

An aerial photograph of a residential neighborhood. A river flows through the center-left of the image. To the right of the river, there is a road intersection with several houses and parked cars. The text 'Compton's Corner Stormwater Planning Workshop' is overlaid on the left side of the image in a large, white, sans-serif font.

# Compton's Corner Stormwater Planning Workshop

SRPEDD

Town of Swansea

Horsley Witten

# Acknowledgements and Partners



# Workshop Agenda

Video

Project Overview

Project Process

People Involved

Site Considerations

Anthony Ave Design



# Project Introduction

Coastal Habitat and Water Quality  
Grant from MA Office of Coastal Zone  
Management (2-year project)

- Stormwater quality sampling
- Drainage area delineation
- Site evaluation & stormwater project design

SNEP (Southeast New England Program)  
Network Stormwater Planning Training

- Stormwater treatment project types
- Site selection & design





# Project Overview

1. Why Compton's Corner
  - Runs into Mt. Hope Bay, a waterbody of concern for the area
  - Estuary habitat for many species
  - Large drainage point
  - Neighborhood opportunities for improvements
  - Partners: Town of Swansea, SRPEDD, CZM, SNEP Network, and Save the Bay





# Project Overview

## 2. Water Quality Assessment

- Worked with SMAST Team, Sara Horvet and associates to train on stormwater testing – helped with actual testing event too
- Partnered with the Public Health Lab of New Bedford to perform the bacterial testing
- Understand what contaminants are coming from which storm drain
- 3 tests; 6 months; very specific rain events at only low tide; Testing for Phosphorus, Salinity, Suspended Solids, Nitrogen, pH, temperature, and Bacteria





# Project Overview

3. Site Concept Designs (prepared by Horsley Witten)
  - Utilized information for choosing sites best available for Green Infrastructure interventions
  - Identified potential sites for the community to prioritize for further design & implementation
4. Community Input
  - Public meetings
  - Surveys
  - Conversations with neighbors



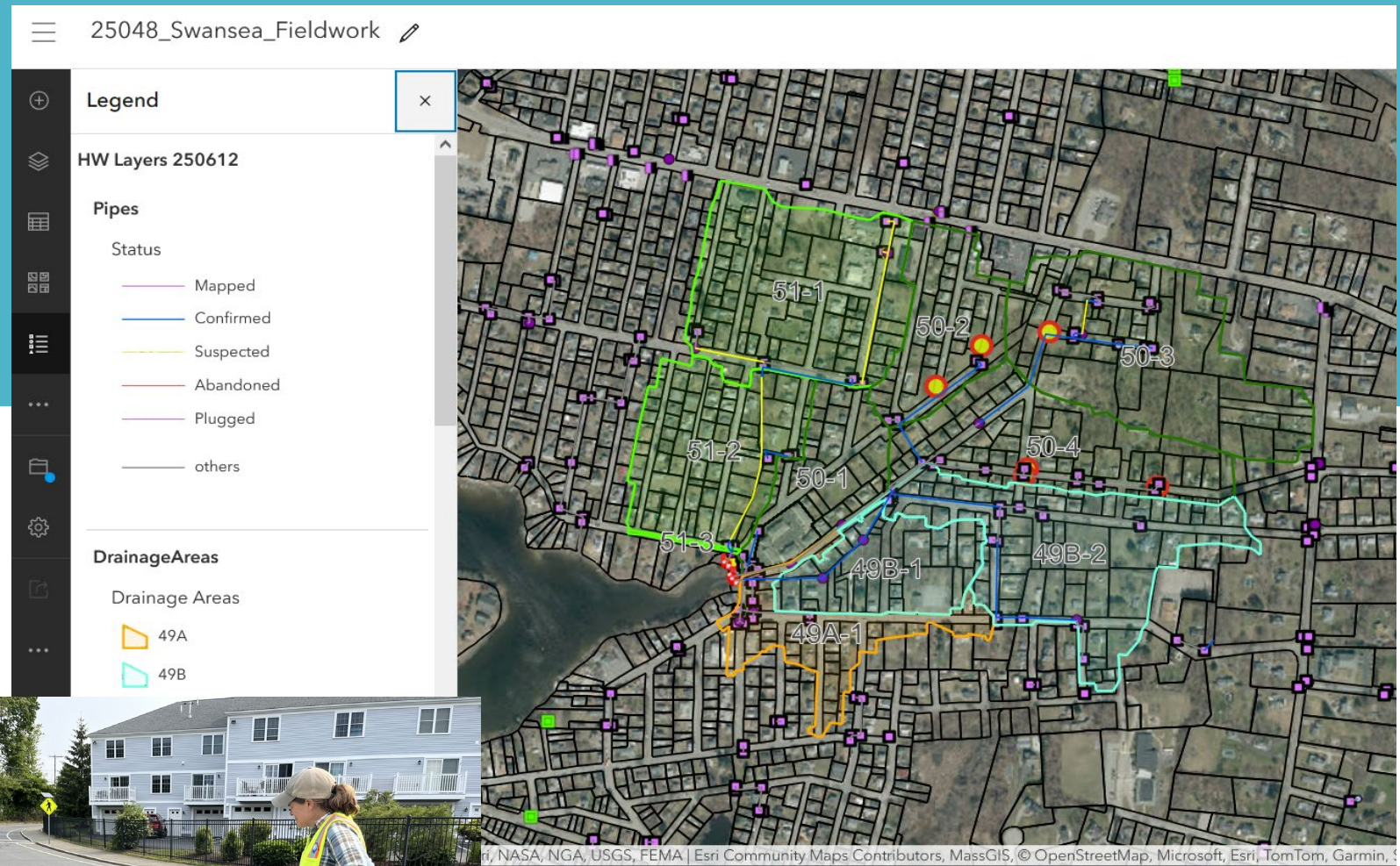
# Site Considerations

- Existing infrastructure
- Reducing contaminants into Mt. Hope Bay
- Ecosystem health
- Feasibility
- Compatibility of green infrastructure intervention at each site
- Community co-benefits





## 2. Retrofit Inventory



Drainage areas:

- Outfall 51 – 17.3 ac
- **Outfall 50 – 50.2 ac**
- Outfall 49B – 24.4 ac
- Outfall 49A – 6.7 ac



# Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI)

## Mimic Nature



### Structural Practices

- Infiltration
- Filters
- Wet Practices
- Rainwater Harvesting

### Non-structural Practices

- Pavement Removal
- Revegetation
- Source Control
- Public Education



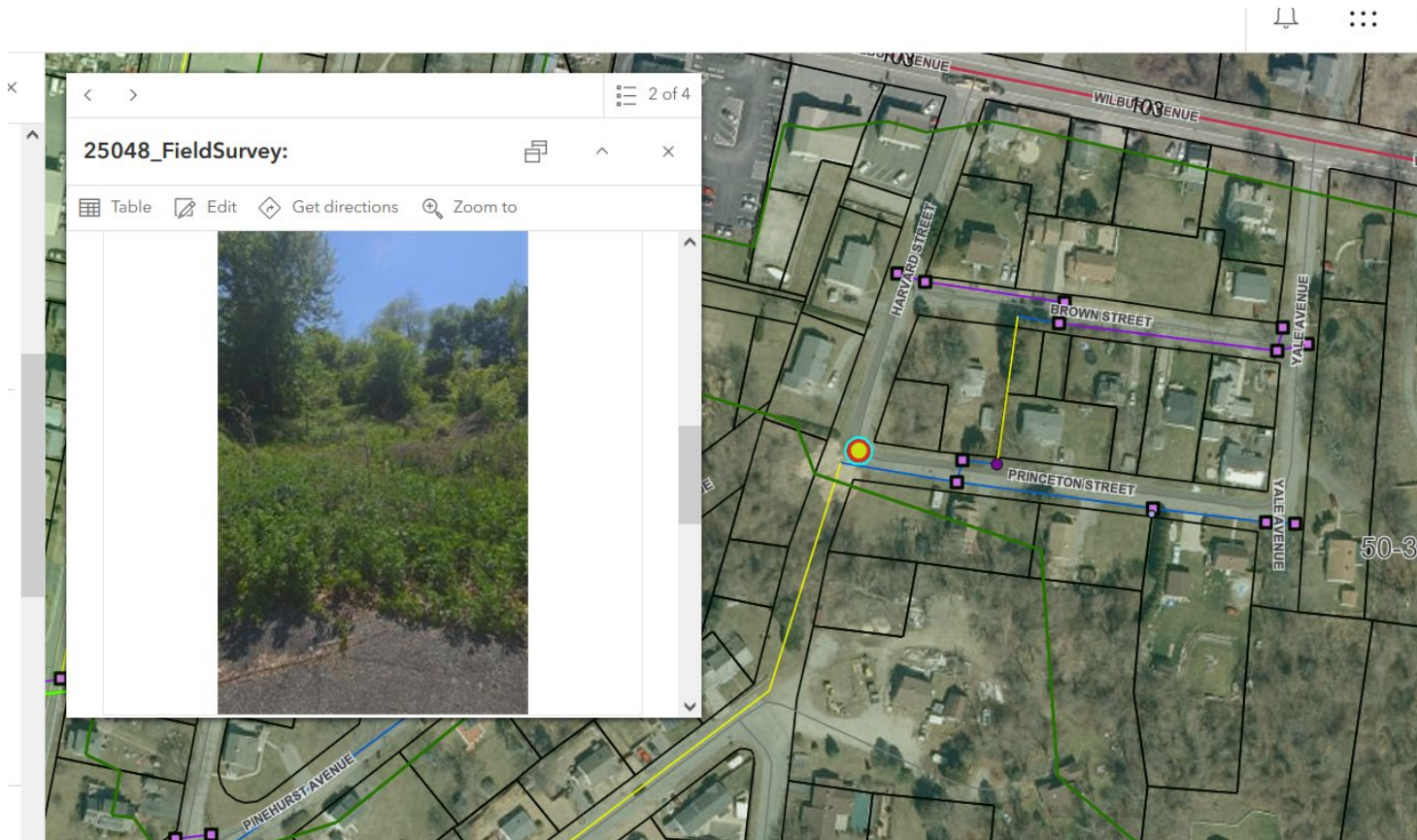
# *Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI)*

## *Mimics Nature*





# Retrofit Opportunities



- Identified 10 opportunities
- 10% Concepts for 4
  - R1 – Bioretention at Compton's Corners
  - R2 – Constructed Wetland
  - R3 – Massasoit Ave Tree Trenches
  - R4 – COA Parking Lot

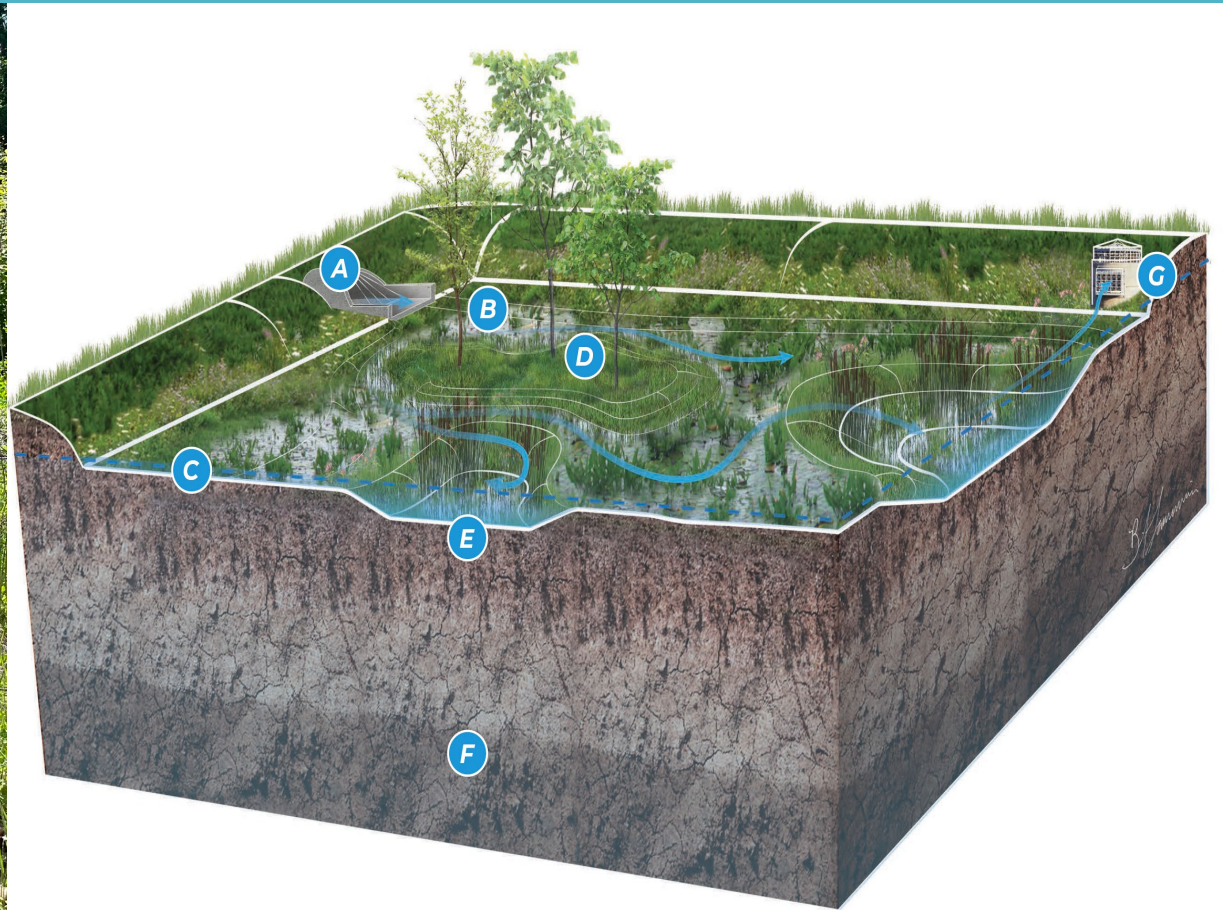


# R-1 Compton's Corner Bioretention (Outfall 51)



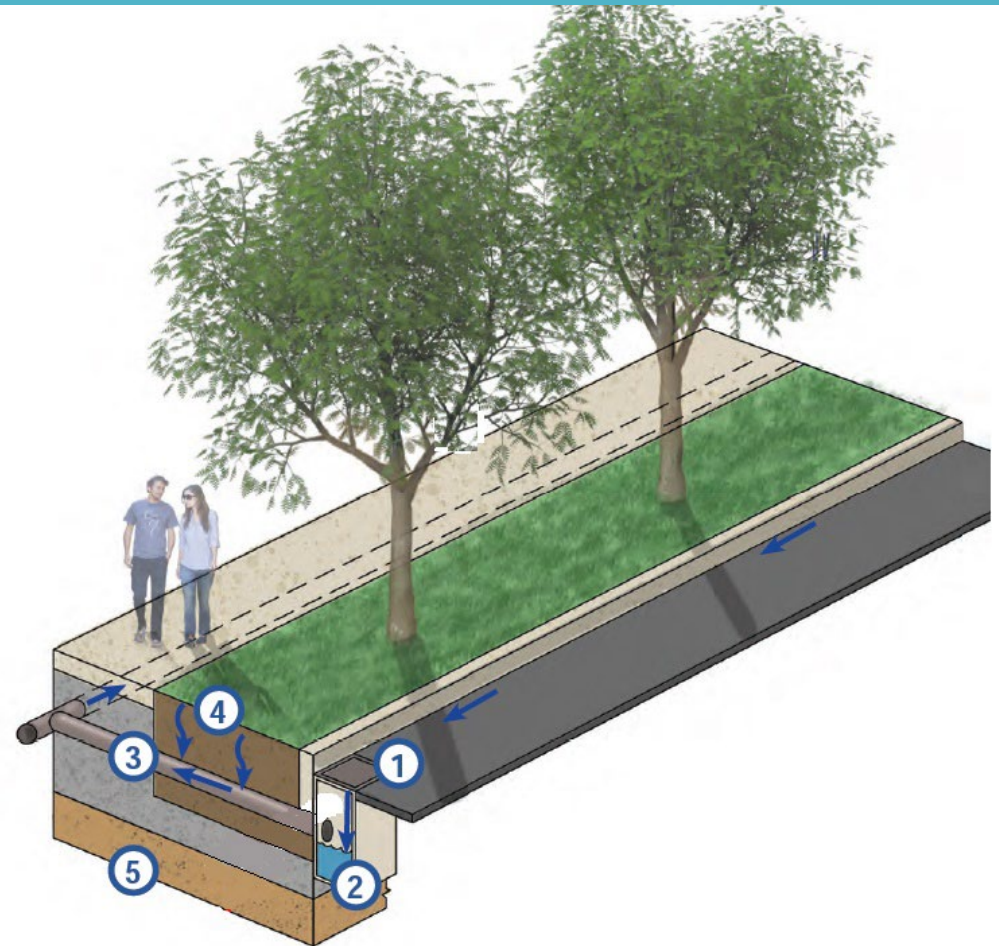


# R-2 Harvard St Wet Swale/Wetland (Outfall 50)



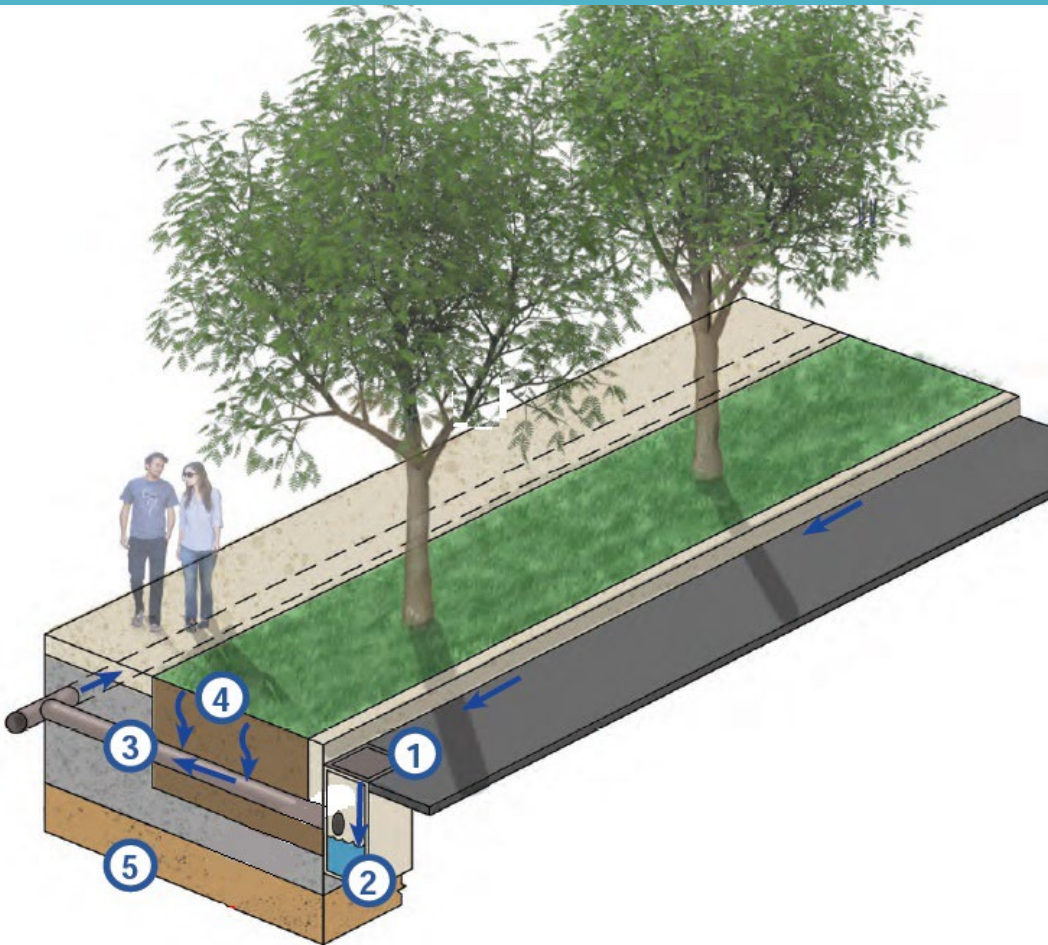


# R-3 Massasoit/Metacomet Tree Trenches (Outfall 50)





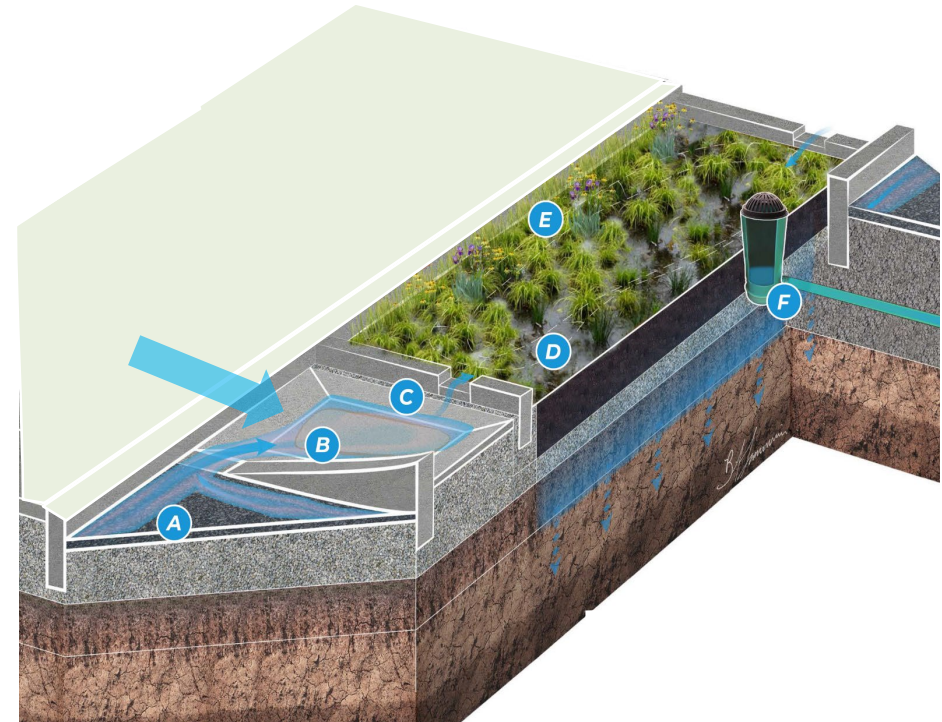
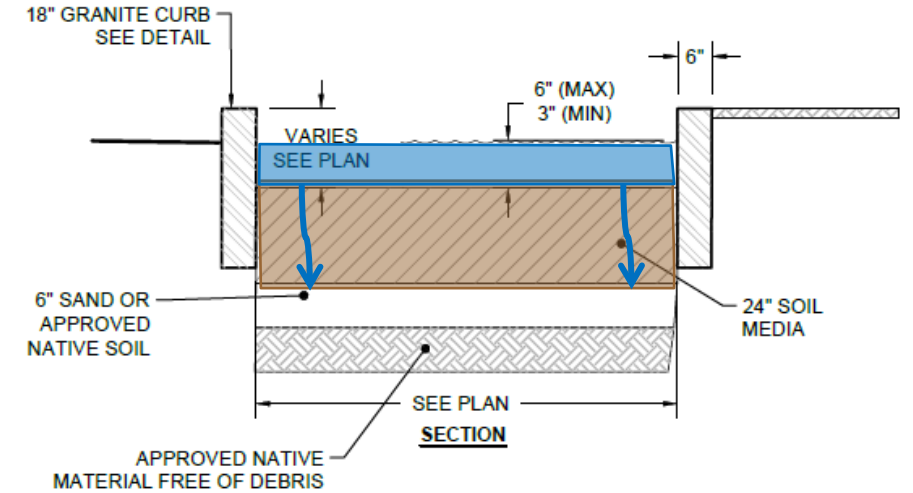
# Tree Trench



- Infiltration trench with trees/shrubs for nutrient uptake



# R-4 Council on Aging Hard-edged Bioretentions (Outfall 49A)





# Existing Conditions – Anthony Ave



- Town Road and Vacant Lot
- Existing Stormwater Infrastructure
  - Catch Basin - Clogged
  - No Treatment
- Dense brush with invasive species



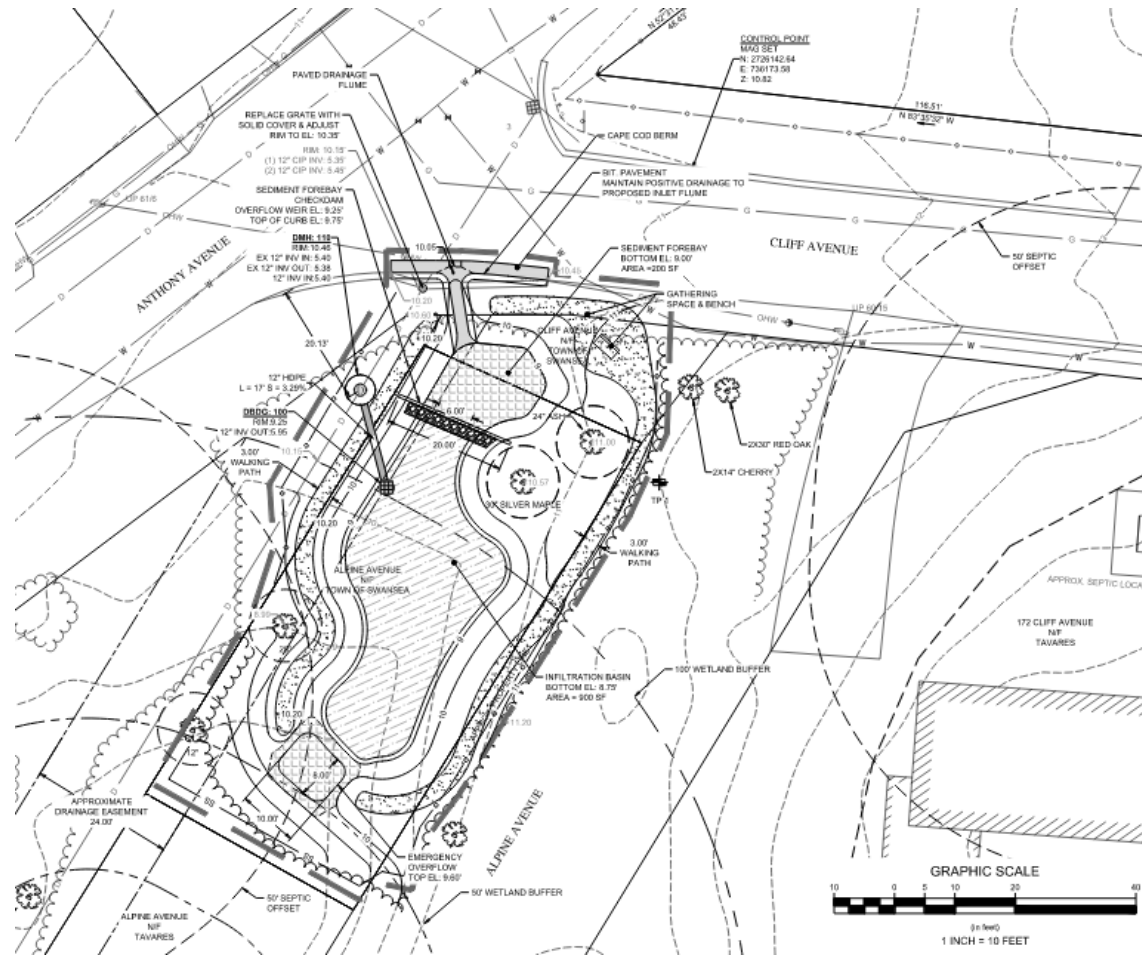
# Existing Conditions – Anthony Ave



- Total Drainage Area = 1.0 acre
- 44% Impervious (0.45 ac)



### 3. Anthony Ave Design (Outfall 49B)



## Design Components

- Infiltration basin
- Sediment forebay
- Connection to existing pipe outfall
- Treating 1" (WQV) from contributing impervious surfaces



# Perspective Rendering (pre & post conditions)





# Activity

# Share your thoughts on the designs and priority sites!

1. Choose your preferred sites on the voting slip
2. Write your thoughts and comments on the post-it notes on the presentation boards

# Compton's Corner Stormwater Outfall Map



# Next Steps and More Information

- Your input will guide the Town's future implementation efforts (next few months)
- Secure grants / funding for implementation (1-2 years)
- Further design & permitting (1-3 years)
- Construction (3+ years)



# Questions / Comments?





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