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## Presentation Outline

- Green infrastructure goals for permeable pavements
- Permeable pavements overview
- Exemplar green street projects
- Critical design, construction & maintenance factors
- Industry resources
- ASCE Manual of Practice on Permeable Pavements
- Q & A
- Next speaker

## EPA definition of green infrastructure

...maintains healthy waters, provides multiple environmental benefits and supports sustainable communities.

Unlike single-purpose gray stormwater infrastructure which uses pipes to dispose of rainwater, green infrastructure uses vegetation and soil to manage rainwater where it falls.

*By weaving natural processes into the built environment, green infrastructure provides not only stormwater management, but also flood mitigation, air quality management, and much more.*



## Green Infrastructure Goals for Permeable Pavements



**Stormwater Management** Comply w/ NPDES MS4 permits, reduce runoff & pollutants, save money with reduced damage to lakes, rivers and beaches; reduce drainage upsizing costs. reduce combined sewer overflows (CSO) in 770+ older urban areas



**Efficient water use** Recharge aquifers for water supplies, reduce in/out of state imports, store/use urban irrigation water; support shade tree watering & longevity



**Transportation/safety** Traffic calming, support way finding, mark on/off-street parking areas, increase neighborhood identity, support urban design contexts and complete streets



**Energy Efficiency** Use with horizontal ground source heat pumps for building cooling/heating; reduce lighting use to with reflective surfaces on sidewalks/parking lots/roadways to enhance high-efficiency lighting

## Green Infrastructure Goals for Permeable Pavements



**Recycling/reuse** Reinstall same pavers; specify paving materials with a minimum 10% recycled content e.g., flyash, silica fume, glass, etc. LEED v4: Attain material from sources within 100 mile radius of project site; compare product LCAs



**Urban Heat Island** Reduce ambient summer temperatures on streets and sidewalks through reflective pavers on roadways, light colored units on sidewalks and use of trees for shading



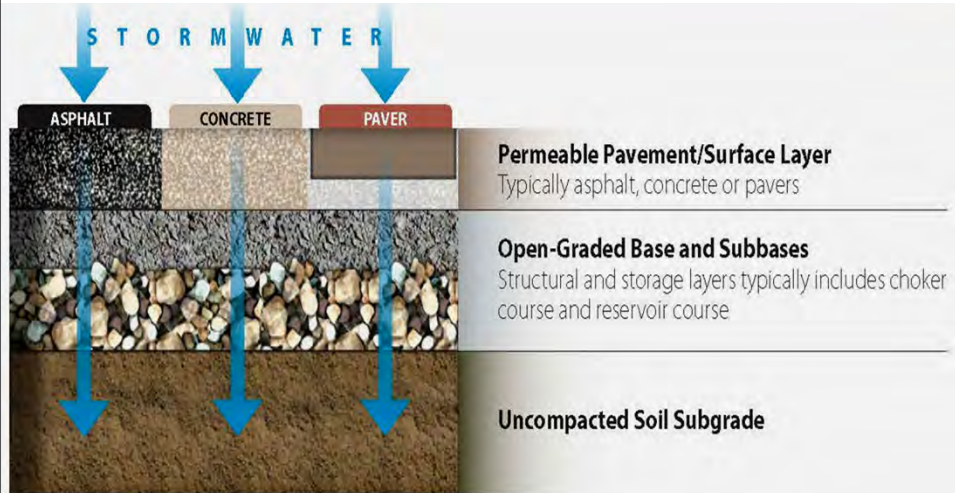
**Education** Municipal PICP projects & infiltration demos, project signs to highlight sustainable design; maintenance education for owners/clients







**Typical Applications: walkways, parking lots, green alleys, low-speed/low-volume roads, road shoulders**



**Figure 1-1**  
**Generic permeable pavement cross-section**

Source: VHB/Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. 2013

**Video: Permeable Pavement & the  
Louisville, KY Fire Department**

**City of Shoreview, MN - 2009**  
7 in. pervious concrete  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  mile (79,000 sf) residential road  
Reduce pollutants to nearby Lake Owassa  
\$1.4 million



18 – 24 in. thick open-graded  
aggregate for water storage &  
vehicular support



**Strong Road, Salem, OR**  
2006 – new 180 home subdivision  
1.7 mi. streets & alleys (~200,000 sf)  
1½ in. OGFC + 3 in. ATPB  
19 in. base/subbase  
90% runoff reduction

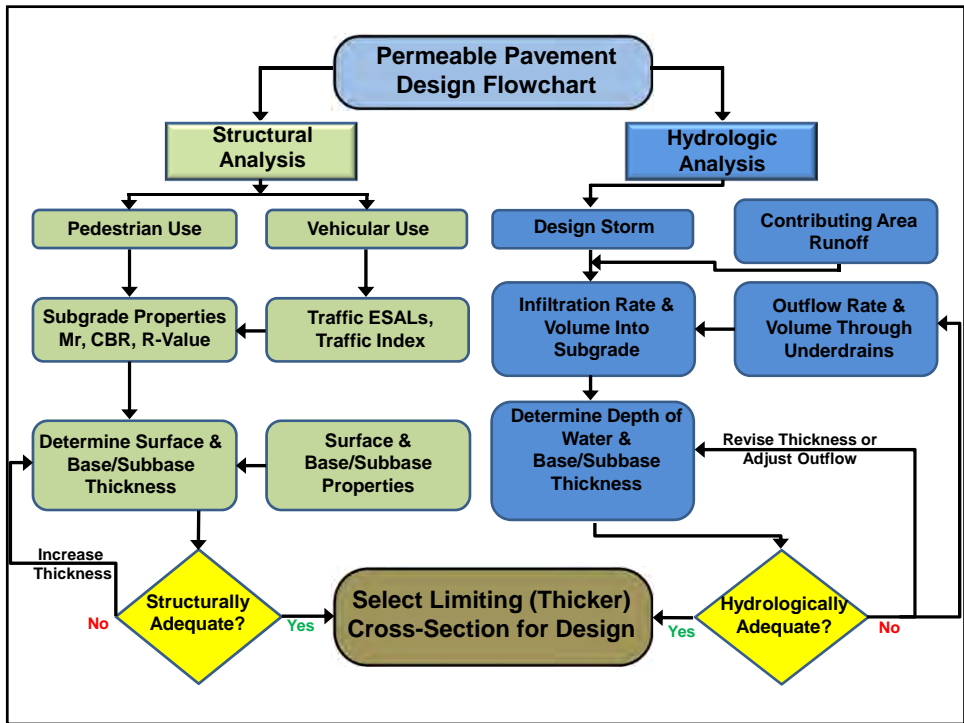


**Eliminated curbs & pipes**  
**Saving \$250,000**

**Before**



**Main Street**  
**Warrenville, IL**  
2007- 09  
0.9 miles – 125,000 sf  
3 in. concrete pavers  
24 in. base/subbase  
Manages 10-yr storm  
Eliminated flooding  
\$4.7 million





### Critical Hydrologic Design Factor: Subgrade Infiltration

Double ring infiltrometer test  
Use avg. infiltration rate  
Apply safety factor for clogging  
& construction compaction



Portable soil infiltration device



Multiple test holes



Test pit



### Critical Structural Design Factors:

Uncompacted or compacted...

Strength characterization of *saturated* soils via...

California Bearing Ratio (96 hr soaked)

Resilient Modulus  $M_r$

R-value

Modulus of subgrade reaction,  $k$

Pavement surface layer strengths  
Base/subbase aggregate strengths



CBR test apparatus

## Critical Construction Factors



Minimizing compaction

Maintaining clean aggregates & pavement surface



## Critical Maintenance Factors

- **Regenerative air vacuum sweeper**
  - Routine cleaning
  - Removes loose sediment, leaves, etc.
  - More common
  - ~\$1000/acre
  
- **True vacuum sweeper**
  - 2X more powerful
  - Restores highly clogged surfaces
  - Narrower suction






## Industry Resources

Design software  
Manuals  
Plus ACI, ASTM  
AASHTO stds


**ICPI**



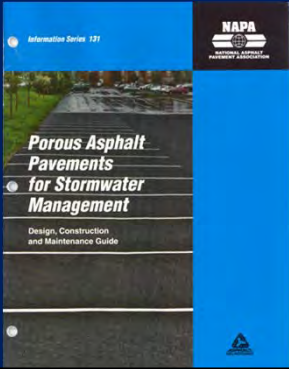
PICP Permeable Design Pro Software

APPLIED  
CONCRETE  
TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

**ACPA/NRMCA**



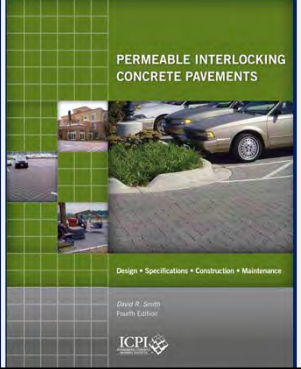
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**Porous Asphalt Pavements for Stormwater Management**

Design, Construction and Maintenance Guide

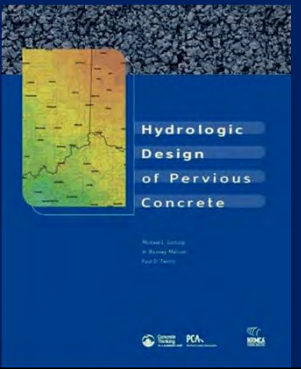


PERMEABLE INTERLOCKING CONCRETE PAVEMENTS

Design • Specifications • Construction • Maintenance

David P. Smith  
Fourth Edition

ICPI



Hydrologic Design of Pervious Concrete

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## Coming Soon: Permeable Pavements Recommended Design Guidelines

### ASCE Manual of Practice

- Fact sheets
- Checklists
- Design information on
  - PA
  - PC
  - PICP
  - Grids
- Maintenance
- Standards, guide specs & modeling methods
- Research needs

■ Available Winter 2014



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### Goals of Manual

- Document best practices
- Address technical concerns
- Resources & references
- Identify research needs
- Digital version: hyperlink among chapters & their Tables of Contents

### ASCE Committee

- Academia/ researchers
- Industry associations
- Public agencies
- Consultants
- Users
- Vendors

## Chapter 1

### Introduction and Design Considerations Common to All Permeable Pavements

- Regulatory requirements
- Site conditions
- Hydrologic & Structural Design
- Sustainable design credits
- Installation & maintenance overview
- Summary checklist

ASCE Chapter 1 Introduction and Design Considerations Common To All Permeable Pavements

#### SUMMARY CHECKLIST

##### Design Considerations Common To All Permeable Pavements

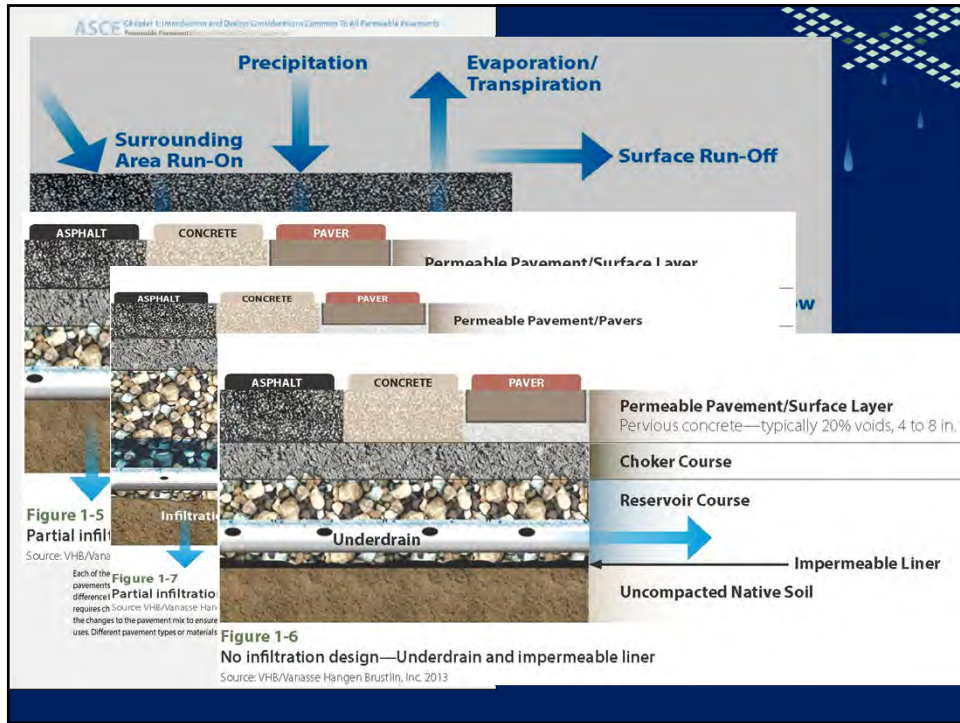
###### 1. REGULATION (Check Requirements and Guidelines)

- a. Does the local regulatory agency allow permeable pavement? If not, who can authorize approval?
- b. Are they prohibited in certain areas, such as groundwater recharge zones, karst geology and fill situations?
- c. Are there credits offered to stormwater utility fees, permitting fees or reduced site development costs for using permeable pavements?
- d. Are there regulatory hydrologic control or water quality requirements associated with the use of permeable pavement?
- e. Are there water quality control requirements specific to permeable pavement use?
- f. Are there specific design guidelines or specifications mandated under applicable federal, state or local regulations?

###### 2. SITE (Identify Site Conditions)

- a. **Groundwater Elevation**—The bottom of the permeable pavement base should be at least 60 cm (2 ft) above the seasonal high groundwater level within the soil subgrade.
- b. **Groundwater Supply**—Locate nearby groundwater supply wells or recharge zones. Wellhead protection—a common requirement—is that permeable pavement should not be used for road or parking surfaces within two year's time of travel to wellhead protection areas.
- c. **Bedrock**—Locate bedrock elevations and/or karst geology. Bedrock directly under the permeable pavement base may require the use of an impermeable liner around the base to prevent direct seepage into groundwater supplies.
- d. **Soil Properties**—Determine soil type and physical properties:
  - **Soil Classification**—From soil borings or test pits on the site.
  - **Soil Present**—Identify and estimate elevation of aquifer or low permeability soils if present.
  - **Load Bearing Capacity**—Estimate the bearing capacity of the underlying soils (CBR, R-value or resilient modulus) and determine the soil support value. Determine requirements for interstitial vehicular traffic use.
  - **Soil Compaction**—Specify soil compaction requirements. If the underlying soils have a low California Bearing Ratio (CBR) (4% soaked CBR), they may need to be compacted to at least 95% of standard Proctor density, which reduces their infiltration rate.
  - **Soil Permeability**—Identify Soil Permeability (Hydraulic Conductivity Rate, K) and rate to be used for design, check with local requirement/regulations on methodologies and guidelines. For larger projects with adequate budgets, it may be advantageous to compact the soil subgrade in a test pit or pits and then measure permeability. Identify low permeability soils and conditions.
  - **Soil/Groundwater Contamination**—Research/Identify the presence of any soil or groundwater contamination and how it may affect design. Permeable pavements should not be used in areas of groundwater/bottom contamination without an installation above the liner.





## Chapters Fact Sheets

- 2 – Porous Asphalt
- 3 – Pervious Concrete
- 4 – Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavement
- 5 – Plastic & Concrete Grids

### Porous Asphalt Fact Sheet

**DESCRIPTION**

Porous asphalt pavements include the permeable asphalt surface that is underlain by an open-graded aggregate choker course and a reservoir bed. Porous asphalt systems allow for stormwater filtration, infiltration and storage as well as a structural pavement in a single system. The bed depth is based on structural load, desired storage and frost depth requirements. Permeable pavement systems are usually placed on uncompacted subgrade to facilitate infiltration, but may include an underdrain and/or liner if necessary.

**POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS**

Overflow Parking	Yes	NR
Primary Parking Areas (most heavily used)	Yes	AG
Sidewalks/Pathways	Yes	NR
Drive/Aides	Yes	NR
Roads/Highways	Limited	OR
Access Drives/Ring Roads	No	WR
Access Drives/Ring Roads (for heavy traffic)	No	WR
Loading Areas	No	WR
Frequent Truck Traffic	Limited	OR

\*Availability of heavy-duty porous asphalt may be limited. Low to no.

### Pervious Concrete Fact Sheet

**DESCRIPTION**

Pervious concrete consists of a hydraulic aggregate to produce a rigid, durable void space that allows rapid infiltration.

**POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS**

Overflow Parking	Yes
Primary Parking Areas (most heavily used)	Yes
Sidewalks/Pathways	Yes
Drive/Aides	Yes
Roads/Highways	Limited
Access Drives/Ring Roads	Yes
Loading Areas	Limited

### Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavement (PICP) Fact Sheet

**DESCRIPTION**

Permeable interlocking concrete pavement (PICP) consists of man-made interlocking concrete units that are laid on a permeable aggregate base. The units are typically 4 to 6 inches thick and are laid on a 4 to 6 inch deep aggregate base. The aggregate base is typically composed of a dense-graded aggregate base.

**POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS**

Overflow Parking	Yes
Primary Parking Areas (most heavily used)	Yes
Sidewalks/Pathways	Yes
Drive/Aides	Yes
Roads/Highways	Limited
Access Drives/Ring Roads	Yes
Loading Areas	Limited


### Grid Pavement Fact Sheet

**DESCRIPTION**

Grid pavements are composed of concrete or plastic open-celled paving units. The "cells" or openings penetrate their entire thickness so they can accommodate either gravel or sand and grass. Concrete and plastic grids are intended for light vehicular loading applications and are typically constructed over a dense-graded aggregate base. Both types of grids are often used for emergency access drives and parking or drive lanes with occasional use where a natural turf appearance and infiltration are desired and where high intensity uses or loads are not expected. In some cases, open-graded aggregate within the grid openings and an open-graded base are used with these products for additional stormwater storage and infiltration.

**POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS**

Overflow Parking	Yes
Primary Parking Areas (most heavily used)	Yes
Sidewalks/Pathways	Yes
Drive/Aides	Yes
Roads/Highways	Limited



- Chapter 2**  
**Porous Asphalt and Permeable Friction Course Overlays**
  - Fact sheet
  - System design
  - Application
  - Site constraints
  - General details
  - Recommended installation
  - Post construction operation and maintenance
  - Cost information
  - Stormwater benefits
- Chapter 3**  
**Pervious Concrete**
  - Fact sheet
  - Subgrade reserve
  - Pervious layer
  - Pollutant heat is
- Chapter 4**  
**Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavement (PICP)**
  - Fact sheet
  - Structural considerations
  - Recommendations
- Chapter 5**  
**Grid Pavement**
  - Fact sheet
  - Climate considerations
  - Specific design considerations
  - Detailed installation
  - Recommended guide specs



- Chapter 6**  
**Alternative Technologies**
  - Pervious pavers
  - Rubber overlay pavement
  - Rubber composite pavers
  - Engineered aggregates for pollutant reduction
  - Performance, concerns & limitations
  - Installation
  - Operations & maintenance
  - Costs
  - Guide specifications



## Chapter 7 Achieving Success and Avoiding Failures with Permeable Pavements

- DRTFT
- Practical hints
- Planning & site selection
- Design
- Construction
- Operation & maintenance



## Chapter 8 – Maintenance

- Primary inspection and maintenance tools
- Checklist: Regular inspection & maintenance guidance
- Annual inspection checklist

ASCE Chapter 8: Maintenance  
Permeable Pavements

### PERMEABLE PAVEMENTS MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

#### Annual Maintenance Checklist

1. VACUUM SWEEPING: 2 TIMES ANNUALLY (SPRING/FALL)

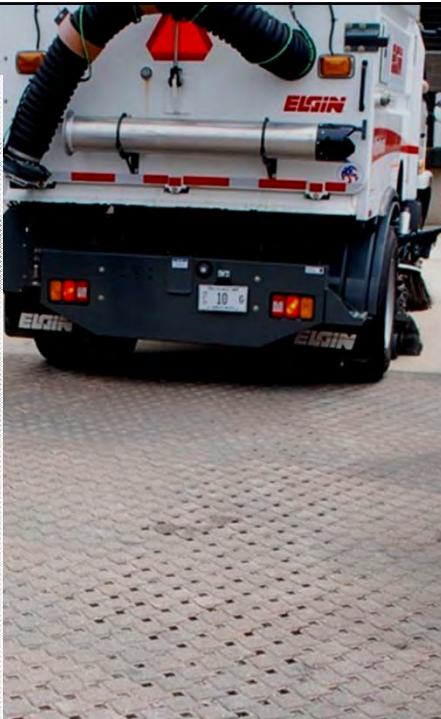
- a. Vacuum surface with regenerative air equipment; adjust vacuuming schedule per sediment loading and/or sand deposits (e.g. following winter maintenance).

2. WINTER MAINTENANCE

- a. Remove snow with standard plow or snow blowing equipment; monitor surface ice. Sand should not be applied to permeable pavements due to subsequent surface clogging. Applying deicing materials to permeable pavements should be either avoided or done so on a limited basis since studies have shown that permeable pavements require 75% less salt than conventional pavements per season and they can infiltrate and accumulate in the soil subgrade or be discharged via underdrains.
- b. **Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavement**—If traction is required, ASTM No. 8 stone (or similar jointing material) should be used.
- c. **Pervious Concrete**—Deicing materials can damage the cement in the pervious concrete mixture and result in disintegration or spalling of the surface, particularly if used over a power application.

### Maintenance

- **Surface infiltration rates improved through maintenance**
- **Vacuum sweeper – regen air**
  - **Initially: 1 to 2 times/year**
    - Site dependent
  - **Remove surface sediments**
  - **Limit deep clogging**
  - **Surface clogging ≠ sealed**
  - **Assess surface infiltration rate w/ ASTM test or similar**
  - **Use true vacuum machine when clogged**



## Chapter 9

### Hydrologic & Hydraulic Design Models

- **Overview of common models**
- **Hydrology & hydraulics/water balance**
- **Water quality modeling**
- **Agency modeling requirements**

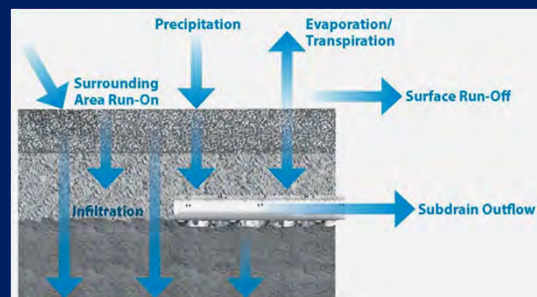


Figure 9-1  
Water balance variables for permeable pavement  
Source: VHB/Vandere Hängen Bruttin, Inc. 2013



## Chapter 10 Research Needs

- Improved specifications
- Validated hydrologic/hydraulic performance data & modeling techniques
- Validated, reliable structural design procedures
- Refined pollutant removal performance data & modeling techniques
- Installation & maintenance requirements
- Initial cost, life cycle costs & life cycle assessment data
- Long-term evaluation studies
- Proven cold climate specs for pervious concrete
- Clogging/hydraulic failure & rehabilitation information



## Appendix A Fact Sheet: Common Concerns Regarding Permeable Pavements

- Clogging
- Costs
- Maintenance
- Cold climate
- Durability
- Soil constraints
- Groundwater constraints
- Spills
- Slopes

ASCE Appendix A Fact Sheet Common Concerns Regarding Permeable Pavements  
Permeable Pavements Fact Sheet

### Common Concerns Regarding Permeable Pavements Fact Sheet

#### Clogging

**Concern:** Permeable pavements clog and fail.

**Response:** Properly installed and maintained permeable pavements should not experience surface clogging that results in complete failure. Typically, even with some clogging, permeable pavements continue to infiltrate at acceptable rates due to the typically high initial rates at installation and permeable subbases. Some clogging will occur over time from natural deposition and material tracked on to the pavement from vehicles, but pavement clearing with a vacuum sweeper a minimum of two times per year should help prevent this type of clogging. More severe clogging is typically caused by a lack of clearing and from one or more of the following: fine soils or organic materials being tracked onto the pavement; fines introduced with runoff from adjacent areas; or sand accumulation associated with winter sanding for road safety practices. Recent studies show that even when pavements experience clogging due to accumulation of fines in the pores of pervious concrete and porous asphalt, significant rehabilitation can be achieved with washing and vacuum sweeping (see Chapter 8).

- Recommendations to prevent clogging include:
  - Perform vacuum sweeping two times per year.
  - Prohibit runoff from adjacent areas on to the pavement, especially with nearby unstable soils.
  - Avoid placing pavement in areas of exposed or fine soil where run-on may occur.
  - Prohibit winter sanding and include signs to clearly depict the prohibition.
  - Avoid areas where blown-in sand may occur (i.e. beach parking or air dunes).
  - Avoid designs where organic matter accumulation may occur (i.e. under or directly adjacent to trees or at the toe of vegetated slopes).
- Prohibit traffic equipment on pavements during construction and prohibit until all soils are permanently stabilized.
- Avoid landscape maintenance practices that may deposit soil or organic matter on the pavement.


#### Costs

**Concern:** Permeable pavements are cost-prohibitive.

**Response:** Permeable pavements vary in price depending on the product and the base thickness. As with impermeable standard pavements, pavers and pervious concrete are also typically more expensive than hot mix asphalt. Prices for plant-prepared materials vary based on the distance from the supplier to the









**Green Alleys & Historic Streets**

**Incorporating  
Green Infrastructure  
in Richmond, VA**

Michelle Virts, PE  
August 25, 2013



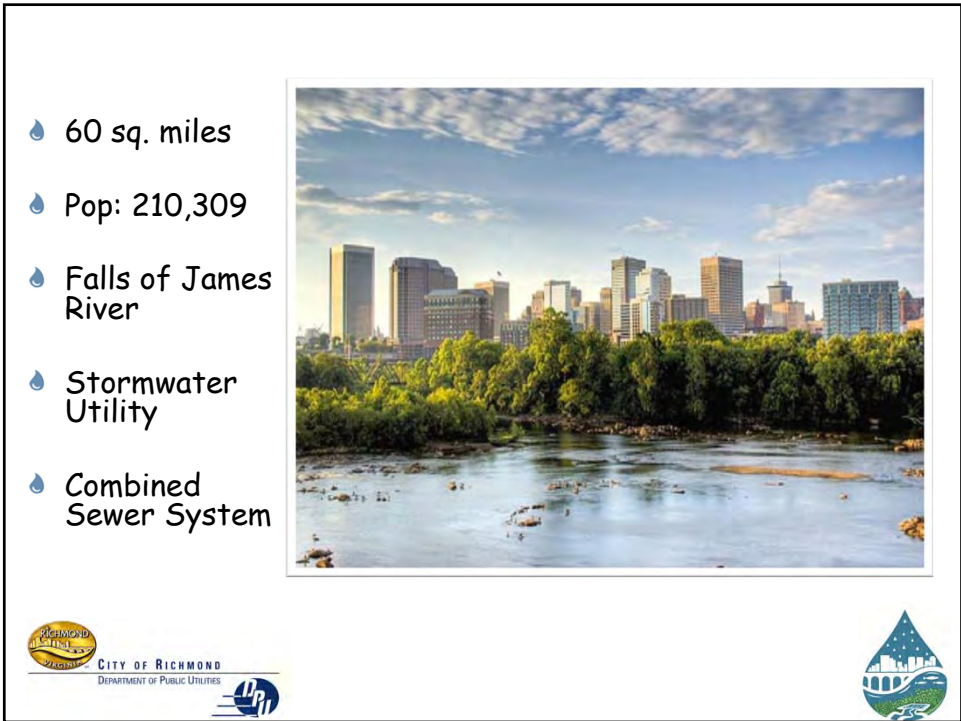
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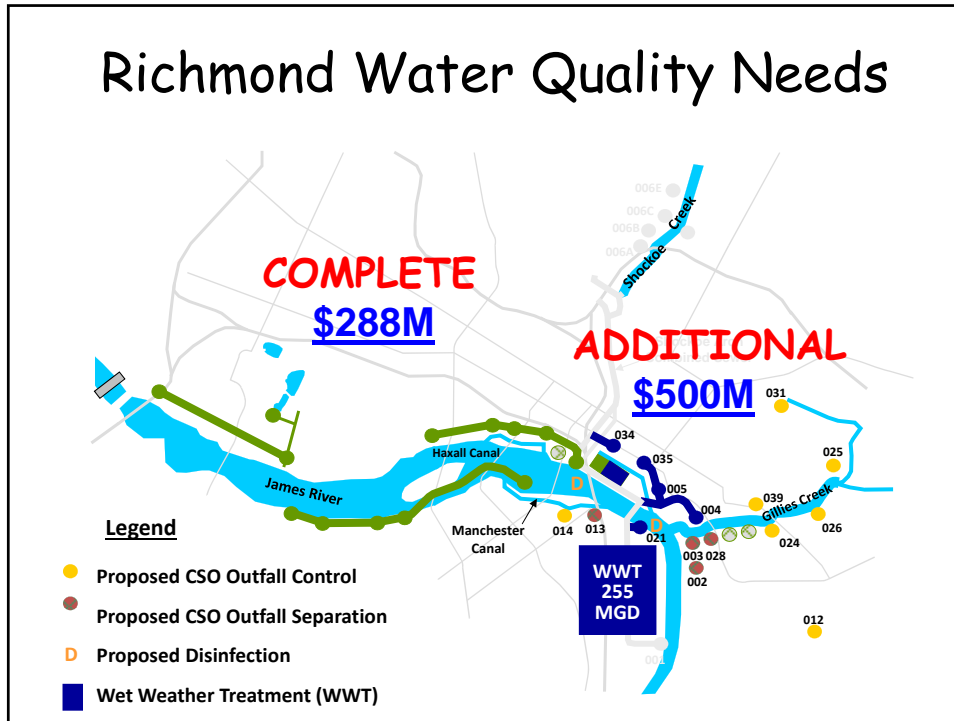
# Richmond - Background and History



- 60 sq. miles
- Pop: 210,309
- Falls of James River
- Stormwater Utility
- Combined Sewer System







## Green Infrastructure

- 💧 Multiple benefits:
  - 💧 Improve health of James River & streams
  - 💧 Improve water quality
  - 💧 Support sustainable community
  
- 💧 Address stormwater & combined sewer
  
- 💧 Already in: Chicago, LA, Philly & New York



# Current Pilot Projects

Case Studies:

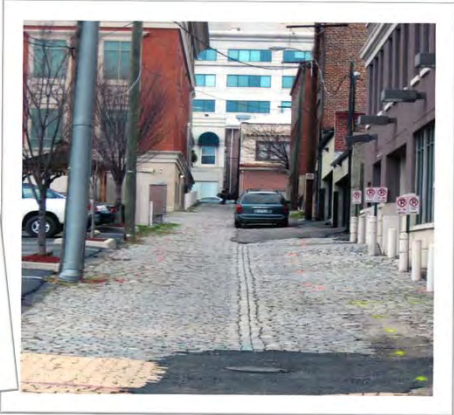
- 💧 Green Alleys
- 💧 Street Retrofits
- 💧 Green Roofs
- 💧 School Retrofits

Goals:

- 💧 Reduce Volume
- 💧 Remove N, P
- 💧 Remove Bacteria



# Green Alleys



- 💧 Detain up to 10-year storm
- 💧 Pavers looks like historic cobblestone





## Design Considerations

- Steep slope
- Several entrances
- Several utilities
- Lined
- Check dams



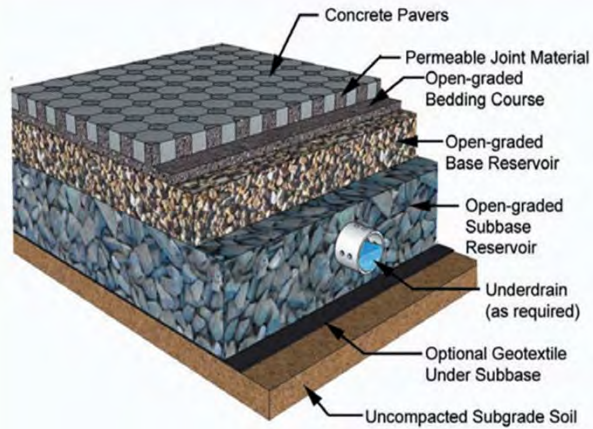
## Pervious Technology

- Porous Asphalt
  - Conventional installation equip. used
  - Reliability uncertain in VA climate
- Pervious Concrete
  - No fine aggregates
  - Larger aggregate - snow plows
- Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavers
  - Freeze-thaw durability
  - Withstand heavy vehicles

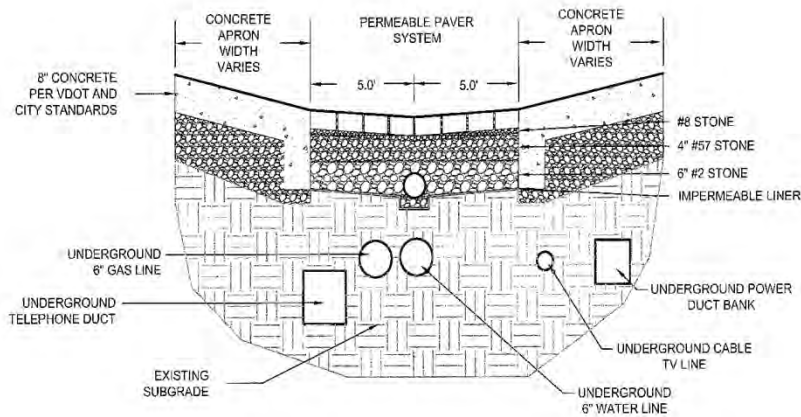


# Typical Paver Cross Section

- 💧 16" depth
- 💧 10 year storm storage
- 💧 No infiltration
- 💧 6" under drain



# Typical Alley Cross Section





# Paver Selection



Richmond Cobblestone



Green Alley Pavers



# Pilot Green Alleys



Before

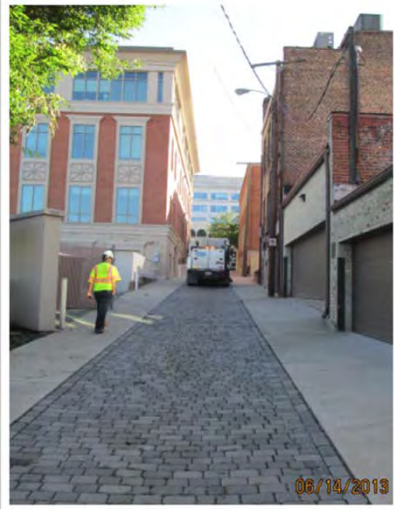


After



# Maintenance Needs

- 💧 Inspection
- 💧 Sweeping
- 💧 Weed Control
- 💧 Litter Control



# Are Green Alleys Working?





# Street Retrofits



Before

After

- Streetscape
- Traffic Calming
- Address Nuisance Flooding



# Incentivizing Green Infrastructure - Credits



## Single Fam. Residential

- Max credit of 50%
- Calc % area treated

## Non-Residential

- Max credit of 50%
- Each BMP earns 20%






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City of Los Angeles  
City of Green Angels  
Green Alleys & Streets: How are they Working?  
The East Cahuenga Corridor Alley Story  
 an Example of Climate Adaptive Infrastructure

By Carl De la Fuente : BOE – Street & Stormwater Division 8/25/2013

Los Angeles Existing conditions and Challenges

With a wide spectrum of existing conditions, the City of Los Angeles envision possibilities for Green Alleys.

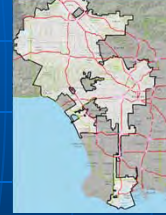


The main inquiries are what these Green Alleys could do to benefit L.A.? and what are the specific advantages for SWM.



## Los Angeles Infrastructure : Facts

- Area : 503 SQ. miles
- Alleys : 914 miles
- Coastline of L.A : 75 miles
- Annual Avg. rainfall : 11" to 13"



## Opportunities

Let's assume if only 20% of the ex. 914 miles of alleys is converted to green Alleys, what would be the benefits ?

- 20% of 914 Miles = 183 miles of GREEN ALLEYS
- If 70 gr of oil can be degraded with 1 square meter, then
- 1 Lb of this material of other contaminants can be degraded with approx. 70 sf, therefore
- In 183 miles of green alleys we could remove approx. 138 Tons of oils, fats, contaminants and other hazards.



## Opportunities - cont'

Studies have been performed for Green Infrastructure in Los Angeles based on the average annual rainfall. The study states that in  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre of hardscape (permeable pavers area) we have the **potential to collect 100,000 gallons of rainwater !!**

### Major Benefit

- The increase use of LID (Low Impact Developments) would result in savings of 74,600 – 152,500 acres-feet of imported water
- In addition Los Angeles could be pumping less water from distant locations, which means 131,700 – 428,000 MWH of energy saved per year by 2030. This is the equivalent to 20,000 to 65,000 households



## Existing Threats



- In March 2008 approx. 40% of L.A County Beaches needed cleaner polluted runoff to be disposed to the Pacific Ocean.
- We have a net Average of 15,000 acres of existing public land within the City and the County suitable for LID (Green Alleys).
- 48% of L.A city water supply originates from the Mono and Owens Valley aqueducts. And at least 30% of all the water used in L.A is used outdoors.
- Los Angeles beaches in average presently have closures between 17 to 21 days per year, specially in the summer.





## Economical Losses



- According to a report in 2009 of the National Oceanic Economics Program, the nation's shoreline-adjacent counties contributed an estimated of \$6.0 Trillion dollars to the GDP and 47 million jobs
- In March 2008 approx. 40% of L.A County Beaches needed Los Angeles / Orange County an study concluded that the public health cost of the gastrointestinal illnesses caused by poor water quality was between \$21 million and \$51 million dollars per year cleaner polluted runoff to be disposed to the Pacific Ocean.



## Economical Losses -2



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- 48% of L.A city water supply originates from the Mono and Owens Valley aqueducts. And at least 30% of all the water used in L.A is used outdoors.
- Studies and assessment in Public Health threw statistics that every year between 627,000 to 1.5 million in L.A were exposed to the danger of gastrointestinal diseases due to polluted beaches



## Looking Ahead with Green Infrastructure and LID's

- Health pollution concerns for better air quality and much more comfort to pedestrian oriented communities.
- Trade offs of classical approaches of planting trees vs. the implementation of permeable pavers. A balance of these two benefits would greatly make Los Angeles one of the most Livable cities in America.
- Increase of water retention per groundwater recharge.
- Creation of more sustainable environments and cycles.



## Major Limitations for Green Alleys and LID's

- The City of Los Angeles. Located in Southern California faces considerable issues of **PERMEABILITY**, creating challenges to build green alleys or either LID's.
- Los Angeles being the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest city in the US has a very complex network of **UTILITIES**, which in many cases ( more in the urban locations and downtown) makes it ineligible for these projects.
- Since the present conditions limit these green alleys only as pedestrian mall, then the conversion of a conventional designated alley to a green alley has its process, which could be very lengthy due huge **BUREAUCRACIES**.



# The East Cahuenga Corridor Alley

an Example of Climate Adaptive Infrastructure

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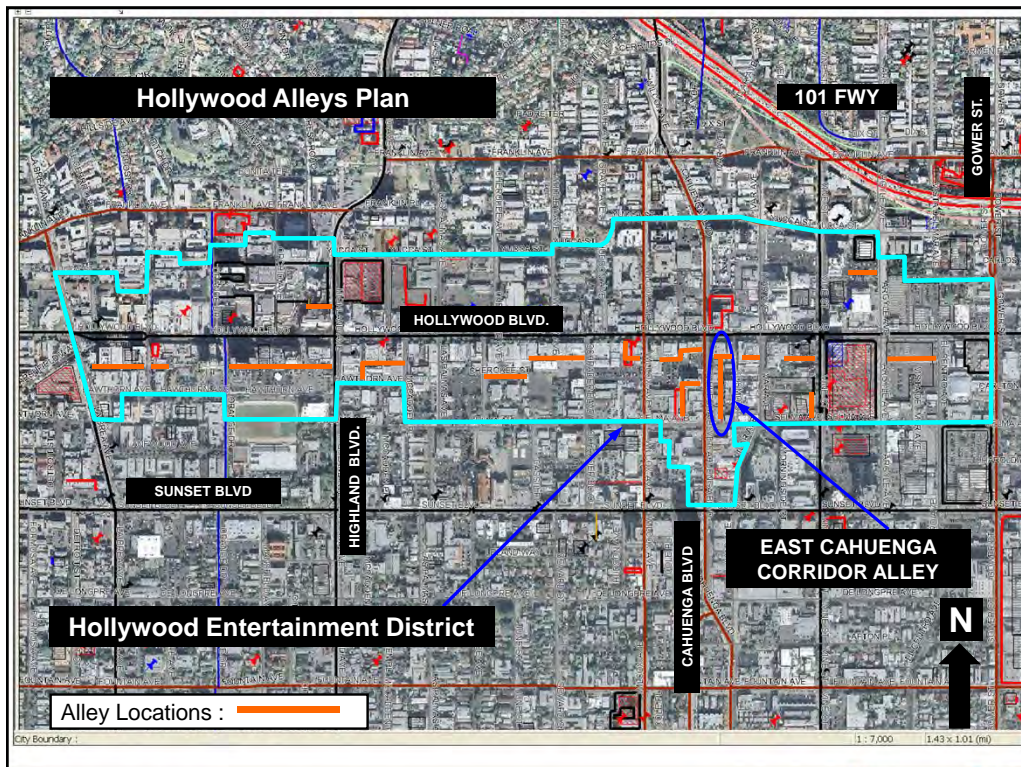
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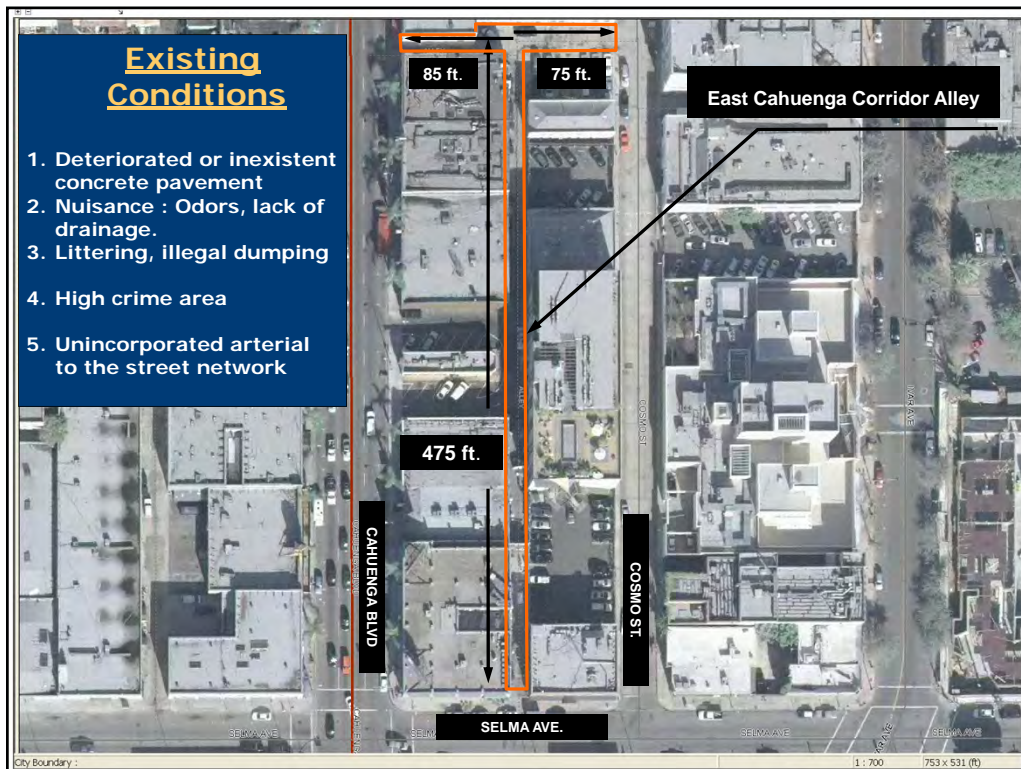




## Existing Conditions

The East Cahuenga Corridor Alley is approximately 485 ft. long with a width of 15 ft. The alley geometry has a "T" shape, the north end has two extensions to the adjoining streets of Cahuenga Blvd. and Cosmo St.

Observations during several field visits documented illegal improvements performed by adjacent property owners along the alley strip. The illegal improvements included raised concrete entrances to back doors, altered flow lines with localized ponding. In some areas the pavement was completely cracked and another good segment the broken concrete surface was covered with deteriorated hardwood with intensive odors.







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# Alternatives of Drainage & Pavement Selection





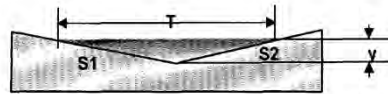
# HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS

**Project Title** Cahuenga-Selma Alley Improvement

**V-shape Swale Capacity**  
Known

Req'd Q10=2.17 cfs

n=	0.013
T=	6.000 ft
Slope #1	S <sub>1</sub> = 0.020
Slope #2	S <sub>2</sub> = 0.020
Combined Cross Slope Sx	S <sub>x</sub> = 0.010
	K= 0.560
longitudinal	S <sub>L</sub> = 0.020
depth	y= 0.060 ft
Find	Q= 0.3330 cfs
	A= 0.1800 sq.ft.
	V= 1.8499 ft/s



$$S_x = S_1 \times S_2 / (S_1 + S_2)$$

$$y = T(S_1)(S_2) / (S_1 + S_2)$$

0.72 in < 1.5"?

where  $Q$  = rate of discharge, ft<sup>3</sup>/s  
 $K$  = 4.49  
 $n$  = Manning's coefficient of roughness  
 $S_x$  = cross slope  
 $S_L$  = longitudinal slope  
 $T$  = spread or top width of flow in gutter =  $4.83 S_x^{-1} Q^{0.56}$   
 $d$  = depth of flow at face of curb, ft

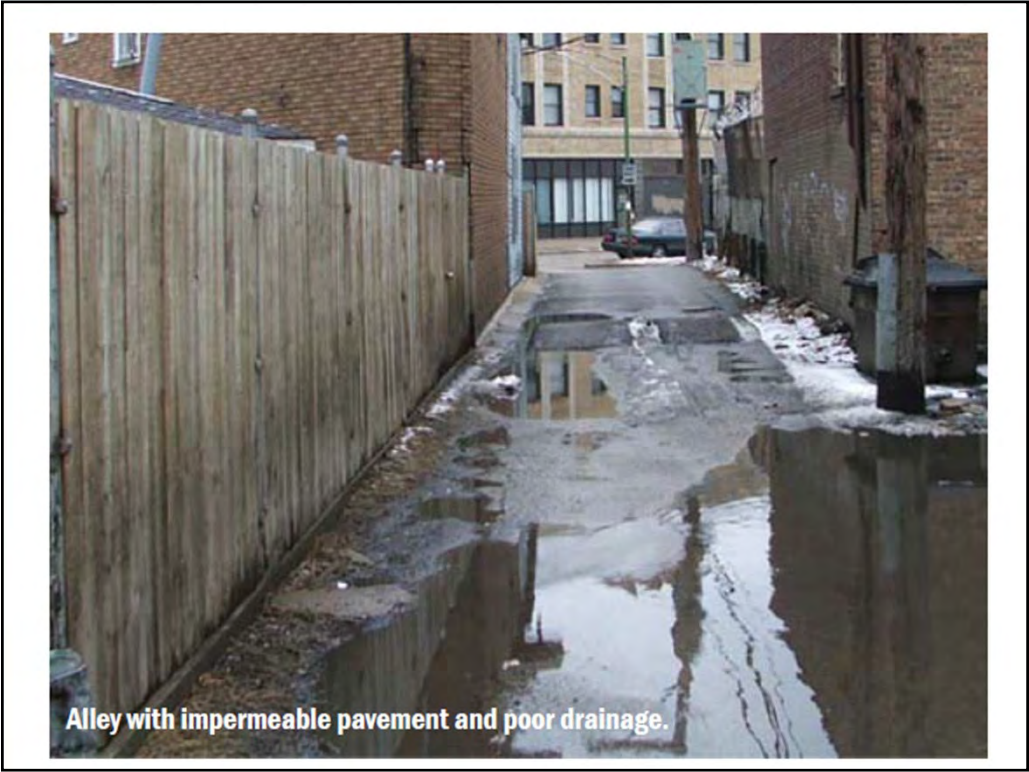
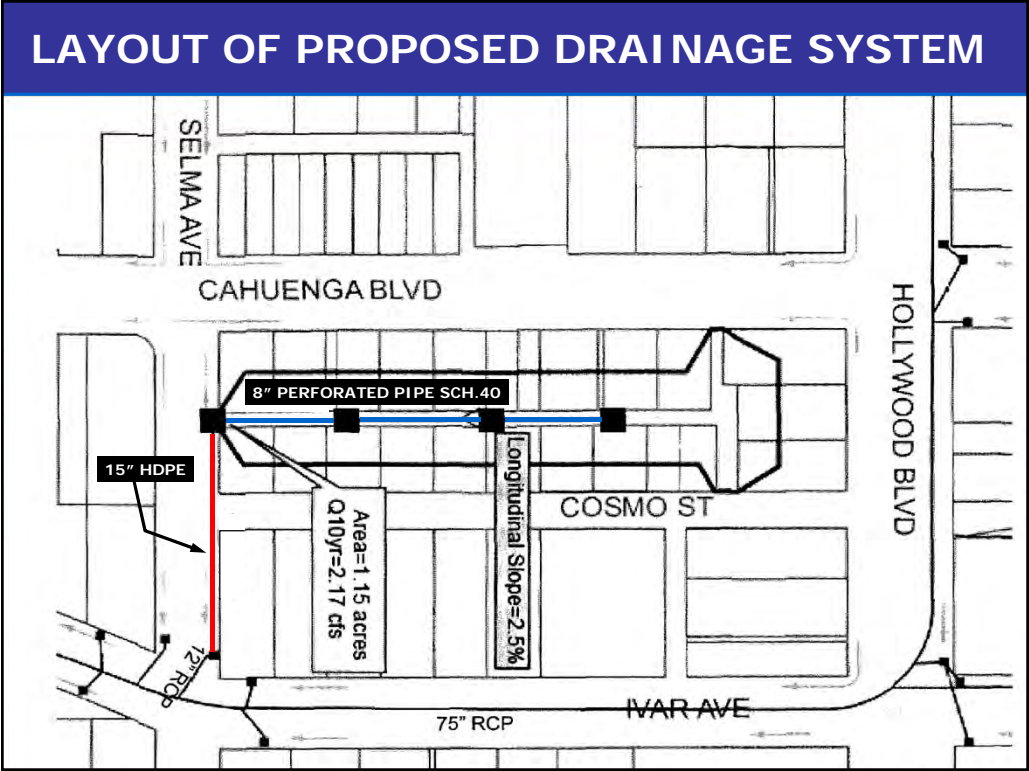
T (ft)	Q (cfs)	OK?	>2.17 cfs (req'd capacity)
4.000	0.113	NG	
6.000	0.333	NG	

**Capacity of CLA bike-safe Grating Inlet**

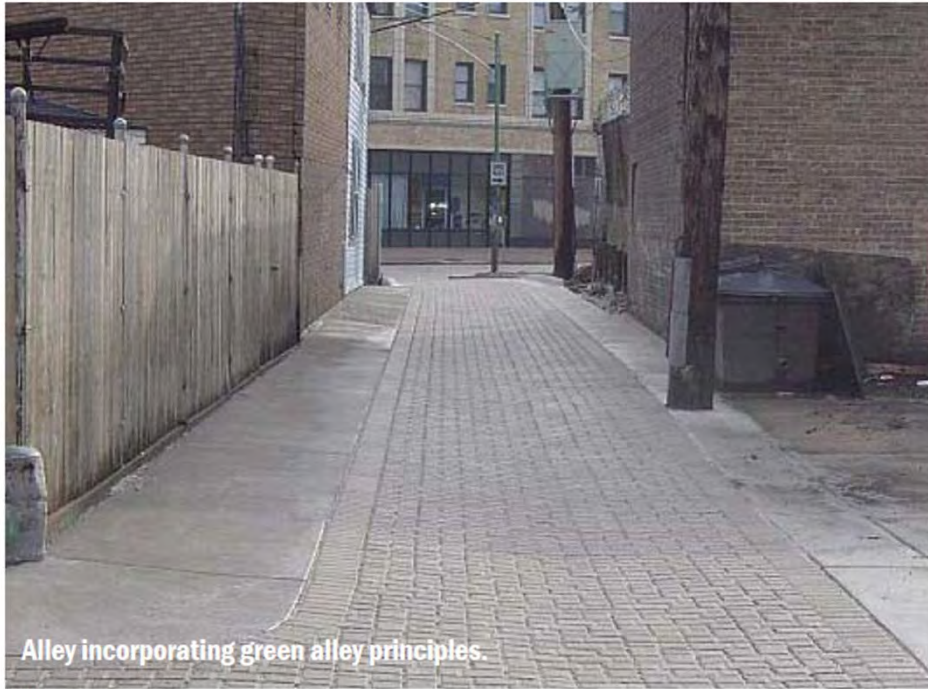
**Use Weir Equation**  $Q = C_w L d^{1.5}$

Given Q10= 2.17 cfs

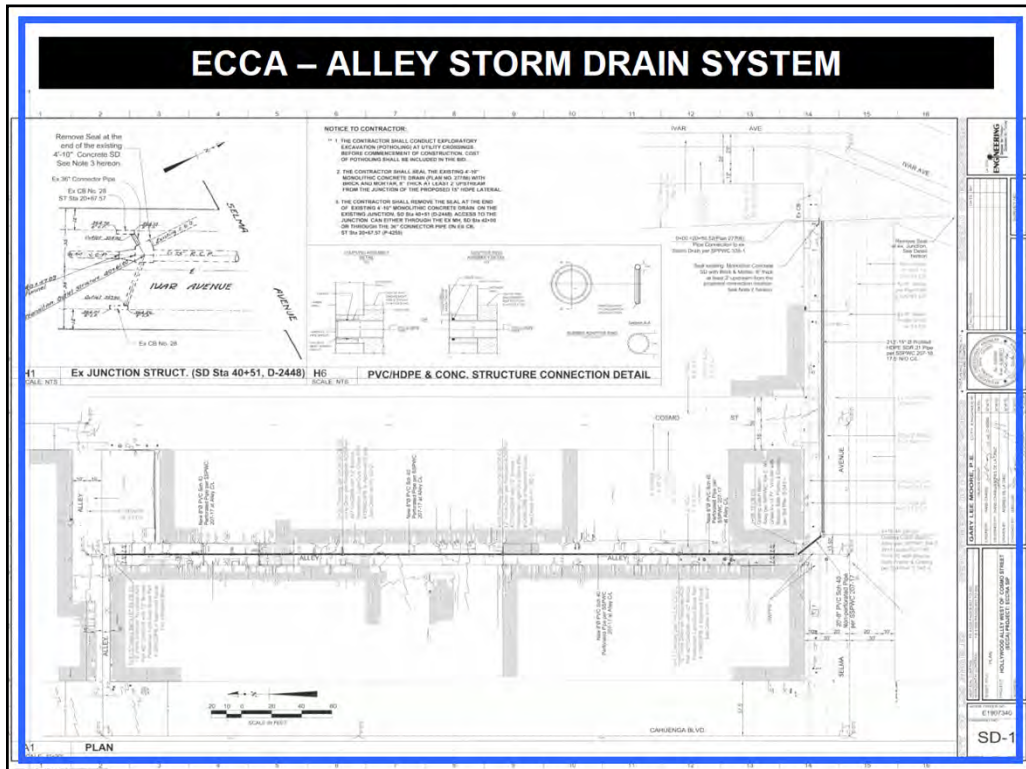
□ Weir condition:  $d < 2.5"$   $Q_c = C_w L d^{1.5}$



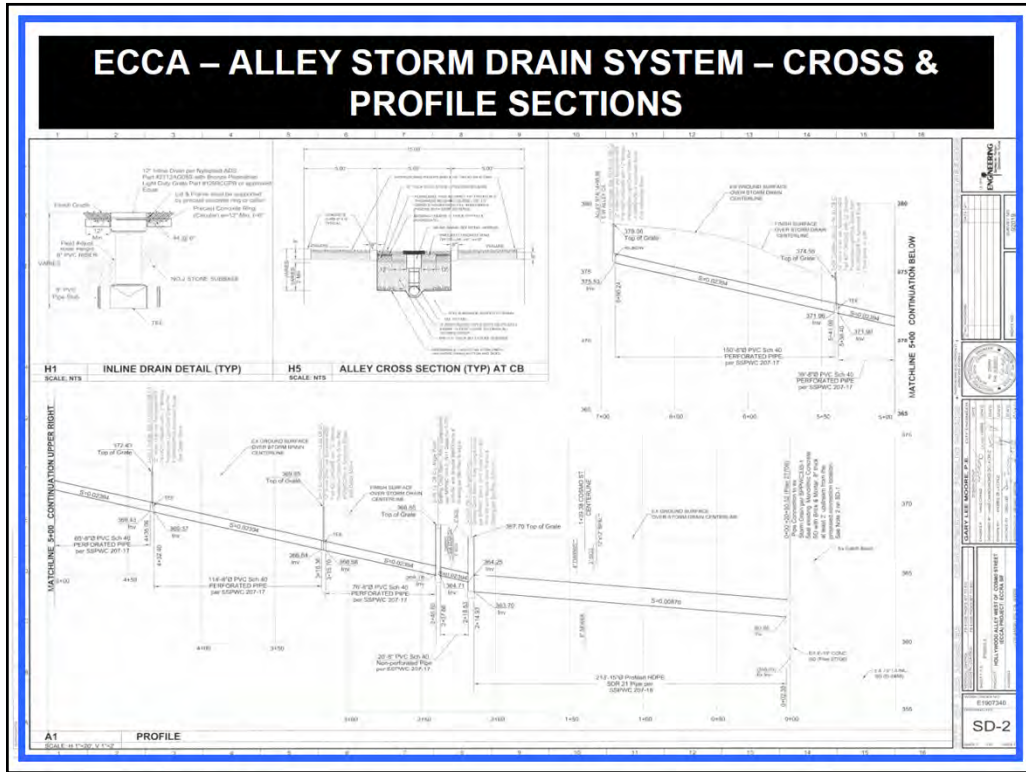




Alley incorporating green alley principles.







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### ALLEY WEST OF COSMO ST. – HOLLYWOOD

#### PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

#### COUNCIL DISTRICT 13

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ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA  
MAYOR

**STAMPED CONCRETE WITH  
LONGITUDINAL GUTTER ALTERNATIVE**

**STAMPED CONCRETE WITH  
GRATE DRAIN ALTERNATIVE**

**STAMPED/BRICK CONCRETE  
ALTERNATIVES**

**ALLEY IMPROVEMENTS EXAMPLES**

# *Project Profiles*

## **Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavements**







# Green Alley Design & Benefits



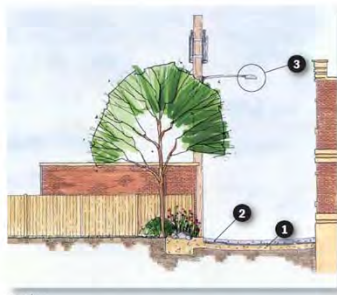
**Green Alley Pilot Approach #1:  
Green Pavement Materials with  
Conventional Drainage**

- 1 Properly graded and pitched alley surface directing stormwater towards the center of the alley, into adjacent streets, and finally into the existing sewer system
- 2 High albedo concrete paving with recycled aggregate and slag
- 3 Energy efficient dark sky compliant light fixture



Plan

- 1 Recycled concrete base material
- 2 High albedo concrete paving with recycled aggregate and slag
- 3 Energy efficient dark sky compliant light fixture



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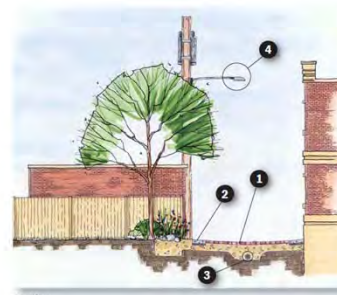
**Green Alley Pilot Approach #2:  
Full Alley Infiltration Using  
Permeable Pavement**

- 1 Permeable pavement material (permeable asphalt, permeable concrete, or permeable pavers)
- 2 High albedo concrete paving with recycled aggregate and slag
- 3 Optional inlet structure with pipe under drain
- 4 Energy efficient dark sky compliant light fixture



Plan

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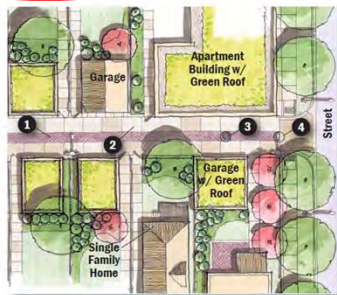


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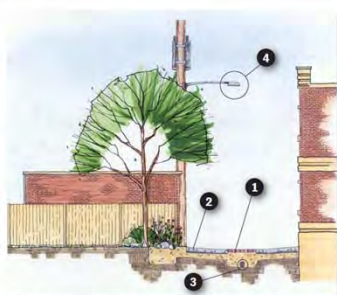
**Green Alley Pilot Approach #3:  
Center Alley Infiltration Using  
Permeable Pavement**

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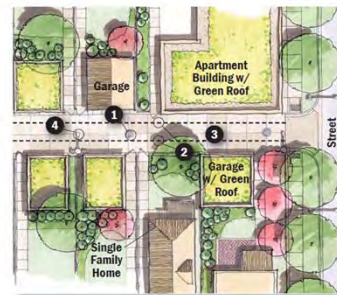


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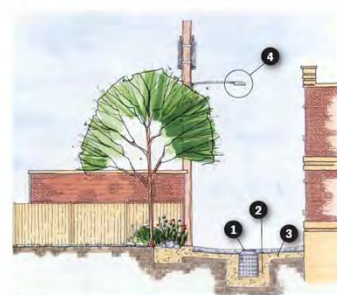
**Green Alley Pilot Approach #4:  
Green Pavement Materials with  
Subsoil Filtration System**

- 1 Inlet structure with perforated sides
- 2 Limits of infiltration trench below for additional storage capacity
- 3 High albedo concrete paving with recycled aggregate and slag
- 4 Energy efficient dark sky compliant light fixture



Plan

- 1 Inlet structure with perforated sides
- 2 Stormwater infiltration trench below for additional storage capacity
- 3 Recycled concrete base material
- 4 Energy efficient dark sky compliant light fixture

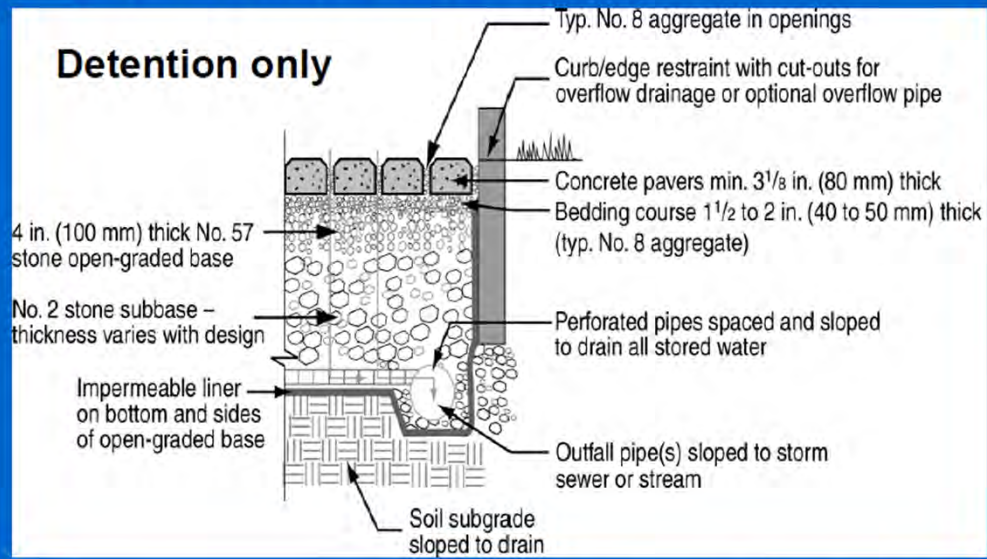


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# No Exfiltration

## Detention only



**Typical max. lifetime loading: 600,000  
18,000 lb ESALs or TI = 8.5**

Climate	No Frost	No Frost	No Frost	No Frost	Frost	Frost	Frost	Frost
ESALs* (Traffic Index)	Soaked CBR Base Subbase (R-value)	>15 (>24)	10-14 (18-23)	5 to 9 (11-17)	Gravelly Soils	Clayey Gravels, Plastic Sandy Clays	Silty Gravel, Sand, Sandy Clays	Silts, Silty Gravel, Silty Clays
Pedestrian	No. 57 No. 2	4 (100) 6 (150)	4 (100) 6 (150)	4 (100) 6 (150)	4 (100) 6 (150)	4 (100) 6 (150)	4 (100) 6 (150)	4 (100) 6 (150)
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600,000 (8.5)	No. 57 No. 2	4 (100) 8 (200)	4 (100) 8 (200)	4 (100) 10 (250)	4 (100) 8 (200)	4 (100) 14 (350)	4 (100) 18 (450)	**











## PICP Design: Exfiltration Options

### *Full - exfiltration*

Sandy soils

No perforated drain pipes

### *Partial – detention & exfiltration*

Silt/some clays

Perforated pipes at bottom of base

### *None – detention only*

High rock, water table, poor soils

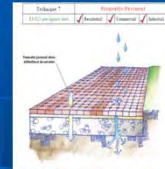




## BENEFITS OF GREEN ALLEYS

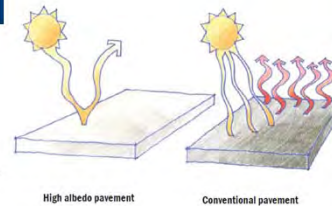
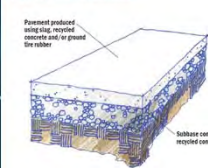
- Stormwater Management
- Heat Reduction
- Material Recycling

Example Applications



High Albedo Pavement

Recycled Construction Materials



### PERMEABLE INTERLOCKING CONCRETE PAVEMENT (PICP) MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS FACT SHEET

#### Stormwater Benefits

- Reduces pollutants from rainwater runoff
- Complements buildings and visually unifies streetscape, many colors available
- LEED® points eligible for Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Materials & Resources and/or Innovative Design; Earns Green Globe points
- Meets U.S. Environmental Protection Agency stormwater performance criteria as a structural best management practice (BMP) while providing parking, road and pedestrian surfaces
- Helps meet local, state and provincial stormwater drainage design criteria and provides compliance with the U.S. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) regulations
- Reduces runoff from common rainstorms by as much as 100%; eliminates surface puddles and local flooding
- Promotes street tree survival
- Snow melts faster on permeable pavement and drains, reducing ice hazards
- Snow plow with typical snow removal equipment; reduce winter ice hazards, de-icing salt use and snow removal costs.
- 50 year life-cycle for surface
- Compatible with underground stormwater storage systems, many slower-draining clay soils and cold climates
- Governments may offer tax incentives, utility fee reductions, expedited permitting or a demonstration project to encourage use.



- ← 3 1/8 in. (80 mm) thick pavers with permeable joints
- ← Open-graded bedding course
- ← Open-graded base course (OGB)
- ← Open-graded subbase on non-compacted soil subgrade

Permeable interlocking concrete pavement (PICP) with base and subbase for infiltration and storage

**PICP supports sustainable development and livable green communities**





**PERFORMANCE**

**Volume Reduction**

- PICP significantly reduces runoff from most storms.
- Runoff volume reductions relieve flooding in storm sewers operating at capacity and relieve sewage treatment plants receiving combined storm and sanitary waste flows.
- Reduced runoff can reduce sewer overflows and stream bank erosion.

**Peak Flow Reduction**

- Promotes stream and lake health with decreased erosion
- Reduces water pollution by reducing combined sewer overflow frequency
- Reduces the need for continuous expansion of drainage infrastructure

**Additional Benefits**

- Cooler than conventional pavements
- ADA compliant
- May be used on sloped site with proper design

**Water Quality Improvement**

- 80% or greater TSS removal
- Preserve and increase drinking and recreational water supplies; preserve aquatic and wildlife habitats.
- Gain recognition for innovative design through sustainable BMPs

**FAQS**

**Can PICP be used on clay soils?** *Yes. Even in clay soils, PICP reduces runoff and helps to capture "first flush" runoff and reduce pollution.*

**Can PICP be used to replace every kind of pavement?** *PICP is best suited for use in areas of low speed traffic such as parking lots, residential streets, driveways, patios, plazas, sidewalks and parking lanes on busier travelways. Nevertheless, PICP has been successfully used even under heavy commercial loads.*

**Will PICP enhance property values?** *The data from installed PICP projects indicates that PICP meets multiple criteria for project success including enhancing property values.*

**Is Maintaining PICP difficult?** *No. PICP can be maintained through street sweeping and vacuuming based on periodic inspection.*

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**CONSTRUCTION AND PROJECT EXAMPLES**



**Prepared subgrade for 20,000 sf (2000 m<sup>2</sup>) Portland, OR street retrofit with PICP**



**Base construction uses locally available materials.**



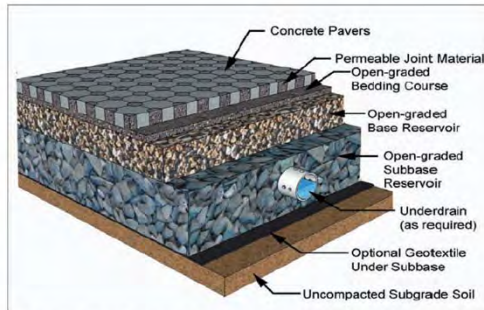
**Mechanical installation speeds construction.**



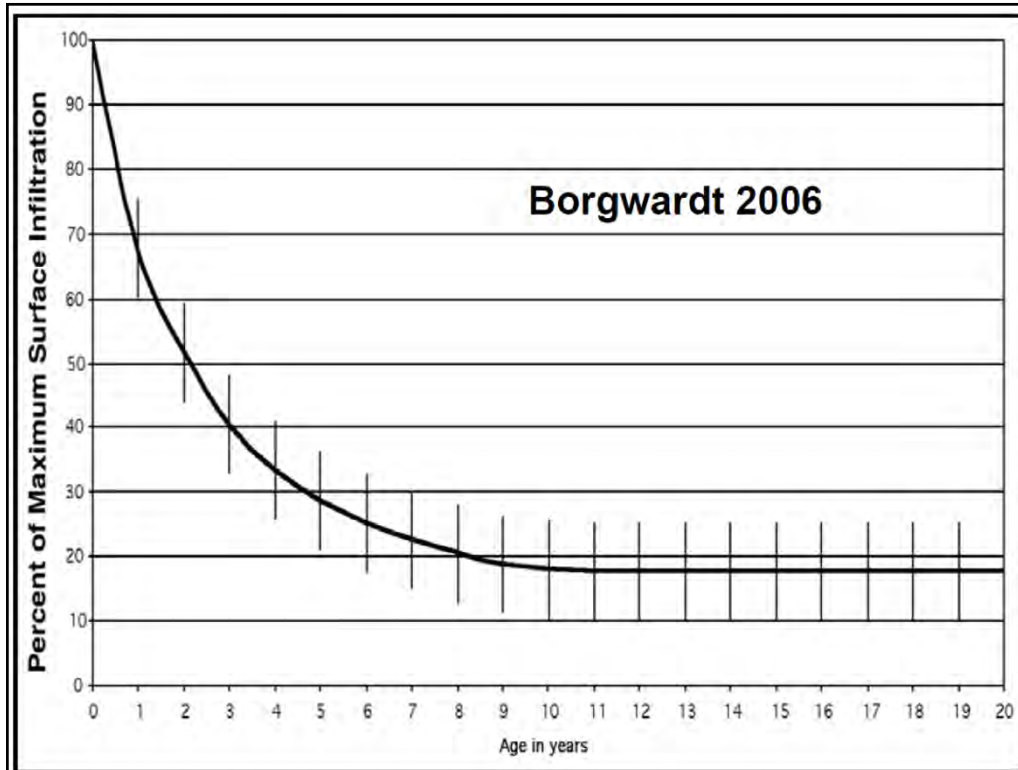
**Aggregate base is spread and compacted; pavers are delivered ready to install. After placement of bedding course, joints and/or openings are filled with small aggregate and the pavers are compacted. Joints may be filled mechanically as shown.**



**Portland, OR street project with PICP parking lanes**



**Typical PICP cross section**



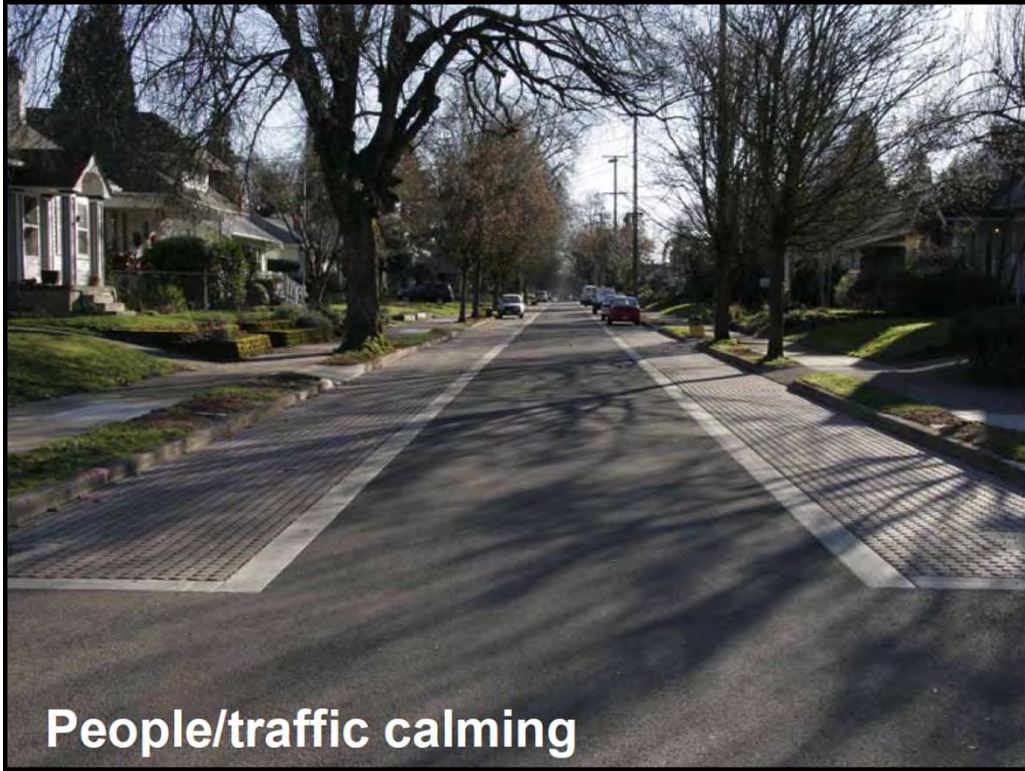
## What About Oils?

Studies by C. Pratt & S. Coupe  
Coventry University, UK

“...the system is capable of degrading  
at least 70g of oil per square meter  
per year.”

*PICP can process occasional drips*






**People/traffic calming**



**Chicago  
Green Alleys  
Program**





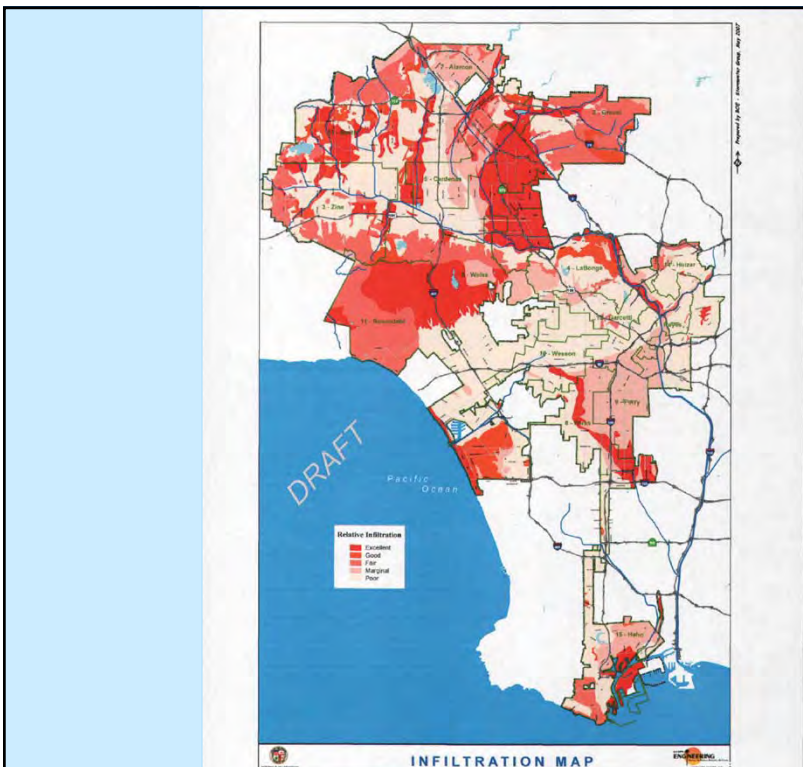
## Green Alley Program

**1,900** miles of public alleys - largest of any US city

- **3,500** acres of impermeable surface, the equivalent area of over 5 Chicago Midway Airports

**Total: 13,000** alleys

- 20% unimproved
- 20% in need of repairs



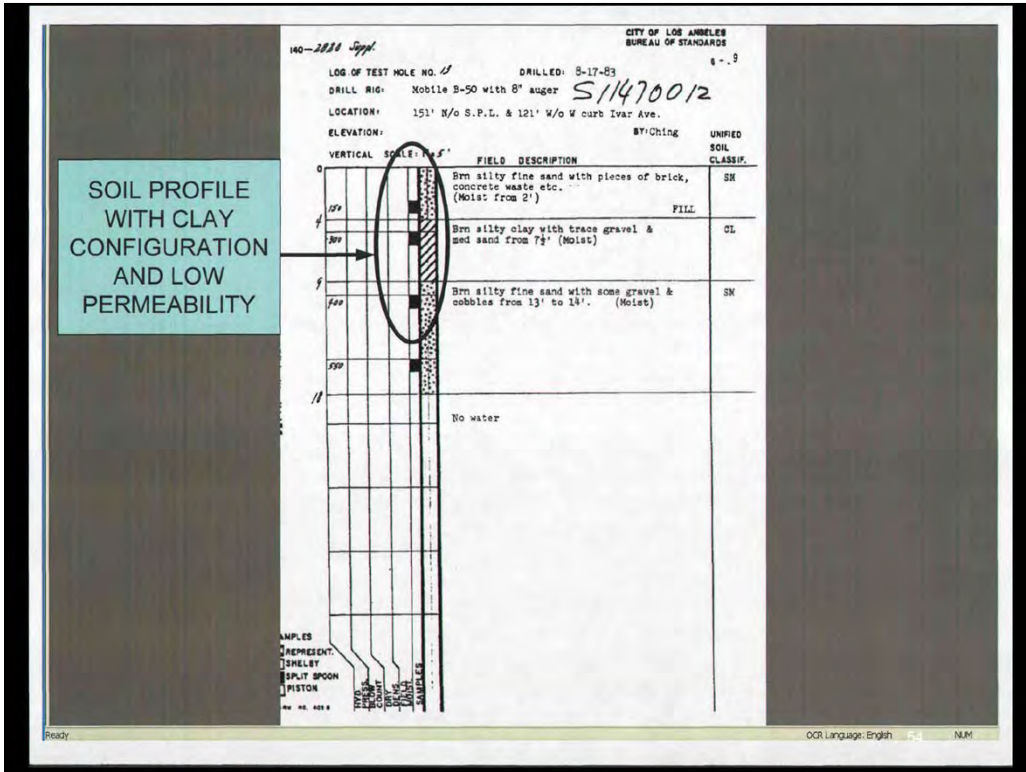
**Los Angeles**  
a  
**503 SQ MILE City**

**With**  
**914 Miles of Alleys**

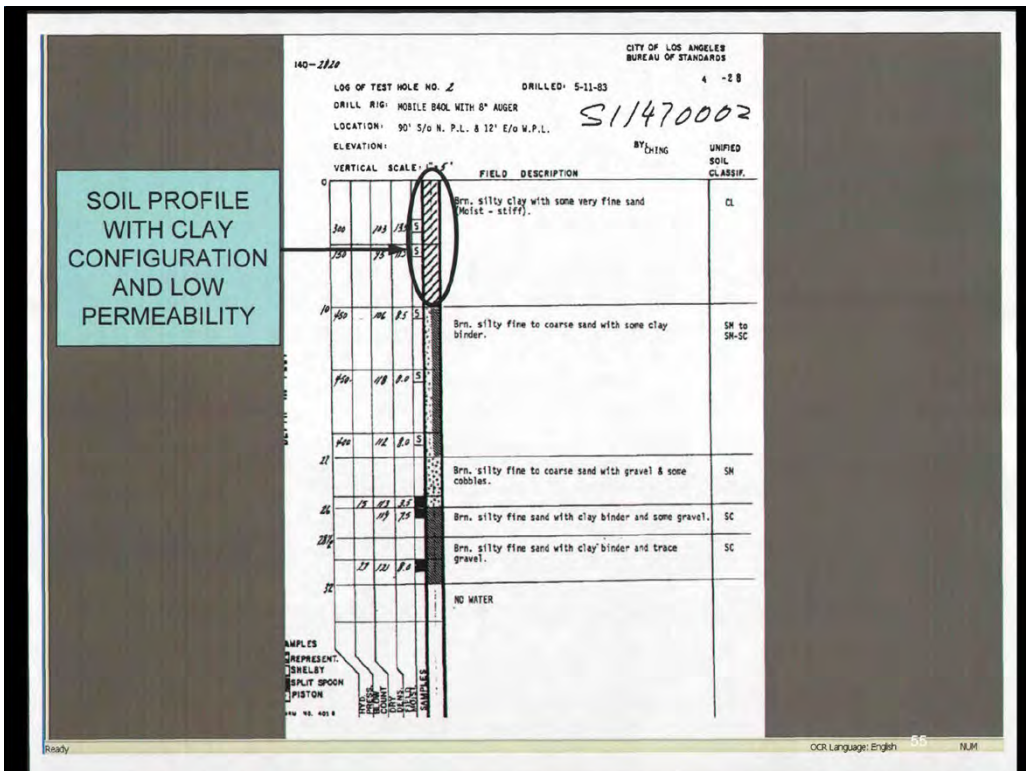
**And**  
**75 Miles of Coastal Beaches**







SOIL PROFILE WITH CLAY CONFIGURATION AND LOW PERMEABILITY



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# Criteria for Chicago's Public Right of Way



Using research data to establish a Chicago Standard for sustainable infrastructure in the public right of way.

Table 1: Summary of Evaluation Criteria

Criteria	Applicability/Rationale	Data Collection/Assessment
Soil Permeability	Teamwork if permeability is low, moderate or high infiltration rates. Underdrains should be used when there are low infiltration rates to avoid accumulation of water and degradation of pavement performance.	Initial screening may be conducted using field tests. Soil borings from a (moist) infiltration test should also be used to inspect existing sites with heavy silt and clay.
Pollution Threat	Green alleys should not be constructed where pollution risk from adjacent facilities is too high.	Inventory also to inspect existing sites with heavy silt and clay.
Adjacent Structures	Appropriate provisions must be made to avoid impacts to adjacent foundations.	Inventory also to inspect existing sites with heavy silt and clay.
Drainage Condition	Assess existing drainage conditions or problems to determine if the project should include special measures to improve conditions.	Inventory also to inspect existing sites with heavy silt and clay.
Pavement Condition	If pavement condition is good, then retrofit opportunities should be prioritized.	Inventory also to inspect existing sites with heavy silt and clay.
Pavement Slopes	Pavement crew also determines if retrofit opportunities exist.	Inventory also to inspect existing sites with heavy silt and clay.
Pavement Preference	If project sponsor has expressed pavement preference, this can be included in selection of design option.	Inventory also to inspect existing sites with heavy silt and clay.

Table 2: Soil Permeability Groups

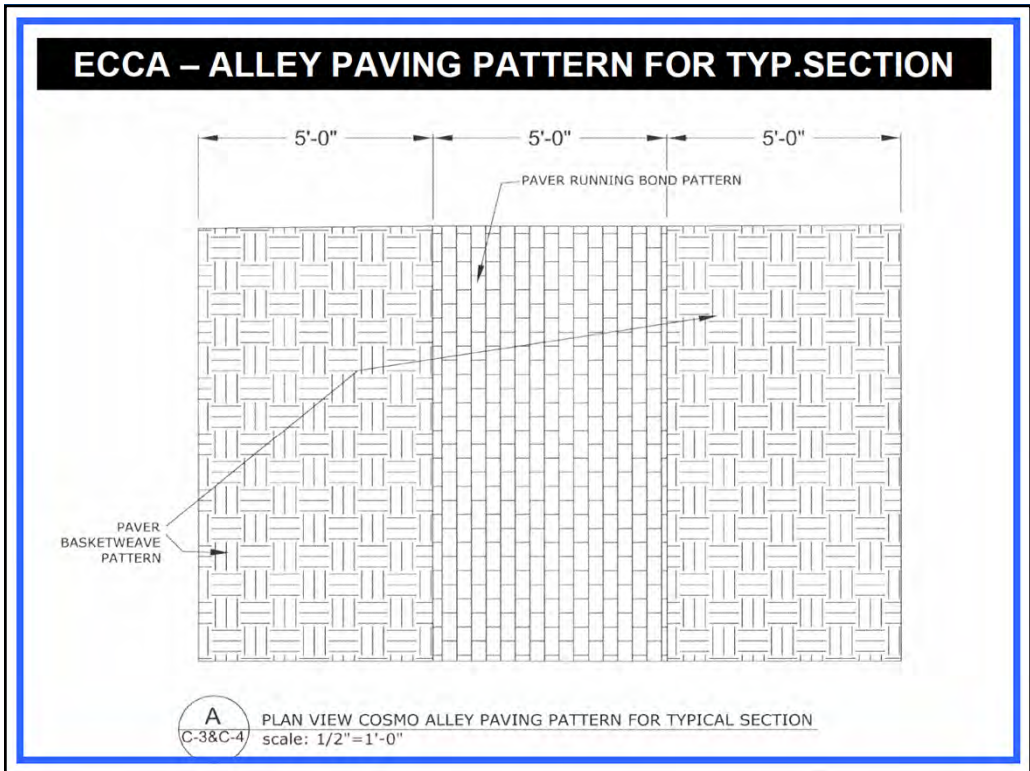
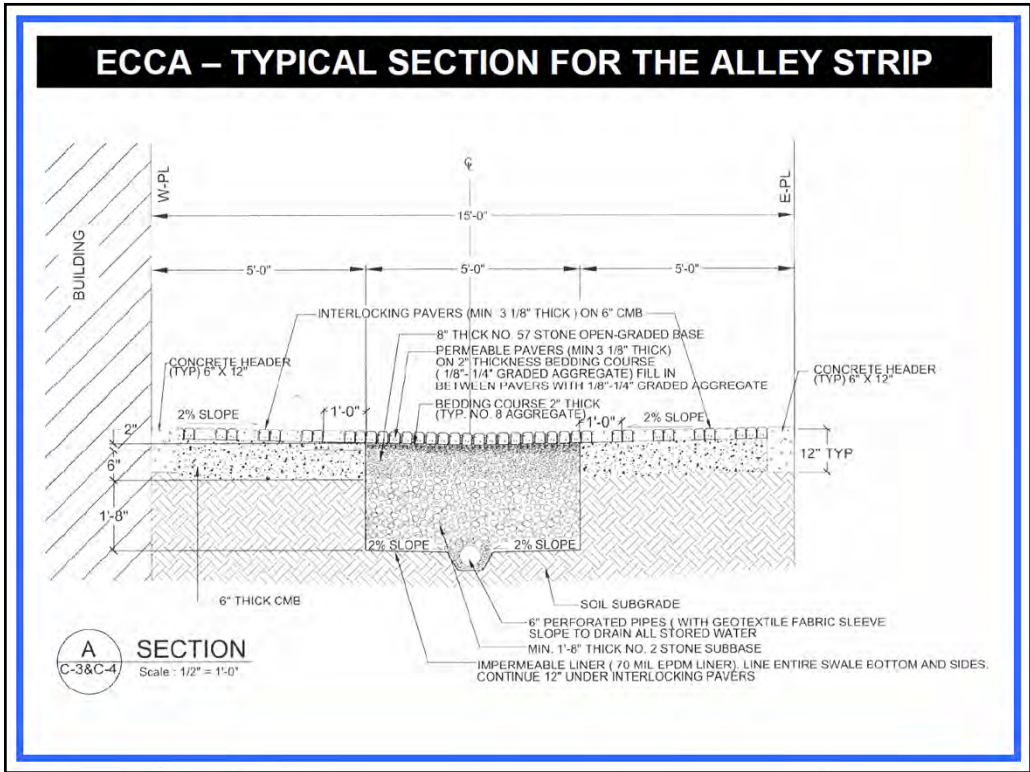
Permeability	Infiltration Rate (in/hr)	Infiltration Rate (cm/sec)	Description and Soil Texture Classification <sup>1</sup>
High	Sand	3.60	Good infiltration capacity.
	Loamy Sand	1.63	
	Sandy Loam	0.50	
Moderate	Loam	0.24	Underdrain required.
	Silty Clay Loam	0.19	
Low	Silt Loam	0.13	Underdrain required.
	Sandy Clay Loam	0.11	
	Silty Clay	0.07	Underdrain required, infiltration very low.
	Clay	0.07	
	Sandy Clay	0.04	
	Clay	0.03	

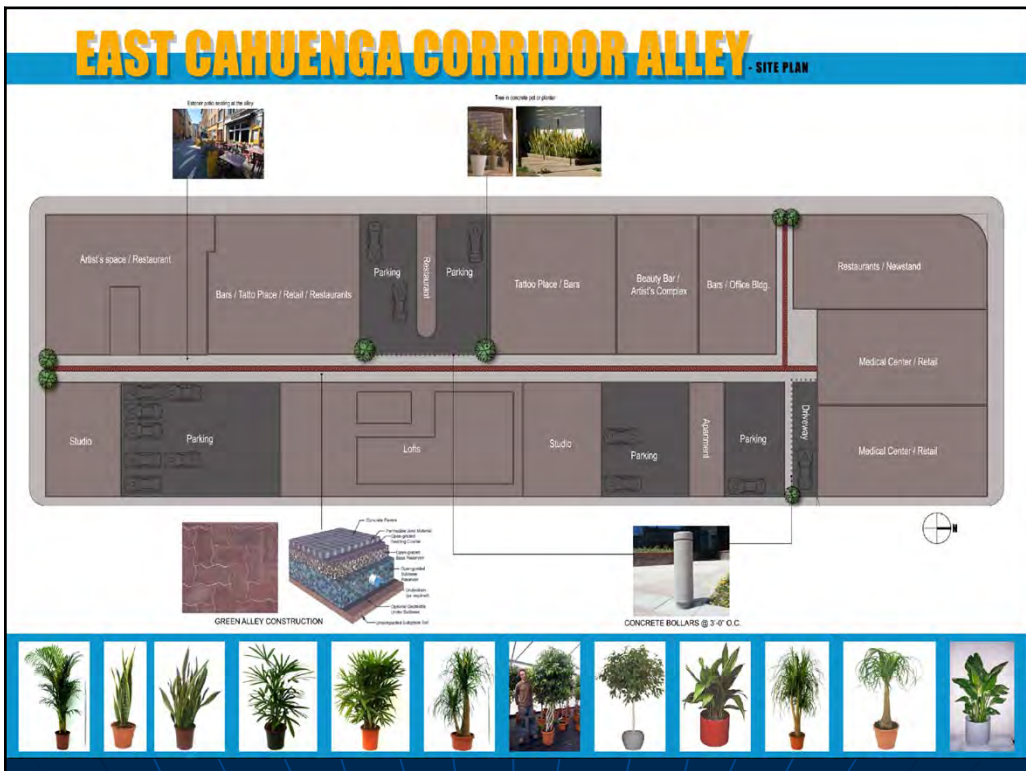
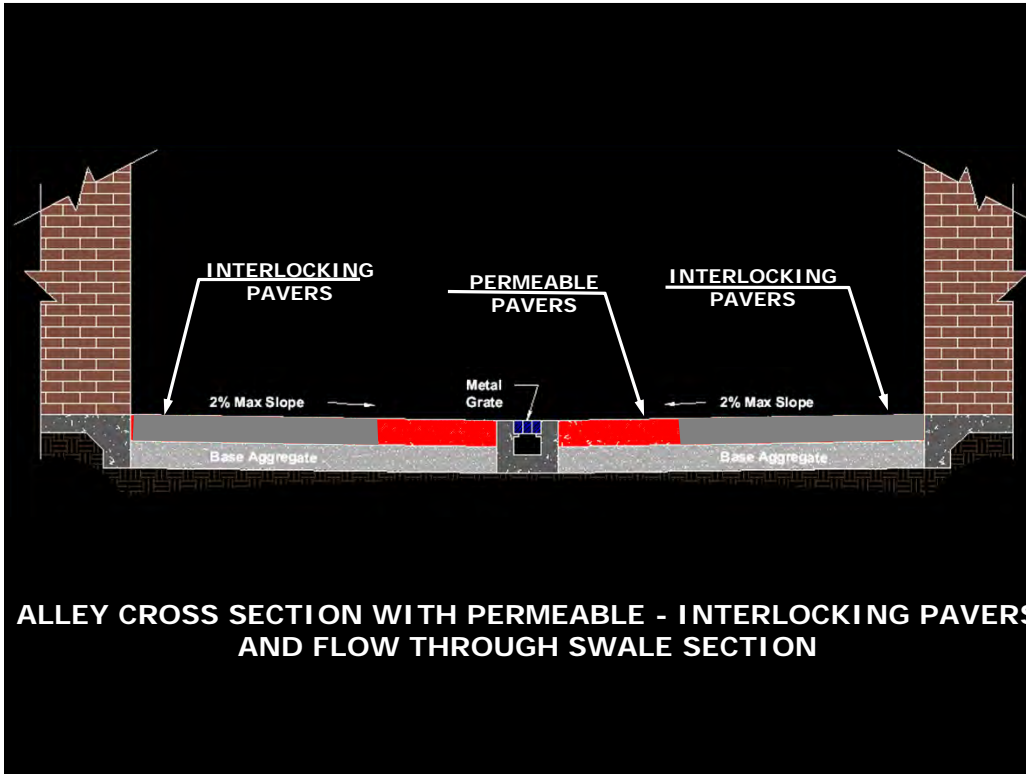
<sup>1</sup> United States Department of Agriculture textural classifications.

Infiltration Realities of Los Angeles



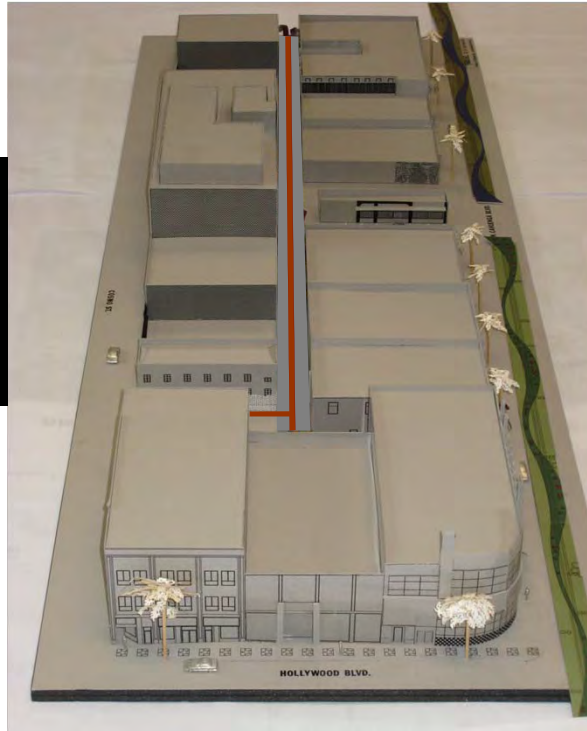
# Architectural Hardscape & Modeling







**PANORAMIC VIEW  
OF THE  
ECCA**



**PERSPECTIVE FROM SOUTH EAST CORNER**



**PANORAMIC VIEW OF ECC ALLEY**



**SOUTH ENTRANCE THROUGH SELMA AVE.**



**MID-ENTRANCE THROUGH CAHUENGA BLVD. WEST SIDE**



**AERIAL VIEW – WEST ELEVATION**





**NORTH EAST ENTRANCE CLOSE UP**



**NORTH EAST CORNER PERSPECTIVE**



Jobname:  
Hollywood Alley\_Lumec Domus 82 LED.AGI  
Report for: STEVE LEE  
Report by: Frank Lesaca // Applications Engineering Manager  
Mounting Ht.: see drawing  
Date:3/5/2009

—Disclaimer—  
Luminaire data is obtained according to IES procedures under controlled laboratory conditions. Field results may differ from computer predictions due to many uncontrollable factors such as:  
Line Voltage Variations, Lamp Performance, and Jobsite Conditions.



Numeric Summary							
Label	CalcType	Units	Avg	Max	Min	Avg/Min	Max/Min
Ground_Level	Illuminance	Fc	2.35	3.3	1.1	2.14	3.00

Luminaire Schedule						
Symbol	Qty	Label	Arrangement	Lumens	LLF	Description
⊙	8	DM550-82LED	SINGLE	-1	1.000	LUMEC // LiteLED-DM550-82LED63

Jobname:  
Hollywood Alley\_Gardco 121.AGI  
Report for: STEVE LEE  
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Luminaire Schedule						
Symbol	Qty	Label	Arrangement	Lumens	LLF	Description
□	8	121	SINGLE	3663	1.000	GARDCO // 121-WT-50LA




# Construction Costs

## ECCA CONSTRUCTION COSTS

Demolition & Excavation.....	\$ 88,620
Flow - Through Swale.....	\$ 56,680
Hardscape - Permeable & Interlocking Pavers.....	\$ 158,985
Selma Ave. Drainage Repairs.....	\$ 6,000
Storm drain System.....	\$ 69,000
Roof Drainage (vertical gutters adjustment).....	\$ 5,000
Traffic Control.....	\$ 10,000
Miscellaneous (Mobilization, gate removals, other).....	\$ 15,000
Peripheral Improvements.....	\$ 180,367
<b>SUBTOTAL-1</b> .....	<u>\$ 589,652</u>
Contingency 20%.....	<u>\$ 117,930</u>
<b>SUBTOTAL-2</b> .....	\$ 707,582
Unforeseen Item - Grease Interceptor R&R.....	\$ 53,000
Construction Management for the Project.....	<u>\$ 25,000</u>
<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE.....</b>	<b>\$ 785,582</b>

**Disclaimer:** This estimate does not include any lighting, security system or fencing in or around the alley. CDF 8-7-09





## ECCA PROJECT COST

**PRE -DESIGN** .....\$ 70,000  
Feasibility study

**DESIGN** .....\$ 83,980  
Survey, Geotech, Environmental Clearance, Project Mgmt, Plans, Specs and Estimates

**CONSTRUCTION**.....\$ 760,285  
Demolition & Excavation, Flow Through System (Drainage), Hardscape, Drainage Repairs (Selma Ave.) Roof Drainage, Traffic Control, Miscellaneous, Construction Contingency 10%.

**CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT**.....\$ 25,000  
Construction Cost for Contract Management and/or support for Inspection.

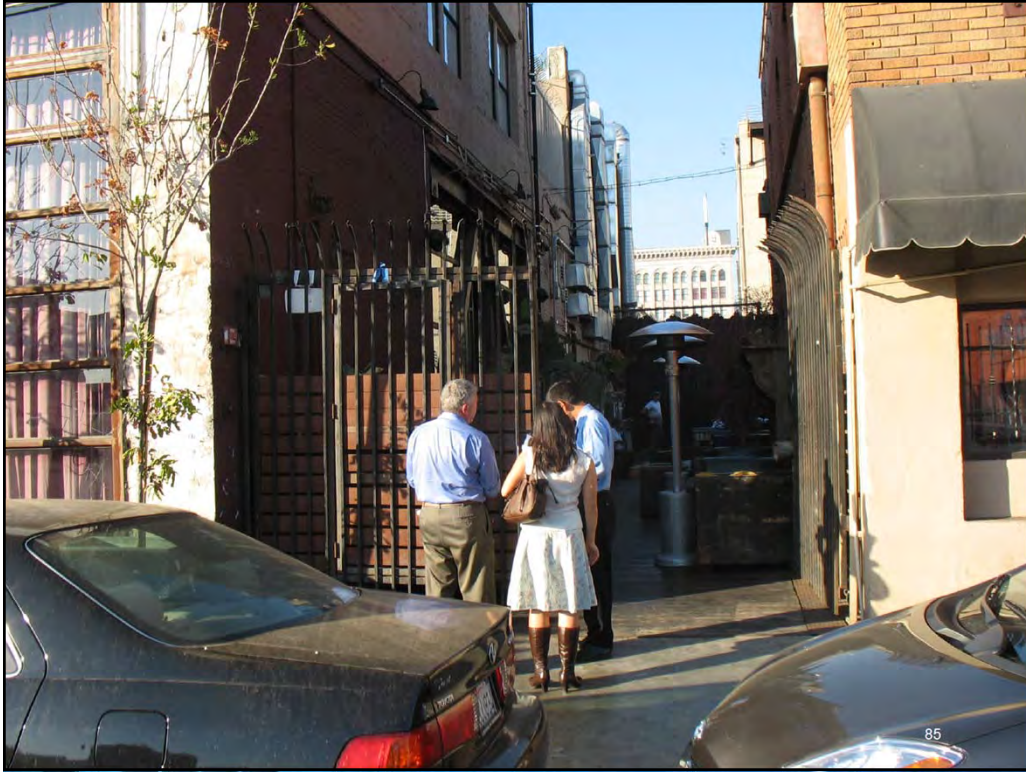
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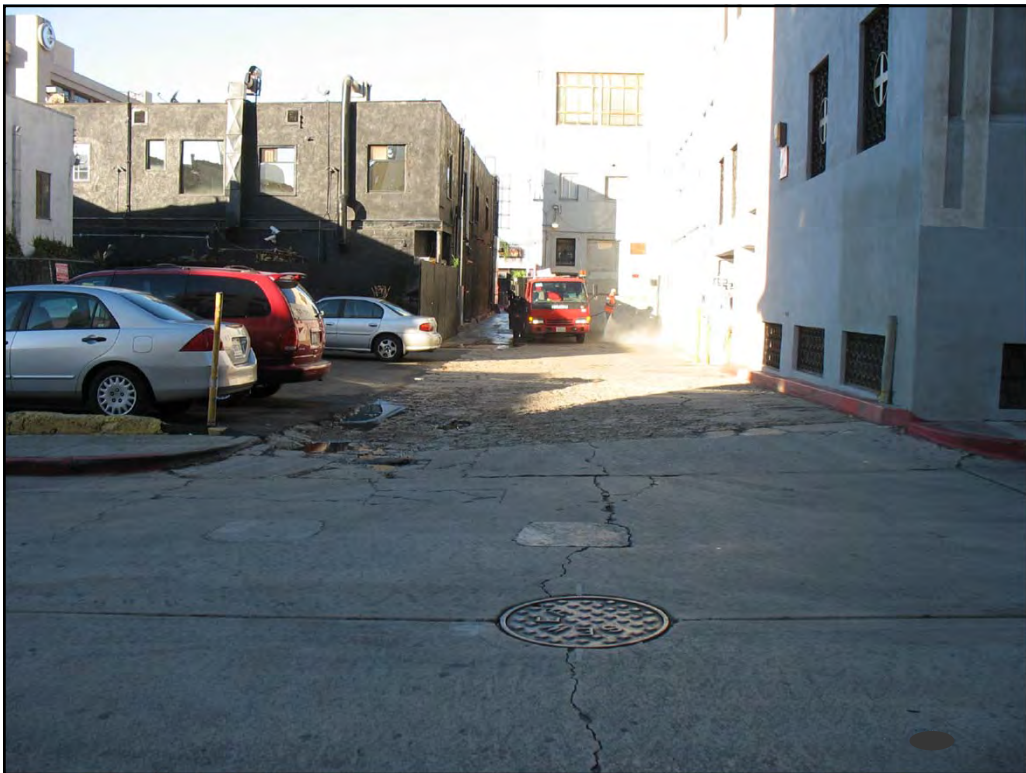


# Initial Conditions

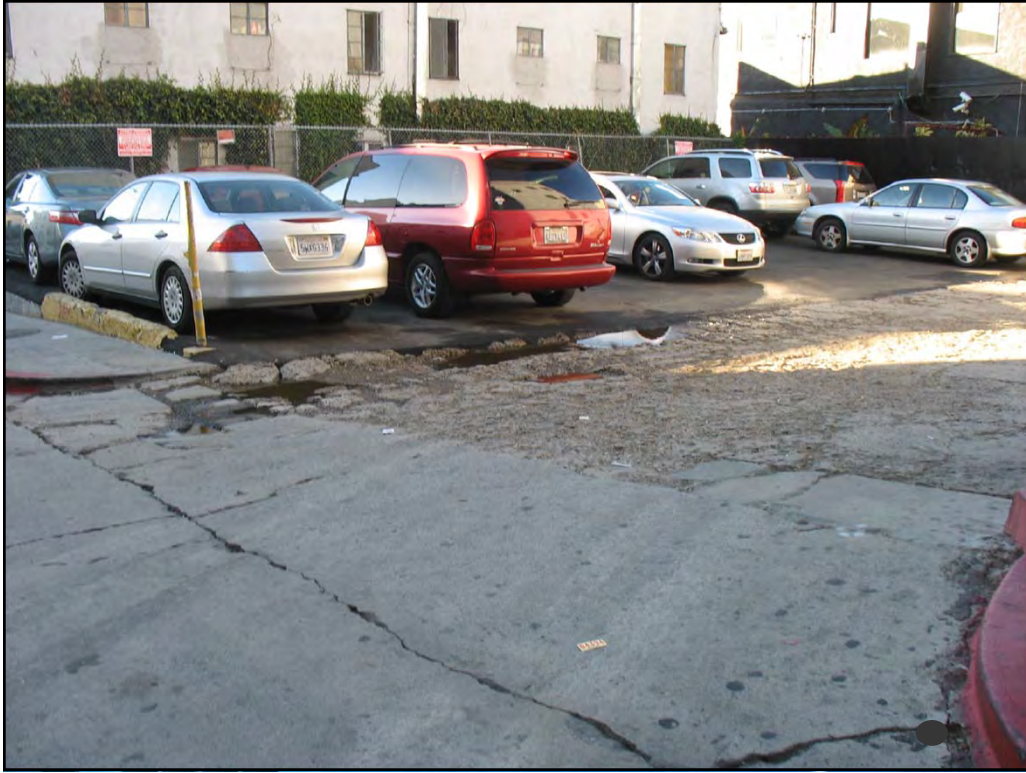
## How it used to be this "Alley"

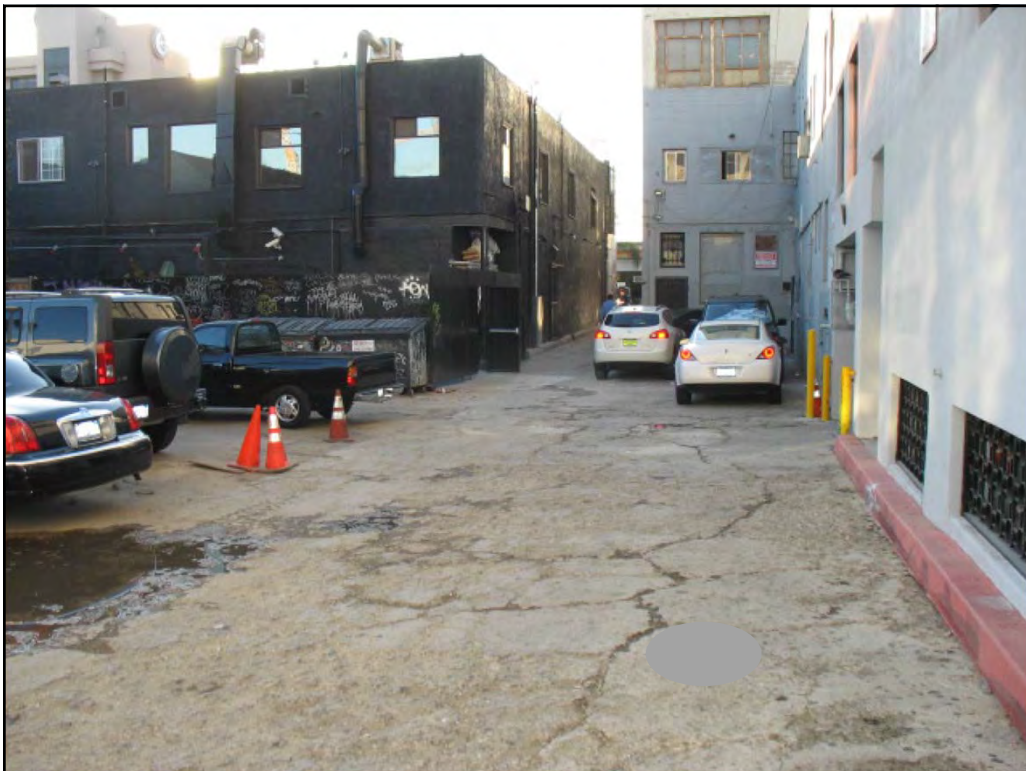


















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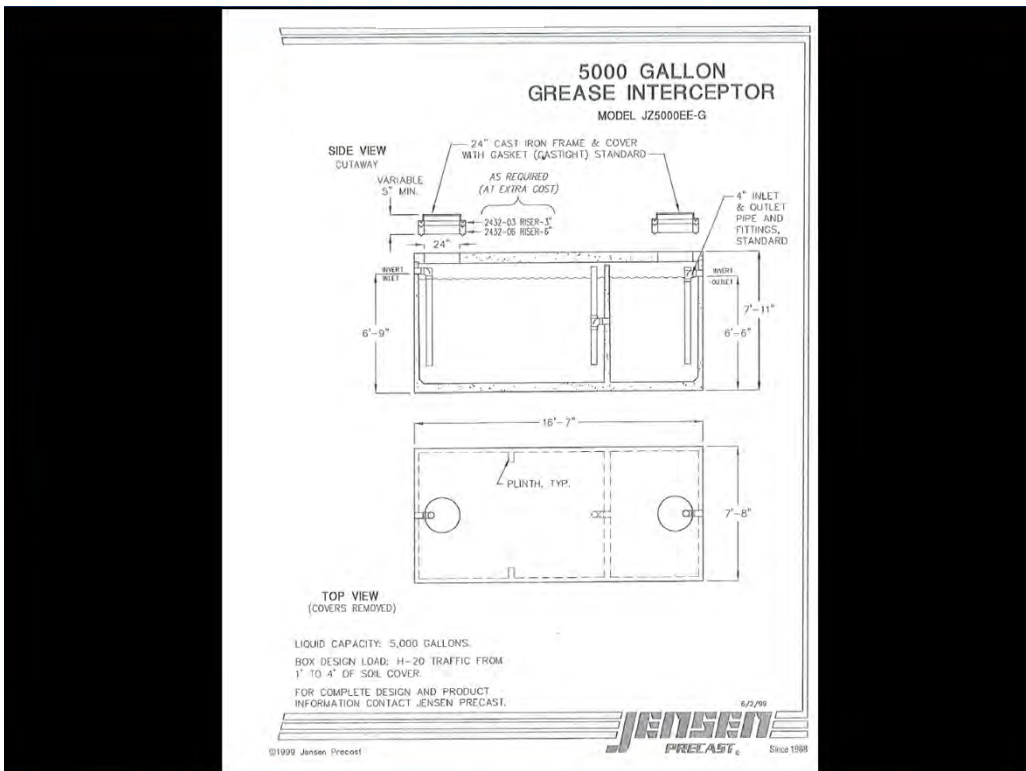
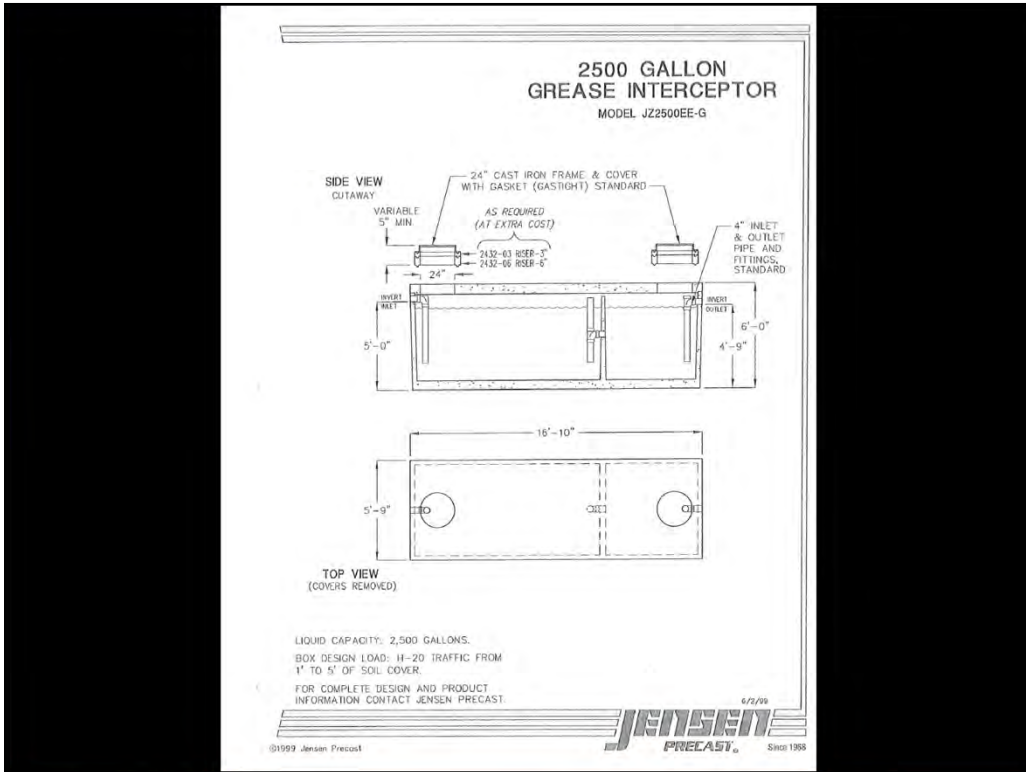


















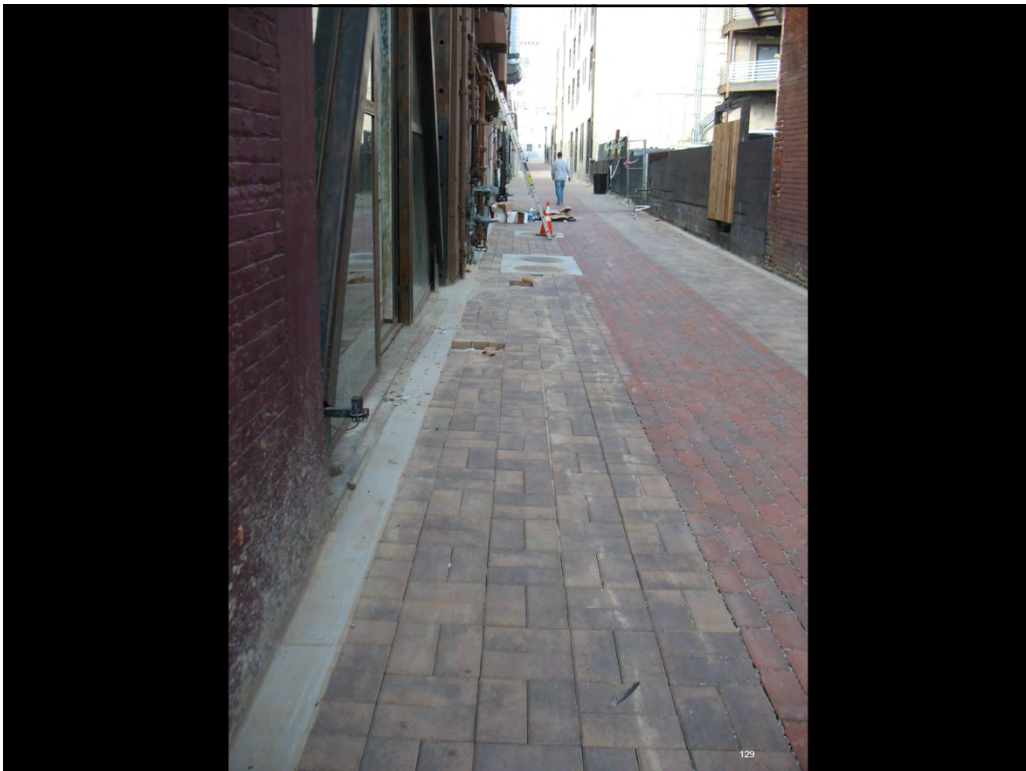
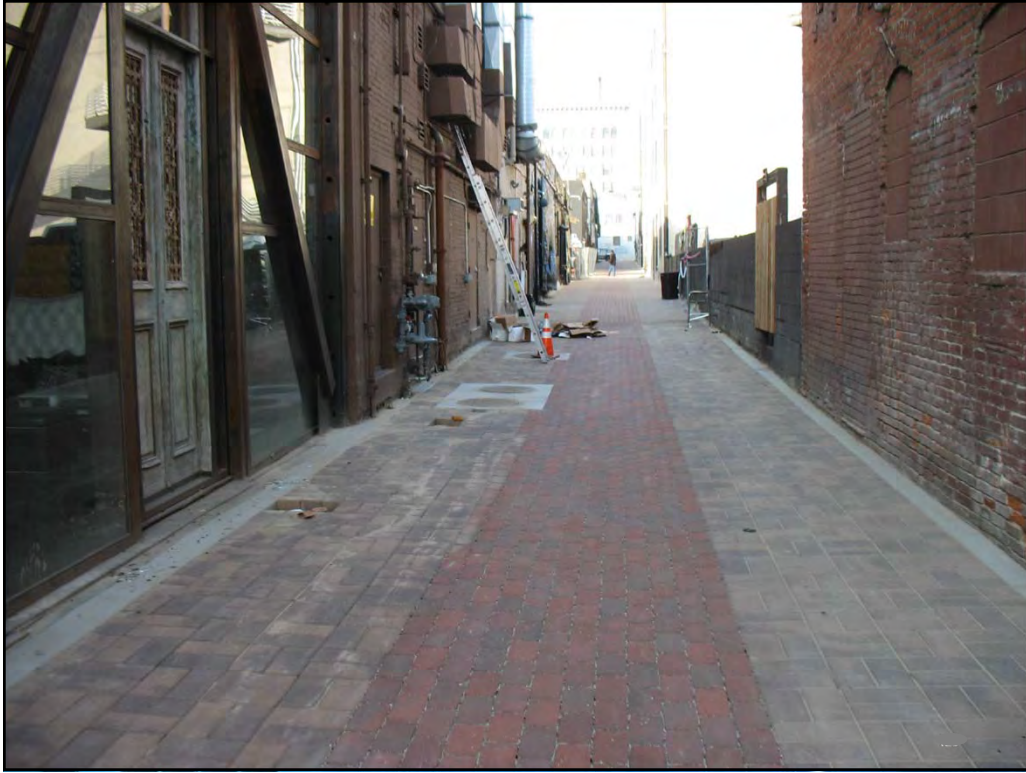




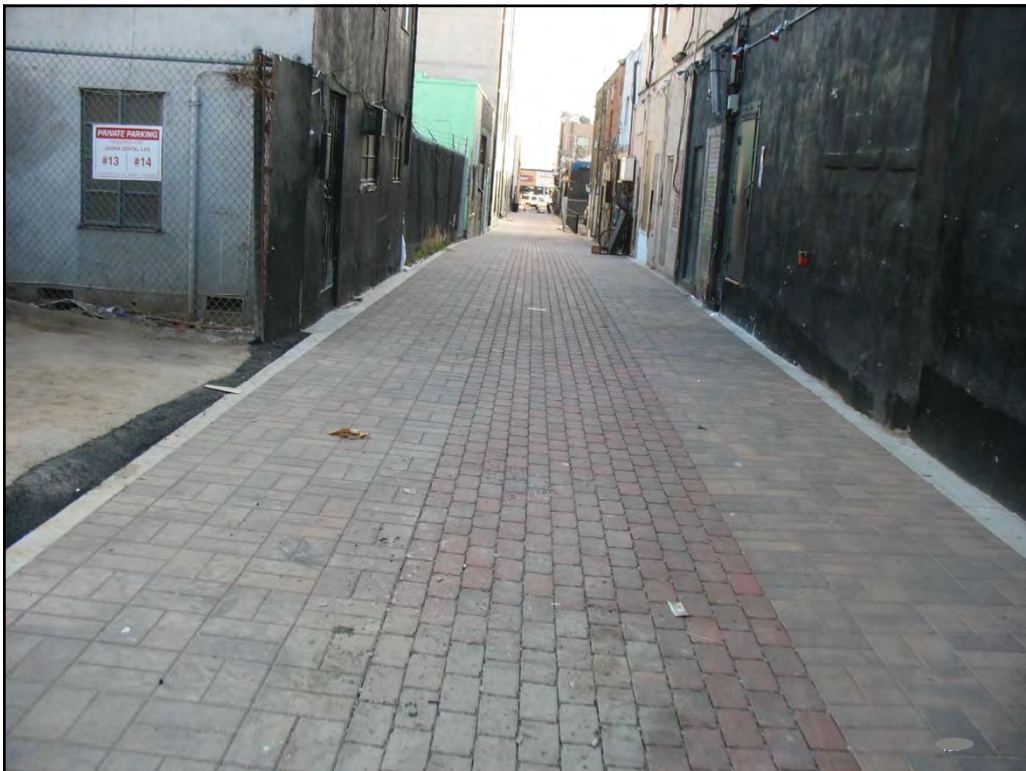




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**East Cahuenga Pedestrian Alley Opens**

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The latest installment of "urban acupuncture" in Los Angeles has finally found its rib, as city officials last Thursday opened the East Cahuenga Alley, a pedestrian alley west of Cahuenga Street between Hollywood Boulevard and Selma Avenue.

Since 2005, the city and area property owners have been working to eliminate the alley's many nuisances — leaking water, graffiti, trash and crime. After building storm drains, lights, possible parking and more, the site will now serve as an outdoor living area for the 300 and Kichen 24.

Councilmember Eric Garcetti (with several other business leaders and city officials) at a ribbon-cutting for the new pedestrian alley. (Photo by Jason Dennis)

"We never imagined it'd be as beautiful as this," said Councilmember Eric Garcetti, 13th District. "This is a wonderful example of the public and private sectors working together for our neighborhoods. It's best and exciting."

Garcetti said the pedestrian environment, which is the first of its kind in Los Angeles, was developed in consultation with property and business owners in the area. When was the alley was previously crime-ridden and unappealing, it will now serve as a place for locals and tourists alike to stroll and relax, he said.

"They say the car is king here, but the car only goes so far where we really want to be," Garcetti said, adding that officials want tourists to feel at home immediately after arriving in L.A. "We want people to leave that impression — whether you're a tourist from abroad or somewhere else in the United States, or whether you're a local resident here in Hollywood, we know that you will love this alleyway. This is the place where the new Hollywood — the second Golden Age — is being born."

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