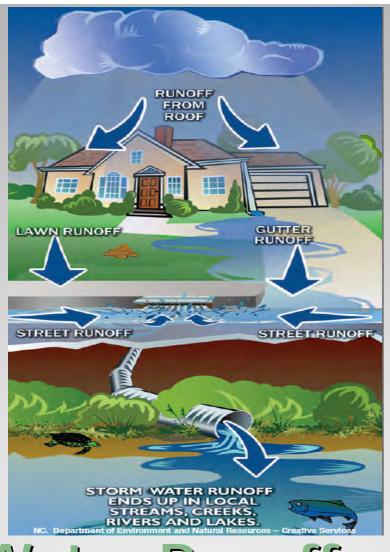
# Pervious Pavements

Pervious Concrete / Porous Asphalt / Permeable Pavers w/ a STRONG focus on Pervious Concrete

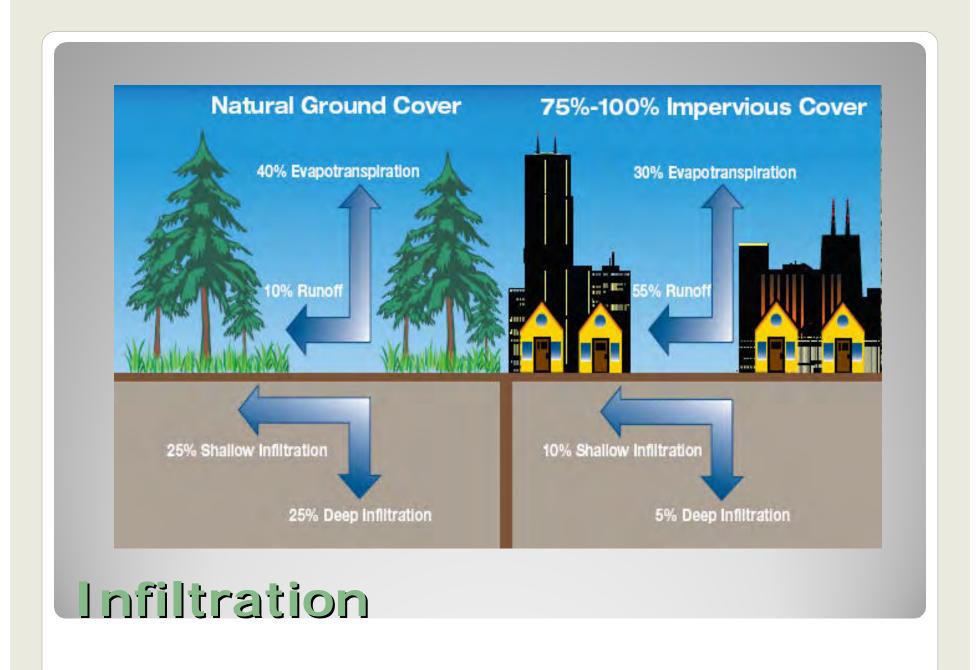
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Storm Water Runoff



Water Pollution



# What we're going to cover:

- Benefits & overviews of pervious pavements
- Good overall pervious pavement design
- Proper pervious concrete design & installation
- Maintenance of pervious pavements
- Design possibilities of pervious concrete

#### Pervious Pavement Benefits:

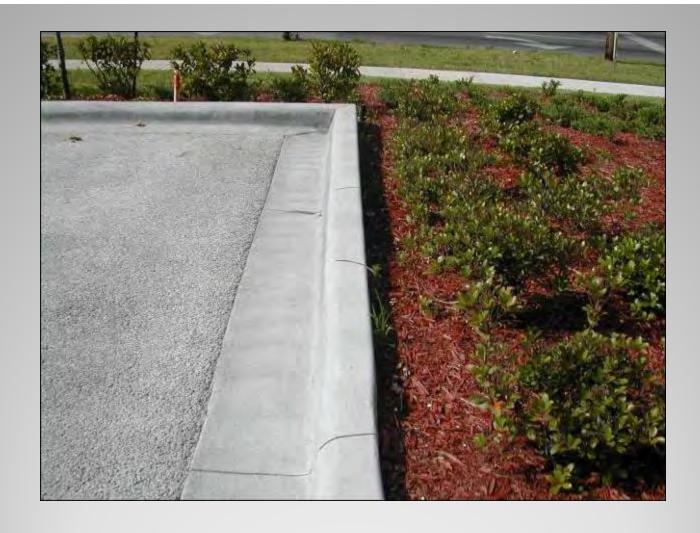
- Meets US EPA BMP for stormwater control
- Mimics pre-development conditions
- Can reduce 'heat island effect'
- Can benefit trees & shrubs
- Filters pollutants
- Recharges groundwater

# Pervious Pavement Design:

- Determine objectives
- Isolate run-off/'run-on'
- Design for slopes

### Pervious Pavement Objectives:

- % water capture
- Sensitive habitat protection
- Satisfy stormwater requirements
- Save overall costs by maximizing developable land
- Groundwater recharge



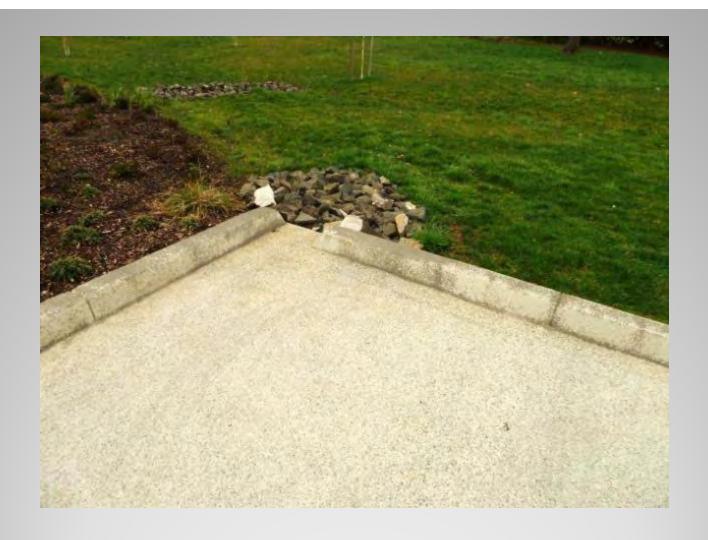
Use coarse mulch only



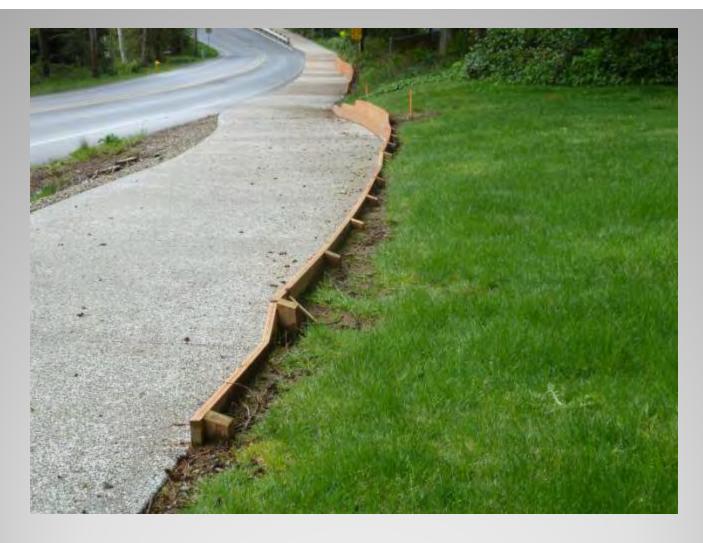
Coarse mulch w/ french drain



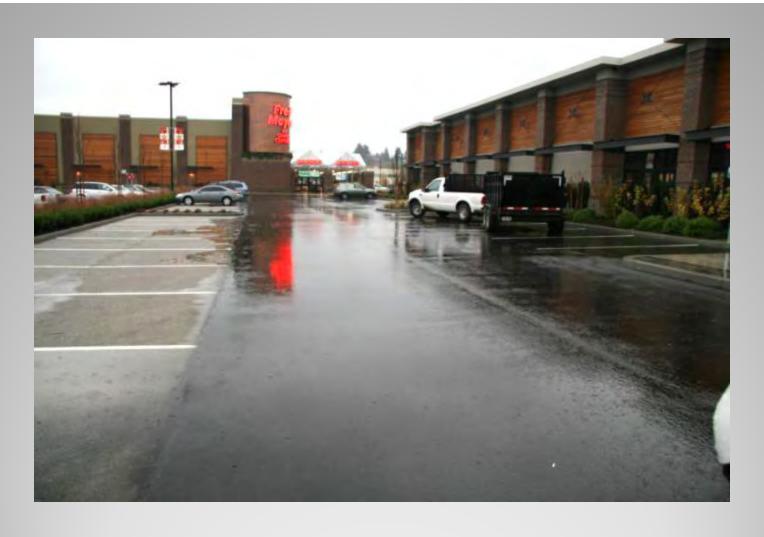
Drain away from the pavement



Notch curbs for backup drainage



Isolate sediment runoff



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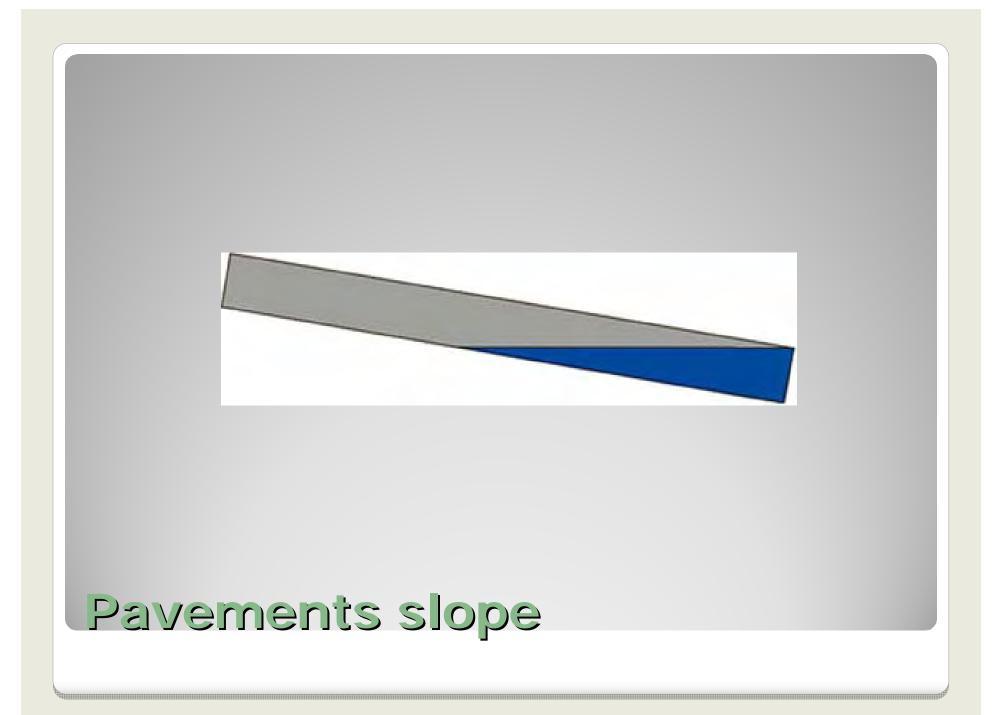
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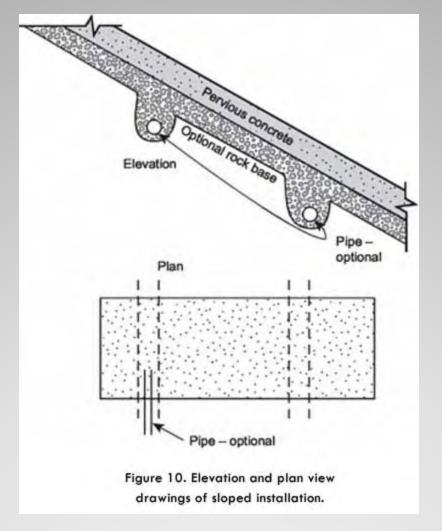


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Please do!





# Design for the slope

Some of the advantages & disadvantages of different types of pervious pavements...

# Porous Asphalt Advantages:

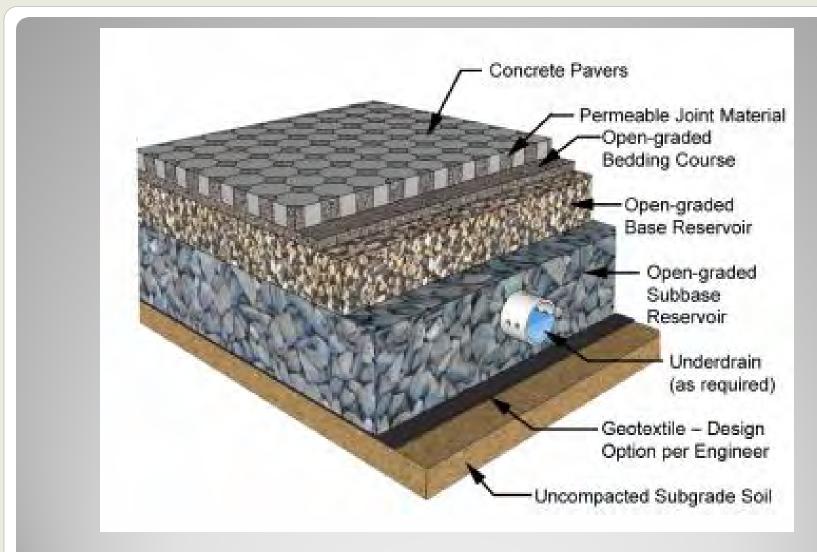
Low cost

### Permeable Pavers Advantages:

- Ease & success of installation
- Attractive, many design options

#### Permeable Pavers Disadvantages:

- High cost
- Maintenance issues



Permeable Paver specification

#### Pervious Concrete Advantages:

- Moderate cost
- Low maintenance
- Attractive & design potential

#### Pervious Concrete Disadvantages:

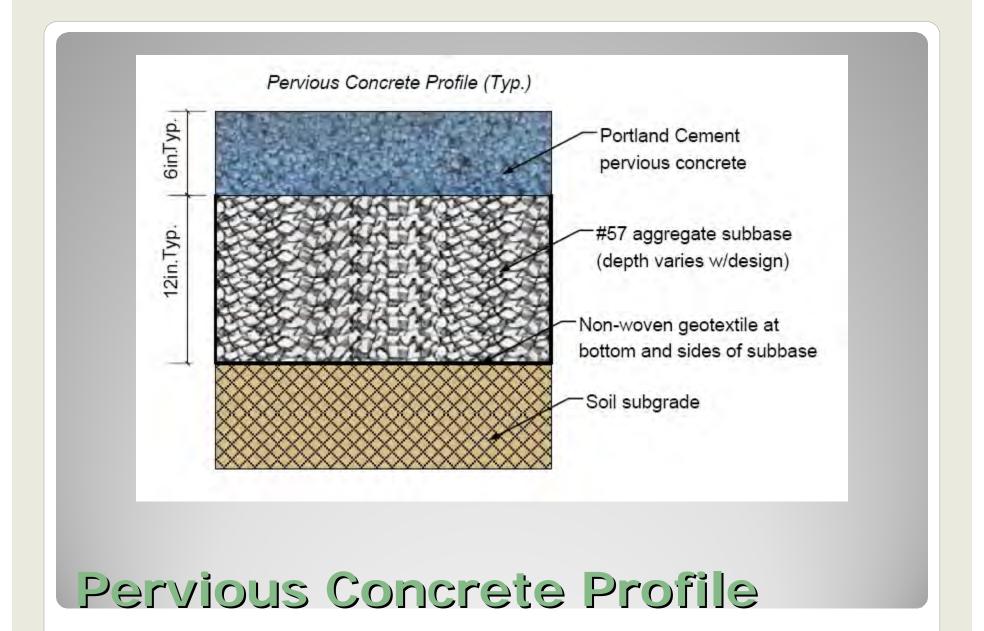
Unsuccessful installers & suppliers



Concrete that water flows right through!

#### What is Pervious Concrete?

- Generally consists of rock(coarse aggregate), cement and water.
- Has about 20% voids so water flows right through it, up to about 600"/hr
- Poured on a bed of a gravel, often ¾" crushed drain rock over a geotextile



# Brief History of Pervious Concrete?

- First used in the 1850's.
- Used on the East Coast since the early 80's.
- First pervious concrete installed in CA in 2001
- Estimated 15 mil/sft per year will be installed in the US by 2013
- Chinese installed over 2 ½ million sft for 2008 Beijing Olympics

# How Strong is Pervious Concrete?

- Typical compressive strengths range from 2000 to 3000 psi.
- Typical residential concrete compressive strengths range from 2500 to 4000 psi.
- 2500 psi turns out to be over 7-fold safety factor for firetrucks

<sup>\*</sup>US Dept of Commerce NOAA grant

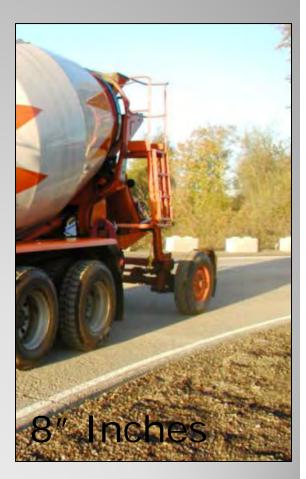
# Where is Pervious Concrete Used?

- Sidewalks
- Parking lots
- Residential streets
- Driveways
- Fire truck lanes

## Typical Pavement Sections:







Sidewalks Bike Lanes

Car Parking
Driveways

Commercial Local Streets

#### Pervious Concrete Benefits:

- Meets US EPA BMP for stormwater control
- Reduces 'heat island effect'
- Can benefit trees & shrubs
- Filters pollutants
- Recharges groundwater
- Some Carbon Sequestration

# Design & Installation of Pervious Concrete...



All pervious concrete is not created equal



Are you wanting this?



Clearly specify or you might end up with this.

## Proper mix design for pervious concrete:

- Starts with the aggregate
- Generally less cement & more water than has been suggested
- Know your admixes

### Aggregate for pervious concrete:

- Should be clean, very little fines
- Know the void content
- Generally crushed rock is better than round

You cannot design a mix for pervious concrete without knowing the exact aggregate that is going into it!

#### Installing Pervious Concrete:

- Specify an installer w/experience
- And/or require the contractor to retain an experienced consultant for the duration of the project
- Require a test panel first



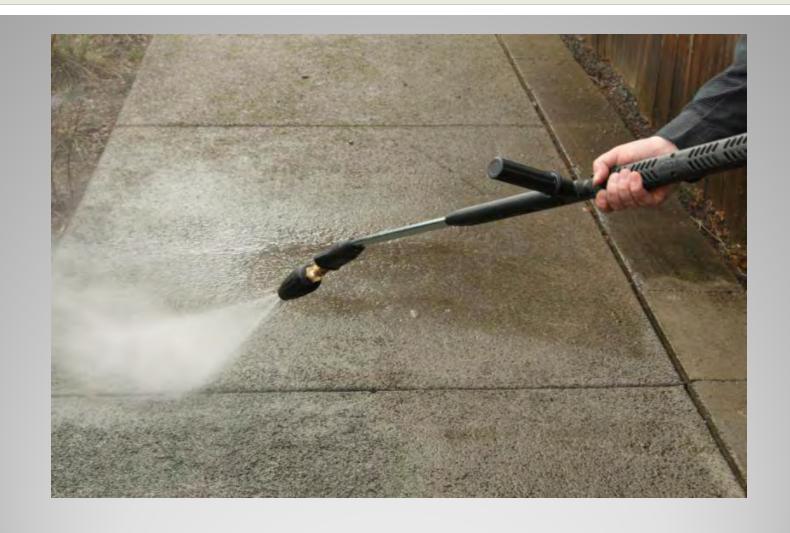
Pervious concrete being leveled & compacted w/ Bunyan Roller

## Maintenance of Pervious Pavements:

- On average vacuum once or twice a year and pressure wash every 5 years
- Studies in 13 year + old pervious in Florida show even with no maintenance still acceptable percolation rates



Good idea to blow/sweep regularly



Rotojet 5800 Turbo Nozzle

# Design Possibilities of Pervious Concrete...



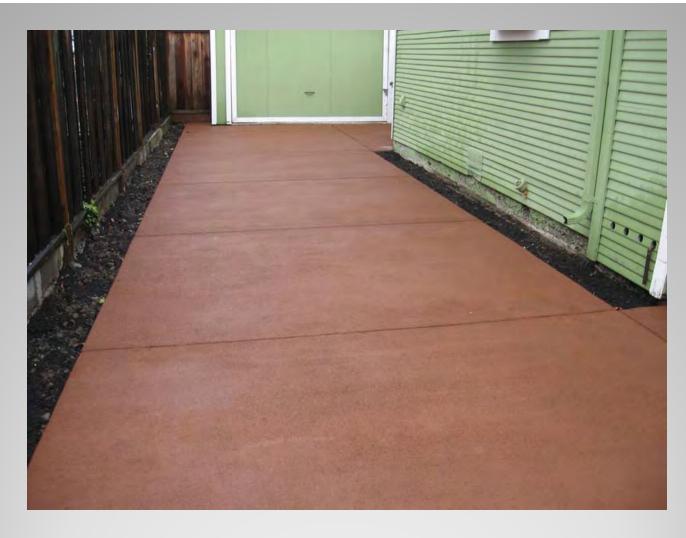
Our first pervious job, standard pervious concrete w/ integral color installed 5/2005



Up close of standard pervious concrete

## PrettyPervious... an improvement on standard pervious concrete

- More attractive
- Finer
- More color and design options
- More consistent



'PrettyPervious' Concrete

## What is 'PrettyPervious'?

- Overlay for pervious concrete, applied 1/8" thick
- Very fine aggregate (like coarse sand), cement, admix, polymer, color and water.
- Pre-packaged dry in bag + jug of all necessary liquid & color
- Can be used to repair failed standard pervious concrete



PrettyPervious layer

#### Costs:

Regular Concrete \$11.50/sft

Regular Concrete w/color \$12.50/sft

Standard Pervious Concrete \$12.00/sft

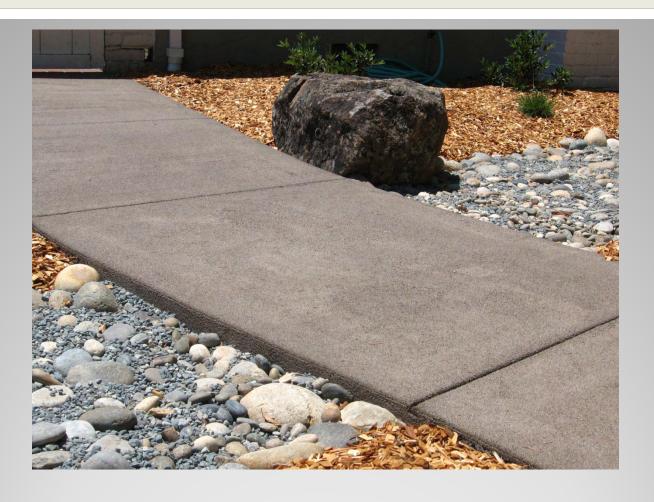
Pervious Concrete w/color \$13.00/sft

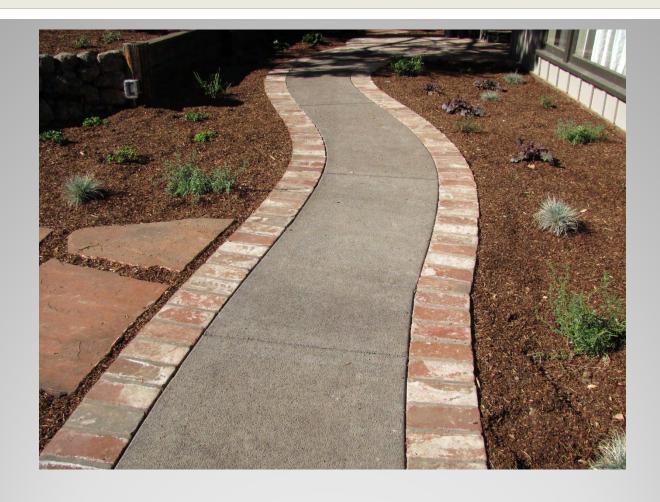
PrettyPervious Concrete \$14.00/sft

'Pervious' Pavers \$16to\$21/sft

<sup>\*</sup>all costs include a minor amount of site prep

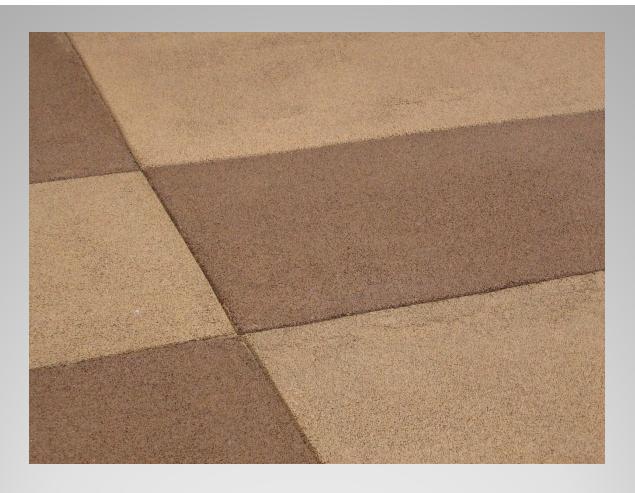






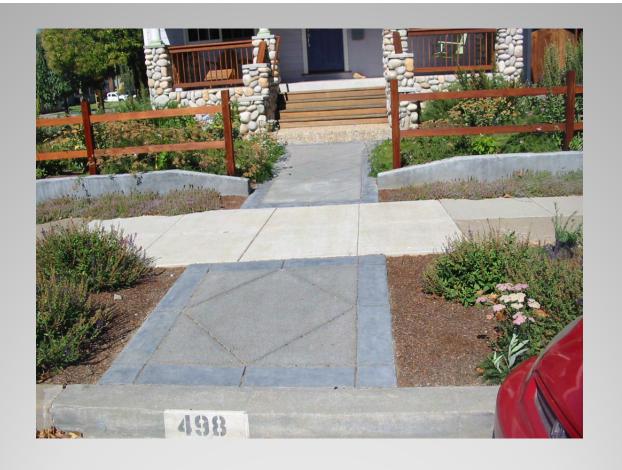








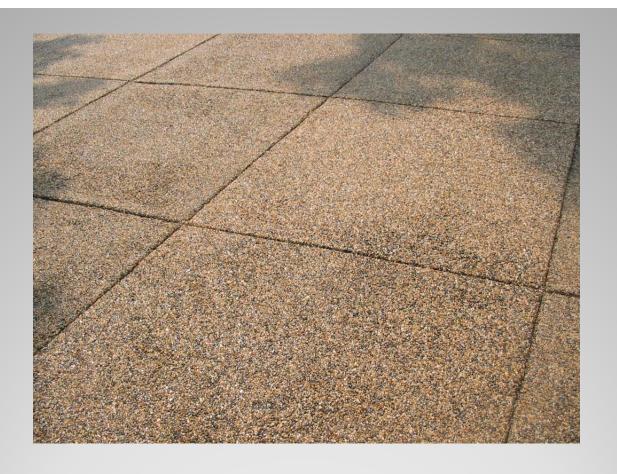
'PrettyPervious' in unique colors



'PrettyPervious' w/ solid concrete borders



Unlimited Color Options



Showing off the beautiful natural aggregate



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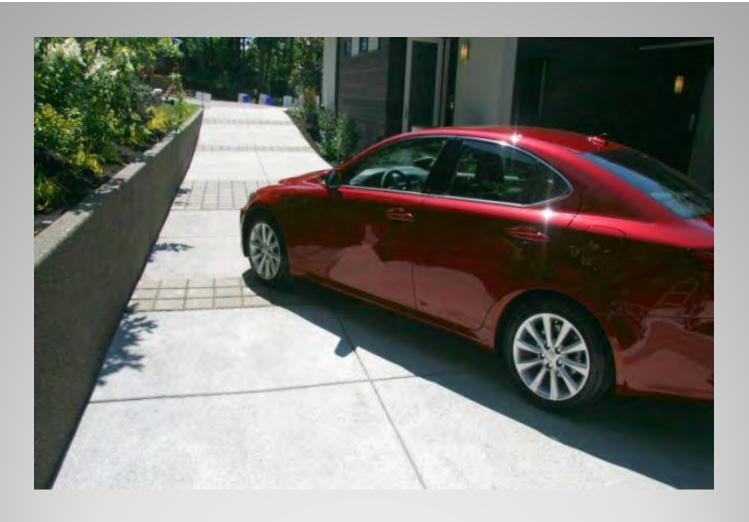


PrettyPervious, from a child's art project to...



PrettyPervious, so many possibilities...

# Evolution Paving Resources of Salem, Or...



Portland Street of Dreams



Splash Garden City of Salem



City of Beaverton Commuter Plaza



2 1/2 acre school parking lot



City Street Longview, WA



Bike & pedestrian path Eugene, Or



Slipform paver

Cupertino, CA

## Other Pervious Pavement...



Gold Fines washout & weeds



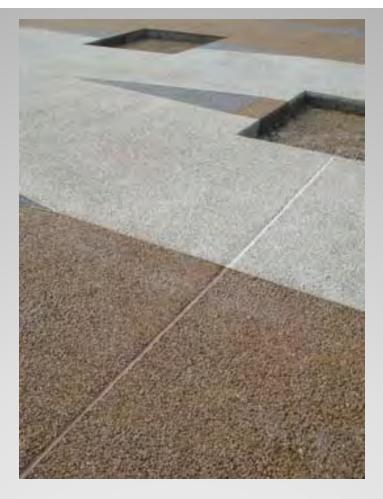
PrettyPervious between flagstone



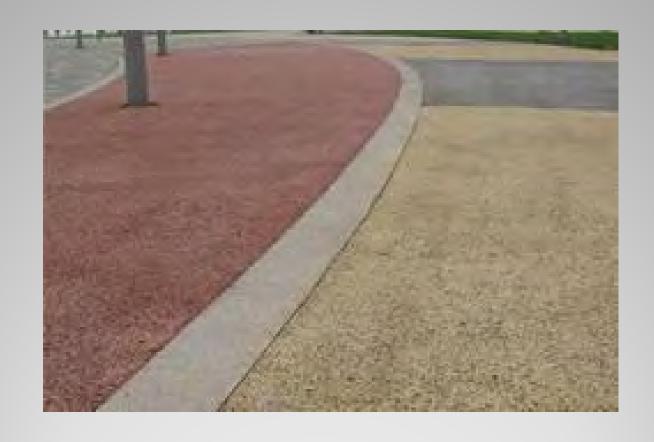
Regular concrete that is pervious too!



# China prepares for the Beijing Olympics courtesy of Dave Mitchell of Bunyan Industries



Over 2 1/2 million square feet of beautiful pervious concrete



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#### Additional Resources

- www.ICPI.org for permeable pavers
- www.perviouspavement.org
- www.concretenetwork.com/pervious/
- 'Porous Pavements' Bruce K. Ferguson
- 'Sustainable Landscape Construction' Thompson & Sorvig