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- **Project Owner:** Queens College
- **Project Location:** 65-30 Kissena Blvd
- **Watershed:** Flushing Creek
- **GI Technology:** Rain Gardens, Permeable Pavers
- **Impervious Area:** 33,000 sf
- **Storage Capacity:** 900,000 gallons annually
- **Year Completed:** 2012
- **GI Grant Award:** $386,000

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