BIORETENTION (RAIN GARDEN) & VEGETATED SWALE (BIOSWALE) MAINTENANCE INSPECTION CHECKLIST

BMP Location:			Inspector's Remarks:
Overall Condition (circle one):	ACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE	
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FREQUENCY	MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY	COMMENTS
As Needed &	☐ Irrigate if plants appear wilted or unhealthy; replace dead plants	
Following > 1"	☐ Check for erosion, cracking, embankment failure, burrowing animals, and sediment clogging	
Rainfall	the drain and other pipes	
	☐ Repair erosion with additional plant material similar to original and/or small stones for stability	
	☐ Remove trash, debris, and sediment	
	☐ Remove weeds and invasive plants	
	☐ Replace bark mulch on bare, exposed soil	
Monthly	☐ Irrigate 1" water/week during the first growing season	
(during growing	☐ Check/clean inlets, outlets/overflows and curb cuts from debris	
season)	☐ Check plants for pest damage or disease	
	☐ Remove trash, debris, and sediment	
	☐ Remove weeds and invasive plants	
Semi-Annually	☐ Redefine lawn edge	
(spring & fall)		
Annually	☐ Cut perennial plantings and divide grasses and perennials to prevent overcrowding (fall)	
	☐ Mow bioswale (> 6") (fall)	
	☐ Check overflow and subsurface drain; check infiltration and flow-through rates (0.5"/hr)	
	☐ Check pH of infiltration/planting soil (<5.2 add limestone; >7.0 add iron sulfate plus sulfur)	
	☐ Check/correct for uniformity in cross-section and longitudinal slope (bioswale)	
	□ Replace mulch. Minimum every 3 years	
	☐ Remove accumulated sediment and replace with approved soil mix, bark mulch, and	
	vegetation (> 25% ponding depth for bioretention; >50% checkdam height for bioswale).	
	Minimum every 5 years	
Upon Failure	☐ Redesign and reconstruct	

CONSTRUCTED WETLAND MAINTENANCE INSPECTION CHECKLIST

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FREQUENCY	MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY	COMMENTS
As Needed &	Irrigate if plants appear wilted or unhealthy; replace dead plants	
Following > 1"	Check for erosion, cracking, embankment failure, burrowing animals, and sediment clogging	
Rainfall	the drain and other pipes	
	Repair erosion and bare soil with additional plant material similar to original and/or small	
	stones for stability	
	Remove weeds and woody vegetation < 15' toe of embankment and < 25' from spillway	
	Remove trash, debris, and sediment	
	Remove weeds and invasive plants	
Monthly	Irrigate 1" water/week during the first growing season; maintain low water levels to allow	
(during growing	sufficient oxygen to the roots of establishing plants	
season)	Check/clean inlets, outlets/overflows and trash racks from debris	
	Check plants for pest damage or disease	
	Remove trash, debris, and sediment	
	Remove weeds and invasive plants	
Semi-Annually	Check/remove sediment build-up and plant debris (especially < 18" of outlet)	
(spring & fall)	Check water levels with design specifications	
	Check/remove burrowing animals; repair holes in embankments	
	Mow side slopes and embankments, emergency spillways, and access road	
	Divide grasses and perennials (fall) to prevent overcrowding	
Annually	Remove large colonies of cattails	
	Manage weeds through burning or trimming plant stalks when new growth is 4-6" tall	
	Replace mulch. Minimum every 3 years	
	Replace soil. Minimum every 20 years	
	Remove accumulated sediment (> 50% capacity forebay, > 25% capacity wetland). Minimum	
	every 5 years. Wetland should be drained and dry prior to sediment removal and immediately	
	stabilized and re-vegetated	
Upon Failure	Redesign and reconstruct	

DRY POND & WET POND MAINTENANCE INSPECTION CHECKLIST

BMP Location:			Inspector's Remarks:
Overall Condition (circle one):	ACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE	
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FREQUENCY	MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY	COMMENTS
As Needed &	☐ Irrigate if plants appear wilted or unhealthy; replace dead plants	
Following > 1"	☐ Check/repair areas with erosion, cracking, embankment failure, burrowing animals, and	
Rainfall	sediment clogging the drain and other pipes	
	☐ Repair erosion and bare soil	
	☐ Remove woody vegetation < 15' toe of embankment and mow < 25' from spillway	
	☐ Remove trash, debris, and sediment	
	☐ Remove weeds and invasive plants	
Monthly	☐ Irrigate 1" water/week during the first growing season; maintain low water levels to allow	
(during growing	sufficient oxygen to the roots of establishing plants (wet pond shelf)	
season)	☐ Check/clean inlets, outlets/overflows and trash racks from debris	
	☐ Check plants for pest damage or disease	
	☐ Remove trash, debris, and sediment	
	☐ Mow side slopes and embankments, emergency spillways, and access road (dry pond –	
	maintain bottom at 6-8"; wet pond – allow 5-10' of embankment to grow 24-30")	
Semi-Annually	☐ Check/remove sediment build-up and plant debris (especially < 18" of outlet)	
(spring & fall)	☐ Check water levels with design specifications (wet pond)	
	☐ Check/repair any settlement of berms	
	☐ Check/remove burrowing animals; repair holes in embankments	
Annually	☐ Seed or sod to restore dead or dying grass/groundcover	
	☐ Replace mulch every 3 years (min); replace topsoil every 10 years (min)	
	☐ Remove accumulated sediment (> 50% capacity forebay, > 25% capacity pond). Minimum 2-	
	10 years (dry pond), 5-10 years (wet pond)	
Upon Failure	□ Redesign and reconstruct	

VEGETATED ROOF (GREEN ROOF) MAINTENANCE INSPECTION CHECKLIST

BMP Location:			Inspector's Remarks:
Overall Condition (circle one):	ACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE	
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FREQUENCY	MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY	COMMENTS
As Needed &	☐ Irrigate if plants appear wilted or unhealthy; replace dead plants	
Following > 1"	☐ Check for sediment clogging the drain and weirs	
Rainfall	☐ Remove trash, debris, and sediment	
	☐ Remove weeds and invasive plants	
	☐ Replace bark mulch on bare, exposed soil	
	☐ Check mechanical equipment for leaks or spills	
Monthly	☐ Irrigate 1" water/week during the first growing season	
(during growing	☐ Check/clean outlets/overflows and weirs from debris	
season)	☐ Check plants for pest damage or disease	
	☐ Remove trash, debris, and sediment	
	☐ Remove weeds and invasive plants	
Semi-Annually	☐ Check roof and building interior for leaks from mechanical equipment and structural	
(spring and fall)	deficiencies to waterproof membrane	
	☐ Add bark mulch	
Annually	☐ Cut perennial plantings at end of growing season; divide grasses and perennials to prevent	
	overcrowding (fall)	
	☐ Check outlet/overflow drain; check infiltration and flow-through rates (0.5"/hr)	
	☐ Check pH of infiltration/planting soil (<5.2 add limestone; >7.0 add iron sulfate plus sulfur)	
	☐ Replace mulch. Minimum every 3 years	
	☐ Remove accumulated sediment and replace with approved soil mix, bark mulch, and	
	vegetation (> 25% ponding depth)	
	☐ Remove trees/shrubs and replace with smaller specimens (10-25 years) (intensive green roof)	
Upon Failure	□ Redesign and reconstruct	

INFILTRATION PRACTICE (TRENCH) MAINTENANCE INSPECTION CHECKLIST

BMP Location:		Inspector's Remarks:	
Overall Condition (c	rcle one): ACCEPTABLE UNACCEPTABLE		
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FREQUENCY	MAINTENANCE ACT	VITY	COMMENTS
As Needed &	Check infiltration rate (< 3"/hr)		

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As Needed &	☐ Check infiltration rate (< 3"/hr)	
Following > 1"	☐ Mow or trim grassed edge of trench; remove clippings to prevent clogging	
Rainfall	☐ Check observation well for clogging; clean subsurface drain	
Monthly	☐ Remove trash, debris, and sediment	
(during growing		
season)		
Semi-Annually	☐ Check/clean gutters and downspouts	
(spring & fall)	☐ Check/clean pre-treatment BMPs or diversion structures for clogging, sediment/debris	
	accumulation, or structural damage	
Annually	☐ Check/clean silt trap and intermediate sump pump (if applicable)	
Upon Failure	□ Replace filter from roof drain	
	☐ Remove and install clean, washed trench aggregate; trench walls should be excavated to	
	expose clean soil; replace filter fabric and piping	

PERVIOUS PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE INSPECTION CHECKLIST

BMP Location:			Inspector's Remarks:
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FREQUENCY	MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY	COMMENTS
As Needed &	☐ Repair potholes and patch cracks	
Following > 1"	☐ Remove trash, debris, and sediment	
Rainfall	☐ Remove weeds and unwanted grass including grass clippings and vegetation trimmings from	
	adjacent landscaped areas	
	☐ Sweep or vacuum more frequently depending on traffic, sediment, and debris	
	☐ Monitor infiltration rate (20"/hr)	
Monthly	☐ Remove trash, debris, and sediment	
(during growing		
season)		
Semi-Annually	☐ Monitor infiltration rate (20"/hr)	
(spring & fall)	☐ Sweep or vacuum; pressure wash (concrete pavement only)	
	☐ Clean inlets draining to subsurface bed and subsurface drain	
	☐ Check overflow outlet for clogging	
Annually	☐ Check and replenish lost aggregate between pavers	
	☐ Check and reseed grassed pavers	
Upon Failure	☐ Remove existing pervious pavement and aggregate, wash and/or replace and reinstall per	
	manufacture specifications	

PLANTER BOX / TREE BOX MAINTENANCE INSPECTION CHECKLIST

BMP Location:			Inspector's Remarks:
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FREQUENCY	MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY	COMMENTS
As Needed &	☐ Irrigate if plants appear wilted or unhealthy; replace dead plants	
Following > 1"	☐ Check for sediment clogging the drain and other pipes	
Rainfall	☐ Remove trash, debris, and sediment	
	☐ Remove weeds and invasive plants	
	☐ Replace bark mulch on bare, exposed soil	
Monthly	☐ Irrigate 1" water/week during the first growing season; stake/tie younger trees	
(during growing	☐ Check/clean inlets and outlets/overflows and curb cuts from debris	
season)	☐ Check plants for pest damage or disease; remove weeds and invasive plants	
	☐ Remove trash, debris, and sediment	
	☐ Sweep surrounding area	
Semi-Annually	☐ Check stakes and ties on trees; replace if worn or damaged	
(spring & fall)	☐ Prune/trim vegetation	
	☐ Add bark mulch	
Annually	☐ Cut perennial planting; divide grasses and perennials to prevent overcrowding (fall)	
	☐ Check infiltration and flow-through rates (0.5"/hr)	
	☐ Check pH of infiltration/planting soil (<5.2 add limestone; >7.0 add iron sulfate plus sulfur)	
	☐ Replace mulch every 3 years (min)	
	$\ \square$ Remove accumulated sediment and replace with approved soil mix, bark mulch, and	
	vegetation (> 25% ponding depth)	
	☐ Replace trees and shrubs with smaller specimens (10-25 years)	
Upon Failure	☐ Redesign and reconstruct	

RAINWATER HARVESTING MAINTENANCE INSPECTION CHECKLIST

BMP Location:			Inspector's Remarks:
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FREQUENCY	MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY	COMMENTS
As Needed &	☐ Check/ clean sediment or debris from within the tank	
Following > 1"	☐ Check/clean diverts, cleanout plugs, screens, seals, covers, and overflow pipes; repair and	
Rainfall	replace damaged components	
	☐ Empty tank when full (within 48 hrs)	
	☐ Replace components and/or tank if leaking	
Monthly	☐ Remove trash, debris, and sediment from inlet, screen, and outlet	
(during growing		
season)		
Semi-Annually	☐ Check and clean with brush; disinfect tank	
(spring & fall)	□ Check pump	
Annually	□ Pressure wash area draining to system	
	☐ Flush and remove debris and sediment from tank	
	☐ Replace pump on large systems (5 years)	
Upon Failure	□ Contact manufacturer for corrective solution	

RIPARIAN RESTORATION & NATIVE REVEGETATION MAINTENANCE INSPECTION CHECKLIST

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FREQUENCY	MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY	COMMENTS
As Needed &	☐ Irrigate if plants appear wilted or unhealthy; replace dead plants	
Following > 1"	☐ Check for erosion and slope stability; repair with additional plant material similar to original	
Rainfall	and/or small stones for stability	
	☐ Remove trash, debris, and sediment	
	☐ Remove weeds and invasive plants	
	☐ Replace bark mulch on bare, exposed soil	
Monthly	☐ Irrigate 1" water/week during the first growing season	
(during growing	☐ Check plants for pest damage or disease	
season)	☐ Remove trash, debris, and sediment	
	☐ Remove weeds and invasive plants	
Semi-Annually	☐ Check for erosion, embankment failure, and sediment accumulation	
(spring & fall)	☐ Prune/trim plants	
	☐ Mow or spot apply herbicide (until canopy and/or vegetation established)	
	□ Redefine landward edge	
	☐ Add bark mulch	
Annually	☐ Prescribed burn (prairie only) end of second year OR mow to very close to ground; remove	
	plant debris from site to expose soil to sun; repeat on 2 to 5 year cycle	
Upon Failure	☐ Redesign and reconstruct	