Green Infrastructure Planning Update

Green Infrastructure Plans are to be submitted to the Regional Water Quality Control Board by September 30, 2019

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Topics

- What is Green Infrastructure?
- Mandate for Green Infrastructure Plans
- Green Infrastructure Project Lists
- Tasks for Planning Departments
 - Updates to municipal planning documents
 - Adoption of planning policies

What is Green Infrastructure?

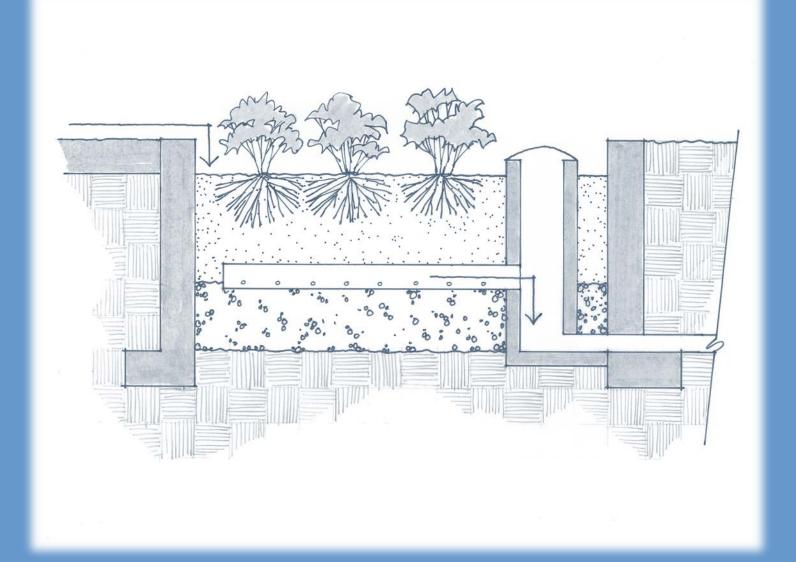
- Retrofit existing street drainage with Low Impact Development drainage design
- Also encompasses LID for development and redevelopment







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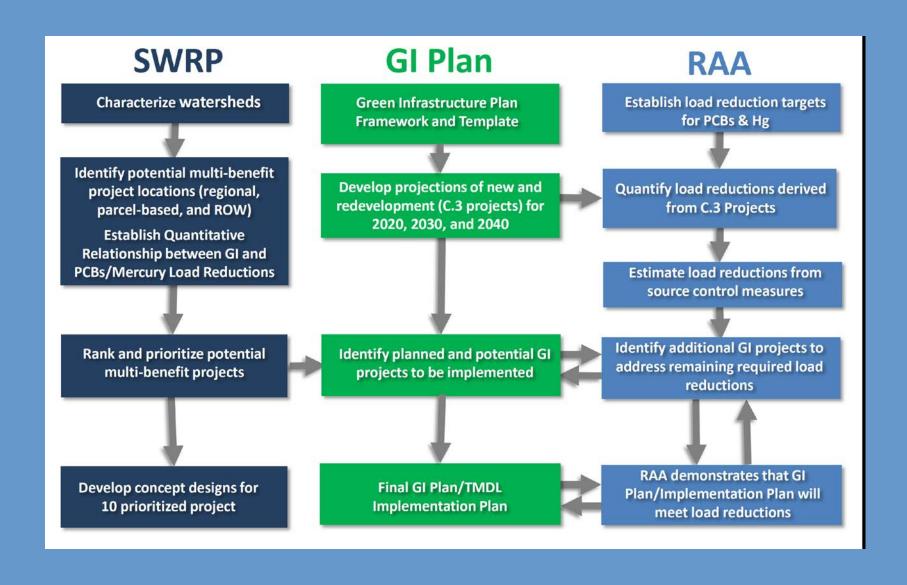
Green Infrastructure Plans

- A Plan for each municipal Permittee
- Frameworks/Work Plans were adopted by June 2017
- Plans are due September 30, 2019

GI Plan Elements

- Projections/Targets for impervious surface converted to GI:
 - Development/Redevelopment
 - Public Infrastructure (retrofits)
- Associated reductions in PCBs & Mercury
- Target dates: 2020, 2030, and 2040
- Project lists and maps
- Tracking of completed projects

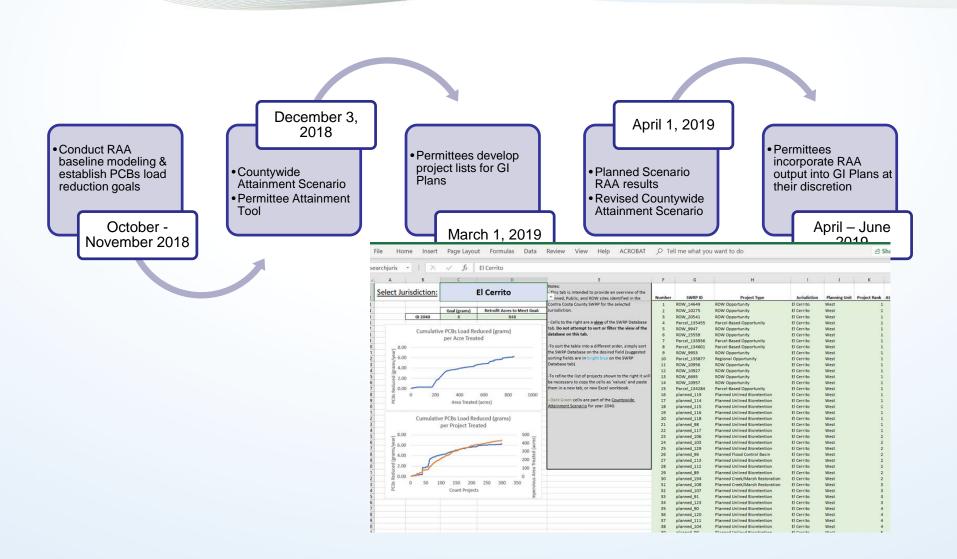
Related Countywide Planning



More GI Plan Elements

- Updates to Related Planning Documents
- Policies and Ordinances
- Design Guidelines Streetscapes
- Standard Specifications and Details
- Guidance for Sizing GI Facilities
- Funding Strategies
- Outreach and Education

Project List Workflow and Schedule



Tasks for Planning Departments

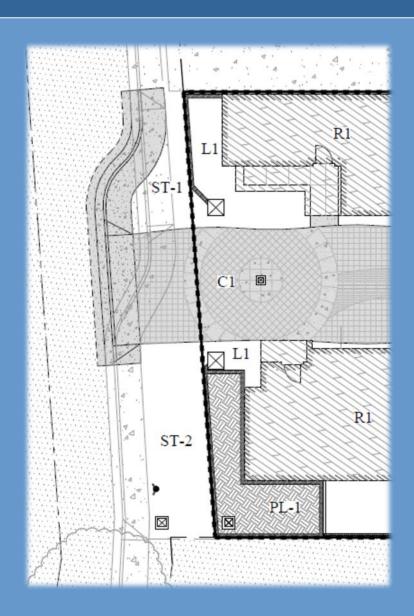
- Updates to Related Plans
 - General and Specific Plans
 - Complete Streets
 - Urban Greening
 - Master Plans
- MRP requires changes to be done by end of permit term (11/2020)

Tasks for Planning Departments

- Policies to Support Green Infrastructure
 - Commitment to implementing GI Plan
 - Improving implementation of development requirements
 - Incorporating Green Infrastructure into right-of-way improvements associated with development projects
 - Streetscape improvements/
 Complete Streets design elements

Additional slides for reference

Green Infrastructure in Frontage



Compiling a GI Project List

