Tisbury MA Impervious Cover Disconnection (ICD) Project

An Integrated Stormwater Management Approach for Promoting Urban Community Sustainability and Resilience

Task 4E Municipal Coordination Meeting

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Meeting Agenda

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Introduction

Project Overview

Project Goals

- Identify and quantify opportunities for the disconnection of impervious cover (IC)
- Building an understanding and capacity for integrating green infrastructure (GI) and other stormwater control measures (SCM) into municipal land use decision making
- Demonstrate the benefits that GI SCM provides for mitigating flooding and improving water quality
- Close collaboration and sharing information with municipal officials and representatives from the Town

Project Milestone & Timeline

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Terms and **Concepts**

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This slides in this section provide clarification of some important terms and concepts used throughout this presentation.

Soils. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) developed a simple classification schema for soils. According to this schema, soils may be classified as A, B, C or D. As a general rule, the infiltration rate (related: permeability, hydraulic conductivity) decreases from A to D. That is, A soils (sands) have the highest infiltration rate capacity and D soils (clays) have the lowest. For more information, refer to the USDA National Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) May 2007 publication entitled "Part 630 Hydrology National Engineering Handbook, Chapter 7: Hydrologic Soil Groups" available here: [https://directives.sc.egov.usda.gov/OpenNonWebContent.aspx?](https://directives.sc.egov.usda.gov/OpenNonWebContent.aspx?content=17757.wba) content=17757.wba

Urban Soils. As a general rule, it is difficult to characterize urban soils according to the USDA schema. This is because the development and redevelopment of urbanized areas and roadways results in quite significant excavation and relocation of soils, resulting in a patchwork of soils (i.e., "fill") used for and during construction. The characteristics of such fill may vary depending on where it was sourced.

In Tisbury, the B1 Business District (B1 District) is situated at an elevation close to the ocean shoreline, suggesting that soils in the B1 District may have some characteristic of marine clay (e.g., USDA C or D soils). Conversely, it is reasonable to presume that some of these soils are of a more sandy type (e.g., USDA A or B) and/or that soils relocated to the B1 District would likely have been sourced from more sandy soil areas of Martha's Vineyard. *<u>Additional With Additional With</u>*

Consequently, for this project and this presentation, urban soils have been depicted as "less likely". However, it is possible these soils could have a high infiltration rate, but the exact composition of B1 District soils would need to be confirmed during development, redevelopment and/or construction / implementation of SCMs for runoff control. The phrase "less likely" on slides 44 and 46-48 should be read as "possible - needs confirmation."

Hydrologic Response Unit (HRU). Hydrologists need a way to express stormwater runoff that occurs over large areas of land composed of differing land types (e.g., residential, commercial, industrial, forest) having different soil types (e.g., A, B, C, D) and characteristics (e.g., percent slope; percent impervious cover (%IC), etc.). Hydrologists use the hydrologic response unit – or HRU.

The combinations (or permutations) of these different land characteristics result in multiple unique HRUs (e.g., 1. residential $-$ A soil $-$ 5% slope $-$ 100%IC; 2. residential $-$ B soil $-$ 5% slope $-$ 100%IC; ... and so on). Because each of these HRU combinations describe an existing discrete land use type, they become the hydrologic 'building blocks' for evaluating stormwater runoff for a given community.

Once the set of possible HRUs have been defined for a given land area, the HRUs can be used to map and model runoff occurring on the land. In addition, HRUs help identify the nature and range of SCM opportunities.

Note: some HRUs make little or no practical sense (e.g., forest with 100%IC) – and as such, they do not apply (n/a) .

Depth to Groundwater. This EPA project relies on readily available geospatial data, such as geographical information system (GIS) data and data layers, and other general land use descriptions available for Tisbury by way of Town records, etc. As described above, one of the uncertainties associated with characterizing the Tisbury B1 Business District for this project (and other similar districts across Martha's Vineyard) is the composition of urban soils (fill).

Another uncertainty is depth to groundwater. The depth to groundwater is an important factor for determining the depth of soil above the groundwater table (unsaturated zone soils (UZS)) and therefore, runoff, that can be accommodated by infiltration (it is also an important factor to consider when constructing SCMs, or for development/redevelopment of roads or infrastructure). *<u>Si</u>lferina Room Califerina Room*

Based on the available data including the topography of Tisbury, as a general rule, the available UZS very likely increases upgradient of the B1 District (e.g., residential areas). Depth to groundwater would need to be determined as part of a pre-design phase associated with any construction action, such as SCM implementation. Notably, the HRU 'building blocks' discussed above DO NOT include depth to groundwater.

Relationship of Impervious Cover (IC) to Stormwater Runoff and Stream/Water Quality (S/WQ), Generally. Stormwater scientists discovered that as IC increases, the impact on runoff and S/WQ increase. As such, IC can be used as a 'surrogate' for predicting both runoff and S/WQ. The illustrations on the next two slides depict the effect of IC on runoff and S/WQ . ..

It should be noted that EPA has observed impacts to stream/water quality at IC as low as 8%.

Stormwater - Relationship between Impervious Cover (IC) and Surface Runoff

Reference: Federal Interagency Stream Corridor Restoration Working Group (FISRWG). 1998. Stream Corridor Restoration: Principles, Processes, and Practices. PB98-158348LUW.

By the Federal Interagency Stream Restoration Working Group (FISRWG) (15 Federal agencies of the U.S.)

Stormwater - Impact of Impervious Cover on Stream Quality

Performance Curves. EPA included the development of Performance Curves for bacteria into this project in part because, to date, EPA had not developed PCs for bacteria, but also in part because bacteria is a primary reason for control of stormwater – because elevated bacteria can cause closure of beaches and/or shellfishing areas.

So, what is a Performance Curve?

A Performance Curve tells a stormwater practitioner how much of a given pollutant (e.g., nitrogen, bacteria) can be controlled *simply on the* basis of the size of the stormwater control measure (SCM). This is important, because the practitioner need not spend time and resources monitoring the SCM for pollutants. Rather, the emphasis for practitioners is on (a) construction of the SCM to specification (to ensure it operates correctly) and (b) operation and maintenance of the SCM. Across New England, EPA estimates this approach – using Performance Curves – will save tens of millions of municipal dollars.

This is a Performance Curve for an Infiltration Trench SCM. At a design sizing of 0.4 in. of runoff depth, a practitioner can expect to control better than 90% of the nitrogen load. It's as simple as that! Moreover, for nitrogen, the curve tells the practitioner not to build an SCM for more than about 0.6 in. of runoff depth – because very little additional load reduction results from a larger SCM. This saves design and construction \$\$\$!!!

For more information on Performance Curves, refer to:

• USEPA (2018), Stormwater Control Measure Nomographs with Pollutant Removal and Design Cost Estimates (developed for EPA Region 1 by the University of New Hampshire Stormwater Center (UNHSC), available at:

[https://www3.epa.gov/region1/npdes/stormwater/assets/pdfs/ms4](https://www3.epa.gov/region1/npdes/stormwater/assets/pdfs/ms4-permit-nomographs.pdf) -permit-nomographs.pdf

• USEPA (March 2010), Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP) Performance Analysis, available at: https://www3.epa.gov/region1/npdes/stormwater/assets/pdfs/BM -Performance-Analysis-Report.pdf

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Review of Concept Designs

Super Service (2)

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EXISTING CONDITIONS

PROPOSED DESIGN

NOTE: DIMENSIONS AND LOCATIONS ARE APPROXIMATE AND MAY VARY. MUST FIELD VERIFY LOCATIONS

The table on the next slide compares the volumetric and pollutant load reduction attributable to two green infrastructure (GI) stormwater control measures (SCM), the infiltration trench (IT) and gravel wetland (GW), assuming an infiltration rate (IR) of 1.02 inches per hour. As a general rule, the IT outperforms the GW.

Some points to consider:

- The IR of 1.02 in/hr is conservative for A and/or B soils. With the possible exception of the soils identified as "urban", the Tisbury soils likely have a significantly higher infiltration rate than 1.02 in/hr;
- Nitrogen, as nitrate (NO3-) or nitrite (NO2-), is soluable in water. The exact fate of such nitrogen that is infiltrated will depend on where it is infiltrated. For example, as a general proposition, it would not be advisable to infiltrate stormwater containing high concentrations of soluable nitrogen near a waterbody, such as Lagoon Pond. The higher upgradient (and away from a surface water body) that infiltration occurs, the more likely such nitrogen will be naturally attenuated.

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Generic Subsurface Gravel Filter Detail

Notes

- 1. Heavy equipment shall not be used such that will jeopardize infiltration capacity of the native sub-grade.
- 2. Storage layer can be comprised of materials (natural or manufactured) to hold the design storage volume (DSV).
- 3. Overflow shall be located to drain back to existing storm drainage. Elevation can be varied to meet existing infrastructure inverts and flow controlled through orifice or weir features.
- 4. Hydraulic inlets should be drained by gravity to the extent practicable and include adequate pretreatment to reduce incidence of clogging and long-term maintenance.
- 5. Surface cover may vary and include pavement, grass, trees, soil or any combination desirable by end user and site specific requirements.

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Review of Modeling Tasks

Task 4A. GIS **Analysis** (HRU/SCM Categories)

Hydrologic Response Unit Development

- •**Land Use Classification (commercial, industrial, residential, etc.)**
- •**Land Cover (pervious, impervious, buildings)**
- •**Soil Classification (A, B, C, D)**
- •**Slope (low, medium, high)**

Potential SCM Opportunities

- •**Site Suitability Criteria**
- •**GIS Layers**
- •**Town Owned Parcels**
- •**Zoning layer**

Source: Land Use 2005 polygons (MassGIS)

Land Use Classification Table

Source: LiDAR Terrain 2014 raster (MassGIS)

HRU **Categories**

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HRU Area Distribution

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GI SCM Siting Criteria

Tisbury Zoning B1 Business District B2 Light Business District W/C Waterfront Commercial R10 Residential District R20 Residential District R25 Residential District R50 Residential District R3A Residential District LHP Lagoon Harbor Park NZ Not Zoned $N/7$

Watcha Road
Alwardt Way

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GI SCM Opportunities All B1/WC **Districts**

GI SCM Opportunities Town Ownership

GI SCM Opportunities Town Ownership B1/WC **Districts**

Task 4B. Current State Modeling (Baseline)

- Local Weather Data (1999 2018)
	- **E** Hourly precipitation (in/hr)
	- Daily min/max temperature (^0F)
- Opti-Tool Setup
	- **E** SWMM-HRU models (unit-area based)
	- Update weather data
	- Run SWMM models for 33 HRU categories
- Opti-Tool Results
	- SWMM output timeseries (Flow and TN)
	- Convert hourly HRU timeseries to Opti-Tool required format
	- **E** Summary analysis (heat maps)

Martha's Vineyard (left) vs Boston Logan (right)

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Martha's Vineyard (left) vs Boston Logan (right)

Opti-Tool HRUs

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Task 4C. Evaluate Source Area **Contributions** and GI SCM Reduction Benefits at Outfall #2 & #7

- Finalize the catchment boundaries
- Identify GI SCM opportunities and treatment sub-areas in each catchment
- Tabulate HRU area distribution in each catchment and GI SCM sub-areas
- Analyze catch basins and storm drainage pipes specification (size, invert level, diversion)
- Develop flow routing network
- Setup and run Opti-Tool model with and without GI SCM.
- Summarize Opti-Tool results

Task 4D. SCM **Performance** Curves for **Bacteria**

- Review Literature
	- **Event Mean Concentrations**
	- **Export Rates**
	- **Buildup/Washoff Values**
	- **SCM** efficiencies
- Run SWMM with Buildup/Washoff Values for Bacteria
- Compare Simulated Concentrations and Loads to Literature Values
- Use Opti-Tool to develop performance curves based on SWMM timeseries and published SCM efficiencies

Observed EMCs

Locations include: CA,NC,MA,TN,TX,WA,WI,MD

Sources: Stein, 2008; Krometis et al.,2009; NSQD; Hathaway and Hunt, 2010; Schueler, 2000, McCarthy et al., 2012; Li and Davis, 2009

Observed Loadings

Previous applications of SWMM studies for bacteria

Simulated EMCs

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Simulated Loading

Observed range: 9 – 1,397 Billion/ac/yr

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- Major mechanisms for bacteria removal
	- Sorption
	- Sedimentation
	- Filtration
- Several factors impact bacteria removal in SCMs
	- Holding time
	- Sunlight
	- **■** Salinity
	- **■** Temperature
	- **•** Predation
- SCMs can be a *source* of bacteria
- SMCs that use filtration and infiltration may perform better than those relying on settling processes

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• 400 simulations later...

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Feasible SCM Controls and Management **Strategies**

Additional Field Investigations / Concept **Designs**

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