

WHAT ARE GREEN & COMPLETE STREETS?

Green streets are planned and designed as a stormwater management approach. Green streets can include the use of shade trees, vegetation, engineered soils, and recycled materials to more closely mimic nature.

Complete streets are green streets. It is a green street design tool that integrates stormwater management and ensures the streets remain usable and safe for all people, regardless of mode.

POSSIBLE BENEFITS

Reduced flooding

Reduced & filtered stormwater

Shade & reduced urban heat island effects

Enhanced safety for all users

Increased comfort and quality of life

Added urban green space and wildlife habitat

Increased positive interactions between people

SOURCES

U.S. EPA:

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