

FACT SHEET Townsend Towers Green Infrastructure Improvements

Project Description: The SUNY Upstate Townsend Towers project is one of many projects that highlight the partnership between SUNY Upstate and the Save the Rain program. This project was part of a larger redevelopment of the Townsend Towers, to become residential housing for students at SUNY Upstate.

The reconstruction efforts for the parking lot behind the residential towers included renovating the median in the parking lot to include green infrastructure in the form of a vegetated swale. The existing median was completely removed, and a new green median was installed complete with bioretention plantings and trees. The vegetated swale captures approximately 690,000 gallons of stormwater annually.

Project: SUNY Upstate – Townsend Towers

Project Owner: City of Syracuse

Project Location: 507-523 E. Adams Street
Sewershed: Clinton/Lower MIS
GI Technology: Vegetated Swale
Capture Area: 39,000 sq. ft.
Runoff Reduction: 690,000 gal/yr

Year Completed: 2012

Construction Cost: \$149,900 (STR Contribution)

Prime Contractor: Hueber Breuer



Conceptual Rendering of the SUNY Upstate Townsend Towers Project



New Parking Lot Median with Vegetated Swale

