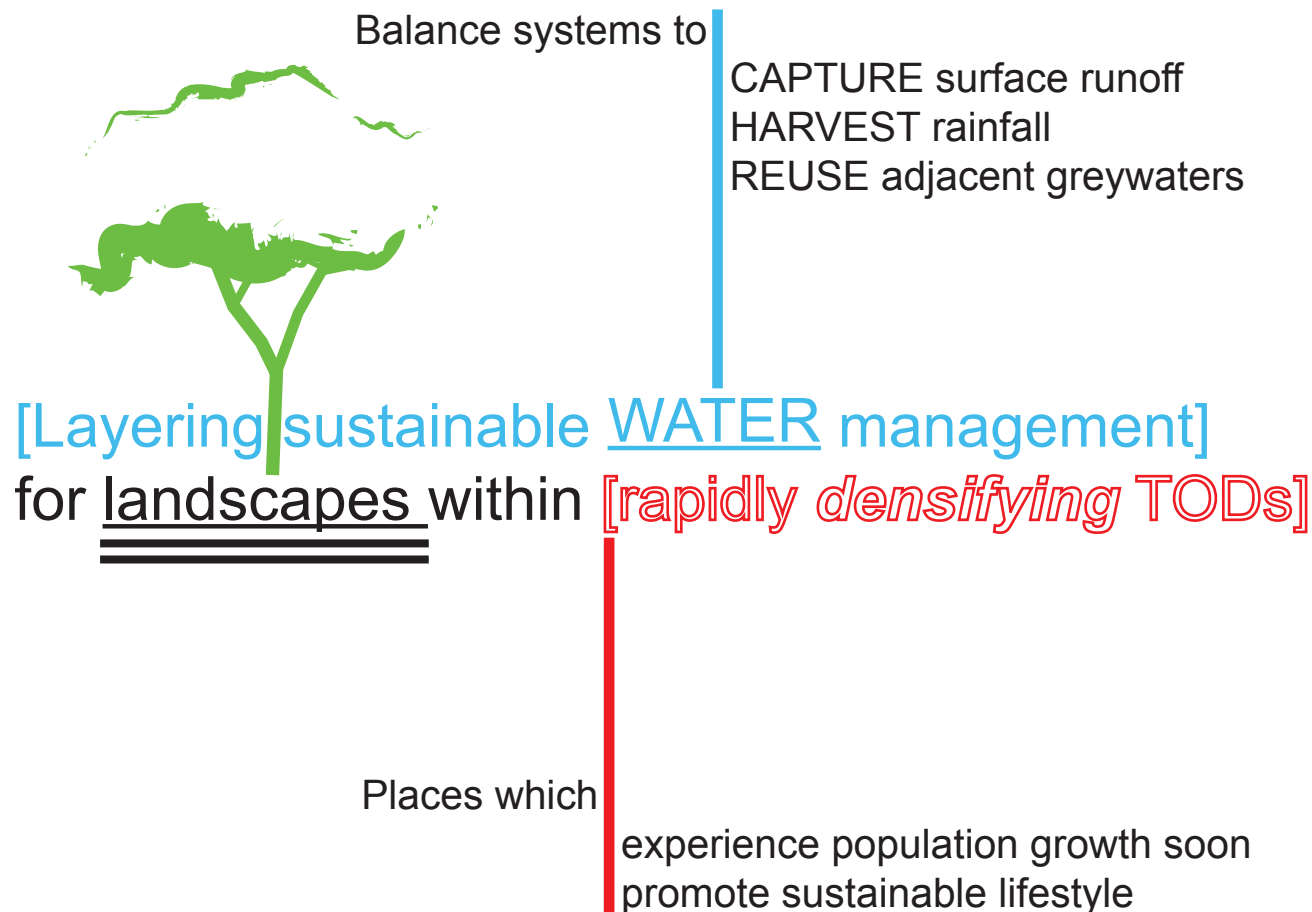


# TRANSITIONing the *WATERSHED*



Mary Villarreal  
LDE 593 Applied Project  
Spring 2015

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Context:

Water in arid urban environment

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Context:

Urban landscapes at risk

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Methodology:

Layering sustainable management

4

Proposal:

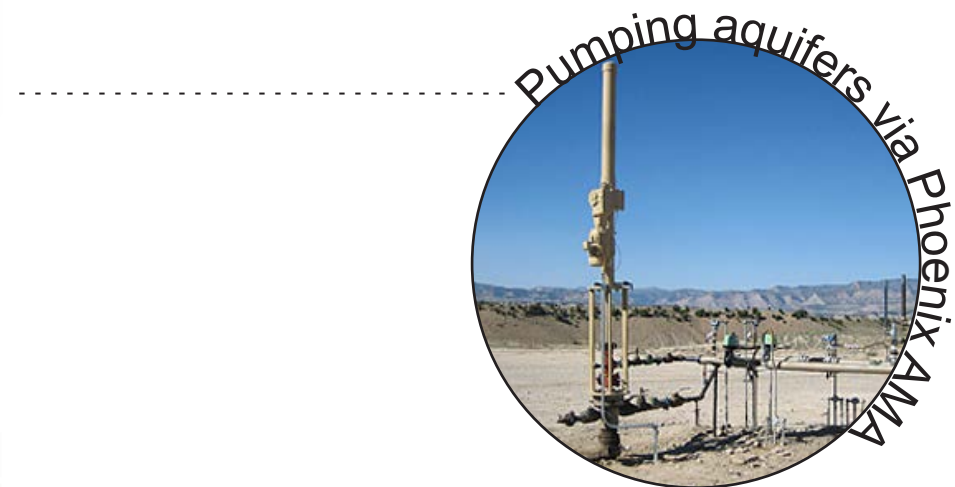
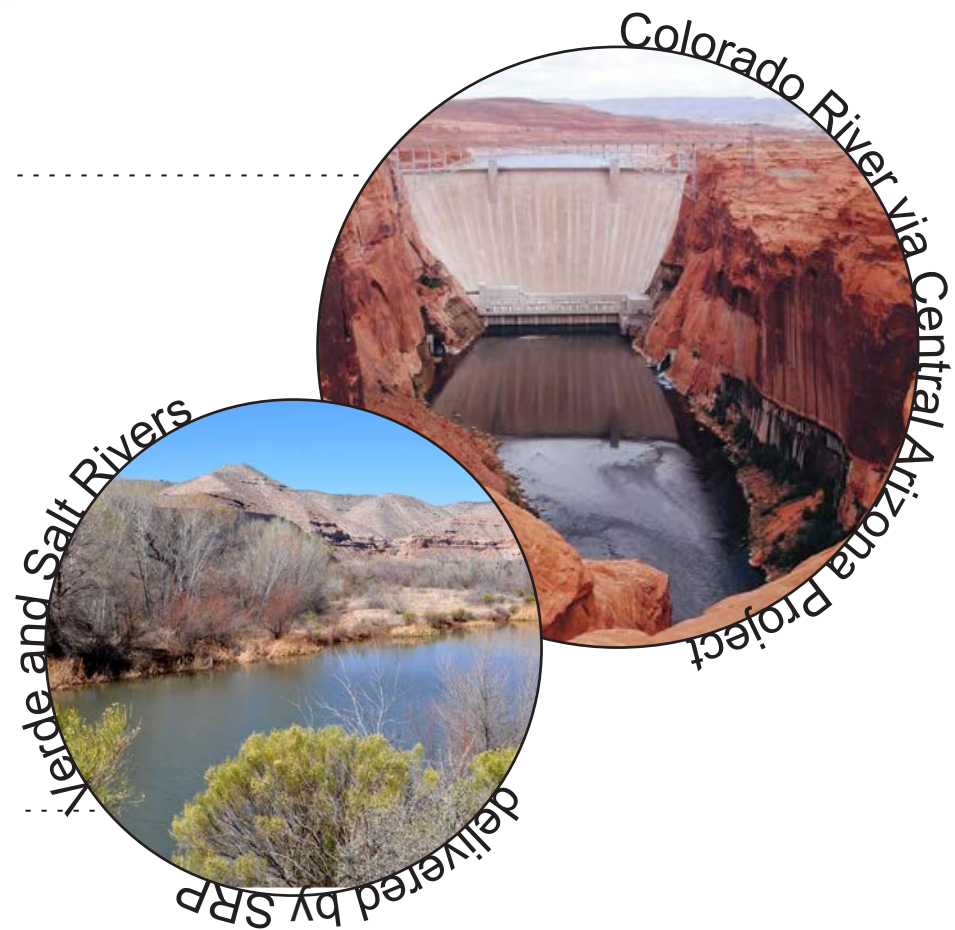
Watershed transit oriented district

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[Layering sustainable WATER management] <sup>3</sup>  
for landscapes within [rapidly *densifying* TODs]

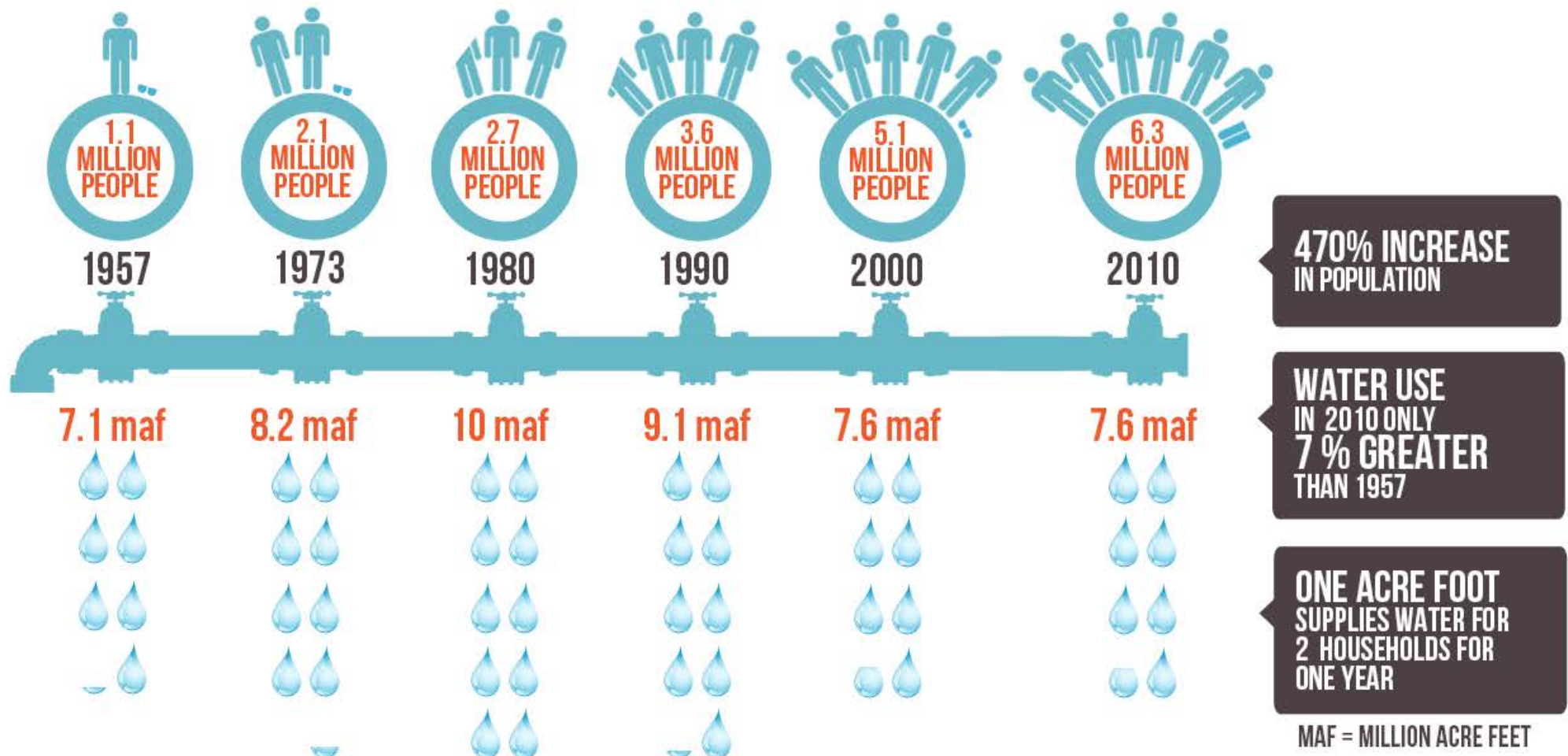
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# ARIZONA'S POPULATION, WATER USE AND GROSS DOMESTIC INCOME FROM 1957-2010

ARIZONA'S WATER USE IS **VIRTUALLY THE SAME TODAY** AS IT WAS MORE THAN A **HALF-CENTURY AGO**, DUE TO STRONG PLANNING, POLICY, CONSERVATION, AND INVESTMENT. **THE 1980 GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT** WAS A CRITICAL TURNING POINT.







*"Water is critical, but once it is provided - as it has to be or Phoenix could not exist - but once it is provided it does not bring and answer to what this city should become. It is a precondition to an answer. The politics of water, as all of you know, are essential, but they are not, in themselves, an answer. It only buys you entry into the next level of questions."* -Paul Goldberger





## No need to defer key decision on rooftop solar

From the political notebook:  
» The state utilities are rushing to the Arizona Corporation Commission with proposals to change what they pay or charge residential rooftop solar customers. The commission is pondering whether it is appropriate to consider these requests as standalone proposals or defer consideration of them until part of a full-blown rate case.

If the commission views the issue properly, there's no need or rationale to defer a decision until a rate case.

Viewed properly, the question isn't cost-shifts or the cost-avoidance benefits of solar — things competing experts would unproductively gum to death in a rate case.

The proper question is very narrow and doesn't need a full-blown rate case to answer: What should utilities pay for surplus rooftop power the commission requires them to purchase?

The current answer is the utility's retail price. Most of the utilities are saying this is too much, that they should

See ROBB, Page 7F

### Dark money examined

Robert Robb will moderate a Goldwater Institute debate on anonymous political speech: Is it protected by the First Amendment? Go online to [www.youtube.com/user/GoldwaterInstitute](http://www.youtube.com/user/GoldwaterInstitute) from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday to watch four legal experts debate the issue.

LINDA VALDEZ  
EDITORIAL WRITER



## Holding a baby bald eagle is a wow moment

Bald eagle Number 30X has yellow feet and sharp black talons that have never snatched a fish from the cool water of Lake Pleasant. Yet His wings have never carried him over the desert landscape. Yet. He's only about 6 weeks old.



Don't flinch from the truth. Wave it like a flag to get solutions



Listening to Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton's State of the City

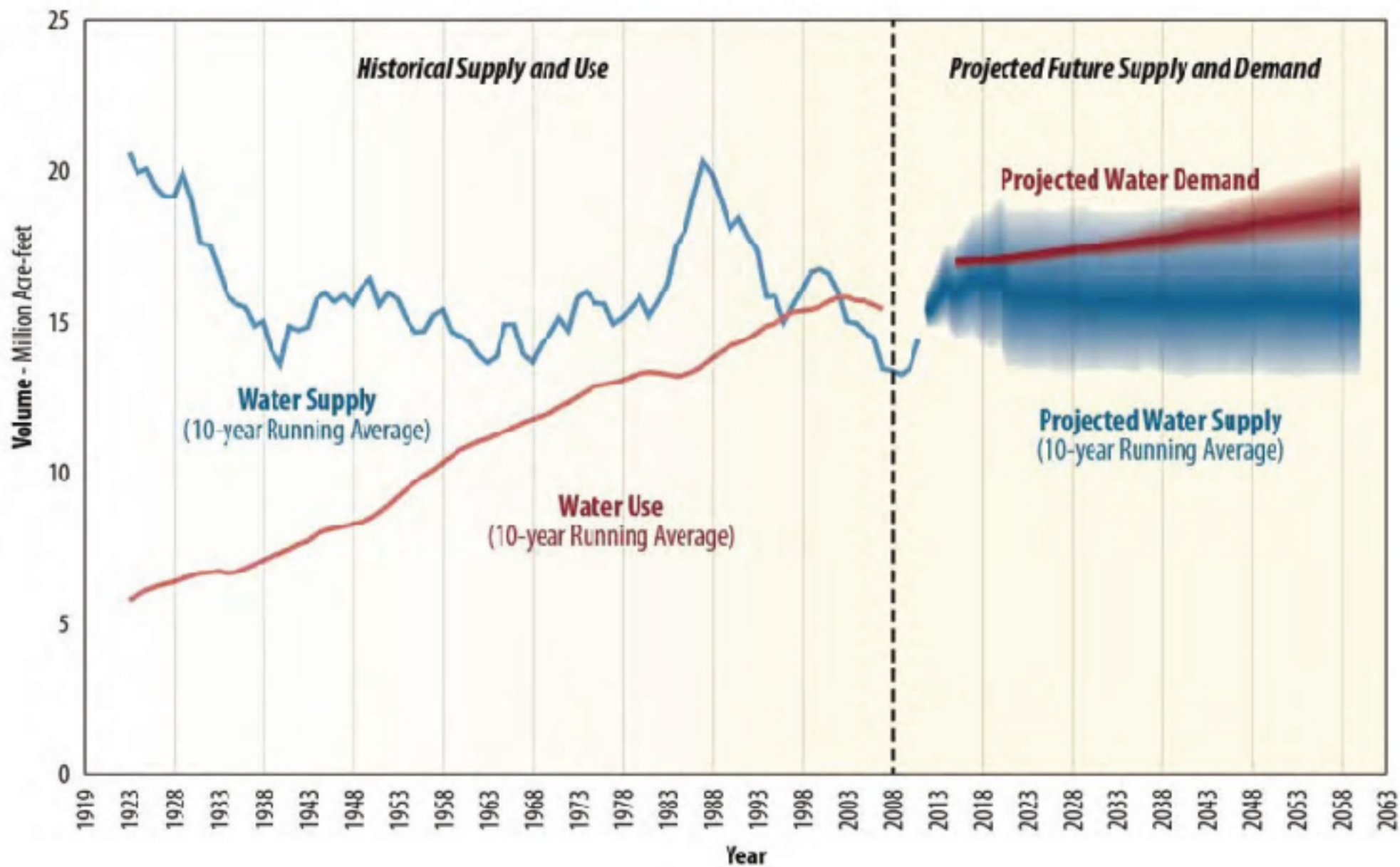
The Arizona Republic  
Sunday April 26, 2015

Section F, page 5....

Opinion article by Terry Goddard, about the challenge to politicians addressing and anticipating crisis before they happen.

# Colorado River Basin Water Supply and Demand Study

U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation





Urban landscapes particularly at risk

Reduced  
Productivity

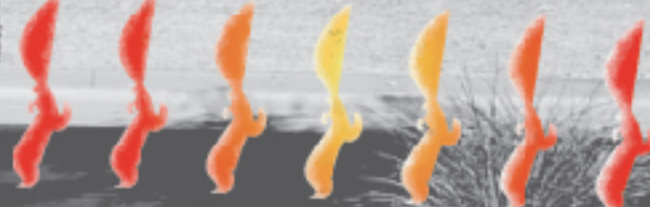
less precipitation



prolonged  
**DROUGHT**

**\$\$ HARDSHIP**  
decreases available water

increase **HEAT** index





## Aesthetic

- Improves Community Cohesion
- Increases Recreational Opportunity
- Improves Aesthetics
- Reinforces Sense of Place

## Ecologic

- Improves Water Quality
- Reduces Flooding
- Promotes Wildlife Habitat/Diversity
- Reduces Air Pollution
- Reduces Atmospheric CO<sup>2</sup>

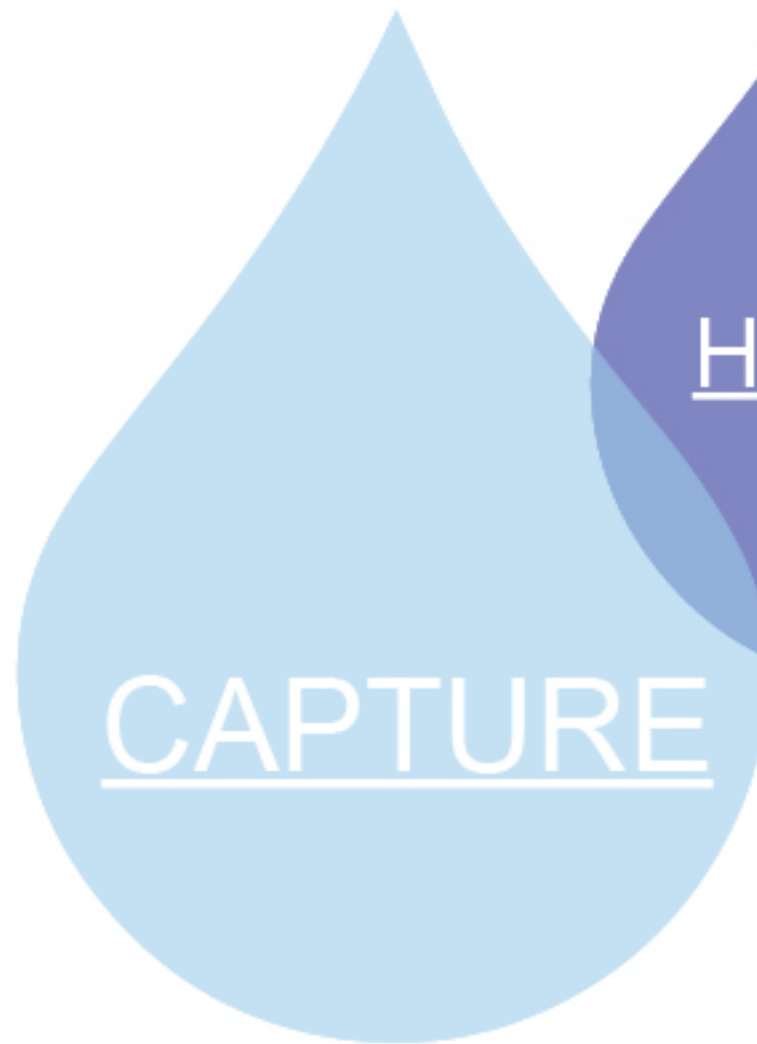
## Economic

- Promotes Foot Traffic
- Increases Property Prices
- Reduces Energy Use

## Cultural

- Provides shade and cooling
- Reduces Urban Heat Island
- Improves Mental Wellbeing
- Reduces Noise Pollution

Ecosystem services of urban trees compiled from  
(The Value of Green Infrastructure, Center for Neighborhood Technology, 2010)  
and (City of Melbourne, Urban Forest Strategy, 2012)



If we manage layered systems of water supply within arid urban environment, can we meet demand?



# CAPTURE surface runoff

**Capture:** The directional collection of rainfall into defined permeable regions for infiltration

Direct or contain surface runoff (often referred to as stormwater) in order to infiltrate rainfall into permeable land cover.

Many techniques capture and infiltrate stormwater.  
Green Infrastructure is often used to describe a network of decentralized stormwater management practices.



SW 12th Avenue Green Street Project  
Portland, Oregon  
Kevin Robert Perry, ASLA

Benefit	Reduces Stormwater Runoff				Increases Available Water Supply	Increases Groundwater Recharge	Reduces Salt Use	Reduces Energy Use	Improves Air Quality	Reduces Atmospheric CO <sub>2</sub>	Reduces Urban Heat Island	Improves Community Livability					Improves Habitat	Cultivates Public Education Opportunities
	Reduces Water Treatment Needs	Improves Water Quality	Reduces Grey Infrastructure Needs	Reduces Flooding								Improves Aesthetics	Increases Recreational Opportunity	Reduces Noise Pollution	Improves Community Cohesion	Urban Agriculture		
Practice																		
Green Roofs	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	○	○	●	●
Tree Planting	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	●
Bioretention & Infiltration	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●
Permeable Pavement	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
Water Harvesting	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●

Determinate Variables:

rain event data  
area in sq ft of infiltration  
permeability  
types of runoff surfaces  
% coefficient  
contaminates  
capacity  
maintenance of system  
landscape capacity



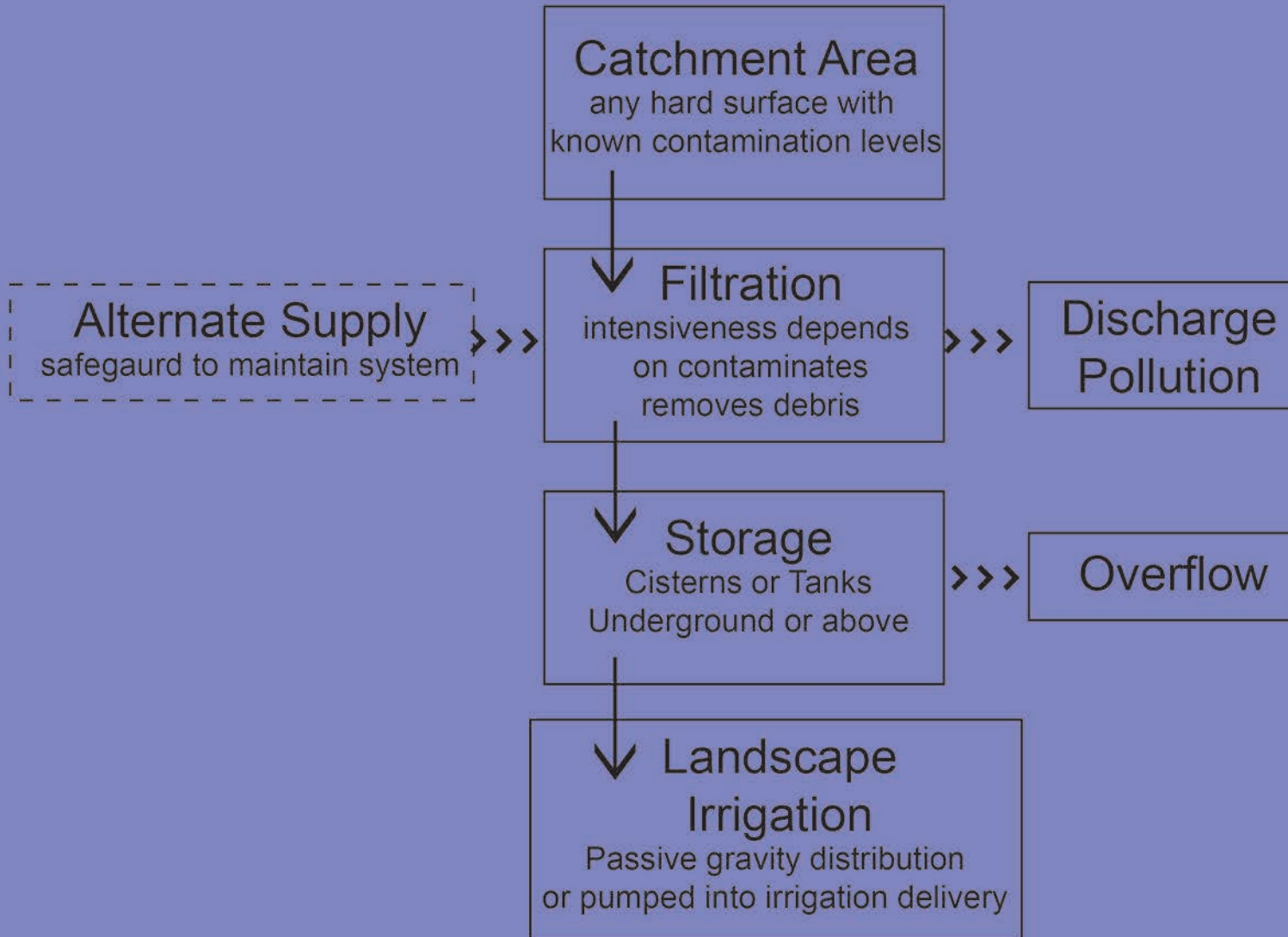
# HARVEST rainfall

Harvesting: “the collection of rain without an artificial inducement”

The intent is to “concentrate runoff and collect it in a basin or cistern to be stored for future use”  
-2012, Kinkade. Designing with Water



Underwood Family Sonoran  
Landscape Laboratory  
Tucson, Arizona  
TenEyck Landscape Architects Inc.



Determinate Variables:

- rain event data
- area in sq ft of catchment
- type of surface
  - % coefficient
  - contaminates
- storage capacity
- maintenance of system
- integration with irrigation

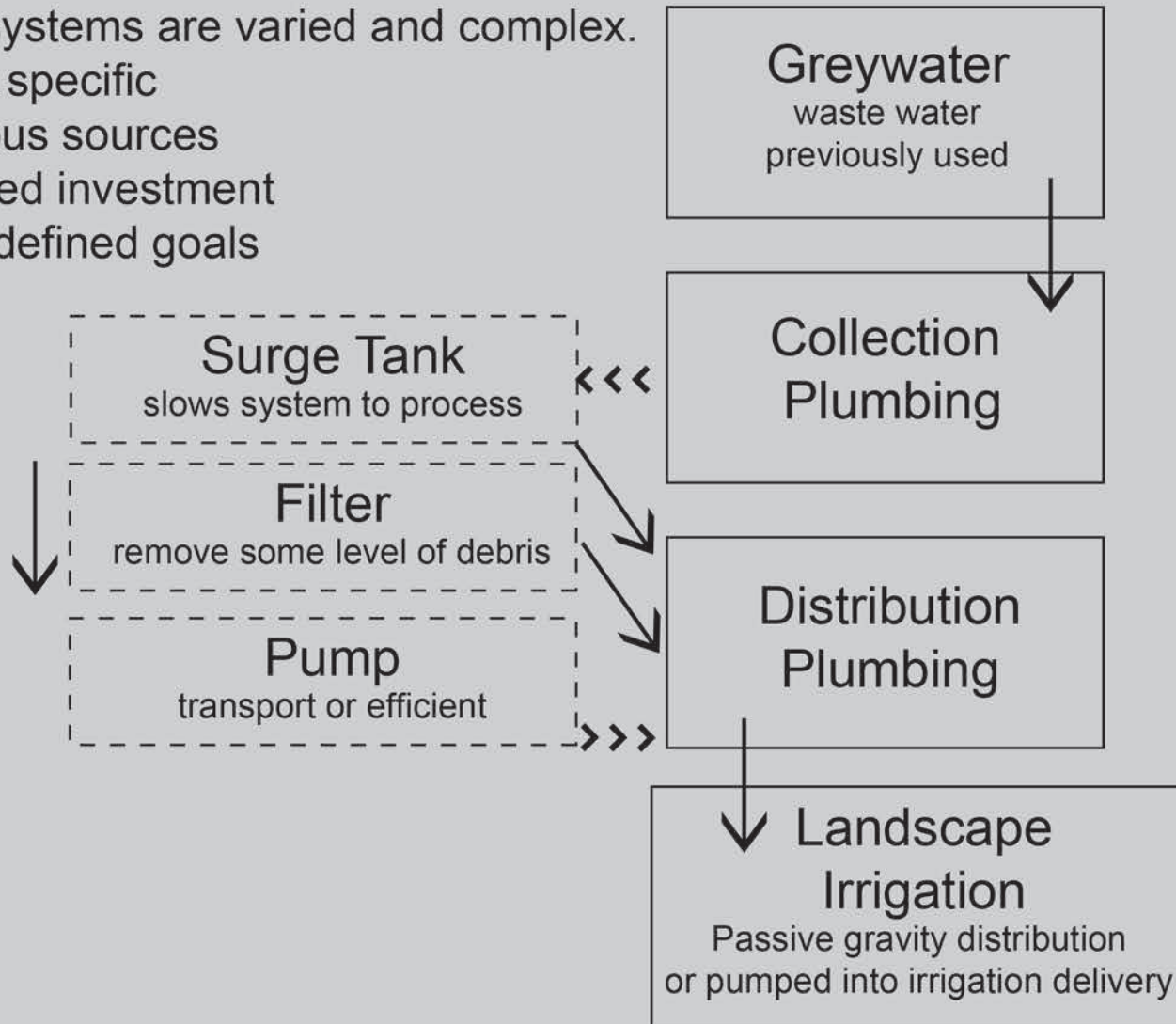


# REUSE adjacent greywaters

Reuse: recirculating previously used water within the site

Greywaters: waste waters of previous use with varying degrees of contamination excludes waste water contaminated by human waste (blackwater)

Greywater systems are varied and complex.  
context specific  
numerous sources  
increased investment  
clearly defined goals

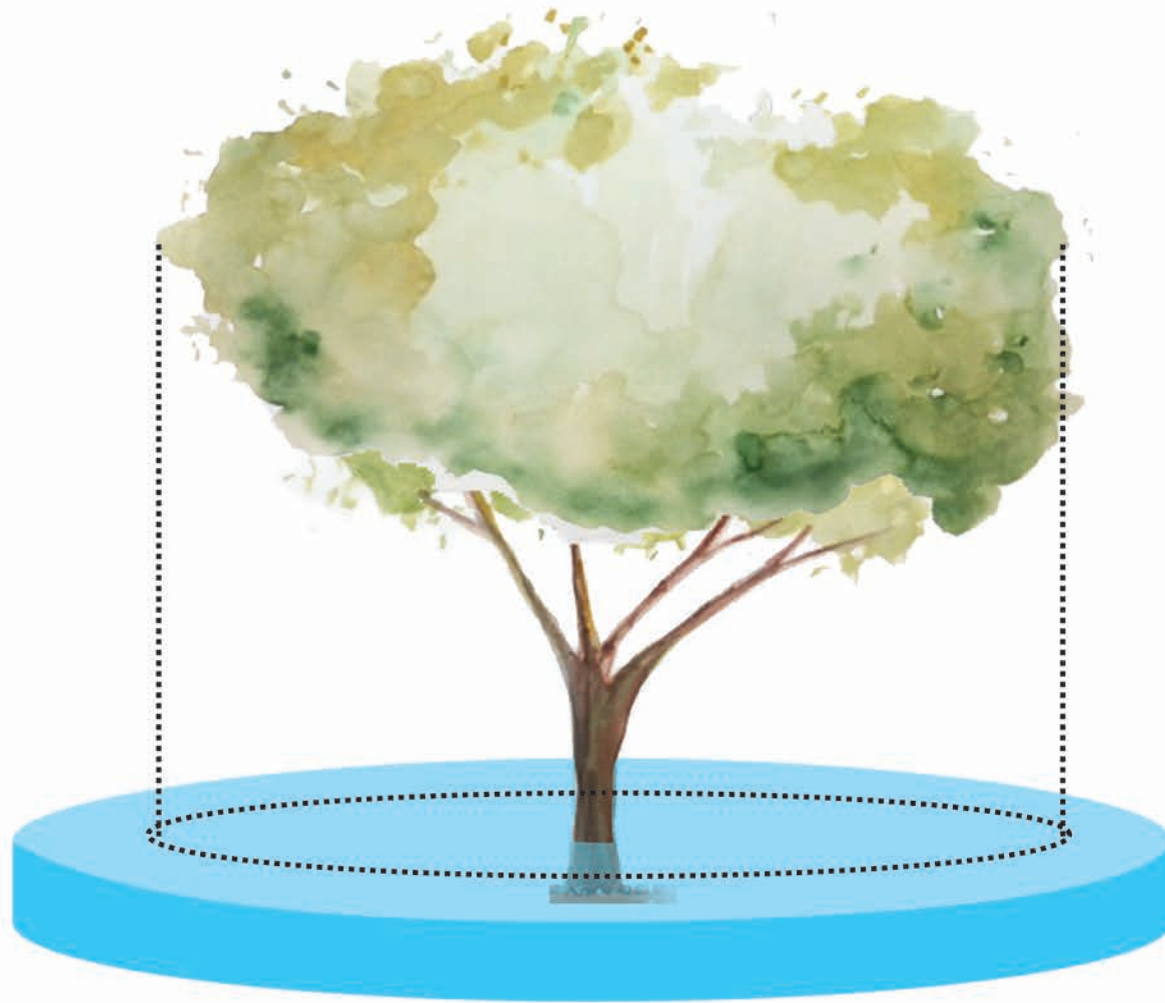


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## Determinate Variables:

source gallons collected  
Source specifics  
contaminants  
plumbing efficiency  
filter capability  
system  
components  
placement  
integration with irrigation

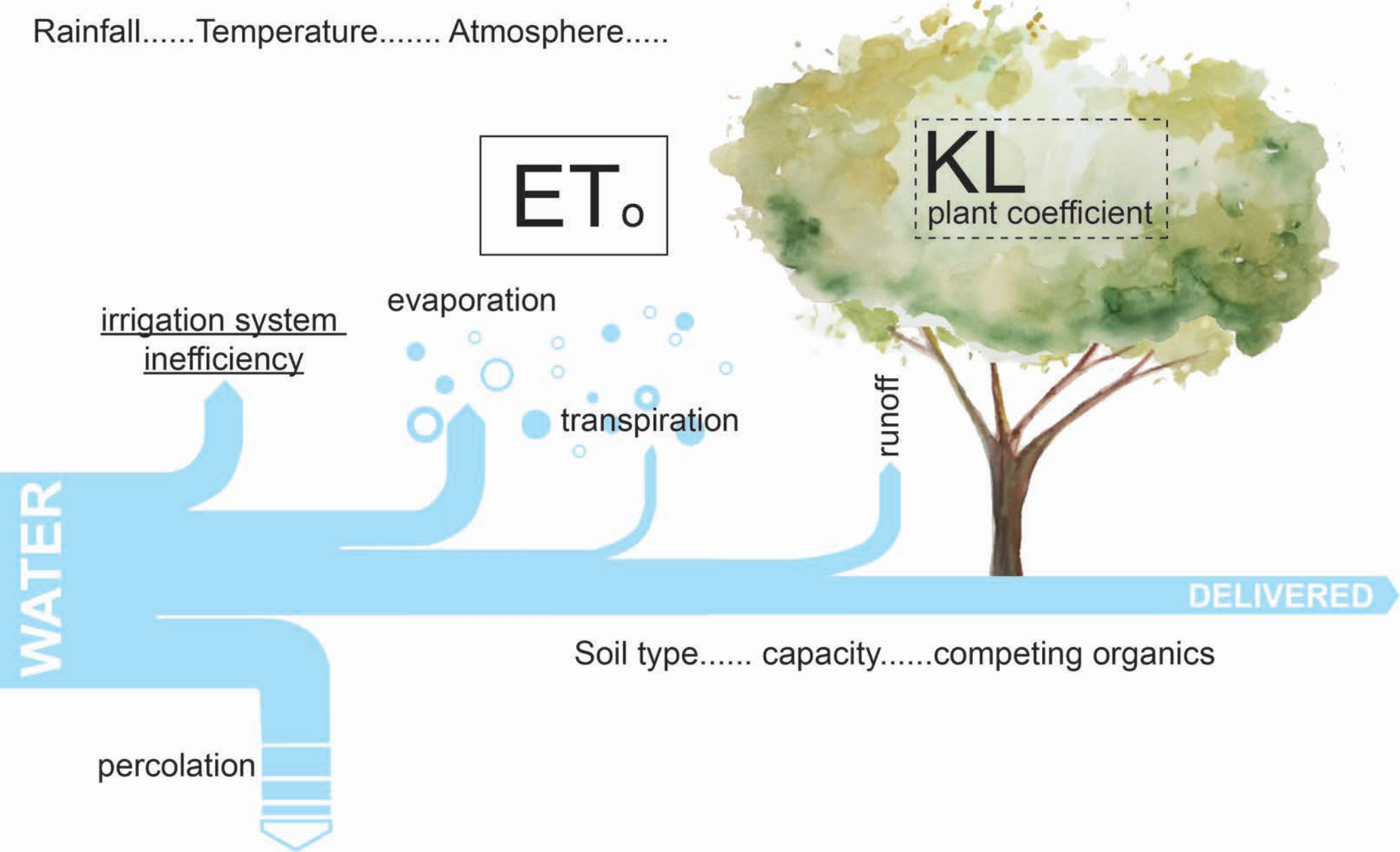
# How much water does a tree use?



## “Wrong Question”

- Chris A. Martin, School of Letters and Sciences, Arizona State University

Rainfall.....Temperature..... Atmosphere.....



How much water meets irrigation demand to ensure continued ecoservice benefits of landscapes in arid urban environments?



# SUSTAIN ecosystem services

Sustain: Maintain balance of systems to ensure ecoservices of urban landscapes

Utilize water resources from within urban watershed to provide irrigation for landscape. Enhance urban watershed to relate ecosystem services with contributing waters.

TABLE C: GALLONS OF WATER REQUIRED TO WET ROOT ZONE

Plant Type	Plant Canopy Diameter in Feet															
	1'	2'	3'	4'	5'	6'	8'	10'	12'	14'	16'	18'	20'			
Trees	1.5	5	11	16	22	26	38	59	85	115	150	190	235			
Shrubs	1	4	8	12	17	20										
Groundcover/Cacti	.5	2	3.5	5	7	9										

NOTE: The amount of water needed will vary depending on soil type and soil conditions. See illustration on page 13.

# LANDSCAPE WATERING GUIDELINES

How Much & How Often <small>Water to the outer edge of the plant's canopy and to the height indicated. Watering frequency will vary depending on seasons, plant type, weather and soil.</small>	Seasonal Frequency — Days Between Waterings	Water This Deeply (Typical Root Depth)			
Spring Mar - May	Summer May - Oct	Fall Oct - Dec	Winter Dec - Mar		
<b>Trees</b>	Desert adapted 14-30 days High water use 7-12 days	7-21 days 7-10 days	14-30 days 7-12 days	30-40 days 30-40 days	24-34 inches 24-34 inches
<b>Shrubs</b>	Desert adapted 14-30 days High water use 7-10 days	7-21 days 5-7 days	14-30 days 7-10 days	30-45 days 10-14 days	18-24 inches 18-24 inches
<b>Groundcovers &amp; Vines</b>	Desert adapted 14-30 days High water use 7-10 days	7-21 days 2-5 days	14-30 days 7-10 days	21-45 days 7-10 days	8-12 inches 8-12 inches
<b>Cacti and Succulents</b>	21-45 days	14-30 days	21-45 days	if needed	8-12 inches
<b>Annuals</b>	3-7 days	3-5 days	3-7 days	5-10 days	8-12 inches
<b>Warm Season Grass</b>	4-14 days	3-6 days	3-10 days	15-20 days	6-30 inches
<b>Cool Season Grass</b>	3-7 days	none	3-10 days	7-14 days	6-10 inches

These guidelines are for established plants (1 year for shrubs, 3 years for trees). Additional water is needed for new plantings or unusually hot or dry weather. Less water is needed during cool or rainy weather. Deep root trees are typically 2 hours or more for each watering.

AMWUA water use it wisely  
Landscape Irrigation best practices



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Irrigation  
Determinate Variables:

placement / siting  
microclimatic conditions  
species plant factor  
planting density  
aspect/exposure  
climatic conditions  
local ET values  
system/technology ability  
water frequency / source



Determinate Variables:

rain event data  
area in sq ft of catchment  
type of surface  
    % coefficient  
    contaminates  
storage capacity  
maintenance of system  
integration with irrigation

# CAPTURE

‘C’ yield    %supply

Determinate Variables:

rain event data  
area in sq ft of infiltration  
    permeability  
types of runoff surfaces  
    % coefficient  
    contaminates  
capacity  
maintenance of system  
landscape capacity

# HARVEST

‘H’ yield    %supply

Determinate Variables:

gallons collected from source  
Source specifics  
    contaminants  
    plumbing efficiency  
filter capability  
system components, placement  
integration with irrigation

# REUSE

‘R’ yield    %supply

Irrigation  
Determinate Variables:

placement / siting  
microclimatic conditions  
    species plant factor  
    planting density  
    aspect/exposure  
climatic conditions  
    local ET values  
system/technology ability  
water frequency / source

SUSTAIN  
landscapes

# SUPPLY

Water Management Yields  
Stormwater capture  
Greywater reuse  
Rainwater Harvest

# DEMAND

Water input to  
sustain ecosystem  
services of landscape  
Trees, vegetation

Water Uncertainty



CHANGING THRESHOLD: Excess Water Supply

Discharge Excess <-----> Absorb Excess

Stormwater or Sewage System

Landscape or Aquifer

CHANGING THRESHOLD: Water Shortage

Increase water yield <-----> Decrease water demand

Potable Water or new source

Plant removal or alternate selection

# GILBERT ROAD

## LIGHT RAIL EXTENSION



valleymetro.org/gilbertroad

### REPORT CARD

NOVEMBER 2014

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The 1.9-mile Gilbert Rd. project will extend light rail beyond the Central Mesa extension on Main St. to Gilbert Rd. in Mesa by 2018. It consists of two stations and a park-and-ride on the west side of Gilbert Rd. At Gilbert Rd., there are significant transit connections and the ability to draw more riders from the East Valley.

#### BENEFITS

The Gilbert Rd. extension will serve the growing transit demand in the East Valley. It will attract new riders and increase development opportunities in central Mesa.



### UPDATE

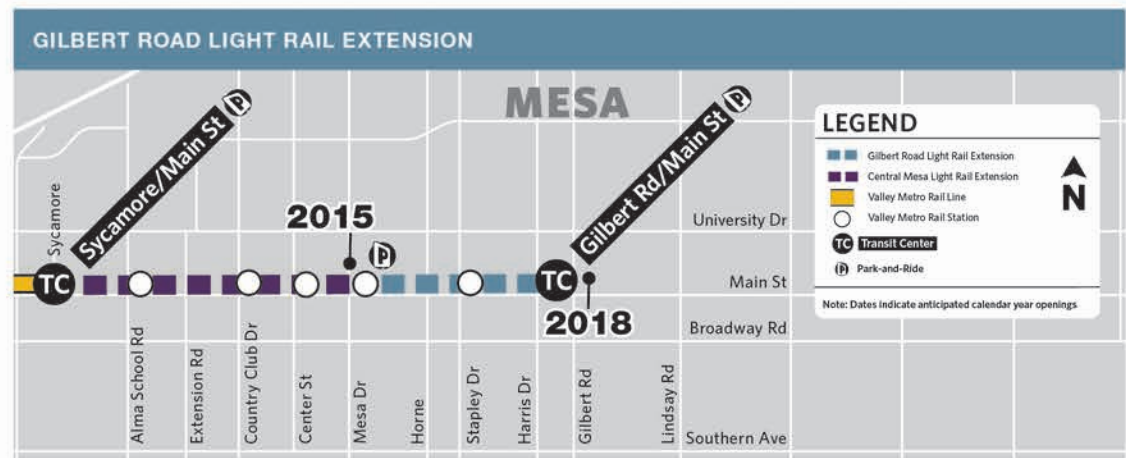
- The design elements of preliminary engineering are complete
- Estimates of project construction costs have been reviewed and comments were resolved
- Currently defining how the funding will be applied
- Project agreements are being refined to include project specific information as it becomes available

#### BUDGET

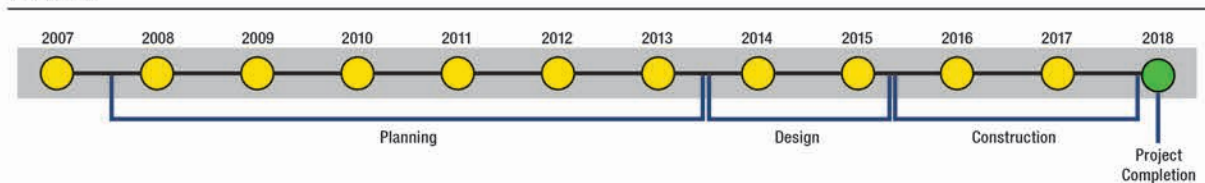
	Programmed*	Expended**
Project Development	\$11,100,000	\$2,187,194
Final Design	\$20,400,000	\$0
Construction	\$130,200,000	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$161,700,000</b>	<b>\$2,187,194</b>

\*Does not include financing cost.  
\*\*Estimated as of November 30, 2014.

### ROUTE MAP



### SCHEDULE



ValleyMetro.org releases numerous reports and intentions for future light rail extensions.

Previously built light rail extensions have proven to spur redevelopment, increase density, and promote a more sustainable lifestyle



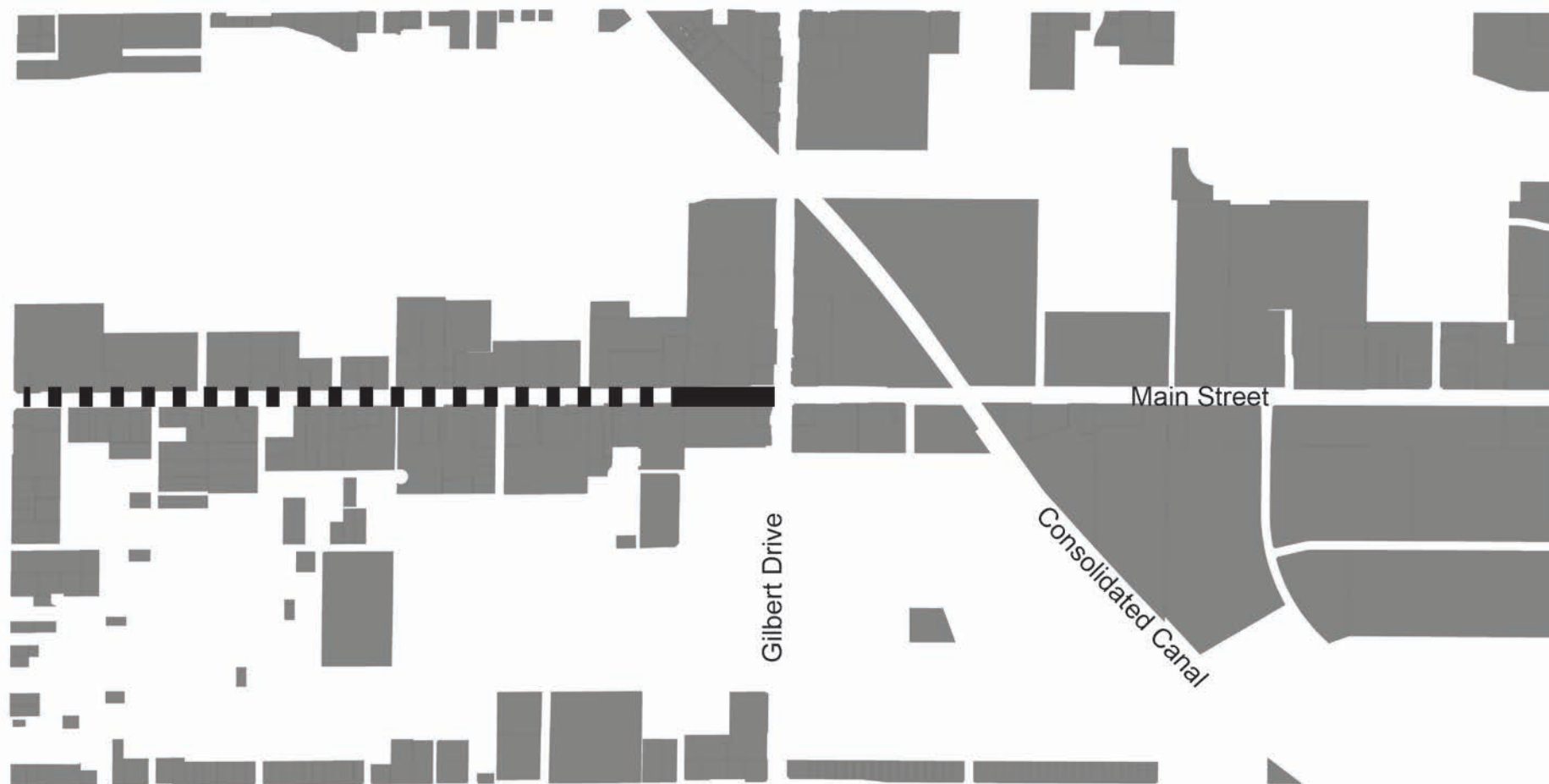
This map displays the University Heights neighborhood in Cleveland, Ohio, with property lots color-coded by owner. The map includes the following labels:

- University Drive
- Light Rail Station expected completion 2018
- Main Street
- Consolidated Canal
- Broadway Road
- Stapley Drive
- Gilbert Drive
- Lindsay Road

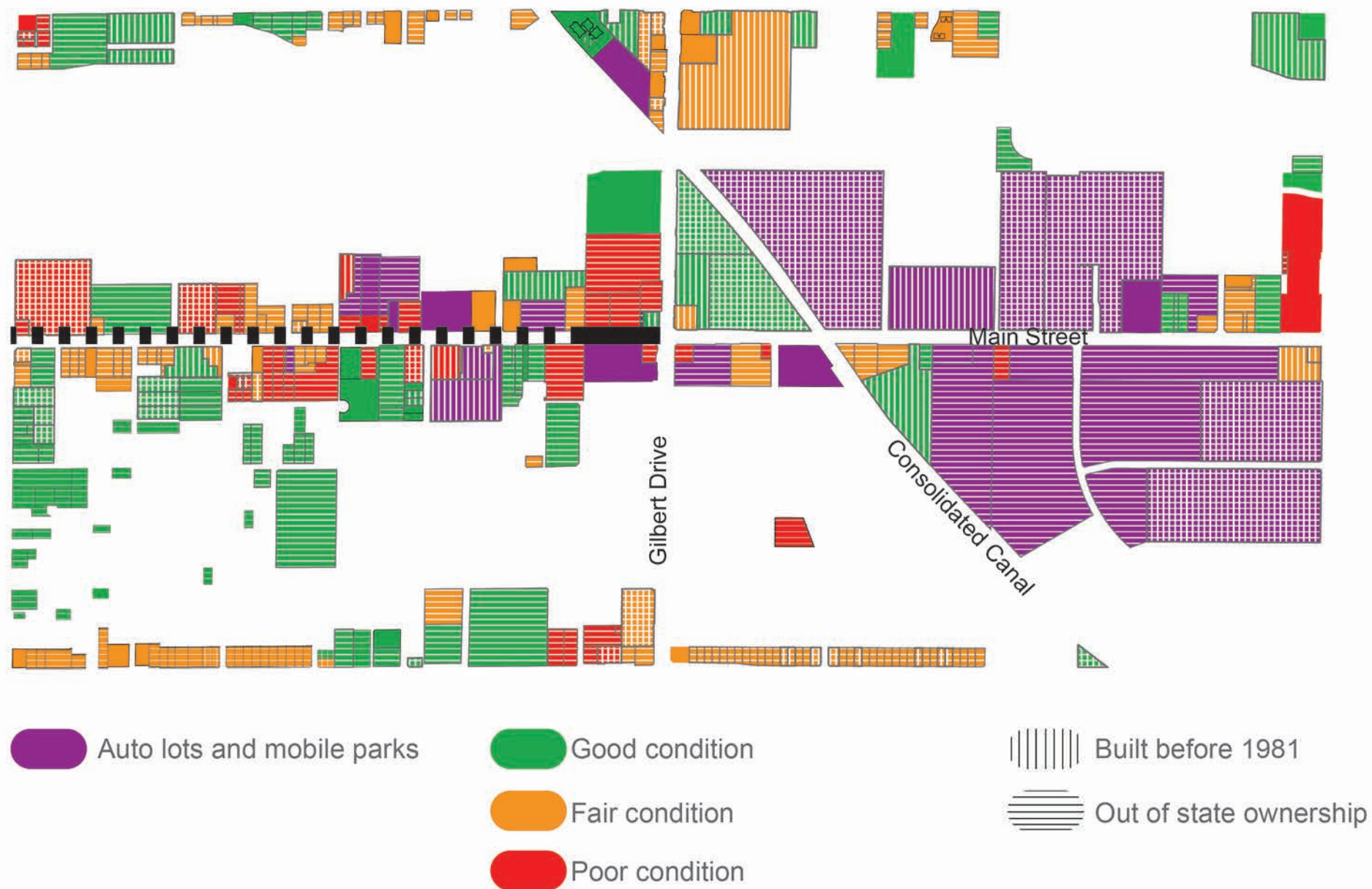
SINGLE FAMILY	CLUB HOUSE	MULTI-FAMILY	MOTEL	CONDOMINIUMS	TRAILERS	MISC. COMMERCIAL	CONV. MARKETS	STORE W/ OTHER USES	RETAIL STORE	SHOPPING CENTER	OFFICE BUILDING	BANK	AUTO SERVICE	VEHICLE LOT	NURSING HOME	RESTAURANT	MEDICAL	MORTUARY	AMUSEMENT	PARKING LOT	FITNESS CLUB	PRIVATE SCHOOL	INDUSTRIAL	WAREHOUSE	UTILITY	UNASSIGNED	WELLS, TOWERS	HOSPITAL	CHARITABLE	RECREATION	RELIGIOUS	FEDERAL	STATE	COUNTY	MUNICIPAL
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Non residential parcels

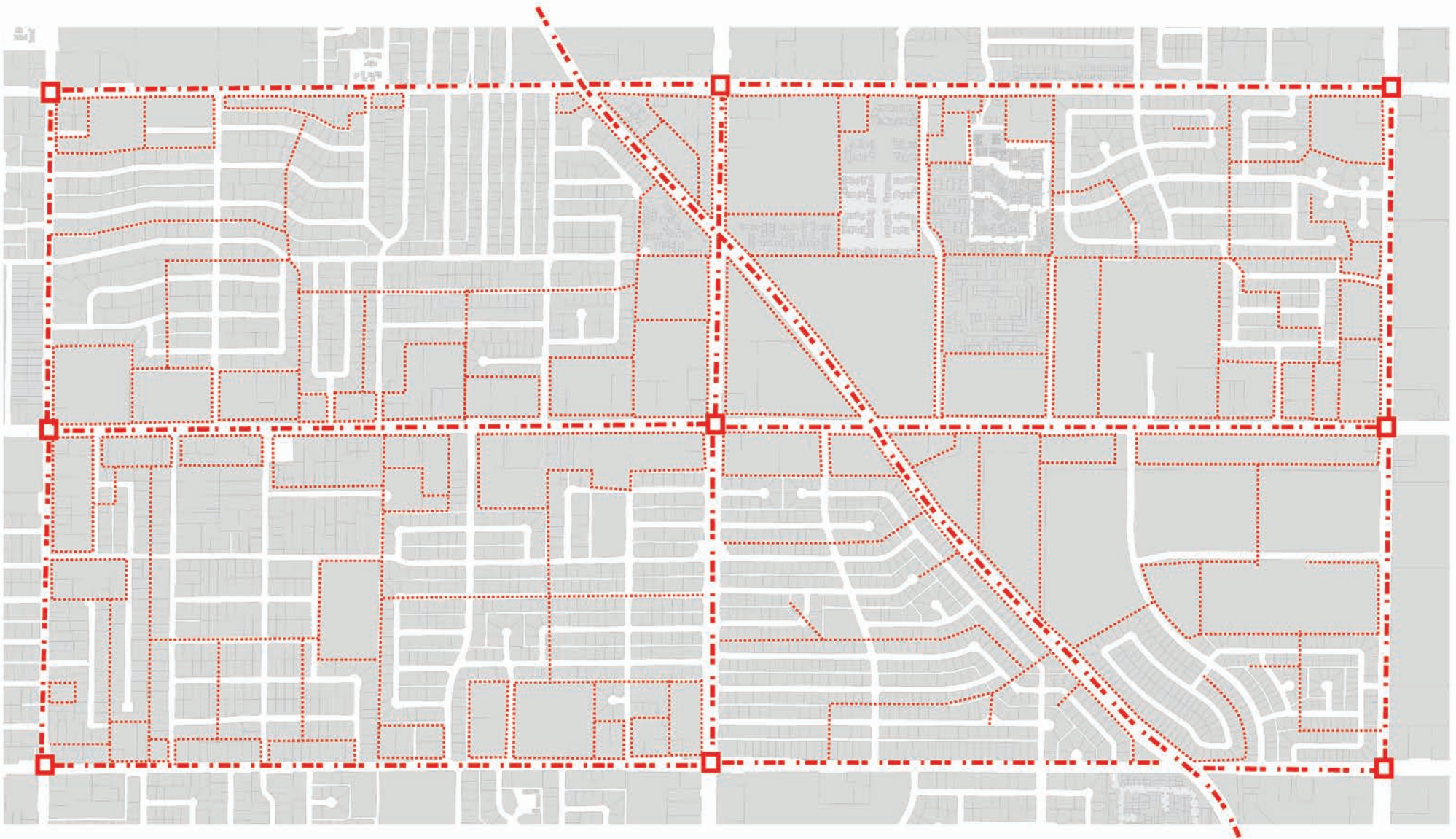


## Grading and ranking of parcels likely to be redeveloped



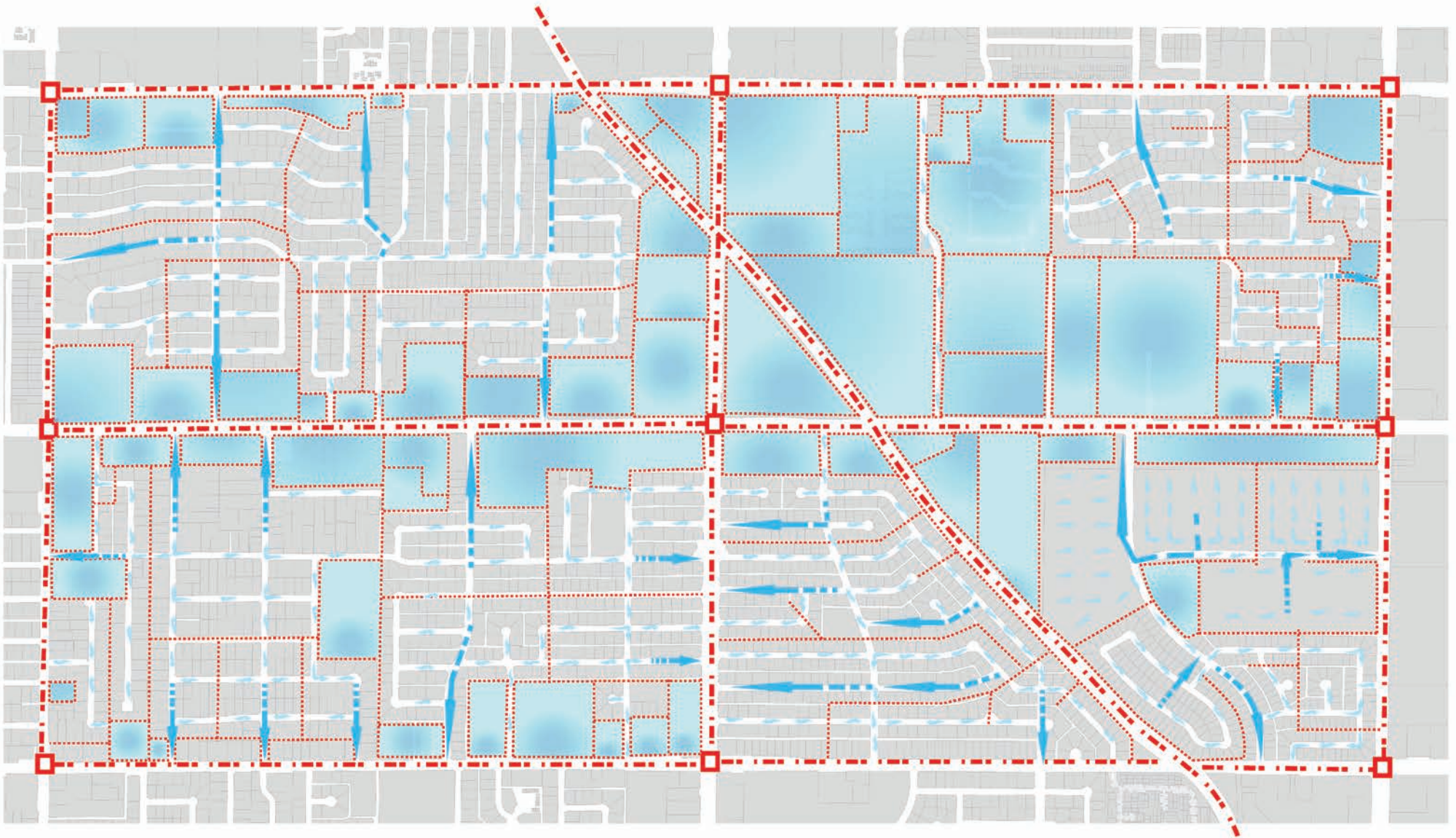


Major and minor ridges contain and direct flows



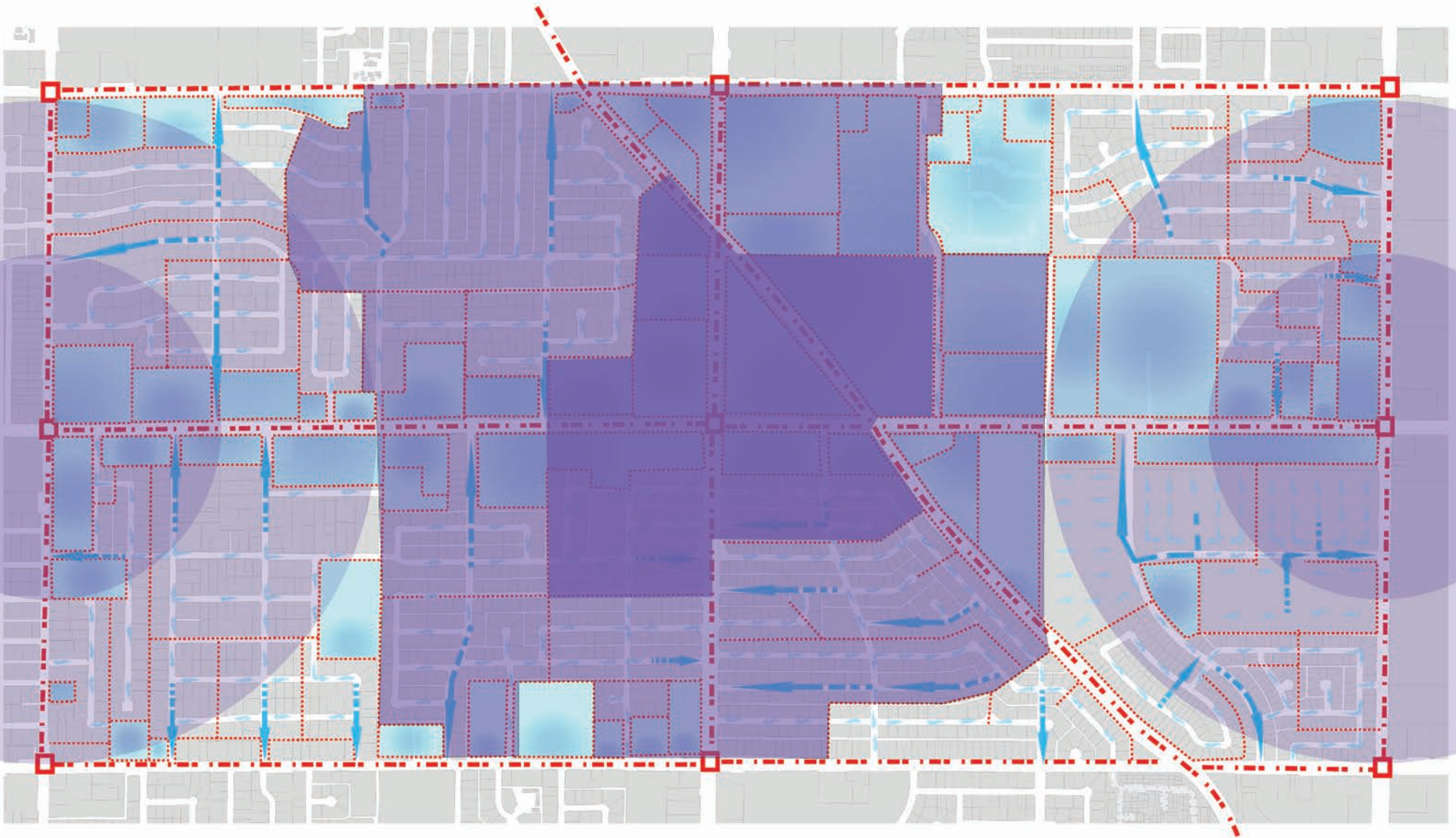


Surface flows within watershed, Commerical properties drain in isolation

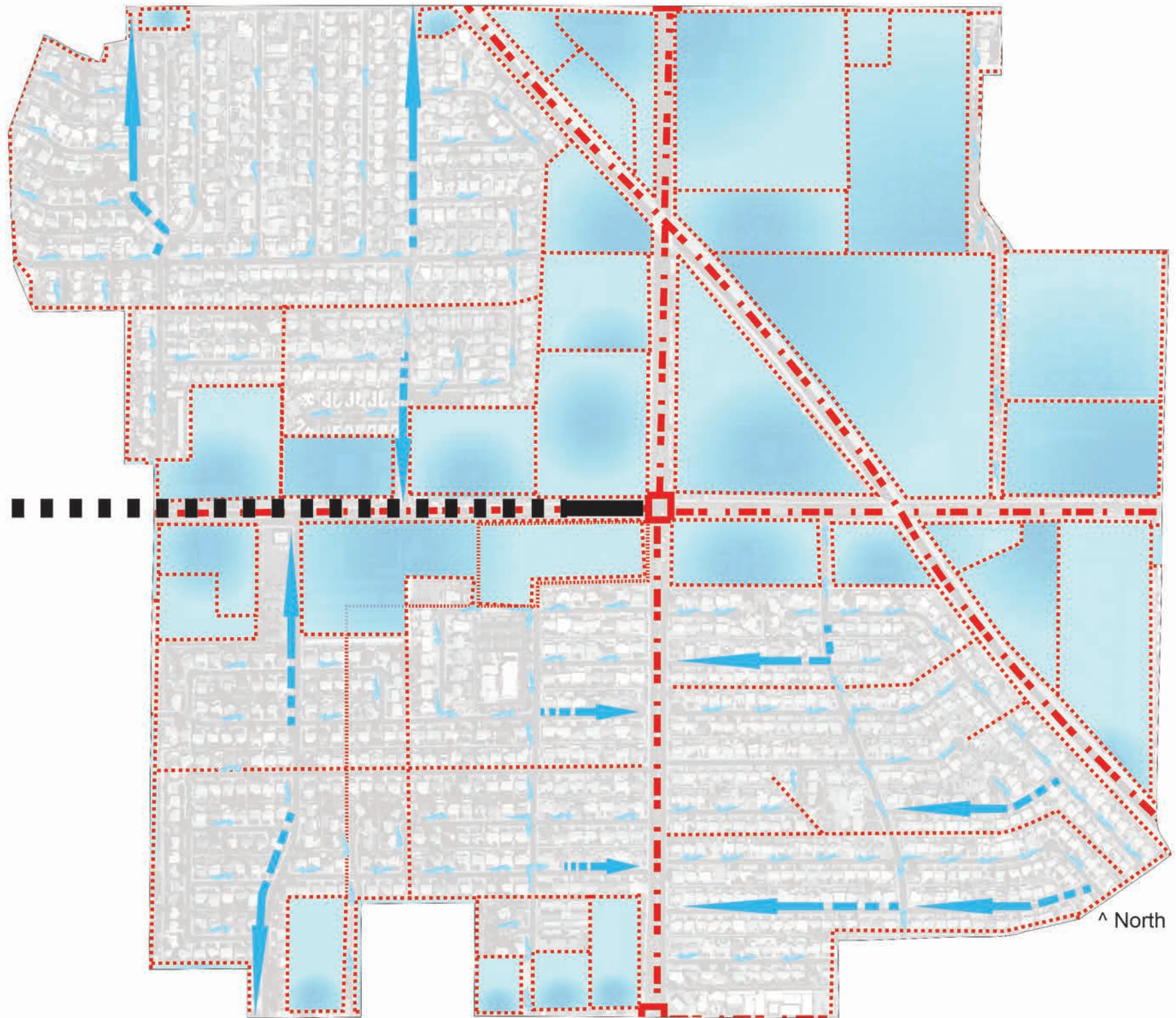




Transit Oriented District defined by walkable shed within urban watershed  
Watershed Transit Oriented District (WsTOD)







Watershed Transit Oriented District (WsTOD)



**PARK and RIDE  
Development Opportunity**

Existing:  
1.4 acres buildings  
6.84 acres impervious  
.5 acres permeable  
8.47 acres total

Potential Supply:  
1.79 acres rooftop capture  
from upper watershed  
2 acres rooftop capture  
from new development

Potential Demand:  
(20) 25' trees  
(300') 3' swales  
(5) shade trees

**Day Care Campus  
Development Opportunity**

Existing:  
.1 acres building  
.25 acres impervious  
1.14 acres permeable  
1.49 acres total

Potential Supply:  
9.6 acres from upperwatershed  
1000 sq ft rooftop capture  
from new development

Potential Demand:  
1000 sq ft lawn  
(8) 25' canopy trees  
200' 4 ft wide native swale

**Affordable Housing  
Development Opportunity**

Existing:  
.134 acres buildings  
4.27 acres impervious  
1.38 acres permeable  
5.78 acres total

Potential Supply:  
1.79 acres rooftop capture  
from upper watershed  
2 acres rooftop capture  
from new development

Potential Demand  
(10) trees in double allee  
(10) 25' trees

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## Potential Development:

### Day Care Campus

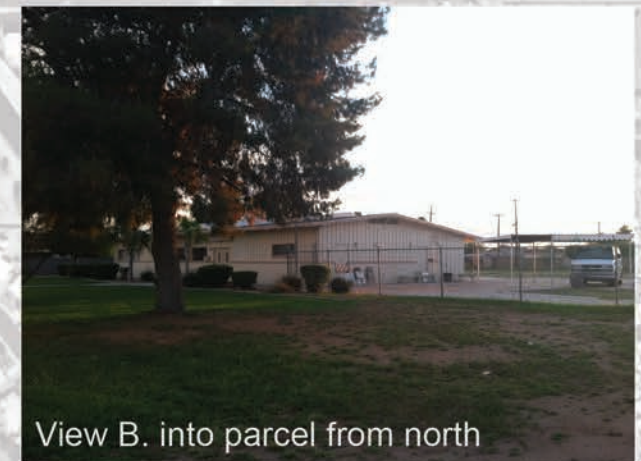
#### Existing Condition:

.1 acres building

.25 acres impervious

1.14 acres permeable

1.49 acres total



#### Potential Supply: capture:

1.3 acres on site

capture and harvest:

9.6 acres from upper watershed

reuse:

bathroom sinks, laundry (40 person)

#### Potential Demand:

400 ' street trees

(14) Swan Hill Olive trees

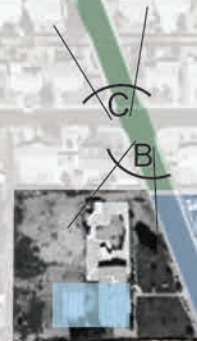
= 105, 280 gallons per year at peak

500 sq ft lawn

= 11,000 gallons per year- bermuda

2000 sq ft filtration swales

= 26,000 gallons per year - native

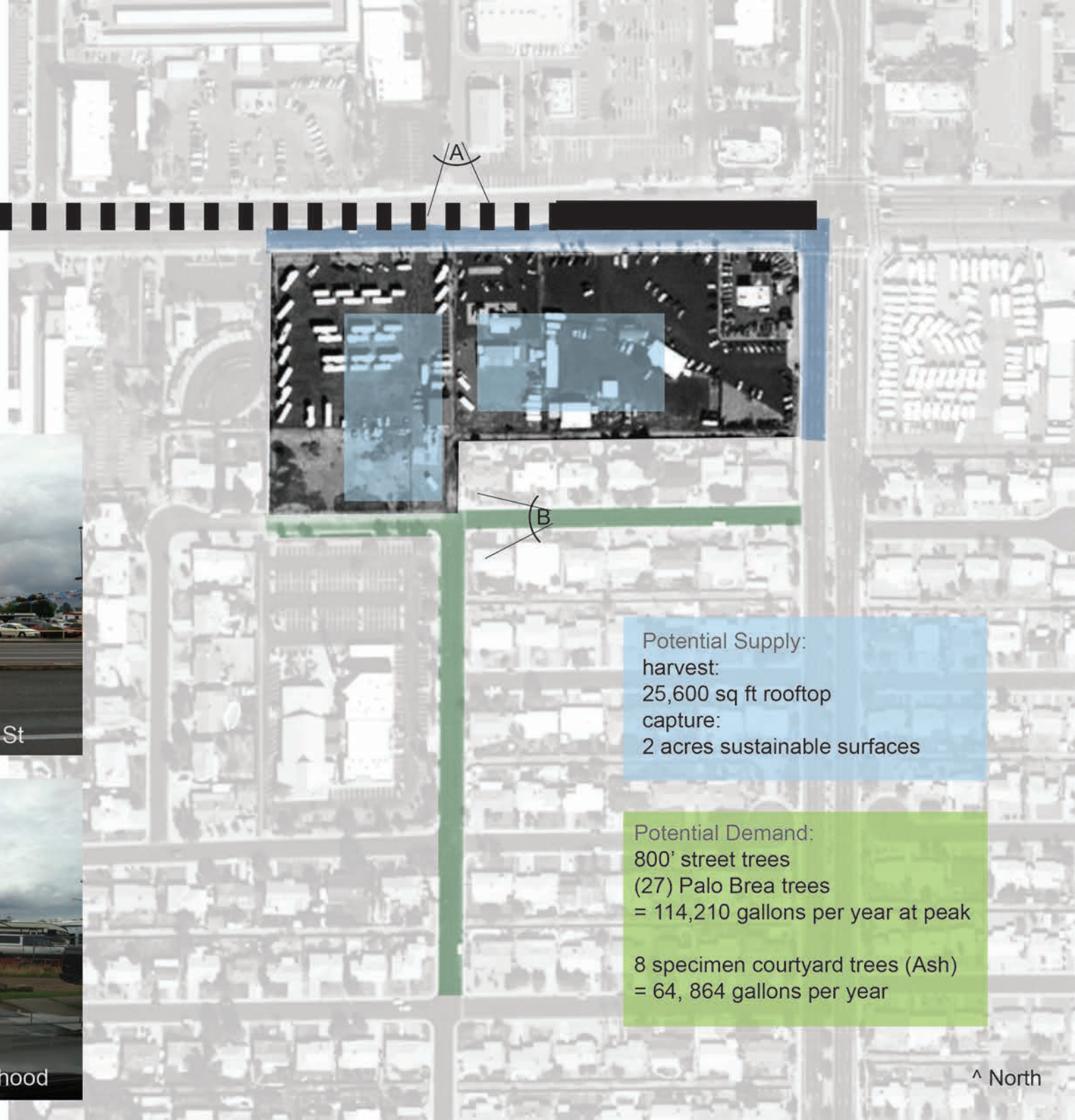


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## Potential Development: Affordable Housing

Existing Condition:  
.134 acres building  
4.27 acres impervious  
1.38 acres permeable  
5.78 acres total



Potential Supply:  
harvest:  
25,600 sq ft rooftop  
capture:  
2 acres sustainable surfaces

Potential Demand:  
800' street trees  
(27) Palo Brea trees  
= 114,210 gallons per year at peak  
  
8 specimen courtyard trees (Ash)  
= 64,864 gallons per year

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#### Potential Supply:

##### harvest:

16,500 sq ft large retail rooftop (1)

72,000 sq ft garage rooftop (2)

20,000 sq ft retail rooftop (3)

##### capture:

37,800 sq ft roof runoff (4)

36,000 sq ft parking runoff

30,000 sq ft parking runoff

#### Potential Demand:

(4) high water use trees (ash)

= 40,892 gallons per year

(20) medium water use (salicinia)

= 102,220 gallons per year

(10) medium water use (swan hill)

= 51,110 gallons per year

(15) large queens wreath vine

= 26,100 gallons per year

(20) low water use (blue palo verde)

= 56,400 gallons per year

3350 sq ft filtration swale

= 23,450 gallons per year

= 300,172 gallons per year

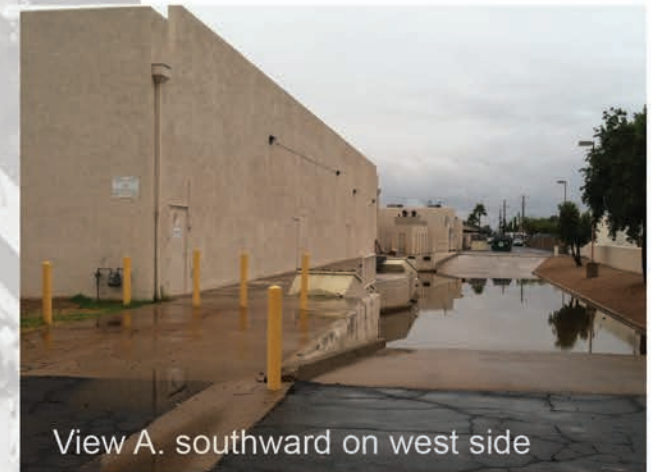
@ \$6.43 per 1000 gallons

**= \$1,930 per year  
in water cost...**



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Potential Development:  
Park and Ride Transit Center



View A. southward on west side



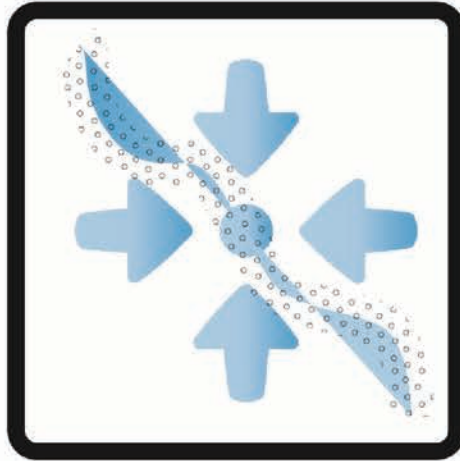
View B. westward on south side



View C. westward on Main street



GOAL: Manage and balance numerous water systems:  
engage dialogue about water ethic in arid urban environments



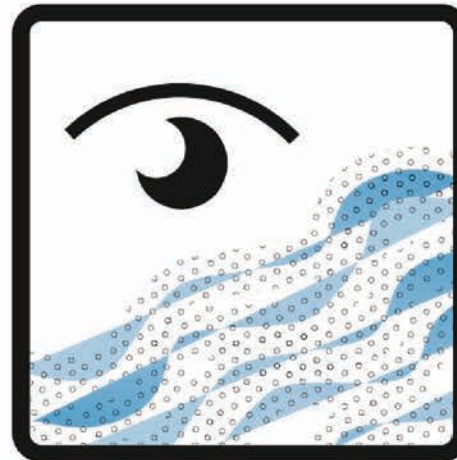
Efficient Collection/  
Delivery of Water



Sustainable Materiality

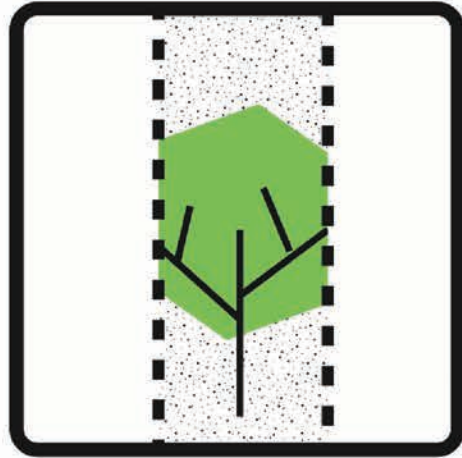


Showcase Water  
Components

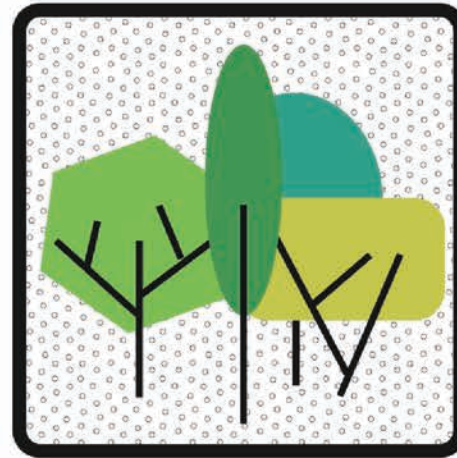


Reveal Conveyance

GOAL: Promote and ensure ecosystem services:  
anticipating water scarce future with resilient systems



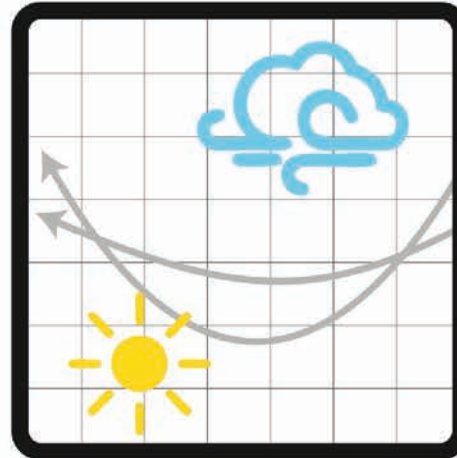
Accommodate Plants



Diverse Plant Palette



Walkable Human  
Habitat



Relate Site Development  
to Ecosystem Services



commercial warehouse

16,500 sq ft

72,000 sq ft

20,000 sq ft

37,800 sq ft  
commercial warehouse



large retail -----> ●  
16,500 sq ft



4 story garage  
72,000 sq ft





Balance systems to

CAPTURE surface runoff  
HARVEST rainfall  
REUSE adjacent greywaters

[Layering sustainable WATER management]  
for landscapes within [rapidly *densifying* TODs]

Places which

experience population growth soon  
promote sustainable lifestyle