

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 ^{1,2}	24 hours
Constructed Extended Detention Wetland ^{1,2}	24 hours
Dry Extended Detention Basin ^{1,3}	48 hours
Permeable Pavement – Extended Detention ¹	24 hours
Underground Storage – Extended Detention ^{1,4}	24 hours
Sand & Other Media Filtration - Extended Detention ^{1,5}	24 hours

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

Infiltration Practices	Maximum Drain Time of WQv
Bioretention Area/Cell ^{1,2}	24 hours
Infiltration Basin	24 hours
Infiltration Trench ²	48 hours
Permeable Pavement – Infiltration ³	48 hours
Underground Storage – Infiltration ^{3,4}	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”

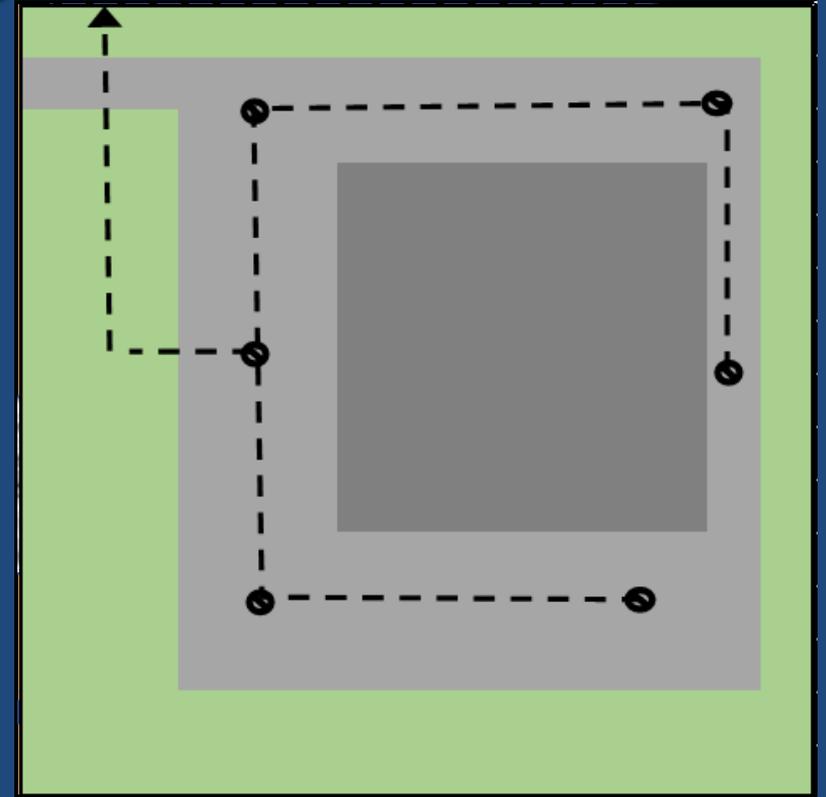
CALCULATION SCENARIOS

- 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:

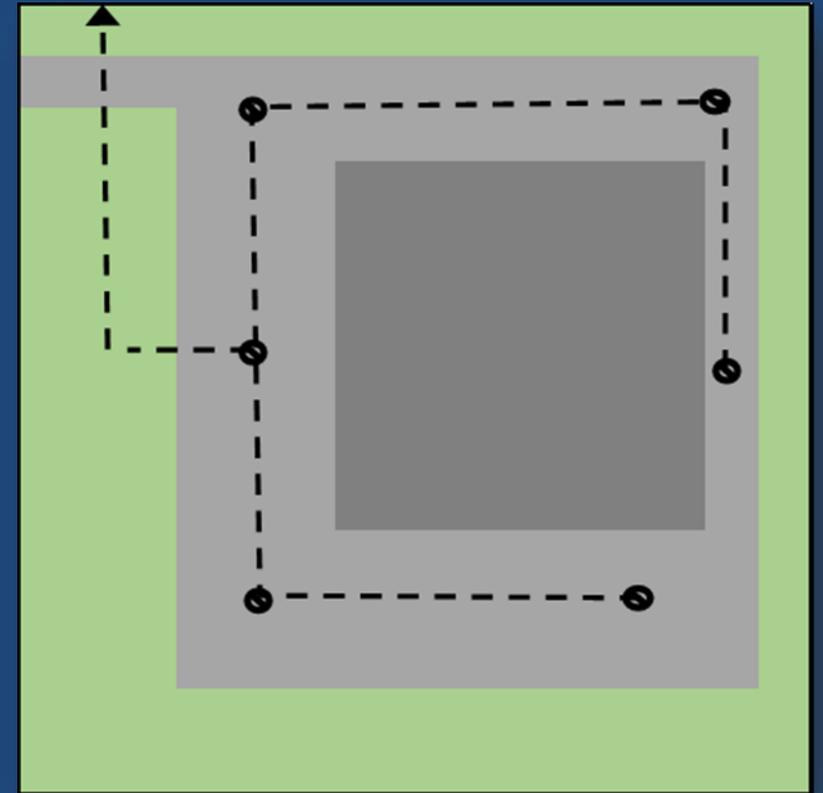
$$i = 1.35 \text{ ac} \div 2.25 \text{ ac} = 0.60 \text{ (60\%)}$$

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

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

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

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

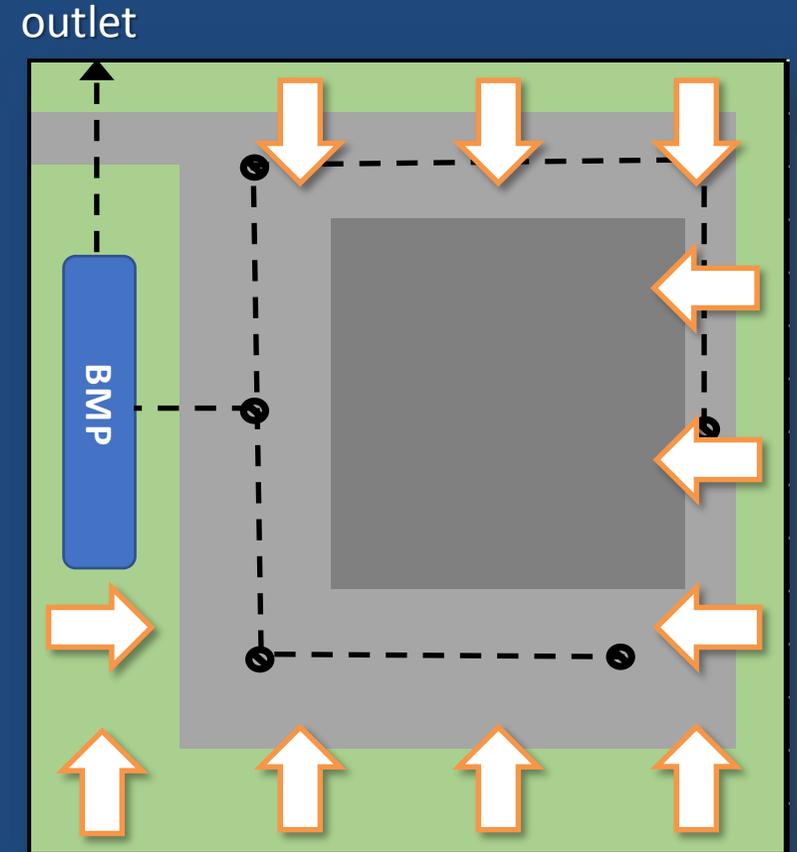


WQv Design

The site is required to treat **4,337 ft³** 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 $R_v = 0.59$:

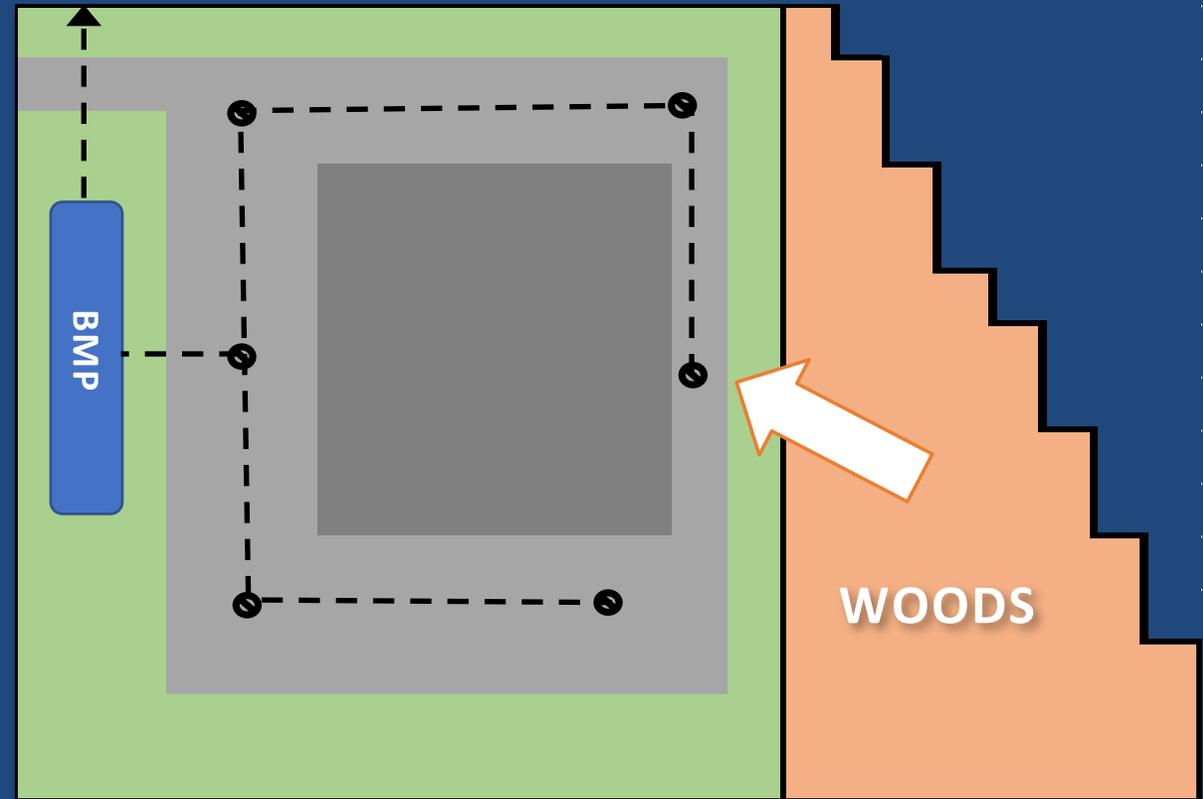
$$WQv \text{ (design)} = WQv \text{ (required)} = 4,337 \text{ ft}^3$$



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

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

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

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

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

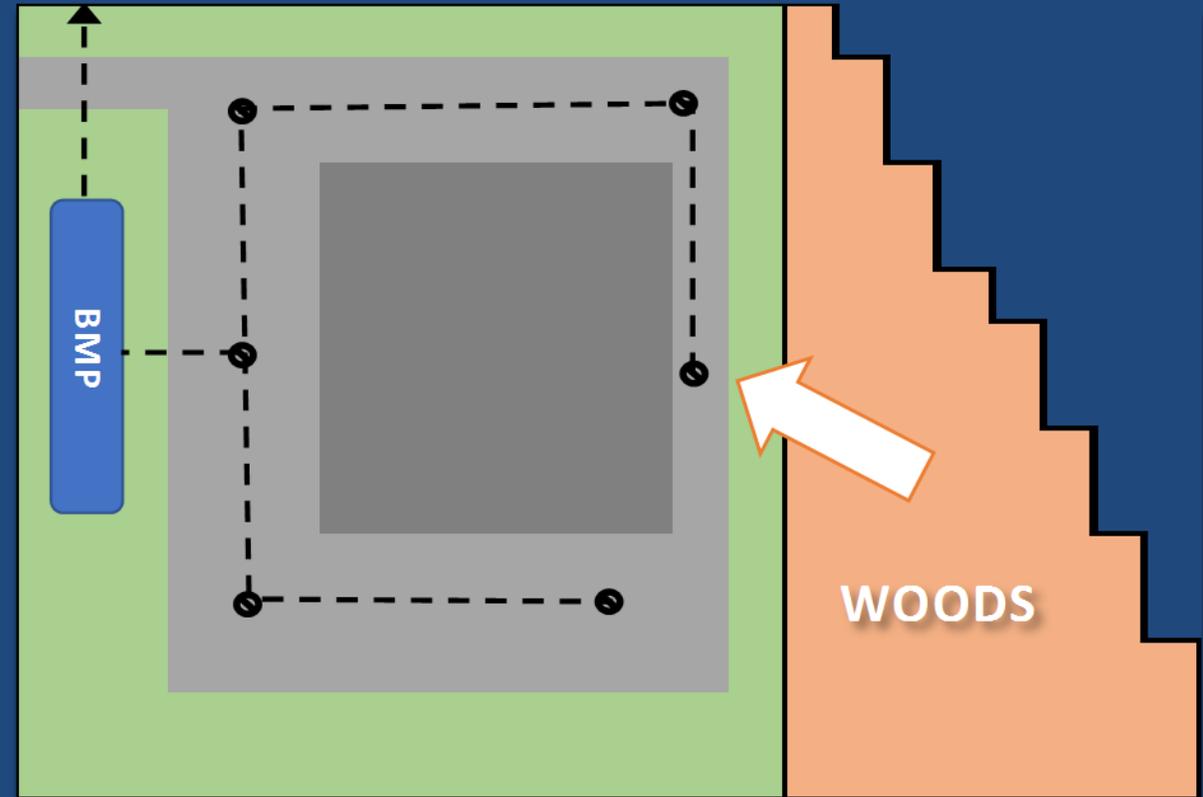
Where:

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

$$R_v = 0.455$$

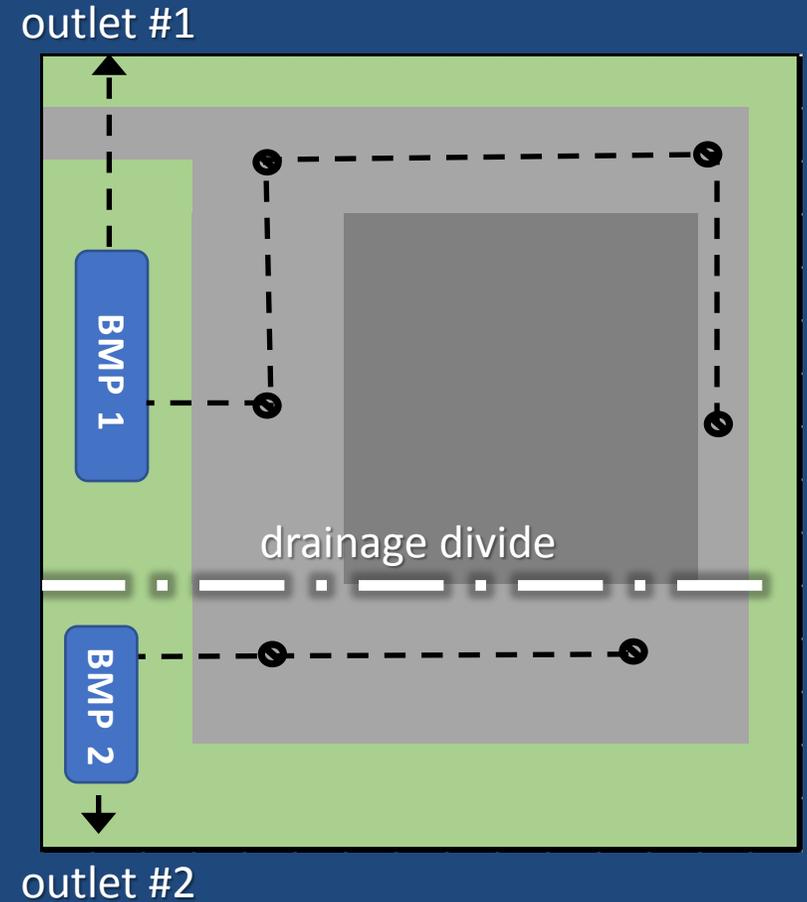
$$A = 3.00 \text{ ac}$$

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



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%

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

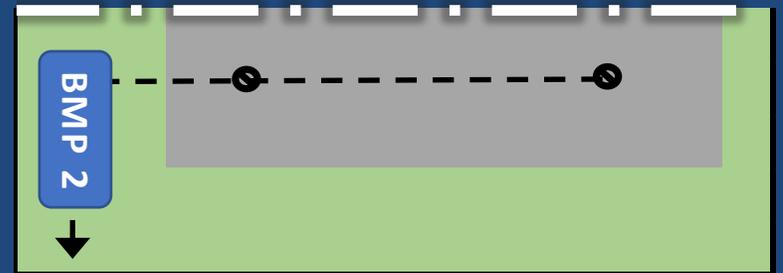
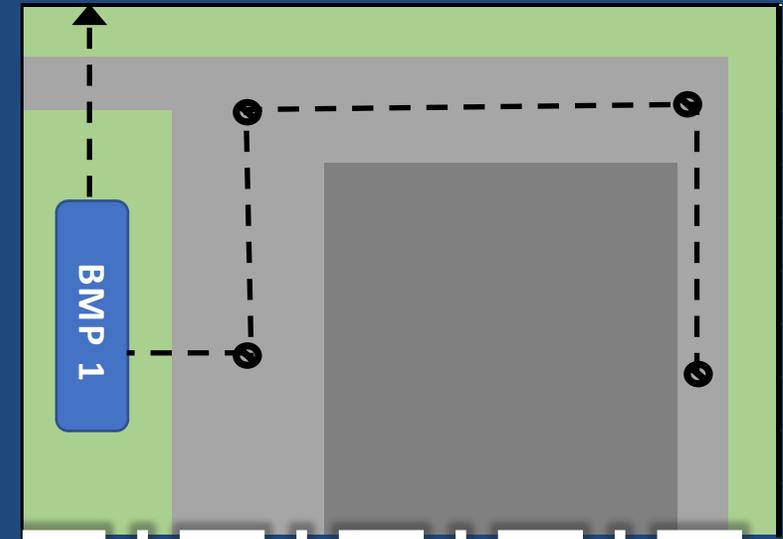
Drainage Area #2

Total area: 0.75 ac

Impervious: 44%

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

outlet #1



outlet #2

Multiple Drainage Areas

Drainage Area #1

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

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

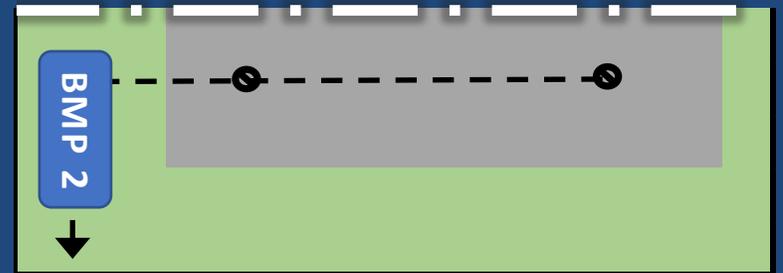
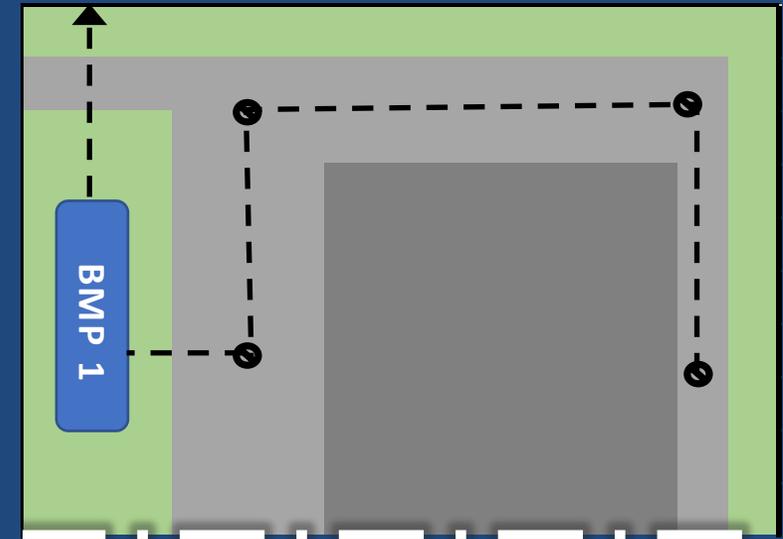
Drainage Area #2

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

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

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

outlet #1



outlet #2

Multiple Drainage Areas

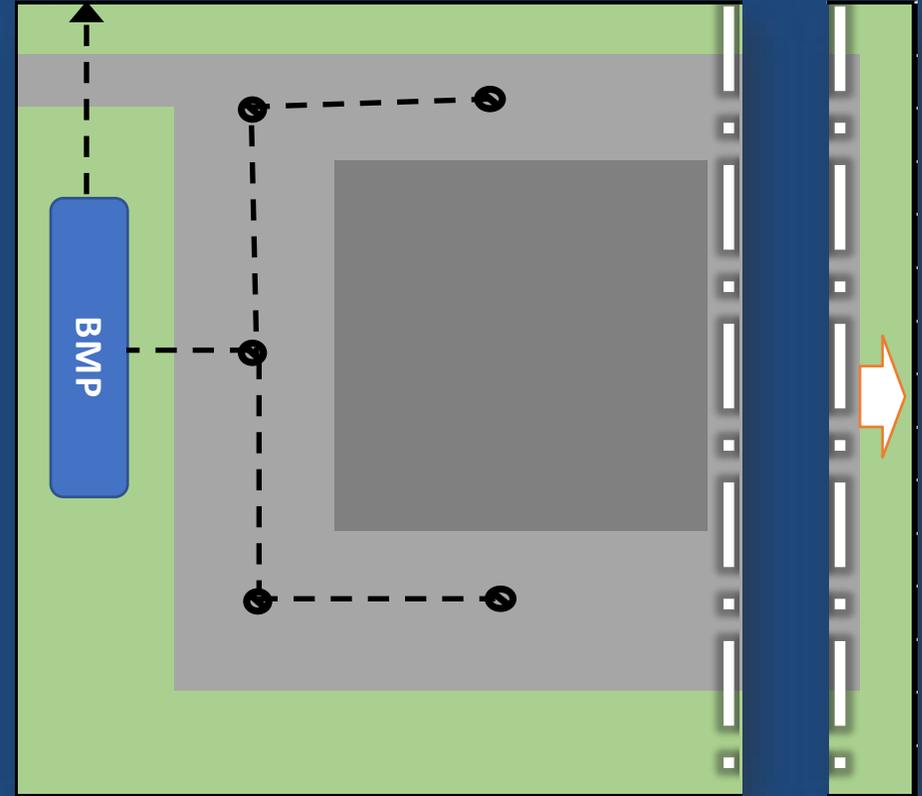
Total area: 0.225 ac

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 ²)	(ft ²)	(ft ³)
Sheetflow to Grass Filter Strip with C/D Soils	2644	7157	215

Disconnection Area of Practice	Storage Volume Provided by Practice	Runoff Reduction Volume	Remaining Volume
(ft ²)	(ft ³)	(ft ³)	(ft ³)
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 ²)	(ft ²)	(ft ³)
7. Infiltration Practice			
Infiltration Practice	2644	7157	215

Storage Volume Provided by Practice	Runoff Reduction Volume	Remaining Volume
(ft ³)	(ft ³)	(ft ³)
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%

$$R_{v_1} = 0.05 + 0.9(0.77) = 0.743$$

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

Proposed site

impervious = 60%

$$R_{v_2} = 0.05 + 0.9(0.60) = 0.590$$

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

2. BMP w/ Decreased Rv

Existing site

impervious = 66%

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

Proposed site

impervious = 60%

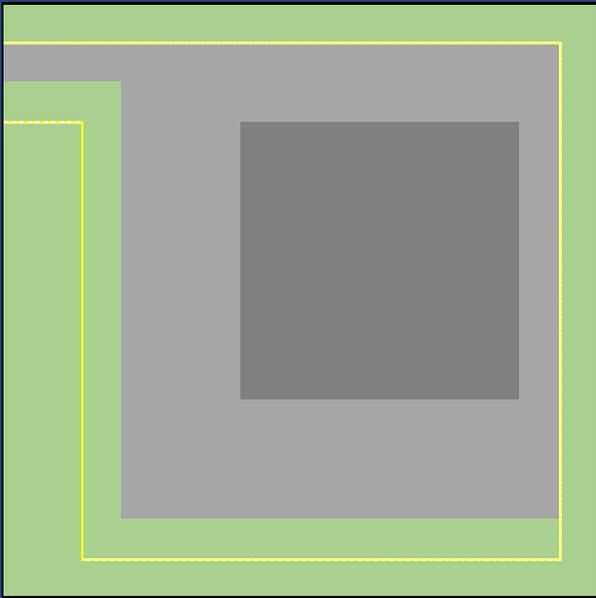
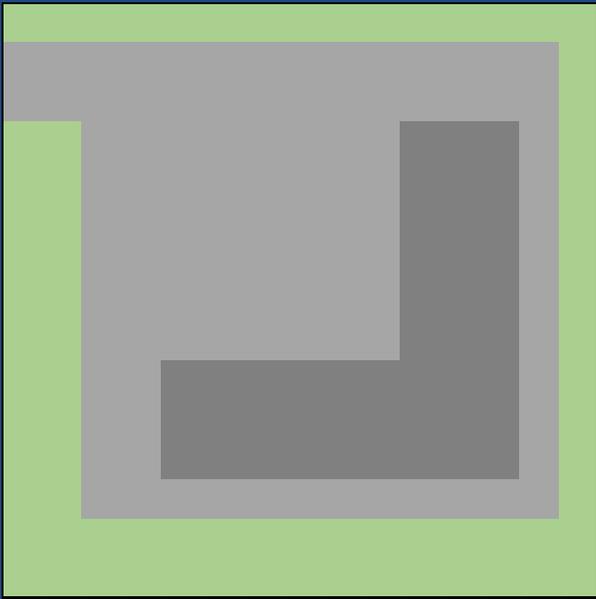
$$Rv_2 = 0.05 + 0.9(0.60) = 0.590$$

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

2. BMP w/ Decreased Rv

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{WQv} &= [(Rv_1 \times 0.2) + (Rv_2 - Rv_1)] \times P_{wq} \times A_{\text{dist}} \\ &= [(0.644 \times 0.2) + (0.590 - 0.644)] \times 0.9 \text{ in} \times 2.25 \text{ ac} \\ \text{WQv (required)} &= 550 \text{ ft}^3 \end{aligned}$$

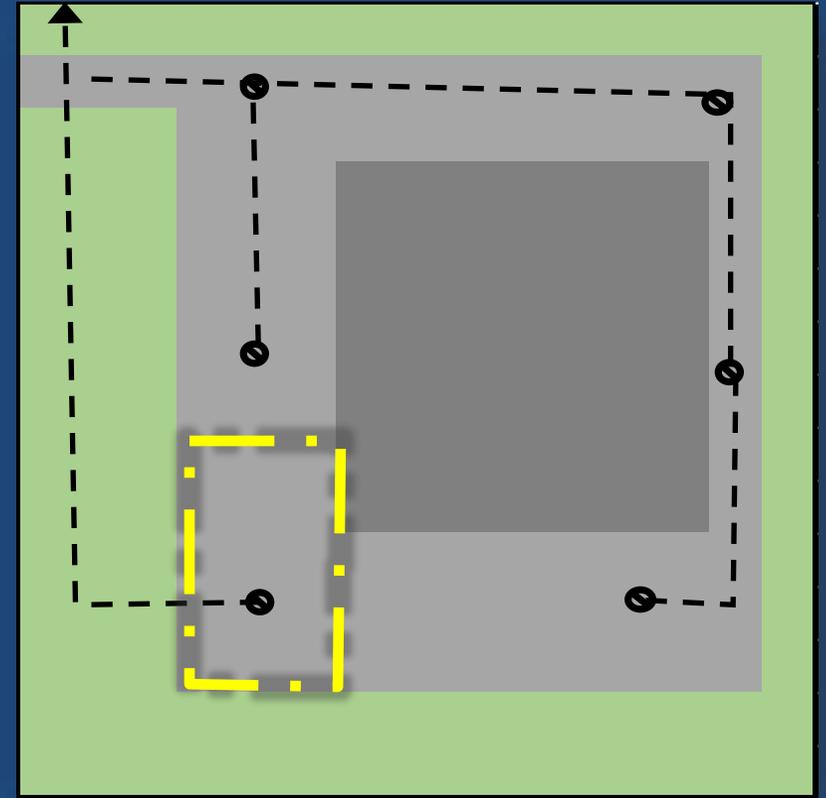


2. BMP w/ Decreased Rv

The site is required to treat 550 ft³ 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%

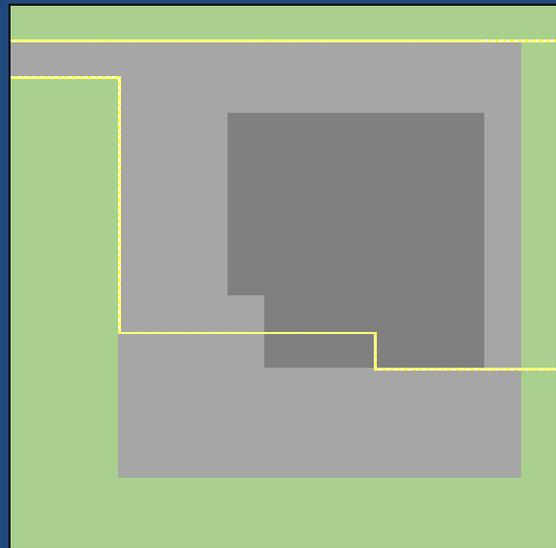
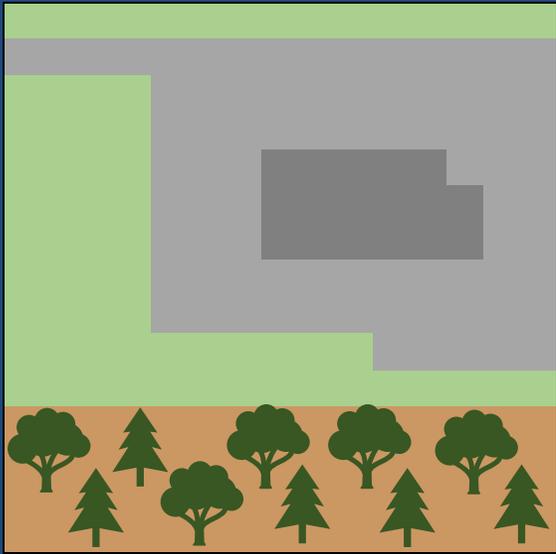
$$Rv_1 = 0.05 + 0.9(0.43) = 0.437$$

Proposed site

impervious = 60%

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

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

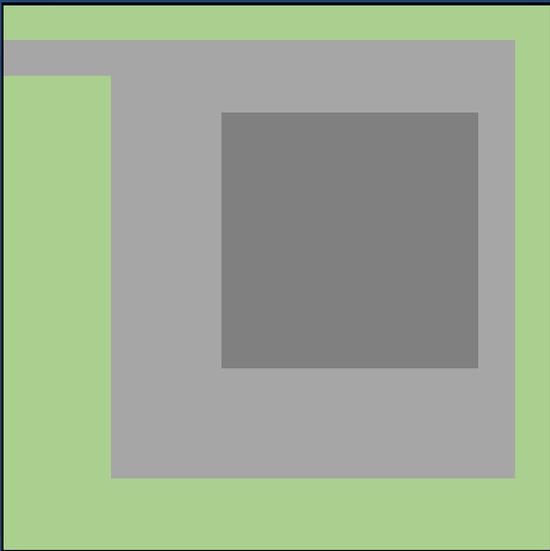
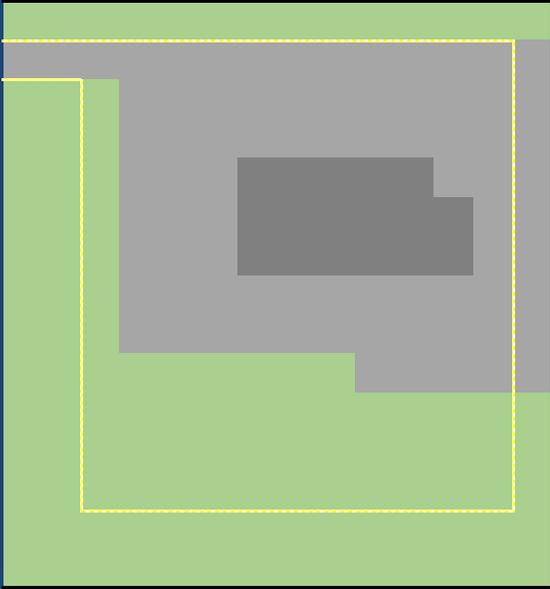


What if Rv will increase ?

Using CGP Equation 3 (weighted Rv):

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

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



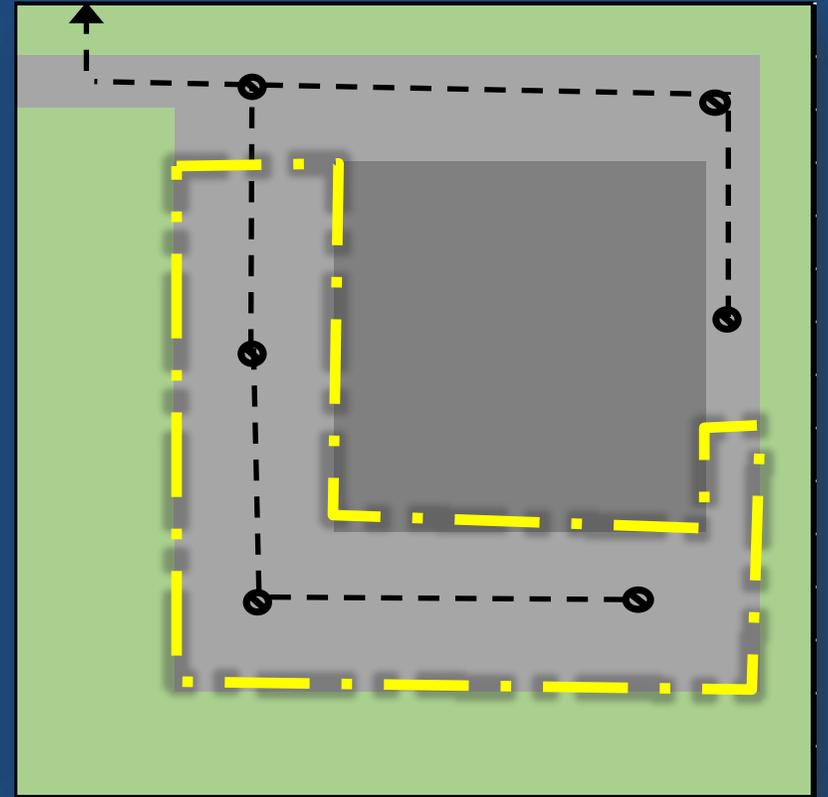
Rv Increases - Applied

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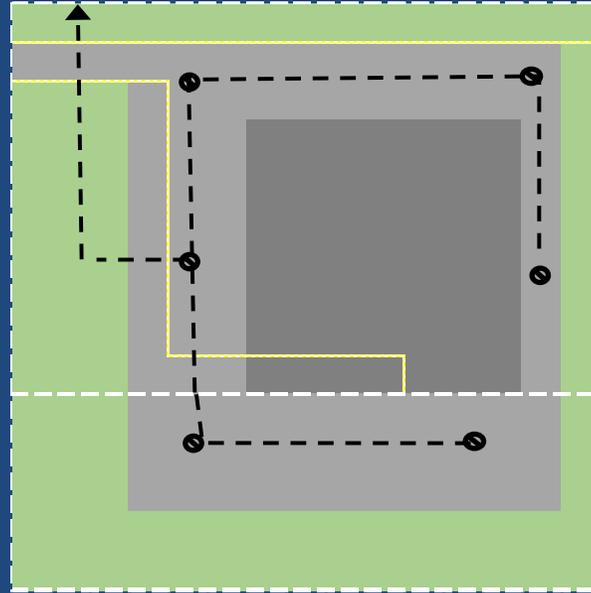
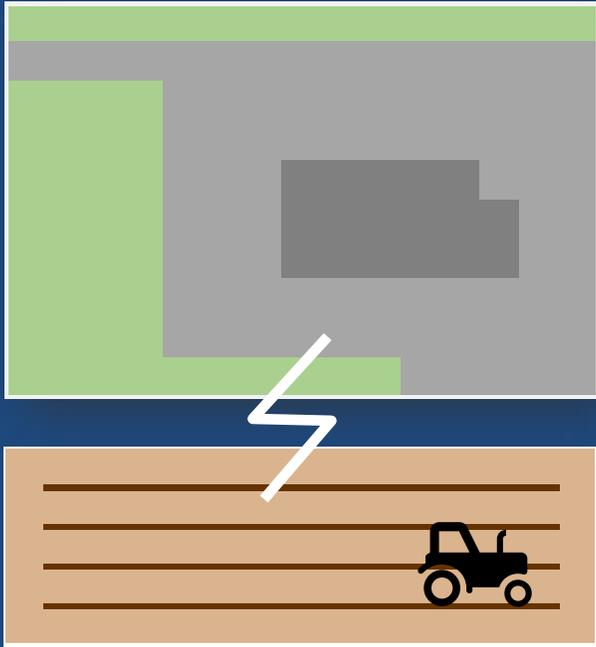
$$A_{\text{drainage}} = \frac{WQ_v}{P_{wq} \times Rv} \times \frac{12}{43,560}$$

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

* 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:

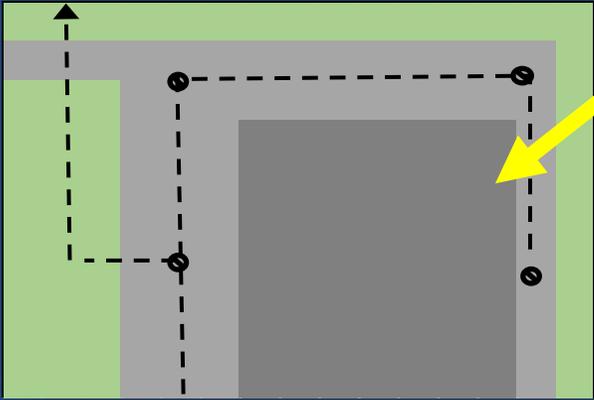
$$i_1 = 0.97 \text{ ac} \div 1.50 \text{ ac} = 0.63 \text{ (64.5\%)}$$

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

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

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

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



What if I mix new and old ?

New Development

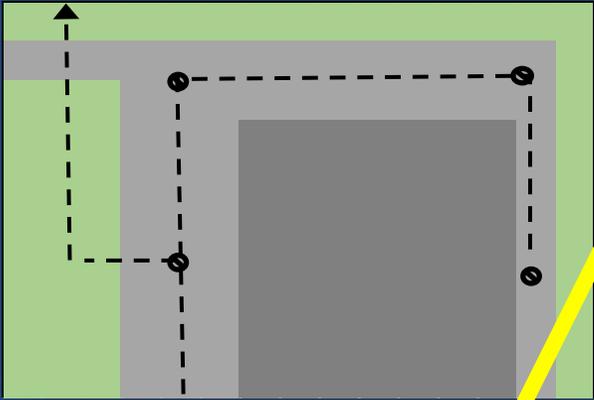
$$WQ_v = 0.9 \text{ in} \times R_v \times 0.75 \text{ ac} \div 12$$

Where:

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

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

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



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)

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

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.

Table 3-1. Runoff Coefficients for Rational Formula. ⁽¹⁴⁾	
Type of Drainage Area	Runoff Coefficient, C*
Business:	
Downtown areas	0.70 - 0.95
Neighborhood areas	0.50 - 0.70
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
Industrial:	
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
Lawns:	
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
Streets:	
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.

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.

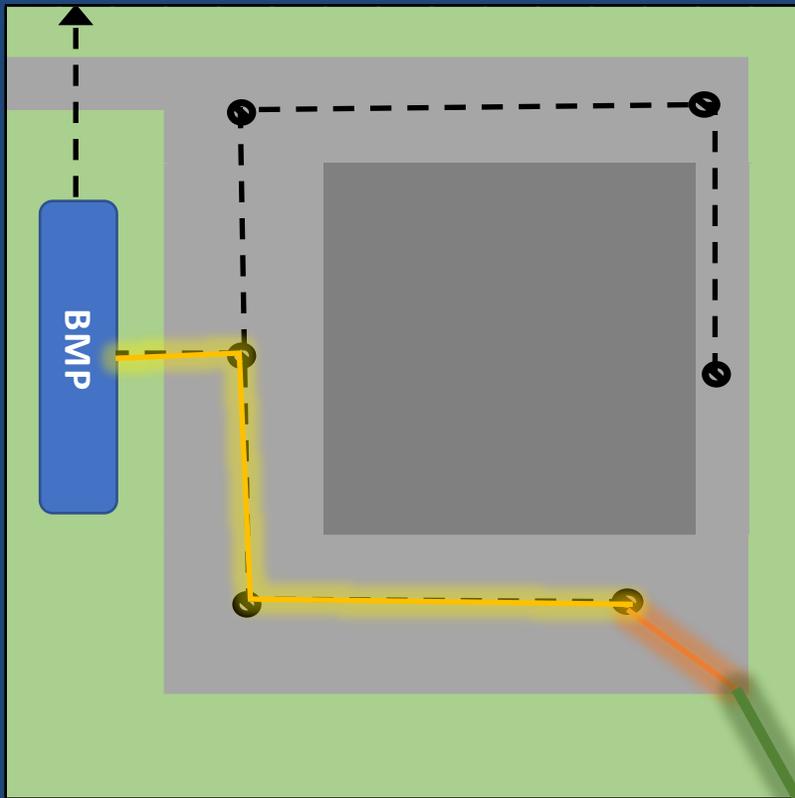
- The intensity should be selected for a duration equal to the time of concentration (t_c) of the drainage area.
- I-D curve for Water Quality Event is provided in tabular format in **Appendix C** of the CGP.
- T_c should utilize a velocity based equation for each flow condition encountered (sheet, shallow concentrated, pipe, open channel, etc.)
- If the total T_c is <5 minutes, a 5 minute duration should be used¹
- Sub areas may yield larger peak discharges than then entire area and should be evaluated separately.²

¹ FWHA, HEC-22, third edition, Urban Drainage Design Manual (2009)

² 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 [iwq] (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:

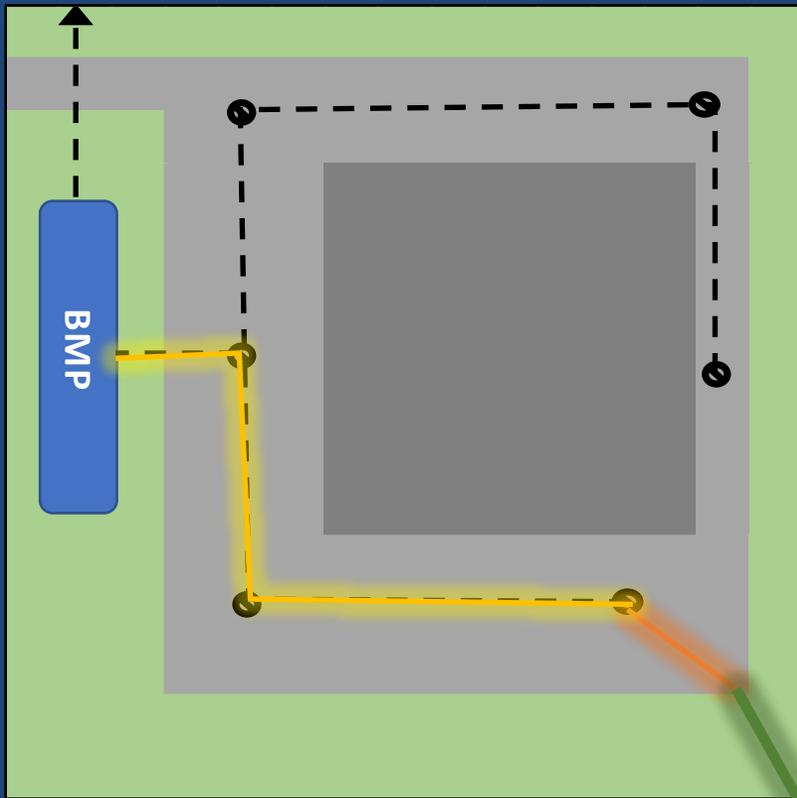
$C = 0.85$ (commercial area)

$i = 1.01$ in/hr

$A = 2.25$ ac

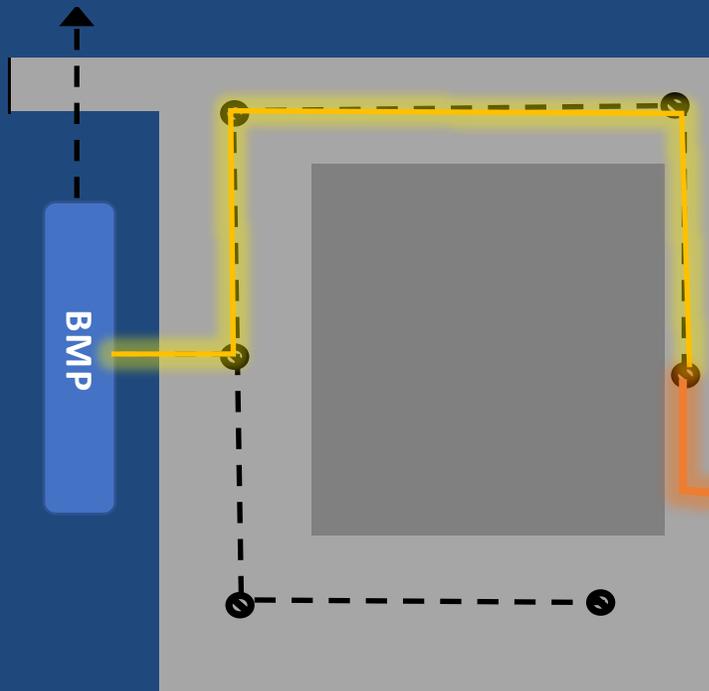
$WQF = 0.85 \times 1.01 \text{ in/hr} \times 2.25 \text{ ac}$

$WQF = 1.93 \text{ cfs}$



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 [iwq] (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

Water Quality Flow

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Where:

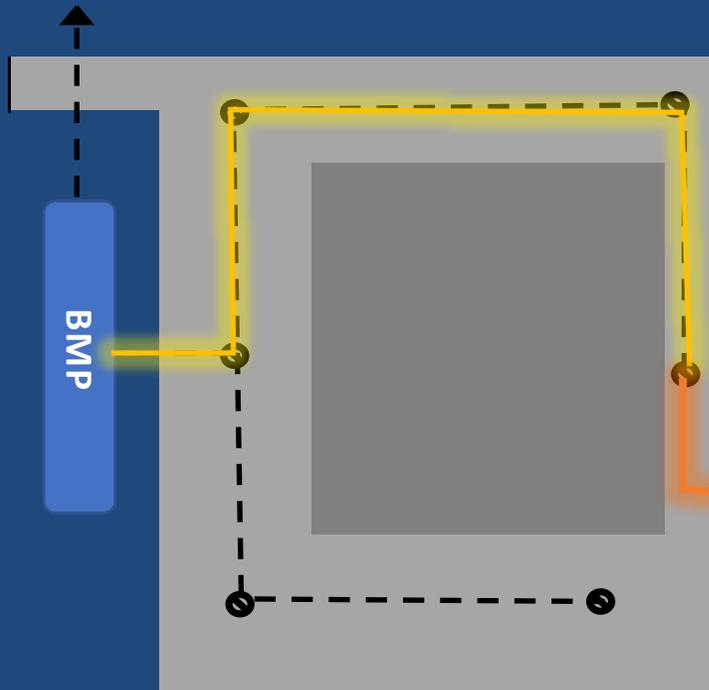
$C = 0.90$ (impervious, flat)

$i = 2.37$ in/hr

$A = 1.35$ ac

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

$WQF = 2.88$ cfs



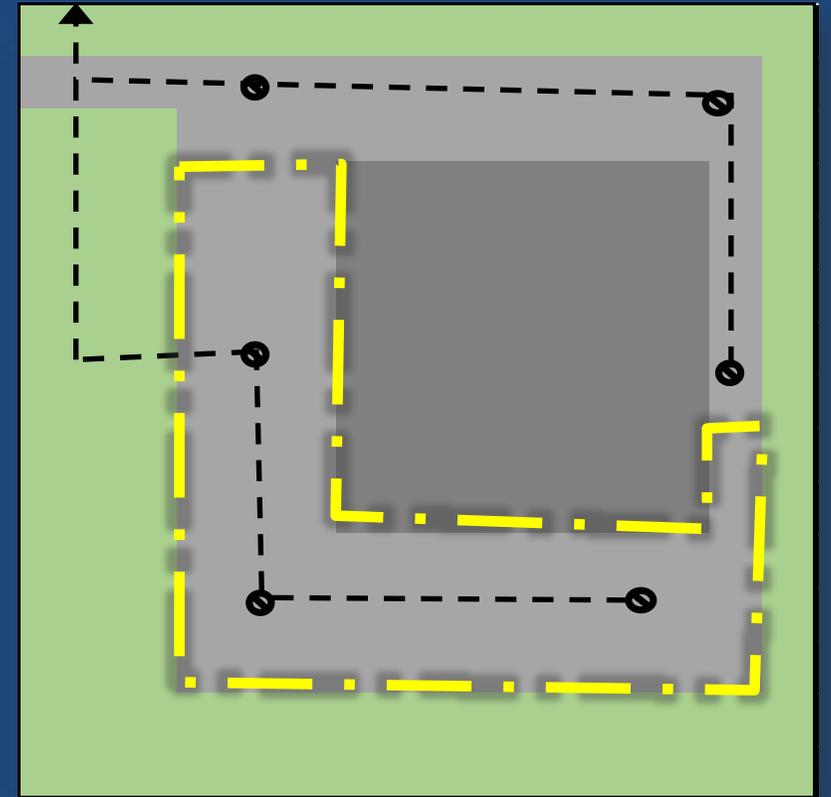
Water Quality Flow - Redevelopment

From our previous redevelopment example:

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