# ZHENJIANG SPONGE CITY RETROFIT AREA MAP



01 Jianger Neighborhood Sponge City Retrofit Project Location Map

Zhenjiang city is one of 16 pilot Sponge Cities in Southeast of China. The 29 km2 pilot area has 40 old neighborhoods that need renovation.



### 02 Common Problems

These 40 neighborhoods endured common problems such as annual flooding, sewer surcharge, deterioration of aging infrastructures, lack of parking space, destroyed green space and broken pavement for years.

### SOLUTIONS



#### **03 Innovative Solutions**

"Landscape + N" solution which include green stormwater infrastructure (GSI), energy conservation, utilities upgrades, installation of parking lot, preservation of productive landscape and better management for mitigating flood and other problems of the neighborhood is implemented.

# **COLLABORATION & RESAERCH**



04 Collaboration and Research

Stakeholder worked together in the entire design process. Numerous growing media and plants were tested and selected to ensure runoff volume reduction and pollution removal as well as satisfying residents' aesthetic perception.

SITE PLAN



05 Analysis Resilient landscape was proposed to stakeholders.

### **CONCEPTUAL DESIGN**



06 Design Conceptual design showed how resilient landscape works.

# USING SWMM TO BUILD THE HYDROLOGIC MODEL



07 Hydrology Modeling

Using SWMM model to simulate proposed resilient landscape design for various return period of storms.

# PROCESS



### **08 Construction Process**

Designers were involved in the entire construction process from pre-construction training to construction observation to site problem solving.



**09 Project Construction Completion** 

"Landscape + N" solution helped to lower the construction cost compared to traditional solutions by at least 30%. It also lowers the operational and maintenance cost significantly for future.



#### 10 Mini Playground

Mini playground as well as the resilient landscape created by the designers provide an enjoyable naturalistic oasis for both children and elderly to improve their quality of life.

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#### **11 Environmental and Social Benefits**

One of the many environmental and social benefits generated by resilient landscape design is that mosquitos are reduced dramatically in the neighborhood. As the result people are more likely to go outside for various social activities.

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### 12 Aesthetics Resilient landscape changed people's general stereotypes that GSI does not look pretty.

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### 13 Climate Resilient

Plants selected for GSI are not only tolerate for humid and dry warm weather, but also for cold weather.

# ACHIEVEMENT

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14 Resilient for Extreme Weather Conditions

After the construction completion in 2015 the neighborhood was hit twice by large storms. One storm was 138 mm, another was 125 mm. But no standing water was found in the neighborhood.

### **PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

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Land Use Type	COD (mg/1)	NH3-N (mg/1)	TP (mg/1)	TSS (mg/1)	Inflow (m <sup>2</sup> )			Loading (kg)	Removal (%)
Road	125.09	7.57	0.21	64,73	47.79	Concentration (mg/1)	33.11		
Roof	209 45	0.26	0.07	16.36	26.7	Inflow (m <sup>2</sup> )	111.97	3.7073	0.9827
ROOT	209.40	0.20	0.07	10.30	20. 1	Outflow	44.74		
Direct Rainfall	46.27	0.25	0	4.73	37.48	Concentration (mg/1)	11.30		
Concentration	118.82	3.37	0.11	33.11	111.97	Outflow (m <sup>3</sup> )	5.63	0.064	

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#### **15 Performance Evaluation**

More than two years of continuous monitoring data showed that 95% of rainfall were detained onsite, and 98% of total pollutant load were removed by GSI.