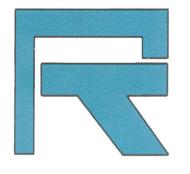
# STORMWATER MANAGEMENT Special Management Areas

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#### HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

- Point Source Regulation
- Non Point Source Deferrals
- Environmentalist Lawsuits
- Early 1990's Regulation Finally Begins

#### ENGINEERING SITE DESIGN

- Detention/Retention
- "Design" Storms/Recurrence Intervals
- Peak Overflows Simultaneously in Basins
- Erosion Avoidance
- 90% of Rainfall Volume (Rainfall 1" or Less)

#### RECENT ISSUES

- Balanced Stormwater Management (Annual Average Infiltration Approach – Quantity)
- "No Exposure" or Monitoring/Treatment –
   Quality
- Stormwater Temperature
- Waivers for Certain Sites

## BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- Vary By Site Conditions
- Structural and Non-Structural
- Brownfields
- Highways/Roads/Rest Areas
- Karst Areas
- Mined Lands

#### NON-STRUCTURAL

- Cleaning Vacuuming
- Storage Under Roof, Canopy or Tarp
- Maintenance

#### **BROWNFIELDS SITES**

- Concentrated Infiltration Not Acceptable
- Natural Attenuation/Can Exacerbate
   Groundwater Impacts and Containment
   Migration
- Focus on Quality BMPs
- Waivers From Quality BMPs Common
- Perimeter BMPs Preferred

#### KARST AREAS

- Typically Requires Proof of Void Conditions On-Site
- Incidence Of and Actual Potential for Settlement Matters
- Maximum Focus on Quality BMPs
- Waivers From Infiltration BMPs Possible

#### **URBAN AREAS**

- Limited Options Due to Physical Constraints
- BMPs Successfully Implemented
- Porous Pavement/Pervious Concrete
- Infiltration Trenches
- Green Roofs
- Manufactured Proprietary BMPs

#### **BUFFER ZONES**

- Usable in PA for BMPs
- Grassed Waterways
- Rain Gardens

#### EXTENDED DETENTION BASINS

- Part of Some Regulatory Programs for Years
- Settle Fine Particles
- Enhanced Removal of Nutrients/Herbicides/Pesticides

## EXTENDED DETENTION BASINS CONT.

- Good Candidates for Enhanced Infiltration
- Good Candidates for Discharge Rate Modification
- Potential Candidates for Irrigation Return

## POROUS PAVEMENT/ PERMEABLE CONCRETE

- Well Proven BMP Approach
- Limitations Now Understood
- University of New Hampshire Study
- Can Be Used In Combination With Reservoir Course and/or Liner

#### SUBPAVEMENT RESERVOIRS

- A Separate BMP From Porous Pavement/ Pervious Concrete
- Stone More Costly Than Arches or Plastic Media
- Non-Disturbance of Exposed Earth Critical

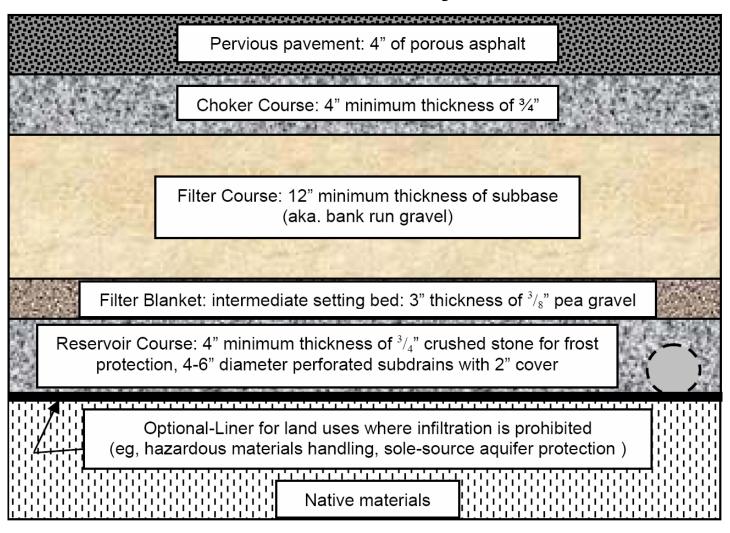
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- Avoid Fabric Where Possible
- Not Practical In Areas With Low Infiltration or In Sloped Areas
- Day Lighting Overflow Critical

#### UNDERGROUND DETENTION

- Pipe Networks
- Arches
- Vaults

## Typical Cross-Section for Pervious Pavement System



## UNDERGROUND DETENTION CONT.

- Usually Combined With Treatment
- Maintenance/Cleanout Need
- Plastic Media (Recent Attention)

#### **GRASSED WATERWAYS**

- Filtration/Can Be Combined With Filter Strips
- Temperature
- Need Slope 1% Recommended

#### GRASSED WATERWAYS CONT.

- Ease of Maintenance
- Lower Cost Than Storm Drains
- Can Use Weirs to Enhance Performance

#### INFILTRATION TRENCHES

- Use Liquid Ring Tests if Permeability Low
- Can be Installed in Existing Detention Basins
- Typically Drain In Several Hours But Can Extend

## INFILTRATION TRENCHES CONT.

- Upland Areas Usually Best Location
- Can "Flood First" With Roof Runoff

#### RAIN GARDENS

- Provide BMPs for Treatment and Detention
- Attractive/Popular in CA
- More Aesthetically Appealing Than Basins
- Combination BMP is Very Cost Effective

#### RAIN GARDENS CONT.

- Need Robust Species to Accommodate Flooding
- Can Be Located in Buffer Areas
- More Appealing to Regulators (Enforcement)

#### GREEN ROOFS

- Washington, DC Study Effective
- Makes Use of Otherwise Unused Area
- Roofing Warranty Critical

#### HAY BALES

- Fixed Rack Approach
- Maintenance /Change-Out Need Visually Apparent
- Low Tech Parking Lot, Salvage Yards, Yard Storage Area Retrofits

#### HAY BALES CONT.

- Stormwater Filtration
- Incidental Oil Filtration
- Aggregate/Stone/Sand Material Recycling

#### RUNOFF TREATMENT

- Terre Clean
- Perfect for Service Areas
- Swirl Concentrators

#### SPRAY IRRIGATION

- Often Forgotten Can Address Quantity
- Can Mean Just Operate More
- The Little Engine That Could (Sites With Limited Infiltration Capability)

#### CANOPIES

- Eliminate Exposure of Potentially Contaminating Materials or Equipment With Rainwater
- Modular Design/Costs Have Come Down
- Typical Paybacks 2 to 4 Years

#### CANOPIES CONT.

- "Lean To" Canopies An Option
- Must "Right Size"

#### **BROWNFIELDS SITES**

- Ok To Infiltrate, But Cannot Retain/Detain/Concentrate Infiltration
- BMPs That Can Be Used Are Discretionary

#### BROWNFIELDS SITES CONT.

- Perimeter BMPs Without Detention Typically Used
- Porous Pavement Frequently Used
- Exemptions at Discretion of State Environmental Agency/Engineer

#### CASE STUDIES

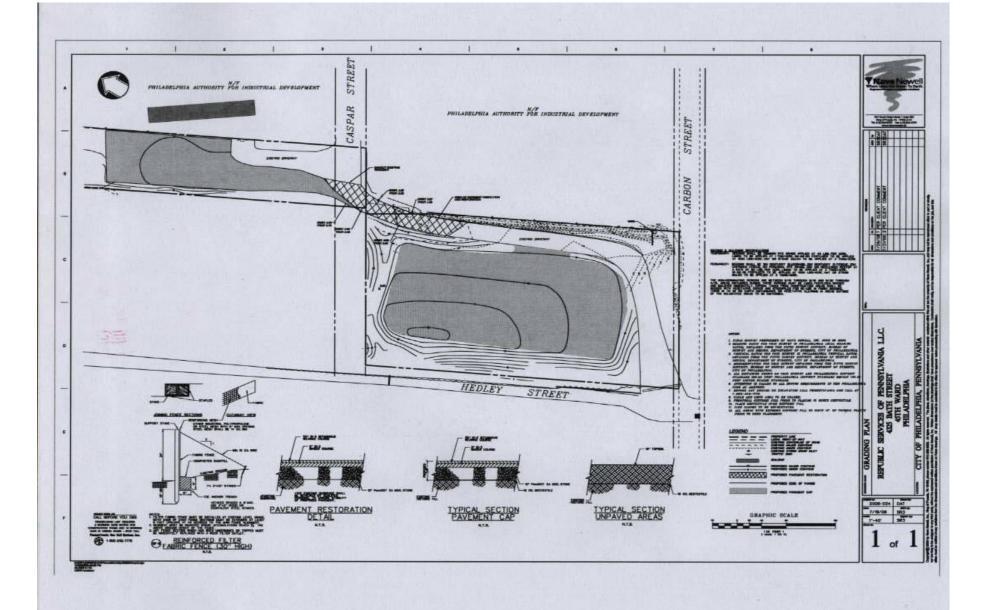
## PHILADELPHIA BROWNFIELDS SITE

- Project Shut Down
- Historical Fill (Lead, Arsenic, PAHs)
- Porous Pavement

## PHILADELPHIA BROWNFIELDS SITE

- Filter Strips
- Grassed Waterway/Ditch Upgrade
- Weir Installation
- Regional Engineer Approval















### MANHEIM, PA RAIN GARDEN RETROFIT

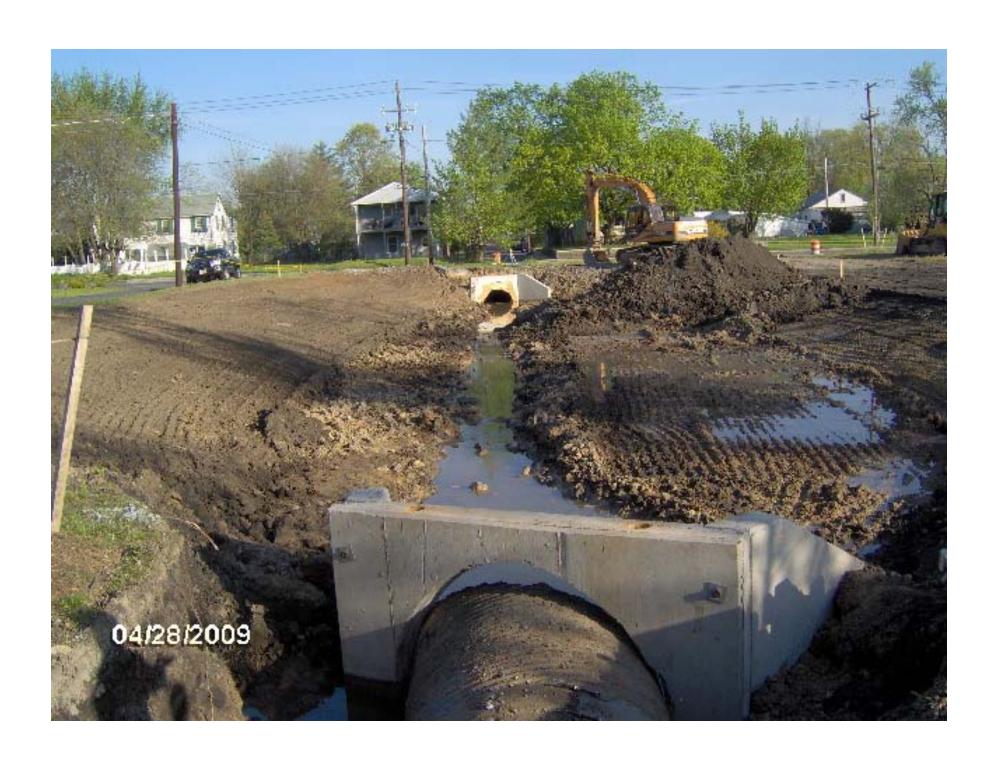
- Asbestos Mill Closure
- Brownfields Redevelopment
- Floodplain Restoration
- State Grant Funds

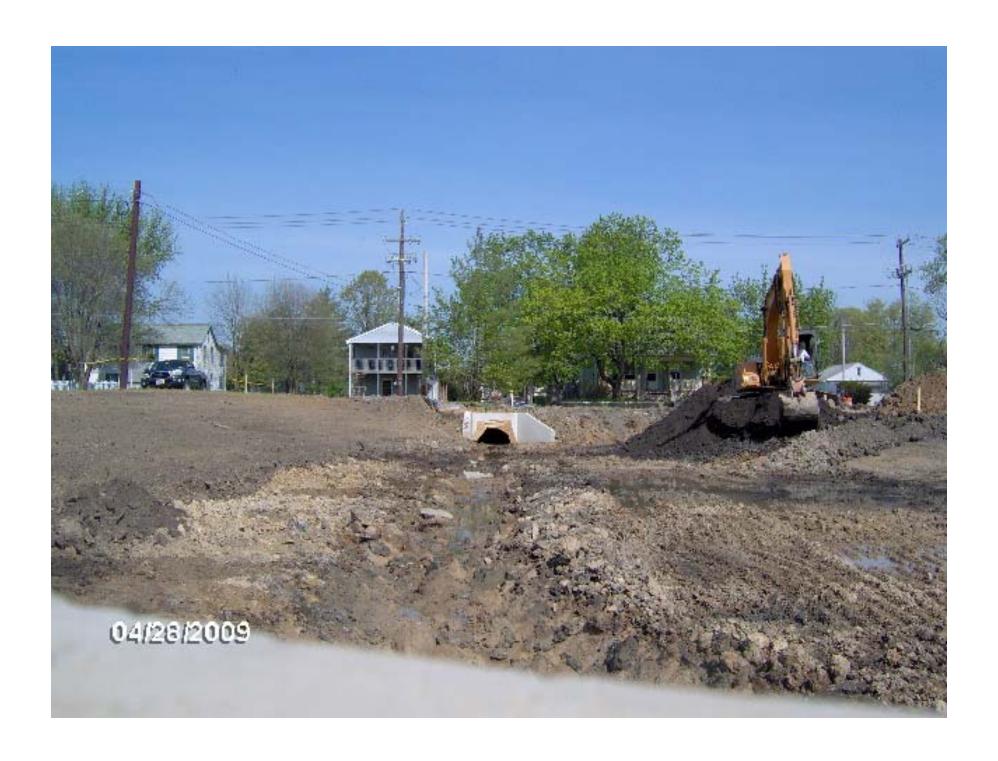












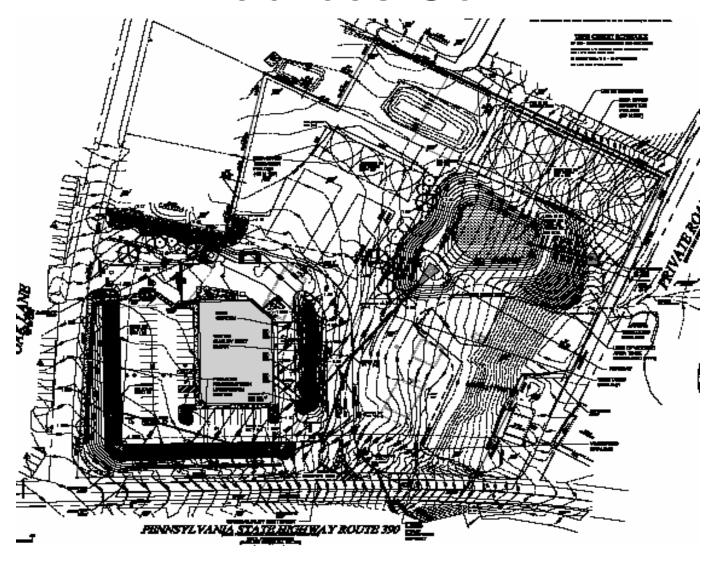
### POCONOS RETAIL PHARMACY SITE

- Roof Downspout Disconnection
- Porous Pavement
- Forebay/Extended Detention

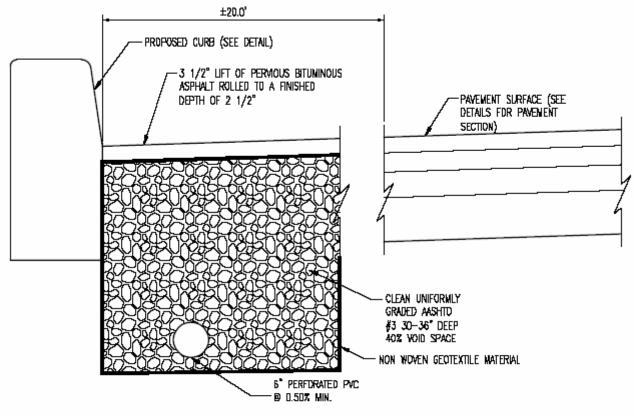
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- Grassed Waterway
- Spray Irrigation

# Stormwater Best Management Practices Cont.



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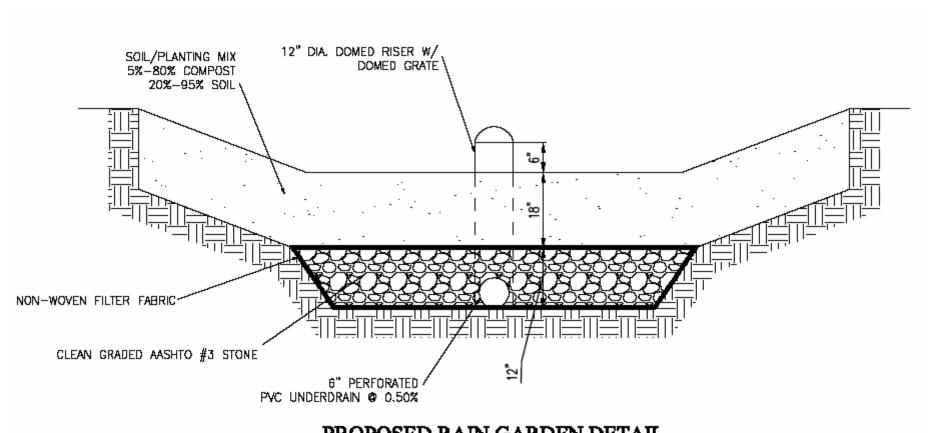
### PERVIOUS PAVEMENT DETAIL

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### NOTES:

- 1. DEPTH TO SOIL RESTRICTIVE LAYER (WmB, WpB): 53 cm (20.87")
- 2. DEPTH TO WATER TABLE (WmB, WpB): 38 cm (14.967)
- 3. DISTANCE TO EXISTING SEPTIC FIELD: 193.5'
- 4. INFILTRATION BED SHOULD BE LEVEL OR STEPPED LEVEL SECTIONS

### Stormwater Best Management Practices Cont.



### PROPOSED RAIN GARDEN DETAIL

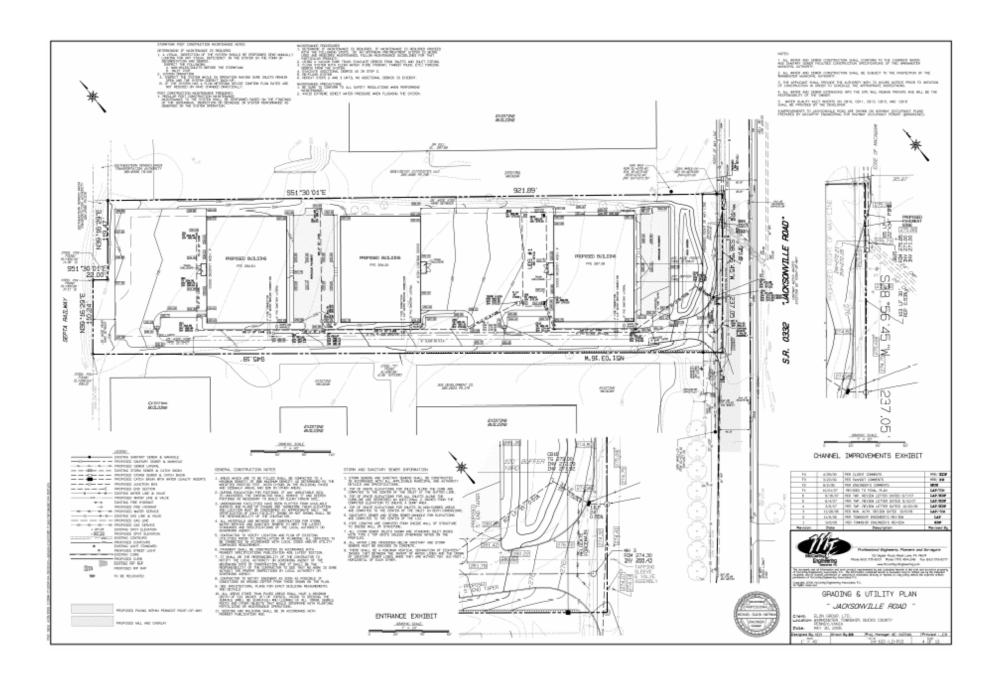
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### BUCKS COUNTY STORMWATER DESIGN UPGRADE

- 3 Year Old Flex Space/Underground Detention Design
- Awaiting Improvement in Economy Prior to Construction
- Current BMP Review Completed
- Removed Some Curbs

### BUCKS COUNTY STORMWATER DESIGN UPGRADE CONT.

- From 2 to 1 Underground Detention Areas
- Grassed Waterways Added
- Changed to Plastic Media
- Selected Porous Pavement Areas Added
- Rain Garden Added
- Savings \$200,000



### **BMP** Applicability

	Industrial Yards	Brown- fields	Highway/ Road		Mined Lands	Special Protection/ Exceptional Value Waters
Porous Pavement	N	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ
* Res. Course	N	Υ	N	N	Ν	Υ
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Underground Detention	N	Ν	Υ	Ν	Ν	Υ
Canopies	Υ	Υ	Ν	Υ	Υ	Υ
Green Roofs	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Extended Detention	Υ	L	Υ	L	Ν	Υ
Spray Irrigation	N	Ν	Ν	Υ	Υ	Υ
Infiltration Trenches	N	Ν	Υ	Ν	Ν	Υ
Grassed Waterways	Υ	Υ	Υ	Ν		Υ
Rain Gardens	Υ	Υ	Υ	Ν	Υ	Υ
Hay Bales	Υ	Υ				

Y = Yes

N = No

L = With Liner