

Construction of Various Right of Way Green Infrastructures in the BB-05 & BB-08 CSO Tributary Areas

PROJECT ID: BB0502A

QNS Community Board 3
Virtual Full Board Meeting
Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 7PM



Project Data

Project ID: BB0502A Registration No.: 20211412694 **Registration Date: January 29, 2021 Anticipated Start:** October 2021 **Anticipated Completion: November 2022 NYC Department of Design and Construction (DDC) Management Agency: NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Sponsor Agency:** R.E.I. Firm: **HNTB General Contractor:** JR Cruz Corp.

\$12,648,321.00

Total Budget:

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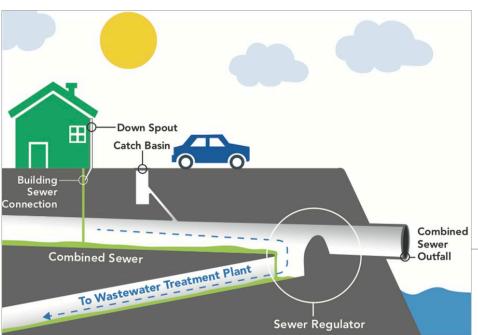


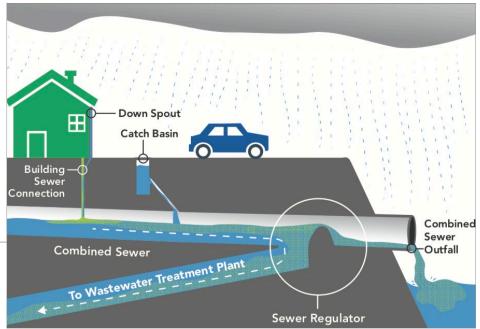
Why is the Project Necessary?

- About 60% of NYC has a combined sewer system, which is a single pipe that carries both stormwater runoff and sewage from buildings.
- Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) has become a substantial issue.
- Stormwater runoff currently enters the city sewer system during heavy rains.
- Rain gardens capture stormwater runoff before it can drain into the combined sewer system, which protects the health of Jackson Heights, Elmhurst and Corona.
- Helps reduce the likelihood of any overflows.



Why is the Project Necessary? (cont.)





Dry Weather Conditions in the Combined Sewer System

Wet Weather Conditions in the Combined Sewer System

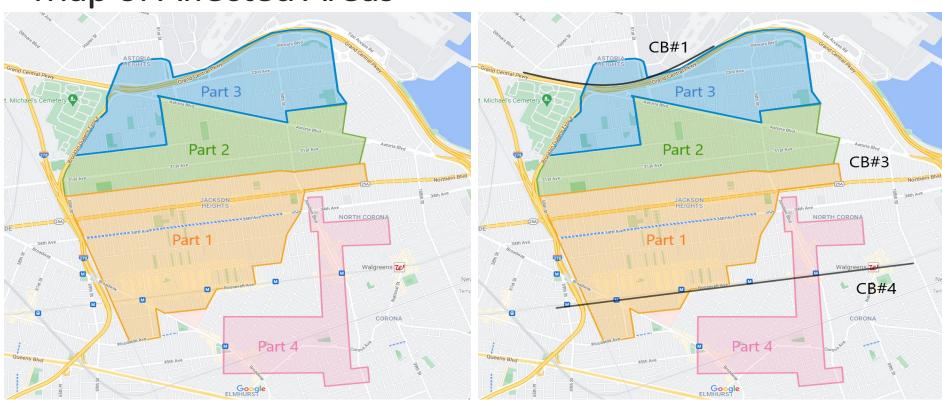
Benefits to the Community

- Promotes the natural movement of water by collecting and managing stormwater runoff from streets and sidewalks, directing it to engineered systems featuring soil, stones, and vegetation.
- Improves street drainage.
- Reduces temperatures.
- Improves water quality, beautify neighborhoods and improve air quality.





Map of Affected Areas



Work area broken down into sections.

Work area with Community Board Districts.



Locations

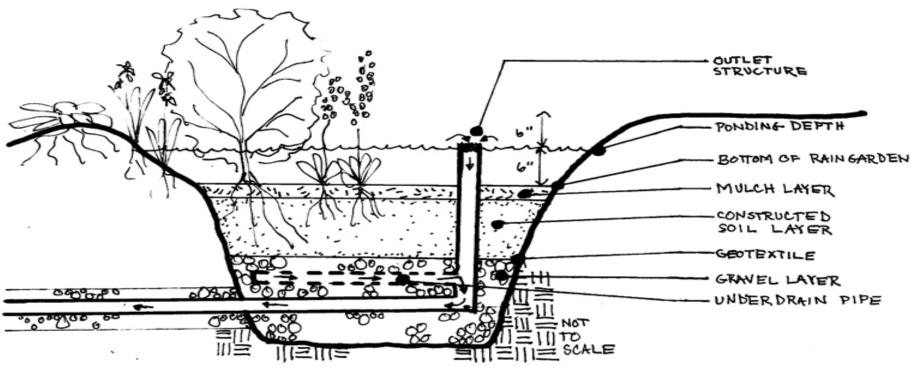
- The green infrastructure assets will be installed in various locations in Astoria Heights, Jackson Heights, Elmhurst, East Elmhurst, Corona, and North Corona; within Community Boards 1, 3, and 4, Queens.
- Locations include:
 - 37th Ave. between 69th St. and 91st St.
 - 35th Ave. between 69th St. and 92nd St.
 - 34th Ave. between 69th St. and 93rd St.
 - 31st Ave. between 68th St. and Astoria Blvd.
 - 30th Ave. between 83rd St. and 31st Ave.
 - Vaughn College on Ditmars Blvd. and 23rd Ave.
 - Various other locations within work parameters



Rain Garden Diagram







Rendition of Rain Garden





Examples of Rain Gardens



GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE COMPONENTS



INFILTRATION BASIN

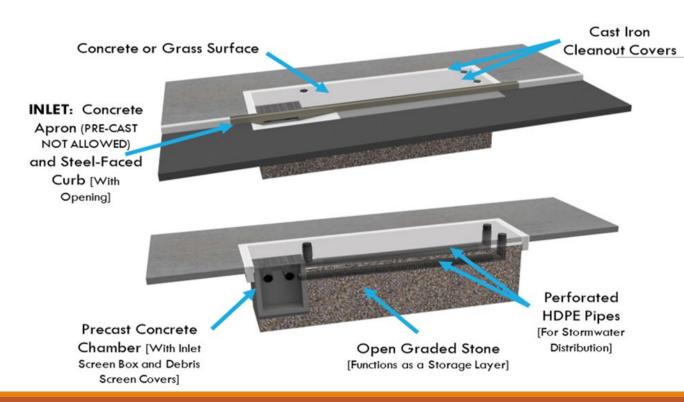


Diagram of an Infiltration Basin (IB)





Infiltration Basins are designed to collect rainwater beneath a surface that closely mimics its surroundings, like grass or concrete.





They are similar in functionality to Rain Gardens.



Completed Concrete and Grass Top Infiltration Basins









Stormwater Greenstreets

- Stormwater Greenstreets, like Rain Gardens, are planted areas designed to collect and manage stormwater that runs off the streets and sidewalks.
- typically constructed in the roadway, are usually larger than rain gardens, and have varying lengths, widths and soil depths based on the characteristics of the existing roadway.











How Does DEP Care for Rain Gardens?

- DEP inspects the rain gardens at least once a week.
- Removes litter and sediment that stormwater may have carried in.
- DEP also pulls weeds, prunes trees and shrubs, and monitors plants to make sure they are thriving.
- The community can get involved by volunteering as a Harbor Protector, to keep the neighborhoods clean and pollution out of the waterways.
- Volunteers can visit https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dep/whats-new/harbor-protectors.page
- DEP's FAQ: https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dep/water/rain-gardens.page



Community Impacts and Mitigation

SPECIAL NEEDS

- DDC field staff will work with those individuals to minimize certain inconveniences.
- Anyone with special circumstances should contact the Community Construction Liaison (CCL).
- We strive to minimize construction impacts and maintain a safe and well-kept project work site.



Community Outreach

- DDC has assigned Michelle Arfeen as the dedicated on-site Community Construction Liaison (CCL).
- The CCL can be reached at:
 - Email: GIBB0502Accl@gmail.com
 - Phone #: 718-784-5570
 - Field Office: 47-45 39th St., Long Island City, NY 11104



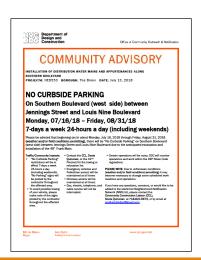
Keeping You Informed.

The CCL not only addresses concerns and responds to inquires from the community, but also attends meetings as needed and distributes project related materials to keep the community informed and notified.

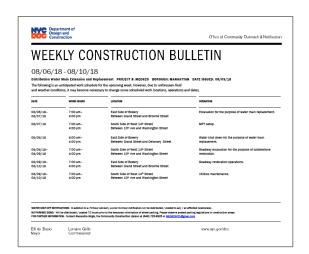
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We appreciate your patience and cooperation while we build NYC's Green Infrastructure.

Please email GIBB0502Accl@gmail.com with any questions/concerns.