SLOW THE FLOW: RE-IMAGINING BLUE-GREEN STREET REVIVAL

The Urban Town Gown District is identified in the University of Illinois Campus Landscape Master Plan as a priority for future sustainable landscape and green infrastructure improvements. Located at the intersection of campus and the City of Champaign, this district serves as a bridge between the university and the broader community. It is characterized by extensive impervious surfaces that contribute to high stormwater runoff volumes that pose challenges to the existing stormwater infrastructure.

Slow the Flow is a vision for re-imagining these spaces by introducing nature-based, sitespecific adaptations to capture water at its "source" and reduce runoff speed and volume. It addresses high pollutant loads by reducing impervious surface and retaining runoff in bioretention features. The project provides a vision for enhanced functionality and aesthetics, while improving access and opportunities for community gatherings.

Site Context



Design Strategies and Opportunities







Proposed Site Plan





49,235 sq ft







-Permeable Joint Opening Aggregate

Permeable Paver Detail

-Permeable Setting Bed Aggregate

Porous Asphalt Detail







