

MORE BANG FOR THE “GREEN” BUCK: INTEGRATING GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND UTC INTO EXISTING CAPITAL PROJECTS



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The City of Lancaster – Overview

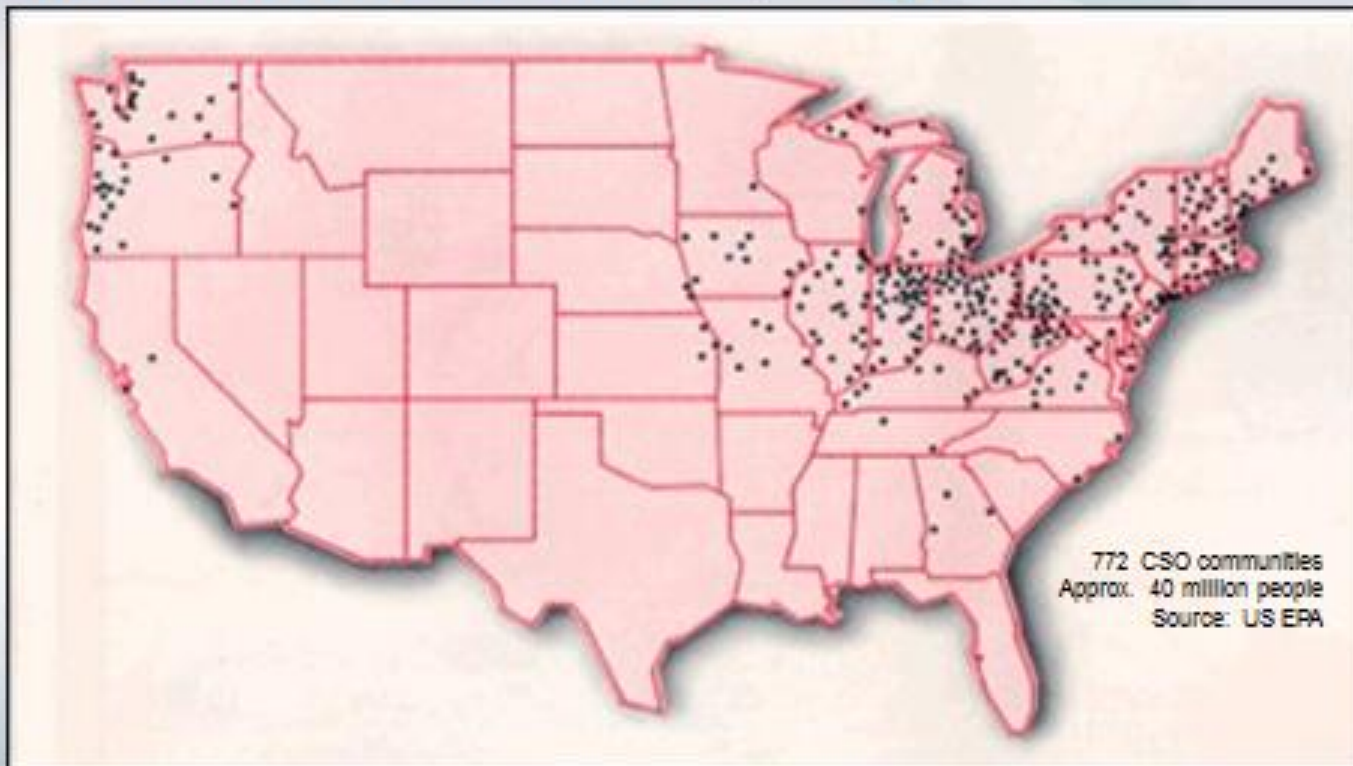
- Incorporated in 1742 as a borough and in 1818 as a City
- Served as the temporary National Capital during the Revolution
- ~60,000 residents in the 2010 census
- 7.34 square miles
- Historic building stock (median home age of 100 years)
- Surrounded by some of the most productive non-irrigated farmland in the U.S.
- Environmental Justice Community





THE CHALLENGE

We are not alone! Many municipalities have combined sewer overflows (CSOs).





750 million gal. polluted
stormwater discharge

= 1150 Olympic-
sized swimming
pools



Cost of Solutions Are Significant

Previous
Solution

\$300 Million
Gray
Infrastructure

Proposed
Solution

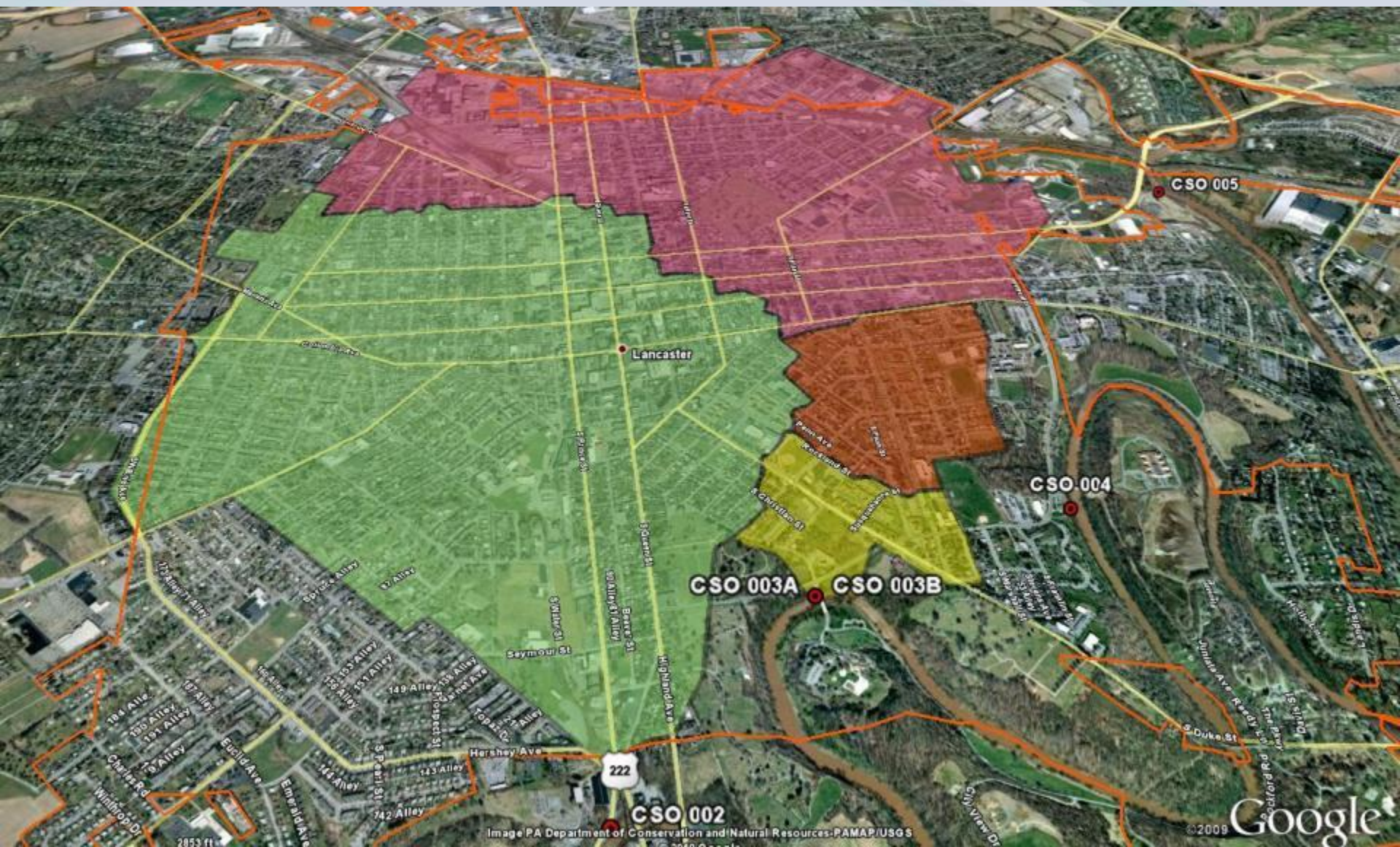
\$140 Million
Green
Infrastructure

"**Lancaster is in violation** of the AO, and needs to address these deficiencies as soon as possible. Violation of the terms of the AO may result in **further EPA enforcement** action for violation of the order and for the underlying violations including, but not limited to, imposition of **administrative penalties**, 33 U.S.C § 1319(g), and/or initiation of judicial proceedings that allow for **civil penalties of up to \$37,500 per day**, 33 U.S.C § 1319 (b) and (d), for each day of violation."

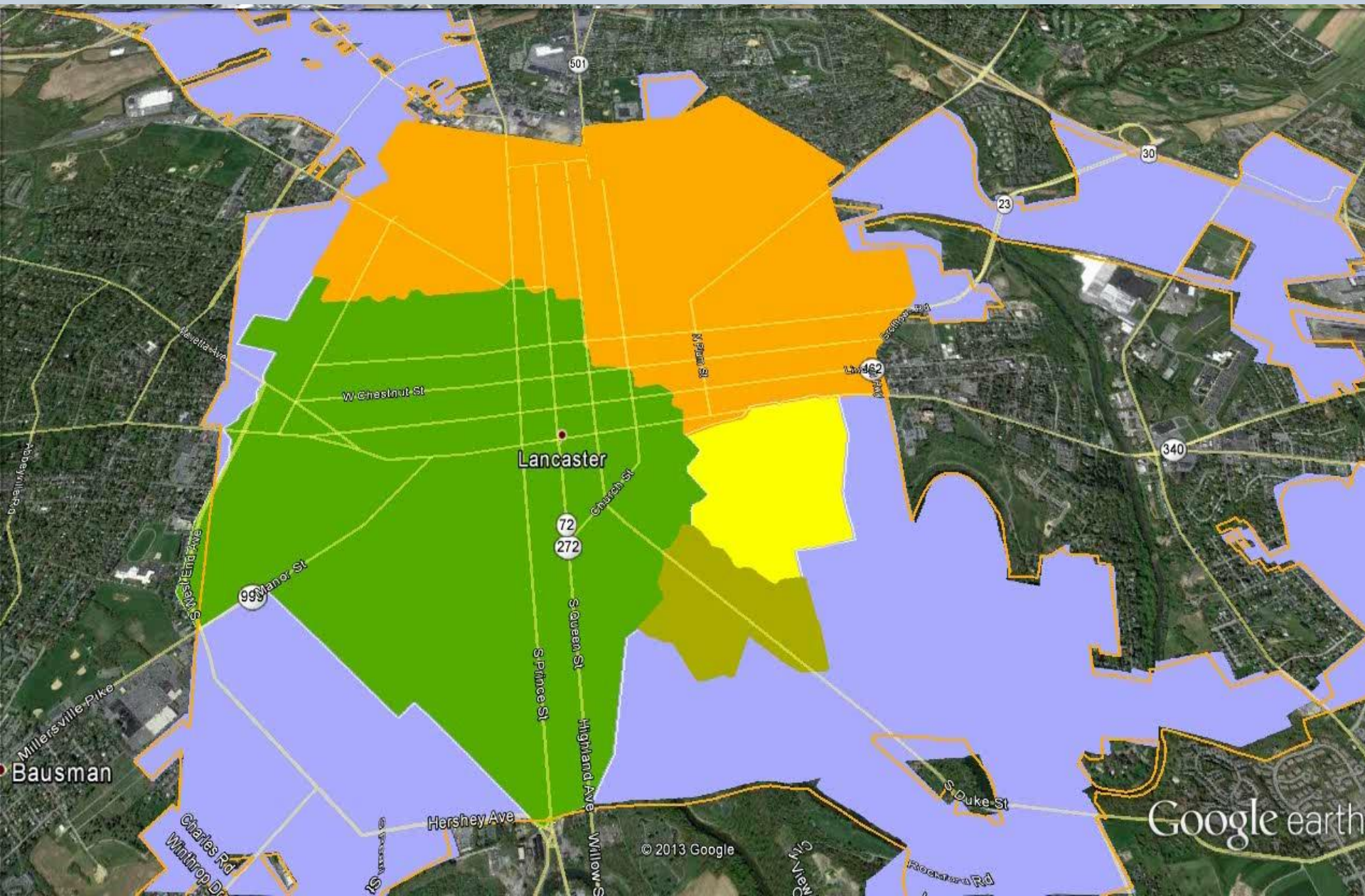
Doing Nothing is
Not an Option



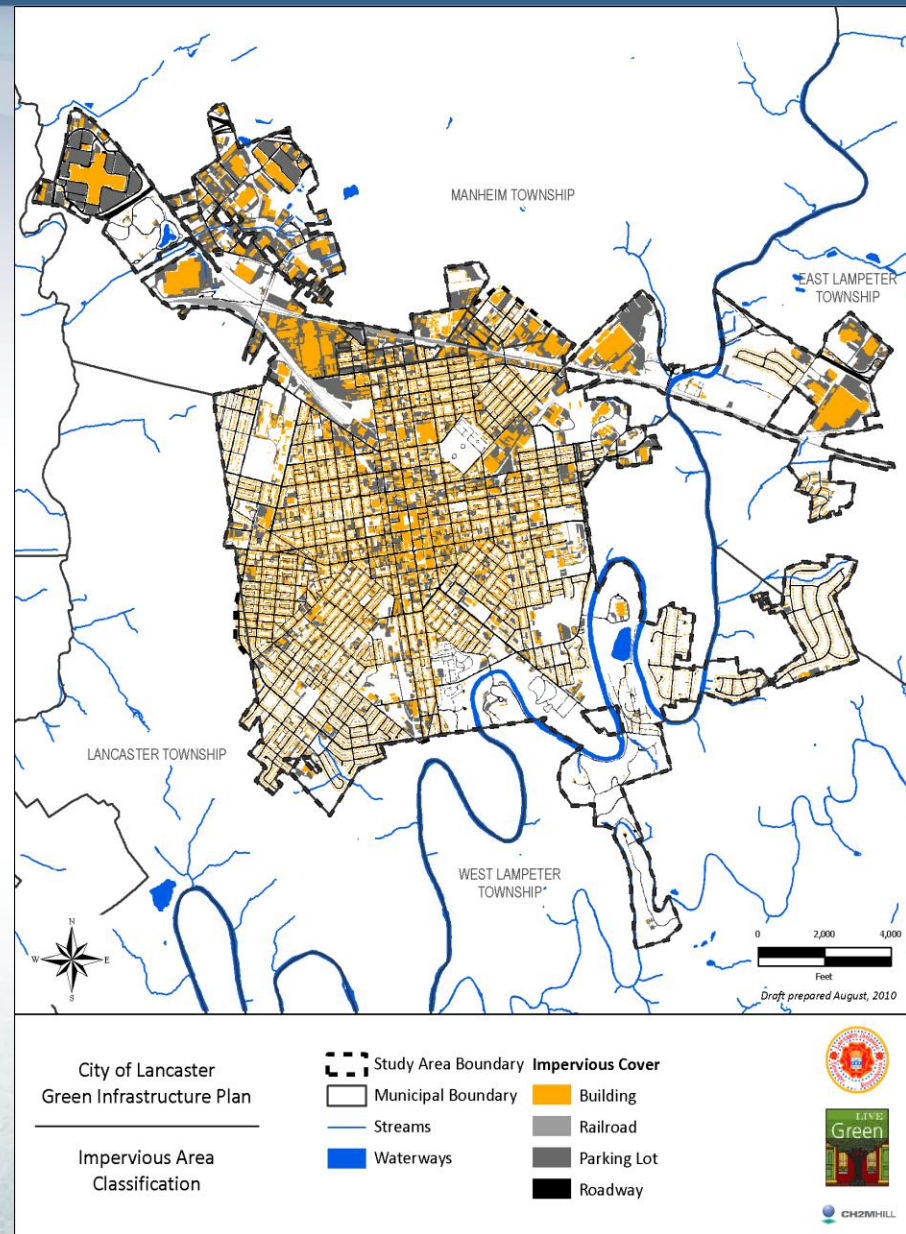
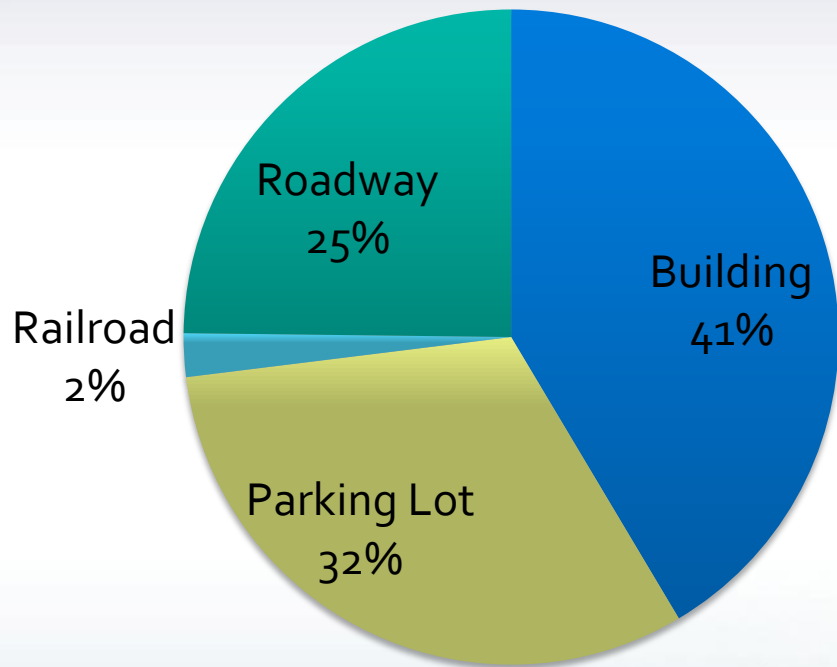
45% of the City is Served by Combined Sewers



Separate Stormwater Areas



Impervious Area = 48% of city



The Green Infrastructure Benefit Calculator

Projects Future Benefits for CSO and MS₄ Areas

Table 5-11 – Green Infrastructure Calculator for long-term (approximately 25-year) period

Impervious Area / Impervious Source	Impervious Contributing Area (acres)	Impervious Percent	Green Infrastructure Project / Technology	Assumed Percent of Impervious Area Managed	Impervious Area Managed (acres)	Total SW Runoff (MG/yr)	Assumed BMP Volume	Average Runoff Reduction	Annual Runoff / Runoff Reduction (MG/yr)
Roads / Alleys	529	100%	Green Streets	30%	159	513	1.0	86%	132.4
Parks	241	8%	Park Improvements / Greening	85%	17.0	19	1.0	86%	14.2
Sidewalks	124	100%	Disconnection, Porous Pavement	35%	43.3	120	1.0	86%	36.1
Parking Lots	648	100%	Porous Pavement, Bioretention	20%	130	628	2.0	97%	121.3
Flat Roofs	218	100%	Vegetated Roofs / Disconnection	15%	32.7	212	1.0	86%	27.3
Sloping Roofs	654	100%	Disconnection/Rain Gardens	25%	164	635	1.0	86%	136.5
Street Trees	N/A	N/A	Enhanced Tree Planting	N/A	45.1	44	0.3	49%	21.5
Public Schools	175	29%	Green Schools	75%	38.4	50	1.0	86%	32.0
Various (Ordinance)	1274	100%	First-Flush Ordinance	50%	637	1236	1.0	86%	531.6
Total					1,265	3,752			1,053
					55%				

Pollutant	Average Stormwater Concentration* (mg/l)	Average CSO Discharge Concentration (mg/l)	Pollutant Reduction from Stormwater (lb/yr)	Pollutant Reduction from CSOs (lb/yr)	Total Est. Pollutant Reduction (lb/yr)
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	1.2	5.5	3,485	24,267	1,457,000
Total Phosphorus (TP)	0.7	13.5	2,033	59,564	27,800
Total Nitrogen (TN)					61,600

*Based on the midpoint pollutant concentrations in USEPA's CSO Report to Congress, 2001

25-Year Plan to manage over 1,200 Acres of Impervious Area
Capture over 1 Billion Gallons of Stormwater Runoff over the long term

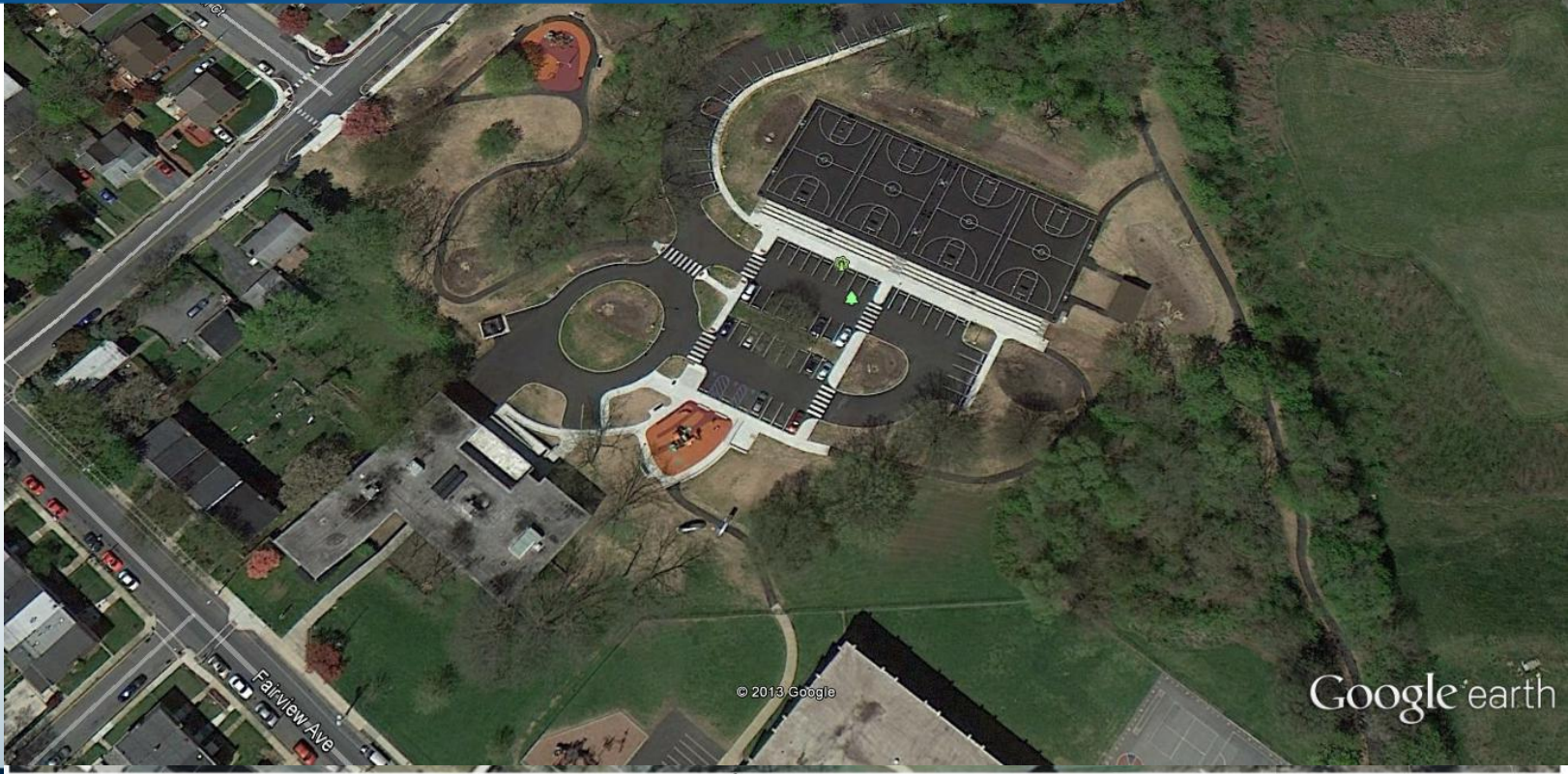
THE APPROACH

Green Parks



Brandon Park

4 Million Gallons / year reduction in runoff volume
\$0.15 / gal



Brandon Park – Wabank St. Curb Extensions



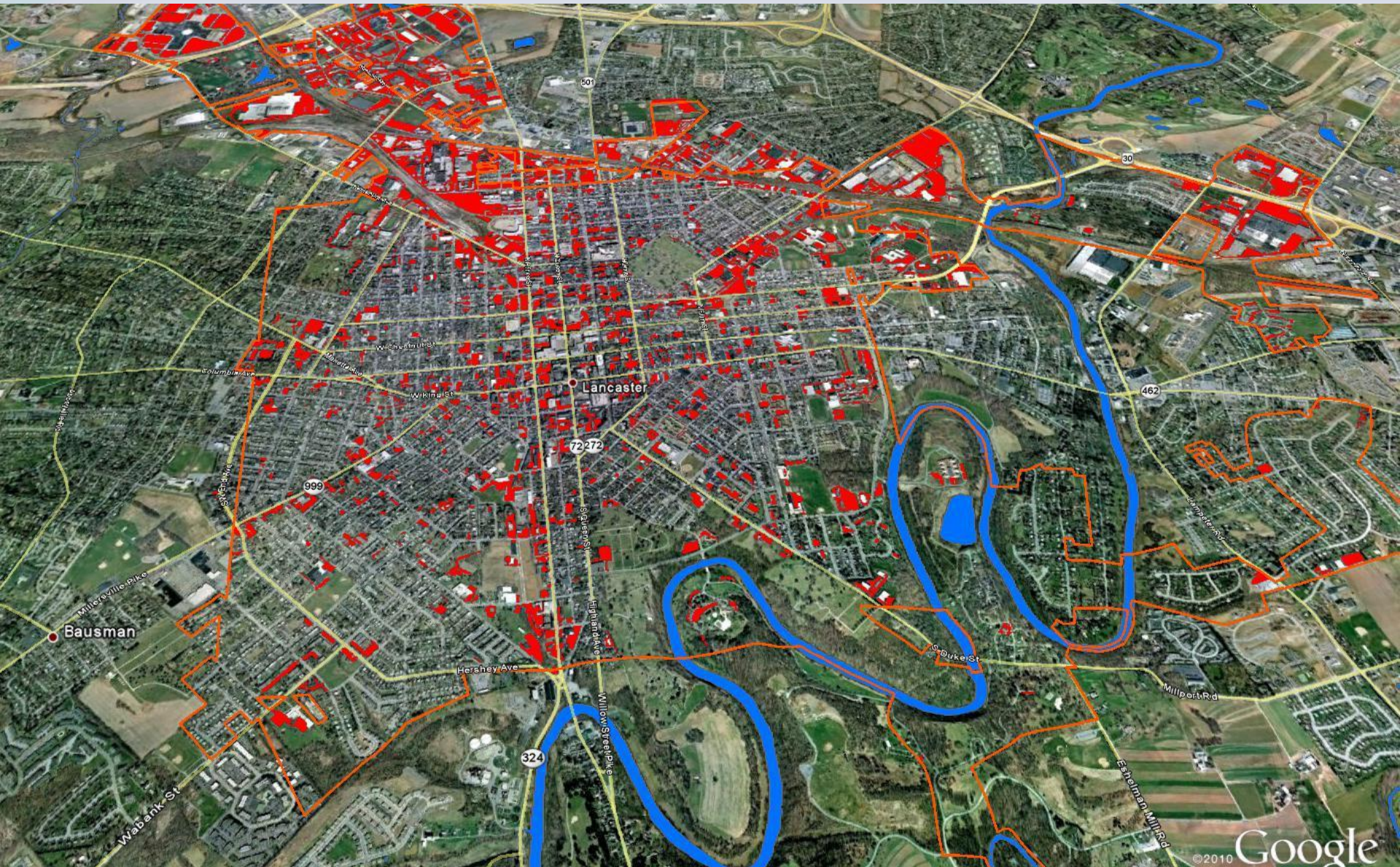
Brandon Park



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Parking Lots



Mifflin Street Parking Lot



Plum Street Parking Lot



Summary of city-owned parking lots retrofit projects

Parking Lot	Drainage Area	GI Area	Capture Volume	Capital Costs with Contingency
Plum Street	23,402	4,680	511,000	\$89,862
Dauphin	20,582	4,516	411,000	\$61,822
Penn	22,758	4,219	455,000	\$60,749
Mifflin	13,242	1,324	265,000	\$27,013
TOTAL			1,642,000	\$239,446

COST PER GALLON = \$0.14/gallon



Green Roofs

Over 100,000 square feet of green roofs in Lancaster City. Ten green roofs in PENNVEST funding planned. This is the green roof being added onto the city hall annex project.



INCORPORATING UTC INTO GREEN STREETS

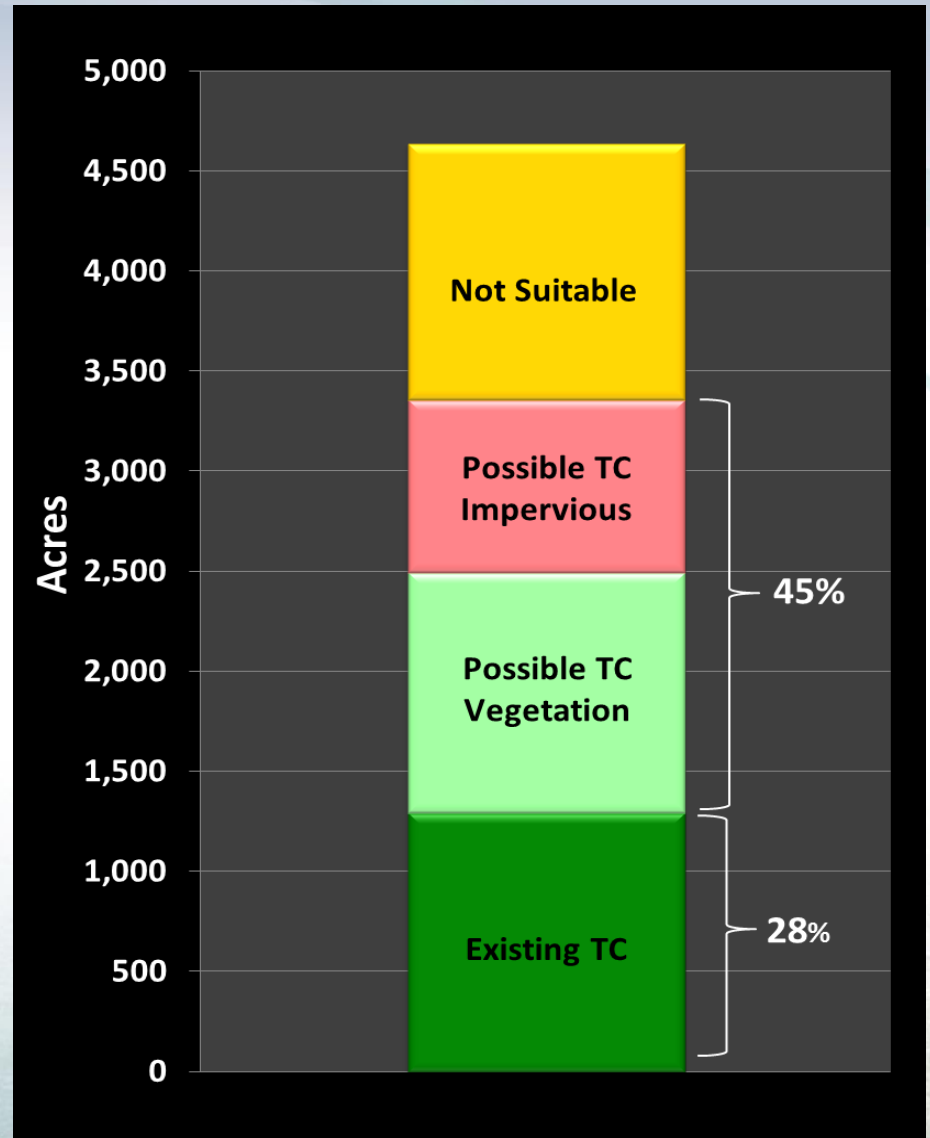


Urban Tree Canopy

- **Current: 28%**
- **Potential: 45%**
- **Goal: 40%**

Not just about Environmental Benefits:

- Clean Air
- Curbing Heat Island Effect (shading and cooling)
- AND of course Stormwater Management

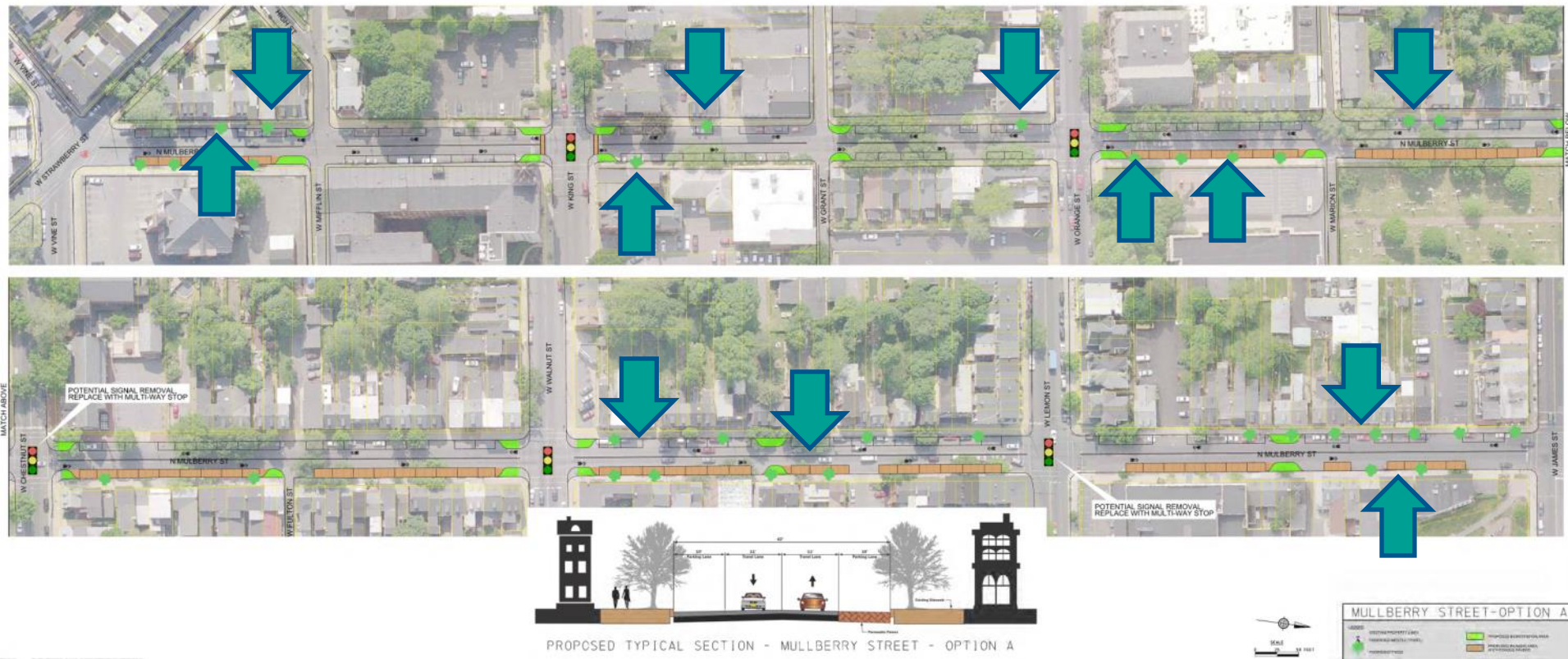


Benefits of Tree Canopy in EJC

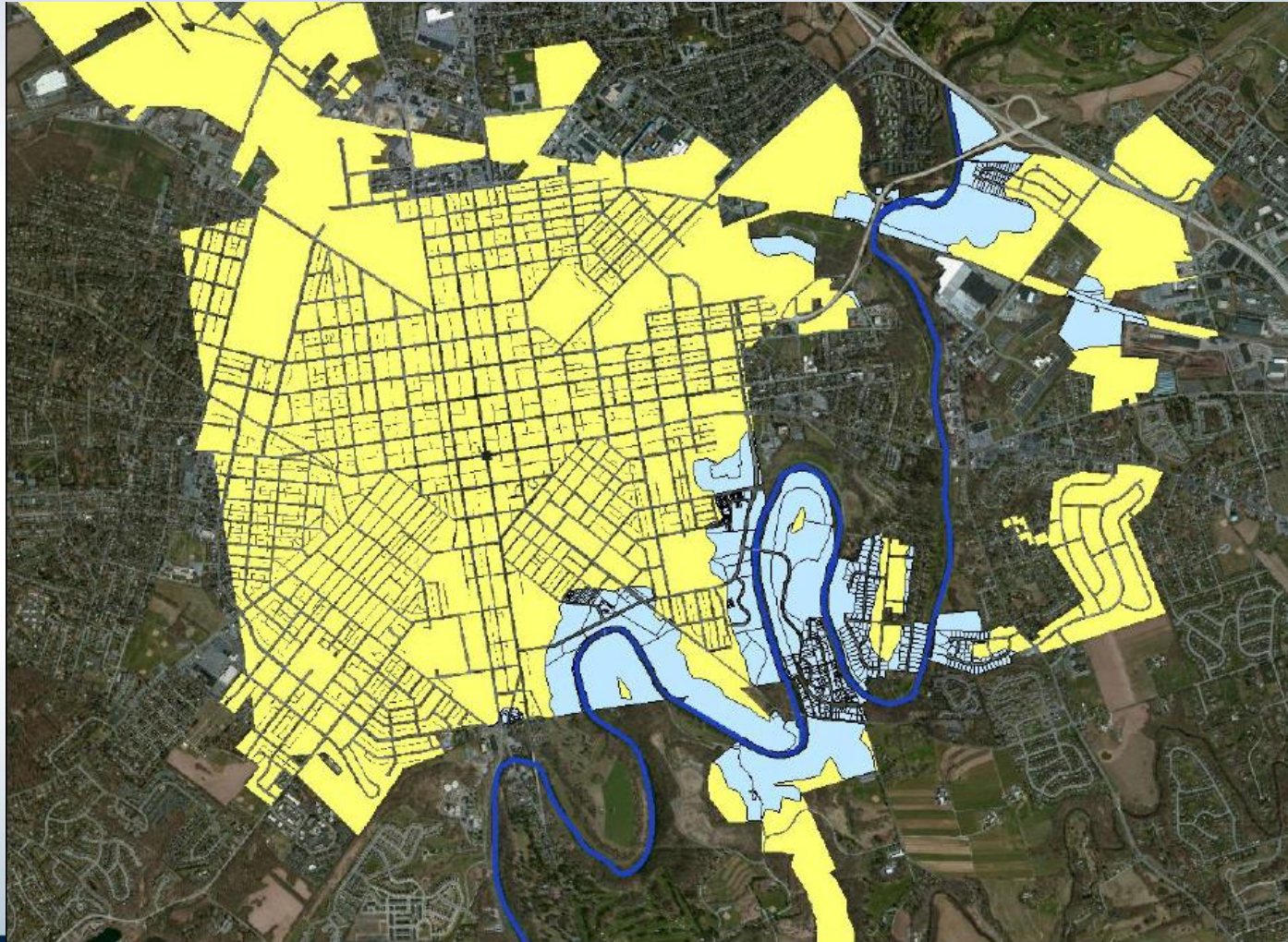
- There is growing interest in the public health benefits from the presence of nature and trees in the urban environment. Research is being conducted on several aspects of these benefits including creating environments conducive to an active lifestyle, reducing stress and violence, and positively affecting behavior. ¹
- Create spaces fit for active and passive recreation to combat obesity
- Decrease physical and emotional stress
- Reduce violence
- Effect on girls decision making
- Effect of green settings on ADD



Mulberry street two-way conversion project



CONESTOGA RIVER RIPARIAN BUFFER



Tree Canopy (TC) metrics

432 acres of existing tree canopy 46%

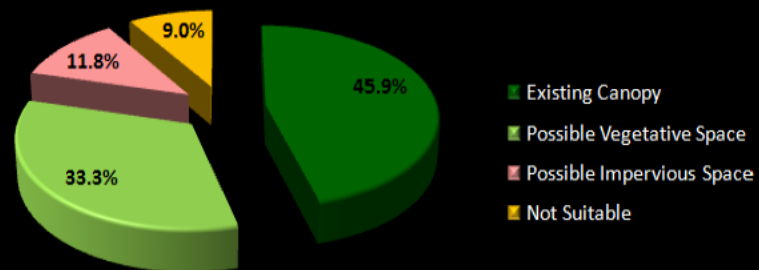
313 acres of possible vegetative space 33%

111 acres of possible impervious space 12%

85 acres not suitable 9%



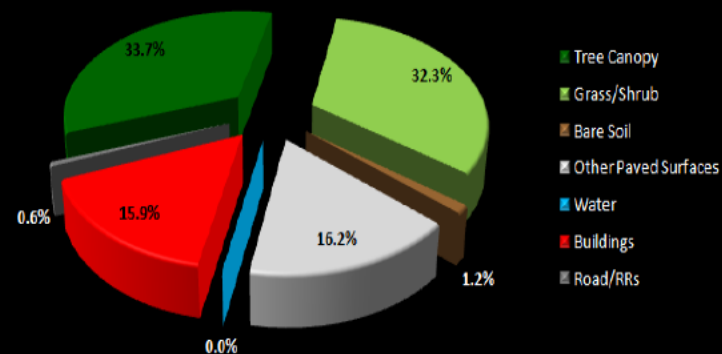
Conestoga River City Parcels TC Metrics (%)
(w/in 500' of river)



Conestoga River City Parcels TC Metrics (acres)
(w/in 500' of river)



Conestoga River City Parcels Land Cover Metrics (%)
(w/in 500' of river)




Conestoga River City Parcels Land Cover Metrics (acres) (w/in 500' of river)



- 1% canopy increase for the riparian area of the Conestoga for every 580 trees added
- = $\frac{1}{2}$ of the required tree #'s needed per year to reach City 40% goal



Priority Scenarios

 Parcels with less than the City's overall TC % (28%) and more than 2000 sq ft of impervious



Other scenarios

- Low tree canopy, lots of space
- Steep slopes
- Different buffer widths
- Land use
- Locate gaps to encourage contiguous canopy



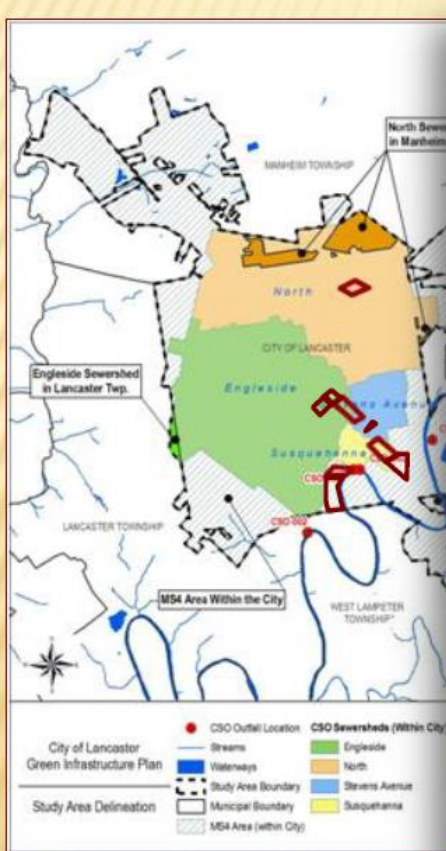
CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION GRANT



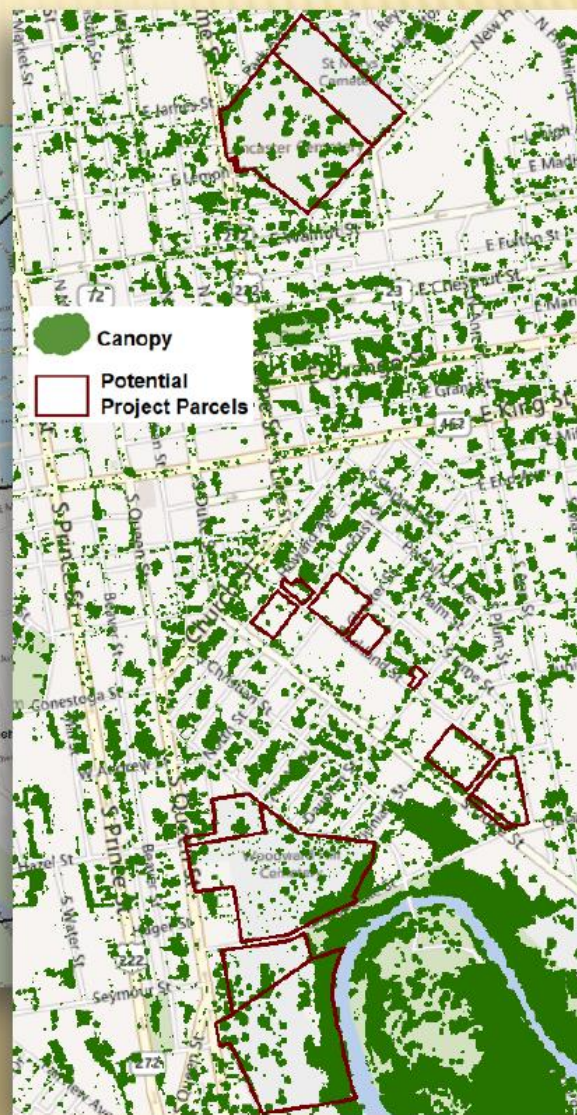
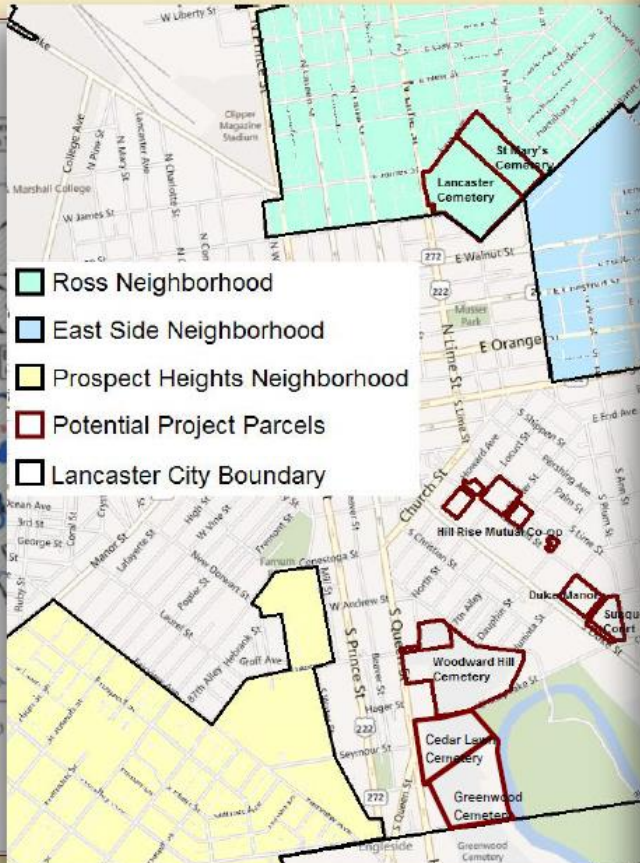
CEMETERY CANOPY PLAN



POTENTIAL PROJECTS



(Parcel locations not exact)



POTENTIAL PROJECTS

Hillrise Mutual Co-op



Most plantable area

Woodward Hill Cemetery



Pilot approach

Duke Manor Apartments



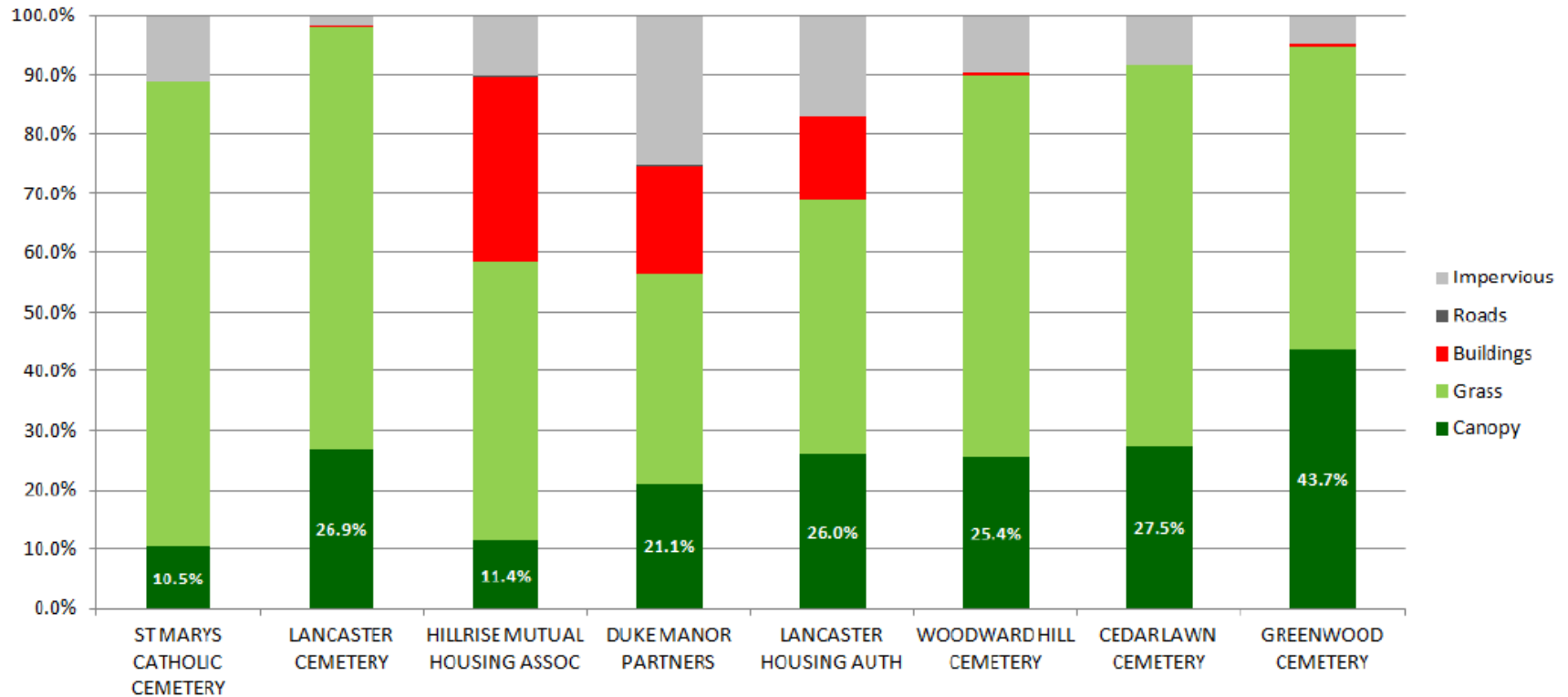
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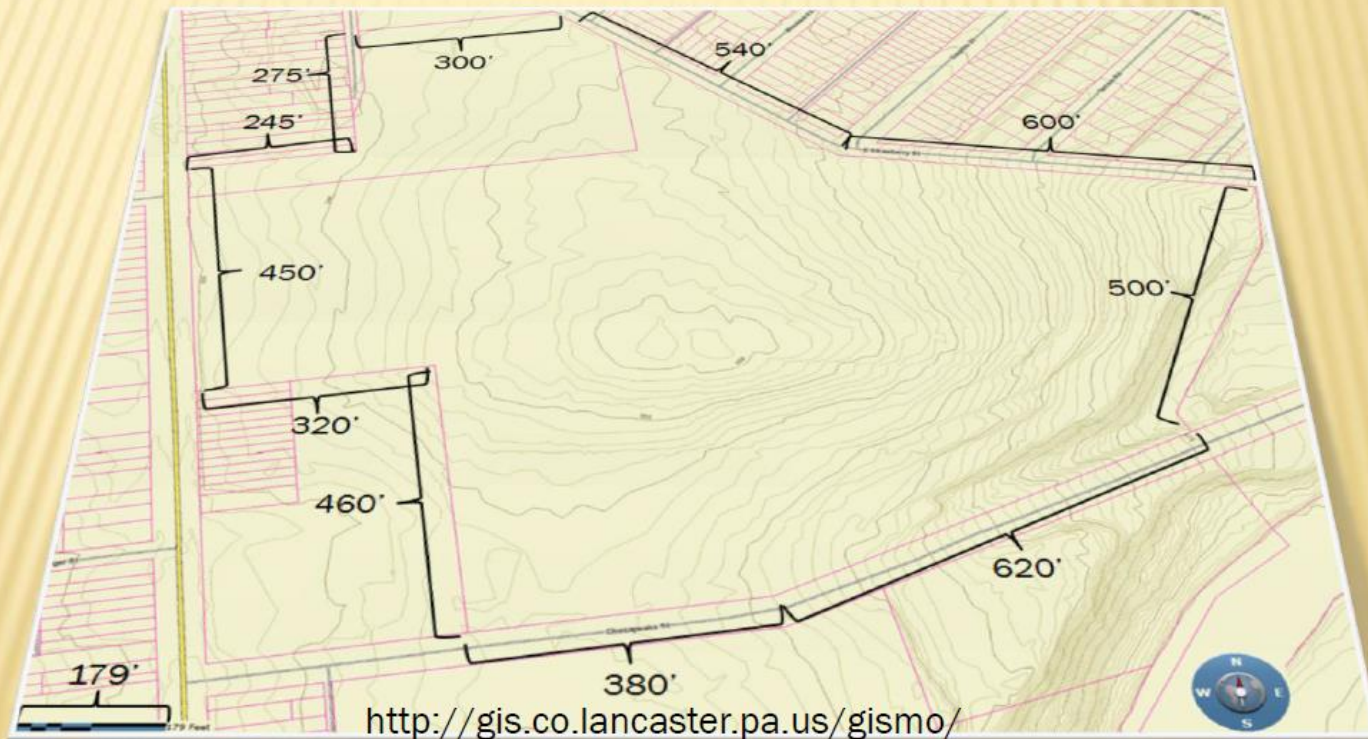
Existing Canopy % $\leq 10.5\%$
AND
Plantable Veg. Area $\geq 34000 \text{ ft}^2$

POTENTIAL PROJECTS

Land Cover Metrics of Potential Project Parcels



SELECTED PROJECT: WOODWARD HILL CEMETERY



MAINTAIN CANOPY



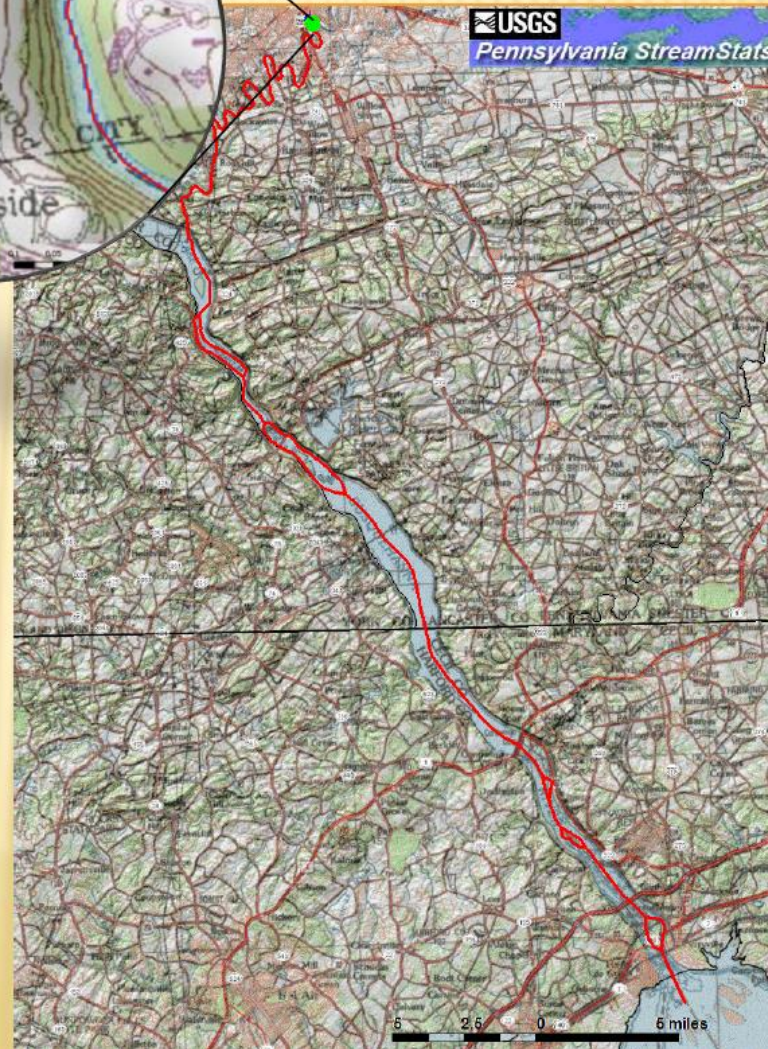
MAINTAIN CHARACTER



RUNOFF



Where does the rain go?



22.5 pervious acres
(Uc soil = "very high" runoff)
2.5 impervious acres
5 million gallons of potential
stormwater runoff annually



STRATEGY

Woodward Hill Cemetery	
Year of implementation	2012
Years of UTC goal	2
Goal to be completed by	2014
Total Land Area (ac)	25

Current TC%		Goal	% increase	Total Trees Needed	Trees/yr
25%	Scenarios	28%	3%	31	16
		30%	5%	55	28
		32%	7%	79	40
		35%	10%	115	58
		40%	15%	175	88

CHOOSE A SCENARIO

Suggested:

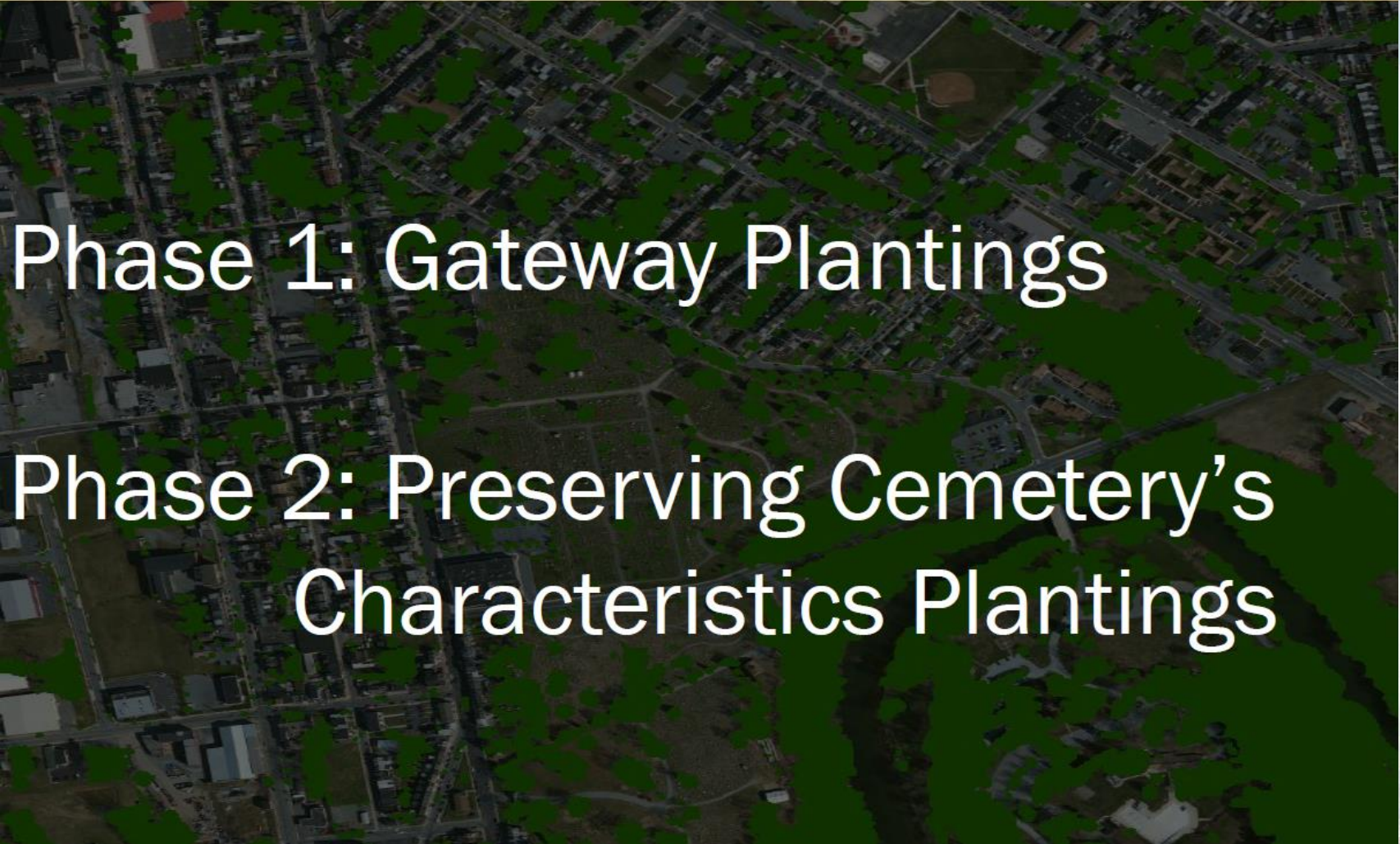
80 trees in 2 years = 32%



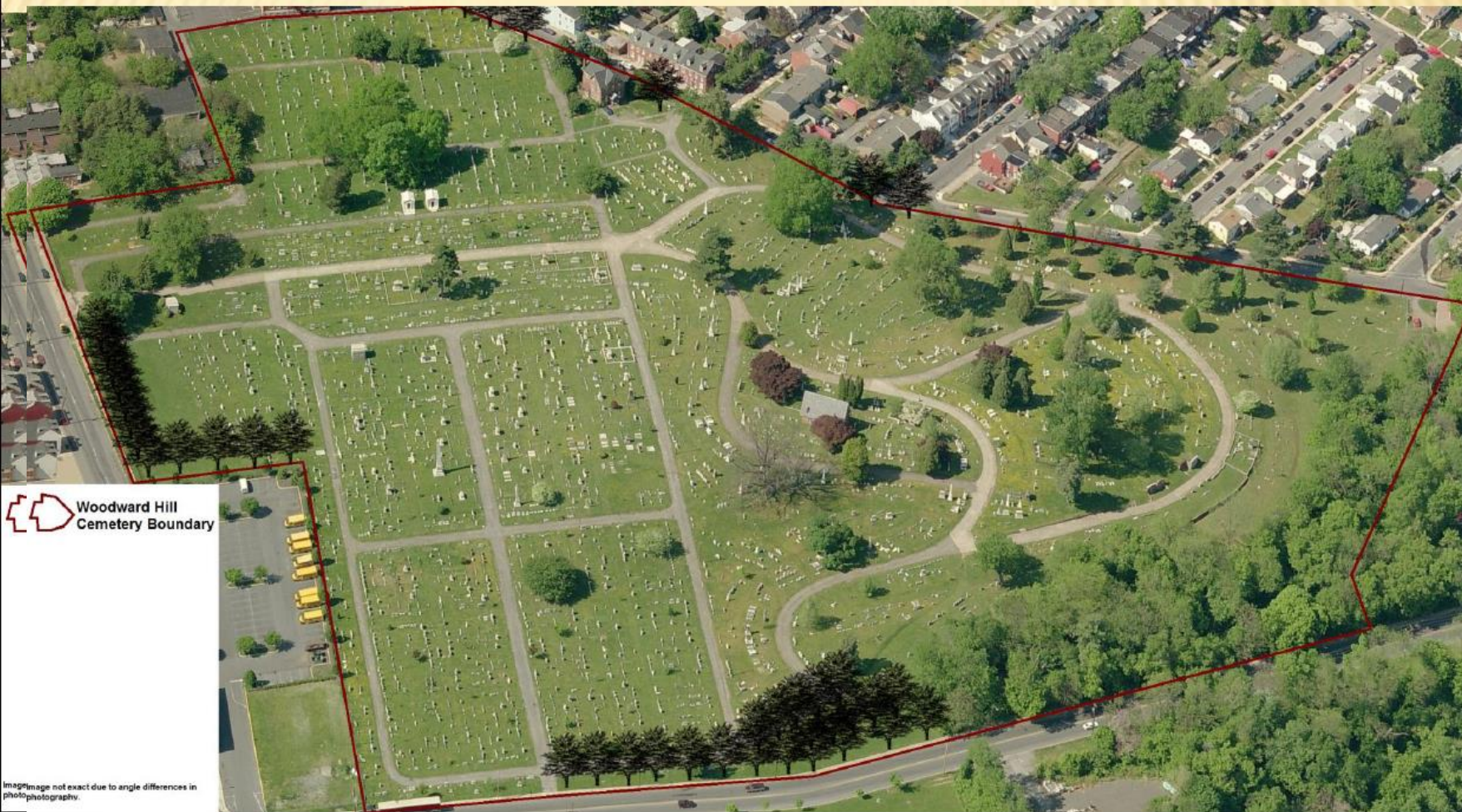
PHASES

Phase 1: Gateway Plantings

Phase 2: Preserving Cemetery's
Characteristics Plantings



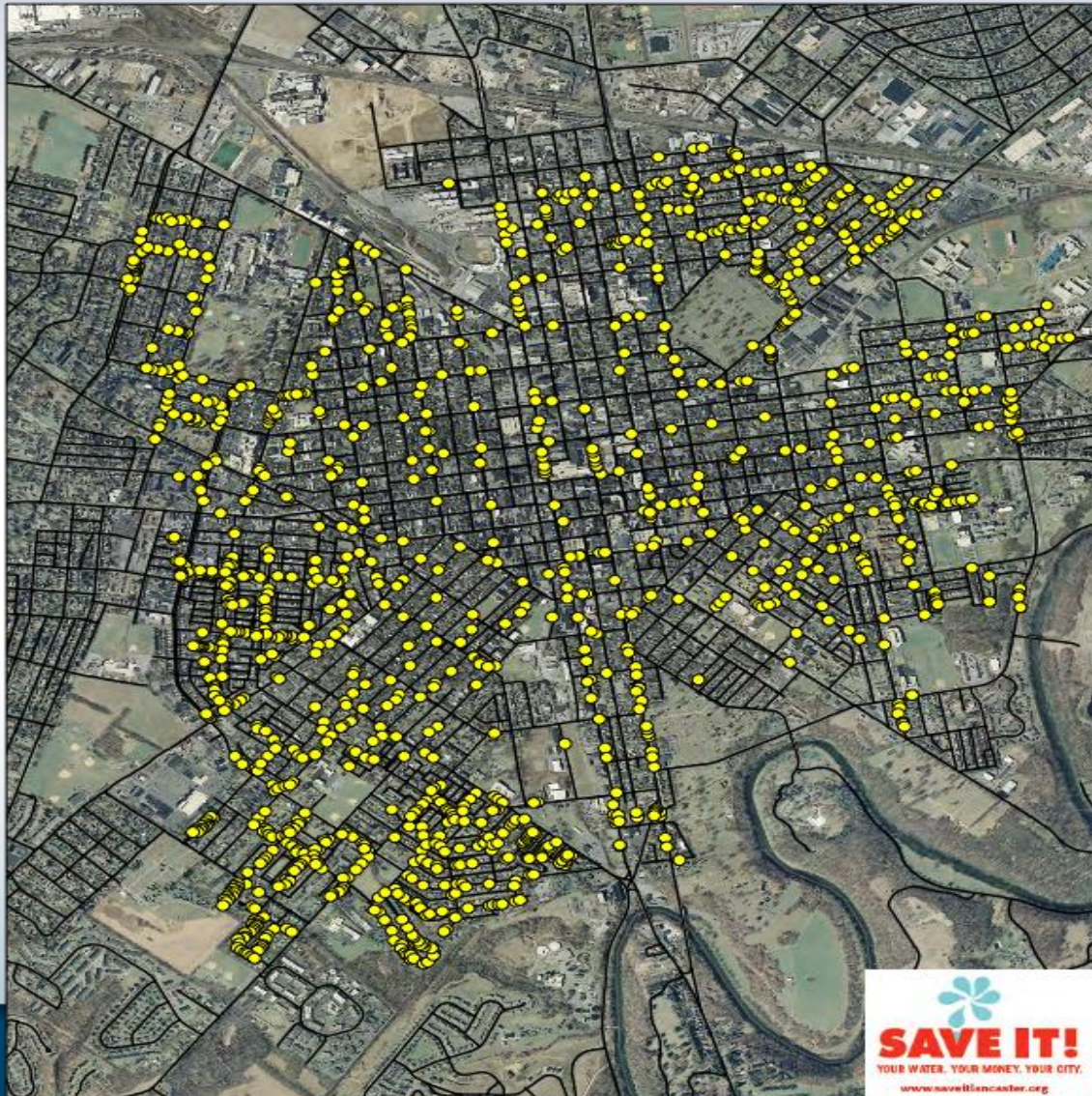
GATEWAY PLANTINGS



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Empty Tree Wells



Tree Wells in Lancaster City

0 1,000 2,000 4,000 Feet

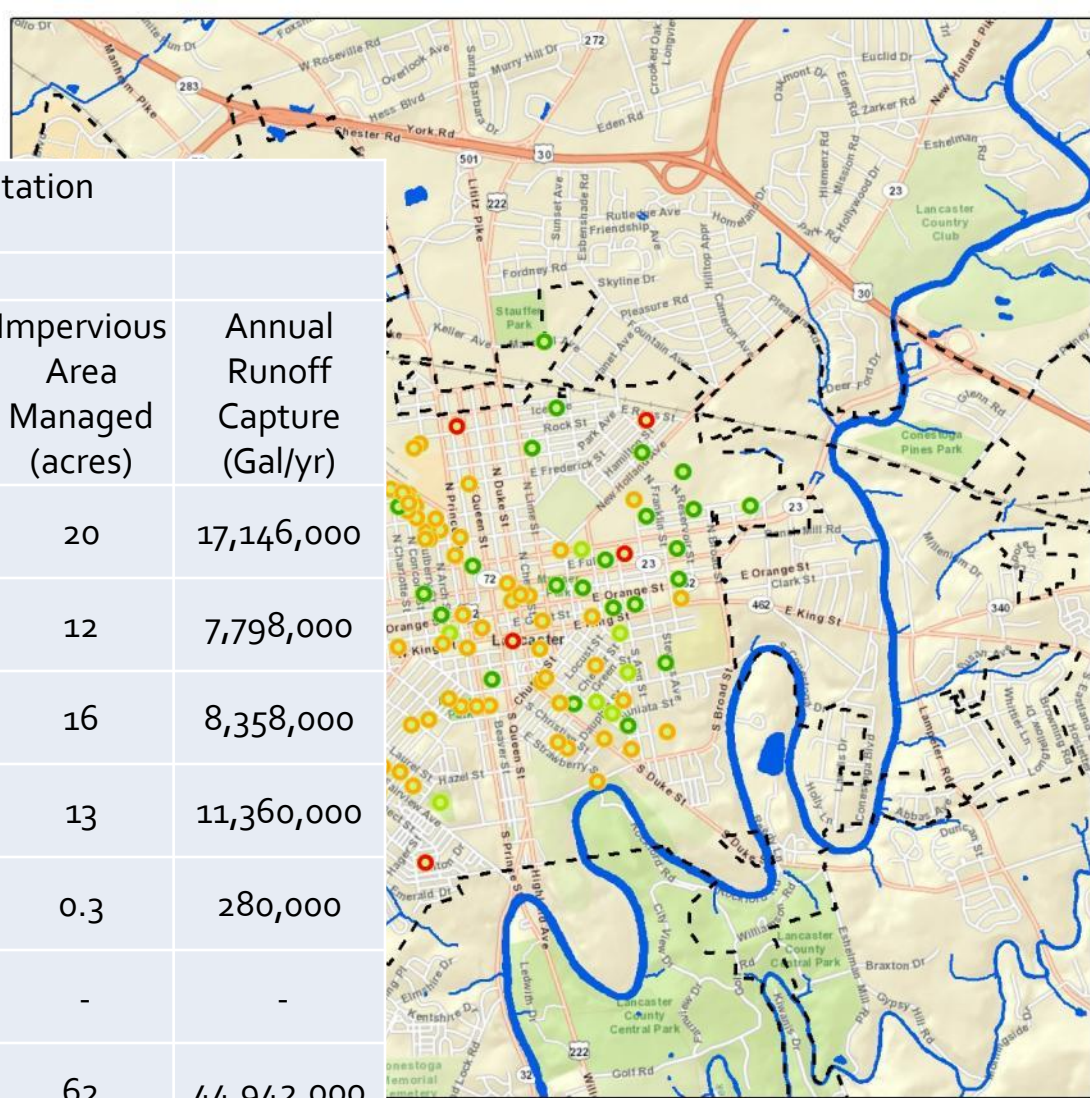
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Status

Summary of Green Infrastructure Program Implementation Status as of 03/28/14

Status	Number of Projects	Impervious Area Managed (sq. ft.)	Impervious Area Managed (acres)	Annual Runoff Capture (Gal/yr)
Constructed / Under Construction	44	891,000	20	17,146,000
In Design for Construction	12	530,000	12	7,798,000
Conceptual Designs (non-PV/GGP)	26	696,000	16	8,358,000
PENNVEST Concepts	25	555,000	13	11,360,000
Growing Greener Plus Concepts	1	14,000	0.3	280,000
In Project Planning	51	-	-	-
Total	159	2,686,000	62	44,942,000

\$3.64 M in grants used to date
Matched by \$3.7 M in local/city funds



SAVE IT!

YOUR WATER.
YOUR MONEY.
YOUR CITY.



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WATER HEROES



Chestnut Hill For Doreen Landis, Chestnut Hill Cafe's owner, Lancaster City's stormwater problem hits home. Literally.



Your Water.
Your Money.
Your City.

Lancaster, you can help
SAVE IT!

Lancaster City needs to save 750 million gallons of water annually from entering its combined sewer system to preserve clean drinking water, avoid costly fines and continue to build a healthy, vibrant community. Join our list serve and stay informed!

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BABY STEPS:

I've got 5 minutes,
What can I do?

Take a shower instead of a bath

BIG STEPS:

I've got 5 hours,
What can I do?

Install a rain barrel

GIANT STEPS:

I've got 5 days,
What can I do?

Install a green roof

QUESTIONS?

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