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THE BENEFITS

of sustainable landscapes & infrastructure
Green infrastructure restores & replicates ecological systems to create human benefits.
Save money

Consume less energy

Use less water

Use fewer resources

Improve human health & productivity
Communities protecting open space reported savings of $200,000 per year in property damage caused by floods.
Capital cost savings ranged from 15 to 80% with green infrastructure
Trees & other vegetation report savings ranging from 10-50% on energy.
Rain gardens cost 42% less over their life cycle & reduce environmental impact by 62-98%.
Projects with trees & other green spaces increase property values by 3 to 15% & increase rental rates by 7%.
Every $1 spent on tree planting and management yields 2-5 times that investment.
TRADITIONAL LANDSCAPE  

City of Santa Monica

- 67,000 gallons of water
- 670 pounds of yard waste
- 80 maintenance hours

SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPE  

City of Santa Monica

$2,200 per year in cost savings

- 6,000 gallons of water
- 250 pounds of yard waste
- 15 maintenance hours
The University of Texas at El Paso’s Campus Transformation Project
SITES Silver
“The benefits of the Campus Transformation Project go beyond sustainable landscapes. Research shows that landscapes can provide mental health, cognitive function and stress reduction benefits, which is especially important in a collegiate setting.”

Greg McNichol, Associate Vice President for Business Affairs—Facilities Management, University of Texas at El Paso
Designing for Resiliency
SITES IS THE BEST TOOL

to meet your project’s goals
A concise framework for identifying & implementing **practical** and **measurable** sustainable land design, construction, operation and maintenance strategies and solutions.
Bringing the design & construction team to the table means...

Fewer delays & cost over runs.
ACCOUNTABILITY
throughout the process
“SITES was an important tool that kept our entire team accountable to a high standard of best practice and resulted in an unprecedented project—the transformation of Chicago’s Navy Pier into an authentic and green destination reflective of the city’s identity.”

James Corner, founder and design director of James Corner Field Operations
Third party verification helps guarantee that each project saves energy, water and other resources, reducing the overall impact on the environment.
SITES allows you to prioritize human health and environmental restoration, and tell that **sustainability story** to your stakeholders.
CERTIFICATION PROCESS

1. Register your project with GBCI
2. Begin implementing & documenting SITES strategies
3. Meet with your reviewer to answer questions (optional)
4. Submit your documentation for preliminary review
5. Meet with your reviewer to discuss results (optional)
6. Submit your documentation for final review (if needed)
SITES® is the most comprehensive system for developing sustainable landscapes.

SITES is used by landscape architects, designers, engineers, architects, developers, policy-makers and others to align land development and management with innovative sustainable design.

Land is a crucial component of the built environment and can be planned, designed, developed and maintained to protect and enhance the benefits we derive from healthy functioning landscapes. SITES helps create ecologically resilient communities and benefits the environment, property owners, and local and regional communities and economies.

REGISTER YOUR PROJECT AT sustainablesites.org
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