

## Elements of Green Infrastructure

Although each example of place and function is listed only once, some fit into more than one element. Please use these lists as a guide to stimulate your thinking rather than as a list of fixed examples. Also, note that some examples will be more visible at different scales.

Elements	Examples of places	Examples of functions provided
Human Health	Parks; Trails; Athletic Complexes; Schools; Scenic Vistas	Encourage exercise and active lifestyles; Provide outdoor space for activities for all ages; Create appealing visual landscapes; Offer places of solitude & respite.
Ecology	Public lands—county & state parks, forests, wildlife refuge; Conservancy lands, Riparian corridors; Wetlands; Floodplain; Forested lands; Vegetative buffer	Protect & restore air & water quality; Conserve soil; Manage stormwater; Provide habitat for wildlife; Protect or restore native communities; Enrich biodiversity
Economy	Town & city centers; Tourism destinations; Corporate headquarters & corporate parks	Attract & retain residents, businesses and employees; Connect businesses & residents/pedestrians; Increase residential & business property tax base; Offer alternative transportation
Culture & Society	Historic sites; Event sites; Public art; Outdoor markets; Beaches; Festival grounds	Interpret & share environmental & cultural identities; Foster community identity and pride
Education	Interpretive sites; Zoos; Museums; Botanical gardens; Nature centers	Foster formal & informal education; Provide spaces for experiential education; Use nature as a classroom; Involve citizens in resource stewardship

### Where to look for Green Infrastructure opportunities:

- Large tracts of public land
- Large tracts of forested land, fallow land and other open land
- Private lands—corporate/industrial, utility companies, RR corridors, etc.
- Working landscapes—agricultural, forestry, mineral extraction, hunt clubs & preserves
- Riparian lands—river, stream, creek corridors, floodplains
- Fragile lands—steep slopes, wetlands, hydric soils
- Recreation lands—parks, golf courses, trailways
- Wide transportation corridors
- Other...

