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Modeling Green Infrastructure Components

- Green infrastructure modeling typically involves a large number of infiltration and/or storage elements in the watershed, both at source areas and at consolidation locations.
- The overall effects between and within these various components are not directly additive and require complete hydraulic, particle size, and pollutant routing.
- Treatment trains at both small and large scales result in preferential removal of large particles in the initial treatment components, leaving more difficult smaller particles to be removed by subsequent treatment operations, for example.
- Detention storage (and infiltration) of runoff volumes distributed throughout the area also enhances the performance of the down gradient stormwater controls.

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Brief History of WinSLAMM

- WinSLAMM began life as a stormwater quality model and focuses on small/intermediate storm hydrology, particulate transport, soil processes in disturbed urban soils, and stormwater quality variability.
- It is not a replacement for large system hydraulic/drainage design models, but can be integrated with many.
- WinSLAMM began as part of the data analysis efforts of EPA stormwater research projects in the early 1970s.
- Extensions to the model were based on Toronto and Ottawa stormwater projects, various state projects, and the EPA's NURP projects in the 1980s.
- Continued modifications in response to resource/regulatory agency requests and on-going research results.
- Recent efforts have focused on green infrastructure benefits in areas served by combined sewers.

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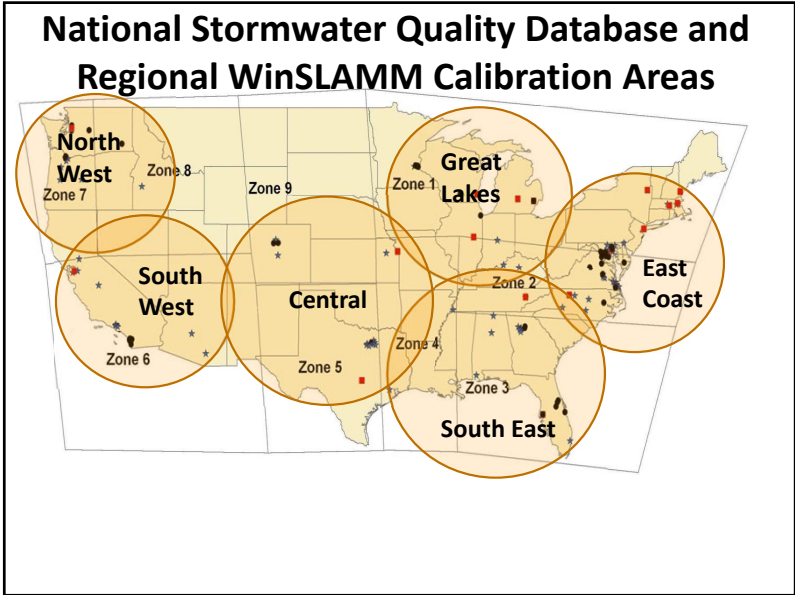
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Features of WinSLAMM Benefiting Green Infrastructure Modeling

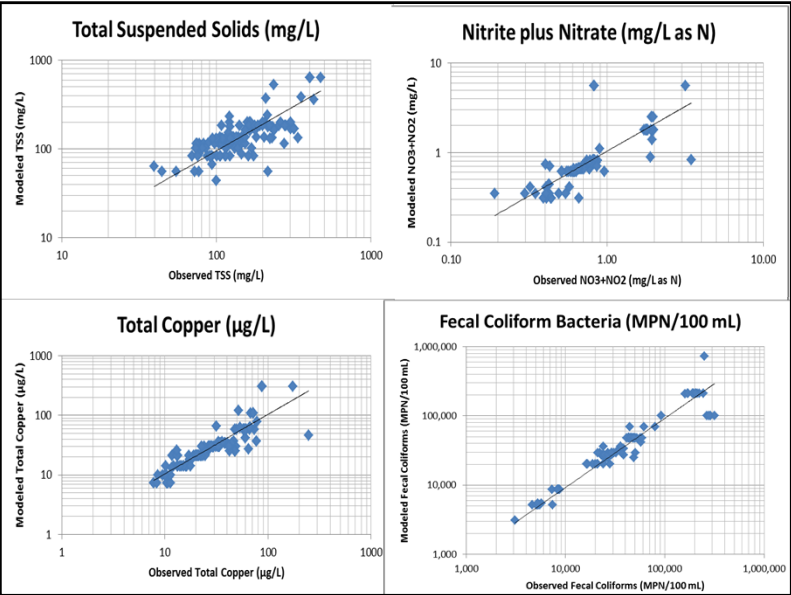
- Performance of stormwater controls are calculated based on actual sizing and other attributes that affect performance; it does not apply a percentage reduction.
- The calculation algorithms for the stormwater controls are based on both theory and extensive field monitoring.
- Version 10 of WinSLAMM incorporates both hydraulic and particle size routing thru and between treatment systems in complex networks.
- Regional water quality calibration files are available for many land uses and most areas of the country based on the National Stormwater Quality Database.

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Stormwater Infiltration Controls Included in WinSLAMM

- Bioretention/biofiltration areas
- Rain gardens
- Porous pavement
- Grass swales and grass filters
- Infiltration basins
- Infiltration trenches
- Green (and blue) roofs
- Rain barrels and water tanks
- Disconnections of paved areas and roofs from the drainage system
- Evapotranspiration and stormwater beneficial use calculations are also available



Also includes: wet detention ponds, street and catchbasin cleaning, and proprietary controls (media filters and hydrodynamic devices)

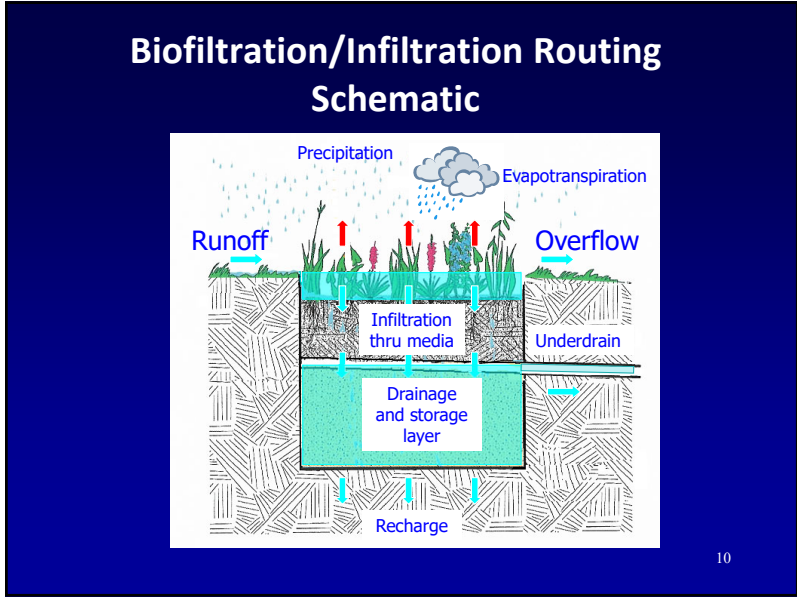
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Rain Garden/Biofilter Input Screen

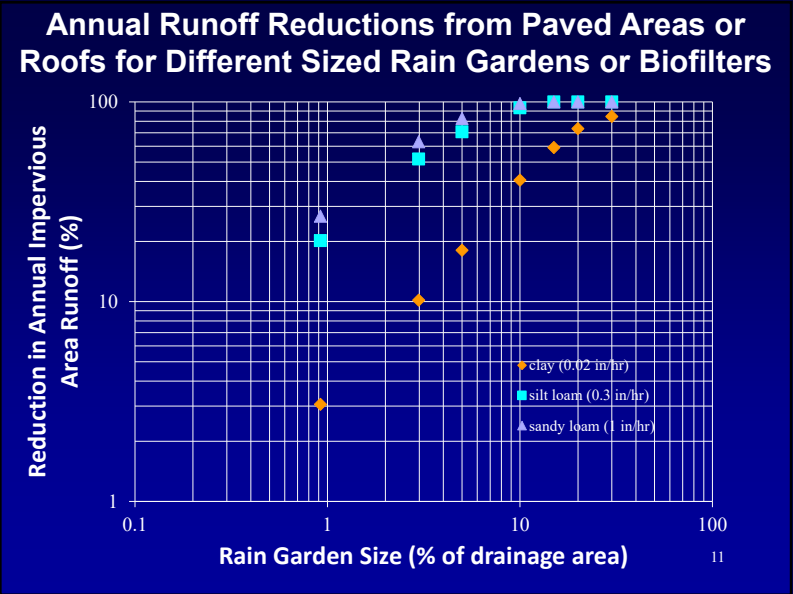
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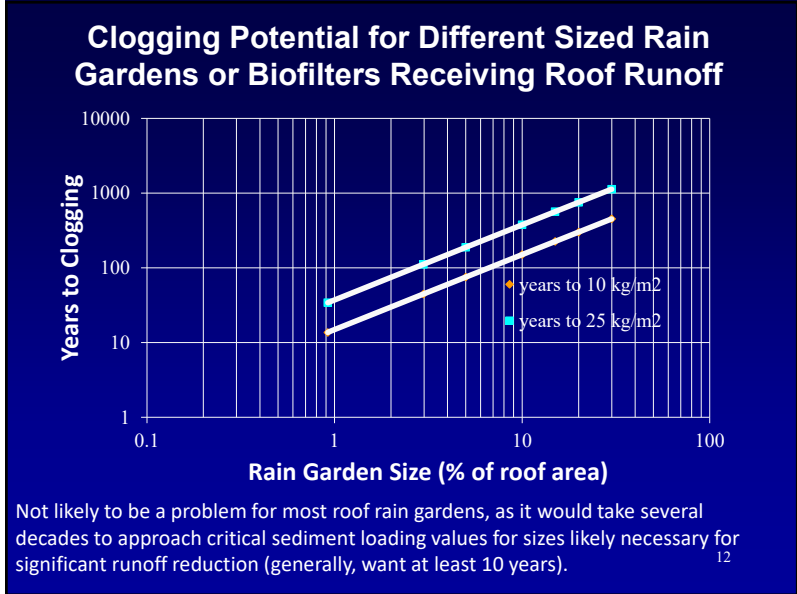
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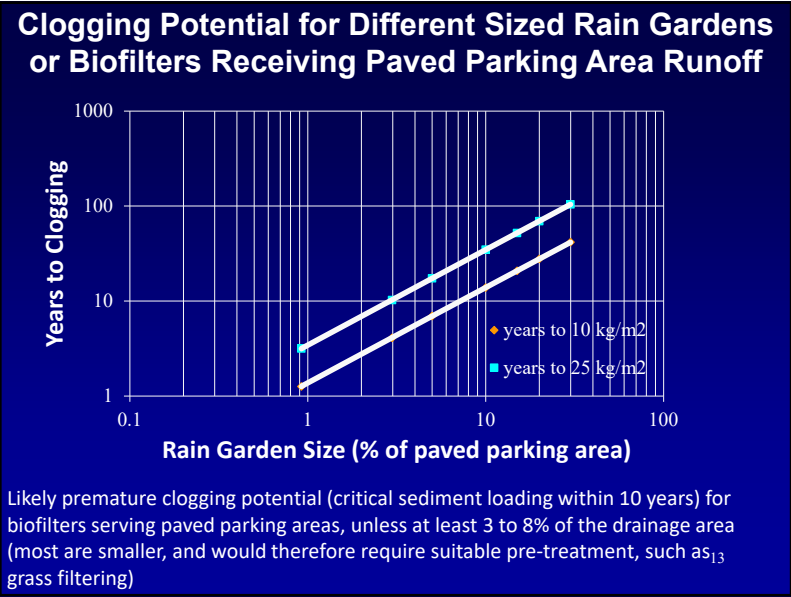
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Water Tank/Cistern/Rain Barrel Beneficial Use of Stormwater Input Screen

Cistern Control Device

First Source Area Control Practice Total Area: 1.870 acres

Land Use: Residential 1 Cistern No. 1

Source Area: Roof 1

Device Properties

Top Surface Area (sf)	
Bottom Surface Area (sf)	25.0
Height to Overflow (ft)	5.00
Rock Filled Depth (ft)	0.00
Rock Fill Porosity (0-1)	0.00
Inflow Hydrograph Peak to Average Flow Ratio	3.80
Number of Devices in Source	50
Area of Land Use	50
Runoff Fraction Entering Devices (0-1)	1.00

Source Area Water Use Rate Multiplier =

Apply Rate Multiplier

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Control Practice #: 5 Land Use #: 1 Source Area #: 1

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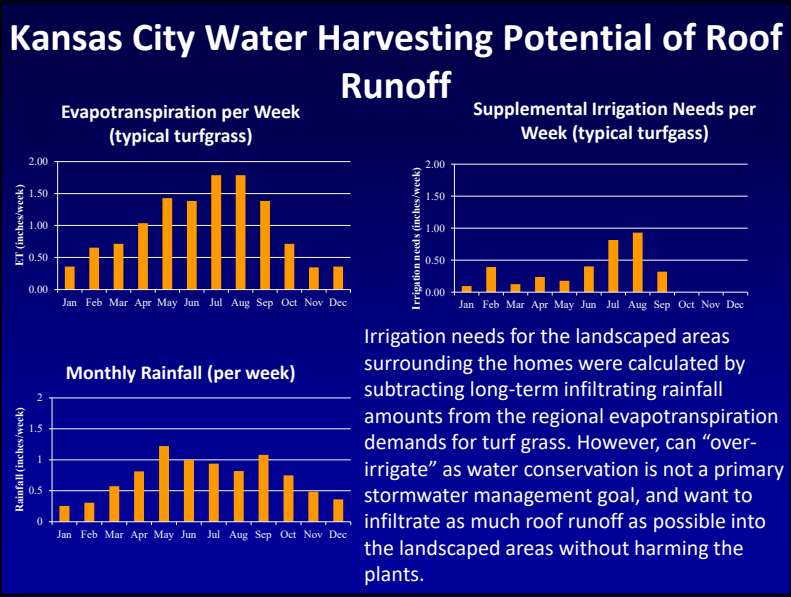
ET Rates can Vary Greatly Over Small Distances, Especially in the West

Our recent WERF report has compilations of various ET databases showing monthly ET values for many regions in the US that can be used to estimate the irrigation needs for stormwater beneficial uses. Some areas have large amounts of ET data (such as CA and FL), while the data are more sparse for other areas.

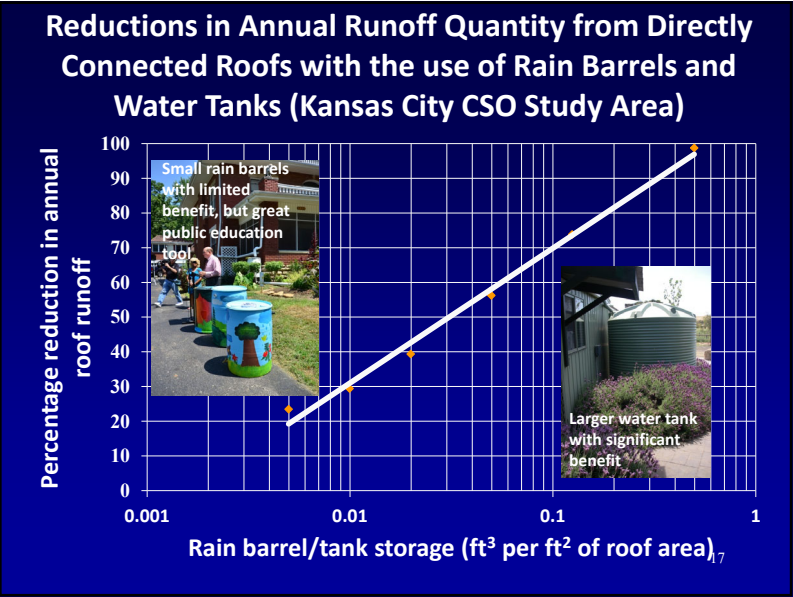
Urban ET values need to be modified based on microclimate factors that differ from typical agricultural areas where ET rates are usually measured.

Lat	Long	Elev	Station Name	Years of Data	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
64.84	-147.62	454	Fairbanks Alaska													
61.08	-149.73	1480	Rabbit Creek Alaska													
57.8	-135.13	450	Hoonah Alaska													
33.44	-86.081	600	Tallahassee Alabama	5	0.07	0.13	0.18	0.24	0.26	0.26	0.25	0.24	0.23	0.21	0.13	0.09
32.96	-87.271	363	Dothan Alabama	7	0.08	0.09	0.13	0.20	0.22	0.25	0.24	0.22	0.21	0.17	0.13	0.08
34.14	-87.362	804	Bankshead Alabama	7	0.06	0.12	0.17	0.24	0.25	0.26	0.25	0.25	0.23	0.20	0.13	0.09
32.45	-85.641	283	Tuskegee Alabama	5	0.08	0.13	0.17	0.24	0.26	0.27	0.25	0.23	0.19	0.13	0.07	
34.76	-90.722	253	Marianna Arkansas	3	0.06	0.07	0.13	0.18	0.21	0.27	0.26	0.25	0.20	0.16	0.11	0.06
34.27	-92.393	276	Sheridan Arkansas	6	0.07	0.12	0.19	0.28	0.31	0.30	0.30	0.28	0.26	0.21	0.15	0.08
36.07	-93.357	2365	Compton Arkansas	2	0.06	0.10	0.15	0.21	0.32	0.38	0.35	0.30	0.24	0.22	0.14	0.06
35.87	-94.297	3633	Strickler Arkansas	6	0.06	0.07	0.12	0.16	0.19	0.23	0.24	0.24	0.20	0.15	0.11	0.07
32.4	-110.27	4175	Muleshoe Ranch AZ	13	0.09	0.15	0.22	0.29	0.35	0.37	0.29	0.29	0.31	0.25	0.16	0.11
35.15	-111.68	7000	Flagstaff Arizona	10	0.06	0.10	0.14	0.18	0.24	0.28	0.28	0.24	0.23	0.18	0.10	0.06
32.32	-110.81	3100	Saguaro Arizona	8	0.12	0.18	0.21	0.29	0.35	0.36	0.30	0.29	0.21	0.26	0.17	0.11

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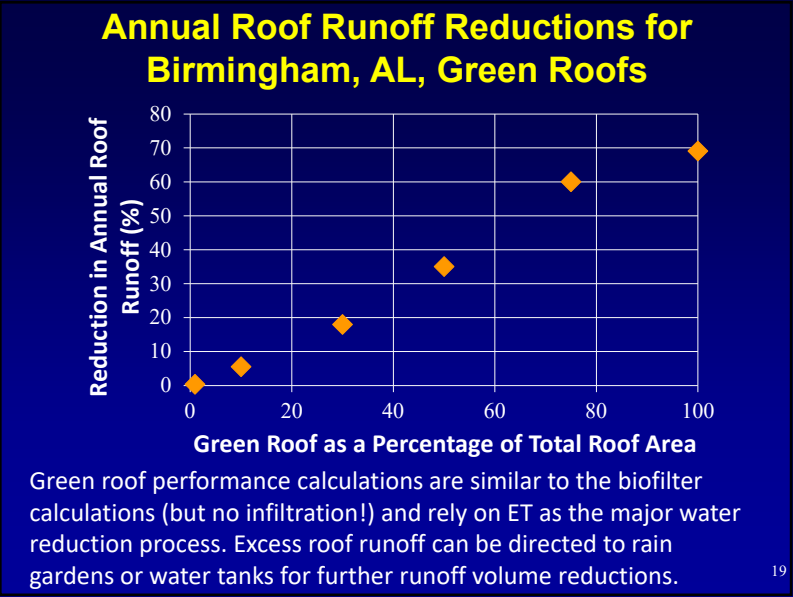
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0.125 ft of storage is needed for use of 75% of the total annual runoff from these roofs for irrigation. With 945 ft² roofs, the total storage is therefore 118 ft³, which would require 25 typical rain barrels per house, way too many! However, a relatively small water tank (5 ft D and 6 ft H) can be used instead.

rain barrel/tank storage per house (ft ³)	percentage reduction in annual roof runoff	# of 35 gallon rain barrels	tank height size required if 5 ft D (ft)	tank height size required if 10 ft D (ft)
0	0	0	0	0
4.7	20	1	0.24	0.060
9.4	31	2	0.45	0.12
19	43	4	0.96	0.24
47	58	10	2.4	0.60
118	75	25	6.0	1.5
470	98	100	24	6.0

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Grass Filter Strips Input Screen

Filter Strip Control Device

Land Use: Institutional 1 Total Area: 2,000 acres
 Source Area: Paved Parking 1 Filter Strip No. 1

First Source Area Control Practice

Device Properties

- Total Area in Source Area (ac): 2,000
- Area Fraction Served by Filter Strips (0-1): 1.00
- Total Filter Strip Length (ft): 0
- Effective Width (ft): 0
- Infiltration Rate (in/hr): 0.000
- Typical Longitudinal Slope (0-1): 0.000
- Typical Grass Height (in): 0.0
- Grass Retardance Factor: Use Stochastic Analysis to account for Infiltration Rate Uncertainty
- Native Soil Infiltration Rate COV:

Select Particle Size File

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Select Native Soil Infiltration Rate

- Sand - 8 in/hr
- Loamy sand - 2.5 in/hr
- Sandy loam - 1.0 in/hr
- Loam - 0.5 in/hr
- Silt loam - 0.3 in/hr
- Sandy silt loam - 0.2 in/hr
- Clay loam - 0.1 in/hr
- Silty clay loam - 0.05 in/hr
- Sandy clay - 0.05 in/hr
- Silty clay - 0.04 in/hr
- Clay - 0.02 in/hr
- Rain Barrel/Cistern - 0.00 in/hr

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Grass Swales Input Screen

Grass Swale Data

Total Drainage Area (ac)	2,000
Fraction of Drainage Area Served by Swales (0-1)	1.00
Swale Density (ft/ac)	360
Total Swale Length (ft) (calculated)	700
Average Swale Length (ft) (calculated)	313
Typical Bottom Width (ft)	3
Typical Swale Side Slope (ft H : 1 ft V)	3
Typical Longitudinal Slope (ft/ft, V/H)	0.05
Swale Retardance Factor	D
Typical Grass Height (in)	3
Swale Dynamic Infiltration Rate (in/hr)	0.25
Typical Swale Depth (ft) for Cost Analysis (Optional)	0.25

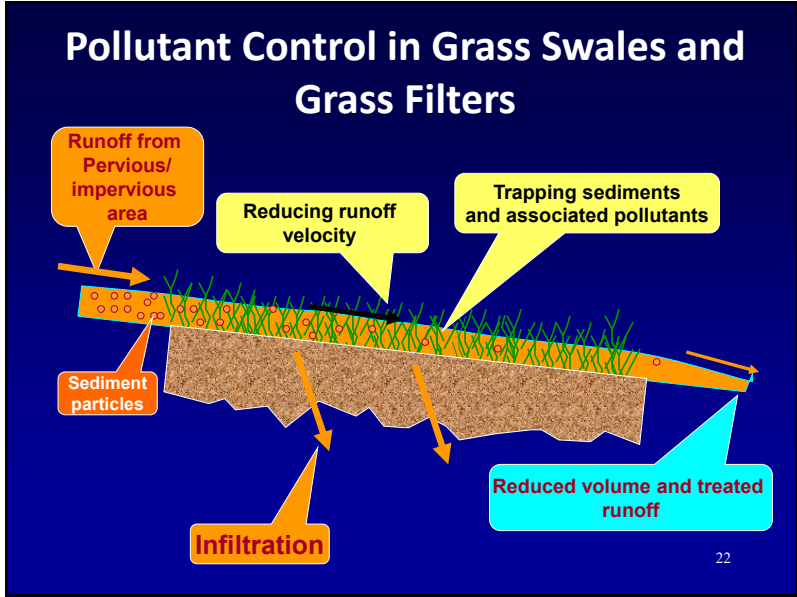
Select infiltration rate by soil

- Sand - 3.0 in/hr
- Loamy sand - 1.25 in/hr
- Sandy loam - 0.5 in/hr
- Loam - 0.25 in/hr
- Silty loam - 0.15 in/hr
- Sandy clay loam - 0.1 in/hr
- Clay loam - 0.05 in/hr
- Silty clay loam - 0.025 in/hr
- Silty clay - 0.025 in/hr
- Clay - 0.01 in/hr

Select Swale Density by Land Use

- Low density residential - 240 ft/ac
- Medium density residential - 350 ft/ac
- High density residential - 375 ft/ac
- Strip commercial - 410 ft/ac
- Shopping center - 90 ft/ac
- Industrial - 260 ft/ac
- Freeways (shoulder only) - 480 ft/ac
- Freeways (center and shoulder) - 540 ft/ac

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Porous Pavement Input Screen

Porous pavement area (acces): 0.575

Inflow Hydrograph Peak to Average Flow Ratio: 3.0

Outlet/Discharge Options

- Perforated Pipe Underdrain Diameter (if used) (inches): 3.00
- Perforated Pipe Underdrain Outlet Invert Elevation (feet, above datum): 9.0
- Number of Perforated Pipe Underdrains (Subgrade Seepage Rate (in/hr) - select below or enter): 1.00
- Use Random Number Generation to Account for Uncertainty in Seepage Rate (Subgrade Seepage Rate CDV): 0.80

Restorative Cleaning Frequency

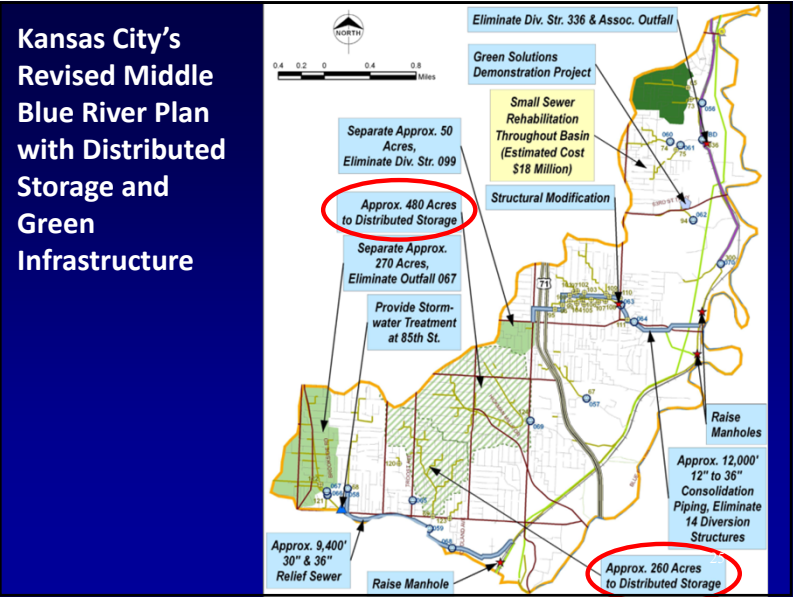
- Never Cleaned
- Three Times per Year
- Semi-Annually
- Annually
- Every Two Years
- Every Three Years
- Every Five Years
- Every Seven Years
- Every Ten Years

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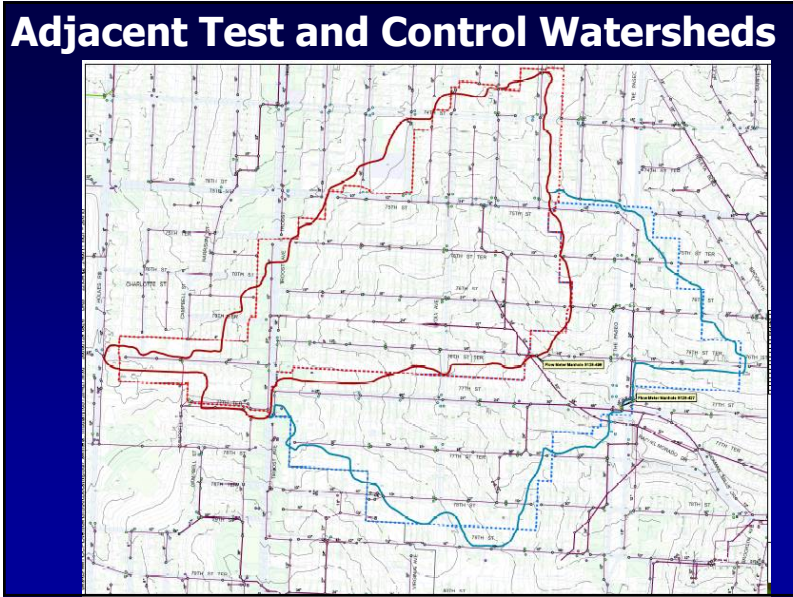
Kansas City's CSO Challenge

- Combined sewer area: 58 mi²
- Fully developed
- Rainfall: 37 in./yr
- 36 sewer overflows/yr by rain > 0.6 in; reduce frequency by 65%.
- 6.4 billion gal overflow/yr, reduce to 1.4 billion gal/yr
- Aging wastewater infrastructure
- Sewer backups
- Poor receiving-water quality

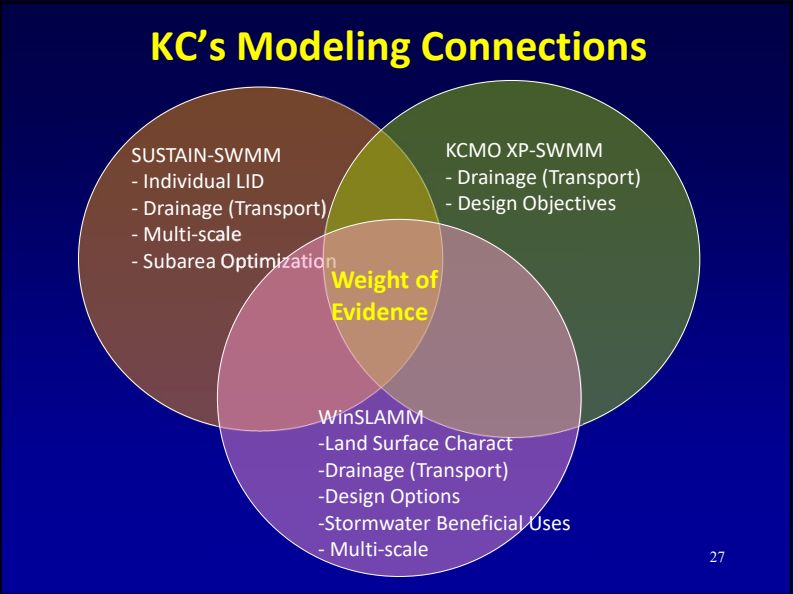
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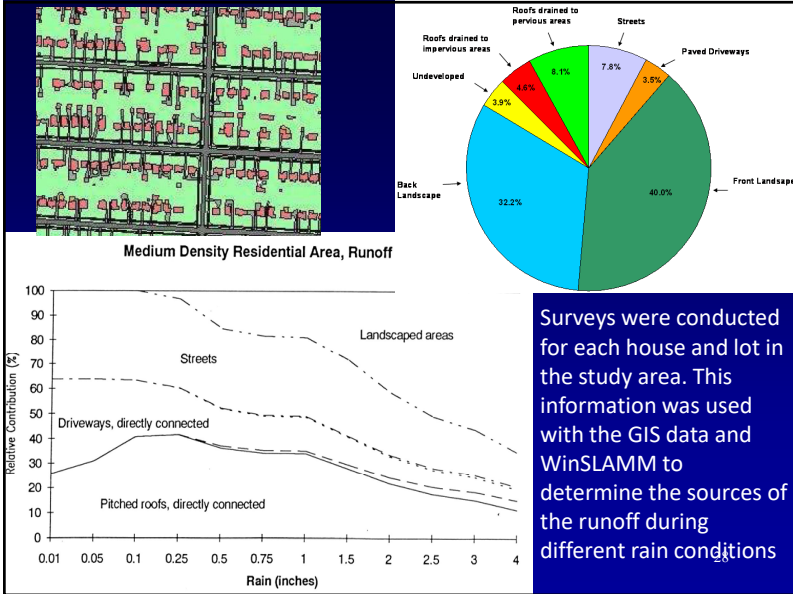
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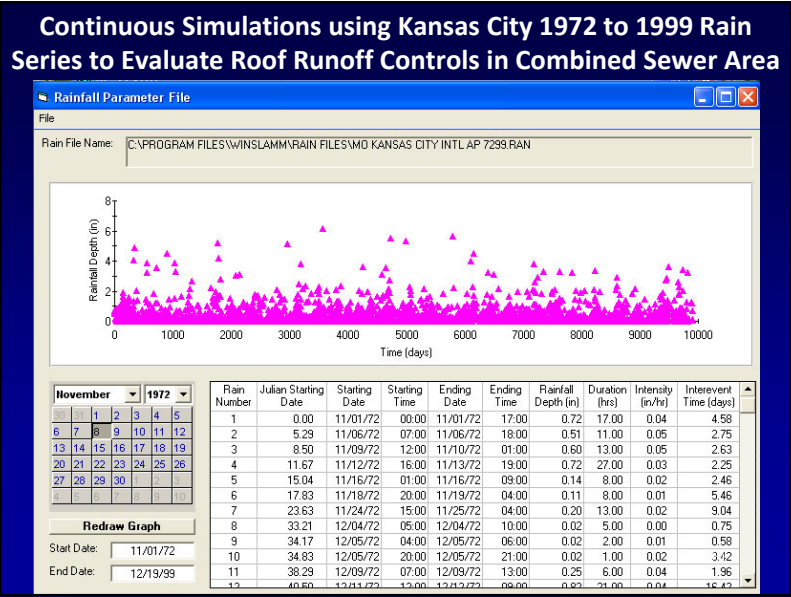
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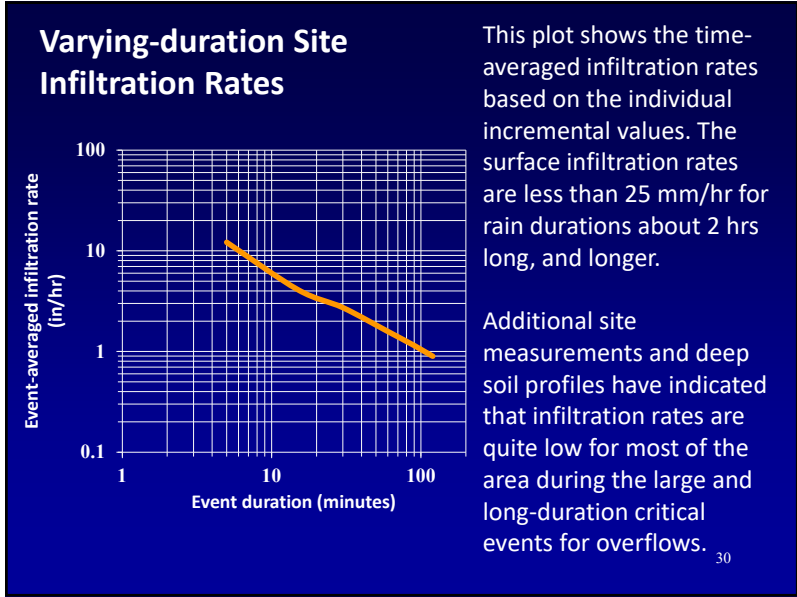
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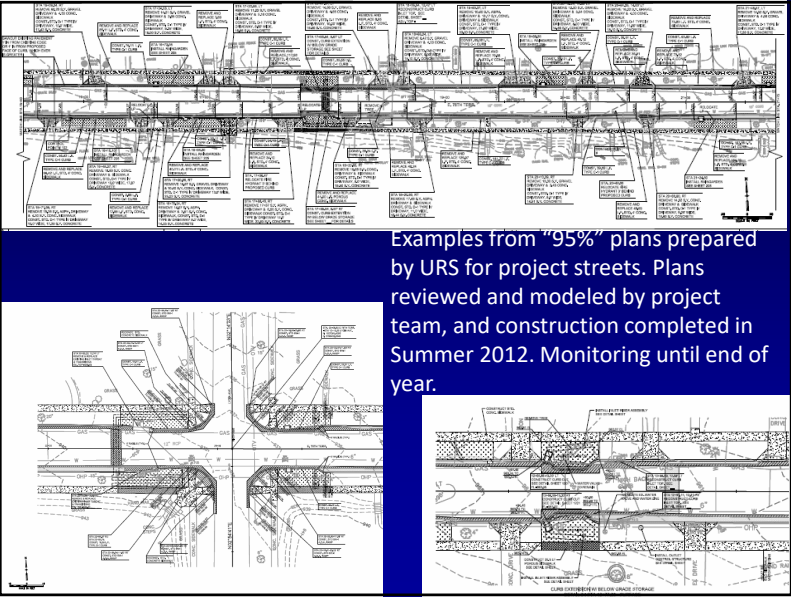
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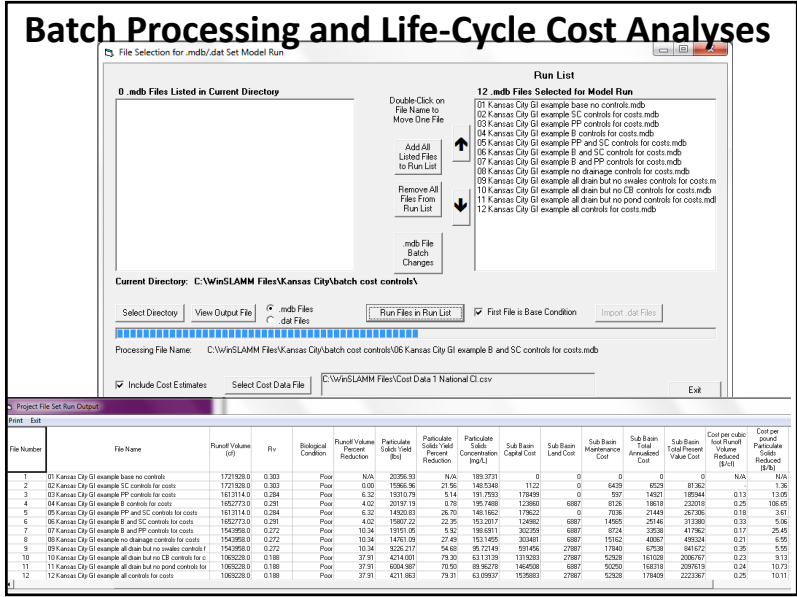
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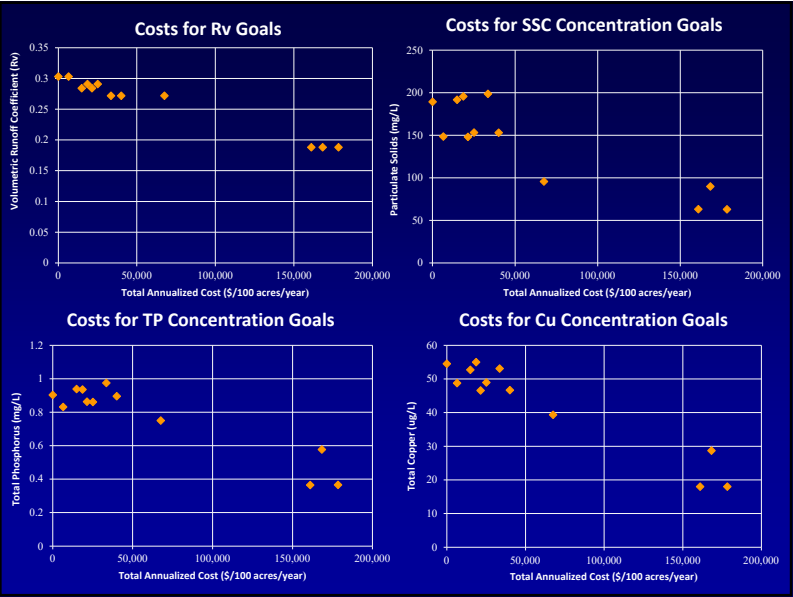
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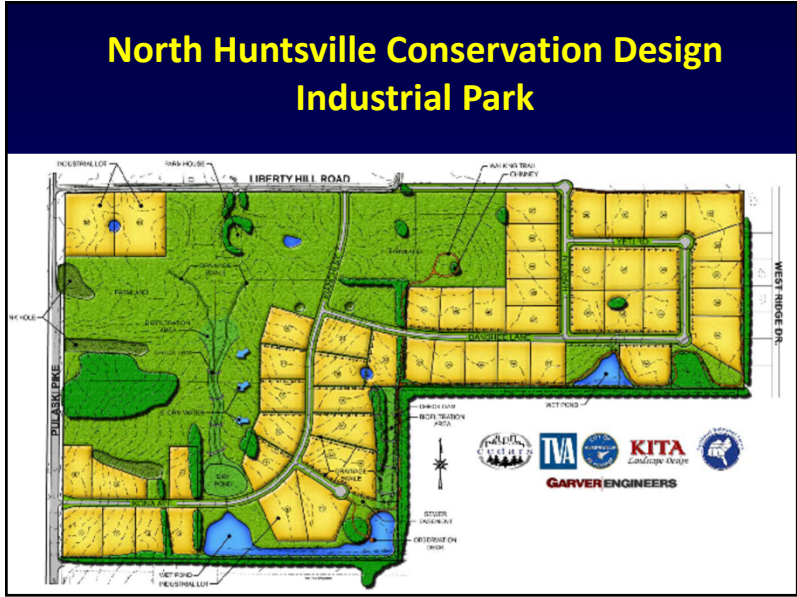
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Aerial Photo of Site under Construction (Google Earth)

- On-site bioretention swales
- Level spreaders
- Large regional swales
- Wet detention ponds
- Critical source area controls
- Pollution prevention (no Zn!)
- Buffers around sinkholes
- Extensive trail system linking water features and open space

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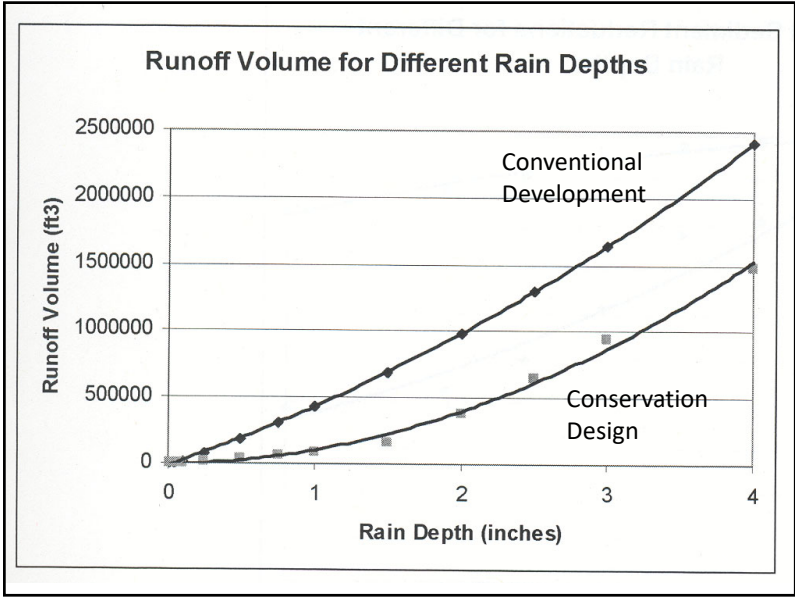
Conservation Design Elements for North Huntsville, AL, Industrial Park

- Grass filtering and swale drainages
- Modified soils to protect groundwater
- Wet detention ponds
- Bioretention and site infiltration devices
- Critical source area controls at loading docks, etc.
- Pollution prevention through material selection (no exposed galvanized metal, for example) and no exposure of materials and products.
- Trail system throughout area.

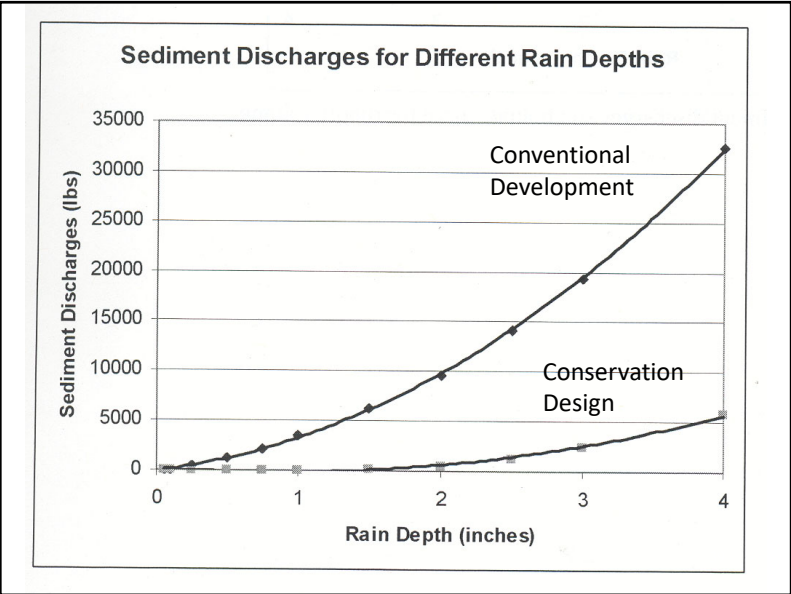
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Millburn, NJ

Dry well disposal of stormwater for groundwater recharge in conjunction with irrigation beneficial uses

- For the past several years, the city of Millburn has required dry wells to infiltrate increased flows from newly developed areas.
- There are some underground water storage tanks now being installed to use stormwater for irrigation.
- Our recent project, supported by the Wet Weather Flow Research Program of the US EPA, is investigating the performance of this shallow groundwater recharge (including groundwater contamination potential) in conjunction with irrigation beneficial uses of the stormwater.

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Nine dry wells were monitored in Millburn, NJ as part of EPA project for long-term hydraulic performance, and six were monitored to examine surface and subsurface water quality conditions.

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This major home restoration project included the installation of underground water storage tanks instead of dry wells. Homes in this neighborhood have summer water bills approaching \$1k/month for landscape irrigation, so the economic benefits of irrigation using stormwater are very good.

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Dry Well Drainage Observations

- Most of the dry wells were dry most of the time during the monitoring period (75 to 98% of the time)
- Standing water was observed at a few sites when sufficient time occurred to allow the water to reach an equilibrium minimum water level (about 3 ft deep). The slow drainage rate may have been caused by saturated conditions from groundwater mounding, or a high water table.
- Several sites experienced periodic slowly draining conditions, mainly in the early spring, that could have been associated with SAR problems associated with high salts from inflowing snowmelt. The slow infiltration rates could be due to poor soils (with the clays resulting in SAR problems), or saturated soil conditions

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Monitored Water Quality below Dry Wells

- Ten rains (0.1 to 9 inches in depth, including Hurricane Irene); median depth 0.15 inches.
- Three dry wells were monitored (along with one cistern).
- TN, NO₃, TP, COD, Cu, Pb, Zn, enterococci, *E. coli* for all events and pesticides/herbicides for one event.
- No significant differences in the paired sample concentrations for the dry wells.
- Bacteria and lead may exceed New Jersey groundwater disposal guidelines.

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Conclusions

- There are a large number of infiltration-based stormwater controls that can be applied to a variety of land uses to reduce the volume and rates of stormwater discharged to combined sewers.
- Beneficial uses of stormwater can also be a useful tool to reduce these discharges, while still conserving important resources.
- Continuous WinSLAMM simulations can calculate the benefits of these controls in many combinations for an area.

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