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# Phipps Conservatory Pittsburgh, PA Center for Sustainable Landscapes

One of Earth's Greenest Buildings!

- LEED Platinum
- Living Building Challenge Certified
- 4-Stars Sustainable Sites Initiative
- WELL Building Platinum





# Water Management Plan

- -capture all runoff from upper campus
- -store small amount in reuse tanks for graywater use in the building
- -filter stormwater through a decorative lagoon -overflow into underground storage tank -pump to upper campus for use in production greenhouse





## **Stormwater Lagoon**

- Captures water from the entire upper campus.
- Water is pumped through a constructed wetland which removes nutrients, pollutants, and heavy metals from the run off.
- System is designed to fluctuate with stormwater events.
- System will overflow to the Raintanks sending clean water to be stored for re-use.















# Stormwater Inlet

-large pipe conveys stormwater from upper campus

-cut out in wall allows surface flow from patio area to enter lagoon

-waterfall covers pipe from view



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## Re-use and Infiltration tank design

- 64,000 gallon re-use tank and 16,000 gallon infiltration tank
- Utilized Atlantis Rain Tank for strength, modular design, ease of install, recycled content, etc.
- Full traffic loading (system is directly under the driveway)
- Large overflow component
- Infiltration tank handles surface flow from driveway
  - Runoff is directed through rain gardens then into tank

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#### Over 2400 Raintanks had to be put together

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## Engineered overflow system

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## Upper Campus Tank

- A couple of hundred feet of elevation prevented directly pumping from lower tank to production greenhouse
- Decision was made to put a smaller (20,000 gallon) tank next to the production greenhouse
- A smaller pump could slowly fill that tank using less energy
- Space was a premium
- Creative layout was needed to optimize storage capacity

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# Laying it out

-Raintanks allowed for the greatest storage capacity in the irregular layout

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# Questions???

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