

Green Infrastructure Co-Benefits Policy Refinement Framework

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Green Infrastructure in GO TO 2040

- **Regional scale:** increase acres of conservation open space, guided by the GIV
- **Community scale:** improve access to park space for all residents; link regional open spaces to community parks
- **Local scale:** integrate land use and site planning through the use of green infrastructure BMPs for stormwater management



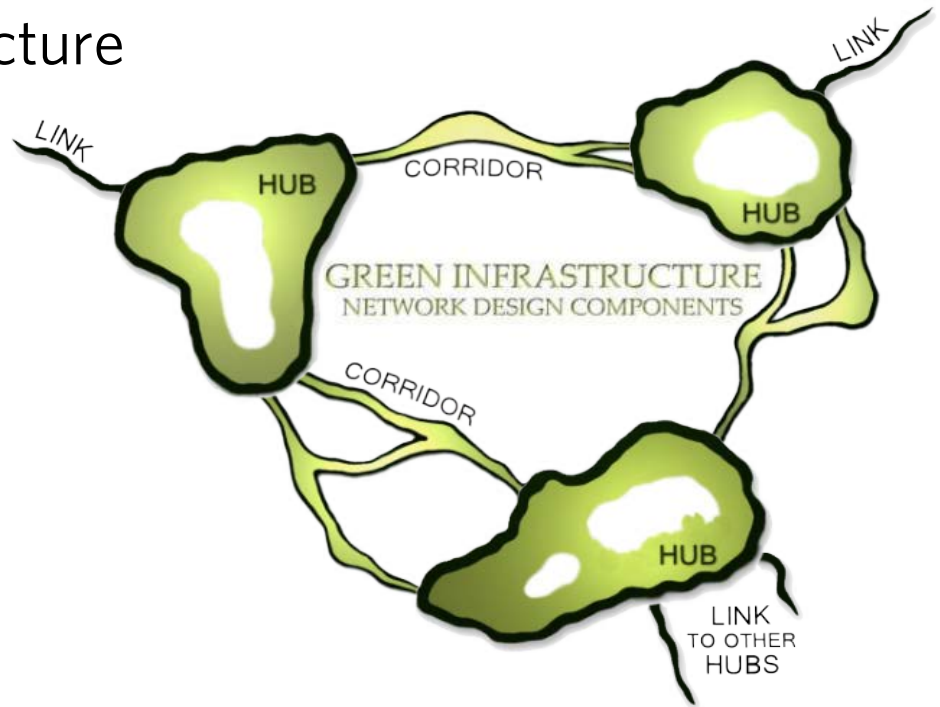
Room for Refinement

- Further explore the intersections between policies at different scales
- Better address green spaces in urban areas, particularly on underutilized lands
- Promote other benefits of green space in addition to recreation
- Ensure that the refined policies can apply to all community contexts



Proposed Policy Framework

1. Protect ecological cores
2. Encourage green infrastructure in parks
3. Green hardscapes
4. Account for co-benefits



1. Protect Ecological Cores

- To be further explored through the context of priority conservation areas



1. Protect Ecological Cores

- Process for identification to be further explored through the context of priority conservation areas
- Use site-scale green infrastructure BMPs to support conservation goals
 - Use parcels adjacent to core lands as ecological buffers
 - Compatible with many types of land uses, regardless of how built out the adjacent areas are



2. Encourage Green Infrastructure in Parks

- Promote the use of community parks for wider range of ecosystem services beyond recreation
- Can be applied to new park development or retrofits



3. Green Hardscapes

- Incorporate green infrastructure BMPs on traditional hardscapes, including parking lots and transportation rights-of-way
- Can enhance quality of urban areas when land acquisition for park space is limited
- Can protect and connect ecological cores when applied to developed lands adjacent to large, high-quality landscapes



4. Account for Co-Benefits

- Apply new research on multiple benefits of green infrastructure at all scales
- Not itself a new policy direction, but a new approach that can be used to make the case for green infrastructure policies and prioritize actions for implementation



Next Steps

- Solicit feedback on the structure of the refined policy
- Identify specific strategies for each component of the framework



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