

## SECTION 3: LIVING WALLS

### Filtrex<sup>®</sup> GreenLoxx<sup>®</sup> MSE Vegetated Retaining Wall (GroSoxx<sup>®</sup>)

#### PURPOSE & DESCRIPTION

Vegetated retaining walls are a green alternative for retaining walls that offer higher aesthetic appeal than conventional block or concrete systems. GreenLoxx<sup>®</sup> Living Retaining Walls are a mechanically stabilized earth (MSE) system that is reinforced with geotextile support to form a Green Wall that ‘locks’. The locking system is created by the integration of Filtrex geogrids (FLW) and a fascia made from Filtrex GroSoxx<sup>®</sup> filled with Filtrex<sup>®</sup> GrowingMedia<sup>™</sup>. The addition of vegetation growing through the facing with healthy roots penetrating the entire structure adds environmental service, natural aesthetics and structure.

In the past, challenges in establishing vegetation have led to minimal use of green / living wall systems. Filtrex vegetated retaining walls rely on GrowingMedia to provide a fertile growing medium that encourages vegetation establishment and successfully assists in anchoring roots of the vegetation to the wall, geogrids and the site substrate.

#### APPLICATION

Vegetated retaining walls are to be used where other retaining walls are specified, up to 10-ft in height. These include but are not limited to:

- Steep embankments and grade changes
- Roadside slopes
- Road underpasses (culverts)



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- Stormwater outfalls
- Stream banks
- Shoreline slopes
- Residential retaining walls

Vegetated retaining walls are comprised of five primary components: Filtrex GroSoxx used as the vegetated fascia, filling the GroSoxx with Filtrex GrowingMedia, FLW geogrid wrapped around the filled fascia GroSoxx, compacted, select backfill behind the fascia, and vegetation throughout. These components work together to establish a system of Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) with a vegetated fascia.

#### ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES

##### Advantages:

- Construction components are lighter than soil
- Installed by Filtrex<sup>®</sup> Certified<sup>SM</sup> Installers
- No poured concrete footing required
- Seed incorporation throughout the fascia profile within the GroSoxx
- A GreenLoxx vegetated retaining wall system includes GrowingMedia which establishes, sustains, and provides reinforcement for vegetation, unlike rip rap and other hard armoring devices.
- GrowingMedia in a vegetated retaining wall has the ability to bind and adsorb soluble nutrients, metals, and hydrocarbons that may be in stormwater runoff, thereby reducing loading to adjacent receiving waters.
- Microorganisms in GrowingMedia have the ability to degrade organic pollutants and cycle captured nutrients into beneficial and/or less toxic forms.
- Contained GrowingMedia within a vegetated retaining wall creates an ideal system for biotechnical engineering projects.
- Humus colloids and organic matter in GrowingMedia provide physical structure for seed, seedlings, and live stakes.
- Humus colloids and organic matter in GrowingMedia provide increased water holding capacity and reduced water evaporation to aid in seed germination, plant sustainability, and the



- potential for reduced irrigation.
- Vegetated retaining walls are a good option for arid and semiarid regions where germination, moisture management, and irrigation can be difficult.
  - GrowingMedia provides organic nutrients that slow release for optimum efficiency to establishing vegetation.
  - GrowingMedia provides organic nutrients that are less prone to runoff transport and pollution of surface waters, relative to mineral nutrients supplied by fertilizers.
  - Low volume, low pressure drip tape irrigation system can be installed within the GroSoxx fascia to promote vegetation establishment.
  - Easily reinforced for challenging applications
  - Improved drainage and reduction of hydrostatic pressure over conventional structural walls
  - Customizable vegetation using plugs, live stakes, seed, sprigs or bulbs
  - Faster installation than conventional walls
  - Fascia is fully wrapped in FLW geogrid to support both top and bottom of each layer
  - GroSoxx fascia is installed in short modular sections or installed in continuous lengths, reducing the presence of breaks and potential weak points in the structure
  - Installation method can create individual terraces on each level of the fascia, facilitating vegetation growth.
  - Vegetated retaining walls may assist in qualification for LEED® Green Building Rating and Certification credits under LEED Building Design & Construction (BD+C), New Construction, and Awarded credits may be possible from the categories of Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Materials & Resources, and Innovation. Note: LEED is an independent program offered through the U.S. Green Building Council. LEED credits

are determined on a per project basis by an independent auditing committee. Filtrexx neither guarantees nor assures LEED credits from the use of its products. LEED is a trademark of the U.S. Green Building Council.

**Disadvantages:**

- If a Vegetated retaining wall does not use Filtrexx® GrowingMedia™, performance may be diminished.
- If not installed correctly, maintained or used for a purpose or intention that does not meet specifications, performance may be diminished. Geogrids with bi-directional strength, such as Filtrexx FLW geogrids, should be selected to ensure construction layout and labor efficiency.
- If vegetation does not establish or cover density is low (less than 70% of nurse crop after first growing season), performance may be diminished.
- Vegetated retaining walls may need to be re-vegetated if establishment is poor.
- Un-vegetated retaining walls long-term performance may diminish if fascia is fully exposed to sunlight for more than five years.
- Vegetated retaining wall installation is a land disturbing activity and can increase sediment loading to surface waters if appropriate sediment control measures are not established during construction phase. Please refer to Section 1 for appropriate erosion and sediment control practices.
- Geogrids or strands of geogrids may not be cut to plant vegetation, thus weakening long-term strength of the geogrids. Filtrexx FLW geogrids are made with an inside opening of 2”x2” to accommodate planting of stakes and plugs of standard size without the need to cut grids to create larger openings.
- Vegetated retaining walls should not be used on banks where mowing will be performed to maintain vegetation, with exception of the wall cap.

ADVANTAGES			
	LOW	MED	HIGH
<b>Installation Difficulty</b>		✓	
<b>Soil Retention Ability</b>			✓
<b>Vegetation Establishment</b>			✓
<b>Aesthetic Quality</b>			✓
<b>Drainage</b>			✓

**MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS**

The five components of the GreenLoxx vegetated retaining wall work together to establish a system of Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) with a vegetated fascia. Note: backfill and geogrid requirements are specific to each project and should be reviewed by a Professional Engineer.

**Filtrexx GroSoxx®**

The fascia of the GreenLoxx vegetated retaining wall is comprised of knitted tubular geotextile units called



Filtrexx GroSoxx. GroSoxx are specifically designed to retain Filtrexx GrowingMedia, seed and live stakes to promote healthy vegetation growth. This system is also designed to reduce hydrostatic pressure by increasing drainage of surface and run-on/runoff and subsurface flow to the vegetated fascia. The openings in the GroSoxx allow for root growth while retaining GrowingMedia for healthy and sustainable vegetation. Further, the GroSoxx can be installed in variable length sections, reducing the number of joints in the system that typically occurs with other block structures.

GroSoxx wall fascia units are available in diameters of 8 in (200mm), 12 in (300mm), 18 in (450mm), 24 in (600mm), and 32 in (800mm) and are constructed of a variety of materials and characteristics (see Tables 2.1 and 2.2). The specific size of the GroSoxx for each site will vary based on intended height of the application, intended batter, and spacing of FLW geogrid anchoring/tieback system. Typically, GroSoxx for GreenLoxx vegetated retaining wall applications will range in diameter from 12 in (300mm) to 24 in (600mm).

### **GrowingMedia™ Characteristics**

Vegetated retaining walls use only Filtrexx® GrowingMedia™ which is specifically designed for stability within the system and establishment and sustainability of vegetation growth. GrowingMedia can be third party tested and certified to meet minimum performance criteria defined by Filtrexx International. Performance parameters include: vegetation growth, water holding capacity, pH, organic matter, soluble salts, moisture content, biological stability, maturity bioassay, and percent inert material, bulk density and particle size distribution. For information on the physical, chemical, and biological properties of GrowingMedia refer to Specification 5.2 Filtrexx GrowingMedia. Alternative specifications may be used by the design engineer, which would include blends of GrowingMedia with additional inorganic materials to meet local site requirements (i.e., sand, soils, aggregates, etc.).

### **Geogrid Reinforcement**

Geogrid is a required component of a GreenLoxx MSE Vegetated Retaining Wall and specifications must be followed or performance may be diminished. Refer to Table 2.3 for technical data detailing the properties and strength of each variety of Filtrexx

FLW geogrid.

When utilizing geogrids with a vegetated retaining wall, a wrap is recommended for every course when lifts are 18 in (450mm) or larger and every two courses for 12 in (300mm) lifts. Typically the 12" GroSoxx will deform to 9" of effective height per row (see typical details) such that every two courses wrapped in FLW geogrids yields 18" reinforcement lifts. Geogrid spacing may vary, GroSoxx wall fascia size (8 in or 200mm to 30 in or 750mm) is adjusted to meet the grid-spacing requirements as determined by the wall design engineer and included in the project plans and specs.

### **Geogrid Length**

Geogrid length must be a minimum of 0.6 times the height of the wall per lift. Lengths will increase with increased slope, loading, soil conditions and acting pressures. Site specific engineering is required from a locally registered Professional Engineer.

### **Construction of Footer for Structural Stability**

Although a concrete footer is not required for a GreenLoxx vegetated retaining wall, a stable foundation must be ensured or created using Soxx™ filled with inorganic materials, such as rock, compactable gravel or other materials. An optional aggregate filled GroSoxx may be substituted on the bottom layer in a GreenLoxx Vegetated Retaining Wall. When possible the bottom GroSoxx should be buried or keyed in to increase stability so that the depth is equal to 10% of wall height. Depth will be determined by site specific engineering.

### **Vegetation Choices**

Examples of vegetation that may be selected include:

- Grasses, including natives
- Vines and groundcover, including Ivy, Myrtle, Sedum, etc.
- Wildflowers
- Perennials and annuals
- Woody vegetation from live stakes or pots 2" or less so that grids are not cut in planting

### **Vegetation Selection**

Successful planning for any vegetation establishment project should consider aesthetics, wildlife habitat, climate, prevailing weather, temperature, sun exposure, prolonged moisture exposure, available moisture/irrigation requirements, topography, soil type, soil pH, soil amendments, nutrient requirements, drought tolerance, time/coordination with construction phases, site preparation/



coordination with construction phases, protection from erosion and sedimentation, concentrated flow and runoff velocity potential, maintenance, and seed mix/plant selection (Fifield, 2001).

Quick establishing annual grasses, legumes and non-reproductive wheat grass/oat grass hybrids are normally specified for temporary and nurse crop applications. Perennial grasses are typically specified for permanent applications, and if possible native grasses should be utilized (Fifield, 2001; USDA-NRCS, 2004) as these will be better adapted to local climate, native soil, and hydrology. If a Vegetated retaining wall system will be exposed to prolonged moisture, wetland species may be required. Generally, tall and sturdy grasses are better at reducing runoff and flow velocity and increasing sediment removal than low growing, flexible grasses and legumes (Grismer et al., 2006; USDA-NRCS, 2004) - as taller vegetation generally increase surface roughness values (Manning's n). Additionally, deep rooted grasses will be more stable under high storm runoff and, high concentrated flow velocity.

GreenLoxx vegetated retaining walls may be designed for biotechnical engineering applications. GrowingMedia fill within the GroSoxx system creates an optimum fertile and structural environment for establishing and sustaining live stakes, seed, tubers, rhizomes, and plugs. A live stake is a 1 to 3 ft. (300-900mm) long cutting from a live hardwood tree or shrub and planted vertically into a GrowingMedia (KYTC, 2006). Typical live stake species include, willow, poplar, maple, cottonwood, dogwood, sycamore, and oak (KYTC, 2006). Drip tape irrigation installed within the Vegetated retaining wall system maintains moisture for plants used in biotechnical engineering projects, particularly in drought prone regions and seasons.

Local landscape architects, NRCS personnel, or cooperative extension specialists should be consulted and used as resources for local/regional seed and plant selection. Many state erosion and sediment control and storm water management manuals have specifications for seed and plant selection, seeding rates, and planting requirements. VegSpec, a design program created by the USDA-NRCS, may be a helpful tool for seed and plant selection. It can be accessed at <http://plants.usda.gov>.

#### **Establishing & Sustaining Vegetation**

GreenLoxx vegetated retaining walls may be

seeded at the time of application by injection into GrowingMedia during Vegetated retaining wall construction. Nurse crops, such as annual rye, oats, millet, or wheat may be considered to establish a quick vegetative cover until perennial grasses and/or live stakes are established. Grasses within the GreenLoxx vegetated retaining wall should be mowed and maintained between 4 in (100mm) and 10 in (250mm) high, unless otherwise specified. Taller grasses may have higher sediment removal efficiency, sediment storage capacity, and a greater ability to dissipate runoff energy and reduce storm flow velocity relative to low growing or low maintained grasses. Live stakes should be 1 to 3 ft. (300-900mm) long and planted vertically with at least 2" of one end planted into a GrowingMedia, and spaced 3 to 5 ft. (1-1.5 m) apart (KYTC, 2006).

Although GrowingMedia typically has a higher water holding capacity than topsoil, irrigation may be required to ensure successful establishment. In arid and semi-arid regions or hot and dry weather regular irrigation may be required. Drip tape irrigation may be installed within the GroSoxx to maintain moisture within GrowingMedia for establishing vegetation or in drought prone regions and seasons.

The GrowingMedia inside the GreenLoxx vegetated retaining wall supplies humus, organic matter, beneficial microbes, and slow release organic nutrients that contribute to increased fertility, plant health and sustainability.

#### **Organic vs. Fertilizer Nutrients**

Although most specification and design manuals include fertilizer recommendations or requirements for vegetation, mineral nutrients from fertilizers may not be preferable where vegetation sustainability and water quality are a concern. Vegetated retaining walls provide organic nutrients which are slow release, provide plant micronutrients, and are less likely to be transported in storm runoff to receiving waters - which can lead to pollution and eutrophication of waterways (Faucette et al, 2005).

#### **Weed Establishment**

Invasive weed growth has been more closely associated with mineral fertilizer than organic fertilizer fertility practices (Faucette et al, 2004). Vegetation practices should always be inspected for invasive and noxious weeds. The use of approved Filtrex products will reduce the chances of noxious weeds being introduced.



### Methods for Establishing Vegetation:

- Plant Plugs 2 in x 2 in (50mm x 50mm) or smaller
- Live stakes
- Bulbs or dormant rootstocks buried in GreenLoxx vegetated retaining walls during construction
- Sprigs
- Annual or perennial plants
- Use Filtrexx Compost Vegetated Cover temporary seeding) as a cap for establishing grass varieties
- Injection of seed into the GroSoxx or pre-mixing seed and GrowingMedia prior to filling
- Broadcast seeding, especially natives and wildflowers

### PERFORMANCE

The local registered Professional Engineer shall determine appropriate tests using recognized engineering performance testing and standard specifications for materials. These may include the following:

*American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):*

C1372 – Standard Specification for Segmental Retaining Wall Units

C33-93 – Specifications for Concrete Aggregates

D698 – Test method for Laboratory Compaction

Characteristics of Soil Using Standard Effort

D424 – Atterburg Limit of Soils

D422 – Gradation of Soils

D5262 – Test Method for Evaluating the Unconfined

Tension Creep Behavior of Geosynthetics

D4355 – Test Method for Deterioration of

Geotextiles from Exposure to Ultraviolet light

Geosynthetic Research Institute (GRI)

GG1 – Standard Test Method for Geogrid Rib Tensile Strength

GG4 – Standard Practice for Determination of Long Term Design Strength of Geosynthetic Reinforcements

GG5 – Standard Test Method for Determination of Geogrid Pullout

### Using Geogrid for Reinforcement

Geogrid has been used for nearly 30 years in building structural wall systems with block and other hard aggregate structures. In most cases, the geogrid is attached to the fascia block via pins or other hook devices. With a GreenLoxx Vegetated Retaining Wall, the Filtrexx FLW geogrid is wrapped around

the entire fascia, providing support to both top and bottom of the fascia and preventing movement of the GroSoxx from within the wrapped layer. There may be situations where the geogrid wrap can cover more than one layer of GroSoxx. Because the GroSoxx fascia is permeable, it retains less water than a block wall and should prevent soil saturation, mass wasting of soil, and hydrostatic pressure behind the fascia. The specifications and guidelines here are recommended procedures and considerations. Site specific engineering should be performed for all structural applications via a Professional Engineer.

### Installation Guidelines

1. Vegetated retaining walls shall meet all Filtrexx® Specifications and use Filtrexx® GrowingMedia™.
2. Contractor is required to be a Filtrexx® Certified<sup>SM</sup> Installer as determined by Filtrexx International (877-542-7699). Certification shall be considered current if appropriate identification is shown during time of bid or at time of application. Look for the Filtrexx® Certified<sup>SM</sup> Installer Seal.

### Required Tools / Materials

- Normal soil working tools including shovels, rakes, hand compactor, broom, pick, etc.
- Mechanical compactor
- Prefilled Filtrexx GroSoxx units or
  - Pneumatic blower truck capable of reaching remote areas;
  - Mechanism for blending seed and GrowingMedia to be used in GroSoxx; and
  - Filler cone for filling GroSoxx
- Filtrexx FLW geogrid meeting specifications for design conditions
- Approved non-woven geotextile meeting site conditions
- Tie-wraps (8 in or 200mm)
- Sod staples (8 in or 200mm)
- Traffic control and safety measures, where required
- Gripple soil anchors or equivalent, as needed
- Driving rods for anchors
- Hammer or other driving mechanism to achieve proper anchor depth and/or load capability

### Excavation and Base Preparation

Prior to construction of a GreenLoxx Vegetated Retaining Wall the area of excavation shall follow plan specifications. The excavated area shall tightly fit the first layer of GroSoxx to create a firm foundation. Excavation is a land disturbing activity that requires use of temporary sediment control devices; see Section 1.1 for information on Filtrexx Sediment control.





Compaction of the area using a plate compactor or equivalent is required prior to adding any fill or the first course of GroSoxx. No footings are required for GreenLoxx Vegetated Retaining Walls; however, a level base that is buried 10% of the wall may be necessary.

#### Drainage

Unlike hard-walls, a drainage zone behind the face of the GreenLoxx retaining wall may not be required as the GroSoxx fascia is highly permeable. This permeability greatly reduces hydrostatic pressure and facilitates hydration of the GrowingMedia and fascia vegetation. Where increased drainage is desired or is required for high-flow areas, stone may be added to the GrowingMedia in the first and/or second GroSoxx course to enhance the movement of subsurface and/or runoff flow. As with other retaining walls, additional drainage systems may be installed behind the wall. Drainage requirements shall be addressed by a geotechnical engineer and/or hydrologist.

An optional 'drainage layer' is advisable in some situations, using 8 in (300mm) diameter Filtrexx® Soxx™ mesh filled with pea gravel, #8 limestone or aggregate of equivalent size. This material is stacked in a vertical layer between the existing soil and the Vegetated retaining wall system, to facilitate drainage away from existing soil before entering the structural fill, and to have an area of emergency drain relief caused by runoff or subsurface flow. Benefits of using GroSoxx include more accurate estimates of quantity of stone needed for drainage layers and keeping the stone confined to a permanent drainage layer.

#### Installation of Base Course

After the initial excavation, fine-tuning of the base surface should commence. Use a laser-level to prepare the surface for the first course of GroSoxx. The surface should be free of roots and rocks that may interfere with the GroSoxx or result in an uneven surface. The base surface should be level.

After preparation of the base surface, place an 8 in (200mm) layer of granular material over the native material, including within any the trenched section. A layer of semi-porous geogrid may be necessary to separate the granular fill from the native soil. Application may be made manually, by excavator or by pneumatic blower.

At courses where the construction drawings indicate

that geogrid is required, the geogrid is laid down prior to placement of GroSoxx and wrapped around the GroSoxx fascia.

After placing and compacting the base material the first course of geogrid should be installed. Place FLW geogrid over granular material and fasten with sod staples or ½ ft. (150mm) rebar stakes to temporarily anchor the geogrid while commencing work. Once the geogrid is anchored, install the modular or continuous GroSoxx the required length horizontally and parallel to the wall face. Fill GroSoxx in place - the first course will be installed at the base of the wall, or if present, in the trench.

When installing geogrid, ensure that it is laid flat over the backfill. Pull back on the geogrid to ensure good connection with the GroSoxx fascia and to remove any folds in the material.

Place non-woven geotextile to separate native and structural backfill then apply structural backfill with excavator/pneumatic blower. Fill should be placed and compacted using 6-12 in (150-300mm) lifts. Apply native backfill with excavator/ pneumatic blower. Note: typical compaction of fascia when using 12 in (300mm) and 18 in (450mm) diameter GroSoxx will result in approximately 30% reduction in height (8 in [200mm] and 12 in [300mm] lift, respectively (see table 2.2). To reduce this compaction, pressure can be exerted on the geogrid to pull tight against the fascia, reducing compaction and increasing height.

#### Installation of Succeeding Courses

Successive courses will be set upon previous courses in a batter prescribed by the site engineer. Continue placing GroSoxx, aggregate and native soil or backfill as needed.

Hand compaction and weight of successive layers will compact the GroSoxx. Estimate of fascia compaction is 30% but may be adjusted by the project engineer. Filtrexx® Certified™ Installers are trained to account for compaction in order to achieve specified wall height.

#### Backfill Compaction

A Professional Engineer shall specify the backfill type and proctor tests should be conducted using standard ASTM testing procedures or equivalent field procedures as directed by the Engineer.



Compaction of materials will vary with soil type but typically, smaller lifts of material (less than 12 in [300mm]) will be easier to compact.

For more information, see GreenLoxx MSE Retaining Wall design details in Figures 2.1 through 2.3.

### Final Seeding - Cap

The top of the wall or 'cap' requires temporary seeding or a Storm water blanket. For specifications and design for Compost Vegetated Cover (Temporary Seeding) and Compost Storm Water Blankets see sections 1.7 and 2.1, respectively. Each of these applications will effectively join the GreenLoxx MSE Retaining Wall System with any existing vegetation or terrain.

Prior to seeding the top of a GreenLoxx wall, be sure that the upper layer of FLW geogrid is buried to a minimum of 6 in (150mm). GroSoxx can be used to complete the cap in combination with final seeding.

### INSPECTION

Regular inspections should be conducted that are within local, state and federal guidelines for water quality regulations. A minimum of 70% uniform cover for vegetation within 2 seasons should be targeted. Areas that lack vegetation should be spot seeded using a compost/seed mixture.

After six months if 70% uniform cover of nurse crop has not occurred it is recommended that reseeded or remedial planting be performed.

### MAINTENANCE

1. The Contractor shall maintain the GreenLoxx Living Wall in a functional condition at all times and it shall be routinely inspected.
2. Seeded GreenLoxx walls shall be maintained until a minimum uniform 70% cover of the applied area has been vegetated, permanent vegetation has established, or as required by the jurisdictional agency.
3. Seeded GreenLoxx walls may need to be irrigated in hot and dry weather and seasons, or arid and semi-arid climates to ensure vegetation establishment
4. Where a GreenLoxx Wall lift falls or becomes dislodged, the Contractor will ensure the product is in good contact with the soil and backfill media, repair, and use additional staking if necessary
5. Where bank or shoreline erosion occurs, the Contractor will regrade the soil if necessary and

- repair or replace the GreenLoxx retaining wall.
6. Where vegetation does not establish the Contractor will reseed, replant, replace live stakes, or provide an approved and functioning alternative.
7. If a GreenLoxx retaining wall is only seeded at time of installation, live stakes may be added to increase stability, aesthetics, wildlife habitat, and ecological succession.
8. No additional fertilizer or lime is required for vegetation establishment and maintenance.
9. No disposal is required for this product/practice.
10. GreenLoxx retaining walls shall become part of the permanent landscape.
11. Regular cutting of grass vegetation on a seeded GreenLoxx retaining wall to a minimum height of 4 in (100mm) and a maximum height of 10 in (250mm) will deter invasive weeds, allow sunlight to kill captured pathogens from storm water, and provide maximum sediment removal efficiency and sediment storage capacity in the vegetation.
12. Storm debris and trash deposited on a vegetated retaining wall should be removed immediately.
13. Sediment shall be removed if it reaches 25% of the height of the vegetation (mowed) to prevent diversion of storm runoff and reduction of vegetation health and cover.
14. If drip tape irrigation system is installed, once vegetation is fully established, connections to drip tape irrigation system may be removed, leaving the drip tape inside the GroSoxx.

### METHOD OF MEASUREMENT

Bid items shall show 'Filtrexx GreenLoxx®' or 'Filtrexx® Vegetated Retaining Walls' per ft<sup>2</sup> or m<sup>2</sup> of fascia and shall include the supply and installation of all wall components, including: FLW geogrid, Filtrexx GroSoxx®, Filtrexx® GrowingMedia™, vegetation and backfill.

Engineer shall notify Filtrexx of location, description, and details of project prior to the bidding process so that Filtrexx can provide design aid and technical support.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For other references on this topic, including additional research reports and trade magazine and press coverage, visit the Filtrexx website at [www.filtrexx.com](http://www.filtrexx.com)

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**TABLES & FIGURES:**

**Table 2.1.** Filtrexx® Soxx™ Material Specifications.

Material Type	Multi-Filament Polypropylene (HDPP)	Multi-Filament Polypropylene SafteySoxx™	Multi-Filament Polypropylene DuraSoxx®
Material Characteristic	Photodegradable	Photodegradable	Photodegradable
Design Diameters	8 in (200mm), 12 in (300mm), 18 in (400mm), 24 in (600mm), 32 in (800mm)	8 in (200mm), 12 in (300mm), 18 in (400mm)	8 in (200mm), 12 in (300mm), 18 in (400mm), 24 in (600mm), 32 in (800mm)
Mesh Opening	3/8 in (10mm)	1/8 in (3mm)	1/8 in (3mm)
Tensile Strength	44 psi (3.09 kg/cm2)	202 psi (14.2 kg/cm2)*	202 psi (14.2 kg/cm2)
% Original Strength from Ultraviolet Exposure (ASTM G-155)	100% at 1000 hr	100% at 1000 hr	100% at 1000 hr
Functional Longevity/ Project Duration**	1-4 yr	2-5 yr	2-5 yr

\* Tested at Texas Transportation Institute/Texas A&M University (ASTM 5035-95).

\*\* Functional Longevity based on continual UV exposure without vegetation. Once vegetation is established longevity of the system is greatly increased. Functional longevity ranges are estimates only. Site specific environmental conditions may result in significantly shorter or longer time periods.

**Table 2.2.** Vegetated Retaining Wall GroSoxx® Wall Fascia Sizing.

Prescribed vertical geogrid spacing as per Engineer		GroSoxx® wall fascia diameter	
inches	mm	inches	mm
8	200	12	300
12	300	18	450
18	450	24	600
24	600	30	750



**Table 2.3. Filtrex FLW Geogrid Details**

FLW Geogrids are composed of high molecular weight, high tenacity multifilament polyester yarns that are bidirectional and woven into a stable network placed under tension. The high strength polyester yarns are coated with a PVC material. FLW Geogrids are inert to biological degradation and are resistant to naturally encountered chemicals, alkalis and acids. FLW Geogrids are typically used for soil reinforcement applications such as retaining walls, steep-ened slopes, embankments, sub-grade stabilization, embankments over soft soils and waste containment applications.

FLW 20 Tensile Properties	Test Method	MARV Values (lbs/ft) MD/CMD
Ultimate Strength Machine Direction	ASTM D 6637	2,075
Creep Limited Strength Machine Direction	ASTM D 5262	1,313
T <sub>al</sub> = Long Term Design Strength Machine Direction	NCMA 97	1,085
Aperture Size - 2.00 x 2.00 (inches)	Measured	N/A

RF Creep - 1.58 RF Durability - 1.10 RF Installation Damage (Soil Type 3) - 1.10

FLW 35 Tensile Properties	Test Method	MARV Values (lbs/ft) MD/CMD
Ultimate Strength	ASTM D 6637	3,600
Creep Limited Strength	ASTM D 5262	2,278
T <sub>al</sub> = Long Term Design Strength	NCMA 97	1,918
Aperture Size - 2.00 x 2.00 (inches)	Measured	N/A

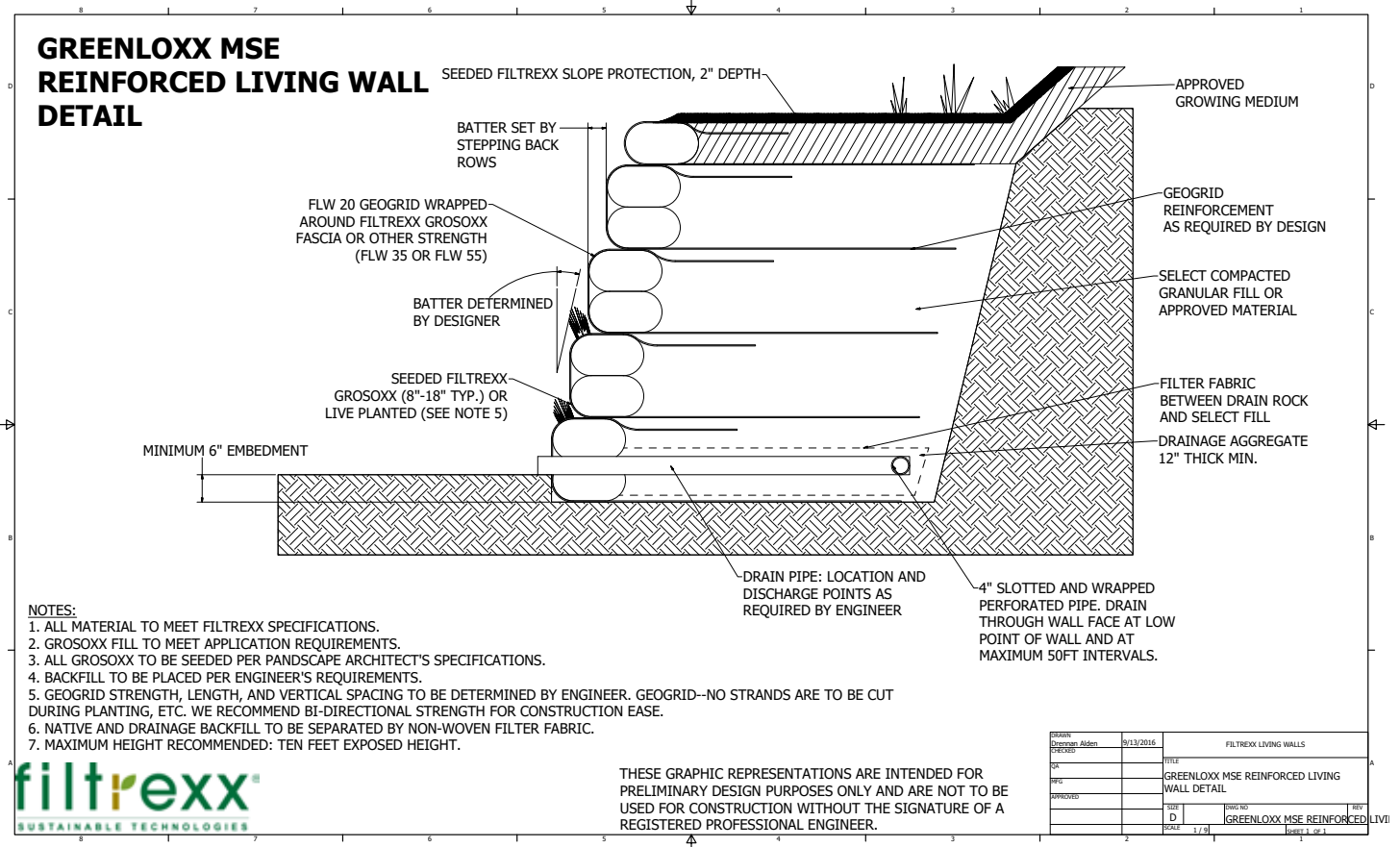
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FLW 55 Tensile Properties	Test Method	MARV Values (lbs/ft) MD/CMD
Ultimate Strength	ASTM D 6637	5,000
Creep Limited Strength	ASTM D 5262	3,165
Tensile Strength @ 5% Strain	ASTM D 6637	1,500
T <sub>al</sub> = Long Term Design Strength	NCMA 97	2,740
Aperture Size - 2.00 x 2.00 (inches)	Measured	N/A

RF Creep - 1.58 RF Durability - 1.10 RF Installation Damage (Soil Type 3) - 1.05



Figure 2.1. Filtrexx® GreenLoxx® MSE Reinforced LivingWall Detail



**Figure 2.2.** Filtrex® GreenLoxx® 12” GroSoxx® Module Dimensions Detail

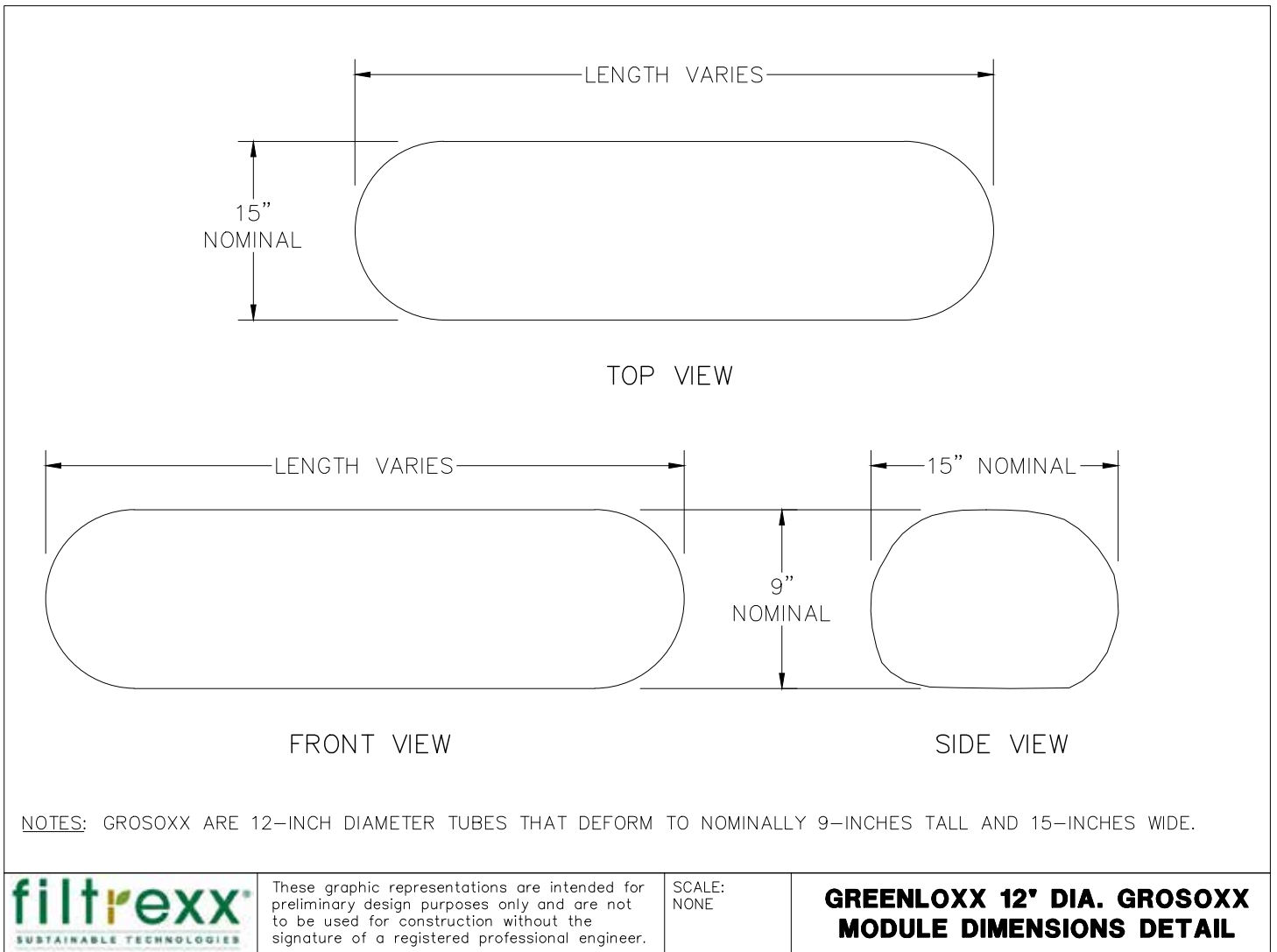
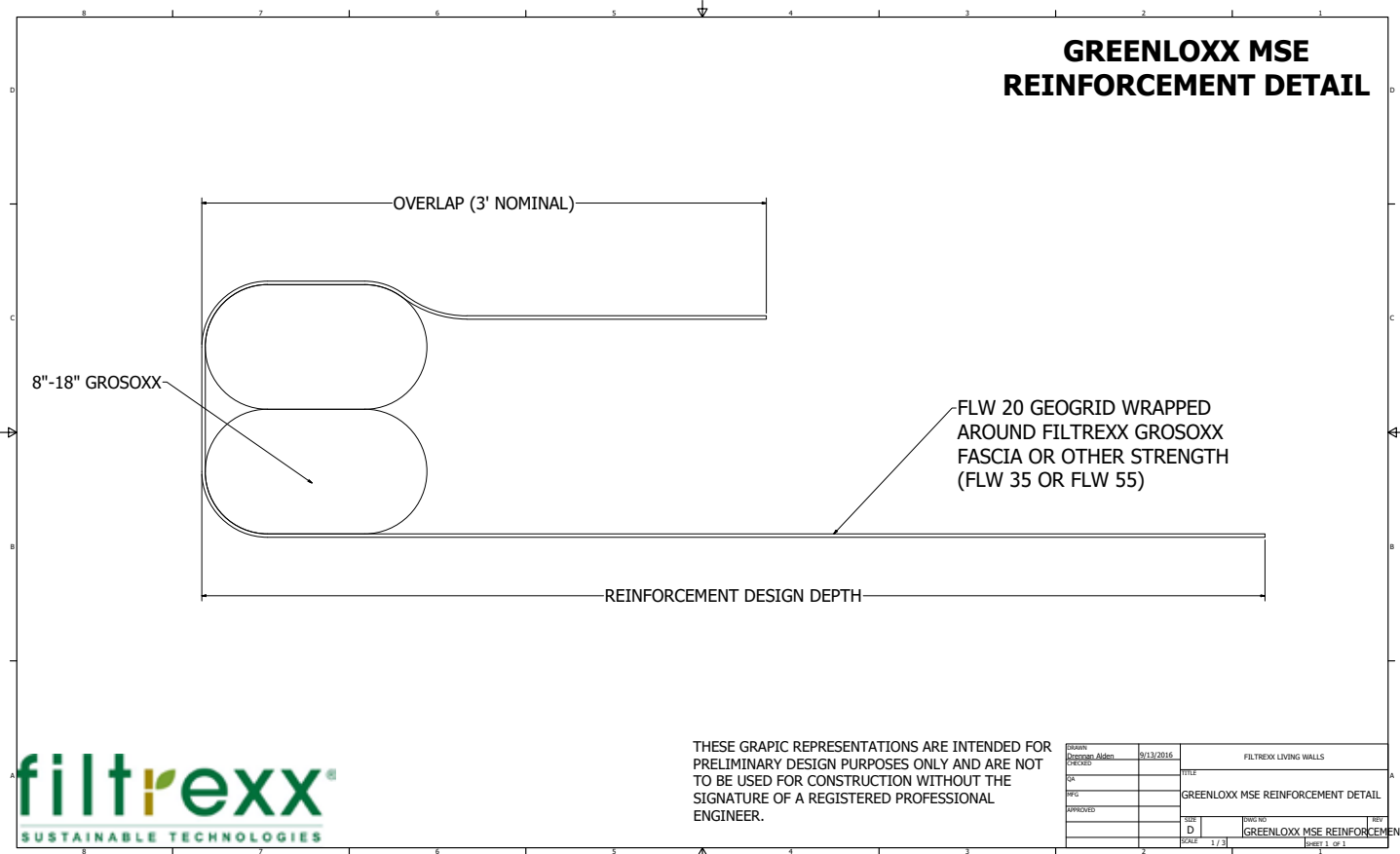




Figure 10.3. Filtrexx® GreenLoxx® MSE Reinforcement Detail

**GREENLOXX MSE REINFORCEMENT DETAIL**



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