

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS DRAFT GREEN STREETS POLICY

Purpose

The City of Hidden Hills provides that it shall implement green street BMPs in new and redevelopment street and roadway projects, including Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs). This policy is enacted to demonstrate compliance with the NPDES MS4 Permit for the Los Angeles Region (Order No. R4-2012-0175).

Green streets are an amenity that provides many benefits including water quality improvement, groundwater replenishment, creation of attractive streetscapes, connection of neighborhoods, creation of parks and wildlife habitats, and pedestrian and bicycle accessibility. Green streets are defined as right-of-way areas that incorporate infiltration and/or biofiltration BMPs to collect, retain, or detain stormwater runoff as well as a design element that creates attractive streetscapes. Green street BMPs may include, but are not limited to, street trees, permeable pavement, bioretention areas, and vegetated swales.

Policy

- A. The City shall review new development redevelopment streets and roadway projects and CIPs conducted within the right-of-way that create or replace 10,000 square feet or more of impervious surface for opportunities to incorporate green street BMPs. This excludes routine maintenance or repair and linear utility projects.
- B. The City shall consider opportunities to replenish groundwater, create attractive streetscapes, connect neighborhoods, create parks and wildlife habitats, and provide pedestrian and bicycle accessibility through new development and redevelopment streets and roadway projects and CIPs.
- C. The City's review of CIPs shall result in a prioritized list of CIPs best suited for green street BMPs. Green street BMPs shall be implemented in high priority CIPs.
- D. The City shall review and update the prioritized list annually,
- E. The City shall evaluate effectiveness of green street BMPs.