

Green Infrastructure Codes and Ordinances



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- ▣ Preserve large, continuous areas of open space
- ▣ Preserve sensitive ecological areas



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Reduce Imperviousness



Low Density



Higher Density

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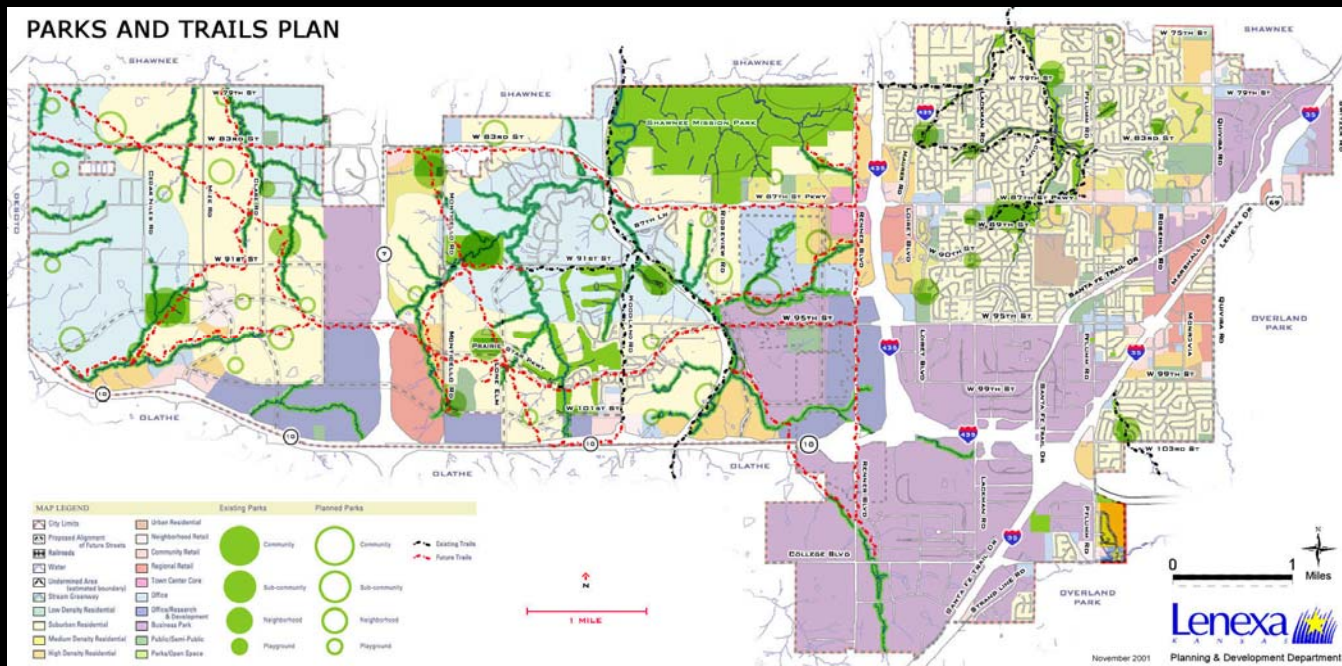
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Comprehensive Program

- Land use planning
- Land acquisition and capital investments
- Internal policies
- Codes and ordinances



EPA's Water Quality Scorecard

- ❑ Drivers of impervious cover at regional, neighborhood, site scales
- ❑ Requires cooperation and conversation between numerous departments
- ❑ Identifies 21 broad policy areas across 5 different municipal departments
- ❑ More than 230 different policies, codes, or incentives a local government could implement

4 Ways to Impact Change

- ❑ Adopt Plans
- ❑ Remove Barriers
- ❑ Create Incentives
- ❑ Enact Regulations





1. Protect Natural Resources and Open Space
2. Promote Compact Development and Infill
3. Design Complete, Smart Streets that Reduce Imperviousness
4. Encourage Efficient Parking Supply
5. Green Infrastructure On Site

1. Protect Natural Resources and Open Space

- Natural Resource Protection
- Open Space Protection
- Tree Protection



2. Promote Compact Development and Infill

- Support Infill and Redevelopment
- Direct Development to Existing Infrastructure
- Encourage Mixed-Use Development



3. Design Complete, Smart Streets

- Street Design
 - Context sensitive solutions
 - Narrow streets
 - Driveway location/design
- Green Infrastructure Designs
 - Standards and Design Criteria
 - Construction
 - Maintenance



4. Encourage Efficient Parking Supply

- ❑ Reduce Parking Requirements
- ❑ Transportation Demand Management
- ❑ Minimize Stormwater from Parking Lots



5. Green Infrastructure On Site

- Green Infrastructure Practices
 - Allowed for residential management
 - Required for new developments
- Maintenance and Enforcement
 - Monitoring, tracking and maintenance protocols

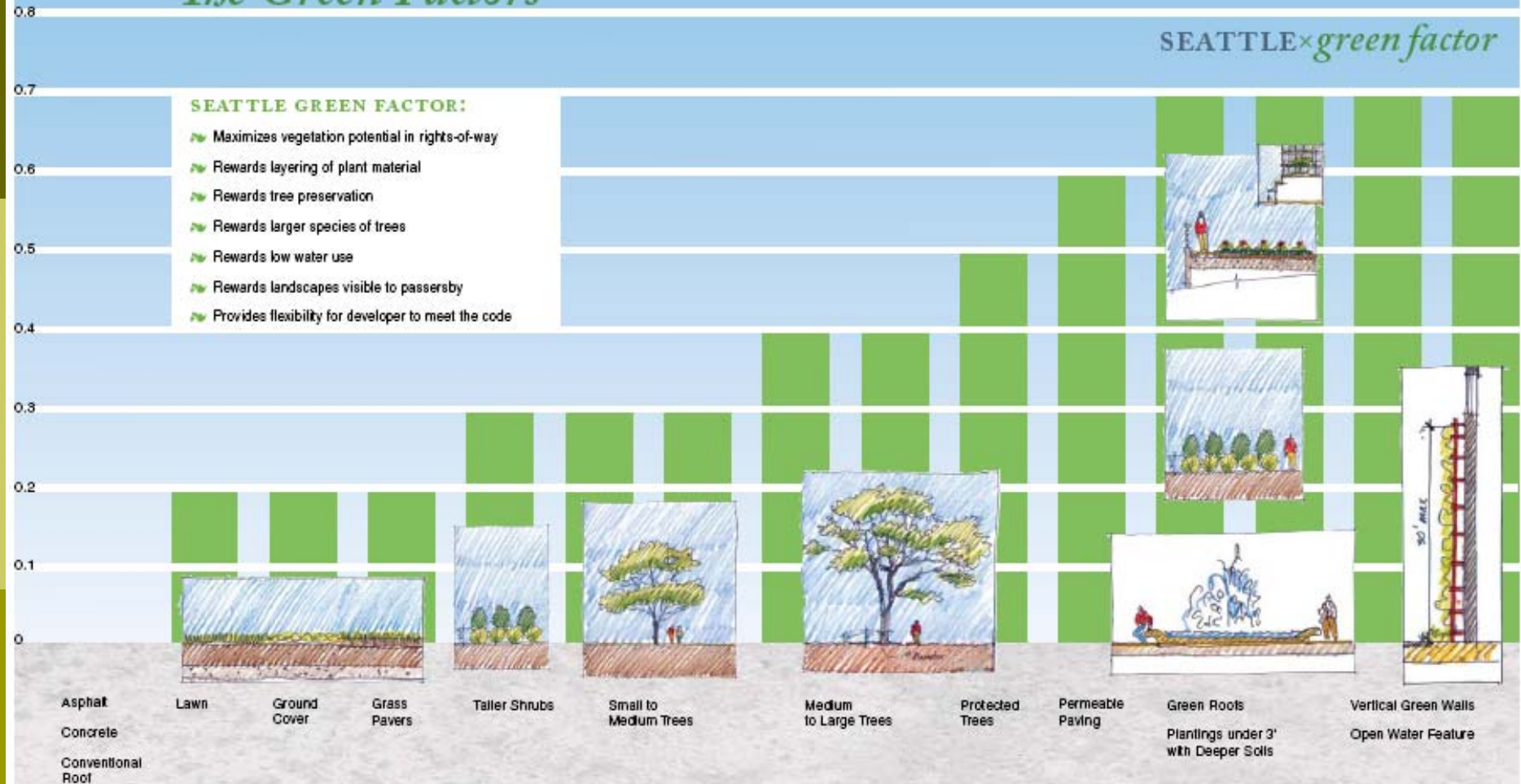


The Green Factors

SEATTLE *× green factor*

SEATTLE GREEN FACTOR:

- Maximizes vegetation potential in rights-of-way
- Rewards layering of plant material
- Rewards tree preservation
- Rewards larger species of trees
- Rewards low water use
- Rewards landscapes visible to passersby
- Provides flexibility for developer to meet the code



Bonus +0.1: For drought tolerant landscapes and for landscapes visible from the right-of-way.

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