



## World Environmental Fair

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# Water sensitive communities



Liveable



Sustainable

Source: P.Coombes

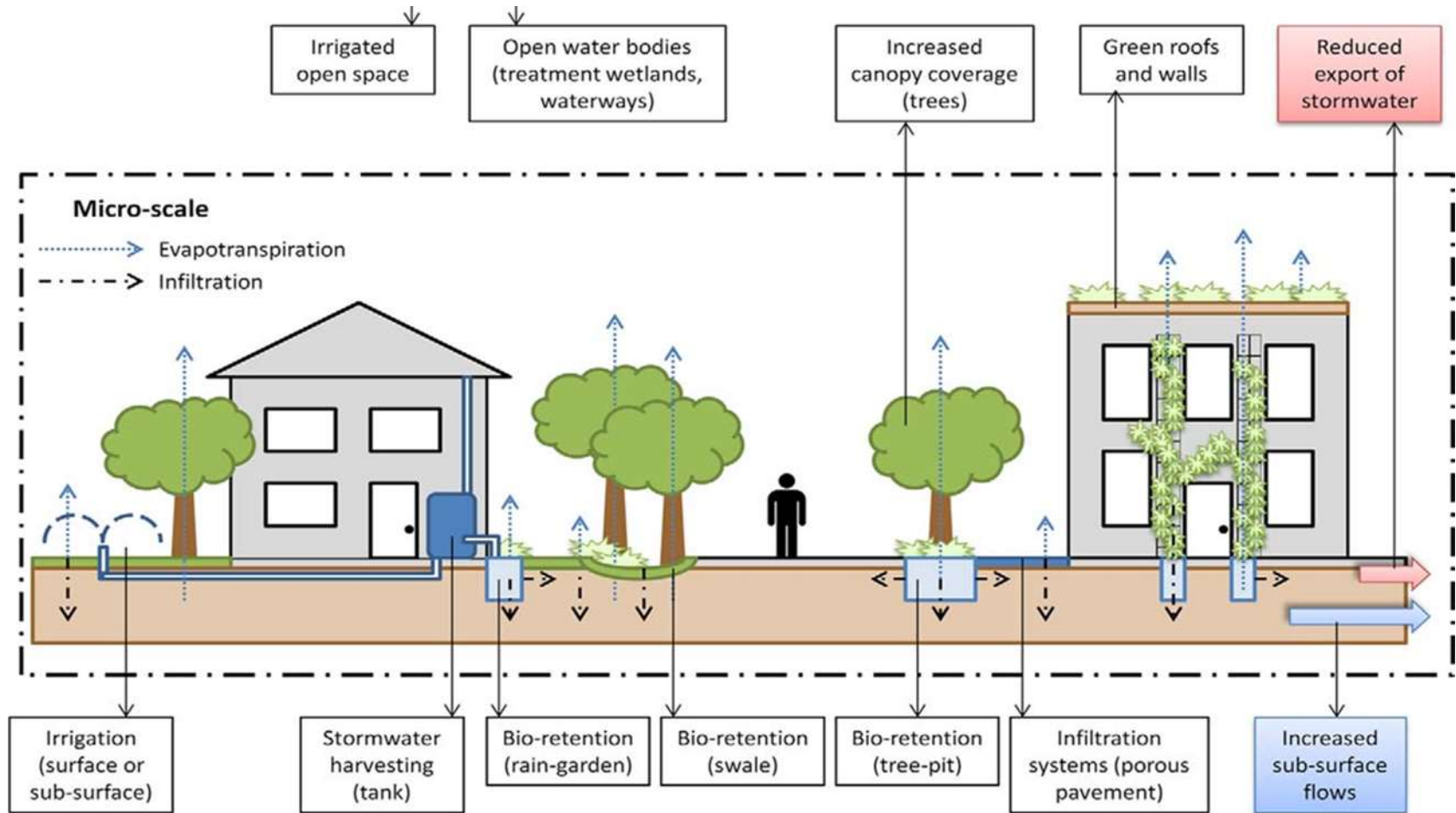


Productive



Resilient

# Harvest and re-use rainwater benefits water cycle & urban cooling



Source: Coutts et al. (2012)

Get more value from your  
rainwater tank



# Percentage of time rainwater tank will meet full domestic internal daily demand



## KENT TOWN

(Average Annual Rainfall 583 mm)

Rainwater Use Option		High internal use			Medium internal use 1			Medium internal use 2			Low grade uses			
Description		11L single flush toilet, 100% laundry (front load WM) & HWS			(6/3L) Dual flush toilet, AAA-rated shower head, 100% laundry (top load WM) & HWS			(6/3L) Dual flush toilet, AAA-rated shower head, 100% laundry (front load WM) & HWS			(6/3L) Dual flush toilet and 100% laundry (front load WM) <u>only</u>			
Tank Capacity (L)		1,000	2,000	5,000	1,000	2,000	5,000	1,000	2,000	5,000	1,000	2,000	5,000	9,000
Roof area to be connected to rainwater tank (m <sup>2</sup> )	50	9%	11%	11%	17%	19%	19%	23%	27%	28%	51%	59%	65%	68%
	100	19%	26%	30%	30%	40%	47%	39%	50%	60%	65%	77%	87%	97%
	150	25%	36%	46%	37%	50%	63%	47%	60%	72%	71%	83%	95%	100%
	200	29%	42%	56%	41%	55%	70%	51%	65%	79%	74%	87%	98%	100%

Assumptions: The internal water use estimates are based upon a 3 person household.

# Supersize your rainwater tank

Size (L)	Material	Min	Max
1,000 L	poly	\$385	\$425
2,000 L	poly	\$485	\$1,750
5,000 L	poly	\$730	\$1,450
10,000L	poly	\$1,280	\$1,900



2,000L underdeck



3,000L modular



2,000L slimline

Size (L)	Material	Typical	
1,000 L	Galv. steel	\$860	
2,000 L	Galv. steel	\$1,025	
5,000 L	Galv. steel	\$1,450	
10,000L	Galv. steel	\$1,850	

Note: Prices are indicative only



# Onsite retention of Stormwater via infiltration



# Infiltration trenches

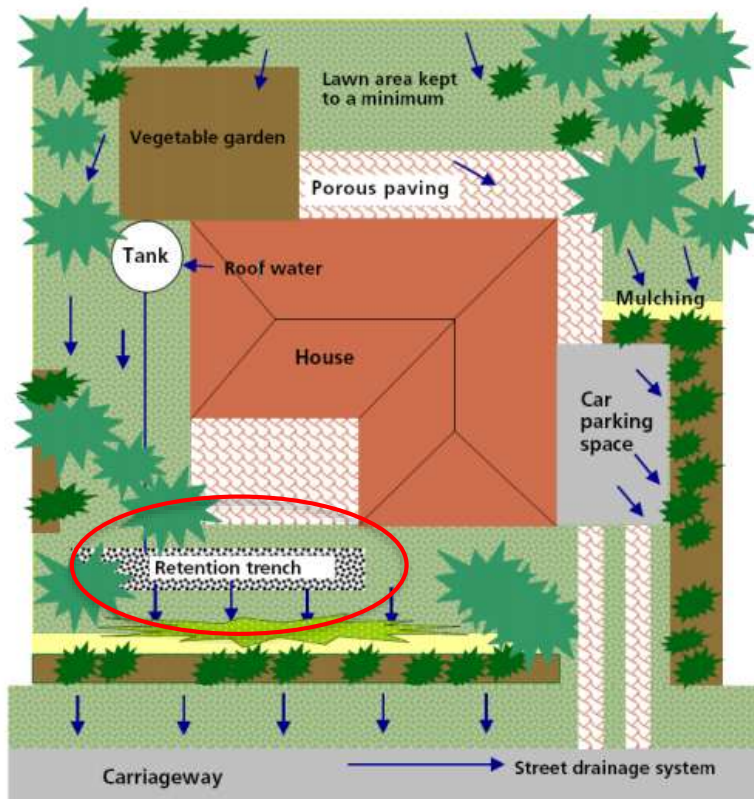
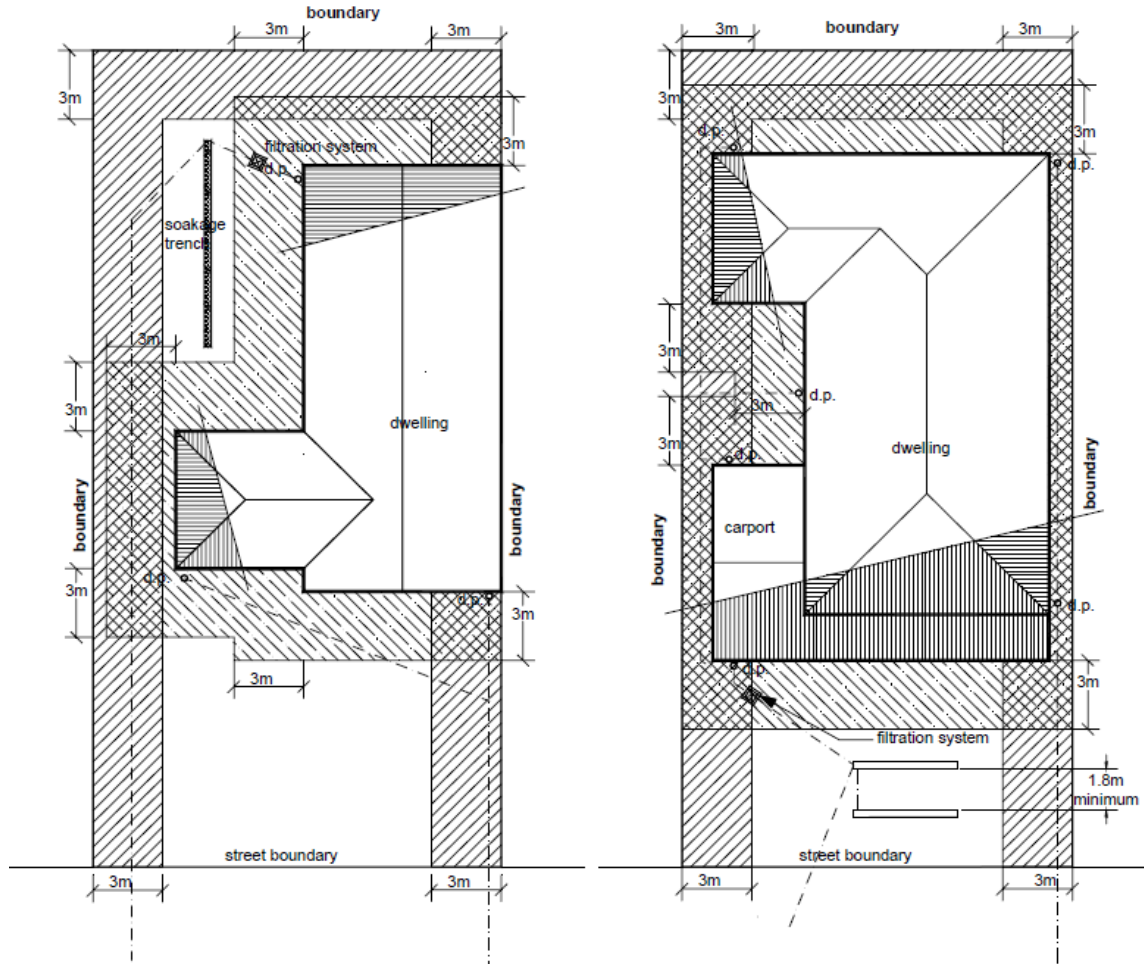


Figure 2.1 Example of an Overall WSUD Strategy for a Typical Suburban Dwelling

Source: LHC CREMS (2002)

# Trench sizing & location



Must be 3 metres  
from any  
boundary or  
building footing

*Development Act 1993*  
Minister's Specification  
SA 78AA  
September 2003  
On-Site Retention of  
Stormwater

# Passive irrigation via infiltration



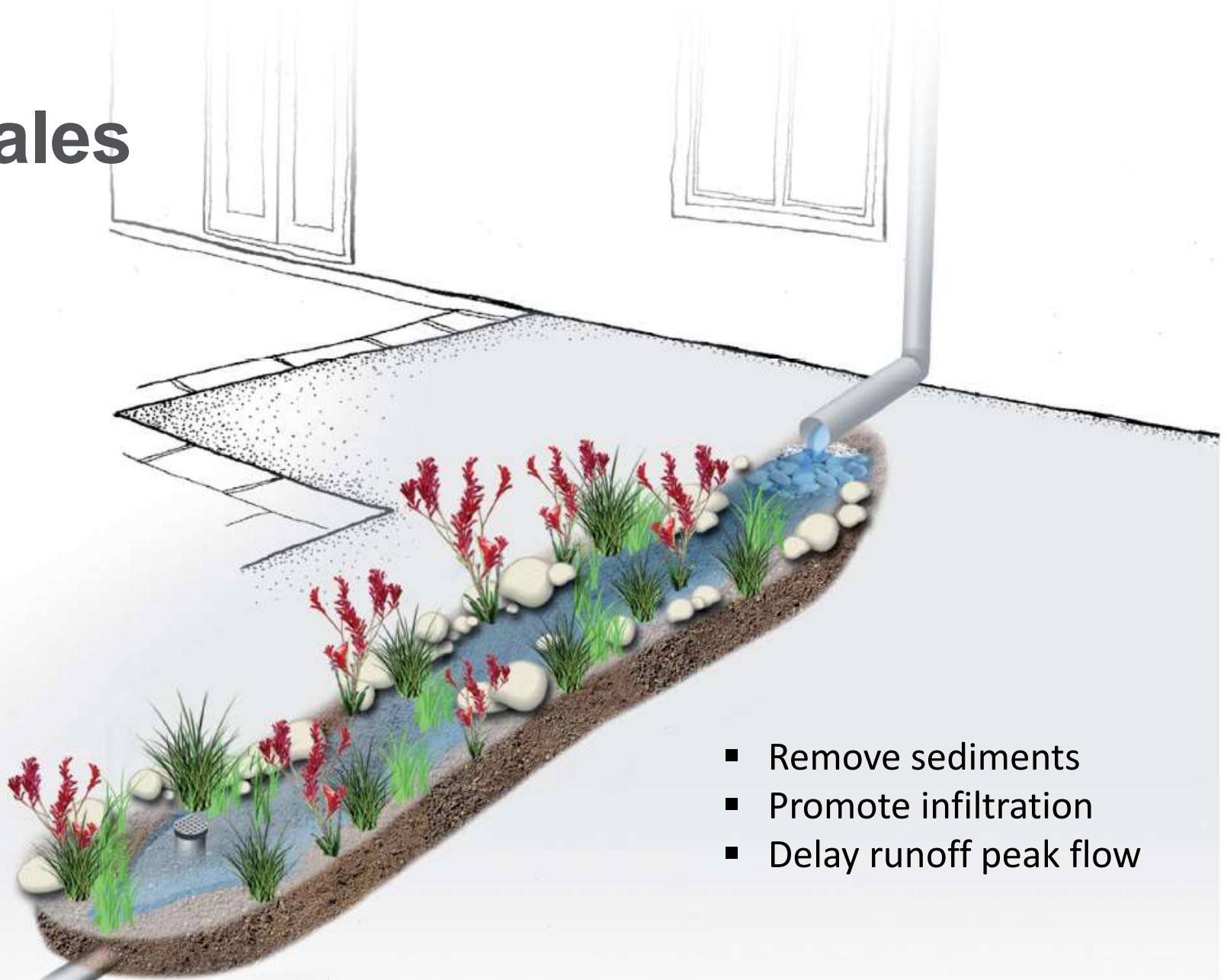
Source: City of Mitcham



# Vegetated Swales and buffer strips



# Swales



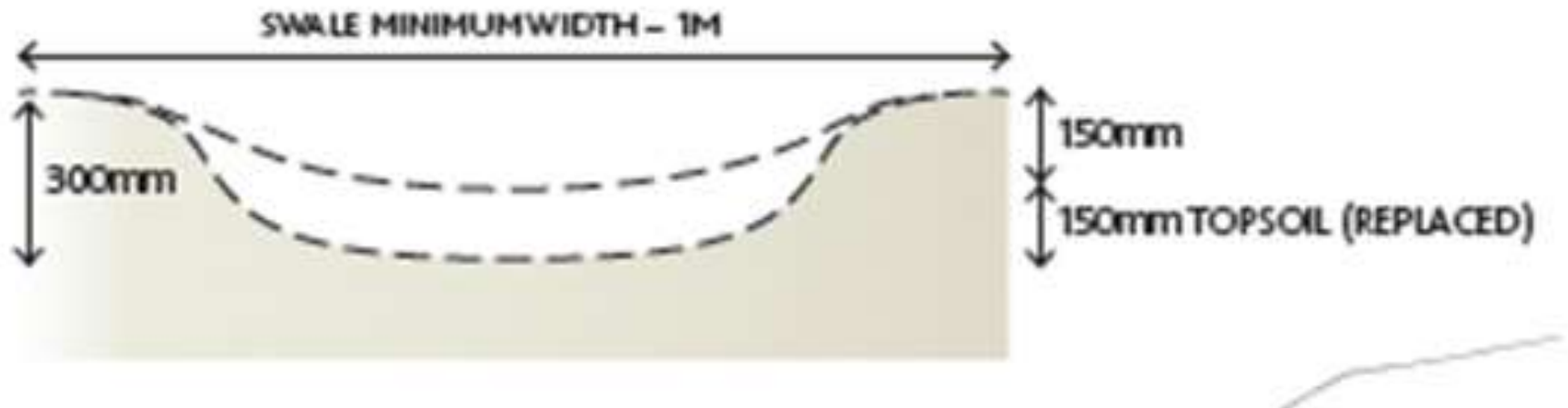
- Remove sediments
- Promote infiltration
- Delay runoff peak flow

Source: Melbourne Water

[www.watersensitivesa.com](http://www.watersensitivesa.com)

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# Swale



Unless the swale is discharging to an existing stormwater surface pit, an inground raingarden or infiltration raingarden, it will need to be fitted with an overflow pipe connected back into the stormwater system.

Source: Melbourne Water

# Maintenance



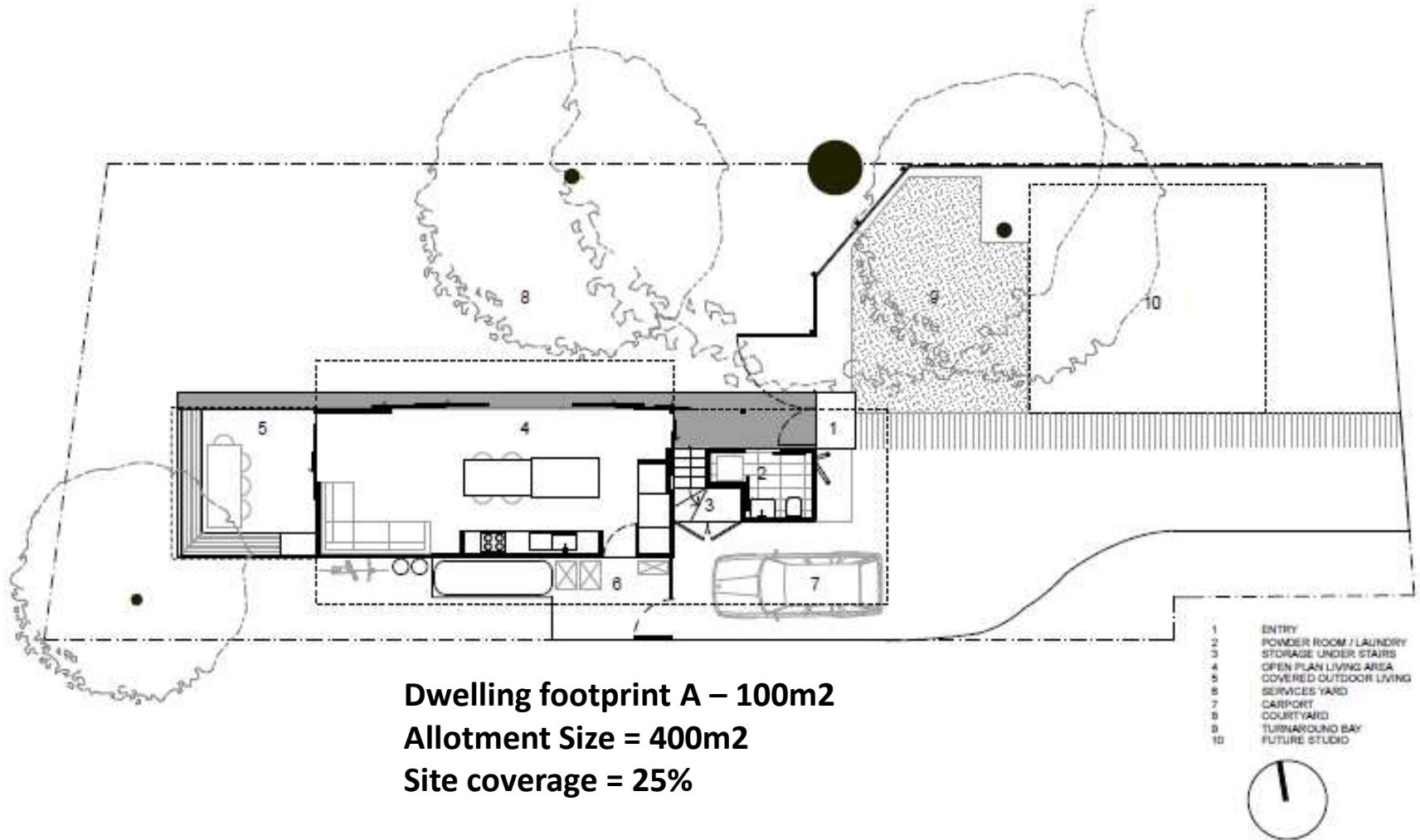
Source: [www.ldsearthstewardship.org](http://www.ldsearthstewardship.org)

Building a new house?

Consider going up rather than out.



# The 100m2 house



Source: Levesque & Derrick Architects, [lada.com.au](http://lada.com.au)



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5,000L rainwater  
tank for:

- Toilet flushing
- Laundry
- garden



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Consider alternative  
pavement options

# Only pave trafficable width



Source: [www.hdsustainablelandscapes.com](http://www.hdsustainablelandscapes.com)

# Only pave trafficable width



Source: [www.houzz.com](http://www.houzz.com)

# Green roofs



Source: [www.shedforce.com](http://www.shedforce.com)

Source: [www.staceroofing.co.uk](http://www.staceroofing.co.uk)



# Permeable pavements



Source: [www.marshalls.co.uk](http://www.marshalls.co.uk)

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Source: Modi Building Technology



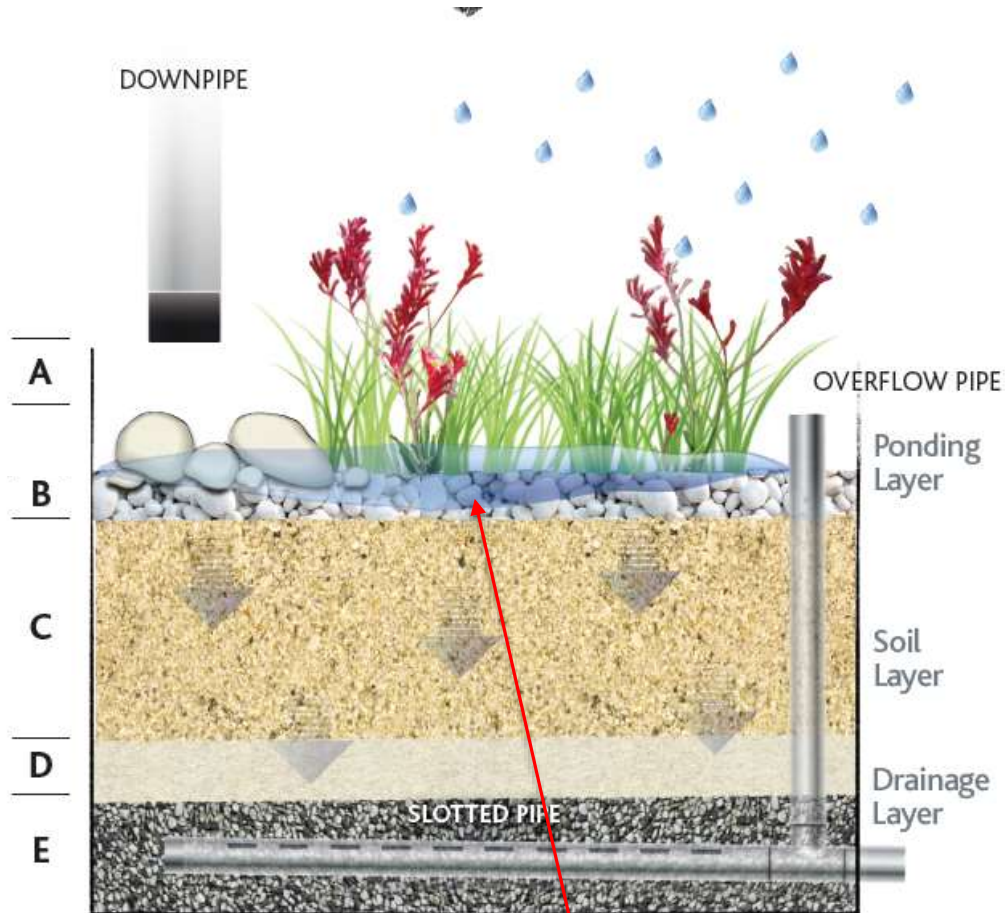
Source: Baden Myers

Build a raingarden





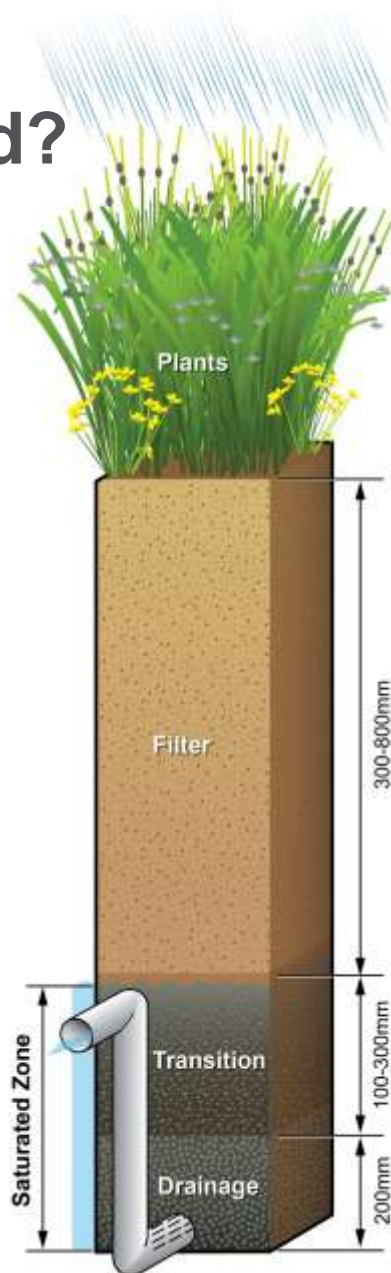




New guideline - No gravel around plants

Source: Adapted from Melbourne Water

# What do I need?



**Saturated zone =  
transition + drainage  
layers must be lined with  
HDPE liner**

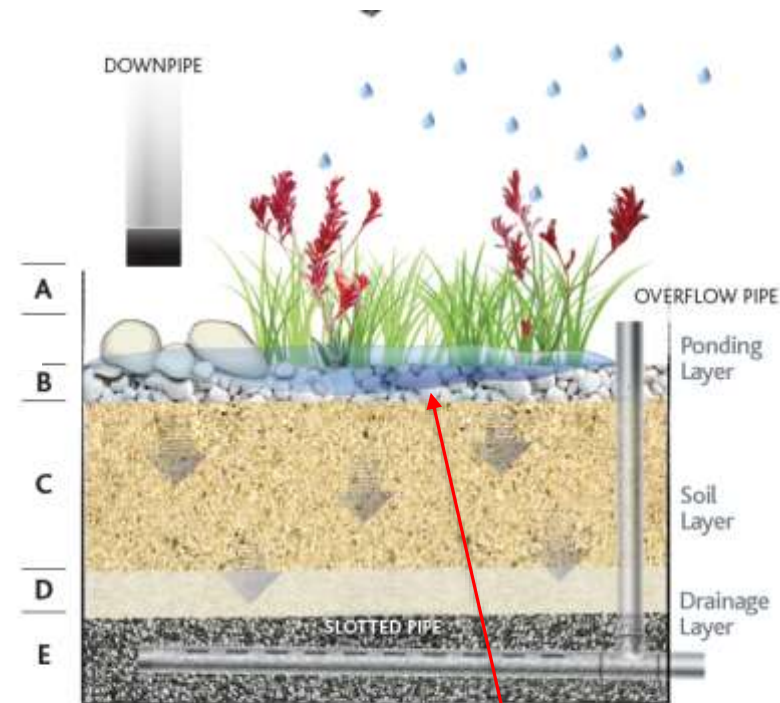
**Plants** – See *Water Sensitive SA Guide to Raingarden plant selection and placement*

**Filter media** – Sandy loam - some clay (up to 3%) and organic matter (up to 5%) to retain moisture between rainfall events

**Transition layer** – washed sand

**Drainage layer** – 7 – 9mm aggregate

# Above ground design



A 100mm to top of planter box  
B 50mm gravel mulch  
C 400mm mixed white washed sand & topsoil

D 100mm white washed sand  
E 200mm gravel screenings

New guideline - No gravel around plants

- A 100 mm to top of planter box
- B 100 mm (min) to top of overflow pipe
- C 400 mm (min) sandy loam
- D 100 mm white washed sand
- E 200mm (min) of 20 mm gravel + 50 mm of 7 mm screenings

Source: Adapted from Melbourne Water

# Shopping List































# How to construct a raingarden



## Tips

1. If your raingarden is greater than 4m wide install two slotted drainage pipes (evenly spaced) and two overflow pipes

















# How to size your raingarden

Area of run-off (m <sup>2</sup> )	Area of raingarden (approx.) (m <sup>2</sup> )
50	1
100	2
150	3
200	4
250	5
300	6
350	7
400	8
450	9

