

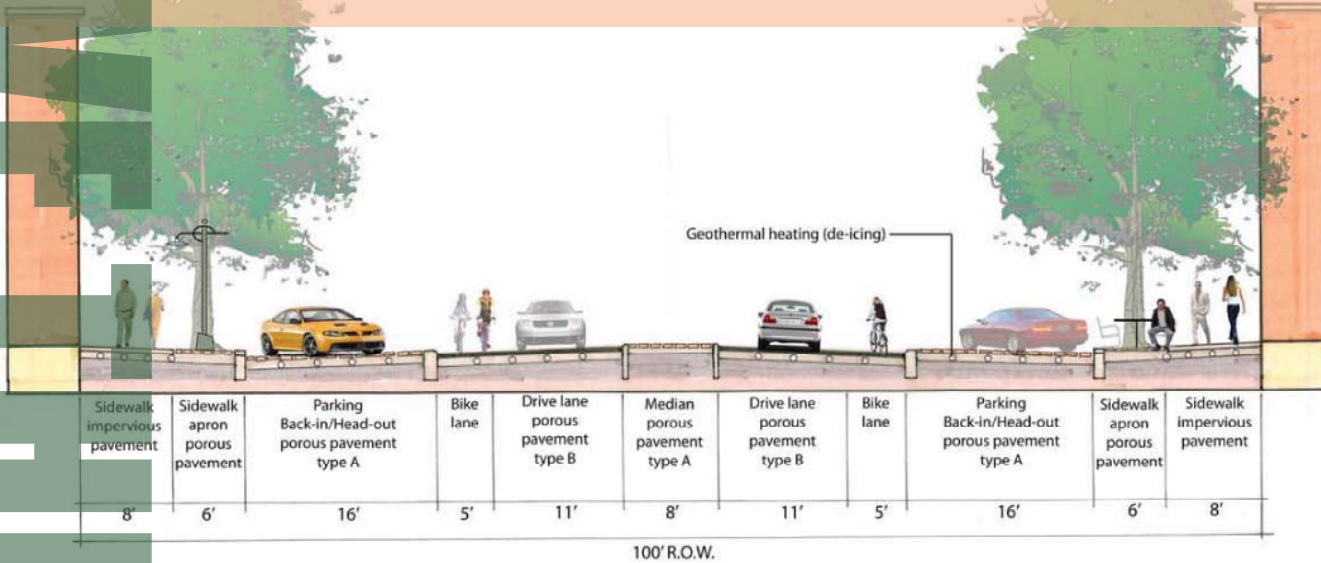


Chicago Wilderness Sustainability Team invites you to a special program by **Jim Patchett, President and Founder of Conservation Design Forum** on their work on **Iowa's GREEN STREETS** Pilot Project at West Union, Iowa

Friday, November 13, 9:30 am -11:00 am

at Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), 8th Floor, Willis (Sears) Tower, Chicago

Presentation participants welcome to the regular CW Sustainability Team meeting immediately following, 11 am - Noon



In 2008, West Union, Iowa, the Fayette County seat, a typical agriculturally-based Midwest community, began a partnership with the Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED) to serve as the initial demonstration for Iowa's new **Green Communities** program.

Learn about: Conservation Design Forum's Visioning Workshop that is helping transition West Union into a sustainable community to guide a renaissance of the downtown district and neighborhoods. And how this model project uses sustainable green infrastructure to integrate the needs of residents with principles of New Urbanism and green practices.

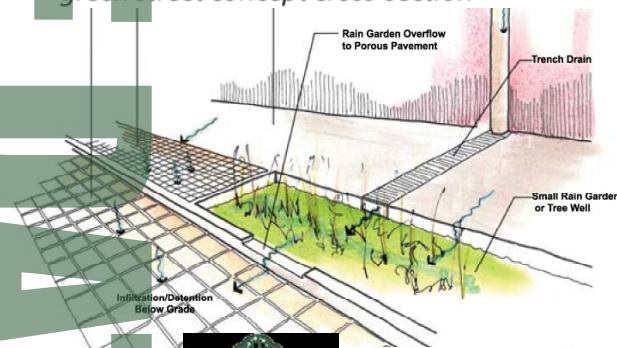
- Includes transportation alternatives for pedestrians and bicycles
- Creates an attractive, welcoming streetscapes in all seasons, and
- Treats all water as a valuable resource.

And how: First Principles speak to the importance of a collaborative process, sustainable community investment, education by demonstration, and recognition of West Union's unique context.

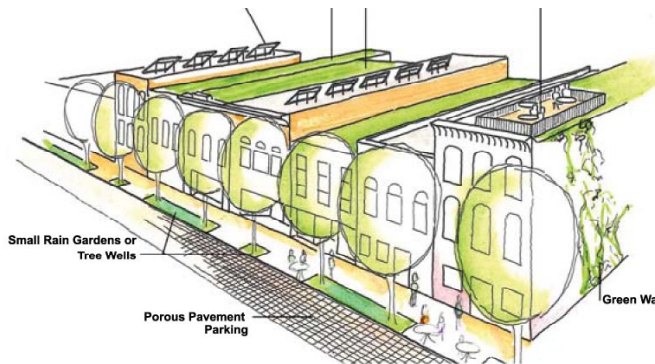
Learn about: Project implementation, scheduled for summer of 2010, which will include an Art Walk, Performance Pavilion on the historic Courthouse lawn, and a geothermal snow melt under all streets and sidewalks, permeable pavement streets, green roof systems, rain gardens, a rain water harvesting and reuse system, and solar powered lighting.

With an ultimate goal to: create safer inviting spaces; encourage alternative transportation; promote physical activity; create opportunities for socialization; and provide an authentic experience that promotes economic development.

green street concept cross-section



streetscape detail



green street concept



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To facilitate your entry to the Willis Tower, please RSVP with lauren.plescia@chicagowilderness.org Or call 312-742-4907.

