Sussex County Green Infrastructure Seminar Series Seminar 2

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Detention Basin Retrofits and Maintenance

Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program

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Presentation Overview

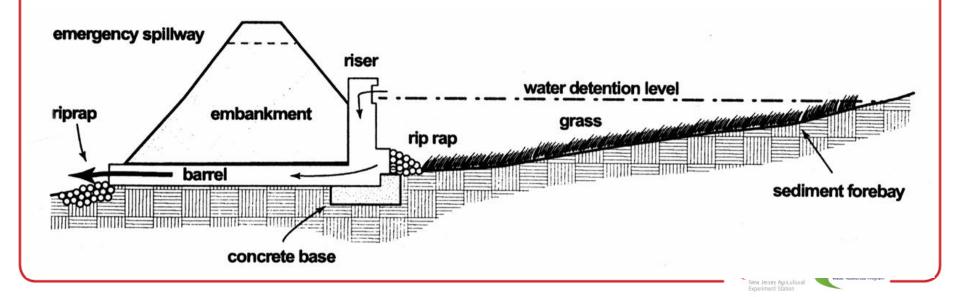
- 1. Overview of various basin designs
- 2. Common landscaping and maintenance concerns
- 3. Maintenance requirements
- 4. Typical maintenance costs
- 5. Ways to reduce maintenance
- 6. Case Studies
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What is a Detention Basin?

Basins whose outlets have been designed to detain stormwater runoff for some minimum time to prevent downstream flooding. Provide quantity control, mowed regularly with concrete low-flow channels, dry except during and immediately following a storm event (typically 48 hours).

Basins can also treat stormwater runoff through settling of particles.



Detention Basin





Detention Basin



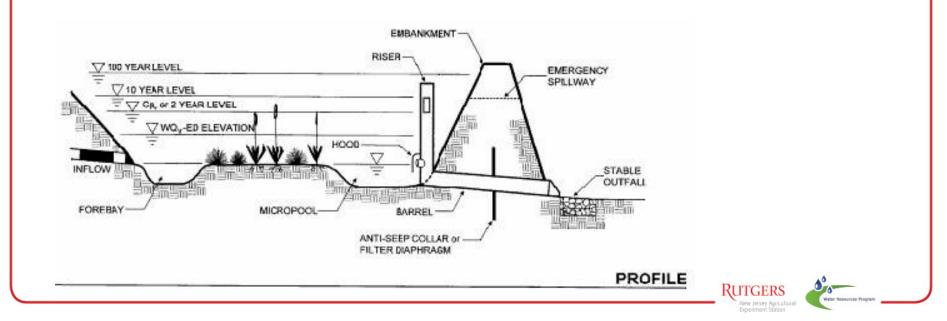


What is a Retention Basin?

(a.k.a. stormwater ponds, wet retention ponds, wet ponds)

Retention basins are often used as landscape amenities with permanent pools of standing water, stormwater fills the basin during rainfall events and discharges until permanent water surface elevation is reached.

Ponds will treat incoming stormwater runoff by allowing particles to settle and algae to take up nutrients.



Traditional Retention Basin

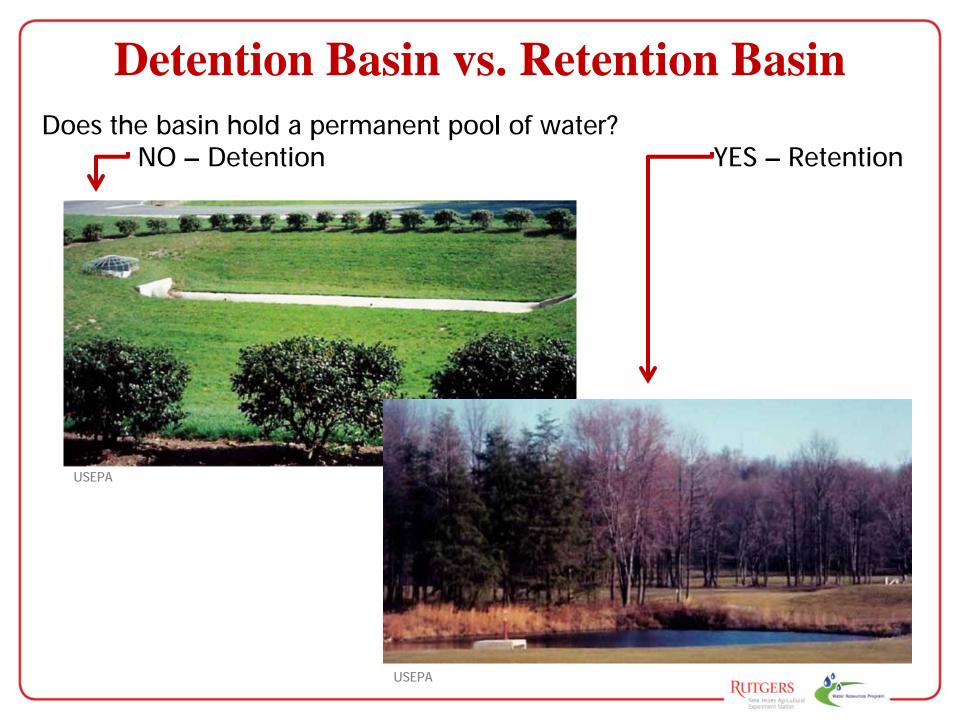




Traditional Retention Basin

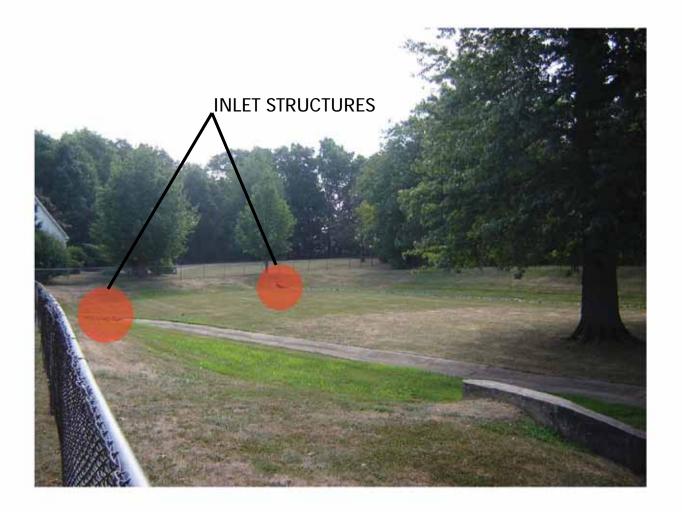




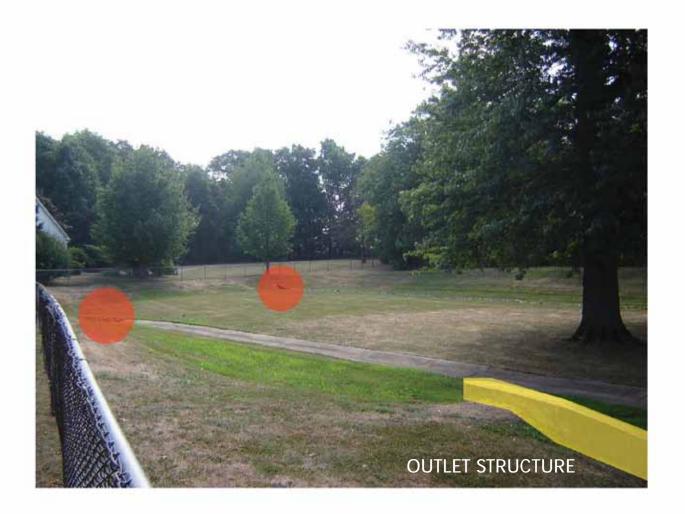




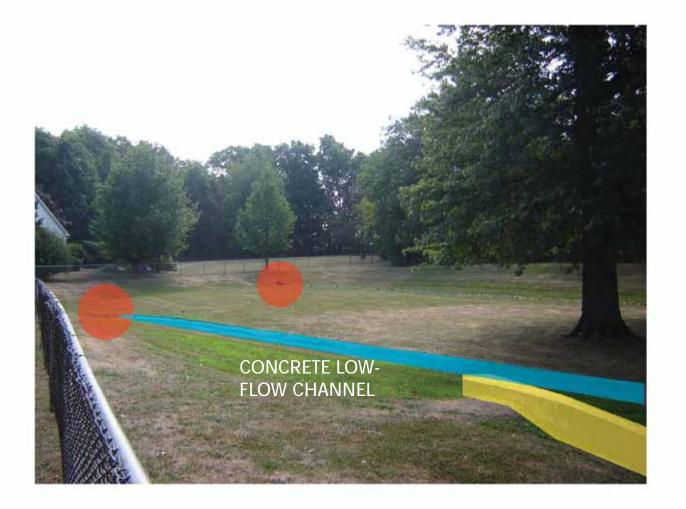




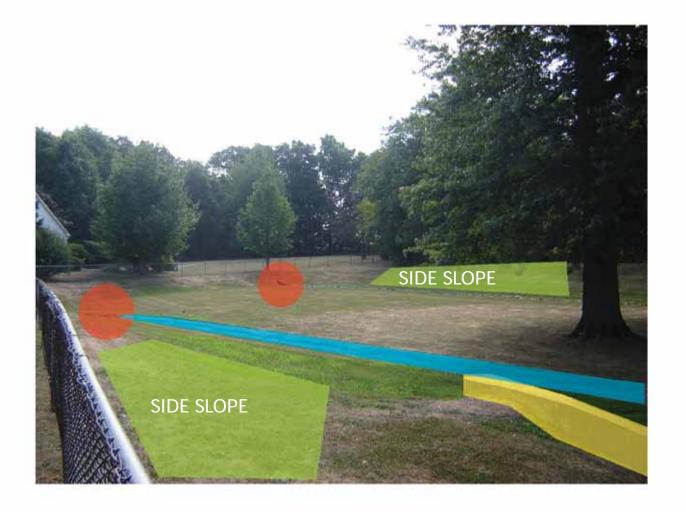








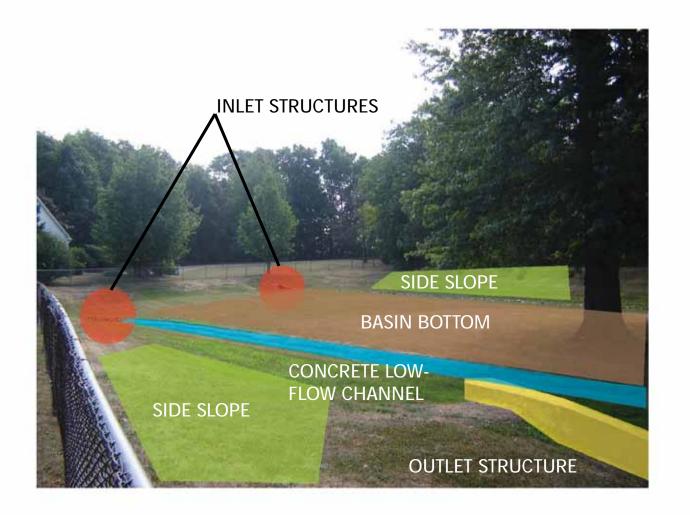














Common Concerns with Traditional Dry Detention Basins

- 1. Embankment and outlet stabilization
- 2. Sedimentation
- 3. Outlet blockages
- 4. Broken or clogged low-flow channels
- 5. Standing water or wet soils
- 6. Floatables and debris
- 7. Weeds or woody vegetation
- 8. Mowing and landscaping costs



Maintenance Considerations

Activity	Schedule	
•Note erosion of pond banks or bottom	Semiannual inspection	
 Inspect for damage to the embankment Monitor for sediment accumulation in the facility and forebay Examine to ensure that inlet and outlet devices are free of debris and operational 	Annual inspection	
 Repair undercut or eroded areas Mow side slopes Manage pesticide and nutrients Remove litter and debris 	Standard maintenance	
•Seed or sod to restore dead or damaged ground cover	Annual maintenance (as needed)	
•Remove sediment from the forebay 5- to 7-year maintenance		
•Monitor sediment accumulations, and remove sediment when the pond volume has been reduced by 25 percent	25- to 50-year maintenance Rutgers	

Maintenance Requirements

- Routine Maintenance
 - Vegetation management
 - Debris and litter removal
 - Mechanical components maintenance
 - Inspections
- Non-Routine Maintenance
 - Stabilization and erosion control repairs
 - Sediment removal
 - Outlet repair or replacement

Properly designed and maintained wet detention basins can remove 80% of the suspended solids in urban runoff.

Maintenance Requirements

Routine Maintenance



Routine Maintenance

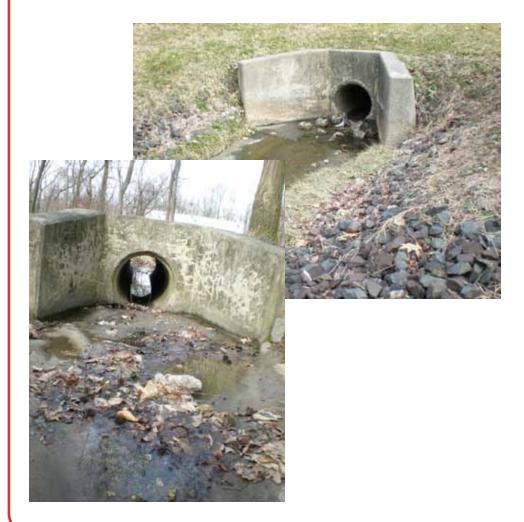
• Vegetation management

- Mowing should be done where/when it is needed (traditionally, 10-14 times per year)
- Effective groundcovers must be kept healthy to prevent erosion and damage to the system
- Debris and litter removal
 - Inlets and outlets should be regularly cleared of debris and litter to prevent obstructions and reduced efficiency of the system
- Mechanical components maintenance
 - All mechanical equipment, such as gates, valves, locks, or other components must be kept in working order should an emergency arise

Inspections

 Regular inspections by designated personnel, owner, or operator should be made and clear records kept

Expected Costs for Annual Routine Maintenance



- Approximately 3-5% of construction cost for annual maintenance of dry detention basin or wet detention pond
- Mowing can cost between \$100-\$500 per visit
- Intensive maintenance including mowing, weed control, fertilization, etc. can range from \$500-\$3,500/acre annually



Other Cost Considerations

$C = 12.4V^{0.760}$

where:

- C = Construction, design, and permitting cost, and
- V = Volume needed to control the 10-year storm (ft³).

Using this equation, typical construction costs are:

- \$ 41,600\$ 239,0001 acre-foot pond10 acre-foot pond
- \$ 1,380,000 100 acre-foot pond

Source: USEPA http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/menuofbmps/



Reducing Routine Maintenance

- Vegetation management
 - Reduce need for mowing
 - Eliminate any use of commercial fertilizers and pesticides in stormwater management facilities
- Debris and litter removal
 - Install simple low cost retrofits on catch basins near the discharge to the detention system
- Mechanical components maintenance
 - Regular inspections and immediate repairs will reduce need for major replacements

Inspections

 Clearly identify appropriate personnel and have same individual conduct inspections at regular intervals

Vegetation Management

Meadow Management

 Reduce mowing frequency of the basin bottom and embankments to a single monthly mowing at a height of 6-8 inches during the months of May through September





Meadow Management





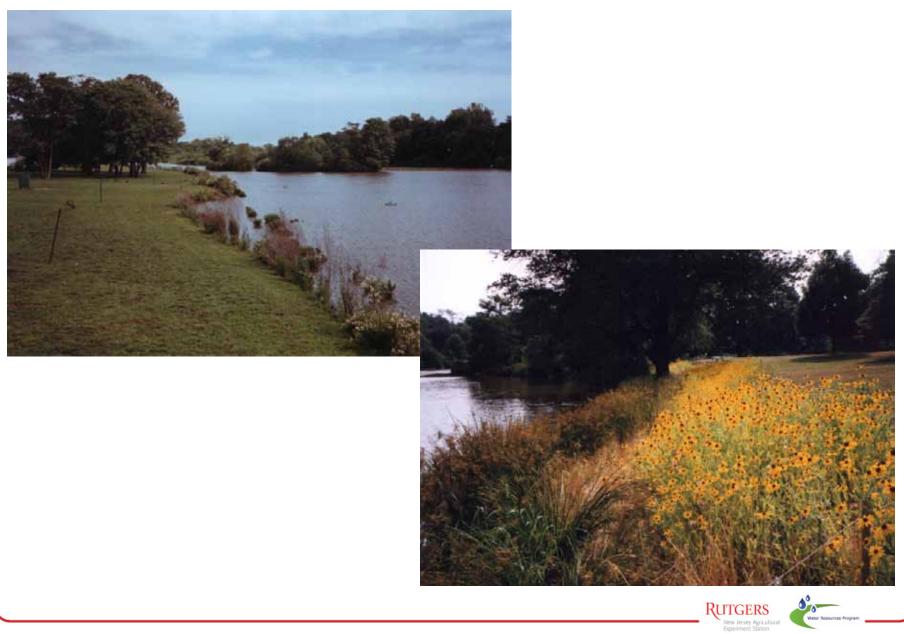
Vegetation Management

No mow zones

- In wet pond systems, eliminating regular mowing of the shoreline edge for a minimum of 5-10 feet and allowing vegetation to grow to a height of 24 to 30 inches is recommended for several reasons:
 - Reducing mowing will promote deeper root growth and soil stability at the pond edge.
 - The vegetation will filter runoff from surrounding areas reducing nutrients and other pollutants in the pond,
 - The vegetation will deter use of the facility by unwanted Canada geese through the physical and visual barrier,



No Mow Zones



No Mow Zones





Vegetation Management

Naturalized Plantings

- Install native plantings adapted to flood plain and wetland conditions and eliminate regular mowing.
- Requires upfront funds to design, purchase materials and install vegetation.
- Often these costs can be offset through the use of local volunteers or nonprofit environmental organizations.
- This approach requires careful planning and a commitment to maintain new plantings during the establishment period.
- These plantings can often be done in conjunction with basin repairs and/or retrofits.
- This approach is the "preferred" design option in the new BMP manual as it improves the effectiveness of the stormwater facility to treat water quality as well as water quantity.







- Seed in the spring or fall at a minimum rate of 10-15 lbs/acre
- Can be applied via broadcasting, hydroseeding, or with a native 'TRUAX' seed drill
- Need to be mulched during establishment with weed free straw or wood fiber mulch
- Can be applied to bare soil, over-seeded, or to sites treated with glysophate herbicide
- Seed mix should contain warm-season companion grasses in combination with wildflowers
- Require a single annual mowing at a height of no less than 6 inches



Cherry Hill Township saved \$20,000 per year on mowing costs by naturalizing detention basins.



Common Wildflowers		Aquatic Vegetation for Wet Ponds	
Botanical Name	Common Name	Botanical Name	Common Name
Asclepias incarnata	Swamp Milkweed	Pontederia cordata	pickerelweed
Aster novae-angliae	New England Aster	Sagittaria latifolia	duck-potato
Aster novi-belgi	New York Aster	Saururus cernus	lizard tail
Eupatorium perfoliatum	Boneset	Scirpus atrovirens	green bulrush
Iris pseudacorus	Yellow-Flag	Sparganium americanum	lesser bur-reed
Iris versicolor	Blue-Flag		
Lobelia cardinalis	Cardinal Flower	Warm Season Grasses	
Lobelia siphilitica	Great Lobelia	Botanical Name	Common Name
Vernonia noveboracensis	New York Ironweed	Agrostis alba	Red Top
		Agrostis palustris	Creeping Bentgrass
		Andropogon scoparius	Little Bluestem
Common Wetland Plants		Andropogon virginicus	Broomsedge
Botanical Name	Common Name	Calamogrostis canadensis	Canada Wild Rye
Carex stricta	tussock sedge	Elymus canadensis	Canada Wild Rye
Carex vulpinoidea	fox sedge	Poa palustris	Fowl Bluegrass
Carex crinita	fringed sedge	Puccinellia distans	Alkaligrass
Juncus effusus	Soft Rush	Tripsacum dactyloides	Eastern Gamagrass

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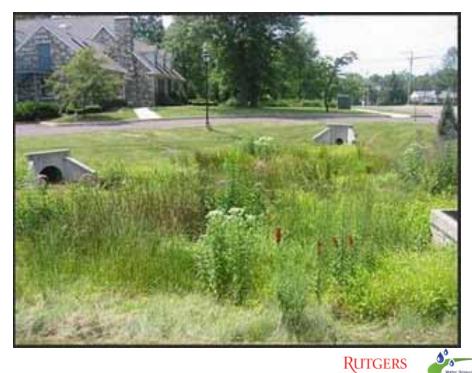
Native wildflower and grass seed mixes available from Ernst Conservation Seeds in Meadville, PA

Native plant material available from Pinelands Nursery in Columbus, NJ





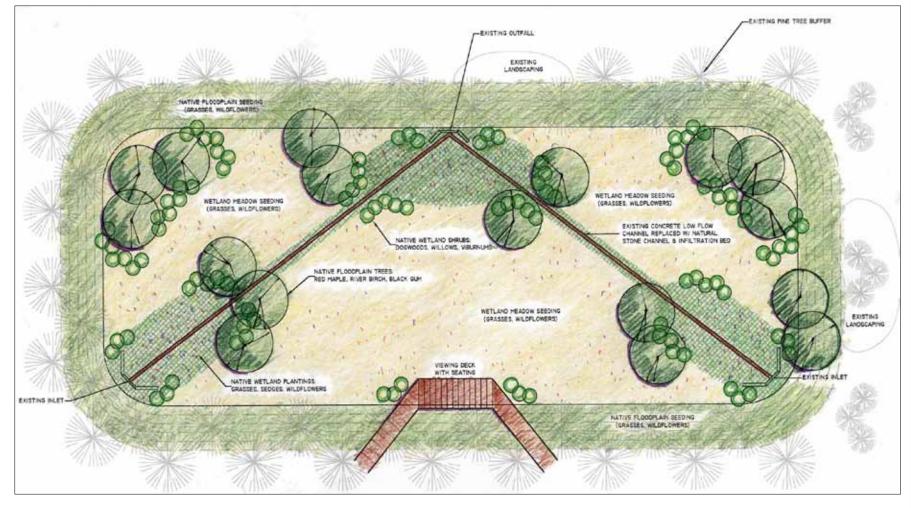
Egg Harbor Township New Jersey



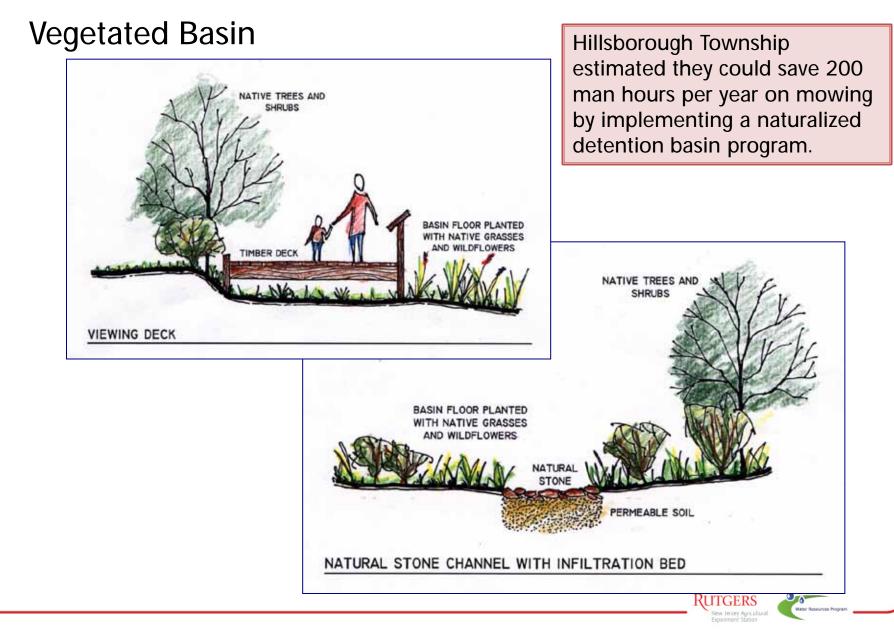
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Naturalized Detention Plan







Naturalized Plantings & Mosquitoes

- Mosquitoes can breed in almost any wet area containing standing water, including:
 - Containers/old tires
 - Catch basins
 - Gutters
 - Low wet spots in lawns
- Healthy naturalized systems provide habitat to many mosquito predators, including:
 - Dragonflies
 - Damselflies
 - Water Striders
 - Backswimmers
 - Predacious Diving Beetles
- Always provide and maintain access for inspection and treatment





Mechanical Components Maintenance

 Regular inspections and immediate repairs will reduce need for major replacements





Regular Inspections

At a minimum, regular inspections should:

- Document any erosion or sedimentation and identify any needs for repair or replacement
- Provide review of the inlet and outlet structures and note any deterioration, evidence of malfunctions, or collection of debris
- Document condition of the vegetation, noting any evidence of poor health, establishment of exotic species or weeds, woody growth on embankments, or need for any replacement
- Note any standing water or evidence of extended ponding not intended in the design or function of the system
- Note whether clear access to the facility is being maintained as per the design plans
- Document current and recent weather conditions and include a digital photograph of the facility

Maintenance Requirements

Non-Routine Maintenance



Non-Routine Maintenance

- Stabilization and erosion control repairs
 - If vegetation fails on embankments or in the basin, soil replacement, reseeding and stabilization should occur immediately
- Sediment removal
 - During the establishment of a new basin, the basin should be inspected for excessive sedimentation. After establishment, the basin should be inspected twice a year and excessive sediment accumulated in the basin should be removed.
- Outlet repair or replacement
 - Should the system stop functioning as designed the outlet structure may require repair or replacement



Expected Costs for Non-Routine Maintenance

- Sediment removal estimated to be needed:
 - Every 5-15 years for wet pond
 - Every 2-10 years for a dry pond
- Expected costs for sediment removal:
 - Mobilization \$2,500 \$5,000 (dependent on size of project)
 - Dredging work \$10/cy \$20/cy (dependent on depth of sediment)
 - Disposal off-site \$45/cy \$75/cy (extremely variable and dependent on hauling distance, quality of material, and disposal requirements)
- Expected costs for pre-cast concrete replacement outlet structure:
 - \$5,000 \$15,000 depending on size of structure, access, and complexity of the installation



Reducing Costs for Non-Routine Maintenance

- Stabilization and erosion control repairs
 - Ensure basin designs due not incorporate steep embankments (greater than 3:1)
 - Maintain healthy groundcovers by not mowing basin areas to less than 4" inches in height
- Sediment removal
 - Install manufactured pre-treatment device prior to stormwater discharging to basins
 - Install a settling forebay near inlets where access can be provided and reached with available excavation equipment
 - Retrofit system for water-quality treatment
- Outlet repair or replacement
 - Conduct regular inspections to ensure system is functioning properly and debris and litter are not clogging the outlet
 - Provide and maintain clear access to all structures of the system

Stabilization and Erosion Control Repairs

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Sediment Removal

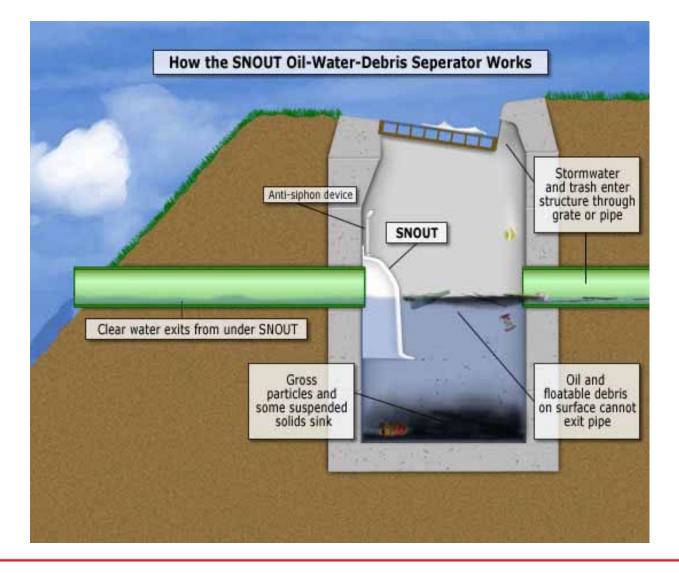
Manufactured Pre-Treatment Systems

- Intended to capture sediments, metals, hydrocarbons, floatables, and/or other pollutants in stormwater runoff before being conveyed to a storm sewer system, additional stormwater quality treatment facility, or waterbody.
- Adequate for small drainage areas that contain a predominance of impervious cover that is likely to contribute high hydrocarbon and sediment loadings, such as small parking lots and gas stations. For larger sites, multiple devices may be necessary.
- Devices are normally used for pre-treatment of runoff before discharging to other, more effective stormwater quality treatment facilities.



Debris and Litter Removal

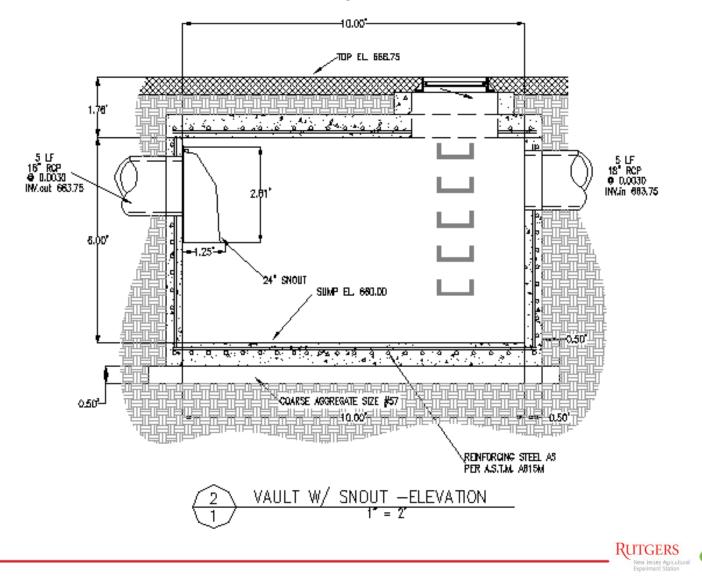
Low Cost "Snout" Debris Separator



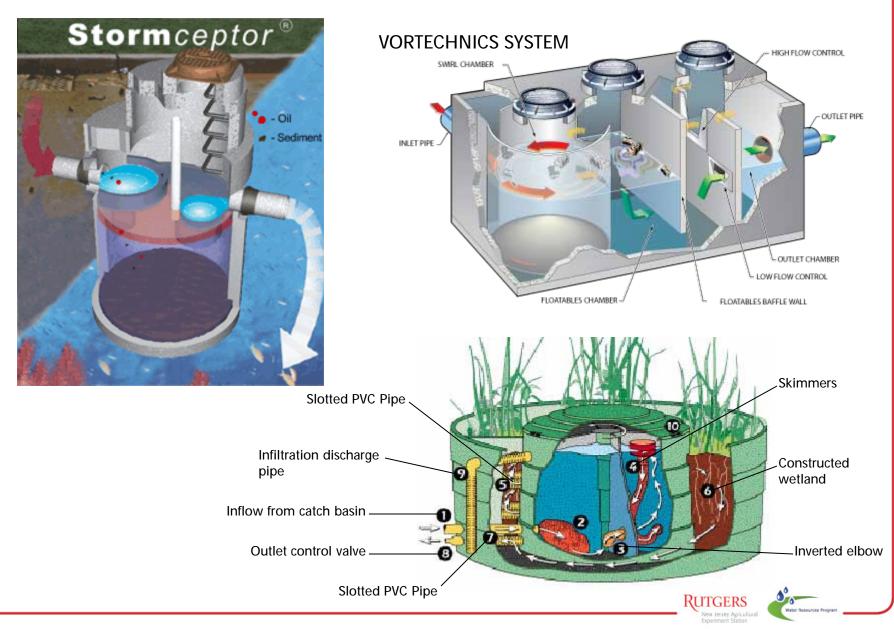


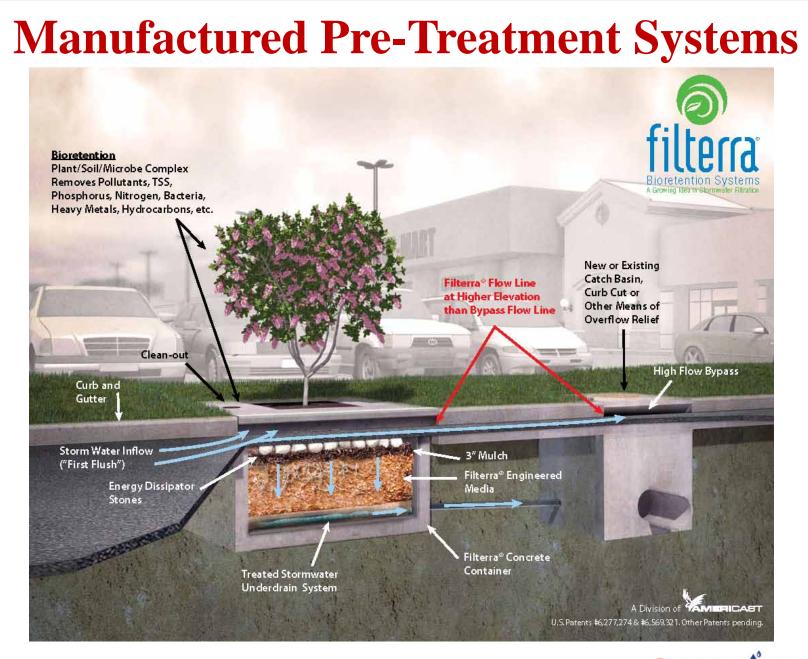
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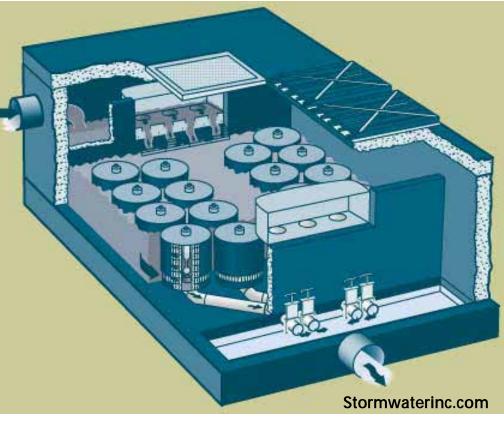
The StormFilter System

Major ComponentsPrecast Vault

- **Filter Cartridges**

Considerations

- Sizing Optional Filter Media 2.5' of Head needed
- Maintenance







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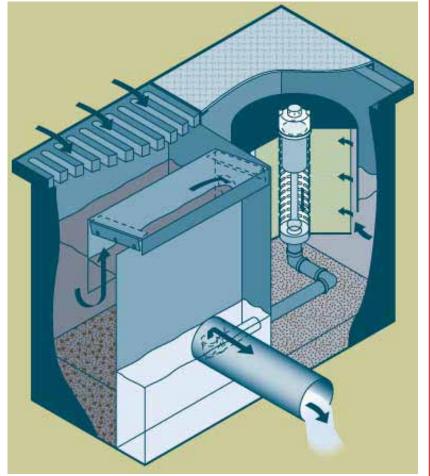
The Catchbasin StormFilter System

System Features and Benefits

- Targets site-specific pollutants
- Low cost, heavy gauge, all steel construction (Concrete units also available)
- Internal bypass that minimizes re-suspension of trapped pollutants

General Specifications

- StormFilter capacity 15 gpm/cartridge (up to 4 cartridges)
- Peak hydraulic capacities: Standard Steel Units -- 1.0 cfs Deep Steel Units - 3.0 cfs Concrete Units - 2.0 cfs
- Hydraulic drop (Rim to Invert): -Standard Steel Unit - 2.3' Deep Steel Unit - 3.3' Concrete Unit - 2.75' to 2.9' "
- Outlet pipe diameter up to 12"
- Load-bearing capacities: Concrete Units - H-20 Steel Units - H-20 with concrete collar





Outlet Repair or Replacement

- Conduct regular inspections to ensure system is functioning properly and debris and litter are not clogging the outlet
- Provide and maintain clear access to all structures of the system





RETROFIT

- 1. Extended Detention Basin
- 2. Outlet
- 3. Water Quality







Retrofit: Extended Detention Basin

- Extended detention can address both the stormwater runoff quantity and quality impacts of land development.
- The lower stages of an extended detention basin can detain runoff from the Stormwater Quality Storm for extended periods of time, thereby promoting pollutant removal through sedimentation.
- Higher stages in the basin can also attenuate the peak rates of runoff from larger storms for flood and erosion control.
- Extended detention basins are designed for complete evacuation of runoff and normally remain dry between storm events.
- To enhance soluble pollutant removal, the lower stages of an extended detention basin may also be designed with a permanent pool and partially function as either a wetland or retention basin.



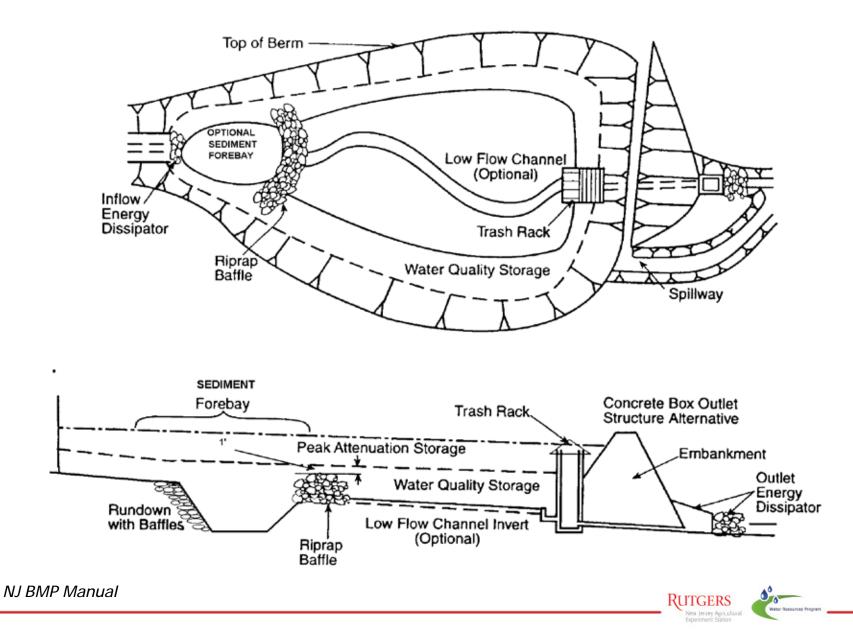
Keys for Extended Detention Basin

- The basic design parameters for an extended detention basin are its storage volume and detention time.
- An extended detention basin must have the correct combination of storage volume and outflow capacity to contain and *slowly* discharge the design runoff volume over a prescribed period of time.

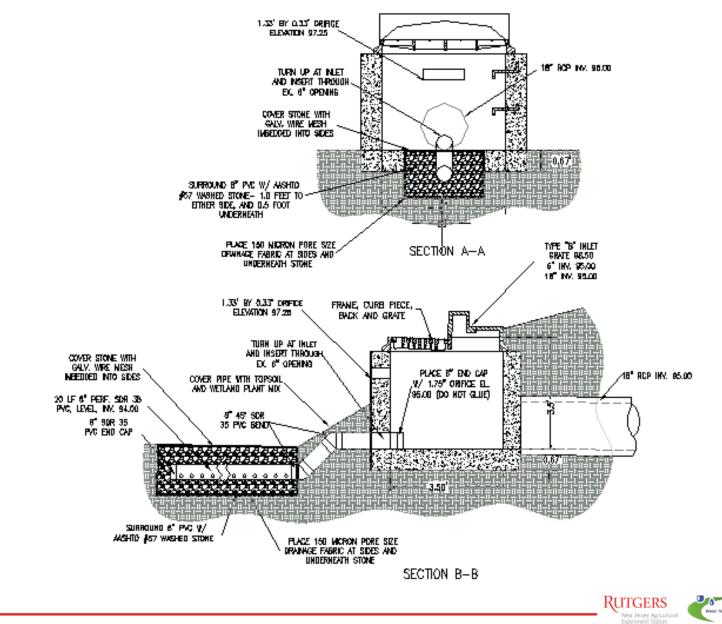




Extended Detention Basin Concept



Retrofit: Outlet Modification



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Retrofit: Water Quality

Basins

- Vegetate with Native Species
- Remove Concrete Low Flow Channels
- Install Permeable Weirs
- Storm Inlet Filtering Devices
- Manufactured Treatment Devices
- Disconnect Impervious Surfaces

Capturing, treating and infiltrating the runoff generated by the water quality storm.







Expected Costs for Naturalized Plantings and Retrofits

- Native seeding or plantings
 - Native seed costs: \$25/lb \$45/lb
 - Installation costs: range from \$80 \$150 per 1000 sq ft
 - Native wetland plants costs: \$200 \$250 per 1000 sq ft installed
- "Snout" installation \$500
- Pre-manufactured treatment device installation
 - \$10,000 \$60,000 depending on size and complexity of the installation
- Settling forebay or permeable weir Installation
 - \$2,500 \$5,000 for filter fabric, rip-rap stone, and installation, depending on size and access
- Pre-cast concrete retrofit outlet structure:
 - \$5,000 \$10,000 installed depending on size of structure, access, and complexity of the installation





Teaberry Run Moorestown, NJ

EXISTING CONDITIONS





Teaberry Run Moorestown, NJ

AFTER INSTALLATION





Teaberry Run Moorestown, NJ

1 YEAR LATER





Baker Elementary School Moorestown, NJ

EXISTING CONDITIONS





Baker Elementary School Moorestown, NJ









PLANTING



Baker Elementary School Moorestown, NJ

1 YEAR LATER





Mercer County SCD Wildflower Detention Basin Planting Program New Jersey

- Reduce need for watering
- Eliminate use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides
- Minimize mowing
- Provide visual contrast in the landscape and provide habitat





Roadside Drainage Retrofit Program Hunterdon County, NJ



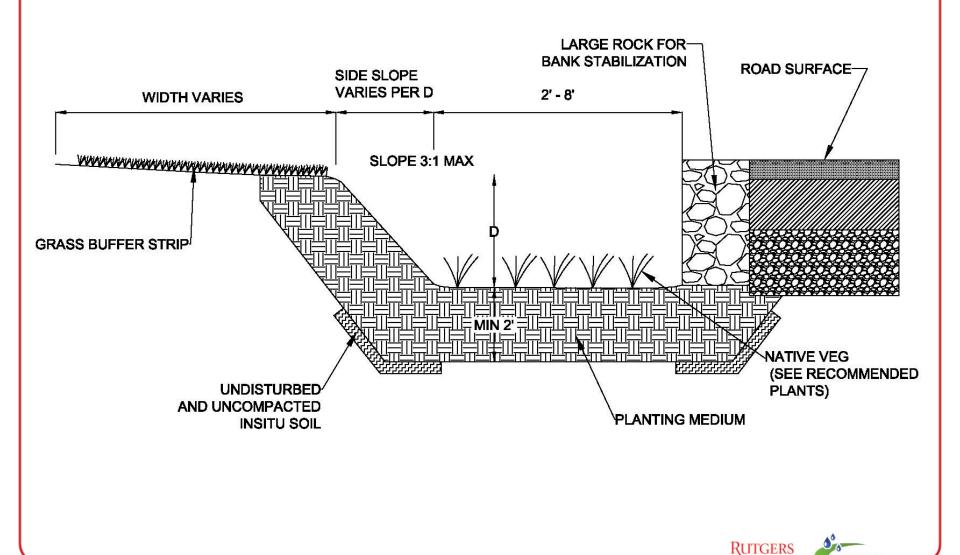


Roadside Drainage Retrofit Program Hunterdon County, NJ

- Develop cost-effective designs strategies to address the roadside drainage issues associated with these watersheds
- Develop cost-effective routine maintenance practices to reduce sediment loads
- Build capacity within the local municipalities to implement the design and maintenance strategies in a cost-effective manner



Roadside Drainage Retrofit Program Hunterdon County, NJ

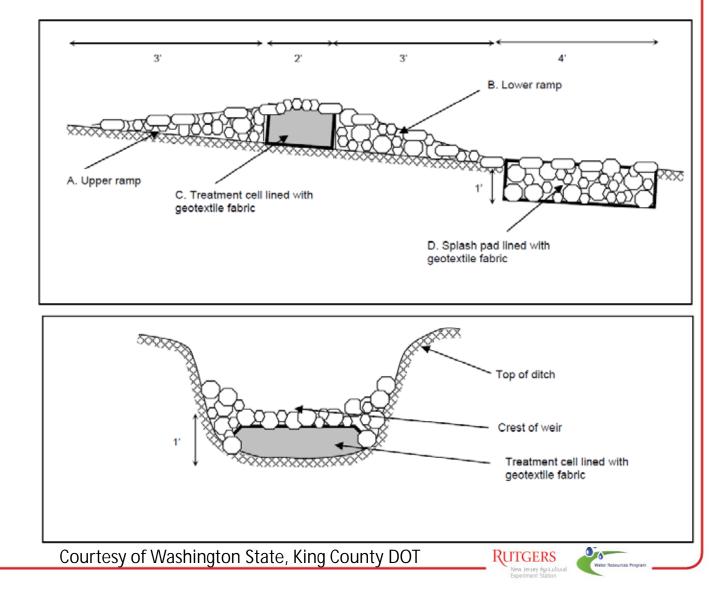


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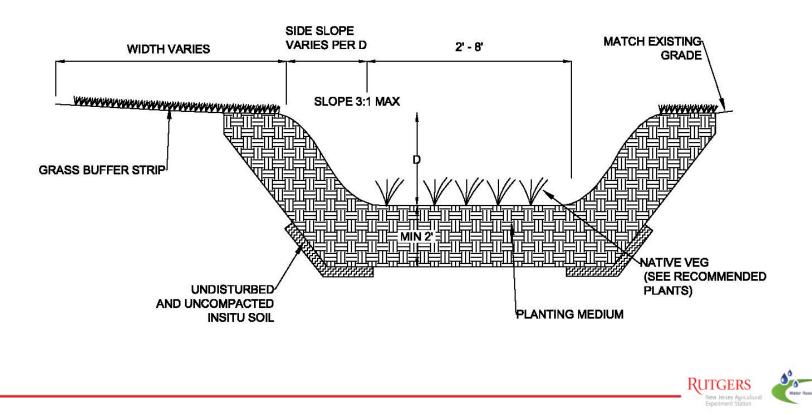
Modified Check Dam Designs

NOTE: Treatment cell can be filled with material to limit phosphorus



Roadside Drainage Retrofit Program Hunterdon County, NJ

Rebuild existing swale to be wider and deeper within the right of way and the given space on North Side. Vegetate with native grasses and plants. On South Side, rebuild section of swale and install a check dam. Swale to follow NJ Standards for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control and guidance from NJDEP BMP Manual.

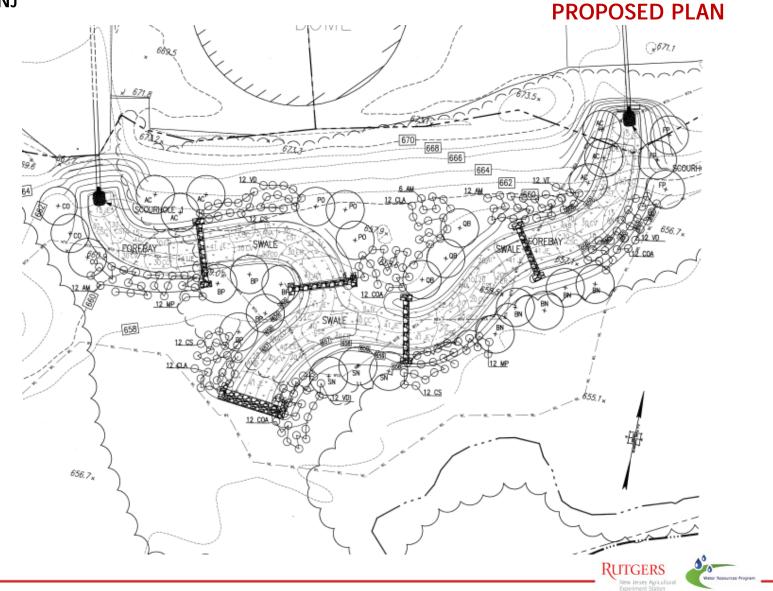


Morris County DPW Extended Detention Swale Project Wharton, NJ

EXISTING CONDITIONS



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CONSTRUCTION





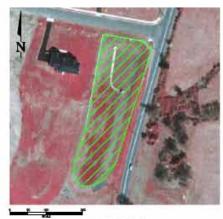
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COMPLETED PROJECT





Hillsborough Detention Basin Retrofit Program Somerset County, NJ



VALIS ROAD



WESCOTT ROAD

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PRALL ROAD



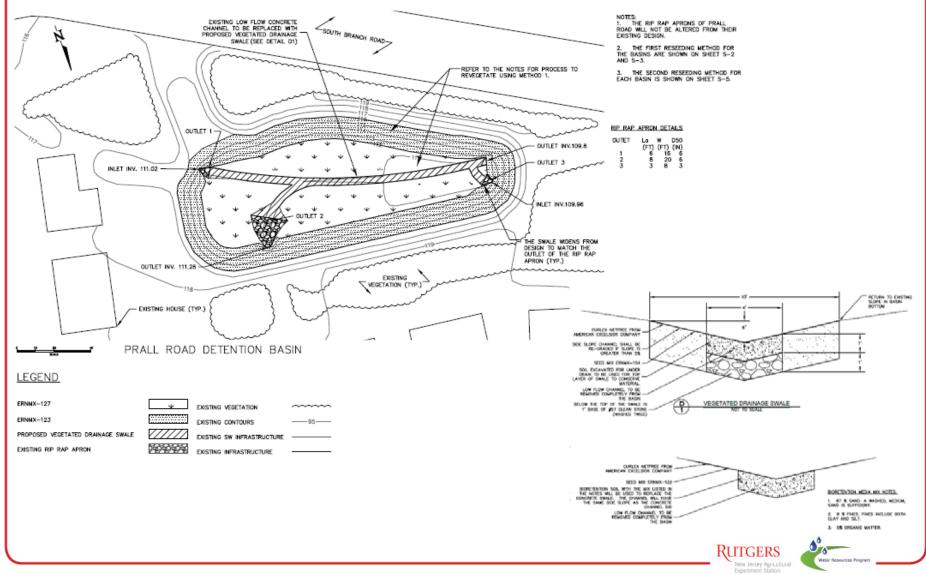
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FRANCIS ROAD

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Prall Road

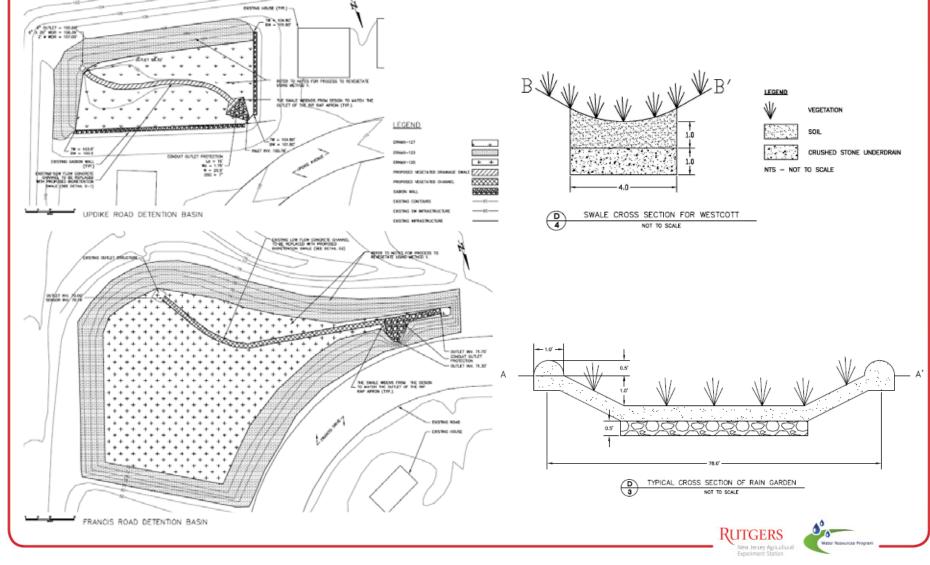


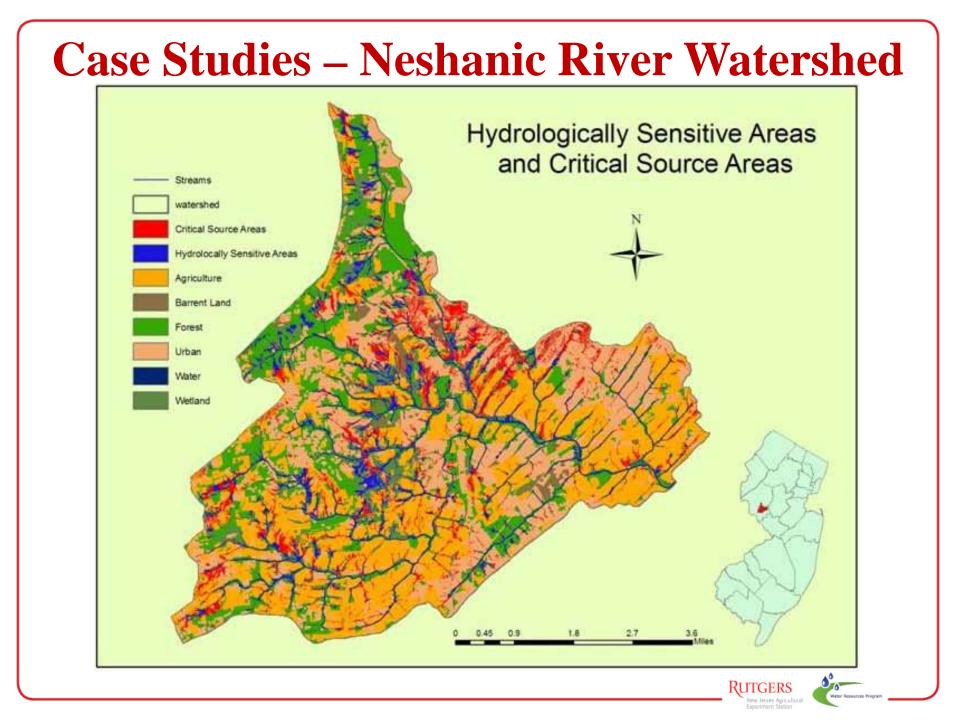




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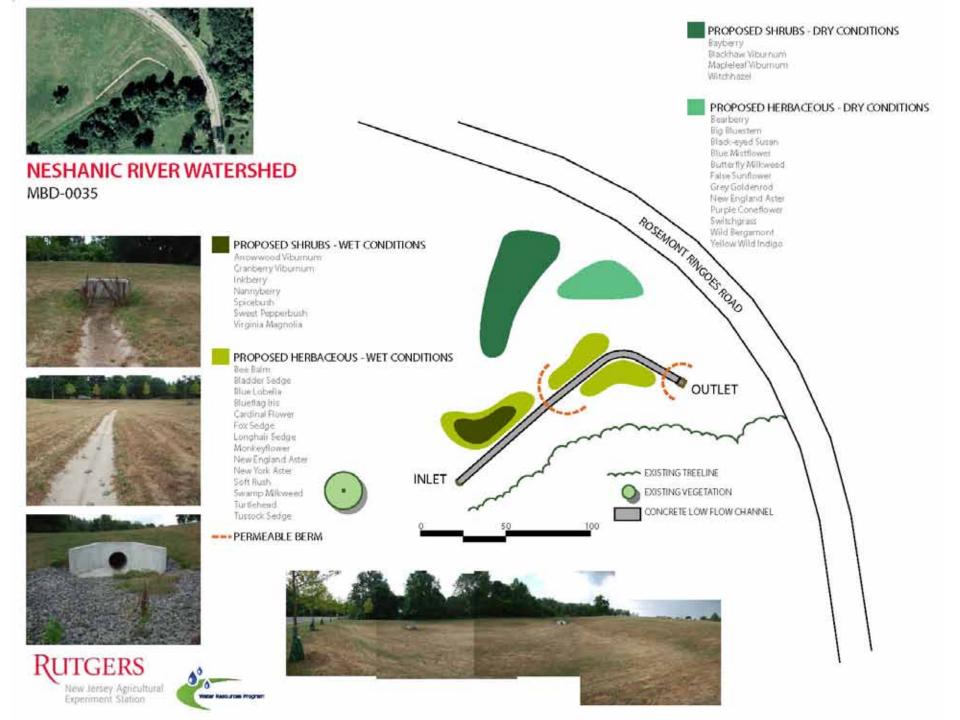




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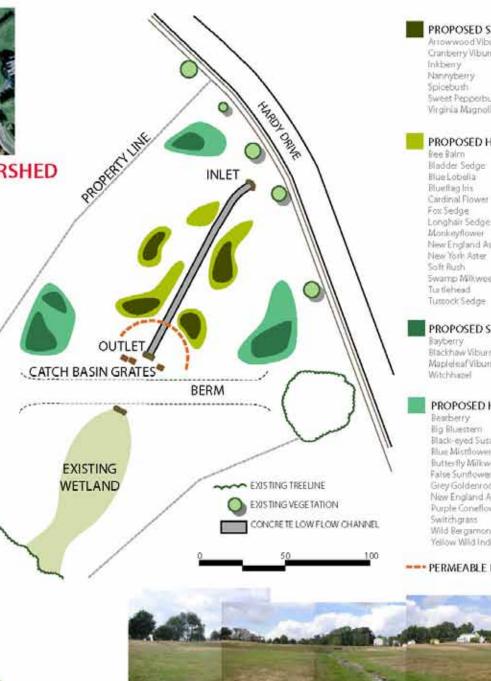
NESHANIC RIVER WATERSHED MBD-0136







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PROPOSED SHRUBS - WET CONDITIONS

Artowwood Viburnum Cranberry Vibumum Sweet Pepperbush Virginia Magnolia

PROPOSED HERBACEOUS - WET CONDITIONS

Longhair Sedge New England Aster Swamp Milkweed

PROPOSED SHRUBS - DRY CONDITIONS

Blackhaw Viburnum Mapleteaf Viburnum

PROPOSED HERBACEOUS - DRY CONDITIONS

Black-eyed Susan Blue Mistflower Rutterfly Millweed False Sunflower Grey Goldenrod New England Aster Purple Coneflower Wild Bergamont Yellow Wild Indiao

---- PERMEABLE BERM





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PROPOSED SHRUBS - WET CONDITIONS

Arrowwood Viburnum Crahberry Viburnum Inkberry Nannyberry Spicebush Sweet Pepperbush Virginia Magnolia

PROPOSED HERBACEOUS - WET CONDITIONS

Bee Bahm Bladder Sedge Blue Lobelia Blueflag Iris Cardinal Flower Fox Sedge Longhait Sedge Monkeyflower New England Aster New York Acter New York Acter Soft Bush Swamp Milkweed Turtlehead Tussock Sedge

PROPOSED SHRUBS - DRY CONDITIONS Bayberry

Bladchaw Viburnum Maplefest Viburnum Witchhazel

PROPOSED HERBACEOUS - DRY CONDITIONS

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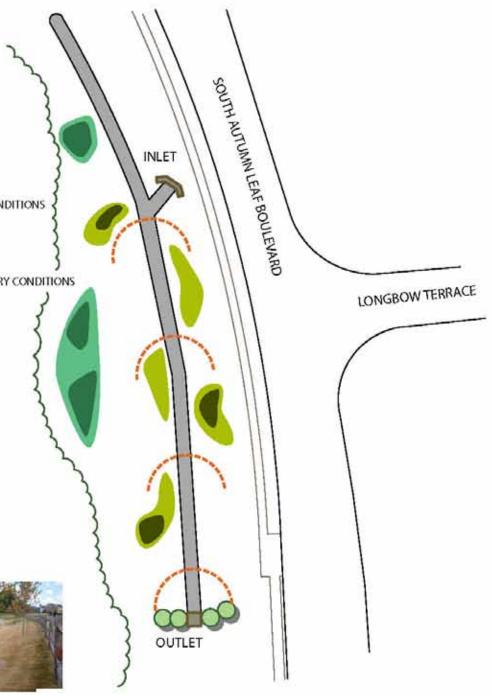
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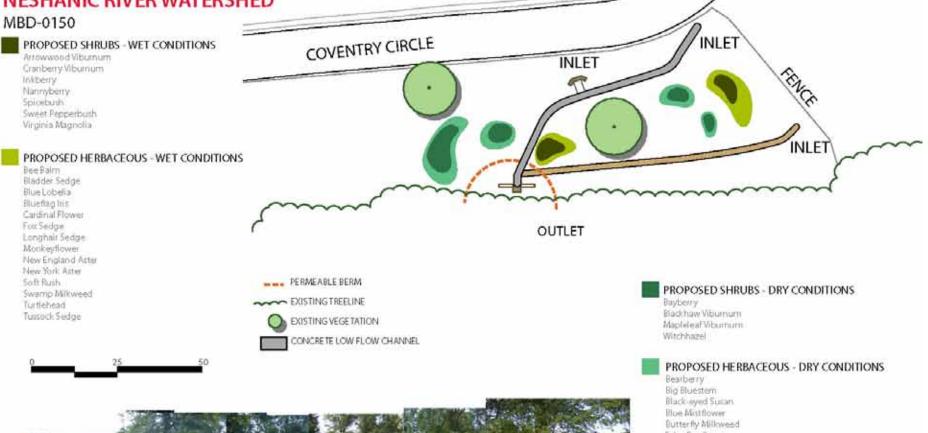
CONCRETE LOW FLOW CHANNEL







NESHANIC RIVER WATERSHED



False Sunflower Grey Goldenrod New England Aster Purple Coneflower Switchgrass Wild Bergamont. Yellow Wild Indigo

Conclusions and Recommendations



Opportunities

Sussex County New Jersey



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Sussex County New Jersey



Planning for Maintenance

- Identify individual/s or organization/s responsible for inspections and maintenance:
 - Public Entity
 - Homeowner's Association
 - Property Owner
- Provide a clear procedure for recording inspections and reporting maintenance needs
- Develop a routine maintenance schedule
- Develop and use a standard inspection form
- Clearly mark access areas for inspections and maintenance
- Identify and provide any specialized equipment or tools needed to properly maintain the facility
- Develop an emergency protocol should the system fail or not function as designed

NJ BMP Maintenance Manual Requirements

- 1. Identify person/s responsible for preventive and corrective maintenance
- 2. Identify specific preventive and corrective maintenance tasks and detailed information on specific structural components or nonstructural measures
- 3. Provide a schedule of regular inspections and tasks
- 4. Provide cost estimates of maintenance tasks
- 5. Include detailed logs of all preventive and corrective maintenance performed
- 6. Identify specialized tools or equipment needed
- 7. Recommend corrective responses if emergency arises
- 8. Provide guidance for safety during inspections and maintenance
- Identify approved disposal and recycling sites and procedures for sediment, trash and debris
- 10. Include an as-built construction plan



Summary & Conclusion

- With proper design and up front planning, routine maintenance of stormwater facilities can be accomplished without putting undue burden on operations personnel and budgets.
- 2. Non-routine maintenance requirements need to be accounted for and with regular inspections, these activities can be planned for and expected costs incorporated into operations budgets avoiding large unexpected capital expenditures.
- 3. Many options exist to modify existing systems to either reduce need for regular maintenance and/or improve the effectiveness of the system for both water quantity and water quality controls.



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