EPA Greenscapes: Building Sustainable Sites from the Ground Up.

Engineered Soils for Retaining Stormwater on the Landscape. Project Retrofit.

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Turfgrass Compost

- Capture storm water/reduce runoff
  - Reduce watering
  - Moderate yearly climate extremes
- Lower soil compaction at surface
- Reduce chemical inputs
  - Retain phosphorus
  - Retain other nutrients
- Phytoremediate urban pollutants
- Facilitate disease competitive bacteria and fungi

Is this Safe?


Compacted play area
Mosquito breeding grounds
Exposed water child trap
Low infiltration

Is this Functional?


Is this much better?

Urban Stormwater Opinion

- All turf areas should have a minimum 1 % organic matter content to a 6 inch depth minimum (135 yd^3/ac), with an additional 1 inch (135 yd^3/ac) topdressing of compost prior to seeding or sodding.

- Adds ~$4000 per acre costs, applied and incorporated
- All houses should have a Water Use ‘Truth in Energy Label’ for turf


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Sod did not last 8 months

Landscape Erosion Control


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