

# Porous Asphalt Pavements

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# What are Porous Pavements?

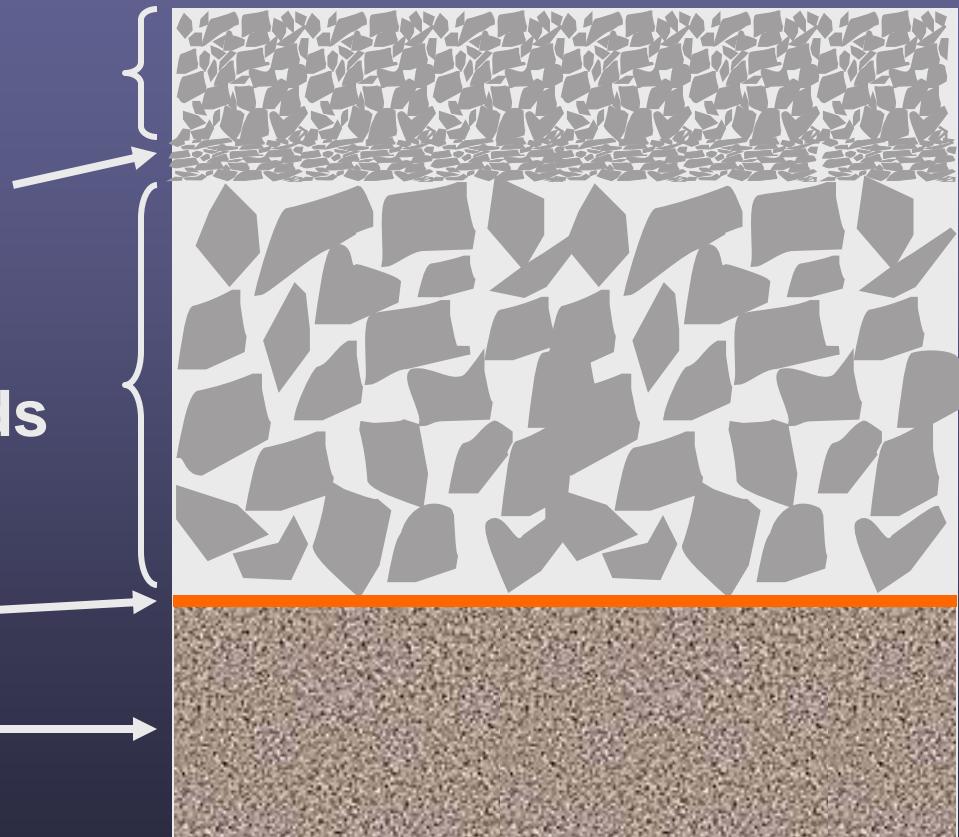
**Open-Graded HMA**

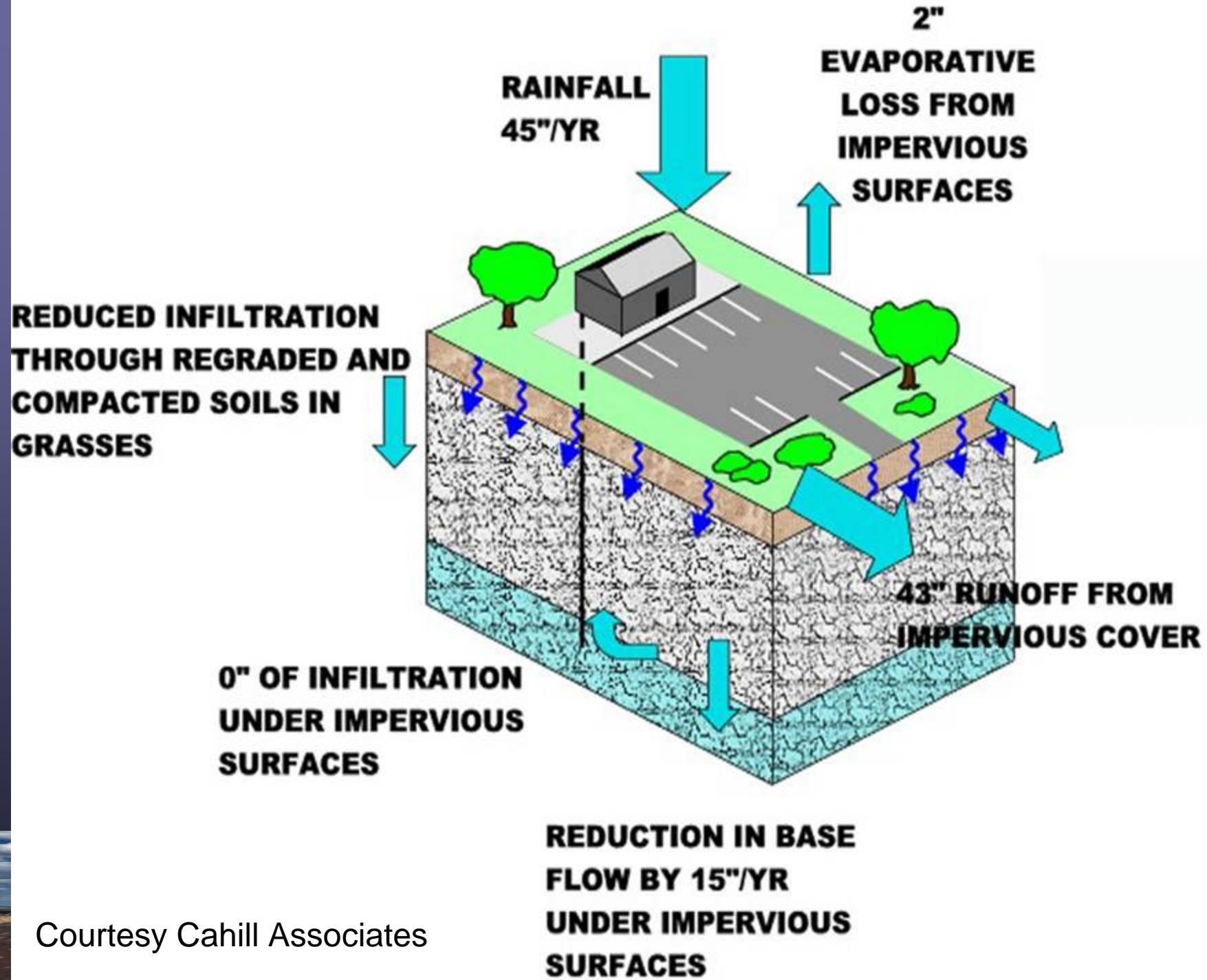
**½" Aggregate**

**Clean Uniformly Graded—  
40% Voids**

**Non-Woven Geotextile**

**Uncompacted Subgrade**





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# Design

## Regulations

- Rainfall
  - Typical designs for 6 month/24 hr storm
  - Conservative design for 20 year/24 hr storm range from 1.4 to 15 in./24 hr.
- Meet Local & State BMP requirements.



# Keys to Success – Design

## Usage / Vehicle Loading

Lightly loaded areas

- Parking lots
- Low volume roads (limited truck use)
- Recreational Areas



# Keys to Success – Construction

- Build porous pavement last
  - Protect from construction debris
  - Protect from soil laden runoff
- Protect site from heavy equipment
  - Don't compact subgrade
- Excavate to subgrade (soft footprint)
- Place filter fabric





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# Conclusions

- Porous pavements offer good alternative to conventional stormwater mitigation
- Site Conditions must be right
- Need to protect pavement from contamination during and after construction



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