APPENDIX A. MUNICIPAL MEETING #1 - DECEMBER 18, 2021

AGENDA

Municipal Engagement Meeting #1

Next-Generation Watershed Management Practices for Conservation Development **12/8/2021 2-4PM**

Microsoft Teams meeting

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1. Introductions and Project Team

2. Why We Are Here

- a. Nutrients, water quality, MS4, resilience
- b. Discussion of Next Gen BMPs

3. Project Overview

- a. FDC1 *Holistic Watershed Management for Existing and Future Land Use Development Activities: Opportunities for Action for Local Decision Makers*
- b. FDC2 The *Next-Generation Watershed Management Practices for Conservation Development*

4. Project Partner Involvement

- a. Draft Schedule of Municipal Engagement Working Meetings **Project Partner feedback**
- 5. **Project Deliverables - Municipal Engagement 'Toolbox'** of next-generation SW management and CD practices
	- a. Conceptual Site-Development Plans **Project Partner feedback from examples**
	- b. Next-Generation Model Ordinance and Bylaw Recommendations
	- c. Compendium of Advanced SW Management and Conservation Design Practices
	- d. Communications Materials
- **1. Next Steps**
	- a. Feedback on site development plans and/or examples of "great" projects
	- b. Feedback on communications materials

Meeting Materials

- 1. Project Overview FDC2B
- 2. Factsheets FDC2A
- 3. Sample Conceptual Site Development Plans

Meeting Participants

Confirmed

- 1. Katelyn Gonyer, Mansfield
- 2. Jenn Carlino, Easton
- 3. Tricia Cassidy, Middleboro

Pending

- 1. Plympton, Linda Leddy
- 2. Foxborough, Bill Guenther, Michael Johns, Jane Peirce, Paige Duncan, Gaby Jordan, Thomas Buckley, Bob Worthley

Project Team

- 1. Sara Burns, Ducks Unlimited
- 2. Danica Belknap, SRPEDD
- 3. Kimberly Groff, SNEP
- 4. Ray Cody, Mark Voorhees, Michelle Vuto, EPA
- 5. Laura Shifman, MADEP
- 6. Robert Roseen, Waterstone Engineering
- 7. Khalid Alvi, Paradigm

APPENDIX B. MUNICIPAL MEETING #2 – JUNE 30, 2022

AGENDA

Municipal Engagement Meeting #2

Next-Generation Watershed Management Practices for Conservation Development

June 30, 2022 1-3:00 PM

Town of Mansfield, Public Safety Building, Community Meeting Room 500 East Street, Mansfield, Massachusetts 02048 Remote Option - Microsoft Teams meeting Click here to join the [meeting](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NjQyNTczYTktNmQ1My00YWYwLTk4ZGMtMjBjODlkNTJhOTY0%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2288b378b3-6748-4867-acf9-76aacbeca6a7%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%228bcff495-6d94-4841-8351-755222155782%22%7d)

1. Introductions and Project Team (All, 5 min)

2. EPA Intro - How / Why We Got Here (Ray, 5 min)

- a. Applied Research under the Clean Water Act
- b. The Problem of Impervious Cover
- c. Developing Practicable Approaches for a Sustainable and Resilient Future

3. Project Context (Mark, 10 min)

- a. Vision
- b. MS4 Overview
- c. Impacts of IC
- d. Cost burdens of Reduced Management

4. Modeling Overview (Alvi, 20 min)

- a. FDC Phase 1 and Phase 2
- b. Watershed Scale Modeling Results
- c. Discussion (10 min)

5. **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
- d. Discussion (10 min)

Meeting Materials

- 1. Information Sheets
- 2. Sample Conceptual Site Development Graphics
- 3. Modeling Results
- 4. Compendium Framework

Meeting Participants

Confirmed

- 1. Tricia Cassidy, Middleboro
- 2. Katelyn Gonyer, Mansfield
- 3. Jenn Carlino, Easton
- 4. Stefanie Covino, Blackstone Watershed Collaborative
- 5. Scott Horsley, Consultant, Tufts University

Pending

- 1. Gretchen Rabinkin, BSLA
- 2. Anne Herbst, MAPC

Project Team

- 1. Sara Burns, Ducks Unlimited (Remote)
- 2. Danica Belknap, SRPEDD
- 3. Kimberly Groff, SNEP
- 4. Ray Cody, Mark Voorhees, Michelle Vuto, Newt Tedder, Matt Stamas, EPA
- 5. Laura Shifman, MADEP
- 6. Robert Roseen, Waterstone Engineering
- 7. Khalid Alvi, Paradigm

MUNICIPAL ENGAGEMENT MEETING #2 NEXT‐ GENERATIONWATERSHEDMANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT

"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

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
	- $~\sim$ +400% to +6,500% (1.5 to 1.9 pounds/acre/year)
- **Increased** Annual SW **Nitrogen** Load
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Average Annual Groundwater (GW) Recharge for Conversion of Natural Land to **Impervious Cover with & without Management** Boston MA Climatic Conditions (1992-2020) 25.0 210 21.0 **Lost Recharge** due to impervious cover
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with moderately permeable
soils (HSG B) to Impervious** Conversion of natural land
with low permeable soils
(HSG C) to Impervious Cover Conversion of natural land
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

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- **Stormwater is a major contributor of Phosphorus and Nitrogen**
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- **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

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

rollins Hill **STRATHAM'S FIRST ECO FRIENDLY COMMUNITY**

• Sustainable development makes sense

- Exceptional and added value by Going Green
- Use of porous asphalt roadways enabled ~5 additional lot, a 12% increase
- Reduced time for environmental permitting and design
- Beautiful aesthetics with limited clearing, working around natural resources (wetlands, cedar swamps)
- Simplified permitting, porous asphalt made the project possible.
- Over 55+ community managed by HOA and Maintenance vendor

MARKET VALUE

CONCEPT PLAN 1: HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL HSG‐C **CD1.2 No Controls High Density Residential CD1.3 LID MADEP High Density Residential CD1.4 LID Peak High Density Residential NO CONTROL LID MADEP LID VOLUME** STD 2 - PEAK FLOW CONTROL $\overline{\mathscr{L}}$ STD 2 - PEAK FLOW CONTROL **STD 2 - PEAK FLOW CONTROL** STD 3 - GROUNDWATER RECHARGE VOLUME X **STD 3 - GROUNDWATER RECHARGE VOLUME** STD 3 - GROUNDWATER RECHARGE VOLUME \boldsymbol{x} STD 4 - TSS 80% REMOVAL (90% MS4) STD 4 - TSS 80% REMOVAL (90% MS4) STD 4 - TSS 80% REMOVAL (90% MS4) -TP 60% REMOVAL - TP 60% REMOVAL - TP 60% REMOVAL X NO INCREASE IN NUTRIENT LOAD NO INCREASE IN NUTRIENT LOAD NO INCREASE IN NUTRIENT LOAD PREDEVELOPMENT HYDROLOGY X PREDEVELOPMENT HYDROLOGY X PREDEVELOPMENT HYDROLOGY \boldsymbol{x} RESILIENT HYDROLOGY **RESILIENT HYDROLOGY** X J **RESILIENT HYDROLOGY**

APPENDIX C. MUNICIPAL MEETING #3 - SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

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Municipal Engagement Meeting #3

Next-Generation Watershed Management Practices for Conservation Development

September 19, 2022 10-11:30 AM

Town of Mansfield, Public Safety Building, Community Meeting Room 500 East Street, Mansfield, Massachusetts 02048 Remote Option - Microsoft Teams meeting Click here to join the [meeting](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MjhjYmU1YTctNmNjNS00NDIxLWE3MTAtMDE5MDQxNDRkZTcx%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22493d0c8a-8807-43fb-b96c-827cfcd37f53%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22d86ccaf3-b5a3-4fe2-a943-f3d8f9c70045%22%7d)

- **1. Why We Are Here (Ray, 5 min)**
- **2. Project Overview and Recap (Mark, 10 min)**
- **3. Costing and Performance of Conceptual Development Plans (Rob, 15 min)**
- **4. Introduce Compendium (Rob, 5 min)**
- **5. Overview of Local Regulations Review and Recommendations (Julie, 10 min)**
- **6. Information Sheets (Michelle, 5 min)**
- **7. Discussion (All, 35 min)**
- **8. Next Steps (Mark and Rob, 5 min)**
Meeting Participants

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- 3. Jenn Carlino, Easton
- 4. John Thomas, Norton
- 5. Scott Horsley, Consultant, Tufts University

Pending

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- 2. Margherita Pryor, EPA
- 3. Stefanie Covino, Blackstone Watershed Collaborative

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- 5. Laura Shifman, MADEP
- 6. Robert Roseen, Waterstone Engineering
- 7. Khalid Alvi, Paradigm
- 8. Julie Labranche, JLB Planning

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- Demonstrate through outreach info on cost avoidance of watershed protection standards
- Enable municipalities through recommendations for next-generation municipal bylaws/ordinances.

EPA Region 1 Analytical Tools to Quantify

- Performance Standards
- Right sizing stormwater controls
- Future Cost Burden and Cost Avoidance **Opportunities**

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COMMUNITY AUDIT GOAL SUMMARY

- Achieve municipal capacity building around planning for long‐term **stormwater based climate change adaptation and resilience planning**.
- Encourage a comprehensive and coordinated approach to local permitting, review and infrastructure management.
- Advance implementation of **stormwater management and other means of adaptation for water quality protection,** flood damage avoidance, resource protection, maintenance cost reductions and avoidance of system disruptions.

Maintain pre‐development hydrology and nutrient load to create resilient landscapes

Anticipated Outcomes

- Groundwater recharge (resources and drinking water)
- Flood control with a focus on peak flow in waterways and SW discharge low‐lying upland areas subject to flooding
- Wetland protection (hydrology and habitats)
- Water quality protection
- Reduced infrastructure impacts
- Coordinated infrastructure management and inspection
- Improved local coordination of permitting processes

Operations& Maintenance Agreements and Site Inspections **Operations & Maintenance Plans and Agreements** O&M Plans and Agreements should be finalized as part of an application by the approval board or commission. **Municipal Tracking of Inspections** Development and redevelopment site inspections should be part of the application approval process and conducted on an agreed upon schedule and frequency. Site inspection reports are required to be filed annually as part of the EPA MS4 Permit. Close attention to municipal process and management of stormwater assets is key! The following elements should be managed closely at the local level in coordination with state and federal permits.

OVERVIEW OF REGULATORY AND PLANNING AUDIT

- Review of current zoning by‐law, land development and other regulations
- Identify *strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats* (SWOT)
	- Identify conflicting requirements and development/design standards
	- Evaluate process for application review including application requirements and follow‐up actions (bonding, site inspections, O&M plans)
	- Examine coordination with local and state approval mechanisms
	- Coordination with EPA MS4 Permit requirements and activities
- Develop recommendations based on SWOT results
- **Final summary report of findings**

COMMUNITY OUTCOMES AND BENEFITS

- Proactive strategies are identified and implemented that address the impacts of climate change hazards to create a more sustainable and resilient community.
- **Enhanced focus on stormwater management and water** quality protection and improvement.
- **Prepare the community for a predictable, stable and** viable economic future.
- **Protect natural resources and ecosystem services the** community relies upon.
- Establish a sound basis for decision making, municipal investments and a solid rationale for grant and other funding opportunities.

Projected per Year Increases or Decreases $Runoff$ + 2,119 gallons Groundwater recharge -665 gallons Evapotranspiration ‐1,474 Total Nitrogen + 21,848 pounds Total Phosphorus + 2,309 pounds

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME \odot CHANGE THE COURSE ABOUT JOIN US Since 2015, the World Economic Forum has declared water crises to be a top 5 global threat to society over the next decade. s North Am *Envisioning A Different Future Of Watershed Management*

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APPENDIX D. SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND PROGRAM (SNEP) WEBINAR – SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

AGENDA

SNEP Protective Stormwater Standards Workshop Webinar

September 29, 2022, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

10:00-10:05 | Introduction

- 10:05-10:25 | Project Background and Objectives *Ray Cody, EPA Region 1, Boston*
- 10:25–10:55 | Technical Introduction and Implication for the Use of FDCs for Stormwater Management *Mark Voorhees, EPA Region 1, Boston*

10:55-11:00 | Break

- 11:00-11:45 | Modeling and Development of the FDC: Phases 1 and 2 *Khalid Alvi, Paradigm, Inc.*
- 11:45-12:40 | Application of Next Generation Stormwater Management at the Site-Scale *Robert Roseen, Waterstone Engineering*

12:40-12:45 | Break

12:45- 1:05 | Recommendations for Municipal Bylaws

Julie LaBranche, Planning Consultant

1:05-1:15 | Outreach Materials

Michelle Vuto, EPA Region 1, Boston

1:15-1:50 | Discussion / Q&A

1:50–2:00 | Wrap up and closing / Next Steps

"If there is magic on this planet, it is contained in water." — Loren Eiseley

• The *Next‐Generation Watershed Management Practices for Conservation Development* project is about envisioning a *different future of watershed management*.

• This project examines the use of *Conservation Development Practices* to achieve a *Watershed Protection Standard* that maintains *predevelopment hydrology, predevelopment nutrient load*, and *landscape resiliency.*

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EPA R1 Applied Research and Development of SW Tools, (2007 to 2022)

Research and Toolsinclude:

- Regionally representative SW source pollutant load export rates by land use and cover type (e.g., IC)
- Stormwater Control Measure (SCM) Performance Curves
- Applied research validating modelling tools & SCM performance estimates
- Regional calibrated continuous simulation **SWMM** hydrologic source area models and SCM SUSTAIN models
- Publicly available SW Management Optimization Tool (Opti-Tool)
- Regional SCM unit cost data

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The Power of Continuous Simulation, Flow Duration and Runoff Duration Curves

Takeaway Points:

- Nature is resilient
- Evaluating impacts and management solutions across the full range of instream flow & runoff flow regimes empowers us to better mimic natural conditions post‐development and maintain resiliency
- How? Conservation Development Standards using dispersed green infrastructure for IC while preserving predevelopment natural drainage patterns on site

Runoff Duration Curve for Project Site Scale

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\$ Cost Avoidance or Cost Burden for SW Nutrient Control \$

Cost to offset increased SW nutrient load from new impervious cover:

• No Control: \$54,000 – \$76,000* per new acre of impervious cover

• MS4 Control Level **: \$11,000 - \$22,000 per new acre of impervious cover

• Conservation Development Control Level***:\$0

Notes: *Cost estimates are for construction of SW retrofit controls for existing impervious cover in year
2020 dollars.

**MS4 control level is the more stringent of either 60% SW phosphorus load reduction or MassDEP's 2008 groundwater recharge SW standards.

***Conservation Development control level is achieving predevelopment annual recharge and nutrient export through dispersed green infrastructure and environmentally sensitive site designs.

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- Impacts of Sea Level Rise (SLR)
- Impacts of Sea Level Rise (SLR) and Storm Surge

CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT

• 105-acre conservation development

roīlins hill STRATHAM'S FIRST ECO FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

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BIORETENTION AND BIOSWALE ROADWAY SUBSURFACE INFILTRATION

Compendium of Site-Development Stormwater Management Solutions for Water Resource Protection

- The "Compendium" offers guidance on stormwater management strategies for site development
- Details a Watershed Protection Standard to *Maintain Predevelopment Hydrology and Nutrient Load, and Resilient Landscapes*.
- Target audience is local government officials reviewing and approving site plans.
- Green Infrastructure (GI) and Low Impact Development (LID) techniques including emphasizing infiltration and minimizing disturbance
- Scalable GI/LID Stormwater Control Measures (SCMs)

MUNICPAL REGULATORY AUDIT AND MUNICIPAL RECOMMENDATIONS

MA Audubon Audit Tool

Audits to be completed for Middleborough, Mansfield and Easton

Provide recommendations for regulatory approaches

Provide sample regulatory language for a set of specific topics (some topics presented here today)

MA AUDUBON AUDIT TOOL FOR ZONING, SUBDIVISION, SITE PLAN REVIEW, AND STORMWATER OVERVIEW

Goal 1: Protect Natural Resources and Open Space : limit clearing and grading and encourage soil management, the use of native species, and revegetation of disturbed areas.

Goal 2: Promote Efficient Compact Development Patterns and Infill: Compact designs by making dimensional requirements such as setbacks, lot size, and frontage more flexible as well as allowing common drives to decrease the impervious surfaces and increase infiltration.

Goal 3: Smart Designs that Reduce Overall Imperviousness: Site design elementssuch as street location, road width, cul‐ de‐sac design, curbing, roadside swales, and sidewalk design and location to minimize impervious surfaces and allow for infiltration.

Goal 4: Adopt Green Infrastructure Stormwater Management Provisions: Low Impact Development structural controls are a preferred method, such as requiring roof runoff to be directed into vegetated areas, and a preference for infiltration wherever soils allow or can be amended.

Goal 5: Encourage Efficient Parking: Reduce impervious surfaces with standards for required parking ‐ or even including parking maximums instead of minimums.

STORMWATER THRESHOLD FOR APPLICABILITY

Municipalities choose a threshold for applicability for enforcement of by-law stormwater management standards and/or standards under Subdivision Regulations and Site Plan Review Regulations

Choice of threshold applicability typically is based on an inventory of permitted projects over a period of 5‐10 years [refer to the fact sheet Minimizing Environmental Impacts Through Stormwater Ordinances and Regulations]

Threshold for applicability often points to "area of disturbance" which includes soils, vegetation and other land cover or "addition of impervious cover"

Consideration of how many development projects might fall *below* the threshold and how many fall *above* the threshold

Consideration of impacts to sensitive natural resources as a result of uncontrolled and/or untreated stormwater discharges; an existing conditions plan with environmental and resource information may be warranted

Consideration of EPA MS4 Permit assets that may be affected by uncontrolled and/or untreated stormwater discharges especially to any impaired water body or jurisdictional outfall

Non-implementation of site inspection protocols, agreements such as O&M if SWM requirements are not implemented

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Current climate change science reports project a 10‐15% increase in precipitation by 2050 [forsite specific past and current rainfall data, refer to Cornell Northeast Region Climate Center data for extreme precipitation <http://precip.eas.cornell.edu/> and future projections in the NH Coastal Flood Risk Summary]

Designs of current development projectsshould incorporate projections of increased precipitation into their site designs

Redevelopment project standards should have clear metrics for retrofitting underperforming infrastructure and in some cases evaluating the absence of SWM controls on the site to address water quality issues

Creating resilient landscapes will rely on replacing outdated infrastructure as part of the redevelopment process; this will take time and may require enhanced education of property owners/developers

Creating resilient landscapes are dependent upon forward thinking paradigms for SWM that adopt the best available science and implement it

CLIMATE CHANGE PROJECTIONS FOR INCREASED PRECIPITATION AND RESILIENCE

To reduce financial burdens and gain efficiency, municipalities may work together to fund a "regional site inspector" program

Such a regional program may likely require an intermunicipal agreement not unlike those forshared emergency services

For sites requiring annual site inspections (such as private SWM infrastructure) an annual fee may be charged to the property owner and can be detailed in the O&M agreement upon project approval

REGIONAL APPROACH TO FUNDING SITE INSPECTIONS

APPROVAL PROCESS FOR BY‐LAW AND REGULATION AMENDMENTS

Bylaws amendments require a ballot vote by citizens of the municipality and so have a higher level of scrutiny and public comment

Site plan and subdivision regulations are typically approved at the municipal board or commission level and through a simpler public hearing approval process

Routine regulation updates to revise and improve, perhaps on a 1‐2 year cycle or as needed to address emerging issues

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

New Hampshire Southeast Watershed Alliance Model Standards

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APPENDIX E. CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL REDEVELOPMENT, AND LOW DENSITY

RESIDENTIAL

CD3.2 No Controls Low Density Residential

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**

Wetland and Water Resource

Roadway Meadow Buffer of 80+ft

Residential of 100+ft

Meadow Buffer

CD3.3 LID MADEP Low Density Residential

LID MADEP

Residential Forested Meadow Buffer

- ✓ **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**

Roadway Buffer and Infiltration

Wetland and Water Resource

Residential Forested Meadow Buffer

Roadway Meadow Buffer of 80+ft

Roadside Infiltration Trench

Meadow Buffer

CD3.4 LID Peak Low Density Residential

LID VOLUME

Roadway Buffer and Infiltration

- ✓ **STD 2 - PEAK FLOW CONTROL**
- ✓ **STD 3 - GROUNDWATER RECHARGE VOLUME**
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APPENDIX F. BYLAW REVIEW CHECKLIST FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON, **MA**

Mass Audubon Bylaw Review Tool Easton, MA

Mass Audubon Bylaw Review Tool Easton, MA

APPENDIX G. METHODOLOGY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A WATERSHED PROTECTION STANDARD

Technical Memorandum

Methodology for the Development of a Watershed Protection Standard

To: File of Compendium for Watershed Protection Standard: Taunton Watershed Project

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1. Introduction - Watershed Protection Standard for Managing Post-Construction Stormwater Runoff

A Watershed Protection Standard (WPS) has been developed to provide communities with resilient alternative site development stormwater (SW) management performance standards designed to protect and restore watershed and water resource health from impacts associated with future development activities. This memorandum describes development of the WPS that defines post-construction SW management performance standards for controlling SW runoff from impervious cover (IC) associated with new and redevelopment activities. The WPS specifies SW control levels to achieve predevelopment average annual groundwater recharge volumes and predevelopment SW nutrient load export (total phosphorus (TP) and total nitrogen (TN)). The WPS is intended to emphasize dispersed Green Infrastructure (GI) and Low Impact Development (LID) techniques including minimizing the disturbance of area with natural soils and vegetation, preservation of hydrologic function for on-site areas of soil disturbance, and the importance of maintaining on-site predevelopment drainage patterns. Therefore, the WPS not only specifies levels of SW control to achieve predevelopment recharge and SW nutrient load export on site but emphasizes the importance of the adopting the following site design principals for minimizing impacts and preserving natural watershed functions:

- Maintain predevelopment drainage and groundwater recharge patterns.
- Apply dispersed green infrastructure (GI) across site to achieve WPS performance standards prior to finalizing design to manage for peak flow control.
- Minimize disturbance of natural soils, and restore all disturbed soils not built on to predevelopment hydrologic conditions.

The WPS provides two options related to on-site SW runoff management for communities to consider:

1. Right sizing (add footnote) of infiltration SW control measures (SCMs) based on varying soil permeability using EPA region 1's SCM performance curves based on long-term continuous simulation modelling (Boston, MA, 1992-2020); and

2. Simple one-inch (1") retention design standard for which all controls are designed to have a Design Storage Volume (DSV add foot note) equal to 1" depth of runoff from contributing IC.

The WPS SW performance standards are derived from examining how natural vegetated land with varying soil conditions functions under existing climatic conditions over a long-periods of time. A combination of continuous simulation hydrologic modeling, climatic data, research conducted in the development of SW nutrient load export rates for the MA and NH MS4 permits, and literature on evapotranspiration were used to estimate SW runoff volumes, groundwater recharge, and nutrient export conditions associated with predevelopment natural conditions and post development IC.

2. Unit Area Hydrologic and Stormwater Nutrient Load Export Changes From Impervious Cover

The modeling analyses presented in the following sections allowed for the estimation of the change in hydrologic conditions (runoff and groundwater recharge volumes) and SW runoff nutrient load export (TP and TN) associated with the replacement of natural vegetated land with IC. This section summarizes the estimated changes based on the analyses described in more detail in the following sections. Table 1 provides average annual estimates associated with predevelopment conditions, identified as grass-meadow/forested according to hydrologic soil group, and IC. Figures 1 through 4 illustrate the magnitude of change in runoff, recharge, SW TP, and SW TN export, respectively, associated with converting natural vegetated areas to IC depending on soil permeability (capacity of soils to infiltrate water into the ground)

Table 1: Estimated unit-area annual hydrologic yields and stormwater (SW) nutrient load export rates for naturally vegetated predevelopment conditions and impervious cover

Notes: * MG/acre/yr - Million Gallons/acre/year. Runoff Yields estimated using the StormWater Management Model (SWMM) v5.0 with climatic data (hourly precipitation and daily temperature) for Boston, MA (1992-2020). Average annual precipitation depth for this record is 42.8 inches with a low of 28.3 inches and a high of 54.5 inches. Nutrient export rates are based on the rates derived for that MA and NH MS4 permits (appendix F attachment 3) and adjusted proportionally according to runoff yields.

Figure 1.

Figure 2.

Figure 3.

Figure 4.

As indicated, there are substantial unit area hydrologic and nutrient export changes resulting from the conversion of natural land to IC. On a per acre basins average annual runoff volumes are estimated to increase by 280% to 9,800% or by more than 0.8 to over 1 million gallons per IC acre per year. Since IC effectively results in zero (0) groundwater recharge, the results presented in Table 1 and illustrated in figure 1 show unit-area losses in average annual recharge volumes due to IC that range from 0.33 million-gallons/acre/year (MG/ac/yr) for very-low permeable HSG D to 0.56 MG/ac/yr for the very-high permeable HSG A. The conversion of naturual vegetated land area to IC also substantially increases runoff nutrient load export compared to predevelopment natural vegetated conditions as indicated in Figures 3 and 4. Natural vegetated land area has substantially lower runoff nutrient export rates compared to IC because of the much lower runoff yields as shown in figure 1. Additionally, vegetated permeable areas also provide filtering and recyling of accumulated nutrients whereas IC has relatively little capacity to capture and hold pollutants during the numerous runoff events that occur each year.

3. Predevelopment Groundwater Recharge

The conversion of natural vegetated pervious land area to IC results in lost groundwater recharge, the process in which precipitation is captured and infiltrated into the ground. Groundwater recharge is an essential source of water to subsurface groundwater reservoirs that supply baseflows and moisture to surface waters and wetlands and deeper aquifer storage commonly relied upon for potable water consumption. This section presents the magnitude of lost groundwater recharge volumes due to the creation of IC and the level of control needed in postconstruction SW management to replenish groundwater recharge to predevelopment conditions.

The water balance method was used to estimate average annual groundwater recharge volumes for four (4) predevelopment conditions based on hydrologic soil groups (HSGs) A, B, C and D as defined by the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). HSGs are commonly used in hydrologic modelling to estimate SW runoff potential based on soil characteristics. Table 2 Summarizes the description of HSGs which indicates that runoff potential is lowest for HSG A and highest for HSG D.

Table 2: Description of Hydrologic Soil Groups For Hydrologic Modelling

Source: USDA, NRCS National Engineering Handbook Chapter 7: <https://directives.sc.egov.usda.gov/OpenNonWebContent.aspx?content=22526.wba>

The water balance method is expressed with the following equation:

P=RO+R+ET where $P =$ total precipitation, RO = runoff, R = recharge, and ET = evapotranspiration:

Given measurements for P and independent estimates of RO and ET, R can be calculated. In this case, estimates of average annual RO, ET and measured P are used to solve for average annual groundwater recharge (R).

R=P-RO-ET

Because site development and associated SW management activities are conducted at the relatively small site scale vs. larger watershed scale, estimates have been developed on a unit area basis of 1 acre assuming homogenous land cover and soil conditions. Following is a summary of the information used to estimate predevelopment recharge volume required for the WPS.

3.1. Precipitation

Hourly precipitation data for Boston, MA (station MA0770) for the period of 01/01/1992 to 12/31/2020 was compiled determine annual precipitation statistics for Boston, MA that are presented in Table 3.

Table 3: Annual precipitation summary, Boston MA (1992-2020)

3.2. Runoff Volumes

Continuous simulation hydrologic response unit (HRU) modelling was conducted using the EPA supported Stormwater Management Model (SWMM) to estimate average annual runoff volumes for predevelopment natural vegetated land cover conditions with HSGs A, B, C and D. For this analysis, HRU models represent unique combinations of homogenous land cover and HSG (e.g., meadow – HSG A). Two continuous simulation modelling approaches available in SWMM were used to estimate annual predevelopment HRU runoff volumes for the period of interest (1992 – 2020) using Boston, MA climatic data consisting of hourly precipitation and daily temperature data :

• SWMM: Horton Infiltration model for pervious vegetated lands with HSGs A, B, C and D (see Table 4 for model parameters).

Table 4: Horton Infiltration Model Parameters used in SWMM HRU Modelling to Estimate Predevelopment Average Annual Runoff Volumes for Hydrologic Soil Groups A, B, C and D (Boston, MA Climatic Conditions- 1992-2020

• SWMM: NRCS Curve Number (CN) method for grass, meadow, and woods in good condition with HSGs A, B, C and D (see Table 5).

Table 5: Curve number (CN) values used in SWMM CN HRU modeling to estimate predevelopment average annual runoff volumes for hydrologic soil groups A, B, C, and D (Boston, MA Climatic Conditions, 1992-2020)

A total of 16 HRU model simulations, four for each HSG, were used in this analysis to estimate average annual runoff volumes and are summarized in Table 6. The final estimated average annual predevelopment runoff volume for each HSG used in this analysis is equal to the average of the Horton infiltration model result and the average of the CN model results. For example, the final estimate for HSG A is:

HSG A Runoff Volume = (HSG A Horton + ((CN25 + CN30 + CN39)/3))/2 0.017 million gallons (MG)/acre/year = (0.011 + ((0.014+0.020+034)/3))/2

Table 6: Stormwater management model (SWMM) continuous simulation modelling estimates of average annual runoff volumes for predevelopment land cover by hydrologic soil group (HSG) for Boston, MA Climatic Conditions (1992-2020)

3.3. Evapotranspiration

Evapotranspiration (ET) is the process by which water is transferred from the land to the atmosphere by evaporation from the soil and other surfaces and by transpiration from plants. Transpiration occurs when plants take up water from the soil and release water vapor into the air from their leaves. The Northeast Regional Climate Center at Cornell University reports an estimated [average annual ET for Boston, MA](https://www.nrcc.cornell.edu/wxstation/pet/pet.html) of 22.87 inches or 52% of the average annual precipitation (43.72 inches) for the period of 1981 to 2010. The U.S. Geological Survey [\(USGS\)](https://pubs.er.usgs.gov/publication/70044062) [reports estimates of annual ET values](https://pubs.er.usgs.gov/publication/70044062) of similar magnitude for MA as indicated in this [map](https://sensorsandsystems.com/new-water-evapotranspiration-maps-provide-crucial-information-on-water-availability/) available at: [https://sensorsandsystems.com/new-water-evapotranspiration-maps-provide](https://sensorsandsystems.com/new-water-evapotranspiration-maps-provide-crucial-information-on-water-availability/)[crucial-information-on-water-availability/](https://sensorsandsystems.com/new-water-evapotranspiration-maps-provide-crucial-information-on-water-availability/) .

An ET value of 50% of total annual precipitation was selected for use in the water balance equation to estimate average annual groundwater recharge for predevelopment conditions. For example, the average annual precipitation for Boston, MA (1992-2020) is 42.78 inches and the estimated ET equals:

 $ET = 42.78 X 50%$ = 21.39 inches

Calculation of Unit Area Predevelopment Annual Groundwater Recharge Volume: The following water balance equation was applied for each year of the 29 year climatic data record:

 $R_{vr} = P_{vr} - RO_{vr} - ET_{vr}$;

For which:

R = recharge volume, MG/ac/yr;

P = Annual precipitation volume, MG/ac/yr;

RO = Runoff Volume, MG/ac/yr: and

ET = Evapotranspiration Volume, MG/ac/yr (assumed 50% of P_{yr})

Tables 7 and 8 summarize the results of the estimated annual groundwater recharge estimates derived from the water balance equation. Table 7 provide summary statistics of the estimates for the 29 year period while Table 8 provides estimates for each year of the 1992-2020 analysis period. As indicated, in Table 8 there is considerable variability in annual precipitation and estimated runoff and recharge values for the period of analysis (1992 to 2020). For example, annual precipitation ranged from a minimum of 28.26 inches to a maximum of 54.46 inches and ranges of similar magnitude are shown for runoff and recharge volumes.

Table 7: Summary statistics of estimated annual runoff and groundwater recharge volumes for unit area predevelopment conditions by hydrologic soil groups (HSG) for Boston, MA climatic conditions (1990 – 2022)

	Precipitation Boston		HSGA		HSGB			HSGC	HSG A	
year			Runoff,	Recharge,	Runoff,	Recharge,	Runoff,	Recharge,	Runoff,	Recharge,
	Inches	MG/ac/yr	MG/ac/yr	MG/ac/yr	MG/ac/yr	MG/ac/yr	MG/ac/yr	MG/ac/yr	MG/ac/yr	MG/ac/yr
1992	43.72	1.187	0.051	0.542	0.155	0.438	0.213	0.381	0.277	0.317
1993	43.21	1.173	0.000	0.587	0.054	0.533	0.140	0.447	0.240	0.346
1994	47.62	1.293	0.005	0.642	0.095	0.552	0.188	0.459	0.316	0.331
1995	35.10	0.953	0.027	0.450	0.076	0.401	0.122	0.355	0.188	0.289
1996	48.70	1.322	0.027	0.634	0.161	0.500	0.271	0.390	0.343	0.318
1997	28.26	0.767	0.000	0.384	0.004	0.380	0.044	0.340	0.084	0.300
1998	51.28	1.393	0.098	0.598	0.206	0.490	0.337	0.359	0.435	0.261
1999	37.77	1.026	0.086	0.426	0.141	0.372	0.186	0.327	0.248	0.265
2000	44.52	1.209	0.016	0.589	0.098	0.506	0.164	0.440	0.255	0.350
2001	29.64	0.805	0.000	0.402	0.029	0.374	0.085	0.317	0.137	0.265
2002	39.92	1.084	0.000	0.542	0.020	0.522	0.073	0.469	0.148	0.394
2003	44.37	1.205	0.000	0.602	0.037	0.565	0.135	0.468	0.261	0.342
2004	44.57	1.210	0.023	0.583	0.107	0.498	0.209	0.396	0.301	0.304
2005	43.67	1.186	0.000	0.593	0.061	0.532	0.127	0.466	0.208	0.385
2006	52.89	1.436	0.009	0.709	0.147	0.571	0.271	0.447	0.363	0.355
2007	39.47	1.072	0.024	0.512	0.079	0.457	0.169	0.367	0.248	0.288
2008	54.46	1.479	0.023	0.717	0.131	0.608	0.243	0.497	0.379	0.361
2009	43.49	1.181	0.000	0.591	0.026	0.565	0.082	0.509	0.175	0.415
2010	49.66	1.349	0.054	0.621	0.176	0.499	0.317	0.358	0.436	0.238
2011	52.39	1.423	0.000	0.711	0.059	0.652	0.157	0.554	0.308	0.404
2012	36.73	0.997	0.000	0.499	0.034	0.464	0.085	0.413	0.184	0.315
2013	40.36	1.096	0.020	0.528	0.064	0.484	0.160	0.388	0.254	0.294
2014	45.25	1.229	0.013	0.601	0.091	0.523	0.164	0.450	0.260	0.355
2015	34.69	0.942	0.000	0.471	0.021	0.450	0.063	0.408	0.143	0.328
2016	32.89	0.893	0.000	0.447	0.001	0.446	0.039	0.408	0.139	0.308
2017	41.23	1.120	0.000	0.560	0.042	0.517	0.110	0.450	0.200	0.360
2018	49.52	1.345	0.016	0.657	0.052	0.621	0.140	0.532	0.267	0.406
2019	48.41	1.315	0.000	0.657	0.031	0.626	0.131	0.527	0.259	0.398
2020	36.83	1.000	0.000	0.500	0.018	0.482	0.081	0.419	0.165	0.335
Note: Runoff (RO) estimates generated by SWMM v. 5.0 using hourly precipitation and daily temperature data for Boston, MA (1992-										

Table 8: Estimated annual runoff and groundwater recharge volumes for unit area predevelopment conditions by hydrologic soil group (HSG) for Boston, MA climatic conditions (1992-2020)

2020). Water Balance equation used to estimate groundwater recharge (R) and assume 50% of annual precipitation (P) is evapotranspiration (ET). Water Balance equation for groundwater recharge is R = P - RO - (0.5XP).

Selecting a protective groundwater recharge volume for SW management requires consideration of the uncertainty associated with hydrologic modelling estimates as well as changing climatic conditions. Recent hydrologic modelling of the Taunton watershed conducted for various future climatic conditions indicates recharge will be diminished due to increasing ambient air temperatures and greater ET rates (reference). For these reasons and because the creation of IC will continue to exist long-term into the future and under changing climatic conditions, a margin of safety is warranted in the derivation of predevelopment groundwater recharge volume targets. Therefore, the 90th percentile groundwater recharge volume for each HSG identified in Table 7 and summarized in Table 9 are selected as the target level of control for groundwater recharge in SW management to address IC. Translation of how these target recharge volumes can be implemented through appropriate sizing of SW control measures (SCMs) throughout the New England region are described in the next section.

Table 9: Annual Predevelopment Groundwater Recharge Targetsfor Stormwater Management

3.4. Infiltration SCMs for Achieving Predevelopment Annual Groundwater Recharge

The goal of the SW management recharge target is to redirect an adequate volume of surface runoff from IC into the ground by means of infiltration SCMs. First, it is necessary to determine what percentage of annual IC runoff volume needs to be captured and treated by infiltration SCMs to achieve the specified groundwater recharge volume for each HSG type. Two factors determine the necessary capture volume by infiltration SCMs to achieve the recharge goal: 1) groundwater recharge volume as determined above; and 2) an additional volume that would be lost within the SCM due to ET. Research of infiltration SCM has indicated ET losses in the northeast region of the U.S. are around 10% (reference). Therefore, a 10% ET loss is assumed for infiltration SCMs in this analysis.

Table 10 presents the estimated percent reductions in annual IC runoff volumes (column 5) necessary to achieve the predevelopment recharge targets by infiltration SCMs. Also shown are the Design Storage Volumes (DSV) of surface and subsurface infiltration SCMs for eight infiltration rates (columns 9 and 10) that will achieve the recharge targets for creating IC in HSGs A, B, C and D. The DSV is the physical storage capacity of the SCM equal to the volume of water that can be statically held within the SCM before overflow or bypass. Based on the cumulative distribution of cumatlive IC runoff volume by depth shown in Figure 2, the average annual percent reduction in IC runoff volume was translated into cumulative IC runoff depth (column 6) to provide another expression of the level of control being provided. For example, predevelopment HSG A recharge of 68% IC runoff volume reduction (column 5) is approximately equal to capturing the cumulative IC runoff depth 0.69 inches, which includes all runoff events with depths equal to or less than 0.69 inches and the 0.69 inches of all runoff events greater than 0.69 inches depth.

Infiltration SCM DSVs shown in Table 10 (columns 9 and 10) were determined using EPA Region 1 cumulative performance information developed for a variety of SCMs that allow users to estimate long-term cumulative performance of SCMs for reducing average annual runoff volume and pollutant loads (total phosphorus (TP), total nitrogen (TN), total suspended solids, zinc, and indicator bacteria). The curves allow users to estimate cumulative reductions based on SCM DSV relative to runoff depth (inches) from contributing IC area for relatively small (e.g., 0.1 inch) to large (e.g., 2.0 inches) SCM design capacities. A description of using the performance curves can be found in the recently (2022) published [New England SW Retrofit](https://snepnetwork.org/stormwater-retrofit-manual/) [Manual](https://snepnetwork.org/stormwater-retrofit-manual/) prepared by the Southern New England Program (SNEP).

Table 10: Sizing of Infiltration Practices for IC Runoff Reduction to Achieve Annual Groundwater Recharge Targets

Predevelopment Land Cover being Converted to Impervious Cover	Annual Impervious Cover Runoff yield*, MG/ac/yr	Target Annual Recharge Volume, MG/ac/yr		% IC Runoff Reduction & Level of Control By Infiltration SCMs			Subsoil Type	Surface Infiltration	Subsurface Infiltration	
			Required Recharge w/ 10% for ET loss at SCM, MG/ac/yr	% Reduction in Average Annual IC Runoff Volume	IC Runoff Control Depth, inches***	HSG	Infiltration rate of Infiltration SCM, inches/hr	Design Storage Volume**. inches	Design Storage Volume**. <i>inches</i>	
Meadow/Forest HSG A	1.091	0.67	0.74		0.69	A	8.27	0.16	0.23	
				68%		A	2.41	0.32	0.46	
Meadow/Forest HSG B	1.091	0.61	0.67	62%	0.56	B	1.02	0.37	0.49	
						B	0.52	0.45	0.60	
Meadow/Forest HSG C	1.091	0.51	0.56	51%	0.41	C	0.27	0.40	0.55	
						C	0.17	0.49	0.68	
Meadow/Forest HSG D	1.091	0.40	0.44	40%	0.28	D	0.1	0.50	0.72	
						D	0.05	0.86	1.25	
$***$ INotes: *Runoff Yields estimated using the StormWater Management Model (SWMM) v5.0 with climatic data (hourly precipitation and daily temperature) for Boston, MA (1992-2020).										

Notes: *Runoff Yields estimated using the StormWater Management Model (SWMM) v5.0 with climatic data (hourly precipitation and daily temperature) for Boston, MA (1992-2020). ** **Design Storage Volume** is the physical storage capacity of the SCM that is equal to the volume of water that can be statically held before overflow or bypass.

Figure 2.

Updated SCM performance information for surface and subsurface infiltration SCM based on the same Boston, MA climatic data (1992-2020) used in estimating the recharge targets was

used to determine the surface and subsurface infiltration SCM DSVs for achieving recharge targets. The updated performance information was developed using the calibrated HRU SWMM models for runoff quantity and quality that are included in the EPA Region 1 Opti-Tool package and the calibrated SUSTAINS SCM models in Opti-Tool $(v2)$. Tables 11 and 12 provide tabulated results of cumulative IC runoff volume and pollutant load reductions for surface (basin) and subsurface (e.g., trench) SCMs, respectively.

Table 11: Cumulative performance estimates of surface infiltration stormwater control measures (SCMs)

Table 12: Cumulative performance estimates of subsurface infiltration stormwater control measures (SCMs)

4. Predevelopment Runoff Nutrient Load Export and Stormwater Managment

The other primary goal for developing the WPS is to specify SW management performance standards designed to minimize impacts of IC runoff nutrient loads associated with future development activities and the creation of IC. To this end, the level of postconstruction SW management control for IC was determined for surface and subsurface infiltration SCMs to achieve estimated predevelopment SW nutrient load export. This section describes the basis of the estimates. If infiltration is determined to be infeasible there are other SCMs that will reduce SW nutrient loads although in the cases where predevelopment conditions have welldrained soils, most non-infiltration SCMs (e.g., biofiltration, gravel wetlands) will not likely achieve predevelopment SW nutrient loading rates. This will be addressed and recommendations on sizing of such controls is presented.

4.1. SW Nutrient Load Export for Predevelopment and Post-Development Conditions

SW nutrient export loads were determined for natural predevelopment conditions for HSGs A, B, C and D and postconstruction IC using the hydrologic estimates presented in sections II and III. The estimates of nutrient quality in SW runoff from IC and natural lands (i.e., predevelopment) is largely based on previous analyses conducted for determining SW nutrient load export rates included in the MA and NH MS4 general permits [\(Attachment 3 to Appendix](https://www3.epa.gov/region1/npdes/stormwater/ma/2016fpd/appendix-f-attach-3-2016-ma-sms4-gp-mod.pdf) [F\)](https://www3.epa.gov/region1/npdes/stormwater/ma/2016fpd/appendix-f-attach-3-2016-ma-sms4-gp-mod.pdf). This information was further evaluated and adjusted to represent more recent hydrologic conditions for the climatic period of 1992 to 1992 compared to the climate periods used in developing the export rates in the MS4 permits (1998-2002 for TP and 1985-2005 for TN). Table 13 summarize the average annual flow-weighted SW TP and TN concentrations and the resulting TP and TN SW export load rates for natural land cover and IC.

Table 13: Representative stormwater nutrient concentrations and annual load export rates by landcover for Boston, MA, Cliatic Conditions (1992-2020)

Notes: * MG/acre/yr - Million Gallons/acre/year. Runoff Yields estimated using the StormWater Management Model (SWMM) v5.0 with climatic data (hourly precipitation and daily temperature) for Boston, MA (1992-2020). Nutrient export rates are based on the rates derived for that MA and NH MS4 permits (appendix F attachment 3) and adjusted proportionally according to runoff yields.

These rates are consistent with the basis of the MS4 SW nutrient load export rates except that only one IC export rate each for TP and TN is used to develop the WPS level of control for nutrients. The selected IC rates in Table 13 are intended to represent the typical average SW quality associated with IC and are approximately equal to the 25 percentile of the simulated nutrient event mean concentrations (EMCs) for all IC runoff events for the 29 year period (1992-2020). SWMM IC HRU models include modelling of the build-up of pollutants on IC and the wash-off of pollutants associated with each precipitation event. The IC HRU build-up and wash-off models were calibrated during the development of Opti-Tool and documentation of the model calibration process can be found in Technical Memorandums that are included in the [Opti-Tool package.](https://www.epa.gov/tmdl/opti-tool-epa-region-1s-stormwater-management-optimization-tool) Only one IC export rate was chosen for each nutrient as a practical matter for streamlining and reducing complexity for implementation process for the WPS.

4.2. Level of SCM Control for Achieving Predevelopment SW Nutrient load Export

Percent SW nutrient load reductions for postconstruction IC were estimated for the four predevelopment conditions such that the resulting SW nutrient load export form IC would equal predevelopment SW nutrient export. Table 14 provides the necessary SW TP and TN load reductions which range from 77% to 98% for TP and 71% to 98% for TN for the four predevelopment conditions HSGs. Design Storage Volumes of surface and subsurface infiltration SCM to achieve these reductions were determined using the cumulative performance estimates provided in Tables 11 and 12 and provided in Table 14. In all cases, DSVs needed to achieve TP control exceeds the DSVs needed for TN.

Table 14: Sizing of infiltration practices for impervious cover SW control to achieve predevelopment annual SW nutrient export rates

Notes: ** **Design Storage Volume** is the physical storage capacity of the SCM that is equal to the volume of water that can be statically held before overflow or bypass.

4.3. Infiltration in Low Permeable Soils (HSG)

The WPS recommends the use of infiltration practices to the maximum extent feasible in all site development project including in lower permeable HSG D. Research indicates that infiltration SCMs are effective at achieving cumulative reductions of runoff volume and associated

pollutants providing that SCMs are designed and constructed appropriately and have long-term inspections and maintenance to keep the SCM functioning as designed. (refereces). See Tables 11 and 12 for model estimated cumulative performance reductions for infiltration SCMs in HSG D (infiltration rates 0.1 and 0.05 inches/hr)

The predominant reason that infiltration SCMs in low permeable soils are still effective is due to the precipitation patterns that exist throughout the New England region in which the majority of precipitation depths are relatively low. Figure 5 displays the distribution of precipitation events by depth for Boston, MA (1992-2020) showing that 74% of events have depths less than 0.5 inches. Similar patterns were observed in an analysis of precipitation data from stations across the New England region (see chapter 2 of the [BMP Performance Report](https://www3.epa.gov/region1/npdes/stormwater/tools/BMP-Performance-Analysis-Report.pdf) prepared by Tetra Tech, Inc. for EPA Region 1in 2010). Research and evaluation of the HRU models of natural vegetated land with varying soil conditions and permeability indicate that precipitation is substantially attenuated even when soil permeability is low (i.e., HSG D). *Figure 5.*

Table 16 summarizes continuous simulation SWMM HRU model predictions of the average number of annual runoff events for IC and the natural land predevelopment conditions for Boston, MA climatic conditions. While on average there 78 precipitation events, the model results indicates that natural land conditions provide substantial attenuation of precipitation events that results in substantially fewer runoff events even for HSG D at 19. Also, the lowest precipitation depths that triggered runoff events ranged from 0.56 inches for HSG D to 1.72

inches for HSG A. When infiltration SCMs are evaluated on a long-term cumulative basis using actual precipitation data, as is done in the development of the cumulative performance information (Tables 11 and 12) and typically in SCM performance research, it become clear that infiltration SCMs in low permeability soils are effective at capturing IC runoff and associated pollutant loads for most of the actual precipitation events that regularly occur in New England.

		Runoff Events							
Metric	Precipitation	ΙC	HSG A	HSG B	HSG C	HSG D			
Average annual number of events	78	70			10	19			
Minimum depth triggering runoff, inches	NA	0.05	1.72	1.17	0.64	0.56			
Average annual total depth, inches	42.31	39.60	0.42	2.38	5.55	10.34			
Average annual total volume, MG/ac/yr	1.15	1.08	0.01	0.06	0.15	0.28			
Notes: Results from calibrated continuous simulation SWMM HRU models for impervious cover and predevelopment pervious conditions for Boston, MA climatic conditions, 1992 - 2022., NA= not applicable									

Table 15: Summary of precipitation and simulated runoff events for impervious cover and predevelopment pervious conditions

4.4. Non-Infiltration SCMs for Nutrient Control

In cases where infiltration is not feasible (e.g., prohibited land use activity for recharge), or where opportunities for infiltration are limited on-site such that the WPS cannot be entirely met through infiltration SCMs then non-infiltration SCMs are necessary. The WPS recommends use of either an Enhanced Biofilter with Internal Storage Reservoir (ISR) or a gravel wetland system. Both SCMs have demonstrated moderate performance in achieving SW nutrient load reductions. Cumulative performance estimates presented in Tables 16 and 17 indicate that these SCMs will not achieve the WPS predevelopment nutrient and recharge standards without use of infiltration on site as well.

The enhanced biofilter with ISR is an innovative SCM that provides temporary storage of runoff for filtering through an engineered soil media, augmented for enhanced phosphorus removal, followed by detention and denitrification in a subsurface internal storage reservoir (ISR) comprised of gravel. The University of New Hampshire Stormwater Center (UNHSC) developed the design of this control practice through a grant with EPA $R1¹$ and a design template can be found at UNHSC's website.²

¹ Roseen, R., R. Stone, et al. (2011-2013). Evaluation and Optimization of the Effectiveness of Stormwater Control Measures for Nitrogen Removal. Funded by USEPA Region 1, Duration: 2 Years, 2011-2013, EPA-R1, UNHSC. DOI# 10.13140/RG.2.2.19211.36643 [https://www3.epa.gov/region1/npdes/stormwater/research/epa-final-report-filter](https://www3.epa.gov/region1/npdes/stormwater/research/epa-final-report-filter-study.pdf)[study.pdf.](https://www3.epa.gov/region1/npdes/stormwater/research/epa-final-report-filter-study.pdf)

https://www.unh.edu/unhsc/sites/default/files/media/bioretention_isr_detail_v4_2020-unh.pdf

Table 16: Enhanced biofiltration with internal storage reservoir SCM performance table: long term load reduction

SCM Design Storage Volume (Capacity): Depth of Runoff Treated from Impervious Area (inches)	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.25	1.5	2.0
Cumulative TP Load Reduction	24.9%	37.4%	51.9%	60.2%	65.6%	69.5%	72.7%	75.9%	80.1%
Cumulative TN Load Reduction	27.2%	40.3%	54.8%	62.9%	68.2%	71.9%	75.0%	78.1%	82.0%
Cumulative TSS Load Reduction	41.4%	61.5%	79.3%	87.0%	91.3%	93.8%	95.2%	96.7%	97.8%
Cumulative ZN Load Reduction	35.6%	54.8%	73.6%	82.6%	87.7%	90.8%	92.7%	94.6%	96.2%
Cumulative Ecoli Load Reduction	31.1%	49.6%	69.9%	80.1%	85.2%	87.9%	89.4%	90.9%	92.5%
Notes: Performance Estimates generated by EPA Region 1 calibrated SWMM HRU and Opti-Tool SUSTAINS models for Boston, MA									
climatic conditions (1992-2020).									

Table 17: Gravel wetland SCM performance table: long term load reduction

Table 18 identifies the recommended DSVs and the associated cumulative SW nutrient load reduction performances for the enhanced biofiltration with ISR and gravel wetlands for sites where infiltration is entirely infeasible. As indicated, the performance of these SCMs fall short of the achieving the predevelopment targets because they are lined so they provide no groundwater recharge.

Table 18: Non-infiltration SCMs and design storage volumes for the Watershed Protection Standard

Design Storage Volume is the physical storage capacity of the SCM that is equal to the volume of water that can be statically held before overflow or bypass.

5. Recommended SW Management Performance Standardsfor Watershed Protection Standard

Table 19: Watershed protection standard for impervious cover stormwater management: Infiltration SCM design storage volumes (DSVs) to achieve predevelopment groundwater recharge and SW nutrient load export

*Predevelopment Recharge based on Water Balance method for Boston MA, 1992-2020 using average annual runoff yields from continuous simulaltion
hydrologic SWMM HRU models of meadow and forested lands for HSGs A, B, C and D. practices are sized (DSVs) to capture 66%, 63%, %51% and 40% of average annual IC runoff volumes for HSGs A, B, C and D, respectively.

**Predevelopment Nutrient export is the nutreint load delivered in surface runoff from natural wooded and meadow lands according to HSG. Required % Reductions to IC runoff TP export are 98%, 93%, 86% and 77%, for predevelopment HSGs A, B, C, and D. Required % Reductions to IC runoff TN export are 98%, 91%, 82% and 71%, for predevelopment HSGs A, B, C, and D.

APPENDIX H. COMPENDIUM OF SITE-DEVELOPMENT STORMWATER

MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS FOR WATER RESOURCE PROTECTION

Compendium of Site-Development Stormwater Management Solutions for Water Resource Protection

- The "Compendium" offers guidance on stormwater management strategies for site development
- Details a Watershed Protection Standard to *Maintain Predevelopment Hydrology and Nutrient Load, and Resilient Landscapes*.
- Target audience is local government officials reviewing and approving site plans.
- Green Infrastructure (GI) and Low Impact Development (LID) techniques including emphasizing infiltration and minimizing disturbance
- Scalable GI/LID Stormwater Control Measures (SCMs)

Compendium Overview

■ Conceptual Site Designs illustrating sizing and location of dispersed GI techniques

■ "Plug and Play" SCM options for many "wicked" site development situations

■ Watershed protection standard approximately equal to a one (1) inch static retention standard

■ Design summary table with sizing, performance, and costing for Hydrological Soil Groups

■ A secondary design table for the MA MS4 and MADEP for TP and TSS reductions of 60% and 90%

■ Sizing and costing based on EPA R1 Opti-Tool and SCM performance curves

HSG-D PHOSPHOROUS EXPORT

PREDEVELOPMENT MADEP **MPERVIOUS RETENTION**

URBAN BIOSWALE/TREE PLANTER ONLINE/OFFLINE

Description: Brief Description of type of impervious cover to be managed, the type of SCM shown, its sizing and any site design constraints (e.g., none to very limited) that influences the selection of the SCM type and its design (footprint, depth etc.). The SCM shown has been sized to achieve the Water Resource Protection Standard for a unit area of one (1) acre of impervious cover (IC). The SCM design is scalable such that the dimensions can be reduced or increased depending on the IC area to be managed. For example, the same type of SCM needed to achieve average annual predevelopment conditions for $1/10^{th}$ of acre IC would be $1/10^{th}$ the size of the SCM shown in the plan view. Include a design table for varying IC drainage areas in $1/20^{th}$ acre increments showing DSV and physical storage capacities in cubit feet.? Include the DSV equation for the practice.

Water Resource Protection Standard: Approximates the 1" WQV static retention for IC that will: 1) Not exceed the long-term average annual predevelopment runoff nutrient load export; 2) Achieve average annual predevelopment groundwater recharge volumes; and 3) Maintain resilient landscape.

Surface Biofiltration Practice Design Details

2. DSV = Design Storage Volume. DSV equals the storage capacity of the SCM to hold water prior to overflow or bypass and is equal to the sum of free storage of surface ponding and of storage in pore space of filter media and washed stone/gravel backfill. See Table ?? For equations to calculate DSVs for various practices.

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