MUNICIPAL ENGAGEMENT MEETING #2 NEXT-GENERATION WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT



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"We have disrupted the natural water cycle for centuries in an effort to control water for our own prosperity. Yet every year, recovery from droughts and floods costs billions of dollars, and we spend billions more on dams, diversions, levees, and other feats of engineering. These massive projects not only are risky financially and environmentally, they often threaten social and political stability. What if the answer was not further control of the water cycle, but repair and replenishment?"

-Sandra Postel, the Replenish, The Virtuous Cycle of Water and Prosperity



	Introductions and Project Team (All, 5 min)		
	EPA Intro - How / Why We Got Here (Ray, 5 min)		
Δdenda	a. Applied Research under the Clean Water Act		
Agenda	b. The Problem of Impervious Cover		
	c. Developing Practicable Approaches for a Sustainable and Resilient Future		
	Project Context (Mark, 10 min)		
	a. Vision		
	b. MS4 Overview		
	c. Impacts of IC		
	d. Cost burdens of Reduced Management		
	Modeling Overview (Alvi, 20 min)		
	a. FDC Phase 1 and Phase 2		
	b. Watershed Scale Modeling Results		
	c. Discussion (10 min)		
	Site Development Approach Goals (Rob, 30 min)		
	a. Example – Rollins Hill medium and high density		
	b. Review Conceptual Site-Development Plans		
	i. High Density Residential		
	ii. Commercial Mixed-Use Redevelopment		
	iii. Modeling Results (Alvi)		
	c. Benefits of Increased Level of Controls		
d. Discussion (15 min)			
	6. Next Steps (Mark, 10 min)		
	a. Information sheets		
	b. Compendium		
	c. Recharge Calculations	2	
	d. Discussion (10 min)	3	





Sound Future Land Development & Stormwater Management

Are we on the path for Resiliency?





Converting Natural Land to Impervious Cover: Site Scale

Increased Annual Runoff Volume

- ~+300% to +10,000% increase (0.5 to 1.1 Million-Gallons/acre/year)
- Lost Annual Groundwater Recharge
 - ~0.3 to 0.5 million-gallons/acre/year
- Increased Annual SW Phosphorus Load
 - ~+400% to +6,500% (1.5 to 1.9 pounds/acre/year)
- Increased Annual SW <u>Nitrogen</u> Load
 - ~+500% to +13,000% increase (11 to 13 pounds/acre/year)





Average Annual Groundwater (GW) Recharge for Conversion of Natural Land to **Impervious Cover with & without Management** Boston MA Climatic Conditions (1992-2020) 25.0 Average Annual Depth of Groundwater Recharge, inches/acre/year 21.0 21.0 Lost Recharge due to impervious cover 21 0 conversion of natural land area without adequate controls (Typical) 1.3" 19.0 20.0 1 17 15.8 15.8 15.0 6.4" 11.0 11.0 19" 9.4 10.0 9.2" 15.8 11" 5.0 0.0 0.0 .0 0.0 Conversion of natural land Conversion of natural land Conversion of natural land Conversion of natural land with highly permeably (well-drained) soils (HSG A) to with moderately permeable soils (HSG B) to Impervious with low permeable soils (HSG C) to Impervious Cover with very low permeable soils (HSG D) to Impervious Cover Impervious Cover Cover Pre-Development Naturally Vegetated Conditions Conversion to Impervious Cover with No Control Conversion to Impervious Cover with Existing MA Recharge Standards (static) or at least 60% P reduction Conversion to Impervious Cover with 1 inch Retention Standard - Static Sizing



The Nutrient Challenge & SW Permitting

- Nationally 45% to 65% of assessed waters are impaired by nutrients
- Stormwater is a major contributor of Phosphorus and Nitrogen
- Land conversion to impervious cover increases stormwater flow and nutrient delivery
- Changing climate leads to warmer waters and increased stormwater flow exacerbating the issue



Minimizing Future Retrofit Needs

- Next generation stormwater permits now require SW load reductions from existing development
- Municipal retrofit programs require substantial investment from the community
- Retrofit stormwater controls can cost up to 4x the equivalent control during new or re-development

Protective Post Construction Stormwater Requirements For New and Re-Development are a MUST for Resiliency



	Potential Future Stormwater Management Cost Burdens Associated with Converting Natural Vegetated Areas to Impervious Cover (IC Conversion)					
Potential Cost Burden	Nutrient	Management Scenario	Range of Increase in Average Annual Nutrient Load Export Rate from IC Conversion	Range in Stormwater Retrofit costs (yr 2020)**	Range in Potential Future SW Retrofit Cost Burden to offset increased nutrient loading from IC conversion (\$/acre IC)	
& Opportunity		No controls***	1.5 to 2.0 lbs/acre/yr	\$25,000 to \$60,000 per lb	\$62,000 to \$79,000 per IC acre	
for Cost Avoidance –	t Nitrogen	60% P Load reduction at time of development	0.6 to 0.8 lbs/acre/yr	Phosphorus Captured	\$15,000 to \$48,000 per IC acre	
SW Nutrient		1 Inch Retention standard with Recharge Targets	0 lbs/acre/yr	\$0	\$0	
Management		No controls***	10.9 to 13.1 lbs/acre/yr	\$2,200 to \$7,500 per lb Nitrogen	\$48,000 to \$58,000 per IC acre	
		65% N Load reduction at time of development	3.8 to 4.6 lbs/acre/yr	Captured	\$8,400 to \$35,000 per IC acre	
		1 Inch Retention Standard with Recharge Targets	0 lbs/acre/yr	\$0	\$0	































Change in Land Use – Land Cover for 2060 Future Condition	
in Taunton River Watershed	

Opti Tool Land Use Classification	Baseline 2016 (acre)	Future 2060 (acre)	Change (acre)	% Change
Paved Forest	9	9	0	0%
Paved Agriculture	128	158	30	23%
Paved Commercial	4,858	6,873	2,015	41%
Paved Industrial	2,745	3,892	1,147	42%
Paved Low Density Residential	9,951	20,717	10,766	108%
Paved Medium Density Residential	489	1,133	644	132%
Paved High Density Residential	2,856	4,041	1,186	42%
Paved Transportation	11,852	21,709	9,857	83%
Paved Open Land	4,138	8,377	4,239	102%
Developed OpenSpace	40,955	76,120	35,165	86%
Forested Wetland	66,463	66,463	0	0%
Non-Forested Wetland	9,734	9,734	0	0%
Forest	144,393	78,832	-65,561	-45%
Agriculture	25,255	25,768	513	2%
Water	17,628	17,628	0	0%

Increase in impervious cover = +29,883 acres (+81%) Decrease in Forest land = -65,561 acres (-45%)

Major Land Use Classification	Annual Average Change				
	Runoff (MG/yr)	GW Recharge (MG/yr)	ET (MG/yr)	TN (lb/yr)	TP (lb/yr)
Paved Forest	0	0	0	0	0
Paved Agriculture	36	0	4	339	44
Paved Commercial	2,487	0	255	30,707	3,615
Paved Industrial	1,416	0	145	17,484	2,058
Paved Low Density Residential	13,290	0	1,361	153,634	16,182
Paved Medium Density Residential	795	0	81	9,192	1,269
Paved High Density Residential	1,463	0	150	16,905	2,823
Paved Transportation	12,168	0	1,246	101,133	15,101
Paved Open Land	5,232	0	536	48,661	6,646
Developed OpenSpace	14,095	17,376	16,307	59,202	5,516
Forested Wetland	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Forested Wetland	0	0	0	0	0
Forest	-15,485	-29,331	-44,628	-56,406	-11,193
Agriculture	174	220	303	2,916	485
TOTAL	35,674	-11,734	-24,240	383,765	42,545

(Conclusions
	The impact that development has on a FDC can vary depending on the intensity of development.
	In the study watersheds, developed watersheds, including those that manage stormwater through impervious surface disconnection, tended to have higher flows across the FDC compared to pre-development conditions.
	However, baseflows fell below pre-development conditions when the amount of connected impervious surfaces was substantially increased. There appears to be a threshold somewhere between the forested and highly developed watershed conditions where baseflows may increase or decrease. Effect of infiltration ET opportunities.
	The results improve our understanding of the extent to which SCMs restore predevelopment streamflows and improve watershed functions
	While SCM implementation can mitigate some of the impacts of impervious surfaces, it may be difficult to attain pre-development watershed functions without landscape-level changes that promote additional evapotranspiration.
	SCM Implementation can mitigate some of the impacts of climate change, especially projected lower baseflows, by promoting groundwater recharge.



CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT

- 105-acre conservation development
- Designed to integrate homes with the landscape and provide protection for water quality and habitat.
- · Permeable pavements, raingardens, and rooftop infiltration are used to recharge groundwater.
- Homes near to vernal pools include porous driveways to reduce the need snow and ice management, and 12" of rich loam for all landscaping so plantings and lawns will thrive and reduce the need for fertilizer and pesticides.























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CONCEPT PLAN 2: HIGH DENSITY COMMERCIAL HSG-A						
CD2.2 No Controls Commercial Redevelopment No CONTROL StD 2 - PEAK FLOW CONTROL StD 3 - GROUNDWATER RECHARGE VOLUME StD 4 - TSS 80% REMOVAL (90% MS4) - TP 60% REMOVAL NO INCREASE IN NUTRIENT LOAD PREDEVELOPMENT HYDROLOGY RESILIENT HYDROLOGY	CD2.3 LID Basic Commercial Redevelopment LID MADEP STD 2 - PEAK FLOW CONTROL STD 3 - GROUNDWATER RECHARGE VOLUME STD 4 - TSS 80% REMOVAL (90% MS4) - TP 60% REMOVAL NO INCREASE IN NUTRIENT LOAD PREDEVELOPMENT HYDROLOGY RESILIENT HYDROLOGY	CD2.4 LID Volume Commercial Redevelopment LID VOLUME STD 2 - PEAK FLOW CONTROL STD 3 - GROUNDWATER RECHARGE VOLUME STD 4 - TSS 80% REMOVAL (90% MS4) - TP 60% REMOVAL NO INCREASE IN NUTRIENT LOAD PREDEVELOPMENT HYDROLOGY RESILIENT HYDROLOGY				
 NO BMPS COMMON FOR PROJECTS THAT DON'T TRIGGER STATE OR FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS AND MUNICIPALITIES WITH WEAK SWM REGULATIONS 		43				













