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**WSU & Puget Sound Partnership Permeable Pavement LID Workshop
Operations and Maintenance**

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Introduction



- Maintenance begins during the Planning Phase
- Is it different?
- "The maintenance of LID facilities is essential to ensure that design stormwater management and other benefits continue over the full lifecycle of the installation."
- What to look for?
 - Drainage
 - Safety
 - Aesthetics
- Training for Maintenance
 - Homeowner, Private vs Public Crews
- Long term infiltration capacity can remain high even with clogging, however.....

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Operations and Maintenance - Transition

- O&M starts at the Planning phase
 - Who? How? Why? What? Where?
- Transitioning from Construction to O&M
 - Purpose?
 - What are the regulatory reporting requirements?
 - Record/As-built?
 - Training new staff
 - Mapping

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Inform crews about protecting porous pavements



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Maintain Stabilization of Adjacent Areas



- Proactive vs. reactive
- Address the source



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Maintain Adjacent Vegetation



- Ground Cover Migration
 - Where fragaria species (strawberry) or other fast-spreading ground covers are planted adjacent to porous pavement, the ground cover may spread too aggressively and root in the pavement.
 - This migration is of particular concern with porous paving, as the ground cover will establish, collect sediment and reduce the pavement's function.
- Options for Maintenance
 - Modify planting plan and remove invasive plants
 - Maintain adjacent landscaping
 - Weed burners



Ground cover migration happens even with conventional pavement.

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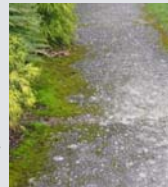
O&M Moss Growth

- Be careful with expectations
- Moss is present regardless of pavement type in PNW
- Remove if it affects drainage or safety
- Some is okay
- Perception

- If severe, options for removal:
 - Pressure washing (concrete)
 - Weed burner
 - Sweeping (during dry periods)
 - Vacuuming (effectiveness varies)
- During planning & design, consider impacts of shade to maintenance frequency



Above: Pervious Concrete City Sidewalk with moss



Right: Non-Pervious Concrete urban sidewalk with moss

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O&M – Moss and Vegetation Growth



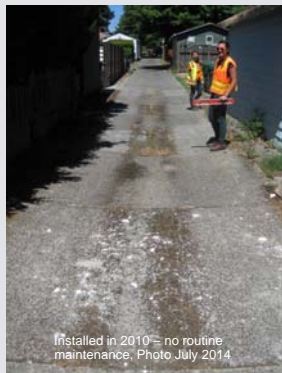
Installed ~10 years ago
12616 NE 90th Street



Photo taken w/in 1 year
of installation

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O&M – Moss and Vegetation



Installed in 2010 – no routine
maintenance. Photo July 2014



Installed in 2005 – no routine
maintenance. Photo May 2014

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Staining of pavement



Staining from compost spilling onto pervious concrete.

- Applies to pavers, asphalt, cement concrete. Same as conventional pavements.
- During construction, keeping pervious concrete covered for curing & protection can lead to some discoloration but fades with time.
- Avoid placement of organic/compost material on pavement.



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Snow Removal



- Avoid sanding since it will clog the system, except in cases of emergencies/ safety issues (vacuum sediment as soon as possible after melt).
- Avoid sanding adjacent streets since tires will track it onto the porous pavement.
- UNH reported up to 75% decrease in salt use but it will depend on site conditions (shade, location etc)
- Design subbase for drainage.
- No salt on pavement in 1st year. (APWA 10-22-08 porous pavement webinar)
- Installed in much colder climates such as Iowa, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Ohio, Lake Tahoe.

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Parking Lot, Denver, CO – Next AM Following 12" Snow

Sites directly across street
(Photos: 5 min. differential max)

Pervious Concrete



Conventional Asphalt



Heavy snow regions: Modifications required for plow height during snow removal

Photos courtesy of National Ready Mixed Concrete Association and Slide courtesy of Center for Portland Cement Concrete Pavement Technology, 2005 via John Kevern at National Concrete Pavement Technology, Iowa State University

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Routine Maintenance: Plastic Geocells



- Maintenance:
 - Sweep Gravel into stalls 1x/month or as needed
 - Remove and replace gravel if becomes clogged
- Material:
 - GravelPave² from Invisible Structures, Inc.
 - Ring and Grid structures filled with 1/4" minus with 6" depth of 5/8" minus gravel subbase
 - Mats pinned down per manufacturer installation requirements



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Open-Celled Paving Grids



Fire lane/Maintenance road for housing site.
Geoweb[®] Cellular Confinement system

- Follow manufacturer guidelines for replacing sections of cells
- May have non-uniform vegetation growth if used regularly for parking or driving over where the sun does not shine & water is scarce
- Requires mowing/landscape maintenance
- May need occasional reseeding



Maintenance road using TurfStone[®] over 1 1/2" to 2" sand and 6" of crushed rock w/o fines

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Permeable Interlocking Pavers



- Maintenance:
 - Remove and replace paver grids when repairs or utility cuts are needed
 - Replace gravel when needed
- Project Notes:
 - Developer: Lyle Homes
 - Prime: Mithun
 - Private Residential Drive
 - Pavers through Mutual Materials
 - Pavers over 3" Bedding Course and 10" Base Course for this installation
 - Quick Installation 4'x4' Grids
 - Gap at joints

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Permeable Interlocking Pavers/Gravel Filled Geocells



- Remove weeds if they start to affect performance
- Some is okay
- Aesthetics
- Do not use herbicides etc. to remove. WQ facility.
- Hand removal
- Vinegar? (small applications)

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Porous Asphalt



- No AC overlay/black topping
- Vacuum sweep (annually or more or less frequent depending upon stabilization of adjacent areas)

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Utility Cut Protocols



- Implement measures to protect adjacent porous facility to remain
- Patch with same porous material
 - Full panel replacement
- Use temporary patch until full panel can be replaced

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O&M – Check Overflow/Back-up System



- ✓ What is the flow path if water does not infiltrate?
- ✓ Verify that overflow system is not plugged



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Structural Damage



Higher loading than designed for?



Not installed per manufacturer requirements?



Pedestrian sidewalk driven over by vehicles?

- Determine source of damage and inform others
 - Not used as intended?
 - Installed incorrectly?
 - Other?
- Repair section to nearest joint
- Replace full depth?
- Experience.....Sub work out? or have maintenance crew trained in repairing porous sections?

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O&M: Sediment removal for porous asphalt /pervious concrete

- Frequency depends on use & adjacent areas
- Vacuum sweep annually +/-
- Or Pressure wash & vacuum (test small area first)
- Equipment effectiveness can vary with weather
- Pine needles/sap is a challenge but if its not affecting the whole then ok
- Preventive maintenance can reduce frequency
- Equipment Access: Sidewalks vs plazas vs parking lots vs drive lanes



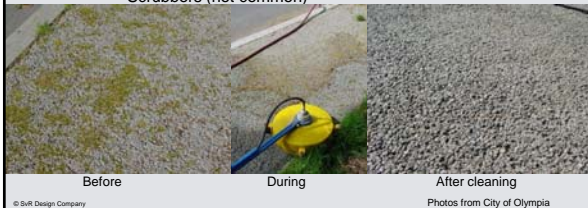
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Above photos from City of Bellevue

Equipment

- Porous Pavement Equipment – vacuum sweeper or vacuum sweeper & pressure washer
- Other Equipment used by others :
 - Dry broom and other hand tools for removing debris
 - Power Lawn Vacuum
 - Specialty Items
 - Flame weeders, Hot water weeders
 - Scrubbers (not common)



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Equipment for cleaning porous pavements

Local studies: City of Olympia, pervious concrete & perconcrete

- Some findings in report from Craig Tosomeen, Sept 2006:
 - "Leaf/Litter vacuums are more effective than sweepers with dust control vacuum systems"
 - Vacuum machine had difficulty removing leaf piles when they were more than 2 to 3 inches thick



Photos from Maintenance Memo from Craig Tosomeen, City of Olympia Photos from Maintenance Memo from Craig Tosomeen, City of Olympia using Leaf/Litter Vacuum (Minuteman Parker Vac-35) September 2006 to clean pervious concrete sidewalk installed in 1999.

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Example of Maintenance Equipment from Portland OR

- N. Gay Avenue & Westmoreland projects, Portland OR
- Pavers, porous asphalt and pervious concrete public streets
- 1 to 2x / year - Vacuum sweepers used to collect fines:
 - Tymco's 500x
 - Schwarze's A7000
 - Elgin's Crosswind J-Plus
- Infiltration test of porous asphalt, pervious concrete and pavers
 - Flusher truck spray water over pavement (calculate rate & area)
- "vegetation growth in pavers did not appear to hinder infiltration on Rex St." (~63 in/hr)
- Source: Brett Kesterson, Portland, OR at APWA porous pavement webinar (10-22-08)



Photos from Portland OR at <http://www.apwa.net/cfl/docs/HandoutsPP.pdf>

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Maintenance Inspection Sample Check List

- ✓ Is emergency overflow clear?
- ✓ Structural damage?
- ✓ Is gravel filled to the surface in the geocells or between pavers?
- ✓ Is system draining? (next slide)
- ✓ Other
 - ✓ Weed, moss growth not excessive ?
 - ✓ Have issues previously noted been addressed?
 - ✓ Other?

Bring: camera, measuring tape, as-builts, previous reports, checklist, equipment to conduct infiltration test, tools to remove cleanouts, etc

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Inspecting for Drainage Function

- Annually check infiltration vs. clean when no longer infiltrating
- Some have put off maintenance until surface ponding is observed
- Annually check overflow subsurface drains to make sure functioning and not blocked
- Check water level in observation ports (if used – cleanout with perforated/slotted pipe extending to native subgrade) in pavement section subbase during dry weather or 24 hours after rain event



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O&M: Inspect drainage function during the rain

- ✓ How is it performing in rain? Where is there ponding?
- ✓ Take photos/video of performance



Photo taken 4/6/2013, Built 2008

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O&M: Check system in the rain

32nd Avenue SW (SW Juneau to SW Raymond Streets, Seattle)



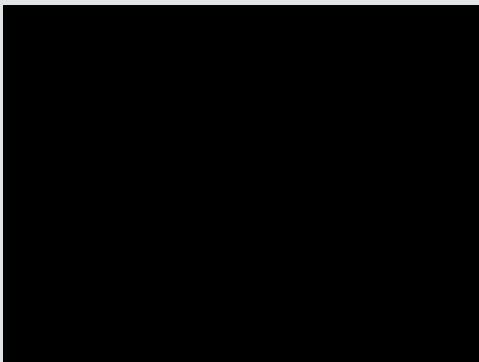
O&M: Inspecting in Dry Weather

- ✓ Ecology Guidance Manual on Maintenance: 10 inches/hour with cylinder test
- ✓ Run cylinder infiltration tests over multiple areas
- ✓ Or turn on sprinklers/garden hose and test larger area?
- ✓ Does water pool or drain out afterwards?
- ✓ Limitations: Challenge to test whole system's drainage function



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Video in Rain



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O&M: Non-routine.....Rehabilitation cleaning



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- Significant decline in infiltration
- Elgin's Whirlwind (pure vacuum sweeper)
<http://www.elginsweeper.com/Environmentallnfo/ReducingPollution/PorousPavement/tabid/86/Default.aspx>
- Bunyan B.I.R.D. vacuum attached to vactor truck (10gpm)
\$7800 + power if not on vactor
<http://bunyansprings.com/maintenance/>
Local rep: Owen Equipment, 253-852-5819 (Kent, WA) or 503-255-9055 (Portland, OR)
- www.Paragon-Industries.com
- Stay Tuned....supply and demand affect technology

Replacement



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- If routine maintenance and cleaning not done and unable to restore infiltration rates, partial or full reconstruction may be required
- Assess % of area impacted



Above photo from
<http://www.krep.org/fieldguide/examples/permeablepavers.htm>

Develop Maintenance Schedule & Manual for Crews & Implement

High Point Natural Drainage Maintenance Schedule At-A-Glance

Applies to All Landscaped Areas (Natural Drainage System (NDS) and Non-NDS)											
	1. Sweep	2. Sweep	3. Sweep	4. Sweep	5. Sweep	6. Sweep	7. Sweep	8. Sweep	9. Sweep	10. Sweep	11. Sweep
January	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time
February	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time
March	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time
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June	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time
July	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time
August	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time
September	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time
October	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time
November	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time
December	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time	1 time

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Interdepartmental & Interagency Agreements

- Determine WHO will do maintenance during planning/design phase. Transportation? Utilities? Private Developer? Varies with jurisdiction.
- Inform staff and document location in records for maintenance, future improvements in vicinity and utility cuts.
 - GIS mapping of infiltration facilities?
 - Continuously inform with staff turnover
- Schedule staff accordingly: Inspection of systems is preferred during rain events but maintenance equipment more effective during dry periods
- Document what materials are required for repair (no white/black topping, use clean subbase)
- Develop agency annual inspection checklist (examples on web)
- Inform public of its location.



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QUESTIONS?



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