

HILLTOP “SENDING” PROPERTIES

major contributors to run off
on site source control
private property

Most properties in this area have significant amounts of paving, in a variety of conditions. While detaining some portion of the water at the top of the system would delay stress on the lower part of the system, detaining a significant amount of the water removes a significant portion from the outfall Technologies include above ground/below ground detention, on site networked or non-networked systems There is a low quality of place and many of the properties are low value. Improvements can strengthen sense of place. Not many people will experience the improvements directly. Downstream will experience improvements indirectly.

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BELOW UpstreamPgh leads a canvassing effort, in partnership with Neighborhood Leaders, to gain feedback on the issues and opportunities around stormwater management across the community. (UpstreamPgh)

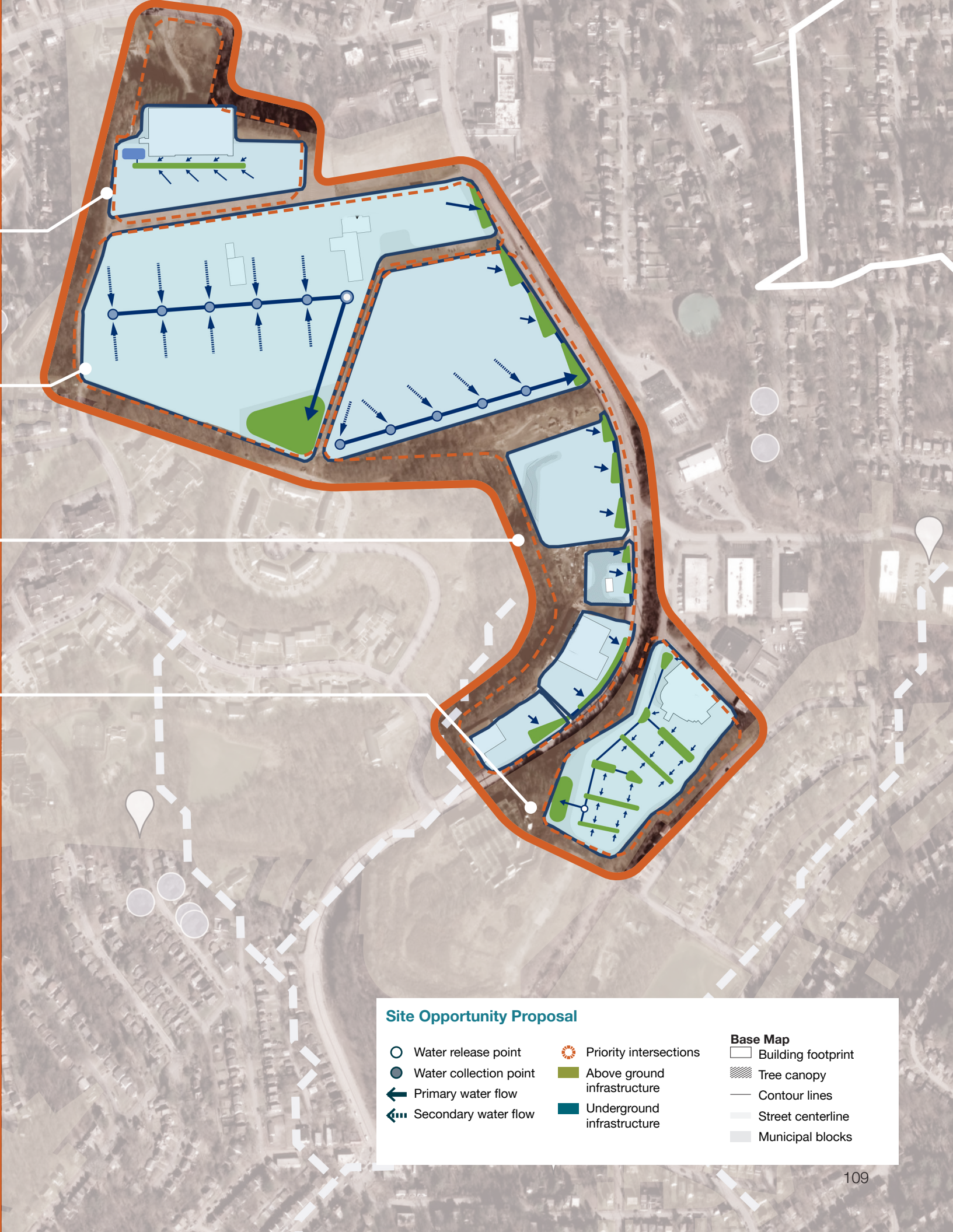


Petra Ministries
Parking Lot

U-Pull Car Storage
Site

Robinson Boulevard
Properties

Covenant Church
Parking Lot



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Select Community Feedback

The strategic goal for these sites is to “shave the hydrograph” by capturing, slowing, and storing stormwater runoff using approaches like bio-swales, green infrastructure, and below-grade storage. Specific sites identified include Petra Ministries, U-Pull, Robinson Boulevard parcels, and Covenant Church. The proposed strategies aim to hold water on-site to reduce peak flow and include greening improvements like planting trees.

Implementation Factors include using incentives to encourage participation from private owners and acknowledging that while the direct public benefit is limited compared to public parks, managing water at these headwater locations is critical for reducing overall watershed impact. The projects are viewed as complex, with a long-term (10-20 year) timeline possibly required for engagement or new regulations. Site constraints, such as the immobile vehicles at the U-Pull site, also pose challenges.



TOP LEFT Aerial photo Visual of U-Pull Site (UpstreamPgh)
TOP RIGHT Aerial photo Visual of U-Pull Site facing Southeast (UpstreamPgh)
BOTTOM Aerial photo Visual of Petra Site (UpstreamPgh)



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Petra Ministries Parking Lot

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support, advocate, partner, watchdog

Time Frame
short term

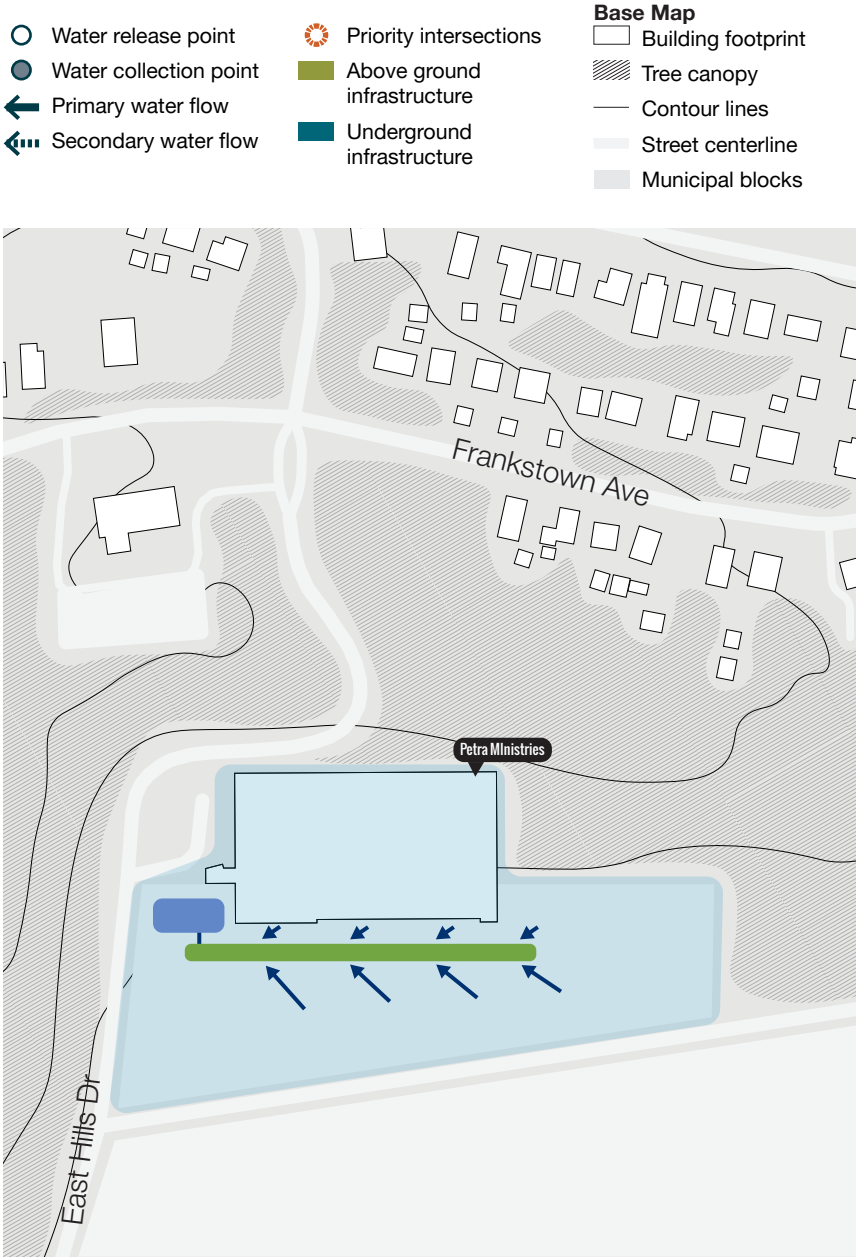
Location
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GSI Strategy
Private parcel GSI, Vacant Lot GSI

Potential Partners
Residents and the general community, City of Pittsburgh, PGH20, ALCOSAN, Petra Miniseries, East Hills Consensus Group, Penn Hills

Further Investigation
Water modeling (eventually)

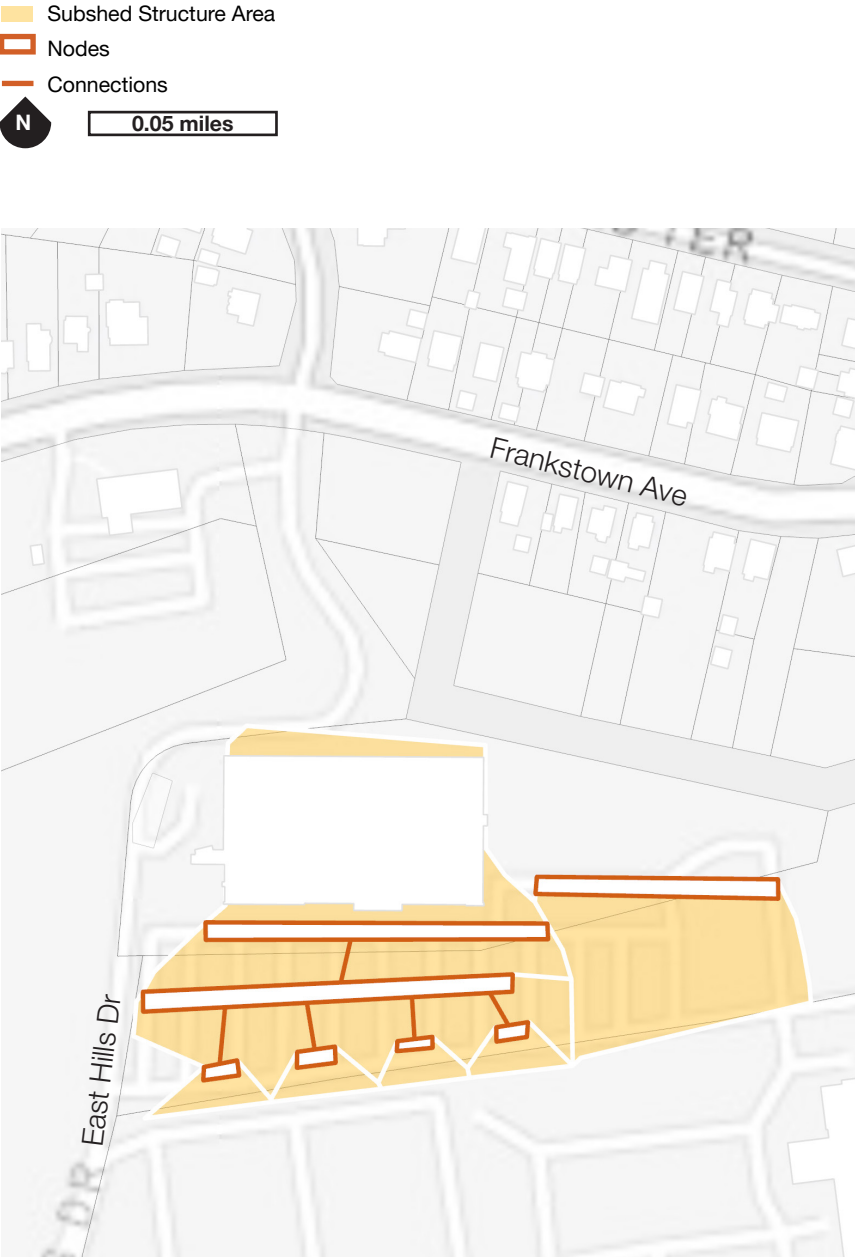
Site Opportunity Proposal



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Subshed Structures



Environmental Justice Considerations

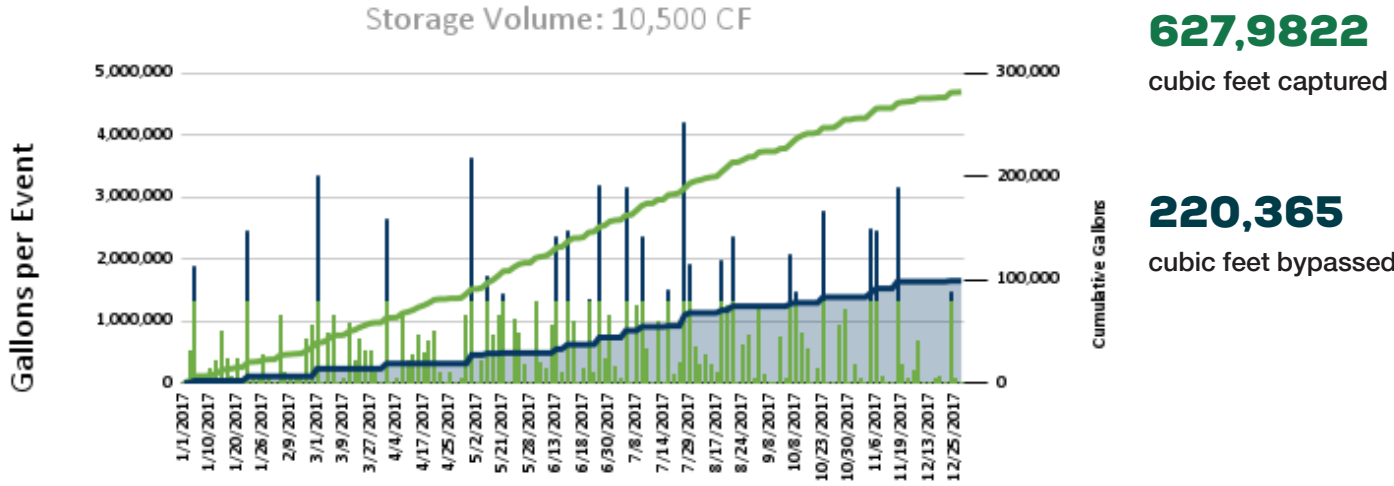
within a 5-minute walk of this project

47.1%	34
% Employed	# of Residents
30%	0%
% Renters	% of Area Historically Redlined
\$52,500	30%
Median Income	Cost Burdened

Water Capture Opportunities

within a 5-minute walk of this project

2	0
Vacant lots	Parks & open space
128,131	0
Impervious area (sqft)	Parking lots
1,782	0
Streetscape (ft)	Parcels in Public Ownership



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U-Pull Car Storage Site

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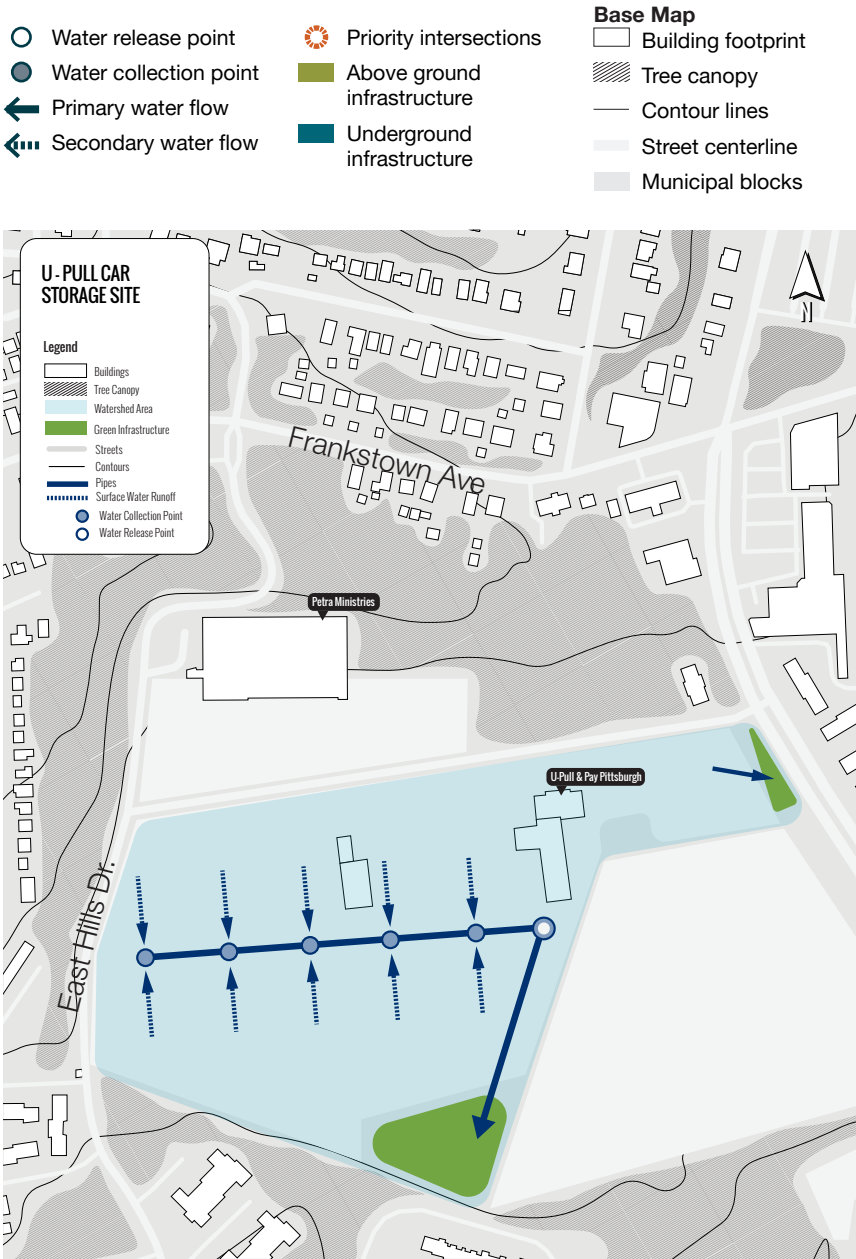
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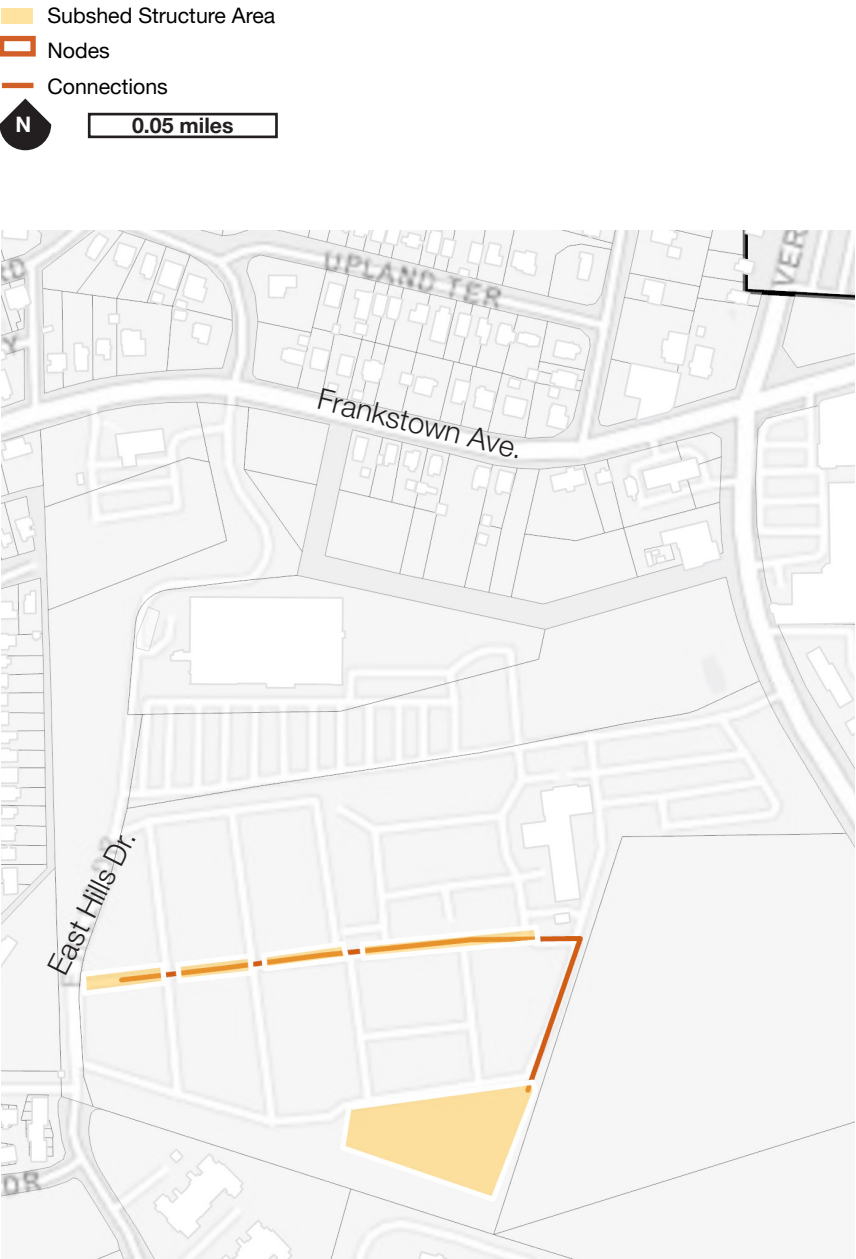
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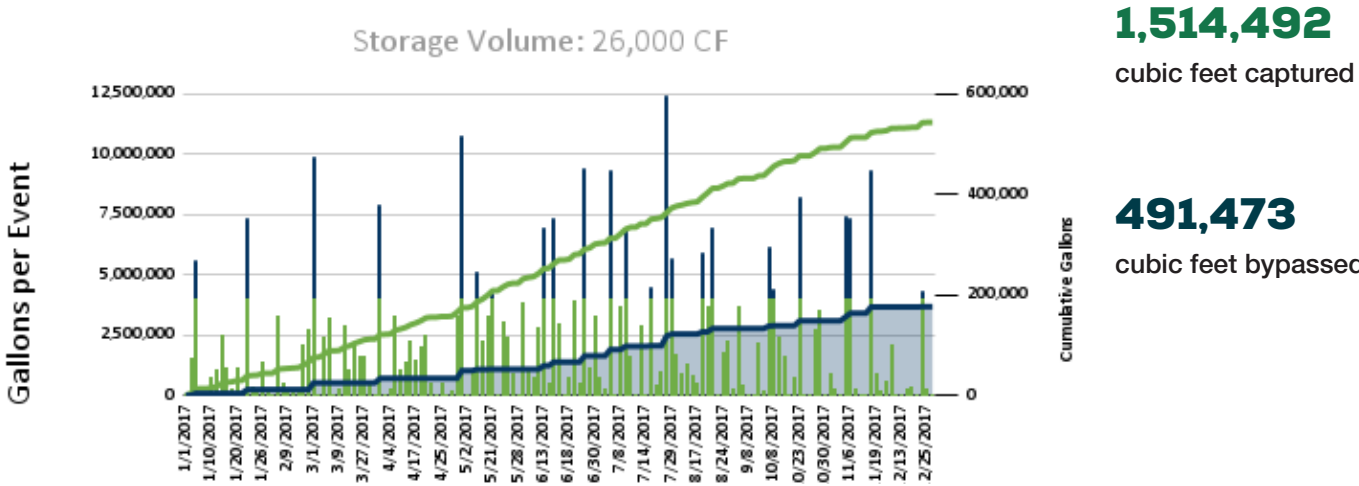
Environmental Justice Considerations	
within a 5-minute walk of this project	
Null % Employed	Null # of Residents
Null % Renters	0% % of Area Historically Redlined
Null Median Income	Null Cost Burdened

Null outcomes stem from data scarcity or the complete absence of information on the site.

Water Capture Opportunities

within a 5-minute walk of this project

2 Vacant lots	0 Parks & open space
12,131 Impervious area (sqft)	0 Parking lots
1,782 Streetscape (ft)	0 Parcels in Public Ownership



1,514,492
cubic feet captured

491,473
cubic feet bypassed

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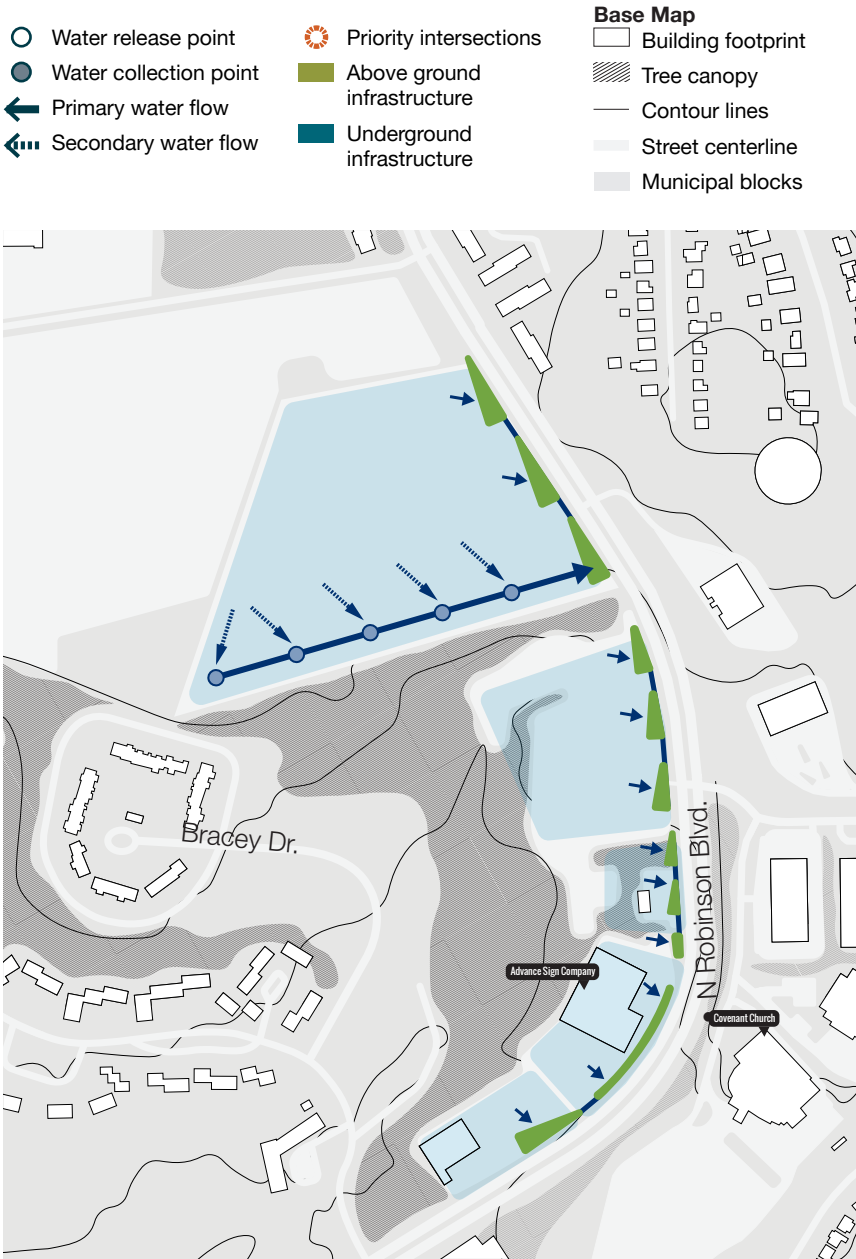
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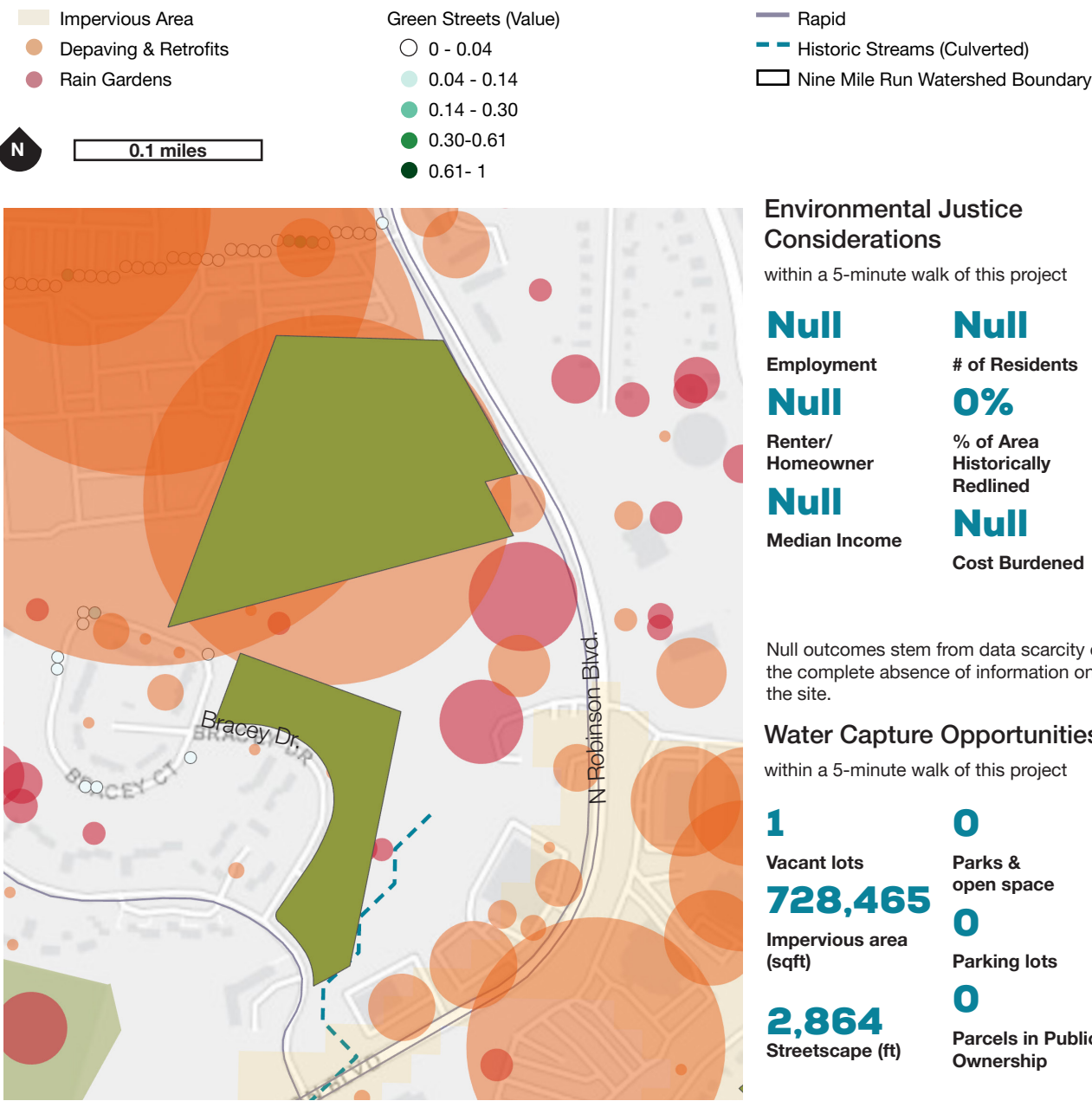
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Robinson Boulevard Properties

- Parking lots for current businesses and vacant lots have similar opportunities for drainage along road
- Bioswales are limited in effectiveness but would create a buffer
- Below grade storage would add significant capacity
- Networking between properties to a centralized facility might enable the most storage

Computational Map



FAR LEFT Aerial photo Photo facing Bracy Drive (UpstreamPgh)
LEFT Aerial photo facing Robinson Boulevard (UpstreamPgh)

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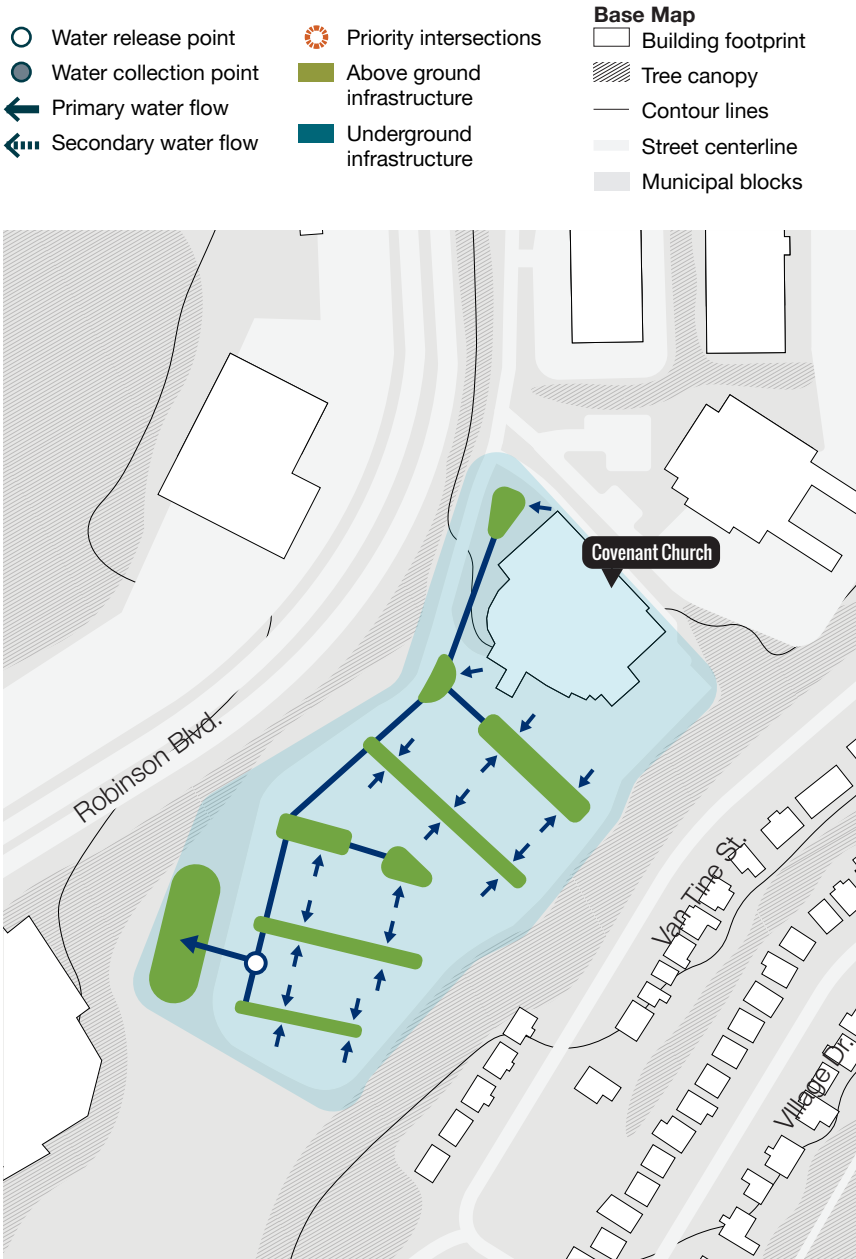
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- Bioswales could be networked bioswales or non-networked.
- Striping will have to be redesigned. May result in a net loss of spaces.
- Above or below grade storage could be below grade or on adjacent site.

Subshed Structures



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Null	Null
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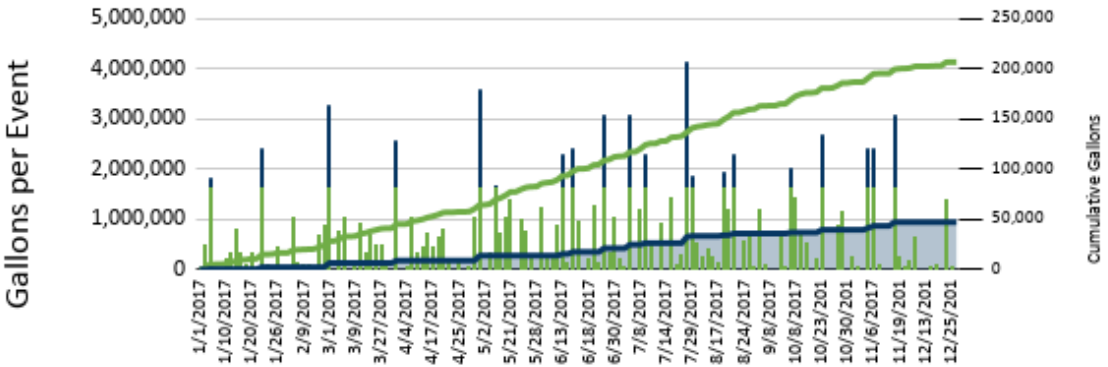
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Water Capture Opportunities

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0	0
Vacant lots	Parks & open space
4,078	0
Impervious area (sqft)	Parking lots
1000	0
Streetscape (ft)	Parcels in Public Ownership

Storage Volume: 10,900 CF



553,482
cubic feet captured

126,494
cubic feet bypassed