Documenting Compliance LID Design and Construction

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Motivators



Regulations give you:

- A mandate
- Client support
- Acceptance of costs
- Structure
- Schedule
- Accountability

Supply your own:

- Enthusiasm
- Interest
- Energy

To achieve:

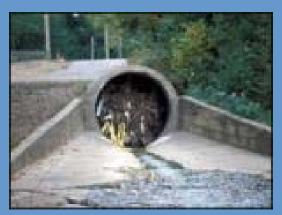
- Synergies
- Opportunities
- Elegance

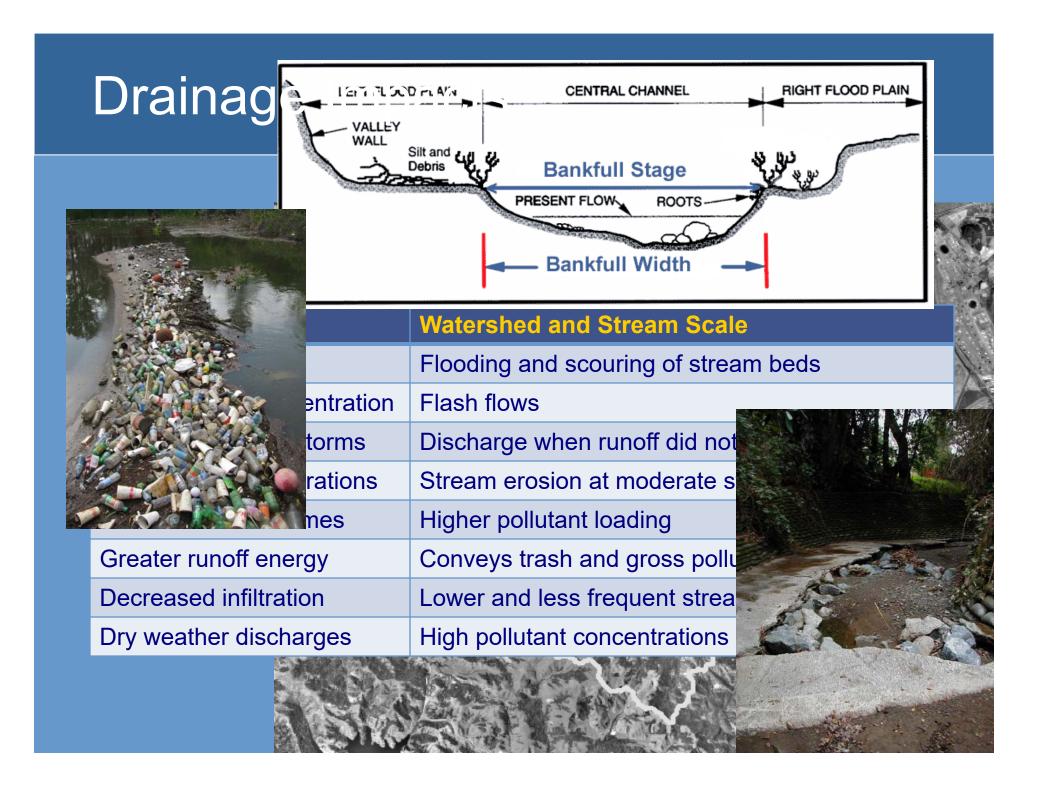
Why Use Low Impact Development?

Conventional Urban Drainage

- Impervious surfaces: roofs and pavement
- Catch basins and piped drainage
- "Collect and convey" design objective







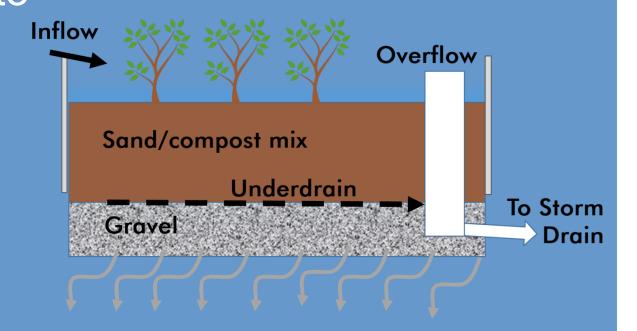
LID Design Objectives



Watershed and Stream Scale	Site scale
Reduce peak flows	Detain runoff on site
Increase time of concentration	Slow runoff from leaving site
No runoff from small storms	Infiltrate, evapotranspirate and reuse
Reduce duration of moderate flows	Let runoff seep away very slowly
Reduce runoff volume	Infiltrate and reuse where possible
Reduce runoff energy	Detain and slow flows
Increase groundwater storage and stream base flows	Facilitate infiltration
Reduce pollutants in runoff	Detain and filter runoff
Protect against spills and dumping	Disconnect drainage and filter runoff

LID Drainage Design

- Minimize roofs and paving
- Substitute pervious paving where possible
- Disperse runoff to landscaping
- Direct runoff to bioretention facilities



Bioretention Advantages

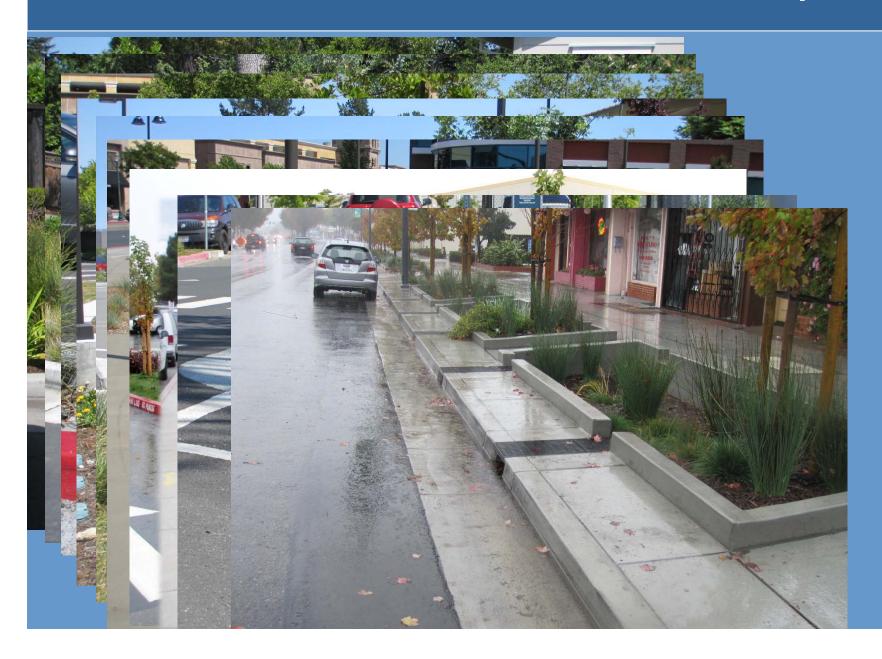
- Filtration and pollutant sequestration
- Biological processing and renewal
- No mosquito problems
- Mimic natural hydrology
- Attractive landscape amenity
- Potential use as park or playground
- Low maintenance
- Easy to inspect

Pollutant Fate and Transport



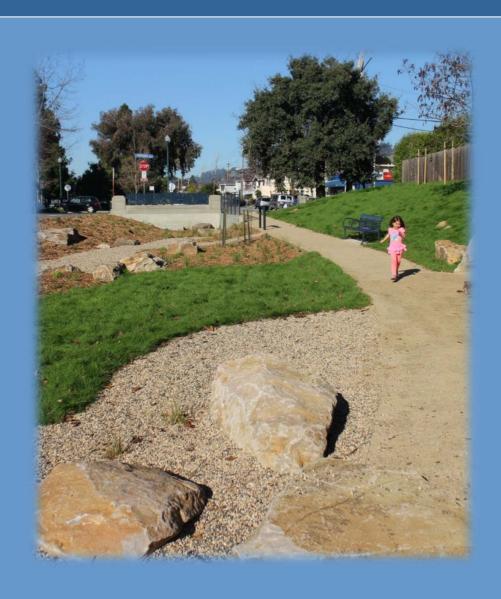


Bioretention & Urban Landscape





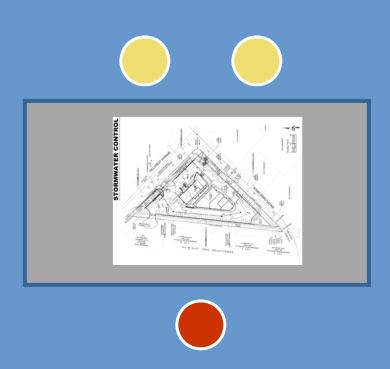




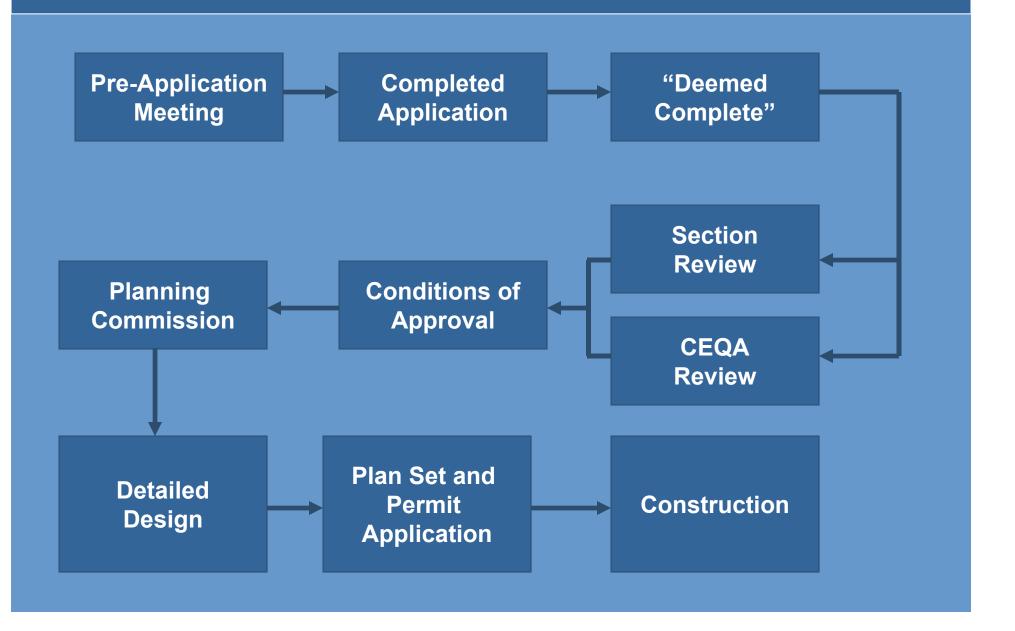


Designing the Site for LID

Where the Rubber Meets the River



Development Process



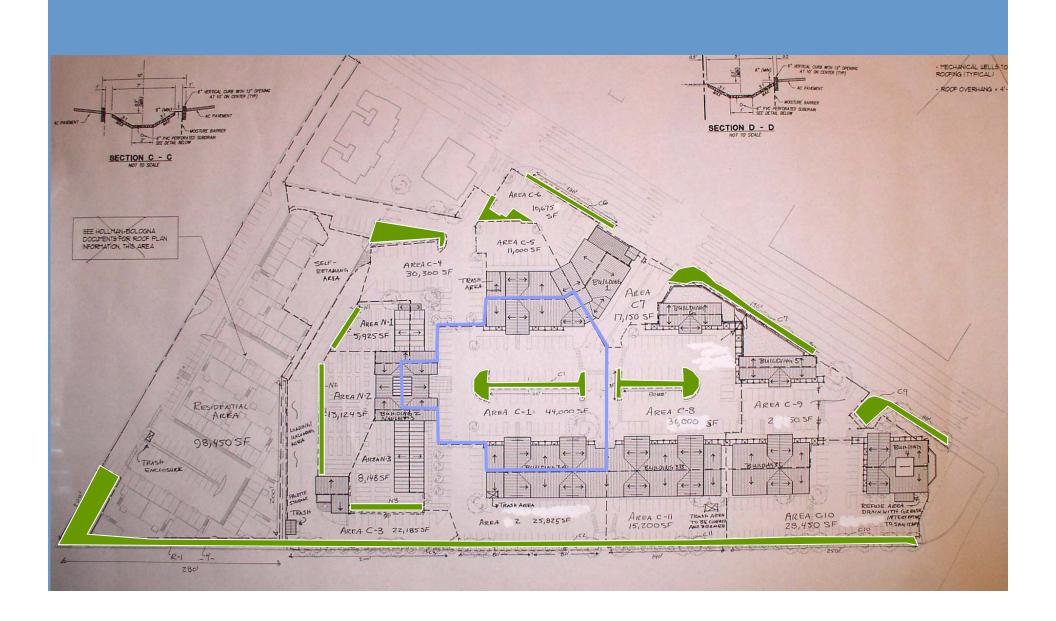
Conditions

- Applications for development approvals must incorporate Low Impact Development drainage design, and must be in accordance with the requirements and criteria in the Guidebook.
- For purposes of preliminary planning, these requirements and criteria include the following:
 - Disperse runoff from impervious roofs and pavement to adjacent pervious areas where feasible.
 - Include bioretention facilities to detain, retain, and treat runoff from remaining roofs and pavement.
 - Put bioretention facilities in high-visibility, well-trafficked, common accessible areas and integrate them with site landscaping.

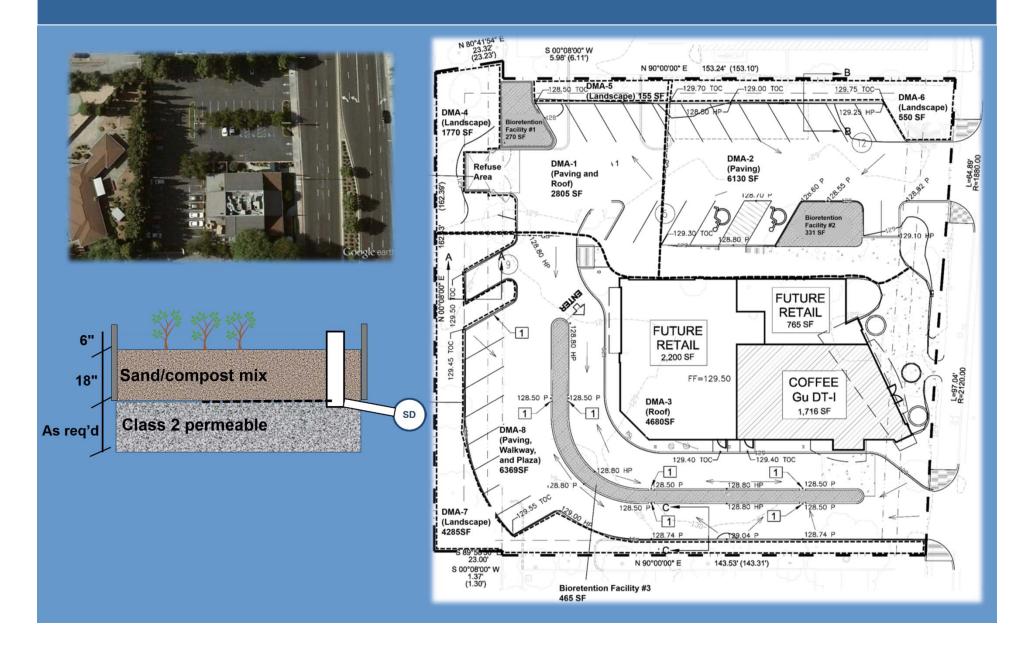
Placing bioretention on the site

- High-visibility, well-trafficked places
- Common, accessible areas
- Dispersed throughout the site
- Drain only impervious roofs and pavement
- Use surface drainage; keep runs short
- Make facilities flat and level
- Make top of soil elevation high as possible
- Follow the design criteria

Best Planning for Parking Lots



Commercial Project



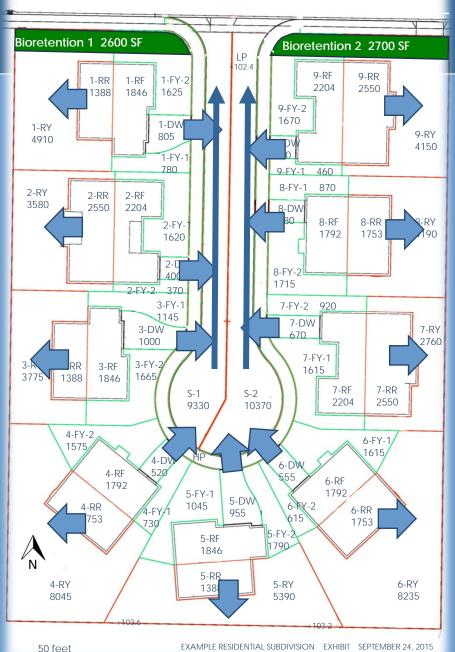
Gas Station



Best Planning for Subdivisions 101 LOT 5,329 SF 94 6,031 SF 92 5,721 SF rect/a portion of oof runoff to vard 99 Direct remaining PARCEL A unoff to street. 7.094 SF rain street to a commonly owned 49 5,766 SF bioretention facility facility 48 6,171 SF

Subdivisions

- Drain a portion of each roof to yard
- Drain driveways to street
- Drain street to bioretention facilities on commonly owned parcels



Avoid design conflicts

 Elevations consistent with grading and architectural plans

 Facilities do not interfere with parking or pedestrian circulation

 Protection of adjacent paving and structures has been considered

 Utilities are located elsewhere

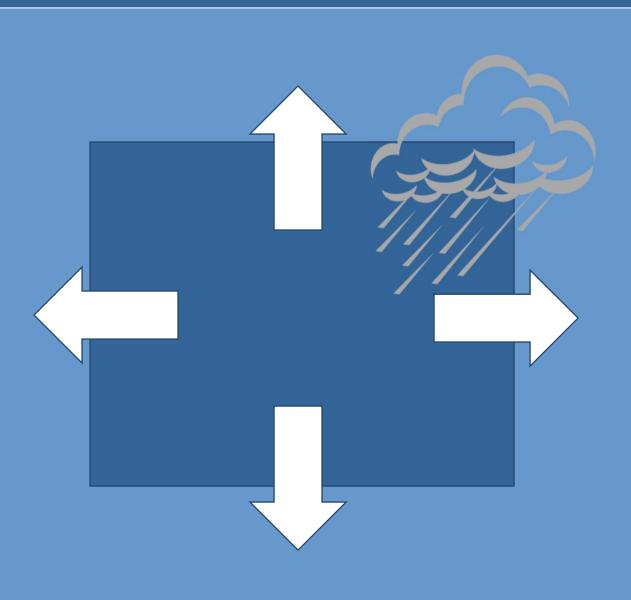


Documenting that Your LID Design Achieves Compliance

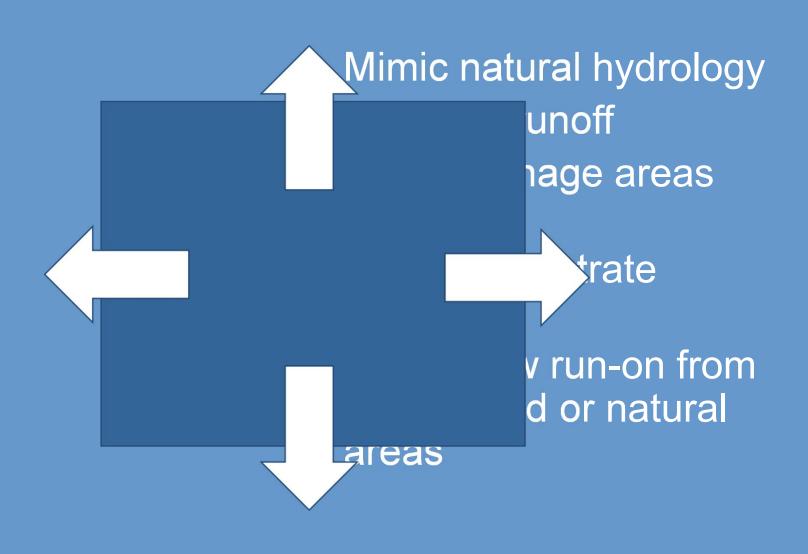
Documenting LID Site Design

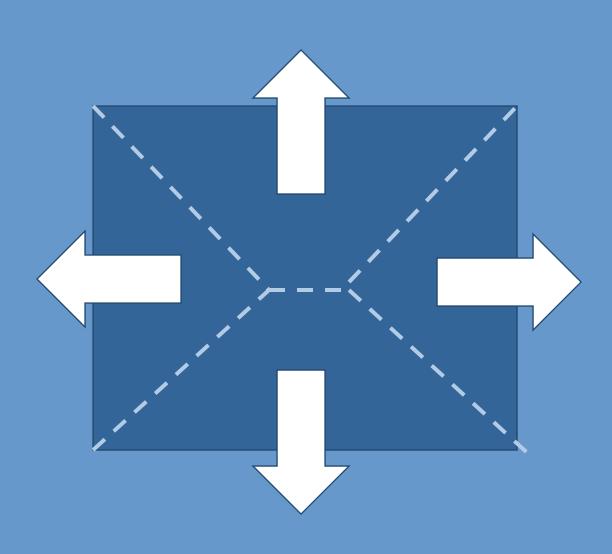
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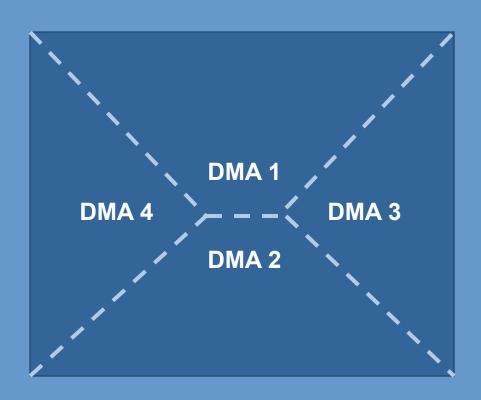
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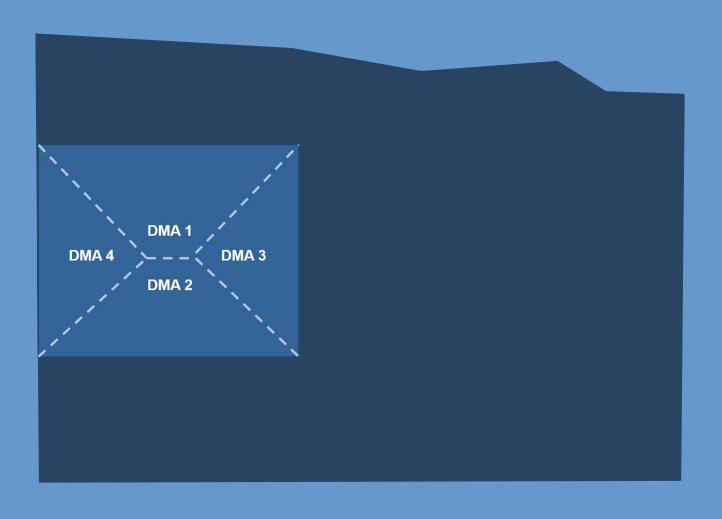


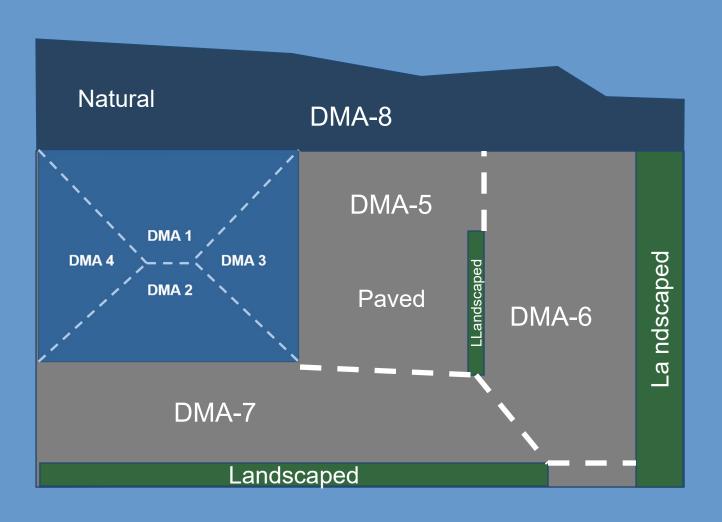
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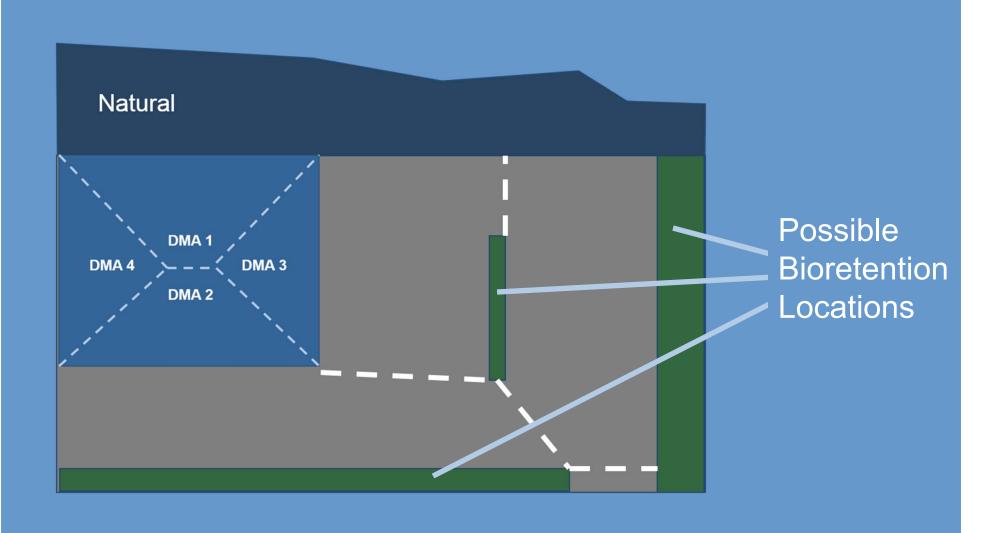




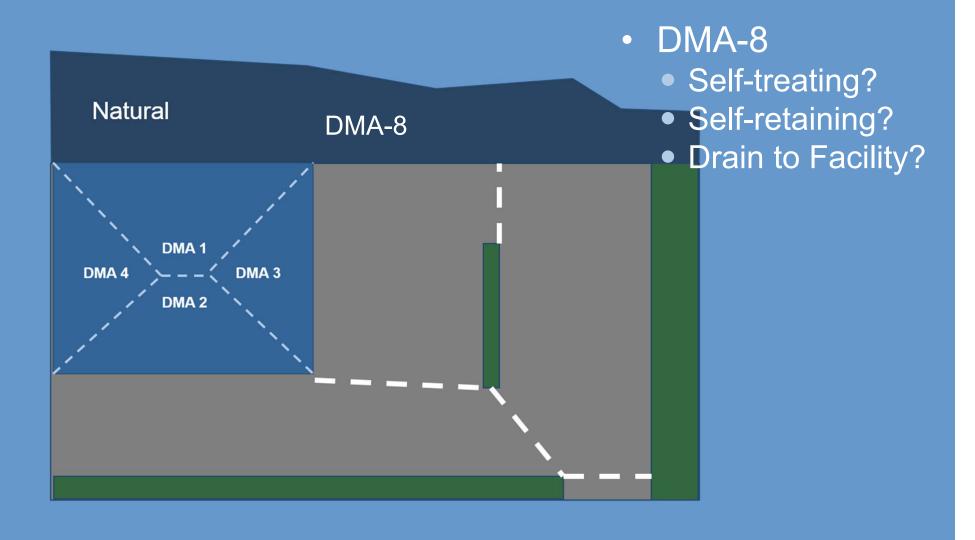




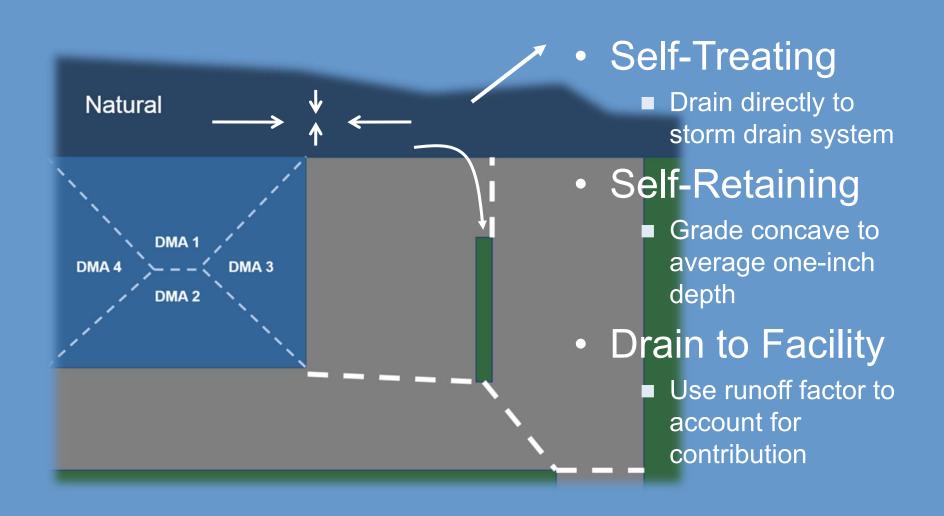




Options – Pervious DMAs



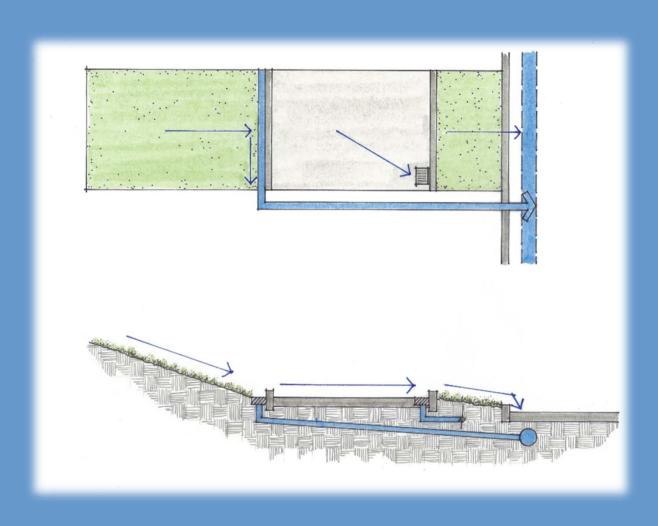
DMA 8



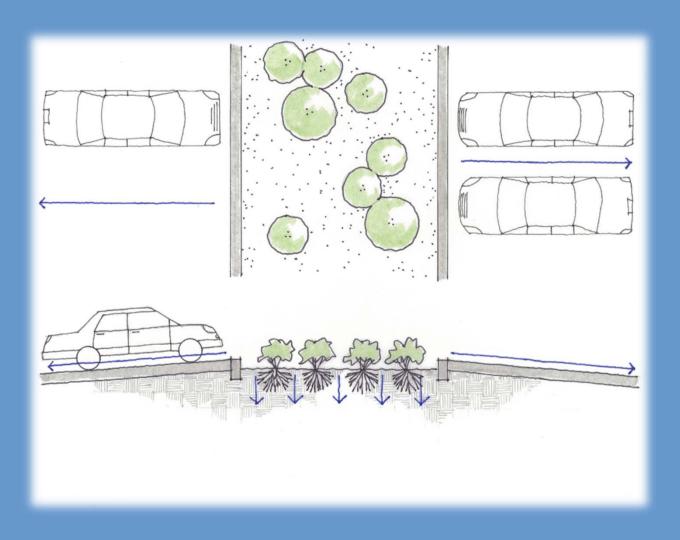
Self-Treating and Self-Retaining

- Essential to LID design
- Track and quantify runoff reduction
- Steps:
 - Delineate Drainage Management Areas
 - Classify DMAs
 - 1. Self-treating areas
 - 2. Self-retaining areas
 - 3. Areas draining to self-retaining areas
 - 4. Areas that drain to IMPs

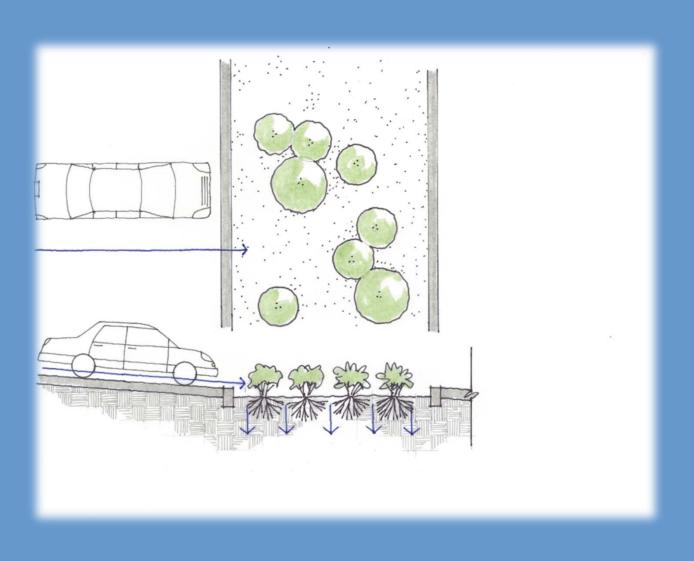
Self-treating Areas



Self-retaining Areas



Areas draining to self-retaining



Options – Combining DMAs

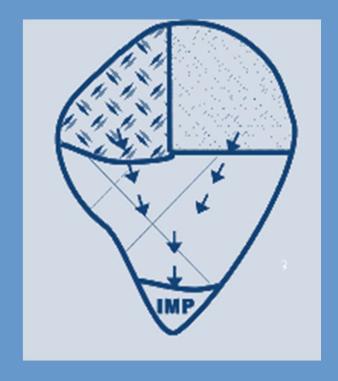
Natural

DMA 1

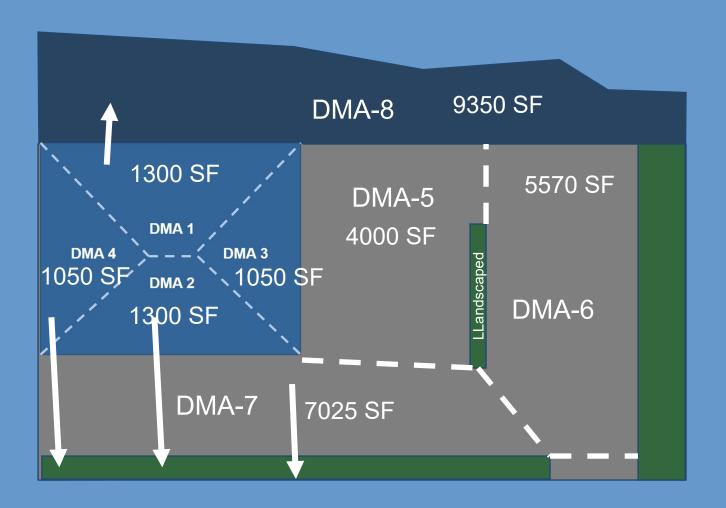
DMA 2

DMA 2

Option to combine DMAs if they have identical runoff factors (for example, roofs and paving) and drainage is routed to the same location.

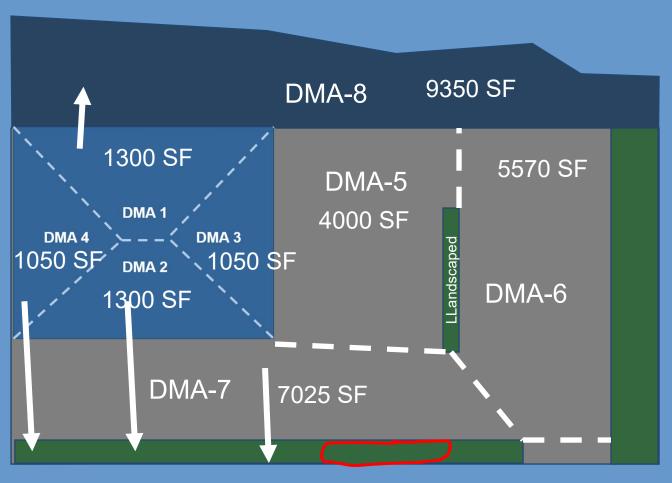


Tabulate DMAs



DMA	SF
1	1300
2	1050
3	1300
4	1050
5	4000
6	5570
7	7025
8	9350
Total	30645

Select and Lay Out Facilities



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375 SF

Using the Updated Central Coast SCM Sizing Calculator

Tool for PCR Compliance

- 1. Calculator implements *routing method* allowed in the PCRs
- 2. Calculates bioretention dimensions for Tier 2 and Tier 3 projects
 - Uses SBUH model to compute minimum SCM dimensions
- 3. Functions as interactive design aid to improve drainage and bioretention configuration

Features and Notes



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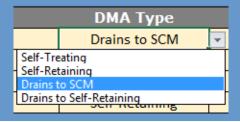
- MS Excel workbook with VBA code to guide data entry and hydraulic calculations
 - Allow "Macros" when opening
- Worksheets are protected
 - prevent changes in format, row and column locations, etc.
 - protect embedded equations

yellow = data entry - DMA #1
DMA #2

blue = generated results - Min. Required Storage Vol. (ft3)
455
109

Surface Type

 Combo box/drop down lists are used wherever possible to guide data entry values:



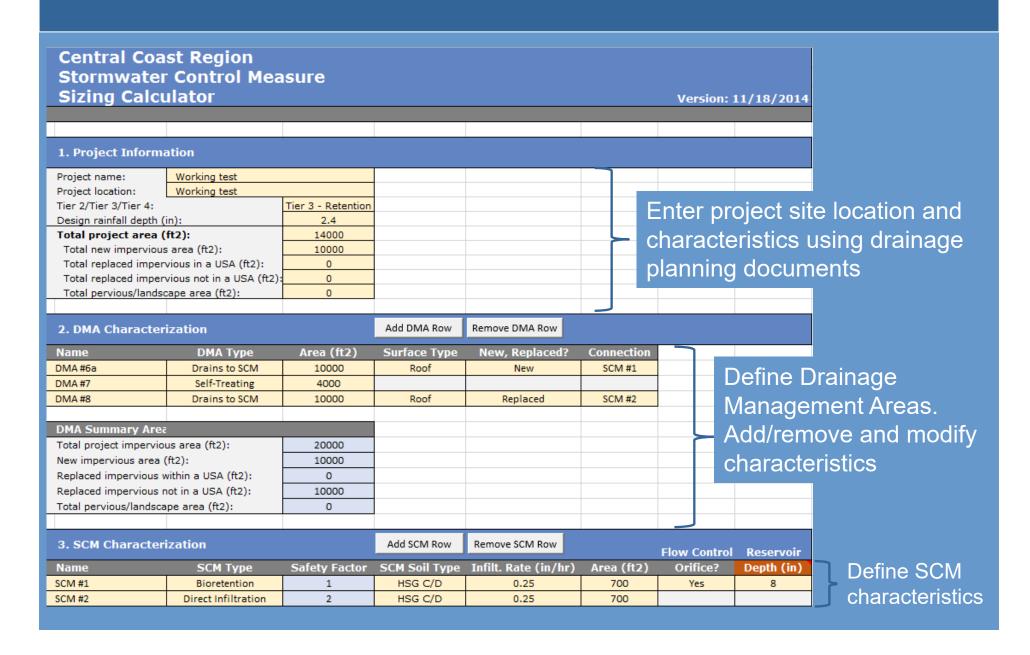
Features and Notes (Cont.)

- Calculator contains four worksheets:
 - 1. Project Information:
 - Project site, DMA, SCM characterization and results summary
 - 2. SBUH Model:
 - Location where model calculations are performed
 - 3. SCS, SBUH Equations:
 - Reference equations used by Calculator
 - 4. Lookups, Constants:
 - Values used in drop down lists and equations

Core of the user interface:

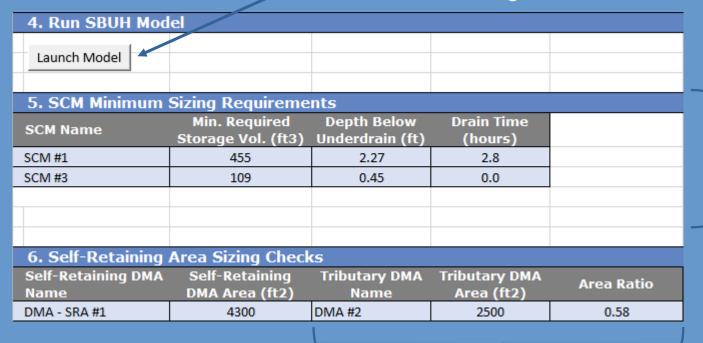
Background calculations:

Project Information Worksheet



Project Information Overview (Cont.)

After DMAs and SCMs are defined, click to launch sizing calculations



Calculator runs SBUH model and provides min. volume, depth and drainage time for each SCM

Calculator tracks connections and tributary area ratio for each Self-Retaining Area

DMA Characteristics Table

Add or remove DMAs here: not by manually inserting/deleting rows

2. DMA Characterization			Add DMA Row	Remove DMA Row	
Name	DMA Type	Area (ft2)	Surface Type	New, Replaced?	Connection
DMA #1	Self-Treating	5000			
DMA #3	Drains to SCM	4000	Grouted unit pavers	New	SCM #1
DMA - SRA #1	Self-Retaining	4300			
Building Roof DMA	Drains to Self-Retaining	2000	Roof		DMA - SRA #1

Provide descriptive name Select:

1) Self-Treating

- 2) Self-Retaining
- 3) Drains to SCM
- 4) Drains to Self-Retaining

Enter

DMA Area

Select:

- 1) Roof 2) Concrete/asphalt

 - 3) Grouted unit pavers 2) Replaced 4) Pervious concrete
 - 5) Porous asphalt
 - 6) Unit pavers in sand
 - 7) Open/porous pavers
 - 8) Crushed aggregate
 - 9) Turfblock
 - 10) Landscape

For impervious

areas, select:

- 1) New
- 3) Replaced in
- an Urban
 - Sustainability

Area

Select DMA

connection for

"Drains to

SCM" and

"Drains to Self-

Retaining"

DMA types:

SCM Characteristics Table

Flow Control	Reservoir
Orifice?	Depth (in)
No	
Yes	6

Enter

SCM plan

area

Add or remove SCMs here: not by manually inserting/deleting rows

NEW

3. SCM Characterization			Add SCM Row	Remove SCM Row	
Name	SCM Type	Safety Factor	SCM Soil Type	Infilt. Rate (in/hr)	Area (ft2)
SCM #1	Direct Infiltration	2	HSG A/B	0.75	800
SCM #3	Bioretention	1	HSG A/B	0.75	500
SCM #8	Bioretention	1	HSG A/B	0.75	450
SCM #8B	Bioretention	1	HSG A/B	0.75	600

Provide descriptive name

Select:

1) Direct Infiltration

2) Bioretention

Safely

factor is computed

Select:

- 1) HSG A/B
- 2) HSG C/D
- 3) Site-specific

Reads selection

on the left:

A/B = 0.75 in/hr

C/D = 0.25 in/hr Site-specific =

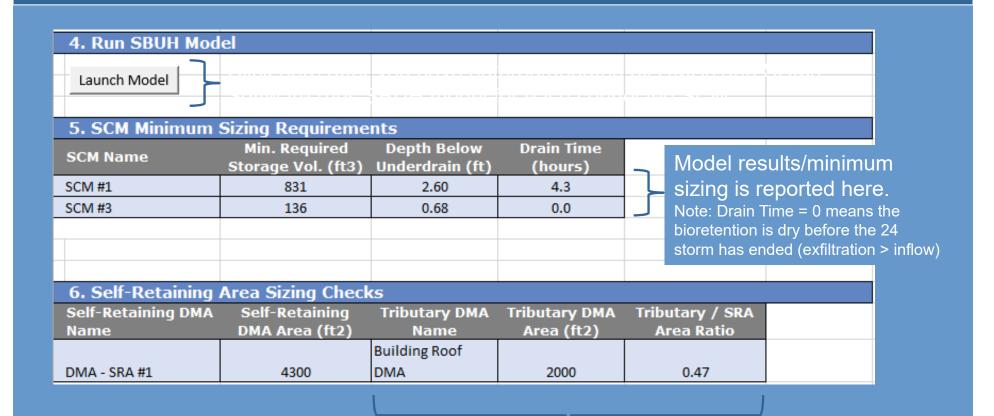
user-provided

Notes:

 You will need to enter SCMs here before you can "connect" DMAs to them

 You can iteratively modify SCM characteristics to test design concepts and fine tune your design

Launching Model and Viewing Results

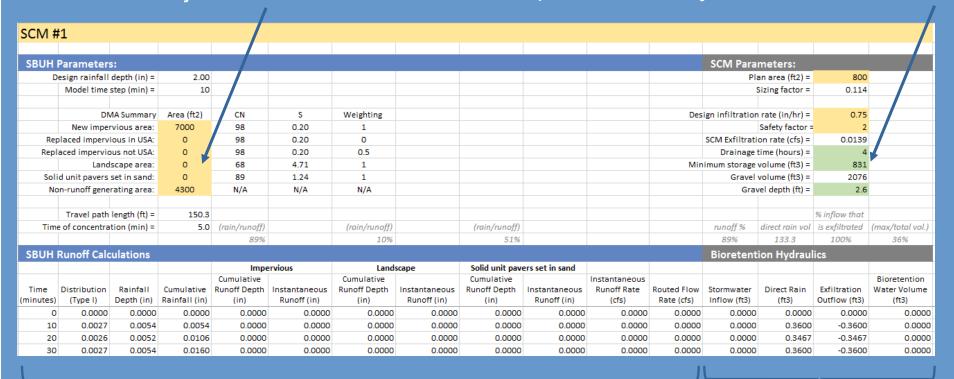


Self-Retaining Area tributary connections are reported here. If the Tributary Area Ratio > 2 the cells turns red.

SBUH Model Worksheet

Yellow-shaded cells are copied from "Project Information" sheet

Blue-shaded cells contains results that are copied to the "Project Information" sheet

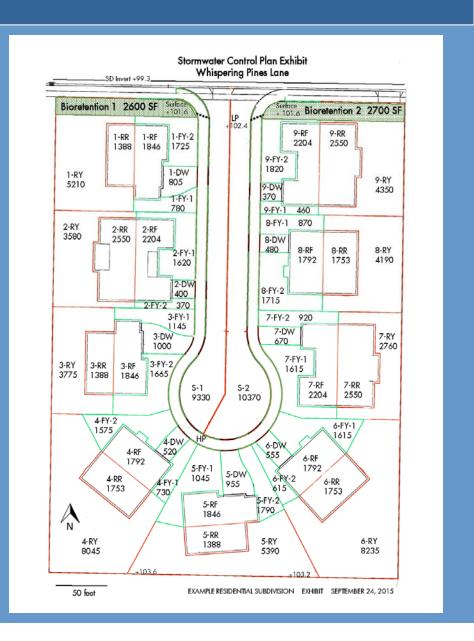


SBUH runoff and routing calculations. Equations are visible to the user

Bioretention hydraulic calculations

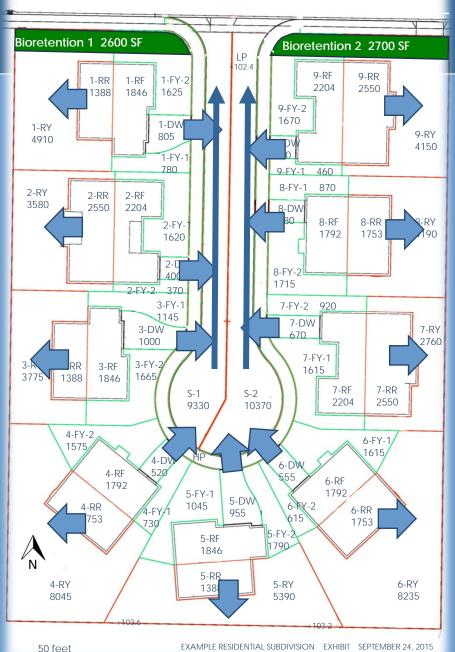
Whispering Pines Lane Example

- Using Calculator as design aid
- Testing design iterations



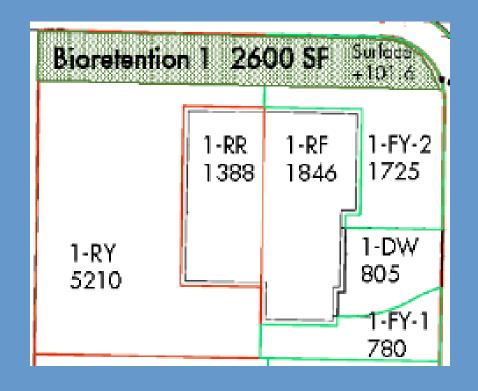
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- Drain street to bioretention facilities on commonly owned parcels



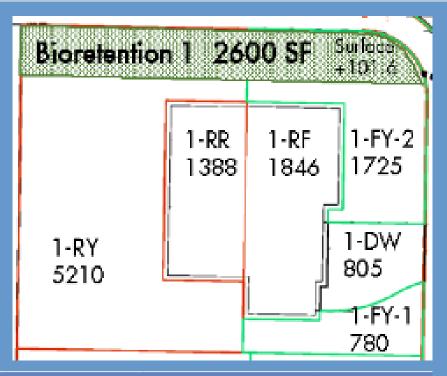
Detailed DMA Setup

- Describing DMAs
 - Go to the level of detail that can affectSCM design
 - Different surface types
 - Different control approach



Detailed DMA Setup

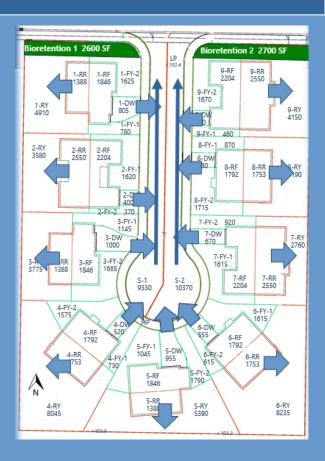
Each DMA gets a line in the DMA
 Characterization table



2. DMA Character	rization		Add DMA Row	Remove DMA Row	
Name DMA Type Area (ft2)		Surface Type	New, Replaced?	Connection	
1-RF	Drains to SCM	1846	Roof	New	Bioretention-1
1-RR	Drains to Self-Retaining	1388	Roof		1-RY
1-DW	Drains to SCM	805	Concrete or asphalt	New	Bioretention-1
1-FY-1	Self-Retaining	780			
1-FY-2	Self-Retaining	1625			
1-RY	Self-Retaining	4910			

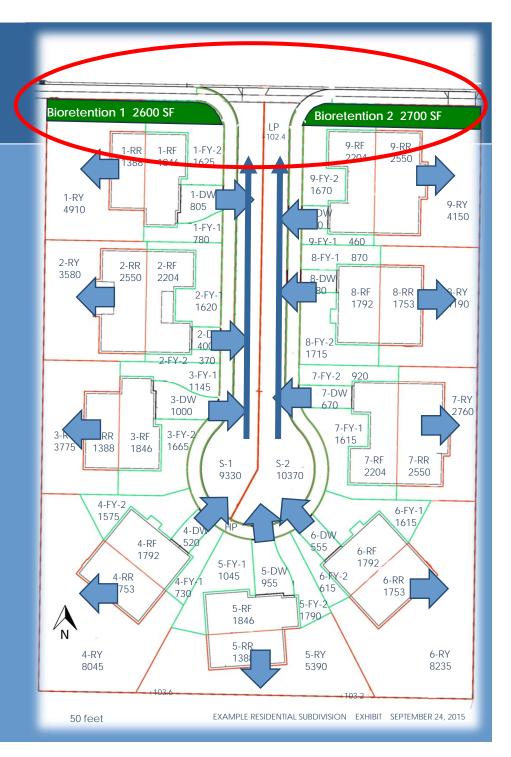
All DMAs Defined

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1-FY-1	Self-Retaining	780			
1-FY-2	Self-Retaining	1625			
1-RY	Self-Retaining	4910			
2-RF	Drains to SCM	2204	Roof	New	Bioretention-1
2-RR	Drains to Self-Retaining	2550	Roof		2-RY
2-DW	Drains to SCM	400	Concrete or asphalt	New	Bioretention-1
2-FY-1	Self-Retaining	1620			
2-FY-2	Self-Retaining	370			
2-RY	Self-Retaining	3580			
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7-RF	Drains to SCM	2204	Roof	New	Bioretention-2
7-RR	Drains to Self-Retaining	2550	Roof		7-RY
7-DW	Drains to SCM	670	Concrete or asphalt	New	Bioretention-2
7-FY-1	Self-Retaining	1615			
7-FY-2	Self-Retaining	920			
7-RY	Self-Retaining	2760			
8-RF	Drains to SCM	1792	Roof	New	Bioretention-2
8-RR	Drains to Self-Retaining	1753	Roof		8-RY
8-DW	Drains to SCM	480	Concrete or asphalt	New	Bioretention-2
8-FY-1	Self-Retaining	870			
8-FY-2	Self-Retaining	1715			
8-RY	Self-Retaining	4190			
9-RF	Drains to SCM	2204	Roof	New	Bioretention-2
9-RR	Drains to Self-Retaining	2550	Roof		9-RY
9-DW	Drains to SCM	370	Concrete or asphalt	New	Bioretention-2
9-FY-1	Self-Retaining	460			
9-FY-2	Self-Retaining	1670			
9-RY	Self-Retaining	4150			
S-1	Drains to SCM	9330	Concrete or asphalt	New	Bioretention-1
S-2	Drains to SCM	10370	Concrete or asphalt	New	Bioretention-2



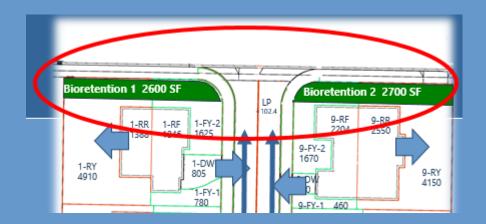
SCM Setup

- Project reserves two bioretention areas
 - -2600 and 2700 ft2
- Site grading must promote drainage into these areas



Detailed SCM Setup

- Define SCM configuration
 - SCM name, type
 - Soil, SCM area
 - Flow control orifice?



3. SCM Characterization			Add SCM Row	Remove SCM Row		Flow Control	Reservoir
Name	SCM Type	Safety Factor	SCM Soil Type	Infilt. Rate (in/hr)	Area (ft2)	Orifice?	Depth (in)
Bioretention-1	Bioretention	1	HSG C/D	0.25	2600	No	В
Bioretention-2	Bioretention	1	HSG C/D	0.25	2700	No	В

Run Calculator SBUH Model

- Check selfretaining area ratios (<2:1)
- Calculate min.
 SCM storage
 volume

6. Self-Retaining Area Sizing Checks								
	Self-Retaining DMA			Tri	ibutary / SR	Α		
Name	Area (ft2)	Name	Area (ft2)		Are a Ratio			
1-FY-1	780		0		0.00			
1-FY-2	1625		0		0.00			
1-RY	4910	1-RR	1388		0.28			
2-FY-1	1620		0		0.00			
2-FY-2	370		0		0.00			
2-RY	3580	2-RR	2550		0.71			
3-FY-1	1145		0		0.00			
3-FY-2	1665		0		0.00			
3-RY	3775	3-RR	1388		0.37			
4-FY-1	730		0		0.00			
4-FY-2	1575		0		0.00			
4-RY	8045	4-RR	1753		0.22			
5-FY-1	1045		0		0.00			
5-FY-2	1790		0		0.00			
5-RY	5390	5-RR	1388		0.26			
6-FY-1	1615		0		0.00			
6-FY-2	615		0		0.00			
6-RY	8235	6-RR	1753		0.21			
7-FY-1	1615		0		0.00			
7-FY-2	920		0		0.00			
7-RY	2760	7-RR	2550		0.92			
8-FY-1	870		0		0.00			
8-FY-2	1715		0		0.00			
8-RY	4190	8-RR	1753		0.42			
9-FY-1	460		0		0.00			
9-FY-2	1670		0		0.00			
9-RY	4150	9-RR	2550		0.61			

4. Run SRUH Model

Launch Model

5. SCM Minimum Sizing Requirements

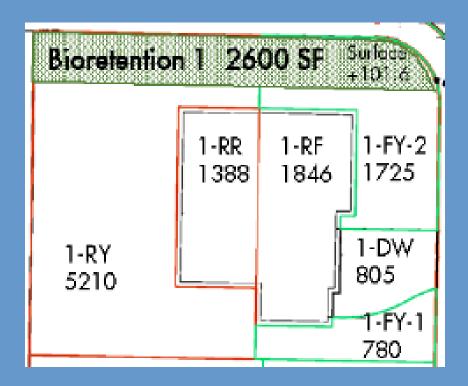
SCM Name	Min. Required Storage Vol. (ft3)	Depth Below Underdrain (ft)	Drain Time (hours)	
Bioretention-1	1194	1.15	2.9	
Bioretention-2	1439	1.33	4.6	

Calculator as Design Aid

- After initial SCM sizing, iterate on stormwater design options:
 - Reduce impervious areas
 - Modify surface types to reduce runoff and/or integrate runoff management into landscape (drain to self-retaining areas)
 - Configure bioretention with flow control orifice and deeper surface reservoir

Surface Type Options

- Look for options to reduce runoff
- Drainage ideas?
 - Route 1-RF to backyard self-retaining area
 - 2. Driveway as unit pavers in sand
 - 3. Driveway drains to 1-FY-2



Effect of Surface Type

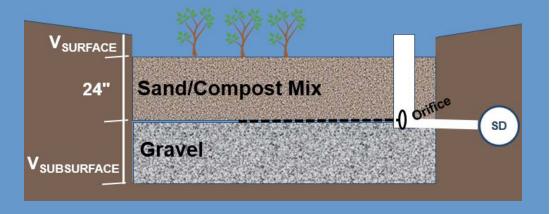
Option	Effect
Route 1-RF to backyard self-retaining area	1846 ft2 removed from bioretention drainage area
Driveway as unit pavers in sand	Runoff factor reduced from 1.0 to 0.2
Driveway drains to 1-FY-2	805 ft2 removed from bioretention drainage area

- Consider other drainage design concerns
 - soggy yards, driveway elevation, etc.

Adding a Flow Control Orifice

- Holds water in SCM longer and allows for more infiltration
 → smaller volume
- Gravel volumes reduced typically 20+% percent
- Engineers balance design complexity with potential space/cost savings





Flow Orifice Example

- 10,000 ft2 impervious tributary area
- SCMs with and without flow control orifice

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SCM-2	Bioretention	1	HSG C/D	0.25	800	Yes	6
4. Run SBUH Mod	el						
Launch Model							
5. SCM Minimum S	izing kequirements						
SCM Name	Min. Required Storage Vol. (ft3)	Depth Below Underdrain (ft)	Drain Time (hours)				
SCM-1	1487	4.65	74.3				
SCM-2	987	3.08	49.3				

SCM volume reduction

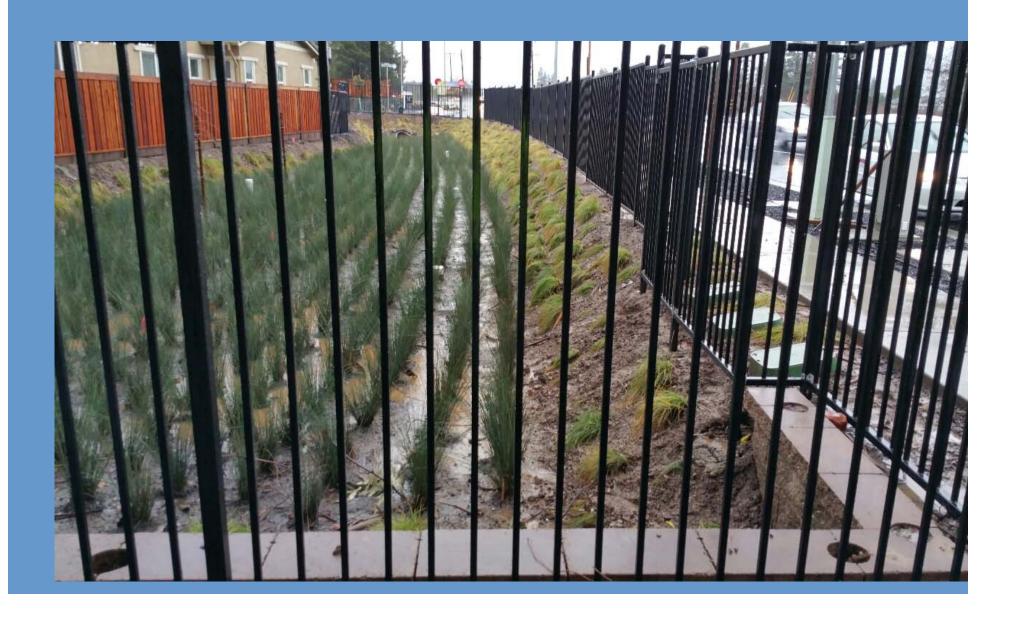
Bioretention Design and Construction

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Don't create pits



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Problems with pits



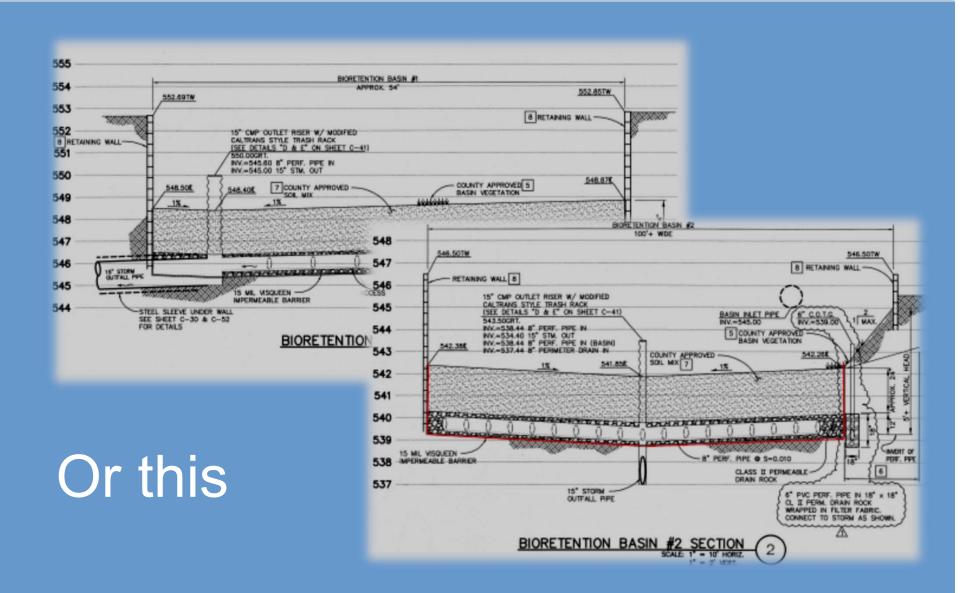


Make This Happen

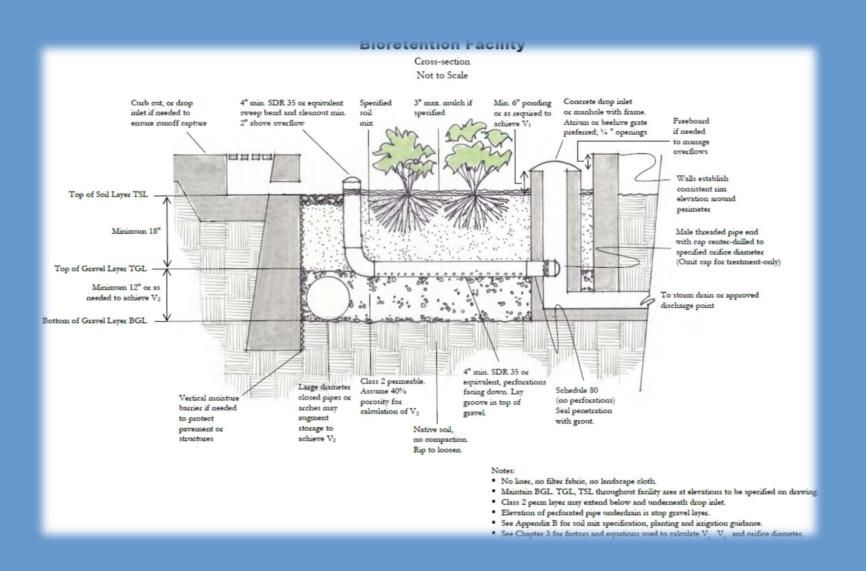
• Bioretention facilities are level so they "fill up like a bathtub."



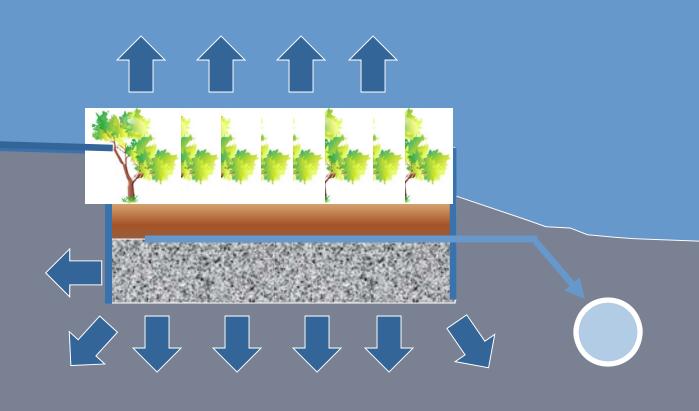
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Bioretention Design Criteria



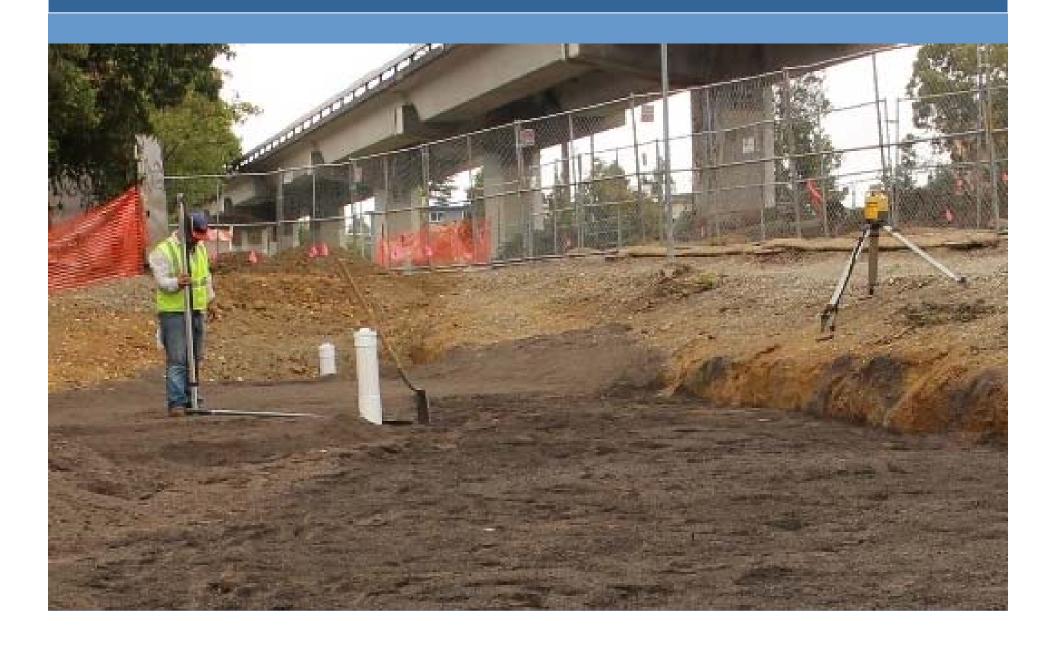
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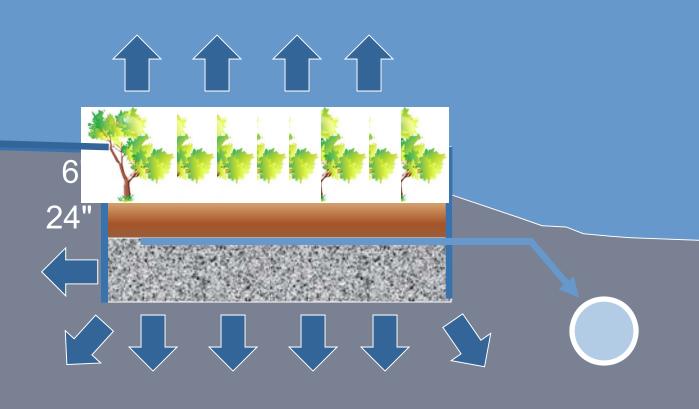
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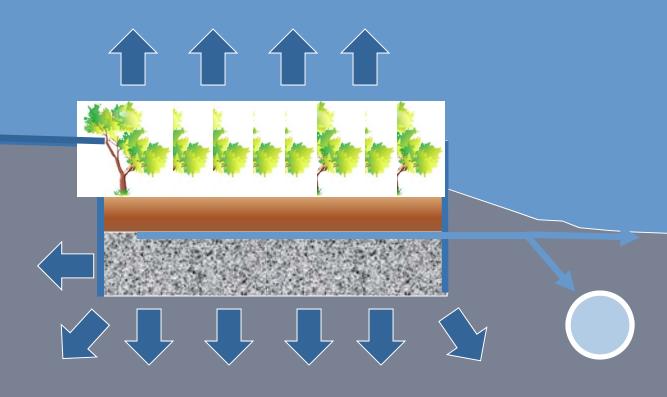
Geotechnically Difficult Sites



High Groundwater

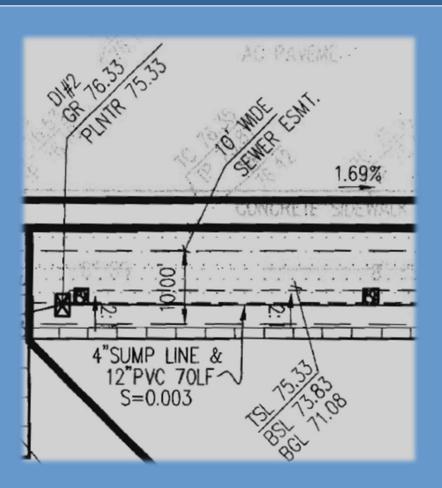


No Storm Drain



Call out elevations

- ■Outlet structure
 - Top of overflow grate
 - Underdrain connection
- ■Inlet
 - Flow line at inlet
 - Top of curb
 - Top of adjacent paving
- ■Soil layers
 - Top of soil layer
 - Bottom of gravel layer
 - Bottom of soil layer



Overflow Structure

Overflow elevation



Gravel and Underdrain

■ Class 2 permeable

Caltrans spec 68-2.02(F)(3)

■ No filter fabric

■ Underdrain

Discharge elevation at top of gravel layer

 PVC SDR 35 or equivalent; holes facing down

 Solid pipe for 2' closest to outlet structure

Cleanout



Planting Medium

- 60-70% Washed Sand
 - ASTM C33 for fine aggregate
- 30-40% Compost
 - Certified through US Composting Council
 Seal of Testing Assurance Program
- Install in 8"-12" lifts
- Do not compact
- Do not overfill
- Leave room for mulch



Planting

- Select plants for fast-draining soils
- Select for facility location
- Avoid problem conditions
 - Overly dense plantings
 - Aggressive roots
 - Invasive weeds
 - Need for a lot of irrigation or for fertilization

Irrigation

- Separate Zone for Bioretention
- Drip Irrigation
- Smart Controllers

Construction

- Layout
- Excavation
- Overflow or Surface Connection
- Underground connection (underdrain)
- Drain rock/subdrain
- Soil Mix
- Irrigation
- Planting
- Final

Construction Inspection

- Yes, inspections are needed
- Special inspections (or inspectors) may be appropriate
- Edit construction checklist and deliver to general contractor at pre-construction meeting
- Make sure landscape contractor gets the message(s)
 - Elevations
 - Additions of material
 - Fertilizers

2-Year Warranty Recommended

- Extension of standard 1-year warranty for landscaping
- Allows identification and correction of problems during rainy season

Key O&M Requirements

- Composted mulch
- No fertilizer
 - See instructions for using compost tea
- Weed manually
 - Listed "natural" herbicides for invasions
- No synthetic pesticides
 - Beneficial nematodes or listed natural pesticides

Typical maintenance plan

- Inspect weekly for trash and remove
- Weed monthly
- Check drainage and inspect facilities before the rainy season
- Inspect after each significant rainfall
- Annual vegetation cut-back and maintenance