



# Green Infrastructure Grant Program 2026 Program Updates Budget & Finance Committee

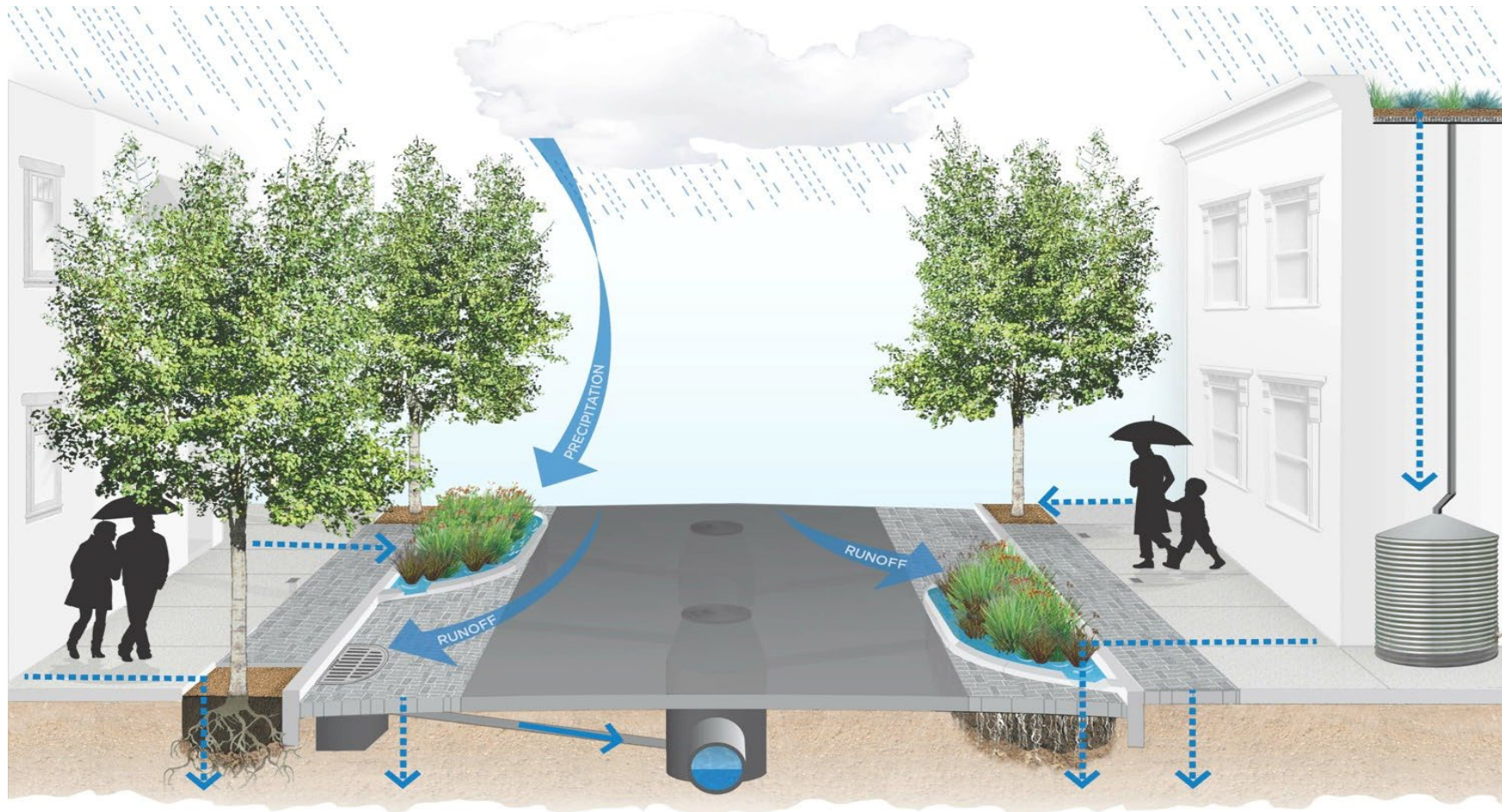
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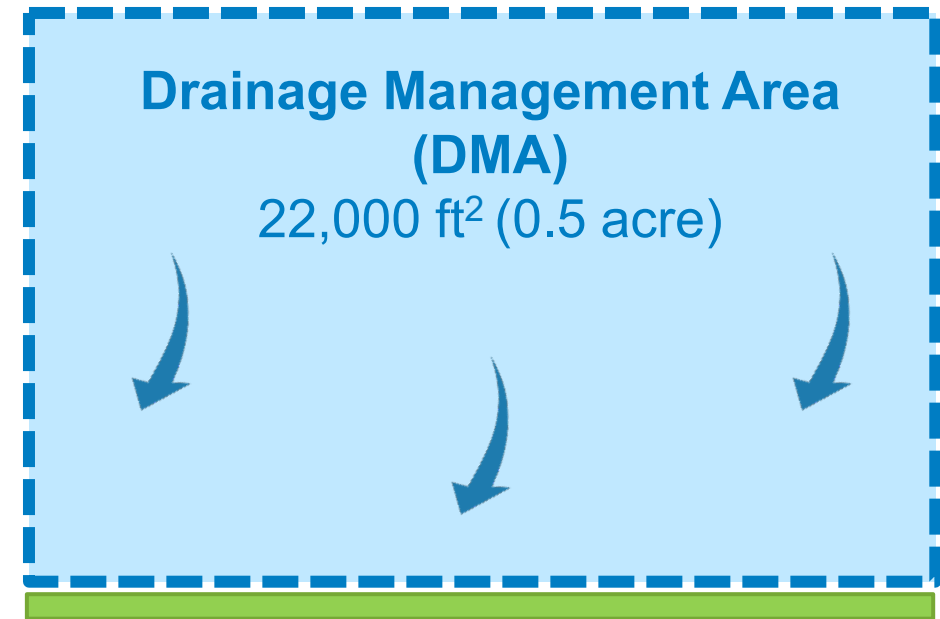
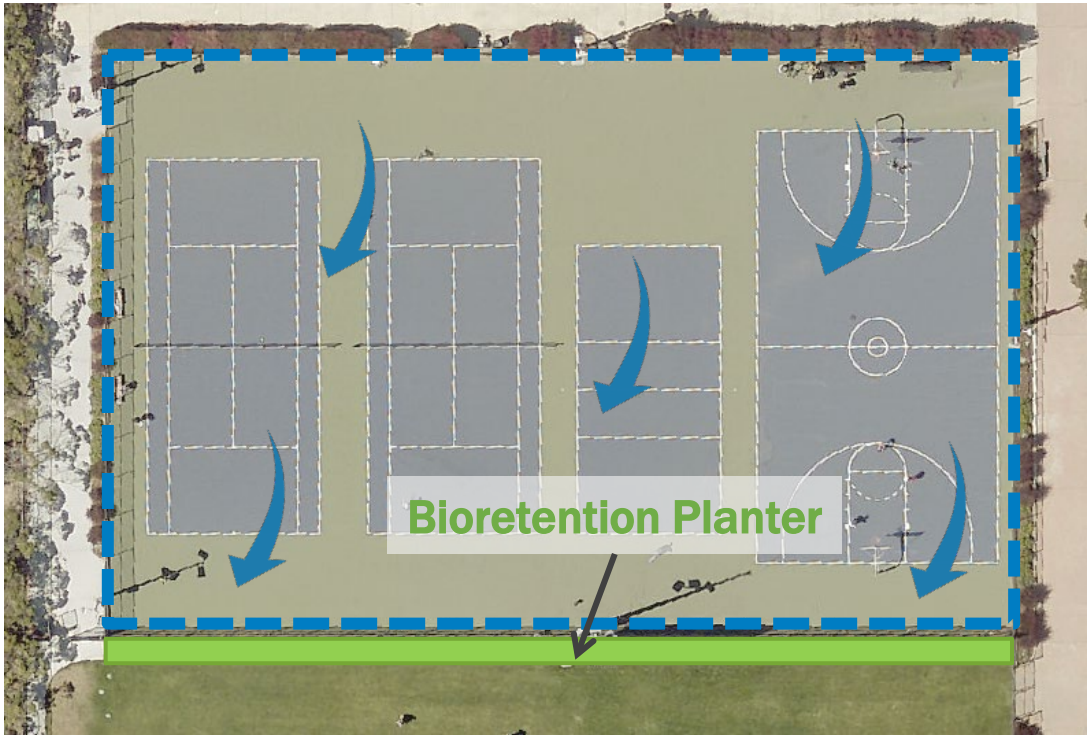
# What is Green Infrastructure?

**Green Infrastructure** is a set of engineered, **sustainable** stormwater management tools that slow down, clean, and route stormwater to keep it from overwhelming the City's sewer system.



# How Does Green Infrastructure Work?

**Green Infrastructure** collects stormwater runoff from an impervious surface, or Drainage Management Area (DMA)



**Drainage Management Area (DMA)**

22,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (0.5 acre)

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1,100 ft<sup>2</sup>

Sizing Ratio = GI Area / DMA = 5%

# SFPUC's Citywide Green Infrastructure Strategy

SFPUC long-term vision to manage **1 billion gallons** of stormwater per year **using green infrastructure** by 2050

- Stormwater Management Ordinance
- Capital Projects
- Grant Programs



*\*Map of GI opportunities citywide*

# Green Infrastructure Grant Program

- Launched in February 2019
- Funds the design and construction of green infrastructure facilities
- Targeted towards large, highly impervious surfaces
- Property owner is responsible for 20 years of ongoing maintenance
- Grant amount determined by project size, up to \$2.5M per project



# Grant Agreement and Maintenance Requirements

**Green Infrastructure Grant Agreement:** legally enforceable agreement from the property owner to maintain green infrastructure asset for 20 years

## Why 20 Years?

- Consistent with useful life of green infrastructure assets
- Equivalent performance as capital projects
- Supports citywide stormwater goals



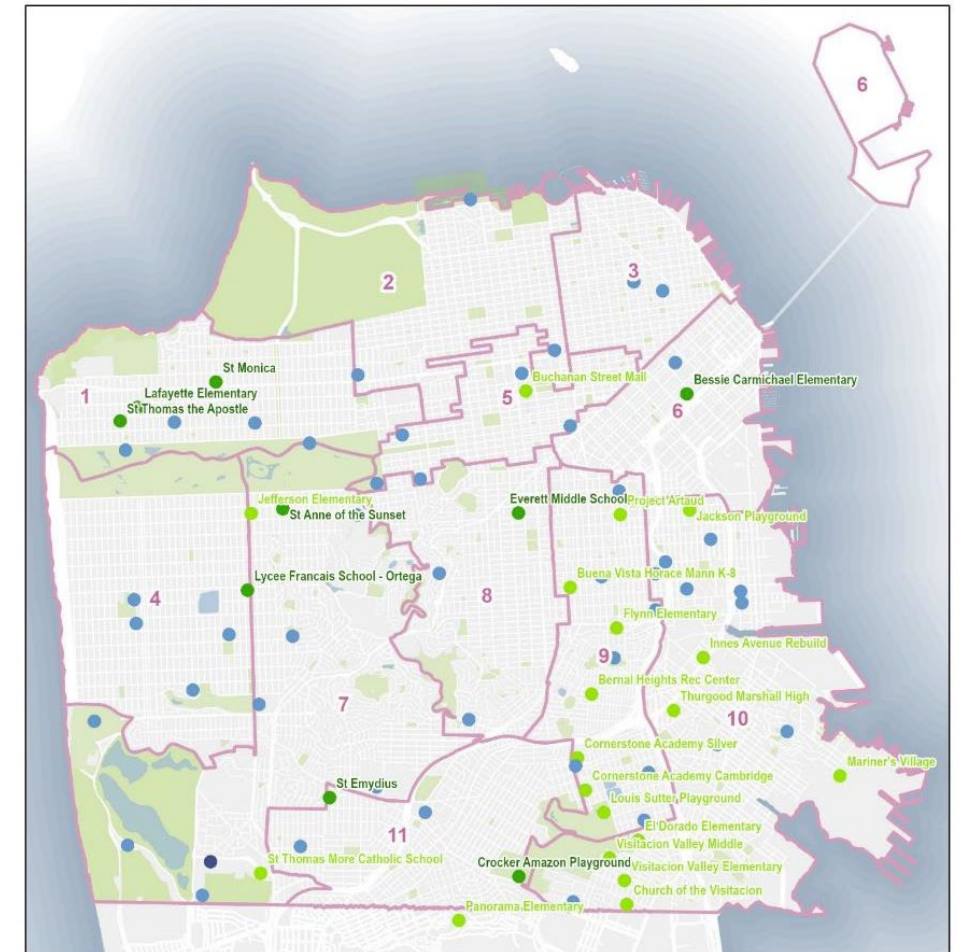
# Green Infrastructure Grant Program

## Minimum Eligibility Criteria

- 1. Location:** Projects may be located on a parcel and/or in the public right-of-way that connects to an SFPUC-owned and operated sewer system
- 2. Size:** Projects must manage runoff from a minimum of 0.5 acres of impervious surfaces
- 3. Performance:** Capture 90th percentile storm (0.75-inch depth)
- 4. Experience:** Grant team must have experience designing or constructing green infrastructure and be in good standing in active Green Infrastructure Grant Program projects
- 5. Co-Benefits:** Demonstration of at least two of the approved co-benefits

# Program Performance to Date

- Applications Received: **29**
- Projects Awarded: **29**
- Projects Completed: **9**
- Total Funding Awarded: **\$29.65M**
- Future Stormwater Captured by Awarded Projects: **18 MG/yr.**
- Site Visits Conducted by Technical Team: **68**



SFPUC Green Infrastructure Grant Program  
Projects to Date

- Awarded Projects
- Completed Projects
- Interested Properties and Site Visits
- Withdrawn Projects
- Supervisor Districts

# Green Infrastructure Grant Program Budget

## Program Budget:

- **\$61.3M** total budget allocated in Wastewater Capital Plan, funded through FY 2032-33
- Funded by revenue bonds
- Includes grants and staffing

## Max Grant Award:

- Based on project size and volume of stormwater captured, using cost per impervious acre managed metric
- Up to **\$2,500,000** in funding per project

St. Anne of the Sunset, completed in 2024



# SFPUC Commission Approvals Since June 2024

1. Approve increase to the maximum cost per acre of impervious surface area managed from \$1,035,000 to \$1,120,000
2. Approve revisions to program eligibility criteria and other program requirements
3. Authorize the GM to increase the maximum grant award per project and the maximum cost per acre based on escalation using the San Francisco Annual Infrastructure Construction Cost Inflation Estimate (SF AICCI) or equivalent methodology for cost escalation
4. Authorize GM to approve nonmaterial changes to the Program Guidelines

# Request For Extension of Current Delegation of Authority

SFPUC is requesting an extension of current delegation of authority to enter into grant agreements under Charter, Section 9.118, for an additional **five years**:

- Ensures **useful life of green infrastructure asset**
- Retains **quarterly reporting** to BOS and **public posting** on grant awards
- Authority **sunsets on July 1, 2031**



**Thank you!**

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