

# Biochar In Stockholm

100 years



15 years



50 years



1980-2012



6 years  
Toffelbacken



100 years



15 years



75 years





conventional construction  
for sidewalks in  
Stockholm  
a completely sealed  
surface where no water  
can be infiltrated or gas  
exchange can take place





More than 40  
years on the  
site



# Compaction of soil and dense surface layers the main reason that trees do not grow in urban environments



- **subgrade**
- sorted stone material 0-8, 0-16, 0-32, 0-63mm
- grain sizes between zero and upper grain fraction are included











Toffelbacken







Sten



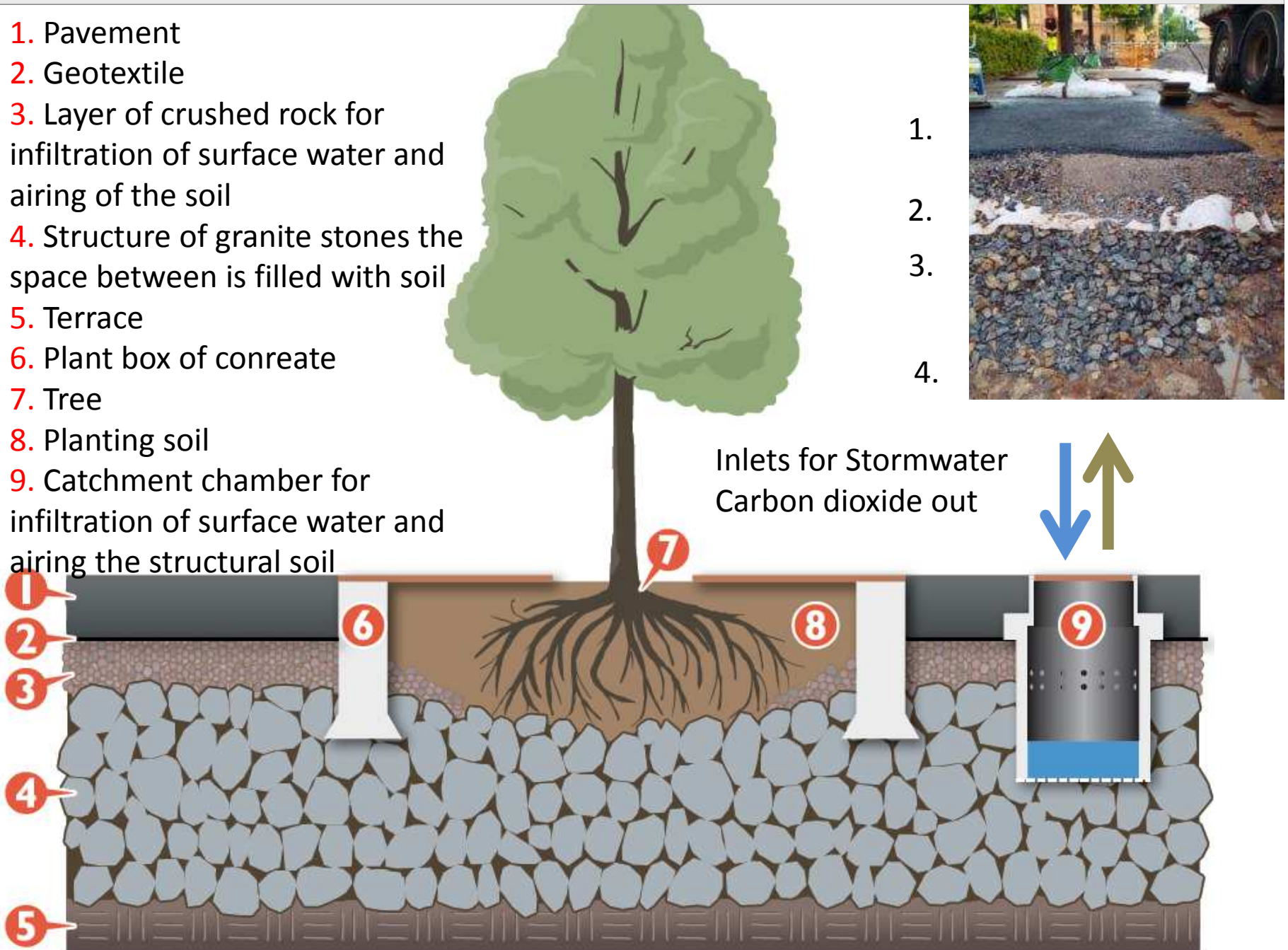
**Using a rock based growing substrate as a benefit for both  
for trees and stormwater management**





## How to create good growing conditions and taking care of the rain water

1. Pavement
2. Geotextile
3. Layer of crushed rock for infiltration of surface water and airing of the soil
4. Structure of granite stones the space between is filled with soil
5. Terrace
6. Plant box of concrete
7. Tree
8. Planting soil
9. Catchment chamber for infiltration of surface water and airing the structural soil

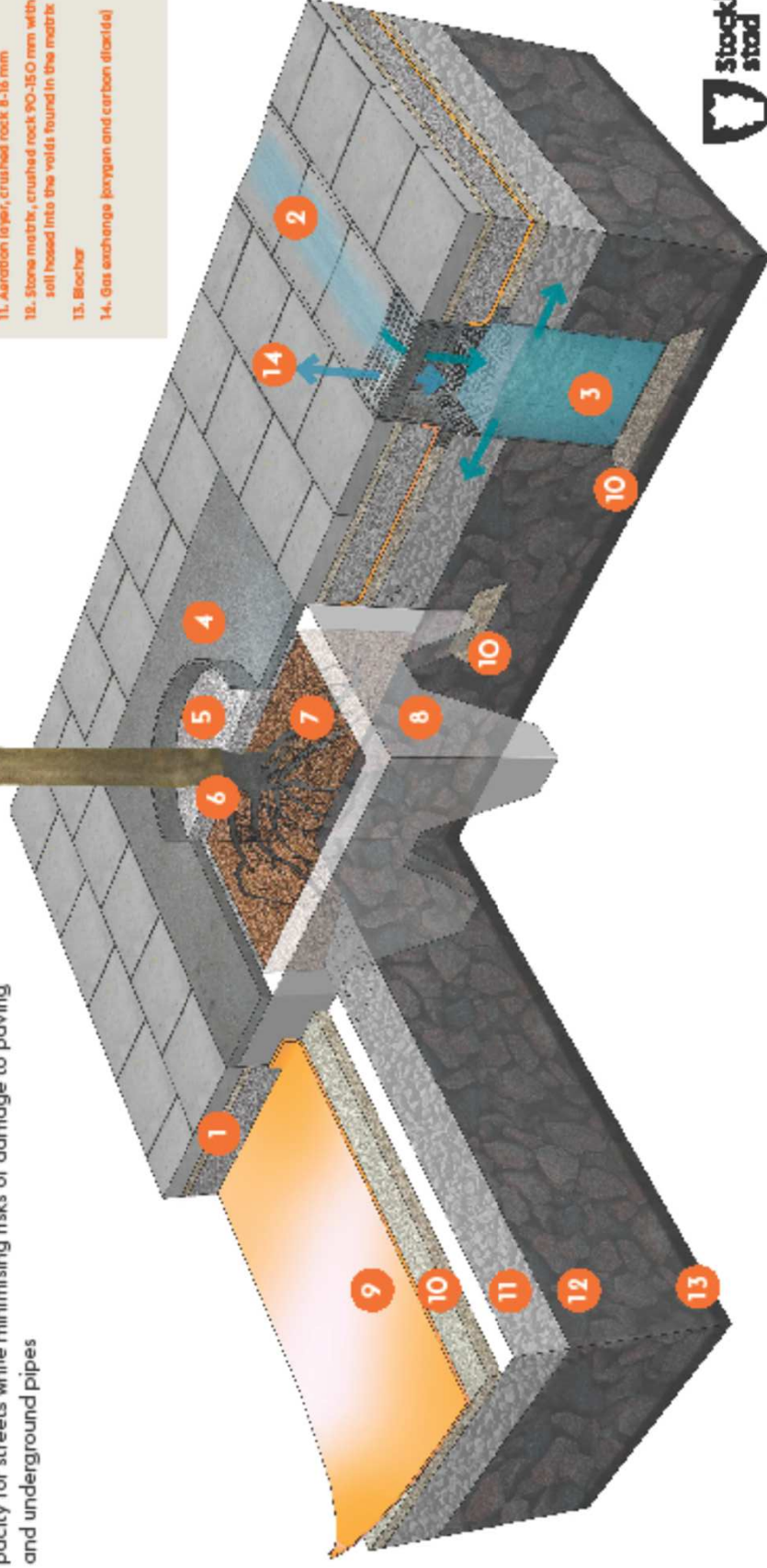


# STOCKHOLM STRUCTURAL SOIL

A construction method that optimises gaseous exchange and use of stormwater runoff to create good conditions for trees in paved areas and provide excellent load bearing capacity for streets while minimising risks of damage to paving and underground pipes



1. Paved surface and base course
2. Stormwater gutter
3. Aeration well: inlet for water and oxygen/carbon dioxide exchange
4. Tree grate
5. Stone mulch, crushed rock 4-8 mm
6. Root collar at nursery growing level
7. Crushed rock 4-8 mm with 95 volume-% biochar with added nutrients.
8. Concrete frame
9. Geotextile
10. Levelling layer, crushed rock 8-16 mm
11. Aeration layer, crushed rock 8-16 mm
12. Stone matrix, crushed rock 90-150 mm with planting soil housed into the voids found in the matrix
13. Biochar
14. Gas exchange (oxygen and carbon dioxide)







Granit 90-150mm  
Each layer 300 mm compacted for stability

Recycled concrete used as a part of the structural  
soil instead of granite





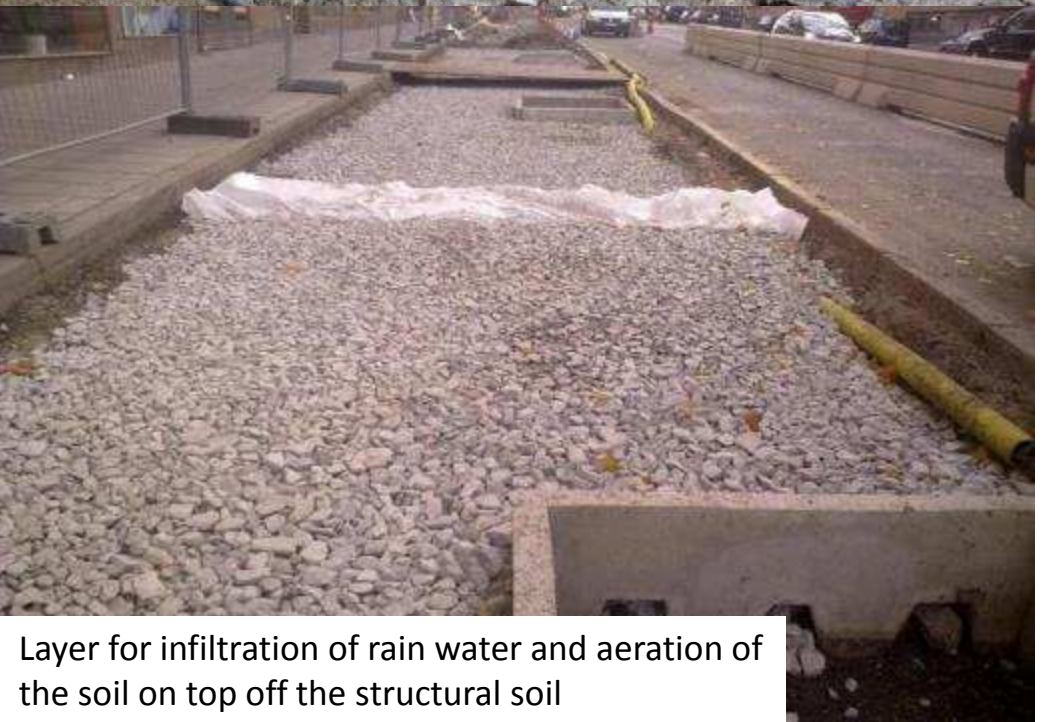
Flushing the soil into the structure



Ventilation chamber and inlet of surface water



Slow release fertilizer



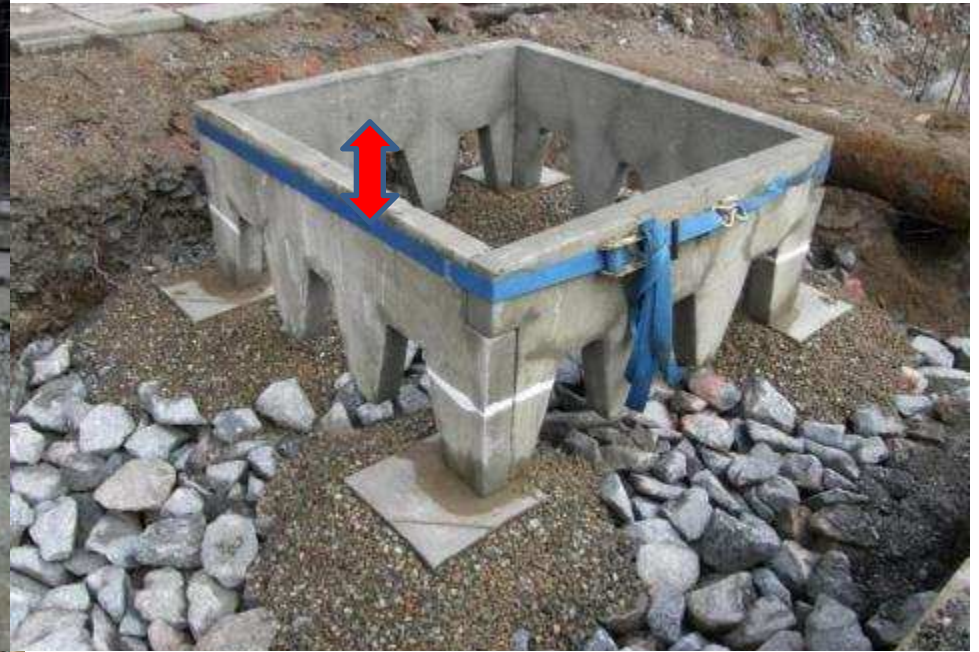
Layer for infiltration of rain water and aeration of the soil on top off the structural soil



Granit size 90-150mm



Concrete box to hold the paved surface in place



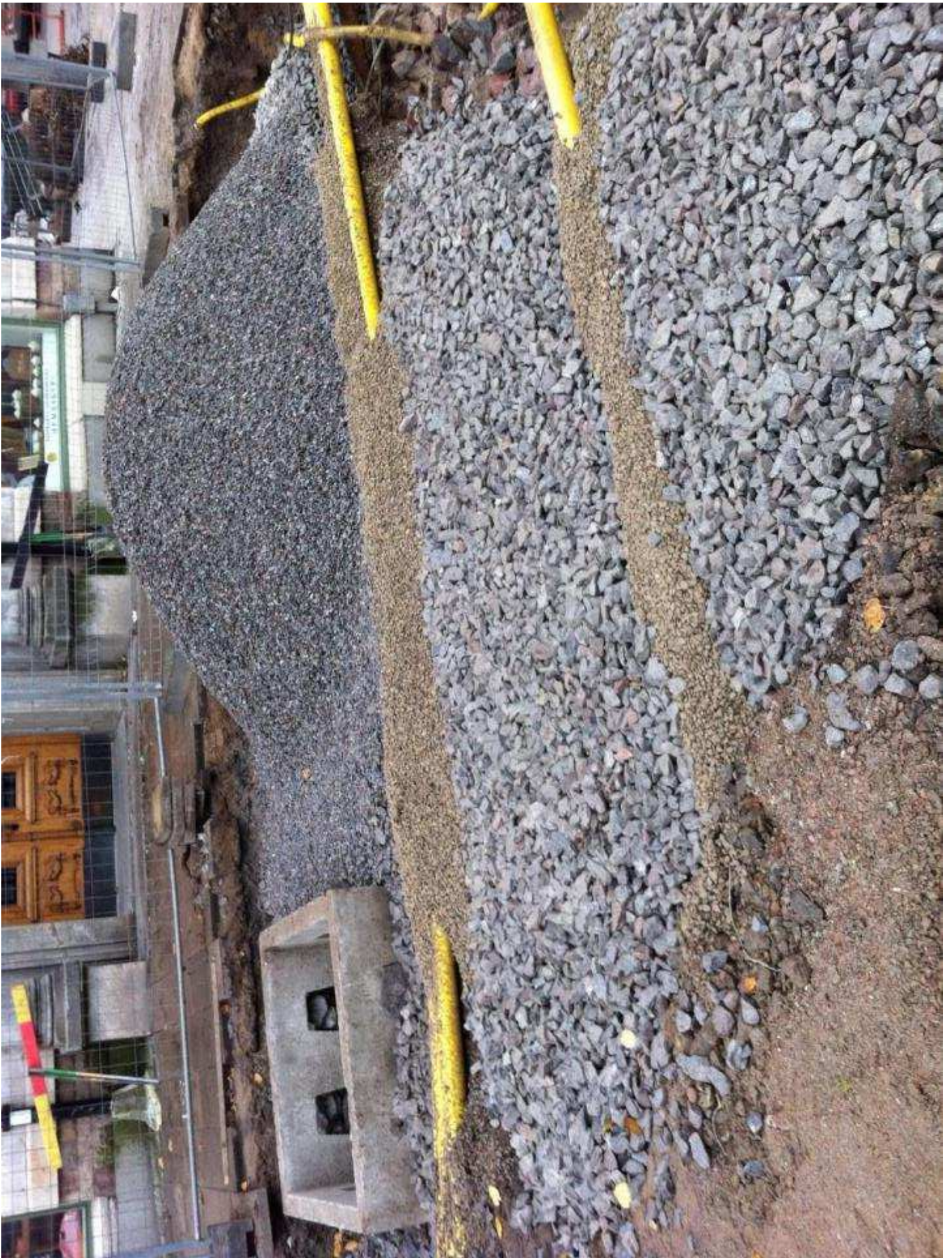
Compacting befor soil is washed in to the voids



The stone shall fall into the box to get a stabel construction









Layer for infiltration of rain water and ventilation of the ground







Important with geotextile connection  
against curbs inlets concrete boxes etc.so  
that no fine material could run into the airy  
base course



- We take water from roofs and pavements through inlets to the ventilated bearing layer and the structural soil.



If the percolation layer is full, the storm water flows into the old street inlet.



- Roof and pavement surface 4600kvm      Rainfall 600mm year (2 fot)  
 Approximately 2.3 million liters of water year      Saved cost for the treatment of stormwater = 2300 euro /year  
 Reduced load on the Baltic Sea / and lakes at torrential rains





















we find mykorrhitza in our structural soils which only thrives in good conditions (planting pits acting as a biological filter)



Norrsida planterad  
December 2010  
-9 Celsius













left 2002 right 2013 Kungsbroplan tree before and after structural soil





# Stockholm Biochar Project





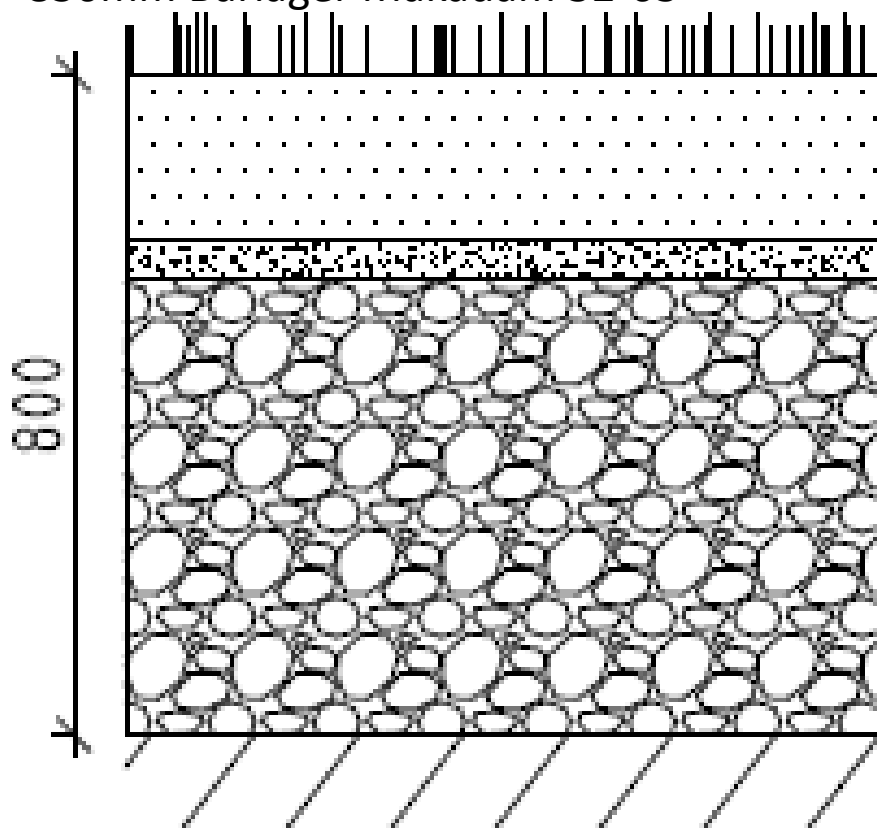
## Herrhagsvägen 2009

förstagången vi  
använder träkol i en  
jordblandning

100mm 50% växtjord typ-a 50% träkol

Kokosmatta nu använder vi 50mm  
avjämningslager kross 8-16 (4-16)

850mm Bärlager Makadam 32-63









Herrhagsvägen  
Träd planterade i en blandning  
av jord/träkol 50/50  
Andra växstsäsongen





peat

About 500 000 tonnes of soil are sold every year in Stockholm  
made of Sand Clay and Peat that are finite resources



clay



sand  
gravel

from  
esker



Biochar and stone chips = crushed granite 3/4 (2-6mm) and nutrient-enriched charcoal 1/4.  
volume





Compost 1/8



Biochar 1/8



Macadam 6/8



Biochar and stone chips = crushed granite **6/8 volume parts** (2-6mm) and nutrient-enriched biochar **1/8 volume parts**  
+ compost **1/8 volume parts**





Biochar and stone chips = crushed granite (32-63 mm) and nutrient-enriched charcoal 15%. volume









## Kolonivägen 2016

Magnolias, Cersis, Prunus.

1 en del biokol 0-10mm och 3 delar makadam 4-8 mm 600mm.







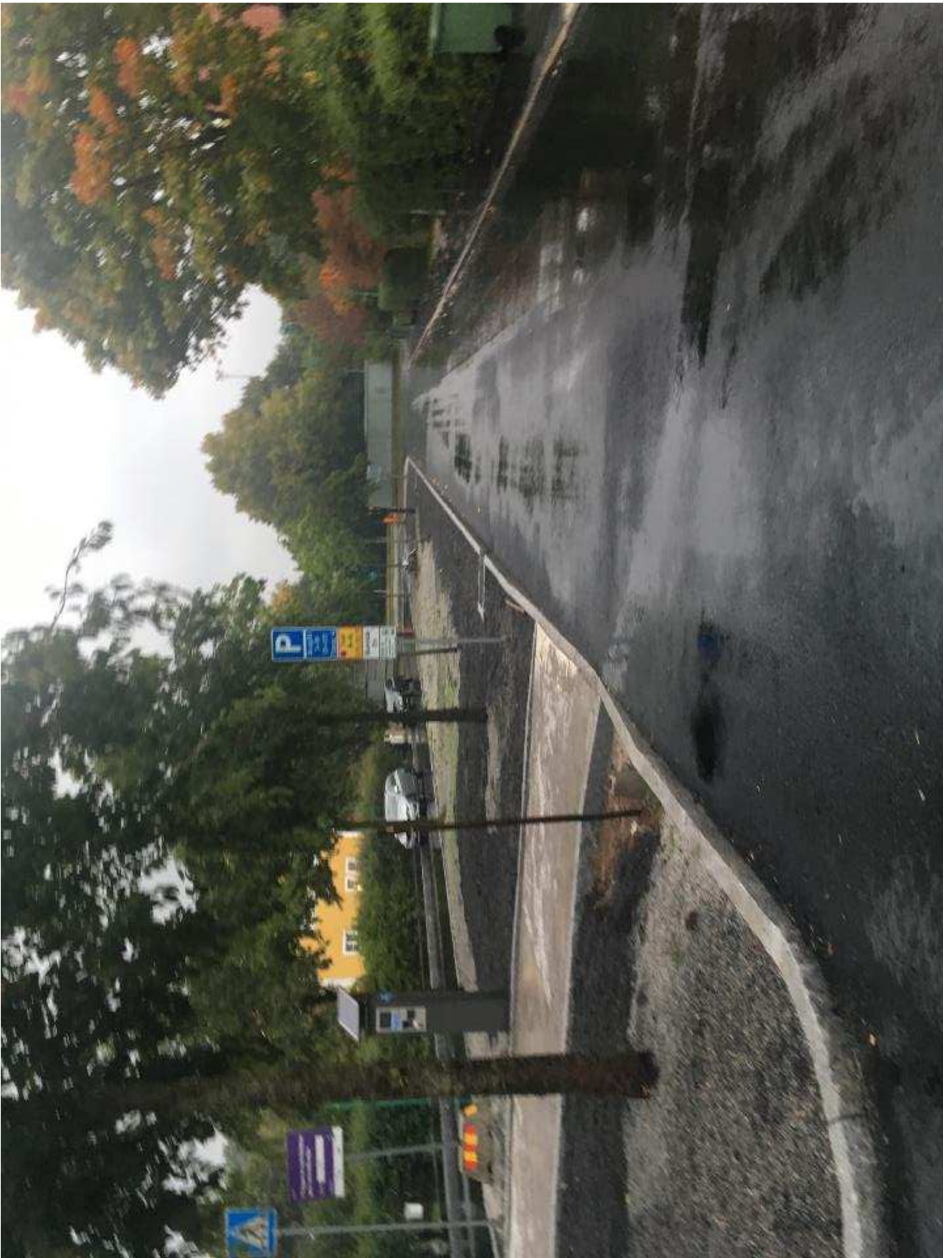


















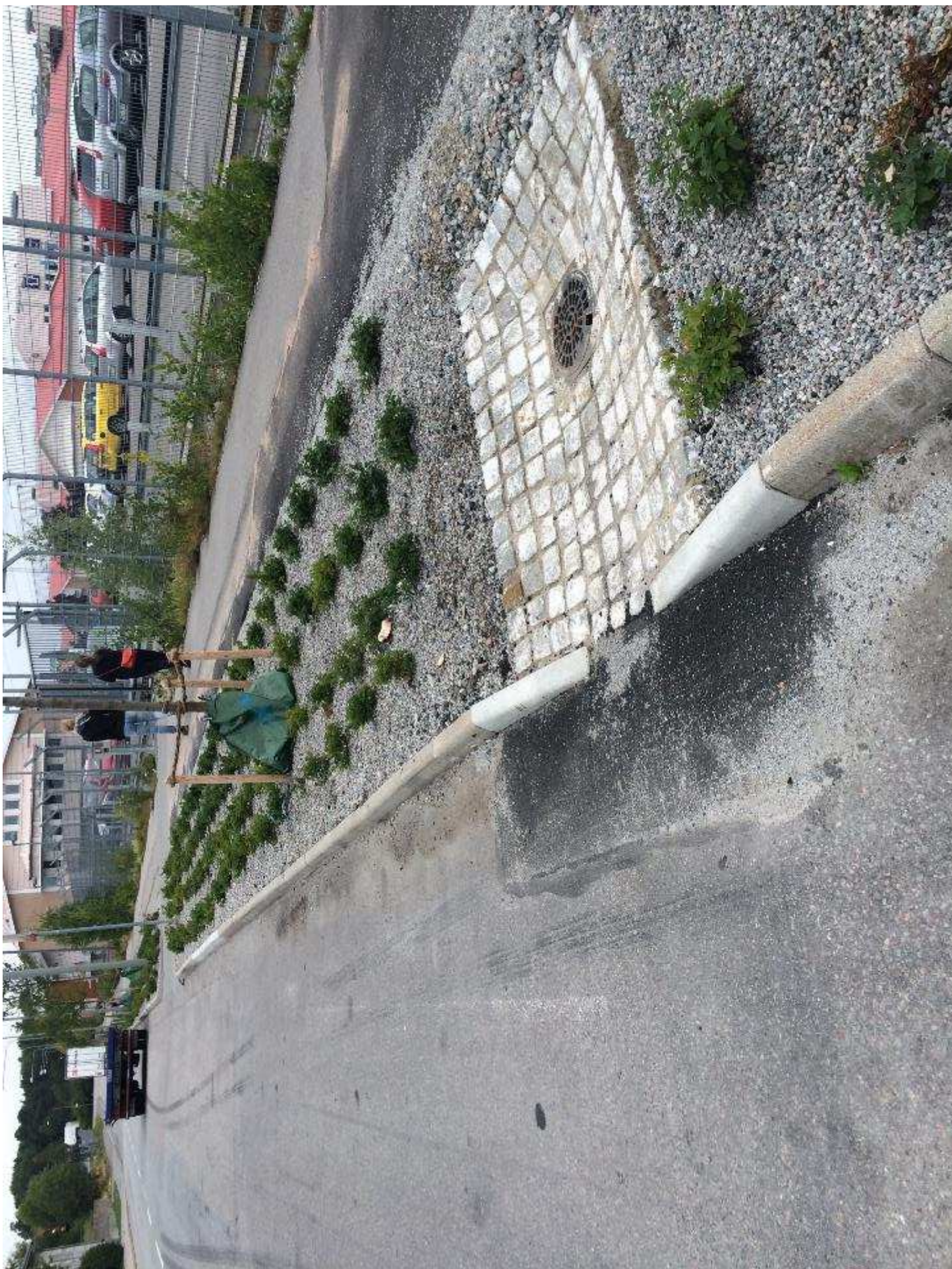
Haukadalsgatan kolgrus













# Magnus Ladulåsgatan Stockholm

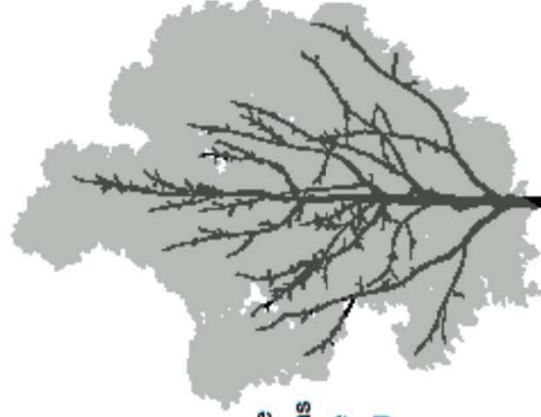
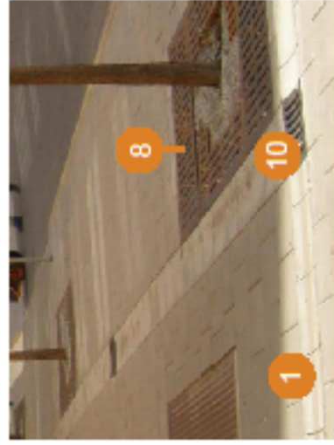
## Biochar with infiltration of stormwater

- Image # 1. Plant bed renovation a block of Magnus Ladulåsgatan where we follow our drawing 'structural soil with biochar'.
- The stone and biochar, Concrete box where the tree is planted,

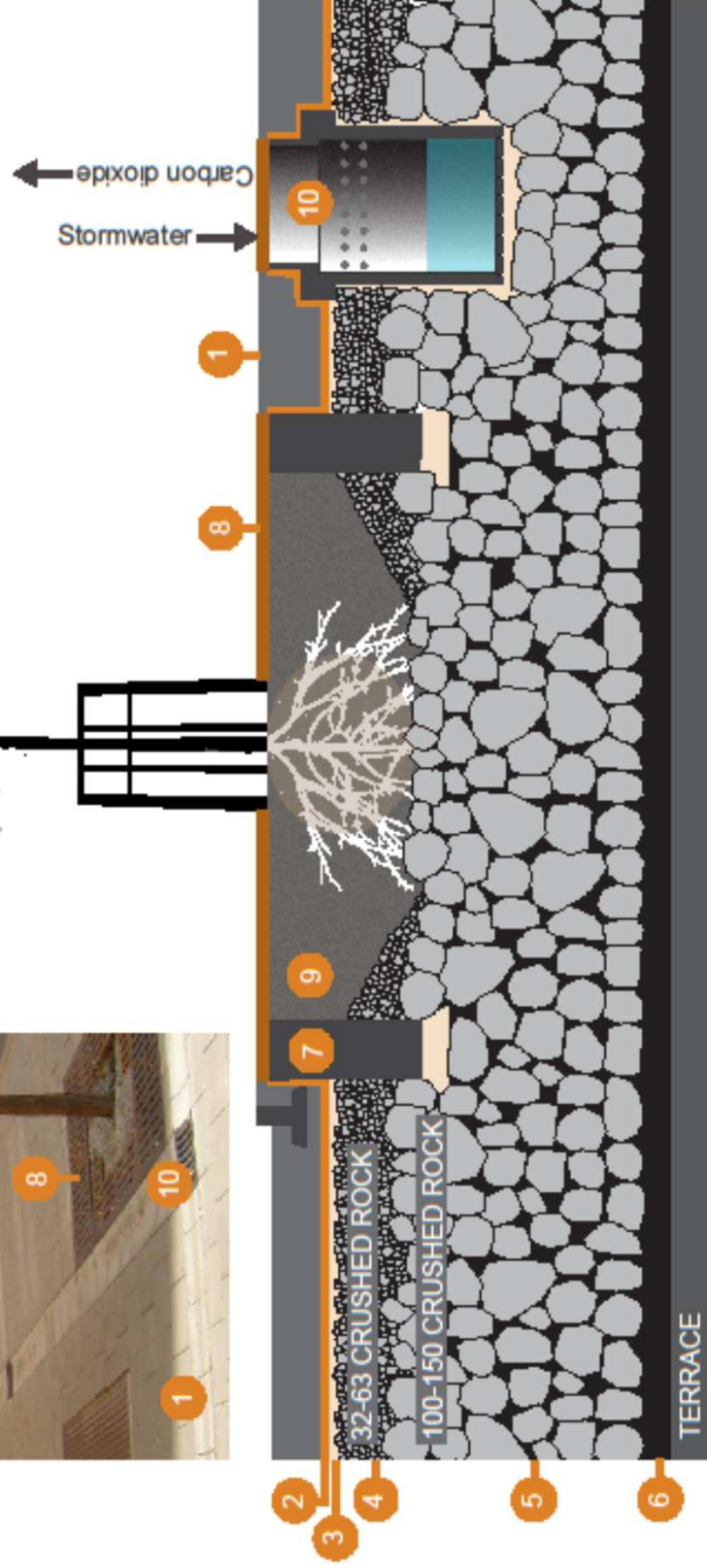


## Structural soil with biochar

A method for building with stability and to create good growing conditions for trees in paved areas with the use of stormwater and the added value of decreasing the risk of roots damaging paving or underground pipes



1. Paved surface with dished stormwater gutters
2. Geotextile
3. Leveling layer (crushed rock 8-18 mm) – also used for concrete bunker and water/air inlet.
4. Aerated bearing layer (crushed rock 32-63 mm)
5. Structural soil (crushed rock 100-150 mm) with fertilized biochar hoed into the structural volume
6. Pure biochar on terrace
7. Concrete bunker
8. Surface grid
9. Crushed rock with fertilized biochar
10. Inlet for air and water supply





Infiltrationsrör  $\varnothing$  110 (längd ca 4 m)  
förläggs i två riktningar från brunnen  
längs med växtbädden

Lufthål placeras i höjd  
med luftigt bärlager

Beläggning/  
överbyggnad

Geotextil  
bruksklass N3

Avjämningslager  
50 mm makadam  
8-16 mm

Gångbana

Varierar

150

600

Tätt plaströr  $\varnothing$  200

Dagvattenbrunn  
 $\varnothing$  400 med  
tät betäckning

Makadam 8-16 mm

Brunnsbetäckning  
med sidointag

Körbana

Geotextil

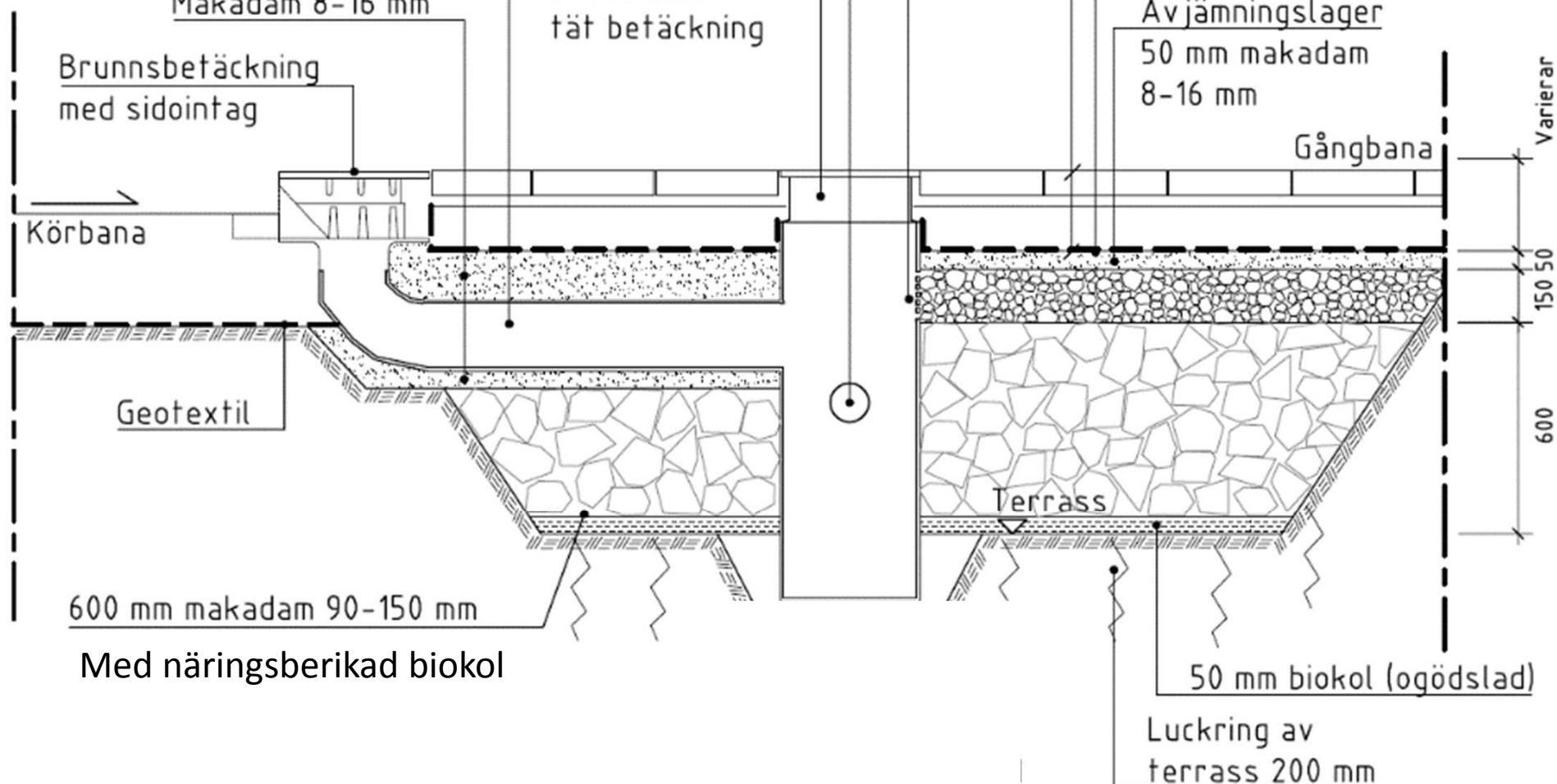
600 mm makadam 90-150 mm

Med näringsberikad biokol

Terrass

50 mm biokol (ogödslad)

Luckring av  
terrass 200 mm













# Nybrogatan Stockholm

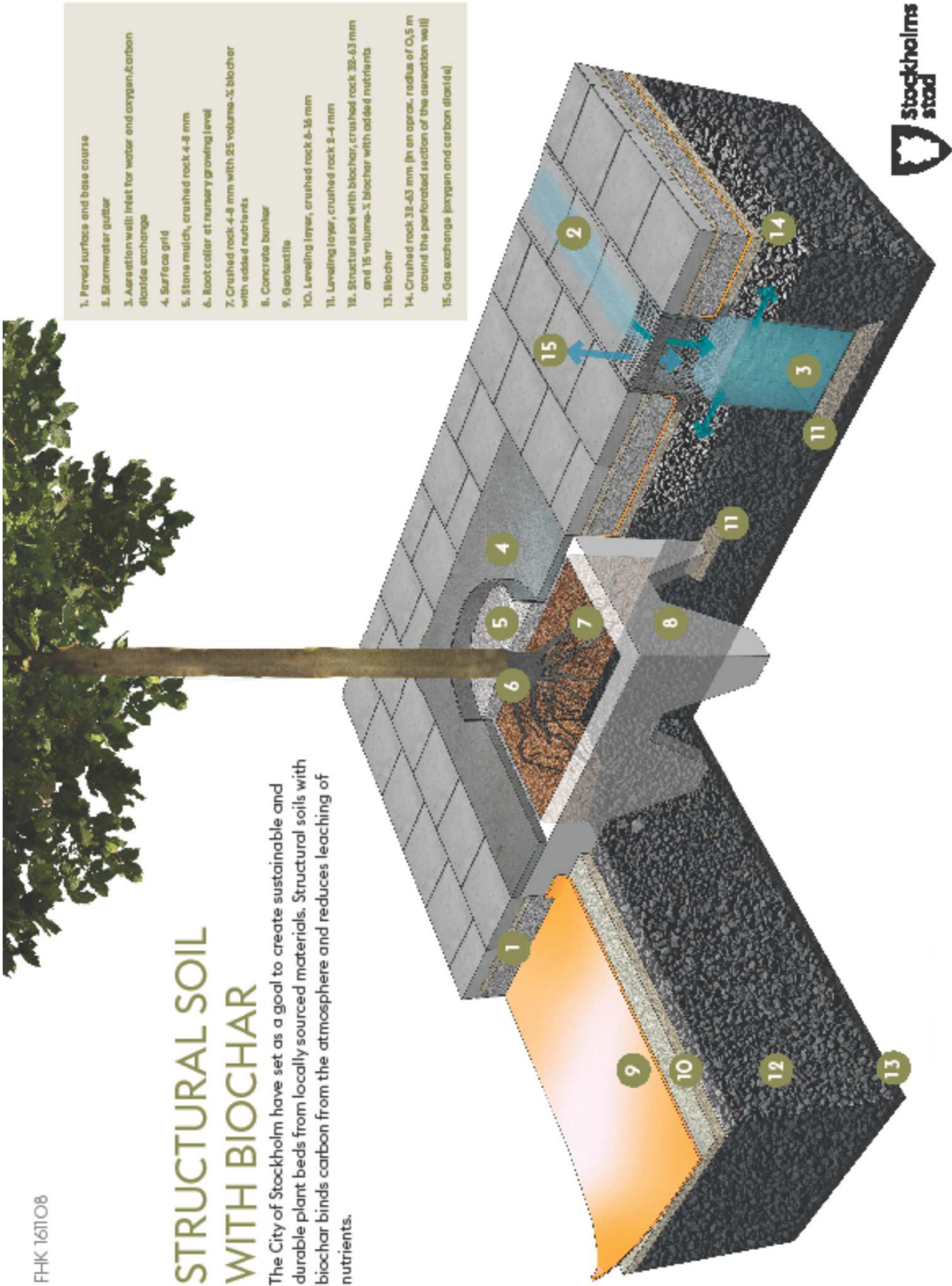
## Biochar with infiltration of stormwater

- Plant bed renovation a block of Nybrogatan where we follow our drawing 'structural soil with biochar'. Some of the old trees were saved.
- The stone and biochar are mixed before the material is laid down, 15% by volume biochar.
- Closest to the roots of saved trees added a mixture of crushed granite and 25% manured biochar.
- Concrete box where the tree is planted, in it you can see macadam mixed with 15% biochar



# STRUCTURAL SOIL WITH BIOCHAR

The City of Stockholm have set as a goal to create sustainable and durable plant beds from locally sourced materials. Structural soils with biochar binds carbon from the atmosphere and reduces leaching of nutrients.





Nybrogatan 2015  
Kolmakadam





Plant bed for street trees charcoal and macadam = crushed granite 32-63 mm mixed with 15% nutrient-enriched charcoal, granite can be replaced with recycled concrete with reinforcement (iron)







Nybrogatan 2015  
Kolmakadam







Nybrogatan 2016  
Magnolia

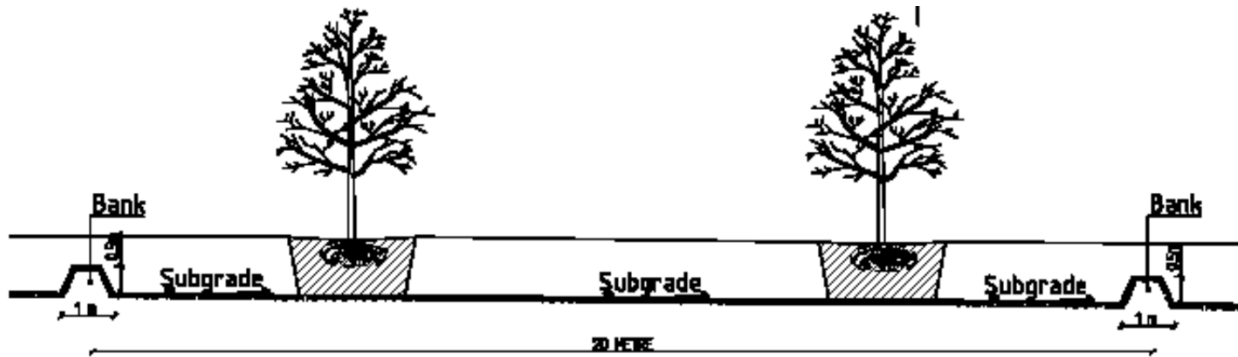


# Lingvägen

## biochar with infiltration of stormwater

- Image # 1. Plant bed renovation a 600 meter by 2m wide and 1 m deep.
- Image # 2. where we follow our drawing 'tree pit with slanting subgrade'
- Image # 3. The ditch filled with biochar and gravel 8-16mm and a few months after planting

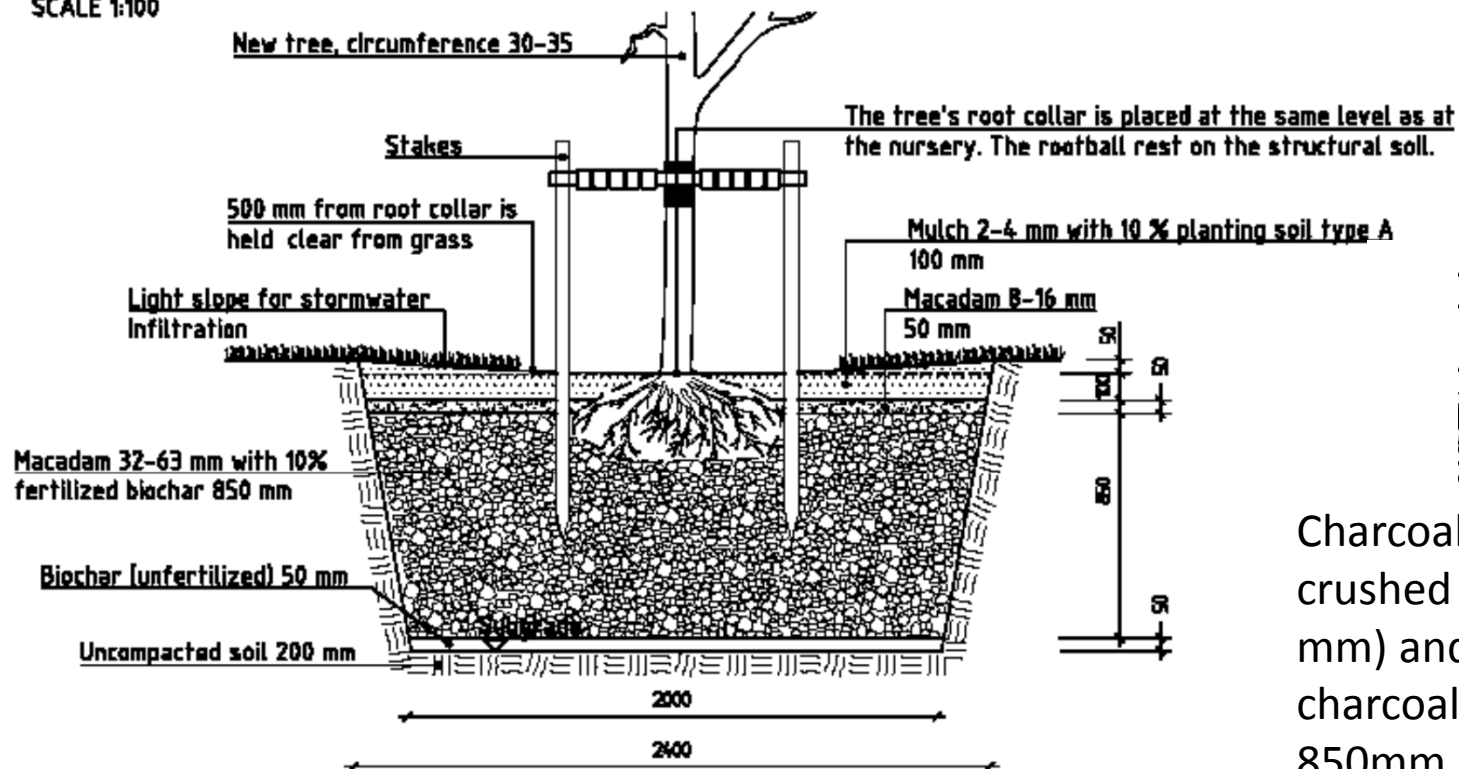




### PLANTING PIT WITH SLANTING SUBGRADE

ELEVATION

SCALE 1:100



### TREE PIT WITH BIOCHAR IN GREEN SPACE, TYPE 2

TYPE SECTION

SCALE 1:20

Drawing showing how we build plant bed for trees in the green area along streets and roads to maximize infiltration of storm water through a charcoal filter in the bottom of the plant bed where we catch up nutrients and pollutants.

Charcoal stone chips = crushed granite (32-63 mm) and nutrient-enriched charcoal 10/1. volume. 850mm



Plant bed for street trees charcoal macadam = crushed granite 8-16 mm mixed with nutrient-enriched charcoal

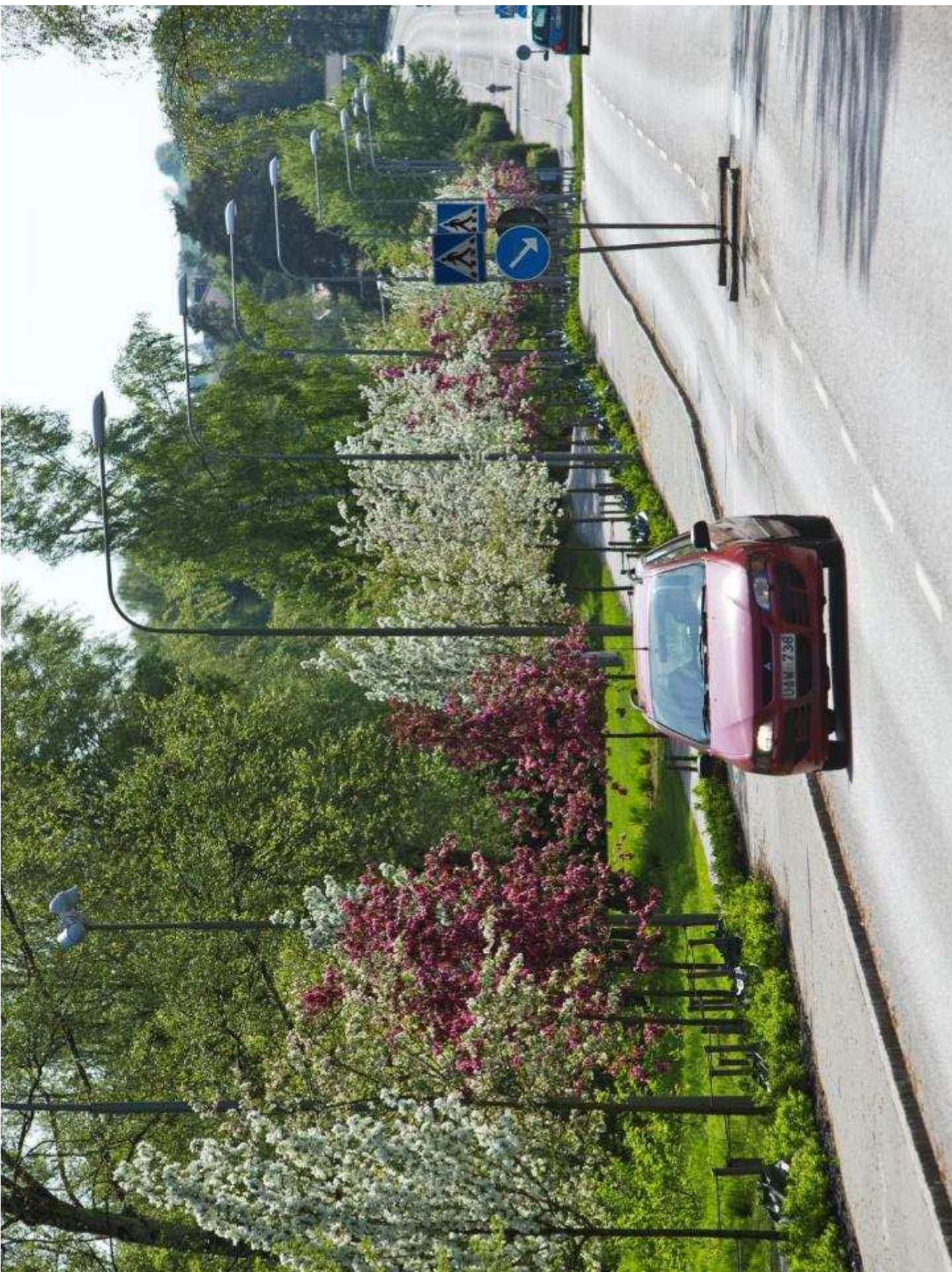




Maj 2015









# Vallhallavägen

one hundred years old avenue of trees get

## Biochar and macadam

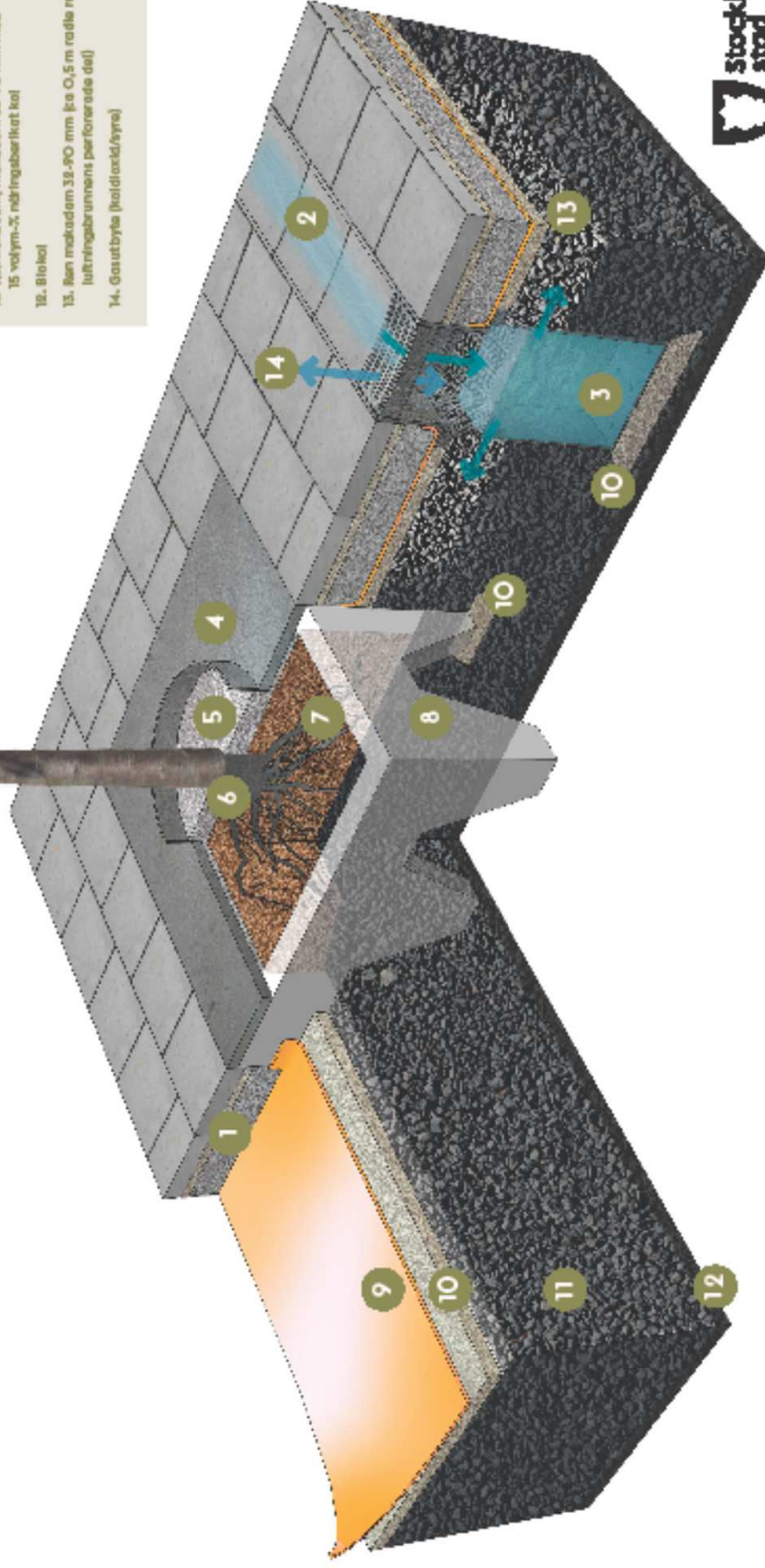
- Compacted soil which is changed to ditch filled with biochar and macadam 32-63mm to save the trees with infiltration of stormwater
- the first time we sow grass on 2-6mm 3 parts 1 part biochar 100mm



## KOLMAKADAM

Stockholms stad har som mål att skapa hållbara växtbäddar med längre livslängd, som binder kol från atmosfären, minskar näringsläckage och är uppbyggda av lokala material. Växtbäddar med biokol består av en blandning av makadam i dimensionen 32/63 mm och 15 volym% gödslad biokol.

1. Beläggning med överbyggnad
2. Degradationsfälla
3. Luftningsbrunn för infiltration av dagvattnen och gasutbyte av syra och koldioxid
4. Hårdguller
5. Täckmaterial, makadam 4-8 mm
6. Rottbets på samma nivå som i plantakola
7. Makadam 4-8 mm med 25 volym-% näringssubstrat
8. Trädgropsfundament i betong
9. Geotextil
10. Avjämningsslag, makadam 8-16 mm
11. Kolmakadam, makadam 32-60 mm med 15 volym-% näringssubstrat
12. Biokol
13. Ben makadam 32-60 mm (ca 0,5 m radie runt luftningsbrunnens perforerade del)
14. Gasutbyte (koldioxid/syra)





Valhallavägen





Vallhallavägen 2015





100mm mix of macadam 2-6mm 3 parts, 1 part biochar, and grass seed

8-16mm  
30mm

32-63mm and 15% biochar  
800mm

Valhallavägen  
2016



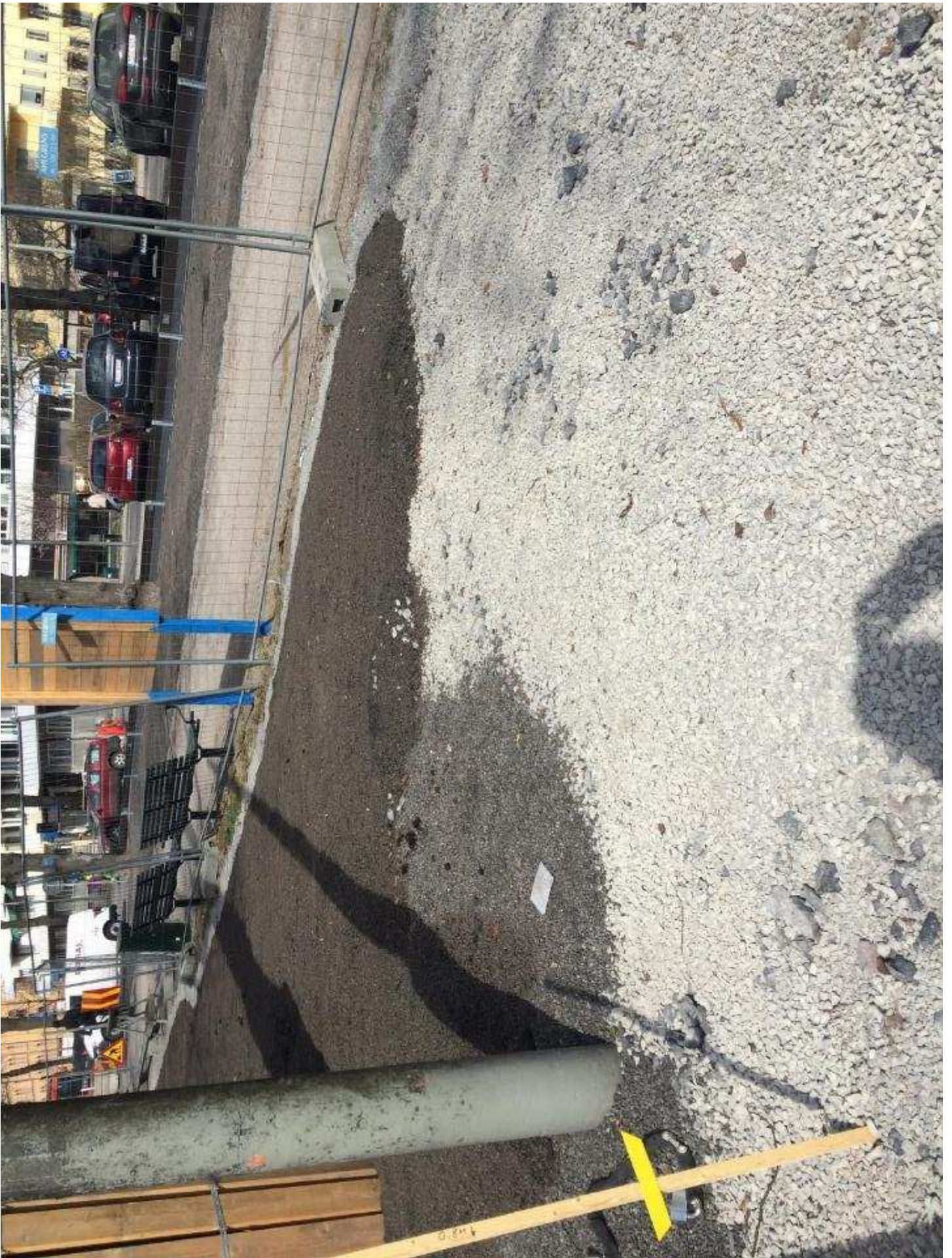














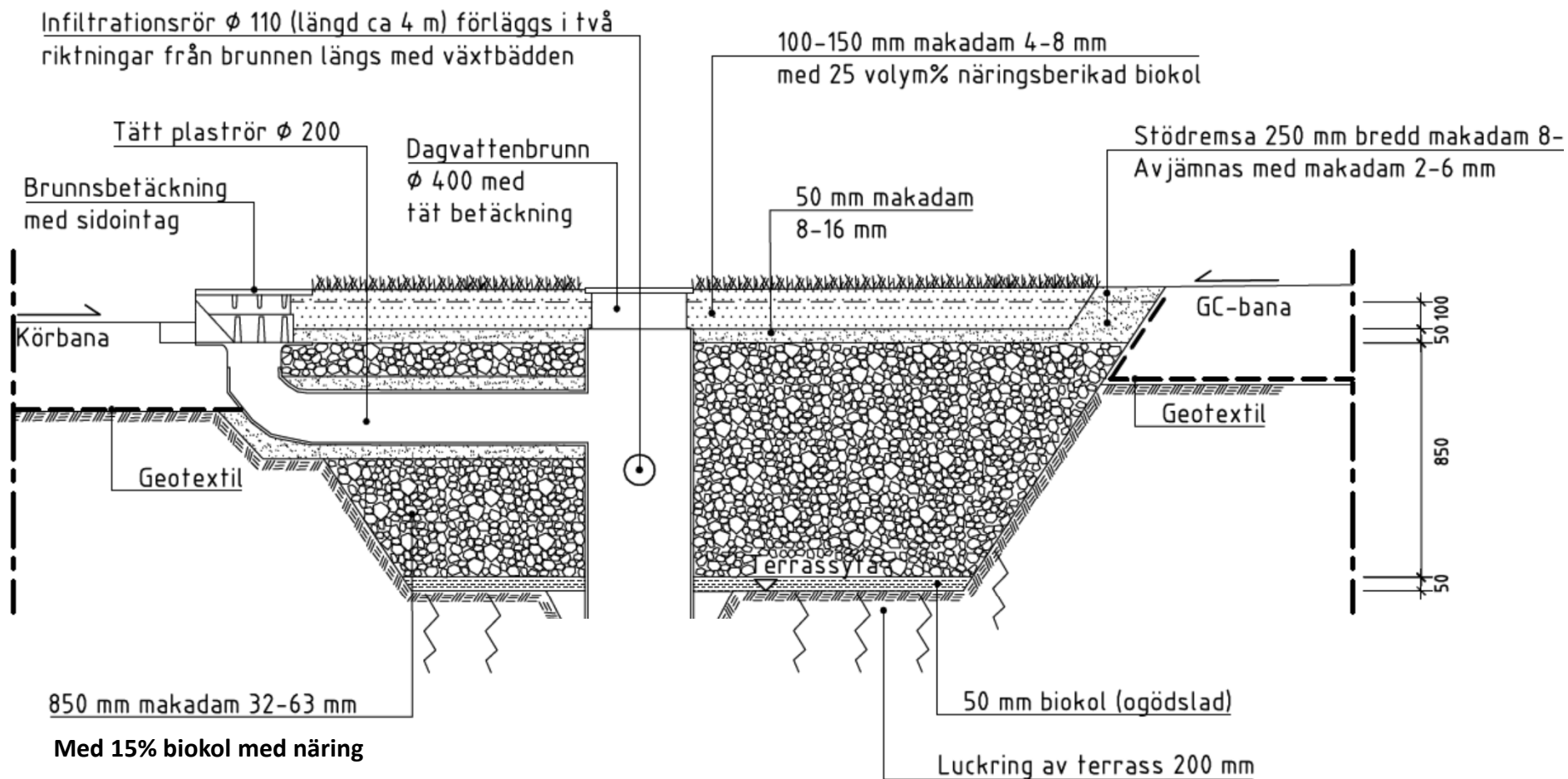
2-6mm 3 parts 1 part biochar  
100mm and grass seeds on the  
surface











## DAGVATTENFÖRDRÖJNING - GRÄSYTA MED KOLMAKADAM











# Bo Bergman Gata 2016

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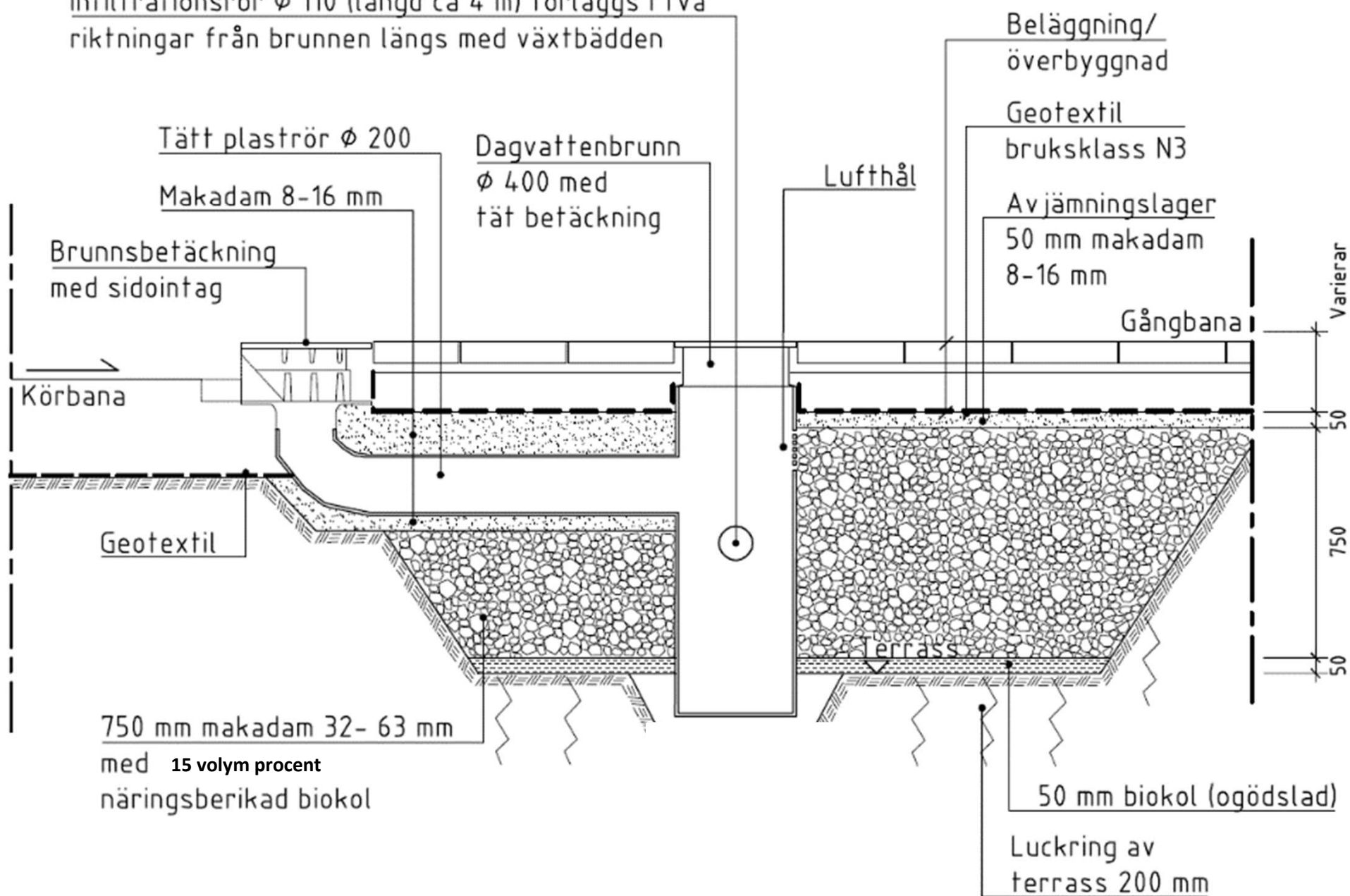
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## Pilgatan 2014

Biochar with infiltration of stormwater

Magnolias and perennials

1 part biochar 0-10mm and 3 parts crushed granite size 4-8 mm  
800mm deep.





2014/12/04



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the material acts as an open magasin able to receive storm water to at least 30% of its volume



2017 augusti





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# Råckstarondellen

## Biochar and macadam

- Roundabout with new design, 2000 square meters with 15 multi stem pines and 20 000 Hakone grass two different layers of biochar and crushed granite in the bottom size 32-63 mm and the top layer 2-6mm 300mm crushed stone mixed with biochar.



Råckstarondellen  
2015









Råckstarondellen  
2015





Råckstarondellen  
2016





Råckstarondellen  
2016







Helsingborg  
Drottninggatan



Uppsala 2017

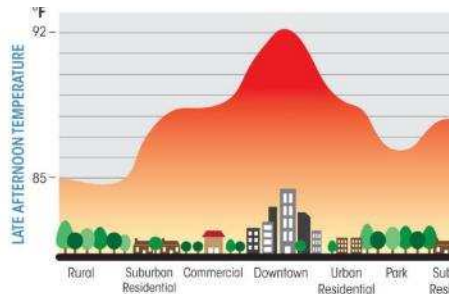




Reduce the risk of floods



counteract the heat island effect



Reduce the presence of particles and carbon dioxide in the air



Reduce the load on the storm water systems, thereby reducing pollution in Lake Mälaren and the Baltic Sea





300mm deep, = crushed granite **6/8 volume parts** (2-6mm) and nutrient-enriched biochar (50%) + compost (50%) **2/8 volume parts**  
**Stone trough with alpines**

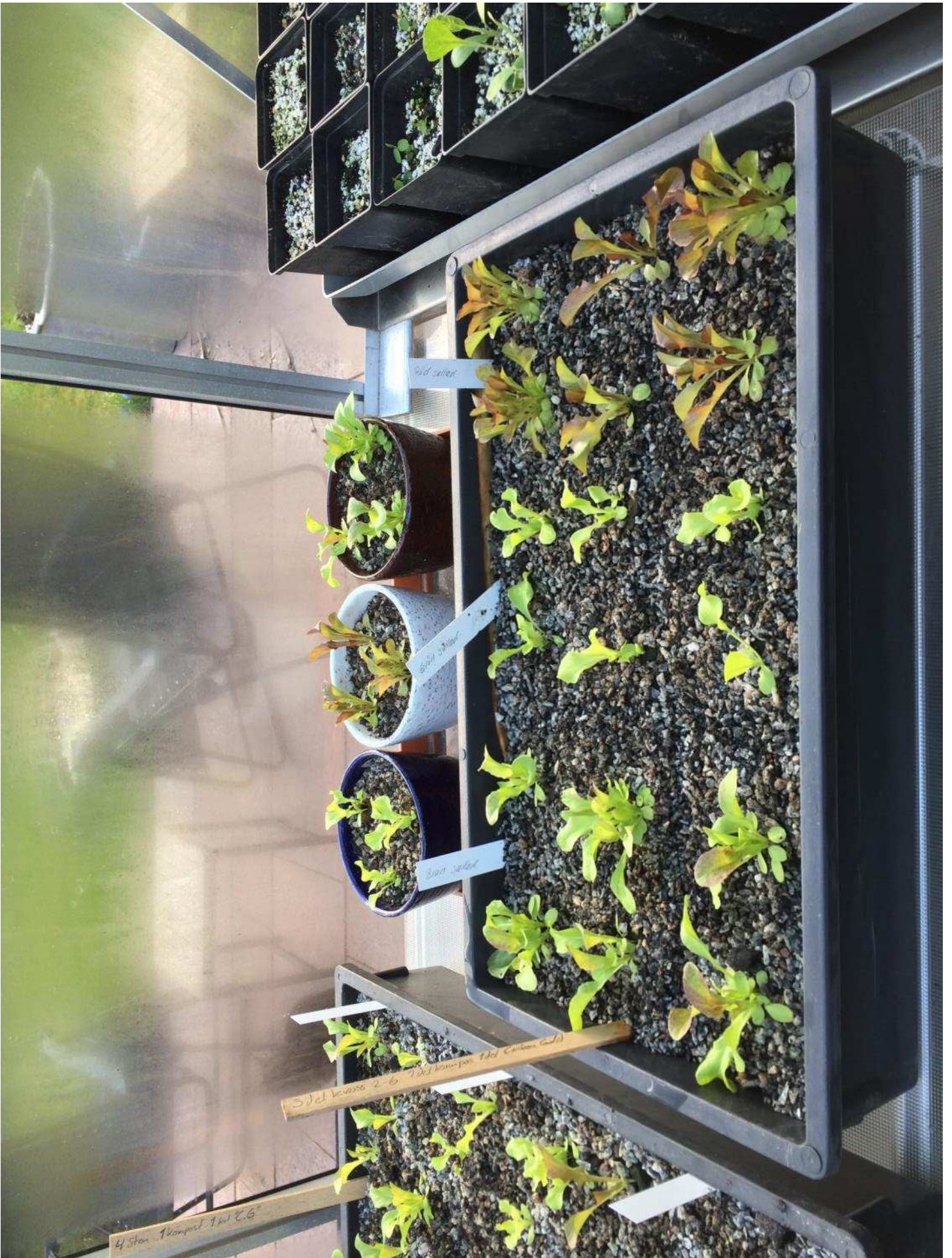




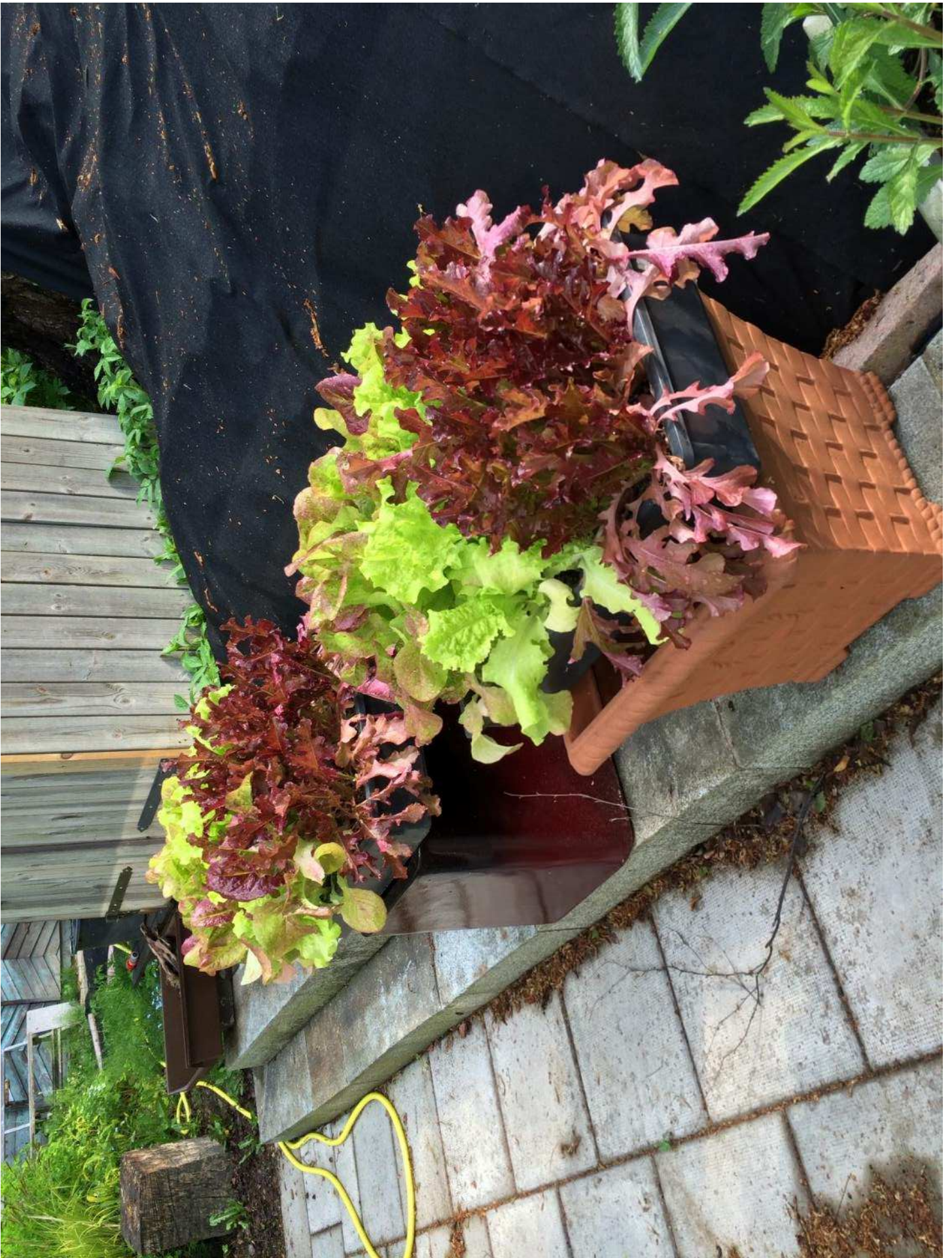
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**Magnolia tripetala**









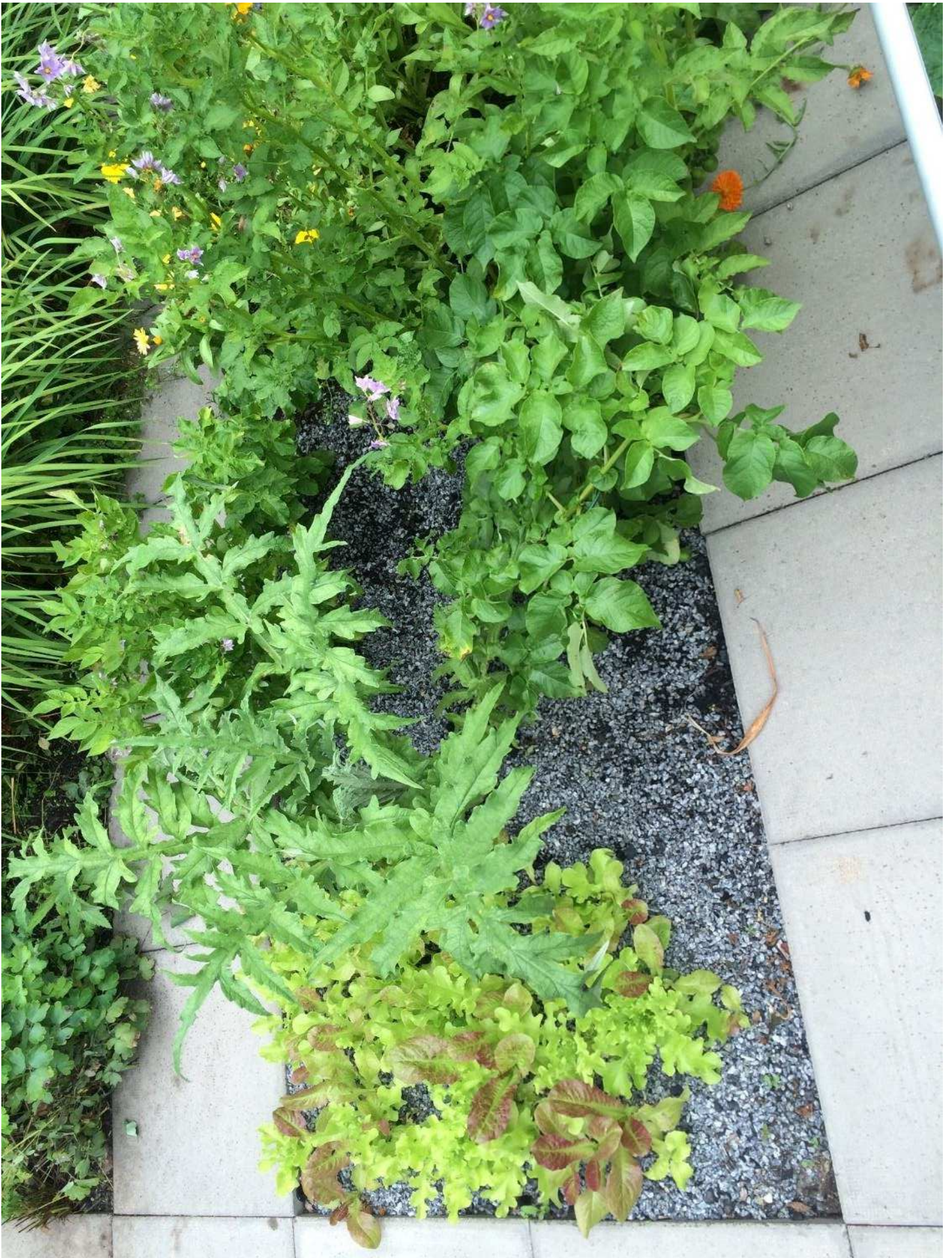




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**Lettuce artichoke potatoes**











2017  
First potatoes grown in  
macadam biochar and  
compost