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# Agenda

15 min.: Basics of Bioretention

20 min: Design Standards and Criteria

15 min: Maintenance and Inspection

10 min: Bioretention in the Region



- Also called rain gardens
- Treatment through filtration, infiltration, and biological
- Applicable to small drainage areas. Less than 2 acres recommended with maximum of 5 acres



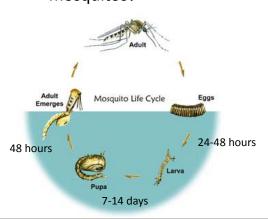
- Length to width ratio of 2:1
- Drain time of less than 48 hours



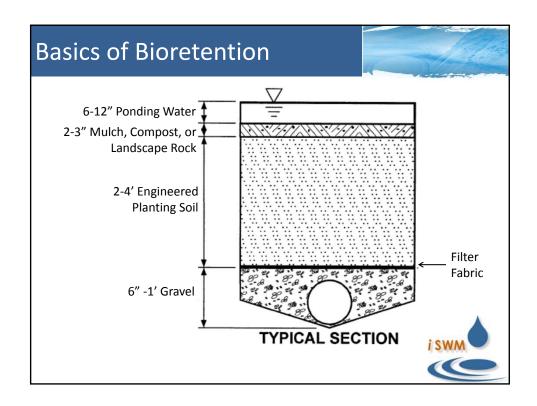
### **Basics of Bioretention**

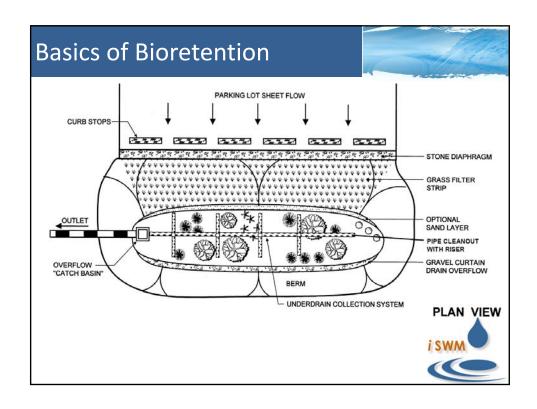
### Common questions

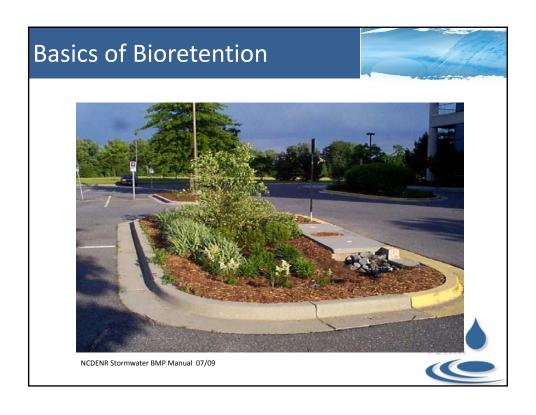
 Will using bioretention create breeding grounds for mosquitos?

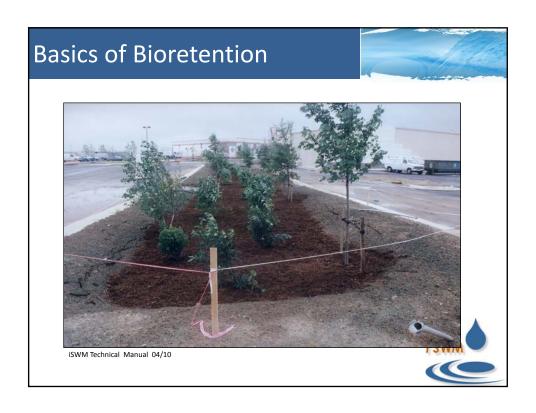


- Mosquito eggs and larva are aquatic, need water to survive.
- If water dries out, eggs die.
- The required drawdown rates drain the water before a pupa can develop.

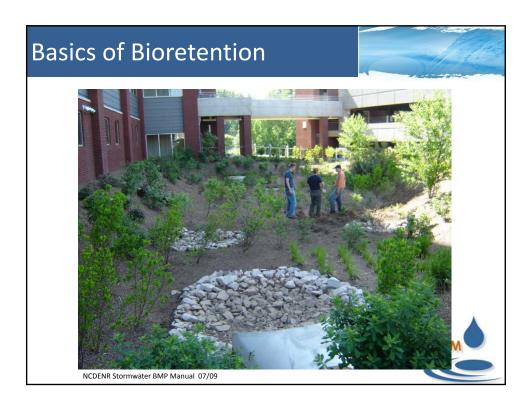


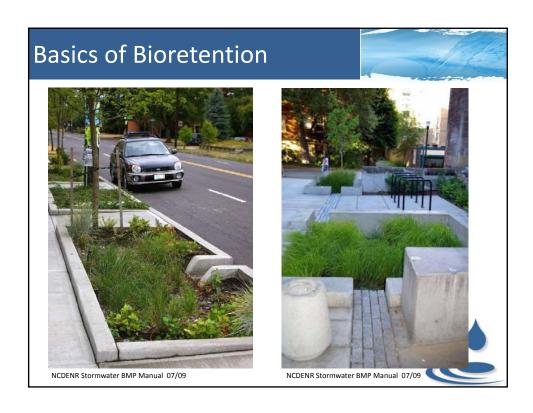








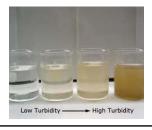






# **Efficiency**

80%	Total Suspended Solids
60%/50%	Nutrients (Total Phosphorus/Total Nitrogen)
80%	Metals (Cadium, Copper, Lead, and Zinc
No Data	Pathogens (Coliform, Streptococci, E. Coli)







### **Basics of Bioretention**

- How to Calculate the Water Quality Volume
  - 1. Calculate the volumetric runoff coefficient

$$R_v = 0.05 + 0.009(I)$$

where I = percent of impervious cover (%)

2. Calculate the water quality volume (WQ<sub>v</sub>)

$$WQ_v = \frac{1.5 R_v A}{12}$$

where:

WQ<sub>v</sub> = water quality protection volume (acre-feet)

 $R_v = volumetric runoff coefficient$ 

A = total drainage area (acres)



### Calculating the area of bioretention:

 Use Darcy's Law equation to determine the required ponding area

$$A_f = \frac{(WQ_v)(d_f)}{\left[(k)(h_f + d_f)(t_f)\right]}$$

Where:

 $A_f$  = surface area of ponding area (ft<sup>2</sup>)

 $WQ_v = \text{water quality volume (ft}^3)$  [1 acre-feet = 43,560 cubic feet]

d<sub>f</sub> = Engineered planting soil depth (ft) [2 to 4 ft]

k = design coefficient of permeability for filter media (ft/day) [use 0.5 ft./day to as a conservative design rate for bioretention soil infiltration]

h<sub>f</sub> = average height of water above filter bed (ft) [typically half of max depth]

t<sub>f</sub> = design filter bed drain time (days) [2 days or 48 hours recommended]

### **Basics of Bioretention**

### **Bioretention Exercise (10 min.)**

A commercial development is being planned for a **5** acre lot with an equivalent drainage area and **80% proposed** impervious cover. They plan on treating their water quality volume with a bioretention pond. Assume a filter bed depth of **3** feet and a max ponding depth of **6** inches.

What is the water quality volume? What is the required area of a bioretention pond? Proposed Development



#### **Bioretention Exercise**

Step 1) Determine the water quality volume

$$WQ_{v} = \frac{1.5 (0.77) (5)}{12} = 0.48 \ acre \ ft$$

Step 2) Determine the surface area of the ponding area

$$A_f = \frac{(20,909)(3)}{[(0.5)(0.25+3)(2)]}$$
  
= 19,300 sq. ft.

With 2:1 ratio requirement area should be approx. 196.5 ft by 98.25 ft





### **Basics of Bioretention**

### **Cost of Bioretention**

EPA Cost Estimate = 7.30 \* V 0.99

where: V = bioretention volume in cubic feet

For example problem:  $7.30 * 20,909^{0.99} = $138,182$ 

**Cost savings:** 

Curb, Inlets, Pipe, etc.

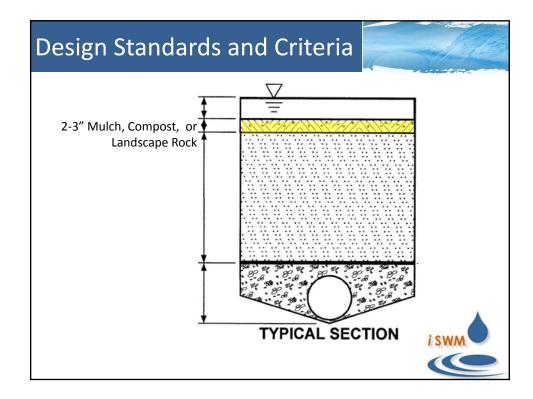








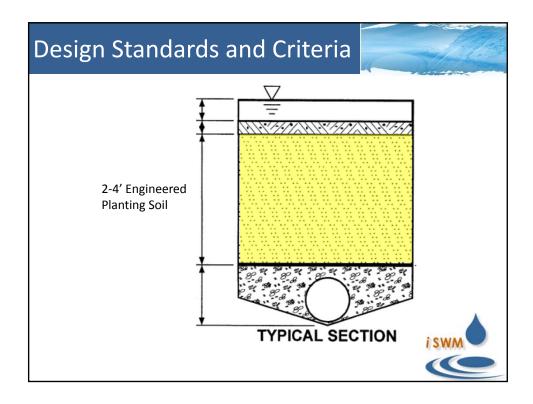




#### **Mulch Standards**

- Commercially available double or triple shredded and screened hardwood mulch or chips
- Stock piled or stored for 6 to 12 months
- No soil or fine organics
- No grass clippings or pine straw
- Uniform in color





### **Engineered Soil Standards**

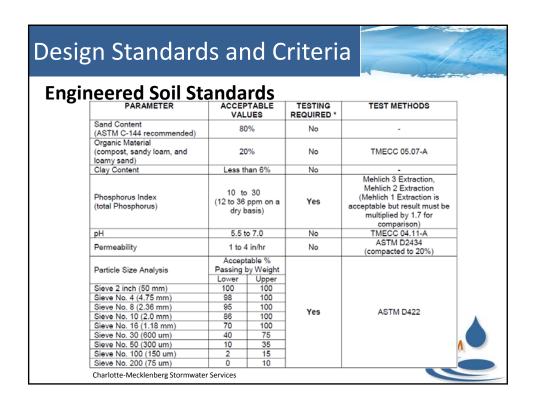
- Minimum of 2 feet deep. 4 feet if trees are present.
- Locate on A or B soils where possible
- Free of stones, lumps, or roots larger than 2"
- Sandy loam, loamy sand, or loam texture
- Sand content of 50-60%
- Leaf compost content of 20-30%
- Topsoil content of 20-30%
- Clay content of 5 to 8%
- Organic content (such as peat moss) of 1.5 to 3%

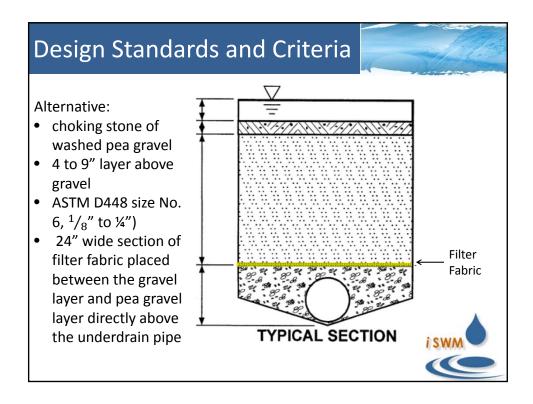
### Design Standards and Criteria

### **Engineered Soil Standards**

- Infiltration rate of at least 0.5 in/hr to 1.5 in/hr (1.0 ft/day to 3.0 ft/day)
- pH between 5.5 and 7.0
- Maximum soluble salt concentration of 500ppm
- Uniform mix
- Required tests include a sieve analysis, pH, and organic matter test
- Phosphorus index between 10 and 30





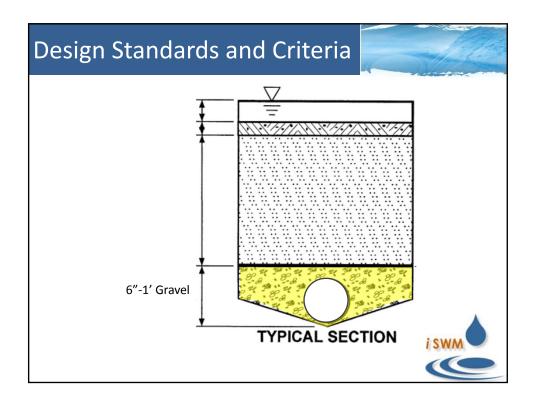


#### **Filter Fabric Standards**

- Placed over the gravel layer and along sloping outer walls to limit infiltration before filtration and to prevent lateral flow under pavement
- Filter fabric shall be non-woven
- Minimum permittivity rate of 75 to 125 gal/min/ft<sup>2</sup>

Geotextile Property	Value	Test Method			
Trapezoidal Tear (lbs)	40 (min)	ASTM D4533			
Permeability (cm/sec)	0.2 (min)	ASTM D4491			
AOS (sieve size)	#60 - #70 (min)	ASTM D4751			
Ultraviolet resistance	70% or greater	ASTM D4355			
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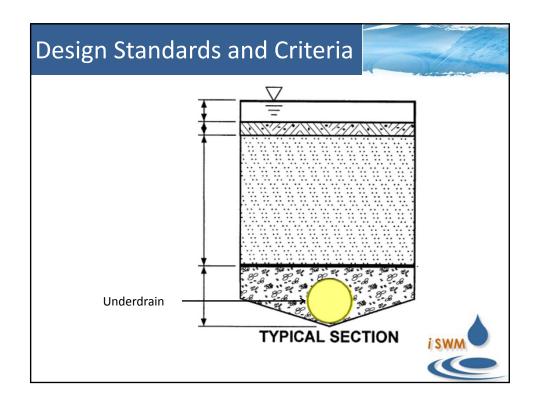
### **Gravel Layer Standards**

- Creates positive drainage, keeps underdrain free of sediment, aerobic conditions in the planting soil, and provides final polishing treatment.
- Gravel should be #57 ( ½"-1½"), double washed.
- AASHTO M-43 specification
- Drawdown within 72 hours

Sieve size	Percent Passing
¾ inch	100
1/4 inch	30-60
US No. 8	20-50
US No. 50	3-12
US No. 200	0-1

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#### **Underdrain Standards**

- 6-inch perforated PVC pipe, rigid Schedule 40 (AASHTO M 278)
- 3/8-inch perforations, spaced at 6-inch centers, with a minimum 4 holes per row
- Pipe spaced at a maximum of 10 feet on center
- Minimum grade of 0.5%
- Assume 50% capacity loss due to clogging



### Design Standards and Criteria

#### **Underdrain Cleanout Standards**

- 6-inch solid PVC cleanouts provided every 50 linear feet, at all bends, and ends of system
- Top of cleanouts should extend 6-inches above maximum ponding elevation
- One cleanout installed as emergency drain, even with top of mulch layer with a 6-inch threaded extension pipe
- All cleanouts shall have watertight, vandal-proof caps

### **Landscaping Standards**

- Tree-to-shrub ratio of 2:1 or 3:1
- Trees placed 8 feet apart
- Plants should be resistant to drought and inundation

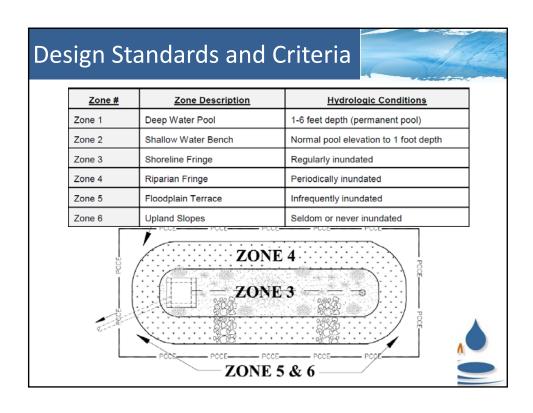








Commonly Used Species for Bi	ioretention Areas	
<u>Trees</u>	<u>Shrubs</u>	Herbaceous Species
Acer rubrum	Amorpha fruticosa	Andropogon virginicus
Red Maple (Zones 2, 3, 4)	False Indigo (Zones 3, 4)	Broom Sedge/ Grass (Zone 4)
Betula nigra	Aronia arbutifolia	Eupatorium fistolosum
River Birch (Zones 4, 5)	Red Chokeberry (Zones 2, 3)	Joe Pye Weed (Zone 4)
Cercis canadensis Eastern Redbud (Zones 4, 5)	Callicarpa Americana American Beautyberry (Zones 4, 5)	Iris pseudacorus Yellow Iris
Crataegus reverchonii	Hamemelis virginiana	Lobelia cardinalis
Reverchon's Hawthorn (Zone 6)	Witch Hazel (Zone 5)	Cardinal Flower (Zone 3)
<i>Juglans nigra</i>	Lindera benzoin	Malvaviscus drummondii
Black Walnut (Zone 6)	Spicebush	Turk's Cap (Zones 4, 5, 6)
Juniperus virginiana	<i>Myrica pennsylvanica</i>	Panicum capillare
Eastern Red Cedar (Zones 5, 6)	Bayberry	Witchgrass (Zones 3, 4, 5, 6)
Platanus occidentalis	Prunus mexicana	Panicum virgatum
Sycamore	Mexican Plum (Zones 5, 6)	Switchgrass (Zone 2)
Quercus phellos Willow Oak (Zones 3, 4, 5)	Rhamnus caroliniana Carolina Buckthorn (Zones 4, 5, 6)	Pennisetum alopecuroides Fountaingrass (Zone 6)
Quercus macrocarpa	Viburnum rufidumlum	Rudbeckia hirta
Bur Oak (Zones 5, 6)	Rusty Blackhaw (Zones 4, 5, 6)	Black Eyed Susan (Zone 4)





# Maintenance and Inspection





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#### **NCTCOG iSWM Manual**

	Activity	Schedule
•	Pruning and weeding to maintain appearance.	
•	Mulch replacement when erosion is evident.	As needed
•	Remove trash and debris.	
•	Inspect inflow points for clogging (off-line systems). Remove any sediment.	
•	Inspect filter strip/grass channel for erosion or gullying. Re-seed or sod as necessary.	Semi-annually
•	Trees and shrubs should be inspected to evaluate their health and remove any dead or severely diseased vegetation.	
•	The planting soils should be tested for pH to establish acidic levels. If the pH is below 5.2, limestone should be applied. If the pH is above 7.0 to 8.0, then iron sulfate plus sulfur can be added to reduce the pH.	Annually
,	Replace mulch over the entire area.	•
•	Replace pea gravel diaphragm if warranted (or when the voids are obviously filled with sediment and water is no longer infiltrating).	2 to 3 years

# Maintenance and Inspection

#### **North Carolina Division of Water Quality**

12.4.2. Sample Operation and Maintenance Provisions

Important operation and maintenance procedures:

- Immediately after the bioretention cell is established, the plants will be watered twice weekly if needed until the plants become established (commonly six weeks).
- Snow, mulch or any other material will NEVER be piled on the surface of the bioretention cell.
- Heavy equipment will NEVER be driven over the bioretention cell.
- Special care will be taken to prevent sediment from entering the bioretention cell
- Once a year, a soil test of the soil media will be conducted.

After the bioretention cell is established, I will inspect it **once a month and within 24 hours after every storm event greater than 1.0 inches (or 1.5 inches if in a Coastal County)**. Records of operation and maintenance will be kept in a known set location and will be available upon request.

Inspection activities shall be performed as follows. Any problems that are found shall be repaired immediately.



# Maintenance and Inspection



# Prince George's County, Maryland – Bioretention Manual

- Sequence of Construction for Bioretention
- Bioretention Inspection Checklist
- Bioretention Plan Review Checklist





### Sequence of Construction For Bioretention

1.	Install sediment control devices as shown on the plansConstruction time: Day(s)
2.	Grade site to elevations shown on plan. If applicable, construct curb openings, and/or remove and replace existing concrete as specified on the plan. Curb openings shall be blocked or other measures taken to prohibit drainage from entering construction area. At the end of each workday, all excavations shall be protected by construction safety fencing or temporary backfill as needed.  -Construction time: Day(s)
3.	Stabilize grading within Limit of Disturbance except for Bioretention Area. Bioretention areas may be utilized as sediment traps <i>if</i> the proposed invert of the bioretention facility is 1' lower then the sediment trap.  -Construction time: Day(s)
4.	Excavate bioretention area to proposed invert depth and scarify the existing soil surfaces, taking care not to compact the in-situ materials.  -Construction time: Day(s)
4a.	Install underdrain system and observation wells, if specified -Construction time: Day(s)
5.	Backfill bioretention area with planting soil as shown in the plans and detailed in the specifications. Overfilling is recommended to account for settlement.  -Construction time: Day(s)
6.	Presoak the planting soil prior to planting vegetation to allow for settlement. This can be done by water truck or allowing water to enter the pit from a rain event.  -Construction time: Day(s)
7.	Excavate or fill to achieve proper design grade, leaving space for the upper layer of mulch and/or topsoil that will bring the surface to final grade and ready for planting.  -Construction time: Day(s)
8.	Plant vegetation specified in the planting plan for Bioretention AreaConstruction time: Day(s)
9.	Mulch and install erosion protection at entrance points; remove sediment control practices or entrance blocks with inspector authorization.  -Construction time: Day(s)
То	tal Estimated Construction Time: Day(s)

Note: The times above represent construction time only and not the full duration of the individual activities. For example, activity six (presoak) may be one month long allowing for natural settlement to occur before proceeding to activity 7.

#### 4.17 Inspectors Checklist for Bioretention

The following checklist has been derived and modified from a checklist developed by the Community Standards Division, Site Development Inspection Section for use when evaluating a bioretention facility during different phases:

#### 4.17.1 Bioretention Inspection Checklist

#### 1. Pre-construction Meeting

- Approved Stormwater Management Plan
- Disseminate inspection requirements; what needs inspection
- Z Ticket and tag requirements & a copy of the geotechnical report (if available)

#### 2. Excavation of Bioretention Area

- Suitable sub-grade materials
- Presence of moisture or water
- Dimensions and placement of excavation conforms with plans
- Sediment and erosion control devices in place

#### 3. Installation Phase

- Optional sand layer placed per plan
- Backfill soil conforms with specifications and placed per details and specifications
- Correct placement of ground cover or mulch cover
- Correct placement of underdrains (size, schedule, location) where required
- ∠ Correct placement of filter fabric
- Proper placement of plant materials (type, size, quantity, tags)
- Proper grade establishment

#### 4. Final Inspection and As-Built

- Solution Original signed/sealed Certification Letter (for private facilities) and/or As-Built Plan (for public facilities) from a Maryland Registered Professional Engineer
- Example 22 Changes in grading, facility depth, size, soil medium, plant materials, etc., shall require an Asbuilt Plan whether private or public to reflect the changes.
- Maintenance Agreement/Covenant for bioretention facilities located on private property
- All landscaping installed/landscape warrantee documentation received
- Bioretention configuration, size and depth are in accordance with approved plans
- ∠ Landscaping certification documentation for bioretention facility(ies)
- Drainage area completely stabilized

### 2.16 Bioretention Site Submittal Requirements

# BIORETENTION PLAN REVIEW CHECKLIST

Project Name:	Date Received:
Project Address:	
Case #:	
Accepted - Not Accepted - N/A	<u>A</u>
	Plan Standard Notes & Specifications
	Thin Standard 140tes & Specifications
	Notes on sediment & erosion controls.
	Sequence of Construction.
	Sediment control notes for bioretention facilities during construction.
	Specifications for construction materials.
	Compaction Notes.
	Easements.
	Copy of concept letter.
	Storm drain notes.
	Stormwater management construction specifications.
	Plan Layout
	I lan Layout
	Vicinity map.
	Owner / developer information.
	Approval box.
	Plan view of site & facilities.
	Cross-section along centerline of bioretention.
	Cross-section along stormdrain or flow path.
	Existing grades and proposed grades.
	Elevation at surface, ponding elevation.
	Standard detail for bioretention.
	Landscaping plan.
	Soil map.
	Inflow and discharge points/connections.

### Drainage Area to Facilities

DAM delineated to each facility. Drainage area less than 2 acres max. Facilities located near source. Facilities not to be placed where concentrated water discharge exceeds 3 cfs.
Grading
 Existing and proposed contours with limits of disturbance.
 Spot elevations at entrance invert.
 Underdrain invert elevation and facility invert elevation.
 ½ inch contours for detail at facility.
 Not crossing properties and 2-foot min. from property lines.
 Not to be built in public right of ways.
 Not to be built where wooded areas would need to be cleared to
make room for the facility.
 Sloped areas exceeding 20% shall not be used for bioretention
 except "weep-gardens" designs.
25 ft. setback from the home foundation.
<b>Facility Components</b>
 Pretreatment - Erosion protection: RipRap, Reno mattress, etc.
 Flow entrance – Curb cut, curb deflector, pipe outfall, etc.
 Ponding area – depth 6 inch max.
 Planting soil medium – 50% construction sand, 20-30% organic leaf
compost, and 20-30% topsoil with a max. of 5% clay content.
 Mulch and/or groundcover
 Filtering mechanism
- Gravel & Filter Cloth
- Peagravel
- Other
 Underdrain or outlet - Approved pipe material, pipe size perforation size.
 Safe overflow allowance

	Design Computations	
	Facilities designed for water quality and/or wate Method of Sizing:  MD Unified Sizing Methodolgy Prince George's LID Methodolgy Prince George's % DA Methodology Post Development RCN Value Geotechnical Report.	r quantity control
	Landscaping Detail	
	Plan view of landscaping. Plant list. Planting notes. Planting schedule and specifications. Standard detail for planting. Use bioretention plant list – (No exotic or invasi	ve plants).
	Permitting	
	Sediment / Erosion Control. Stormdrain permit for construction. Easement or Maintenance Covenant	
COMME	ENTS:	
First Revi	ew: Reviewer	Dateith corrections.
Second Ro	eview: Reviewer  Please complete all items checked "Not Accept" and return w	Dateith corrections.
Ø	I hereby approve all items listed above being completed as per specifications.	r County
Reviewer	'sSignature	Date

### BIORENTENTION INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Sign and date each phase of construction, as each one is completed. This is to confirm that each phase was completed in compliance with County approved plans and specifications. Refer to the Bioretention Guidelines located in The Bioretention Manual for any questions on bioretention installation and specifications.

1)	Arrange a pre	e-construction	meeti	ing with t	he (	Count	y Inspec	tor.	Review sequence	ce of
	construction,	dimensions	and	location	of	the	facility,	soil	specifications	and
	landscaping, a	and required i	nspect	tions and	cert	ificati	ons.		-	

Ø	Required Inspections: Site engineer shall be present during the construction of the
	facility in order for the engineer to certify the installation and completion of the
	facility. The following inspections shall be approved in writing by the County
	inspector prior to proceeding to next activity.

Contractor/Developer	Inspector		

### **Excavation of Bioretention Area**

1)	Inspect the subgrade for proper depth, permeability, and presence of water. A	√lso
	inspect the dimensions and location of the area for conformity with the appro-	ved
	stormdrain plan.	

Inspector

### **Installation**

- 1) Scarify the bottom and sides of the facility before installation of any materials. Inspect correct placement of the underdrain system, which includes pipe size, perforations, pipe schedule, gravel bedding, filter cloth, and location of system.
  - \* Inspectors must obtain tickets for materials used in the installation of the underdrain.
- 2) Inspect the planting soil medium for conformity with specifications and placed per details and specifications. Avoid compaction of the soil.
  - \* A soil certification for the planting soil medium will be required by the inspector.

**Contractor/Developer** 

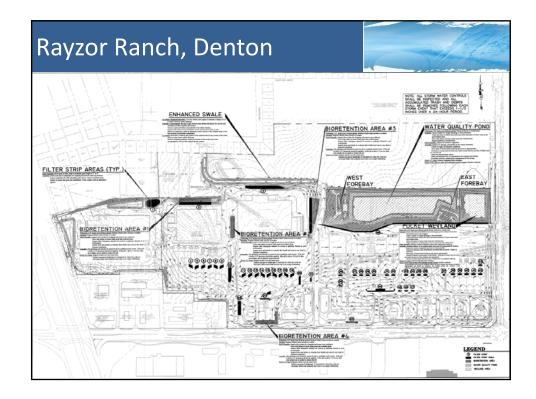
3)	Inspect for proper placement of mulch layer. Also inspect for proper placement of landscaping, including type, size, and quantity of plants.  * Inspectors must obtain tags for planting materials to verify plantings.
4)	Inspect proper pooling depth of the facility.
Co	ontractor/Developer Inspector
	Final Inspection
1)	Inspect the bioretention configuration, size, and depth are in accordance with approved plans.
2)	Inspect the landscaping to verify compliance with approved plans.
3)	Drainage area must conform to approved plan. Drainage area must be permanently stabilized. Sediment controls devices shall remain in place until the contributing drainage area to the bioretention facilities is permanently stabilized.
?	For final inspection of a private facility, submit a copy of the Maintenance Agreement/Covenant and an original signed/sealed certification letter from a Maryland registered professional engineer for the completed facility. If any changes to the facility (location, size, etc.), approved As-Builts are required.  - OR -
?	For final inspection of a public facility, submit a certified As-Built plan, original landscaping certification, and release of liens.
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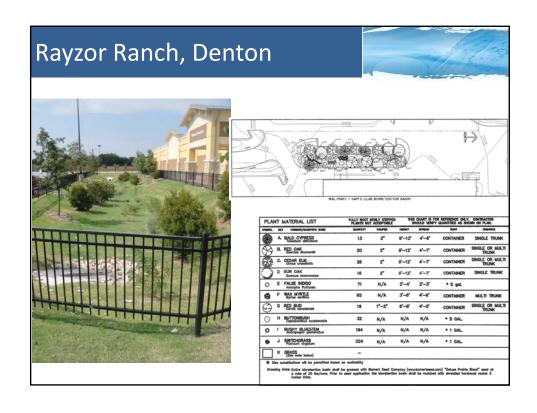


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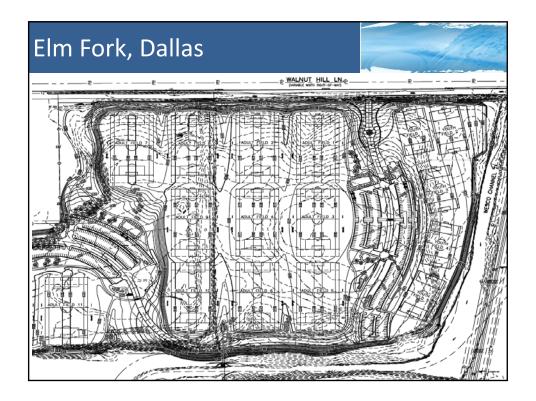


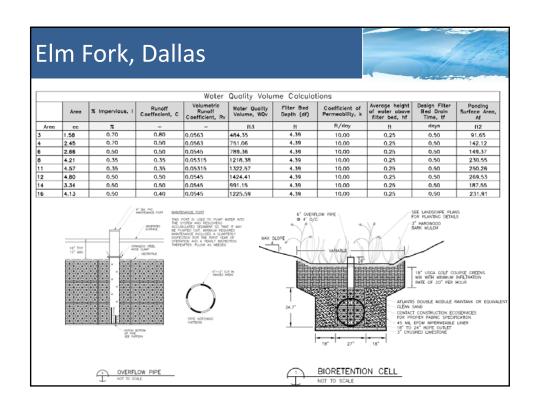


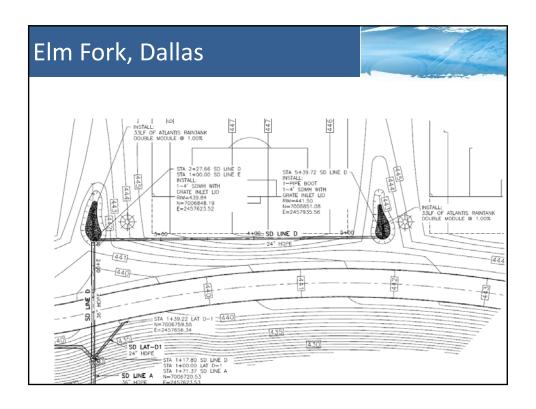










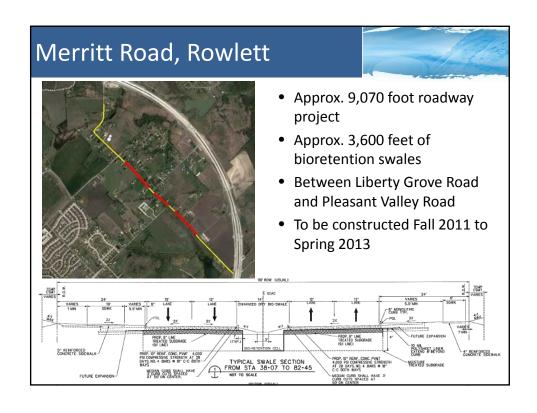


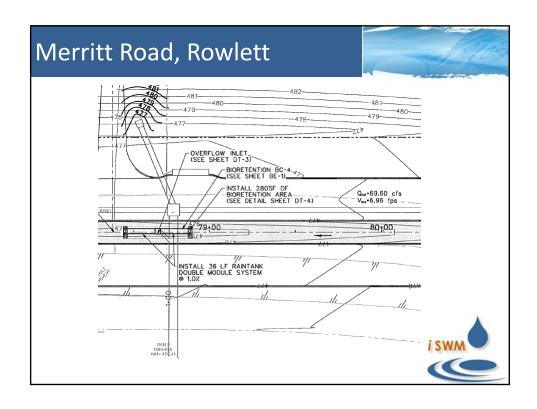


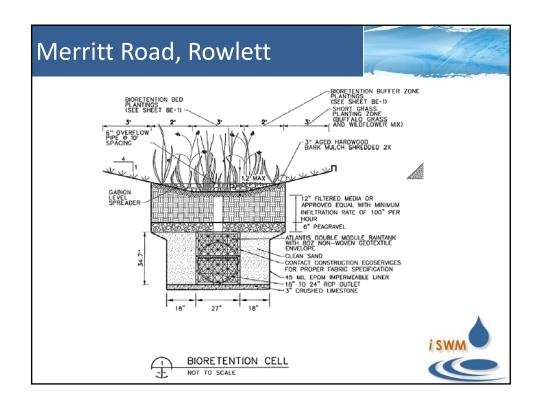


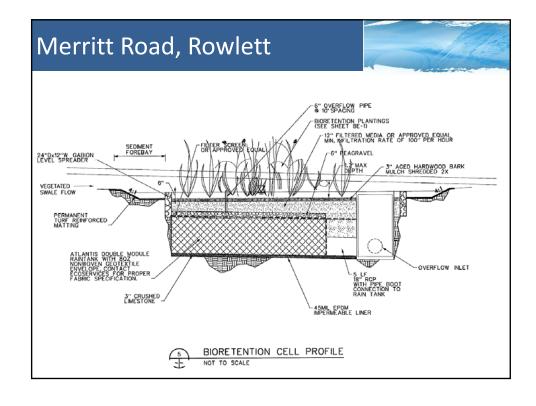












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