

Added benefit: recharges the groundwater

Figure 5.28a



(b)

Green parking lots

Reduce the percentage and speed of runoff





30% Evapotranspiration

55%

Runoff

Urban Drainage System Paved surfaces prevent water from soaking into the soil, increasing runoff Green parking lots

Different designs





Rain gardens

http://www.raingardeninitiative.org/raingardens.html

http://www.utoledo.edu/commissions/river/

Rain gardens mimic natural conditions by:

Slowing runoff near sources Maintaining natural hydrology Absorbing rainfall Filtering pollutants Providing habitat



Basic raingarden design



Avoiding floods: Site selection









EXPLANATIONS		
++++++	Railroad	
	Levee	
	Bridge	
+	Approximate path of 1992 floodwaters	
RV	Recreational Vehicle Park Dashed (prior to completion)	
VR	Ventura River	
DC	Distributary channel	



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Floodplain maps and zoning



Account for changes in the watershed

Figure 5.37



Sometimes historical records may not be accurate predictors of flood hazard



Good choices for construction

Ten-Mile Creek running through Sylvania





Engineered waterways & stream function



Stream restoration

A'

B'

C'

D







Unassisted restoration





	Natural stream	Channelized stream
Channel conditions	Suitable water temperatures: adequate shading; good cover for fish life; minimal temperature variation; abundant leaf material input.	Increased water temperatures: no shading; no cover for fish life; rapid daily and seasonal temperature fluctuations; reduced leaf material input.
Pool-riffle sequences	Riffle: coarse gravel Sorted gravels provide diversified habitats for many stream organisms.	Mostly riffle Unsorted gravels; reduction in habitats; few organisms.

