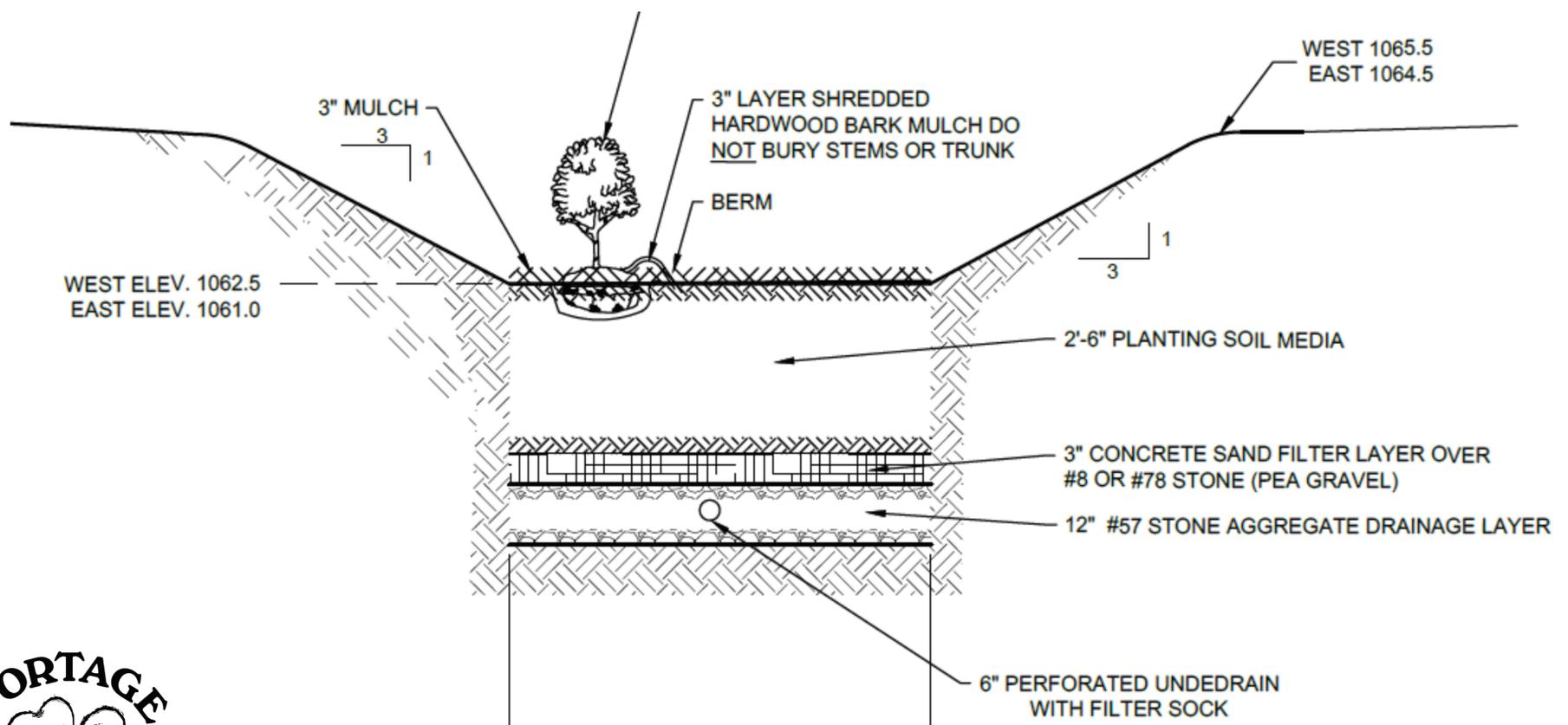


STORMWATER QUALITY



The two large basins adjoining the Trail Lake Park parking lot are called bioretention basins. Bioretention basins are landscaped depressions used to slow and treat on-site stormwater runoff. The stormwater that falls on the large parking lot is directed to the basins. This practice uses an underdrain system to remove excess treated water, engineered soils to support growth and absorb pollutants, a mulch layer to aid in pollutant filtration, a level base to allow particulate settlement, and native vegetation to remove water and excess nutrients.

Portage Park District staff planted a selection of native trees, shrubs, and forbs that provide ecological benefits while treating the stormwater runoff.



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