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Impervious Cover Assessment, Green Infrastructure Action Plan, and Green Infrastructure Strategic Plan for Caldwell Borough, New Jersey

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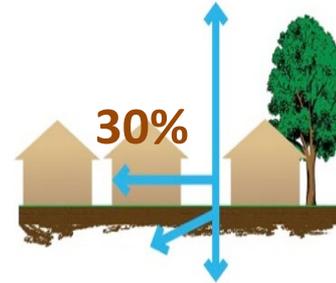
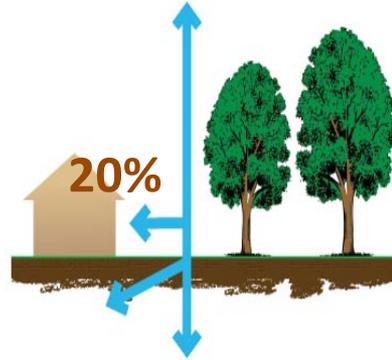
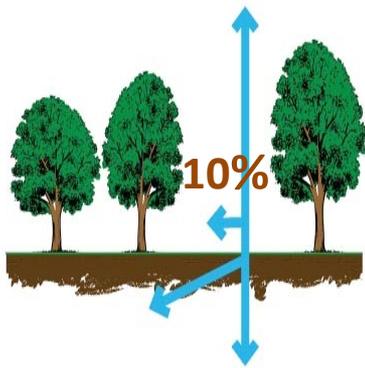
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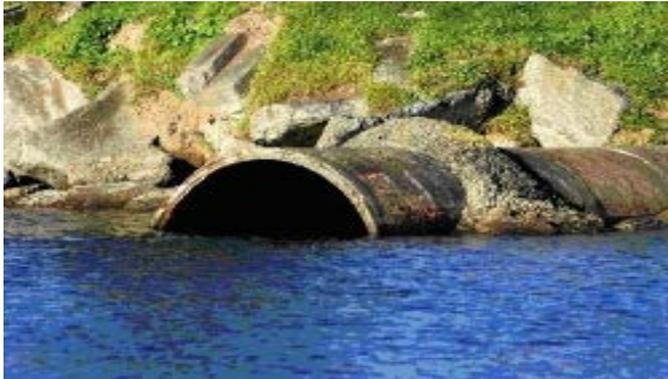
The Impact of Development on Stormwater Runoff



More development

→ *More impervious surfaces* →

More stormwater runoff



Impervious Cover Assessment Figures/Charts

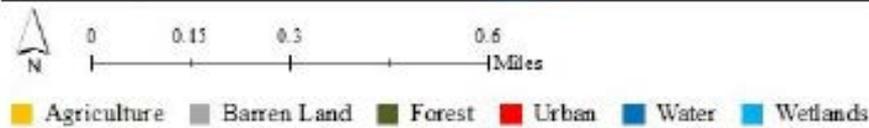
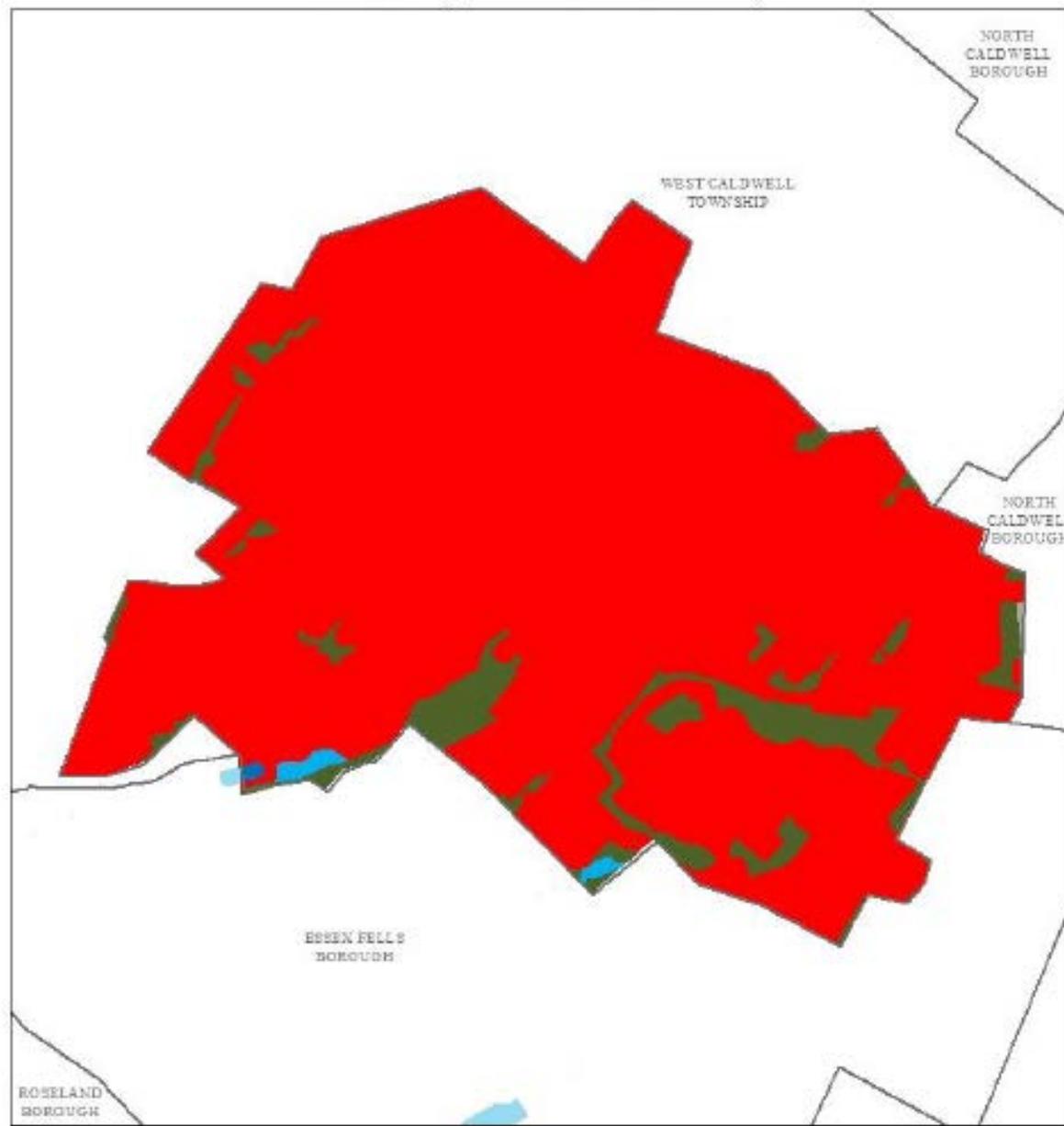


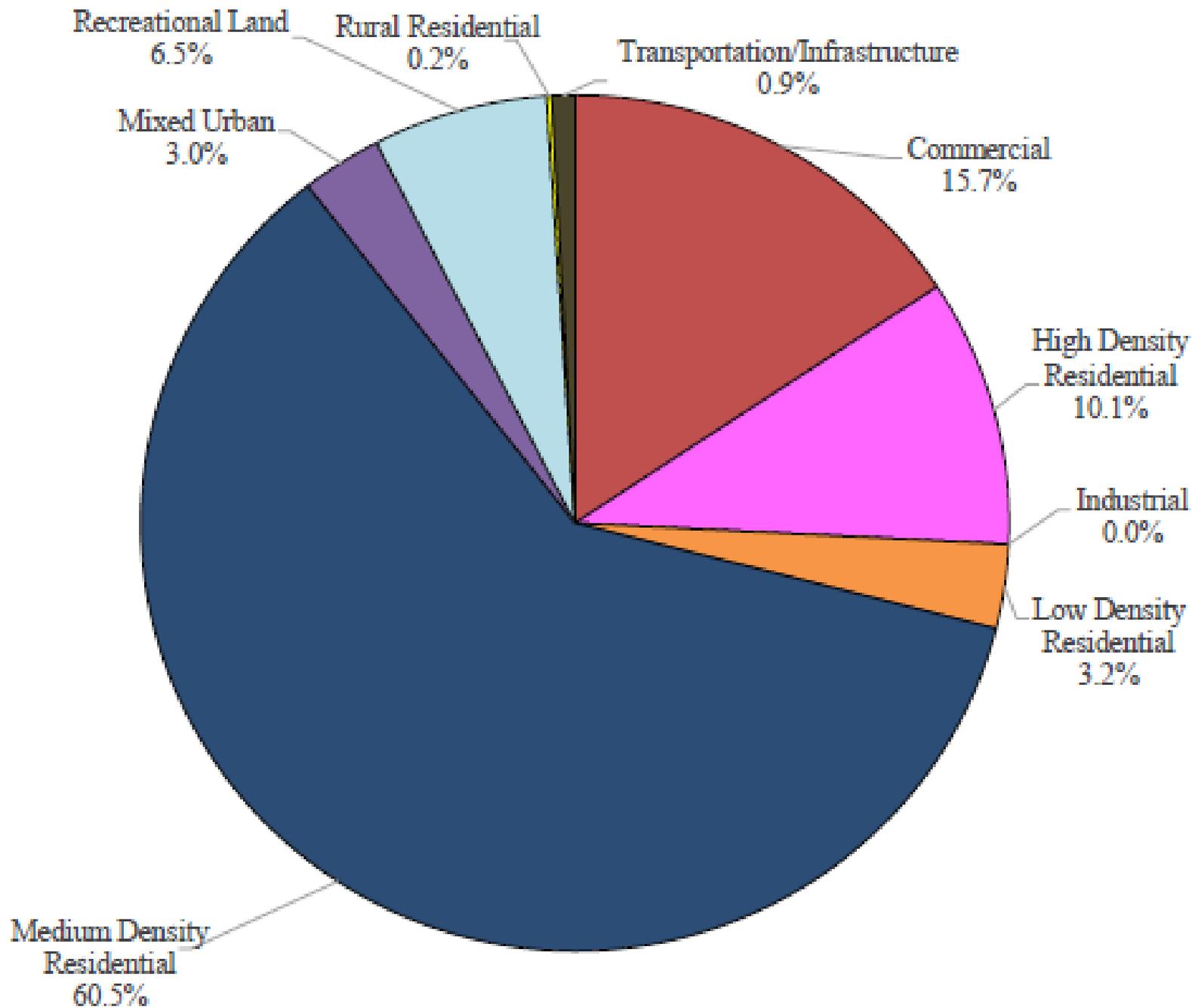
Impervious Cover Assessment

- Analysis completed by watershed and by municipality
- Use 2015 Land Use data to determine impervious cover
- Calculate runoff volumes for water quality, 2, 10 and 100 year design storm and annual rainfall
- Contain three concept designs

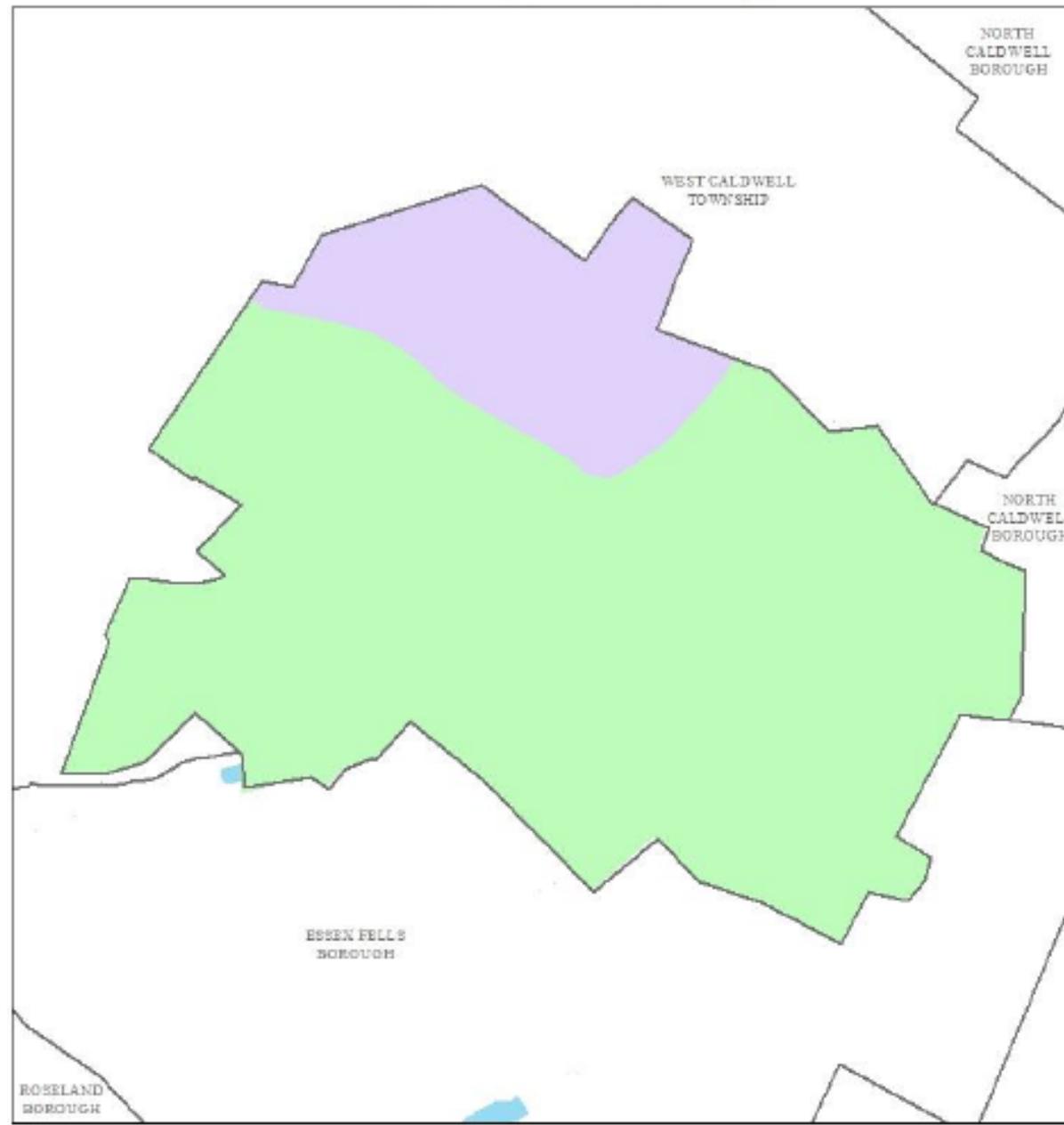


Land Use Types for Caldwell Borough





Subwatersheds of Caldwell Borough



Subwatershed	Total Area (ac)	Impervious Cover (ac)	Impervious Cover (%)
Deepavaal Brook	129.7	49.4	38.1%
Upper Passaic River	628.2	238.0	37.9%
Total	758.0	287.4	37.9%

Subwatershed	Total Runoff Volume for the 1.25" NJ Water Quality Storm (MGal)	Total Runoff Volume for the NJ Annual Rainfall of 44" (MGal)	Total Runoff Volume for the 2-Year Design Storm (3.4") (MGal)	Total Runoff Volume for the 10-Year Design Storm (5.2") (MGal)	Total Runoff Volume for the 100-Year Design Storm (8.7") (MGal)
Deepavaal Brook	1.7	59.0	4.6	7.0	11.7
Upper Passaic River	8.1	284.3	22.0	33.6	56.2
Total	9.8	343.3	26.5	40.6	67.9

WE LOOK HERE FIRST:

- ✓ Schools
 - ✓ Places of Worship
 - ✓ Libraries
 - ✓ Municipal Building
 - ✓ Public Works
 - ✓ Firehouses
 - ✓ Post Offices
 - ✓ Elks or Moose Lodge
 - ✓ Parks/ Recreational Fields
- 20 to 40 sites are entered into a PowerPoint
 - Site visits are conducted



Green Infrastructure Action Plan and Strategic Plan



CALDWELL BOROUGH: GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE SITES

SITES WITHIN THE DEEPAVAAL BROOK SUBWATERSHED

1. Grover Cleveland Center for Senior Citizens

2. United States Postal Service

SITES WITHIN THE UPPER PASSAIC RIVER SUBWATERSHED

3. Caldwell Municipal Complex

4. Caldwell United Methodist Church

5. Caldwell University

6. Center For Spiritual Living North Jersey

7. Congregation Agudath Israel

8. Essex Lodge No. 7

9. First Baptist Church

10. First Presbyterian Church

11. Gould Place & Bloomfield Avenue Right of Way

12. Green Acres: 27 Personette Street

13. Grover Cleveland Birthplace

14. Grover Cleveland Middle School

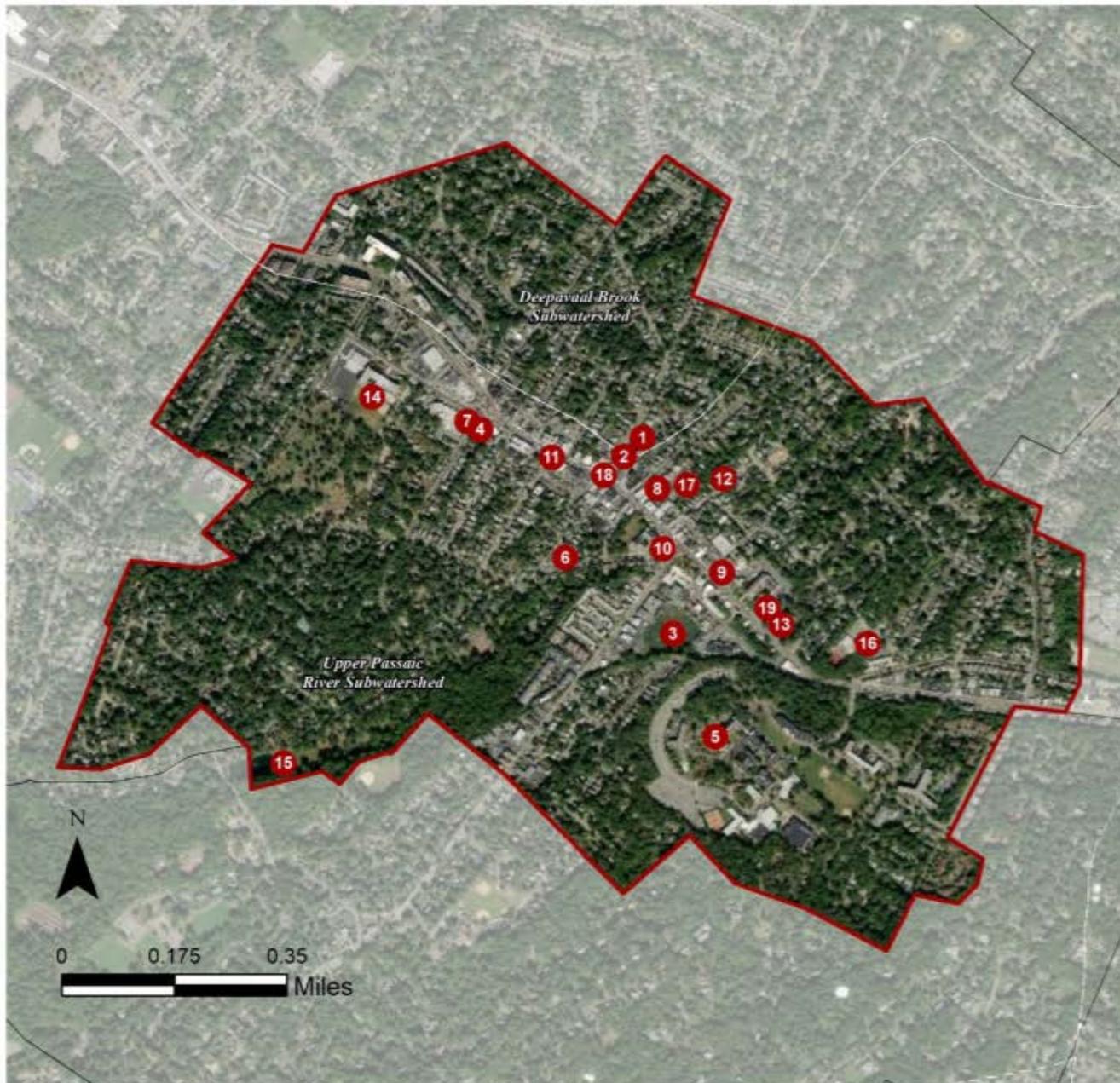
15. Grover Cleveland Park

16. Lincoln Elementary School

17. Municipal Parking Lot

18. Park Avenue & Bloomfield Avenue Right of Way

19. Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church





CALDWELL MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

Subwatershed: Upper Passaic River

Site Area: 343,616 sq. ft.

Address: 1 Provost Square
Caldwell, NJ 07006

Block and Lot: Block 56, Lot 1, 2, 3, 10.01,
10.02, 0.03, 10.06, 17



Several rain gardens can be installed in the turfgrass area around the municipal complex to capture, treat, and infiltrate stormwater runoff from the field and help reported flooding in the area. A preliminary soil assessment suggests that more soil testing would be required before determining the soil's suitability for green infrastructure.

Impervious Cover		Existing Loads from Impervious Cover (lbs/yr)			Runoff Volume from Impervious Cover (Mgal)	
%	sq. ft.	TP	TN	TSS	For the 1.25" Water Quality Storm	For an Annual Rainfall of 44"
90	307,669	14.8	155.4	1,412.6	0.240	8.44

Recommended Green Infrastructure Practices	Recharge Potential (Mgal/yr)	TSS Removal Potential (lbs/yr)	Maximum Volume Reduction Potential (gal/storm)	Peak Discharge Reduction Potential (cu. ft./second)	Estimated Size (sq. ft.)	Estimated Cost
Bioretention systems	0.179	30	13,540	0.51	1,715	\$8,575

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE RECOMMENDATIONS



Caldwell Municipal Complex

-  bioretention system
-  drainage area
-  property line
-  2015 Aerial: NJOIT, OGIS









FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Subwatershed: Upper Passaic River

Site Area: 101,635 sq. ft.

Address: 326 Bloomfield Avenue
Caldwell, NJ 07006

Block and Lot: Block 53, Lot 9

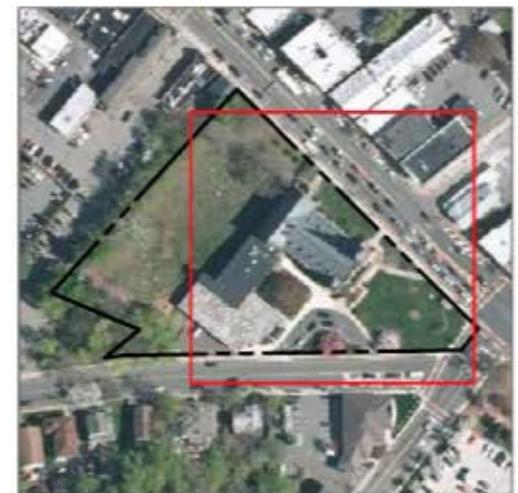


A rain garden can be installed in the turfgrass along the side of the church to capture, treat, and infiltrate stormwater runoff from the roof. An existing asphalt strip adjacent to the sidewalk can be replaced with a series of stormwater planters that could capture stormwater from the roadway. A preliminary soil assessment suggests that more soil testing would be required before determining the soil's suitability for green infrastructure.

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%	sq. ft.	TP	TN	TSS	For the 1.25" Water Quality Storm	For an Annual Rainfall of 44"
33	33,845	1.6	17.1	155.4	0.026	0.93

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Bioretention systems	0.017	3	1,320	0.05	170	\$850
Stormwater planters	0.070	12	5,290	0.20	680	\$255,000

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE RECOMMENDATIONS



First Presbyterian Church

-  bioretention system
-  stormwater planter
-  drainage area
-  property line
-  2015 Aerial: NJOIT, OGIS





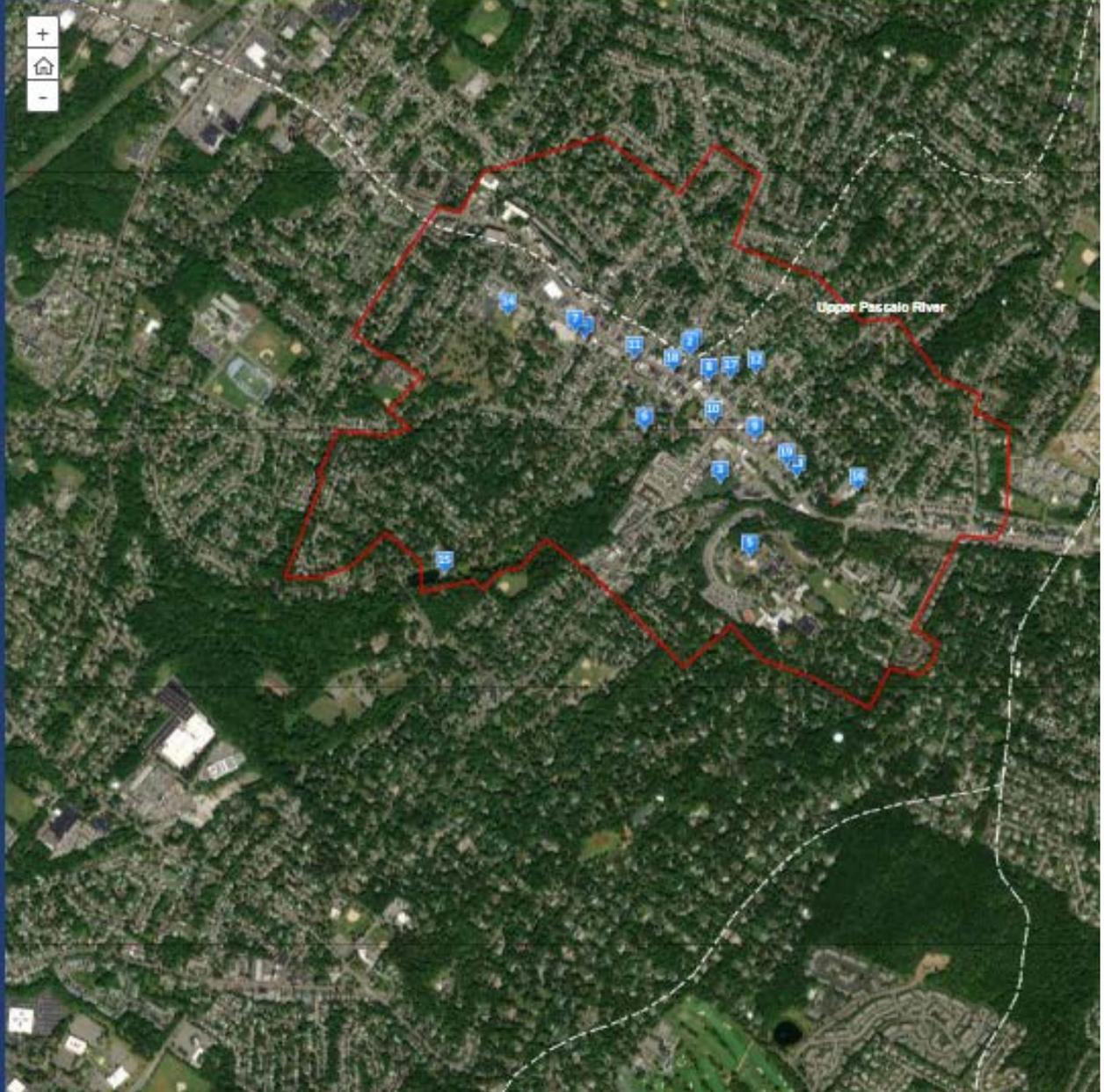
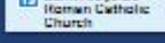


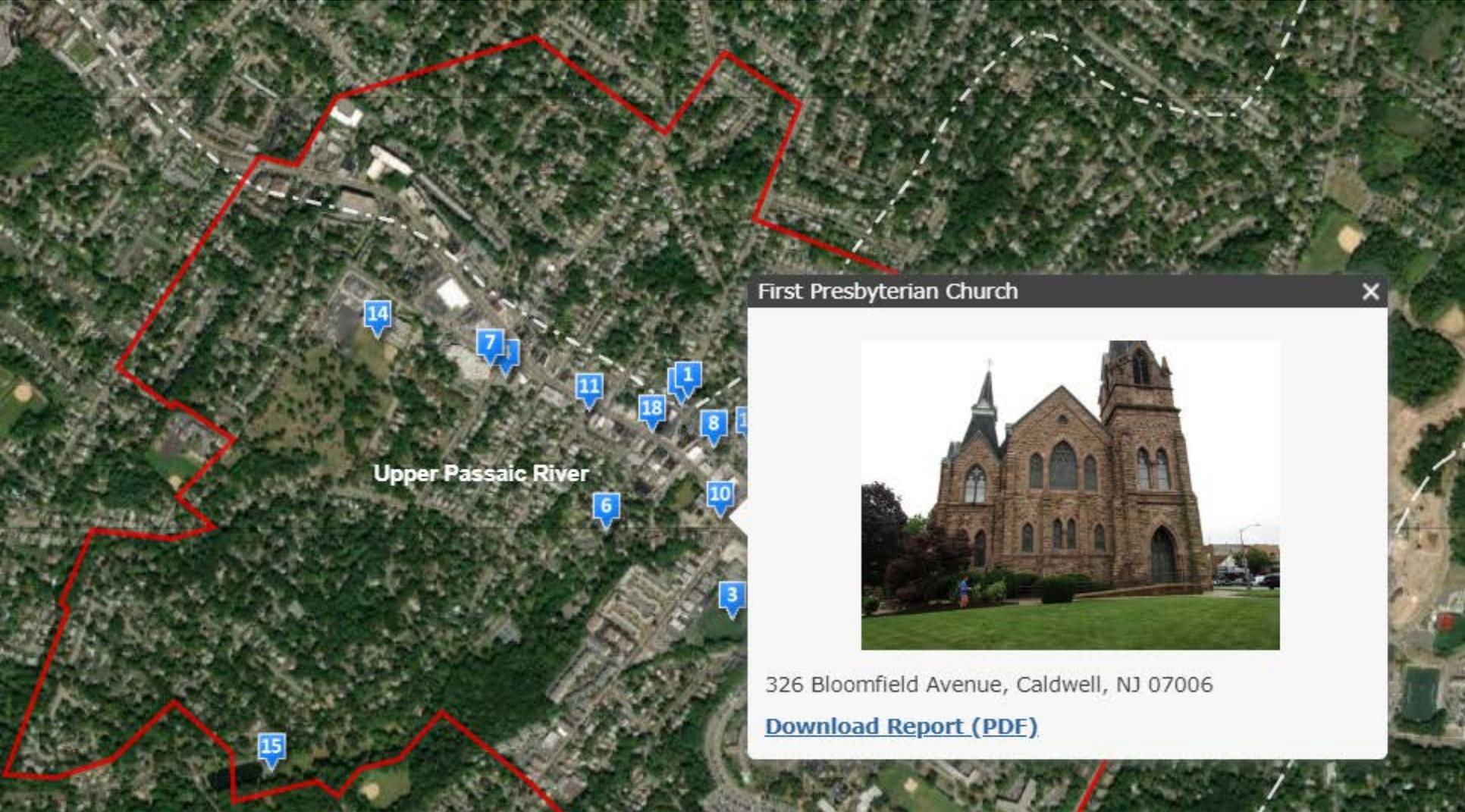
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ALL SITES

DEEPAVAAL BROOK

UPPER PASSAIC RIVER





First Presbyterian Church



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Final Thoughts

- Plans promote action and earn Sustainable Jersey Points
- Plans are a conduit for funding
- Impervious cover reduction action plan provide sites for developers to offset impacts
- Wide range in cost of projects (Eagle Scout projects to economic stimulus money projects)
- Foundation for stormwater utilities, watershed restoration plans, stormwater mitigation plan, and/or integrated water quality plans



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Next Steps and Questions

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