

GSI Performance Monitoring and Design Considerations for Maximizing Pollutant Removal

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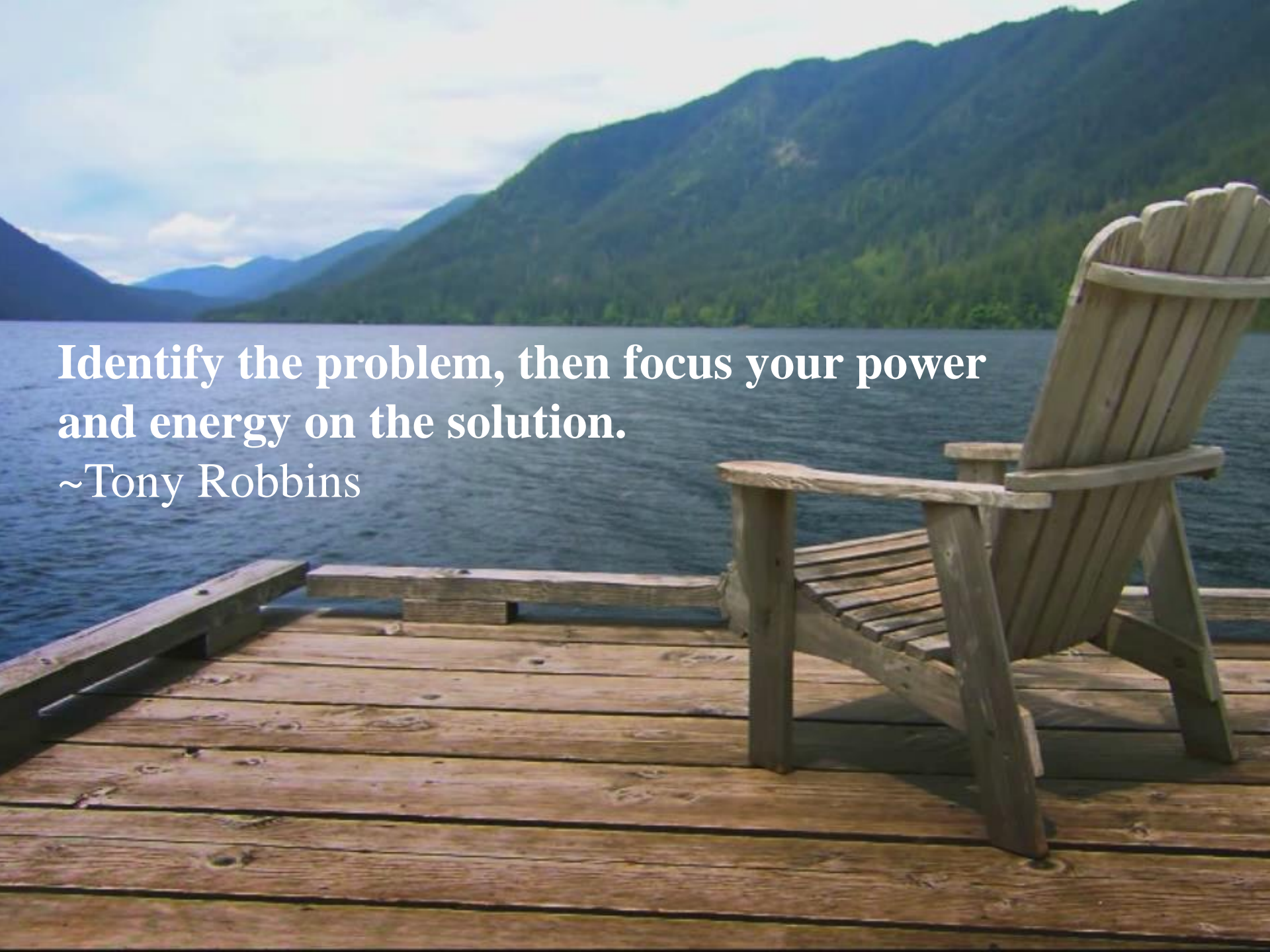
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A wooden Adirondack chair sits on a wooden dock, facing a calm lake. In the background, there are lush green mountains under a cloudy sky. The scene is peaceful and scenic.

**Identify the problem, then focus your power
and energy on the solution.**

~Tony Robbins

EPA National Green Infrastructure Strategic Agenda 2013



Green Infrastructure Strategic Agenda 2013

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

National Objectives:

1. Increase federal coordination
2. Expand Clean Water Act regulatory support
3. Strengthen research and information exchange
4. Distribute funding and financing
5. Build local capacity

Collect Data to Verify Effectiveness





Pollutants Found in Stormwater:

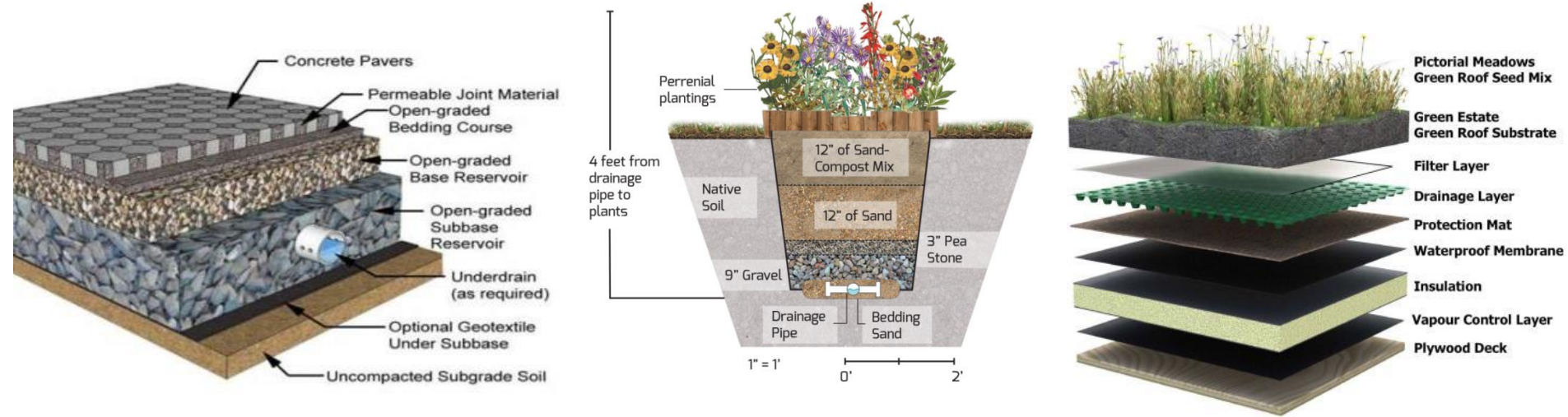
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pathogens
cadmium
chromium
copper
lead
mercury
zinc
phosphorus
nitrogen
oil and grease
total suspended solids

Low Impact Design & Development

LID is an approach to development (or re-development) that mimics pre-development hydrology and uses ecological design and engineering to **remove pollutants in stormwater** and wastewater so it can be re-used or replenish groundwater supplies.



Low Impact Design and Development (LID) includes Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI)



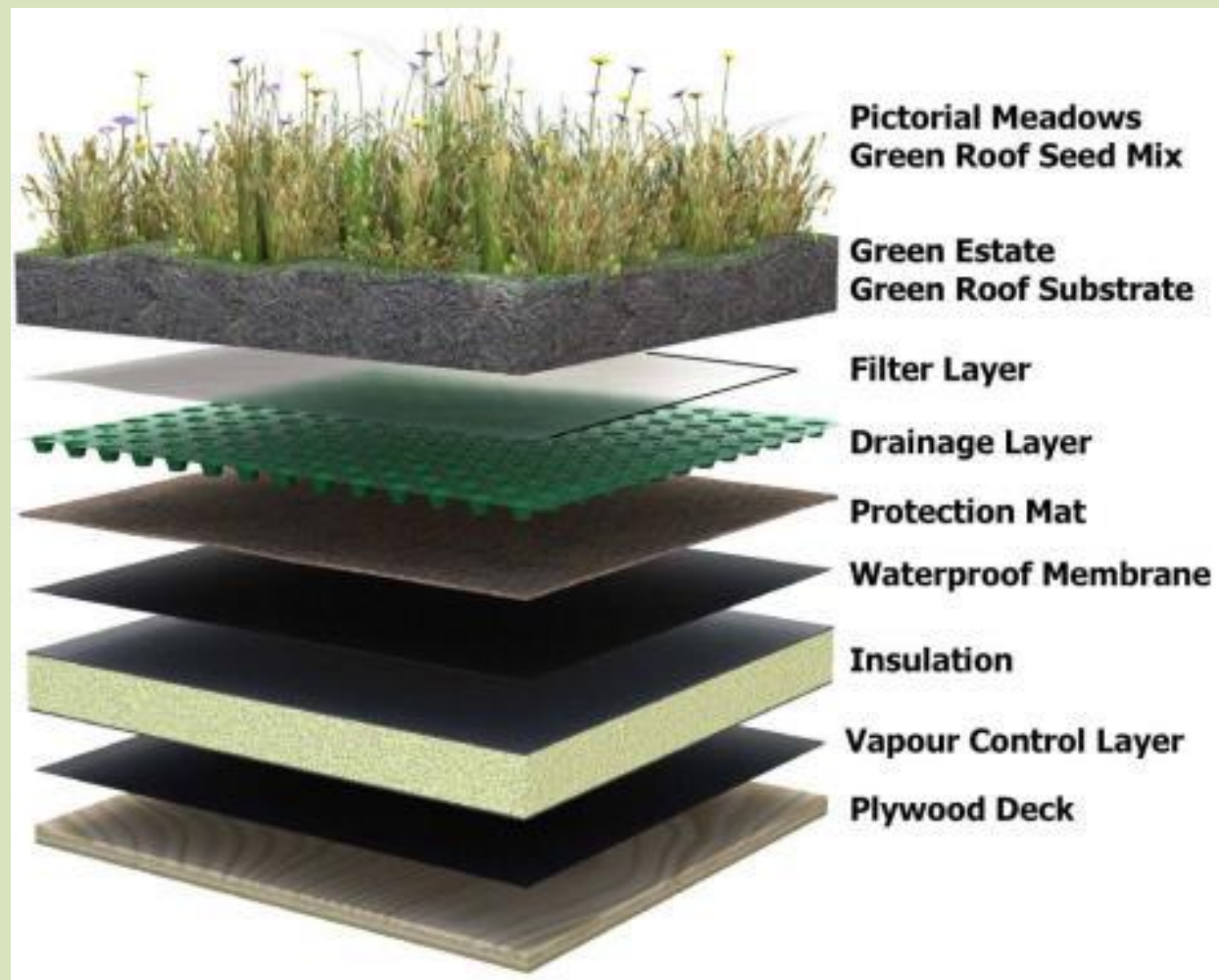
Green Roofs

Design Strengths:

- Reduce Volume
- Reduce Peak Flows
- Remove Pollutants
- Reduce Temperature Heat Island
- Provide Habitat
- Increase Biodiversity

Design Challenges:

- Maintenance
- Plant Selection



Floating Treatment Wetlands

Design Strengths:

Nutrient Removal

Provides Habitat

Increase Biodiversity

Moderates Wave Action

Reduces Shore Erosion

Design Challenges:

Maintenance Logistics



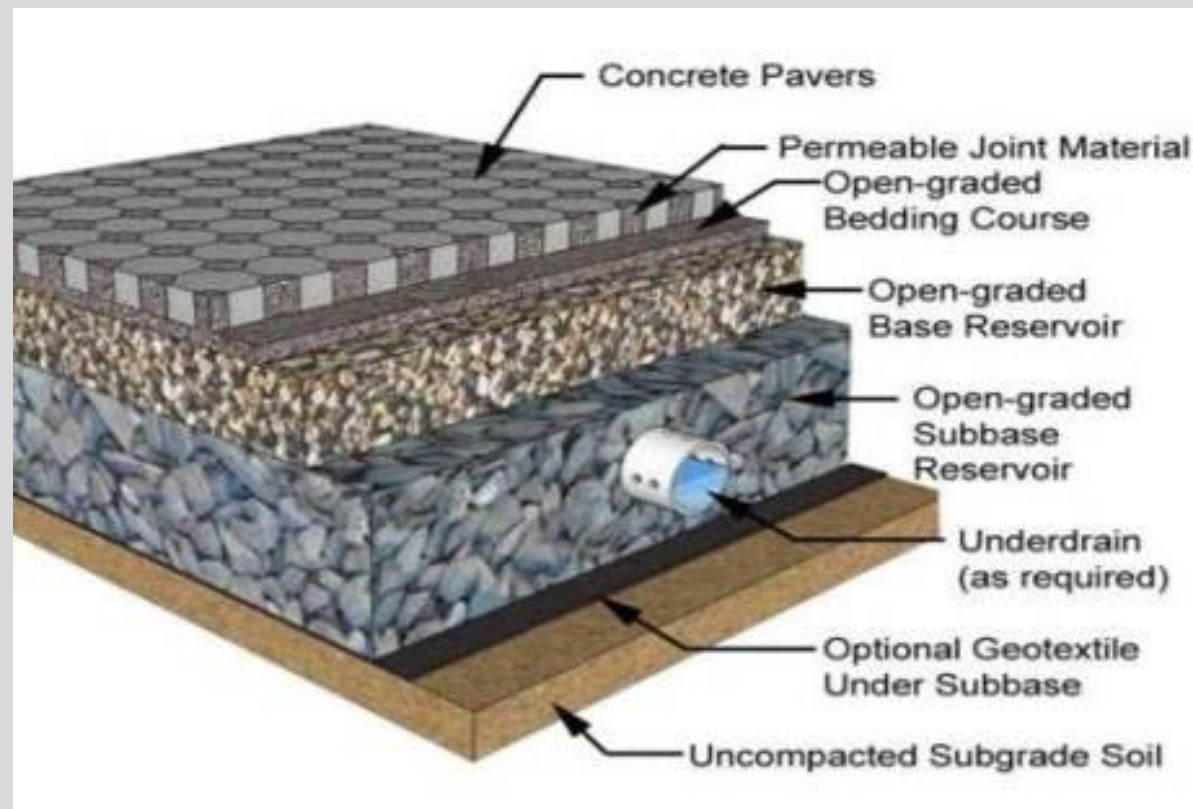
Porous Pavement

Design Strengths:

- Reduces Storm Volume
- Reduces Peak Flows
- Particulate Pollutant Removal

Design Challenges:

- Getting both strength and permeability
- Protective buffer reduces siltation from offsite flows
- Maintenance



Bioretention

Rain Gardens

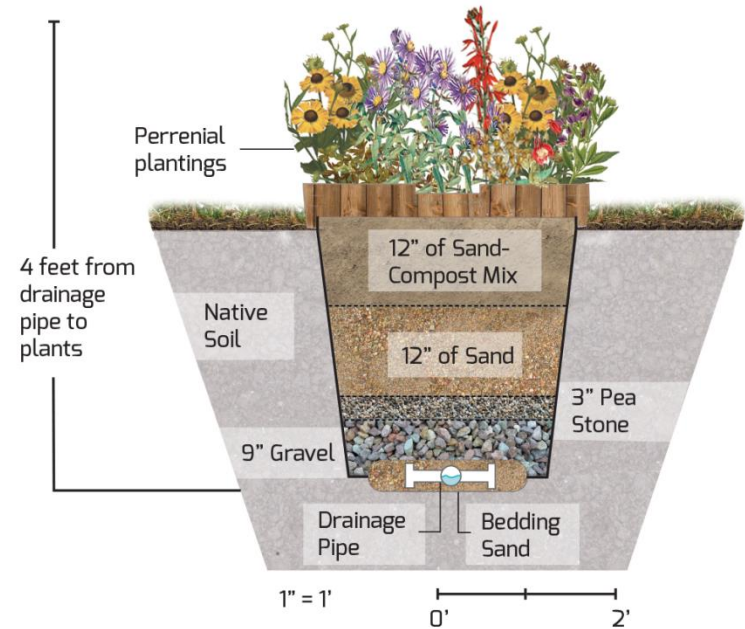
Green Streets

Design Strengths:

- Reduces Volume & Peak Flows
- Removes Total Suspended Solids
- Removes Nutrients
- Improved Aesthetics

Design Challenges:

- Obtaining proper infiltration
- Directing flow into feature
- Maintenance

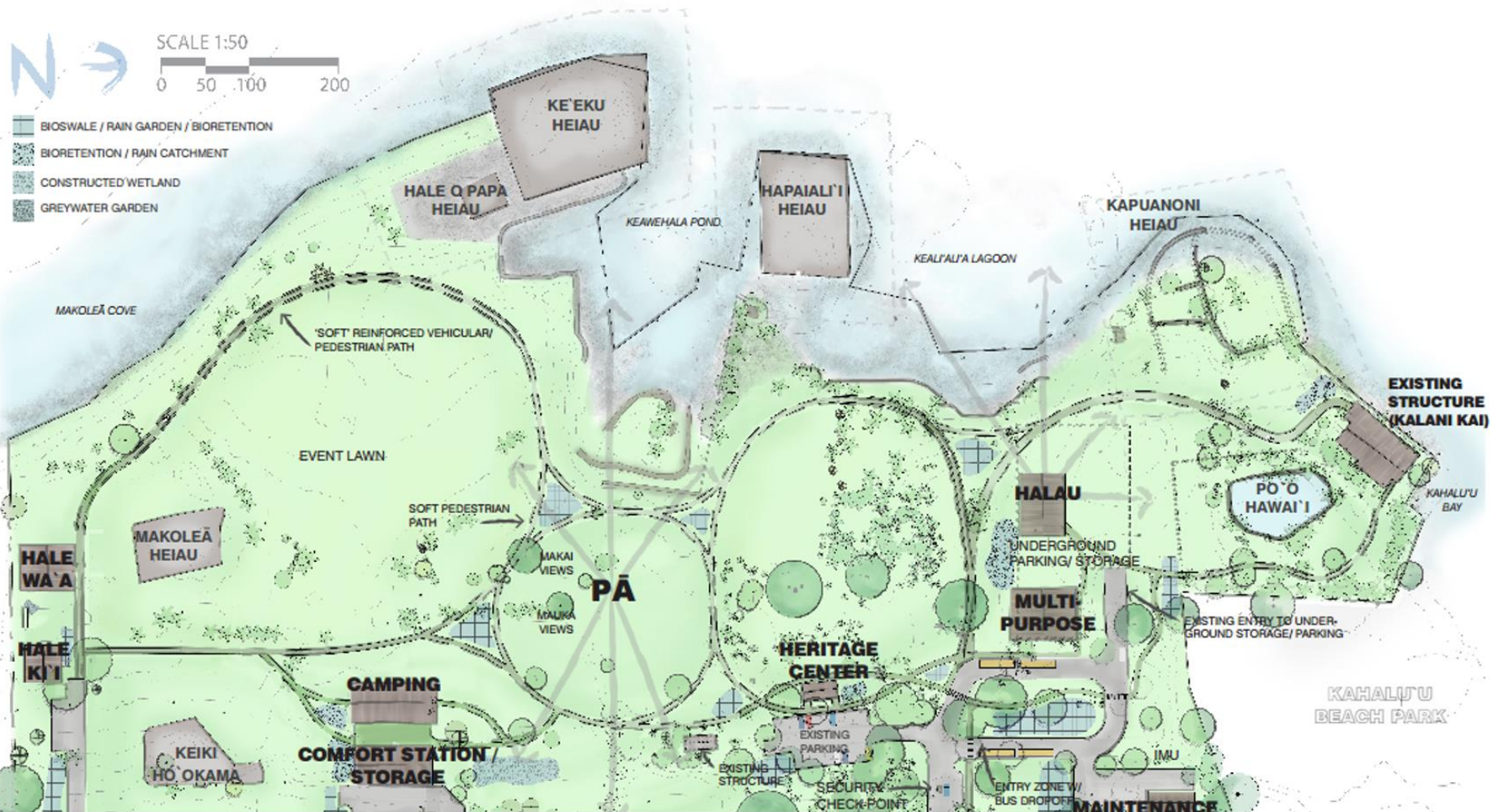


Low Impact Development (LID): Kahalu'u Ma Kai



SCALE 1:50
0 50 100 200

- BIOSWALE / RAIN GARDEN / BIORETENTION
- BIORETENTION / RAIN CATCHMENT
- CONSTRUCTED WETLAND
- GREYWATER GARDEN



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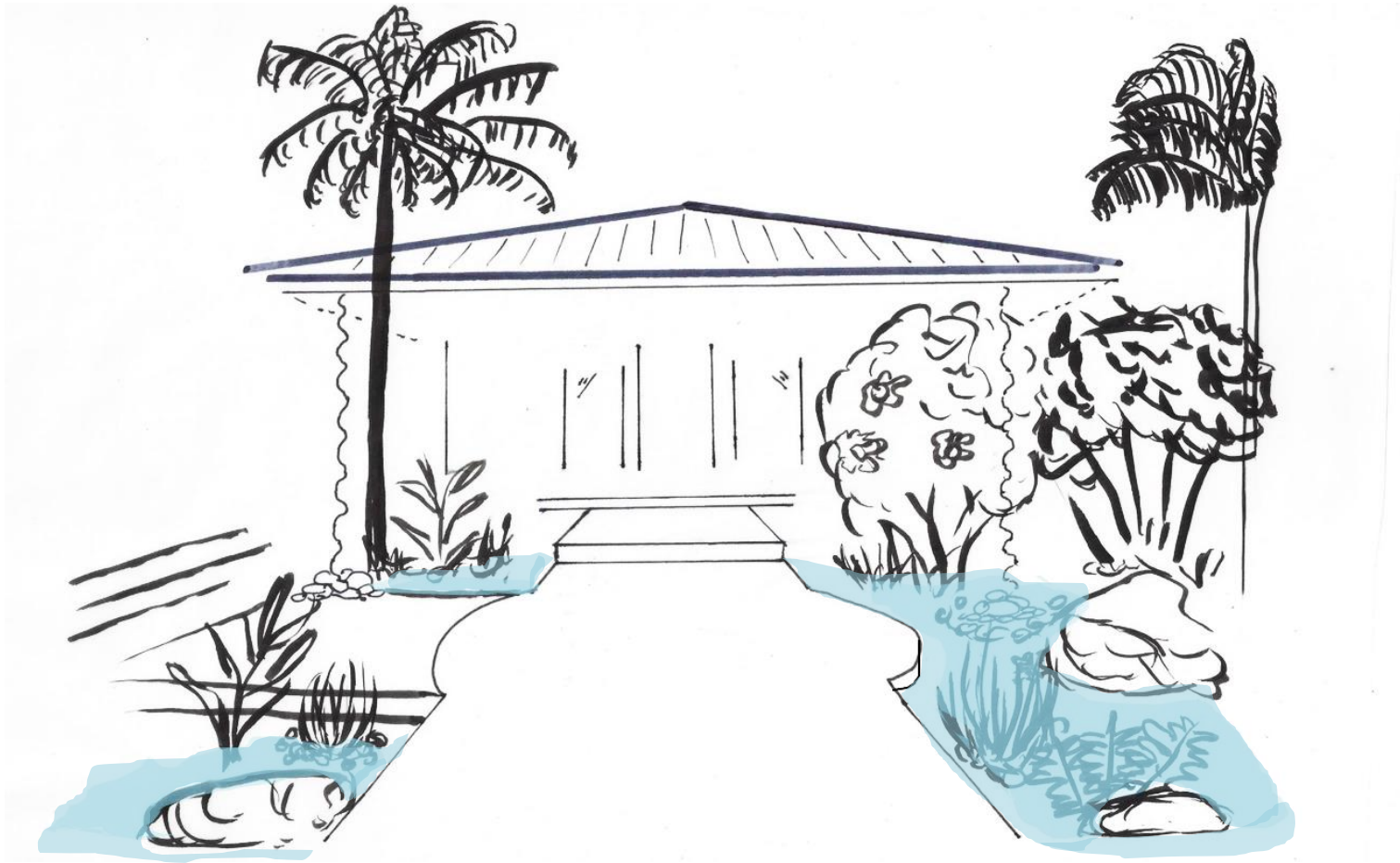
CREATE + BUILD + INSPIRE



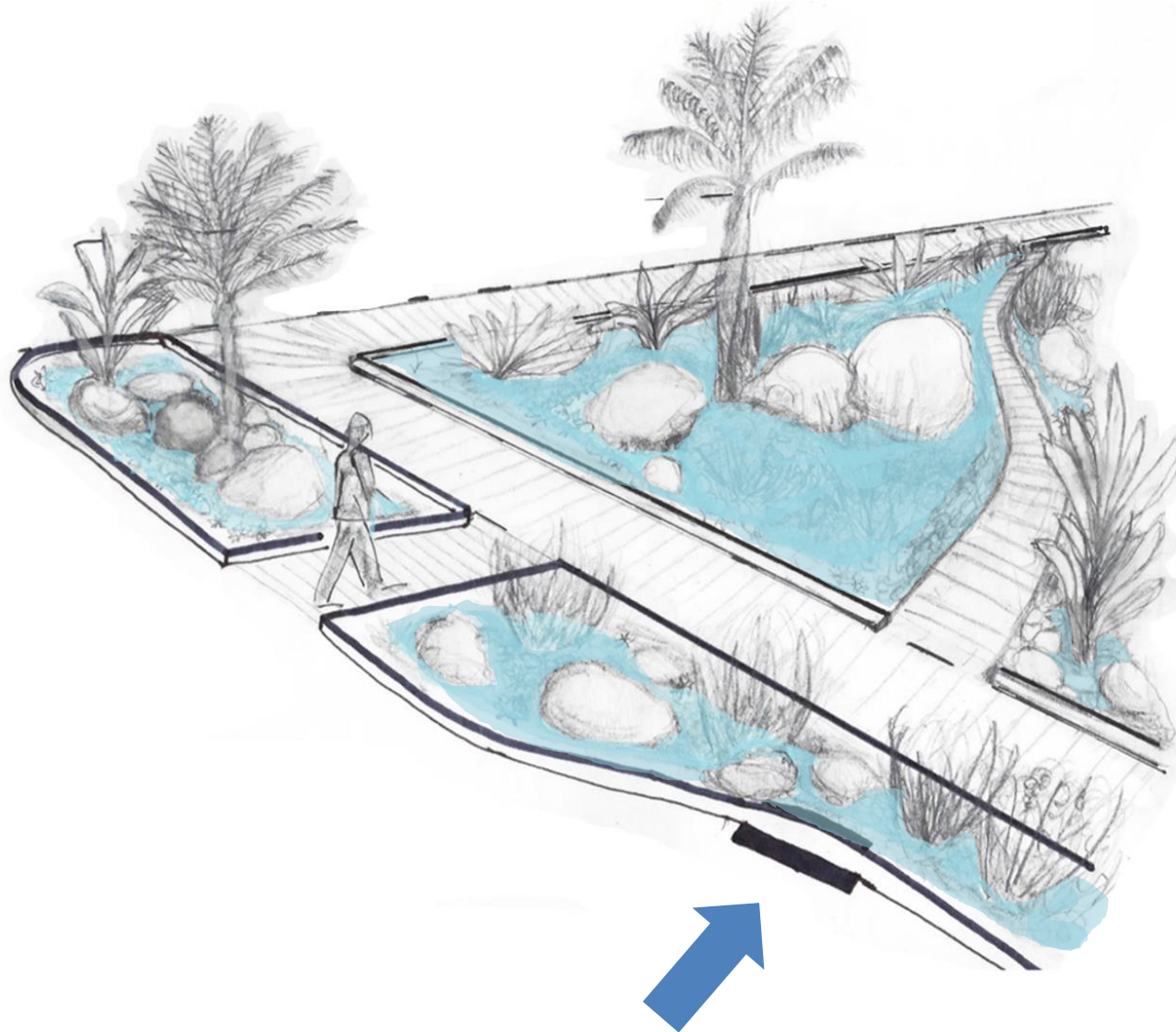
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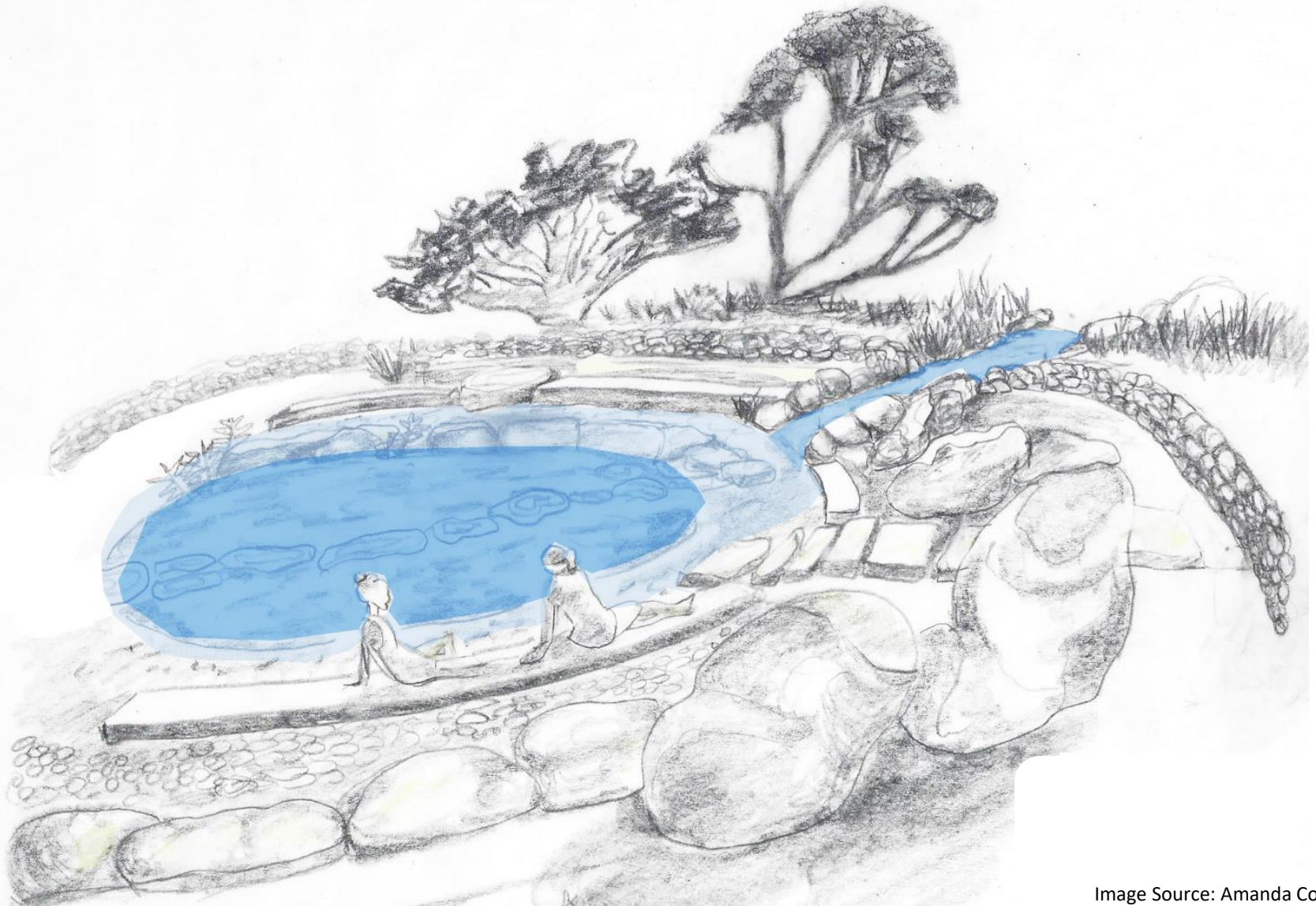
Residential Bioretention Concept



Green Streets Concepts

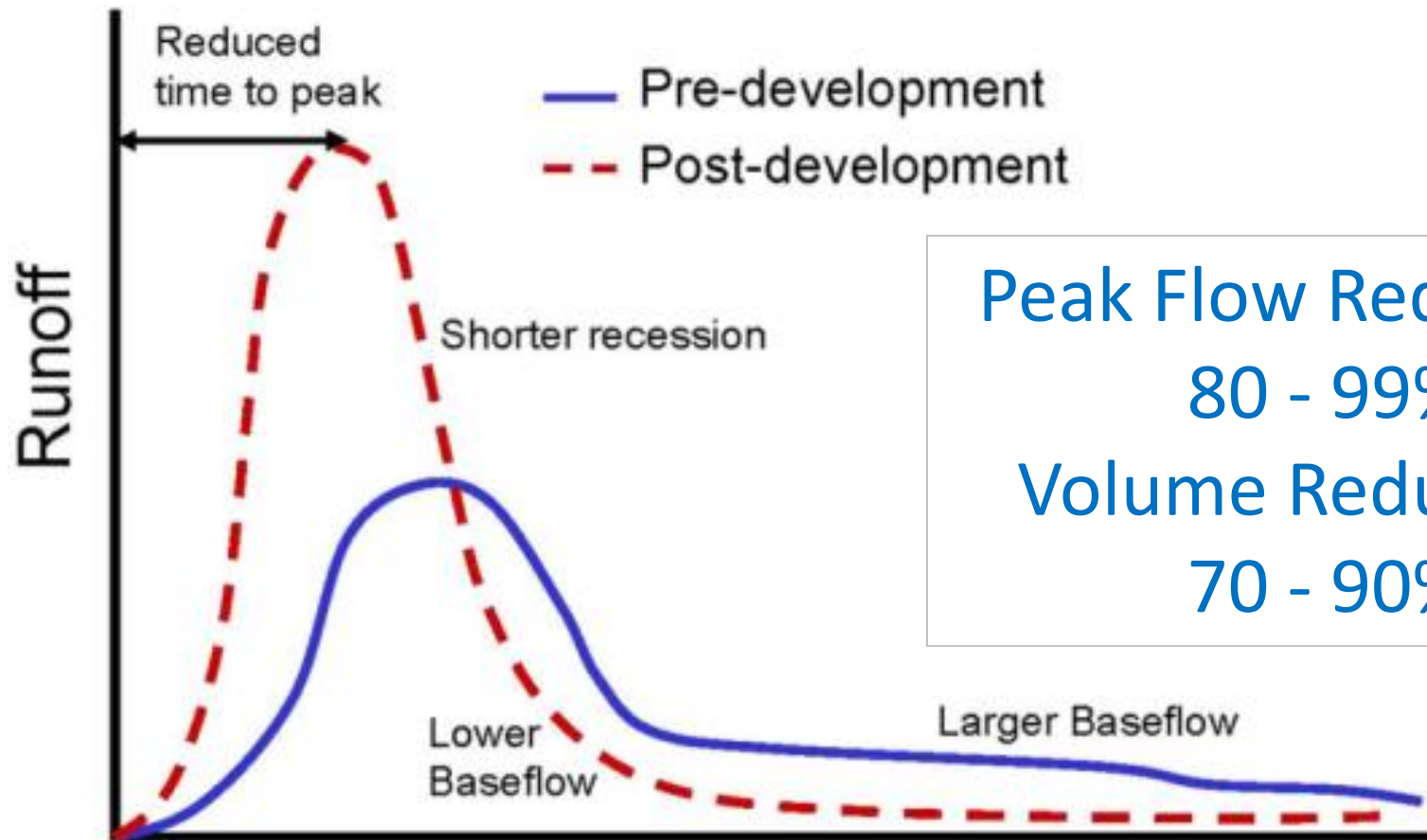


Neighborhood Scale Bioretention



| References | What is a Bioretention System? |
|--|--|
| Claytor and Schueler (1996) | Shallow, grass filter strip, sand and loamy soils, ponding area , mulch. The total depth is 4 feet. Collected in a perforated underdrain and returned to the storm drain system. |
| Davis et al. (2001) | High sand content, low levels of silt and clay to promote attenuation of pollutants. Wood mulch to prevent erosion/ excessive drying. |
| Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (2002) | Shallow depression, soil matrix, returned to storm drain system. |
| Kim et al. (2003) | Simple, plant and soil based infiltration facility |
| Dietz & Clausen (2005) | Shallow, planted with trees and/or shrubs, bark mulch layer or ground cover. |
| Dietz et al. (2007) | Depressed, planted with shrubs, perennials or trees, shredded hardwood bark mulch. |
| Hunt et al. (2007) | Excavated basin, underdrains, gravel envelope. Between 0.7 and 1.2 m (2.3 to 4 ft) of fill soil. Plants and mulch. |
| Hatt et al. (2008) | Gravel-, sand-, or soil-based filter media. Flexible in design (ranging from large basins to small garden beds) and are particularly advantageous for urban areas where there are space constraints. |
| Collins et al. (2010) | Bioretention systems (also referred to as rain gardens or bioswales) are shallow, vegetated depressions, soil filter media |

Bioretention: Hydrologic Performance



Peak Flow Reduction:
80 - 99%

Volume Reduction:
70 - 90%



Bioretention: Sediment Removal

Removal of
Total Suspended Solids:
70% - 99%

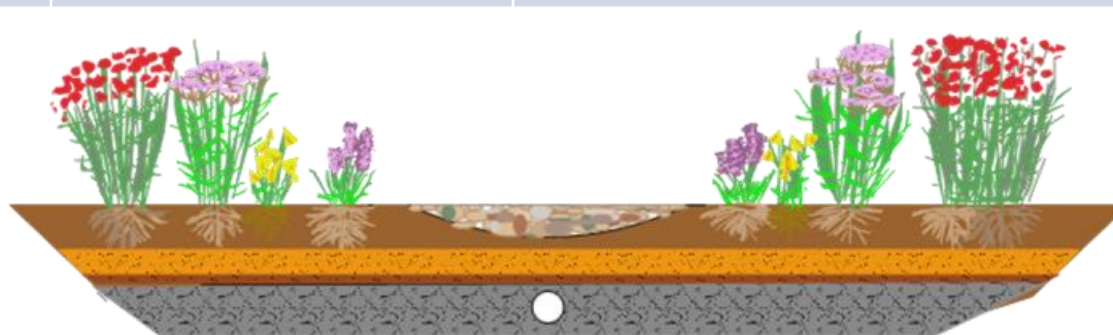


Brown and Hunt (2011); Bratieres et al. (2008); Hatt et al. (2008)



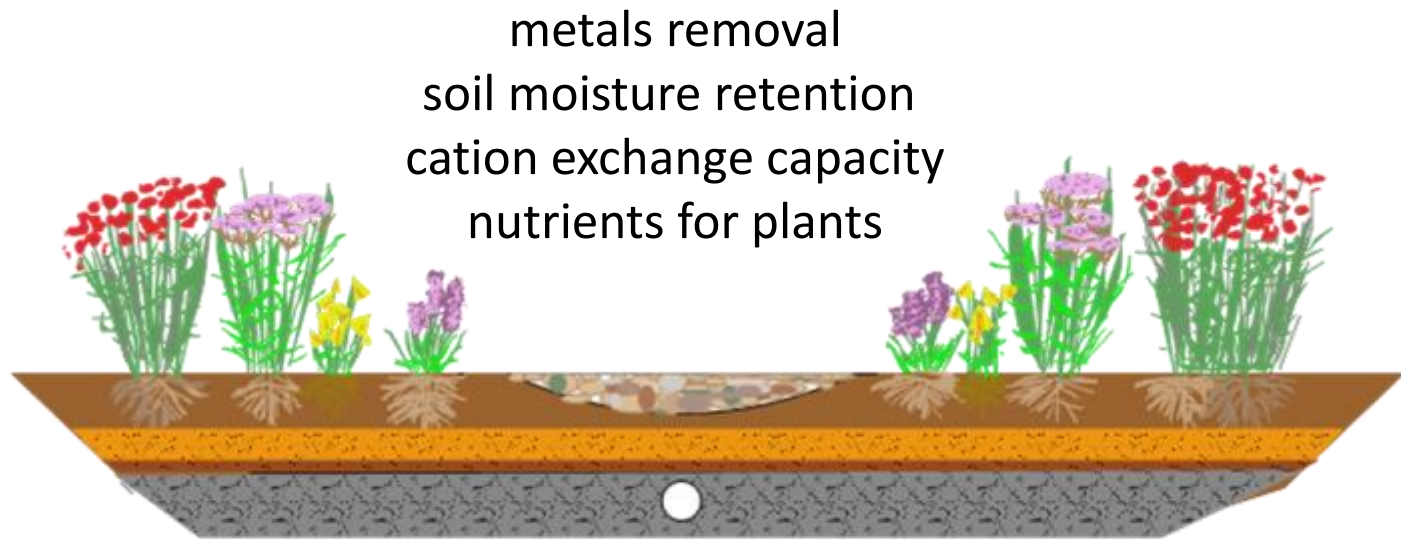
Average Outflow Concentrations within the Literature

| Parameter | Literature | Reference |
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| NLP | 40 – 800 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ | Hunt et al. (2006) |
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Inconsistent Nutrient Removal

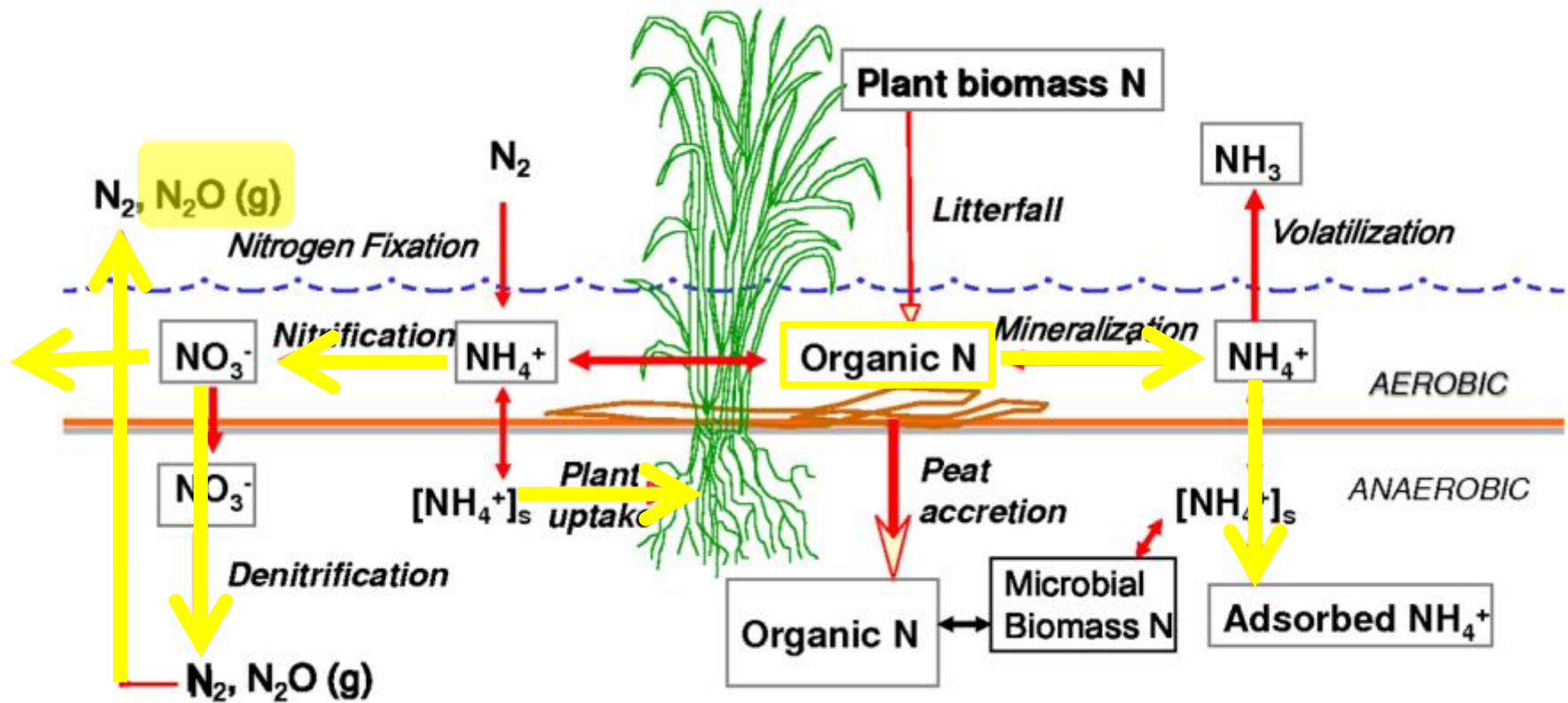
- Some of the variability could be attributed to soil media selected
- Sand based bioretention soil designs are common
- Organic amendments (compost, mulch) are recommended for:



Bratieres et al. 2008; DeBusk and Wynn 2011; Michigan Department of Environmental Quality 2008; Thompson et al. 2008; Vermont Agency of Natural Resources 2002; Washington State University Pierce County Extension 2012.



Nitrogen Removal Mechanisms



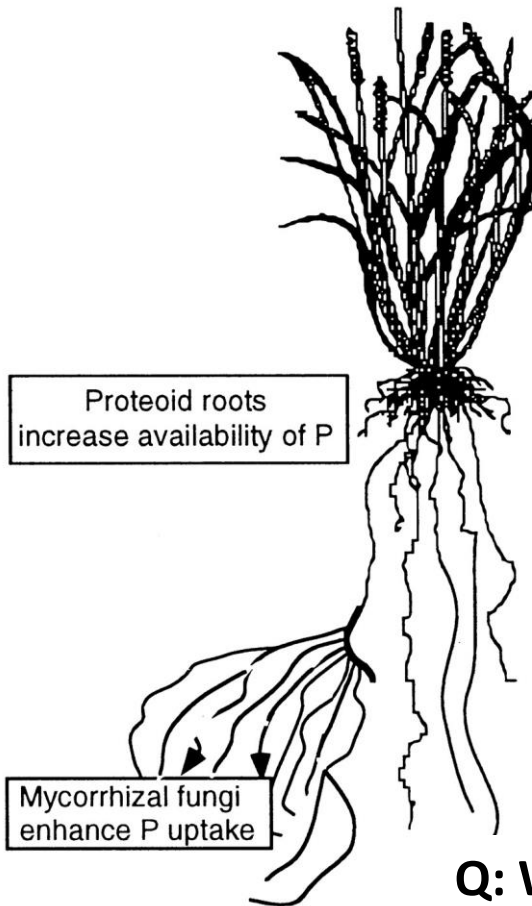
*Mn (II) may also reduce NO_3^- via chemo-denitrification

Q: Which mechanisms are dominant in bioretention?

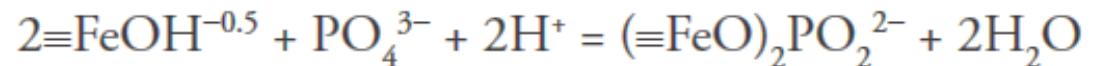
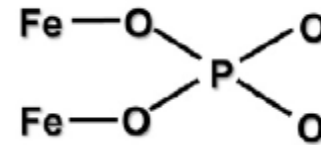
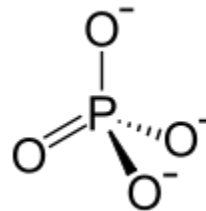
Q: How can we maximize removal through design?



Phosphorus Removal Mechanisms



1. Physical Filtration: Non-labile P
2. Sorption of SRP: Fe, Ca, and Al in Soil



3. Plant Uptake: SRP

Q: Which mechanisms are dominant in bioretention?

Q: How can we maximize removal mechanisms through design?

Soil Media Designed to Remove P

| Reference | Media | Composition | Ca | Fe | Al | SRP | TP Removal (%) |
|-----------------------|--|---|------------|--------------|-------------|-------|----------------|
| Liu et al. (2014) | TerraSolve | 15% coir/peat mix, 9% hardwood mulch, 12% WTR, 58% sand | - | 1,979 | 7,541 | 196 | 90– 99 |
| | Virginia Institute of Technology Mixture | 3% WTR, 15% saprolite, 25% compost, 57% sand | - | 6,613 | 3,367 | 138 | 58 – 95 |
| Stoner et al. (2012) | Industrial byproducts | Geothite, gypsum, calcite, quartz, portlandite | 90 – 6,500 | 600 – 40,000 | 60 – 58,000 | - | 10 – 60 |
| Arias et al. (2001) | Denmark Sands | Quartz sand | 600 | 1,210 | 320 | 40 | - |
| Chardon et al. (2005) | Iron-coated Sand | Iron-coated sand | 6,100 | 198,000 | 620 | 3,400 | 94 |

* All Constituents are in mg kg⁻¹

Research Objectives:

1. How does one monitor bioretention effectiveness?
2. What is the stormwater pollutant load from paved road?
3. What design parameters dominate pollutant removal?



Welcome to the University of Vermont Bioretention Laboratory



The Research Site



Site Description:

- The University of Vermont Outdoor Bioretention Laboratory was constructed in November of 2012
- Total area: approx. 5,000 ft² or 0.1 acres
- Eight small paved road sub-watersheds
- Bioretention Surface Areas: 29.73 m² to 120.12 m²

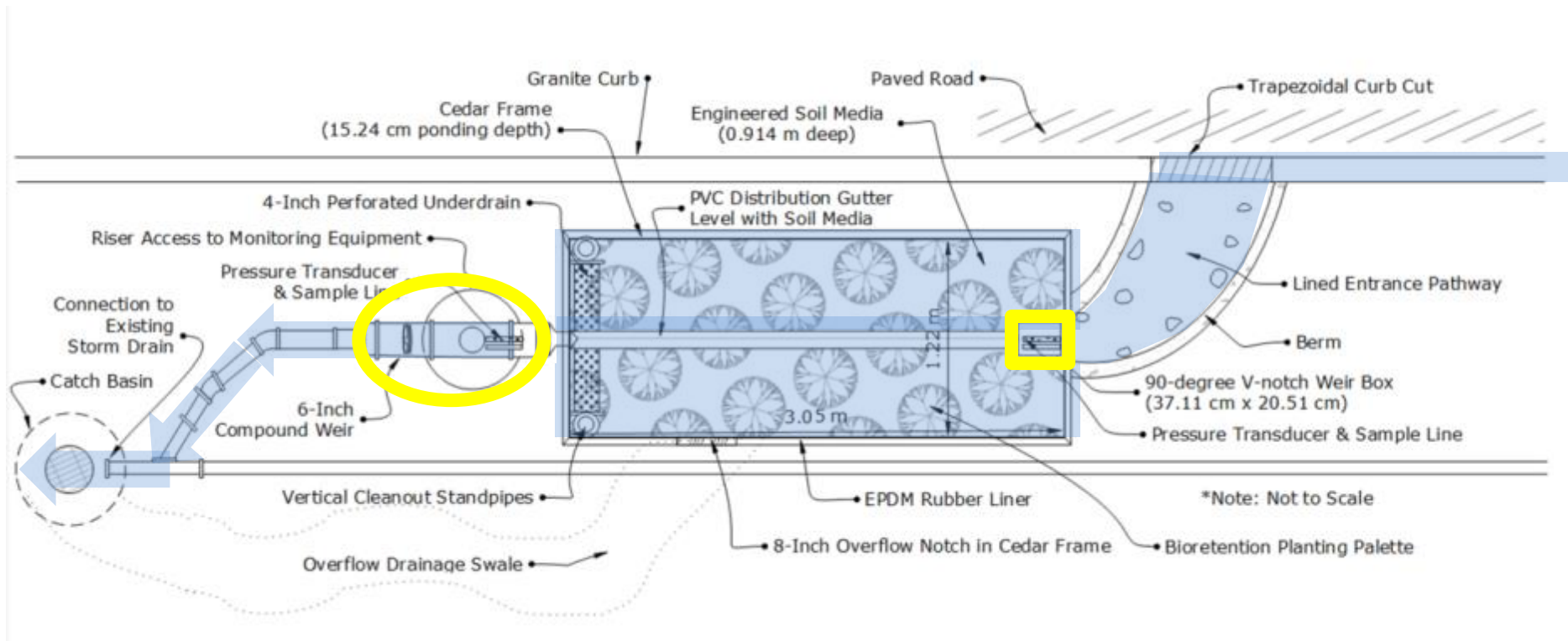
The Research Site



Numerous Design Factors that Affect Pollutant Removal Performance

| Factor | Authors |
|---|--|
| 1. Residence time | (Collins et al. 2010; Hurley and Forman 2011; Kadlec et al. 2010; Rosenquist et al. 2010) |
| 2. Media depth | (Brown and Hunt 2011) |
| 3. Vegetation type, root depth, root architecture | (Claassen and Young 2010; Collins et al. 2010; Davis et al. 2009; Kadlec et al. 2010; Lucas and Greenway 2008) |
| 4. Soil organic matter content, use of mulch | (DeBusk and Wynn 2011; Fassman et al. 2013) |
| 5. % sand, silt, and clay | (Liu et al. 2014) |
| 6. Chemical characteristics of soil media (Fe, Ca, Al) | (Groenenberg et al. 2013; Vance et al. 2003) |
| 7. Ponding depth, hydraulic conductivity, infiltration rate | (Thompson et al. 2008) |
| 8. Inclusion of internal water storage (IWS) zones | (Chen et al. 2013; Dietz and Clausen 2006; Hunt et al. 2006) |
| 9. Careful construction, maintenance | (Brown and Hunt 2011; Dietz and Clausen 2006) |

Step 1: Monitoring Bioretention



Converting Concentration to Mass with Numeric Integration

$$V = \int_{t_0}^{t_n} Q(t) dt$$

Where,

V = volume delivered during storm event (L)

Q = flow rate as a function of time (L s^{-1})

$$M = \int_{t_0}^{t_n} C(t) Q(t) dt$$

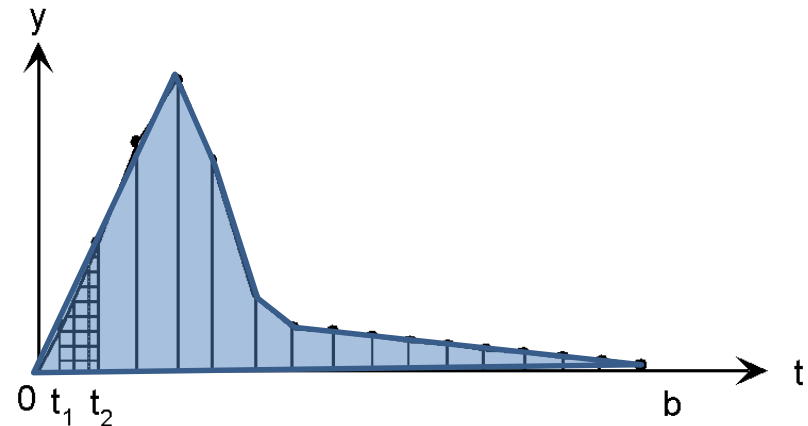
Where,

M = mass delivered during storm event (μg or mg)

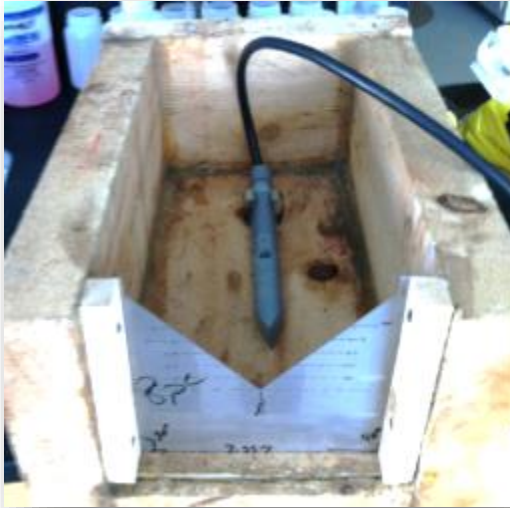
C = concentration as a function of time ($\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$)

Q = flow rate as a function of time (L s^{-1})

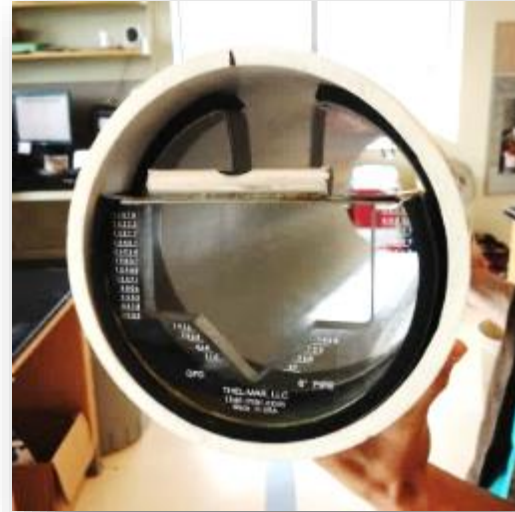
$$\text{Area} = (t_2 - t_1) \left[\frac{f(t_1) + f(t_2)}{2} \right]$$



How do you measure flow rate entering and exiting bioretention?



Inflow 90° Weir Box



Outflow Thel-Mar™ Weir

$$Q=CH^n$$

Where:

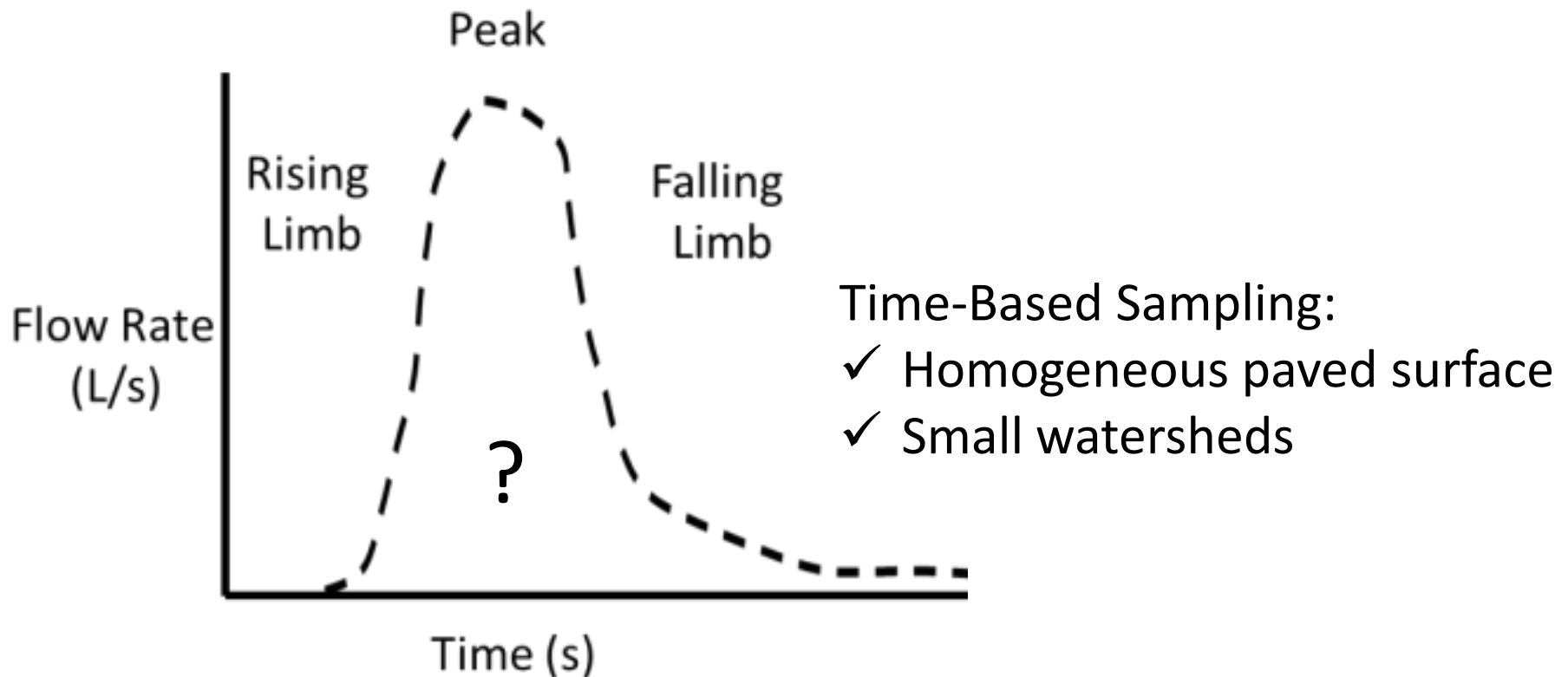
Q = flow rate over the weir (cfs, L s⁻¹)

C= coefficient of discharge, or weir coefficient

H= height of water behind the weir (pressure transducer)

n = an empirical exponent (dimensionless)

How to Capture the Inflow Hydrograph?



Capturing the Inflow Hydrograph: Estimate Time of Concentration

$$T_c = \frac{G (1.1 - C) L^{0.5}}{(100 S)^{1/3}}$$

Where,

T_c is the time of concentration (min)

G is equal to 1.8 (FAA method, constant)

C is the runoff coefficient using the rational method (dimensionless)

L is the longest distance from the fixed location within the watershed (ft)

S is the slope of the watershed (ft ft⁻¹ or m m⁻¹)

Estimate Peak Flow Rate with the Rational Method

$$Q = C_f * C_i * A$$

Where,

Q is the peak discharge, or flow rate ($\text{ft}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$, $\text{m}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$, L s^{-1})

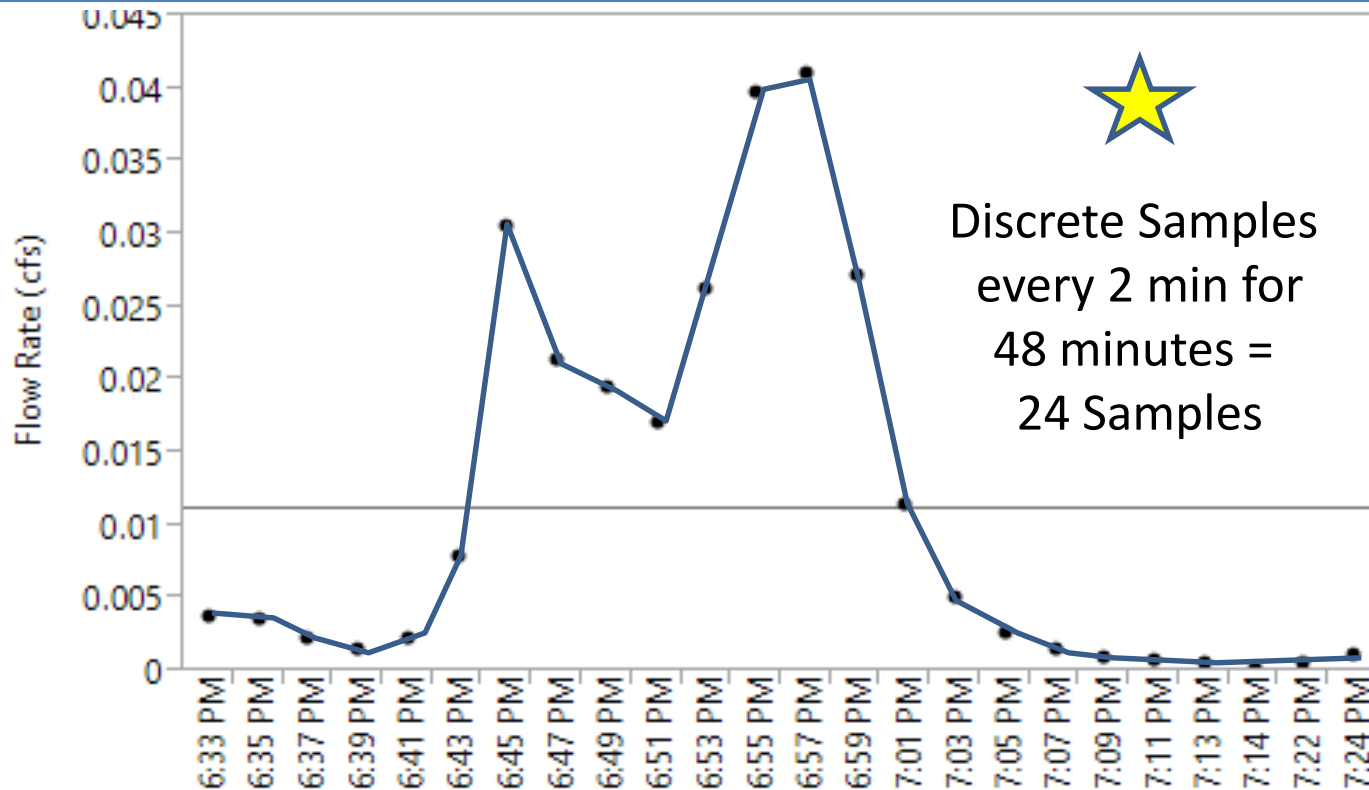
C_f is the runoff coefficient (dimensionless)

C_i is the rainfall intensity (ft s^{-1} or m s^{-1})

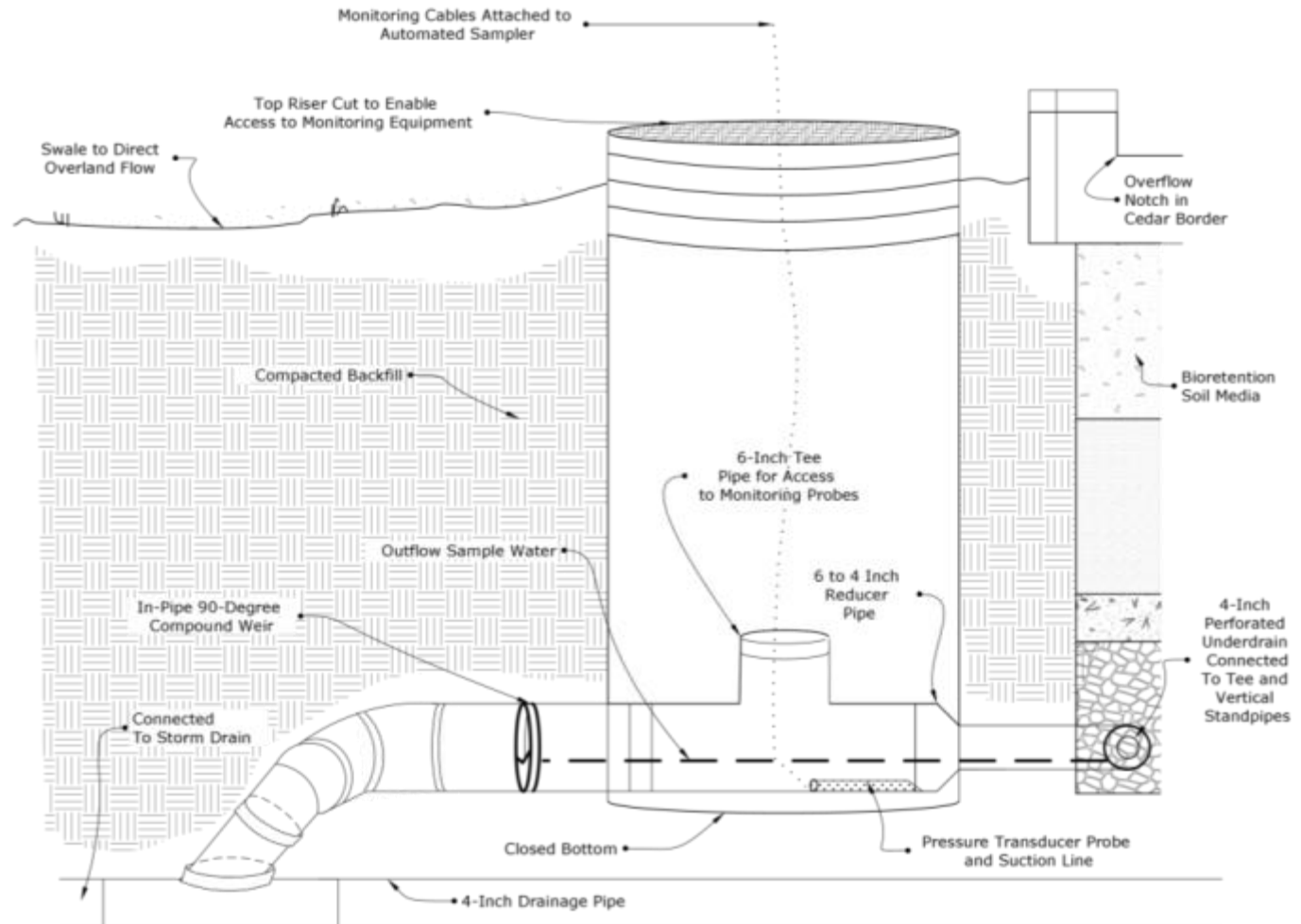
A is the drainage area (ft^2 or m^2)

Take Multiple Samples within the Inflow Hydrograph

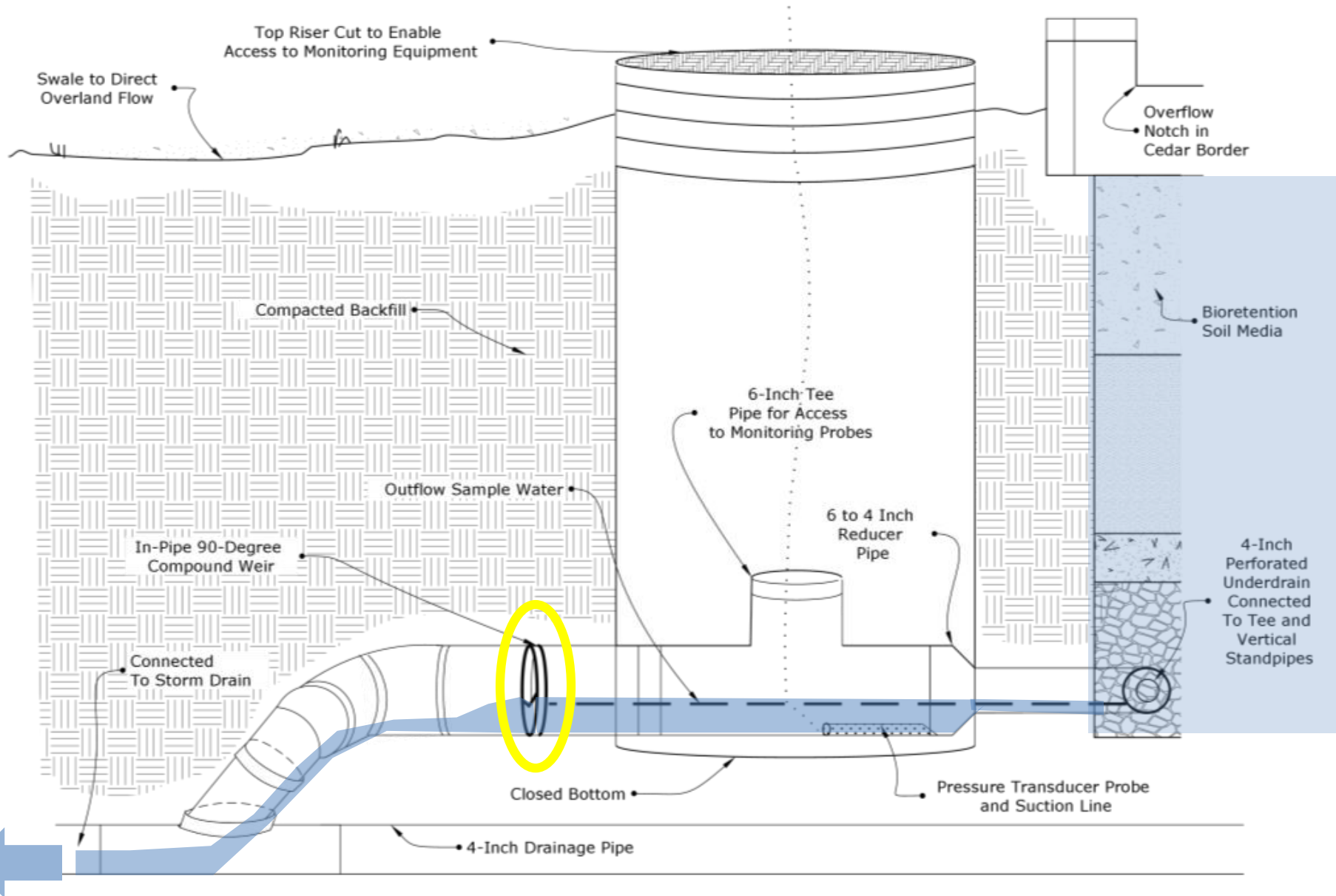
$$Time = \frac{\text{watershed area} \times \text{rainfall depth}}{\text{peak flow rate}}$$



What infrastructure could one use to measure the outflow from bioretention?



Outflow Monitoring: In-Pipe Thel-Mar™ Weir



Capturing the Outflow Hydrograph: Estimate Hydraulic Conductivity

$$K_z = \frac{D}{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{d_i}{k_i}}$$

Where,

K_z is the vertical hydraulic conductivity for the layered system (m s^{-1})

D is the total cumulative depth of the layers (m)

d_i is the depth of a given layer (m)

k_i is the hydraulic conductivity of a given layer (m s^{-1})

$$K_x = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{K_i d_i}{d}$$

Where,

K_x is the horizontal hydraulic conductivity (m s^{-1})

d_i is the depth of a given layer (m)

K_i is the hydraulic conductivity of a given layer (m s^{-1})

d is the horizontal distance of the given layer (m)

Capturing the Outflow Hydrograph: Estimate Hydraulic Conductivity

| Bioretention Media | Depth (m) | Hydraulic Conductivity (m s ⁻¹) | d_i/k_i |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|---|-----------|
| Sand/Compost Mixture | 0.3048 | 1.50E-04 | 2.03E+03 |
| Medium Sand | 0.3048 | 6.90E-04 | 4.42E+02 |
| Pea Gravel | 0.0762 | 6.40E-03 | 1.19E+01 |
| Gravel | 0.2286 | 9.14E-03 | 2.50E+01 |
| Total $d_i/k_i = 2.51E+03$ | | | |
| Total Depth = 0.9144 m | | | |
| K_z (m s ⁻¹) = 3.64E-04 | | | |

$$K_z = 131.04 \text{ cm hr}^{-1} \text{ or } 51.59 \text{ in hr}^{-1}$$

Estimate Hydraulic Conductivity

$$T = \frac{A_w D}{K_z A_{BR}(z)} + \frac{A_w D}{K_x A_{BR}(x)}$$

Where,

T is the time for the outflow peak to reach monitoring equipment (s)

A_w is the watershed area (m²)

D is the selected rainfall depth (m)

K_z is the cumulative vertical hydraulic conductivity (m s⁻¹)

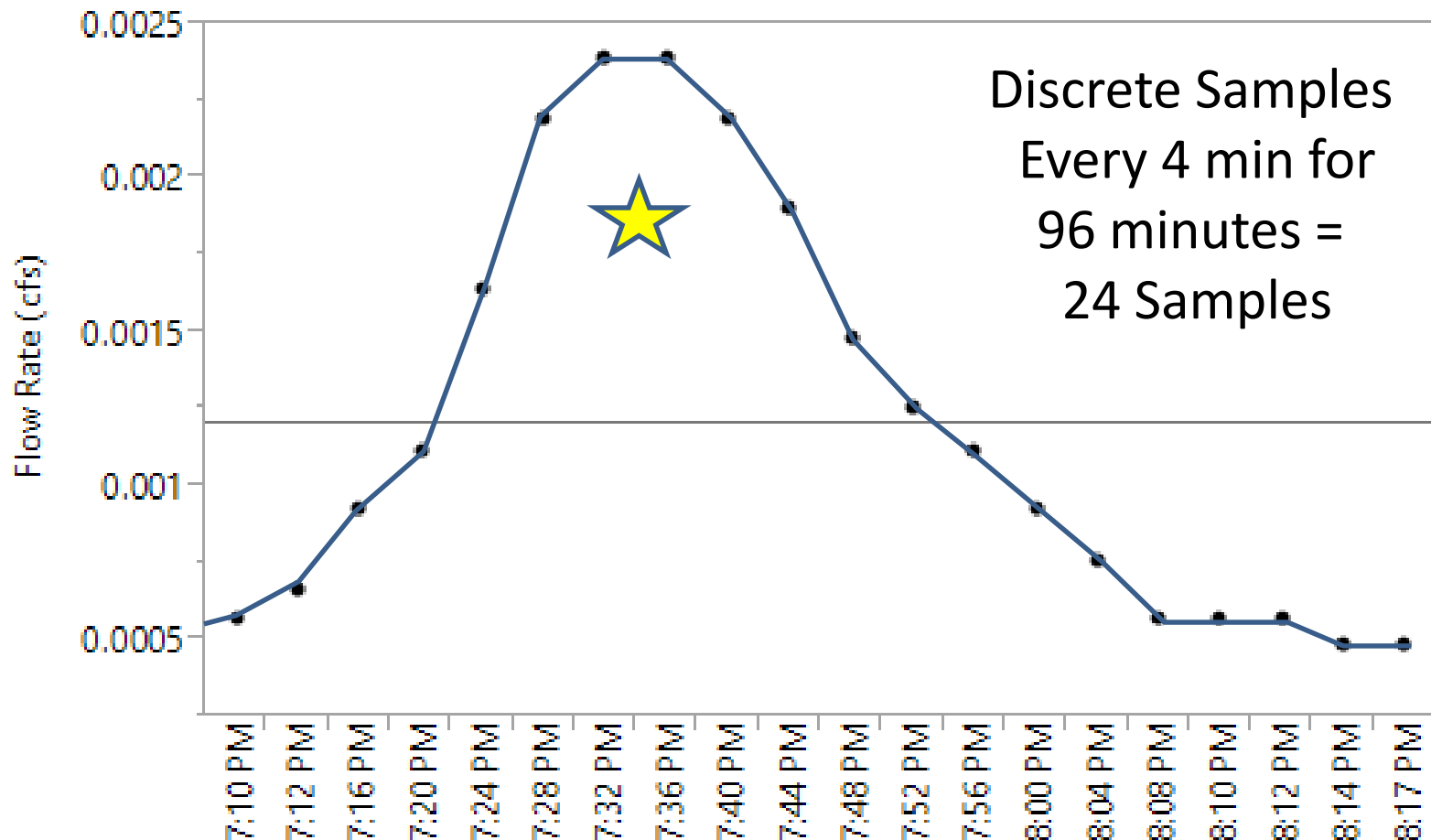
K_x is the horizontal hydraulic conductivity (m s⁻¹)

$A_{BR}(z)$ is the vertical cross-sectional area along the Y-plane (m²)

$A_{BR}(x)$ is the vertical cross-sectional area of the layer directly above the flow impeding layer along the X-plane (m²)

Sampling the Outflow Hydrograph

Time Needed to Monitor Outflow Hydrograph = 90 minutes



Installing Outflow Monitoring Equipment



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Step 2: Testing Bioretention Designs

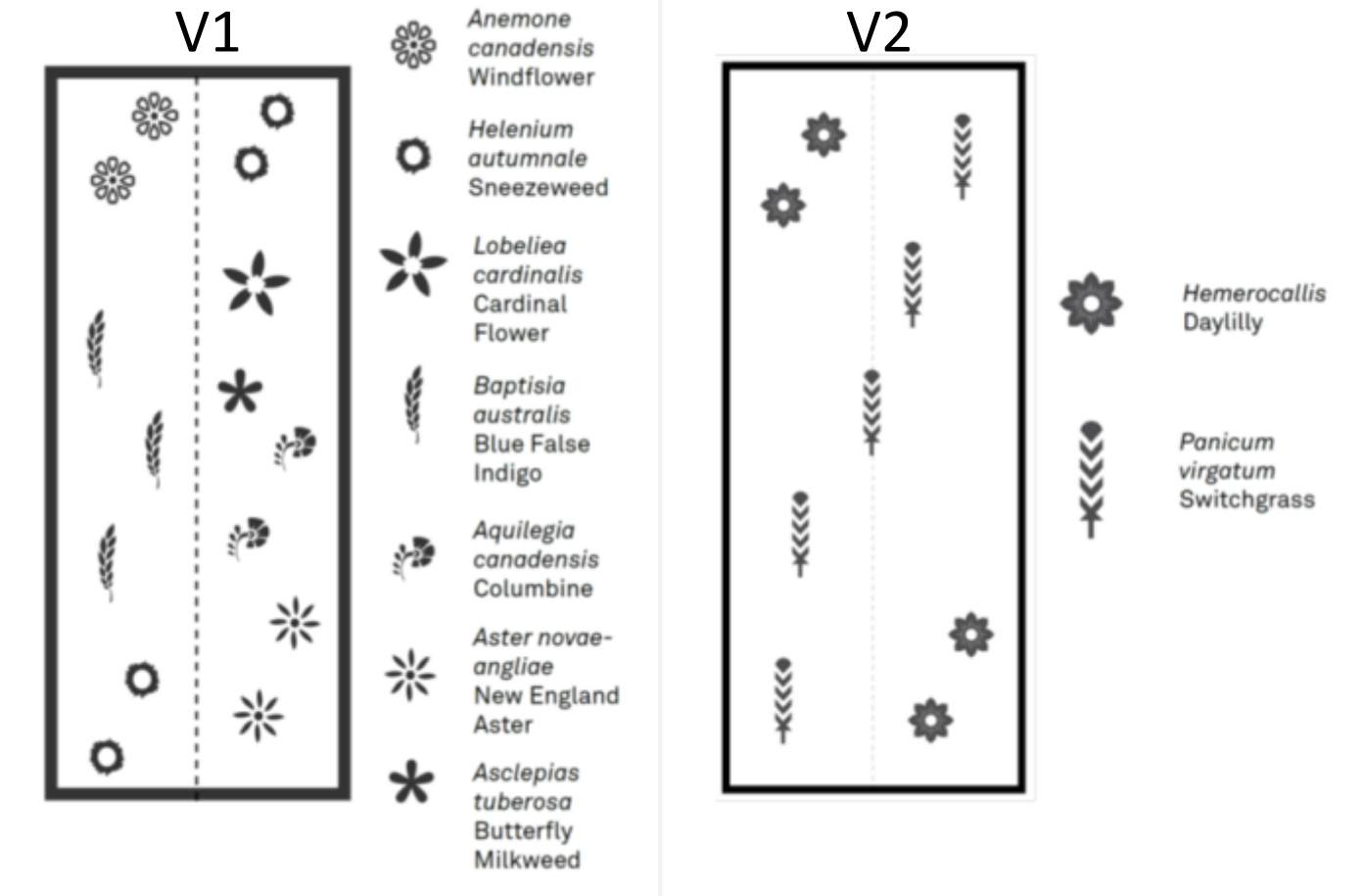
1. Soil Media: Conventional vs. Sorbtive Media™



2. Vegetation: Plant Palette 1 vs. Plant Palette 2



Comparing Vegetation Treatments



Vegetation Palette 1 (left) and Vegetation Palette 2 (right)

(Diagram created by S. Hurley and A. Zeitz, unpublished).

Vegetation 1 (V1)

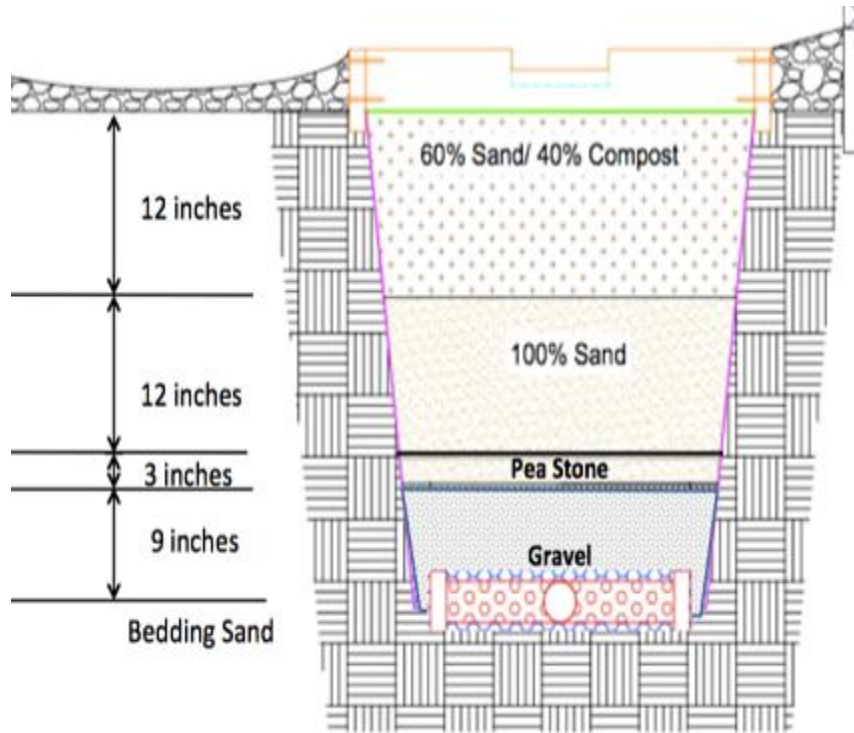


Vegetation 2 (V2)

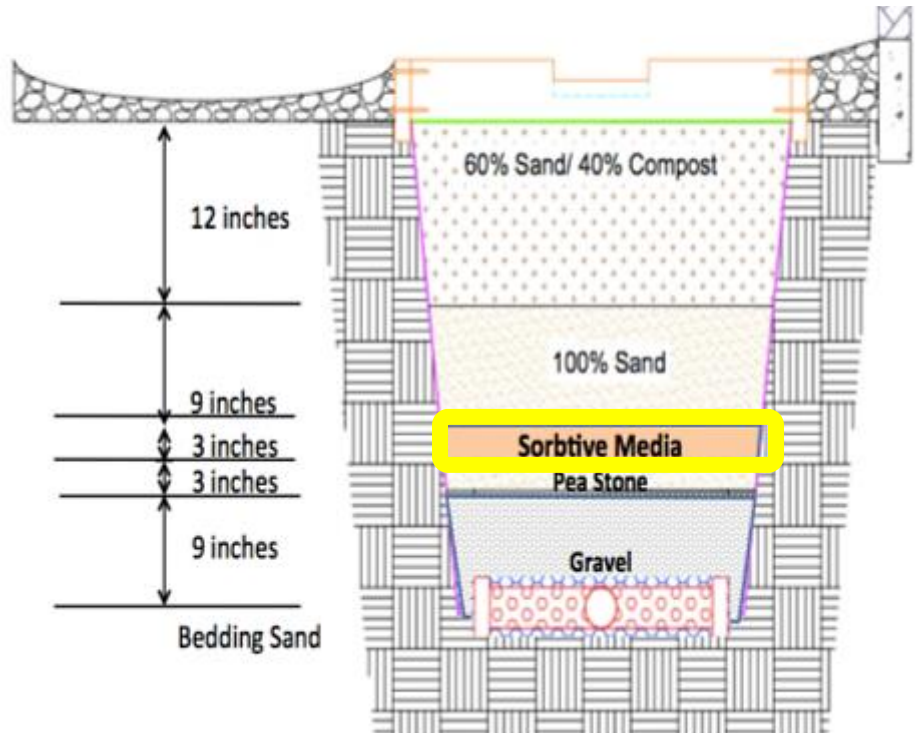


Comparing Soil Media Treatments

Conventional Media (CM)

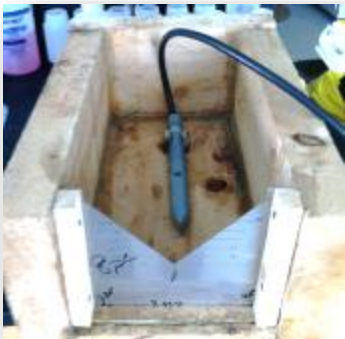


Sorbitive Media™ (SM)



Methods: Measuring Stormwater Quality

| Equipment | Parameter | Sampling and Analysis Methods |
|---|--|--|
| 6700 Series Automatic Samplers (Teledyne™) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TP 2. NLP 3. SRP 4. TN 5. TKN | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time Based • Discrete Samples • Based on the Hydrograph • Inflow = Every 2 min for 48 min (950 mL) • Outflow = Every 4 min for 96 min (500 mL) |
| Model 720 Differential Pressure Pressure Transducer | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. NO_3^- 7. TSS 8. Flow Rate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inflow to Outflow, 20-L increments (n = 6) • Outflow to Outflow, 20-L increments (n = 6) • Partial Event Mean Concentration (PEMC) |



Methods: Measuring Bioretention Soil Media Characteristics

| Equipment | Parameter | Sampling Method |
|---------------------|--|---|
| Soil auger | 1. NH_4^+ (n = 13) and NO_3^- (n = 13) | 1. 2 M KCl extraction |
| Soil core cylinder | 2. SRP (n = 7) | 2. Modified Morgan |
| | 3. Bulk Density (n = 11) | 3. Change in mass /volume |
| | 4. Ca, K, Mg, Na, S, Mn, Al, Fe, Zn, Cu (n = 7) | 4. Inductively coupled plasma spectroscopy |
| Trowel | 5. Cation exchange capacity (CEC) | 5. Ammonium acetate |
| | 6. Organic matter content (n = 7) | 6. Loss on ignition (375°C) |
| | 7. Volumetric water content | 7. Soil probe (Every 5 min) |
| Decagon soil probes | 8. Electrical conductivity | |
| | 9. Soil temperature | |
| | | 3 composited sub-samples per bioretention cell |



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Vegetation 1 (V1)



Vegetation 2 (V2)



Nutrient and Sediment Retention Results: V1 and V2

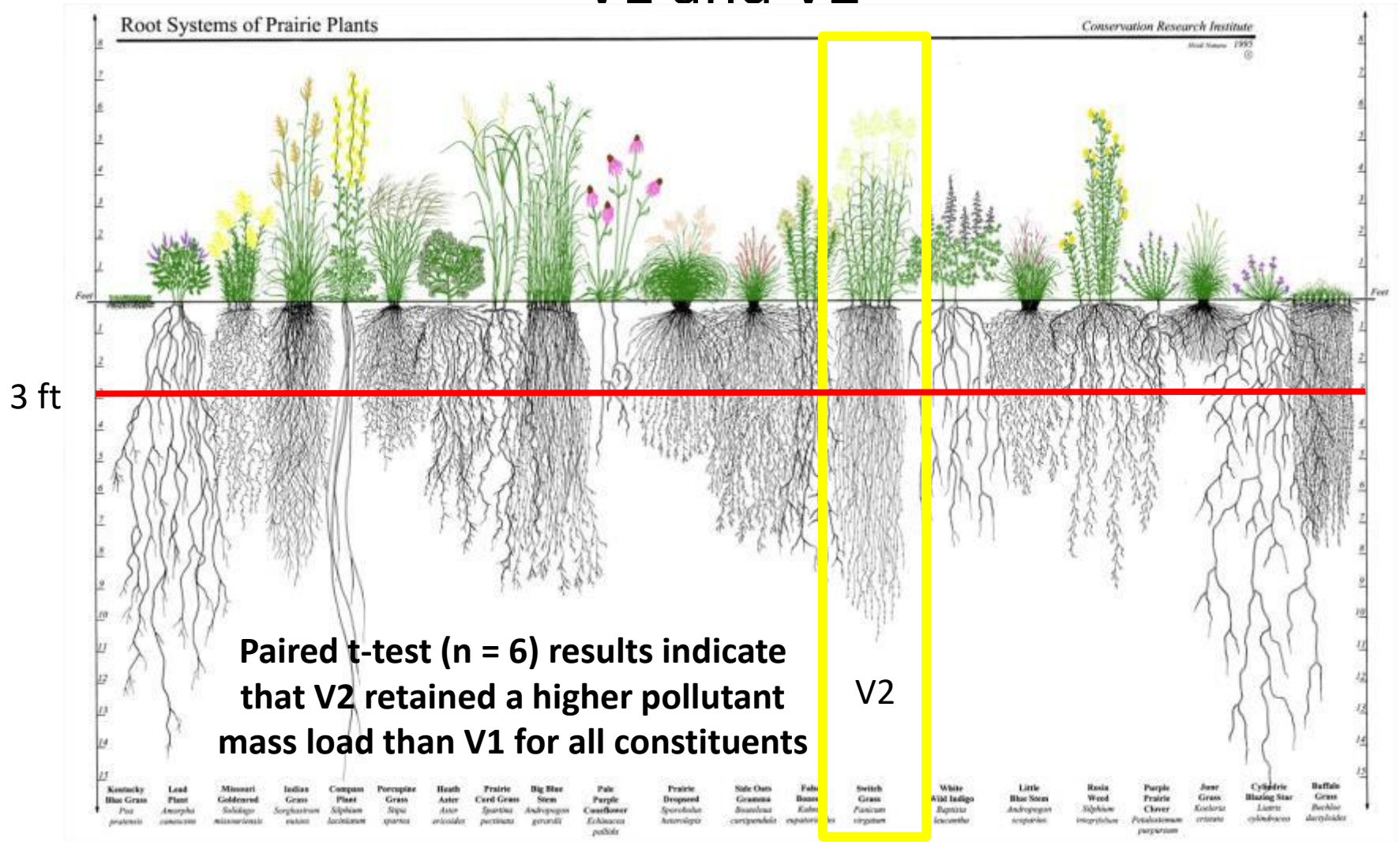
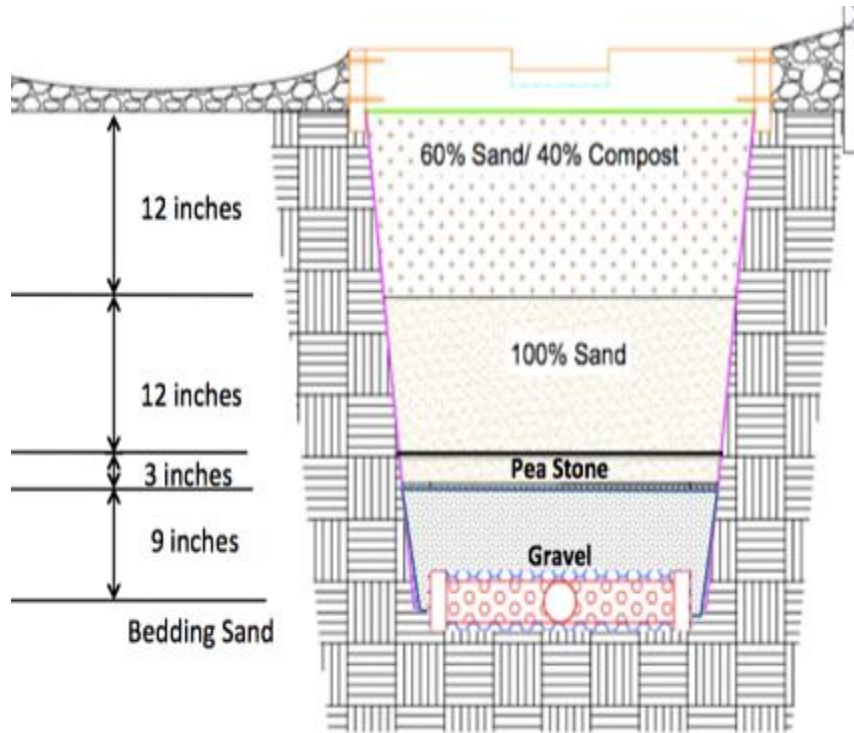


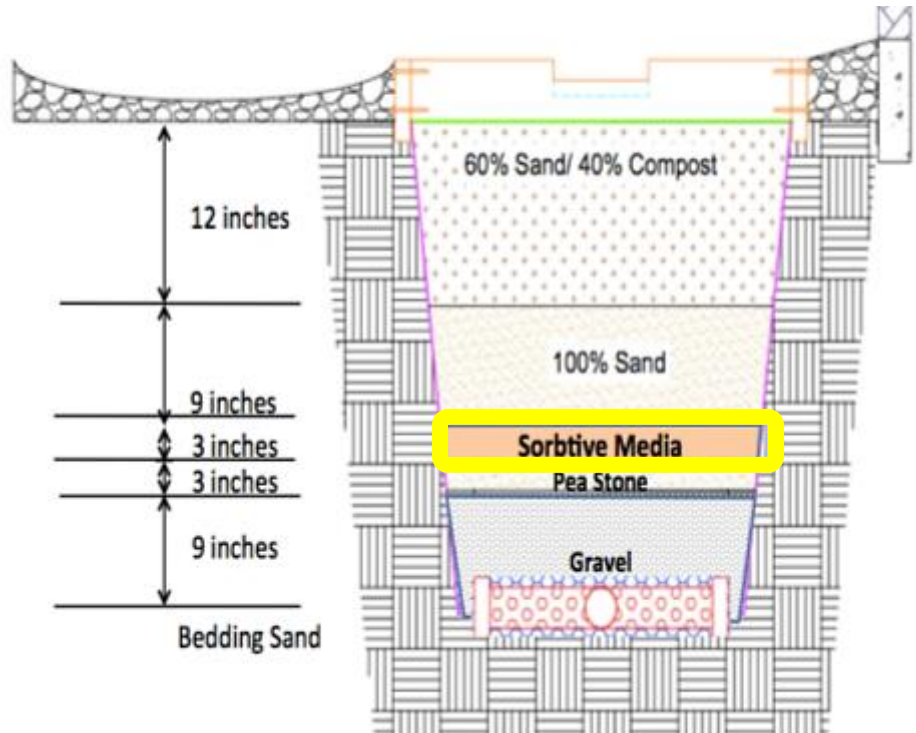
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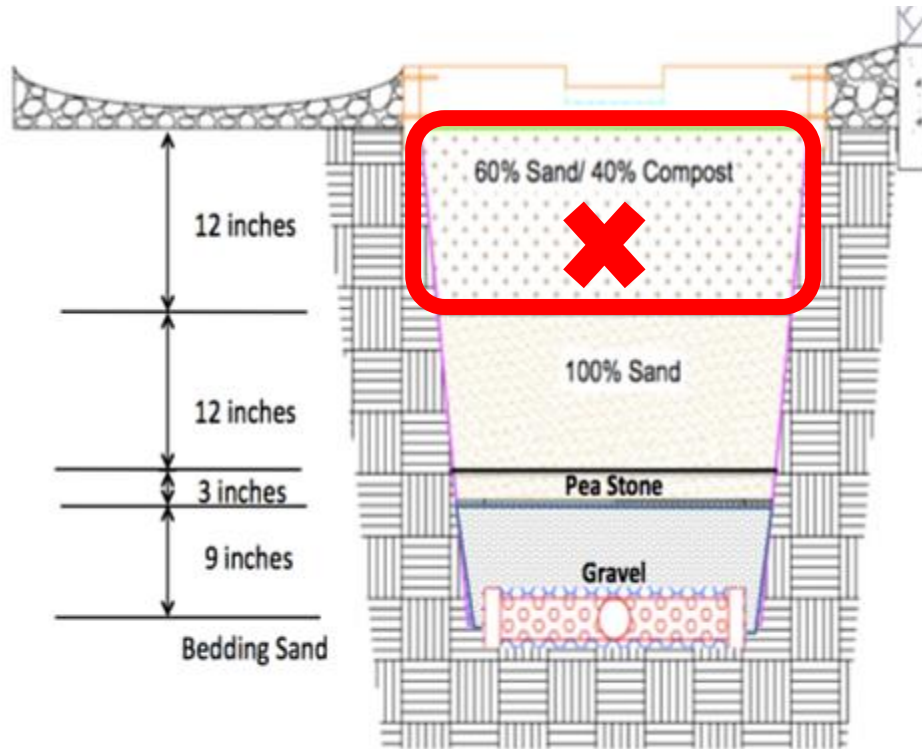
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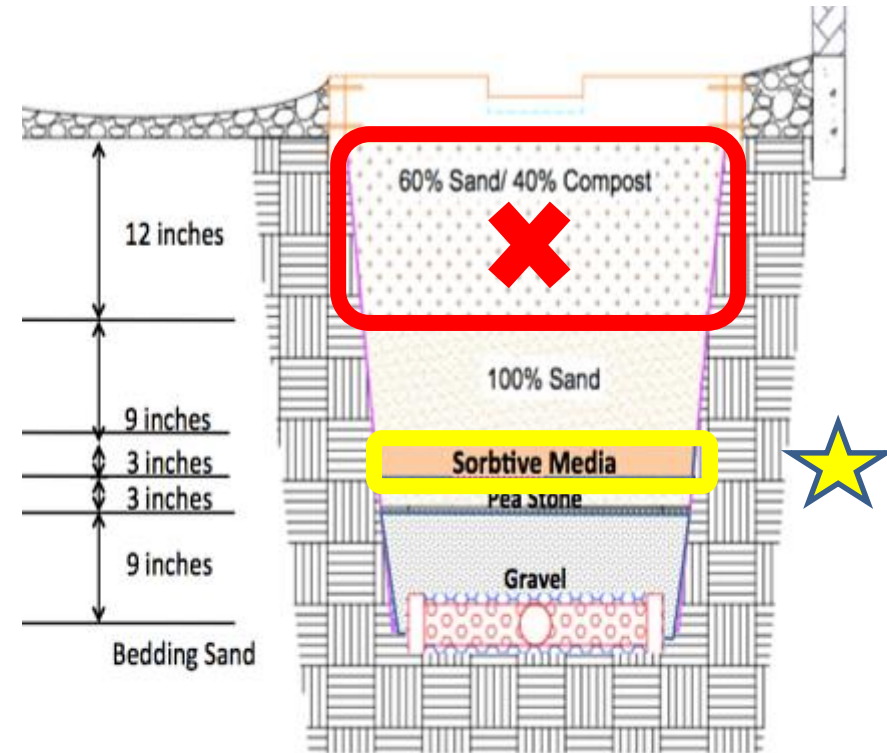
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Conventional Media Design

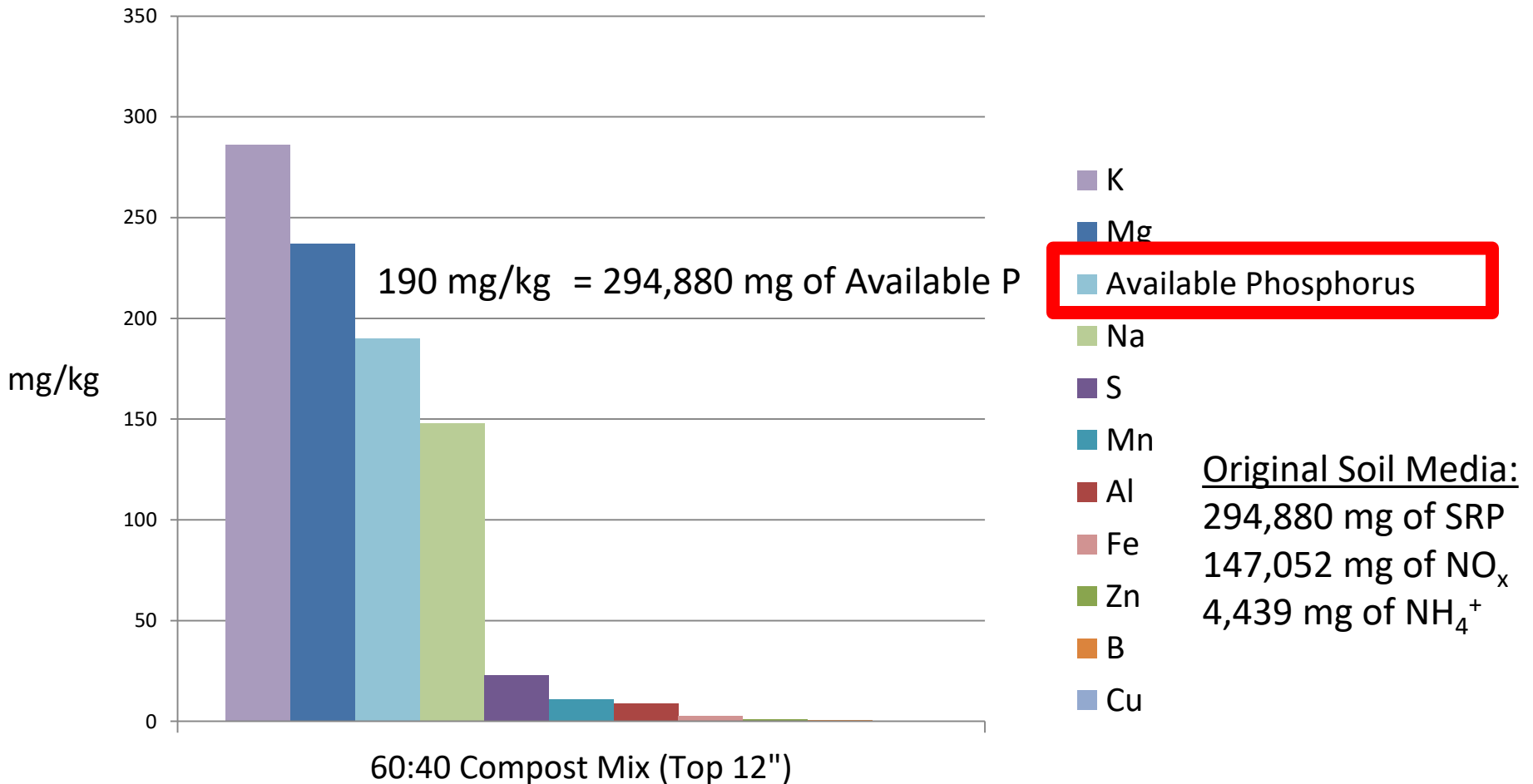


Sorbptive Media Design



1. Sorbitive Media (SM) retained more pollutant mass than Conventional Media (CM) for all constituents except NLP and TKN.
2. Conventional Media (CM) exported SRP and NO_3^-
3. Stormwater runoff contributed less than 5% of the total SRP load from the cells, with the remainder coming from the compost in the soil media
4. NO_3^- mass from stormwater contributed between approximately 10% and 20% of the total load.

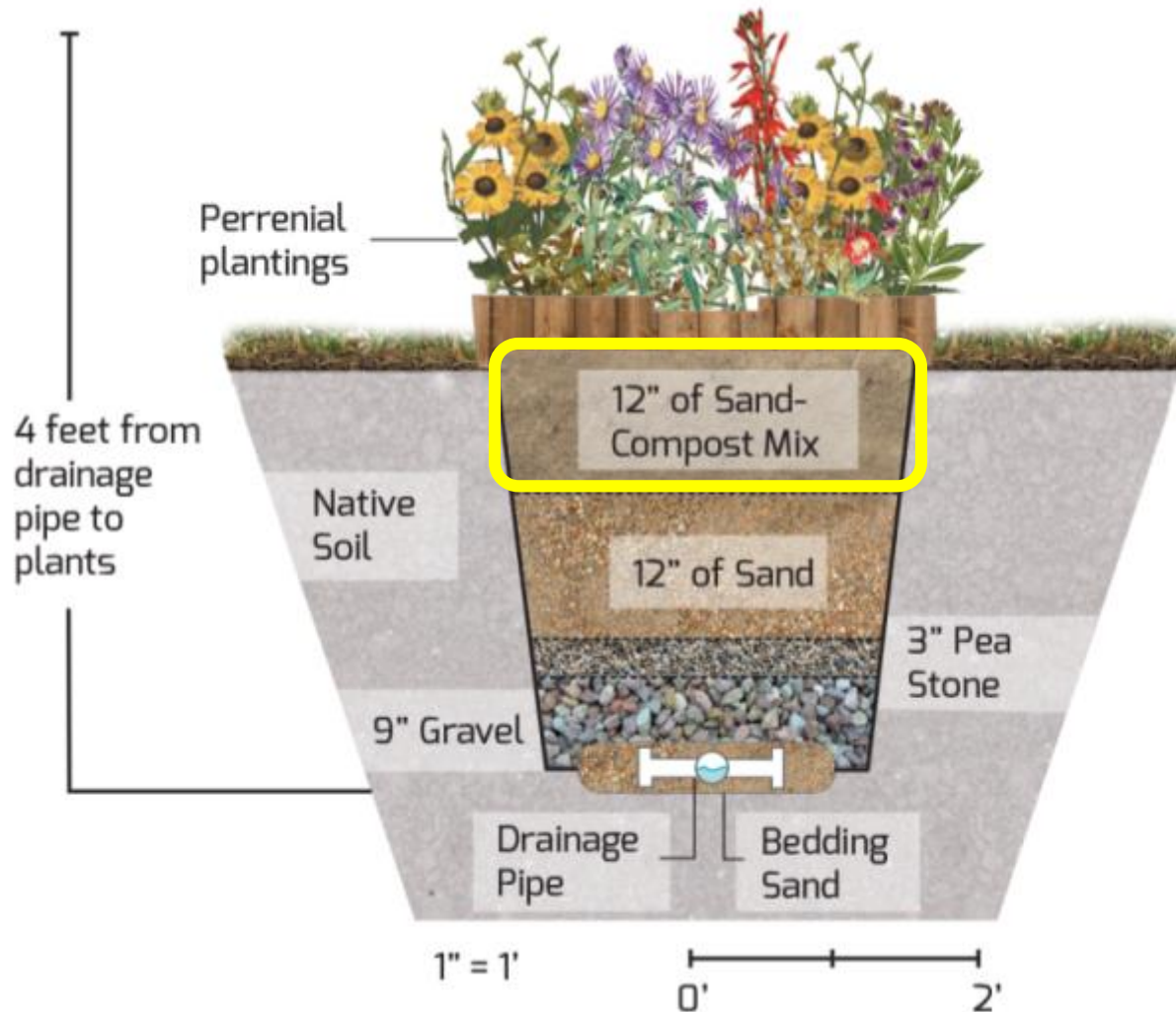
Conventional Bioretention Design: 60:40 Sand Compost Mix



Average Outflow Concentrations Compared to the Literature

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| | | < 10 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ | ☑ | O'Neill and Davis (2011) (WW Treat. Residual) |
| TKN | 376 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ (SM) | 1,240 – 1,780 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ | ★ | Geosyntec (2008) |
| NO_3^- | 227 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ (V2) , 547 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ (V1) | 300 – 400 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ | ☑ | Dietz and Clausen (2006) |
| TSS | 10.20 mg L^{-1} (CM) | 15 – 33 mg L^{-1} | ★ | Geosyntec (2008) |

Conventional Bioretention Media Design



Recommended By:

1. Vermont Agency
of Natural
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Pierce County
Extension (2012)

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Watershed
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Effective Bioretention Requires the Right Soils

Considerations

Textural Class

Infiltration Rate

CEC/AEC

Fe, Ca, or Al

pH

Availability

Cost

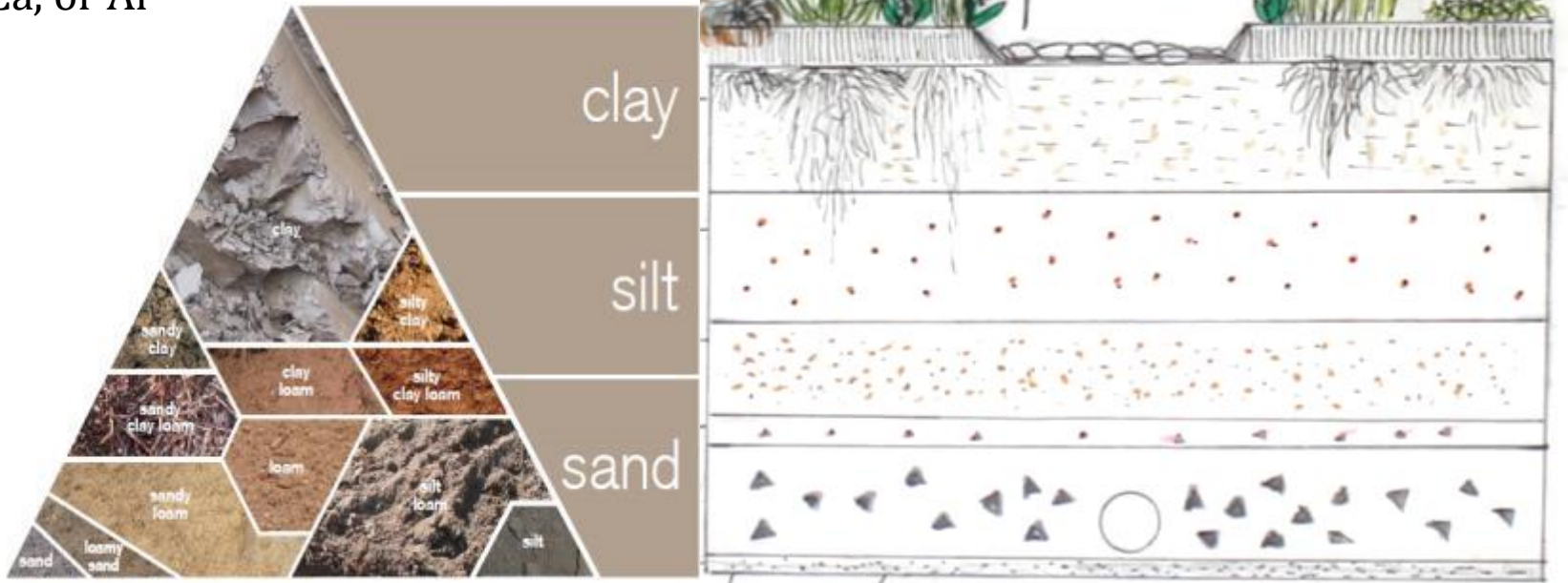


FIGURE 2.2 - SOIL TEXTURE TRIANGLE

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Media Infiltration Rates

| Reference | Infiltration Rate |
|--|---|
| This study | Modelled Rate at Installation: 131 cm hr ⁻¹ |
| Arias et al (2001) | Actual Rate: 463 cm hr ⁻¹ |
| Brix et al. (2001) | Actual Rate: 92 cm hr ⁻¹ |
| Chen et al (2013) | Actual Rate: 1.3 cm hr ⁻¹ |
| Davis et al. (2009) | Recommends > 2.5 cm hr ⁻¹ |
| Debusk et al. (2011) | Actual Rate: 11.8 cm hr ⁻¹ |
| Dietz and Clausen (2005) | Design Rate: 10 – 13 cm hr ⁻¹ . Actual Rate: 3.5 cm hr ⁻¹ |
| Hatt et al. (2008) | Actual Rate: 26.028 cm hr ⁻¹ to 232.92 cm hr ⁻¹ in different treatments |
| Hunt et al. (2006) | Actual Rate: 7.62 cm hr ⁻¹ to 38.1 cm hr ⁻¹ |
| Li and Davis (2008) | Actual Rate: Reduction from 43 – 164 cm hr ⁻¹ to 3-11 cm hr ⁻¹ |
| Lucas and Greenway (2011) | Vegetated: 27.7 cm hr ⁻¹ to 59.6 cm hr ⁻¹ |
| Thompson et al. (2008) | Actual Rate: 150 to 178 cm hr ⁻¹ (sand/compost mix) |
| Washington State University Pierce County Extension (2012) | Recommends > 2.54 cm hr ⁻¹ |

Soil Orders In Hawaii

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Andisol



Kula Series, Maui

Hilo Series, Hawaii

Andisols are soils derived from volcanic ash. The less weathered Kula soil on Maui is quite productive, while the Hilo soil on the Big Island is highly weathered and requires lots of fertilizers for crop production.

Aridisol



Kawaihae Series, Hawaii

Aridisols are soils of the arid areas or soils with high salt content. The Kawaihae soil of the Big Island has features of an arid area of light color, low organic matter, and shallow depth.

Entisol



Jaucas Series, Maui

Entisols are least-developed soils showing only a weak surface development. The calareous Jaucas soil on Maui is an example with sandy texture, and excessive drainage.

Histosol



Papai Series, Hawaii

Alakai Series, Oahu

Histosols are organic soils with a high organic matter content in the surface horizon. The Papai soil on the Big Island has lost almost all of the surface organic matter (OM), but the Alakai soil atop Mt. Kaala on Oahu is high in OM.

Inceptisol



Kolekole Series, Oahu

Inceptisols are soils showing minimal development of soil horizons. The Kolekole soil on Oahu is an example.

Mollisol



Kawaihapai Series, Oahu

Makawele Series, Kauai

Mollisols are fertile soils with high organic C and high base saturation. Although the Kawaihapai soil on Oahu is dark, the Makawele soil on Kauai is red because of Fe oxides.

Oxisol



Hali Series, Kauai

Oxisols are the most weathered soils of the tropics with low nutrient holding capacity and high Fe and Al oxides. The Hali soil on Kauai is an example.

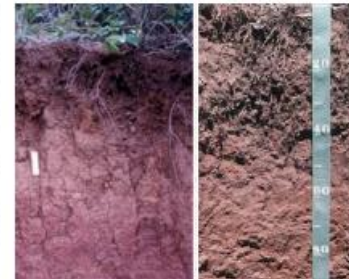
Spodosol-like soil



Oahu

Spodosols are soils with leached Al, Fe, and organic materials in the subsoil, showing a distinct layer.

Ultisol



Alaeloa Series, Oahu

Haiku Series, Maui

Ultisols are highly weathered infertile soils with clay accumulation in the subsoils. Examples are Alaeloa soil on Oahu and Haiku soil on Maui.

Vertisol



Luualalei Series, Oahu

Vertisols are soils that shrink when dry and swell when wet. They usually occur in valleys with poor drainage. They are fertile, but pose severe limitations for roads, housing, and related uses. The Luualalei soil on Oahu is an example.

Conclusions

1. The majority of nutrient mass in runoff from the paved road surface was found to be largely particulate N and P, as opposed to the soluble component.
2. The first flush (0.5 inches) was not found to mobilize the majority of pollutant mass from the paved road surface, for particulate or soluble N and P, or TSS.
3. Bioretention consistently reduce peak stormwater flow rates and volumes.
4. Non-labile nutrient and sediment removal by bioretention is considerable as a result of physical filtration within the soil media.
5. Deep rooted, fine textured roots (*Panicum Virgatum*) provided greater soil stability and access to soil nutrients throughout the profile.
6. Organic amendments (compost) added labile nutrient mass loads which far exceed loads from stormwater from a medium traffic paved road surface, and need to be limited.
7. Sorbtive Media™ was extremely effective at removing SRP, and may have influenced nitrate removal, although mechanisms are not fully understood.
8. Nitrate reduction through extended retention time in an anaerobic zone can provide significant denitrification but optimal conditions necessary are yet to be determined.

Effective Bioretention (LID) Design

Native Soil Blend:

Target Infiltration Rate 2.5 - 100 cm/hr
High Mineral Contents (Ca, Fe)

Extended Retention, NO_3^- Removal:

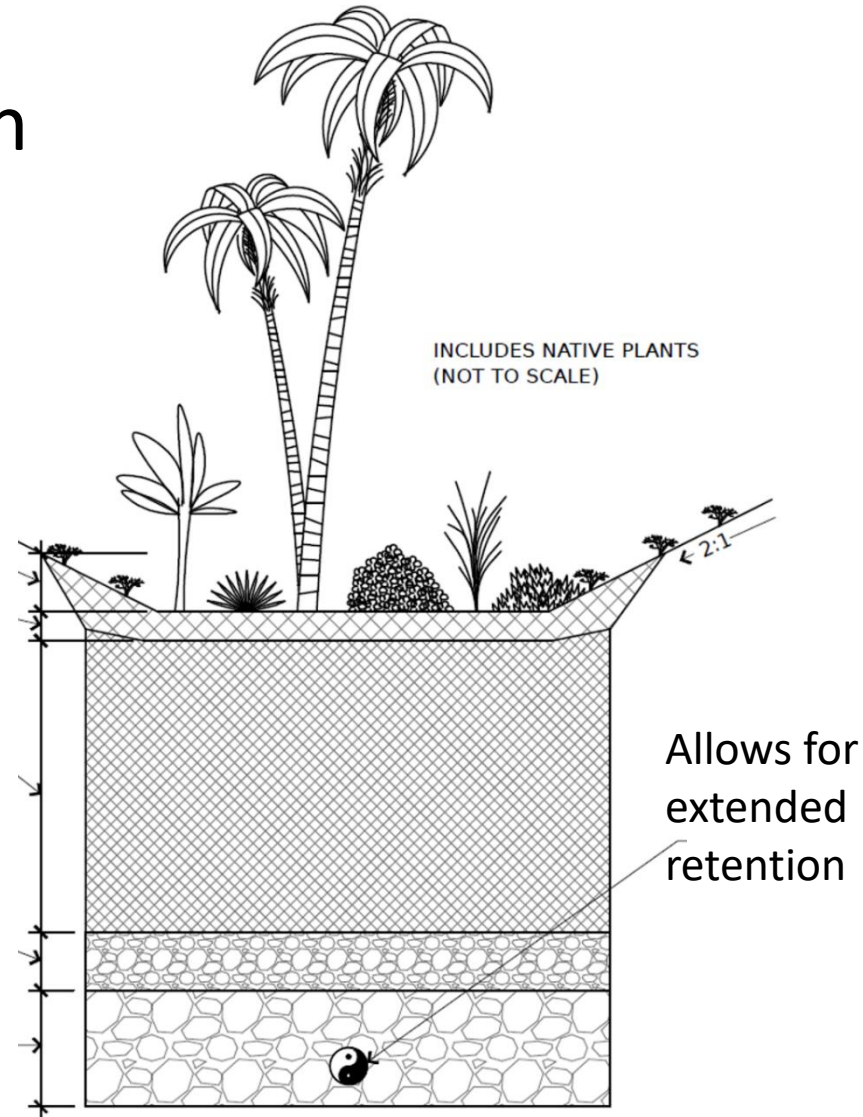
Target Retention Time > 6hrs

Native Plants:

Target >75% Cover

Target Root Depths 1 to 4 ft

- No Compost
- Mulch or Stone Top Dressing



Future Research

1. Retention time and labile carbon needed for efficient nitrate (NO_3^-) removal
2. Soil blends – getting the right mix of minerals and permeability
3. Planting pallets – maximizing pollutant removal, root depth, surface area, survivability and aesthetics



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Rain Gardens



Rain Garden
Kahili Street

Brief description of rain garden:

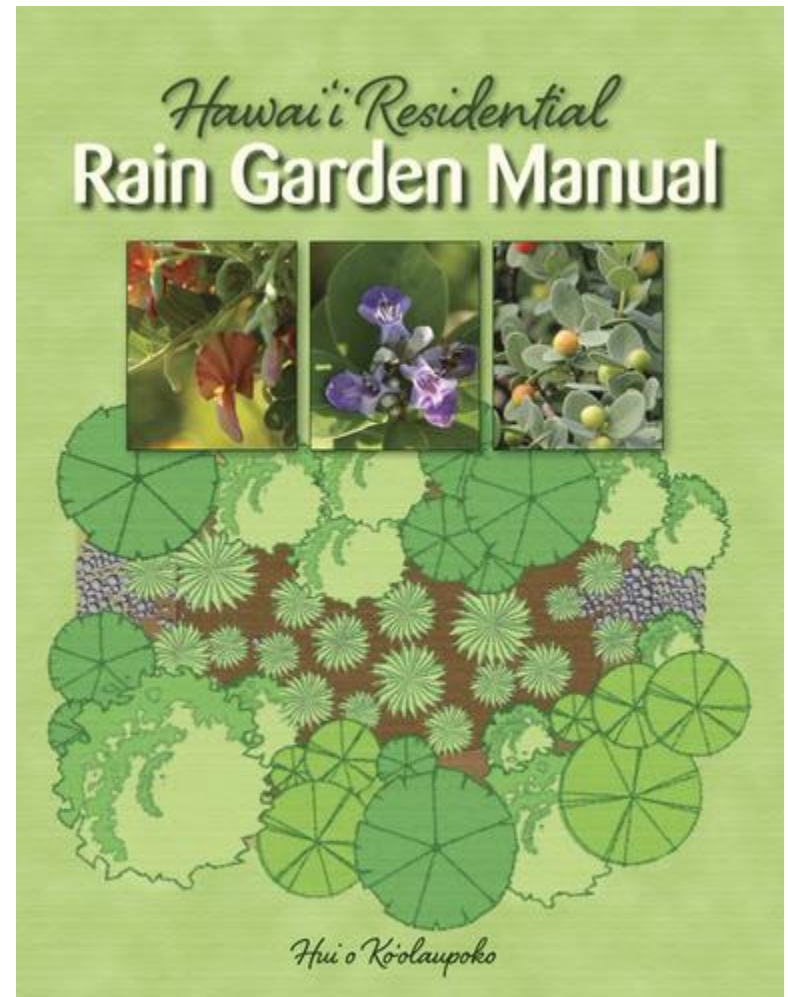
Roughly 60 foot rain garden located at the corner of the house



Rain Garden
Mokolea Drive - 2

Brief description of rain garden:

Beautiful, newly renovated home in Lanikai added a rain



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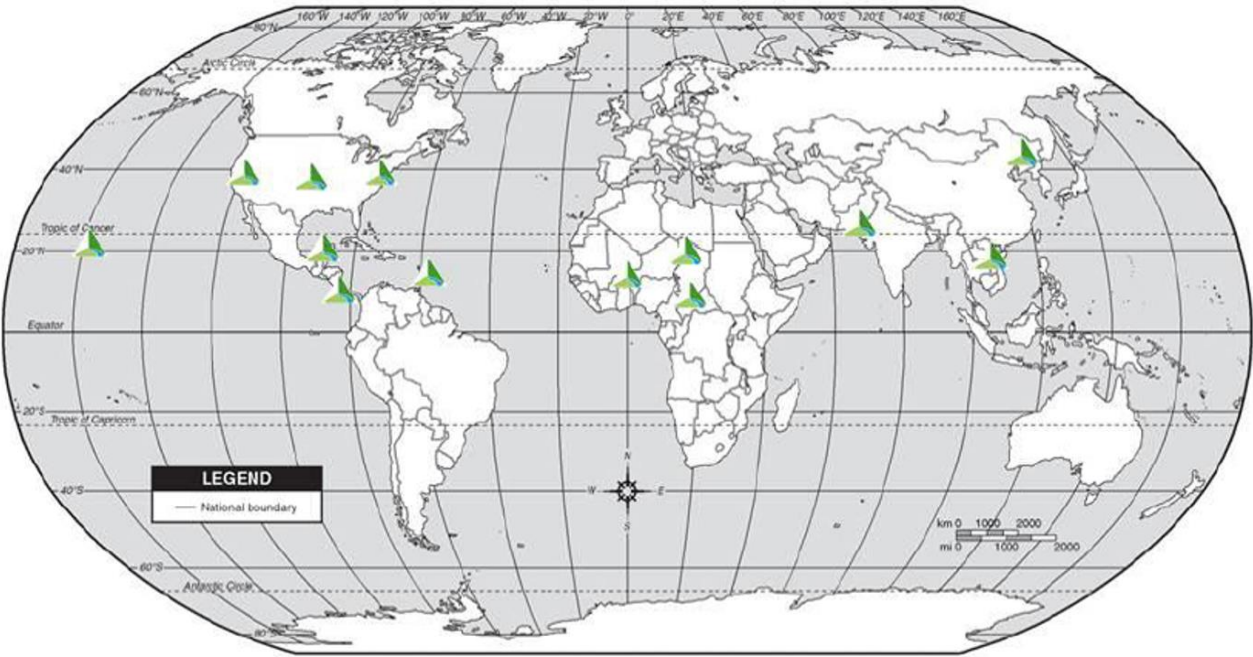


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