An aerial photograph of a city, likely Beijing, showing a dense residential area with many multi-story apartment buildings. A prominent river, the Jichang River, flows through the center of the image. The buildings have various roof colors, including blue, red, and grey. There are patches of green trees and parks interspersed among the buildings. The overall scene depicts a 'grey city' with significant urban density and a mix of building styles.

Redrawing Grey Cities to Climate Resilient Sponge Cities

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Rapid Urbanization in China



Forest of Concrete

“BBQ” Square in Jieyang, Guangdong



landscape only for Aesthetics



Dalian City Square



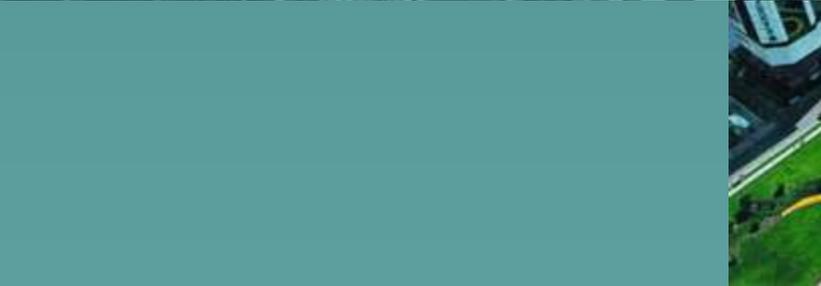
Senseless aesthetics



Concrete River



Landscape in Northern China
(Precipitation 450-550mm/yr)





Where are These Native species?

In 1980s This Blvd Becomes a Model for Many Chinese Cities



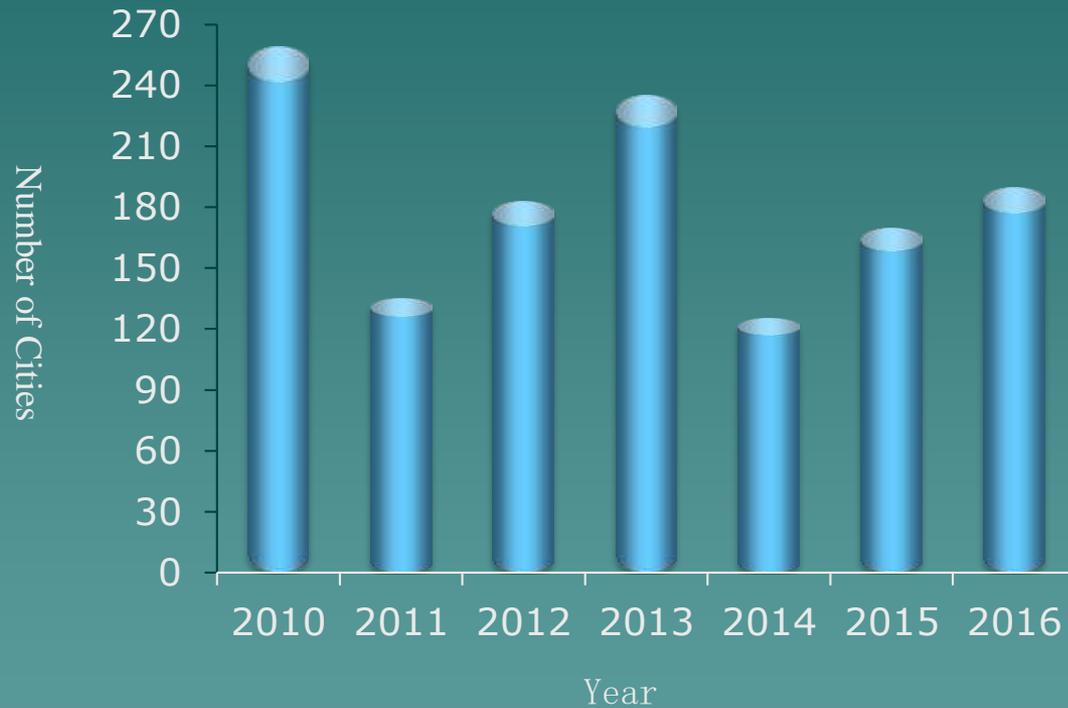
Don't Understand Why the Landscape Architects Designed the Road in such a Way



The Consequences 7/21/2012 Beijing



Number of cities suffering from flooding threats in China from 2010 - 2016



Eutrophication of Lakes



东湖官桥湖发生水华

Clear Evidence of Climate Change in Macau

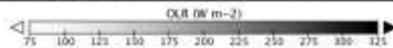
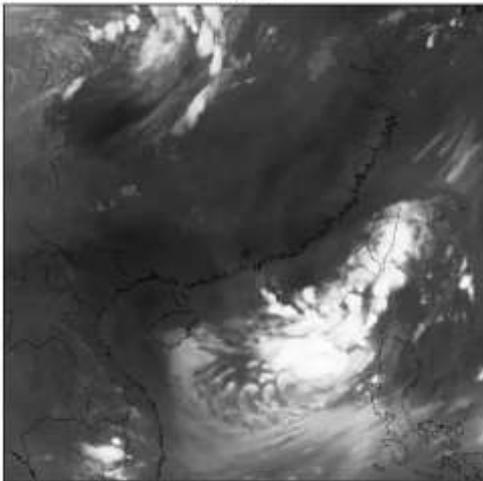


WRF Model Typhoon Hato

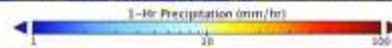
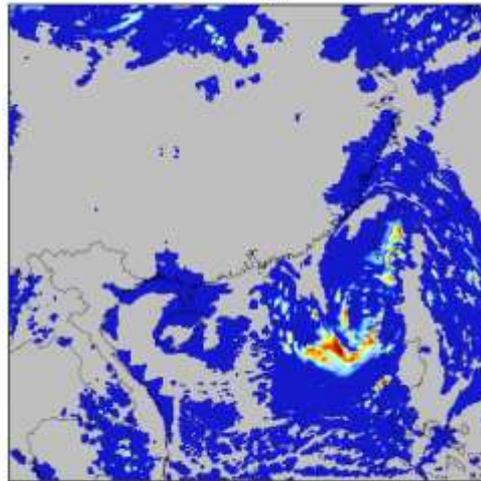
Simulation with WRF model at 4-km Grid Spacing and ERA-Interim boundary conditions

August 22-23 2017, one-hour time step

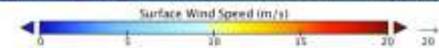
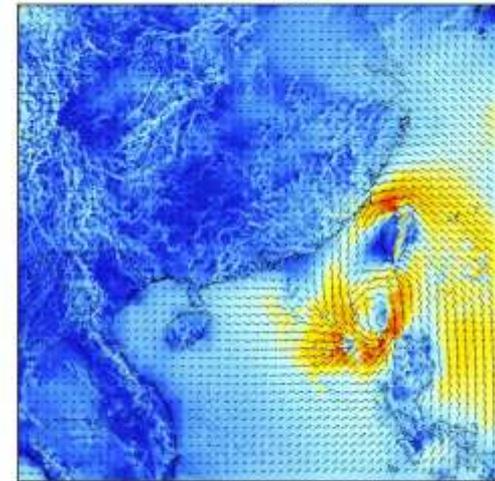
Hato IR Image
Time: 1 of 48



Hato Precipitation
Time: 1 of 48



Hato Winds
Time: 1 of 48 | Time: 1 of 48



How to Solve These Problems

Flooding

Water Pollution

Extreme Weather Caused by Climate Change

Aesthetic Perception



Sponge City

The Sponge City is referred to sustainable urban development including flood control, water conservation, water quality improvement, natural ecosystem protection, and water resources utilization. It also makes cities more resilient to climate change.

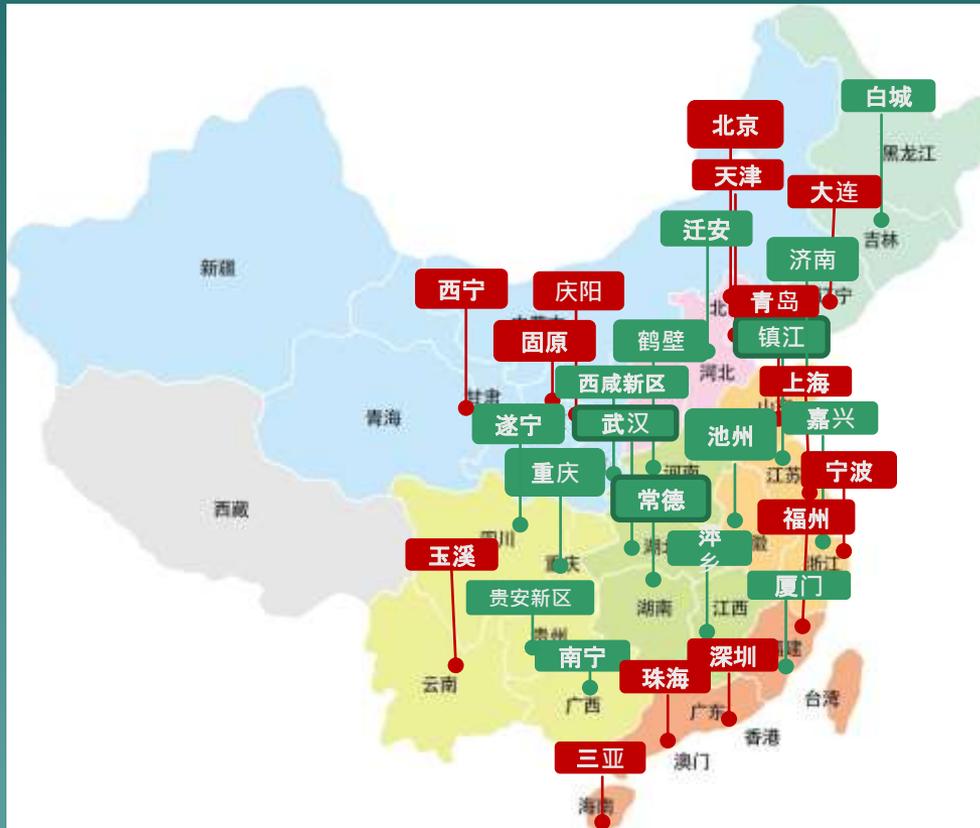
Today's Concrete Forest



Functioning like Forest



30 Pilot Sponge Cities Chosen by the Central Government (2015 – 2016)



● First (16 Cities) (2015)

Qianan, Baicheng, Zhenjiang, Jiaxing, Chizhou, Xiamen, Pingxiang, Jinan, Hebi, Wuhan, Changde, Nanning, Chongqing, Suining, Guian New District and Xixian New District

● Second (14 Cities) (2016)

Fuzhou, Zhuhai, Ningbo, Yuxi, Dalian, Shenzhen, Shanghai, Qinyang, Xining, Sanya, Qingdao, Guyuan, Tianjin, Beijing

Sponge City Construction

- By year 2020, 20% developed urban area must be retrofit to meet the sponge city target
- By year 2030, 80% developed urban area must be retrofit to meet the sponge city target
- The construction cost is about \$15-22.5 million USD/km²
- The total investment is estimated about \$0.9 trillion USD

Source: Economic Information Daily



Investment of Pilot Sponge Cities

- ◆ Wuhan: \$2.44 billion
- ◆ Chongqing : \$1.05 billion
- ◆ Nanning : \$1.3 billion
- ◆ Zhenjiang: \$1.2 billion
- ◆ Jinan: \$1.17 billion
- ◆ Jiaxing: \$0.34 billion
- ◆ Among the first 16 pilot cities, the total area is 450 km²
- ◆ The investment is about \$12.97 billion with 3 years, \$3.6 billion come from the central government.

Where does the money come from

- ◆ Central and provincial governments fund part of the construction cost as incentive to these
- ◆ Public-Private Partnership
 - Private sectors provide initial fund for the constructions
 - Governments will purchase the services to pay for part of the cost
 - Pay-for-performance
 - Pay for the operations and maintenances
- ◆ Sponge City Construction Industry Alliance
 - System design
 - Investment and finance
 - Implementation
 - Innovation
 - Products/Production

ZHENJIANG SPONGE CITY

Project Overview



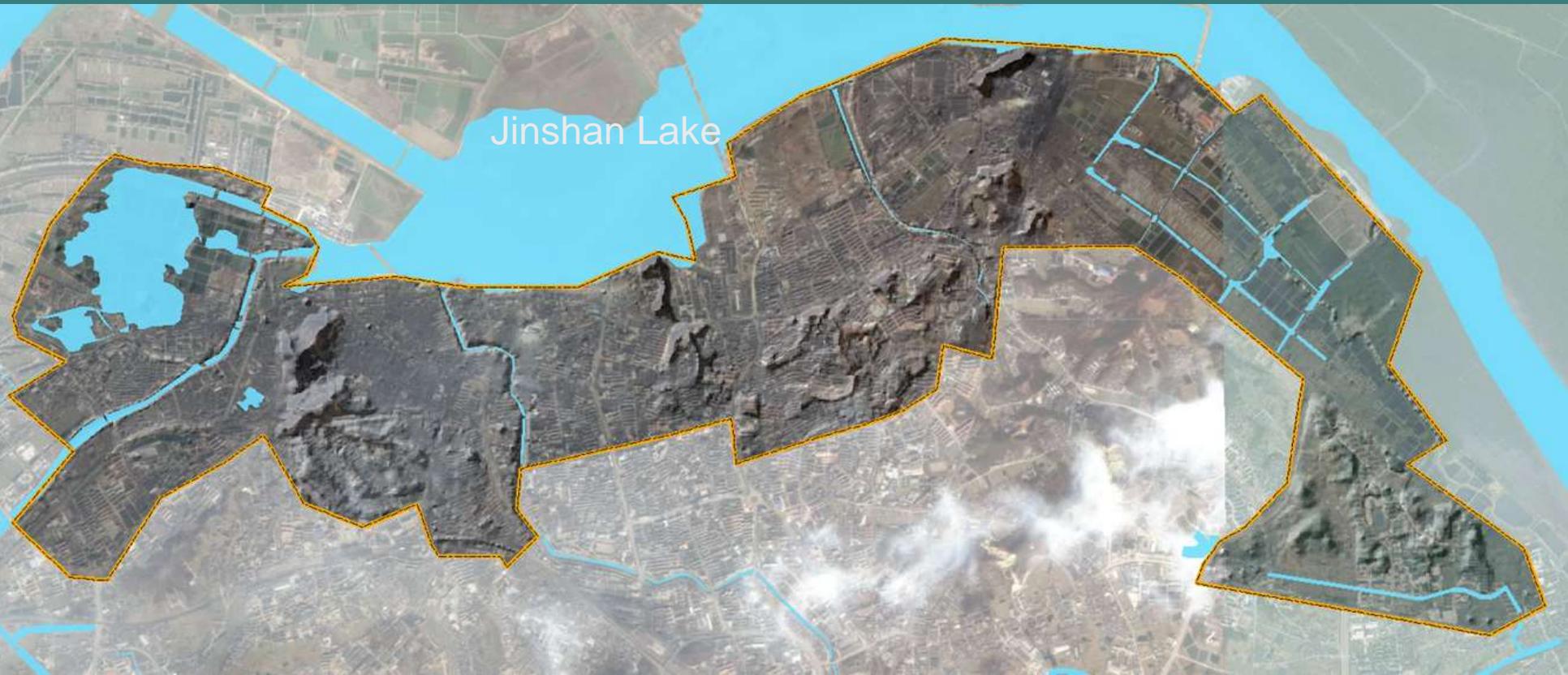
Project Scope: Assess and plan stormwater management retrofits for 22 km² of watersheds within the City of Zhenjiang

Project Goals:

- Convey 30-year storm event (with no city water-logging)
- Improve Water Quality of Receiving Water to Chinese Class III
- Treat 75% of annual runoff volume
- Reduce annual TSS load by 60%.

Background

- Zhenjiang City is located at Jiangsu Province of China
- It is one of the 16 pilot “sponge cities” chosen by the federal government in 2015
- The pilot area is 22 square kilometers of old high density urban residential and business neighborhood



The Problems

1. Flooding (2015-06-29)



2. Water Quality Deterioration caused by CSO/Stormwater Runoff



Data Collection and Initial Investigation

- ◆ Weather data
- ◆ Topo
- ◆ Land use
- ◆ Drainage network
- ◆ River and Lakes
- ◆ Site visit
- ◆ SWMM model
- ◆ Monitoring network
- ◆ SWMM Calibration
- ◆ Flood location identification

Arial Photo



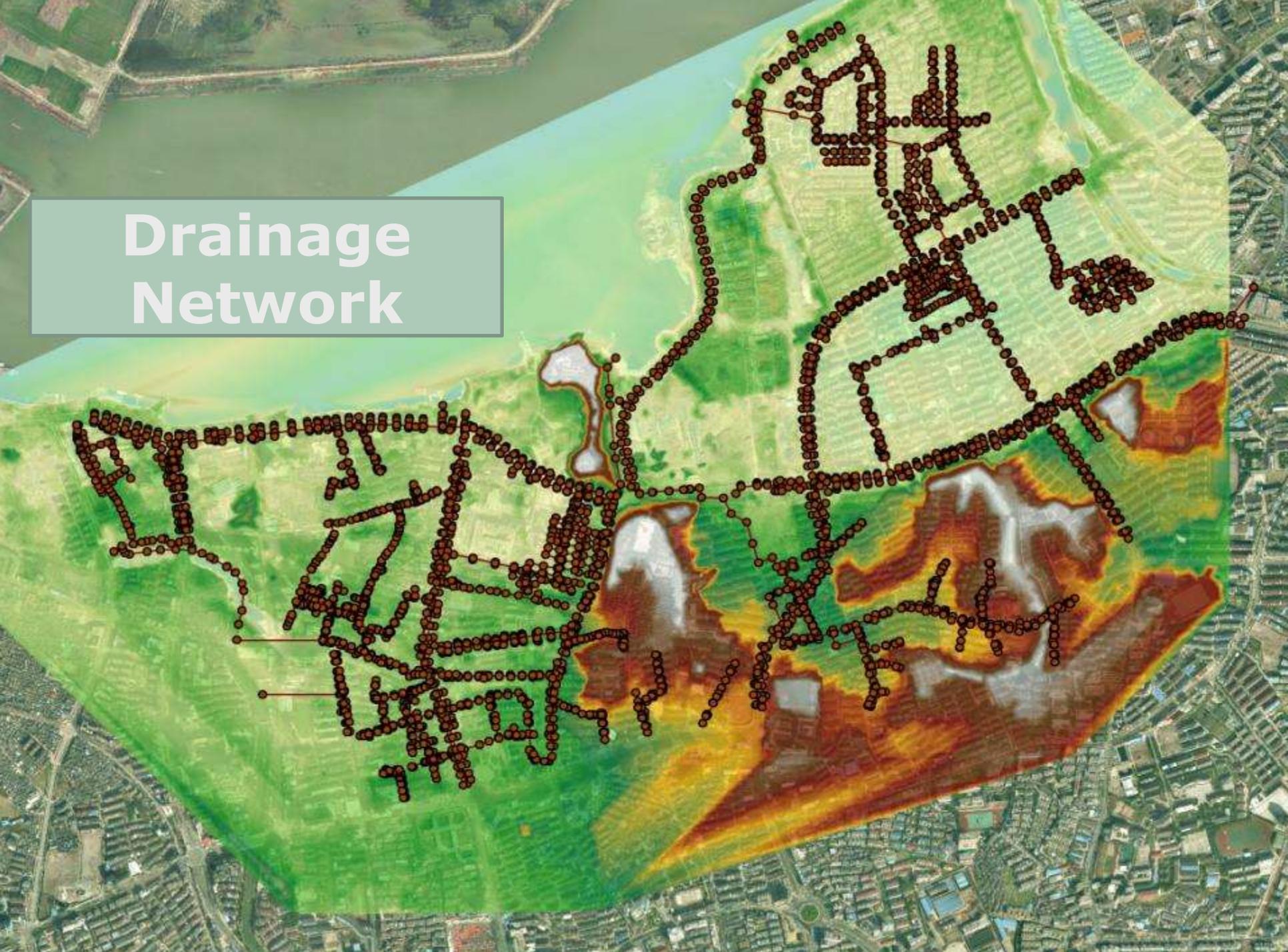
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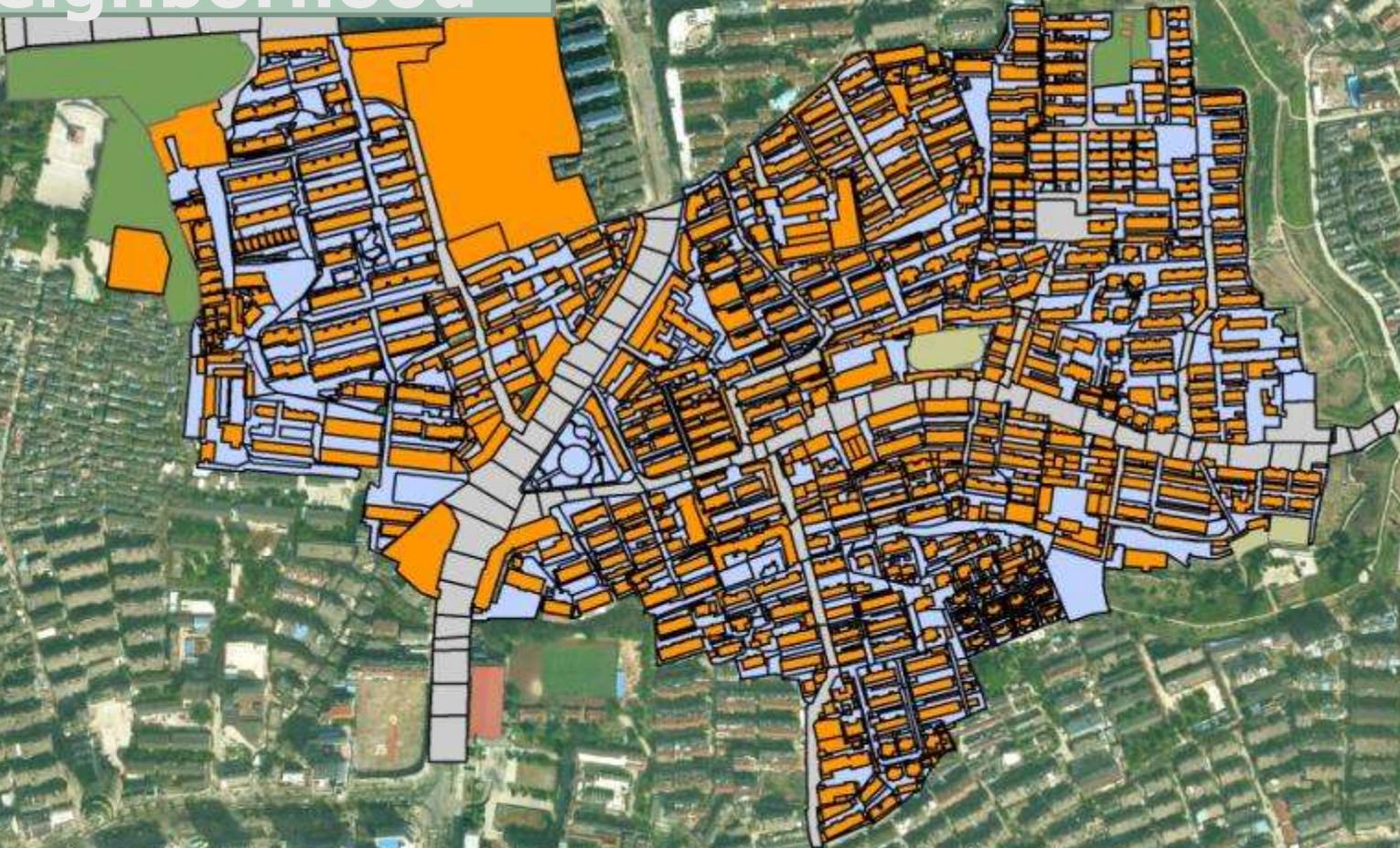
Topography



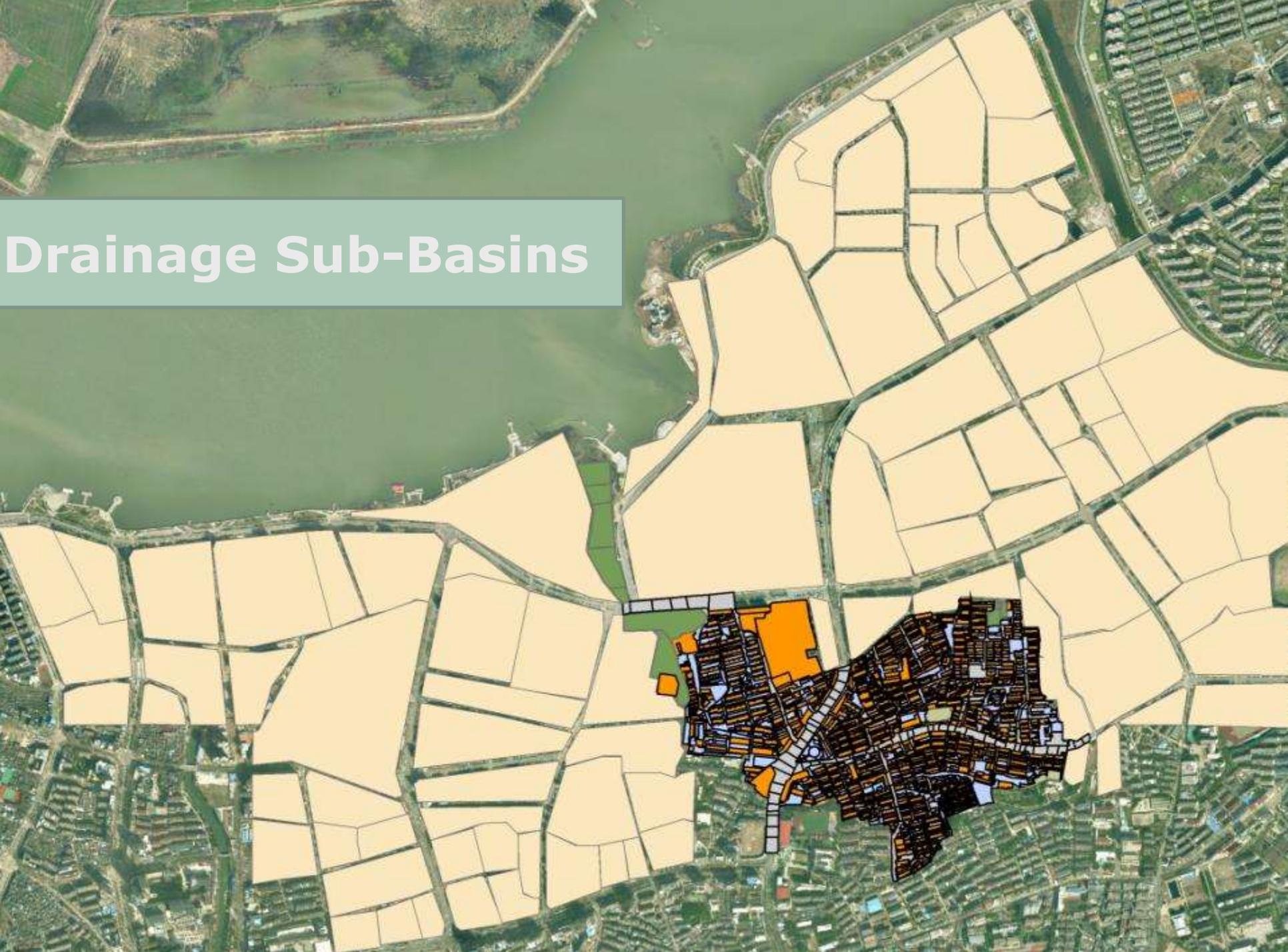
Drainage Network



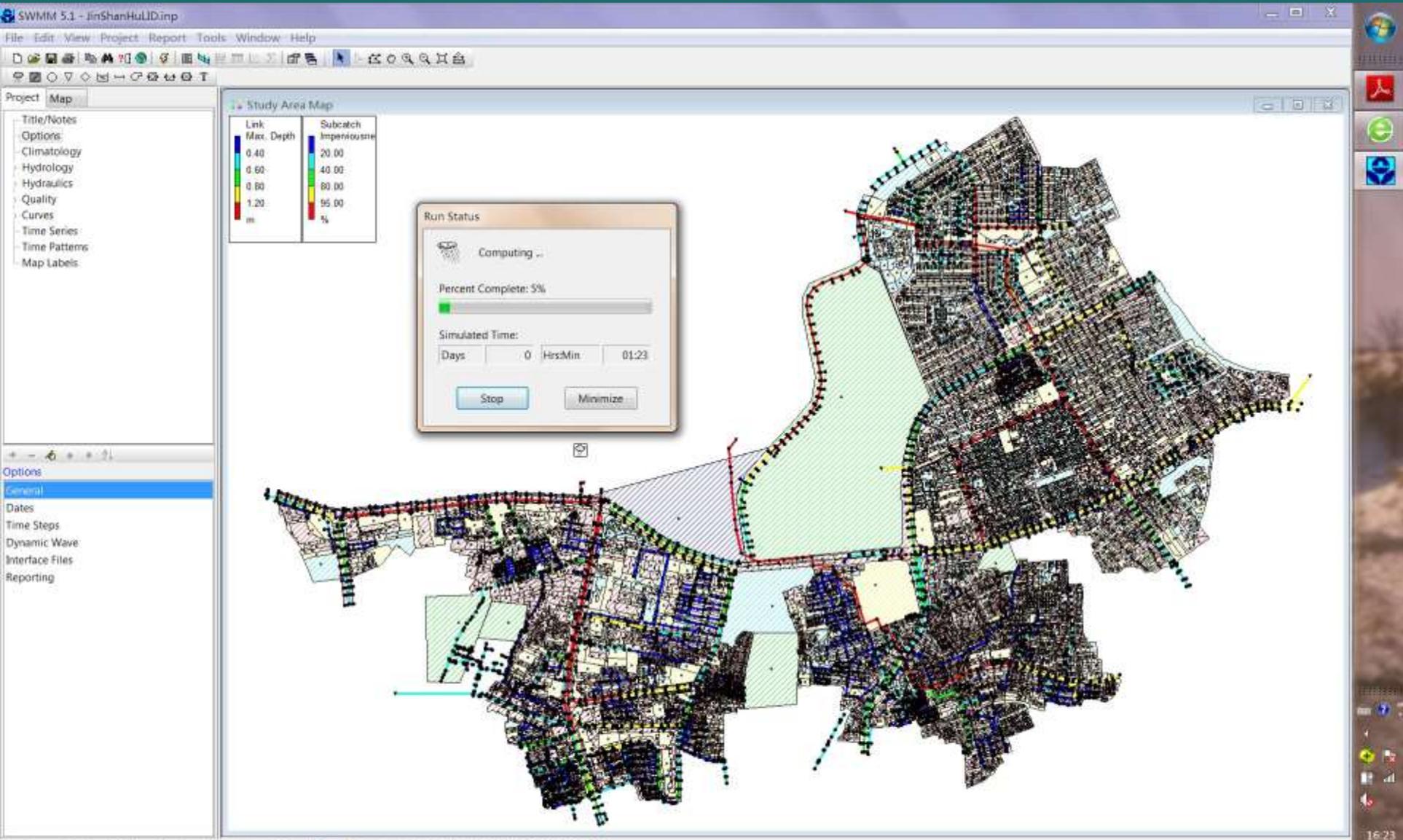
Delineation of a Neighborhood



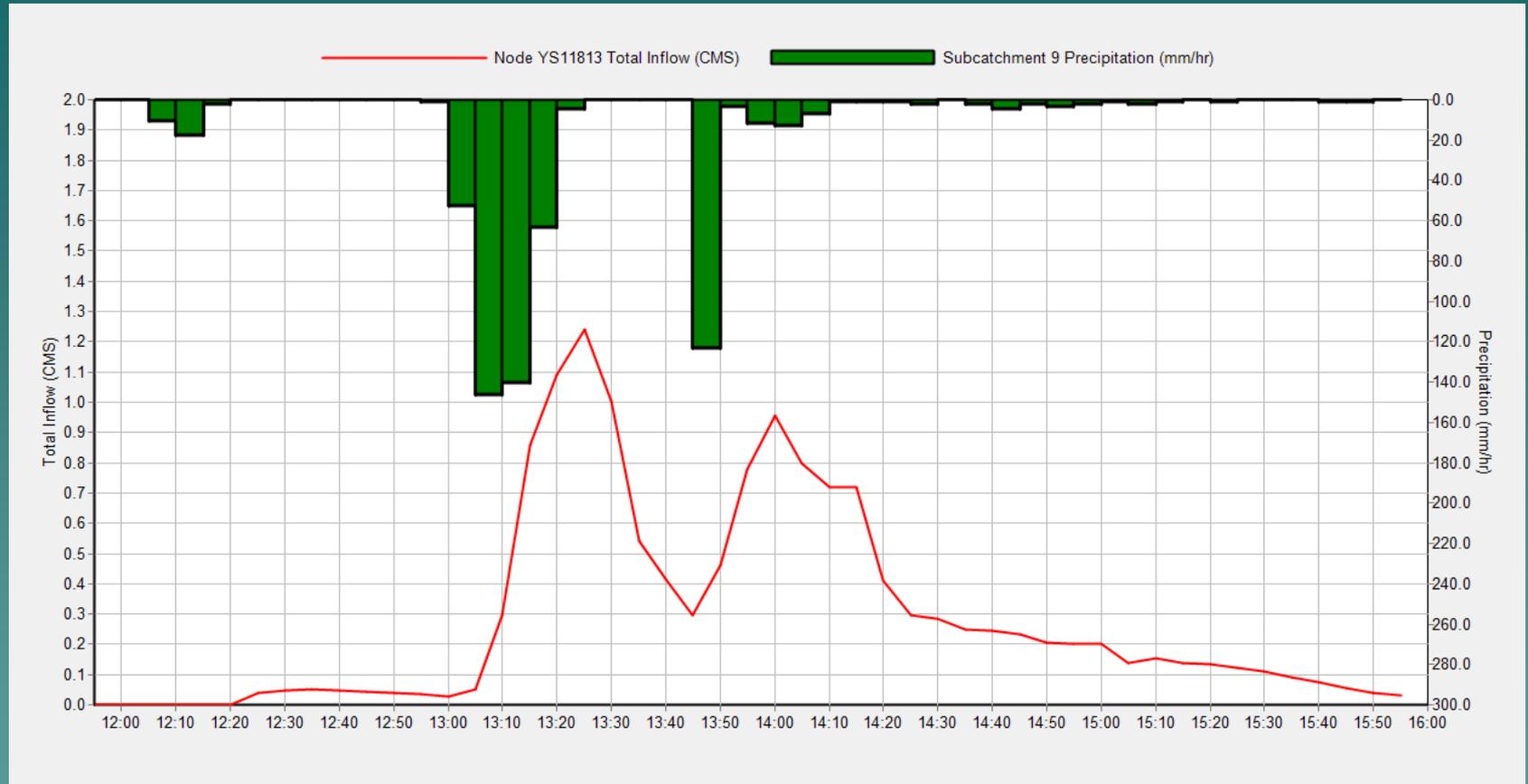
Drainage Sub-Basins



SWMM Model

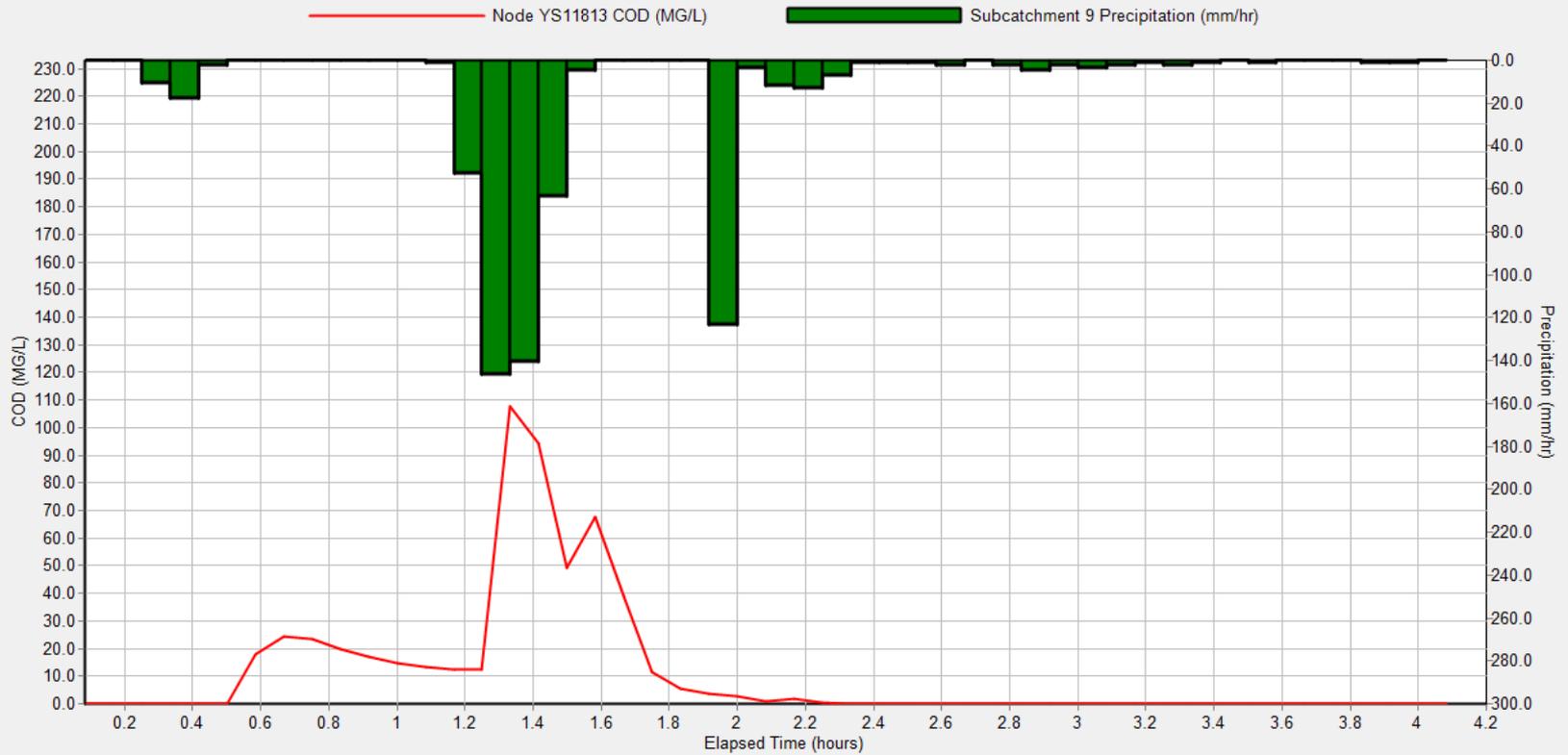


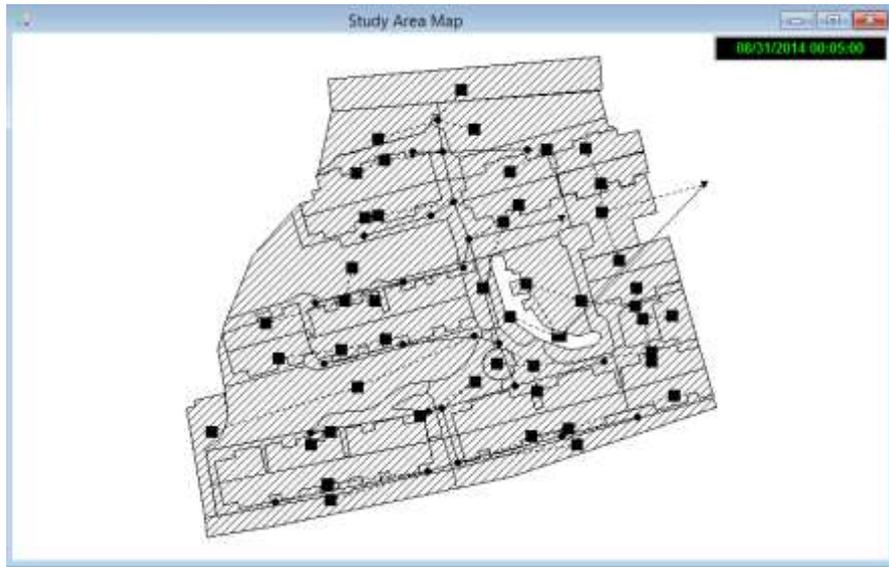
Initial Validation



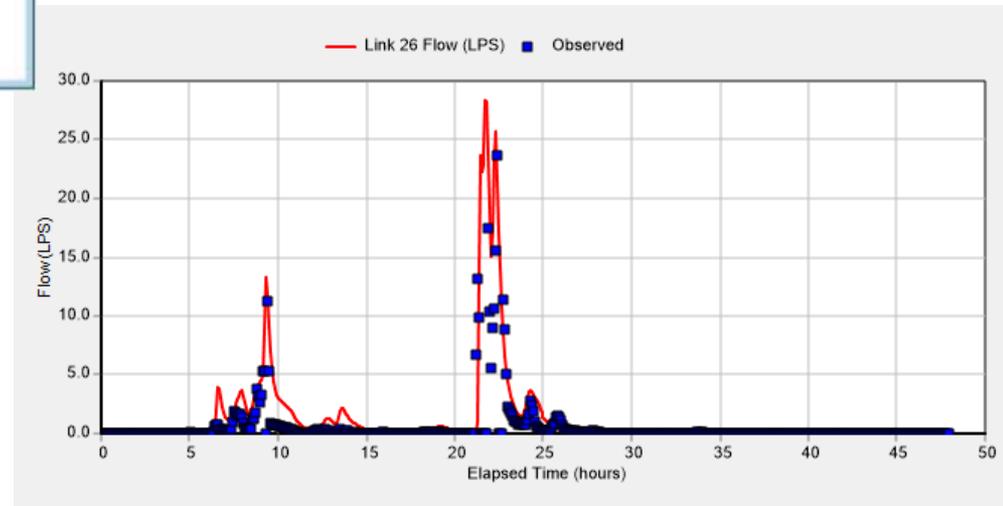
Hydrograph of a sub basin (Event simulation)

Initial Wash - off





SWMM Calibration to Determine model parameters



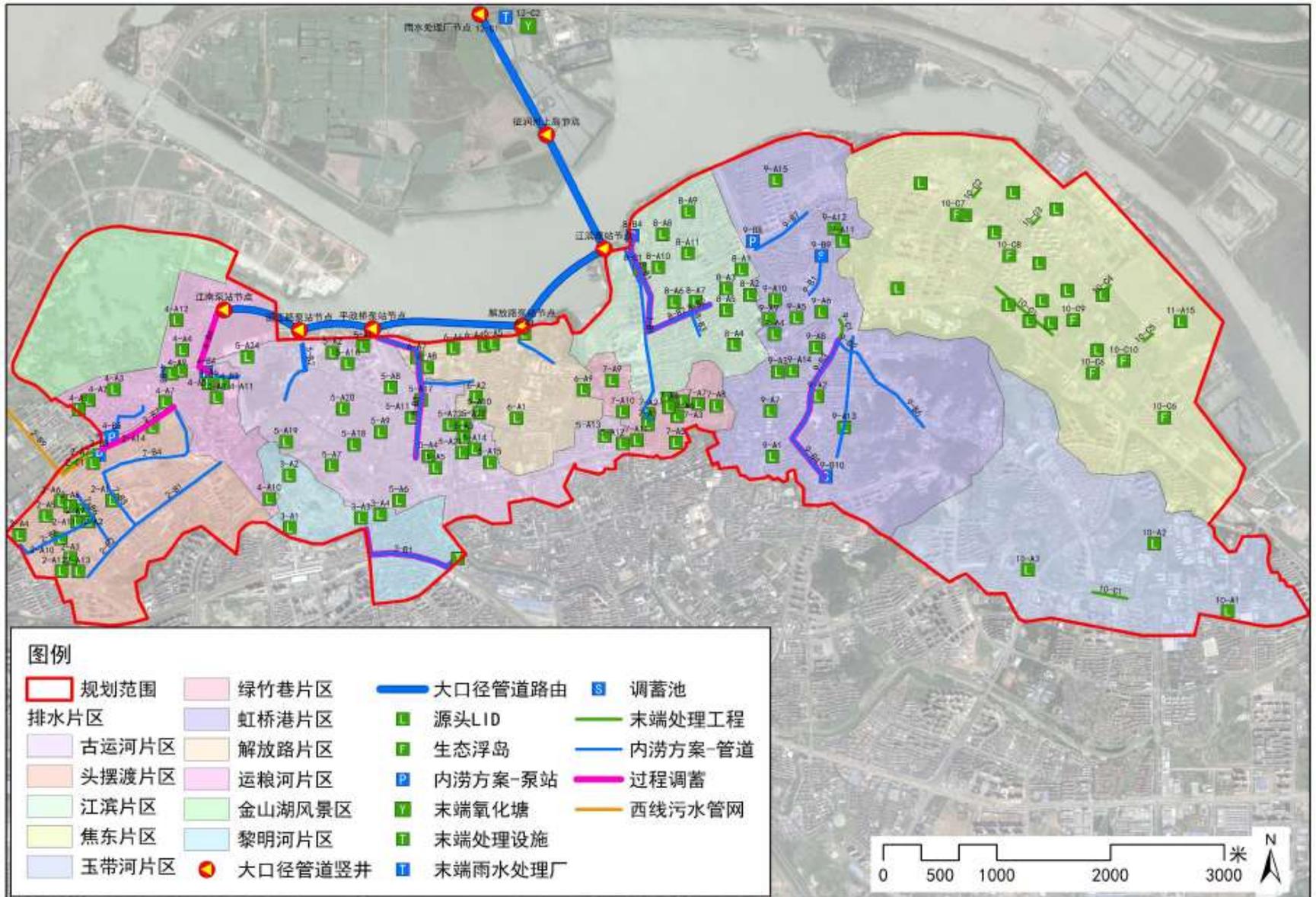
Flood Locations



These communities are well known for flooding every year. These photos were taken on 6/29/2015 before LID construction and retrofit.



Redraw the City: Green + Grey + Blue Solutions



In my opinion the Sponge City is the redrawing of urban landscape to meet the challenge of climate change, flooding, water shortage, water pollution and water culture. The implementation of the sponge city should be an integrated system of grey and green infrastructures that reduce the runoff and pollution from the source, control the runoff and pollution inline and treat the runoff at the end of the pipe. Rivers and lakes can also be used as water quality channel for pollution removal and establish aquatic habitats



Retrofit Old Neighborhoods Using LID



No	Basin	boundary	area (km ²)	Drainage	Receiving water
1	绿竹巷片区	南起花山湾新村，西自烈士陵园墓，北至金山湖	0.79	CSO	金山湖 (原北湖)
2	解放路片区	北自长江路，南到中山东路，西起古运河东侧，东至第一楼街	1.22	separate	金山湖 (原北湖)
3	江滨片区	南自镇江市江南学校，东起虹桥河西侧，北至滨水路	1.81	separate	金山湖 (原北湖)



Build a Resilience and Aesthetic Landscape in an Old Ultra Dense Residential Community

There are hundreds of communities within 22 km²

Cause Study – Second Community of Riverfront Community



This is a high density neighborhood built in 1970s. Most residents are low income retirees. Due to the lack of maintenance, this neighborhood had endured annual flooding, deterioration of aging infrastructure, lack of appropriate sanitary conditions and no parking lot . Young people moved out

Problem 1 - Flooding



Flooding Event in 2015 before the retrofit

Problem 2 – Pavement Damage



For decades there was no maintenance. The pavements in the neighborhood were damaged. Many green spaces were destroyed

Problem 3 – Landscape Sites Became Garbage Dumping Ground



The garbage were dumped into landscape sites

Problem 4 – Lack of Parking Space

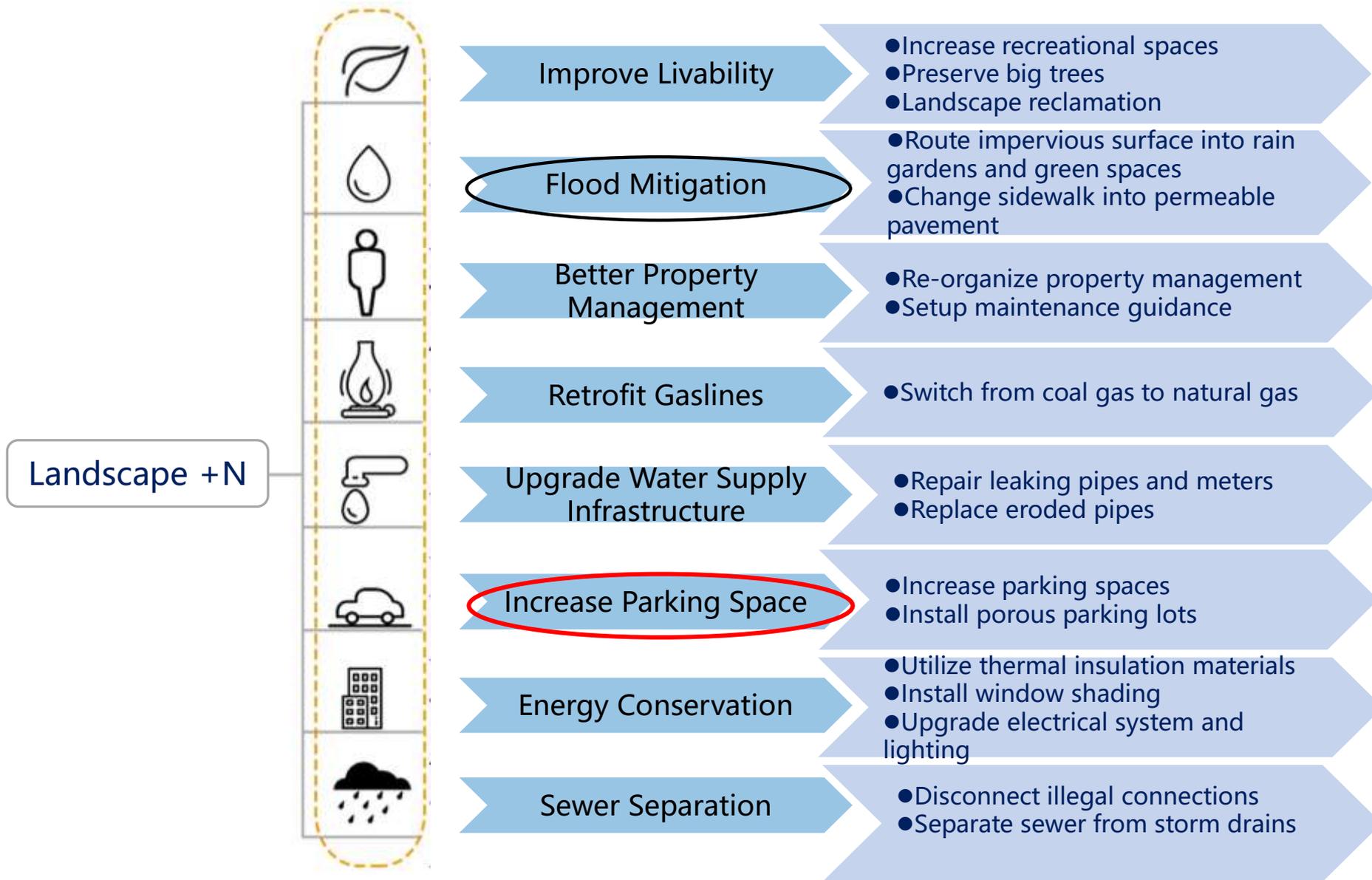


Due to lack of parking space some green space became “illegal parking lots”

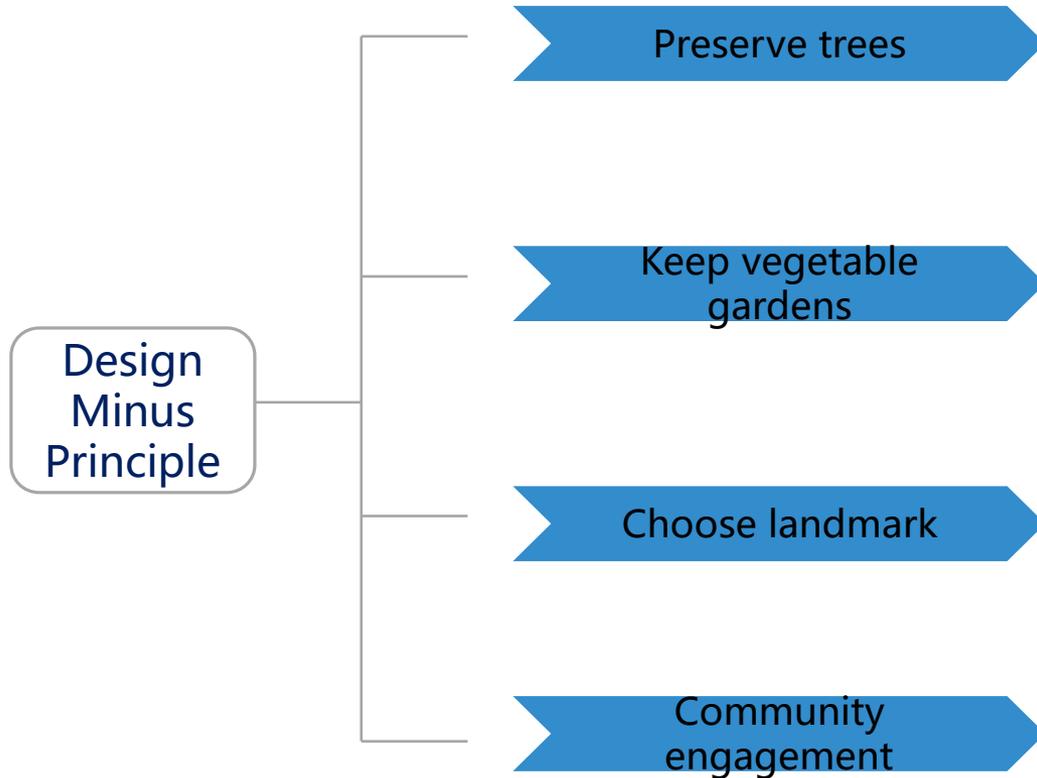
Problem 5 – Building Surface Deterioration and Lack of Appropriate Infrastructures



Our Approach



Design Principle



Design minus principle is minimizing the landscape intervention because this neighborhood has about 40 years of history. Residents spent most of their life in the neighborhood. Keep their memory is so important in the design work. After the retrofit it is desirable to minimize the maintenance cost, and encourage the residents to maintain their vegetable gardens and fruit trees.

LID design process:

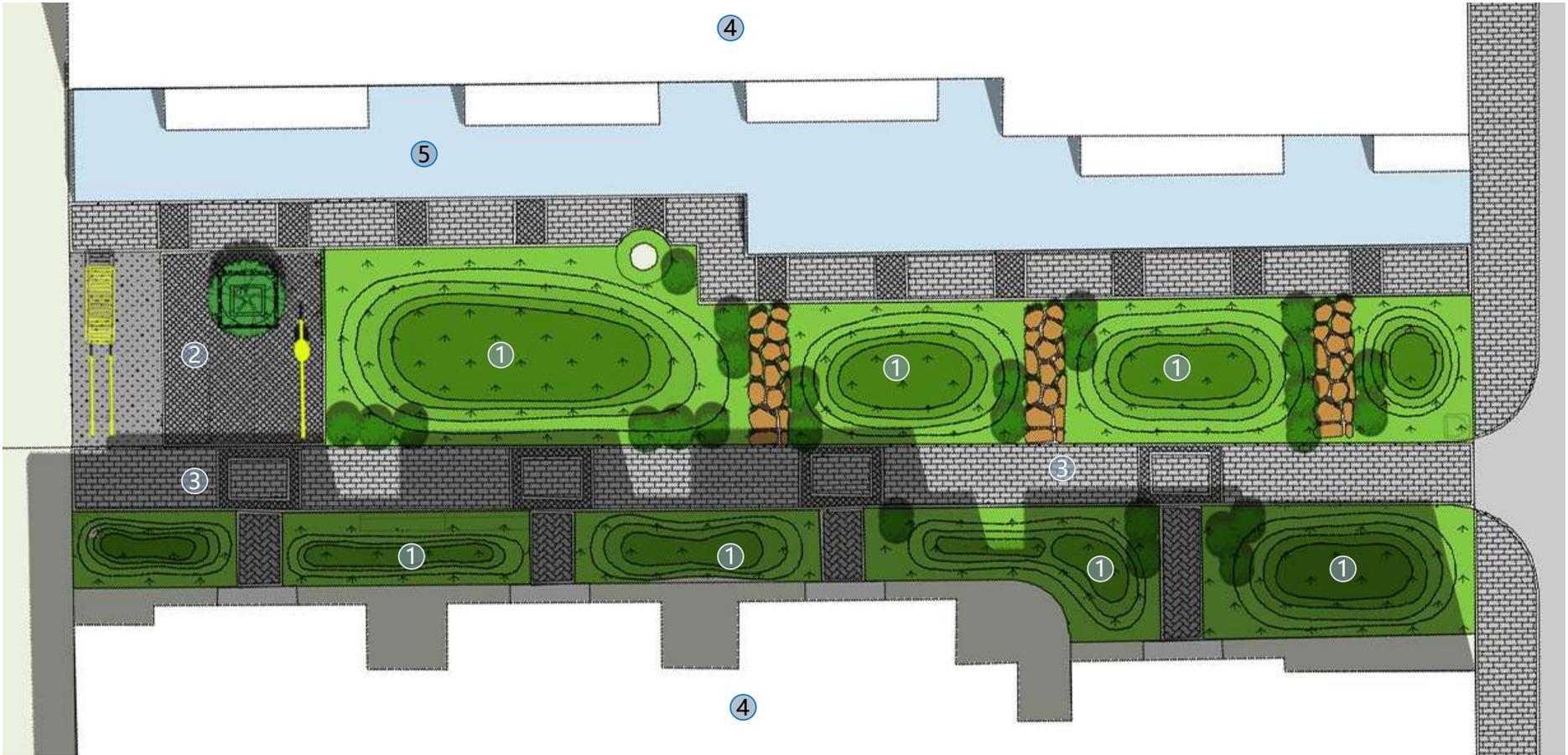
1. Site Investigation
2. Survey drainage network
3. Subcatchment delineation
4. Communication with residents
5. Soil infiltration testing
6. LID layout and modeling
7. Separation
8. Monitoring



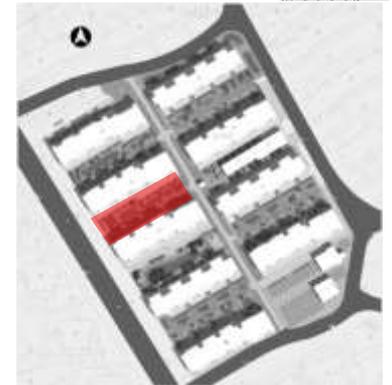
Layout



Section Design



- ① Bioretention
- ② Recreation space
- ③ Porous pavement
- ④ Building
- ⑤ Yard



How Green Stormwater Infrastructure Works



Experiments before the construction



Growing Media Test



Plants Selections



Infiltration Test

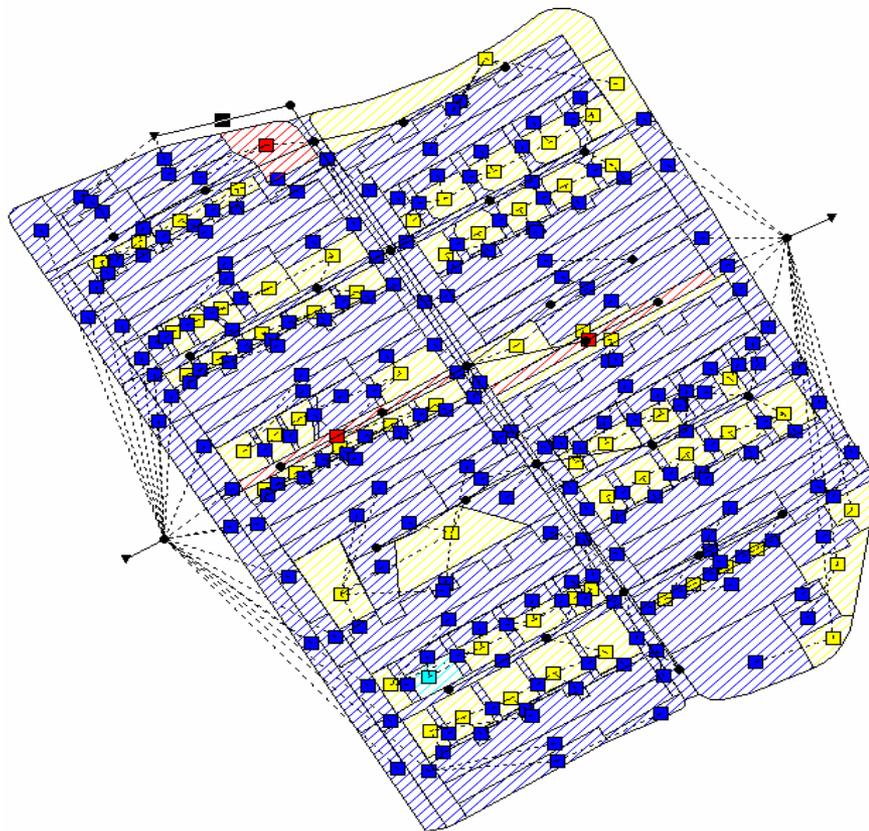


Observation of Plant Growth

Site Delineation and Modeling:

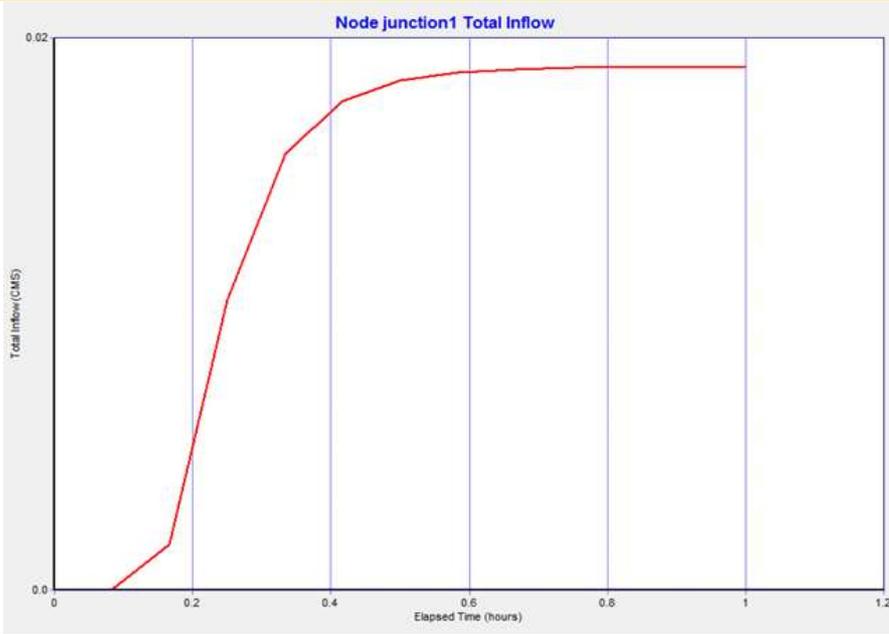
Delineation: Rooftop, Road, Green Space and "Yard"

Model: SWMM



	Volume	Depth
	hectare-m	mm
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Runoff Quantity Continuity		

Initial LID Storage	0.022	11.521
Total Precipitation	0.413	219.979
Evaporation Loss	0.000	0.000
Infiltration Loss	0.052	27.927
Surface Runoff	0.189	100.574
Final Surface Storage	0.193	102.629
Continuity Error (%)	0.160	



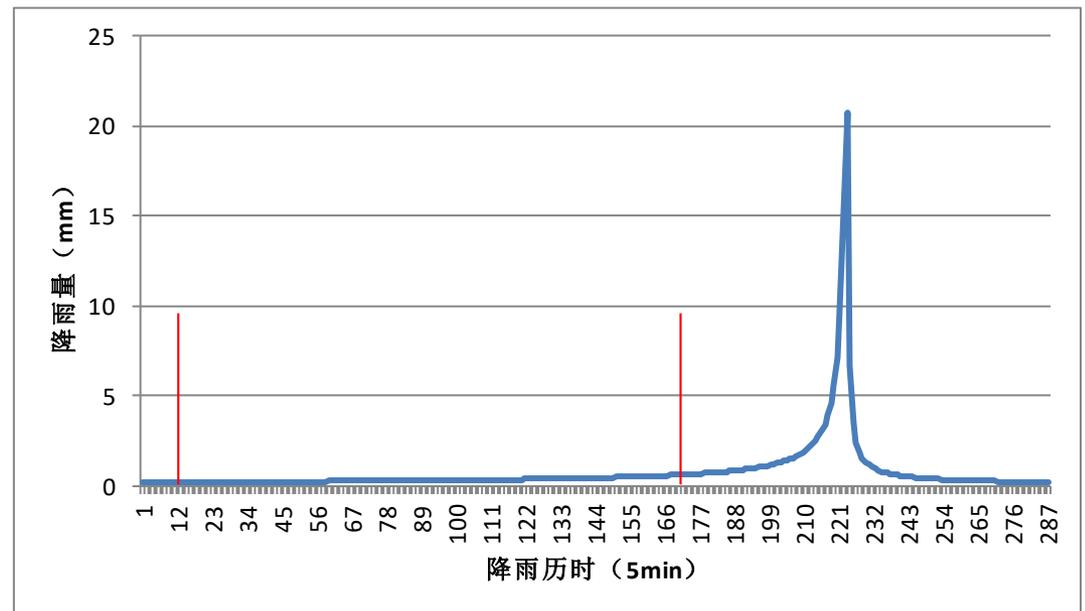
NO-LID (Before) 6.2mm rainfall detention

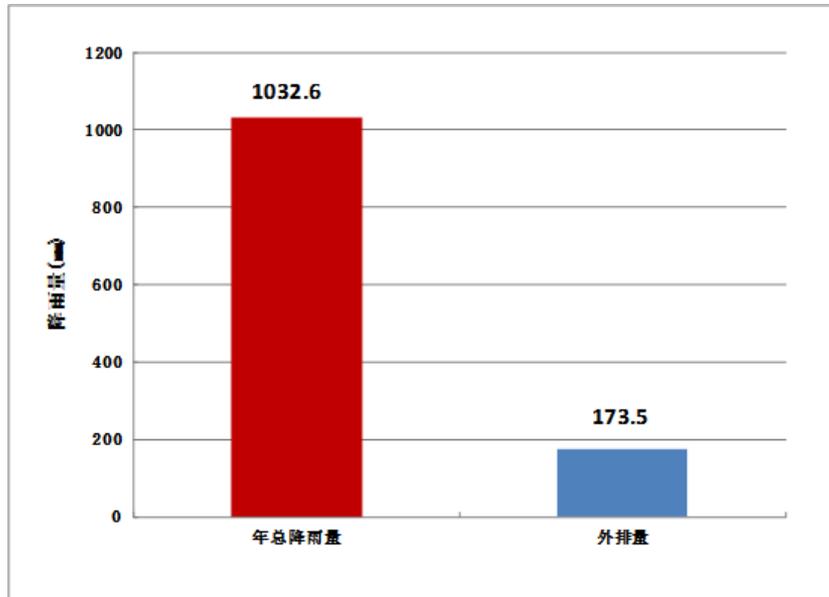


LID (After) 34.6mm rainfall detention

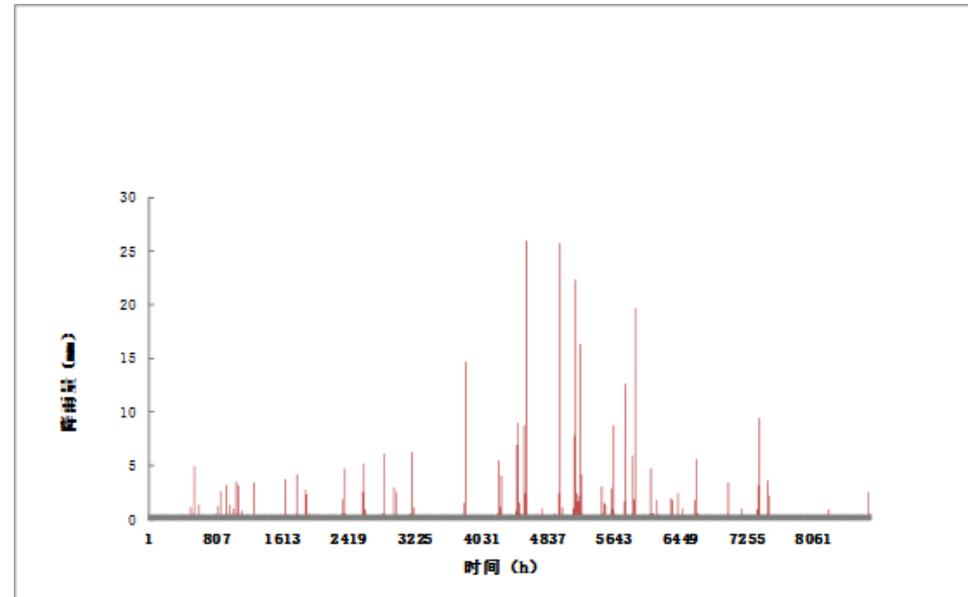
Concluding:

**LID can delay 13 hours
of discharge at the
outfall. (Without LID it
is just 1 hour)**





Annual rainfall vs discharge



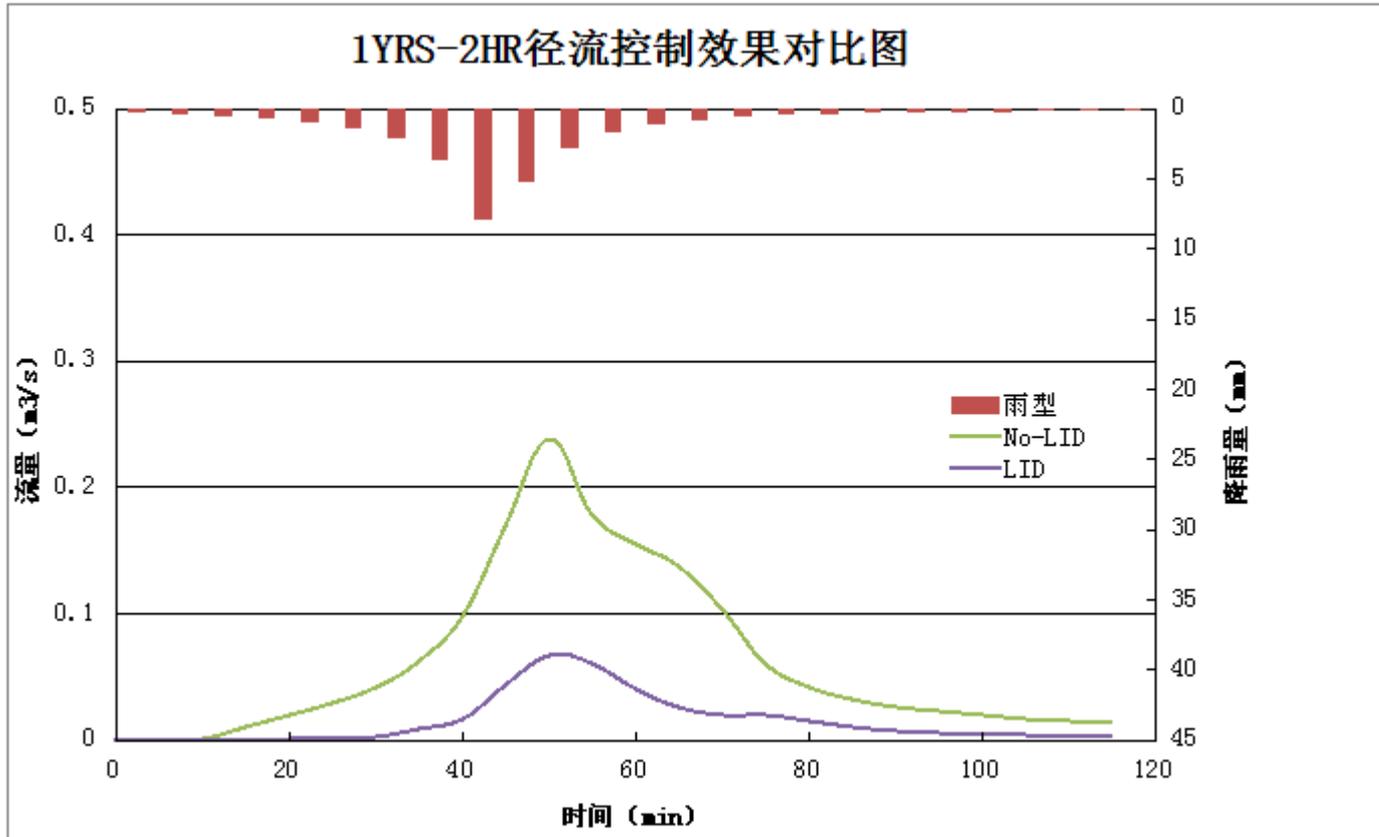
2005 rainfall data (5-min)

Data Analysis: 113 events, 7 events exceed 34.6mm, 6.2%.

Annual rainfall 1032.6mm , Discharged runoff 173.5mm, 16.8%.

注：以上年总降雨量及实测降雨量均参考2005年南京实测数据。

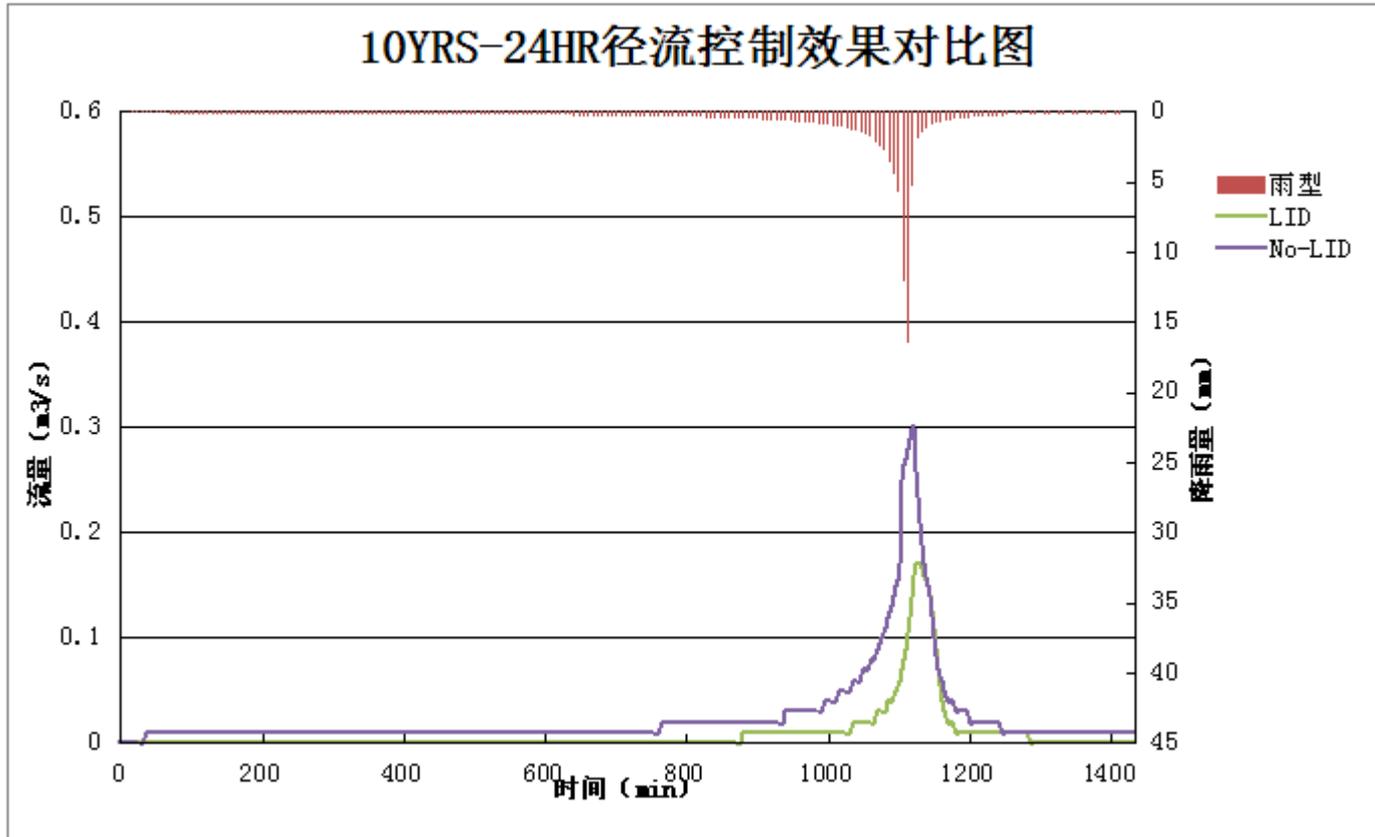
1yr-2h:



	Rainfall (mm)	Peak rainfall (min)	Peak runoff (min)	Runoff Volume (m^3)	Peak runoff (m^3/s)	Runoff Coefficient
Before	37.5	40	50	598	0.24	0.85
After	37.5	40	50	198	0.07	0.28

72% runoff volume reduction

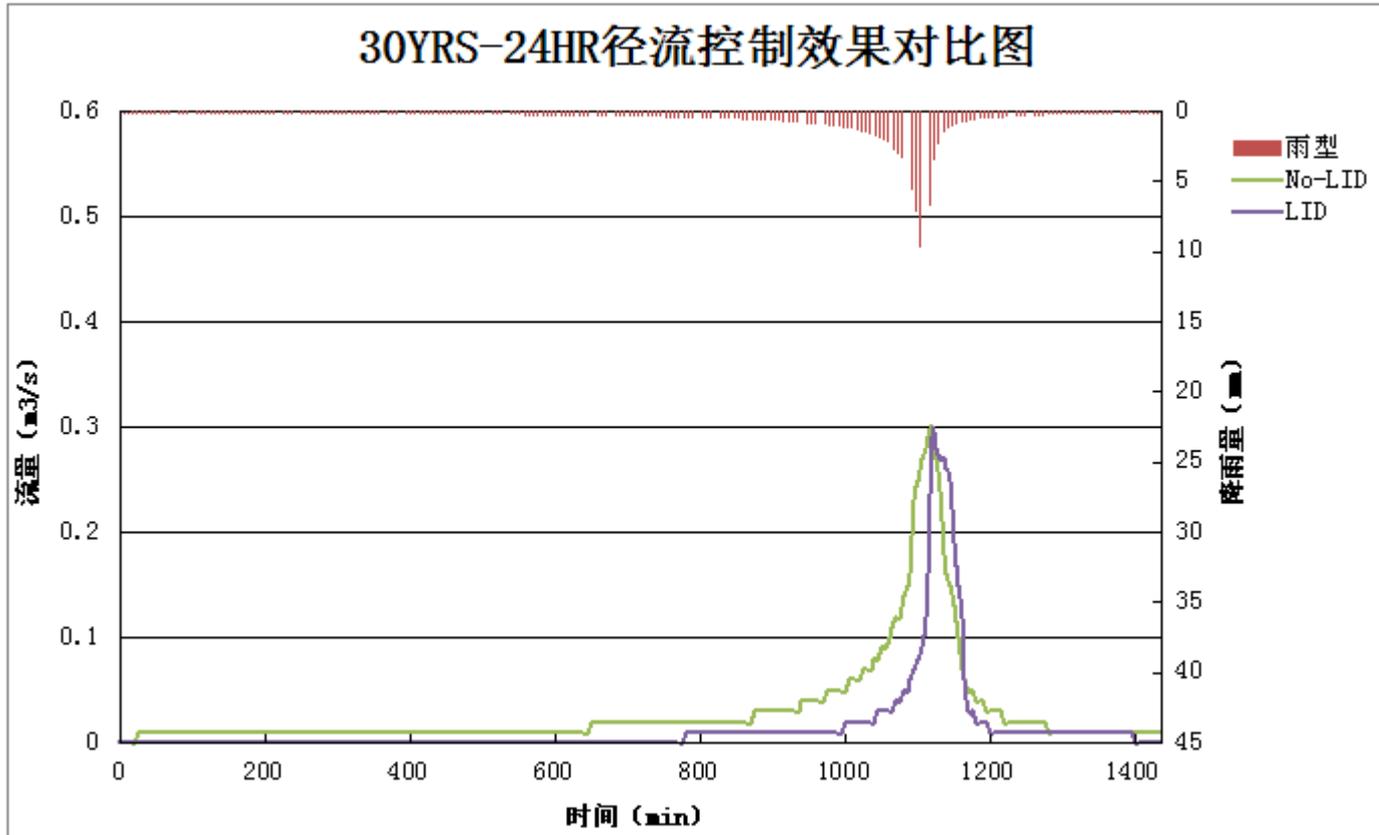
10yr-
24h:



	Rainfall (mm)	Rainfall peak (min)	Runoff peak (min)	Runoff Volume (m ³)	Runoff peak (m ³ /s)	Runoff Coefficient
Before	175.0	1115	1120	2810	0.30	0.85
After	175.0	1115	1125	1290	0.17	0.40

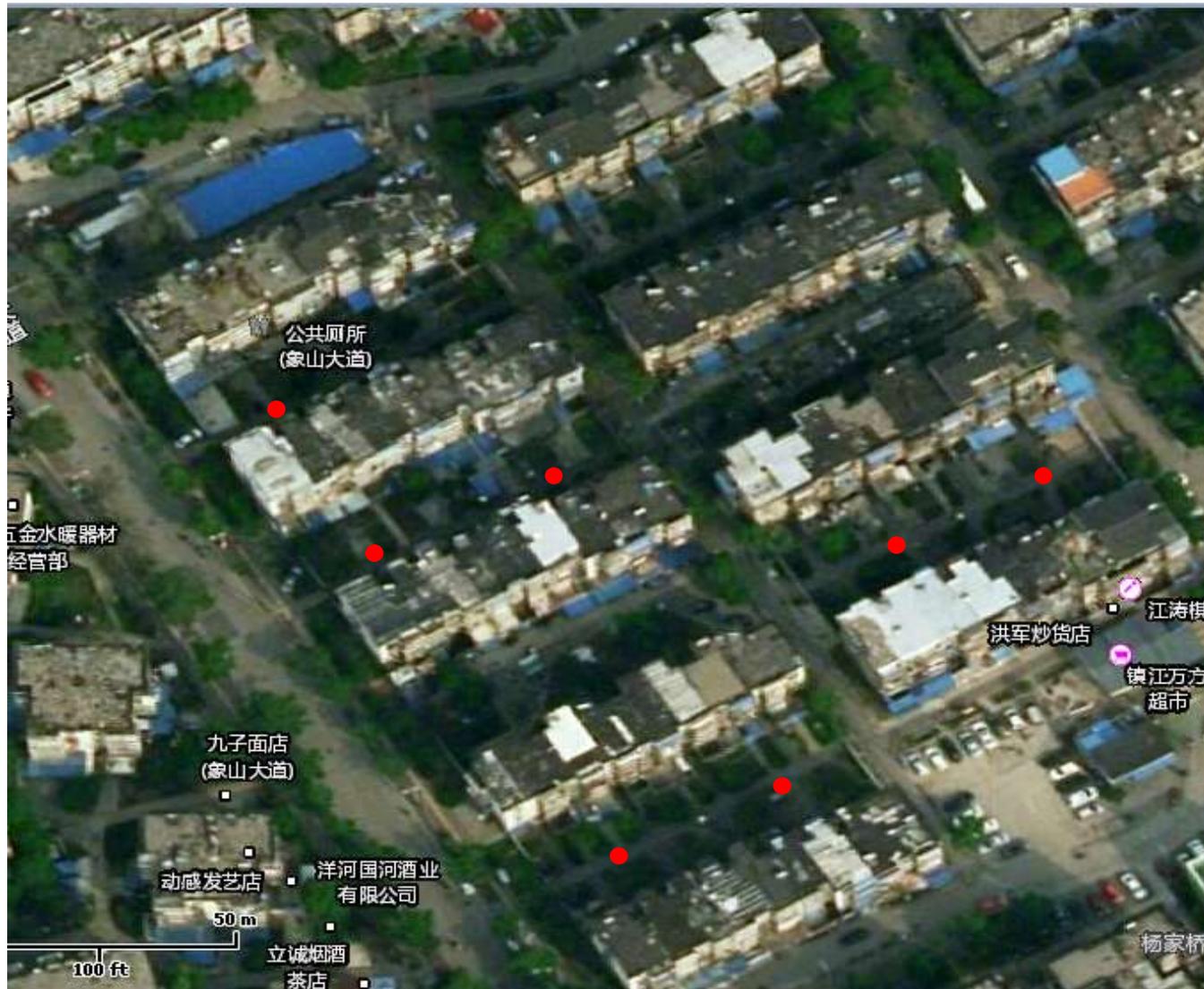
Volume Reduction 54%, Peak Reduction 43%, Peak shifting

30yr-
24h:



	Rainfall (mm)	Rainfall peak (min)	Runoff peak (min)	Runoff volume (m ³)	Runoff peak (m ³ /s)	Runoff Coefficient
Before	220.0	1115	1120	3600	0.30	0.87
After	220.0	1115	1125	1890	0.29	0.46

Runoff volume reduction 47.5%, No significant reduction of peak



**Only 7 hot spots left after flood volume 62.5 m^3 ,
 Only spots extend 15cm in depth. Flood time 30min.**

Design Process



Design Discussion

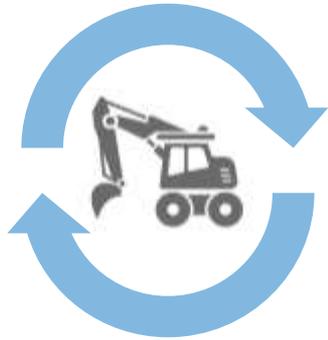


Outreach



Public Comments

Construction



Completion



Post Construction

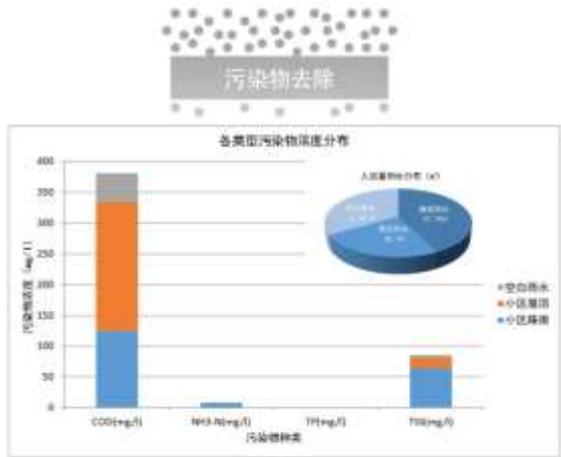


During Heavy Storm



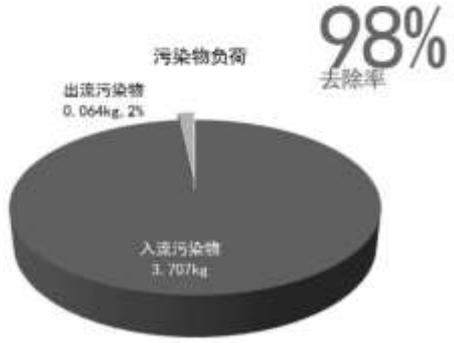
After completion of the project the neighborhood experience two heavy storm events. One is 138 mm rainfall in 2016 and another is 125mm rainfall in 2017.

Monitoring Results



下垫面类型	COD(mg/l)	NH ₃ -N(mg/l)	TP(mg/l)	TSS(mg/l)	入流总水量(m³)
小区屋面	120.08	2.53	0.20	84.13	67.78
小区绿地	299.48	0.26	0.07	16.38	26.7
空白雨水	46.27	0.20	0	4.70	37.88
排水沟水质	118.82	3.37	0.11	33.11	111.97

		总削减量(污染物种类)	削减率(%)
排水沟水质	33.11		
入流总量	111.97	3.7073	0.9827
排水沟水质	11.94		
总削减量	3.69	0.984	

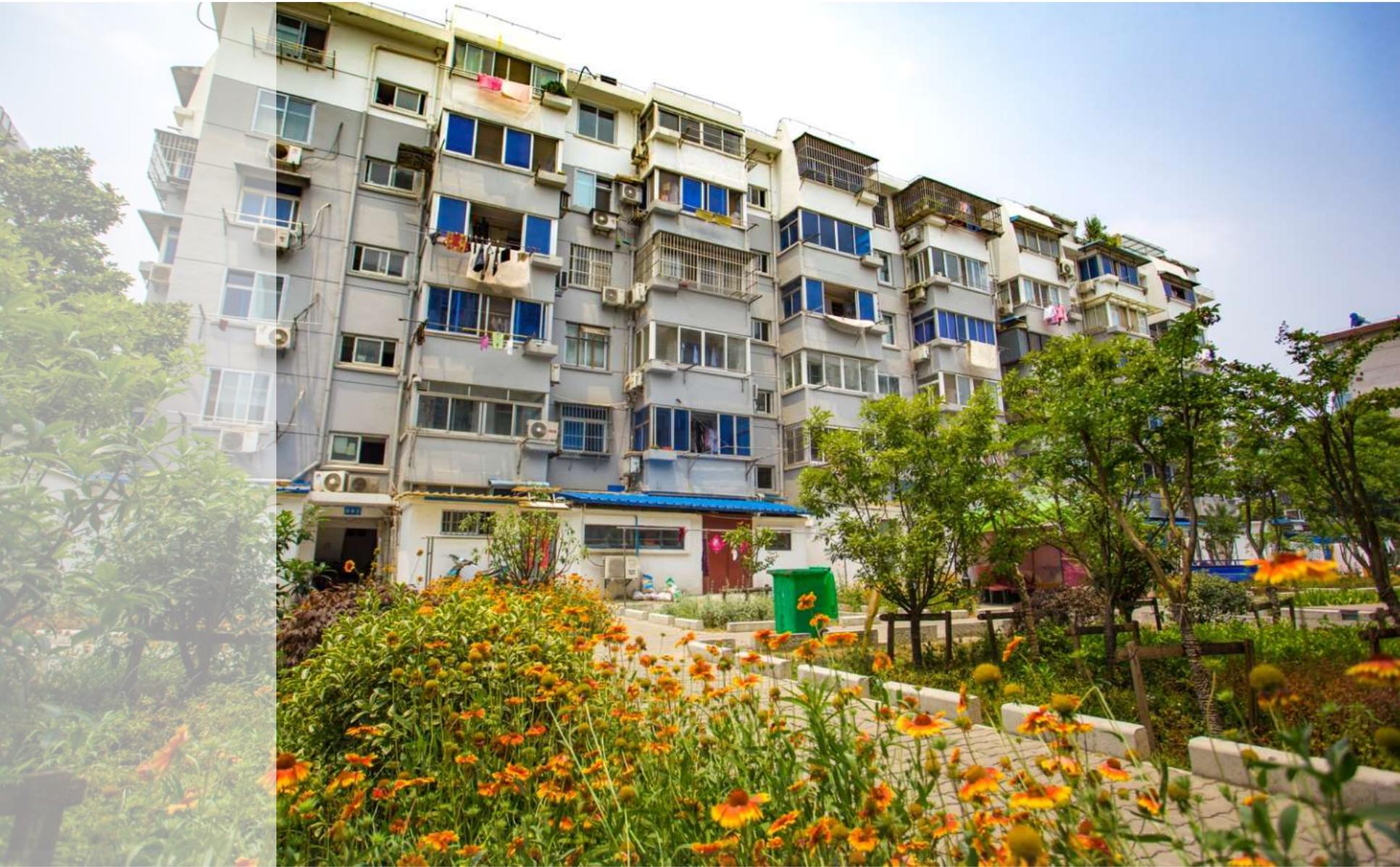


95% Flow Reduction, and 98% TSS Removal

An Ideal Place for Social Interactions of the Residents



Beautiful Landscape – Reduced Symptoms of Depression and Anxiety



Rain Garden + Porous Access = Improved Personal Safety



Happiness – Yong People bring their Children back



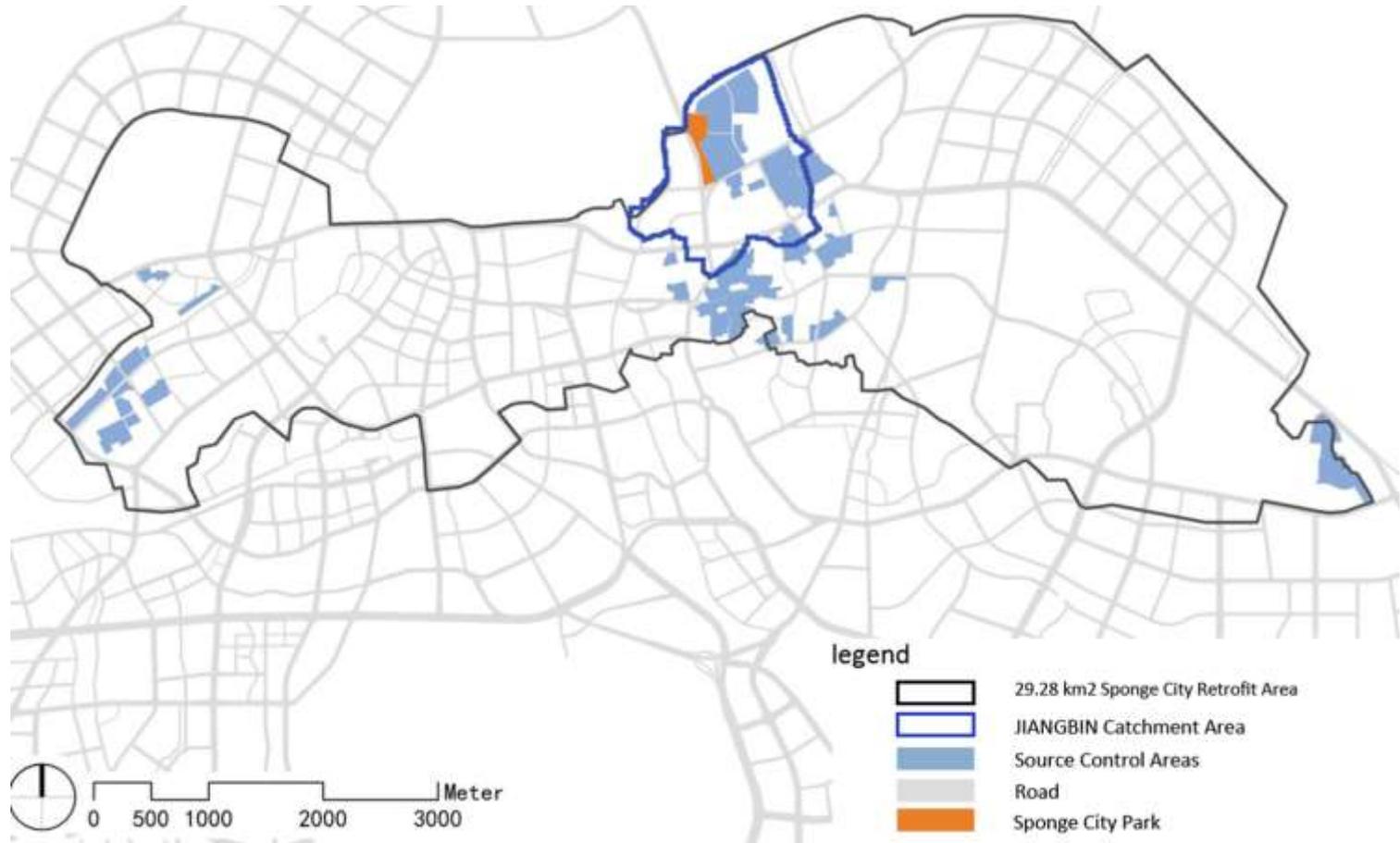
Increase Parking Lot



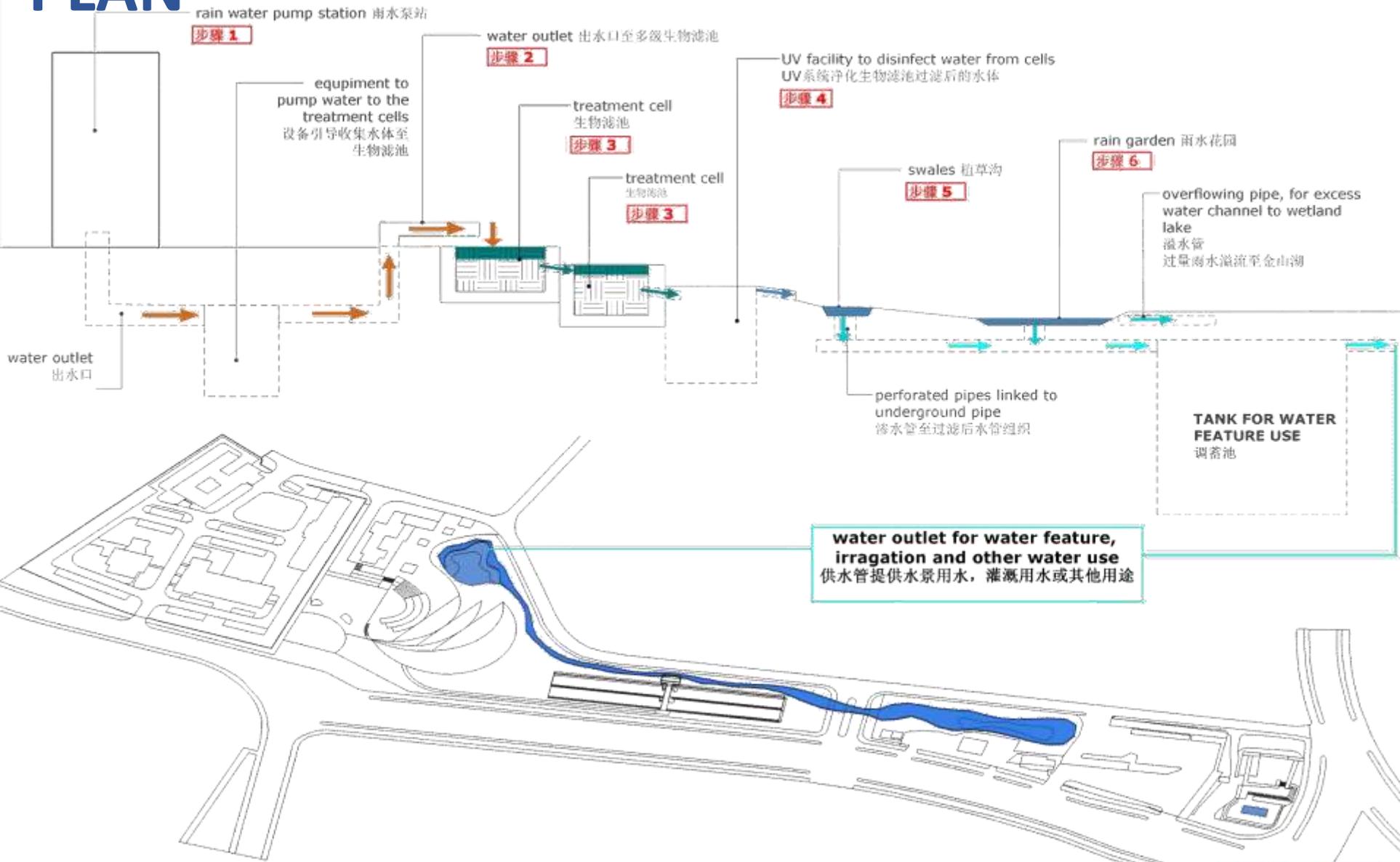
Too dense to retrofit



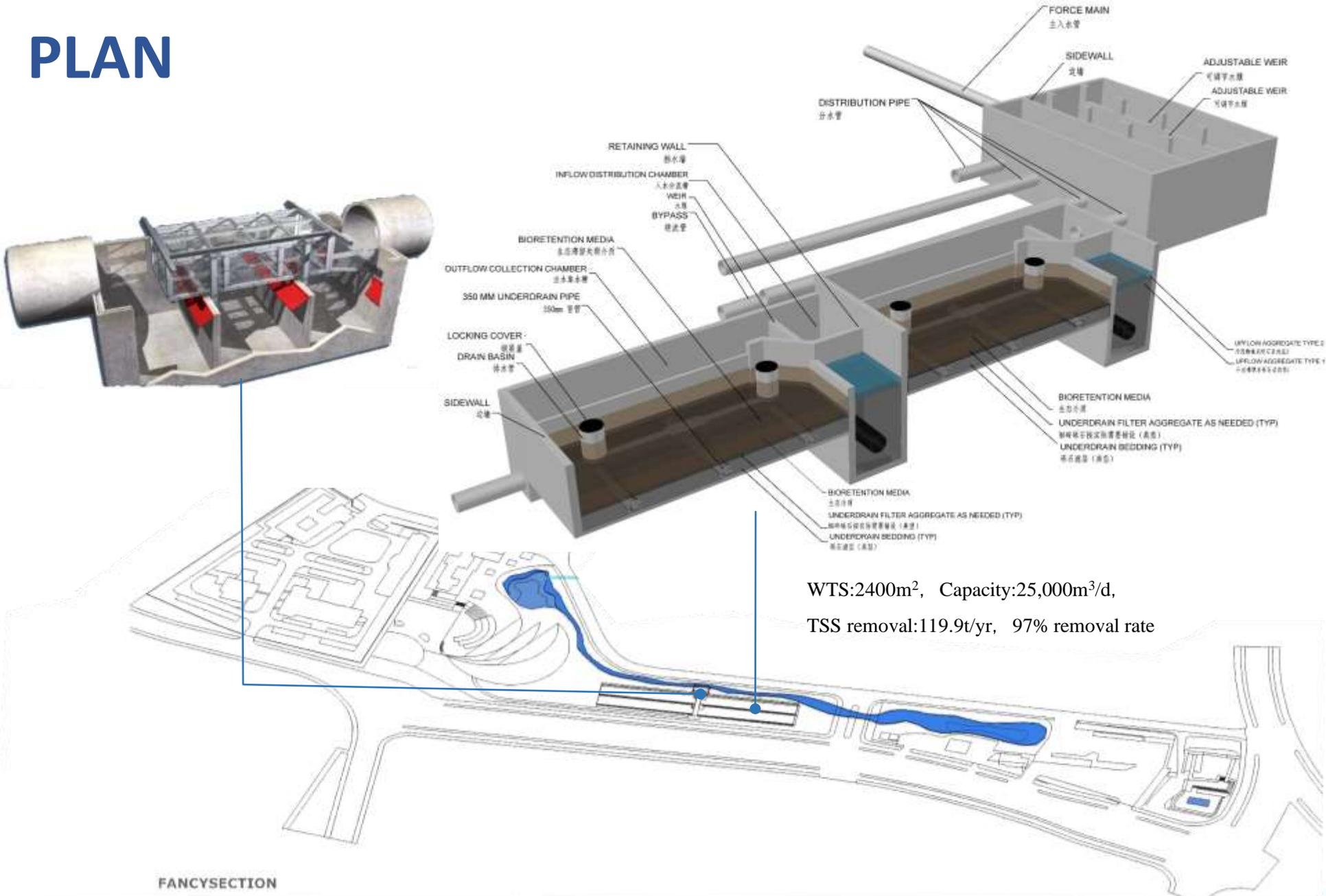
Regional Treatment (End of Pipe)



PLAN



PLAN



FANCYSECTION

PLAN



Rain garden



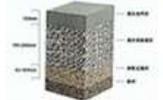
Roof greening



Regional green infrastructure



Permeable pavement



Rainwater tank



In-line treatment



Concave square



Storage tank



Infiltration trench



Vertical greening



Ecological planter



Permeable pavement



Basket filter



swale



PLAN



图例

LEGEND :

1. 抵达处和开敞广场
Arrival and Open Plaza
2. 展示中心
Exhibition Center
3. 休闲区
Recreation Area
4. 下沉草坪
Sunken Lawn
5. 湿地与溪流
Wet Land and Stream

6. 多级生物滤池
Regional Storm Water Treatment Facilities Building
7. 栈道
Boardwalk
8. 次入口
Secondary Entrance
9. 车行通道
Vehicular Access
10. 雨水庭院
Rain Garden

11. 屋顶花园
Roof Garden
12. 空中廊道
Future Staff Parking
13. 公园
Public Park
14. 泵站主入口
Main Entrance Pump Station
15. 次入口
Secondary Entrance

16. 泵站
Pump Station
17. 垃圾站
Rubbish Bin Collection Building
18. 巴士转换站
Bus Interchange
19. 庭院
Courtyard
20. 户外健身区
Outdoor fitness

21. 太极广场
TI-CHI Plaza

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EFFECT DISPLAY



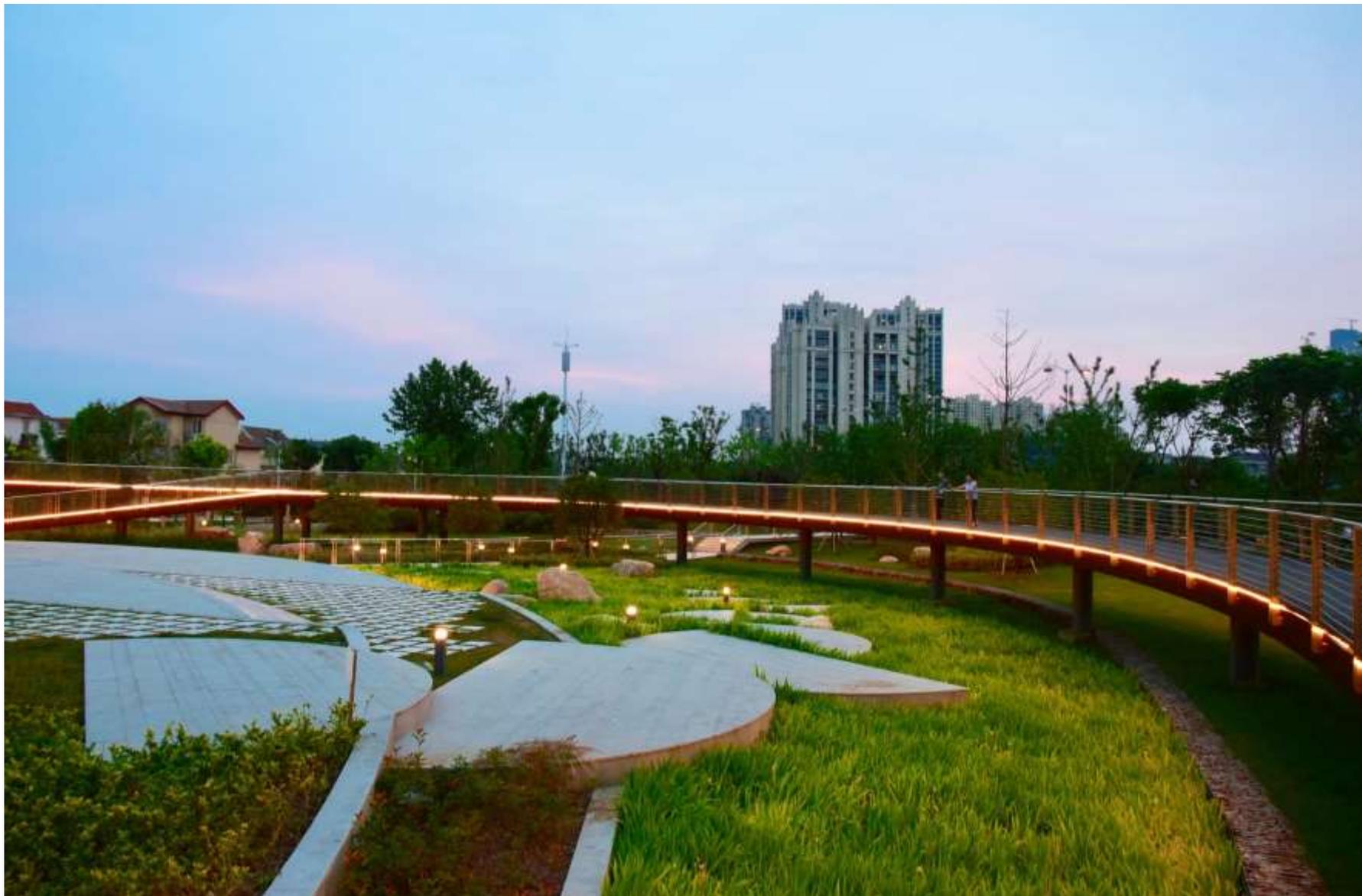
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Welcome to Sponge City Park



Change Concrete Channel to Water Quality Channel

Hongqiao Channel is a spill way that receives CSO and SSO from large area of the city. The overflow is about 30,000 m³ for 1" rainfall

The channel had no habitat due to worse water quality, and it smelled terrible during storm events



Fix it (Design)



Construction



Completion



Water Quality Channel In Zhenjiang



Water Quality Channel In Zhenjiang

Water Quality Before



Water Quality After



取样时间	测量参数						
	pH	COD (mg/L)	BOD ₅ (mg/L)	NH ₃ -N (mg/L)	TN (mg/L)	TP (mg/L)	TSS (mg/L)
2015.6.5	---	11.8	1.3	0.133	8.30	0.097	---
	---	17.2	0.9	0.073	11.8	0.092	---
2015.6.5	---	24.7	---	---	15.2	0.111	---
	---	19.5	---	0.12	13.2	0.093	---
2015.6.8	---	27.7	---	---	16.8	---	---
	---	22	---	0.503	12.8	0.127	---
2015.6.18	7.4	18.8	0.4	0.483	10.8	0.098	---
	7.5	26.9	0.4	0.302	9.11	0.099	---
2015.6.19	7.48	21.6	0	0.409	11.2	0.099	---
	7.62	28.2	0.2	0.34	18.4	0.116	---
2015.6.30	7.36	39	0	0.40	---	0.101	34
	7.37	30	0.4	1.25	---	0.091	21
2015.7.1	7.61	60	---	0.41	---	0.095	26
	7.53	48	---	0.42	---	0.102	19
2015.7.2	7.61	40	---	0.411	---	0.091	30
	7.74	12	---	---	---	0.092	26
2015.8.10	7.42	62	---	0.4	---	0.1	140
	7.33	48	---	---	---	0.11	168
2015.8.12	8.09	21.4	---	0.094	---	0.1	22
	7.71	27	---	0.11	---	0.093	30

取样时间	测量参数						
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	8.09	17.5	---	0.9	---	0.135	26
	8.06	23.7	---	0.681	---	0.174	11
	8.5	15.8	---	0.124	---	0.131	30
2016.3.14	8.41	13.3	---	0.068	---	0.127	12
	8.57	18.2	---	0.43	---	0.19	12
	8.31	14.1	---	0.491	---	0.16	18
	9.29	29.3	---	0.786	---	0.274	41
2016.3.25	9.17	26	---	0.283	---	0.176	38
	9.05	28.4	---	0.411	---	0.219	71
	9.12	29	---	0.335	---	0.273	56
	8.59	17.7	---	0.511	---	0.122	35
2016.3.28	8.87	12.8	---	0.153	---	0.114	30
	8.8	16.5	---	0.499	---	0.098	34
	8.82	19.8	---	0.479	---	0.21	41
	8.49	16.7	---	0.257	---	0.113	8
2016.3.31	8.60	18	---	0.305	---	0.108	12
	8.58	13.5	---	0.619	---	0.129	10
	8.68	15.5	---	0.28	---	0.167	19



So Proud of it



Case Study: Jiangsu University Campus

Applying Advanced Bioretention System to Clean Yudai River

The Source of Yudai River – Mengjiawan Reservoir



Project Description :

Yudai River is a small stream originates from Mengjiawang Reservoir, passing through Jiangsu University Campus before entering to Yangtze River. Due to urbanization and nonpoint source pollution, the reservoir is polluted, very eutrophicated and a lot of algae. This project utilizes stormwater runoff as resource to increase reservoir's environmental capacity by treating the runoff using Advanced Bioretention System. The reservoir is also a storage for extreme storm event.



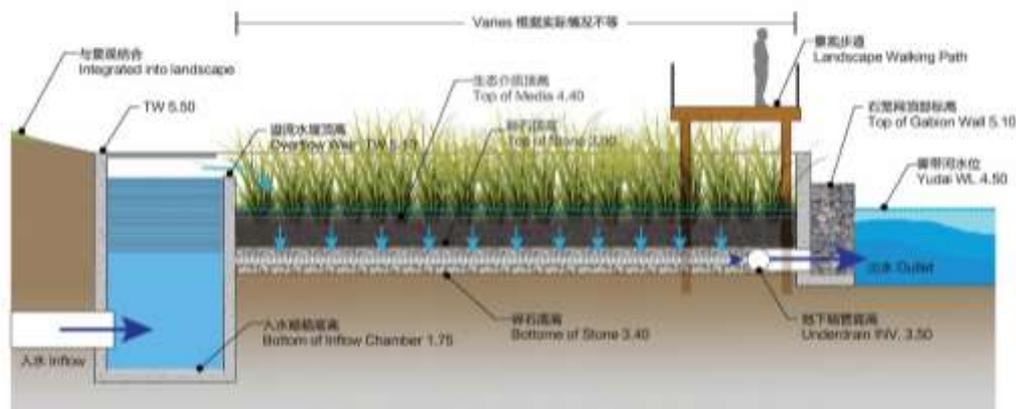
Upstream



Section passing through
Jiangsu University Campus

Yudai River

Advanced Bioretention System (ABS)



重力流过滤池剖面图 Gravity Swale Section

Advantages:

1. Treating runoff as well as reservoir water as needed to remove 95% of TSS;
2. It was designed for gravity flow;
3. Landscape can be added to ABS;
4. Habitat was created.



CHINESE LITERATURE LOADING EMCs 国内研究中对污染物负荷EMCs的取值						
Mean of 20 studies	TSS	COD	TP	NH4-N	TN	Other N
Mean inflows 平均入水浓度	147	194	1.25	24.1	27.2	3.01
Mean Outflows 平均出水浓度	72	108	0.83	13.7	15.1	1.48
Percent Removals 移除率	51%	44%	33%	43%	44%	51%

SATURATED VERTICAL FLOW CONSTRUCTED WETLAND LITERATURE 重力流湿地对污染物去除率						
Mean of 16studies	TSS	COD	TP	NH4-N	TN	NO3-N
Percent Removals 移除率	>90%	83%	58%	73%	51%	68%

Yudai River



← After

↓ Before



Under Construction



Mengjiawan Reservior



Mengjiawan Reservoir

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Yudai River in Jiangsu University Campus

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