



# What is True Green Infrastructure?

The term 'green infrastructure' has taken on a limited meaning: to manage stormwater. While this is a worthy objective, we believe green infrastructure is so much more. Biohabitats defines green infrastructure as...

"...strategically planned and managed networks of natural lands, working landscapes and other green spaces--at many scales--that conserve ecosystem functions, restore ecosystem processes and regenerate healthy, robust and resilient communities."

#### AN EFFICIENT WAY TO CREATE HEALTHIER, MORE DESIRABLE COMMUNITIES.

When viewed and treated as a living system, green infrastructure delivers much more than you ask of it. Yes, it will improve water quality. And yes, it will help you meet regulatory requirements. But in the process, it will create communities that are not only more desirable, but more resilient to climate change and other pressures. And it'll do it in a way that is lasting and relatively easy to maintain.

## A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO CONSERVATION.

Just as we need smart growth to strategically influence patterns of land development, we need "smart conservation" to strategically direct conservation practices. Green infrastructure provides a solution that ensures environmental protection and a higher quality of life as well as regulatory predictability for landowners and investors.

#### ROBUST, YET COMPLEX.

The power of living systems is matched by their complexity. Biohabitats has studied and worked with diverse ecosystems for more than 30 years, so we understand their intricacies. When applied to your project with a holistic approach to green infrastructure, this knowledge yields multiple, stacked benefits that contribute to the health and wellbeing of people and the broader, ecological community.

For more details about how to harness the power of living systems for your project, contact us.

### For example...

A community's green infrastructure strategy may consist of a network of connected green spaces that provide an attractive park, stormwater treatment, a natural playground for children, improved habitat for pollinators, carbon sequestration, a stopping point for migratory birds, and a whole host of other ecosystem services.