# Low Impact Development Performance and Policy Implications in Ohio June 9/10, 2015























## Objectives

- Increase participant understanding of bioretention and permeable pavement performance on clay soils in Northern Ohio.
- Increase participant understanding of design, construction, and maintenance considerations for optimum bioretention and permeable pavement performance.
- Provide recommendations on ways to credit the contribution of LID stormwater control measure toward state and local stormwater requirements.
- Gather feedback on how project results may be used by stormwater professionals for plan review, design and construction.

# National Estuarine Research Reserve System

State-federal partnership



Stewardship

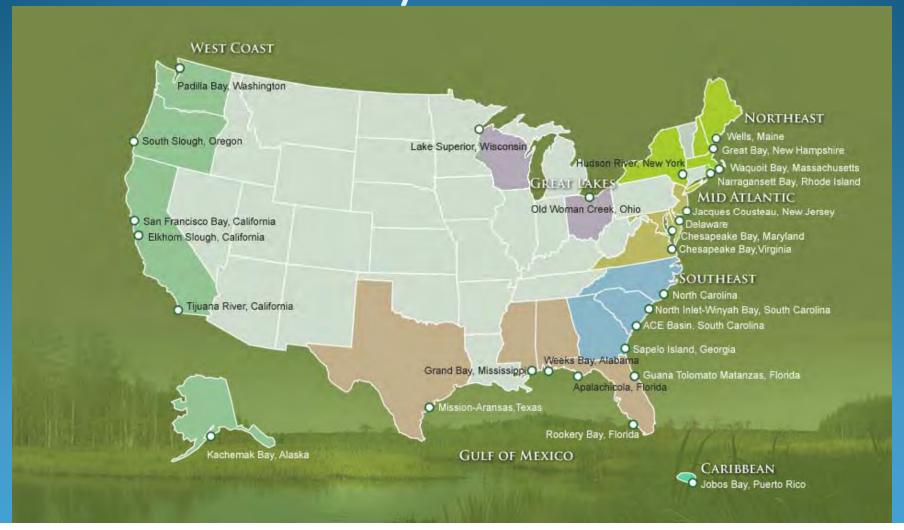


Research



Education

# National Estuarine Research Reserve System



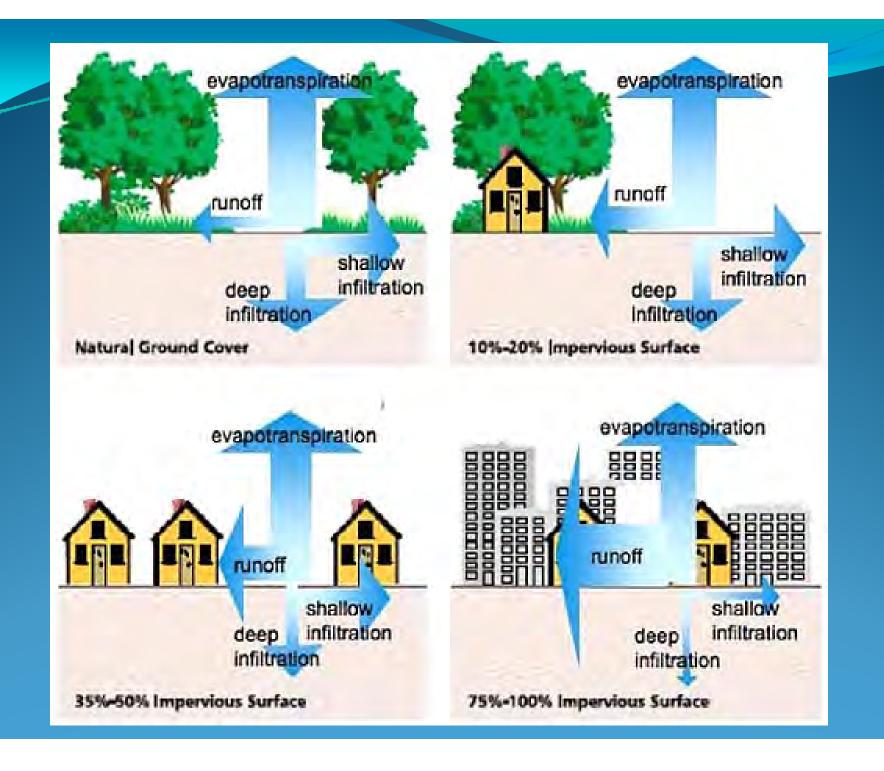
#### **NERRS Science Collaborative**

- NOAA funds through University of New Hampshire
- Applied research informed by intended users
- Research addresses problems affecting estuary & NERR

# How did collaborative learning inform this project?

- Ohio EPA, ODNR,
   Designers, Plan Reviewers
- Helped decide:
  - which SCMs to monitor
  - aspects of research design
  - how to translate results







Low Impact
Development (LID)
Stormwater
Control Measures
(SCMs)







#### **Project Motivation**

- Lack of widespread use of LID SCMs
  - LID not credited towards peak discharge
  - Need for better design guidance & tools
  - Zoning requirements impede LID
  - Pipe & pond culture
- Some people not convinced LID works in Ohio's conditions
  - -Poorly draining soil
  - -Cold winter

## Objectives

- Appropriately credit LID SCMs for volume reduction and peak discharge attenuation
  - -Statewide runoff reduction option for WQv
  - -Local community code credit for flood control
- Evaluate bioretention & permeable pavement performance on HSG C & D soils



## **Project Components**



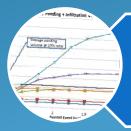
#### **Design & Construction**

LID demonstration projects



#### **Monitoring**

Acquire BMP hydrology data



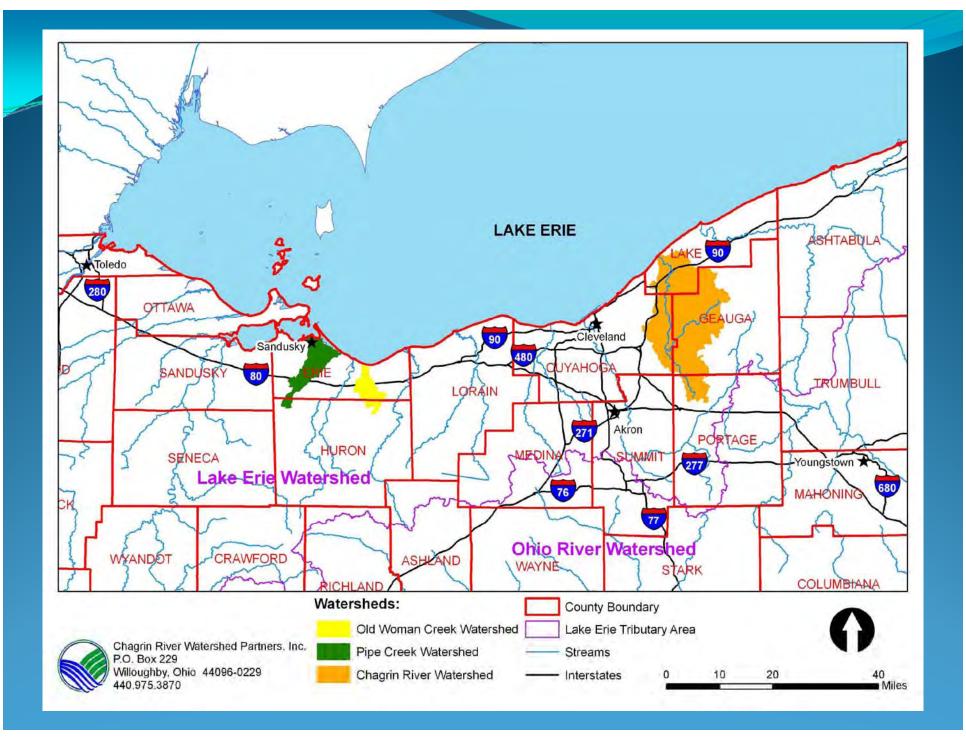
#### **Modeling**

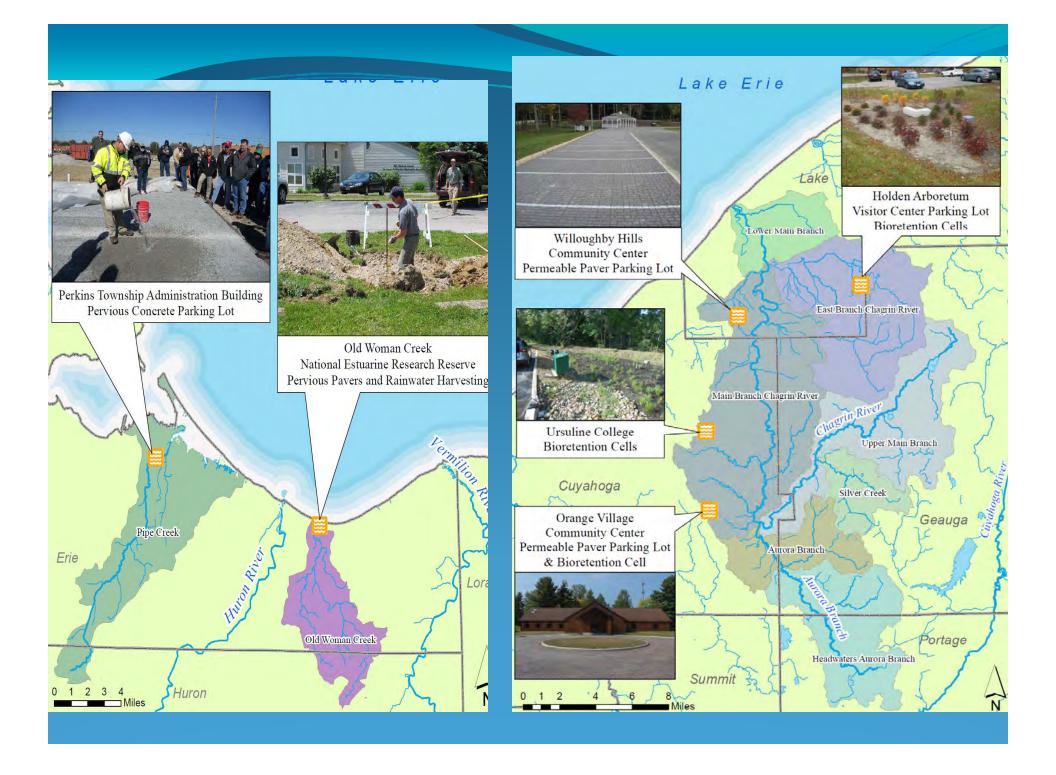
Characterize hydrologic performance under current and projected precipitation patterns



#### **Tools and Guidance**

Case studies, model codes, revised design standards, credit recommendations





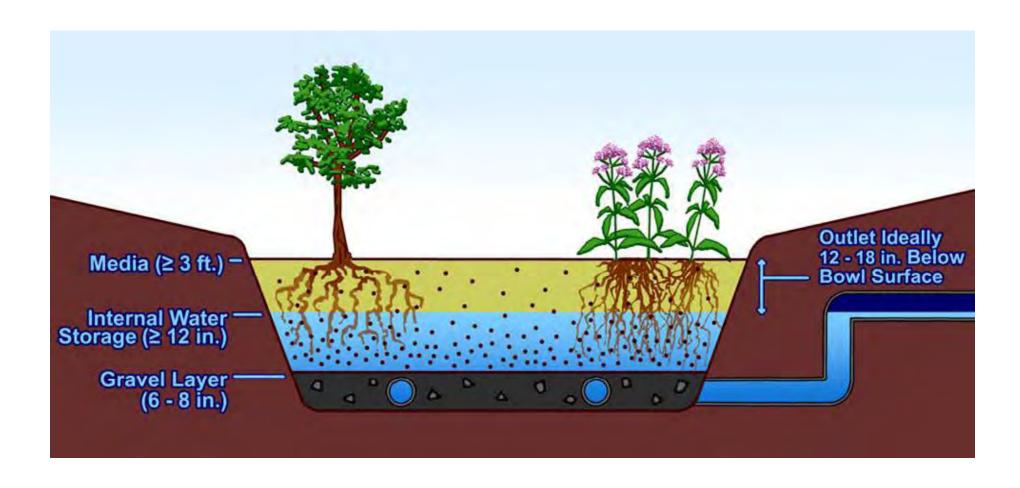
# Table Discussion

- Your name & affiliation
- Please share your background or experience with LID including an y challenges or questions about LID.

### **Bioretention Performance**

Ryan Winston (NCSU) & Jay Dorsey (ODNR)

#### **Bioretention Schematic**





#### Q: How does Bioretention work: Hydrologic (Flow) Control

- Temporary surface storage
- Slow flow through porous media (peak flow control).
- Media with good field capacity means volume control, whether or not exfiltration is possible.
- Especially effective for small(ish), frequently occurring storm events → typically little to no system discharge!
- Bypass of large events

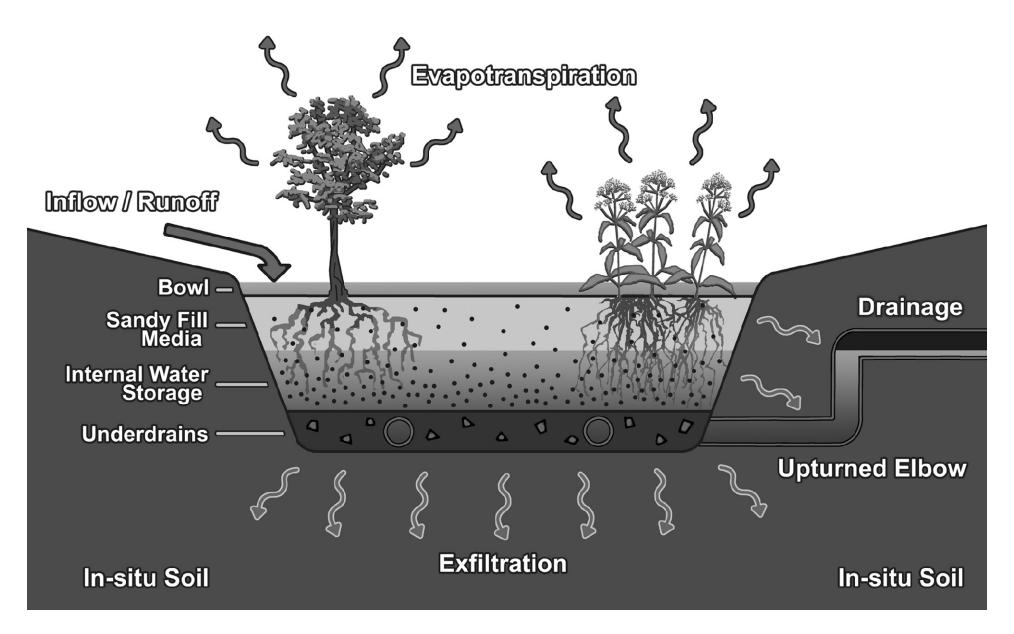




+ 4 Hours



#### **Design Features**



#### **Monitoring Sites**



Orange Village Community
Center
Permeable Pavers &
Bioretention Cell



Ursuline College
Bioretention Cell



Community Center

Permeable Interlocking
Concrete Pavers

Willoughby Hills



Holden Arboretum
Bioretention Cells

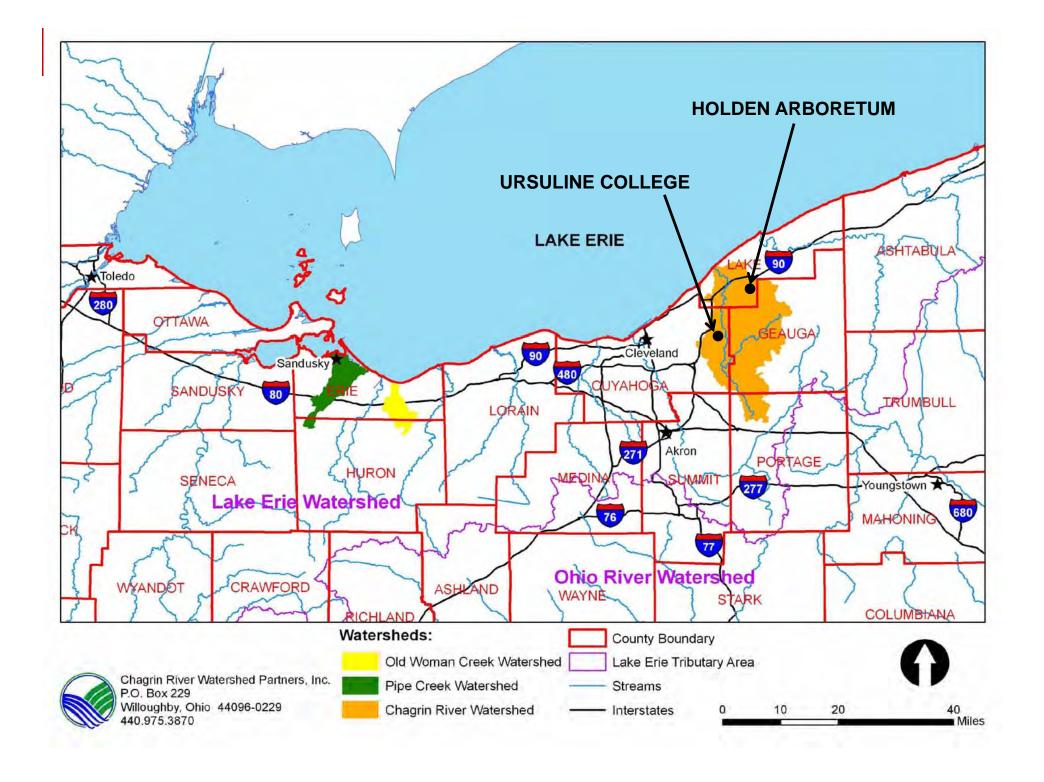


Perkins Township
Administration Building
Pervious Concrete



Old Woman Creek NERR
Permeable Interlocking
Concrete Pavers





# **Ursuline College Bioretention**

Constructed Apr-May 2014

Monitored May-Dec 2014

Surface area: 1960 ft<sup>2</sup> (6.2% of imp. drainage area)

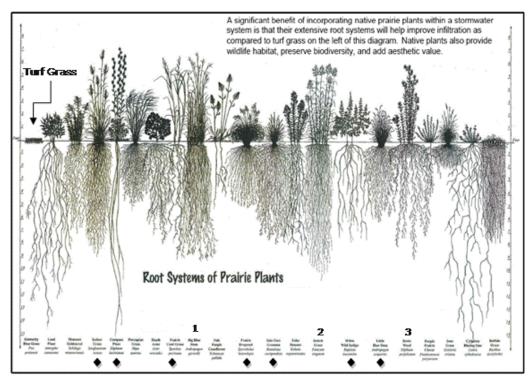
Hydrologic loading ratio: 21.2

Storm Events (#)	Total	Rainfall	
	Rainfall	Depth	
	Depth (in)	Range (in)	
50	29.21	0.1-3.51	





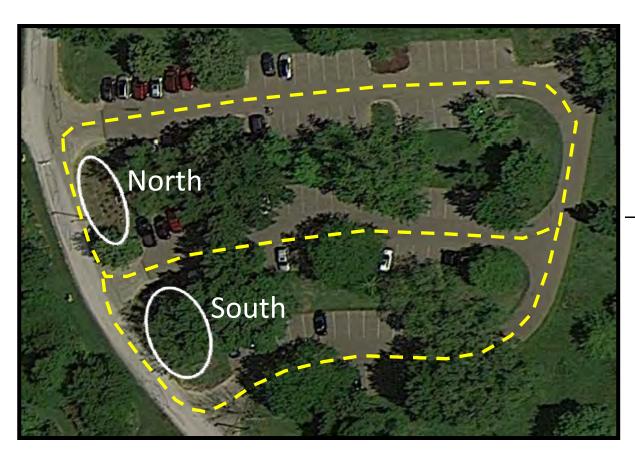
#### **Holden Arboretum**



Courtesy: Nature 2012



#### **Holden Site Characteristics**



Constructed: Sept 13

Monitored: Oct 13 - Dec 14

Storm Fainfall Rainfall Rainfall Depth Range (#) (in) (in) 90 46.24 0.1-2.79

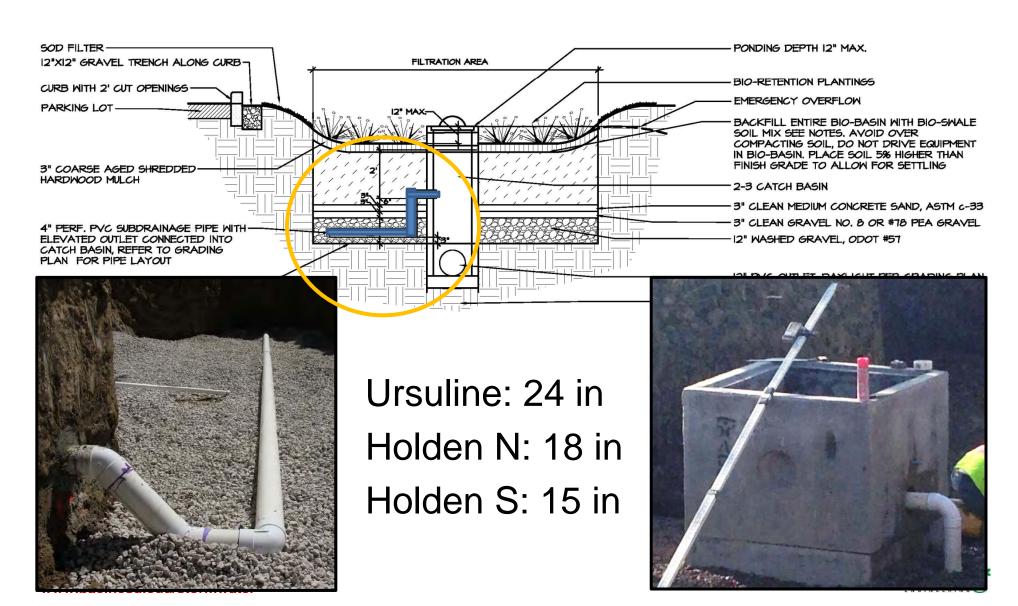


#### **Design Characteristics**

Site Name	Cell Name	Catchment % Imp.	Avg. Bowl Depth (in)	Media Depth (ft)	Gravel Layer (in)	Total Depth (ft)
Ursuline College	-	77.3	11	2	12	5
Holden	South	58.3	15	3	12	6
Arboretum	North	58.2	16	3	12	6



#### Internal Water Storage (IWS) Zone



**Hydrologic Monitoring** 

Quantify the water balance:

- Rainfall

Evapotranspiration

Exfiltration

Drainage

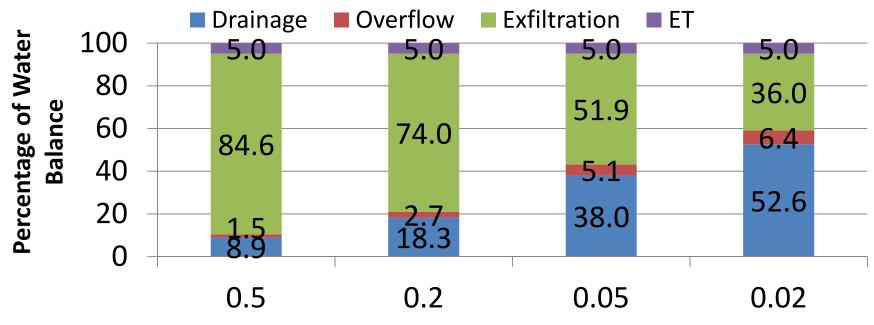
Abstraction

Overflow



#### **Keys to Long-Term Performance**

- Maintenance: Preventing clogging of the media
- Maintenance: Plant Health
- Design: Underlying soil infiltration rate
  - Ability of soil to accept water



**Conductivity of Underlying Soil (in/hr)** 



#### **Pre-Construction Infiltration Testing**

Site	Mapped Soil	Subgrade Soil Texture	Measured Kfs (in/hr)
Holden Arboretum	Platea (North) Pierpont (South)	Silty Clay Loam	North – 0.02, 0.02 South - 0.02, 0.08
Ursuline College	Mahoning	Fill	0.02, 0.02, 0.03



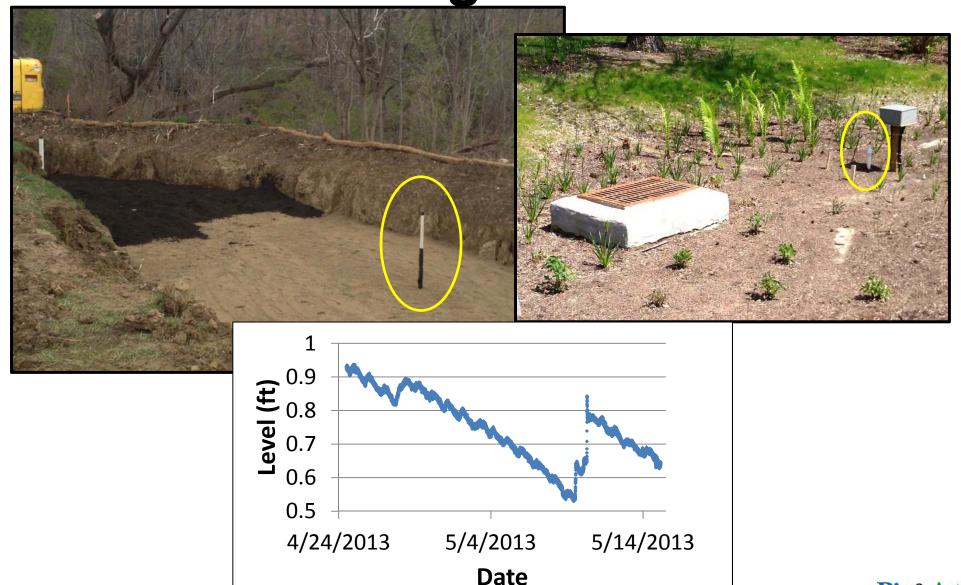


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#### **Monitoring Results**



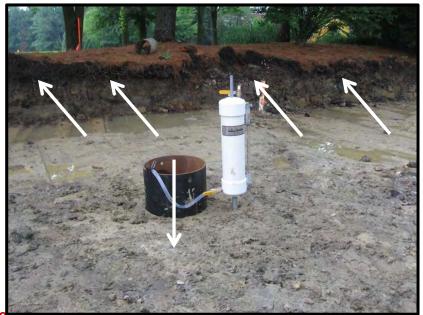
**Monitoring Drawdown** 





#### **Post-Construction Drawdown Rates**

Site	Pre-Construction Kfs (in/hr)	Average Measured Drawdown Rate (in/hr)
Holden North	0.02, 0.02	0.065
Holden South	0.02, 0.08	0.083
Ursuline	0.02, 0.02, 0.03	0.172



#### Single ring infiltrometer tests:

Provide estimates of vertical soil hydraulic conductivity

#### **Drawdown Rates:**

Includes lateral movement of water into the soil + ET



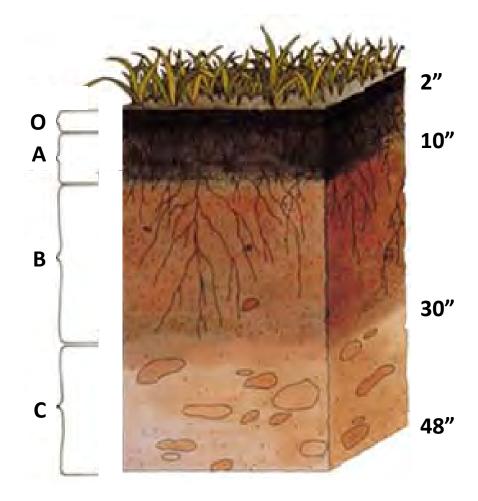
# Intro to Soils: Hydrologic Soil Group (HSG)

- HSGs based on minimum infiltration rate of bare soil after prolonged wetting (NRCS TR-55)
- Controlled by surface conditions and subsurface water transmission

H S G	Rate of Transmission	Soil Texture
A	> 0.3 in/hr	Sand, loamy sand, sandy loam
В	0.15-0.3 in/hr	Silt loam, loam
С	0.05-0.15 in/hr	Sandy clay loam
D	< 0.05 in/hr	Clay loam, silty clay loam, sandy clay, silty clay, clay

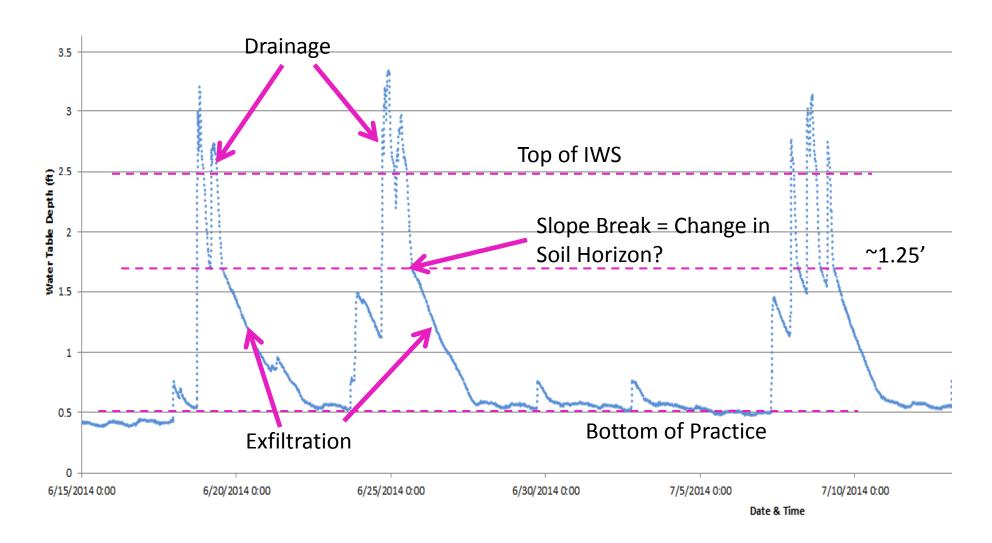
#### Intro to Soils: Vertical Heterogeneity

- Soils have layers (horizons) w/ varying properties
- Parent material, underlying geology, vegetation, climate, and landscape position affect profile



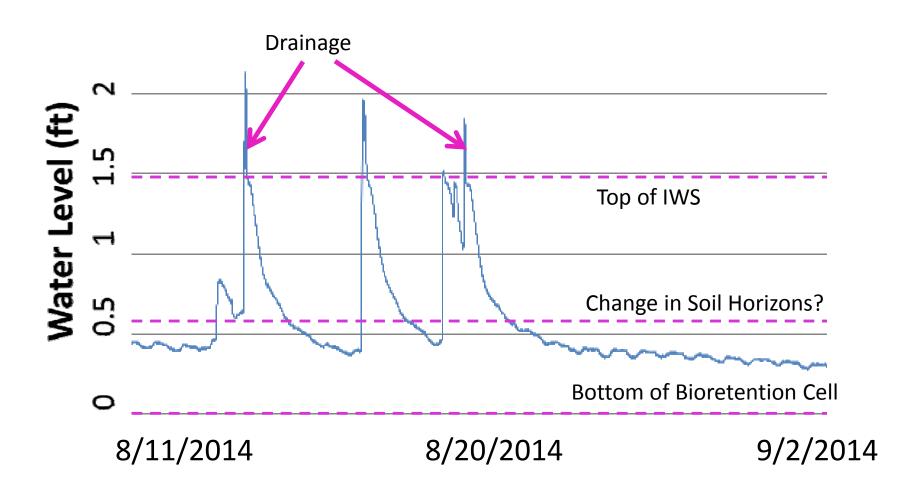


#### **Ursuline Water Table**



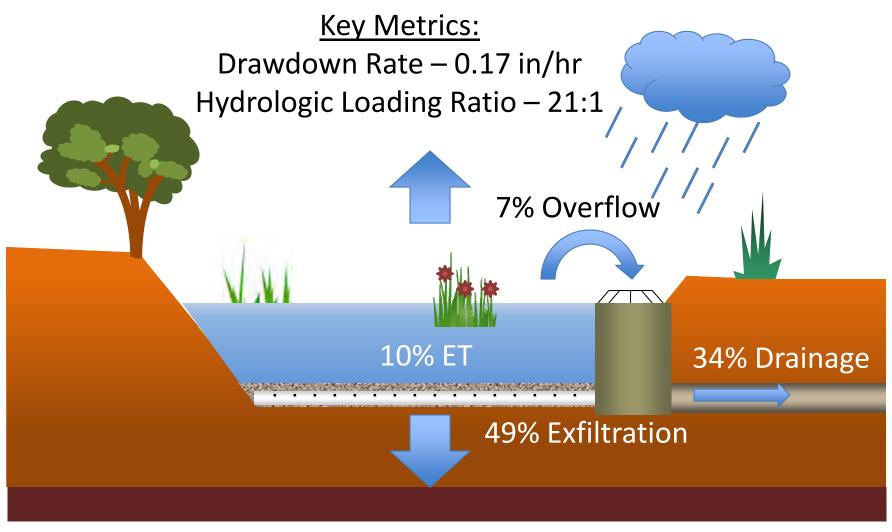


#### **Holden Water Table**





### Hydrologic Fate: Ursuline College

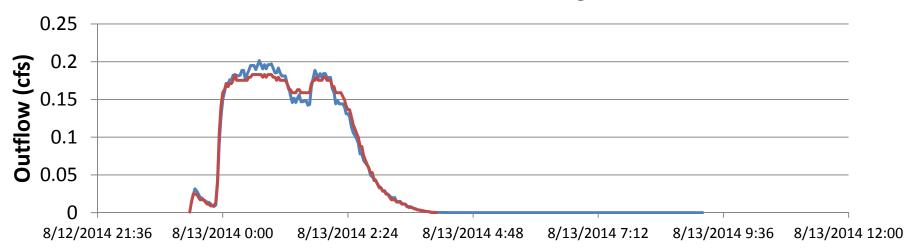




#### **Ursuline Flow Modeling in SWMM**

- U.S. EPA Storm Water Management Model
- Combined hydrologic (rainfall-runoff) and hydraulic (conveyance, routing) model
- Under development/improvement since 1971

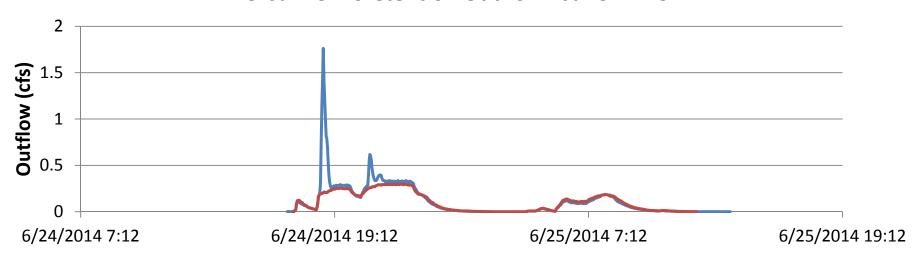
#### **Ursuline Bioretention Outflow - August 12-13**



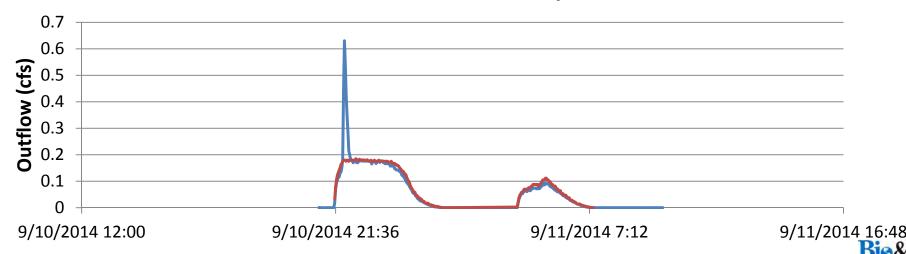


#### Benefit of Modeling: Hydrograph Separation

#### **Ursuline Bioretention Outflow - June 24-25**

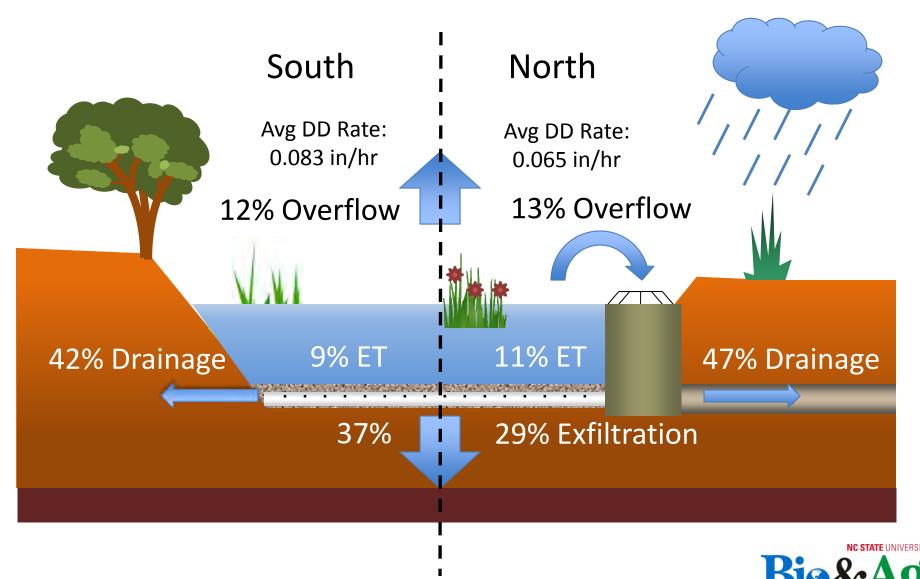


#### **Ursuline Bioretention Outflow - September 10-11**

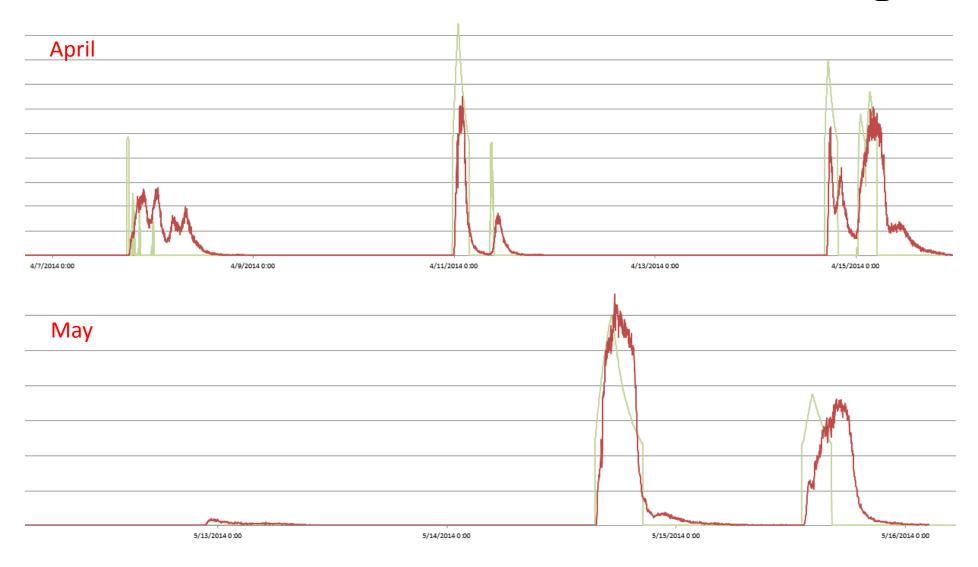


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### Hydrologic Fate: Holden Arboretum

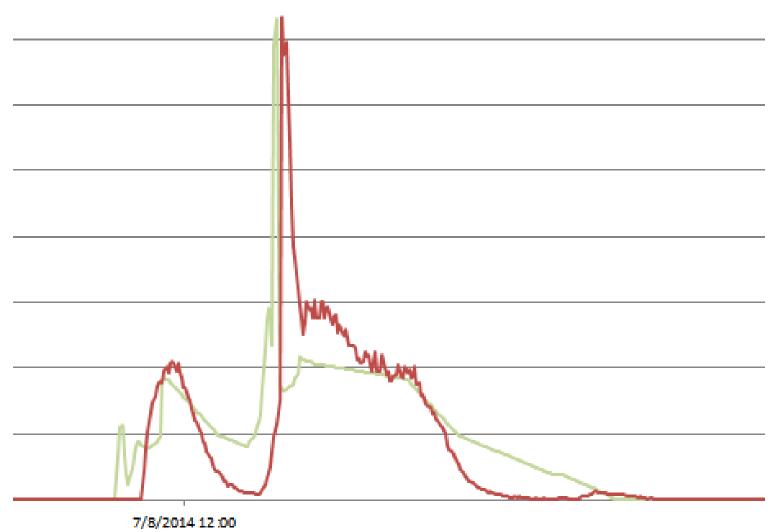


## Holden Arboretum SWMM Modeling



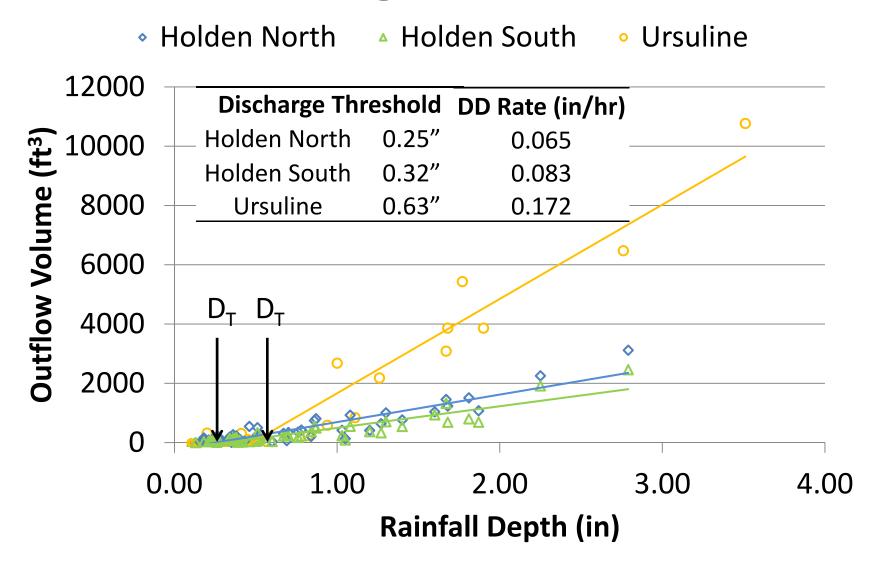


#### Hydrograph Example: SWMM





### **Discharge Threshold**







Site Name	Cell Name	Events Completely Captured (#)	Events Completely Captured (%)	Completely Captured Events (in)
<b>Ursuline College</b>	-	33/50	66	0.1-0.56
Holden Arboretum	South	41/90	46	0.1-0.51
	North	28/90	31	0.1-0.51

## **Peak Flow Mitigation**



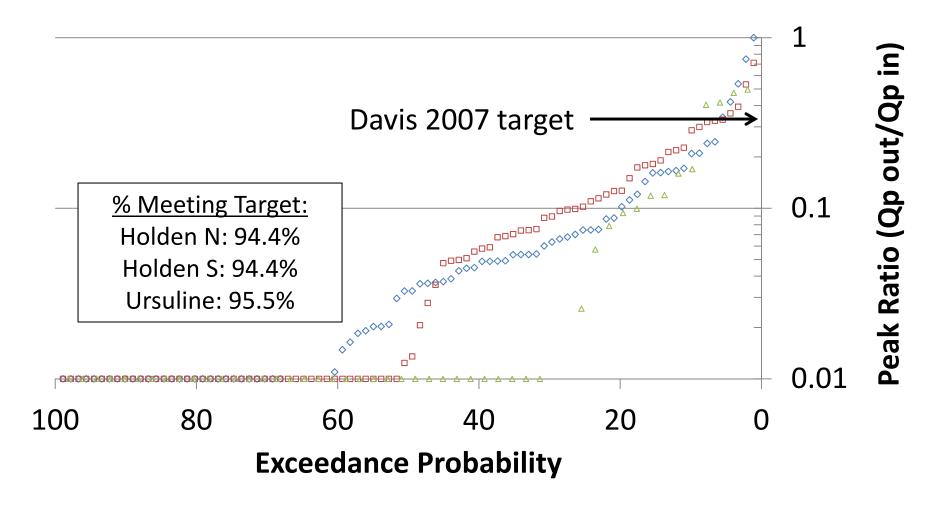
 Peak flows provide most erosive forces and cause stream incision/bank erosion



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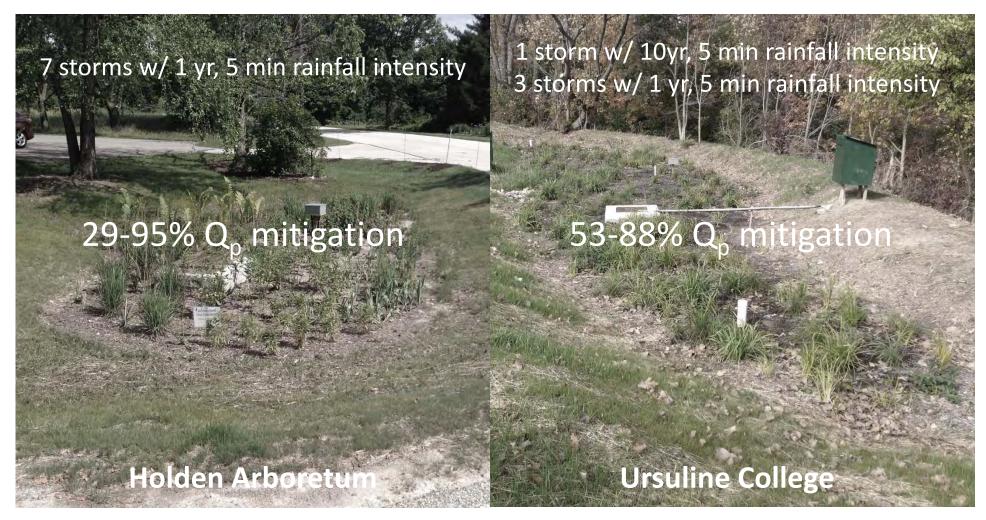
### **Peak Flow Mitigation**

Holden N
 Holden S
 Ursuline





# **Q<sub>p</sub> Mitigation during Most Intense Rainfall Events**





## **Monitoring Summary**

- Measured post-construction drawdown rates were better than pre-construction infiltration tests
  - Perhaps due to lateral exfiltration?

- A mapped HSG D soil is not always what it seems...
  - Exfiltration rates were in range expected for HSG C
- Runoff threshold between 5 Function of 1 infiltration rate



# Summary

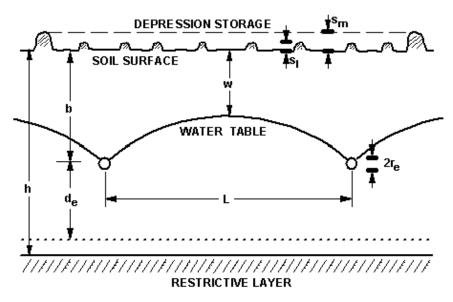
- Bioretention works in poor soils!
  - 40-59% runoff reduction
  - Modifies the fractions of exfiltration vs. post-filtration discharge
  - Some peak flow mitigation during largest storms

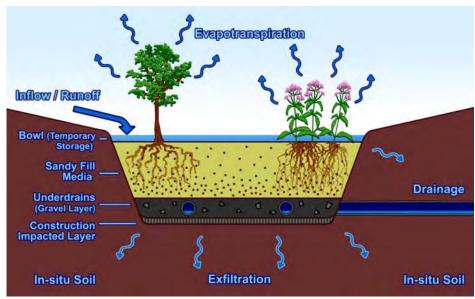
Median Curve Number				
Site	Watershed CN	Watershed + BRC		
Holden North	90.5	83.5		
Holden South	90.5	85		
Ursuline	93.9	88.6		



## **Bioretention Modeling in DRAINMOD**

- Concepts of water movement in BRCs are very similar to Ag. fields with drain pipes
- Many bioretention design specifications correspond directly to DRAINMOD inputs



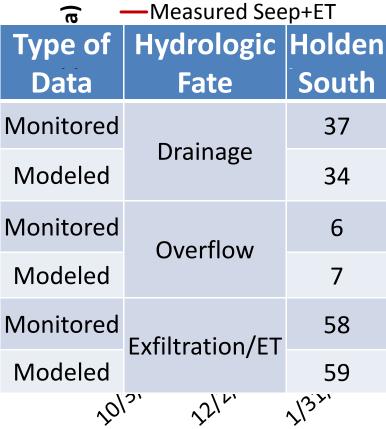


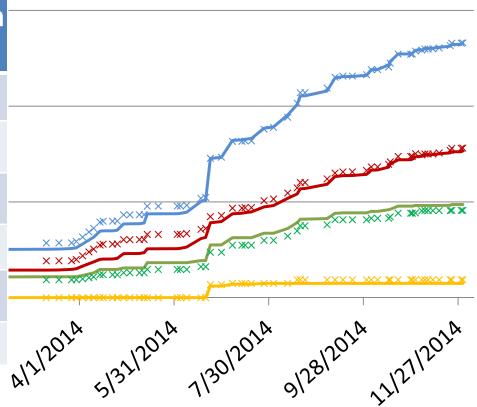


# Model Output for Monitored Data: Holden South



- × Modeled Drainage
- × Modeled Runoff
- —Measured Overflow
- Measured DrainageModeled Overflow
- × Modeled Seep+ET







# Adjusting Design Parameters: Sensitivity Analysis

# How is the long-term hydrologic fate affected by:

- Media depth
- Internal Water Storage Zone
- Rooting Depth
- Bowl Storage Depth
- Hydraulic Loading

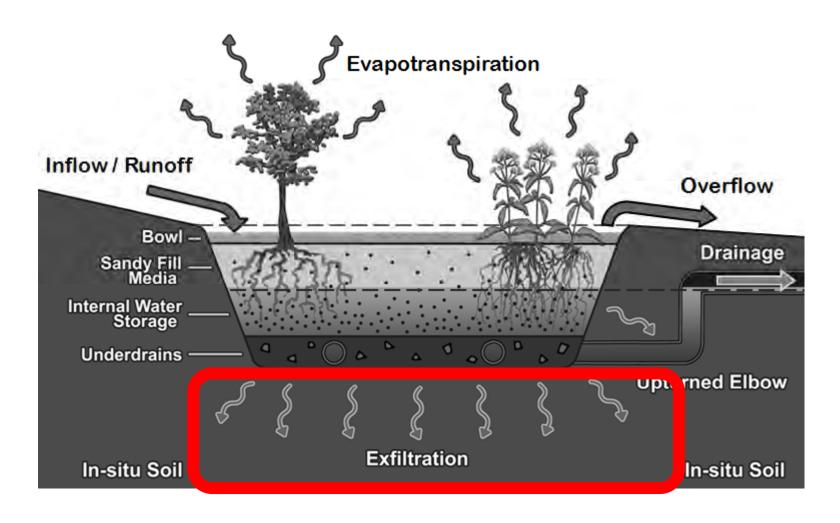


# Weather Sources: Modeling

- Long-term Weather Station
  - Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (40 miles from Holden Arboretum)
    - Primary weather source for simulations
- Long-term data range: 1983-2012 (30 yr simulations)
  - Daily Max. & Min. Temperature
    - Source: NOAA National Climatic Data Center
  - Hourly Rainfall
    - Source: NOAA National Climatic Data Center



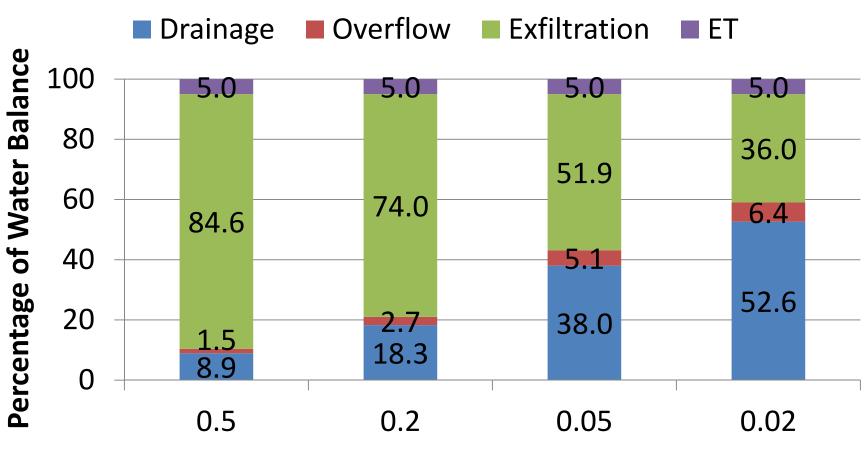
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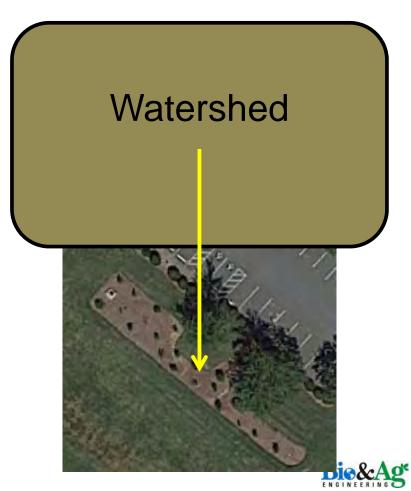


**Conductivity of Underlying Soil (in/hr)** 



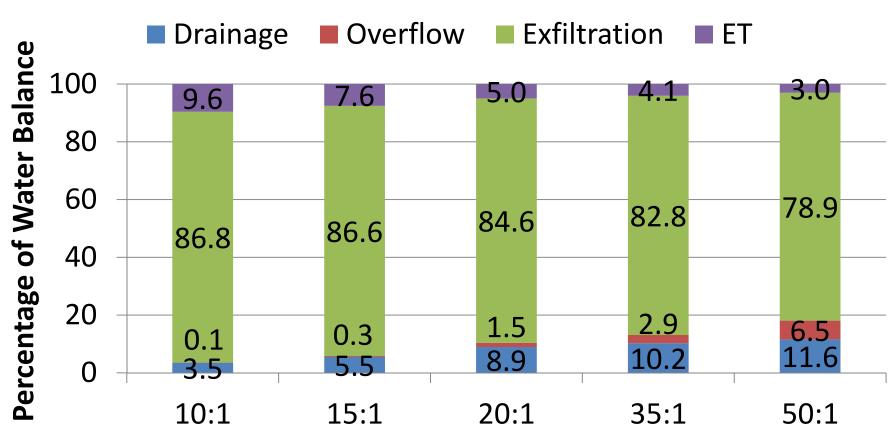
#### Over/Under-Sized Bioretention

- Ohio Design Event =0.75 inch
- Impervious drainage Area : Bioretention Area
  - -10:1
  - -15:1
  - 20:1 (baseline model)
  - -35:1
  - 50:1 Changed field ratio in model



#### Over/Under-Sized Bioretention

Underlying Soil  $K_{sat} = 0.5$  in/hr

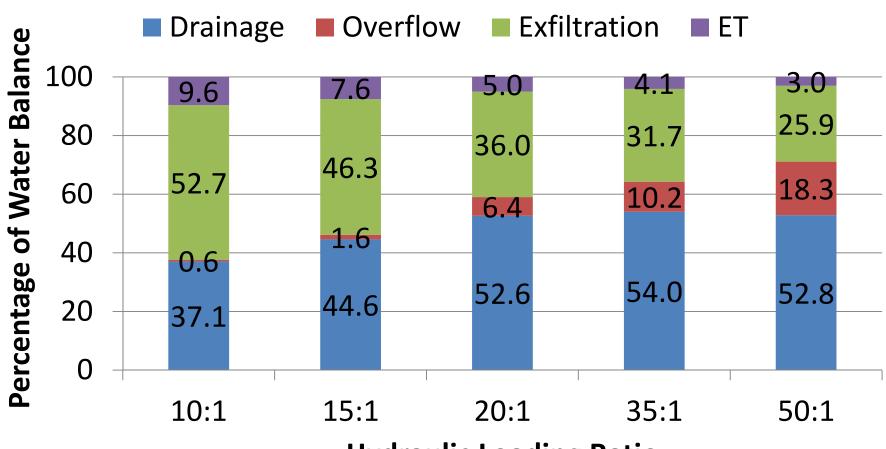


**Hydraulic Loading Ratio** 



#### Over/Under-Sized Bioretention

Underlying Soil  $K_{sat} = 0.02$  in/hr







# Internal Water Storage

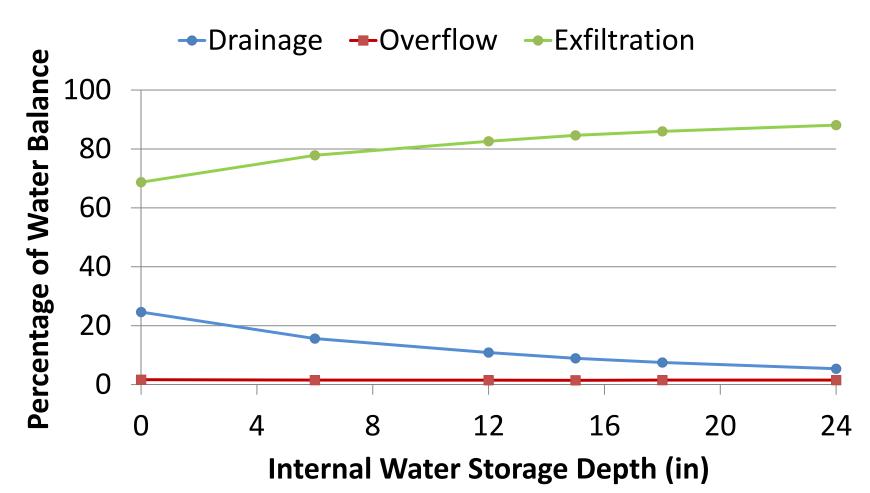
- Modeled IWS zone depths of:
  - 0 inches (standard underdrain)
  - 6 inches
  - 12 inches
  - 15 inches (baseline model)
  - 18 inches
  - 24 inches





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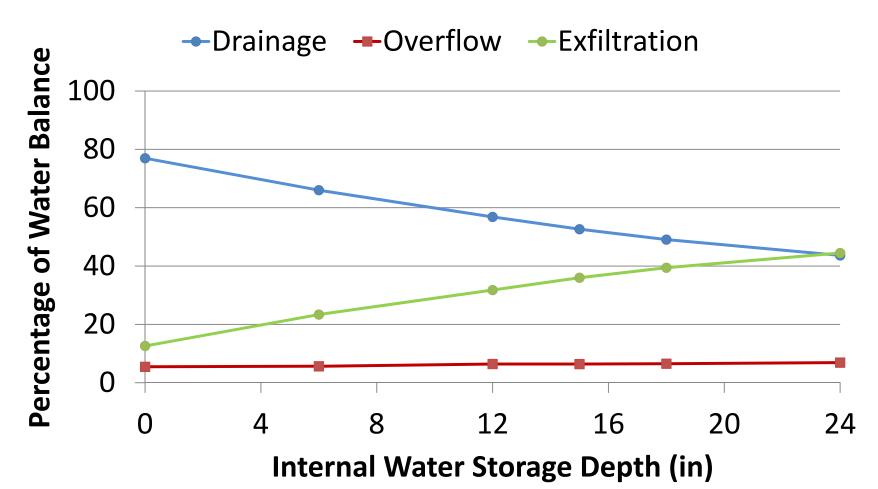
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# Internal Water Storage

Underlying Soil  $K_{sat} = 0.02$  in/hr





# DRAINMOD Bioretention Modeling: Lessons Learned

- Underlying soil conductivity and presence of IWS two biggest factors on long-term water balance
- Sensitivity of Model:
  - Most: Underlying soil K<sub>sat</sub>, Internal Water
     Storage
  - Moderate: Over/Under Sizing (Hydraulic Loading Ratio)
  - Little: Bowl storage, media depth mainly affect overflow
  - Least: Rooting Depth



# Table Discussion

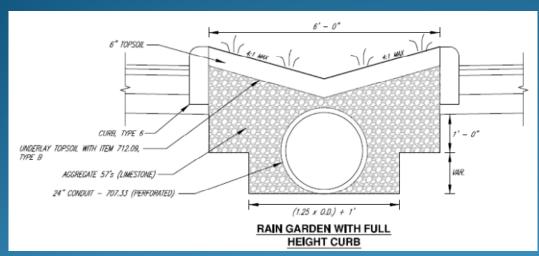
- What are your thoughts on the implications for your work and what this means to you?
- What else do you wish you knew?

# Bioretention Design, Construction, & Maintenance Tips

Jay Dorsey (ODNR) & Roger Gettig (Holden Arboretum)

# Concept Stage

# Clarity of Goals





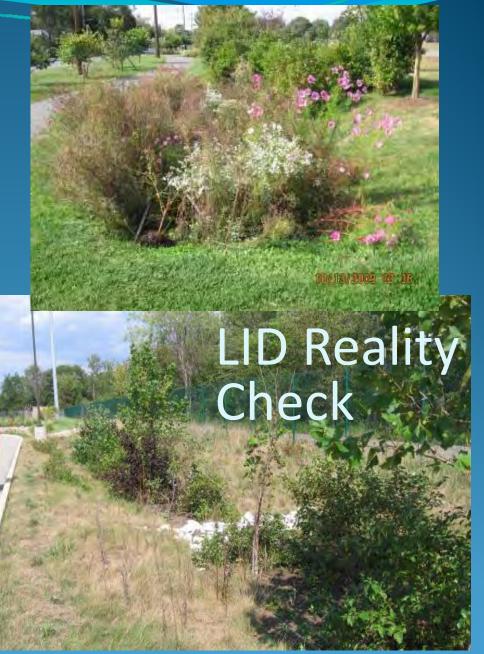


# LID Reality Check

- Appearance/aesthetics (plants, open drainage, standing water in landscape, etc.) visits to other project sites invaluable
- Maintenance commitment
- Costs and benefits
  - Have buy-in on the "why" for LID approach
  - Outside funding (e.g., SWIF, 319) is nice incentive
- Involve folks with LID experience practices, procedures, issues







# Familiarity with Site is Critical

- Site history
- Utilities
- Soils and soil infiltration capacity
- Available outlets
- Topography
- Future development

Mapped Soil is Tioga Loamy Sand or Sandy Loam

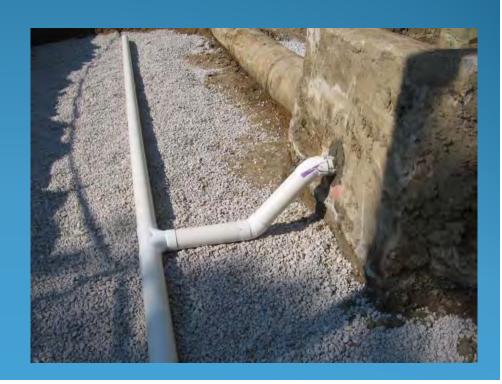


# Design Stage

# Familiarity with Bioretention Components and Function

- many functional components at odds with traditional stormwater training/experience
- openness to unfamiliar ideas/concepts





# Design for Constructability

- Site stabilization and sediment control
  - Be explicit about staging/phasing
- Matching working spaces and equipment needs
  - Specify approach/equipment to be used for excavation and media placement
  - Specify when work should be completed by hand









- Plan for/minimize sediment sources
- Pretreatment, pretreatment, pretreatment
- Access for maintenance equipment/activities
- 4:1 or gentler side slopes
- Specify turf for sideslopes





B. Prunty Photo

## Design – Construction Notes

- Clear guidance in plan notes for:
  - Construction site and post-construction sediment control
  - Sequencing/staging
  - Scarifying bottom of excavation
  - Sourcing and verifying materials aggregate, filter media, plants
    - require testing/inspection for acceptance
  - Critical equipment to be used for specific tasks (including which tasks to perform with hand equipment)
  - Be as specific as possible

## **Construction Stage**

# Construction oversight with knowledgeable staff is critical!

Proactive communication needed through plan set and bid package development, pre-bid meeting, contractor selection, pre-construction meeting, construction

### Pre-Construction

- Educate site owners, designers, inspectors, all contractors, and others about purpose and function of LID SCMs
- Use specific language to describe LID SCMs when advertising projects - provide supporting information for potential bidders
- When possible, hire certified and/or experienced installers and contractors
- Ensure site inspectors are experienced and knowledgeable about LID SCMs
- Communication between designer, owner and contractor is crucial to insure construction is sequenced correctly

## Pre-Construction Meeting

- Review plans with designers, owners, contractors and inspectors
  - Construction sequencing and practices
    - Erosion/sediment control and site stabilization to prevent clogging
    - Avoid subgrade compaction/scarify underlying soils
    - Clarify which work will be performed by specific equipment, and which work must be performed by hand
  - Material specifications and expectations
  - Monitoring equipment installation (if applies)
  - Design engineer verification at critical installation points

### Construction Issues

- Construction season/timing
- Excavation in fill material
- Contractor experience with LID
  - Final preparation of excavated surface
  - Elevations of filter surface and overflow outlets







### Construction Issues

- Keeping sediment out of bioretention media during construction – staging, site drainage and erosion control during construction, site stabilization
  - Relatively easy fix if filter surface is clogged during construction
- May be worth expense/effort to quickly stabilize turf sideslopes with sod
- Most sites benefit from touch-up work 30-60 days after initial completion of construction



### Materials

- Ask materials source(s) before delivery for lab test results for planting soil to show compliance with Rainwater manual specification
  - Check, in particular, texture (sand & clay), phosphorus, organic matter

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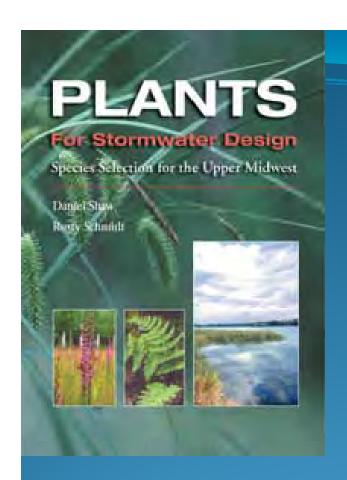
 Ask materials source(s) to provide samples of planting soil, clean sand and pea gravel filter material, and washed aggregate to eliminate need to send materials back



### Plants for rain gardens and bioretention



• Roger Gettig, Director of Horticulture and Conservation

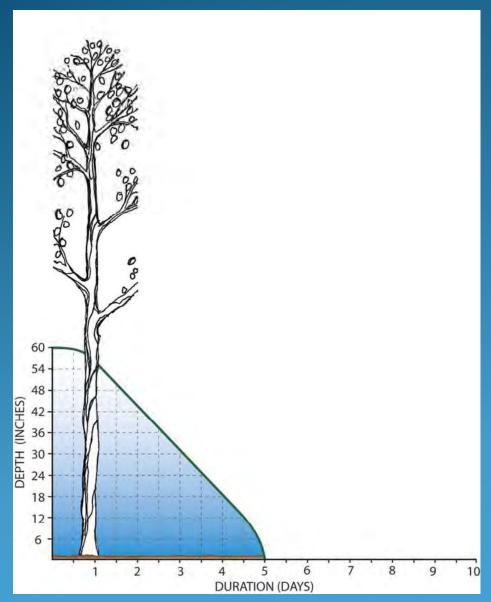


# Plants for Stormwater Design

Daniel Shaw & Rusty Schmidt

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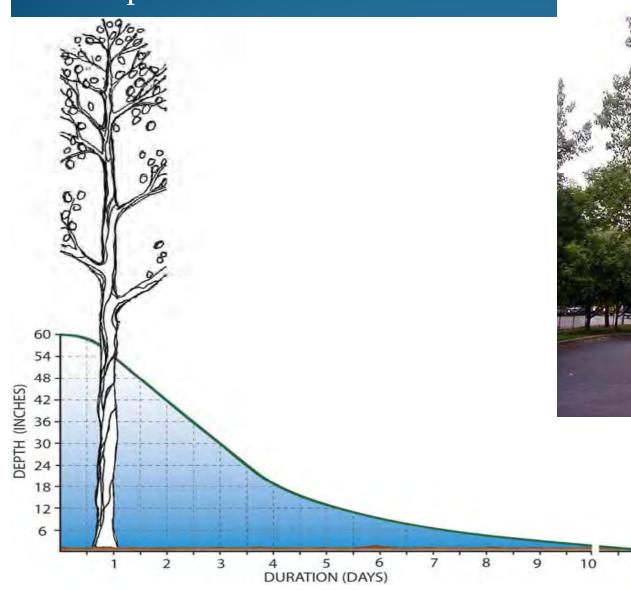
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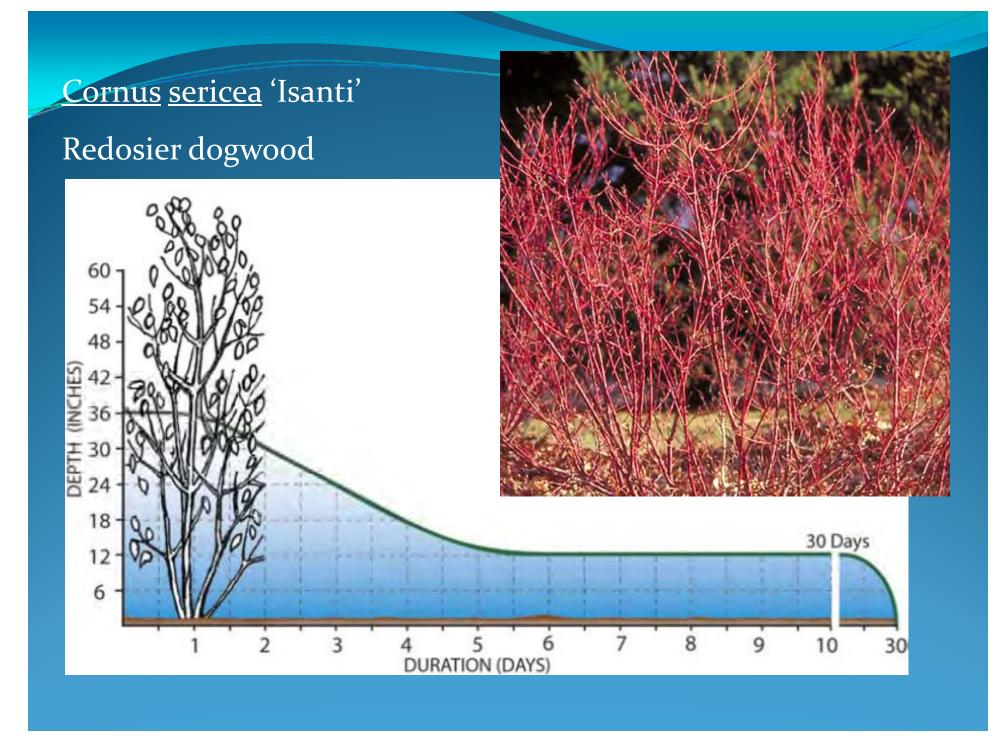


### Quercus bicolor

Swamp white oak

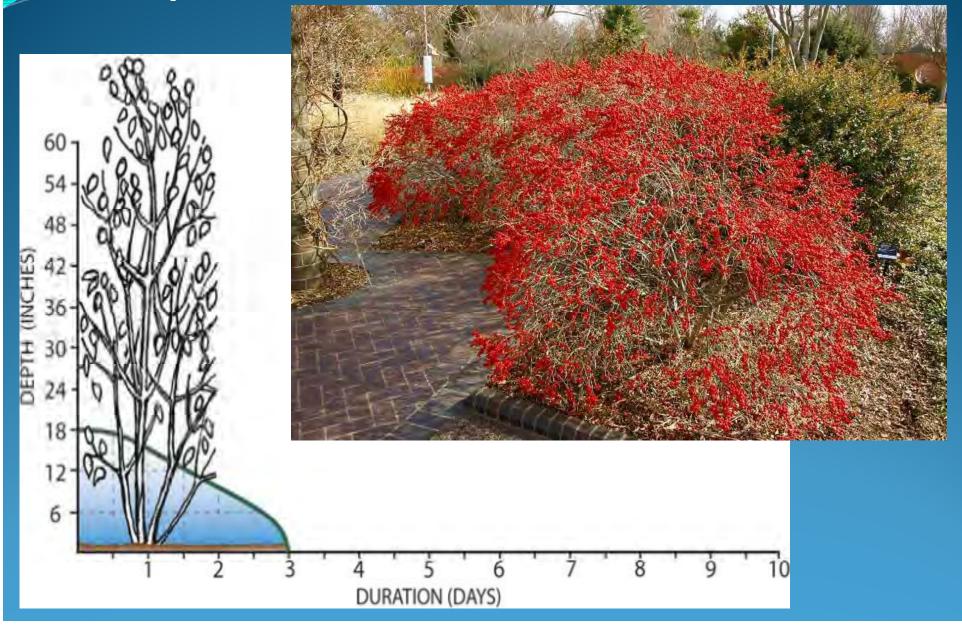


Aronia melanocarpa 'Autumn magic' Black chokeberry **DURATION (DAYS)** 



### <u>Ilex verticillata</u> 'Red Sprite'

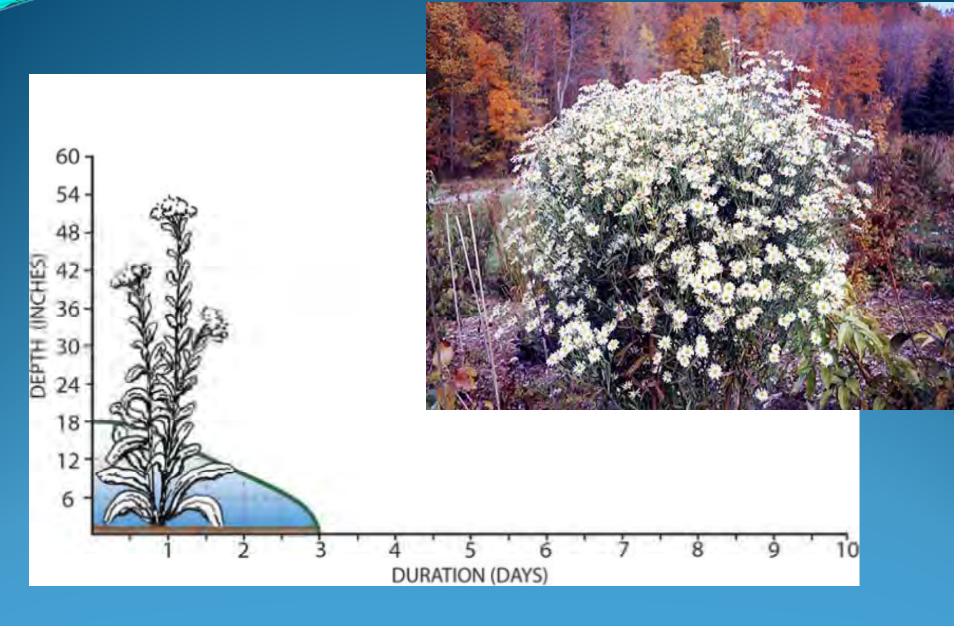
### Winterberry



# Asclepias incarnata Swamp milkweed Copyright (c) rebecca101, http://davesgardea.com/me Unauthorized Use Prohibite 60 24 18 **DURATION (DAYS)**

### Boltonia asteroides 'Snowbank

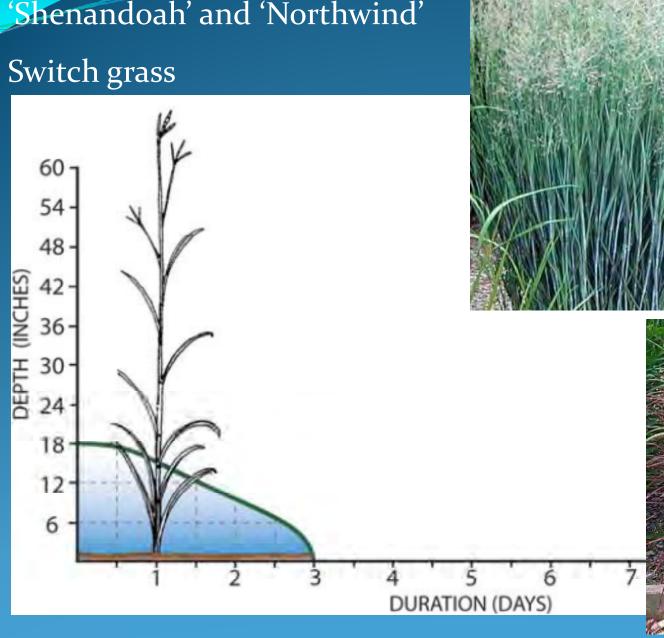
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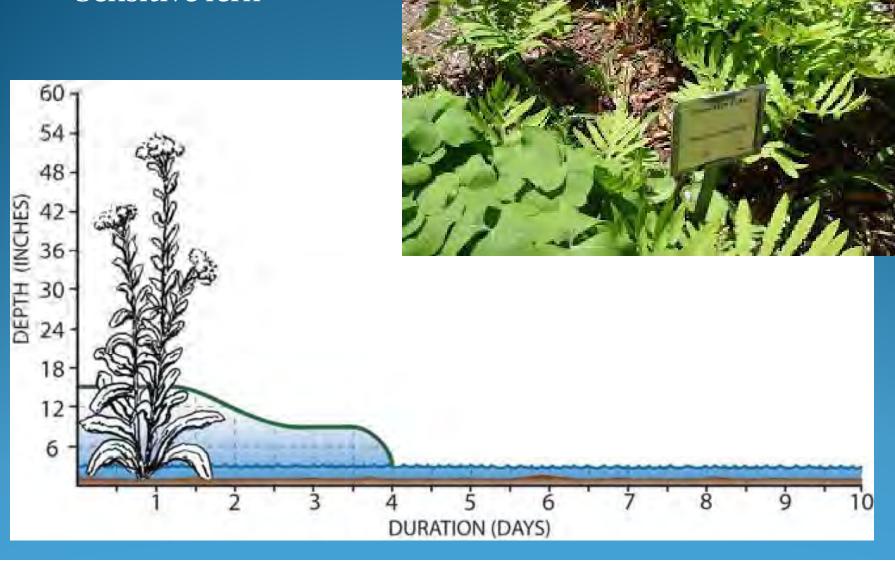


Panicum virgatum 'Shenandoah' and 'Northwind'





# Onoclea sensibilis Sensitive fern



### Maintenance

- Water until established 1st season
- Aesthetics
- seasonality
- garbage
- Replace poor performing plants ASAP

### Maintenance

- erosion at inlet
- erosion mats (e.g., curlex); or
- sod
- Fine sediment mini-forebay

### Maintenance

- mulch
- not too much: double-shredded
  - takes up volume meant for water;
  - interferes with infiltration
- eliminate mulch over time: dense vegetation weed control
- Fall clean-up (just like a normal landscape!)

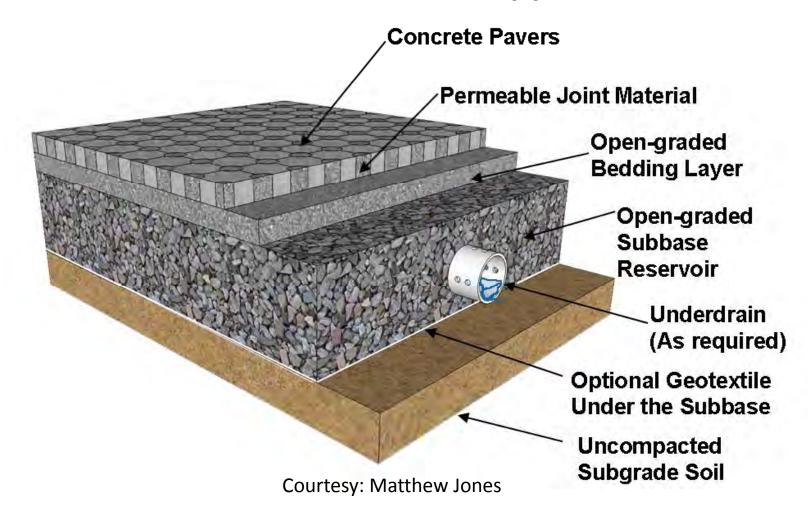
# Table Discussion

- How does what you just heard fit with your experience in the past?
- How might it influence what you do in the future?
- •What do you see as the biggest challenge that prevents people from using bioretention?

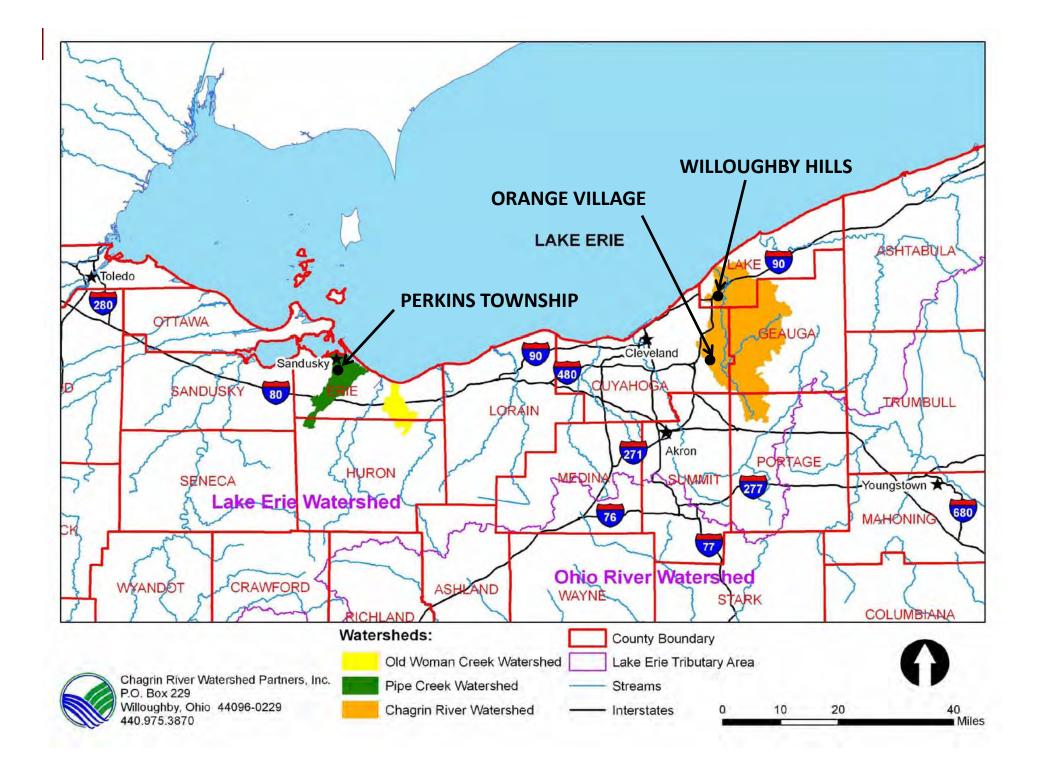
# Permeable Pavement Performance

Ryan Winston & Alessa Smolek (NCSU)

### Permeable Pavement Typical Section









### Willoughby Hills



### **Small Application:**

PP SA: 480 ft<sup>2</sup>

Catchment Area: 0.08 ac

Hydrologic Loading Ratio: 8.2

### **Large Application:**

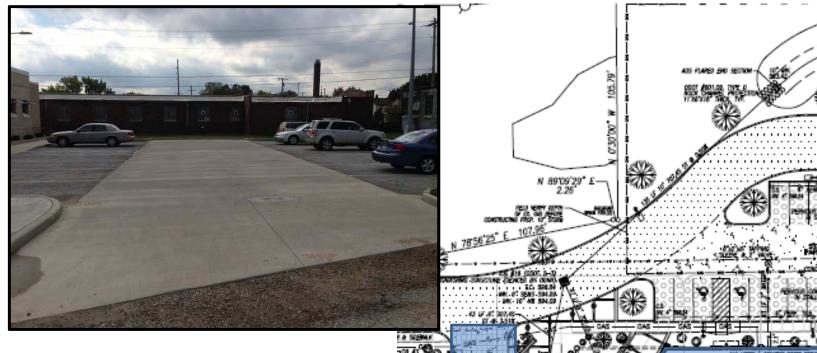
PP SA: 4420 ft<sup>2</sup>

Catchment Area: 0.22 ac

Hydrologic Loading Ratio: 3.1



**Perkins Township** 

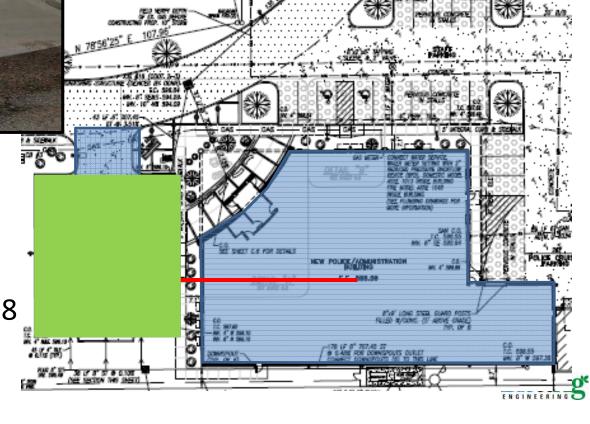


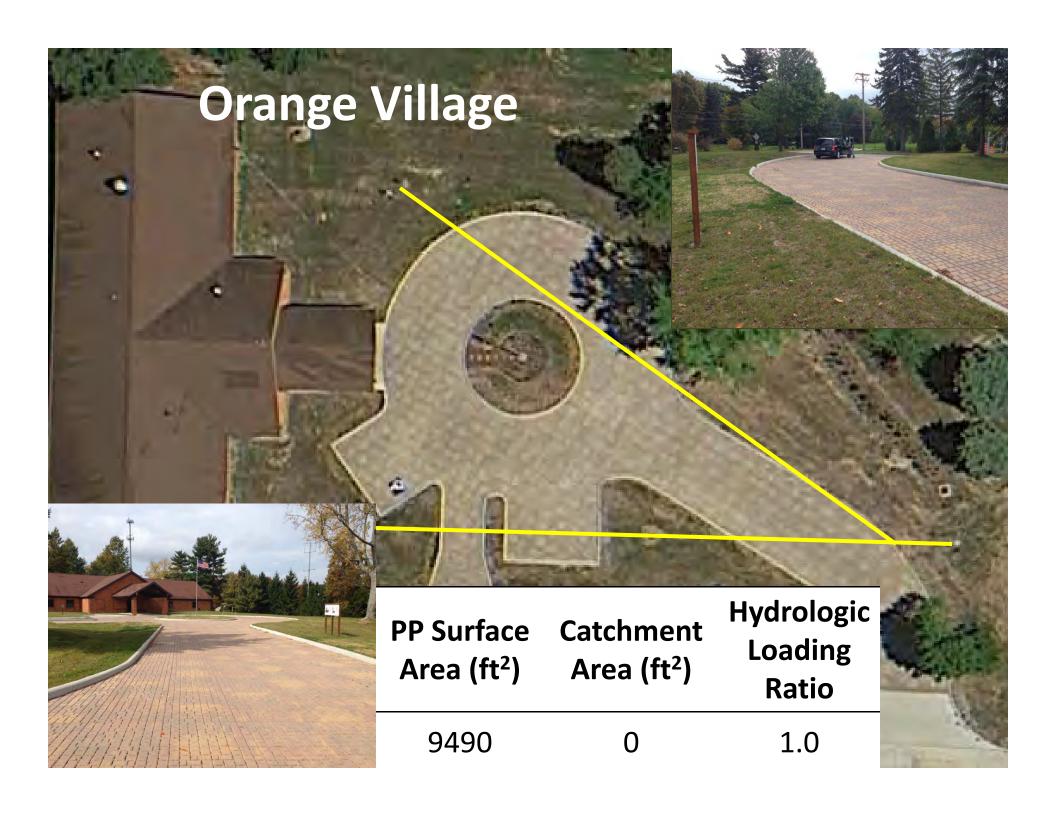
#### **Site Characteristics:**

PP SA: 2590 ft<sup>2</sup>

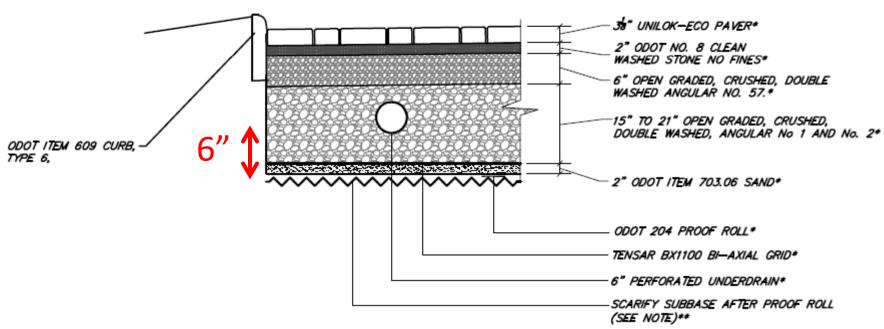
Catchment Area: 0.53 ac

Hydrologic Loading Ratio: 4.8





### **Design Cross-Sections**



#### POROUS PAVEMENT TYPICAL SECTION

SCALE: 1"-1"-0"

Site	WH Small	WH Large	Perkins	Orange
Total Aggregate Depth (in)	20	20	15-18	23-29
Pavement Type	PICP	PICP	PC	PICP



### **Monitoring Scheme**

Quantify the water balance for each stormwater control









## Permeable Pavement Soil Testing

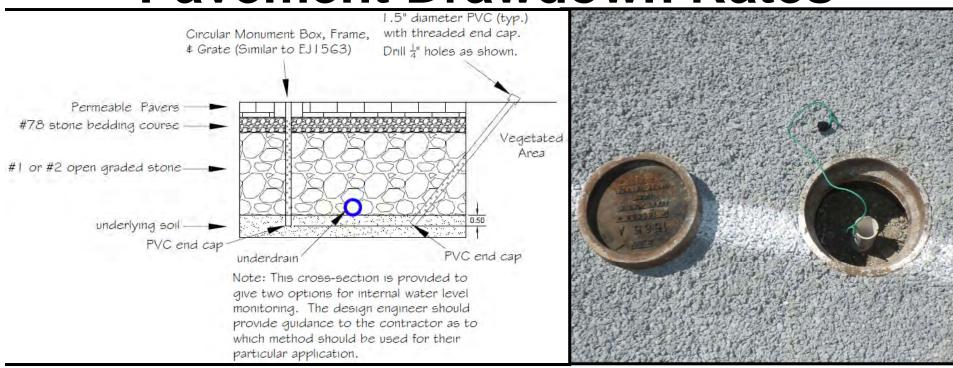
Site	Mapped Soil	Subgrade Soil Texture	Measured Kfs (in/hr)
Perkins Township	Bennington	Silty Clay Loam	0.01, 0.01, 0.04,0.05
Orange Village	Wadsworth	Fill	0.01, 0.03, 0.05, 0.06, 0.72, 1.54
Willoughby Hills	Mahoning	Fill	Small – 0.01, 0.05 Large – 0, 0.01, 0.04, 0.06



### Results



# Post-Construction Permeable Pavement Drawdown Rates





### **Comparison of Drawdown Rates**

Site Name	Pre-Construction Kfs (in/hr)	Avg Post-Construction Drawdown Rate (in/hr)
Perkins Township	0.01-0.05	0.013
Willoughby Hills Small	0.01-0.05	0.01
Willoughby Hills Large	0-0.06	0.01-0.03



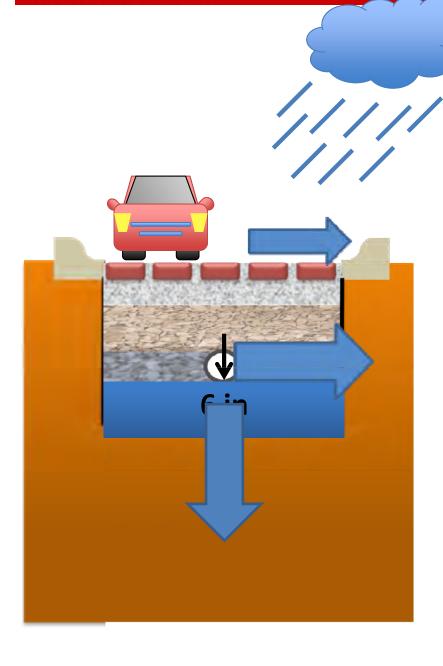
Pre and postconstruction rates comparable



### Distribution of Storm Events

Site Name	Monitoring Period	Storm Events (#)	Total Rainfall (in)	Median Rainfall Depth (in)	Max Rainfall Depth (in)
Perkins Township	April 2013 - Dec 2014	89	50.6	0.35	2.58
Willoughby Hills	Oct 2013 - Dec 2014	79	39.2	0.32	3.42
Orange Village	Oct 2013 - Dec 2014	61	36.5	0.32	3.51

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# Perkins Township Water Balance

- 5% Evaporation + Abstraction
  - Wetting of rock, pavement, and evaporation
- 42% Exfiltration
  - Infiltration to native soil from IWS zone
- 53% Drainage
  - Flow through underdrain
- 0% Overflow
  - Bypass on surface of pavement

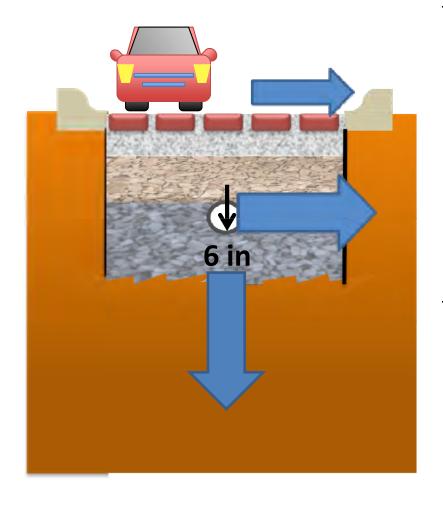


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### **Hydrologic Loading Ratios:**

Small Bay: 8.2:1

Large Bay: 3.1:1



# Willoughby Hills Water Balance

Fate of Water	Small Bay	Large Bay
Evaporation & Abstraction	13.2%	10.5%
Exfiltration	3.5%	21.5%
Drainage	75.3%	44%
Surface Runoff	8%	24%

### Measured Drawdown Rates:

Small Bay: 0.01 in/hr

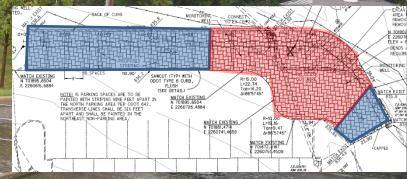
Large Bay: 0.01-0.03 in/hr



### WH Large Bay Water Balance

Evaporation: 2121 ft<sup>3</sup>

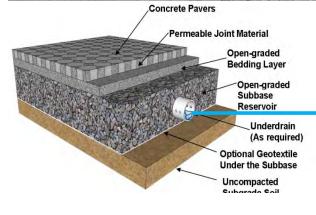
Surface Runoff: Remainder of inflow



Measured Exfiltration: 3980 ft<sup>3</sup>

Estimated Exfiltration: 1873 ft<sup>3</sup>

Inflow: 24950 ft<sup>3</sup>



Drainage: 11020 ft<sup>3</sup>

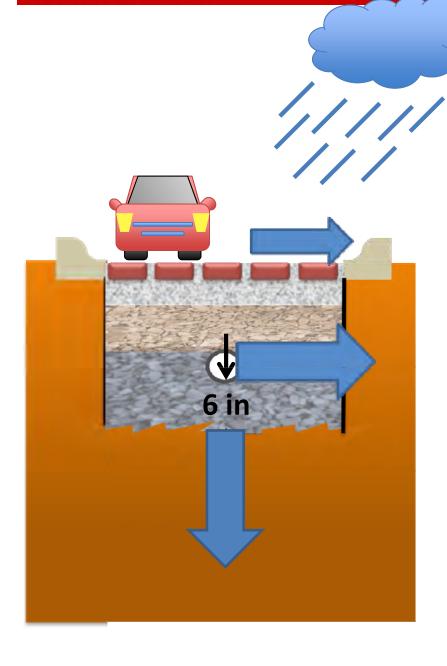
### WH Large Bay Modeling (DRAINMOD)

- Clogging caused surface runoff
  - Estimated appx. 4000 sf of contributing area bypassing the system
- Determined effective runoff area by adjusting the contributing area until monitoring and modeled drainage matched
  - Appx. 550 sf clogged (equiv. to 13% of PICP surface area)
- Equivalent to 24% surface runoff





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# Orange Village Water Balance

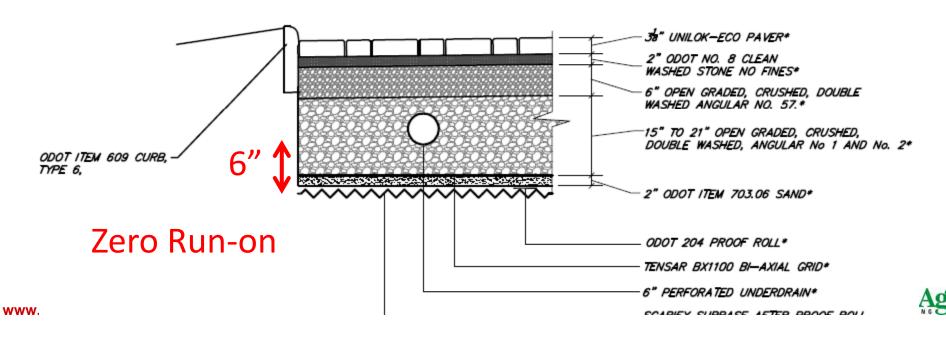
- 98.8% Abstraction, Exfiltration, & Evaporation
- 1.2% Drainage
  - Flow through underdrain
- 0% Overflow
  - Bypass on surface of pavement

\*Curtain drain present beneath SCM

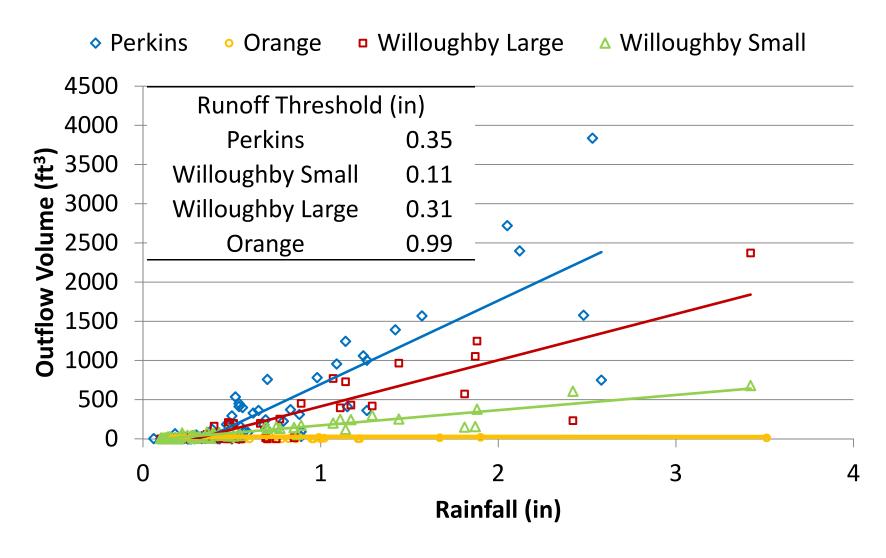


### Design Characteristics Critical to Performance

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### When does outflow occur?





## **Q<sub>p</sub> Mitigation during Highest Rainfall**Intensities

2-5 storms with peak intensities>1 yr, 5 min storm for Cleveland, OH

Site	Perkins	Willoughby Large	Willoughby Small	Orange
Peak Flow Reduction (%)	84-98	17-36	27-61	92-99

### **Hydrologic Monitoring Summary**

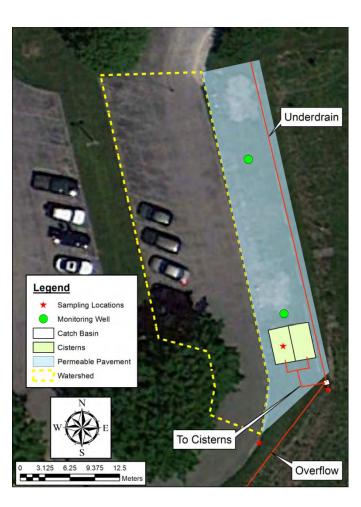
- Permeable pavement reduced runoff volume by 17-99%
  - Discharge threshold between 0.11-0.99 inches
  - Exfiltration 3-98% of water balance
  - ET ~5-10% of water balance
  - Completely captured 5-78% of storm events
  - Varied based on underlying soil infiltration rate and ability to de-water IWS zone
- Curve numbers reduced from 98 (parking lot) to 93.3-94.3 for hydrologic loading ratios from 3.4-8.2



# Permeable Pavement Water Quality: Old Woman Creek

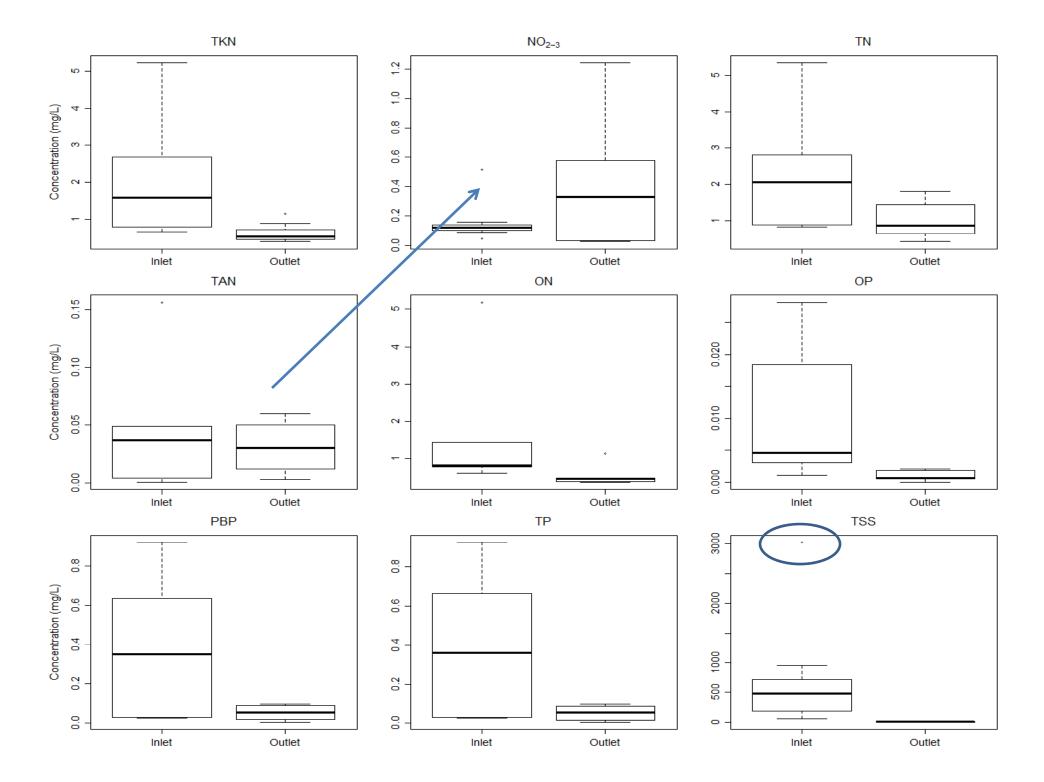


### **Old Woman Creek NERR**



- 7 storm events sampled during 2014 for same set of pollutants
- Untreated runoff vs. spigot

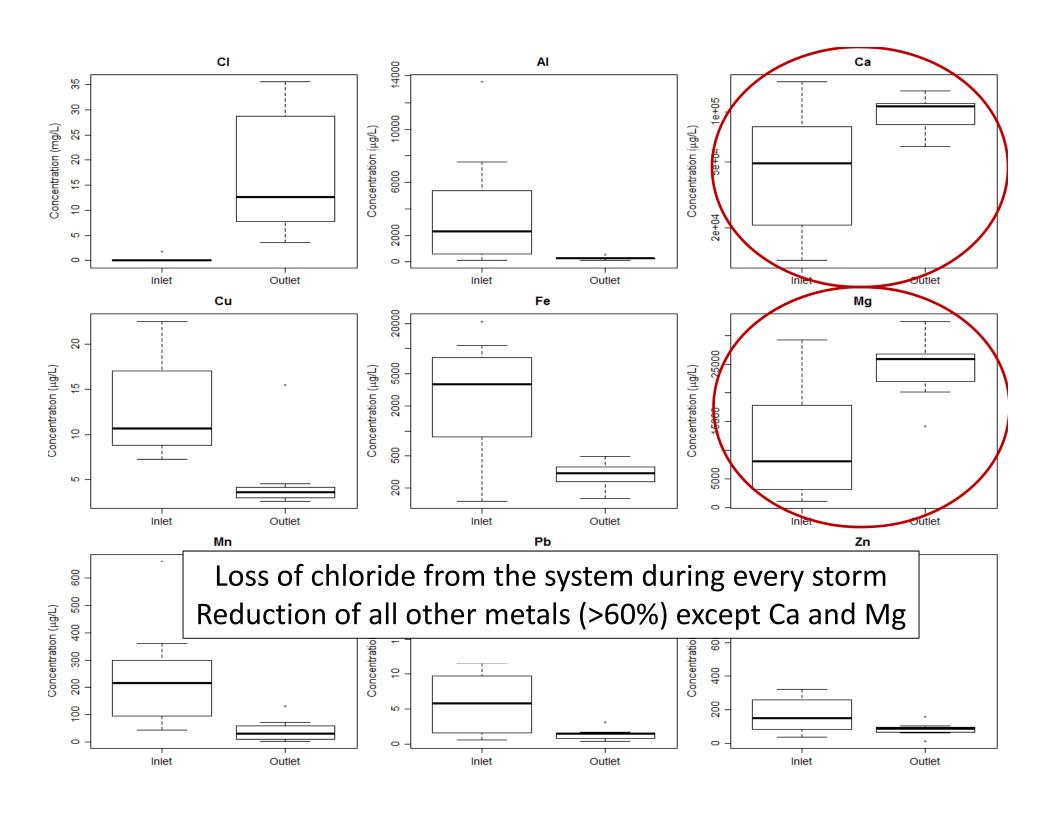




### Thoughts...

- Aerobic transformation of ammonia to NO<sub>2-3</sub> within the treatment train
- Excellent capture of particulate nitrogen (ON, TKN >60%), particulate P (87%), and TSS (99%)
- Excellent capture of dissolved P (90%) binding to cations in aggregate?





### Aggregate Leaching Ca & Mg



- Limestone(CaCO<sub>3)</sub>
- Dolomite
   (CaMg(CO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>
- Lamar and Shorde (1953)

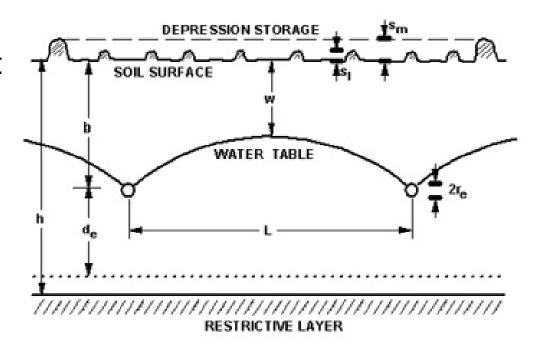


# Modeling Permeable Pavement with DRAINMOD



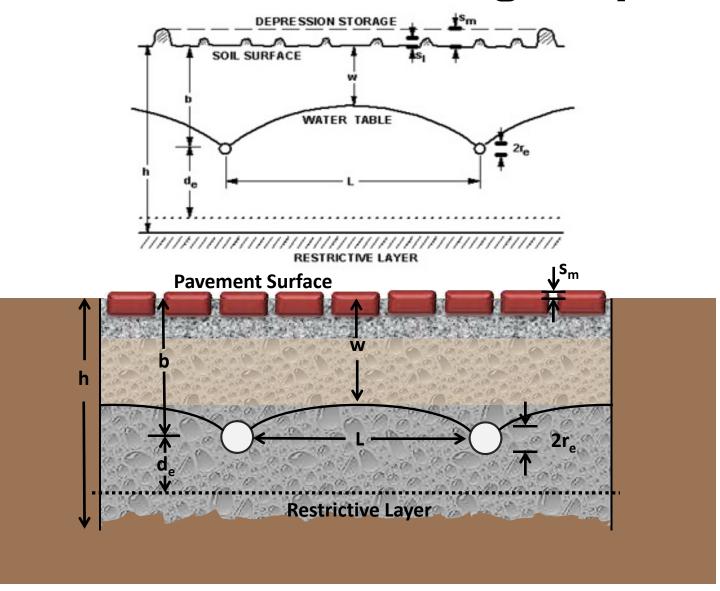
### DRAINMOD: Can it apply to PP?

- DRAINMOD
  - Bioretention (Brown et al., 2013)
- Potential use for modeling permeable pavement
  - Primary hydrologic mechanisms
    - Infiltration
    - Drainage



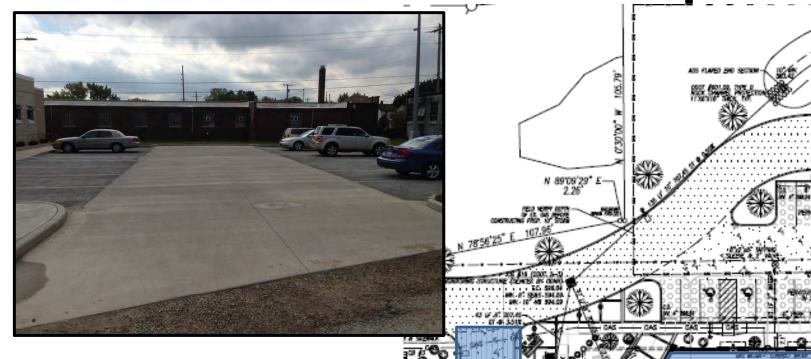


### **DRAINMOD: Drainage Inputs**





**Perkins Township** 



### **Site Characteristics:**

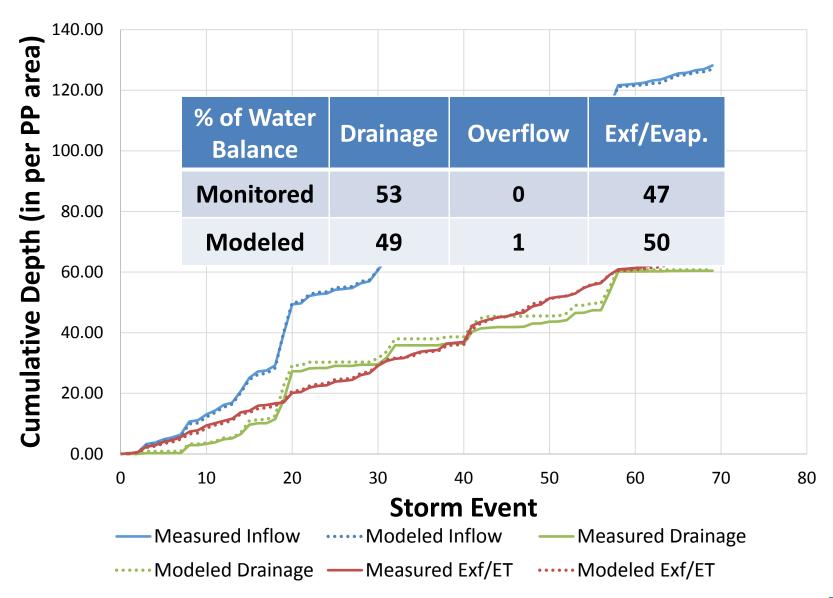
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Inf. SA: 4820 ft<sup>2</sup>

Catchment Area: 0.53 ac

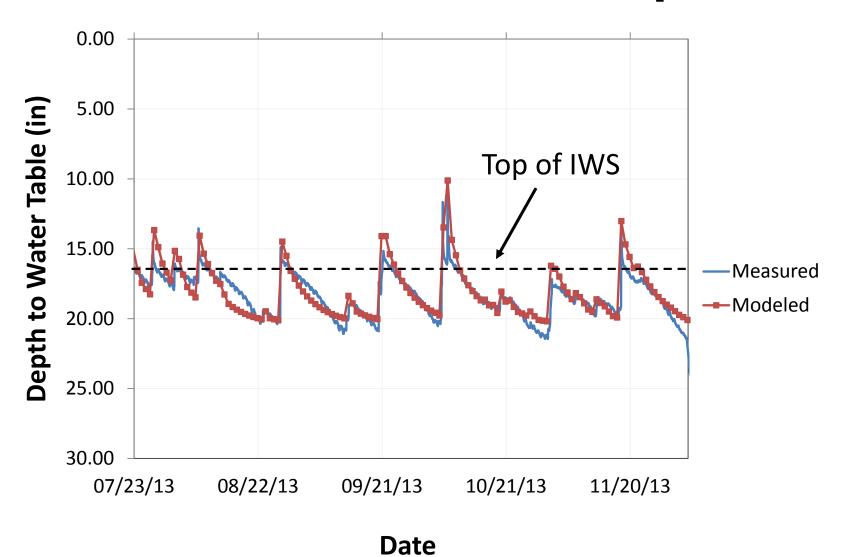


### **Perkins: Cumulative Volume**



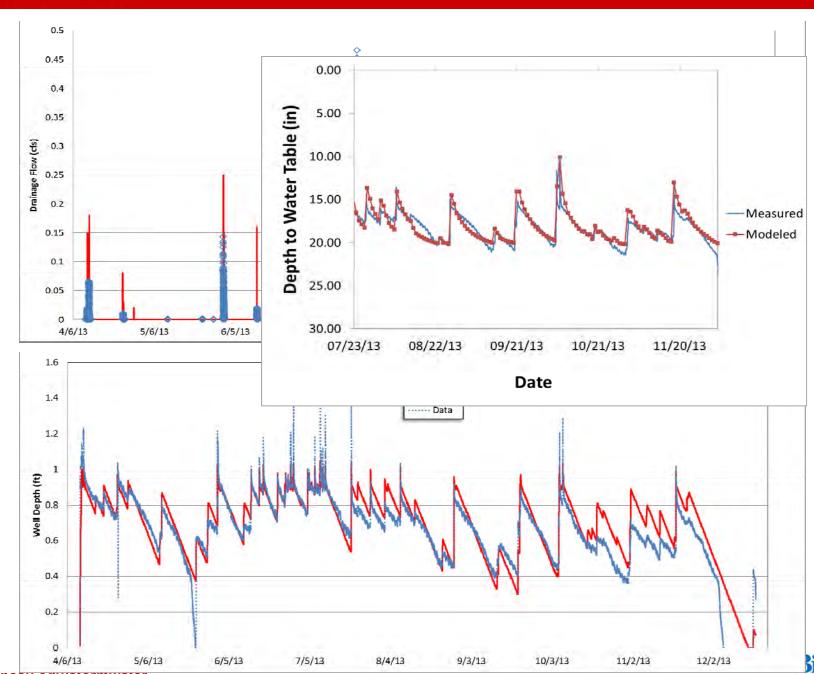


### Perkins: Water Table Depth





# **SWMM: Storage Unit Model**



www.bae.ncsu.edu/stormwater

### **Sensitivity Analysis**

How is the long-term hydrologic fate affected by:

- Underlying Soil K<sub>sat</sub>
- Aggregate depth
- Internal Water Storage Zone
- Hydraulic Loading



### **Baseline Models**

 Four baseline models created based on conductivity of the underlying soil

 $- K_{sat} = 0.5 in/hr$ 

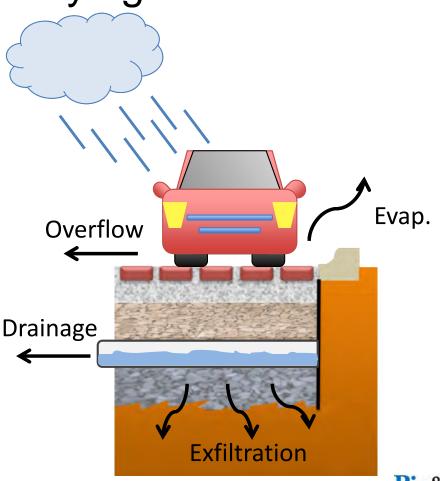
 $- K_{sat} = 0.2 in/hr$ 

 $- K_{sat} = 0.05 in/hr$ 

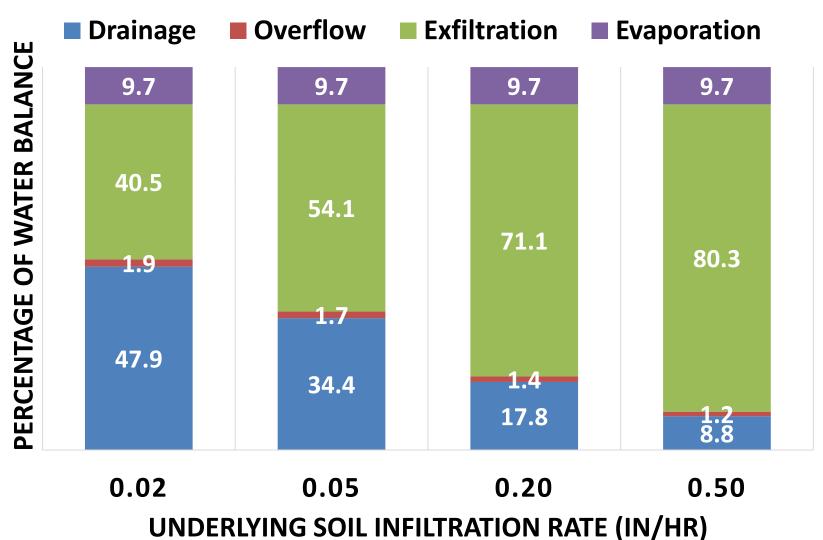
 $- K_{sat} = 0.02 in/hr$ 

 All other parameters remained the same

30-years of rainfall and temperature



### **Underlying Soil K**<sub>sat</sub>





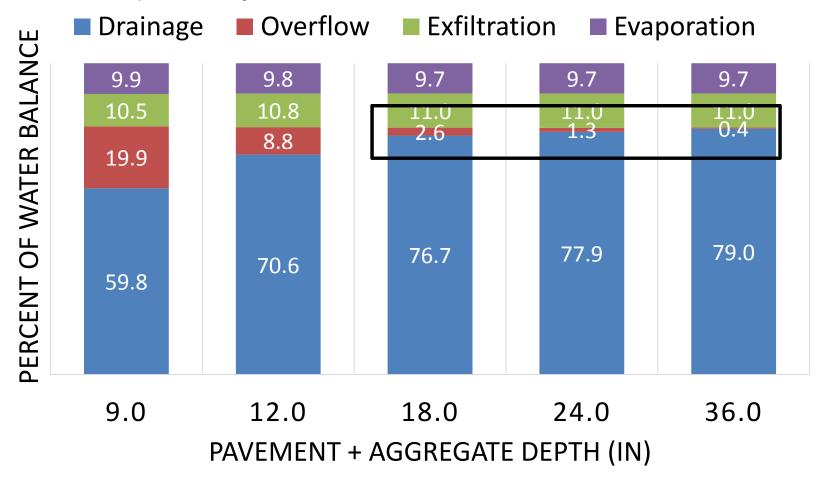
### **Sensitivity Analysis**

- Pavement + aggregate depth
  - -9 in, 12 in, 18 in, 24 in, 36 in
- Internal Water Storage Zone
  - -0 in, 6 in, 12 in
- Contributing Drainage Area: PP Area
  - -Existing, None, 1:1, 2:1, 3:1



### Effect of Pavement + Aggregate Depth

No IWS, 0.02 in/hr infiltration rate



For typical application, 18 to 24 inches sufficient

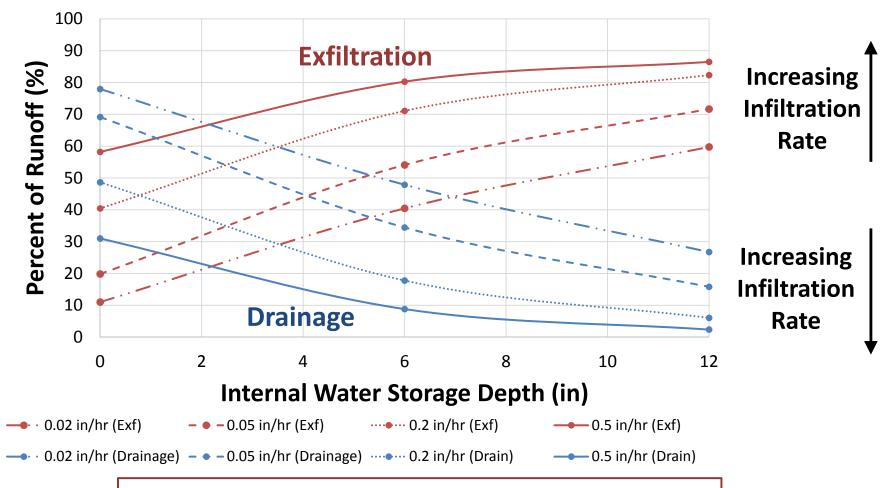


# Effect of Pavement + Aggregate Depth

- Most sensitive output: Surface Runoff
- Less pronounced as infiltration rate,
   IWS increases
- Pavement depth often dictated by structural needs
- 18 to 24 inches adequate for meeting structural and hydrologic needs



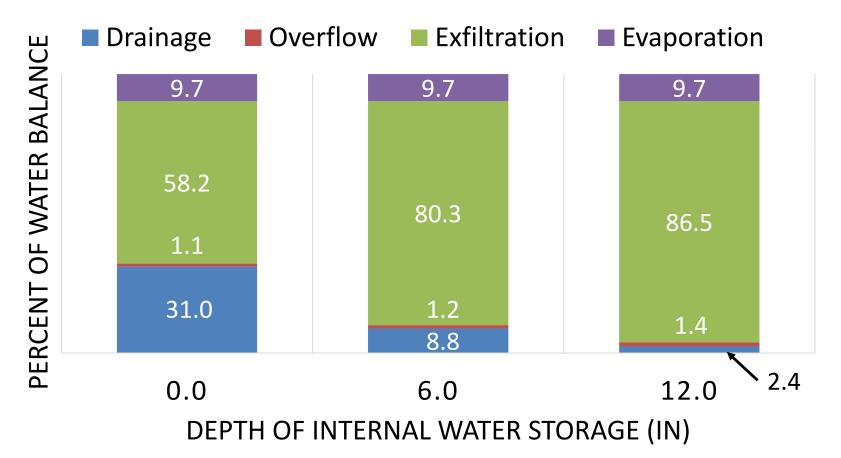
Perkins Township, 24" agg depth



Inf. Rate ↑ Exfiltration ↑ Drainage ↓
Diminishing returns with increasing inf. rate



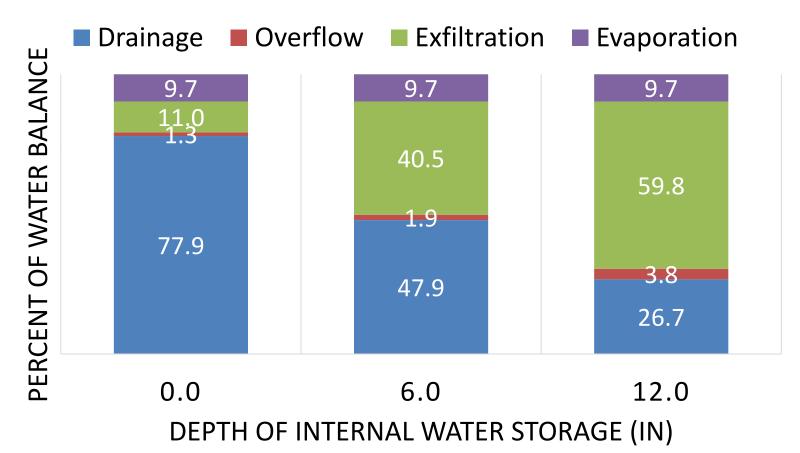
0.50 in/hr infiltration rate



Adding 6 inches of IWS increases volume reduction by 20%



0.02 in/hr infiltration rate



12 inches of IWS required to mimic volume reduction from 0.50 in/hr without IWS

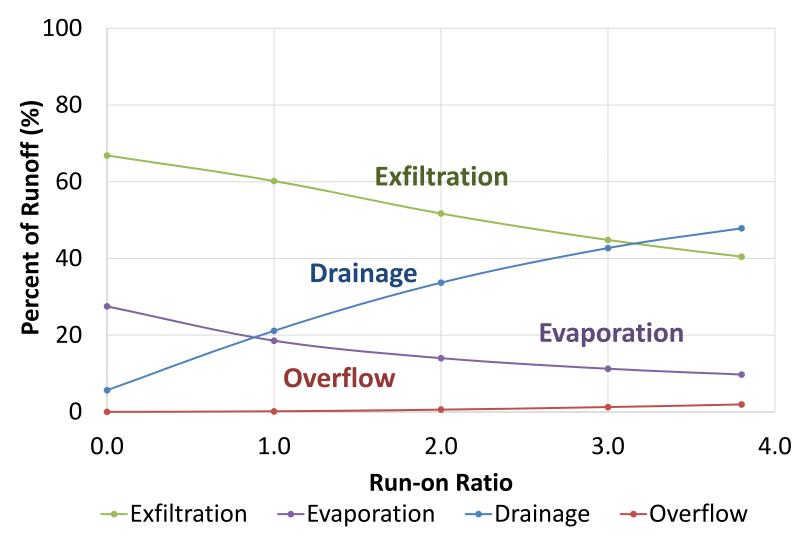


- Most sensitive output: Drainage and Exfiltration
- Little effect on overflow and evaporation
- Marginal returns as infiltration rate increases
- 12 inches of IWS maximizes exfiltration/evaporation, minimizes outflow (drainage + overflow)
- Greatest impact from increasing IWS observed for lowest infiltration rates (0.02 in/hr, 0.05 in/hr)



### **Effect of Contributing Area**

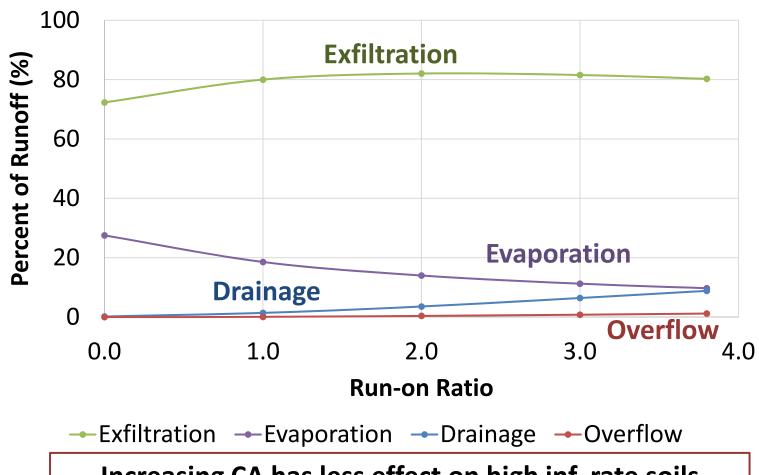
6" IWS zone, 24" agg. depth, and 0.02 in/hr





### **Effect of Contributing Area**

6" IWS zone, 24" agg depth, and 0.50 in/hr



Increasing CA has less effect on high inf. rate soils ...but increases susceptibility to clogging



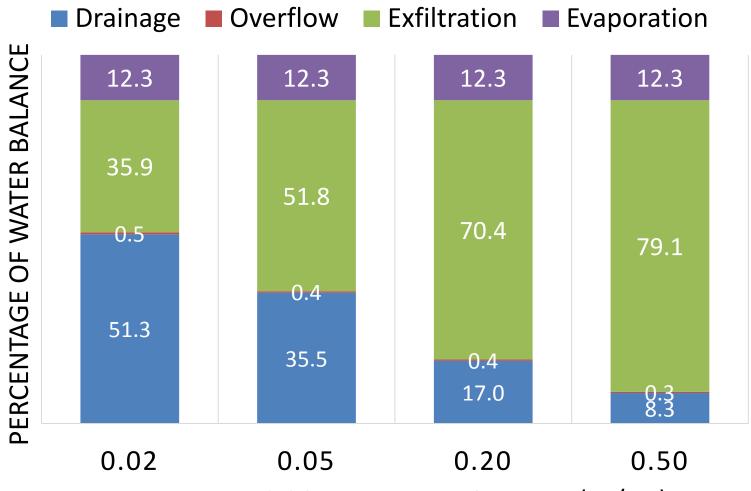
### **Effect of Contributing Area**

- Most sensitive outputs: Drainage, Exfiltration, Evaporation
  - Surface runoff not very sensitive (and in general, very low)
- While the percentage of water balance changes...
  - For same permeable pavement footprint, evaporation volumes are appx. same regardless of CA
- Balance between maximizing performance and costeffectively treating watershed area
  - As CA increases, clogging susceptibility increases, increased need for maintenance



### **Typical Application in Ohio with IWS**

2:1 run-on ratio, 24" agg depth, 6" IWS zone,
 100% impervious watershed





# DRAINMOD Permeable Pavement Modeling: Lessons Learned

- Underlying soil conductivity and presence of IWS two biggest factors on long-term water balance
- Sensitivity of Model:
  - Drainage: Underlying soil K<sub>sat.</sub> IWS
  - Exfiltration: Underlying soil K<sub>sat</sub>, IWS
  - Evaporation: Contributing Area
  - Surface Runoff: Pavement + Aggregate Depth
- Future Work: expand sensitivity analysis, future climate modeling

## Table Discussion

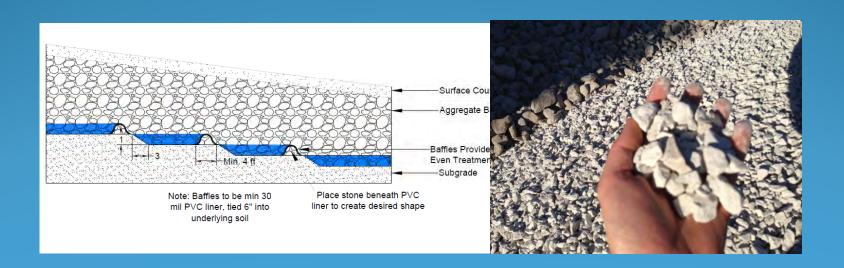
- What are your thoughts on the implications for your work and what this means to you?
- What else you wish you knew?

## Permeable Pavement Design, Construction, & Maintenance Tips

Ryan Winston

## Design

- Level subgrade maximizes exfiltration through even ponding
  - Terraced designs w/ check dams to address slope
- Include ample underdrain cleanouts
- Specify appropriate materials
  - Permeable pavement washed angular limestone for base



### Design is just the first step

# Construction oversight with knowledgeable staff is critical

- Proactive communication needed through plan set and bid package development, pre-bid meeting, contractor selection, pre-construction meeting, construction

### **Infiltration Tests**

 Infiltration tests provide estimate of most important design factor – water movement into underlying soil

Measured Kfs (in/hr)

PP1 (small): 0.01, 0.05

PP2 (large): 0, 0.01, 0.03, 0.06

### Pre-Construction

- Educate site owners, designers, inspectors, contractors, and others about purpose and function of LID SCMs
- Use specific language to describe LID SCMs when advertising projects
- Provide supporting information for potential bidders
- Hire certified and/or experienced installers and contractors
- Ensure site inspectors are experienced and knowledgeable about LID SCMs

### Pre-Construction Meeting

- Review plans with designers, owners, contractors and inspectors
  - Construction sequencing and practices
    - Protect underdrains before and during construction
    - Erosion control and site stabilization to prevent clogging.
    - Avoid subgrade compaction and scarify underlying soils
  - Material specifications
  - Site stabilization to prevent clogging
  - Monitoring well installation (if applies)
  - Design engineer verification of critical installation points

### Construction

#### • PICP

- Curved paver designs more expensive to install
- Can be constructed late in season if ground not frozen
- Mechanical installation significantly reduces costs

#### • Pervious concrete

- Protect with plastic sheeting during curing
- Wetting subgrade may improve appearance and reduce raveling



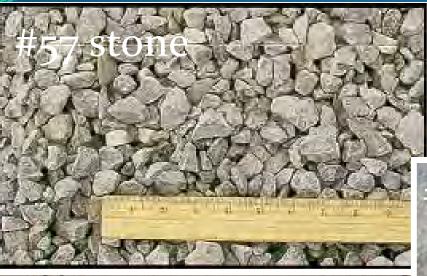
### Permeable Pavement Installation

- These systems should be installed by a qualified professional
  - The only exception is very small backyard patios where BMP failure will not be hazardous to human health
  - A list of professionals qualified in permeable paver installation is available through the Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute (ICPI) www.icpi.org
  - List of certified pervious concrete installers provided by the National Ready Mix Concrete Association (NRMCA) – www.nrmca.org

## Permeable Pavement Installation: Gravel Base

 After soil has been excavated to the correct slope and is smooth, gravel can be added





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## Permeable Pavement Installation: Gravel Base

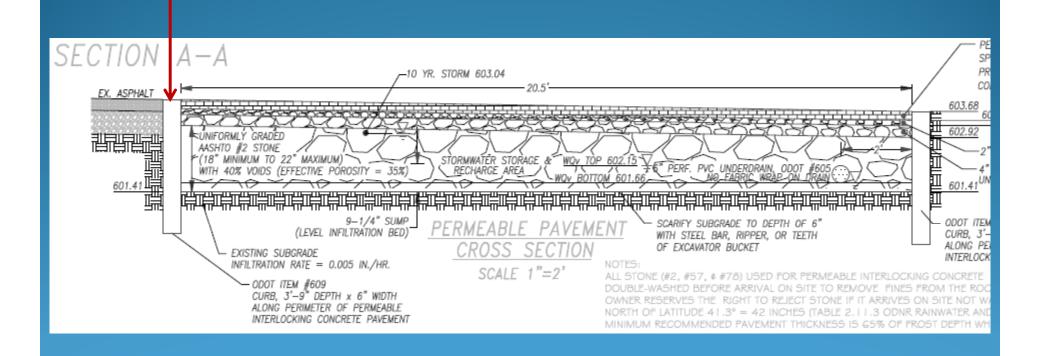
 The gravel should be compacted with at least a 10 ton roller until there is no visible movement in the gravel base (or equivalent as determined by contractor)

(Adapted from Smith, 2000 - ICPI, reference in manual)



## Curbing

- Curb to separate existing asphalt from PICP
- Be careful with slope of flush curb!



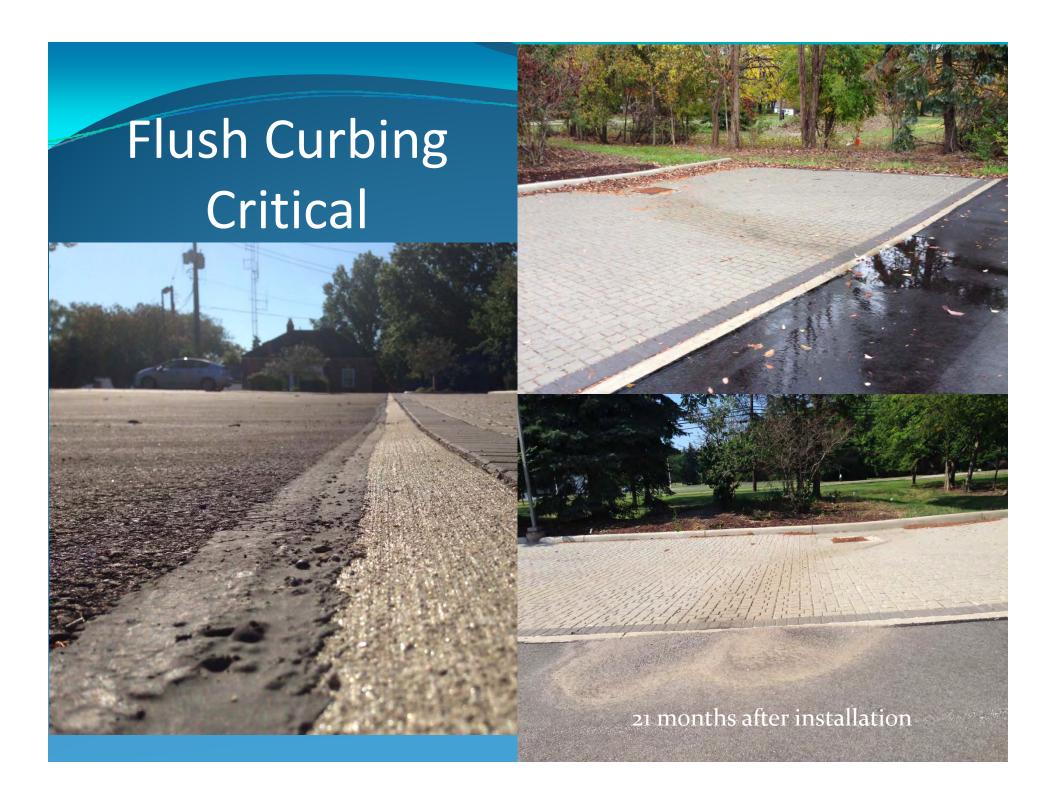
### What if I Skip the Curbing?



## A Potential Monitoring Site

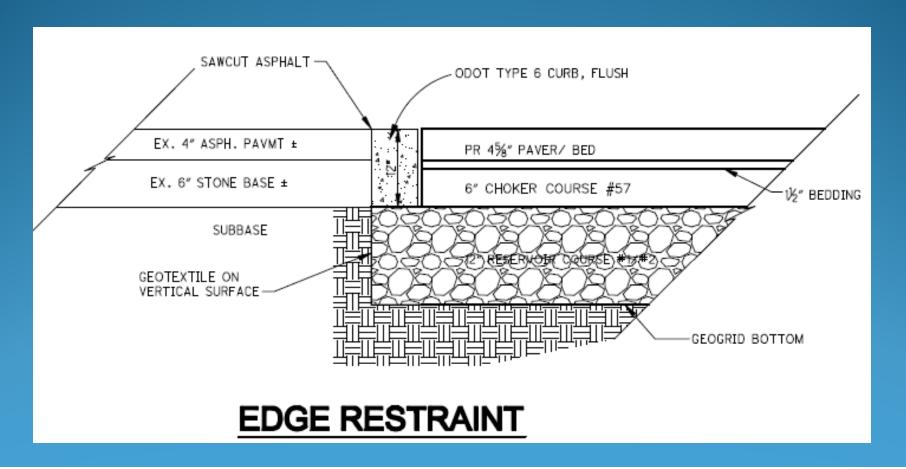


- 4300 ft²
   surface area
   of permeable
   pavement
- 7400 ft² asphalt drainage
- 1.75:1 run-on ratio



## Reduce Curb Depth?

• Willoughby Hills plan sheets:



Curbing: Curves vs. Right Angles



# Subgrade Soil Infiltration Rate: Why Do We Care?

- Compaction significantly reduces infiltration (clay & sand) (Pitt et al., 2008)
- Earth moving equipment compacts soil, decreases subsoil permeability (Gregory et al., 2006)
- Natural infiltration affected by removal of surface soils and exposure of subsurface soils
- Rain on exposed subsoil shown to cause surface sealing (Gimenez et al., 1992).

### How Does Compaction Affect Infiltration?

- Pitt et al., 2009:
  - In sandy soils, compaction can decrease infiltration rate by one order of magnitude
  - In clay soils, compaction can decrease infiltration rate by factor of 50
- Must minimize subgrade compaction to promote exfiltration



# "Ripping" the Subsoil Tyner et al. (2009)



## Side Note: Trenching the Subsoil

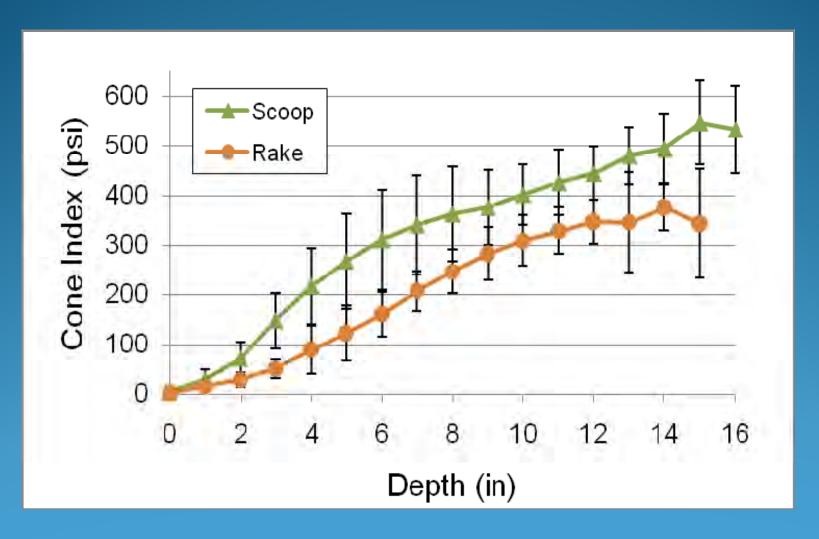


### Does Excavation Technique Really Matter?

- Brown & Hunt, 2010:
  - Tested infiltration and hydraulic conductivity of "scooped" vs. "raked" subgrades
  - Raking decreased bulk density, significantly improved exfiltration
- Rake when dry for best performance, especially in silt/clay soils



## Nashville (Sand) "Wet" Cell



## **Average Infiltration Clay Site**

Soil Type	Moist. Cond.	Excav. Tech.	Ave. Infil. (in/hr)	Std Dev (in/hr)
Clay	Wet	Rake	0.47	0.11
Clay	Wet	Scoop	0.09	0.02
Clay	Dry	Scoop	0.17	0.20
Typical Clay			0.20	

Minimizing Compaction

- Excavate in dry conditions as often as practicable
- "Back out" equipment
- Use tracked vehicles
- Excavate final 9-12" with teeth of bucket (DO NOT SMEAR)





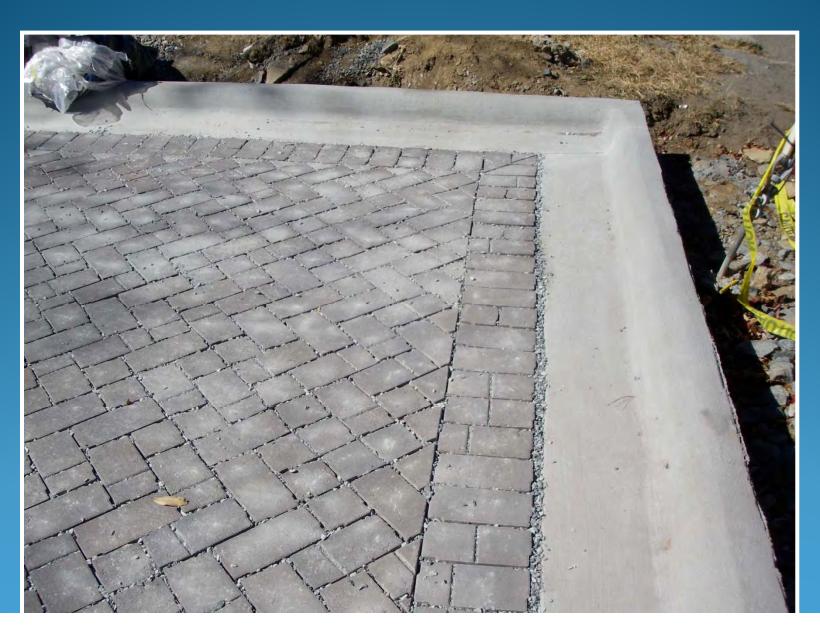
### Backfill with (Washed) Gravel



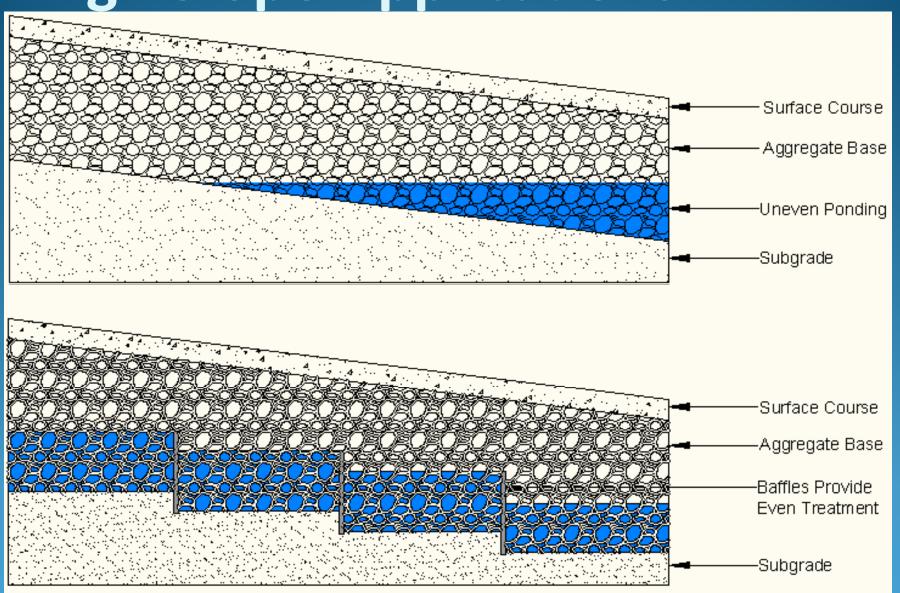
### Bringing in Washed #2 Stone



### **Header Course Saves Time**



## High Slope Applications



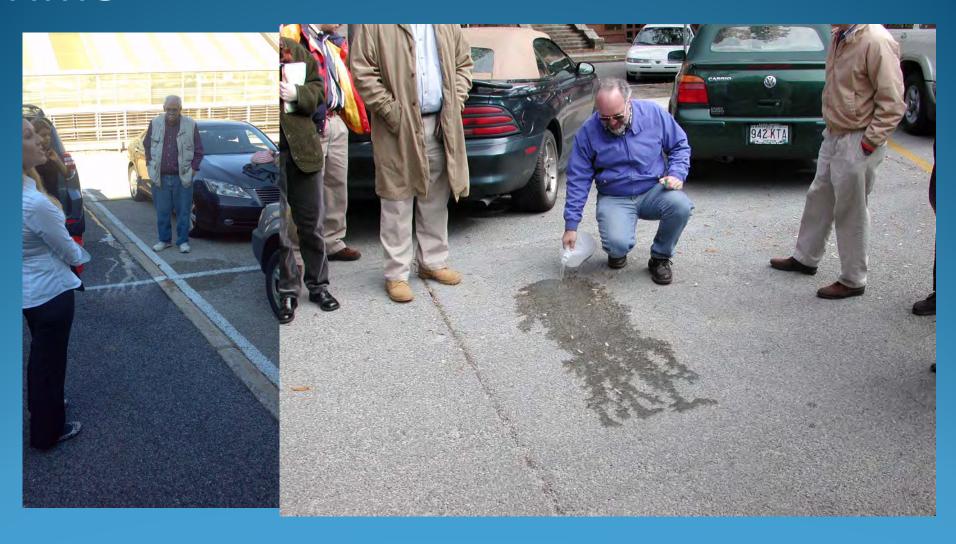
### **Baffle Material**

- Can be constructed of:
  - Concrete curbs (similar to footer walls)
  - Soil (preferably in situ soil) covered in impermeable geomembrane
  - Rock/soil mixture covered in impermeable geomembrane
  - Bags of concrete covered in impermeable geomembrane

# Maintaining Permeable Pavement



## Clogging of Pore Spaces Occurs over Time



#### Permeable Pavement Problems: Sediment



Unstable Catchment

## Permeable Pavement Problems: Ground-in leaves and acorns



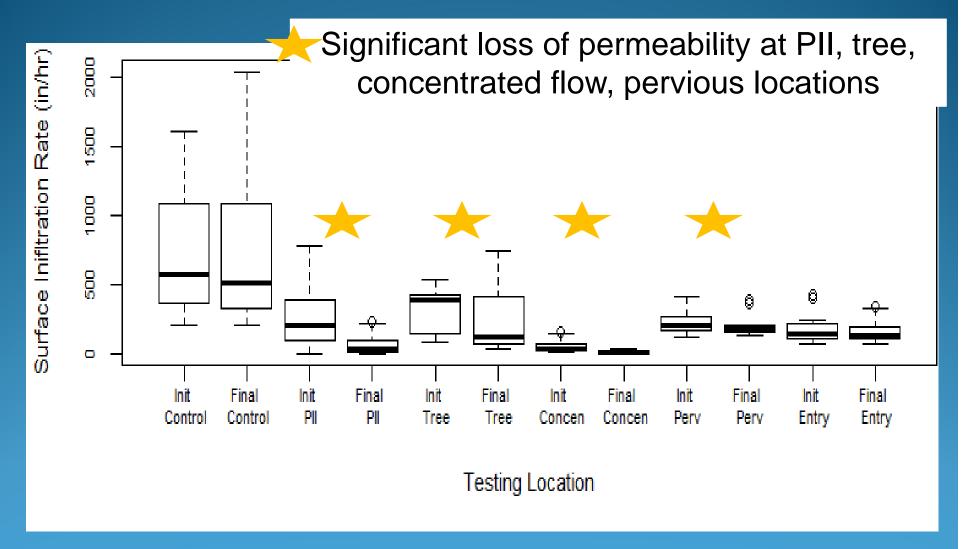
## Clean the Catchment: Blowing



Some of your Permeable Pavement will (nearly invariably) Clog



## Where does Clogging Occur and Must I Focus Maintenance?



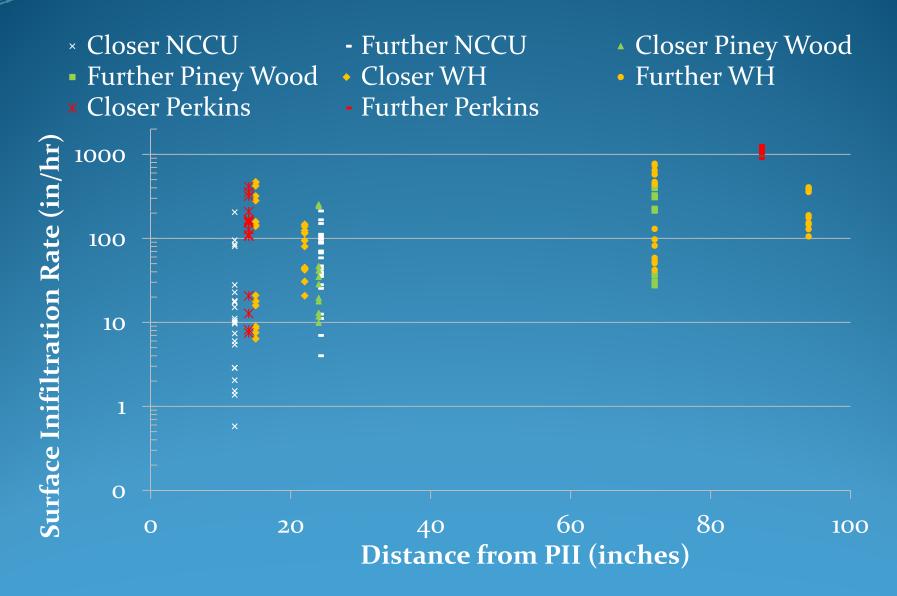
## Defining the Permeable/Impermeable Interface (PII)



## Clogging at PII

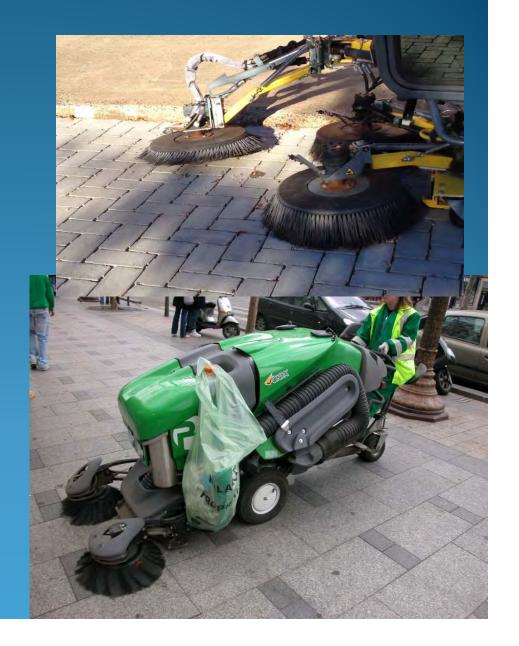


#### Distance from PII a Factor in Clogging?



#### Maintenance Methods

- Typically use street sweeper to break up surface clogging layer (schmutzdecke)
- Mechanical sweeper only good for minor surface clogging (upper 0.25-0.5")



#### Maintenance Methods



- Regenerative air sweeper good for preventative maintenance of areas that don't clog heavily
- Areas prone to heavy clogging (PII) need vacuum truck
  - Additional suction



## Filling gaps with gravel



#### Introducing the "Simple Infiltration Test"

- Performed in under 5 minutes by individual
- Easily-furnished and cheap materials
- Shallow head conditions...
  - Better predict actual infiltration during rainfall
  - Reduce lateral seepage
- Simple!



**Step 1: Construct the Device** 

- Materials:
  - One 8-foot piece of unwarped 2"x4" lumber
  - Screws and drill
  - 80 oz. plumber's putty (approx.)
  - 5 gallon bucket of water
  - Stopwatch or timepiece
- Cut 2x4 into four sections and screw together into rectangular frame



#### Step 2: Apply Plumber's Putty and Place

- Apply 1" bead of putty to the frame (or inside)
- Place frame in area to be tested and apply gentle pressure to seal





#### Step 3: Rapidly Add 5 Gal. Water & Time

- Apply weight to frame to maintain seal
- Quickly pour contents of one 5-gal bucket and begin timing
- Record time for all standing water to infiltrate joints/voids



## Step 4: Assess Performance & Prescribe Maintenance

#### Drawdown Time Hydraulic Condition

< 30 seconds	Newly Installed / Recently Maintained
30-90 seconds	Acceptable – Continue Preventative Maintenance. Consider Regen Air S.S.?
90-300 seconds	Partially Clogged – Regen Air Street Sweeper NEEDED
> 300 seconds	Clogged – Vac Truck Time?

## Table Discussion

- How does what you just heard fit with your experience in the past?
- How might it influence what you do in the future?
- •What do you see as the biggest challenge that prevents people from using permeable pavement?

# Crediting Runoff Reduction

Jay Dorsey & Heather Elmer

## Why a Runoff Reduction Credit?

- Stormwater management systems based around green infrastructure (GI, also called LID) practices provide significant benefits over traditional stormwater systems (pipe/gutter-based drainage networks and end-of-pipe surface detention)
- There are several barriers to utilization of GI unfamiliarity, real or perceived higher cost, regulatory hurdles, maintenance concerns, etc.
  - One consistently communicated barrier is not receiving full credit for the hydrologic functions and services provided by GI

## Peak Discharge Crediting System

- Science-based
- Credits relatively simple to determine for designer and reviewer
- Implementation structure for minimizing failures and unintended consequences
- Costs in line with those for managing other infrastructure
- Program for shortening learning curve

### Sources of Information

- CWP/CSN Tech Memo (through 2008)
- Research review (2008-present)
- NERRS Science Collaborative Project
  - Monitored practices (5 permeable pavement, 4 bioretention)
  - Calibrated models w/sensitivity analyses
  - Uncalibrated models
- Spreadsheets, WinSLAMM and other modeling tools

### BMPs w/Volume Reduction Function

- 1. Green roof
- 2. Soil quality preservation/renovation
- 3. Impervious area disconnection
- 4. Grass filter strip
- 5. Grass swale
- 6. Wetland basin
- 7. Dry detention (w/infiltration) basin
- 8. Infiltration basin
- 9. Bioretention (including tree boxes)
- 10. Infiltration trench
- 11. Permeable pavement
- 12. Underground detention (w/infiltration)
- 13. Cistern/rainwater harvesting

# Accounting Mechanism – Runoff Reduction Spreadsheet

Runoff Reduction Practice	Description of Area	Impervious Cover in Contributing Drainage Area (acres)	Graded Managed Turf in Contributing Drainage Area (acres)	Natural Profile Managed Turf in Contributing Drainage Area (acres)	Volume Received by Practice (cubic feet)	Description of Credit	% Credit	Storage Volume Provided by Practice (cubic feet)	Runoff Reduction (cubic feet)	Remaining Volume (cubic feet)
1. Vegetated Roof		(40.00)	(40.00)	(40.00)	iccij		70 G. Guit		(cubic leet)	······································
Vegetated Roof			N/A	N/A	0	Subtract 100% of the provided storage volume.	100%		0	0
2. Impermeable Surface Disconnection			N/A	IV/A	0	widille.			0	Ü
Simple Disconnection to A/B Soils or Amended Filter Path			N/A	N/A	0	Reduce volume conveyed to conservation area by 0.04 cu. ft per sq. ft. of conservation area.	N/A	N/A	0	0
Simple Disconnection to C/D Soils			N/A	N/A	0	Reduce volume conveyed to conservation area by 0.02 cu. ft per sq. ft. of conservation area.	N/A	N/A	0	0
To Residential Rain Garden					0	Subtract 100% of the provided storage volume.	100%		0	0
To Rainwater Harvesting			N/A	N/A	0	Subtract a variable % of the provided storage volume based on annual re-use.			0	0
To Stormwater Planter			N/A	N/A	0	Subtract 100% of the provided storage volume.	100%		0	0
3. Permeable Pavement										
Permeable Pavement			N/A	N/A	0	Subtract 100% of the provided storage volume.	100%		0	0
4. Grass Swale										· ·
Grass Swale A/B Soils					0	Reduce volume conveyed through grass swale by 20%.	20%	N/A	0	0
Grass Swale C/D Soils					0	Reduce volume conveyed through grass swale by 10%.	10%	N/A	0	0
Grass Swale with Compost Amended Soils					0	Reduce volume conveyed through grass swale by 30%.	30%	N/A	0	0
5. Bioretention Bioretention 6. Infiltration					0	Subtract 100% of the provided storage volume.	100%		0	0
Infiltration					0	Subtract 100% of the provided storage volume.	100%		0	0
7. Dry Extended Detention Basin						Reduce volume directed to dry extended				
Dry Extended Detention Basin					0	detention basin by 10%.	10%	N/A	0	0
8. Sheetflow to Filter/Open Space										
Sheetflow to Conservation Area with A/B Soils					0	Reduce volume conveyed to conservation area by 0.09 cu. ft per sq. ft. of conservation area.	N/A	N/A	0	0
Sheetflow to Conservation Area with C/D Soils					0	Reduce volume conveyed to conservation area by 0.06 cu. ft per sq. ft. of conservation area.	N/A	N/A	0	0
Sheetflow to Vegetated Filter Strip in A/B Soils or Compost Amended C/D Soils						Reduce volume conveyed to conservation area by 0.06 cu. ft per sq. ft. of conservation area.	N/A	N/A	0	0

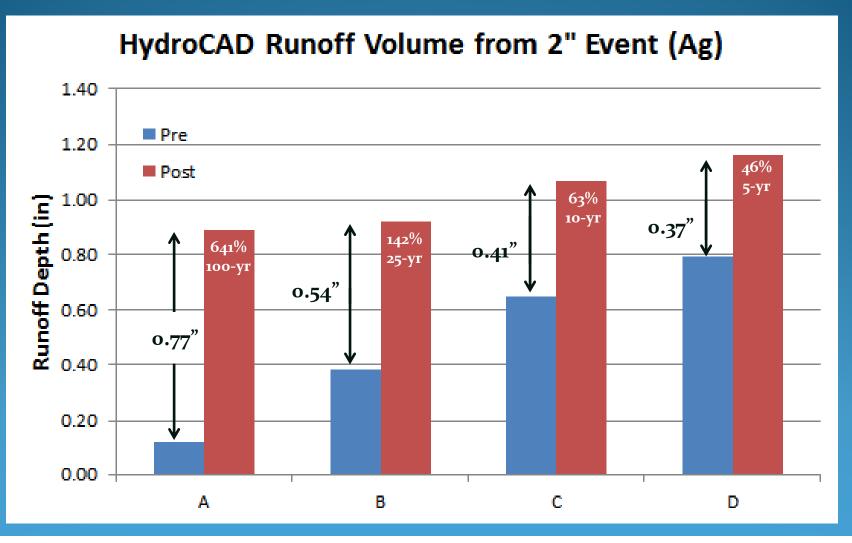
#### Critical Storm Method

- "Critical Storm" discharge cannot exceed the peak rate of runoff from the pre-development 1-yr, 24-hr event
- For less frequent (higher recurrence interval) events,  $Q_{post} < Q_{pre}$
- Even if there is no increase in the 1-yr, 24-hr runoff volume, peak discharge rate must be released at pre-development rates ( $Q_{post} < Q_{pre}$ )

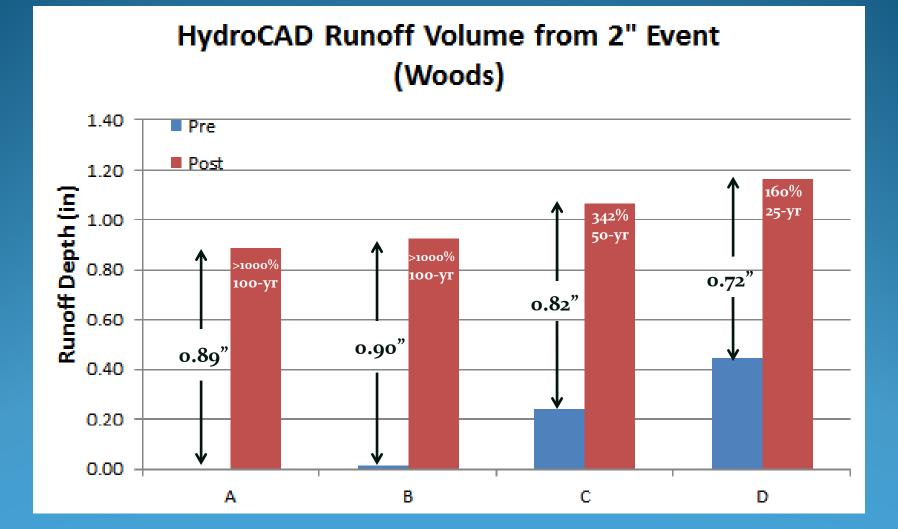
## Critical Storm Method

If the % increase volume for the 1-y storm is:		The <u>Critical</u> <u>Storm</u> for peak rate control is:	P Depth (in)
Equal or greater than	and less than		
-	10	1-year	1.9
10	20	2-year	2.3
20	50	5-year	2.9
50	100	10-year	3.4
100	250	25-year	4.6
250	500	50-year	5.2
500	-	100-year	5.8

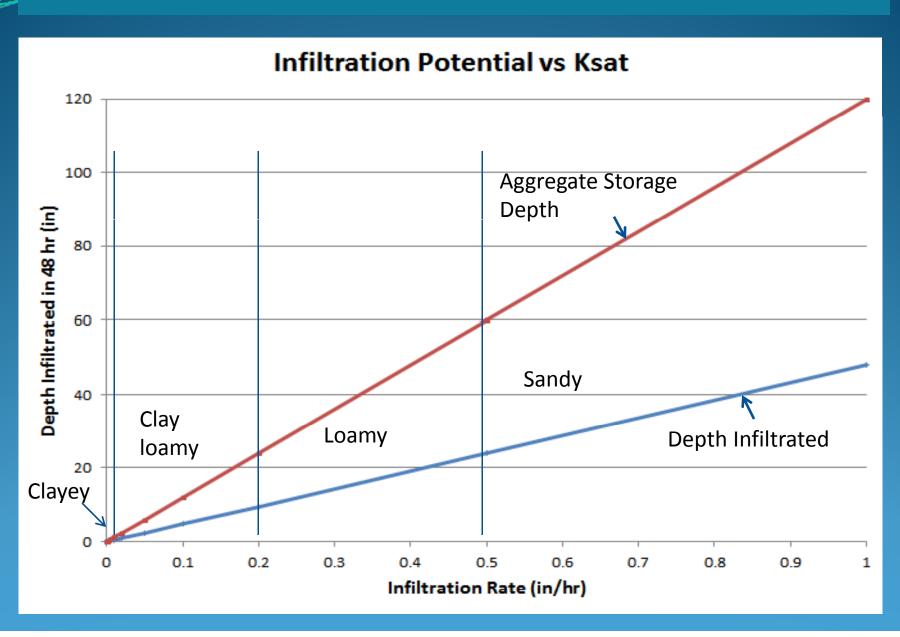
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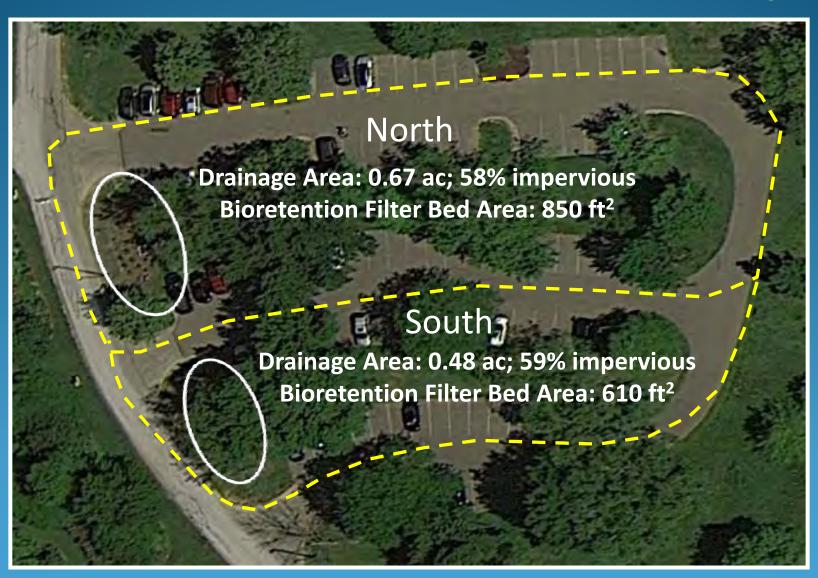
## Volume Reduction Potential



#### **Bioretention Runoff Reduction**

- Bioretention provides water quality and quantity benefits well beyond those provided by detention basins
- Because of the relatively small footprint of bioretention, performance can be enhanced with:
  - Internal water storage (IWS) zones
    - 18"- 24" recommended for HSG-A, B, C soils
    - 3"- 18" recommended for HSG-D soils
  - Increasing surface ponding below overflow

## Holden Arboretum CSM Example



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- North Watershed
  - Watershed area = 0.67 ac
  - Impervious Area = 0.39 ac (58%)
  - P(1-yr, 24-hr) = 2.07"
  - HSG C soil

+ 0.92"

- $Q_{post} = 1.15$ ";  $Q_{pre} = 0.23$ "
- % increase = [(1.15" 0.23")/(0.23")]\*100 = 400%
- Critical Storm = 25-year

## **BRC Volume Retention Capacity**

	Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н	I	J	
5											
6	Step										
7	1	Drainage Area =	0.67	acres	29185.2	ft^2					
8											
9											
10	2	Imperviousness =	58	%							
11		Contributing Impervious Area =	0.3886	acres	16927.42	ft^2					
12		Volumetric Runoff Coefficient, Rv =	0.572								
13		Water Quality Volume =	1043	ft^3			Based on Rv = 0.05 + 0.9*Aimp				
14											
15		Minimum Filter Bed Area =	846.3708	ft^2							
16	3	Filter Bed Area =	850	ft^2							
17		FB Area/Impervious Area =	5.02	%			Must be at	t least 5%			
18	4	Length to Width Ratio (L:W)	5	ft/ft			Recommend 2:1 minimum				
19		Length	65.2	ft							
20		Width	13.0	ft							
21	5	Overflow Height =	15	in			Recommend 12" minimum, 18" maximum				
22	6	Sideslopes (Z:1) =	10	ft/ft			Recommend 4:1 minimum				
23		Top Width	38.0	ft							
24		Top Length	90.2	ft							
25											
26		Retention Volume Credit =	2545	ft^3							
27		Retention Depth Credit =	1.05	in							
28											
29											
30	30 Recovery of volume retention capacity (assumes filter media infiltration rate averages 1 in/hr)										
31		Approx time for BMP to recover capacity	35.9	hr							
32											

#### Holden Arboretum CSM Example



### Runoff Reduction Credits - Considerations and Questions -

• How do we assure hydrologic performance at installation and over the long-term?

#### Performance Checks

- Consistent application of CN method protocols
- Constructable and maintainable designs
- Construction oversight
- As-builts
- Clear, enforceable BMP management plans
- MS4 post-construction BMP inspection program

## Runoff Reduction Credits Issues? Questions?

#### Why use codes as tool?

- MS4s required to have stormwater codes
- MS4s required to consider TMDLs in SCM selection
- Reduce costs of private development to public infrastructure
- Especially appealing for communities with aging & undersized infrastructure





## Stormwater Code Recommendations

- Credit volume reduction towards peak discharge requirements
- < 1 acre threshold for comprehensive stormwater management plan
- Incentivize reduction of impervious area & infiltration for redevelopment
- Soil preservation and post-construction soil restoration
- Sites in cold water habitat watersheds include SCMs to reduce runoff temperature

## Why credit LID for peak discharge?

- Permeable pavement & bioretention reduce runoff volumes – this should count towards flood control
- Not crediting LID results in pond + LID -> makes LID less economically feasible
- LID offers water quality improvements & aesthetic benefits





#### Bioretention Volume Calculator

	Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н	1	J
1	Bioreten	tion Volume Retention Calculator								
2										
3	Site inpu	ts - drainage area, percent impervious								
4	Bioreten	etention cell variables - filter bed area, length to width ratio, overflow height, sideslopes								
5										
6	Step									
7	1	Drainage Area =	1	acres	43560	ft^2				
8										
9										
10	2	Imperviousness =	50	%						
11		Contributing Impervious Area =	0.5	acres	21780	ft^2				
12		Volumetric Runoff Coefficient, Rv =	0.5							
13		Water Quality Volume =	1361	ft^3						
14										
15		Minimum Filter Bed Area =	1089	ft^2						
16	3	Filter Bed Area =	1089	ft^2						
17		FB Area/Impervious Area =	5.00	%			Must be a	t least 5%		
18	4	Length to Width Ratio (L:W)	3	ft/ft			Recommend 2:1 minimum			
19		Length	57.2	ft						
20		Width	19.1	ft						
21	5	Overflow Height =	12	in			Recomme	nd 12" mir	imum, 18"	maximum
22	6	Sideslopes (Z:1) =	4	ft/ft			Recommend 4:1 minimum			
23		Top Width	27.1	ft						
24		Top Length	65.2	ft						
25										
26		Retention Volume Credit =	1415	ft^3						
27		Retention Depth Credit =	0.39	in						

# < 1 acre Threshold for Stormwater</p> Management



Especially valuable for:

- Areas largely developed before stormwater management required
- Areas with urban flooding problems

#### Early Adopters

- Federal Government 5,000 ft<sup>2</sup> threshold for LID
- Lakewood 8,000 ft<sup>2</sup>
- Aurora 0.5 acre of disturbance for additions to commercial or industrial properties



Recently installed 14,000 ft<sup>2</sup> CVS in Lakewood uses bioretention



#### Implementation Considerations

 Review building permits to determine what threshold is appropriate for your community





# Incentivize Infiltration for Redevelopment



Require

25% impervious area reduction

OR

Infiltrate 25% WQv

OR

Treat 50% WQv

#### Soil Preservation & Restoration



Photo from King County, Washington

- Healthy soils reduce runoff
- Minimize soil disturbance and protect soil from compaction
- Restore disturbed soils
  - Till subsoil to 15-18"
  - Incorporate compost top 12"
  - Replace topsoil to min. 4" depth

### Coldwater Habitat (CWH) SCMs

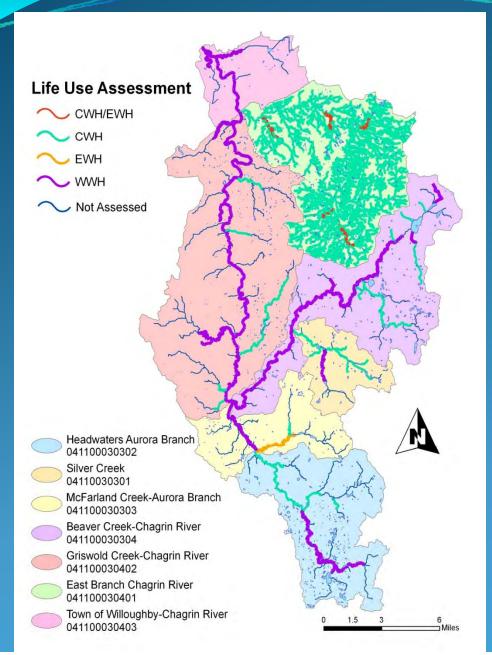
- Require SCMs that reduce temperature in CWH watersheds.
- Meets Chagrin River Habitat TMDL







#### Coldwater Habitat Streams







## Questions? Observations on Codes?

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### Final Discussion & Wrap Up

