

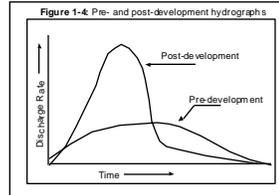
Post-construction BMPs

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The Urbanization Stormwater Problems:

- Changes to hydrology
- Changes to water quality
- Ultimate impacts to aquatic life and humans

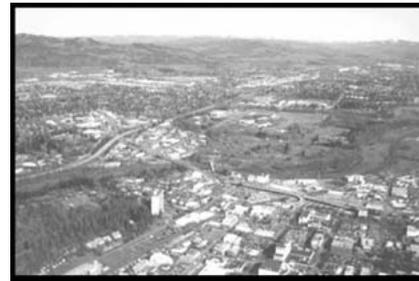


Post-construction BMPs

- Water Quality Impacts from Post-Construction Stormwater Runoff
- What are the requirements?
- Best Management Practices – What Have We Learned About Their Performance
- Setting up a program
- Operation and Maintenance

All in less than 1 hour!

Urbanization – Landscape Changes



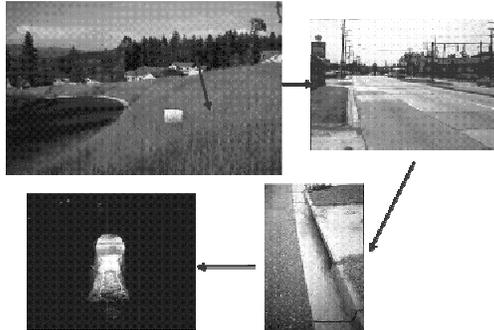
Stormwater More “Sustainable” Strategy for Post-Construction

1. Reduce (less pavement, evapotranspiration, etc.)
2. Reuse (store for irrigation, delayed evapotranspiration)
3. Recycle (infiltration)
4. Treat

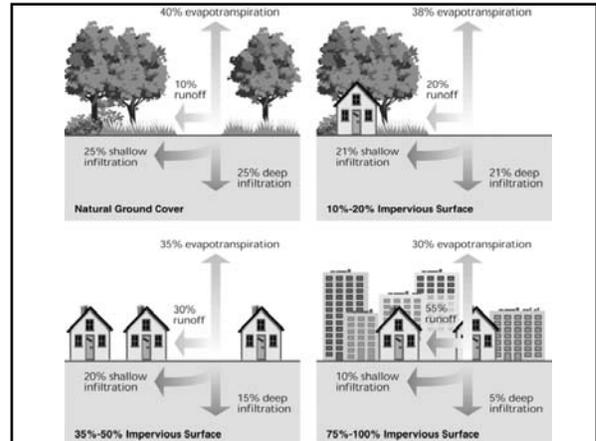
Urban Development Sources of Changes In Runoff Hydrology

- Removal of tree and/or shrub canopy
- Removal or compacting of moisture adsorptive soils
- Creation of landscaping consisting of turfs
- Creation of impervious surfaces
- Connection of these “disturbed surfaces” to the stormwater system

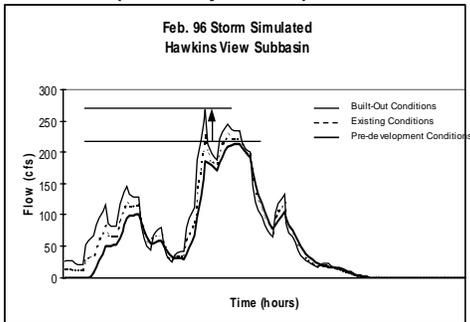
Hydrology Changes



◆ Much More than just impervious change!



Eugene Stormwater Modeling Results - February, 1996 Flood (about 25-year flood)



Peak Flows Increased, but not dramatically (25 to 30 percent)

Changes in Streams (perennial and ephemeral)

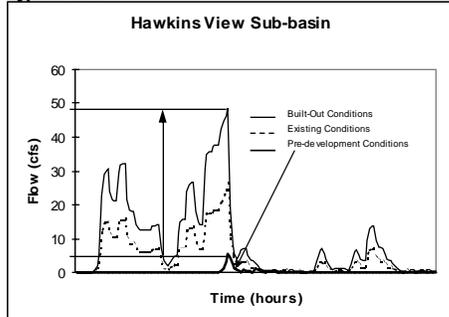


LT 5% IMP

5 - 10% IMP

GT 20% IMP

Eugene Stormwater Modeling Results - Smaller Typical Storm



Peak Flows and Volume (Increased Almost 1000 percent)
Result = More Energy in Channel

Greater Than 20% Imperviousness



Ballona Channel, Los Angeles Under Construction



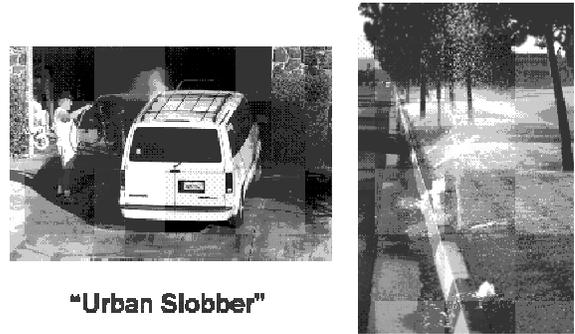
Pollution Sources



Urban and Industrial Stormwater - Typical Pollutants of Concern

- Suspended solids – fine particulates
- Nutrients - phosphorus and nitrogen
- Metals – copper, lead, and zinc
- Oil and grease
- Bacteria – (Standard of the Month?)
- Pesticides and herbicides (Diazinon)
- Temperature
- Trash and debris

Vehicle/Pavement Washing and Irrigation



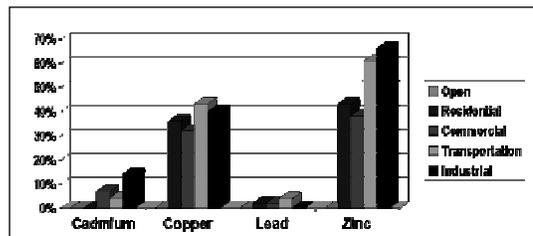
"Urban Slobber"

Pollution Sources

ESTIMATED COPPER LOAD TO BAY

Category	Load (lb)
Lower Flange	~500
Slope Flange	~1000
WCC (1/2")	~1500
WCC (3/8")	~2000
Total	~4000

Summary of Oregon Stormwater Samples That Exceeded Receiving Water Water Quality Criteria



Based upon Oregon NPDES Stormwater Monitoring Data
Compiled by ACWA. Developed areas: 27 to 67 storm events; Open space: 9 storm events

Where have all the fish gone?

- Studies in Northwest have shown that in streams with more than 5 to 10 percent impervious cover, coho salmon populations are significantly impacted.
- Both Salmon and Trout species have been listed as endangered under the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA).
- Southern California has had Trout and Salmon impacts along with other species

Phase II Minimum Control Measure:

Post-construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment

RECOMMEND:

- The BMPs chosen should:
 - be appropriate for the local community
 - minimize water quality impacts
 - attempt to maintain pre-development runoff conditions
- Participate in watershed planning efforts
- Assess existing ordinances, policies, and programs that address stormwater runoff quality
- Provide opportunities for public participation

Results

Regulations:

- NPDES – General Requirements to Treat Runoff
- TMDLs – Specific pollutant loading limits
- Potential for new development to be determined as being a “take” under the Endangered Species Act, unless impacts are reduced.

What are the common elements of a post-construction runoff control program?

- Update of General/Comprehensive Plan and Environmental Review Procedures
- Development of Stormwater Design Standards / Ordinance
- Process for Review and Approval of Stormwater Plans for New Development
- Post-construction BMP Maintenance, Tracking and Inspection
- Penalty Provisions for Noncompliance
- Training and Education

Phase II Minimum Control Measure:

Post-construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment

MUST:

- Develop a program, using an ordinance or other regulatory means, to address runoff from new development and redevelopment projects that disturb ≥ 1 acre
- Implement strategies with a combination of structural and/or non-structural BMPs
- Ensure adequate long-term operation & maintenance (O&M) of BMPs

Update of General/Comprehensive Plan and Environmental Review Procedures

- General/Comprehensive plan amendments:
 - Some cities are required by the State to develop plans to guide in decision-making process for planning (e.g., General Plans or Comprehensive Plans)
 - These plans should include watershed and stormwater quality and quantity policies
- Environmental review procedures
 - Many cities review or screen projects for potential environmental impacts
 - Ensure that the City's review procedures address stormwater quality impacts
 - Should address both construction and post-construction

Development of Stormwater Design Standards / Ordinance

- Stormwater Design Standards are used by both the development community and City engineers
- Sets minimally acceptable BMPs and sizing criteria
- Ordinance should require compliance with stormwater design standards

Estimated BMP Pollutant Removal Performances in BMP Manuals

	TSS	TP	COD	PB	CU	ZN
Stormwater Ponds						
Wet Pond	80	45	40	75	NA	60
Dry Extended Detention	45	25	20	50	NA	20
Wet Extended Detention	80	65	NA	40	NA	20
Stormwater Marsh	-20 to 98	-140 to 98		6 to 94		
Vaults/Tanks	60	30	NA	30	NA	30
Infiltration						
Infiltration Trenches/Dry Well	75	60	65	65	NA	65
Infiltration Basins	75	60	65	65	NA	65
Porous Pavements	90	65	80	100	NA	100
Filtration						
Sand Filter	85	55	55	82	53	76
Vegetated Swale	83	29	NA	63-72	63-72	63-72

Source: City of Portland, OR, Stormwater Quality Facilities: A Design Guidance Handbook



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Urban Water Resources Research Council



Best Management Practices – What Have We Learned About Their Performance

The International BMP Database Project

www.bmpdatabase.org

Project Approach - A Scientifically Rigorous BMP Data Collection and Analysis Effort

Products Produced to Date:

- BMP Monitoring and Reporting Protocols
- Database Tool
 - Data Input and Search
 - Available in CD (1700 distributed to-date) and Downloadable Formats
- Web Site (www.bmpdatabase.org)
 - Project Information
 - Searchable Database
 - Project Deliverables Available for Download
 - Analysis Results
 - Flat File Database – Much easier to use
- Monitoring Guidance Manual

The BMP Problems

- Widespread use of BMPs and faulty BMP performance information without sufficient understanding of performance and factors leading to performance
- Inconsistent data reporting methods limit scientific comparison/evaluation of studies
- Differences in monitoring strategies and data evaluation methods result in wide range of reported "effectiveness" (e.g. – to + percent removals)



Results: Faulty descriptions of BMP performance being applied to TMDLs and Stormwater Management Planning

Distribution of Current Studies (Summer/03)

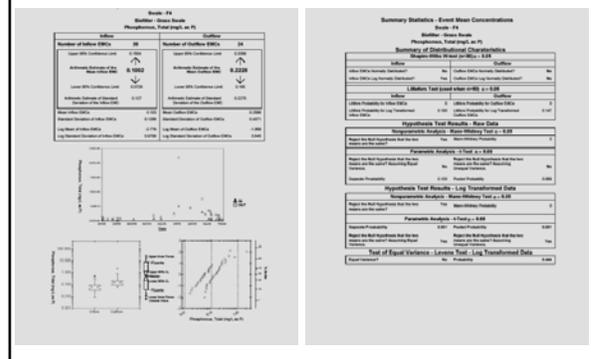
BMP CATEGORY	NUMBER OF BMPS
Structural	
Biofilter (Grass Swales)	32
Detention Basin	24
Hydrodynamic Device	16
Media Filter	30
Percolation Trench/Well	1
Porous Pavement	5
Retention Pond	33
Wetland Basin	15
Wetland Channel	14
Total	170
Non-Structural	
Maintenance Practice	28
Total	28
Grand Total	(198)

STATE	NUMBER OF BMPS
Domestic	
AL	13
CA	41
CO	4
FL	24
GA	2
IL	5
MD	4
MI	5
MN	7
NC	6
NJ	3
OH	1
OR	3
TX	19
VA	28
WA	20
WI	10
International	
Sweden	1
Canada	1

Over 40+ studies waiting be entered (funding)

BMP Software: BMP Database Data Entry Module

Updated Statistical Analysis – PDF Documents Water Quality Analysis



BMP Software: BMP Database Data Entry Module

Recommended Measures of BMP Performance

- How much stormwater runoff is prevented? (“hydrological source control”)
- How much of the runoff that occurs is treated by the BMP or not (“hydraulic performance”)?
- Of the runoff treated, what is the effluent quality? (“concentration characteristics achieved”)
- Does the BMP address downstream erosion impacts?

Percent Removal is Very Problematic and NOT RECOMMENDED as a performance measure for BMPs

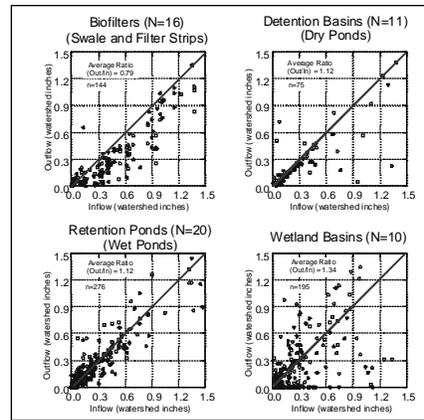
Protocols in Practice - The Manual



- The manual is available for download: WWW.BMPDATABASE.ORG
- Over 25,000 downloads to date from web site
- Guidance is highly relevant for various levels of BMP monitoring

Runoff Volume Control

- ET losses
- Infiltration



Runoff Volume Control

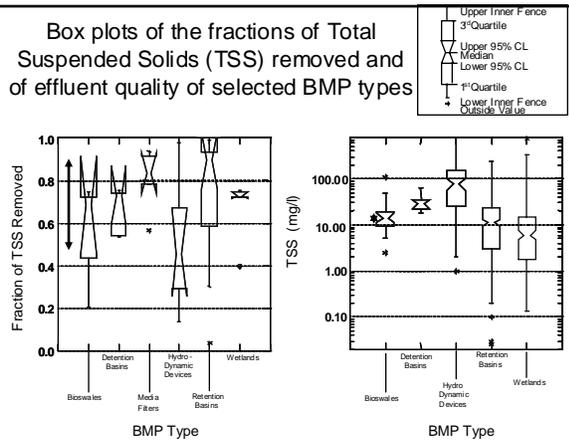
BMP Type	Mean Monitored Outflow/Mean Monitored Inflow for Events Where Inflow is Greater Than or Equal to 0.2 Watershed Inches
Detention Basins	0.70
Biofilters	0.62
Media Filters	1.00
Hydrodynamic Devices	1.00
Wetland Basins	0.95
Retention Ponds	0.93
Wetland Channels	1.00

Percent Removal? Example Study -SWFWMD Pond

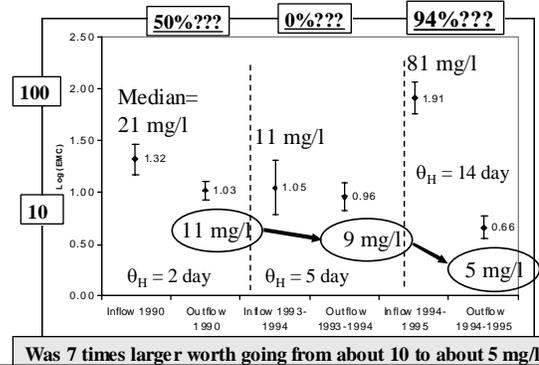


- > Drainage area, 6.5 acres
- > Land use (commercial, office)
 - 30% roof tops and parking lots, 6% crushed stone, 64% grassed
 - Drained by swales to pond
- > Five year study with two design modifications
 - 1990 (shallow and vegetated, $\theta_H = 2$ day)
 - 1993 (volume increased, 35% veg, $\theta_H = 5$ day)
 - 1994 (area enlarged, replant littoral zone, $\theta_H = 14$ day)

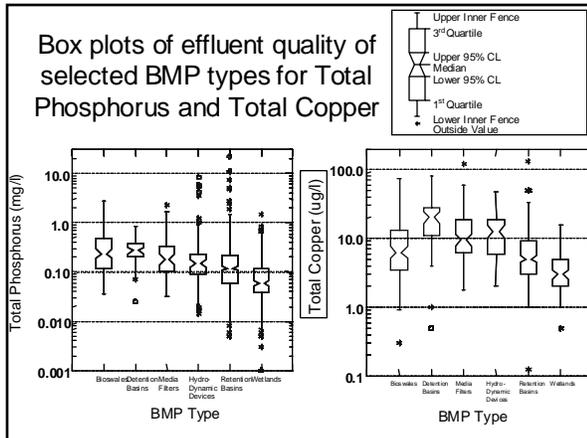
Box plots of the fractions of Total Suspended Solids (TSS) removed and of effluent quality of selected BMP types



Inflow and Outflow Log Mean TSS Concentrations (mg/l) and 95 Percent Confidence Limits for 3 Different Designs of a Wet Pond Located at SWFWMD Service Office in Tampa, Florida.



Box plots of effluent quality of selected BMP types for Total Phosphorus and Total Copper



BMP "Acceptance"

- > A huge issue for communities: Are all "BMPs" acceptable regardless of performance
- > Developing acceptance standards that are defensible as well as result in well performing BMPs

Lake George Field Study Evaluation Vortechs model 11000

Runoff Event #	TSSin (mg/L)		TSSout (mg/L)		% Reduction	
	Interpolated	Arithmetic	Interpolated	Arithmetic	Interpolated	Arithmetic
1	987.48	693.52	263.18	205.98	73%	70%
2	128.73	88.57	59.23	59.18	54%	33%
3	1040.04	882.42	337.87	486.75	68%	45%
4	213.73	225.42	359.14	388.08	-68%	-72%
5	1673.57	1217.53	71.39	102.84	96%	92%
6	535.16	603.54	70.14	85.23	87%	86%
7	180.81	132.22	29.76	34.88	84%	74%
8	2491.55	2202.78	35.41	35.47	99%	98%
9	89.99	76.60	31.98	33.14	64%	57%
10	1047.02	2257.46	37.08	31.22	96%	99%
11	439.45	344.86	16.57	13.83	96%	96%
12	445.19	291.58	17.36	14.91	96%	95%
13	1156.16	674.94	44.72	37.91	96%	94%
Averages	802.2215	745.4954	105.6792	117.6477	87%	84%

(Winkler and Guswa 2002)

Is an average of 100+ mg/l TSS effluent acceptable performance?

Analysis Findings

- Results of the analyses of the now expanded database have reinforced the initial finding that BMPs are best described by:
 1. how much they reduce runoff volumes, [Hydrologic Source Control]
 2. how much of the runoff that occurs is treated (and not) by the BMP (e.g., bypass or overflow), [Hydraulic Performance]
 3. and of the runoff treated what effluent quality (concentrations and toxicity potential) is achieved? [Water Quality Performance]

Relating Design to Performance

- One of the primary long-term project objectives
- Multiple regression analyses
- Sub-sample parameter analyses

Analysis Findings Cont.

These Basic BMP performance description elements can be utilized to:

- assess the concentrations that BMPs are able to achieve (concentration TMDLs),
- more accurately assess effects on total loadings (TMDLs) (how much runoff is prevented, treated and more realistic estimates of resulting loads)
- frequency of potential exceedances of water quality criteria or other targets, and
- other desired water quality performance measures.

For the First Time We Can Say
(and back-up with statistics):

“BMP Effluent Quality for different BMP types is different,”

“Big Wet Ponds (in Relationship to Storm Inflow Sizes) Work Better Than Little Wet Ponds,”

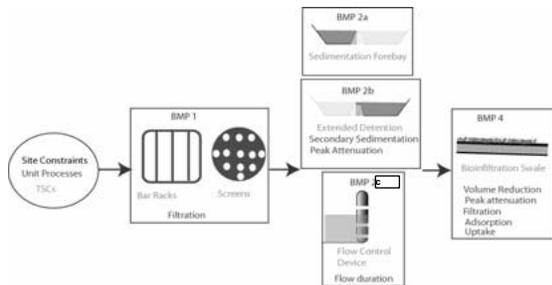
and

“Some BMPs beside infiltration systems appear to provide significant volume reductions that should be accounted for in performance”

WERF/NCHRP Guidance Manual Outline

1. Introduction
2. Characterize Conditions and Constraints
3. Identify Fundamental Unit Process Categories
4. Integrated Unit Process Design Approach
5. Critically Assess BMP Options
6. Design BMP or BMP Systems
7. Low-Impact Development/Distributed BMP Systems
8. Example Applications of BMP Selection and Design
9. Monitoring and Evaluation
 - BMP Performance and Evaluation
 - Data Needs for improving URC Selection and Design
10. Conclusions and Recommendations

Trash/Debris, TSS and Dissolved Copper – TMDL -Alternative 1



Design for 25 – Year Shopping Event?



Solving the Problems: BMP Tools

1. **Site Planning:**
 - Hydrological source control
 - Pollution source control
 - On-site “lower impact” stormwater management techniques for treatment and flow control
2. **On-site treatment via end of pipe “structural” facilities**
3. **In-stream stabilization measures**
4. **Regional water quality/flow management facilities**

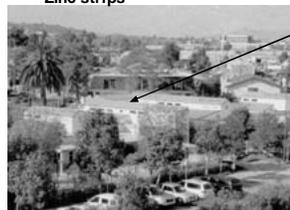
Inert Building Materials

◆ Building Materials with High Pollution Potential

- Copper/Zinc Roofs
- Copper/Zinc Downspouts
- Treated wood
- Asphalts
- Zinc strips

◆ Alternatives:

- Coated Steel Roofs (Copper Color)
- Coated Aluminum downspouts
- Allow moss to grow



Managing the “Sponge”

- Typical Urban Development has severely reduced the evapotranspiration and infiltration
- To often, we think infiltration could be the answer in areas where pre-development infiltration was minimal, but is eliminated due to soils and/or slope conditions concerns
- We need to look at ways of mimicking pre-development evapotranspiration rates
- “Sponge” includes:
 - Trees, Shrubs and Grasses
 - Shallow soils (non compacted)
 - EcoRoofs

Narrow Streets, No Curb Swale Examples



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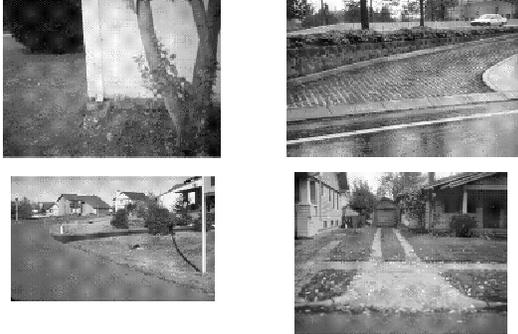
The Woodlands, Texas

“Curbs are evil!”

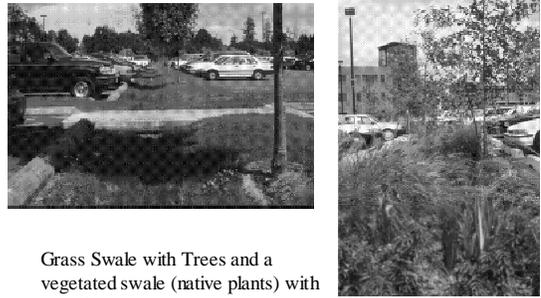


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Reduce Runoff – Disconnected Roof Drains, Pervious Pavements, and Reduced Impervious Surfaces

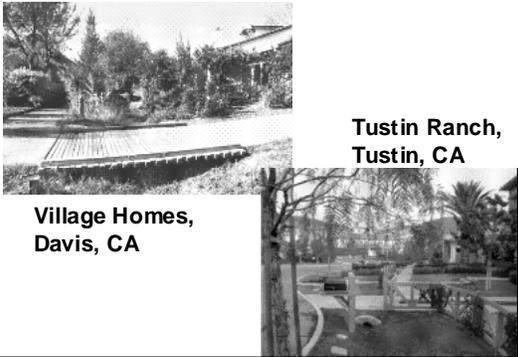


Parking Lot Vegetated Swales



Grass Swale with Trees and a vegetated swale (native plants) with gravel

Drainage Swales Within Development



Village Homes, Davis, CA

Tustin Ranch, Tustin, CA

Infiltration Swale



Village Homes



Village Homes, Davis, CA. Project has no stormwater pipes; most of the runoff infiltrates (in poor soils). Built almost 30 years ago. Saved about \$1,000 per lot in 1970s.

BioRetention Facility

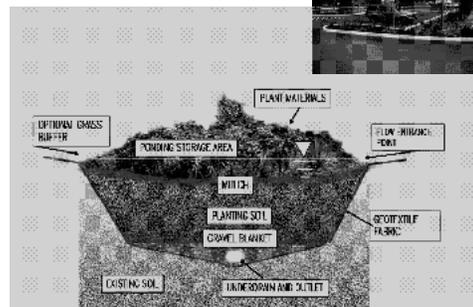
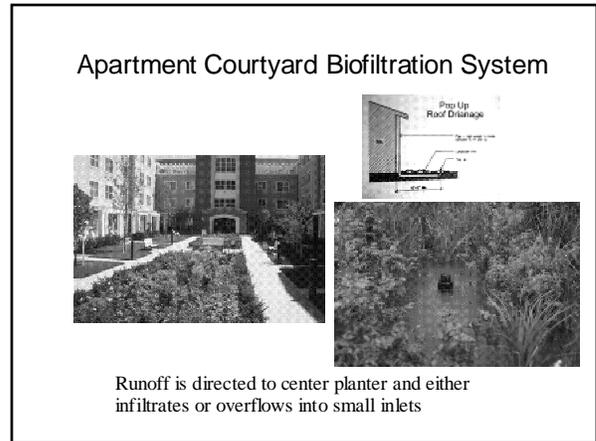
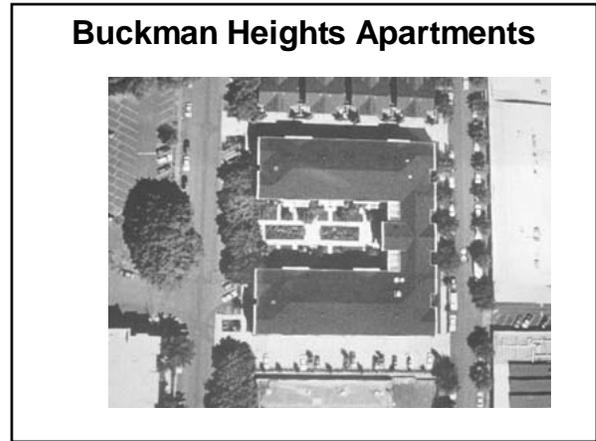
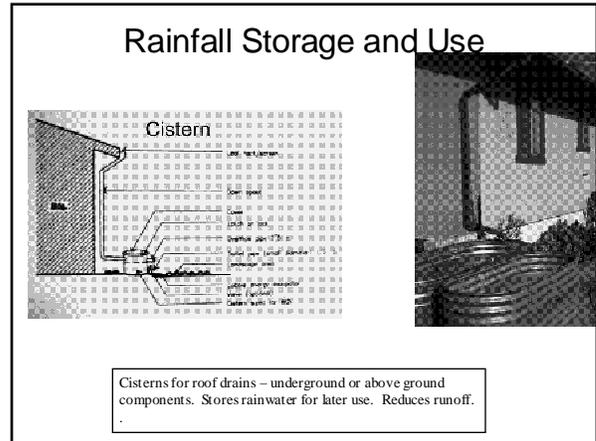
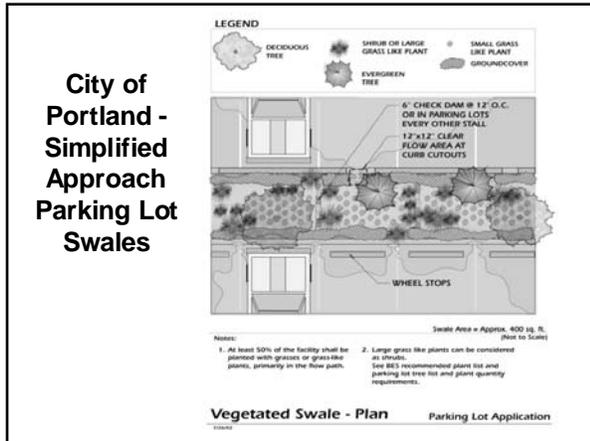


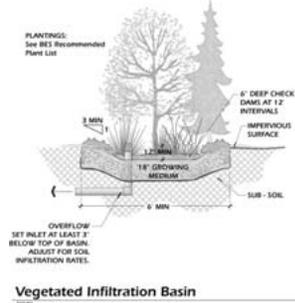
Figure 1

COMPONENTS OF A TYPICAL BIORETENTION FACILITY



City of Portland Simplified Approach

➤ Make Using
"Green
Standards"
Easier



Buckman Terrace Apartments- Stormwater Planters



Buckman Heights Apartments

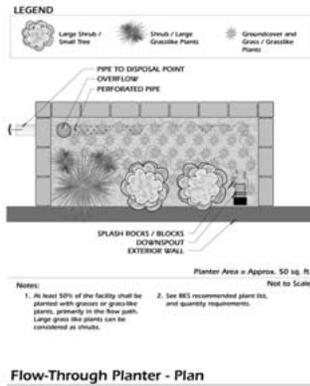


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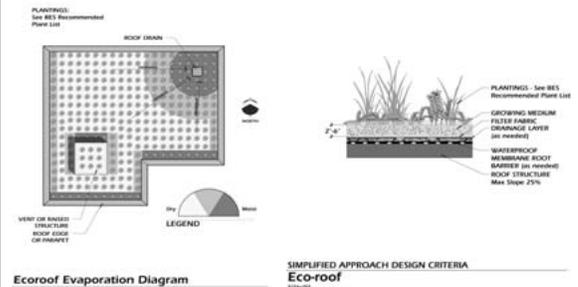
Roofs – Good Looking?



City of
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City of Portland -Simplified Approach





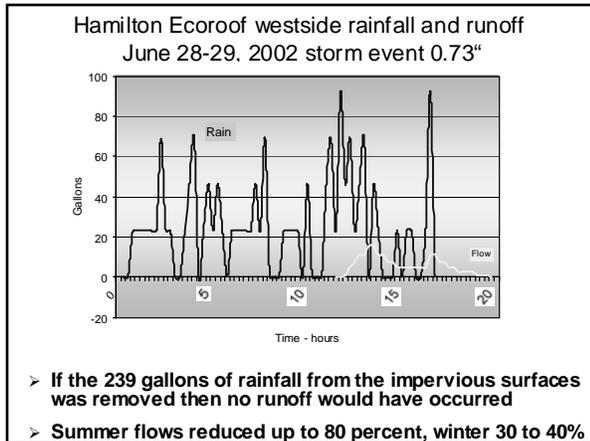
Traditional vs. Integrated Landscape Stormwater Design Approaches

Project	Integrated Approach	Cost: Traditional vs. Integrated Approach	Savings
OVI (commercial)	"Naturescaped" bioswales in parking lots	\$273K vs. \$195K	\$78,000
Walnut Park Police Station (commercial)	Bioswale and infiltration area in parking lot	\$10K vs. \$1K	\$9,000
Flex Alloy (industrial)	Flow-through grass filters and swale	\$79K vs. \$68K	\$11,000
Carly Village (31-home subdivision, including streets)	Open channel bioswales and soaking trenches	\$79K vs. \$58K	\$21,000



Detention Based BMPs - Ponds

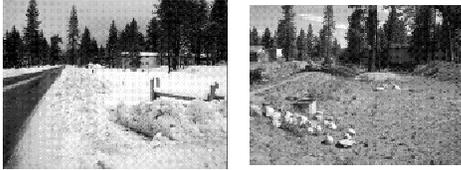
- Wet
- Dry
- Dry Extended Detention
- Wet Extended Detention



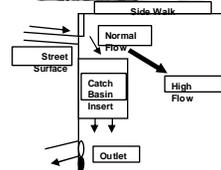
Detention Based BMPs - Stormwater Marshes

- Shallow Marsh Systems
- Extended Detention Wetlands
- "Pocket" Wetlands
- Pond/Marsh Systems

Lake Tahoe Stormwater Wetland



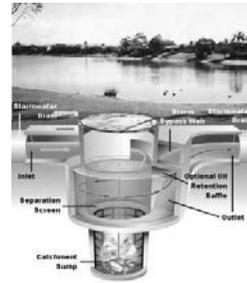
Potential Catchbasin Retrofit Potential for Trash and Debris Removal



Davis, CA Wetland/Pond System



CDS Unit – Hydraulic Particle Separation

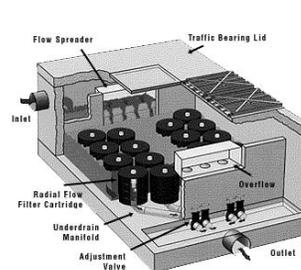


CDS Solids Separation System

Other Treatment BMP Types

- Catch Basin Inserts
- MSDs
- Filters

Underground Filtration – Stormwater Management Inc., StormFilter



Low-impact development

- Smaller-scale, distributed BMPs
- Focused on retention and infiltration
- Multiple benefits in addition to stormwater control



Residential bioretention system

State Stormwater Design Manuals

- Some States have developed statewide stormwater design manuals
 - E.g., Maryland, Georgia, New York, Vermont, Washington, etc.
- If your State has adopted a manual, your Phase II post-construction program will probably need to comply with that manual.

Low Impact Development Resources

EPA references:

- Low Impact Development Design Strategies: An Integrated Design Approach
- Low Impact Development Hydrologic Analysis
- Low Impact Development Literature Review and Fact Sheets
- <http://www.epa.gov/nps/lid/>
- <http://www.lowimpactdevelopment.org/>

Questions to Consider When Adopting New Stormwater Design Standards

- What kind of development do you expect in the future?
- What kind of impacts does development cause in your community?
- What kind of rain falls on the community (e.g., intensity, seasonality)?
- How experienced is your community with stormwater management?
- What kind of design standard do you really need?

Incorporating LID into BMP Requirements

- Require that developments consider treatment BMPs in this order:
 1. On-site hydrological source control measures (e.g., LID, infiltration, cisterns, ET losses).
 2. On-site effective treatment controls
 3. Regional treatment systems (however, allow if significant benefit)

Additional Design Standard Tips

- Establish basic rules and engineering criteria
- Provide flexibility in interpretation
- Allow manual or technical guidance to be revised administratively
- Standardize the review process

Early Design Standard Decisions

- What minimum threshold should you set?
 - Minimum site size
 - Waivers and exemptions
 - Review burden

Example: Western Washington Stormwater Manual

- 5 Volumes
 - Volume I - Minimum Technical Requirements and Site Planning
 - Volume II - Construction Stormwater Pollution Prevention
 - Volume III - Hydrologic Analysis and Flow Control Design/BMPs
 - Volume IV - Source Control BMPs
 - Volume V - Runoff Treatment BMPs

Getting your design standards accepted

- Review other stormwater manuals and design standards
- Market your design standards/manual to the public, elected officials, developers, engineers
 - Link to local concerns
 - Costs and economic benefits
 - Education, education, education
- Address concerns directly

Western Washington Flow Control/Treatment Standards

- Uses a rainfall-runoff continuous hydrologic simulation model (HSPF)
- Match discharge durations of flows from the developed site to the durations of flows from the pre-developed site for the range of pre-development discharge rates from 50% of the 2-year peak flow up to the full 50-year peak flow.
- Pre-developed condition shall be forested land cover.
- Requires treatment of runoff from pollution-generating impervious and pervious surfaces.

Example Requirements

- EPA's National Urban Management Measures Guidance
- Western Washington Stormwater Manual
- Los Angeles Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plans (SUSMPs)
- Maryland Stormwater Design Manual
- City and County of Honolulu
- City of Portland



Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington

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Post-construction BMP Maintenance, Tracking and Inspection

- Develop a program to address post-construction BMP maintenance, tracking and inspection
 - How will the City ensure maintenance?
 - How will the City track all of the approved treatment control BMPs?
 - How will the City inspect BMPs to ensure they are adequately maintained?
- This is a ½ + day topic by itself

Training and Education

- The City must train it's own staff on the post-construction program
 - Plan review staff
 - Construction inspectors
 - BMP maintenance inspectors
 - Code enforcement, others?
- Local developers and engineers must also be educated so they develop adequate plans.
- Education for property owners on maintenance of BMPs



Summary

- International BMP Database has good data on rain event BMP performance:
 - Percent removal is a faulty and misleading description of BMP performance
 - Effluent data on numerous BMPs for rain events and established differences in effluent quality for BMP types
 - Better overall description of performance has been developed
 - "Hydrological source control" of some BMPs demonstrated

Penalty Provisions for Noncompliance

- Can include non-monetary penalties, fines, bonding requirements, permit denial, or denial of occupancy permit.
- Develop an escalating enforcement plan to document steps that will be taken to address non-compliance
- Educate staff on how to use penalty provisions when necessary

Points to Ponder

- It is OK to "Beg, Barrow, and Steal," but one should still think
- BMP performance is an evolving field
- One should focus on solving local problems first and then "meet the requirements"
- Lot's of oxymoron's in this field:
 - e.g., "Six Minimum Measures" to meet the "Maximum Extent Practicable"