality and increases water use efficiency by diverting street runoff into planter areas to cleanse stormwater and urban runoff, provide irrigation for landscaping, and recharge groundwater. By adopting and utilizing Green Street Standards Plans, Los Angeles will have more uniform stormwater BMPs throughout the City.

3. Who will use the Green Street Standard Plans?

Green Street Standard Plans will be used by City staff when designing new streets or improving existing streets, and can also be used by developers, contractors or other municipal users. They can be incorporated into specific plans, redevelopment areas, private developments, and public works improvement areas.

4. What are the benefits of Green Streets to the City of Los Angeles?

Green Streets are sometimes considered “Street Plus” because they serve additional purposes, such as cleansing stormwater. Green Streets assist the City to comply with stormwater regulations by reducing the amount of untreated water flowing to the City’s storm drains. Treatment occurs through bio-degradation of pollutants through soils, plants, and sun light. Use of the adopted Green Street Standard Plans will also reduce urban “heat island effect” by increasing green space and permeable areas.

5. How many U.S. cities have adopted Green Street Standard Plans?

To the best of our knowledge, the City of Los Angeles is the first city to publish, approve, and adopt Green Street Standard Plans.

If you have any questions or comments on the Green Street Standard Plans, please email Jeong Park or Albert Tam at Jeong.Park@lacity.org and Albert.Tam@lacity.org, respectively.



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Parkway Swale



Hope Street, Downtown Los Angeles

Vegetated Stormwater Curb Extension (VSCE)



Riverdale Avenue Project, City of Los Angeles

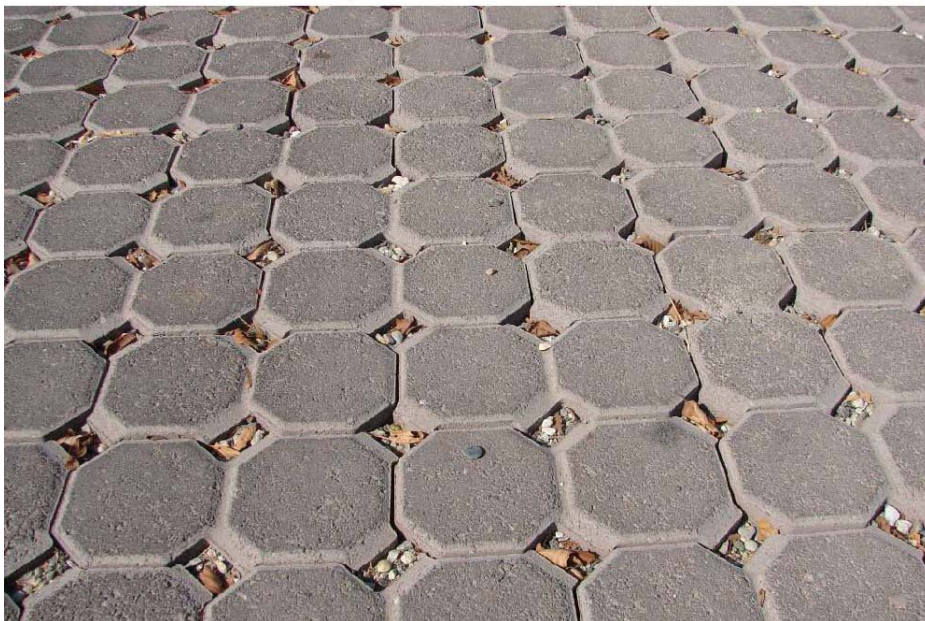


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Interlocking Pavers



Rio de Los Angeles State Park Project, City of Los Angeles