CHECKLIST FOR INSPECTION OF BIORETENTION SYSTEM/TREE FILTERS

Location: 1362 E 59th St

Inspector: Not applicable. See final comments below.

Date: 9/19/23

Final Comments

This location features the University of Chicago (UChicago) Laboratory School's outdoor classroom and has restricted access.

UChicago representatives were kind enough to arrange a meeting and site visit with Openlands staff to tour the outdoor classroom. The site is significantly different from other sites within this inventory with a focus on habitat and more of a closed system design. It did not fit with the inspection sheet used at other sites, but staff noted a very impressive plant community. The outdoor classroom was designed for young students, some of whom feature in a video touching on site stewardship. An additional green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) site (Gordon Parks Arts Hall) is located on the north side of the Laboratory school's campus.



This and other UChicago Green Stormwater Infrastructure could be a source of informational site visits for members of the city-wide advisory group. The variety of sites on the University's campus, dedicated maintenance staff, and the willingness to share information make UChicago a valuable resource in Chicago's efforts to incorporate and maintain GSI.