A Simulation-based Modeling Approach to Adapt Social-Ecological Green Infrastructure System for Resilient Urban Flood Management

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1.1. Background

1.1.1. Study Site

Site : Yeoksam-dong, Gangnam-gu, Seoul. Area : 3.50 km² Average Slope : 39.6m Population : 71,559 (2023.02) Population Density : 20,445.43 / km² Competent Administrative Dong : Yeoksam 1-dong, Yeoksam 2-dong



Figure 1: Study Site- Yeoksam-dong Area

1.1. Background

- **1.1.2. Statement of the Problem**
- Heavy Flash Flood
- Sewage Overflow
- Property Damage
- Human Death

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1.1.2. Statement of the Problem



Source: https://www.donga.com/news/Society/article/all/20220809/114868488/1

Source: https://autopostkorea.com/95199/

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Figure 2: Gangnam District Flooding (2022/08/08)

1.1. Background

1.1.2. Statement of the Problem

- What are the reasons for this problems?
- I. Climate Change
- II. Seoul's Drainage System
- III. Urban Planning of Gangnam district



Figure 3: Flood Risk Map of Yeoksam-dong Area

1.1. Background

1.1.3. Solution

- What can be the solutions for this problems?
- Green Infrastructure (GI)Planning



Source: Tzoulas et al., 2007; Haines-Young, R., & Potschin, M. 2010

Figure 4: Links between green infrastructure for flood risk reduction, ecosystem services, human well-being, and co-benefits

1.2. Objectives

I. To evaluate and propose the best combination of Green Infrastructure scenarios for resilient urban flood control in the Yeoksam-dong area in the Gangnam district.

1.3. Research Questions

- I. What is the current condition of flood control in the Yeoksam-dong area?
- II. What GI scenarios can be proposed for improving the flood control in the study area?
- III. What are the practical implications of the study's findings for the implementation of GI in other urban areas facing similar stormwater management issues?

Research Framework



Figure 5: Research Framework

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2.1. Research Flow



Figure 6: Research Flow

2.2. Study Area

Data Collection:

- Local characterization data of the study area were collected.
- 5 indicators were used.



- Rainfall, temperature, landuse and other hydrological data of the study area were also collected.
- Direct site visit, existing works in the study area, literature review and spatial analysis were used to collect the data

2.3. Research Steps

2.3.1. Step 1: Landuse Analysis

- A Landuse analysis was conducted to identify the specific Landuse zones in the Yeoksam-dong area in the Gangnam district.
- Direct site visit and spatial analysis by QGIS was used for evaluating the landuses in the site.

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Figure 9: Yeoksam-dong Landuse Zoning Map



4Rs of Resilience	Theoretical Concept	Flood Adaptive GI Planning
Robustness	Ability or strength to withstand	Reduce runoff
Rapidity	Rate of system recovery and capacity to restore	Adjusting rate of rainwater runoff
	to a given performance level	
Redundancy	Extent to which elements, systems, or other units	Control the flow rate and volume of rainwater
	of analysis exist that are substitutable	
Resourcefulness	Capacity to identify problems and mobilize	Network construction of social and ecological disaster
	resources	prevention facilities

Sources: Bonstrom and Corotis (2016), Cimellaro et al. (2010), Tierney and Bruneau (2007)

Table 1: Strategy for food-adaptive green infrastructure planning utilizing the 4Rs of resilience

2.3. Research Steps2.3.2. Step 2: GI Planning Scenarios

II. Establishing GI Benefits Impact Indicators

	Environmental		So	cial	Economic	
Name	Water Ground Water		Amenity & Recreation		Rainwater	Real Estate
	Quality	Recharge	Aesthetics		Harvesting	Value
Bio-Retention	4	2	5	1	1	3
Rain Garden	4	1	5	1	1	3
Pervious Pavement	4	3	2	1	2	1
Green Roof	3	0	4	3	1	3
Vegetative Swale	4	2	3	3	1	1
Infiltration Trench	5	4	3	1	2	2
Rain Barrel	0	3	0	0	5	2

Sources: Woods-Ballard et al. (2007), Shoemaker L. et al. (2009), Berghage R. et al. (2009), Jia H. et al. (2013).

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- **III. Identification of GI Placement Sites**
- Total Area: 3,500,000 m²
- Residential Area: 845,594.28 m² (24.1%)
- Commercial Area: 1,115,176.35m² (32.5%)
- Imperviousness: Around 90%
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Type of Site	Bio-	Rain-	Green	Vegetative-	Infiltration	Pervious	Detention pond	Retention	Rain
	Retention	Garden	Roof	Swale	Trench	pavements		pond	Barrel
Flat roofs									
Parking lots									
Transport corridor									
Green Spaces									
Parks									

Sources: Woods-Ballard et al. (2007), Shoemaker L. et al. (2009), Berghage R. et al. (2009), Jia H. et al. (2013).

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Figure 11: Yeoksam-dong GI Planning Scenarios- 3 Combinations

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Figure 12: Simulation Modeling Framework

02. Research Methodology2.3. Research Steps2.3.3. Step 3: Simulation Modeling

- I. SWMM
- 12 Hours Simulation
- o 10 mins Interval
- 2022/08/08, 11:59am to 11:59pm



Figure 13: Study Area map on SWMM

2.3. Research Steps2.3.3. Step 3: Simulation Modeling

- **II.** Green Values Stormwater Calculator
- Custom Scenario for Large area
- Calibrated for the Study Site
- Average Standard Price for GI selected



Source: https://greenvalues.cnt.org/index.php#calculate

Figure 14: Green Values Stormwater Calculator

O3. Results → 3.1. EPA Stormwater Management Model (SWMM)
→ 3.2. Green Values Stormwater Calculator
→ 3.3. Best GI Planning Scenario for Yeoksam-dong

3.1. Stormwater Management Model (SWMM)

• Existing Condition

The infiltration is very low	, and the runoff	coefficient is almost	1 which is not at all	desirable.
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Existing Condition						
Subcatachments	Precipiation (in)	Infiltration (in)	Runnoff (in)	Runoff Volume (Gal)	Runoff Coeff	
S1	319	3.03	310.86	5791672.18	0.974	
S2	319	0.75	313.61	3438003.11	0.983	
S3	319	0.77	313.41	3411717.61	0.982	
S4	319	2.46	310.54	7485570.33	0.973	
S5	319	0.9	312.09	4684789.03	0.978	
S6	319	9.36	303.87	4814613.69	0.953	
Total Area		2.88	310.73	4937727.66	0.97	

Table 4: Existing Condition of Flood Control in the Yeoksam-dong Area

3.1. Stormwater Management Model (SWMM)

- The three GI combinations in all the scenarios showed improved flood control compared to the existing conditions.
- Highest infiltration rate in GI Combination
 1, about 18.09 inches total in the study
 area.
- Highest reduction of runoff and runoff volume observed in the GI Combination 2

GI Combination 1						
Subcatachments	Precipiation (in)	Infiltration (in)	Runnoff (in)	Runoff Volume (Gal)	Runoff Coeff	
S1	319	21.19	215.24	4010093.73	0.675	
S2	319	14.28	218.26	2392690.74	0.684	
S3	319	15.73	145.25	1581195.85	0.455	
S4	319	21.35	243.25	5863643.41	0.763	
S5	319	19.15	246.83	3705117.91	0.774	
S6	319	16.85	237.79	3767662.27	0.745	
Total Area		18.09	217.77	3553400.65	0.68	

	GI Combination 2						
Subcatachments	Precipiation (in)	Infiltration (in)	Runnoff (in)	Runoff Volume (Gal)	Runoff Coeff		
S1	319	9.07	161.32	3005637.84	0.506		
S2	319	11	224.86	2465082.9	0.705		
S3	319	26.76	222.78	2425563.63	0.698		
S4	319	24.68	171.43	4132094.12	0.537		
S5	319	21.28	270.51	4060679.7	0.848		
S6	319	13.25	149.66	2371351.96	0.469		
Total Area		17.67	200.09	3076735.03	0.63		

	GI Combination 3						
Subcatachments	Precipiation (in)	Infiltration (in)	Runnoff (in)	Runoff Volume (Gal)	Runoff Coeff		
\$1	319	24.14	212.64	3961603.06	0.667		
S2	319	14.93	240.03	2631365.39	0.752		
\$3	319	10.64	171.33	1864983.89	0.537		
S4	319	15.08	277.39	6686716.68	0.87		
S5	319	17.8	248.74	3733788.03	0.78		
S6	319	22.64	264.74	4194640.65	0.83		
Total Area		17.54	235.81	3845516.28	0.74		

Table 5: Flood Control in the Yeoksam-dong Area of all the Scenarios27

3.1. Stormwater Management Model (SWMM)



Figure 15: Comparison of Runoff Volume among the GI Combinations

Figure 16: Comparison of Infiltration and Runoff among the GI Combinations

3.1. Stormwater Management Model (SWMM)



Figure 17: Comparison of Runoff Coefficient among the GI Combinations

3.2. Green Values Stormwater Calculator

• Economic Benefits

All the three GI combination promotes economic value significantly while the combination 1 and 2 provides the best economic benefits with an increased real estate value of 22.8% and 22.3% respectively.

Green Infrastructure	Annual Benefits (\$)	Life Cycle Benefit (\$)	Increased Real Estate Value (%)
Combination 1	\$180,516.25	\$3,673,423.57	22.8
Combination 2	\$140,302.31	\$2,708,519.56	19.7
Combination 3	\$180,172.92	\$3,666,426.21	22.3

 Table 6: Economic Benefits of the GI Combinations in the Yeoksam-dong Area

3.2. Green Values Stormwater Calculator

• Comparison of Economic Benefits





Figure 18: Economic Benefits of the GI Combinations in the Yeoksam-dong Area

3.3. Best GI Combination for Yeoksam-dong

- GI Combination 1 showed highest percentage of increase for infiltration rate and real estate value.
- GI combination 2 accounts for the highest percentage of reduction for runoff rate and volume reduction.
- Difference for the infiltration rate between the Combination 1 and Combination 2 is marginal (0.17%) and increase of real estate value in Combination 2 also not far behind from the other two combinations.
- Overall, the GI Combination 2 performs better for all the four selected variables related to the 4Rs of Resilience.



04. Conclusion

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- The results showed that all the three combination of GI improves the flood control in the Yeoksam-dong area significantly compared to the existing condition.
- GI combination 2 performed better compared to the other two combinations for reduction of runoff rate and total runoff volume with 35.61% and 37.69% respectively.
- In terms of economic benefits, the all the GI combination increased the real estate value almost up to 23% compared to the existing condition for a 30 years life cycle of the GIs.
- In all the scenarios regardless of which combination performed the best, significant reduction in runoff and volume observed, while infiltration and real estate value also spiked.

04. Conclusion

- Simulation result suggest that all the three scenarios comply with the 4Rs of Resiliency.
- Methodology used in the research can be adapted to any sites that has similar problems. So, this research framework can be implemented in similar sites to planning for adaptive flood control.

What's Next?

- Addressing the limitations of selecting one best scenario.
- GI co-benefit analysis in accordance with the stakeholders' perception will be conducted in the future studies to address the current gap.

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