

CO-BENEFITS OF GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE



Connections Between People and Places

- Creating physical connections between social infrastructure and public amenities such as schools, museums, community centers, places of worship, grocery stores, medical offices, fitness centers, restaurants and parks
- Creating spaces that foster meaningful contact, provide community identity and draw a diverse population



Safe and Accessible Transportation Infrastructure

- Creating SAFE, ACCESSIBLE AND COMFORTABLE routes for getting from place to place (e.g., safe routes to school, complete streets)
- Creating public spaces that manage stormwater while beautifying streets and neighborhoods



Crime Mitigation

- Creating landscape designs that maintain sight lines, define public and private spaces, control access and calm)
- Encouraging residents to spend time outside interacting and building stronger community ties (e.g., pocket parks, community gardens)



Public Health and Wellness

- Creating spaces to promote recreation, fitness and healthy lifestyle choices
- Providing opportunity for improved access to healthy, fresh and whole foods through local production (e.g., community gardens)
- Strengthening community social bonds and associated health outcomes



Ecological Health and Productivity

- Improving air and water quality and providing wildlife habitat and migratory corridors
- Restoring natural hydrologic function (slows, cools, cleanses and recharges groundwater)



Local Jobs and Workforce Training

- Providing a scale and scope of design and construction work that can be met by local companies
- Creating a demand for workforce training and education to build capacity for public and private sector jobs



Neighborhood-Scale Economic Development

- Spurring reinvestment and increasing economic activity, including tourism, for nearby businesses
- Increasing surrounding property values by improving public rights-of-way and repurposing vacant/blighted lots

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