

# Applying the Water Quality Volume

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# Post-Construction Storm Water Mgmt.

“So that a receiving stream’s physical, chemical and biological characteristics are protected, and stream functions are maintained, post-construction practices shall provide long-term management of runoff quality and quantity.”



# 1. Effective BMP

Table 4a Extended Detention Post-Construction Practices with Minimum Drain Times

Extended Detention Practices	Minimum Drain Time of WQv
Wet Extended Detention Basin <sup>1,2</sup>	24 hours
Constructed Extended Detention Wetland <sup>1,2</sup>	24 hours
Dry Extended Detention Basin <sup>1,3</sup>	48 hours
Permeable Pavement – Extended Detention <sup>1</sup>	24 hours
Underground Storage – Extended Detention <sup>1,4</sup>	24 hours
Sand & Other Media Filtration - Extended Detention <sup>1,5</sup>	24 hours

Table 4b Infiltration Post-Construction Practices with Maximum Drain Times

Infiltration Practices	Maximum Drain Time of WQv
Bioretention Area/Cell <sup>1,2</sup>	24 hours
Infiltration Basin	24 hours
Infiltration Trench <sup>2</sup>	48 hours
Permeable Pavement – Infiltration <sup>3</sup>	48 hours
Underground Storage – Infiltration <sup>3,4</sup>	48 hours

## 2. Water Quality Volume (WQv)

$$WQv = P_{wq} \times Rv \times A \div 12$$

WQv = water quality volume (ac-ft)

$P_{wq}$  = 0.90 inches

Rv = volumetric runoff coefficient

A = disturbed or contributing drainage area (acres)

# Runoff Coefficient

$$R_v = 0.05 + 0.9(i)$$

- $i$  = fraction impervious (impervious area  $\div$  total area)
- Volumetric, not influenced by conditions such as intensity
  - Similar but not same as rational method coefficient “C”

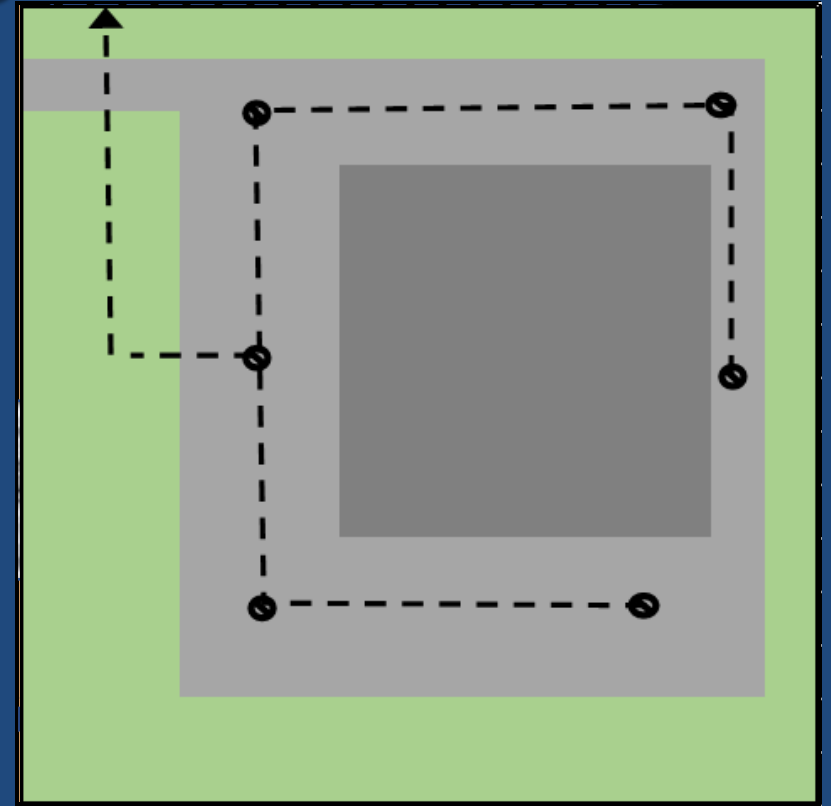
# CALCULATION SCENARIOS

- New Construction
- Previously Developed Areas (Redevelopment)
- Water Quality Flow

# Example Site

Total site area: 2.25 acres  
Total disturbed area: 2.25 acres  
Planned impervious area: 1.35 acres

All WQv's will be shown in cubic feet





# NEW DEVELOPMENT





# WQv Required

$$WQv = P_{wq} \times Rv \times A_{\text{disturbed}} \div 12$$

$$Rv = 0.05 + 0.9(i)$$

Where:

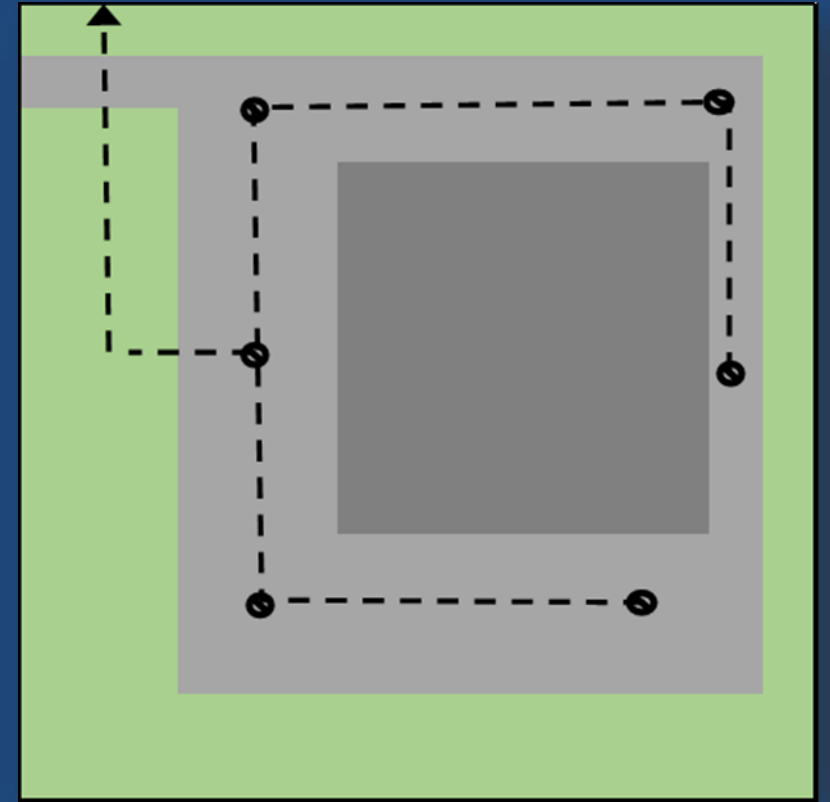
$$i = 1.35 \text{ ac} \div 2.25 \text{ ac} = 0.60 \text{ (60\%)}$$

$$Rv = 0.05 + 0.9(0.60) = 0.59$$

$$P_{wq} = 0.90 \text{ in}$$

$$A = 2.25 \text{ ac}$$

$$WQv \text{ (required)} = 0.100 \text{ ac-ft } (4,337 \text{ ft}^3)$$

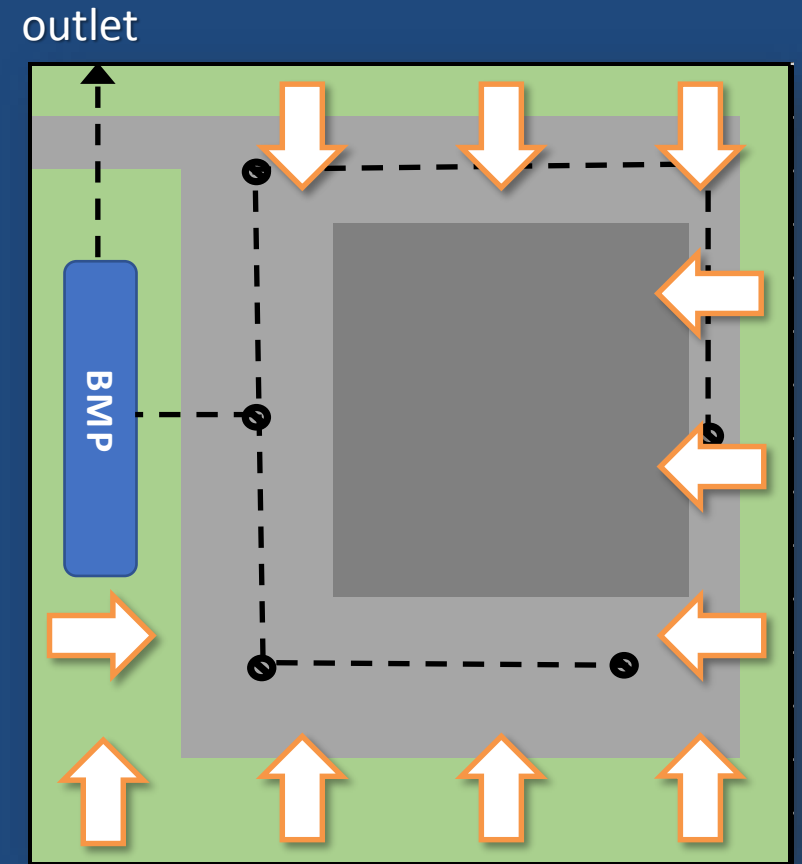


# WQv Design

The site is required to treat 4,337 ft<sup>3</sup> with post-construction BMPs; however each post-construction BMP must be designed to treat 100% of the WQv for its contributing area.

The full 2.25 acre disturbance is graded toward a single post-construction BMP. In this case, the disturbed area and BMP drainage area are both 2.25 acres with  $R_v = 0.59$ :

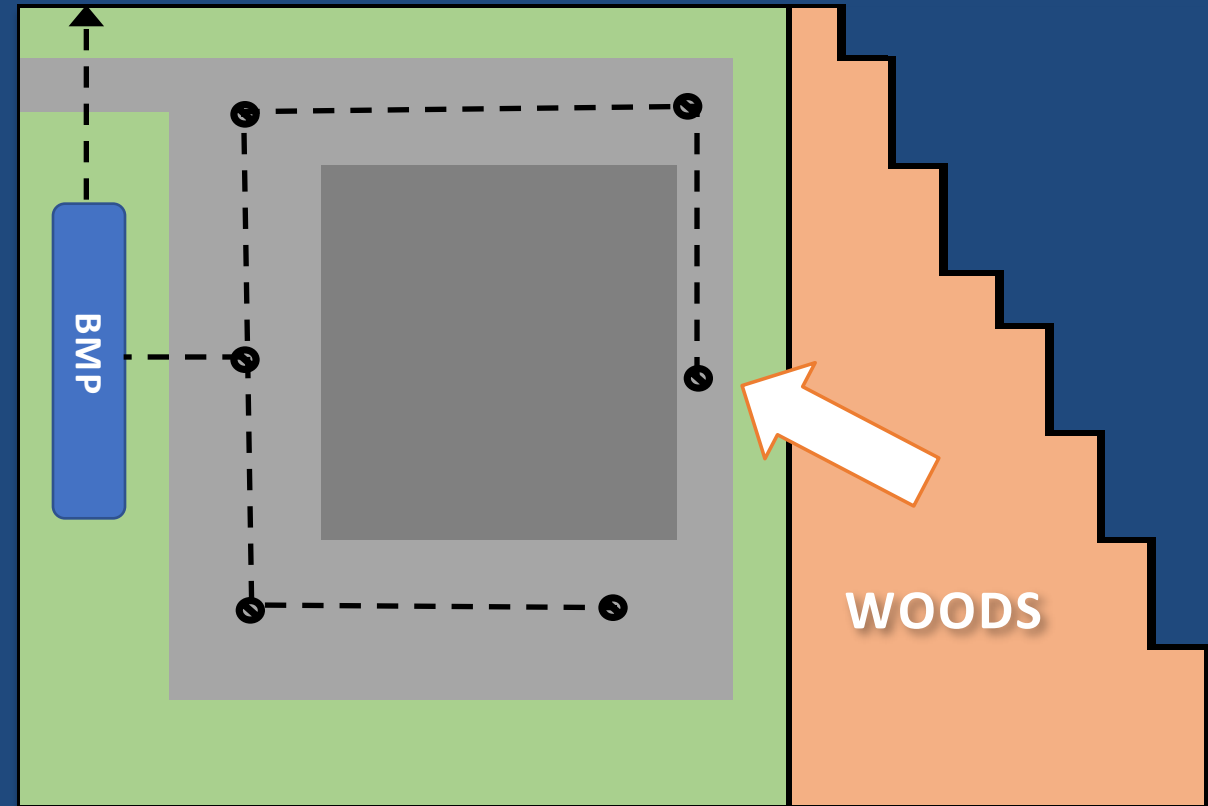
$$WQv \text{ (design)} = WQv \text{ (required)} = 4,337 \text{ ft}^3$$



# Offsite Run-on

An **additional 0.75 acres** runs onto the site from beyond the disturbance, draining to the post-construction BMP.

Unless diverted, the BMP design WQv must include this contributing drainage area.



# Offsite Run-on

$$R_v = 0.05 + 0.9(i)$$

$$i = 1.35 \text{ ac} \div 3.00 \text{ ac} = 0.45 \text{ (45\%)}$$

$$R_v = 0.05 + 0.9(0.45) = 0.455$$

$$WQ_v = P_{wq} \times R_v \times A_{\text{drained}} \div 12$$

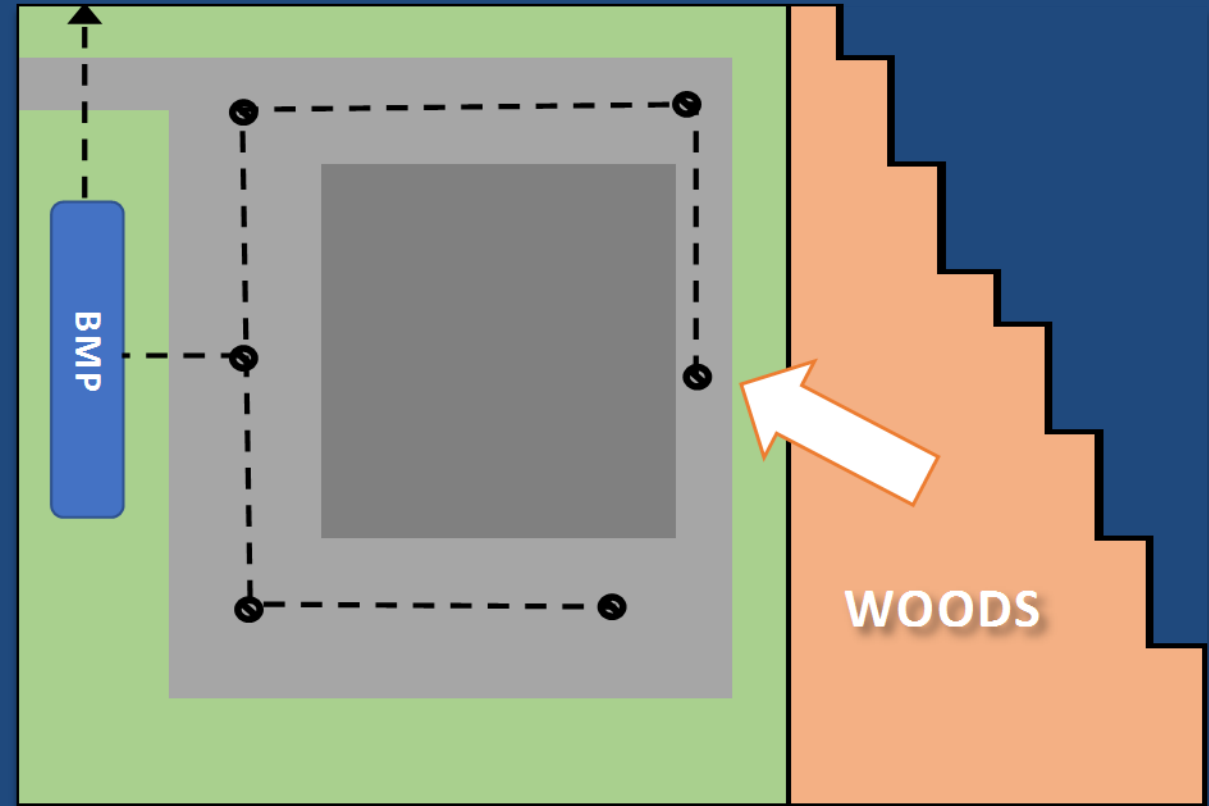
Where:

$$P_{wq} = 0.90 \text{ in}$$

$$R_v = 0.455$$

$$A = 3.00 \text{ ac}$$

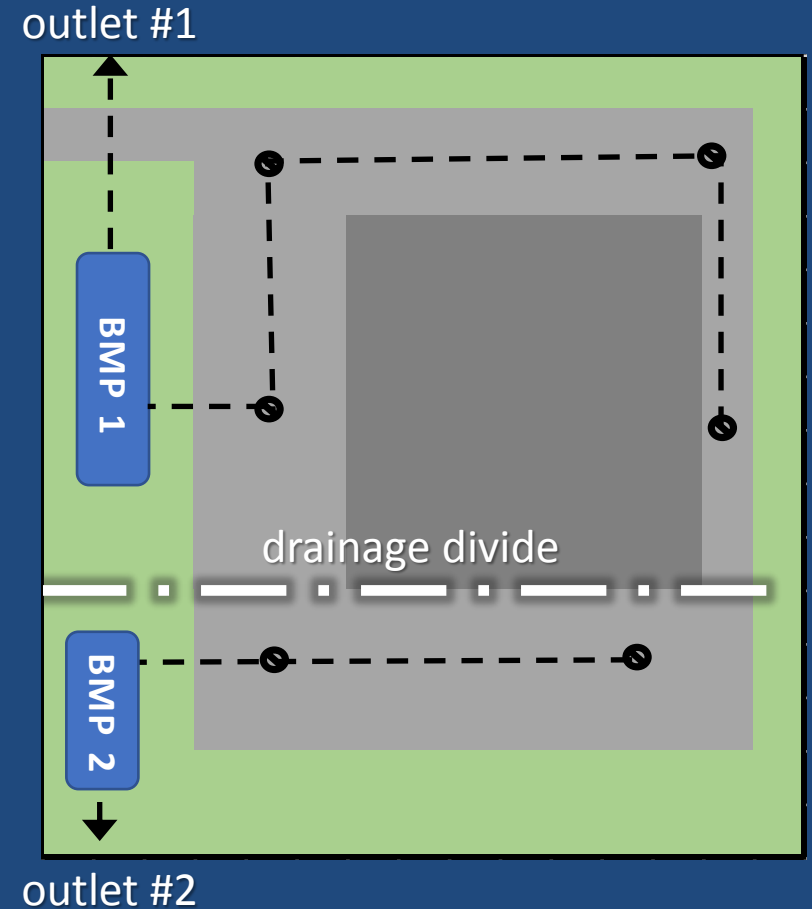
$$WQ_v (\text{design}) = 4,460 \text{ ft}^3$$





# Multiple Drainage Areas

If the disturbed area contains separate drainage areas, each must have a post construction BMP sized to its contributing drainage area.



# Multiple Drainage Areas

## Drainage Area #1

Total area: 1.50 ac

Impervious: 68%

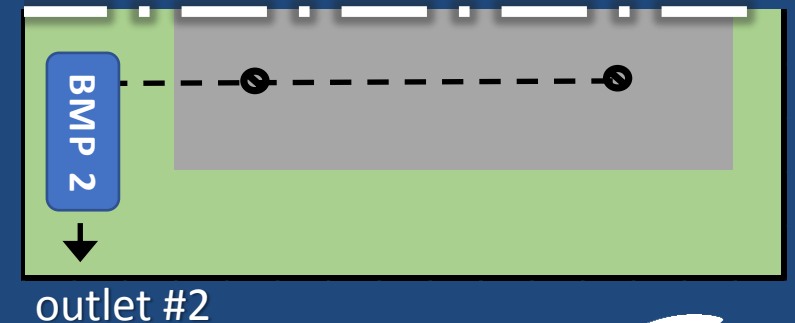
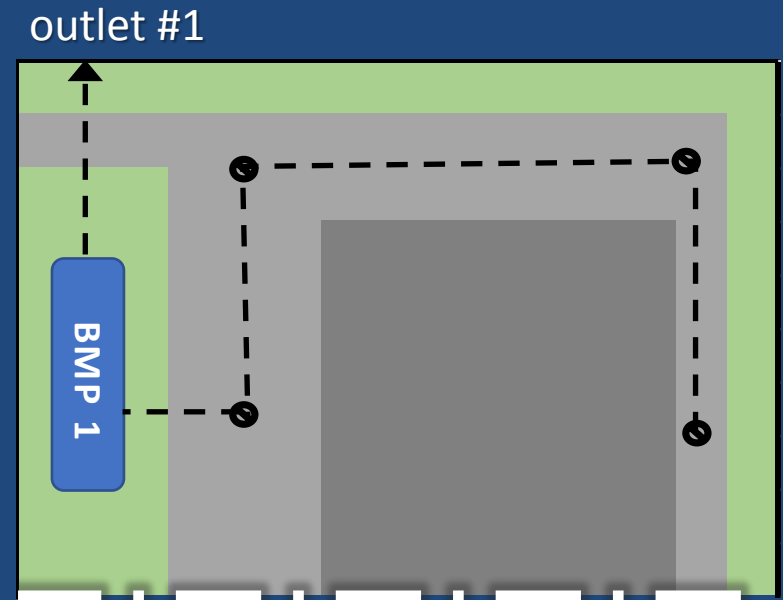
$$R_v = 0.05 + 0.9(0.68) = 0.662$$

## Drainage Area #2

Total area: 0.75 ac

Impervious: 44%

$$R_v = 0.05 + 0.9(0.44) = 0.446$$



# Multiple Drainage Areas

## Drainage Area #1

$$WQ_v = 0.90 \text{ in} \times 0.662 \times 1.50 \text{ ac} \div 12$$

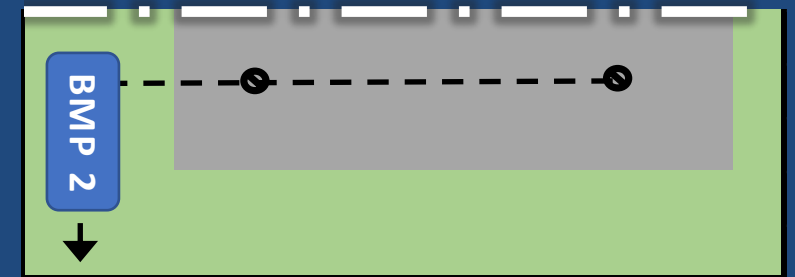
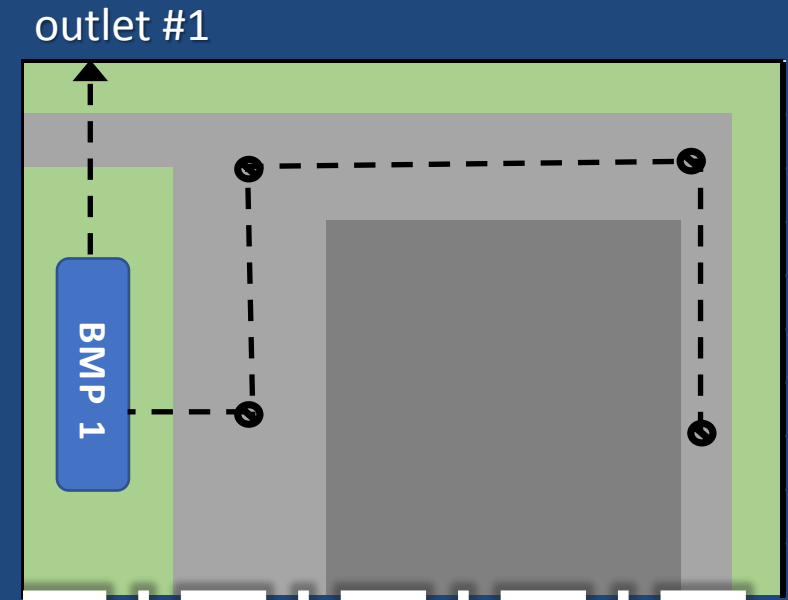
$$WQ_v (\text{design}) = 3,244 \text{ ft}^3$$

## Drainage Area #2

$$WQ_v = 0.90 \text{ in} \times 0.446 \times 0.75 \text{ ac} \div 12$$

$$WQ_v (\text{design}) = 1,093 \text{ ft}^3$$

$$WQ_v (\text{design}) = 3,244 + 1,093 = 4,337 \text{ ft}^3$$



# Multiple Drainage Areas

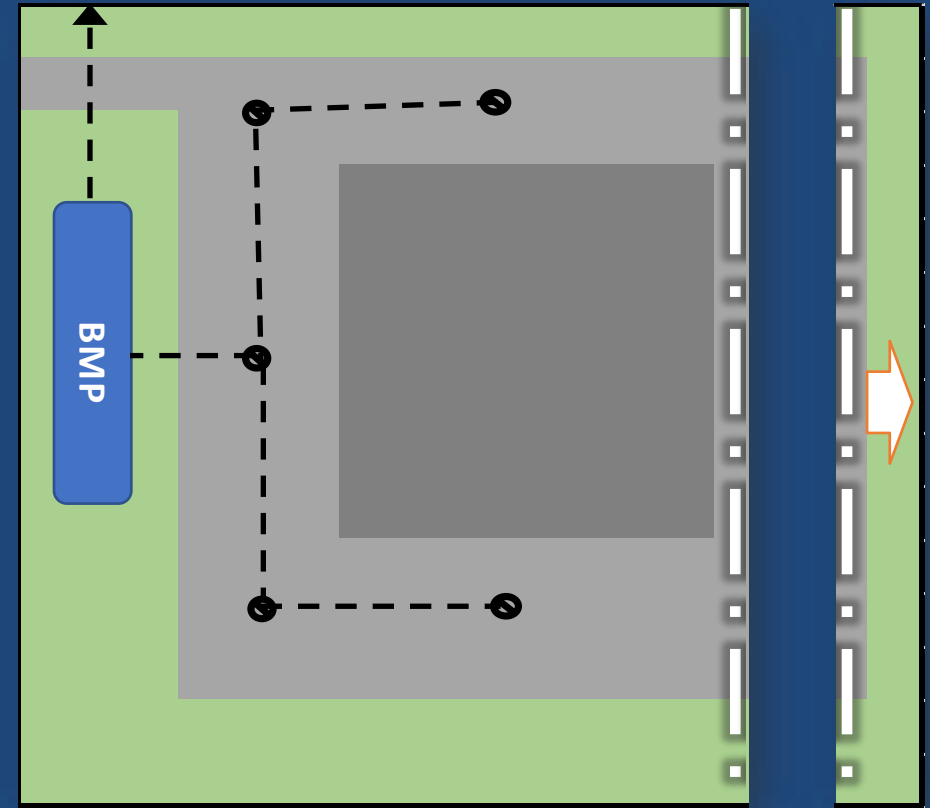
Total area: 0.225 ac

Impervious: 27%

$$R_v = 0.05 + 0.9(0.27) = 0.293$$

$$WQ_v = 0.9 \text{ in} \times 0.293 \times 0.225 \div 12$$

$$WQ_v = 215 \text{ ft}^3$$





# Minor Drainage Areas

RRM using a grass filter strip or infiltration trench (to spec.):

Runoff Reduction Practice	Impervious Cover in Contributing Drainage Area	Pervious Cover in Contributing Drainage Area	Volume Received by Practice	
	(ft <sup>2</sup> )	(ft <sup>2</sup> )	(ft <sup>3</sup> )	
Sheetflow to Grass Filter Strip with C/D Soils	2644	7157	215	R f

Disconnection Area of Practice	Storage Volume Provided by Practice	Runoff Reduction Volume	Remaining Volume
(ft <sup>2</sup> )	(ft <sup>3</sup> )	(ft <sup>3</sup> )	(ft <sup>3</sup> )
7157	N/A	215	1

Runoff Reduction Practice	Impervious Cover in Contributing Drainage Area	Pervious Cover in Contributing Drainage Area	Volume Received by Practice
	(ft <sup>2</sup> )	(ft <sup>2</sup> )	(ft <sup>3</sup> )
7. Infiltration Practice			
Infiltration Practice	2644	7157	215

Storage Volume Provided by Practice	Runoff Reduction Volume	Remaining Volume
(ft <sup>3</sup> )	(ft <sup>3</sup> )	(ft <sup>3</sup> )
1560	215	0



# PREVIOUSLY DEVELOPED AREAS





# Options for Previously Developed Areas

1. Reduce the site  $R_v$  at least 20%, or
2. Use a post-c BMP with the  $WQ_v$  from CGP equation 3:

$$WQ_v = [(0.2 \times R_{v_1}) + (R_{v_2} - R_{v_1})] \times P_{wq} \times A_{dist}$$

Where:

$R_{v_1}$  = Pre-development runoff coefficient

$R_{v_2}$  = Post-development runoff coefficient

# 1. Decrease $R_v \geq 20\%$

Existing site

impervious = 77%

$$Rv_1 = 0.05 + 0.9(0.77) = 0.743$$

$R_v$  decreases by 20%,  
no additional BMP  
required

Proposed site

impervious = 60%

$$Rv_2 = 0.05 + 0.9(0.60) = 0.590$$

$$(0.59 \div 0.743) - 100\% = \underline{21\% \text{ decrease}}$$



## 2. BMP w/ Decreased Rv

Existing site

impervious = 66%

$$Rv_1 = 0.05 + 0.9(0.66) = 0.644$$

Proposed site

impervious = 60%

$$Rv_2 = 0.05 + 0.9(0.60) = 0.590$$

$$100\% - (0.590 \div 0.644) = 8.4\% \text{ decrease}$$

## 2. BMP w/ Decreased Rv

A post construction BMP is required for the WQv as calculated:

$$WQv = [(Rv_1 \times 0.2) + (Rv_2 - Rv_1)] \times P_{wq} \times A_{dist}$$

$$= [(0.644 \times 0.2) + (0.590 - 0.644)] \times 0.9 \text{ in} \times 2.25 \text{ ac}$$

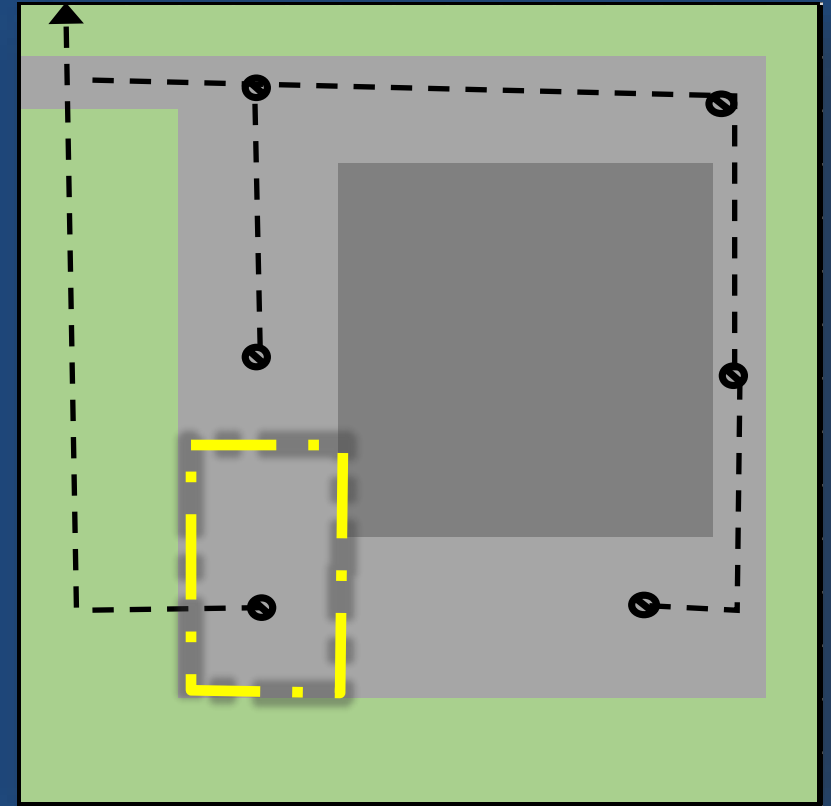
$$WQv \text{ (required)} = 550 \text{ ft}^3$$

## 2. BMP w/ Decreased Rv

The site is required to treat 550 ft<sup>3</sup> with post-construction BMPs; however each post-construction BMP must be designed to treat 100% of the WQv for its contributing area. Place the BMP such that its drainage area\* is equal to or greater than:

$$A_{\text{drainage}} = \frac{WQ_v}{P_{wq} \times R_v} \times \frac{12}{43,560}$$
$$\frac{550 \text{ ft}^3}{0.9" \times 0.95} \times \frac{12}{43,560} = 0.18 \text{ ac}$$

\* Should be highest expected pollutant load area



# What if Rv will increase ?

## Existing site

impervious = 43%

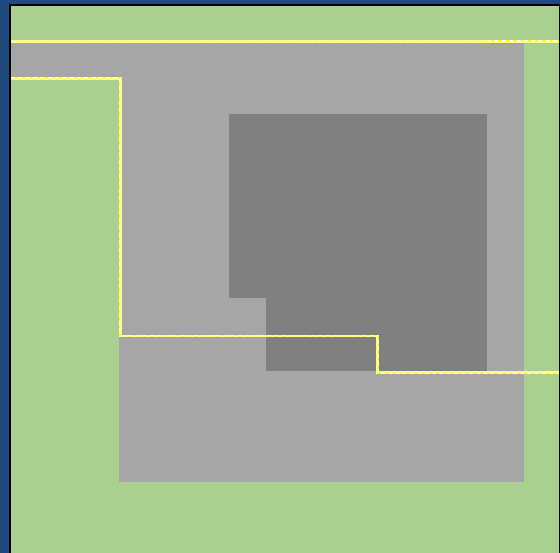
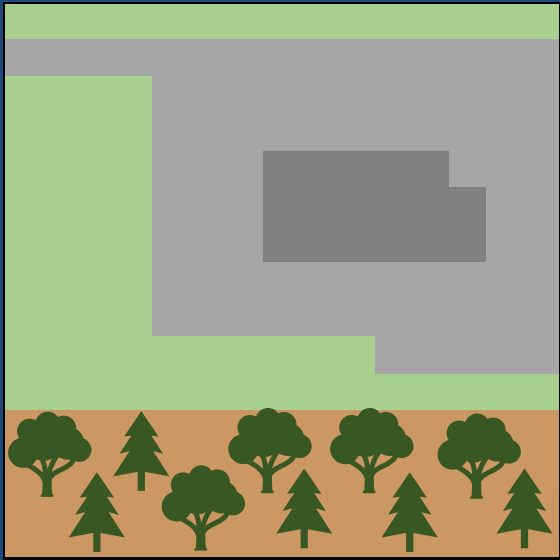
$$Rv_1 = 0.05 + 0.9(0.43) = 0.437$$

## Proposed site

impervious = 60%

$$Rv_2 = 0.05 + 0.9(0.60) = 0.590$$

$$(0.590 \div 0.437) - 100\% = 35\% \text{ increase}$$



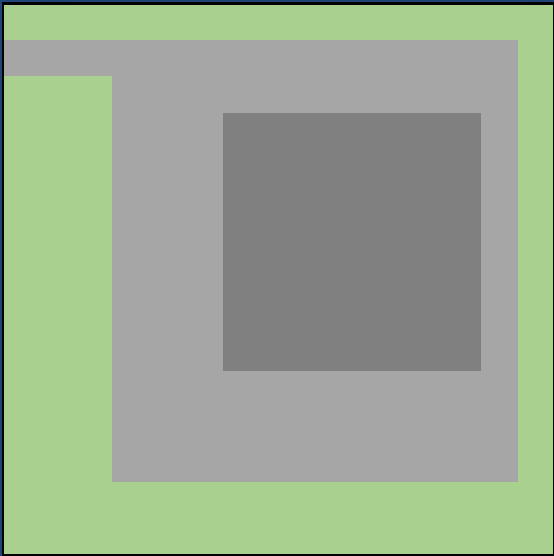
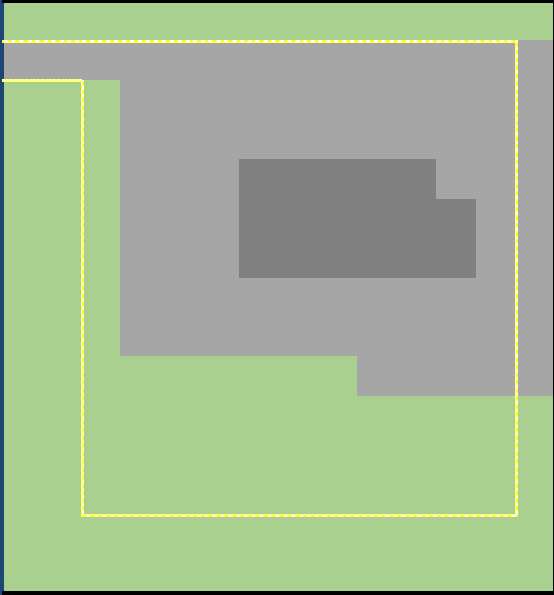


# What if Rv will increase ?

Using CGP Equation 3 (weighted Rv):

$$WQv = [(Rv_1 \times 0.2) + (Rv_2 - Rv_1)] \times P_{wq} \times A_{dist}$$
$$= [(0.437 \times 0.2) + (0.590 - 0.437)] \times 0.9 \text{ in} \times 2.25 \text{ ac}$$

$$WQv \text{ (required)} = 1,766 \text{ ft}^3$$



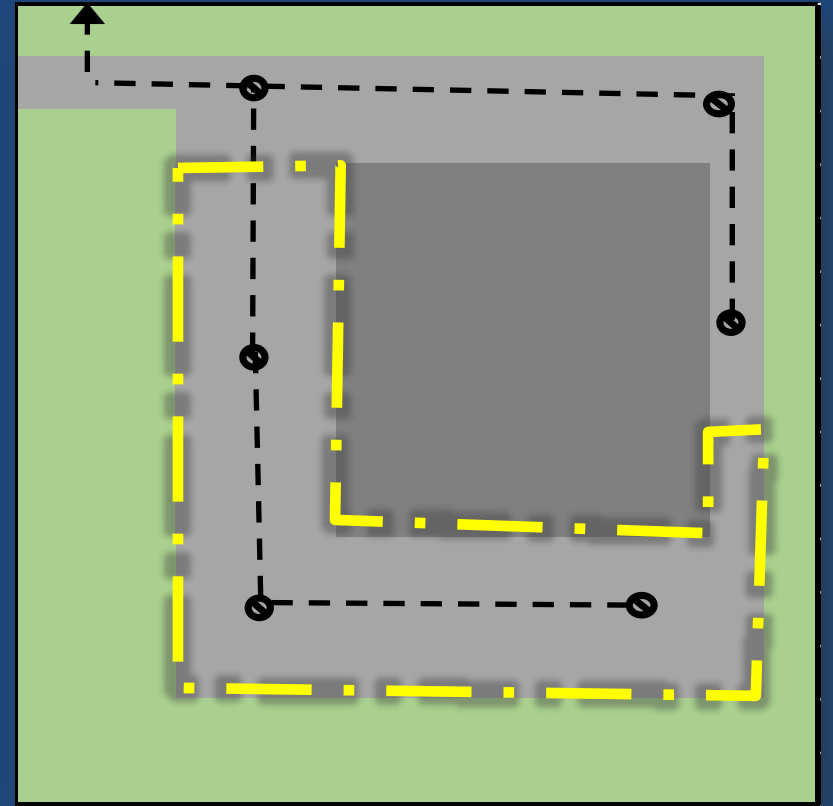
# Rv Increases - Applied

The site is required to treat 1,766 ft<sup>3</sup> with post-construction BMPs; however each post-construction BMP must be designed to treat 100% of the WQv for its contributing area. Place the BMP such that its drainage area\* is equal to or greater than:

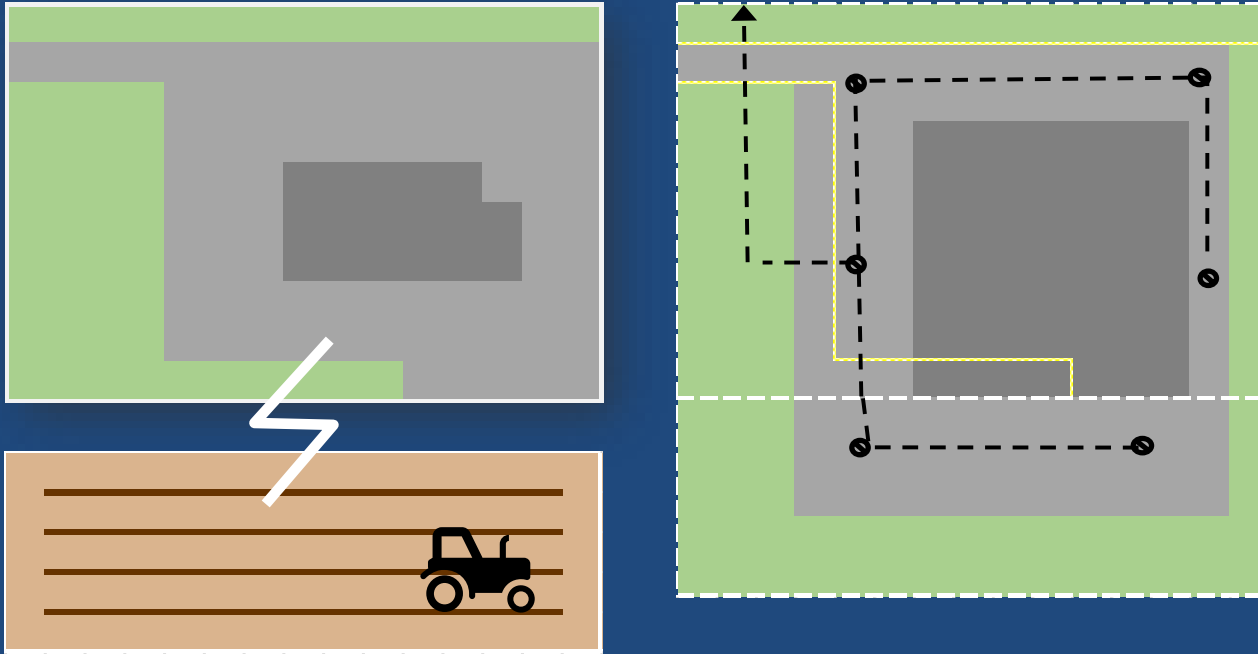
$$A_{\text{drainage}} = \frac{WQ_v}{P_{wq} \times R_v} \times \frac{12}{43,560}$$

$$\frac{1,766 \text{ ft}^3}{0.9 \text{ in} \times 0.95} \times \frac{12}{43,560} = 0.57 \text{ ac}$$

\* Should be highest expected pollutant load area

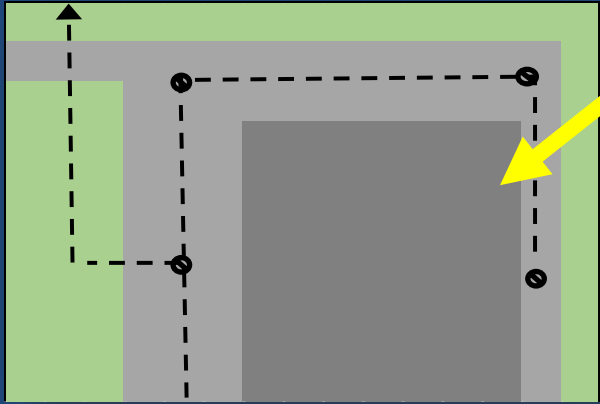


# What if I mix new and old ?



1.50 acre site w/ existing impervious will be joined to a 0.75 acre undeveloped site to form a singular development.

# What if I mix new and old ?



## Redevelopment

$$WQv = [(Rv_1 \times 0.2) + (Rv_2 - Rv_1)] \times 0.9 \text{ in} \times 1.5 \text{ ac}$$

Where:

$$i_1 = 0.97 \text{ ac} \div 1.50 \text{ ac} = 0.63 \text{ (64.5\%)}$$

$$Rv_1 = 0.05 + 0.9(0.60) = 0.59$$

$$i_2 = 1.02 \text{ ac} \div 1.50 \text{ ac} = 0.66 \text{ (68\%)}$$

$$Rv_2 = 0.05 + 0.9(0.60) = 0.59$$

$$WQv \text{ (required)} = 771 \text{ ft}^3$$



# What if I mix new and old ?

New Development

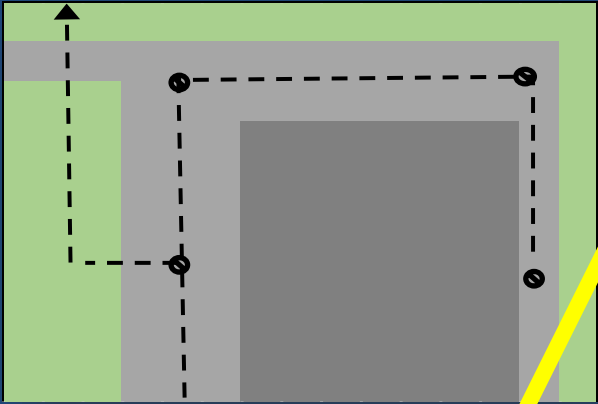
$$WQ_v = 0.9 \text{ in} \times R_v \times 0.75 \text{ ac} \div 12$$

Where:

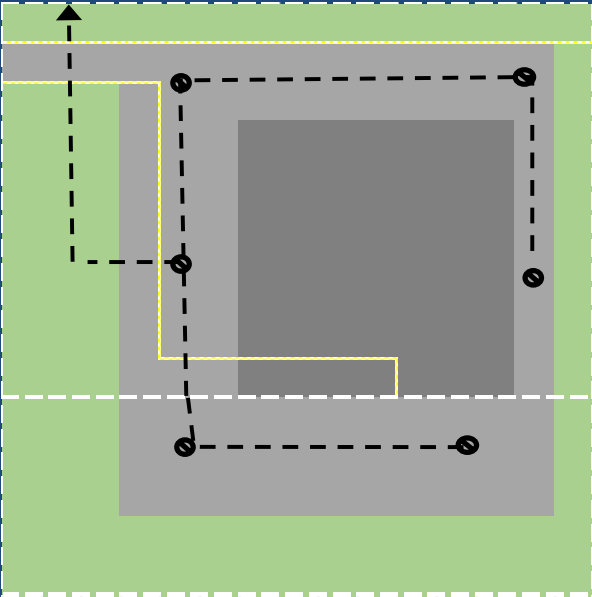
$$i = 0.33 \text{ ac} \div 0.75 \text{ ac} = 0.45 \text{ (44\%)}$$

$$R_v = 0.05 + 0.9(0.60) = 0.59$$

$$WQ_v \text{ (required)} = 1,093 \text{ ft}^3$$



# What if I mix new and old ?



$$WQv \text{ (required)} = 1,093 \text{ ft}^3 + 771 \text{ ft}^3 = 1,864 \text{ ft}^3$$



# WATER QUALITY FLOW



# Water Quality Flow

Flow-through practices (hydrodynamic separators, media / cartridge filters, grass swales) that do not provide a significant detention volume must use the Water Quality Flow (WQF):

$$WQF = C \times i \times A$$

Where:

WQF = water quality discharge rate (cfs)

C = runoff coefficient for use with rational method  
for estimating peak discharge

i = rainfall intensity (in/hr)

A = drainage area (ac)

**Table 3-1. Runoff Coefficients for Rational Formula.<sup>(14)</sup>**

Type of Drainage Area	Runoff Coefficient, C*
<b>Business:</b>	
Downtown areas	0.70 - 0.95
Neighborhood areas	0.50 - 0.70
<b>Residential:</b>	
Single-family areas	0.30 - 0.50
Multi-units, detached	0.40 - 0.60
Multi-units, attached	0.60 - 0.75
Suburban	0.25 - 0.40
Apartment dwelling areas	0.50 - 0.70
<b>Industrial:</b>	
Light areas	0.50 - 0.80
Heavy areas	0.60 - 0.90
Parks, cemeteries	0.10 - 0.25
Playgrounds	0.20 - 0.40
Railroad yard areas	0.20 - 0.40
Unimproved areas	0.10 - 0.30
<b>Lawns:</b>	
Sandy soil, flat, 2%	0.05 - 0.10
Sandy soil, average, 2 - 7%	0.10 - 0.15
Sandy soil, steep, 7%	0.15 - 0.20
Heavy soil, flat, 2%	0.13 - 0.17
Heavy soil, average, 2 - 7%	0.18 - 0.22
Heavy soil, steep, 7%	0.25 - 0.35
<b>Streets:</b>	
Asphaltic	0.70 - 0.95
Concrete	0.80 - 0.95
Brick	0.70 - 0.85
Drives and walks	0.75 - 0.85
Roofs	0.75 - 0.95

\*Higher values are usually appropriate for steeply sloped areas and longer return periods because infiltration and other losses have a proportionally smaller effect on runoff in these cases.

$$WQF = C \times i \times A$$

C - the runoff coefficient for use with rational method for estimating peak discharge.

14. American Society of Civil Engineers, 1960. Design Manual for Storm Drainage, New York, NY.

**Residential:**

Single-family areas	0.30 - 0.50
Multi-units, detached	0.40 - 0.60
Multi-units, attached	0.60 - 0.75
Suburban	0.25 - 0.40
Apartment dwelling areas	0.50 - 0.70

If not provided in MS4 drainage manual.

# Water Quality Flow

Rainfall intensity ( $i$ ) is determined from an intensity-duration-frequency curve for an event.

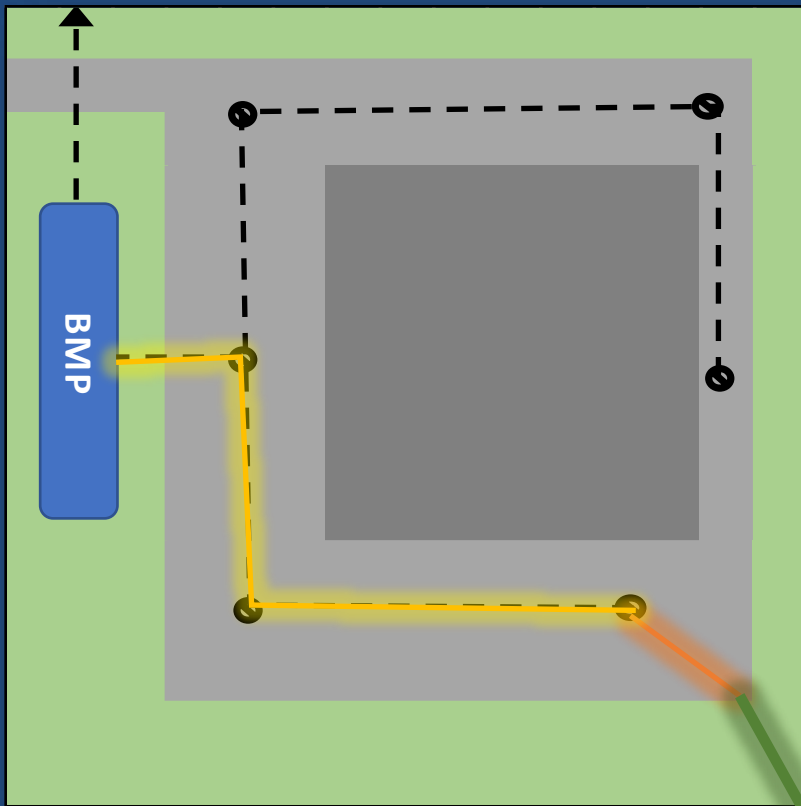
- The intensity should be selected for a duration equal to the time of concentration ( $t_c$ ) of the drainage area.
- I-D curve for Water Quality Event is provided in tabular format in **Appendix C** of the CGP.
- $T_c$  should utilize a velocity based equation for each flow condition encountered (sheet, shallow concentrated, pipe, open channel, etc.)
- If the total  $T_c$  is <5 minutes, a 5 minute duration should be used<sup>1</sup>
- Sub areas may yield larger peak discharges than the entire area and should be evaluated separately.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> FWHA, HEC-22, third edition, Urban Drainage Design Manual (2009)

<sup>2</sup> WEF/ASCE, Design and Construction of Urban Stormwater Management Systems (1992)

# Time of Concentration ( $t_c$ )

WQF for the **entire drainage area**:



50' overland grass

26.7 min

60' overland pavement

2.0 min

300' pipe flow

1.3 min

410' total

**Tc = 30 minutes**

DURATION $t_c$ (minutes)	WATER QUALITY INTENSITY [ $i_{wq}$ ] (inches/hour)
5	2.37
28	1.05
29	1.03
30	1.01
31	0.99
32	0.97



# Water Quality Flow

WQF for the entire drainage area:

$$WQF = C \times i \times A$$

Where:

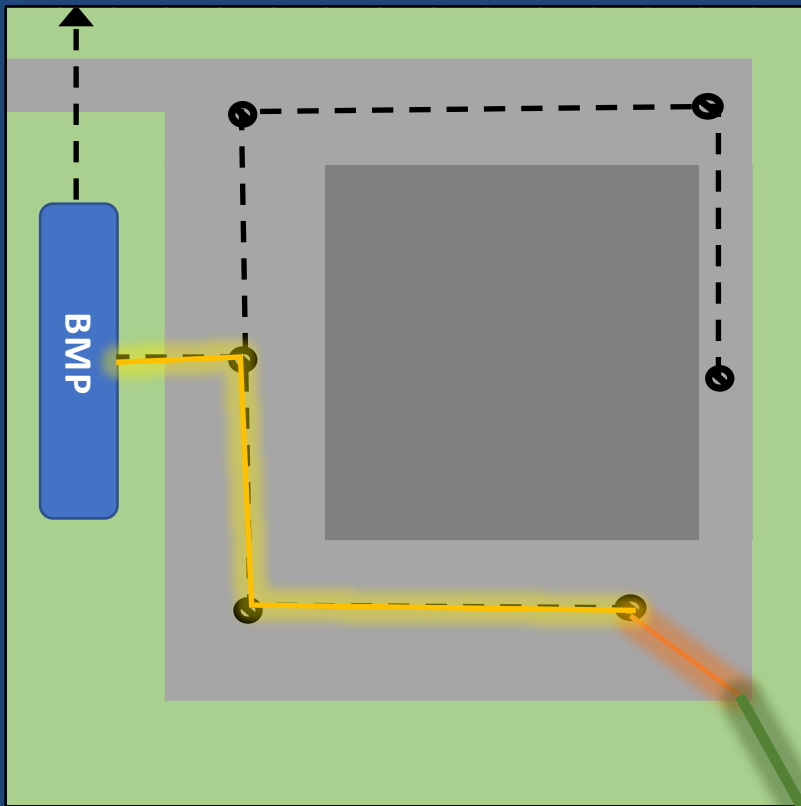
$C = 0.85$  (commercial area)

$i = 1.01$  in/hr

$A = 2.25$  ac

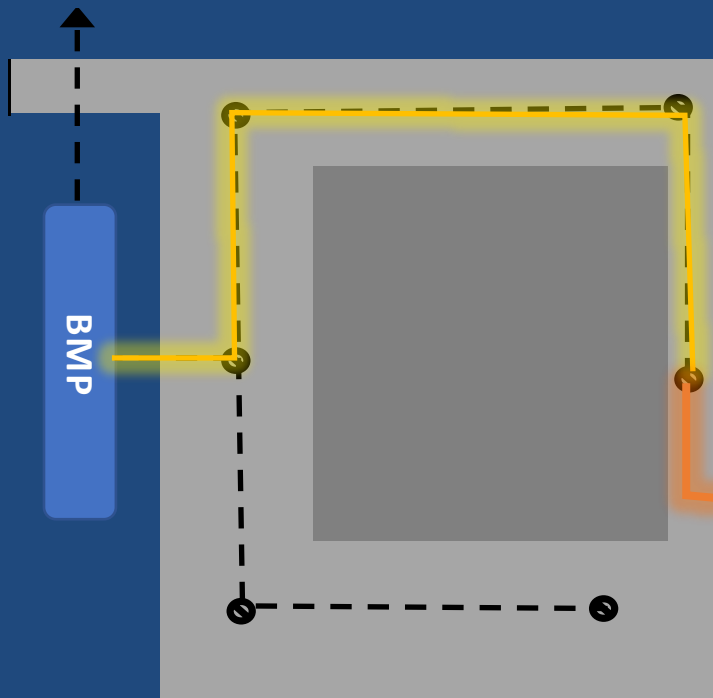
$WQF = 0.85 \times 1.01 \text{ in/hr} \times 2.25 \text{ ac}$

$WQF = 1.93 \text{ cfs}$



# Time of Concentration ( $t_c$ )

WQF for the **impervious sub-area**:



0' overland grass  
50' overland pavement  
420' pipe flow  
470' total

0.0 min  
1.8 min  
1.8 min

**$T_c = 3.6$  minutes**

DURATION $t_c$ (minutes)	WATER QUALITY INTENSITY [I <sub>wq</sub> ] (inches/hour)
5	2.37
6	2.26
7	2.15
8	2.04
9	1.94
10	1.85
11	1.76
12	1.68
13	1.62
14	1.56
15	1.51
16	1.46

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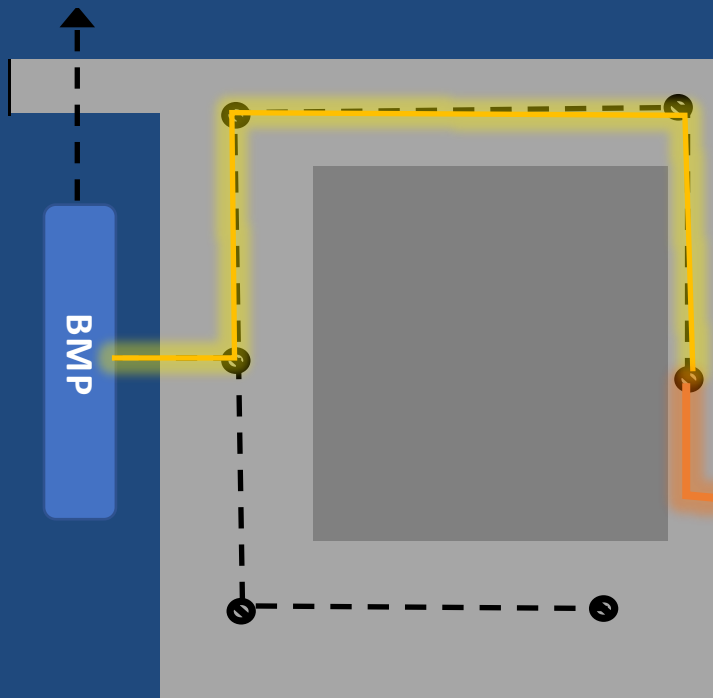
$C = 0.90$  (impervious, flat)

$i = 2.37$  in/hr

$A = 1.35$  ac

$$WQF = 0.90 \times 2.37 \text{ in/hr} \times 1.35 \text{ ac}$$

$$WQF = 2.88 \text{ cfs}$$





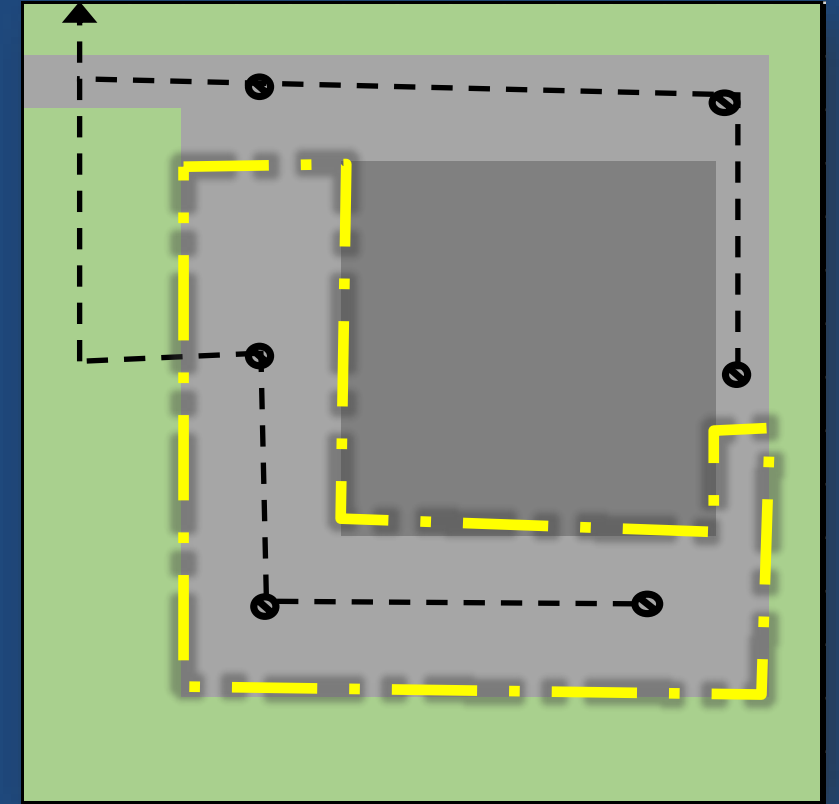
# Water Quality Flow - Redevelopment

From our previous redevelopment example:

The site is required to treat 1,766 ft<sup>3</sup> with post-construction BMPs; however each post-construction BMP must be designed to treat 100% of the WQv for its contributing area. Place the BMP such that its drainage area\* is equal to or greater than:

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$$\frac{1,766 \text{ ft}^3}{0.9 \text{ in} \times 0.95} \times \frac{12}{43,560} = 0.57 \text{ ac}$$

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# Water Quality Flow - Redevelopment

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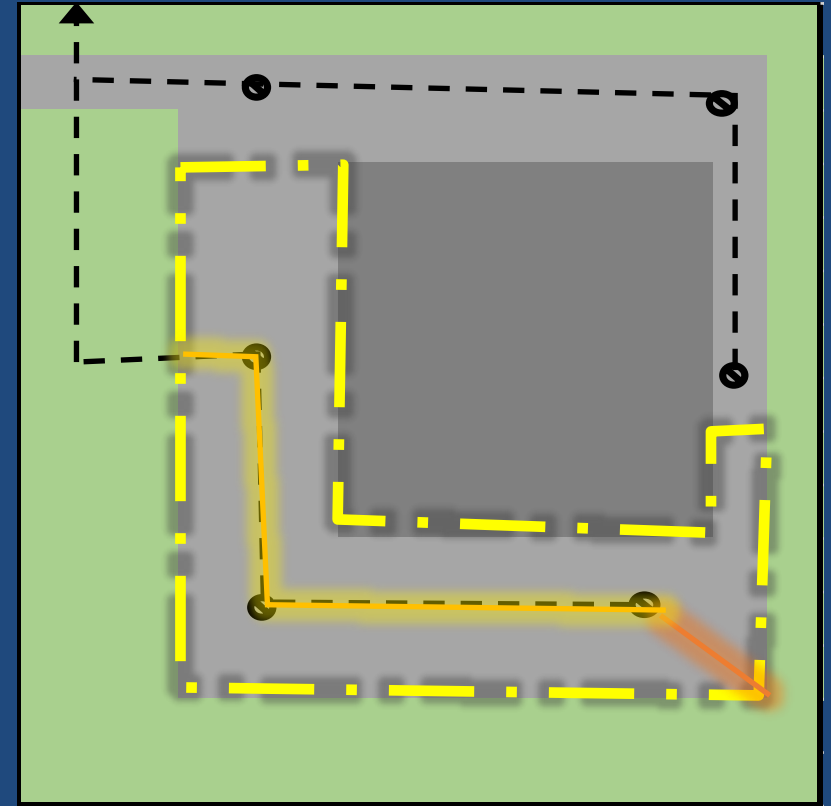
$$C = 0.90$$

$$i = 2.37 \text{ in/hr [tc = 3.3 min.]}$$

$$A = 0.57 \text{ ac}$$

$$WQF = 0.90 \times 2.37 \text{ in/hr} \times 0.57 \text{ ac}$$

$$WQF = 1.22 \text{ cfs}$$



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