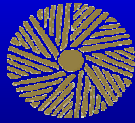
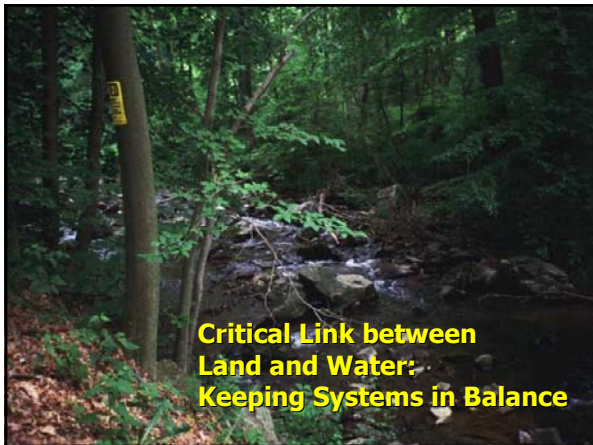


**Sustainability in Stormwater
Management:
Green Infrastructure from the City
to the Urban Fringe**

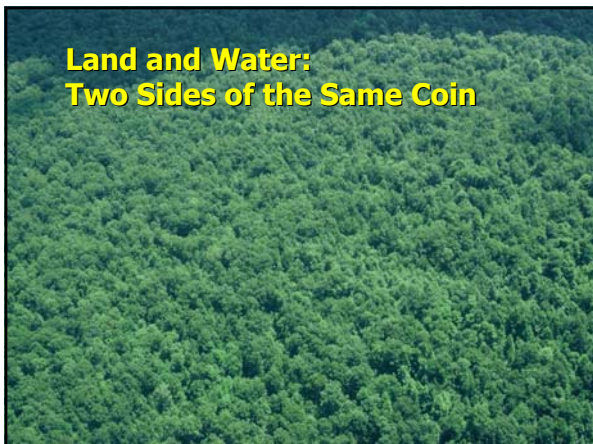


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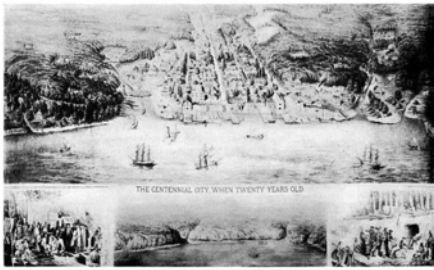


**Critical Link between
Land and Water:
Keeping Systems in Balance**



**Land and Water:
Two Sides of the Same Coin**

From Smart Growth. To...



PHILADELPHIA IN 1702, ONLY 20 YEARS AFTER PENN'S ARRIVAL

William Penn gave detailed instructions to select a site for a "great town where it is most navigable, high, dry and healthy; where most ships may ride of deepest draught of water and land and unload without lightering." The site chosen met these requirements admirably. Philadelphia was named after an ancient city in Asia Minor.

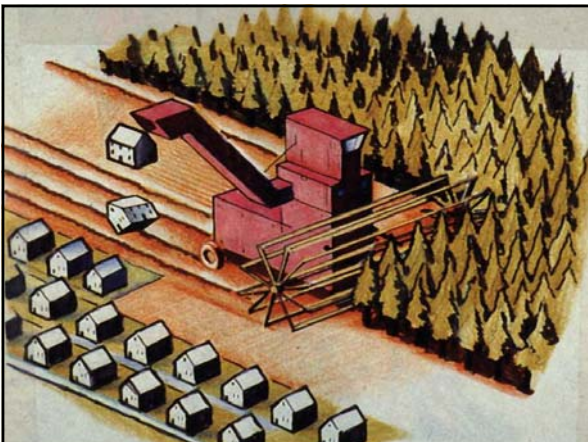


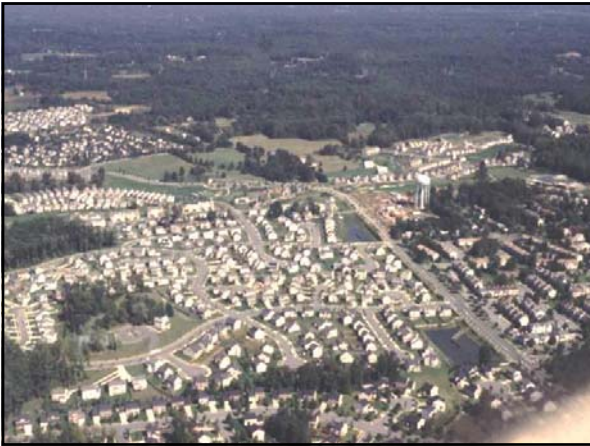


"The only thing new in the world is the history we've forgotten...."

Harry Truman







Stormwater Impacts of Conventional Development

- Not just Increased Flooding!
- Increased Runoff Volume
- Decreased Evapotranspiration and Groundwater Recharge
- Increased Frequency of Runoff Events
- Faster Conveyance of Water
- Erosion and Stream Channel Changes
- Decreased Baseflow
- Impacted Aquatic Life
- Pollutants and Temperature Impacts

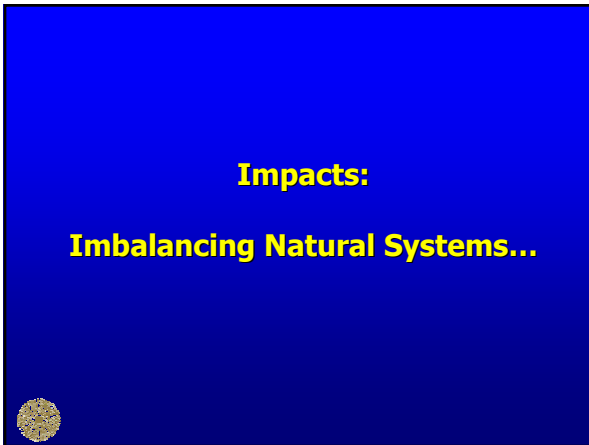


...Other Impacts of Conventional Development.

- Habitat Loss/Biodiversity
- Wetlands/Floodplains/Other Water Resources
- Soils/Special Geologic Features
- Air Quality/Microclimate
- Noise
- Historical/Archaeological
- Aesthetics/Scenic
- Quality of Life and Public Health

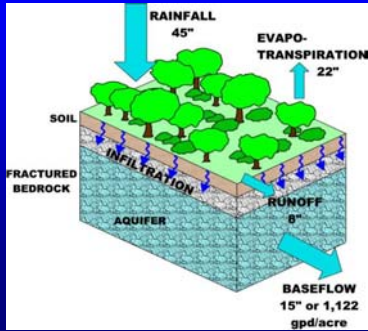








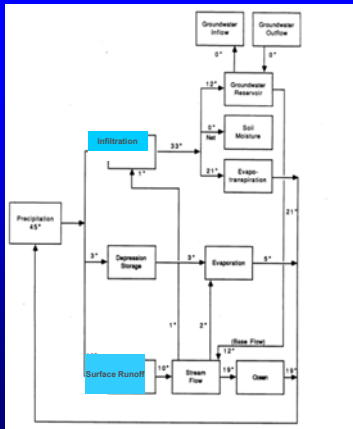
Annual Hydrologic Cycle For an Average Year





Altered Hydrologic Cycle





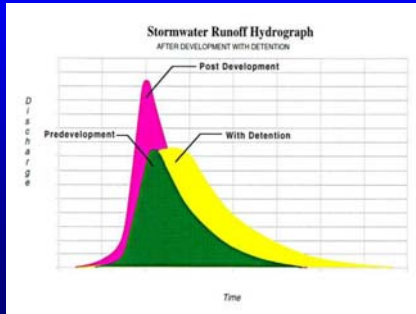
Conventional Stormwater Management

- Controls Peak **Rate** of Runoff to Predevelopment Conditions Usually for Large Design Storms (e.g., 100-year)
- Fails to Control **Volume** of Runoff Maximized in Smaller Storms
- Fails to Control NPS **Pollutant** Loadings also Maximized in Smaller Storms

Large storms are important....



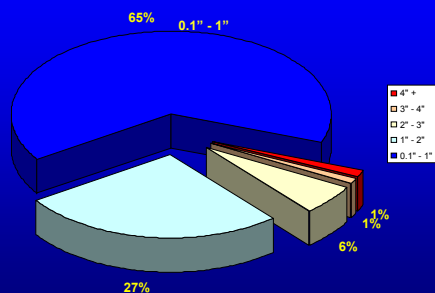
**We all live downstream....
We haven't understood the basic
hydrology of stream and river systems.**



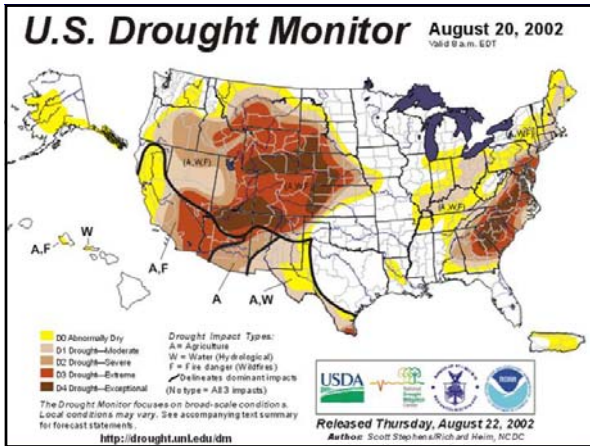


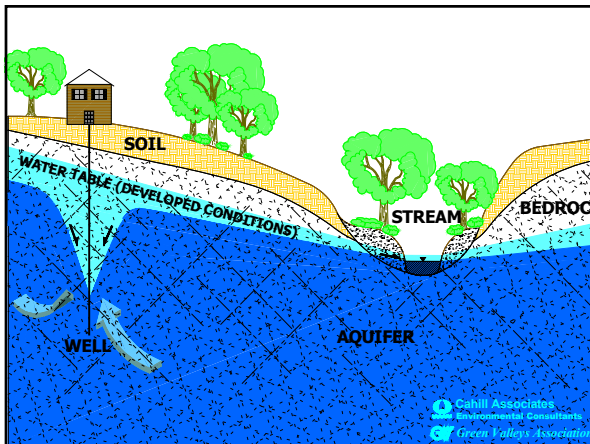
Average Annual Rainfall Volume that Occurs by Storm Magnitude for Harrisburg, PA

(PA State Climatological Office, 1926 - 2003)



Stormwater management has focused only on the largest storms...we haven't paid attention to annual water balance and the reality of smaller storms.





Manage Stormwater as a Valuable Resource... not a Disposal Problem. Volume Control Is Critical....

- to Support Stream Baseflow/Low Flow
- to Support Wells and Springs
- to Support Wetlands
- to Minimize Nonpoint Pollutant Loadings
- to Minimize Downstream Flooding
- to Minimize Stream Morphological Impacts

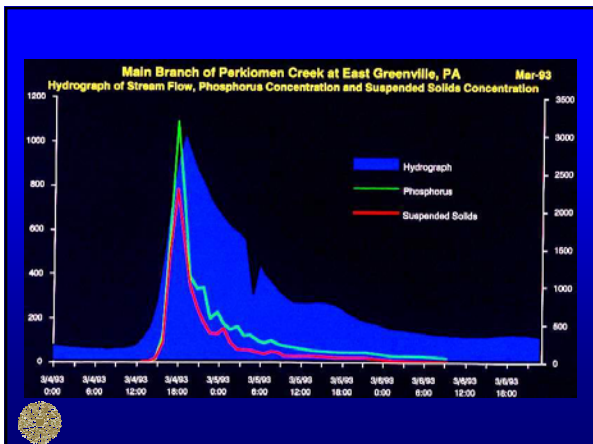


Water Quality: Nonpoint Source Pollution

- Transported by and dissolved in runoff
- Petroleum Hydrocarbons
- Metals
- Nutrients (Phosphorus and Nitrate)
- Organic matter
- Sediment
- Synthetic Organics (pesticides, herbicides)







Land Development Impacts on Stream Morphology:

- Major changes to bankfull flow
- Channel widening, downcutting/undercutting, streambed scouring
- Stream bank erosion
- Imbedded substrate with benthic/other aquatic impacts
- Loss of pools, riffles, aquatic habitat





Dry Channels...

Eroded Streambanks...



Land Development Impacts on Stream Ecology:

- Reduced diversity of aquatic insects
- Reduced diversity of fish
- Decline of amphibians
- Degraded wetlands, riparian zones







Loss of Site Vegetation Means Loss of Vegetation Functions (Ecosystem Services)

Above Ground:

- Interception/Slowing
- Absorption
- Evaporation/Transpiration

At Ground:

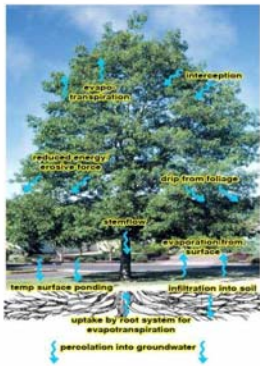
- Temporary Storage
- Quality Filtering

Below Ground:

- Infiltration/Permeation
- Storage
- Quality Filtering/Uptake

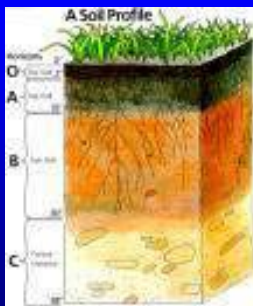


Trees as only Perfect BMP





Impacting Essential Living Soil:



Soil Horizons

- Layer of Soil Parallel to Surface
- Properties a function of climate, landscape setting, parent material, biological activity, and other soil forming processes.
- Horizons (A, E, B, C, R, etc)



Image Source: University of Texas, 2002



Common Bulk Density Measurements

Undisturbed Lands Forests & Woodlands	Residential Neighborhoods
1.03 g/cc	1.69 to 1.97 g/cc
Golf Courses; Parks; Athletic Fields	Concrete
1.69 to 1.97 g/cc	2.2 g/cc



David B. Friedman, District Director Ocean County Soil Conservation District

Sustainability in Stormwater Management:

**Get the Watershed Right
Get Each Municipality Right
Get Each Development, Each Site
Right**



Sustainability:

- Smart Growth Principles
- LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) - LEED for Neighborhood Developments (LEED-ND)
- The Ahwahnee Principles: Toward More Livable Communities





Protecting Water Resources with
Smart Growth



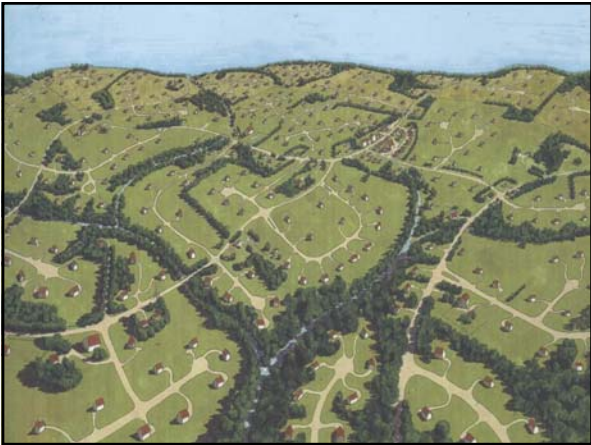
Smart Growth Principles:

Using Smart Growth Techniques as Stormwater Best Management Practices,
EPA December 2005.

- Create a range of housing opportunities and choices
- Create walkable neighborhoods
- Encourage community and stakeholder collaboration
- Foster distinctive, attractive places with strong sense of place
- Make development decisions predictable, fair, cost effective
- Mix land use
- Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty, and critical environmental areas
- Provide a variety of transportation choices of smart growth
- Strengthen/direct development toward existing communities
- Take advantage of compact building design









LEED-ND is USGBC's Solution

- Smart Location & Linkage 30 Points**
- Neighborhood Pattern & Design 39 Points**
- Green Construction & Technology 31 Points**
- Innovation & Design Process 5 Points**

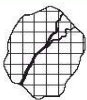


The Ahwahnee Water Principles for Resource Efficient Land Use

- Community design should be compact, mixed use, walkable and transit-oriented so that automobile-generated urban runoff pollutants are minimized and the open lands that absorb water are preserved to the maximum extent possible.
- Natural resources such as wetlands, flood plains, recharge zones, riparian areas, open space, and native habitats should be identified, preserved and restored as valued assets for flood protection, water quality improvement, groundwater recharge, habitat, and overall long-term water resource sustainability.
- Water holding areas such as creek beds, recessed athletic fields, ponds, cisterns, and other features that serve to recharge groundwater, reduce runoff, improve water quality and decrease flooding should be incorporated into the urban landscape.
- All aspects of landscaping from the selection of plants to soil preparation and the installation of irrigation systems should be designed to reduce water demand, retain runoff, decrease flooding, and recharge groundwater.
- Permeable surfaces should be used for hardscape. Impervious surfaces such as driveways, streets, and parking lots should be minimized so that land is available to absorb storm water, reduce polluted urban runoff, recharge groundwater and reduce flooding.
- Dual plumbing that allows graywater from showers, sinks and washers to be reused for landscape irrigation should be included in the infrastructure of new development.
- Community design should maximize the use of recycled water for appropriate applications including outdoor irrigation, toilet flushing, and commercial and industrial processes. Purple pipe should be installed in all new construction and remodeled buildings in anticipation of the future availability of recycled water.
- Urban water conservation technologies such as low-flow toilets, efficient clothes washers, and more efficient water-using industrial equipment should be incorporated in all new construction and retrofitted in remodeled buildings.

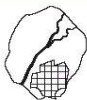


Scenario A



10,000 houses built on 10,000 acres produce:
10,000 acres x 1 house x 18,700 ft³/yr of runoff =
187 million ft³/yr of stormwater runoff
Site: 20% impervious cover
Watershed: 20% impervious cover

Scenario B



10,000 houses built on 2,500 acres produce:
2,500 acres x 4 houses x 6,200 ft³/yr of runoff =
62 million ft³/yr of stormwater runoff
Site: 38% impervious cover
Watershed: 9.5% impervious cover

Scenario C



10,000 houses built on 1,250 acres produce:
1,250 acres x 8 houses x 4,950 ft³/yr of runoff =
49.5 million ft³/yr of stormwater runoff
Site: 65% impervious cover
Watershed: 8.1% impervious cover

Land and Water - A Critical Relationship:

- The higher-density scenarios generate less stormwater runoff per house at all scales...
- For the same amount of development, higher-density development produces less runoff and less impervious cover than low-density development...
- For a given amount of growth, lower-density development impacts more of the watershed.



Protecting Water Resources with
Higher-Density Development
(EPA January 2006)

Land and Water - A Critical Relationship:

	Imperv	Acres Req	Tot Runoff cu ft/yr*	Runoff/DU cu ft/yr*
Scenario A				
1 DU/ac	20%	8	149,600	18,700
Scenario B				
4 DU/ac	38%	2	49,600	6,200
Scenario C				
8 DU/ac	65%	1	39,600	4,950



Protecting Water Resources with
Higher-Density Development
(EPA January 2006)

***Calculations only account for impervious cover and would be increased substantially for low-density if increase in runoff from lawn area compaction were included.**



Land and Water - A Critical Relationship:

"...the 'Sprawl Scenario' consumed eight times more open space, generated 43 percent more runoff, four times more sediment, almost four times more nitrogen, and three times more phosphorus than the 'Town Scenario' development (Belle Hall Study, South Carolina Coastal Conservation League, 1995)
"The study found that compact development would generate significantly less water pollution than current development patterns, which are mostly characterized by low-density development, for all categories of pollutants. The reduction ranged from over 40 percent for phosphorus and nitrogen to 30 percent for runoff. (Rutgers University, 2000. *The Costs and Benefits of Alternative Growth Patterns: The Impact Assessment of the New Jersey State Plan*. New Brunswick: Center for Urban Policy Research)



Protecting Water Resources with
Higher-Density Development
(EPA January 2006)

Smart Growth Water Conservation Issues:

Less water use per dwelling unit/
per land use
Less water use loss in distribution
Use of conservation plumbing fixtures
Less costly distribution system construction
Less costly distribution system maintenance
Easier to pay for/easier to plan for



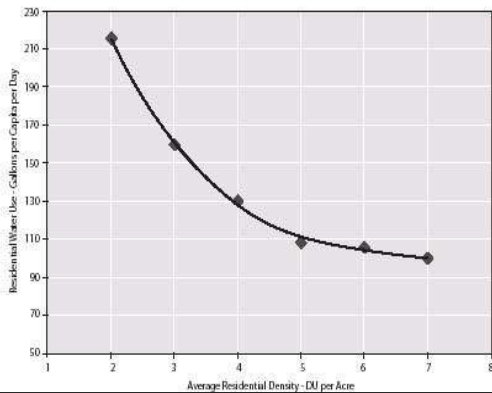
"Large lots are a major contributor to both residential and commercial water use. Lawn care, car washing, swimming pools, and other outdoor uses can account for 50 to 70 percent of household water use.
(American Water Works Association Fact Sheet, 2004.www.awwa.org/pressroom)

*Growing Toward More Efficient Water Use:
Linking Development, Infrastructure, and
Drinking Water Policies, EPA January 2006*



EXHIBIT 3: Per Capita Water Use Declines with Higher Densities

Per Capita Residential Water Use as a Function of Residential Density



Smart Growth Wastewater Treatment Issues:

- Treatment: land-based application of effluent
 - Private or public
 - Spray, drip, other proven technologies
- Off-site or on-site
 - Community on-lot disposal systems
 - Drainage areas in open space
- Collection:
 - Less costly distribution system construction
 - Less costly distribution system maintenance
 - Easier to pay for/easier to plan for



Cost of Providing Public Water/Sewer

½ ac lot in Compact Development	\$283
½ ac lot in Sprawl Development	\$472

Spir, Cameron and Kurt Stephenson, 2002. Does Sprawl Cost Us All? Isolating the Effects of Housing Patterns on Public Water and Sewer Costs. J. of the American Planning Assoc 68(1): 56-70.

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Sustainability Requires Smarter Growth...

Smarter Water Resources Management...

...Smarter Stormwater

...Smarter Water Use

...Smarter Wastewater

...Smarter Ordinances.



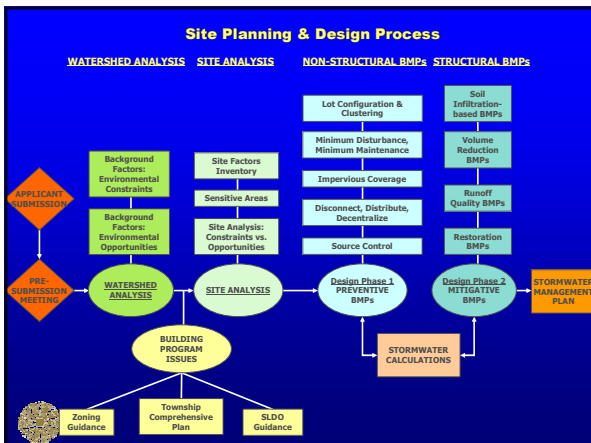
Sustainable Stormwater Management:

Non-Structural Approaches
Preventive

Structural Practices
Mitigative



Site Planning & Design Process



Applicant/Developer role is critical.

Municipal role is critical – smarter ordinances.



Preventive Non-Structural BMP Categories with Specific BMP's

Protect Sensitive and Special Value Resources from Watershed to Site

- BMP Protect sensitive/special value features
- BMP Protect/conserves/enhance riparian areas
- BMP Protect/conserves natural flow pathways in overall stormwater planning and design

Cluster and Concentrate

- BMP Cluster uses at each site; build on smallest area possible
- BMP Concentrate uses areawide through Smart Growth

Minimize Disturbance and Minimize Maintenance

- BMP Minimize total disturbed area – grading
- BMP Minimize soil compaction in disturbed areas
- BMP Re-vegetate and re-forest disturbed areas, using native species

Reduce Impervious Cover

- BMP Reduce street imperviousness
- BMP Reduce parking imperviousness

Disconnect/Distribute/Decentralize

- BMP Rooftop disconnection
- BMP Disconnection from storm sewers
and Source Control



**Prevention as a ton of cure...
everywhere but especially in the
developing urban fringe –
greenfields.**



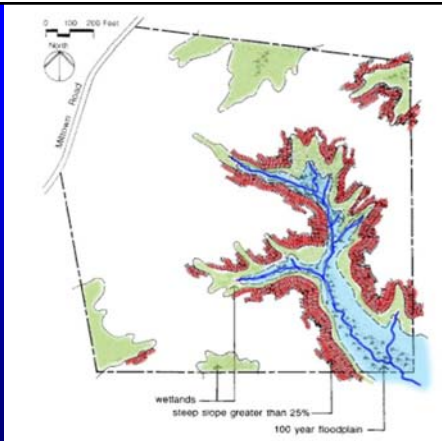
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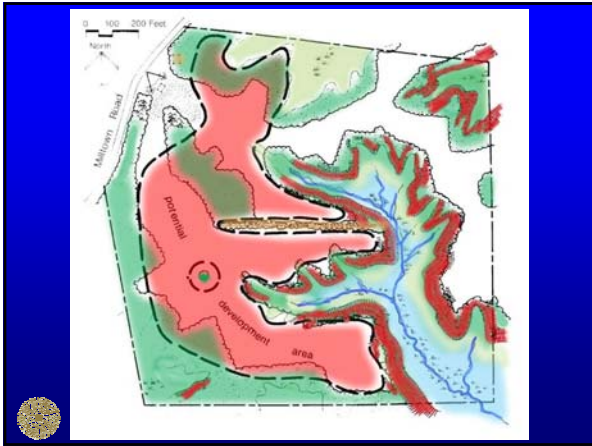
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BMP Protect/utilize natural flow pathways in overall stormwater planning and design



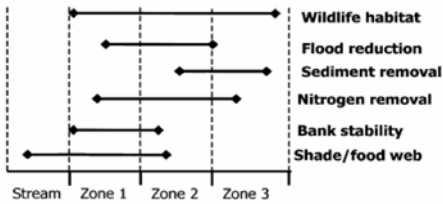




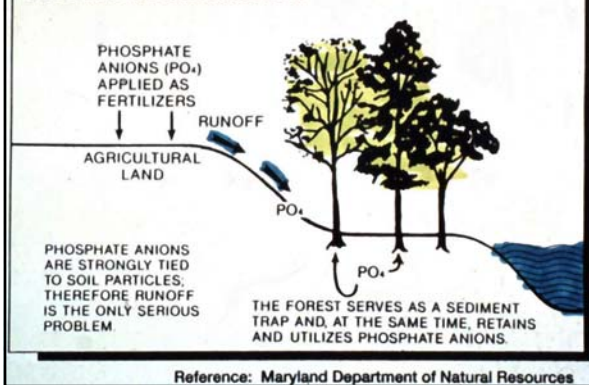




Functions Provided by the 3-Zone Buffer System



STREAMSIDE FORESTS FILTER SOIL ATTACHED PHOSPHORUS FROM RUNOFF



STREAMSIDE FORESTS TRANSFORM NITROGEN IN RUNOFF TO GAS OR USE IT IN GROWTH PROCESSES

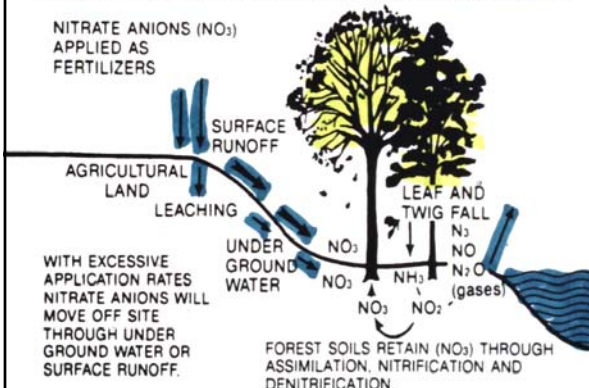


Figure 4.5

Use sensitive areas such as natural drainage areas to form boundaries or buffer zones between clusters of housing.



Case Study #6 Pleasant Hill Farm Conventional Development

Total size of site: 84 acres
Total number of lots: 90
Average size of lots: 19,000 sq. ft.
Percent undisturbed: 41.8%
Percent impervious: 26.2%



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Conservation Design for Stormwater Management

Case Study: Pleasant Hill Farm
Kent County
July, 1997

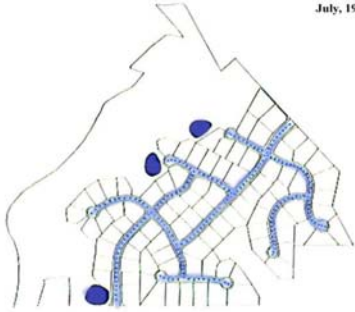


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Special Features
Wetlands/Floodplains

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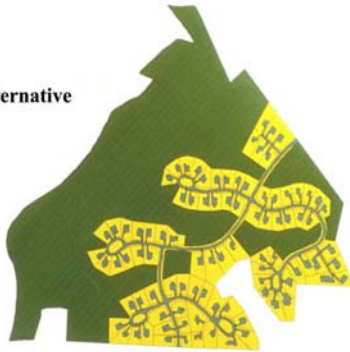


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Conventional Development
Stormwater Management

Case Study #6
Pleasant Hill Farm
Conservation Design
Natural Swale /
Open Space Corridor Alternative

Total size of site: 84 acres
Total number of lots: 90
Average size of lots: 13,000 sq. ft.
Percent undisturbed: 60.1%
Percent impervious: 10.7%



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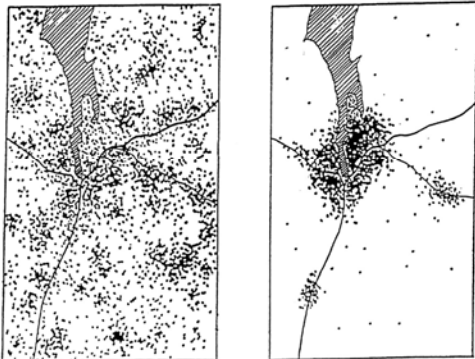
Preventive Non-Structural BMP Categories with Specific BMPs:

Cluster and Concentrate

- BMP Cluster** uses at each site; build on the smallest area possible
- BMP Concentrate** uses areawide through Smart Growth practices (Chester County's *Landscapes, DVRPCs Connections*)



FIGURE 13: DISPERSED VERSUS CONCENTRATED DEVELOPMENT AT THE REGIONAL SCALE

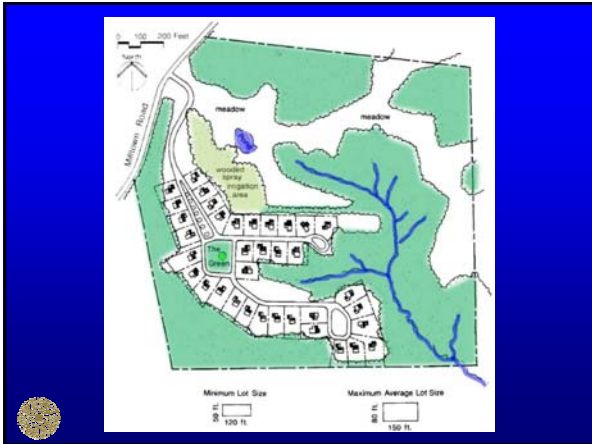


















Runoff Calculations* Tharpe Knoll

	1-yr	100-yr
Pre-Development	0.5	4.8
Conventional Development	0.9	5.9
Conservation Design	0.5	4.7

*Calculated as inches/storm event,
as per TR-55 Soil Cover Complex



Cost Comparison : Tharpe Knoll


Conventional Development	\$561,650
Conservation Design	\$244,800





Case Study
Chapel Run
Conventional Development

Total size of site: 96 acres
Total number of lots: 142
Average size of lots: 1/2 acre
Percent undisturbed: 0%
Percent impervious: 29%



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Case Study: Chapel Run
Sussex County
April, 1997



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Conventional Development

Case Study Chapel Run Conservation Design Parkway Alternative

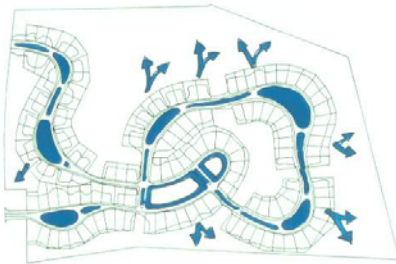
Total size of site: 96 acres
Total number of lots: 142
Average size of lots: 1/4 acre
Percent undisturbed: 59.6%
Percent impervious: 14.9%



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Conservation Design for Stormwater Management

Case Study: Chapel Run
Sussex County
April, 1997



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Conservation Design Stormwater Management

Runoff Calculations* Chapel Run

	1-yr	100-yr
Pre-Development	0.4	4.3
Conventional Development	0.9	5.9
Conservation Design	0.4	4.3

*Calculated as inches/storm event,
as per TR-55 Soil Cover Complex



Cost Comparison: Chapel Run

Conventional Development	\$2,460,200
Conservation Design-Parkway	\$ 888,735



Preventive Non-Structural BMP Categories with Specific BMPs:

Minimize Disturbance/Minimize Maintenance

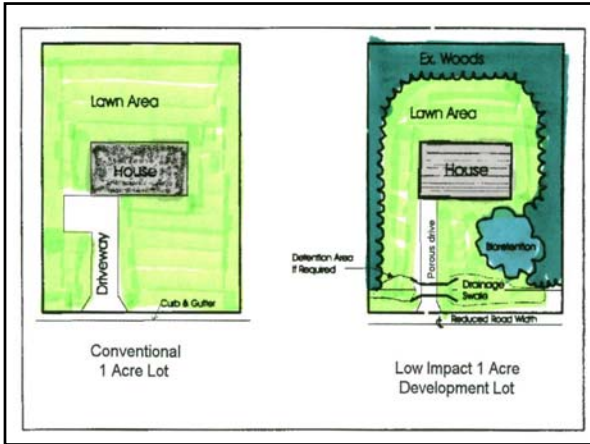
**BMP Minimize total disturbed area –
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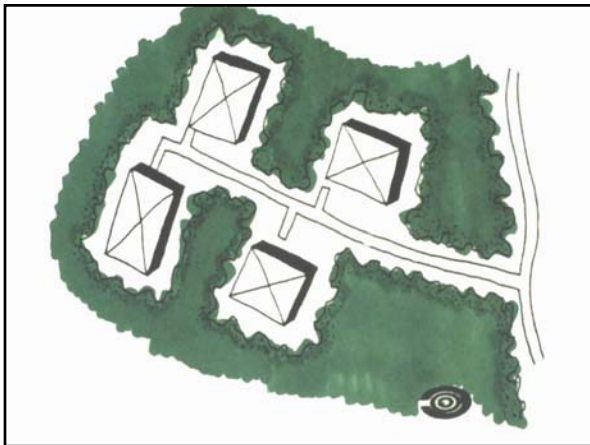
**BMP Minimize soil compaction in
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**BMP Re-vegetate and re-forest
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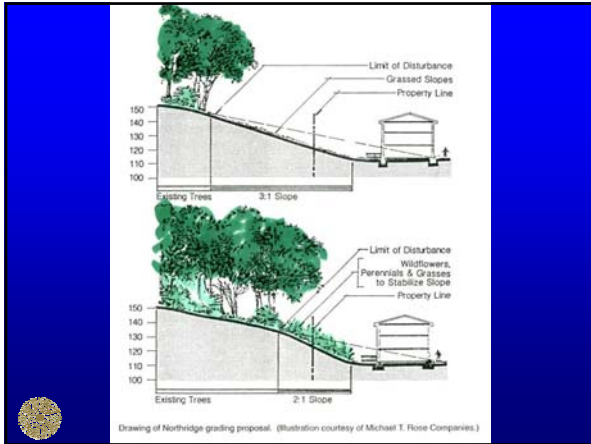


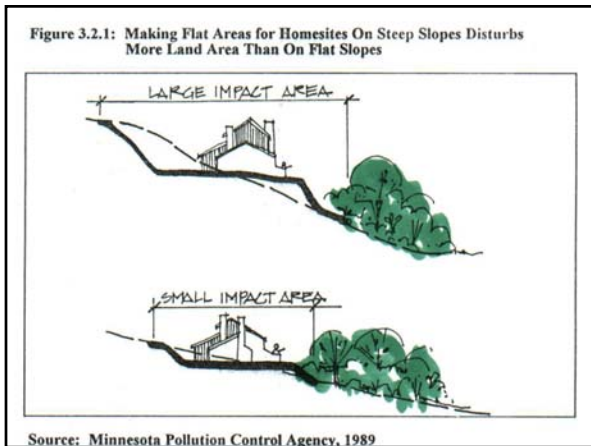














Preventive Non-Structural BMP Categories with Specific BMPs:

Reduce Impervious Cover

BMP Reduce street imperviousness

BMP Reduce parking imperviousness



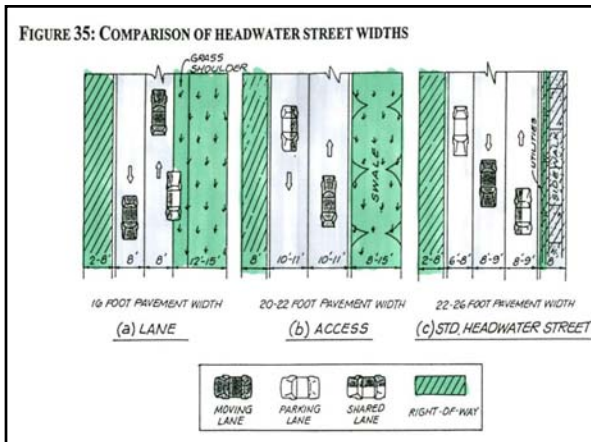


Table 1: Narrow Residential Street Widths

Jurisdiction	Residential Street Pavement Width	Maximum Daily Traffic (trips/day)
State of New Jersey	20 ft. (no parking)	0-3,500
	28 ft. (parking on one side)	0-3,500
State of Delaware	12 ft. (alley)	---
	21 ft. (parking on one side)	---
Howard County, Maryland	24 ft. (parking not regulated)	1,000
Charles County, Maryland	24 ft. (parking not regulated)	---
Morgantown, West Virginia	22 ft. (parking on one side)	---
Boulder, Colorado	20 ft.	150
	20 ft. (no parking)	350-1,000
	22 ft. (parking on one side)	350
	26 ft. (parking on both sides)	350
	26 ft. (parking on one side)	500-1,000
Bucks County, Pennsylvania	12 ft. (alley)	---
	16-18 ft. (no parking)	200
	20-22 ft. (no parking)	200-1,000
	26 ft. (parking on one side)	200
	28 ft. (parking on one side)	200-1,000

(Cohen, 1997; Bucks County Planning Commission, 1980; Center for Watershed Protection, 1998)

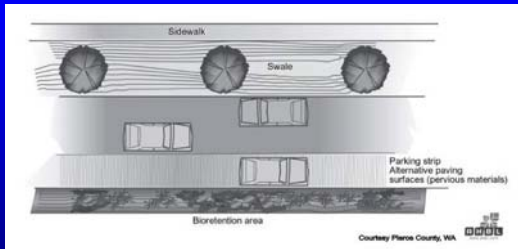
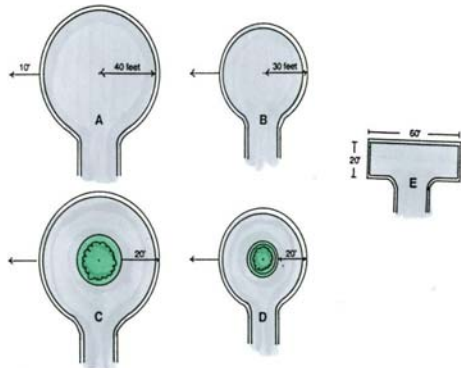


FIGURE 41: FIVE TURNAROUND OPTIONS AT THE END OF A RESIDENTIAL STREET

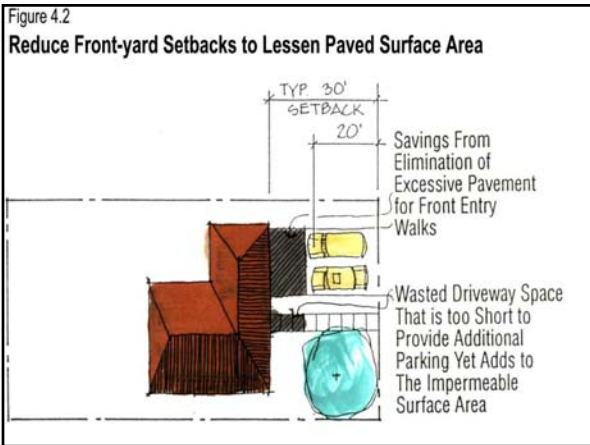


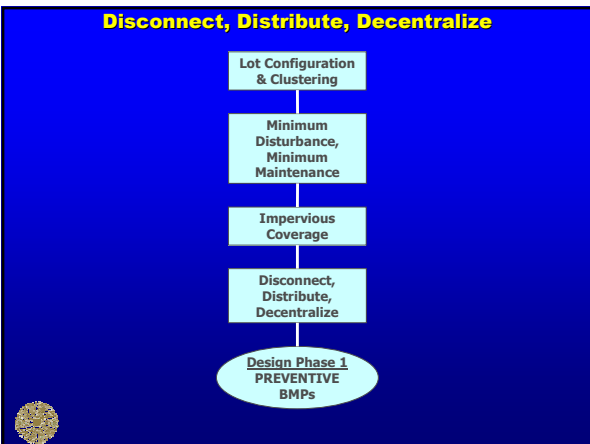












Preventive Non-Structural BMP Categories with Specific BMPs:

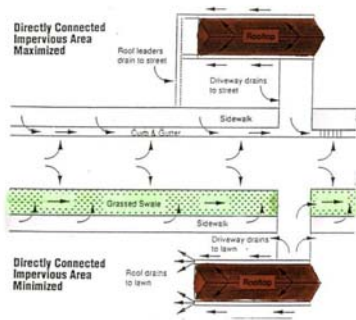
Disconnect/Distribute/Decentralize

BMP Rooftop disconnection

BMP Disconnection from storm sewers



Figure 4.4
Examples of Directly Connected Impervious Areas



Preventive Non-Structural BMP Categories with Specific BMPs:

Maximize preventive source controls

BMP Trash/debris collection

BMP Street sweeping, spills

BMP Fertilization regulations

Others



10 Stormwater Management Principles:

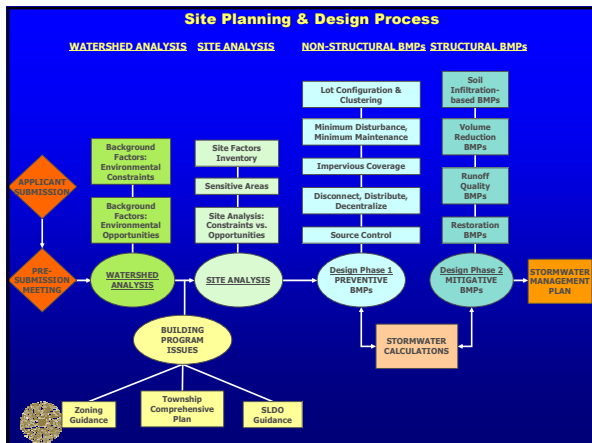
- Prevent first,
- Mitigate second.
- Manage as a resource – not a waste!
- Maintain water cycle balance, pre- to post.
- Integrate early into site design process.
- Protect/utilize natural systems (soil, vegetation).
- Manage as close to the source as possible.
- Disconnect. Decentralize. Distribute.
- Slow it down – don't speed it up.
- Achieve multiple objectives; do as much with as little as possible.



System Balance....

"...everything is connected to everything else...."





Mitigative Structural Best Management Practices

*Runoff Volume/Infiltration-Oriented
Vegetative and Soil-Based*

1. Rain/recharge gardens/Bioretention
2. Vegetated filter strips
3. Vegetated Swales (Bio-infiltration, Dry, Wet)
4. Porous pavement with infiltration beds
5. Infiltration basins
6. Subsurface infiltration beds
7. Infiltration trenches
8. French drains/dry wells
9. Outlet control (level spreaders, etc.)
10. Retentive grading techniques, berms

Runoff Volume/Non-Infiltration-Oriented

11. Vegetated roofs
12. Cisterns/Rain Barrels/Capture Reuse

Runoff Quality/Non-Infiltration

13. Constructed wetlands
14. Wet ponds/retention basins
15. Filters
16. Water quality inserts
17. Detention/Extended Detention
18. Special Storage: Parking Lot, Rooftop, etc.

Restoration BMPs

19. Riparian Corridor Restoration
20. Revegetation/Reforestation
21. Soils Amendment



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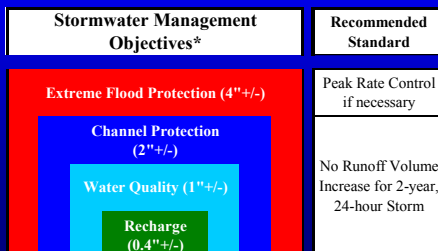
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An Integrated Tier of Standards: Recharge, Water Quality, Channel Protection, Major Flooding



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