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Watercourse Improvement Projects Where Both The Biologist And Engineer Can Agree.

Ravin Nag Santino Tersigni •Over time creeks and streams experience erosion which undermine surrounding embankments resulting in loss of soil and vegetation.

•Two projects, Harmony Creek Branch 1 in Oshawa, Ontario and Rosedale Channel in the City of Brantford experienced these events.

•In order to mitigate these damages while providing a long term solution, Green Gabions, and gabion mats were used.

• Green Gabions are PVC coated, and heavily galvanized hexagonally woven double twist wire mesh rectangular baskets with a 45° or 60° front face and lined with a permanent erosion control mat.

• Once in place they are filled with a combination of 70% stone and 30% nutrient rich organic soil. The permanent erosion control blanket is used to contain soil and acts as a substrate for the insertion of cuttings and rooted woody plant stock or for planting herbaceous plants.

•Gabion mats line the bottom of these watercourse in order to reduce water loss by seepage, protect from erosion and provide a predetermined value of bed roughness.

•For added longevity gabion mats are also constructed using PVC coated and heavily galvanized hexagonally woven double twist wire mesh.

Hard Structures





Erodible Soils, Loss of Vegetation





Harmony Creek Branch 1, Oshawa

Project Details:

Project: Contractor: Consulting Engineer: Client: System: Harmony Creek – Branch 1 Cambridge Landscaping City of Oshawa City of Oshawa Green Gabions, MacMat R, Gabion Mats

Problem:

•Needed to re-align creek

•Existing gabion mat and gabions were undermined.

•Combination of age and accumulation of debris in creek

•Confined area, with homes on either side of ravine

•The ravine area was in an environmentally sensitive area.

•Some areas of ravine had steep slopes

Solution

•Different options were reviewed.

•Required a solution that could be installed in a short period of time

•Something that was vegetated would be more aesthetically appropriate for area

•Had to overcome rusting concern (old gabions rusted and were undermined)

•Solution: Gabion Mats, Green Gabions and MacMat R

Pre Construction







Drawings for Tender and Construction





(PART 1)

Green Gabion



Gabion Mats



1. Gabion mats are supplied in rolls.



2. Unroll the gabion mats.



3. Lace sides and diaphragms.



4. Fill with stone and attach lid.

Construction

















Conclusion

- Green Gabions used on either side of channel for revetment
 - 0.5-1.5m in height.
- Gabion Mat for lining channel.
- MacMat R used for side slopes
- Total Length 120m
- Time to complete...4 weeks, 1 crew with equipment

Case Study Rosedale Channel – Brantford. ON

•Owner : City of Brantford

•Designers: Stantec Consulting, Kitchener

•Contractor: Cambridge Landscaping

•Geotechnical Engineer: LVM Naylor Engineering

• Area Covered : 300m Long , 3m high (Avg.)

•Products Used: Gabion Mats(0.30m),Green gabion(2x1x0.5),Gabions, Geotextile,Spenax Clips. Problem and Concept







Construction















Completed Structure











