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Green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) program design

The right funding/financing solution starts with the right program design.



Identify Goals

What outcomes (or set of outcomes) are we seeking to achieve?

- # greened acres
- # gallons managed
- % CSO reduction







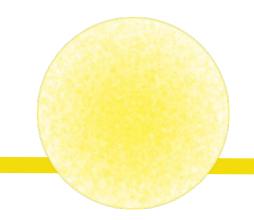












Identify Model

What program model will help our community achieve those goals?

Private land







Sector-specific



Citywide



Regional







Identify Funds + Implementation Structure

The selected program model drives the decisions about

- how to fund and/or finance
- how to implement

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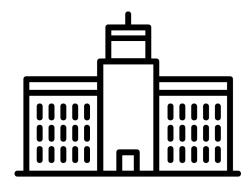
St. Louis Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) Case Study

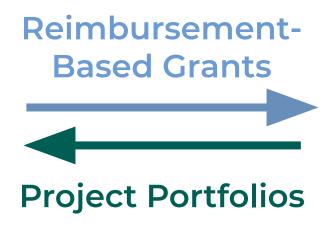
To meet terms of Consent Decree, MSD's Long-term control plan dedicates \$100M to GSI within St. Louis' combined sewer area.

Goal: Reduce CSO volumes by 10% within ~20 years

Model: Private Property Grant Program

Funds: Dedicated \$5M of operating budget funds per year













MSD

Accesses cost effective GSI projects on private property

PROJECT DEVELOPERS

Contracts with landowners to develop a large portfolio to submit to the utility for approval & contracting.

LARGE PROPERTIES

Accesses grant-funded green space and GSI co-benefits

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Could a refined implementation and financing model help achieve the same goal faster?

CURRENT MODEL Reimbursement-Based Grant Program

- 1. **Goal:** Reduce CSO volumes by 10% by incentivizing GSI retrofits
- 2. Funding/Financing: No financing; \$5M per year spent on direct project costs for 20 years
- 3. **Timeline:** 20 years to achieve \$100M in GSI; Total benefits of GSI achieved incrementally

POSSIBLE MODEL REFINEMENT Long-term GSI Contract

- 1. **Goal:** Reduce CSO volumes by 10% by incentivizing GSI retrofits
- 2. Funding/Financing: Long-term financing through P3, municipal bond, or EIB; \$5M/year spent on performance-based payments for 20 years
- 3. **Timeline:** 3 years to achieve \$100M in GSI; Total benefits of GSI *delivered now*

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How can I support GSI on private property?

Community-based Organizations

- Investigate if your city has a program and drive landowner participation
- Build public support for program and advocate for high project standards.

Government

- Engage with peers across the country to seek best private property program models
- Design and fund innovative programs
- Always ask how you can achieve more impact, faster for each dollar spent.

Practitioners

 Tailor services to private property owners

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