

# Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavements A Low Impact Development Tool



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■ Interlocking Concrete Pavers ■ Landscape Retaining Walls

# Learning Objectives

- Issues with stormwater runoff
- Objectives of stormwater management
- Evaluating porous pavement solutions
- Design considerations & elements of PICPs
- Construction of PICPs
- Maintenance
- Costs



**Structural Conveyance –  
Catch basin & Pipe**



**It's Not Just Rain**



# Pavement is a Culprit in Flooding



“State and federal officials say flooding has been exacerbated by the roads, parking lots, patios, and yes, driveways that define our urban and suburban landscapes.”

“Collective way we live as a society creates acres and acres of impervious surfaces we didn’t have before...”

Boston Globe 4/5/2010



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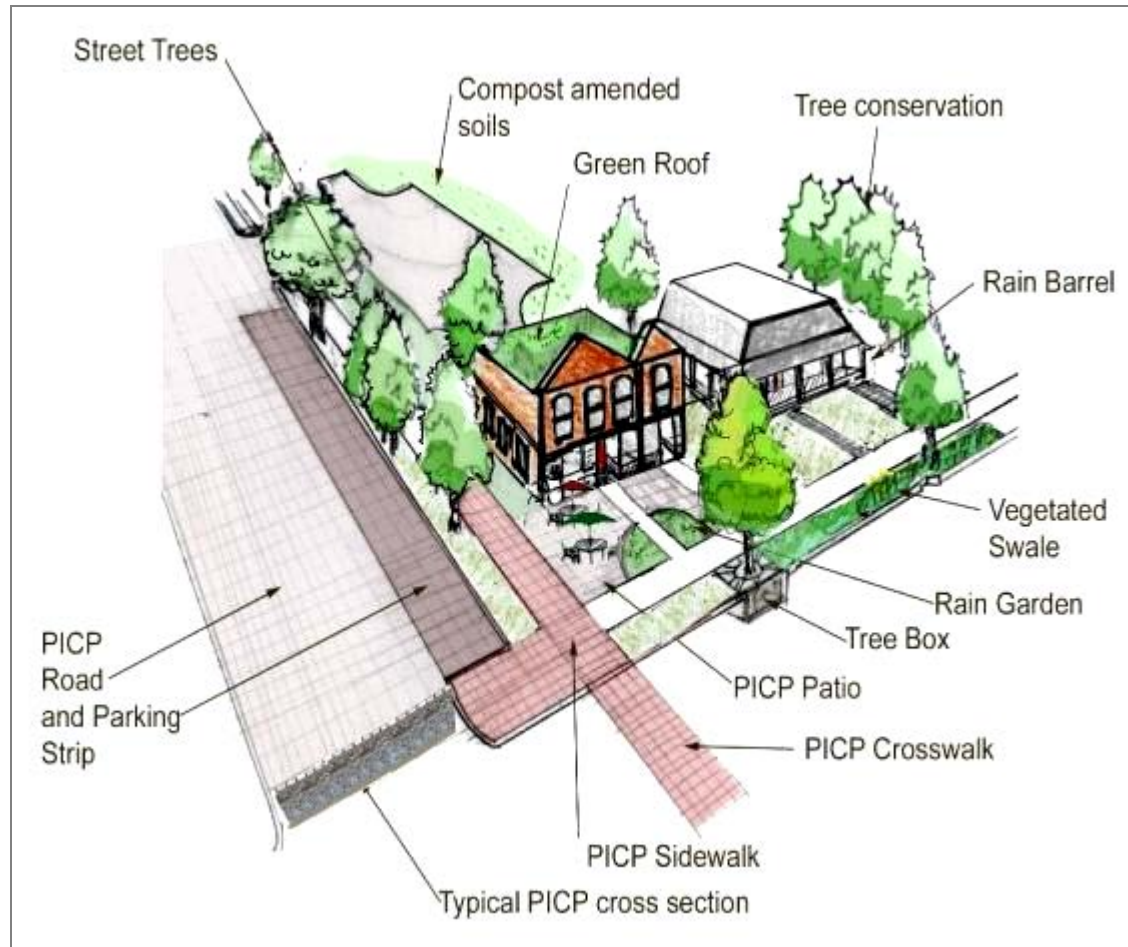
# Stormwater Management Objectives

- Retain/infiltrate stormwater
- Capture first flush, e.g., first ½ inch
- Limit amount of impervious cover
- Imitate pre-development runoff volume
- Design to drainage system capacity



# LID – an integrated approach

- Grass swales
- Vegetated strips
- Bio-retention cells
- Rain gardens
- Reduced pavement widths
- Permeable pavement

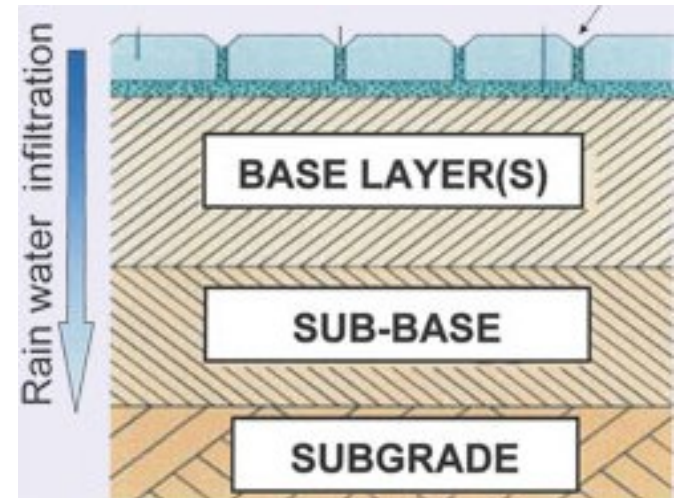


# Pervious, Porous and Permeable Pavements



# Porous Pavement

- Water drains through the surface into base
  - Captured
  - Stored
  - Filters contaminants
- Reduces runoff
- Replenish groundwater
- Cool air
- Sustains tree growth
- Cost competitive to conventional methods



# Monolithic Porous Pavements

■ Pervious Concrete



■ Porous Asphalt



# Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavement - PICP

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# Concrete Paver Characteristics

- Meet or exceed ASTM C-936
  - High Strength - 8000+ psi
  - Low Absorption - Maximum 5%
- Skid & Slip Resistance
- Choice of Colors
- Design Flexibility
- High Quality & Exceptional Durability
- Low Maintenance
- Easy to Repair



# The PICP Advantage!

- 100% Infiltration
  - Captures 1<sup>st</sup> flush
- High strength 9000 psi
  - Supports heavy loads
- Unaffected by tire shear
- Factory made – ready to install year-round
- No cure time – traffic ready!
- Does not use petroleum based material that leach into the soil
- Winter friendly
  - Snow Plow Safe
  - Minimizes ice & deicer use
- Summer friendly
  - Unaffected by heat
  - No binder drain –down
- Units can be removed and reinstated
  - No evidence of patch
- Easy to clean & maintain
- Cost competitive





# Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavements

## A Beautiful Solution to Stormwater Management







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# Features of the PICP System

- Combine beauty & strength
  - Manufactured to ASTM 936
- Provide high infiltration
- Suitable for
  - Driveways
  - Parking Lots
  - Low speed roadways
- Snow Plow Safe!!!!



# Design



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# Interlocking Pavements

- High strength concrete pavers
- Sand setting bed
- Edge Restraint
- Compacted granular base
- Sub-grade



# Conventional Sand-set

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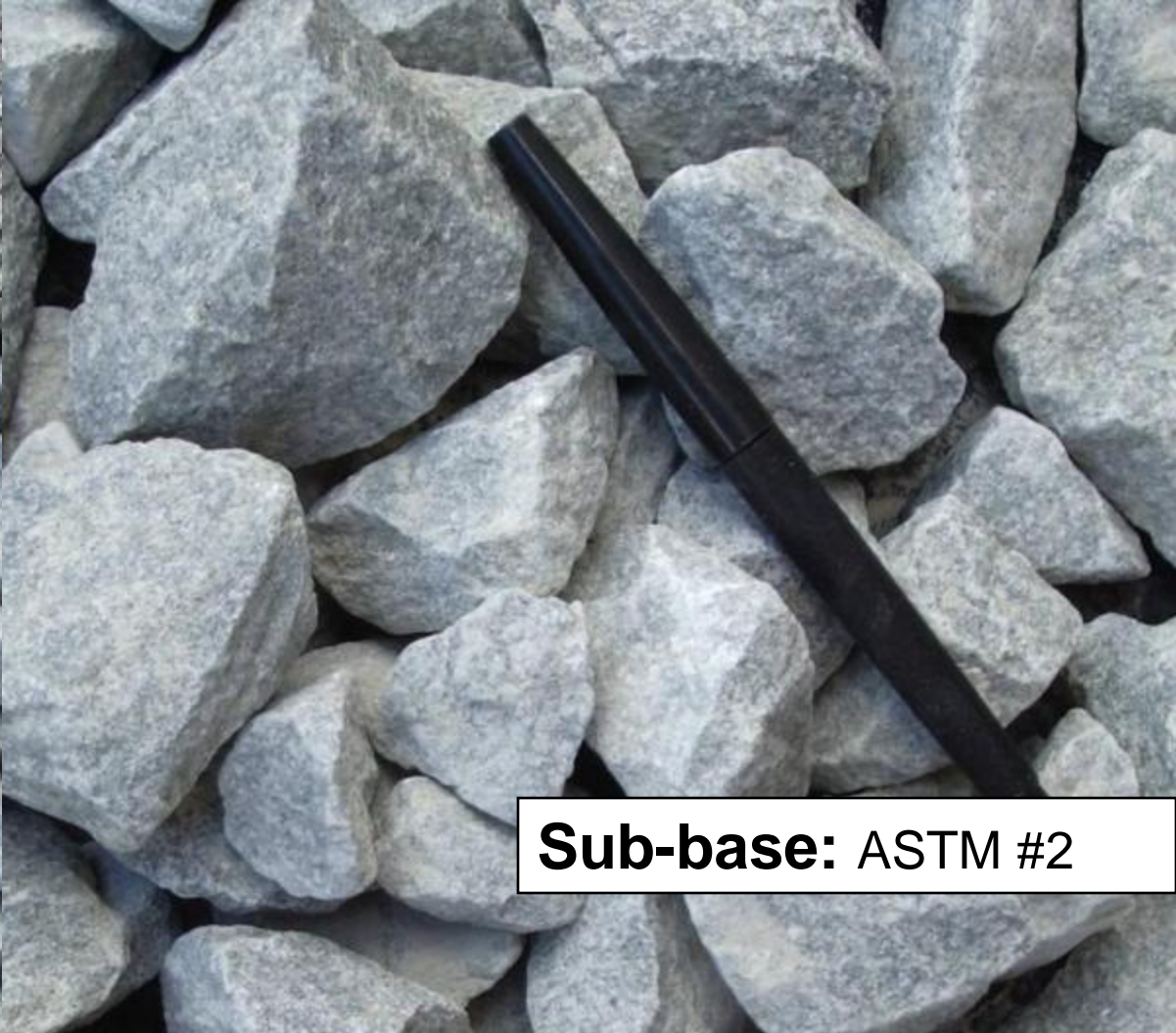
# Open-graded Stone Layers



**Bedding:** ASTM #8 or #9

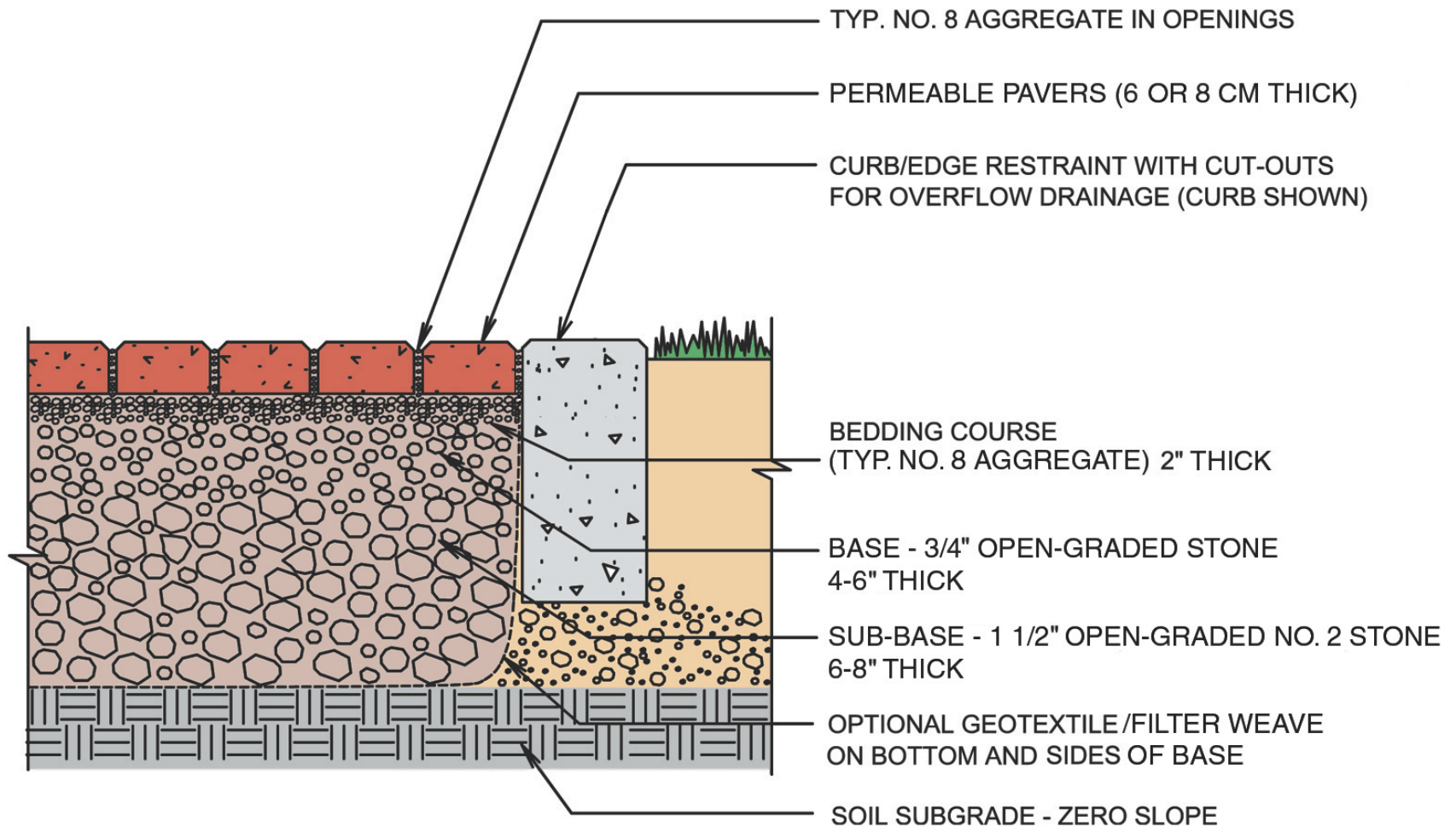


**Base:** ASTM #57



**Sub-base:** ASTM #2

# PICP System Components



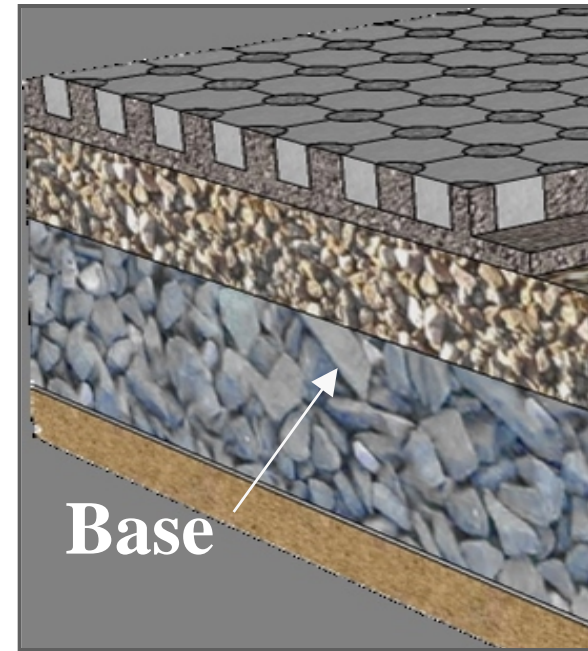
# Base thickness

- Walkway or Patio
  - 6" to 8" thick
- Driveway
  - 8" to 12" thick



# Hydrologic Objective - Base Storage Capacity

- Calculate amount of “Run-on”
  - Adjacent pavement
- Volume of water to collect & store
  
- 1” water = 2½" to 3" Base
  - 30% to 40% void space
  
- Design for 24 -48 hour storage



# Final Pavement Thickness

- Know the thickness for:
  - Walkway, patio or driveway
  - Quantity of water to infiltrate
  
- Use the thicker of the two!
  
- Example
  - Hydrological = 6" thick
  - Driveway = 8" thick
  - Final thickness = 8"





# Construction of PICPs



- Excavate area
- Compact sub-grade as needed\*
- Place & compact base in lifts
- Install edge restraints
- Place & screed stone setting bed
- Place & cut pavers
- Fill joints, sweep & compact
- Repeat sweeping & compaction



# Excavation & Thickness

<b>Project</b>	<b>Excavation Depth</b>	<b>Base Thickness</b>
Walkway/Patio	10" - 12"	6" - 8"
Driveway	12" - 16"	8" - 12"

# Base Material

## Traditional Sand-set

- Granular
  - 1½" processed gravel
  - ¾" crusher run / dense graded
- Asphalt
- Concrete
- Flowable Fill

## Permeable

- Open-Graded Crushed Stone
  - 1½" or ASTM #2
  - ¾" or ASTM #57
- Processed gravel

# Open Graded Aggregates –

## ■ Base

- ❑ 1½" stone
- ❑ ¾" stone



## ■ Setting Bed

- ❑ ⅜" stone



## ■ Joint/Void Fill

- ❑ ¼" crushed stone sand

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# Amount of Base

- For every 100 sf base area
  - 6" thick - 3 tons
  - 8" thickness - 4 tons
  - 12" thickness – 6 tons

# Bedding & Joint Sand

## Traditional Sand-Set

- Concrete sand ASTM C33
  - ❑ Uniform depth: 1"-1½" thick
- Masonry sand ASTM C144 for joints
  - ❑ After initial sweeping with concrete sand!
- Avoid stone dust!

## Permeable

- Bedding
  - ❑ 3/8" stone or ASTM #8
  - ❑ 2" thick: 1700 lbs/100sf
  - ❑ 3" thick: 2550 lbs/100sf
- Joints & Void Fill
  - ❑ ¼" stone – ASTM # 9
  - ❑ 6cm AquaBric: 2 lbs/sf
  - ❑ 8cm AquaBricIV: 2.66 lbs/sf
  - ❑ 8cm EcoStone: 3 lbs/sf

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# Permeable Pavers

- Measure the area to be paved
- Perimeter
  - Soldier or sailor course
  - Edge restraint
- Determine quantity of pavers
  - 3% cuts & waste
- Check availability

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# Getting the Base Right!

- Use the right tools & equipment
- Spread in 3" to 4" layers
- Compact
  - compact
    - compact some more!

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# 5 Most Difficult Areas!

- Corners
- Against curbs
- Against walls
- Next to utility structures
- On/over wet soils



# Base

## ■ Compacted Thickness

- $-3/4$ " to  $+1$ " within recommended thickness
- Finish surface with  $\pm 1$ " over 10'

## ■ Elevations

- 6 cm pavers
  - $3\ 3/4$ " - 4" lower than finished elevation
- 8 cm pavers
  - $4\ 1/4$ " -  $4\ 3/4$ " lower than finished elevation

# The Layout...it's hip to be square!

- Remember the “3-4-5” magic number
- You must start at a 90° corner
- Patterns
  - Herringbone
  - Running bond



# Placement...click and drop

- Work off paver surface
- Click and drop!
  - Never slide across the setting bed
- Work up-hill on inclines
- Take pavers from several cubes



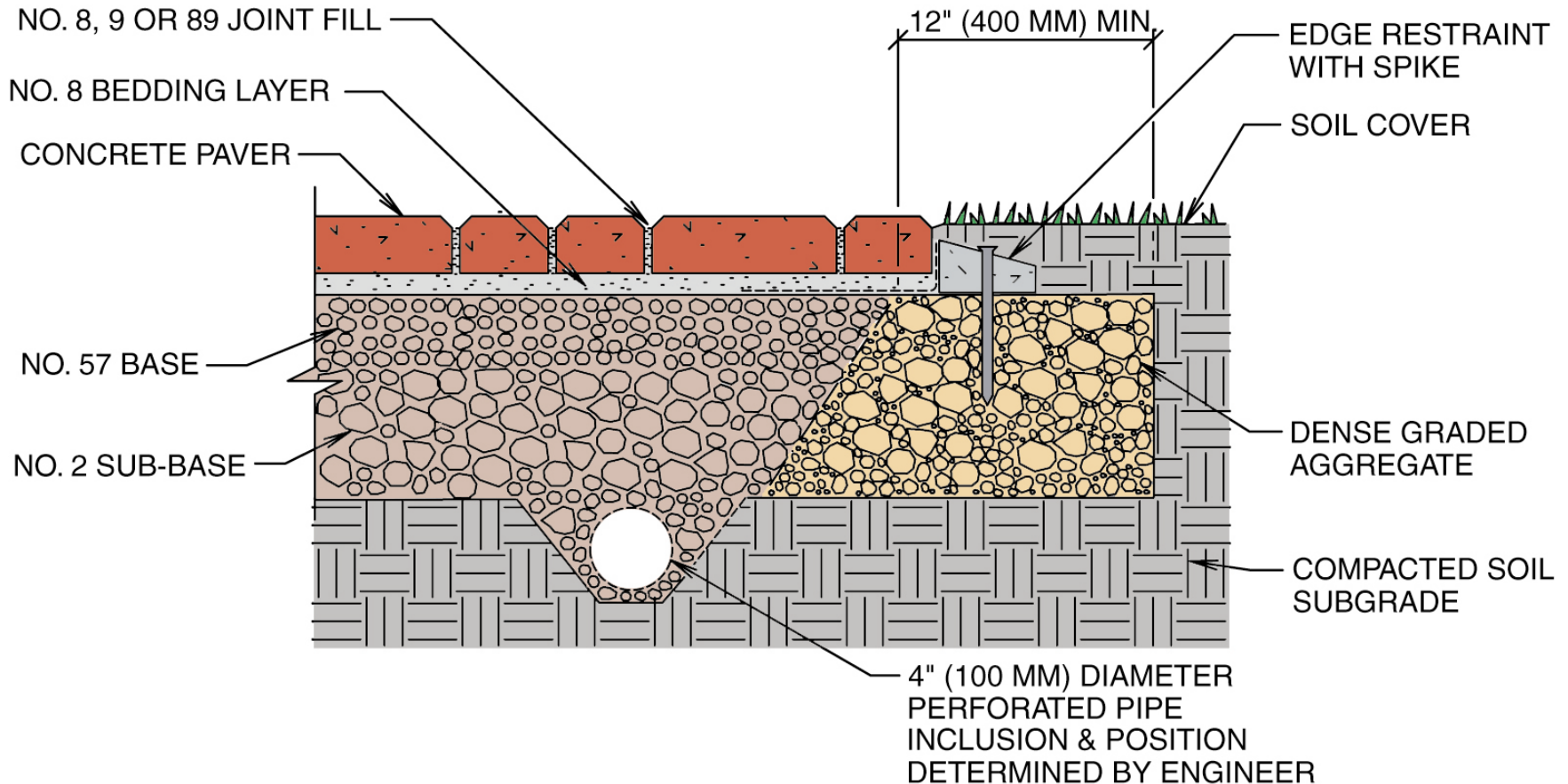
# Keeping it straight!

- Snap chalk lines on setting bed
- Pave around openings
  - Snap lines on all 4 sides
  - Lay one side, then the other
  - Cut to fit or pour a collar
- Never open joints around curves





# Holding it together!



# Finishing

- Sweep surface clean
- Fill openings and joints...
  - Sweep clean
- Compact
  - 2 passes –
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> perpendicular
- Remove & replace any damaged pavers
- Top off joints & sweep clean



# PICP Budget Costs

## ■ Hand Set

- Labor : \$7.00 - \$12.00/sf
- Setting bed stone @ 1-2" thick
- Labor to screed setting bed stone
- Placing, cutting & compacting pavers
- Filling voids

## ■ Pavers:

- 6 cm Aqua-Bric.....\$ 2.75/sf
- 8 cm Aqua-Bric IV & Eco-Stone.....\$ 3.45/sf

## ■ Gap-graded stone base (material & labor w/o excavation)

- \$2.00 - \$4.00/sf



# Maximizing Long Term Performance

- Keep pavement clean
  - Sweep periodically
  - Avoid high pressure washing
  - Vacuum when infiltration significantly reduced
- Replenish aggregate as needed
- Repair ruts & deformation exceeding 1/2"
- Replace broken pavers
- Minimize use of sand & de-icing salts



**Winter Melt**



# Restoring Infiltration

- Clogging occurs in top 1" of opening
- Sweeping breaks up crust
- Hydro-vac when clogged
  - Re-fill openings





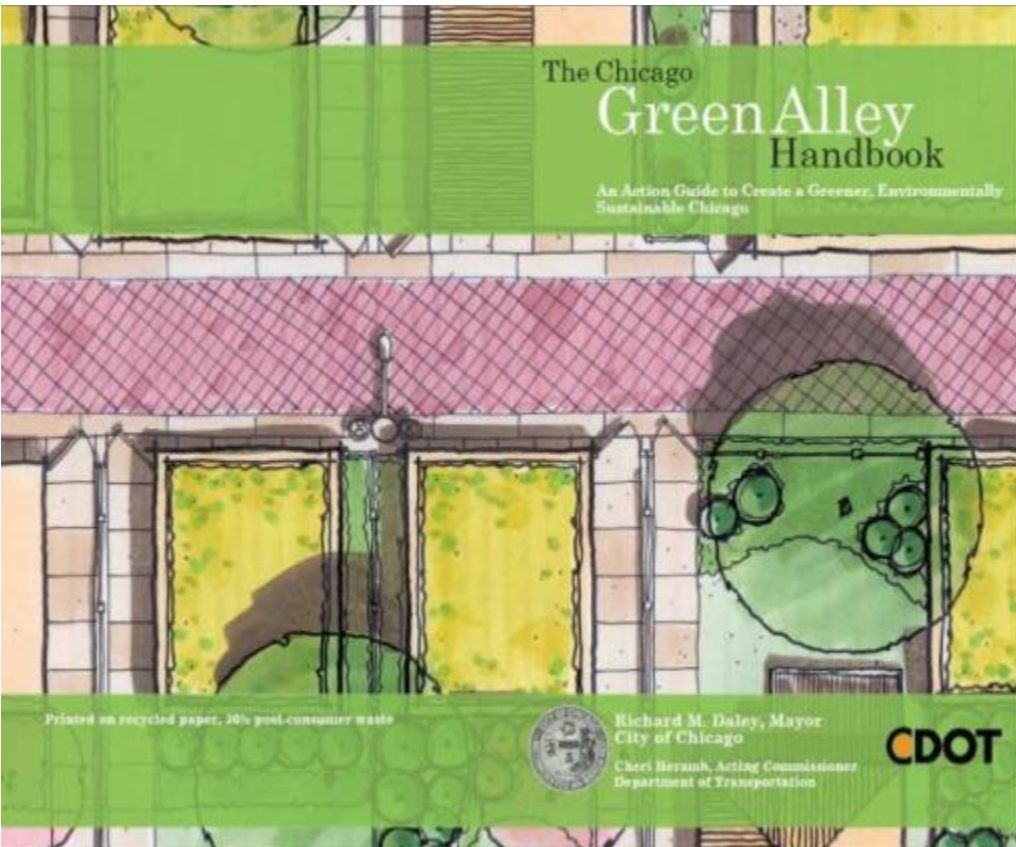
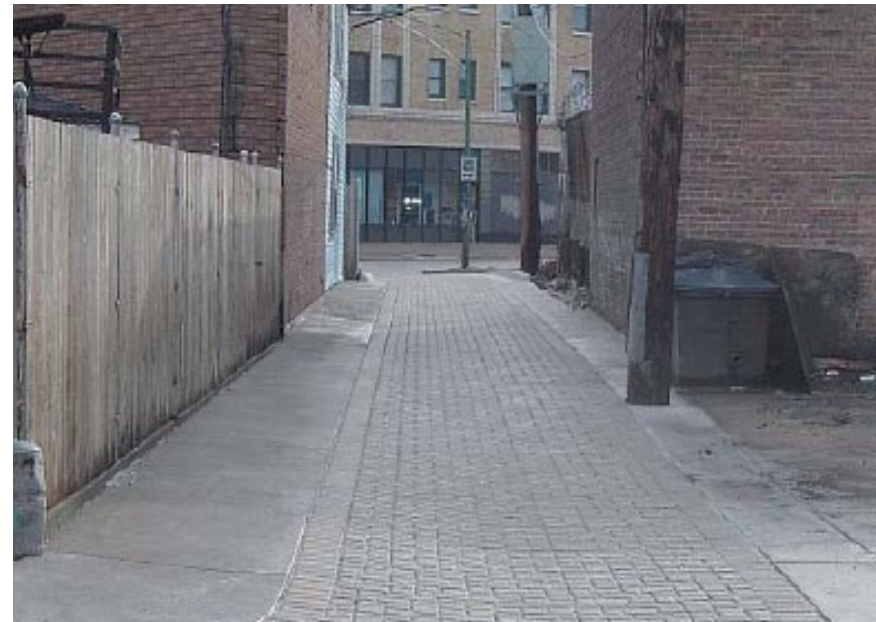
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# Chicago Green Alley Program

Issue: Flooding and CSO reduction

Strategy: LID Retrofit Pilot Programs

Tool: PICP



*Images courtesy of Chicago Department of Transportation*

# Silver Lake PICP





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6 years Post  
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# Hartford Green Capitals Project Field Permeability Test Results

<b>Pavement Type</b>	<b>Ht of Water Column (in.)</b>	<b>Infiltration Rate in/hr</b>	<b>Ave. Infiltration in/hr</b>
<b>Pervious Concrete</b>		1710	
	9.19	1096	1600
		1993	
<b>Permeable Pavers</b>		2605	
	9.19	2289	2470
		2515	
<b>Porous Asphalt</b>		1628	
	9.19	1421	1876
		2580	

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# PICP Contributes to LEED Credits

- Materials & Resources
  - 1 - 2 points Regional Materials
  - 1 - 2 points Materials Reuse
  - 1 -2 points Recycled Content
- Sustainable Sites
  - 1 point -Quantity Control
  - 1 point – Quality Control
- Water Efficiency
  - 2-4 points – water harvesting
- Energy & Atmosphere
  - 1-7points – Renewable Energy
    - PICP with heat pump



**Achieving LEED® Credits with Segmental Concrete Pavement**

**Background**  
Rapidly rising energy and material costs have accelerated energy and natural resource conservation in design and construction. Sustainable development has evolved as a response and often to encourage conservation. It is also a framework for creating environments that enhance human existence and natural processes.

Broadly defined, sustainable development meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. Within the North American design and construction community, a means for addressing sustainability or "green building" is through LEED® or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. Developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) in 1998, LEED® provides voluntary guidelines for reducing energy and natural resources from building and site design. The Canadian Green Building Council (CGBC) formed in 2003 published similar LEED® guidelines tailored to Canadian climates. U.S. and Canadian guidelines were developed by a range of representatives from the building industry and environmental science.

LEED® establishes a consensus-based means for measuring building and site performance. In projects designed that integrate energy and resource conservation, LEED® is being applied to many publicly funded projects and a growing number of private ones. A primary objective of LEED® is to help facility owners reduce maintenance and life-cycle costs. This is accomplished by including all players in an integrated development process during the design stages of a project.

**Purpose**  
LEED® rating systems have been developed for site under development (SUD):

- New Commercial Construction and Major Renovation projects
- Existing Building Operations and Maintenance
- Commercial Interior projects
- Core and Shell Development projects
- Homes
- Neighborhood Development
- Guidelines for Multiple Buildings and On-Campus Building Projects
- LEED® for Schools

This publication provides guidance on applying the rating system for New Commercial Construction and Major Renovation projects or LEED-NC to the family of segmental concrete pavement products. This family includes interlocking concrete pavements, permeable interlocking concrete pavements, concrete grid pavements and precast concrete paving slabs. The products can also be used to satisfy the requirements in the other rating systems listed above.

LEED-NC version 2.2 is promulgated by the USGBC and version 1.0 by the CGBC. Excerpts from each version that relate to segmental concrete pavement are presented in this technical bulletin with applicable guidance. Each version has similar evaluation criteria for sustainable design and some minor differences. USGBC LEED-NC version 2.2 likely will be adopted by CGBC in 2007, thereby making each organization's version identical or very similar. Readers should check with [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org) and [www.cgbc.org](http://www.cgbc.org) for the most current versions.

**The LEED® Process**  
The decision to apply for LEED® certification must occur early in the design process. The project owner and designers evaluate categories and associated criteria explained in the rating categories below for compatibility with the project, architectural program, budget



*Figure 1. Sustainability for buildings extends to the site with sustainable paving that promotes infiltration and reflects sunlight.*

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# A Detention Facility that Supports Vehicles...!

## *Limitations...*

- For pedestrian or low-speed roadways
  - parking lots, local & collector roads
- Requires greater site evaluation/design effort
- Demands high level of construction skill
- Requires regular maintenance

## *Avoid...*

- Drinking water wells (100 ft. min. distance)
- High water tables (< 3 ft from surface)
- High bedrock
- Industrial sites, fueling stations
- Expansive and fill soils

# Why Use Permeable Pavements?

- Reduce stormwater runoff
  - 100% reduction for low intensity storms
- Captures first flush
- Meet national/state stormwater regulations:
  - BMP / LID
- Preserves water by increasing groundwater recharge
- Cleans water
  - filters & reduces nitrogen, phosphorous, metals & oil drippings



# Why Use Permeable Pavements?

## ■ Conserve space

- pavement on detention facility

## ■ Infiltration capacity can be restored

## ■ Cost competitive

## ■ Cooler

- Air temperature
- Water temperature
- Provide evapotranspiration
  - Admit air & water into soil - Good for trees

## ■ Maintain beauty –

- allow reinstatement of surface after repairs







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# **The Solution to Stormwater Runoff is Right Under Your Feet**

- **Built-in technology - pavement and base act as a stormwater treatment system**
- **Reduces or eliminates runoff to reduce pollutants and improve water quality**

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