Infiltration discussion...
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On the boards – GI Library

Consistent Ingredients
Pre-treatment/Sediment Catch
Underdrain/Overflow
Vegetation
Connectivity to Storm Sewer System

In Celebration of Place...
...the landscape in which we live
Just One Tree...
- Provides Shade
- Produces Edible Fruit or Seeds
- Generates Humus (leaf compost)
- Breaks Up Heavy Soils
- Rain Catches Within Canopy
- Softens the Impact of a Raindrop
- Breaks Force of Wind
- Holds Soil in Place
- Provides Cooling
- Sequesters Carbon
- Exhales Oxygen
- Seeds Clouds (Evapotranspiration)
- Feeds Soil Organisms
- Houses and Conveys Wildlife
- Shelters Birds
- Nurtures Insects
- Sprouts Seedlings
- Inspires Artists and Poets
- Invites Children to Climb and Explore
- Reflects Time and History

Formative Connections
At and early age, the stories of our lives in literature can be found...

“From deep in the Hundred Acre Woods...”
- A.A. Milne

“Two roads that diverge in the yellow woods...”
- Robert Frost

We inherently know that our landscapes are not to be lived in isolation or be compartmentalized...however,

We immerse ourselves into these familiar spaces along with the adventures and choices they present

Our training and development logistically follows a segmenting tendency and brings a compartmentalized landscape in tow.

Drawing upon our observations within reach of our own surroundings...
...and placed within the context of our own relevant ecology, the diversity and uniqueness of our surroundings prevail—leading to a celebration of place.

Once the spaces are cohesively pulled together and integrated purposefully...

... plant communities are composed and placed to reinforce our desire to be integrated within our natural surroundings.

Allowing the blueprint of nature define our approach to integrating our landscapes as part of the overall system and not isolated sectors...

A genuineness to the spaces we inhabit and desire to be in them is created.

Spaces that support:
- a sense of control
- social interaction
- nature as a distraction
- movement and exercise

Observe how nature grows

...context, arrangement, diversity...
...and transfer to intentional project efforts

Move From Conventional Process – 3 Questions...

- Can vegetated restoration and establishment be broken out of prime contract?
- Can the timeframe of vegetated restoration and establishment be conducted on 'plant time'?
- Can land management protocol and techniques be modified to meet the ecological characteristics?

Qualifying the notion of ‘native landscape’

- If designed and planted by human hands, it is not native. It is not possible to directly ‘replicate’, rather, ‘reflect’ the properties and characteristics to be the goal.
- If located within a developed surround, it must be managed as its contextual influences have changed from its ‘natural’ setting.
- It must be embraced for what it is and allowed to play out.
Thank you.