

# Case Studies

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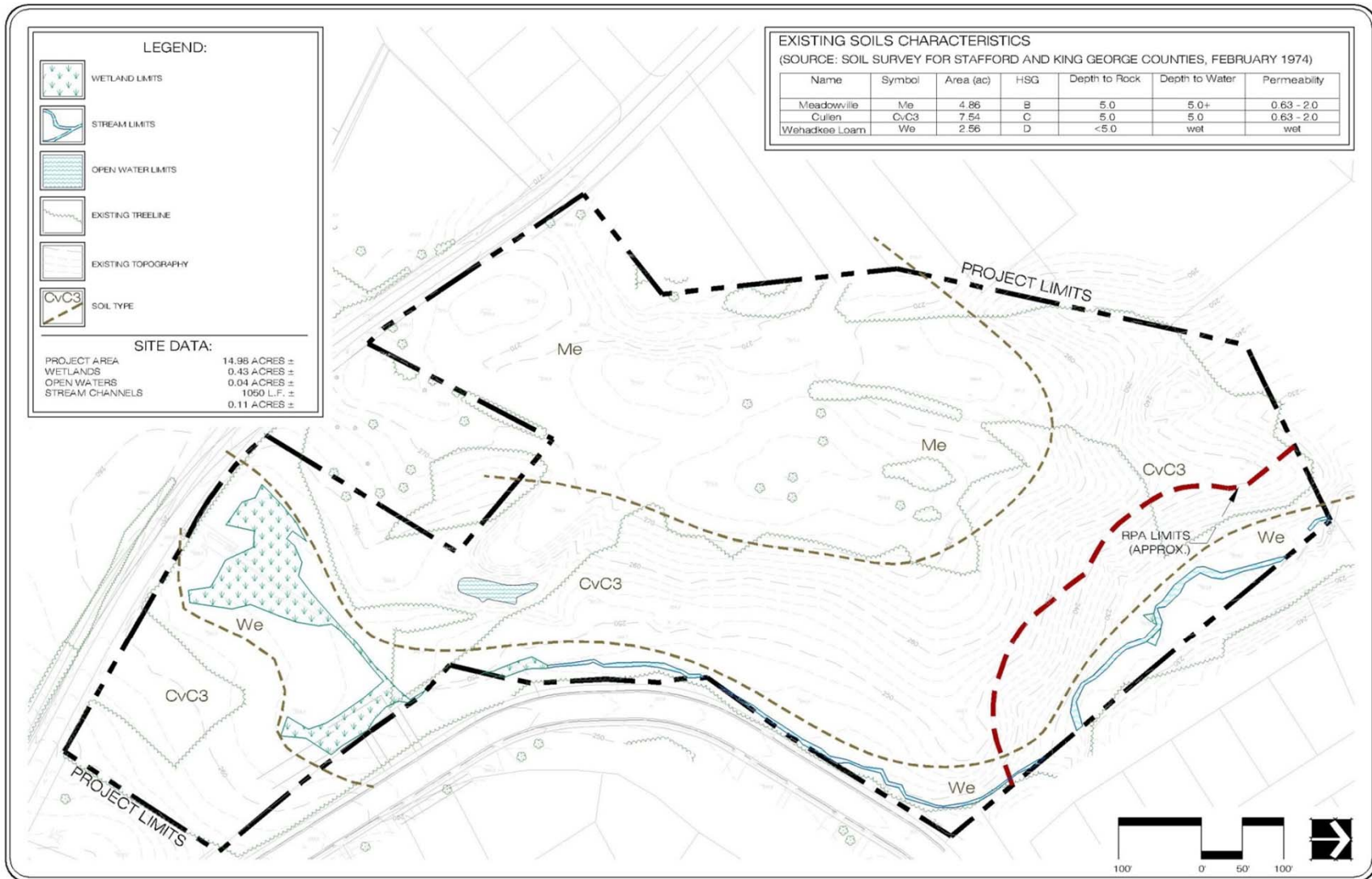


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# LID/Better Site Design Case Study



# CONSTRAINTS ANALYSIS



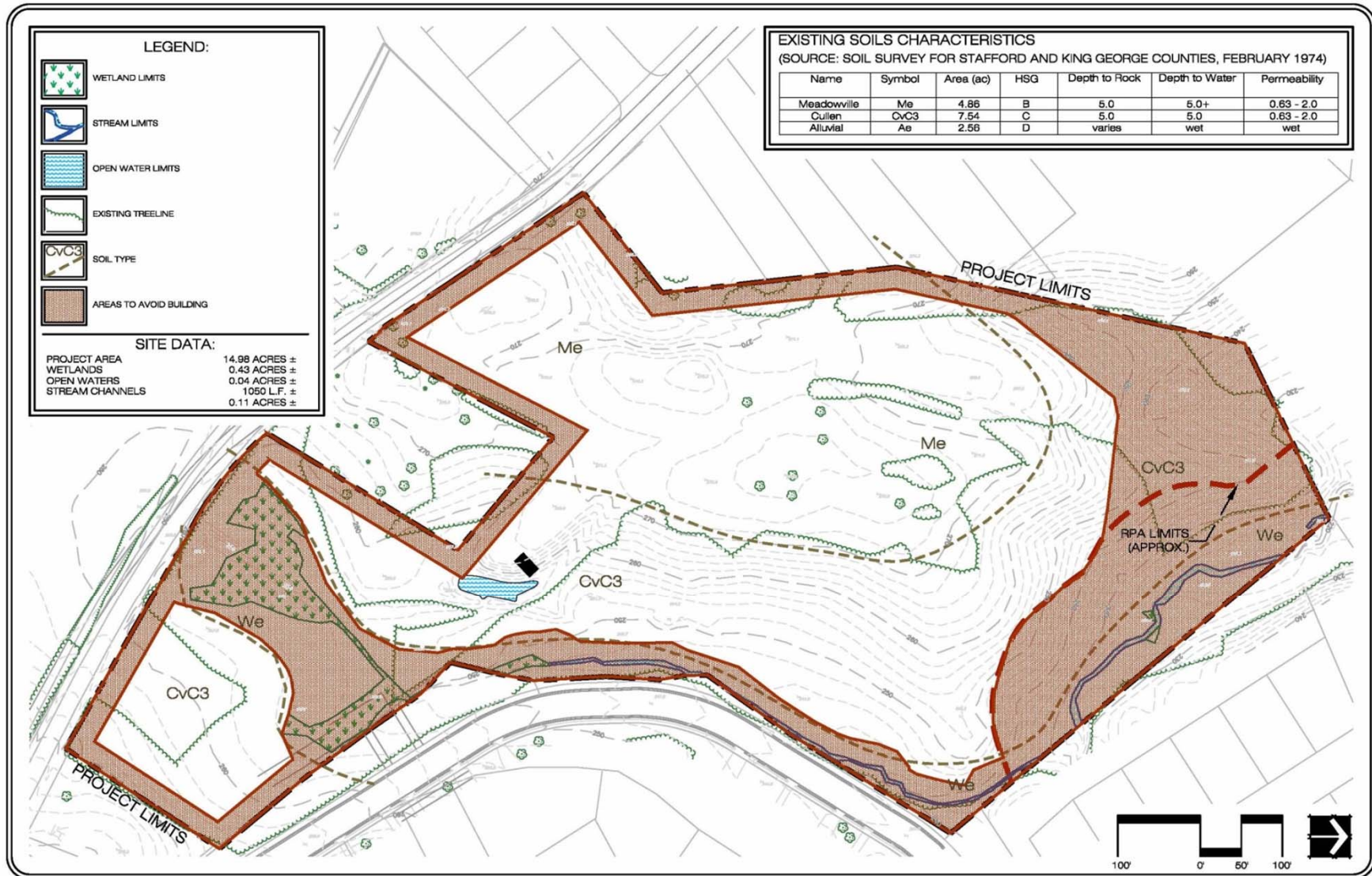
# Constraints - Things to Consider

- Riparian Buffers
- Wetlands and Stream Channels
- Existing Woods
- Transitional buffers
- Soils Constraints (Texture, HSG, Perm., Bedrock, Water Table)
- Slope Constraints
- Access to Site



# Constraints Actually Used on the Site

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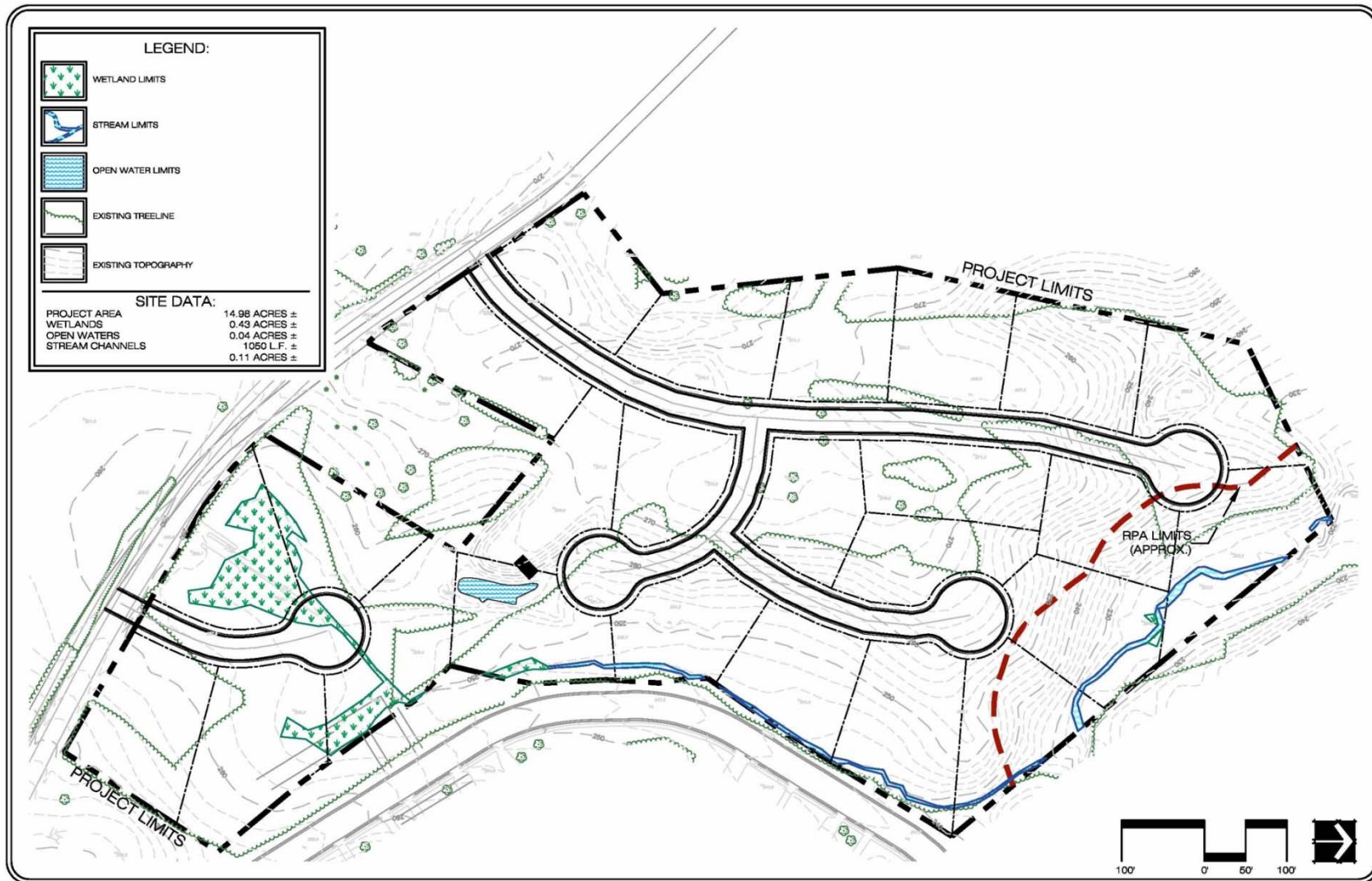


# Criterion – By Right Layout

- Half Acre Lot – Minimum Lot Size
- Site Yield - up to 25 Lots
- Access from Road to South



# Typical Layout



# Effects of Typical Layout

- Clearing of entire site
- Significant Impacts to Wetlands and Stream Channels
- Impacts to designated Riparian corridors
- Dramatic Increase in Impervious Cover
- Directly Connected Drainage Systems

# Goals and Objectives

- Assume 10,000 s.f. cluster lots can be used
- Assume open section roadways can be used with smaller ROW
- Minimize Land Disturbance
- Minimize Impervious Cover
- Try to Avoid Constraints



LAYOUT ACTUALLY USED

# Cluster Layout

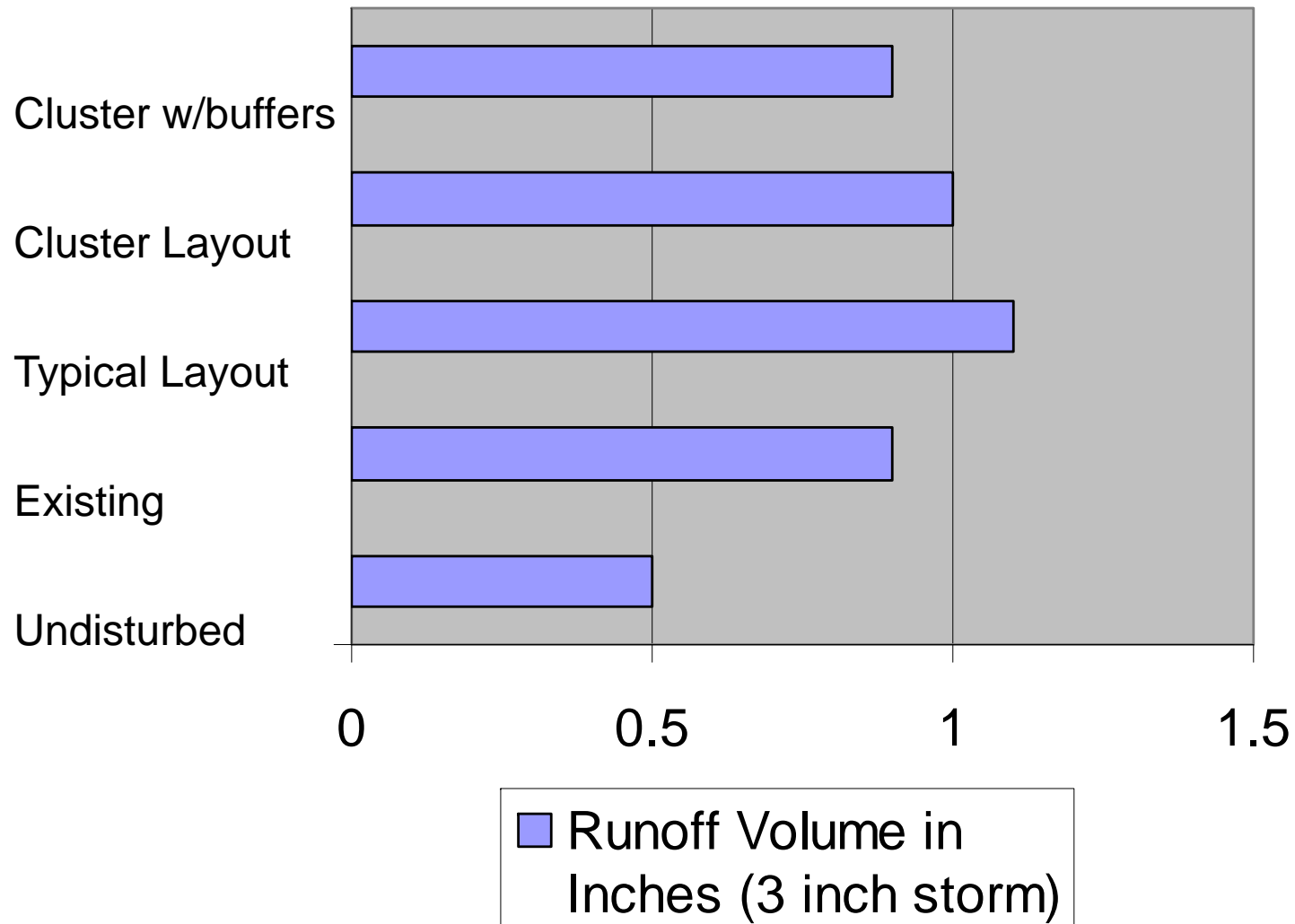


# Approach for Analysis/Benchmarking

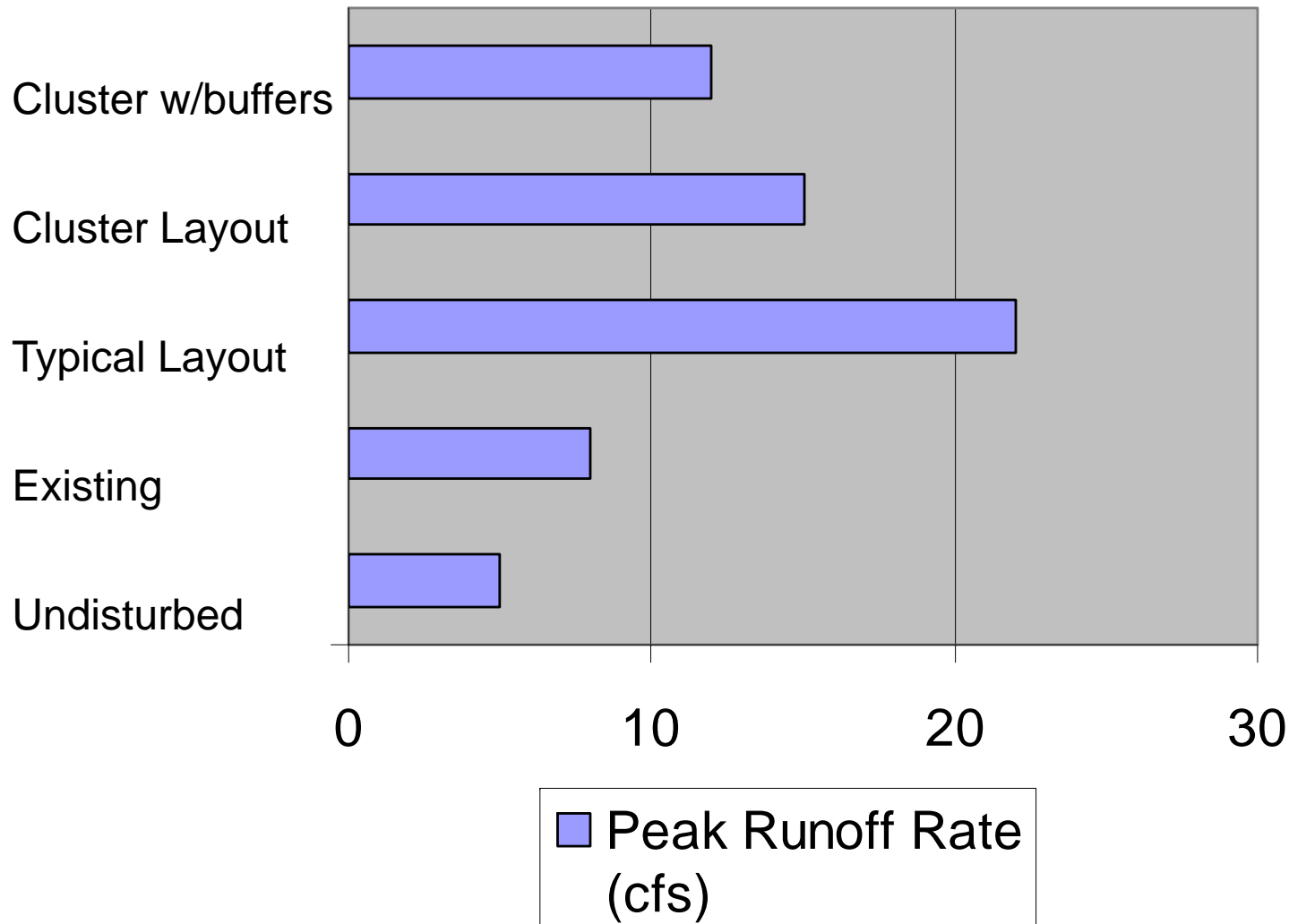
- Natural Site (Undisturbed Woodland)
- Existing Site (Partially Disturbed/Denuded)
- Developed Site (Typical By-Right Layout)
- Cluster Layout
- Cluster Layout (with Resource Restoration and buffers)
- Then.....LID



## Runoff Volume in Inches (3 inch storm)



## Peak Runoff Rate (cfs)



# LID Volume Target

- Utilize LID measures where feasible to bring the site back to the same hydrologic response as an undisturbed site
- Practices are listed on the worksheet
- Runoff Capture Goal has been determined as **22,000 cubic feet**

## LID EXERCISE

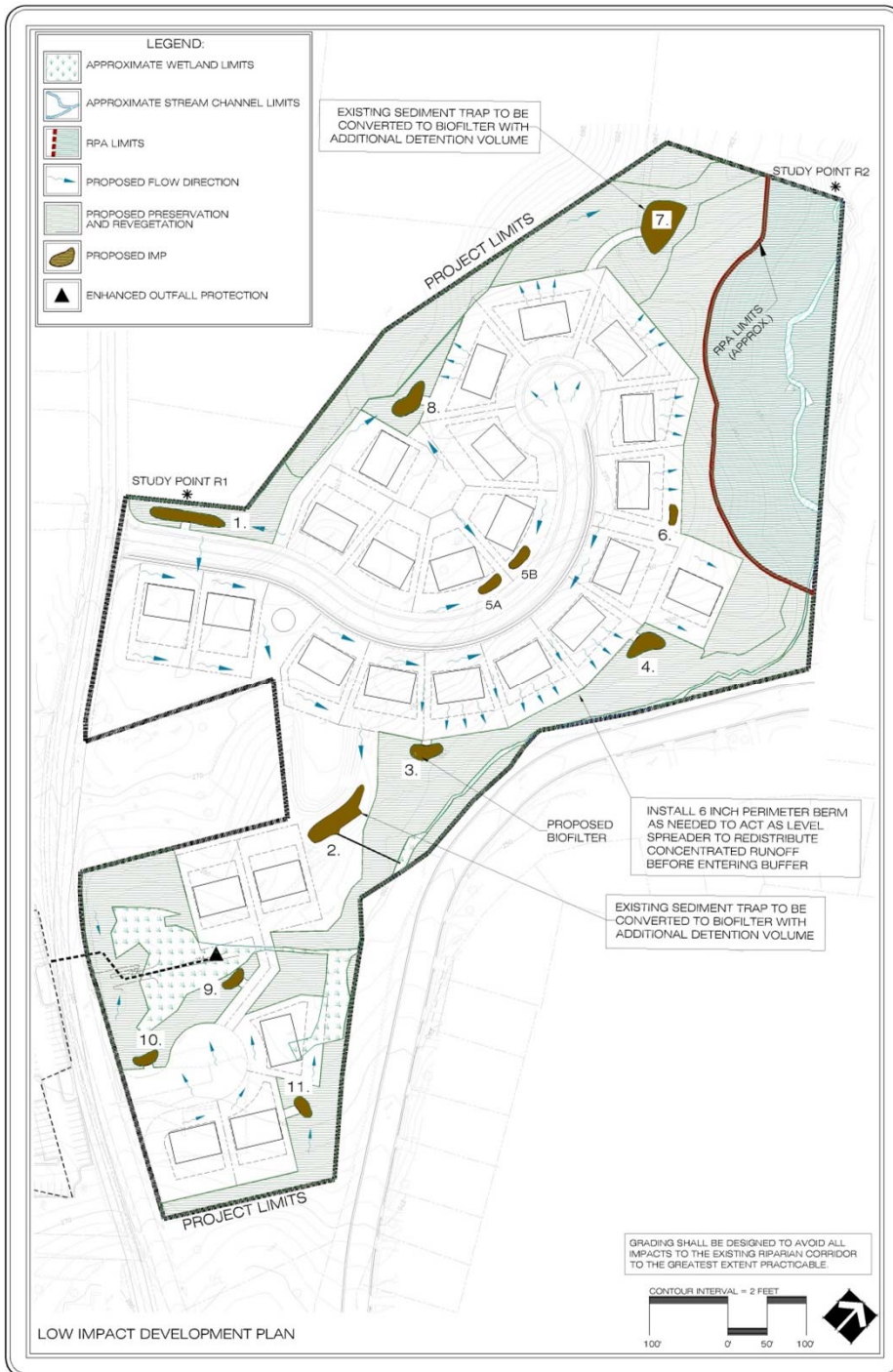
GOAL FOR TREATMENT: LOCATE ENOUGH LID PRACTICES TO COVER APPROXIMATELY 22,000 cubic feet of runoff

Practice	Storage Ratio	Limits	Cost
Engineered Swale	1 c.f./l.f. of Swale		\$10/lf
Rain Barrel	6 c.f./barrel	(Max 4 per house)	\$200/barrel
Soil Amendments	1 c.f./10 s.f.	must receive sheet flow from IC	\$1.50/s.f.
Biofilter	1 c.f./s.f.	Min 150 s.f. per filter	\$15/s.f.
Vegetated Filter Strip	1c.f/5 s.f	Must be flat Limits on drainage area	\$0.75/s.f.
Infiltration Trenches	1 c.f./l.f.	Must be in B type soils Must be level	\$7/l.f.
Porous Pavements	1 c.f./6 s.f.	Driveways Only cost are additional to reg. pvmt.	\$4/ s.f.
Pocket Wetlands	1 c.f./2-3 s.f.	Doesn't provide volume credit	\$4/s.f.

\* Note that the practice costs, limitations and ratios are highly simplified and are for use in this exercise only

# Final Design Selected





## Final Site Design:

- Riparian Buffer Restoration
- Use of Open-section roads
- On-lot and common area practices
- Maintenance of natural drainage patterns
- Use of engineered swales

# Code and Ordinance Barriers

- DOT/County hesitant to allow C&G redux
- PC Review required for cluster
- County hesitant to allow on-lot measures
- Special variance required for C&G redux
- Confusion over design standards
- Requirements much more rigorous than conventional approaches
- DOT entrance requirements required redesign of cluster

# Innovative Site Design Case Study

# Innovative Solutions

Innovative Site Design

Municipal Programs:

- Fee-in-lieu Programs
- Pro-rata

Cooperative off-site facilities (developer driven)

Nutrient Banking

State or Trust-administered Fund

# Site Design Example

Pretreatment with LID Practices

Enhanced Forebays

Stormwater Regional Pond Restoration

Stream Day-lighting and Restoration

Riparian Buffer Restoration



# Dam Rehabilitation





# Spillway Rehabilitation





# Stream Daylighting





# Stream Daylighting





# Riparian Buffer Restoration





# Site Design Case Study

## Results

- Expedited Permitting Process
- More Flexible Site Design
- Erosion Hazard Eliminated
- Excess Credits for use in sub-watershed
- Downstream Systems Restored
- Water quality from 200+ acres of contributing area retrofitted
- Project is self-mitigating

# Trading Case Study

# Trading Concepts

Source Sector  
Trading

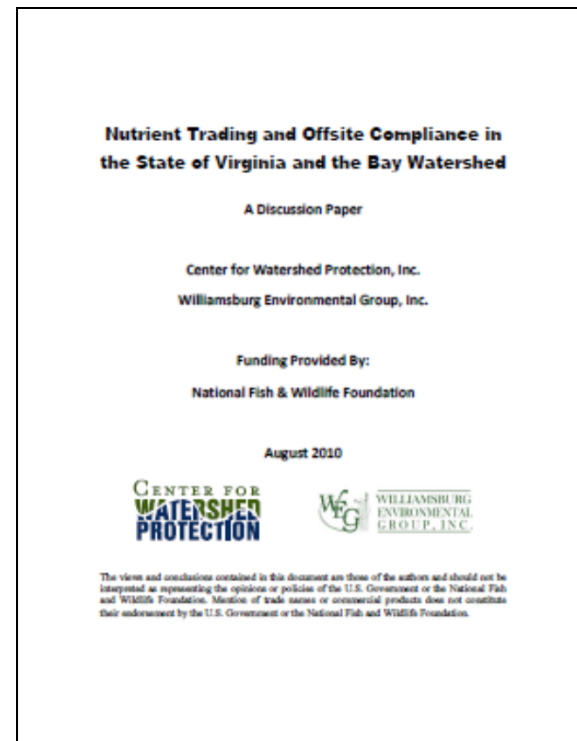
In-kind trading

Credits vs. Offsets

Technologies may  
vary

'Additionality'

Trading Ratios



# *Nutrient Trading in a Nutshell*

Local/Regional/National watershed protection/improvement initiatives

- Ambitious surface water quality improvement targets

Costs of on-site treatment are growing/disproportionate

“Coin of the realm” varies

Trading Programs are gaining favor throughout U.S.

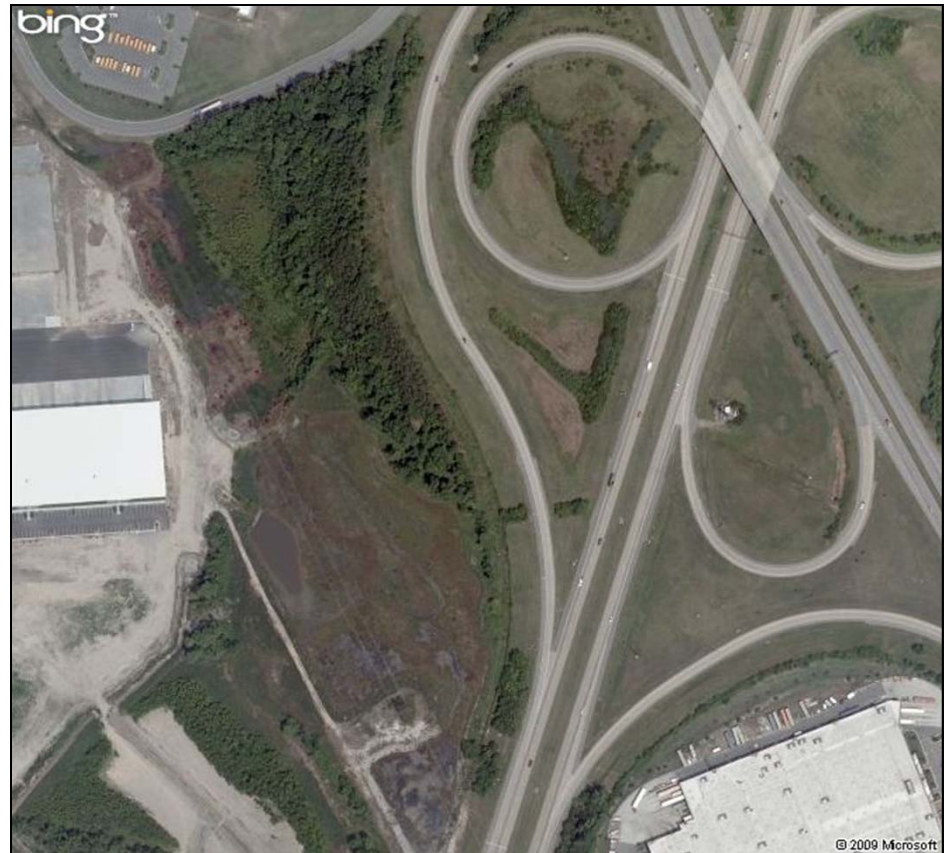
Credits derived from treatment, land conversion, reduction of existing discharges



PHOSPHORUS LOADS TO THE BAY BY STATE			
(Annually, in millions of pounds)			
State	1985	2008	Target
District of Columbia	1.28	0.14	0.13
Delaware	0.53	0.34	0.28
Maryland	6.27	3.10	3.04
New York	1.26	0.83	0.56
Pennsylvania	5.73	3.98	3.16
Virginia	12.42	7.18	7.05
West Virginia	0.93	0.72	0.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>28.42</b>	<b>16.29</b>	<b>14.84</b>

# Project Example

- Utility company RE group
- Studied 8000-ac watershed
- Review WQ improvement objectives
- Inventory Offset Opportunities
- Project Feasibility Review





# Project Example (cont.)

- 3 treatment areas
- Opportunities focused on marginal, flood-prone land under overhead transmission line
- 10 Ac (+/-) of treatment wetlands
- Credits - Offset 1 square mile of developed land
- **Value of Credits**  
~ \$3-6,000,000
- Credits utilized w/in  
~3 yrs of credit availability



# Permeable Pavement and Bioretention Issues/Case Studies

# Background and Why: The Need

- Conflicts in Standards and Special Provisions
  - design vs. construction oriented
  - functional component variations among BMPs
- Standardize BMPs for large agency
  - reduce design/construction cost
  - greater consistency across state
  - reduce confusion & errors
  - lower long term maintenance and cost

# Background and Why: The Need

- Bioretention Soil Media Testing Conflicts
  - Chemical and physical parameters have a push/pull; meeting all constituents can be difficult. (e.g. high sand & low P conc.)
  - Project hold-ups: failure of vendor media to pass 3<sup>rd</sup> party soil tests OR confusion as to which version of standard to use.
- Porous Pavement
  - Lack of endorsed DOT standard
  - Growing desire in industry to promote porous pavements
  - Growing experience base of installers/materials vendors

# Approach and Framework

- Stormwater BMP Stds & Specs
  - Insertable Sheet:
    - Provide standard and consistent format for designers to complete, for inclusion in overall construction plan sets
  - Special Provisions:
    - Create standard specification for BMP materials, installation procedures, inspection and approval process, measurement and payment
  - Construction Documentation vs. Design
  - Incorporate existing VDOT Road & Bridge Standards & Specs where possible
  - Utilize Existing VDOT Processes and Formats

# Approach and Framework


- VDOT Road & Bridge Stds & Specifications

## SECTION 100


### DRAINAGE ITEMS

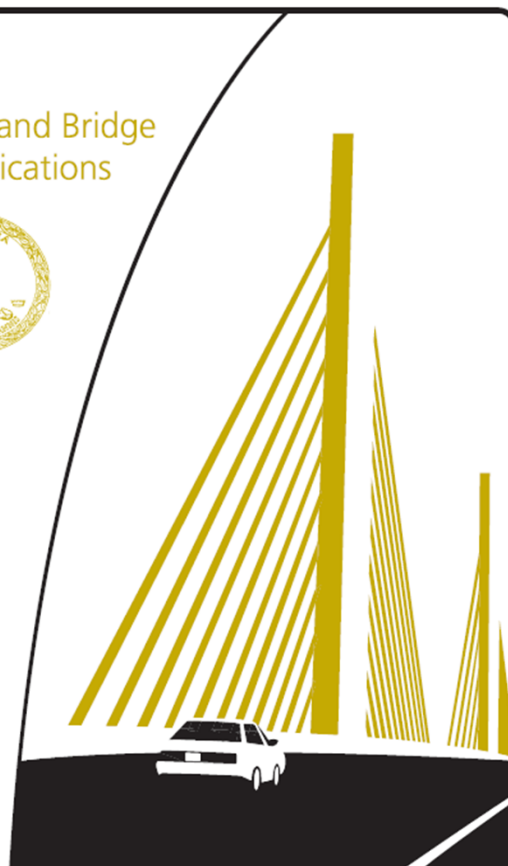
STANDARD	TITLE	PAGE
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<small>ROAD AND BRIDGE STANDARDS</small>		
<small>SHEET 6 OF 6</small> <small>100.06</small>	<small>REVISION DATE</small> <small>04/09</small>	

**2007**  
Road and Bridge  
Specifications






**Virginia Department  
of Transportation**

# Approach and Framework

- Ex. VDOT Road & Bridge Stds & Specs

## New SWM-8 Dry Swale Special Provision:

“All drainage structures and pipe shall conform to Section 232, unless otherwise specified and approved by VDOT.”



## Existing VDOT RnB Specifications

### SECTION 232—PIPE AND PIPE ARCHES

#### 232.01—Description

These specifications cover materials used for the conveyance of water, including drainage, storm water, sanitary systems, and waste water.

#### 232.02—Detail Requirements

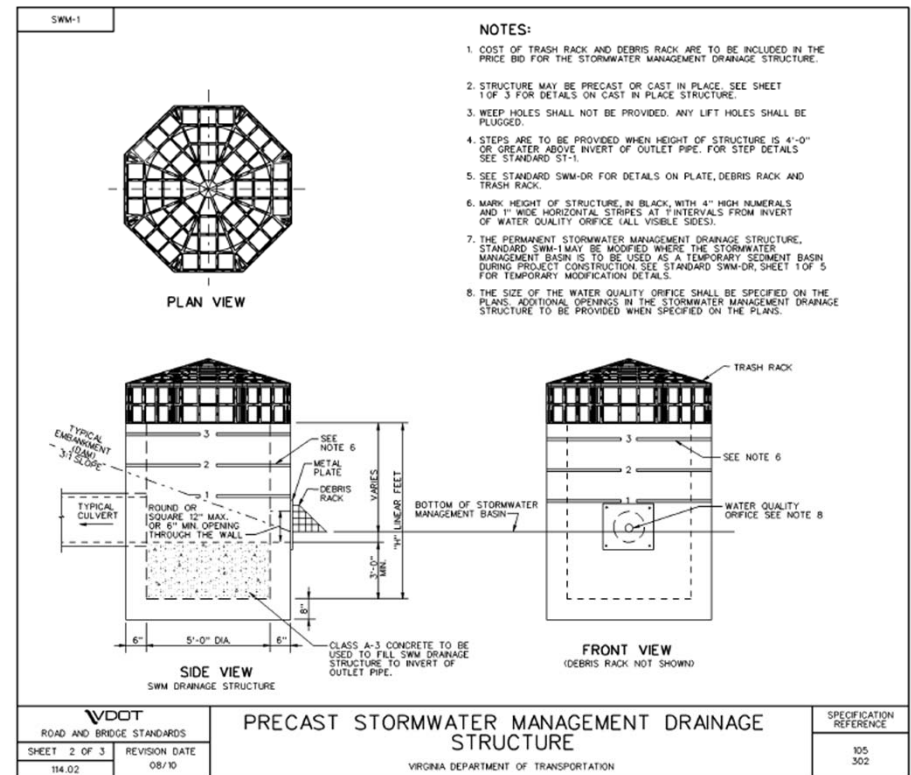
The Contractor shall obtain and provide from his supplier a quality control plan acceptable to the Department for determination of conformance with the applicable requirements in the production of concrete and corrugated metal culvert and underdrain pipe.

##### (a) Concrete Pipe:

- Concrete pipe for culverts and sewers shall be circular or elliptical in cross-section, either plain concrete or reinforced concrete, and of the modified tongue-and-groove de-

## SECTION 100

### DRAINAGE ITEMS





# Stormwater BMPs

- List of DRAFT Stormwater BMP Insertable Sheets & Special Provisions
  - SWM-2: Sheet Flow to Vegetated Filter Strip
  - SWM-3: Grass Channel
  - SWM-4: Soil Compost Amendments
  - SWM-5: Permeable Pavement
  - SWM-6 Infiltration Practices
  - SWM-7: Bioretention
  - SWM-8: Dry Swale
  - SWM-9: Wet Swale
  - SWM-10: Filtering Practice
  - SWM-11: Constructed Wetland
  - SWM-12: Sediment Basin/Trap Conversion to Bioretention
  - SWM-MISC: Stormwater Miscellaneous
  - SWM-PP: BMP Plant Palette
- Associated Material
  - Virginia Test Method for Bioretention Soil Media
  - Pre-approved Porous Asphalt Mix Designs and specifications
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# Stormwater BMPs

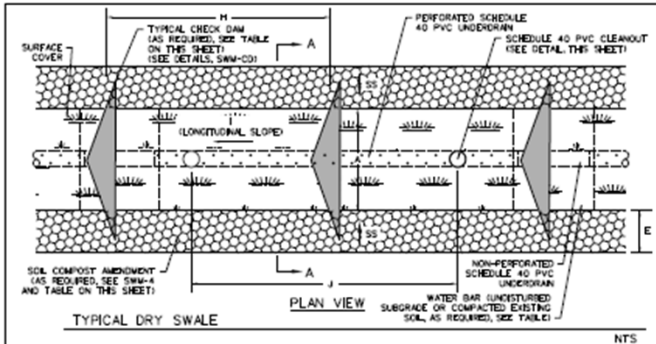
- Format of BMP Insertable Sheets
  - Plan View
  - Profile
  - Cross-Section
  - Material and Sizing Tables
    - Dimensioning/Depths
    - Elevations/Inverts of BMP/pipes
    - Aggregate Type and Size
  - Direct Reference to Spec Provisions, Field Quality Control Procedures, Maintenance Schedule and Procedure

# SWM-8 Dry Swale Insertable Sheet

PROJECT MANAGER / XXXXXXXX  
 SURVEYED BY / XXXXXXXX  
 DESIGN SUPERVISED BY / XXXXXXXX  
 REVIEWED BY / XXXXXXXX

## SWM-8 DRY SWALE

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- SPECIAL PROVISION FOR DRY SWALE.
- SPECIAL PROVISION FOR SOIL COMPOST AMENDMENTS.
- SPECIAL PROVISION FOR STORMWATER MISCELLANEOUS.

**GENERAL NOTES**

- CONSTRUCTION OF THE DRY SWALE, ENGINEERED SOIL MEDIA, UNDERDRAINS AND SOIL COMPOST AMENDMENTS SHALL ONLY BEGIN AFTER THE ENTIRE CONTRIBUTING DRAINAGE AREA HAS BEEN STABILIZED WITH VEGETATION OR FINAL PAVEMENT.
- FINISHED GRADES SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM OF 3% OF TOPSOIL WHERE ANY PLANTING IS PROPOSED, UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.
- ALL MATERIALS AND PROCEDURES TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH VDOT ROAD AND BRIDGE SPECIFICATIONS AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS.
- SEE CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS FOR SPACING AND LAYOUT OF UNDERDRAINS.
- SEE SWM-PT FOR PRETREATMENT OPTIONS.

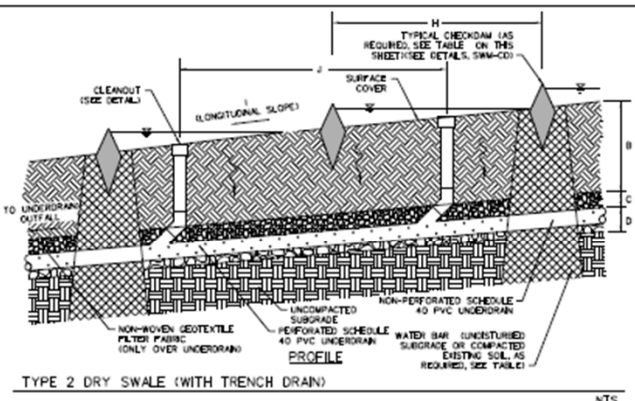
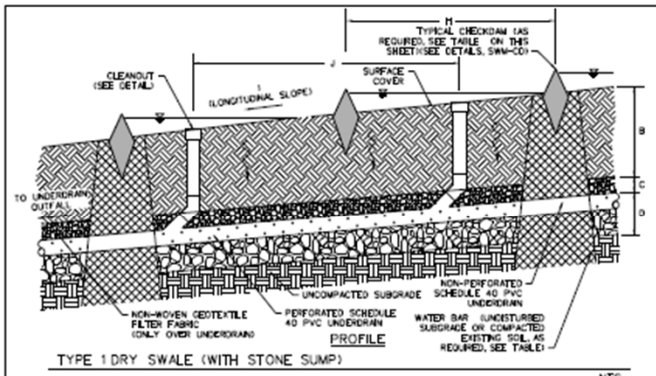
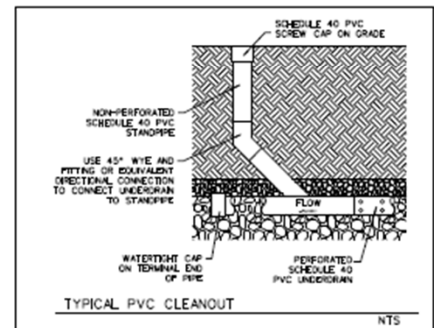
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**FIELD QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURE**

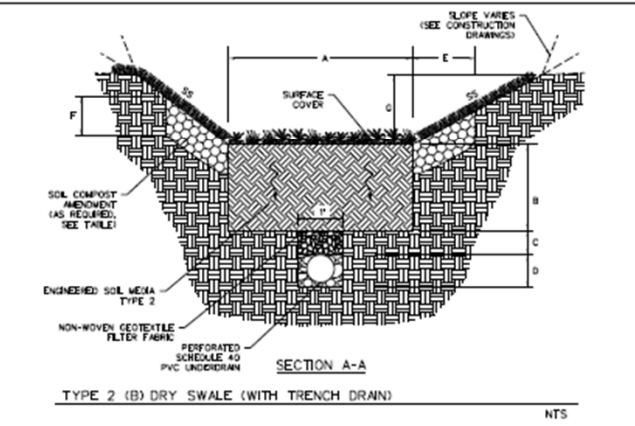
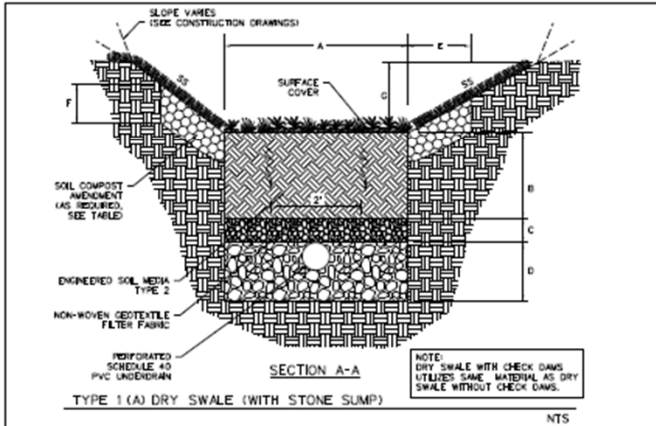
QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURE SHALL BE FOLLOWED, SEE VDOT PROCEDURE FOR PRE, DURING AND POST-CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS.

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**TABLE: DRY SWALE DIMENSIONING TABLE (DSDT)**

ELEMENT	UNIT	DIMENSION	NOTES
A	SWALE BOTTOM WIDTH	FT	
B	DRY SWALE SOIL MEDIA DEPTH	IN	
C	CHOKER DEPTH	IN	VOOT #3 STONE
D	SUMP DEPTH	IN	VOOT #57 STONE
YES	SOIL COMPOST AMENDMENT		SEE SWM-4
NO			
E	SOIL COMPOST AMENDMENT WIDTH	FT	AS REQUIRED
F	SOIL COMPOST AMENDMENT INCORPORATION DEPTH	IN	AS REQUIRED
G	SWALE DEPTH	FT	
H	CHECK DAM SPACING	FT	
I	LONGITUDINAL SLOPE	% SLOPE	
J	CLEANOUT SPACING	FT	
SS	SIDE SLOPES	FT/FT	MAX 3:1, 5:1 (PROHIBITED UP TO SWALE DEPTH (G))
YES	WATER BAR SPACING	FT	
NO			



**DRY SWALE MEDIA/MATERIAL**

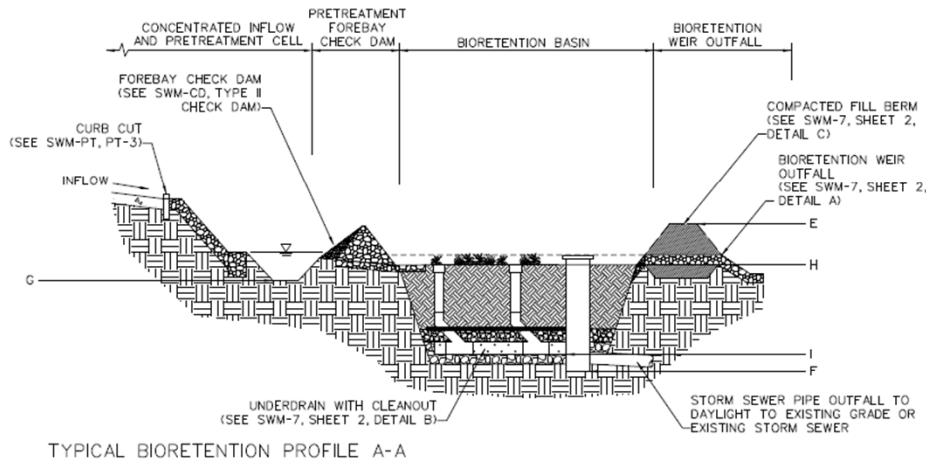
CHECK DAM	TYPE	NEED HOLES AS REQUIRED
SCHEDULE 40 UNDERDRAIN	3/4 (IN)	UNDERDRAIN TO BE POSITIONED IN UPPER PORTION OF SUMP LAYER
SURFACE COVER		SEE PLANTING PLAN

\*DIMENSIONS IN THIS TABLE TO BE COMPLETED BY DESIGN ENGINEER

PROJECT	SHEET NO.
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# SWM-7 Bioretention

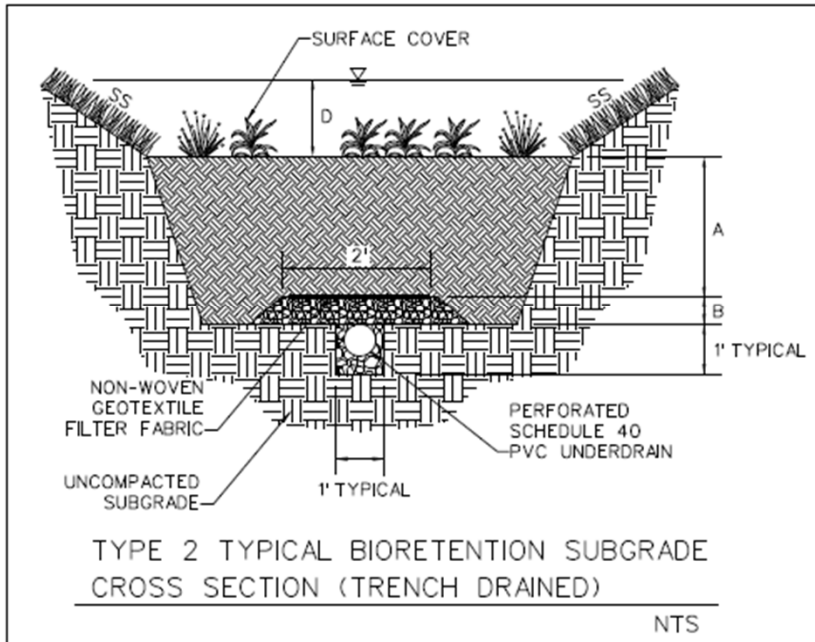
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TABLE: BIOFILTER SUBGRADE DIMENSIONING TABLE (BSDT)			
ELEMENT	UNIT	DIMENSION	NOTES
A	BIORETENTION SOIL MEDIA DEPTH	IN	INCLUDES MULCH (IF SPECIFIED)
B	CHOKER LAYER	IN	MINIMUM 3" DEPTH
C	SUMP LAYER	IN	
D	DEPTH OF PONDING	IN	
SS	SIDE SLOPES	FT/FT	3:1 MAXIMUM
	SURFACE AREA OF FILTER BED	SF	
BIORETENTION ELEVATIONS			
ELEMENT	ELEVATION		NOTES
E	TOP OF BERM ELEVATION		
F	BOTTOM OF TRENCH SUMP		
G	PRETREATMENT FOREBAY / CELL ELEVATION		
H	BIORETENTION BED SURFACE ELEVATION		
I	UNDERDRAIN INVERT		
BIORETENTION MEDIA/MATERIAL			
	HIGH IN SUMP		
	LOW IN SUMP	UNDERDRAIN	DIA PERFORATED SCHEDULE 40 PVC
	MULCH	SURFACE COVER	IN SEE PLANTING PLAN
	NO MULCH		
		SUMP LAYER	STONE SIZE
		CHOKER LAYER	STONE SIZE
		PVC CLEANOUT	DIA SEE CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS FOR LOCATION AND QUANTITY
		UNCOMPACTED SUBGRADE SOIL	AVOID COMPACTION OF SUBGRADE; RIPPING/TILLING MAY BE REQUIRED IF COMPACTED; LINER MAY BE REQUIRED OVER STRUCTURAL FILL
BIORETENTION OUTFLOW TYPE			
	SWM RISER OUTFALL		SEE VDOT ROAD/BRIDGE STANDARDS
	BIORETENTION WEIR OUTFALL		SEE SWM-7, SHEET 2, DETAIL A

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# SWM-5 Permeable Pavement

## SWM-5 PERMEABLE PAVEMENT (PARKING LOTS)

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 SURVEYED BY: ---  
 DESIGN SUPERVISED BY: B. Douglas Robinson, P.E., 012-520-6999  
 DESIGNED BY: Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. 012-520-6999

REVISED	STATE	ROUTE	PROJECT	SHEET NO
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DESIGN FEATURES RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION OR TO REGULATION AND CONTROL OF TRAFFIC MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE DEPARTMENT

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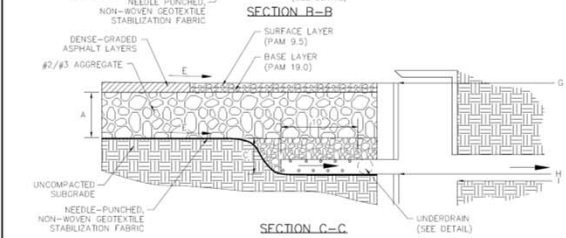
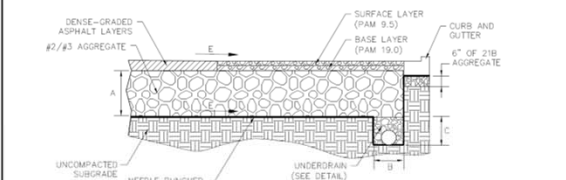
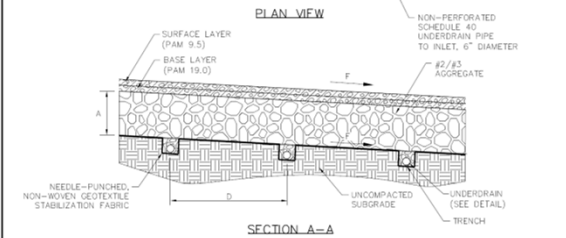
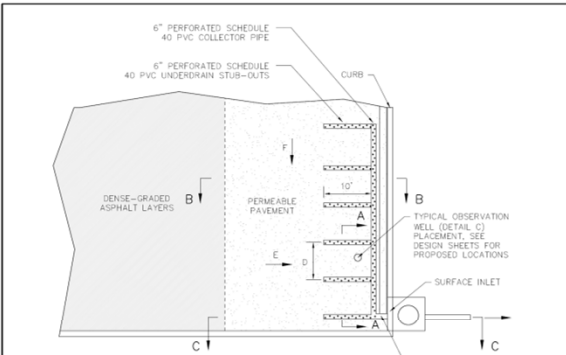
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- SPECIAL PROVISION FOR NEEDLE-PUNCHED, NON-WOVEN GEOTEXTILE STABILIZATION FABRIC.
- SPECIAL PROVISION FOR LOW PERMEABILITY LINERS FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES.
- SPECIAL PROVISION STORMWATER MISCELLANEOUS.
- SPECIAL PROVISION FOR POROUS ASPHALT MIXTURES.



TYPICAL DETAIL: PERMEABLE PAVEMENT NTS

TABLE: PERMEABLE PAVEMENT DIMENSIONING TABLE (PPDT)

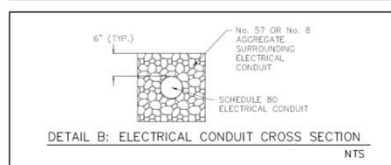
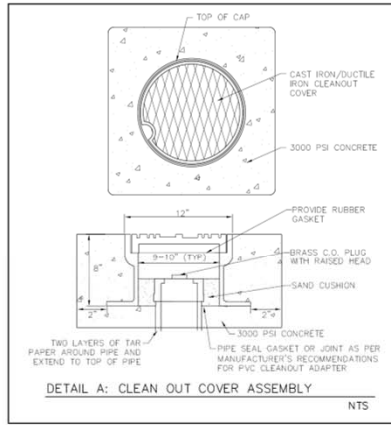
ELEMENT	UNIT	DIMENSION	NOTES
A	RESERVOIR LAYER THICKNESS	IN	18" MINIMUM
B	TRENCH WIDTH	IN	12" TYP.
C	TRENCH DEPTH	IN	12" TYP.
D	UNDERDRAIN STUB SPACING	FT	
E	LONGITUDINAL SLOPE	% SLOPE	
F	CROSS SLOPE	% SLOPE	

\*DIMENSIONS TO BE COMPLETED BY DESIGN ENGINEER  
 \*ALL MATERIALS TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PERMEABLE PAVEMENT SPECIAL PROVISION AND ROAD AND BRIDGE SPECIFICATIONS.

TABLE: PERMEABLE PAVEMENT ELEVATION TABLE (PPET)

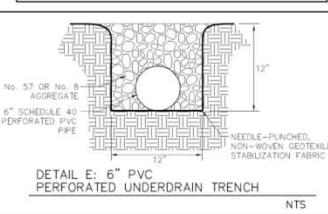
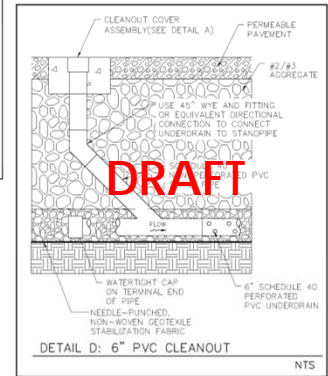
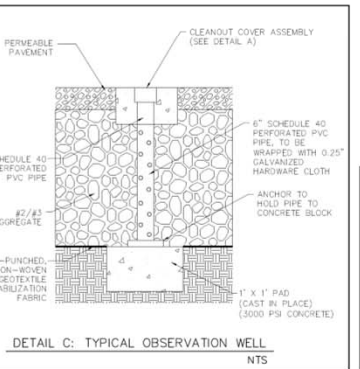
THRESHOLD TYPE	ELEVATION	NOTES
G	SURFACE INLET, INVERT IN	
H	PERMEABLE PAVEMENT UNDERDRAIN OUTLET, INVERT IN	
I	INLET, INVERT OUT	MINIMUM 6" BELOW

\*ELEVATIONS TO BE COMPLETED BY DESIGN ENGINEER



### GENERAL NOTES

- THIS SHEET IS FOR A LEVEL 1 PERMEABLE ASPHALT DESIGN WITH UNDERDRAINS ONLY. A LEVEL 1 DESIGN ASSUMES NO INFILTRATION OF STORM WATER INTO THE SUBGRADE.
- MAXIMUM LONGITUDINAL SLOPE OF PARKING SURFACE IS 1%. MAXIMUM CROSS SLOPE OF PARKING SURFACE IS 0.5%. MAXIMUM BOTTOM SLOPE OF PAVEMENT STRUCTURE AT SUBGRADE SURFACE IS 1%. MINIMUM UNDERDRAIN SLOPE IS 0.5% AND A MAXIMUM SLOPE OF 1%.
- A LAYER BETWEEN PERMEABLE PAVEMENT AND RESERVOIR MAY BE PROVIDED, HOWEVER WILL BE INCIDENTAL AND FOR THE PURPOSES OF MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT WILL NOT BE AN EXTRA PAY ITEM. IF A BEDDING LAYER IS PROVIDED, ASTM D448 No. 57 OR No. 8 AGGREGATE SHALL BE USED TO CHECK THE SURFACE OF THE RESERVOIR LAYER FOR PAVEMENT PLACEMENT. MAXIMUM BEDDING LAYER THICKNESS IS 1".
- UNDERDRAIN PERFORATIONS TO BE > OR = TO 0.5"; ANY BENDS IN PIPE SUCH AS CLEAN-OUT TO UNDERDRAIN SHALL BE NO MORE THAN A 45 DEGREE ANGLE. PERFORATED PIPES SHALL TRANSITION TO SOLID PIPE BEFORE EXITING STONE RESERVOIR. NO PERFORATED PVC WILL BE WITHIN 1' OF THE SURFACE.
- INSTALLATION OF PERMEABLE PAVEMENT WILL BE LAST STEP IN OVERALL SITE CONSTRUCTION WITH STRIPING TO FOLLOW. ALL LANDSCAPING SHALL BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO INSTALLATION OF PERFORATED PAVEMENT.
- ALL CONTRIBUTING DISTURBED AREAS MUST HAVE REACHED FINAL STABILIZATION PRIOR TO INSTALLATION OF THE RESERVOIR LAYER AND PAVING SURFACE. MATERIAL THAT HAS BEEN CONTAMINATED SHALL BE REMOVED AND REPLACED PROMPTLY BY THE CONTRACTOR AT NO ADDITIONAL EXPENSE TO THE DEPARTMENT. LIKELY INDICATIONS OF CONTAMINATION INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, THE SURFACE BEING CLOUSED BY DIRT OR OTHER FOREIGN MATERIAL OR OBSERVABLE MATERIAL DAMAGED AS IN THE CASES OF LOSS OF MATERIAL STABILITY.
- NO SEDIMENT TRACKING OR DEPOSITION ON PERMEABLE PAVEMENT ALLOWED.
- CONTRACTOR SHALL PREVENT CONTAMINATION OF PERMEABLE PAVEMENT SURFACE.
- HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT SHALL BE PROHIBITED FROM TRAVERSING PERMEABLE PAVEMENT.
- OBSERVATION WELLS, CLEANOUTS, AND UNDERDRAINS TO BE INSTALLED ACCORDING TO LOCATIONS SHOWN ON CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS.
- ALL MATERIALS AND PROCEDURES TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH VDOT ROAD AND BRIDGE SPECIFICATIONS AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS.
- A PERMEABLE PAVEMENT LEVEL 2 SYSTEM WITHOUT UNDERDRAINS MAY BE ACCEPTABLE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND ONLY UPON APPROVAL OF THE ENGINEER. SUCH SYSTEMS MUST CONFORM TO MINIMUM INFILTRATION REQUIREMENT AND TESTING PROCEDURES PRIOR TO AND FOLLOWING CONSTRUCTION.



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# SWM-8 Dry Swale Special Provision

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
SPECIAL PROVISION FOR  
DRY SWALE

**DRAFT** July 1, 2015

- **Format of BMP SP**
  - I. Description
  - II. Materials
  - III. Procedures
  - IV. Tolerance
  - V. Inspection & Maintenance
  - VI. Measurement & Payment

## **I. DESCRIPTION**

This work shall consist of construction, testing inspection and maintenance for dry swale facilities with the requirements herein and in conformity with the lines, dimensions, grades, and thickness as shown on the plans and/or as directed by VDOT. The construction of dry swale facilities shall encompass all activities and materials discussed and specified for explicit proper function of the facilities. Further description and graphical representation is shown on dry swale sheet SWM-8. All referenced sections herein are to the current VDOT Road and Bridge Standards and Specifications, unless otherwise noted.

## **II. MATERIALS**

- (a) Excavation shall consist of the design sub-grade for the facility as well as the grading required to achieve design slopes. All excavation shall conform to Section 303.

# Bioretention Soil Media Specs

Parameter	BMP Clearinghouse	VDOT VTM - 134 DRAFT	NOTES
Sand Content	>75% coarse; see Sieve Table; D10>0.3mm; (D60/D10)<4.0	80-90%; see Sieve Table; D10>0.25mm; (D60/D10)<5.0	VTM specs fine aggregate (sand) and soil fines to be 80-90% fine aggregate; See separate Sieve Distribution Table
Fines	10%-20% w/ clay <=10%	10%-20% w/ clay <=10%	
Organic Content	3%-5% combined mix; dry weight basis	2%-5% overall mix, by weight	
CEC	>5.0 meq/100g	>5.0 meq/100g	Cation Exchange Capacity
Avail. P	5-15 (M1) or 18-40 (M3)	5-15 (M1) or 10-40 (M3)	M1: Mehlich I procedure
Infiltration rate	None	1 in/hr – 8 in/hr	Clrnghouse only requires for native soils; VTM uses multiple wet/dry cycles



# Bioretention Soil Media Specs

- **DRAFT Virginia Test Method (VTM) – 134**

## Bioretention Soil Media Test

- Coordinated with VDOT Materials & Geotechnical Divisions, Vendors/Suppliers, CWP, Virginia Tech, WSSI, and others to develop;
- Scope of VTM:
  - Texture Analysis of mineral soil component (soil fines & fine aggregate);
  - Organic matter content, %, of the bioretention soil media;
  - Cation Exchange Capacity (CEC);
  - Phosphorus (p) adsorption capability
  - Bulk density (to obtain conversion factor between tons and CY)
  - Saturated Hydraulic Conductivity (Ksat)

\*NOTE: All above tests must sample 3 times from different parts of the stockpile, blend, and then test and report 1 result, with exception of Ksat which follows different procedure

# Bioretention Soil Media Specs

- **Virginia Test Method (VTM) – 134**  
**Measuring Hydraulic Conductivity (Ksat)**
  - Annex C: Mesocosm Testing Protocol for Bioretention Soil Media Testing (from Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc. (WSSI) Fairfax, VA)
  - Mesocom: “An experimental tool that integrates relevant structure and functions of existing or proposed site conditions into a controlled laboratory environment.” source: WSSI
  - Wetting/Drying Cycles: Conduct series of cycles to simulate rain/drying conditions and incorporate at least 1 saltwater brine solution into one of the cycles, measuring infiltration rates during each cycle via falling head method
  - Success Criteria: mean overall infiltration rate for each cycle between 1 in/hr and 8 in/hr. If rate for one cycle outside, but returns to range in following cycle or after drying period, media acceptable.

# Bioretention Soil Media Specs

- **Virginia Test Method (VTM) – 134**  
**Measuring Hydraulic Conductivity (Ksat)**

- Process
  - Six (6) representative samples of the bioretention soil media shall be sampled per mini-stockpile method per VDOT Materials Division Manual of Instructions Section 308.05(a)
  - Construct typical soil media profile (with remaining bioretention layers) in lab apparatus
  - Fill apparatus with water until ponding depth of 6 inches obtained
  - Measure time for ponding depth to equal 0.
  - Repeat ponding and falling head test for 2<sup>nd</sup> test cycle.
  - Following 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle, let apparatus dry completely for 36 hours
  - Complete total of 8 cycles
  - Report results for each of 6 soil samples

Table 1. Recommended Testing Cycles

Cycle 1 - Freshwater
Cycle 2 - Freshwater
36 hour Drying Period (minimum)
Cycle 3 - Saltwater Brine Solution <sup>1</sup>
Cycle 4 - Freshwater
96 hour Drying Period (minimum)
Cycle 5 - Freshwater
Cycle 6 - Freshwater
36 hour Drying Period (minimum)
Cycle 7 - Freshwater
Cycle 8 - Freshwater

# BMP Plant Palette

- Plant Types Evaluated
  - Ferns, Grasses & Grasslike, Forbs, Shrubs, Understory Trees, Canopy Trees, Species to Avoid
- Fields Evaluated
  - BMP Type
  - Physiographic Region
  - Hydrologic Zone (tolerance to periodic/regular/permanent inundation)
  - Wetland Indicator Status
  - Moisture (plant preference for optimal growth)
  - Shade Tolerance
  - Salinity Tolerance (sensitive, resistant)
  - Max Height (line of sight, security issues)
  - Leaf Type (year-round or seasonal)
  - pH Range (tolerance to acidic soils)
  - Inundation (permanent inundation depth (inches) tolerance)
  - Bloom Season/Seasonal Interest
  - Notable Fall Foliage
  - Notable Characteristics (flower, color, bark texture, etc.)

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# BMP Plant Palette

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	BMP TYPE	REGION	HYDROLOGIC ZONE	WETLAND INDICATOR STATUS		MOISTURE	SUN/SHADE	SALINITY	MAX HEIGHT	LEAF TYPE	PH RANGE	NUTRITION	BLOOM SEASON/SEASONAL INTEREST												NOTABLE FALL FOLIAGE	NOTABLE CHARACTERISTICS
					AUGR	IMP								DRY	WET	FULL SUN	PART SUN	FULL SHAD	NON-NATIVE	RESISTANT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY		
<b>PERNS</b>																											
<i>Adiantum pedatum</i>	northern maidenhair fern				FACU	FAC				10'																	
<i>Adiantum asplenoides</i>	southern lady fern				FAC	FAC				30'																	
<i>Dennstaedtia punctilobula</i>	hay-scented fern				UPL	FACU				30'																	
<i>Polypodium carolinense</i>	spoonleaf woodfern				FACU	FAC				30'																	
<i>Polypodium virginicum</i>	intermediate woodfern				FACU	FAC				30'																	
<i>Polypodium marginale</i>	marginal woodfern				FACU	FACU				30'																	
<i>Polypodium sensibile</i>	sensitive fern				FACW	FACW				40'																	
<i>Polypodium cinnamomeum</i>	cinnamon fern				FACW	FACW				60'																	
<i>Demissa spectabilis</i>	royal fern				OBL	OBL				60'																	
<i>Rovellia acrostichoides</i>	christmas fern				FACU	FACU				30'																	
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	northern bracken fern				FACU	FACU				40'																	
<i>Thelypteris noveboracensis</i>	New York fern				FAC	FAC				10'																	
<i>Woodsia areolata</i>	netted chain fern				OBL	FACW				30'																	
<i>Woodsia virginica</i>	Virginia chain fern				OBL	OBL				30'											12						
<b>GRASSES &amp; GRASSLIKE PLANTS</b>																											
<i>Agrostis perennans</i>	slough bentgrass				FACU	FACU				40'																	
<i>Andropogon virginicus</i>	broom-sedge bluestem				FAC	FACU				30'																	
<i>Carex cornea</i>	fringed sedge				FACW	OBL				60'																	
<i>Carex lunata</i>	shallow sedge				OBL	OBL				40'											3						
<i>Carex spicata</i>	tussock sedge				OBL	OBL				40'											6						
<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>	fox sedge				FACU	OBL				40'											0						
<i>Chamaenerium angustum</i>	sea oat				FAC	FACU				60'											0						
<i>Chamaenerium laxum</i>	slender wood-oats				FACW	FAC				60'											0						
<i>Dichanthium clandestinum</i>	goatsong				FACW	FAC				60'											0						
<i>Dactylis aegyptia</i>	salgrass				OBL	FACW				10'											2						
<i>Echinochloa obtusa</i>	burnt sorghum				OBL	OBL				30'											3						
<i>Elymus repens</i>	riverbank wild rye				FACW	FACW				60'											0						
<i>Elymus virginicus</i>	Virginia wild rye				FAC	FACW				60'											0						
<i>Glyceria striata</i>	twill mangrass				OBL	OBL				60'											0						
<i>Juncus carolinensis</i>	Canada rush				OBL	OBL				40'											0						
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	soft rush				OBL	FACW				40'											12						
<i>Juncus roemerianus</i>	needlegrass rush				OBL	OBL				40'											6						
<i>Leersia orizoides</i>	rice cutgrass				OBL	OBL				60'											6						
<i>Luzula misciflora</i>	bulrush				NI	NI				0'											0						
<i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i>	hairawn muhly				FAC	FACU				30'											0						
<i>Orthocentrus biuncifolius</i>	black mondo grass				NI	NI				0'											0						
<i>Rhynchospora virginiana</i>	switchgrass				FAC	FAC				72"											0						
<i>Sporobolus vaginatus</i>	tile bluestem				FACU	FACU				40'											0						
<i>Sporobolus vaginatus</i>	common three-square				OBL	OBL				40'											0						
<i>Sporobolus vaginatus</i>	soft stem bulrush				OBL	OBL				120"											12						
<i>Scirpus atrovirens</i>	green bulrush				OBL	OBL				72"											12						
<i>Scirpus cyperinus</i>	woolgrass				OBL	FACW				60"											3						
<i>Scirpus setaceus</i>	rod grass				FACU	FACU				72"											0						
<i>Sporobolus vaginatus</i>	smooth cordgrass				OBL	OBL				84"											12						
<i>Sporobolus vaginatus</i>	big cordgrass				OBL	OBL				120"											2						
<i>Sporobolus vaginatus</i>	salt meadow hay				FACW	FACW				30"											0						
<i>Panicum aquaticum</i>	wild rice				OBL	OBL				60"											30						
<i>Dichanthium dichotomum</i>	cypress panicgrass				FAC	FAC				30"											0						
<i>Dichanthium aegyptium</i>	velvet panicum				FACW	FACW				40"											0						
<b>FORBS</b>																											
<i>Acorus americanus</i>	sweet flag				OBL	OBL				40"											0						
<i>Acorus calamus</i>	European calamus				OBL	OBL				60"											3						
<i>Aegagropilum albidum</i>	white snake-root				FACU	FACU				60"											0						
<i>Alisma subcordatum</i>	water plantain				OBL	OBL				0'											12						
<i>Arundo donax</i>	reeds beard				FACU	FACU				72"											0						
<i>Asarum canadense</i>	Canadian wild ginger				UPL	FACU				0'											0						
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	swamp milkweed				OBL	OBL				60"											0						
<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	common milkweed				---	FAC				70"											0						
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	butterfly milkweed				UPL	UPL				30"											0						
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	false blue indigo				---	FACU				60"											0						
<i>Castilleja alpestris</i>	march marigold				OBL	OBL				24"											0						
<i>Chelone glabra</i>	turtle head				OBL	OBL				40"											2						
<i>Chelone obliqua</i>	red turtlehead				OBL	OBL				30"											0						
<i>Chrysopsis virginiana</i>	green-and-gold				UPL	UPL				12"											0						
<i>Clethra virginica</i>	fragrant bead				FACU	FAC				12"											0						
<i>Conoclinium coelestinum</i>	blue mist flower				FAC	FAC				30"											0						
<i>Cornopsis lanceolata</i>	lanceleaf sciseed				UPL	FACU				28"											0						
<i>Cornopsis flaccida</i>	tall conopsis				FAC	FAC				120"											0						
<i>Cornopsis verticillata</i>	threadleaf conopsis				UPL	UPL				40"											0						
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	purple cone flower				NI	NI				30"											0						
<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	boneset				FACW	FACW				60"											0						

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# BMP Plant Palette

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	BMP TYPE					REGION				HYDROLOGIC ZONE				WETLAND INDICATOR STATUS		MOISTURE			SUN/ SHADE			SALINITY			MAX HEIGHT				
		SOIL COMPOST AMENDMENT	BIORETENTION FACILITIES	DRY SWALE	WET SWALE	CONSTRUCTED WETLAND	WET POND	MOUNTAIN	PIEDMONT	COASTAL	NON-NATIVE	SUBMERGED (1)	SHALLOW WATER (2)	REGULARLY INUNDATED (3)	PERIODICALLY INUNDATED (4)	INFREQUENTLY INUNDATED (5)	NEVER INUNDATED (6)	AGCP	EMP	DRY	MEDIUM	WET	FULL SUN	PART SUN	FULL SHADE (SH)		SENSITIVE	INTERMEDIATE	RESISTANT	
<b>FERNS</b>																														
<i>Adiantum pedatum</i>	northern maidenhair fern																													18"
<i>Athyrium asplenoides</i>	southern lady fern																													36"
<i>Dennstaedtia punctilobula</i>	hay-scented fern																													36"
<i>Dryopteris carthusiana</i>	spinulose woodfern																													30"
<i>Dryopteris intermedia</i>	intermediate woodfern																													30"
<i>Dryopteris marginalis</i>	marginal woodfern																													36"
<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	sensitive fern																													42"
<i>Osmundastrum cinnamomeum</i>	cinnamon fern																													60"
<i>Osmunda claytoniana</i>	interrupted fern																													72"

Plants grouped by ferns, grasses, and forbs

BMP Type

Plant characteristics

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