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LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING AND DESIGN GUIDE

Version 1.0

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 Welcome reviewer! We have been looking forward to your arrival. In anticipation we have prepared a short printable form to help direct your critique of the wiki at this time. Broadly, the themes are split between navigation and content. When it comes to terminology we have attempted to align ourselves with the most commonly applied terms for each BMP found on the internet. Comments will be reviewed in May 2018 (and will be welcome forever thereafter)

 This is a new kind of guideline document; intended to improve your experience. Recommendations have been pared down into tight, actionable articles. Expect to find a lot of data rich tables, lists and tools. If you believe the content to be incorrect or out of date, please let us know using 'Help improve this page' and we'll make a rapid response. Minor changes will be made as soon as possible, significant changes may be delayed pending review by a panel of STEP members. Note that the comments you leave will appear in the **VIEW FEEDBACK** link on the left. When you need to reference an article to support your decisions and designs, use the **CITE THIS PAGE** link on the left. The website automatically maintains a public, detailed history of every content change made, see **VIEW HISTORY** at the top. This is a relatively young, living document; conceived in early 2017. You will find that we're missing information, but we are developing rapidly. An important part of this process is to know what you need, so please submit your feedback!

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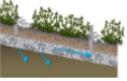
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Swales

This article is about installations designed to capture and convey surface runoff along a vegetated For underground conveyance which promotes infiltration, see [Exfiltration trenches](#).

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Swales are linear landscape features consisting of a drainage channel with gently sloping sides. U with engineered soil and/or contain a water storage layer of coarse gravel material. Two variations recommended as low impact development strategies, although using a combination design of both **Bioswales** are sometimes referred to as 'dry swales', 'vegetated swales', or 'water quality swales'. **bioretention** with a long linear shape (surface area typically $>2:1$ length:width) and a slope which c **Enhanced grass swales** are a lower maintenance alternative, but generally have lower stormwater enhancement over a basic grass swale is in the addition of check dams to slow surface water flow pools of water which can infiltrate the underlying soil.

Retention swales can be imagined as linear, sloped **dry ponds**. They make a relatively little contri quality control than many other BMPs, but they may feature as part of a site-wide treatment train a

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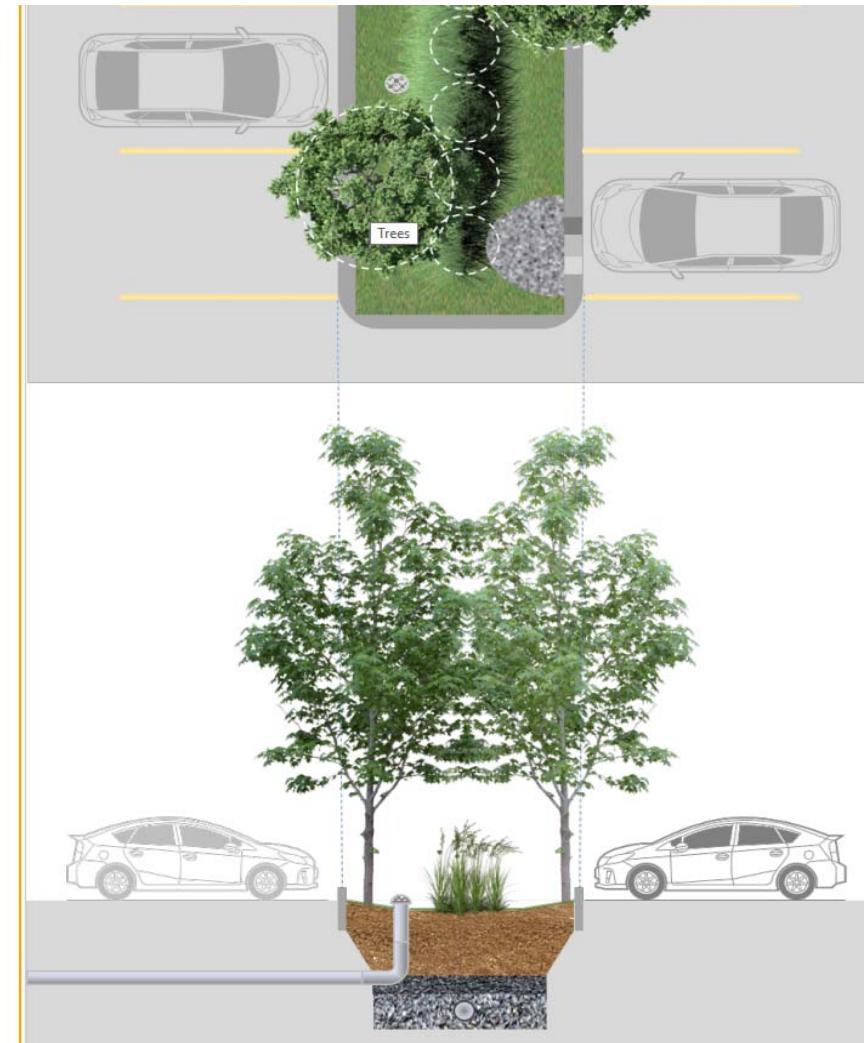


Parking lot bioretention sharing underground reservoir with adjacent permeable paving, Edwards gardens, Toronto



The sunken curb holds the edge of the asphalt pavement and lets water freely flow to the bioretention cell beside the 7sigma parking lot in Minneapolis, MN (USA)

Photo credit: BrianAsh



After surveying the longitudinal profile of the swale, the number of check dams for the swale can be calculated by using the following equation:

$$\text{Number of dams} = \frac{L (S_i - S_e)}{h}$$

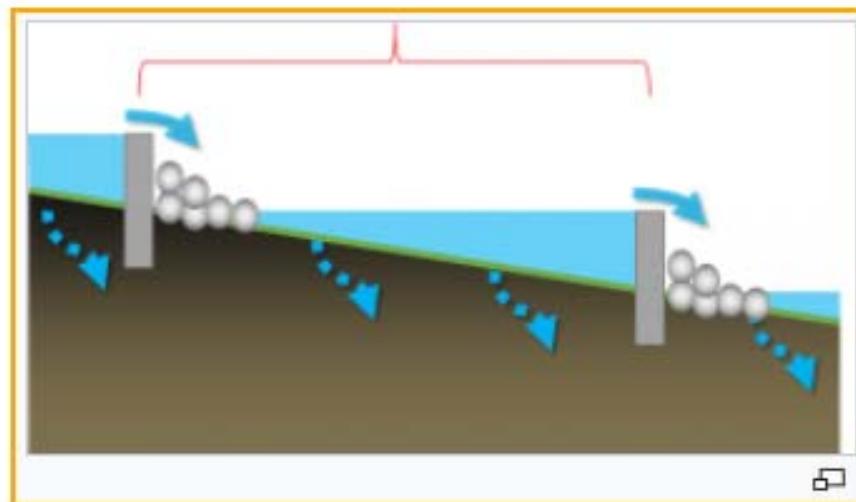
Where:

L : Length of swale (m)

S_i : Initial existing slope ratio of the swale (rise/run)

S_e : Desired effective slope of the enhanced swale (between 0.005 - 0.01, rise/run)

h : The average effective height of the check dams in m (excluding foundations)



Ponding depth (mm)

To calculate permissible ponding depth in mm

Infiltration coefficient (mm/hr)

Time (hrs)

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Number of check dams

To calculate the required number of check dams

Length of swale (m)

Existing mean slope ratio

Desired effective slope ratio

Height of check dams (m)

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OPS aggregates

Of the standard granular materials in the standard OPSS.MUNI 1010 only **Granular O** is recommended as a substitute for [clear stone](#).

- *Where Granular O is substituted for clear stone in underground reservoir structures, the void ratio used in design calculations shall be 0.3 unless laboratory testing proves otherwise.*

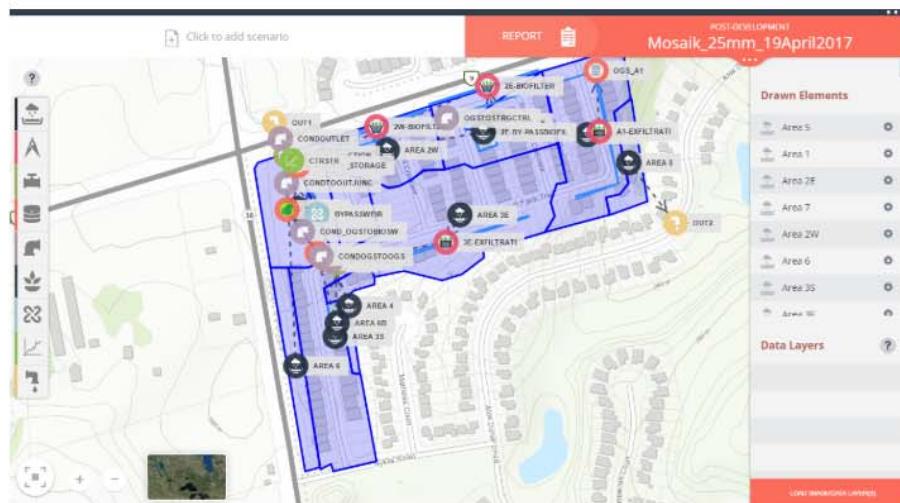
All other mixes must be avoided for free drainage or storage as they are permitted to contain a higher enough proportion of fines to reduce permeability below 50 mm/hr.

Treatment Train Tool

Low Impact Development Treatment Train Tool

The Low Impact Development Treatment Train Tool (LID TTT) has been developed by Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA), Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) as a tool to help developers, consultants, municipalities and landowners understand and implement more sustainable stormwater management planning and design practices in their watersheds. The purpose of the tool is to analyze annual and event based runoff volumes and pollutant load removal by the use of Best Management Practices (BMP)'s and Low Impact Development (LID) techniques. The LID TTT provides preliminary water budget analysis (i.e. surface ET, surface runoff, infiltration to soil) and pollutant load removal estimates for pre- and post-development scenarios. The tool is built upon the open source EPA SWMM5 model providing a user-friendly interface for novice modelers and cross-compatibility with SWMM5 for further model development.

LID is a stormwater management strategy that seeks to mitigate the impacts of increased runoff and stormwater pollution by managing runoff



What's New

» The latest release is *Release Version 1.2.1* (6 April 2018)

[Release Notes for LID-TTT Version 1.2.1](#)

To report issues please
contact STEP@trca.on.ca

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- » [Example scenarios](#)
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LID-TTT-win32-x64.zip – Downloaded
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LID-TTT

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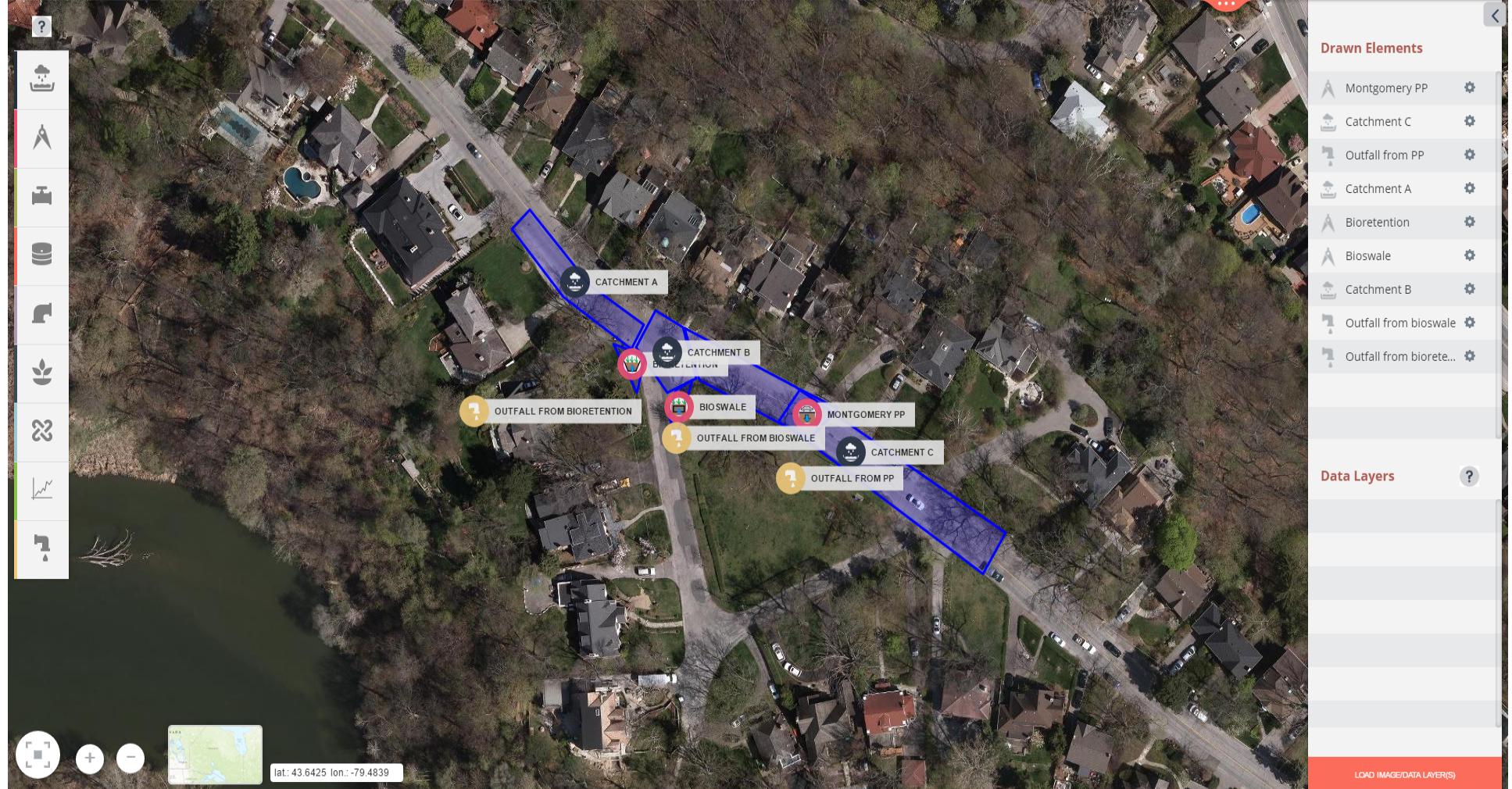
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Riverside Drive

Drawn Elements

- Montgomery PP
- Catchment C
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- Outfall from bioswale
- Outfall from biorete...

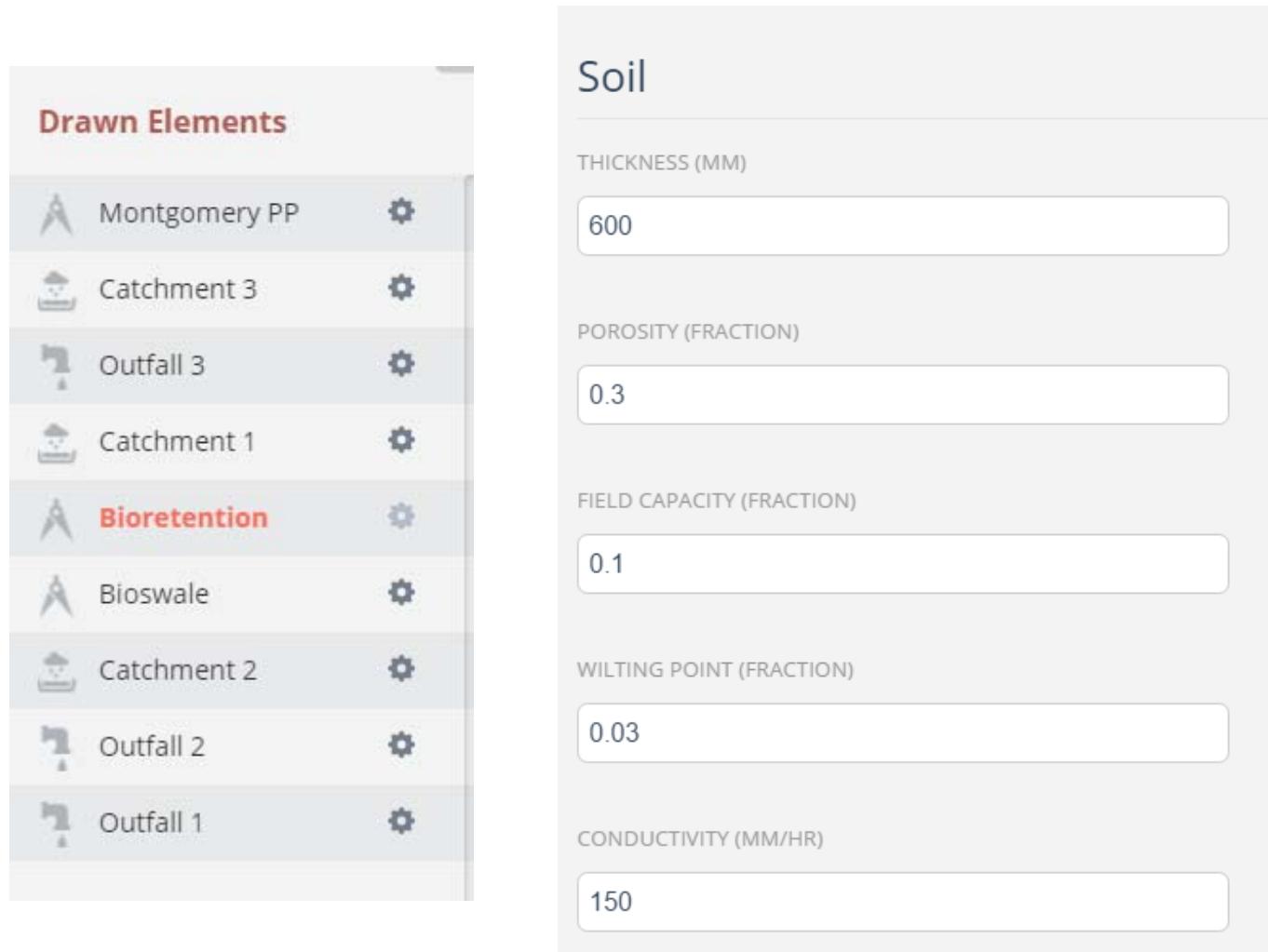
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The map displays a residential neighborhood with houses, streets, and a body of water. A proposed stormwater management system is overlaid on the map. The system consists of three catchments labeled A, B, and C, which are connected to three outfalls: Outfall from Bioretention, Outfall from Bioswale, and Outfall from PP. A bioswale is also shown. The map includes a legend on the left with icons for various features like roofs, trees, and roads. On the right, there are toolbars for adding scenarios, reporting, and managing data layers. A status bar at the bottom shows coordinates (lat: 43.6425 lon: -79.4839).

Configuring a bioretention



Soil

THICKNESS (MM)

600

POROSITY (FRACTION)

0.3

FIELD CAPACITY (FRACTION)

0.1

WILTING POINT (FRACTION)

0.03

CONDUCTIVITY (MM/HR)

150

Bioretention: TTT

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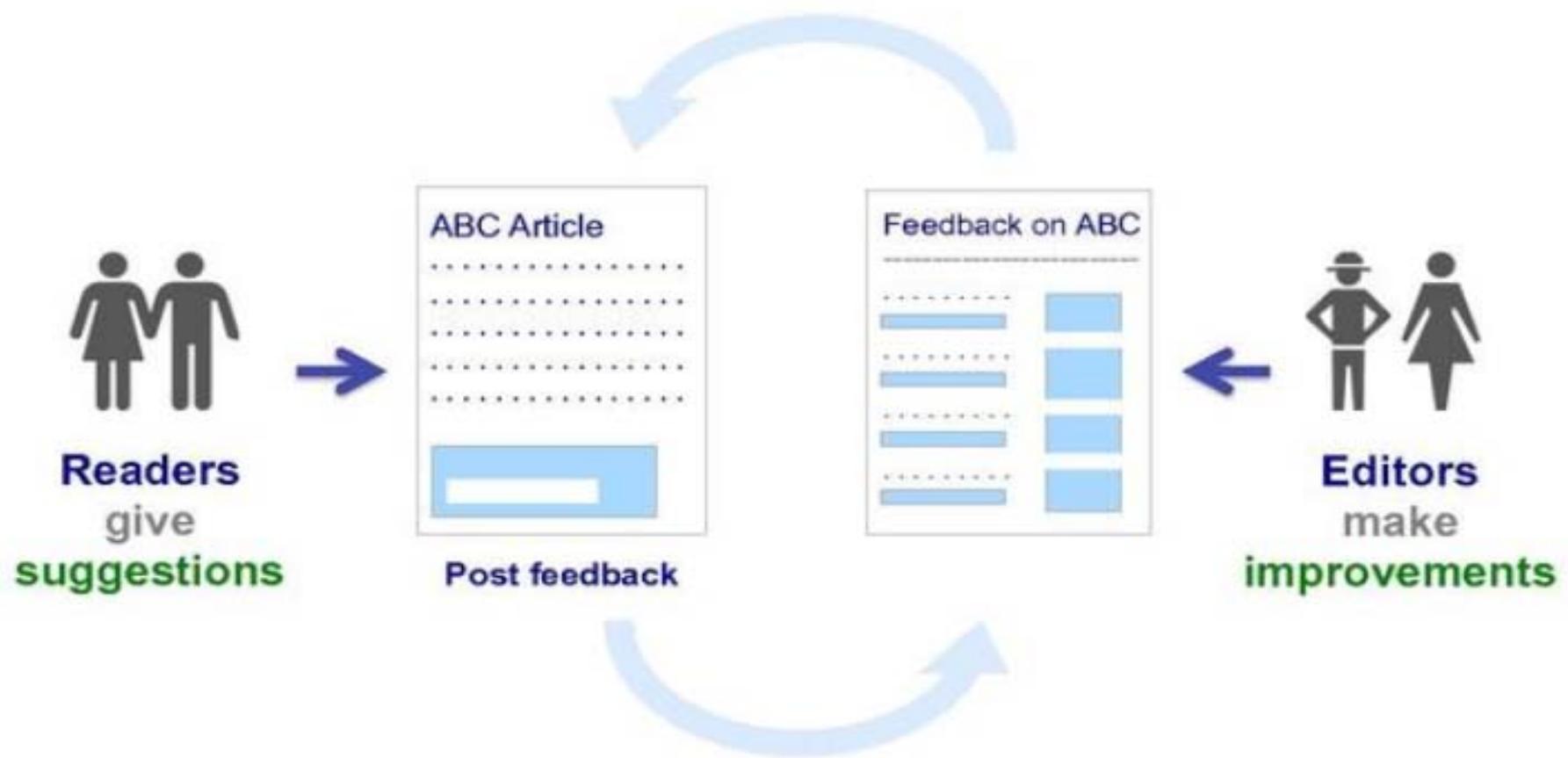
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Bioretention cells are found within the LID toolbox

Surface	
Berm height (mm)	Sometimes referred to as the bowl depth
Surface roughness (Manning's n)	Lower numbers indicate less surface obstruction and result in faster flow Suggested ranges: Mown grass (dependent on density) 0.03 – 0.06 ^[1] Stone 0.03 – 0.05 Planted (highly dependent on density) 0.05 – 0.15
Surface slope (%)	If the slope > 3% a series of Check dams or weirs should be included in the design.
Soil (bioretention filter media)	
Thickness (mm)	Depth of filter media
Porosity (fraction)	Suggest range 0.3 – 0.35 unless otherwise tested
Field capacity (fraction)	Suggested range 0.10 - 0.12 ^[1]
Wilting point (fraction)	Suggested value 0.03 ^[1]
Conductivity (mm/hr)	Suggested range 25 – 250 mm/hr
Conductivity slope	Suggested value 45 ^[1]
Suction head (mm)	Suggested range 50 - 60 ^[1]

Feedback flow



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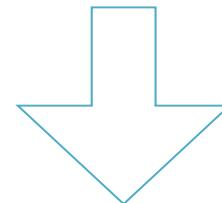
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24 April 2018

A general feedback from a french user - I do not know the meaning of the acronym LID, used profusely. It would be very helpful to have a definition for all the acronyms by hovering the mouse cursor over them, just like the definition of "Rainwater harvesting". This type of definition should be available for all the acronyms on each page.

- 'LID' has been added to the terms using the same definition for 'Low Impact Development'. We will

10 April 2018

Do you have any specs for designing berms around a bioretention pond?

- Please see [Berms](#)

23 March 2018

Is it possible to get the planting list updated to include native species?

- Certainly! This information will be added as we review the plant tables in summer 2018.

21 March 2018

Is there a reliable set of estimated design infiltration rates for sites where only soil type is currently known? Are there numbers to begin an estimate, and a reasonable basis for those numbers?

- The curators of Minnesota's stormwater wiki have conducted a very thorough literature review to estimate infiltration rates for various soil types. The lowest value on their table for clayey soils is 15 mm/hr, we believe that this is a reasonable estimate. A [correction](#) to this number before undertaking their design calculations.

1. ↑ Minnesota Stormwater Manual contributors, "Design infiltration rates," Minnesota Stormwater Manual, https://mnsdmn.org/index.php?title=Design_infiltration_rates&oldid=37031 (accessed May 11, 2018).

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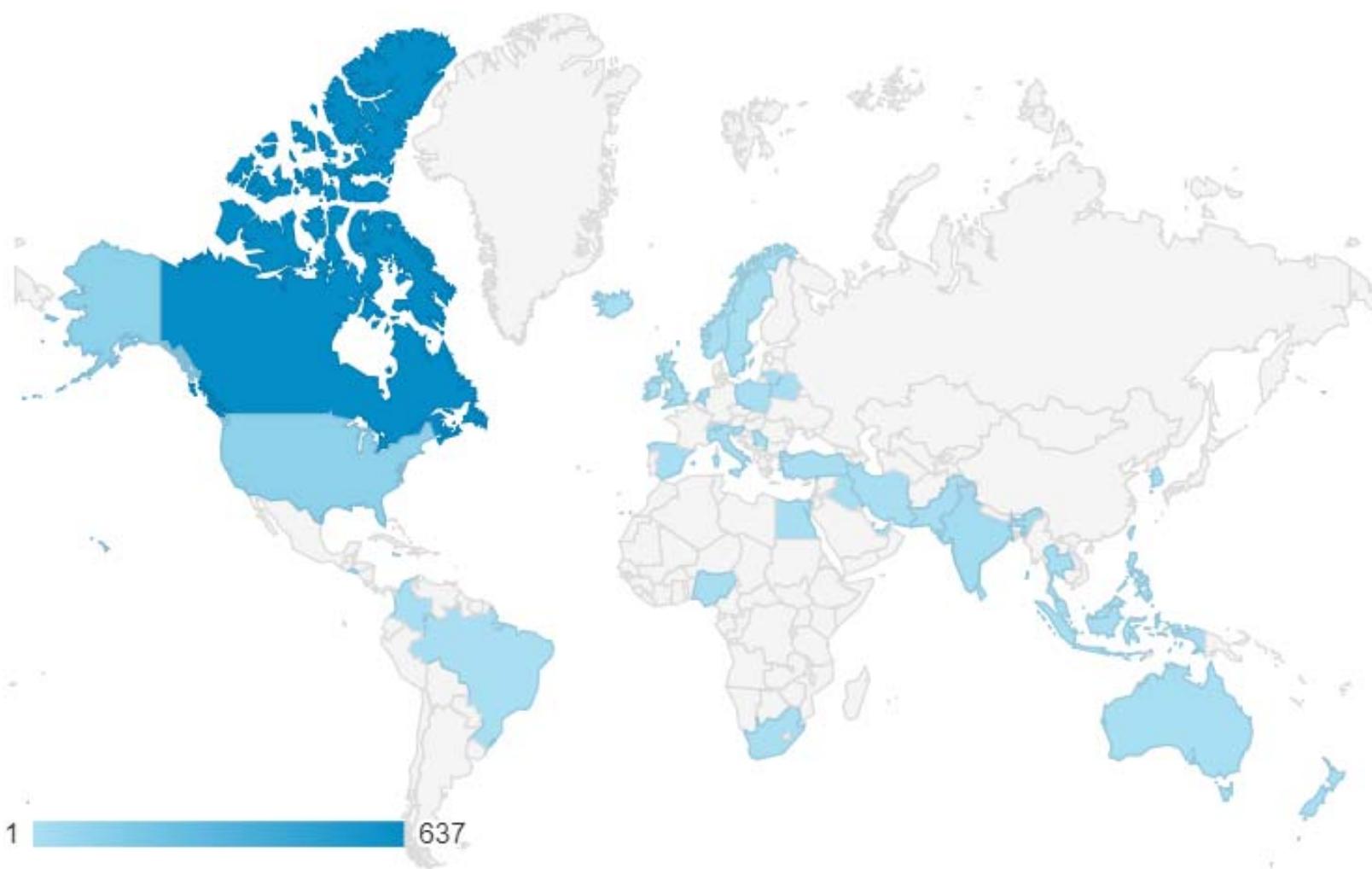
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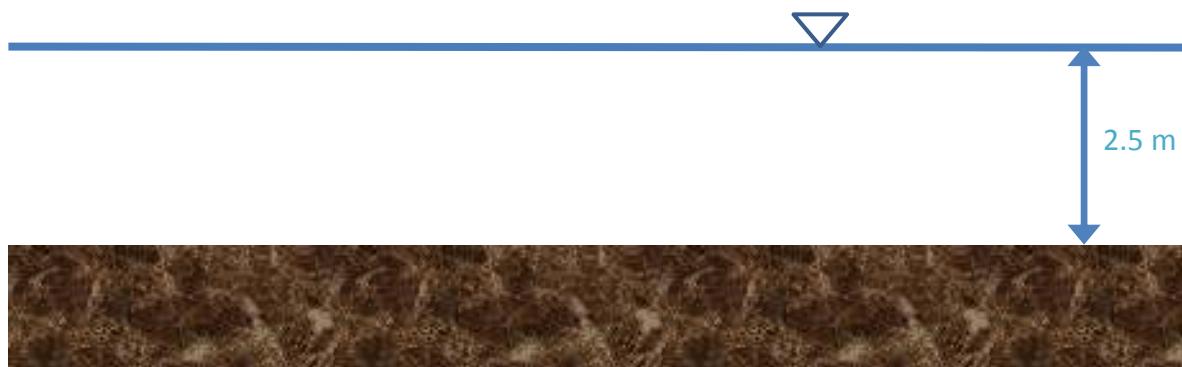
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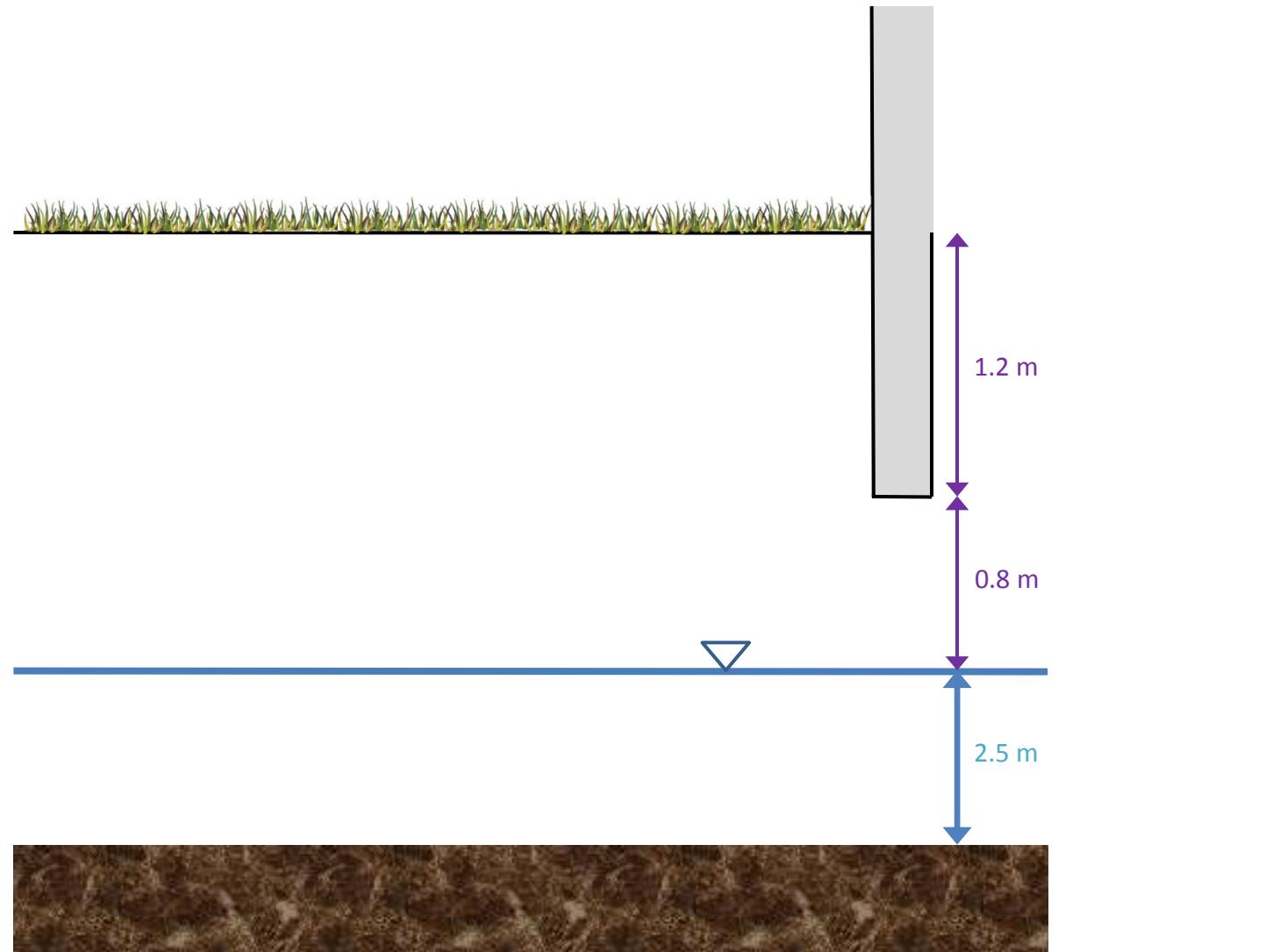
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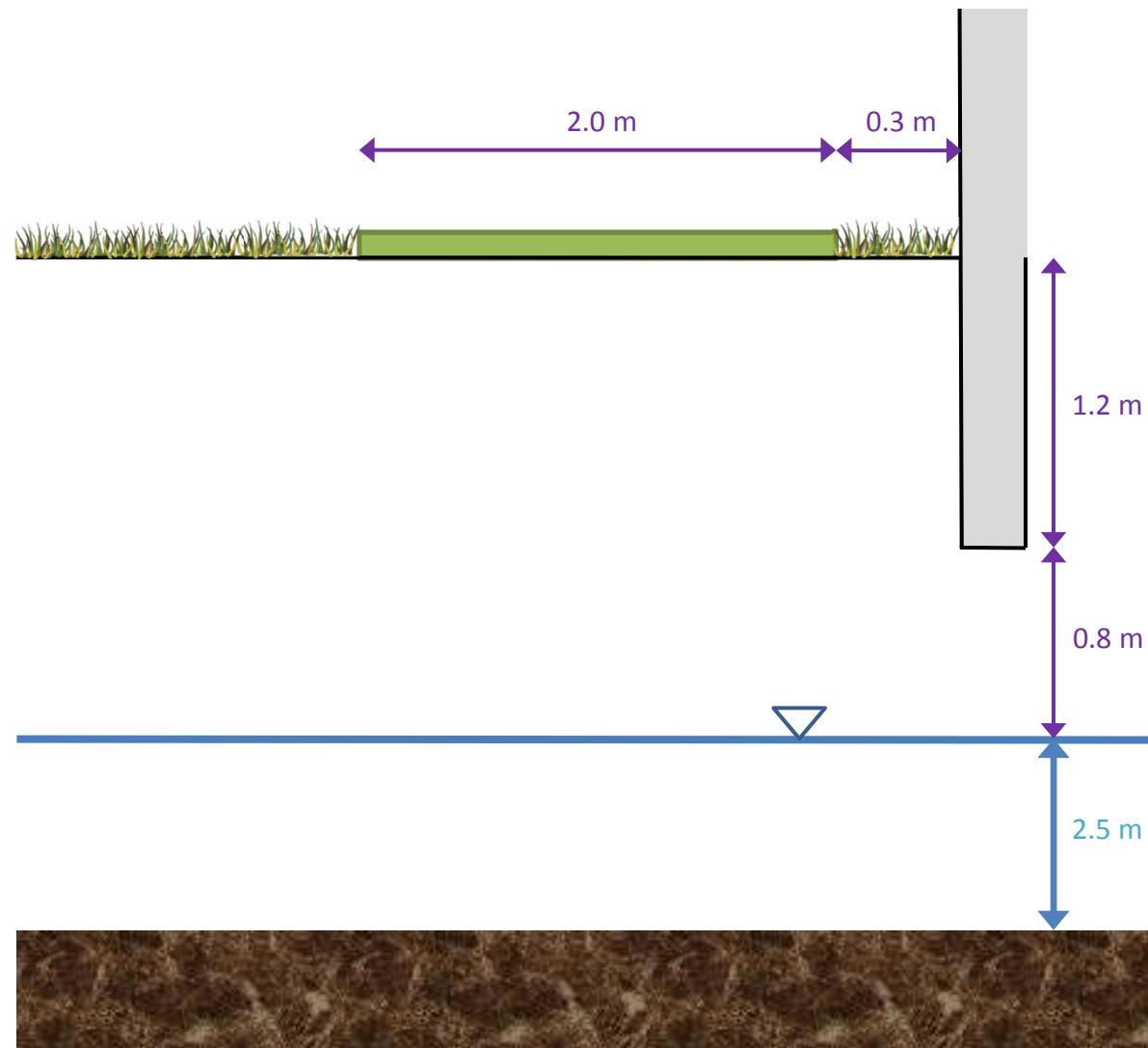
An infiltration design problem

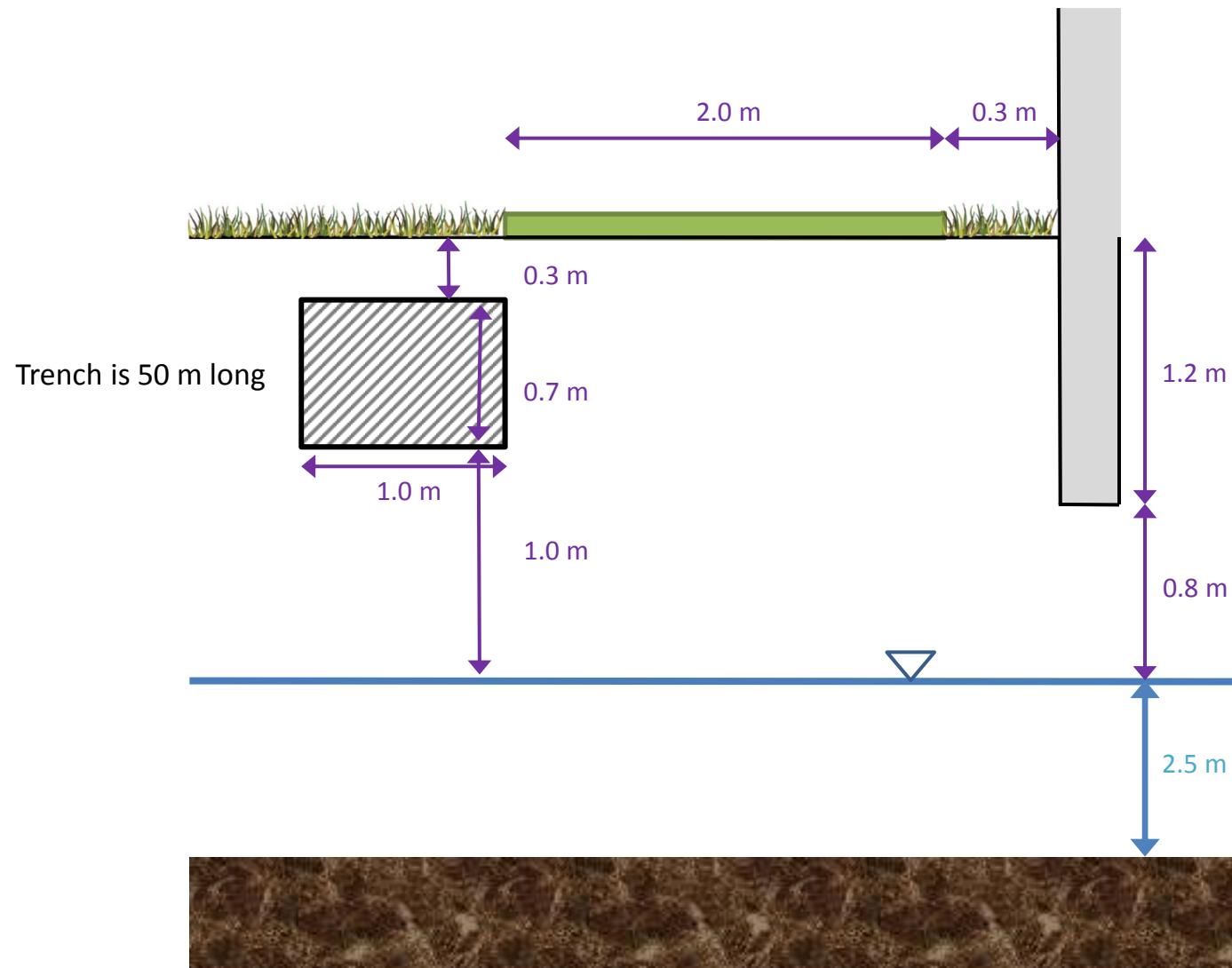


$K = 10 \text{ mm/hr}$

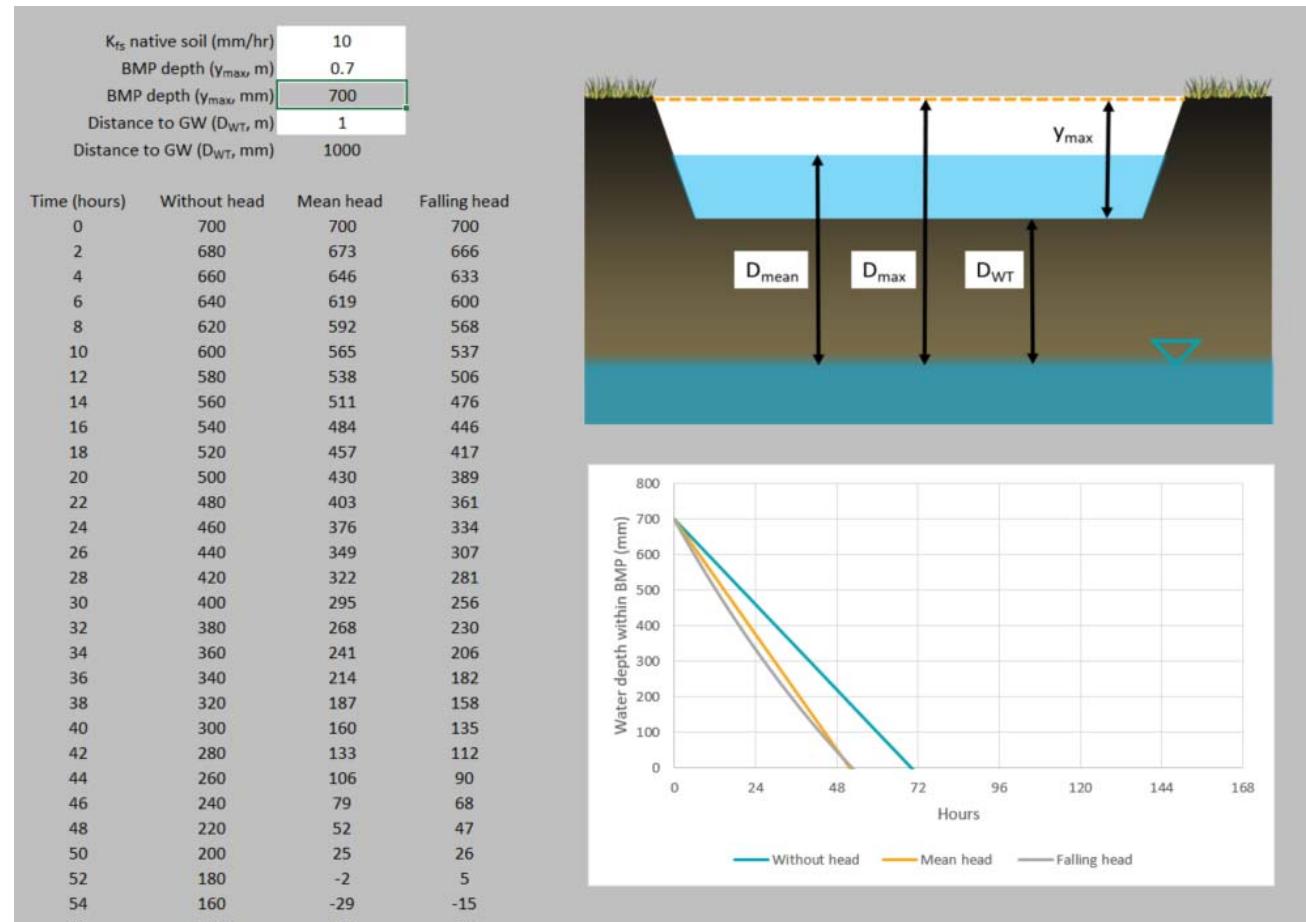




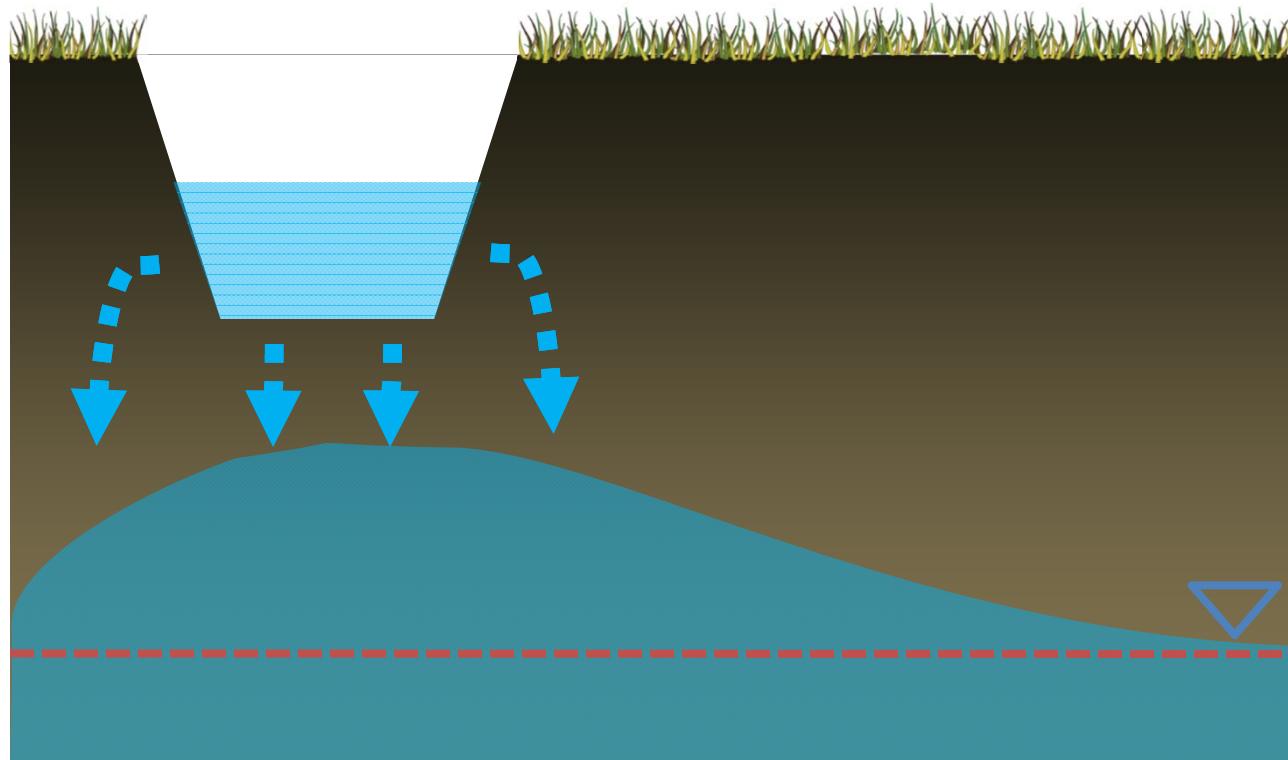




1 dimensional drainage



Groundwater mounding



Groundwater mounding

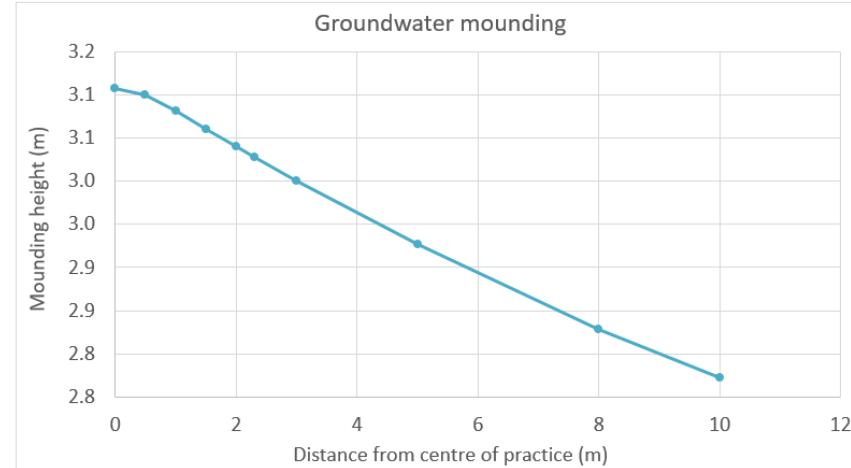
Hantush model

This spreadsheet will calculate the height of a groundwater mound beneath an stormwater infiltration BMP.
 More information can be found in the U.S. Geological Survey Scientific Investigations Report 2010-5102
 "Simulation of groundwater mounding beneath hypothetical stormwater infiltration basins".

[Go to the USGS report](#)

Input Values	
Recharge (infiltration) rate (m/day)	R
Specific yield, S_y (dimensionless)	Sy
Horizontal hydraulic conductivity, K_h (m/day)	K
1/2 width of LID practice (x direction, in m)	x
1/2 length of LID practice (y direction, in m)	y
Duration of infiltration period (days)	t
Initial thickness of saturated zone (m)	hi(0)

CALCULATE



Distance from center of infiltration BMP (m)	Ground-water mounding (m)
0	3.11
0.5	3.10
1	3.08
1.5	3.06
2	3.04
2.3	3.03
3	3.00
5	2.93
8	2.83
10	2.77

IF YOU CHANGE THE SCALE OF THE DISTANCE MEASUREMENTS (OR ANY OTHER PARAMETER), YOU MUST RECALCULATE!!

Recharge rate

Input Values	
Recharge (infiltration) rate (m/day)	R
Specific yield, S_y (dimensionless)	S_y
Horizontal hydraulic conductivity, K_h (m/day)	K
1/2 length of basin (x direction, in m)	x
1/2 width of basin (y direction, in m)	y
Duration of infiltration period (days)	t
Initial thickness of saturated zone (m)	$h_i(0)$

$$Days = \frac{54 \text{ hrs}}{24 \text{ hrs}} = 2.25 \text{ days}$$

$$Recharge = \frac{0.7 \text{ m}}{2.25 \text{ days}} = 0.31 \text{ m/day}$$

Specific Yield

Input Values	
Recharge (infiltration) rate (m/day)	0.310 <i>R</i>
Specific yield, S_y (dimensionless)	0.050 <i>Sy</i>
Horizontal hydraulic conductivity, K_h (m/day)	0.050 <i>K</i>
1/2 width of LID practice (x direction, in m)	0.050 <i>x</i>
1/2 length of LID practice (y direction, in m)	0.050 <i>y</i>
Duration of infiltration period (days)	0.050 <i>t</i>
Initial thickness of saturated zone (m)	0.050 <i>hi(0)</i>

Example values			
	Specific Yield		
	Max	Min	Mean
Clay	0.05	0	0.02
Sandy clay	0.12	0.03	0.07
Silt	0.19	0.03	0.18
Fine sand	0.28	0.1	0.21

Abstracted from From Fetter (2001), in turn citing Johnson (1967)

Hydraulic conductivity Anisotropy

Input Values	
Recharge (infiltration) rate (m/day)	0.310 <i>R</i>
Specific yield, S_y (dimensionless)	0.050 <i>S_y</i>
Horizontal hydraulic conductivity, K_h (m/day)	
1/2 width of LID practice (x direction, in m)	
1/2 length of LID practice (y direction, in m)	
Duration of infiltration period (days)	
Initial thickness of saturated zone (m)	

In the report accompanying this spreadsheet (USGS SIR 2010-5102), vertical soil permeability is assumed to be one-tenth horizontal hydraulic conductivity.

$$K_v = 10 \text{ mm/hr} = 0.24 \text{ m/day}$$

Use K_v = Most conservative

In our region a factor of ~5 might be more appropriate.
Conduct testing or consult a geologist.

$$K_h = 5 \times 0.24 = 1.2 \text{ m/day}$$

Measuring K

Mostly vertical
measurement
(smaller scale)

- Borehole permeameter
- Double ring infiltrometer
- Percolation test

Horizontal
measurement
(larger scale)

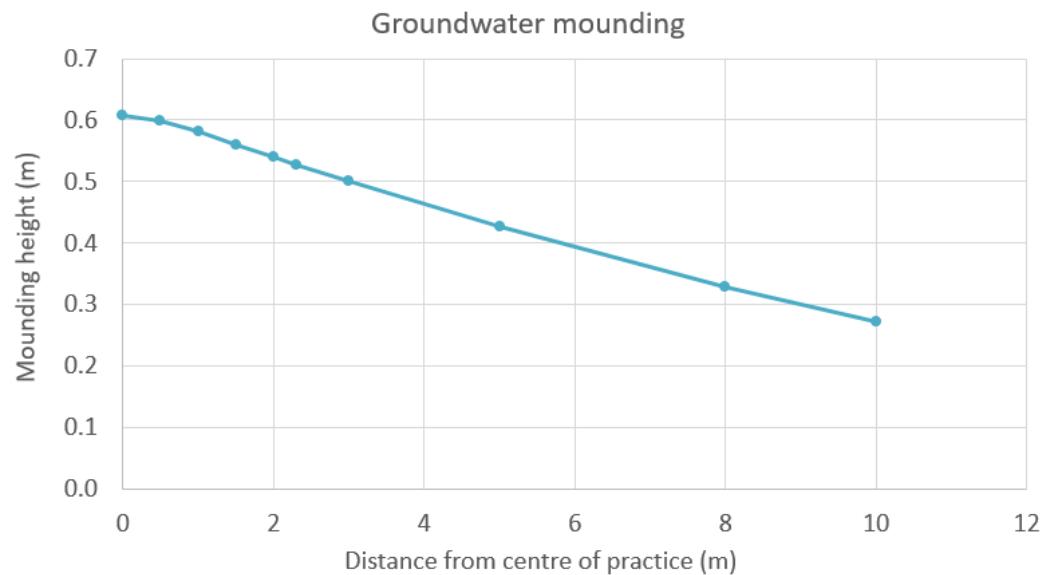
- Pump test
- Slug test

Input Values	
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Specific yield, S_y (dimensionless)	0.050 <i>Sy</i>
Horizontal hydraulic conductivity, K_h (m/day)	1.200000 <i>K</i>
1/2 width of LID practice (x direction, in m)	0.5 <i>x</i>
1/2 length of LID practice (y direction, in m)	25.0 <i>y</i>
Duration of infiltration period (days)	2.25 <i>t</i>
Initial thickness of saturated zone (m)	2.5 <i>hi(0)</i>

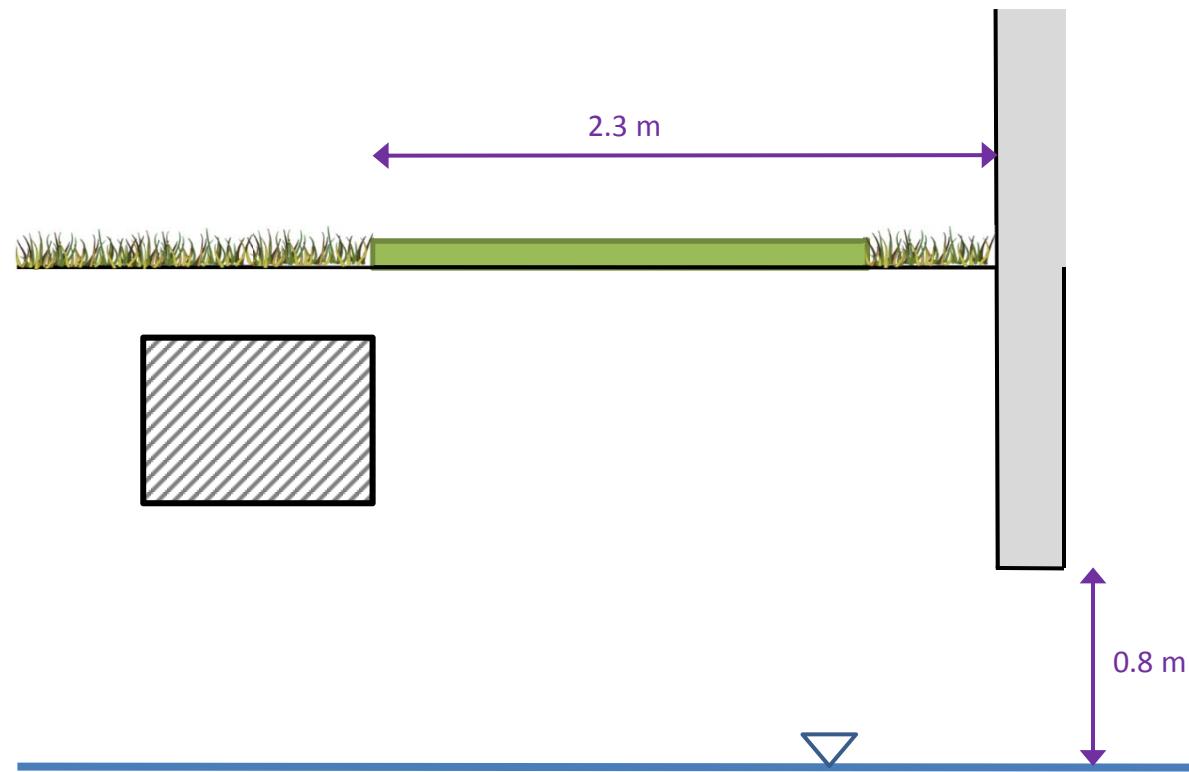


CALCULATE

Impact on foundations?



Distance from center of infiltration BMP (m)	Ground-water mounding (m)
0	0.61
0.5	0.60
1	0.58
1.5	0.56
2	0.54
2.3	0.53
3	0.50
5	0.43
8	0.33
10	0.27



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