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# Capturing the sweet taste of Stormwater

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MIDS Work Group Meeting  
March 18, 2010

# **“Credits” Review** (and a few other topics)

# Today's Topics

- Keep legislation and next meeting goal in mind
- Review restrictions for BMPs
- Review credits
  - How some BMPs treat runoff
  - Volume, TP, and TSS calculation methods
  - Discuss data, gaps, research needs

# Legislation Review

*The agency shall develop performance standards, design standards, or other tools to enable and promote the implementation of low-impact development and other storm water management techniques. For the purposes of this section, “low-impact development” means an approach to storm water management that mimics a site’s natural hydrology as the landscape is developed. Using low-impact development approach, storm water is managed on-site and the rate and volume of predevelopment storm water reaching receiving waters is unchanged. The calculation of predevelopment hydrology is based on native soil and vegetation.*

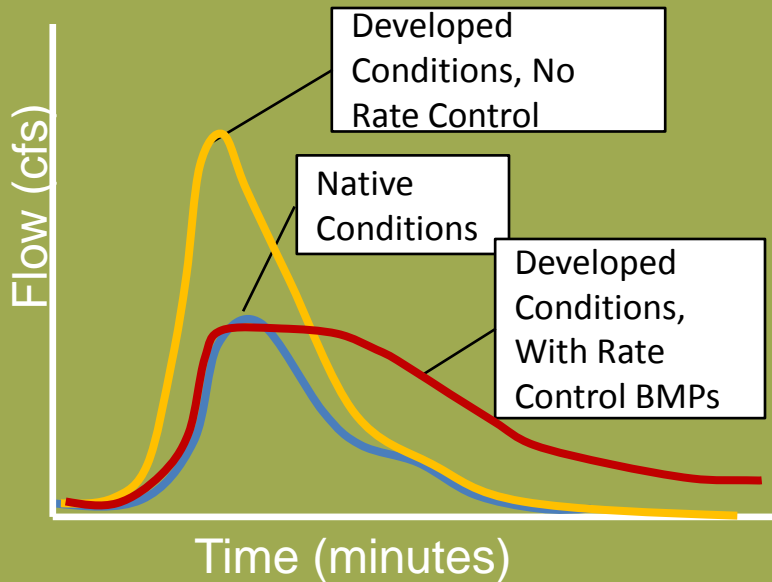
# Next Meeting Goal

- Select a performance goal method for new, non-linear developments on areas without restrictions (no hotspots, high groundwater, poor soils, karst, etc.) to manage stormwater on-site so that the stormwater rate and volume reaching receiving waters mimics natural hydrology.

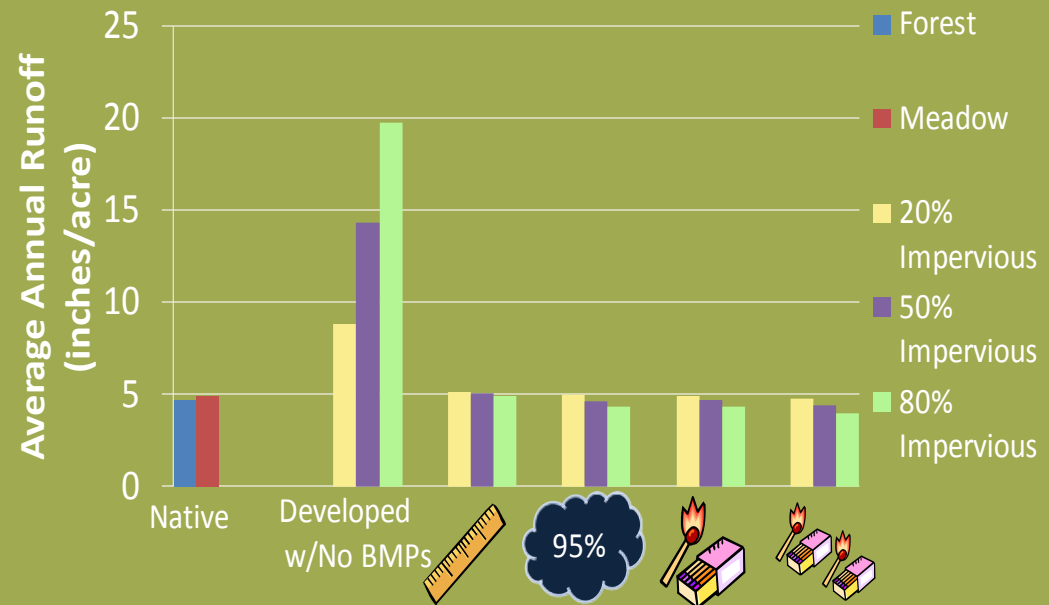
# Need for BMPs and Restrictions

# BMPs are needed to “mimic” natural hydrology

## Rate control is needed



## Volume control is needed



# Volume controls are feasible on many new sites





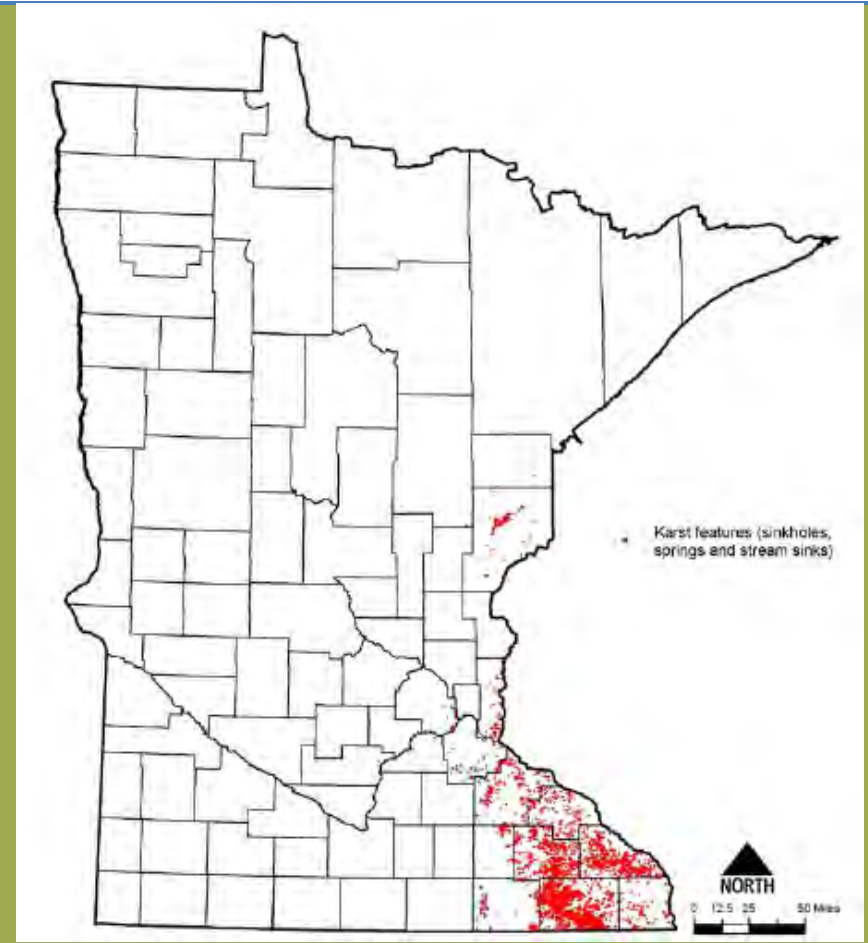
# Volume controls are not feasible on all sites or in all parts of MN

- Karst topography
- Shallow bedrock
- High groundwater
- Poor soils
- “Potential Stormwater Hotspots”

# Definitions and Problems

## Karst

- Landscape with highly soluble rocks/sinkholes
- Direct path to groundwater
- BMPs could cause sinkholes

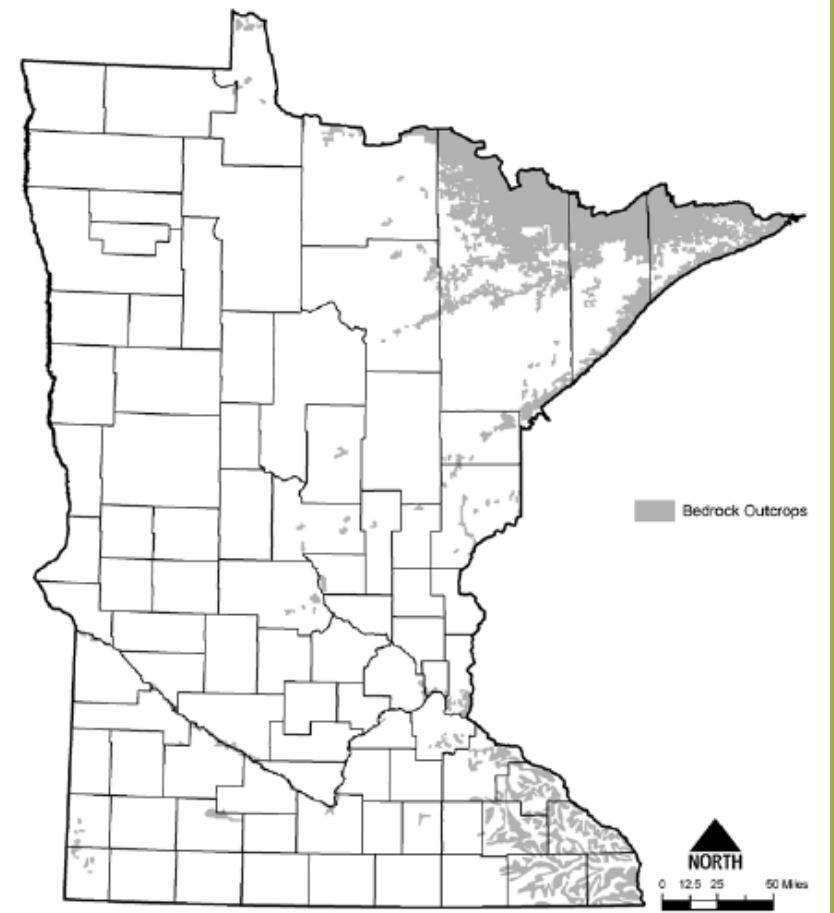


*Minnesota's Known Karst Features, Source: MPCA 2008*

# Definitions and Problems

## Shallow Bedrock

- Bedrock within six feet of ground surface
- Lack of soil cover depth might not allow enough treatment of pollutants before reaching groundwater
- Lack of depth might not physically allow BMPs



Minnesota Bedrock Outcrops, Source: MPCA 2008

# Definitions and Problems Shallow Groundwater

- Water less than 3 feet from land surface
- Most notably problem: Pollutant reaches groundwater before adequate treatment

# Definitions and Problems

## “Potential Stormwater Hotspots”

- Land uses which may produce high levels of contaminants
  - Some examples:
    - maintenance, repair, fueling sites
    - salt and sand storage sites
    - dumpsters and landfills
- Merely a reminder that more careful consideration of a site is necessary

# Definitions and Problems

## Poor Soils

- Soils with too high of infiltration rates ( $>8.3$  inches/hour) to treat stormwater
- Soils with too slow of infiltration rates ( $< 0.2$  inches/hour) to drain dry within 48 hours

# Draft Flowcharts

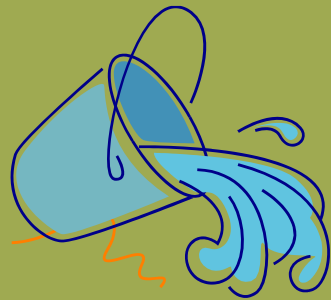
# How some BMPs work



# Understanding BMPs and how they manage stormwater

- Bioretention Basin
  - With and without drain tile (biofiltration)
- Wet Pond
- Pervious Pavement
  - With and without drain tile
- Trees/Urban Forestry

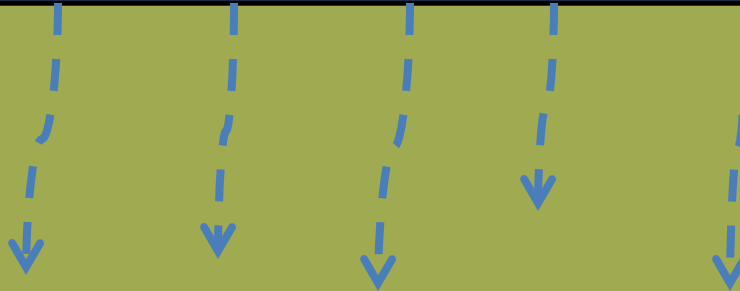
# Bioretention without drain tile



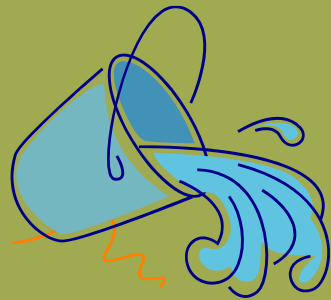
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Infiltration



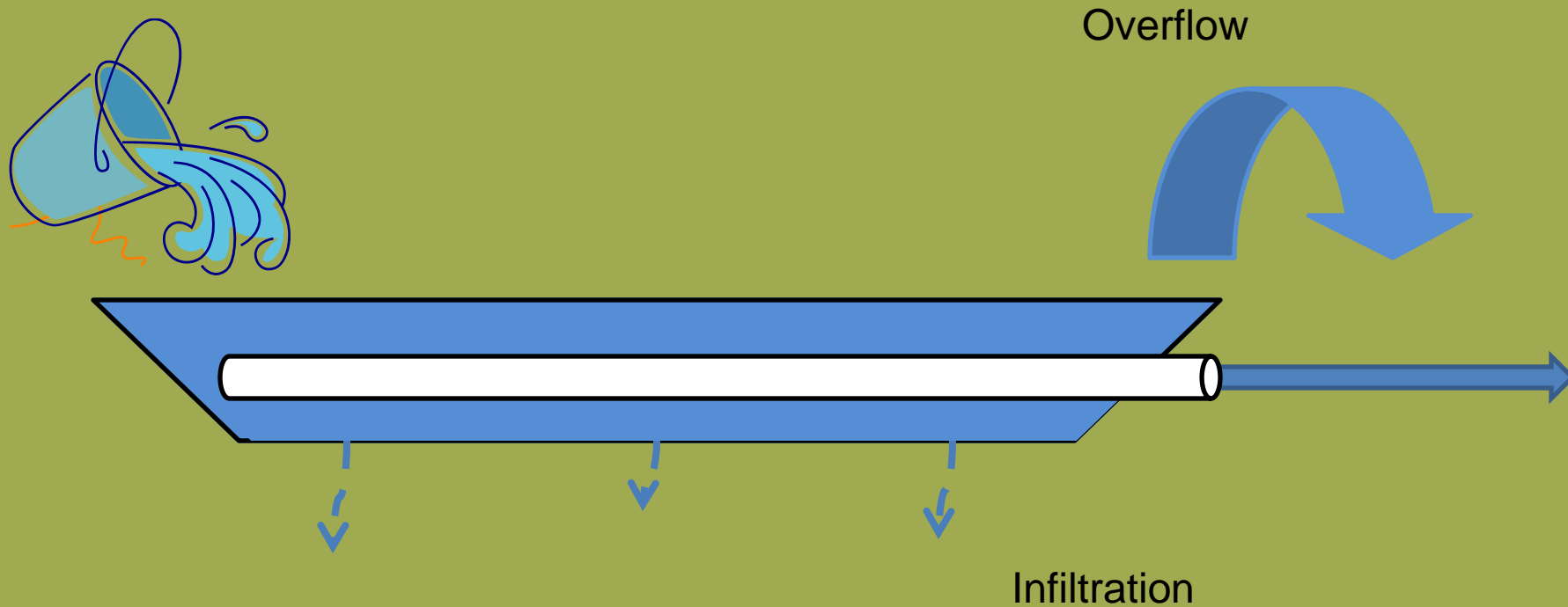
# Biofiltration (drain tile at bottom of basin)



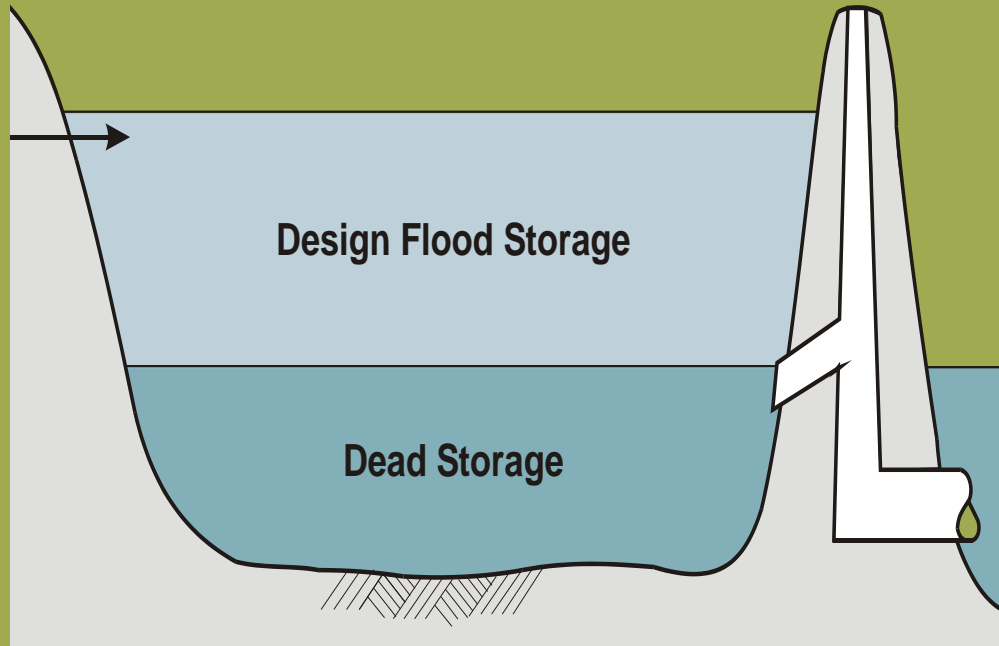
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# Bioretention with suspended drain tile

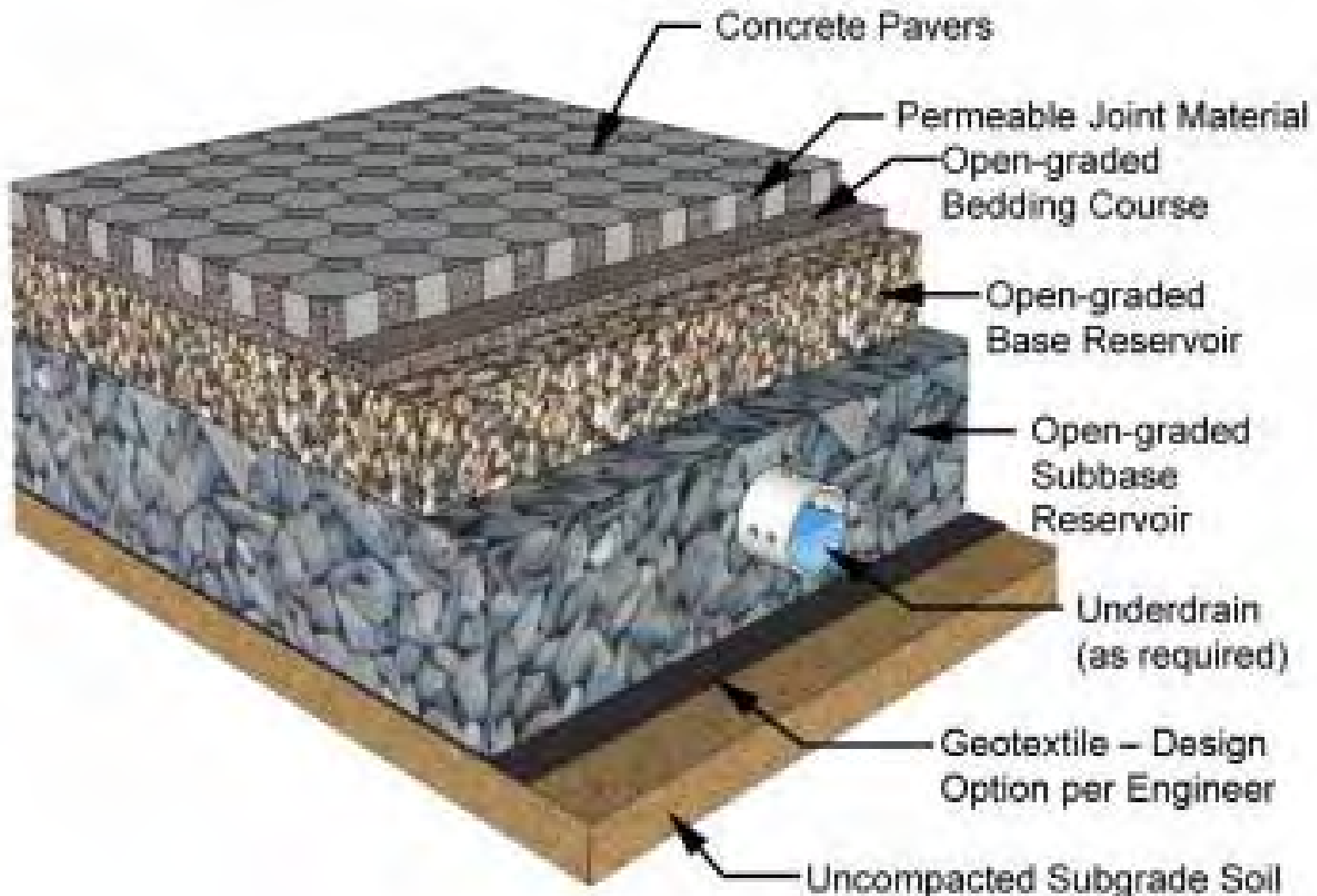


# Wet Pond



# Pervious Pavement

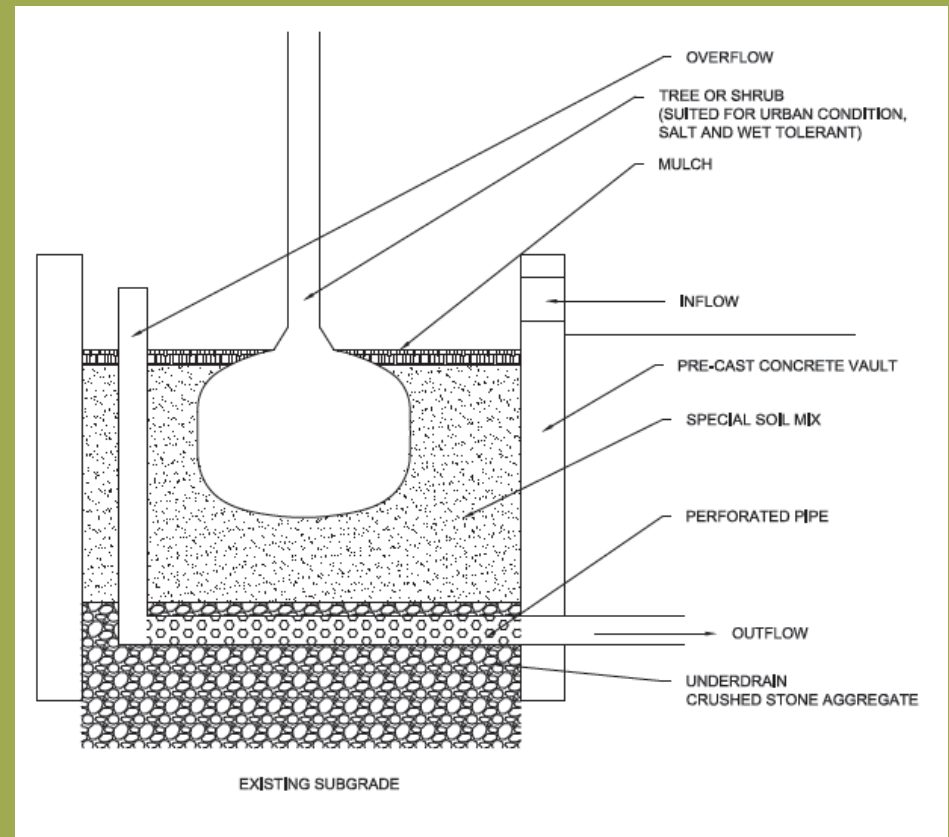
*“It’s the entire structure, not just the surface”*



# Table 7 from Draft Memorandum

- Discussion
  - Overview of data
  - BMPs with limited data/gaps
  - Confidence level in removal quantities of TP, TSS, and volume varies between BMPs
  - Quantities vs. percentages – preferences
  - Process for evaluating/re-evaluating credits – Credit Council

# Trees/Urban Forestry



Source:

[http://www.crwa.org/projects/bmpfactsheets/crwa\\_treepit.pdf](http://www.crwa.org/projects/bmpfactsheets/crwa_treepit.pdf)



# Quantifying Credits

# Our Understanding of Work Group Wants

	Volume	TP (lbs/year)	TSS (lbs/year)
Required	X	X	X
Provided	X	X	X

- Broad suite of BMPs
- Adequately quantify credits & don't oversimplify
- User friendly/doesn't require too much effort

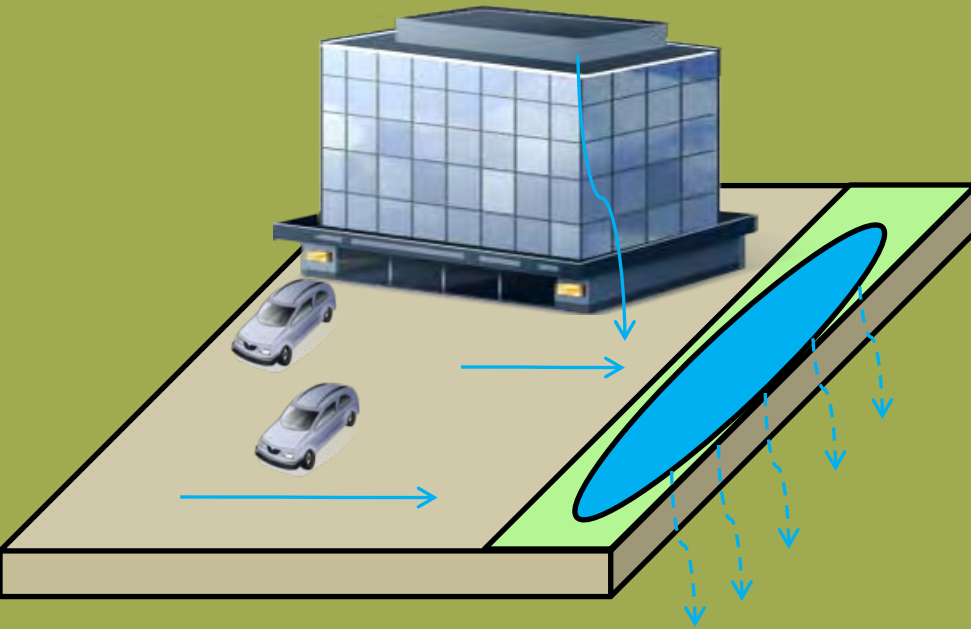
# Balancing Act

## Adequately Quantifying vs. User Friendly



# Quantifying Credits

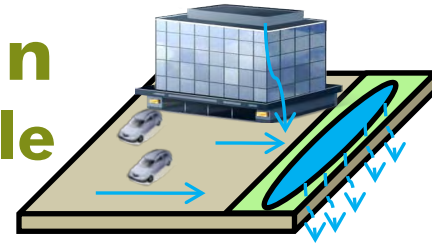
## Example: Bioretention Basin w/o Drain Tile



- Metro Site on B soils
- 10 Acre Site
- 80% Impervious

# Credit Quantity Option: Fixed Design

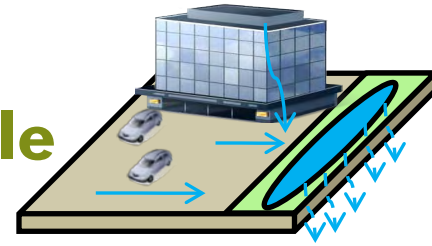
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- Example Fixed BMP Design rules/standards:
  - Filter bed surface area = 5% captured drainage area
  - 2 cells
  - 2 forms of pretreatment
  - Filter media = 36" deep
  - 90% plant cover, including trees
- If BMP conforms to Fixed Design, 80% volume is removed, TP and TSS calculated

# Credit Quantity Option: Flex Design

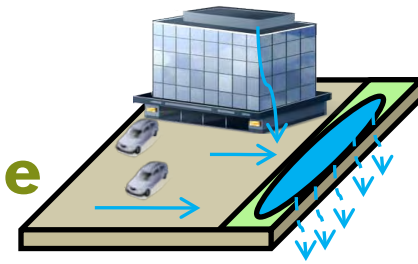
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- Flex Design BMP:
  - Filter bed surface area = varies
  - Number cells = varies
  - Pretreatment required
  - Soil for filter = 36" deep
  - 90% plant cover, including trees
- Volume, TP and TSS removed calculated (0-100% volume removed)

# Comparison of Options

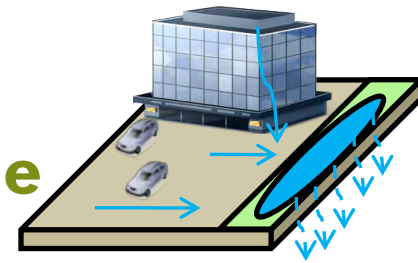
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- Site doesn't allow designer to meet all specifications (e.g., surface area = 4.4% vs. 5% captured drainage area)
  - Fixed Design:
    - Doesn't conform; need to change design to conform
  - Flex Design:
    - Produces credit quantities based on BMP size (could be more or less than 80% of Standard Option)

# Comparison of Options

## Example: Bioretention Basin w/o Drain Tile

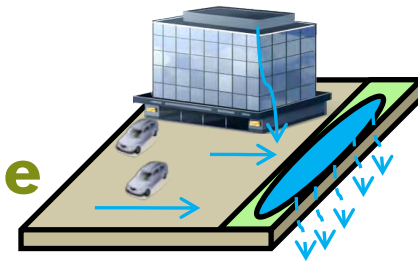


- Designer wants to use 10,000 s.f. basin and another BMP due to site design constraints to meet requirements
  - Fixed Design:
    - Doesn't conform to design rule; must redesign BMP to conform or use another specification and associated quantities
  - Flex Design:
    - Provides credit quantities



# Comparison of Options

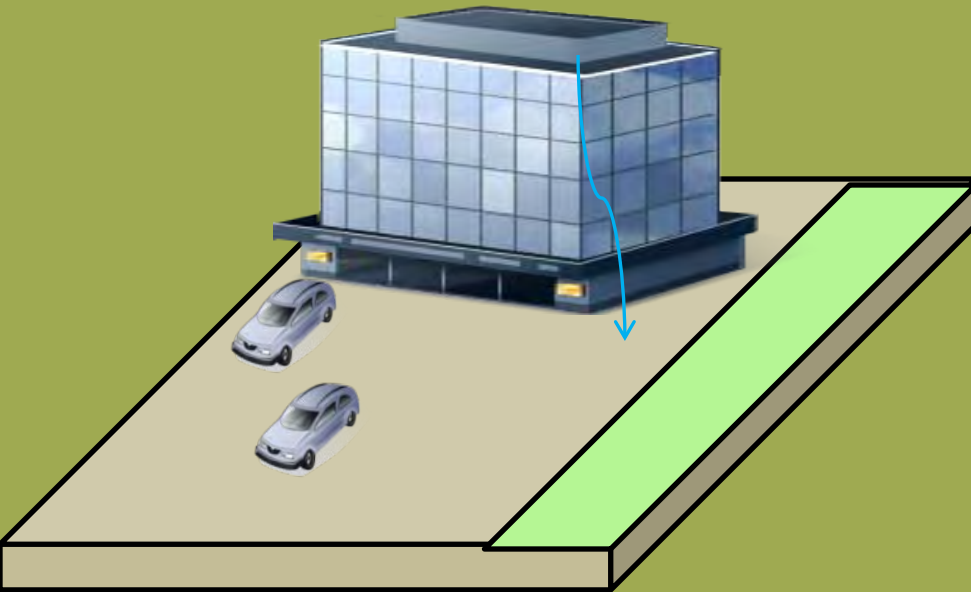
## Example: Bioretention Basin w/o Drain Tile



- Fixed Design might lead to variance requests to regulator
  - “Your site doesn’t exactly conform. I can’t really give you 80%, but I don’t know what to give you.”

# Quantifying Credits

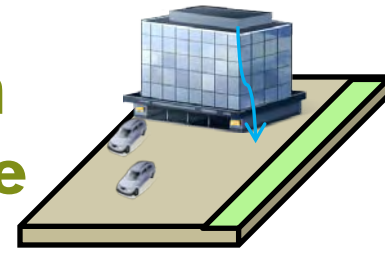
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- Metro Site on C soils
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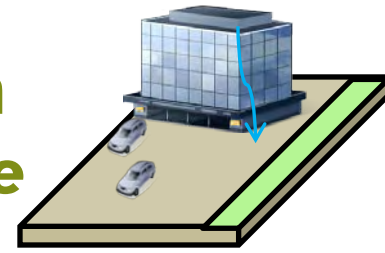
## Example: Pervious Pavement w/o Drain Tile



- Example Fixed Design rules/standards for 75% annual volume reduction:
  - Soil infiltration rate  $> 1$  inch/hour (doesn't conform on C soil site)
  - No under drain
  - Captured drainage area = pervious pavement area
  - Slopes less than 2%

# Credit Quantity Option: Fixed Design

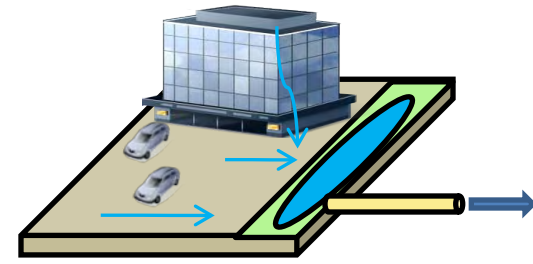
## Example: Pervious Pavement w/o Drain Tile



- Example Fixed Design rules/standards for 45% annual volume reduction:
  - Soil infiltration rate  $< 1$  inch/hour
  - *This example rule includes under drain*
  - Captured drainage area  $>$  or  $=$  pervious pavement area
  - Slopes 2-5%

# Comparison of Options

## Example: Pervious Pavement



- In some cases, conformance to Fixed Design can be easy
- Flex Design might encourage creativity in design and increase volume, TP, and TSS reduction (more than 75%)
  - Vary storage rock depth

# Credit Quantity Option: Fixed or Flex

## Example: Trees/Urban Forestry



# Credit Quantity Option: Fixed or Flex

- Should it be a mix?
- Is it okay with Work Group to have some BMP credits based on a Fixed Design and others based on a Flex Design?
- Perhaps allow a Flex Design for bioretention basins but a Fixed Design for wet pond