

Green Stormwater Infrastructure for Vacant Lands



As part of the City of Philadelphia's *Green City, Clean Waters* plan, the Philadelphia Water Department is seeking opportunities to manage stormwater on vacant land utilizing green stormwater infrastructure.

40,000
VACANT LOTS
10,000
CITY-OWNED

Green Stormwater Infrastructure Can:

- Reduce the city's cost burden of maintaining otherwise vacant lots
- Mitigate the negative effects of vacant and abandoned properties
- Create opportunities for partner agencies to implement projects

The Vacant Land Green Stormwater Infrastructure Initiative Will:

- Partner with City agencies, City Council and community organizations to identify vacant lands appropriate for green infrastructure and gain community input on vacant land projects
- Incorporate green stormwater infrastructure into new and existing green spaces on vacant lands, such as community gardens and parks
- Focus on low-value vacant lands that are not desirable for development or other community uses
- Prioritize vacant lands that maximize capture of stormwater runoff

