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Office of Planning & Community Development

TO: Zoning Commission

FROM: George K. McGregor, AICP, Planning Director

DATE: April 3, 2023

SUBJECT: **ZC 23-03, 446 Hopmeadow St., 8-30g Site Plan UPDATE**

On March 20, 2023, The Zoning Commission opened a public hearing on the above referenced site plan application. The public hearing was continued to April 3, 2023.

Revisions

On March 21, 2023, the Applicant submitted a revised site plan set and a revised stormwater management report, in response to Town Engineering comments and issues generated during the ongoing Inland Wetlands Agency public hearing. Changes include detailed locations for snow storage, bearproof dumpsters, addition fencing for light screening, and alterations to the stormwater facility locations.

The architectural elevations have been updated to add a second color panel to the building, in response to comments from the Design Review Board (DRB). After a great deal of discussion, the DRB voted to provide a *neutral* recommendation on the project.

The updated Agenda packet includes the plan revisions as well as documents submitted in support of proposed stormwater and salt application processes. The Town Engineer's review of the March 17, 2023 plan set are also enclosed.

The proposed scope and scale are unchanged: 80 multi-family units in a four-story structure.

Timeline

The Applicant has extended the Zoning Commission site plan timeline until April 17, 2023. Under State law, the Zoning Commission must wait for the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency (IWWA) to render a decision prior to Zoning Commission action. The IWWA has continued its public hearing; that next meeting is one day after the Zoning Commission meets, April 4, 2023. Staff recommends the Zoning Commission continue the public hearing until April 17, 2023.

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Department of Public Works - Engineering Division

MEMORANDUM

To: George K. McGregor, AICP, Director of Community Planning and Development

From: Thomas J. Roy, P.E., Director of Public Works / Town Engineer

Cc: Adam D. Kessler, P.E., Deputy Town Engineer
Daniel F. Gannon, Project Engineer
Laura Barkowski, Code Compliance Officer
Joseph Hollis, Land Use Specialist

Subject: **Engineering Comments – Vessel Multi-Family Housing**

Date: March 27, 2023

The Engineering Department has reviewed the documents submitted as part of a Site Plan Application for development of 446 Hopmeadow Street received by this department on March 21, 2023:

1. Site Development Plans set titled “Vessel Multi-Family Housing” prepared by HH Engineering Associates, revised March 17, 2023.
2. Stormwater Management Report prepared by HH Engineering Associates, revised March 17, 2023.

The applicant has submitted plans to construct an 80-unit multi-family housing development with at-grade and subsurface stormwater management systems, retaining walls, guard rails, paved parking lot, and associated appurtenances at 446 Hopmeadow Street.

The following comments will sequentially correspond with the comments issued in our letter dated 03/01/2023:

1. This comment has been adequately addressed.
2. This comment has been adequately addressed.
3. The applicant has agreed to provide a copy of all future correspondence with CT DOT regarding the encroachment permit to the Town of Simsbury Engineering Department. This comment has been adequately addressed.
4. This comment has been adequately addressed.
5. This comment has been adequately addressed.
6. A detail for the modular block retaining walls has been provided. This detail shows a “4” *perforated drain in filter fabric. Extend to daylight.* Identify the locations of where the underdrain will daylight and any necessary measure to prevent erosion of the relatively steep slope due to the point discharge.
7. This comment has been adequately addressed.
8. This comment has been adequately addressed.
9. This comment has been adequately addressed.
10. This comment has been adequately addressed.

11. This comment has been adequately addressed.
12. This comment has been adequately addressed.

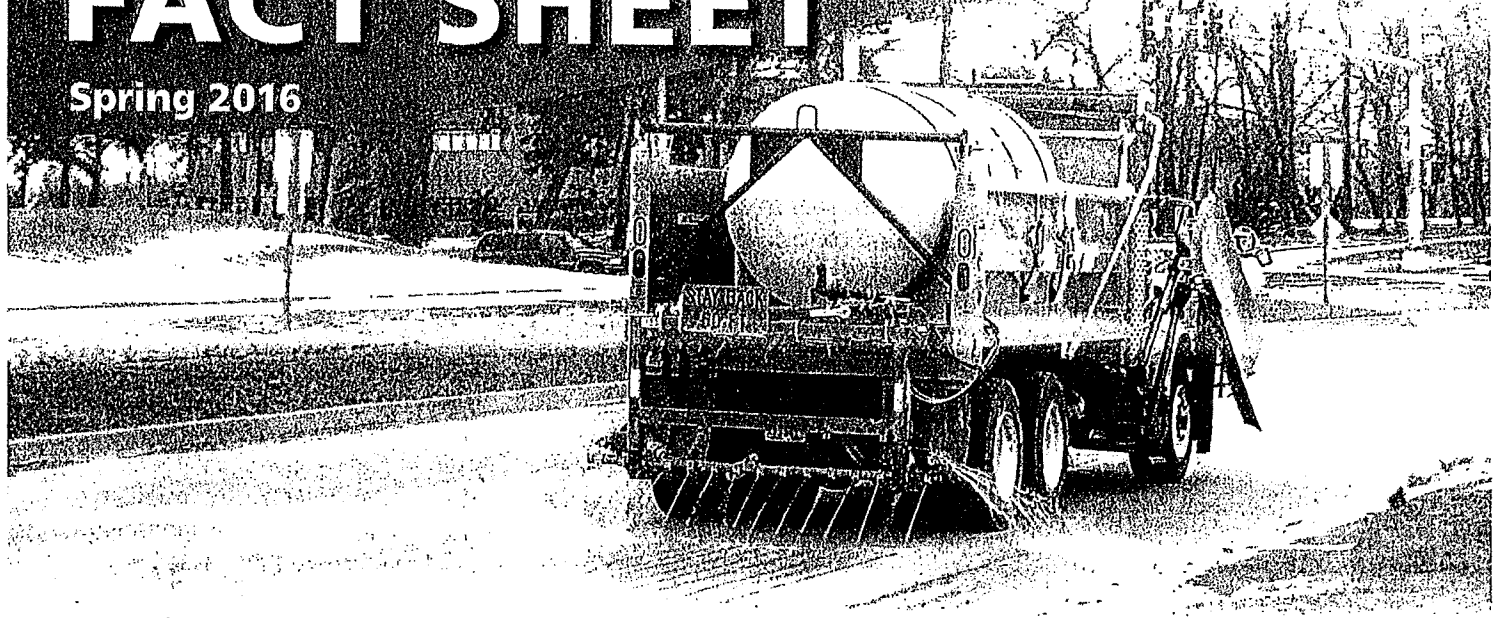
The following comments are new comments based on the submitted materials:

13. Proposed peak runoff rates shall be equal to or less than existing peak runoff rates. Per the Peak Rate of Runoff Summary (Figure 5, Stormwater Report), the peak rate during the 2-year storm event will increase. Please revise the stormwater design accordingly and resubmit.
14. Discrepancies exist between the plan set and the stormwater report for the outlet pipes of SWM-A2, SWM-A3, and SWM-B. Plans indicate 12” pipes while the report is based on 15” pipes. Please revise the stormwater design and report accordingly and resubmit.
15. Consider replacing pipe bends with structures for the outlet pipes of OCS-5 and OCS-6. Additionally, the proposed 361 LF outlet pipe is excessively long per standard practice and should be interrupted by a structure for future maintenance considerations.
16. The plans have been updated with snow storage areas, which are located in Stormwater Management Areas ‘B’ and ‘D’ per sheet SL-1. Storage of snow in these areas conflict with the emergency spillways and will impact the stormwater capacity of the basins. Please revise the stormwater design and report accordingly and resubmit.
17. Revise the modular concrete block retaining wall detail or add a new detail to depict the proposed 36” high fence.

BRINE FACT SHEET

Spring 2016

APWA Winter Maintenance
Sub-Committee



Anti-icing involves placing a layer of brine on the surface of the pavement **before** a winter storm has begun to prevent snow and ice from freezing to the road. **Deicing** uses pre-wetted rock salt to break the bond **after** snow has frozen to the road.

Anti-icing delivers the same level of service, but it uses one-quarter to one-fifth as much salt as deicing.

Please direct media questions to APWA Communications/Media Relations Manager Laura Bynum at 202-218-6736 or e-mail lbynum@apwa.net.

What is salt brine?

Salt brine is a solution of salt (typically sodium chloride) and water. It has a freezing point lower than pure water and, as such, is a useful tool in reducing the adhesion of snow and ice to road surfaces. In addition to brine made with sodium chloride, some winter maintenance agencies also use brines made with calcium chloride or magnesium chloride. Nonetheless, these brines are solutions of salt and water, with a freezing point lower than the freezing point of pure water. The freezing point of brine is a function of the salt being used in the brine (sodium chloride, calcium chloride, or magnesium chloride) and the percentage by weight of that salt in the solution.

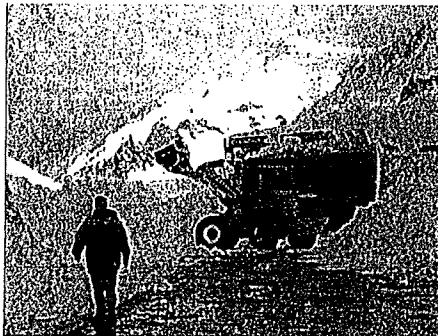
Why is salt brine important?

Rock salt, or solid salt, is simply crystals of sodium chloride. Until it has gone into solution—that is, until it has formed brine—it will do nothing to stop snow from freezing to the pavement surface. Agencies that use rock salt in their winter maintenance activities are doing so to create brine on the road surface. Therefore, brine is an integral and critical part of winter maintenance activities.

What is the difference between anti-icing and deicing?

Anti-icing is a proactive approach taken to decrease the likelihood of snow and ice bonding to a pavement surface. Additionally, anti-icing can prevent frost from forming on pavement surfaces. Anti-icing involves placing a layer of brine on the surface of the pavement before a winter storm has begun. This layer prevents the snow and ice from freezing to (or icing onto) the road. The alternative—which is called deicing—is to let the snow bond/freeze to the road, then apply pre-wetted rock salt to break the bond between the snow and the pavement.

Studies have shown that anti-icing will achieve the same level of service on a road or highway using between one-quarter and one-fifth the amount of salt used in deicing. Typically, anti-icing is performed using trucks carrying tanks, which have pumps to spray the brine onto the pavement surfaces. In many places lines or stripes of brine can be seen on a road before a given event. Some people call these safety stripes! Usually, brine is applied at rates of between 30 and 50 gallons per lane mile.



Even in avalanche areas snow has been easily removed due to anti-icing.

Are all those liquids pure salt brine?

No, they are not. Increasingly, agencies are blending brines to take into account the particular storm conditions they expect to deal with. Blends often use by-products from a variety of processes applied to natural materials. Organics might include by-products from cheese whey and sugar beet or similar ingredients. The purpose of organics is to increase the longevity of the brine on the pavement surface. Evidence has been presented that organics may reduce corrosion of vehicles and infrastructure. Usually, the concentration of organic additives in brine ranges from 5 to 20 percent. One typical mixture is 85% salt brine, 5% calcium chloride brine, and 10% organic.

What is pre-wetting, and where does it fit into all of this?

As discussed above, rock salt does not reduce the freezing temperature of the pavement surface until it has created a brine. Rock salt is typically pre-wetted while it is being applied to the pavement surface. Rock salt can be pre-wetted in many ways. The general idea is to get the rock salt wet as it leaves the plow truck. This not only jump-starts the freezing temperature reduction process (and thus gets the salt "working" more quickly) but it also helps the rock salt stay on the road after it is spread. When rock salt is not pre-wet, as much as 30% may end up bouncing straight into the ditch or gutter. Pre-wetting is normally done at rates of around 8 -10 gallons of brine per ton of solid material, but some agencies are now working on

using slurries of rock salt, which has as much as 50 gallons of brine per ton of solid material.

What about corrosion, isn't brine more corrosive than rock salt?

As previously noted, if an agency is using rock salt to its best advantage, it is employing brine. So, rock salt and brine are just two sides of the same coin. That said, yes, chlorides can cause corrosion in metals, and if not treated properly this can cause damage to vehicles and infrastructure. Some organic additives may have corrosion-resistant benefits. Certainly, laboratory studies show that some of the organics reduce corrosion substantially. However, the best way to reduce or avoid corrosion is to take the extra precaution of rinsing off any residue from the road salt or the brine the road salt has become.

So, does putting down a liquid on a cold road just freeze to the road?

Brine does have a lot of water in it. For example, sodium chloride brine is typically 23.3% sodium chloride when it is applied. That means that it is 76.7% water. But, the salt is in a solution in the water, and that solution has a lower freezing point than pure water, as noted earlier. In particular, when salt brine is applied at a 23.3% concentration, it will freeze

(without any additional dilution) at about -6° F. Unless the road surface is extremely cold, the brine will not freeze to the road. Of course, as it melts snow and ice, it becomes more diluted and—unless additional treatments are made or the road is cleared of snow and ice by plowing—the road will refreeze eventually. But the short answer to this question is NO—the brine will not freeze on the road when it is applied.

So, the brine won't freeze, but will it make the road slippery some other way?

There have been concerns about this slippery issue since the early days of using brines in the US. Indeed, AASHTO (the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials) considered this issue back in the 1990s. They concluded there might be an issue of slipperiness with some brines, but it would only occur in very unusual circumstances. These circumstances could be avoided by simply not applying brine when pavement temperatures were warm, or when the air humidity fell within certain ranges. Provided those restrictions are followed, brines do not cause slippery roads at all—rather they enhance road safety and mobility during winter weather and are a clear benefit to the traveling public.



Anti-icing roadways prior to an event in McHenry County, Illinois. (Photo courtesy of Mark DeVries)



March 21, 2023

Dear Josh,

R-N-L Enterprises, LTD, has been servicing Simsbury, Granby and the surrounding areas for 38 years. We have considerable experience in plowing and salting before, during and after snow and ice conditions present.

In our experience the best and most sensitive method of keeping hardscape safe for residents and visitors is to pretreat with calcium chloride brine, significantly reducing the snow and ice's ability to stick and requiring dramatically less volume of treatment.

On the rare occasions when snow piles up to unacceptable levels, we have adequate capacity to remove the snow to a remote location.

We are capable of and experienced in delivering these best practice services to 446 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 06070.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron LaCasse, Jr.', is written over a long, thin horizontal line that spans across the width of the page.

Ron LaCasse, Jr.

Storm Water Low-Impact Development, Conventional Structural, and Manufactured Treatment Strategies for Parking Lot Runoff

Performance Evaluations Under Varied Mass Loading Conditions

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Eleven storm water treatment strategies were evaluated for water quality performance and storm volume reduction during rainfall-runoff events between September 2004 and August 2005. Evaluated treatment strategies included structural best management practices (BMPs) (swales, retention ponds), low-impact development (LID) designs (treatment wetland, filtration and infiltration designs), and manufactured BMPs (filtration, infiltration, and hydrodynamic separators). Contaminant event mean concentration, performance efficiency, and mass-based first flush were evaluated for storms with varying rainfall-runoff characteristics. Previous research demonstrated that treatment performance of storm water control measures varies widely in response to site-specific contaminant loading functions. For that reason, the devices were tested in parallel, with a single influent source providing uniform loading to all devices. Treatment strategies were uniformly sized to target a rainfall-runoff depth equivalent to 90% of the annual volume of rainfall. Under the parallel and uniformly sized configuration, a normalized performance evaluation is possible because treatment strategies of the same scale receive runoff from events of the same duration, intensity, peak flow, volume, antecedent dry period, and watershed loading. Runoff constituent analyses included total suspended solids (TSS), total petroleum hydrocarbons-diesel, dissolved inorganic nitrogen, and total zinc. Several water quality parameters (temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, conductivity) were monitored as real-time data. Performance evaluations indicate that several LID designs have removal efficiencies of 80% to 100%. In contrast, conventional structural BMPs perform poorly for most measures except for the pond with TSS. The manufactured systems tended to vary widely and were dependent on the design and contaminant of interest.

Recent implementation of National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Phase II rules under the Clean Water Act requires the design and implementation of local storm water management plans, and

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many communities are curious about different treatment strategies. Many factors influence engineers, planners, resource managers, and others in the selection of treatment strategies. The state of the practice currently focuses predominantly on storm volume and peak flow reduction, with some attention also paid to sediment issues. This is evident by the widespread dominance of storm water ponds as treatment measures and swales as conveyance means. These systems continue to dominate the storm water landscape despite volumes of quality research indicating that there are more effective treatment systems as well as the inclusion of these alternate designs in more recent storm water design manuals. A wide range of research on contaminant-specific removal strategies exists for sand filters (1-3), bioretention systems (4-7), and gravel wetlands (8, 9). For manufactured storm water devices, people are left largely to manufacturer claims for product efficiency. Maintenance demands for the range of treatment strategies have an important role in treatment selection.

In New Hampshire the poor performance of current storm water management is demonstrated by the fact that storm water runoff is ranked as the number one pollution source of 14 identified non-point sources (10). Shellfish beds in New Hampshire (Hampton, Rye, and Little Harbors; Great and Little Bays, and tributaries) are subject to regular closure after a 0.5 in. of precipitation. Runoff from impervious surfaces in urban areas contains significant amounts of hazardous contaminants, many of which are not removed with conventional best management practices (BMPs). The 21-km² Great Bay Estuary is fed by a 2,400-km² watershed. Investigations by Ballestero et al. (11) found that the performance of traditional storm water control systems (retention pond, detention pond, grassed swale) had a high degree of failure for at least one type of contaminant. Failure was defined as effluent concentrations exceeding influent concentrations during the first flush. In addition, for a wide range of contaminants, there was no clear trend of positive performance.

There is a growing body of data that indicate that wet storm water control systems, catch basins, and storm water pipes may be increasing microbial and dissolved contamination problems (12, 13). These studies indicate that wet control systems are inconsistently effective for reducing nutrients. Even those systems found to be effective for

treating urban runoff in national studies (primarily for treating nutrients) may not be effective for all contaminants of concern and may be ineffective for much of the year in New Hampshire and other cold regions. Progress is needed on these questions to provide a scientifically sound basis for decisions on resource allocation relative to reducing contamination in surface water.

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

The main research objective was to evaluate three classes of storm water treatment strategies—manufactured BMPs, conventional structural BMPs, and low-impact development (LID) designs—in a normalized fashion by using a parallel treatment configuration.

The study was performed at the University of New Hampshire (UNH) Stormwater Center field facility between August 2004 and April 2005. The center is located on the perimeter of a 3.6-ha commuter parking lot at UNH in Durham. The parking lot is standard dense-mix asphalt, installed in 1996, and is used near capacity throughout the academic year. The subcatchment area is large enough to generate substantial runoff, which is gravity fed to the parallel treatment processes. The lot is curbed and entirely impervious. Activity involves a combination of passenger vehicles and routine bus traffic. The runoff time of concentration for the lot is 22 min, with slopes ranging from 1.5% to 2.5%. The area is subject to frequent plowing, salting, and sanding during the winter months. Literature reviews indicate that contaminant concentrations are above or equal to national norms for parking lot runoff.

The climatology of the area is characterized as a coastal, cool temperate forest. Average annual precipitation is 122 cm uniformly distributed throughout the year, with average monthly precipitation of 10.2 cm \pm 1.3. The mean annual temperature is 9°C, with the average low in January at -9°C and the average high in July at 28°C.

METHODOLOGY

Site Design

The site was designed to function as numerous uniformly sized, isolated, parallel treatment systems. The site as a whole was designed to get "dirty storm water" to each device, without significant impacts, such as sedimentation, from the distribution system. Rainfall runoff is evenly divided at the head of the facility in a distribution box, designed with the floor slightly higher than the outlet invert elevations to allow for scour across the floor and into the pipe network. Subsurface infiltration–filtration systems have gravel subdrains installed below to capture effluent. Finally, effluent from all systems is piped into a central sampling gallery, where system sampling and flow monitoring is centralized. The parallel configuration normalizes the treatment processes for event and watershed-loading variations. Site design began in 2002, and construction was completed in June 2004.

Site surficial geology is almost entirely marine clays, which allow for strict mass balance controls of influent and effluent. Within the systems, there are virtually no losses or additions from groundwater, leaving changes in mass to "within-system" losses.

The field facility currently contains 12 treatment strategies. There are two conventional BMPs (a rip-rap swale and retention pond), three LID devices (surface sand filter, bioretention system, and subsurface gravel wetland), and six manufactured devices (four vortex separators, a storm filter, and a subsurface infiltration device). Eight

devices are discussed here: bioretention system, gravel wetland, sand filter, subsurface infiltration unit, manufactured filter device, hydrodynamic separator, rip rap swale, and retention pond. A bioretention system is the most common LID design in practice that treats storm water by filtration through a vegetated filter media made up of a soil mixture optimized for infiltration. A gravel wetland is a horizontal flow, multicell system designed to be continuously saturated, to promote water quality treatment conditions. The sand filter is a shallow surface sand filter with an extremely permeable filter bed. The manufactured subsurface infiltration unit is a treatment train comprising a pretreatment system followed by a large subsurface infiltration system made up of a series of perforated pipes. The hydrodynamic separator, sometimes referred to as manhole retrofits, are small structures designed to treat storm water through vortex settling. The rip-rap swale is a stone-lined unvegetated channel. This rip rap swale represents the common condition of passively vegetated storm water conveyance channels during the first few years before vegetation is well established. The retention pond is a wet pond designed to retain a standing pool at all times. The treatment strategies are all sized uniformly to treat the same peak flows and treatment volumes and to convey large flows. Design criteria were based on a rainfall frequency analysis to determine a rainfall depth corresponding to 90% of total runoff volume. For Durham, New Hampshire, a 2.5-cm rainfall depth is equivalent to 92% of the annual rainfall volume, based on 76 years of record. For much of the northeast it ranges from 2.0 to 3.3 cm. These criteria were selected because of their increasingly widespread use and the economical sizing and because water quality treatment will account for more than 90% of the annual runoff volume. The veracity of this sizing concept was to be evaluated. Design specifications for each device are included in Table 1 and include appropriate items such as maximum velocities, slope, residence times, as per the design manuals.

Treatment unit designs and selection were based primarily on manuals from New York State (14), New Hampshire (15), Brown (16), and FHWA (17). There are two sets of manufactured devices that are in series. The first is a water quality unit followed by a subsurface infiltration device. The other is a hydrodynamic separator followed by a filtration system. All of the manufactured BMPs except the subsurface infiltration unit are small-volume nonstorage units, so they typically do not affect peak flows but rather are limited to water quality treatment.

Sample Monitoring and Data Network

Detailed sample monitoring of the rainfall events occurred between August 2004 and April 2005. Sample analysis involved many discrete

TABLE 1 Storm Water Treatment Device Sizing and Design Criteria

Design Specification	Value
Rainfall–runoff depth	25.4 mm (1 in.)
Catchment area	0.4 hectares (1 acre)
Treatment peak flow	2,450 m ³ /day (1 cfs)
10-year peak storm flows	8,570 m ³ /day (3.5 cfs)
Treatment volume	92 m ³ (3,264 ft ³)
Treatment volume drain time	24–48 h

samples taken through the rising and falling limb of the hydrograph to determine entire-event mass balances.

Sample monitoring occurred at two primary locations, the distribution box and the sampling gallery. Influent samples are taken at a single location in the pipe leading to the distribution box. Effluent samples are taken at a centralized location for each of the 12 treatment devices, located at the sampling gallery. The effluent piping for each device is plumbed to the sampling gallery, which is a subsurface vault.

Effluent sampling is performed using automated 6712SR ISCO samplers. Each sampler is fitted with a water quality sonde and flow meter. All but one device use a bubbler flow meter combined with a Thelmar composite weir. The samplers are located in a shed above the sampling gallery. Sampling lines are fed through the floor of the shed into the sampling gallery vault below. Each sampling port for the individual treatment device is monitored by a YSI Model 600XL multiparameter sonde, recording pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen (DO), and conductivity at regular intervals. An on-site rain gauge provides rainfall frequency, duration, and depth.

Automated sampling is triggered on the basis of preset flow conditions. The sampling program for each device is based on analyses of multiple and varied effluent hydrographs. For the nonstorage devices, the effluent hydrograph is nearly equivalent to the influent hydrograph because of minimal peak flow attenuation. For both influent and effluent sampling, programs are designed to take five samples in the time of concentration and then spread out the remaining samples over the rest of the hydrograph. Typical influent sampling would be at 4-min intervals for the duration of the event, or until flow trigger conditions cease. For the large storage units, effluent sampling is at 60-min intervals for a total of five up to the time of concentration, and afterward at 140-min intervals or until flow trigger conditions cease. For the storage, filtration, and infiltration devices, effluent hydrographs are substantially altered and take 24 to 48 h to drain completely, as designed.

Runoff constituent analyses routinely include total suspended solids (TSS), total petroleum hydrocarbons-diesel (TPH-D), dissolved inorganic nitrogen (DIN) (composed of nitrate, nitrite, and ammonia), and zinc (Zn). Selection of constituents for routine analysis was based on an initial constituent characterization that included a wide range of petroleum hydrocarbons (gasoline range organics, lube oils, oil, and grease), total and dissolved metals (cadmium, copper, iron, lead, mercury), and nutrients (DIN, phosphate, total phosphorus). Although such analyses are performed, analyses of bacterial pathogens are not included in this discussion. Samples are stored at 4°C or frozen until analyzed. No acid sample preservation is performed because of cold storage and because of the wide range of analyses, some requiring preservation, others not. All sample analyses are performed by a state-certified laboratory for drinking water and wastewater.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Variations in storm characteristics and whether a storm is either mass-limited or flow-limited would be expected to affect treatment strategies differently. This variability determines the contaminant wash-off rate. Antecedent dry periods average 5.6 days for each storm. All of the systems are designed to treat the first inch of runoff. For the nonstorage units, there is no retention time, but rather a water quality treatment only.

Hydrologic Data and Basic Water Quality

The hydrologic data for the monitored storm events are presented in Figure 1. These influent hydrographs reveal a wide range of storm characteristics for the monitored events. The range of storms includes variations in duration, intensity, total volume, peak flow, antecedent dry period, and a range of seasons. Each of these parameters can influence system performance. The short-duration storms might be expected to be flow-limited events and thus important to assess for first-flush characteristics. Other longer-duration storms might be mass-limited storms, and thus the bulk of the mass of the storms could be expected to be weighted toward the front of the storm. With short antecedent dry periods a lighter contaminant mass load might be expected, and thus lower influent concentrations and lower removal efficiencies. With seasonal variations, changes in nutrient trends would be expected. The storm characteristics presented in Table 2 demonstrate markedly different storms, and thus part of the challenge of storm water treatment. The first two storms were remnants of Hurricanes Frances (9/8/2004) and Ivan (9/18/2004), both large events, but Ivan was substantially longer and of lower intensity. Four storm events exceeded the design criteria for total rainfall depth. The 10/30/04 event exceeded the design criteria for peak flow only, but did not for volume or total depth. The 3/28/05 event exceeded the design criteria for total rainfall depth and volume, but not for peak flow. Only the 3/28/05 storm experienced system bypass, and that mass was monitored and included in the performance evaluations. Often, these variations are due to discrepancies between the typical design storm hydrograph (SCS Type III rainfall distribution) and the actual storm.

Real-time water quality parameters are presented for select systems (Figure 2): bioretention systems, surface sand filter, retention pond, gravel wetland, manufactured BMP subsurface infiltration unit (MD infiltration), manufactured BMP hydrodynamic separator (MD HS), manufactured BMP filter media (MD filter), and a rip rap swale. Real-time water quality monitoring of influent and the range of storm water devices enabled an assessment of water quality effects. Before runoff, background conditions dominate with the low flows, likely derived from groundwater. Background conditions are moderate low flows typically less than 25 m³/day, temperatures ranging from 13°C to 18°C, specific conductance (SC) about 1,300 µS/cm, DO ranging from 5 to 8 mg/L, and pH near 6.7. Once runoff begins, these basic parameters change quickly for the duration of the event, as is evident in Figure 2. The background conditions return slowly in the next few days depending on the parameter and magnitude of the event.

The distinct variations in routing effects for the 390-min storm are evident with the bioretention system, surface sand filter, retention pond, and the gravel wetland. The same systems have the largest dampening effect on basic water quality parameters such as temperature. The lack of routing in hydrodynamic separators (MD HS), BMP filter media (MD filter), and rip rap swale is also evident and displayed in the water quality parameters. Influent water quality changes at the initiation of a runoff event as SC drops dramatically to <100 µS/cm. The temperature and DO are elevated as a result of warming from the asphalt parking lot and aeration in the distribution system. Runoff water becomes highly aerated, typically >10 mg/L. Water quality values for pH show common pH spikes between 5 and 6. Water quality responses in the treatment systems reflect the system flow retention capacity and the dominant treatment processes such as physical settling and physical-chemical filtration. Nonstorage

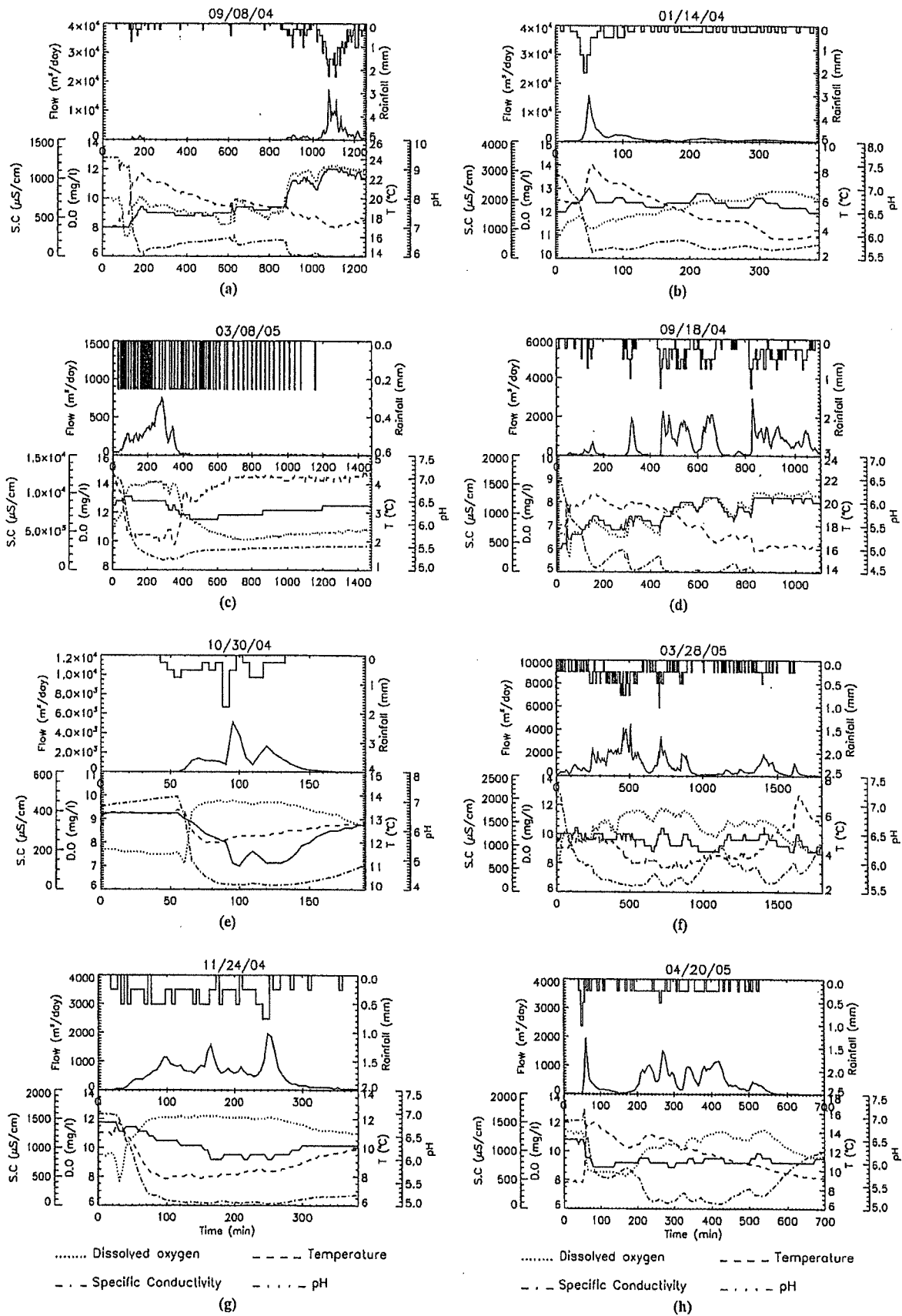


FIGURE 1 Influent hystographs, runoff hydrographs, and real-time parameters for eight storm events.

TABLE 2 Rainfall–Runoff Event Characteristics for 11 Storm Events, Durham

Rainfall Event m/d/y	Peak Intensity (mm/h)	Duration (min)	Total Depth (mm)	Peak Flow (m ³ /day)	Volume (m ³)	Antecedent Rainfall (days)	Season
9/8/2004	27	390 ^a 1,135 ^b	56	1,884	78	7.0	Fall
9/18/2004	15	1,030	51	321	48	7.0	Fall
10/30/2004	21	130	12	569	11	13.0	Fall
11/24/2004	9	345	18	218	16	3.5	Fall
1/14/2005	24	380	17	1,726	39	1.3	Winter
2/10/2005	6	675	18	224	22	3.6	Winter
3/8/2005	3	445	22	85	8	5.7	Winter
3/28/2005	12	1,685	60	468	127	3.4	Winter
4/20/2005	12	490	15	212	21	5.9	Spring
6/22/2005	15	110	8	611	11	4	Summer
8/13/2005	24	835	13	1,466	21	10	Summer

^aDenotes measurable runoff duration.

^bIntermittent rainfall duration.

units (rip rap swale and hydrodynamic separators) have limited basic water quality influences on flow, temperature, DO, SC, and pH. Storage units (bioretention system, subsurface infiltration units, gravel wetland) have substantial effects on the basic water quality. Flows are reduced and delayed over several days, and pH and temperature are very stable. The storage systems dampen, but have less impact on, the decrease of SC and the increase of DO, which react inversely.

Contaminant Water Quality

Similar trends are observed among each respective class of storage and nonstorage systems for contaminant removal. Most manufactured devices (with the notable exception of the filters) do not claim contaminant removal for anything other than solids. It can be seen that there is removal for others that is likely due to surface complexation with solids (18). Systems with biological activity perform distinctly for nutrients and TPH-D. Figures 3 through 6 illustrate individual probability plots of influent versus effluent event mean concentrations (EMCs) for BMPs studied here. These probability plots illustrate the unit process response with respect to influent concentration. There is a clear trend of increasing removal efficiency with increasing influent concentration for all contaminants. The top performers are the infiltration–filtration systems (subsurface infiltration unit, bioretention, gravel wetland), with the exception of the surface sand filter. It is possible that there is an in-system source of TSS loading in the sand filter, which may explain the poorer than normal performance. This point is being investigated. The TSS plots show a relatively uniform removal efficiency performance for the hydrodynamic separator. Observable trends suggest that for most devices (except the sand filter) some level of solids removal is occurring. The swale, retention pond, and hydrodynamic separator do fail on occasion. It is hypothesized that the overall poor performance of the surface sand filter may be due to the exceptionally high hydraulic conductivity and small filter bed. This hypothesis is supported by the high level of removal observed in the subsurface infiltration unit that has an identical filter-bed material, but rather a larger filter bed area.

It is also possible that the repeated TSS failure for the sand filter is an installation and maintenance issue. The issue is presumably fixed and will be verified for the following 2005–2006 monitoring season. The DIN performance is quite varied and depends largely on the season. The gravel wetland and bioretention systems are the top performers. It can be seen that TPH-D is easily removable, and except for the rip rap swale, it is removed by all systems to some degree. Zn is removed similarly, with the added exception of the hydrodynamic separator.

Effluent probability plots display a statistical comparison of each device for the 11 storms (Figure 7). For TSS the class of filtration–infiltration systems, except the sand filter (i.e., bioretention, gravel wetland, subsurface infiltration device), is very effective for the range of concentrations and routinely achieves removal to detection limits. The large variation in the hydrodynamic separators may suggest sediment resuspension. The retention pond achieves nearly 80% removal, and the rip rap swale and hydrodynamic separator are similar. The LID systems with biological activity (bioretention system and gravel wetland) had almost complete removal for TSS, NO₃, TPH-D, and Zn. In contrast, the swale performs poorly for TSS, NO₃, and TPH-D and has moderate removal for Zn. The rip rap swale will be compared with a vegetated swale in the 2005–2006 monitoring season. The large-volume manufactured BMP removed TSS, TPH-D, and Zn, with minimal effect on NO₃, most likely because of the absence of vegetation. The large-volume manufactured BMP took several months to wash out the fines in the sand filter media. During that time, there was a net export of TSS.

Mass-Based First Flush

Mass wash-off characteristics were examined for the range of storm events and are presented in Figure 8. In general DIN has the fastest wash-off rate; TSS, TPH-D, and Zn vary depending on the storm. None of the events meet first-flush as defined by Stahre and Urbonas (19) as 80% of the mass in the first 20% of cumulative volume, but the data are consistent with other reported observations (20). First-

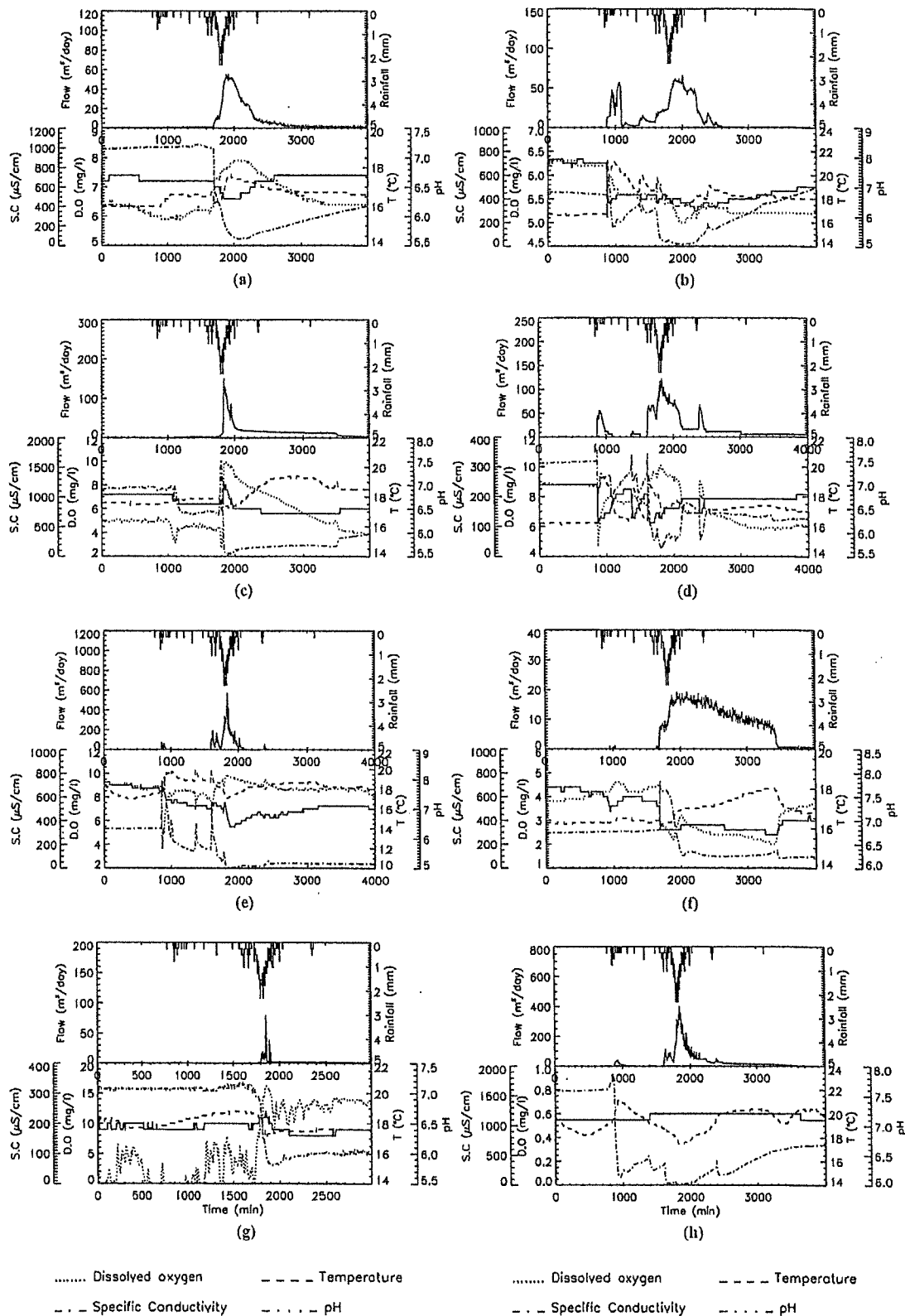


FIGURE 2 Hyetographs, effluent hydrographs, and real-time parameters for eight treatment strategies for 9/8/04 storm event: (a) subsurface infiltration, (b) sand filter, (c) bioretention, (d) manufactured filtration system, (e) hydrodynamic separator, (f) gravel wetland, (g) retention pond, and (h) rip-rap swale.

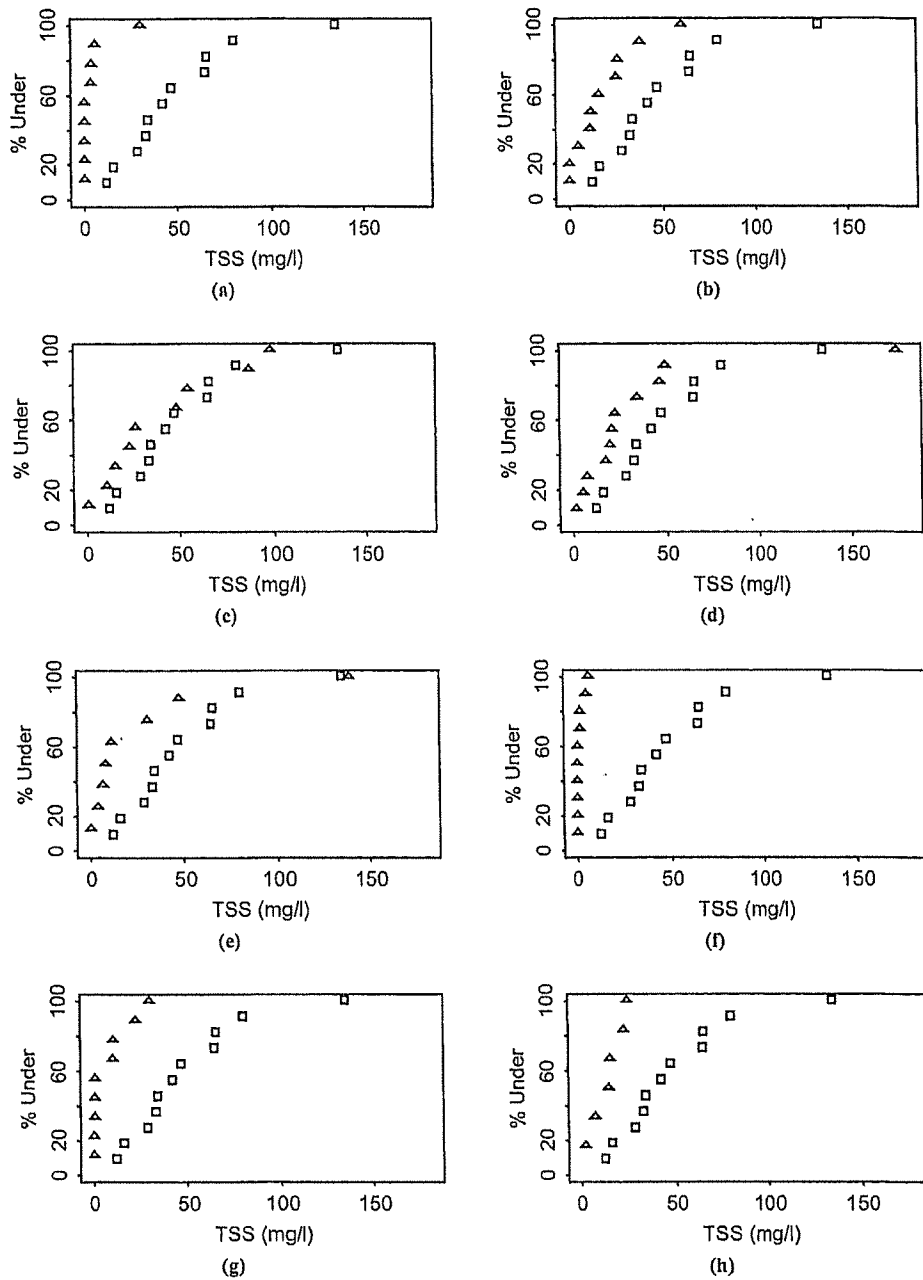


FIGURE 3 Effluent probability plots for TSS for range of storm water treatment strategies: (a) manufactured infiltration, (b) manufactured filter, (c) sand filter, (d) hydrodynamic separator, (e) retention pond, (f) gravel wetland, (g) bioretention, and (h) rip-rap swale.

flush characteristics were observed over a range of storms with a predominance of mass in the beginning of the storm and approximate exponential decay of mass-transfer. In addition, three of the eight storms exhibited uniform mass wash-off throughout the storm event. However, peak flow, duration, intensity, and storm volume were not reliable predictors of first-flush tendencies. These storm characteristics varied both for storms that were distinctly first-flush weighted and for storms that had uniform wash-off. Even some of the smaller storms (4/20/05) showed more than 50% of the mass in the first 15% of cumulative volume.

CONCLUSIONS

One of the distinct challenges of assessing performance efficiencies is the process of normalizing performance data to account for variations in watershed and storm characteristics. The larger the data set, the easier the process of normalization; however, challenges still exist. The experimental design presented here inherently normalizes variations in loading and hydrology.

The storm events monitored include a range of storms that exceed one or more design criteria based on a water quality volume (WQV)

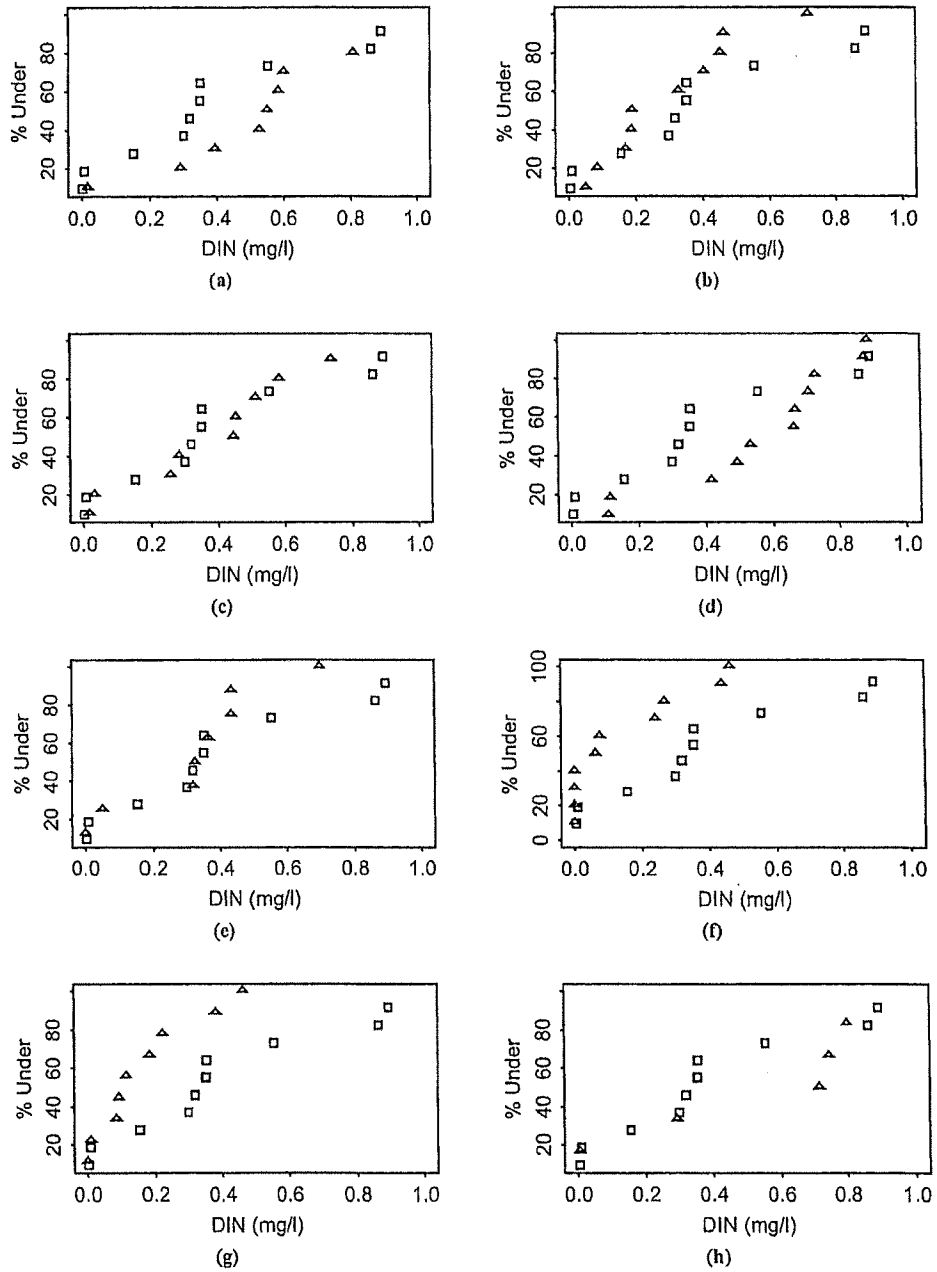


FIGURE 4 Effluent probability plots for DIN for ranges of storm water treatment strategies: (a) manufactured infiltration, (b) manufactured filter, (c) sand filter, (d) hydrodynamic separator, (e) retention pond, (f) gravel wetland, (g) bioretention, and (h) rip-rap swale.

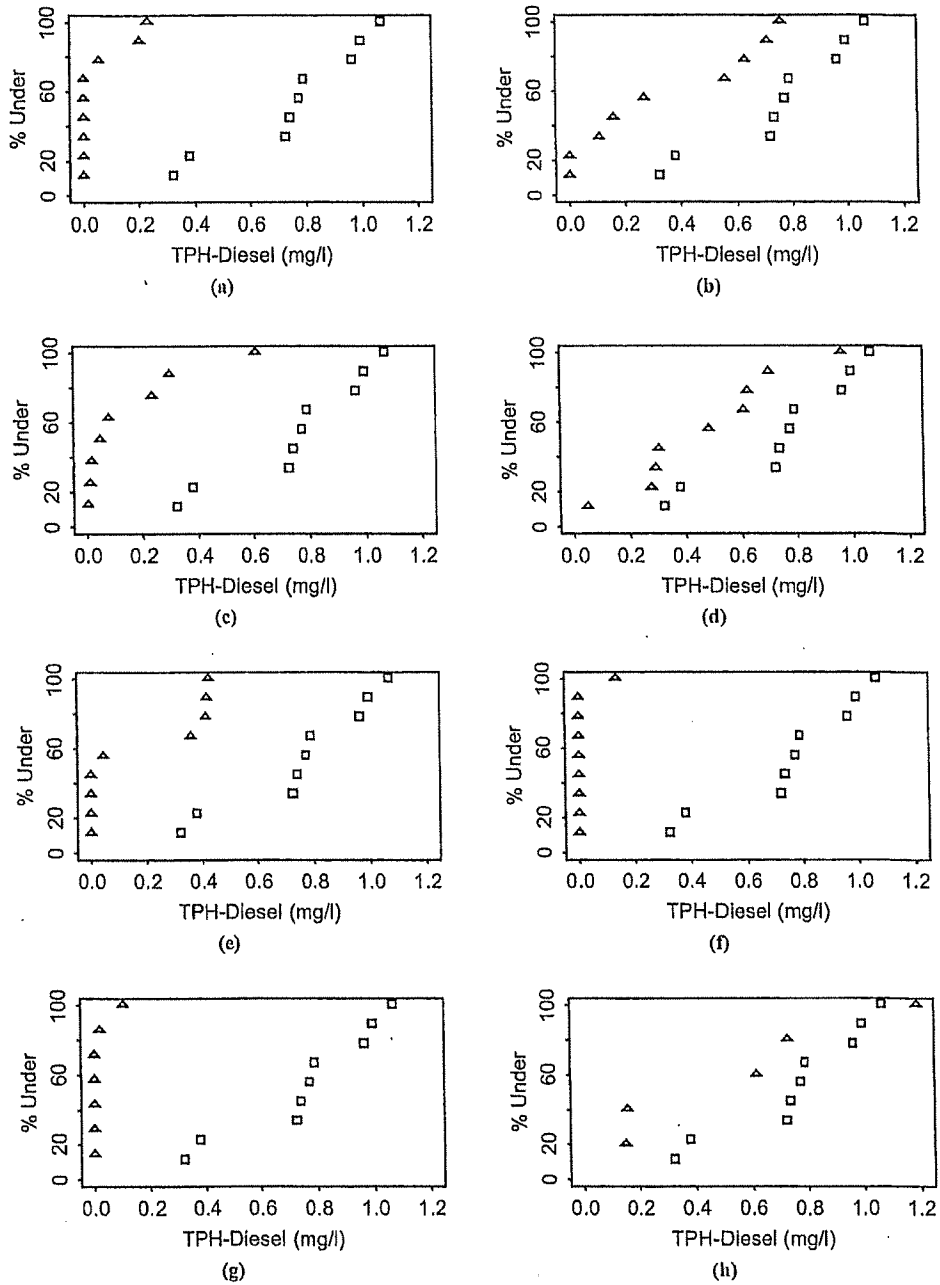


FIGURE 5 Effluent probability plots for TPH-D for range of storm water treatment strategies: (a) manufactured infiltration, (b) manufactured filter, (c) sand filter, (d) hydrodynamic separator, (e) retention pond, (f) gravel wetland, (g) bioretention, and (h) rip-rap swale.

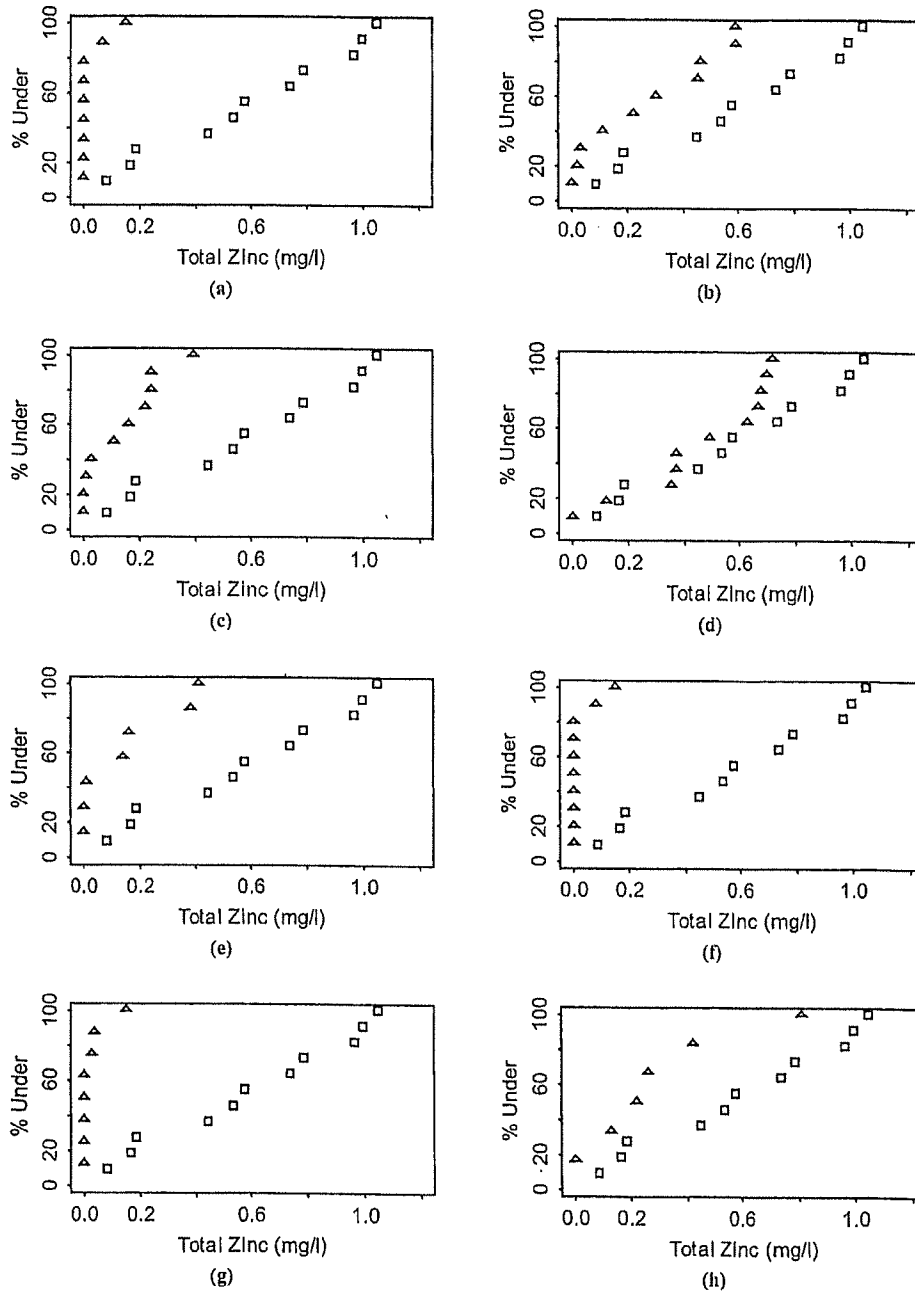


FIGURE 6 Effluent probability plots for total Zn for range of storm water treatment strategies: (a) manufactured infiltration, (b) manufactured filter, (c) sand filter, (d) hydrodynamic separator, (e) retention pond, (f) gravel wetland, (g) bioretention, and (h) rip-rap swala.

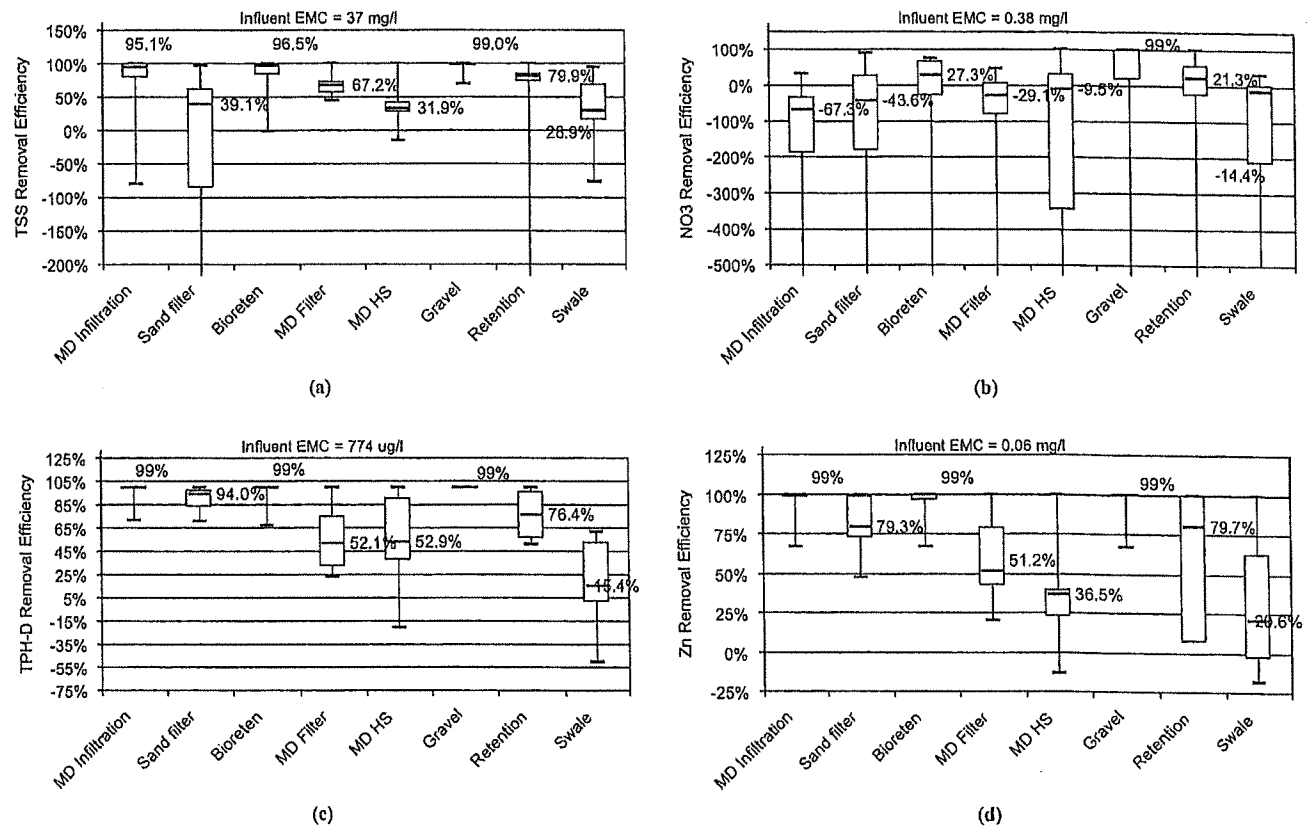


FIGURE 7 Removal efficiencies (normalized efficiency ratios) for TSS, DIN, TPH, and total zinc EMCs for eight treatment strategies: bioretention systems, surface sand filter, retention pond, gravel wetland, manufactured subsurface infiltration unit (MD Infiltration), manufactured BMP hydrodynamic separator (MD HS), manufactured filter system (MD filter), and rip rap swale.

corresponding to 90% of the total annual rainfall, or 1 in. in 24 h. It appears that on the basis of the WQV sizing criteria, the system performance for the LID systems is very strong.

A wide range of performance efficiencies exist for the three classes of storm water treatment strategies tested for this study. The LID designs clearly had the highest removal efficiencies, and the rip rap swale the lowest. Retention ponds performed at or near the 80% removal efficiency for solids and others. As a standard of practice, it can be seen that widespread use of swales is doing little to improve storm water quality. Rip rap swales would be expected to be representative of the first few years of installation in a passively vegetated site. Among the LID devices, the sand filter performed poorly, possibly because of installation and maintenance issues, which are being examined. The gravel wetland and bioretention systems were consistently the top performers, routinely achieving greater than 95% removal efficiency.

The class of manufactured devices varied widely. The subsurface infiltration device was a top performer for all but nitrogen removal, which is to be expected for a nonvegetated device. These systems, which can be used in lieu of retention ponds, are increasingly being used for "big box stores," which need large parking lots. That bodes well for the runoff quality for these sites. The hydrodynamic separator was routinely one of the poorest performers. The filter unit, an all-around midrange performer, was the best performer of the non-storage systems, which have very distinct site constraints (below roadways, limited footprint). An advantage of these systems is that

the filter media can be selected on the basis of specific contaminant removal needs.

Maintenance practices are not discussed in detail here; however, many of the LID practices have the added maintenance requirements of the filter media beyond that of conventional structural BMPs (ponds and swales). This is a big concern for owners because of the rise of legally binding maintenance requirements and for municipalities that are facing budget cuts. ~~Yet the maintenance schedule is similar to the annual or biannual catch basin cleaning that is common with Phase I and II "good housekeeping" requirements and to the maintenance regimens necessary for manufactured systems. LID systems maintenance regimens vary from low to moderate. The widely varying site constraints (footprint, head loss, etc.) are typically some of the largest factors influencing selection of a storm water unit process. Long-term maintenance and effluent discharge requirements also factor in heavily in the selection process.~~

Substantial storm water quality improvements were achieved using a variety of infiltration and filtration practices common in LID practices. Many of the obstacles that exist preventing the widespread adoption of LID techniques are associated with the maintenance issues; however, the maintenance burden associated may be greater still for manufactured systems. ~~It would appear that to reliably achieve higher removal efficiencies, managers must be willing to accept that the maintenance associated with these systems is not substantial when viewed in the context of routine maintenance for landscaping. The data presented here suggest that infiltration and fil-~~

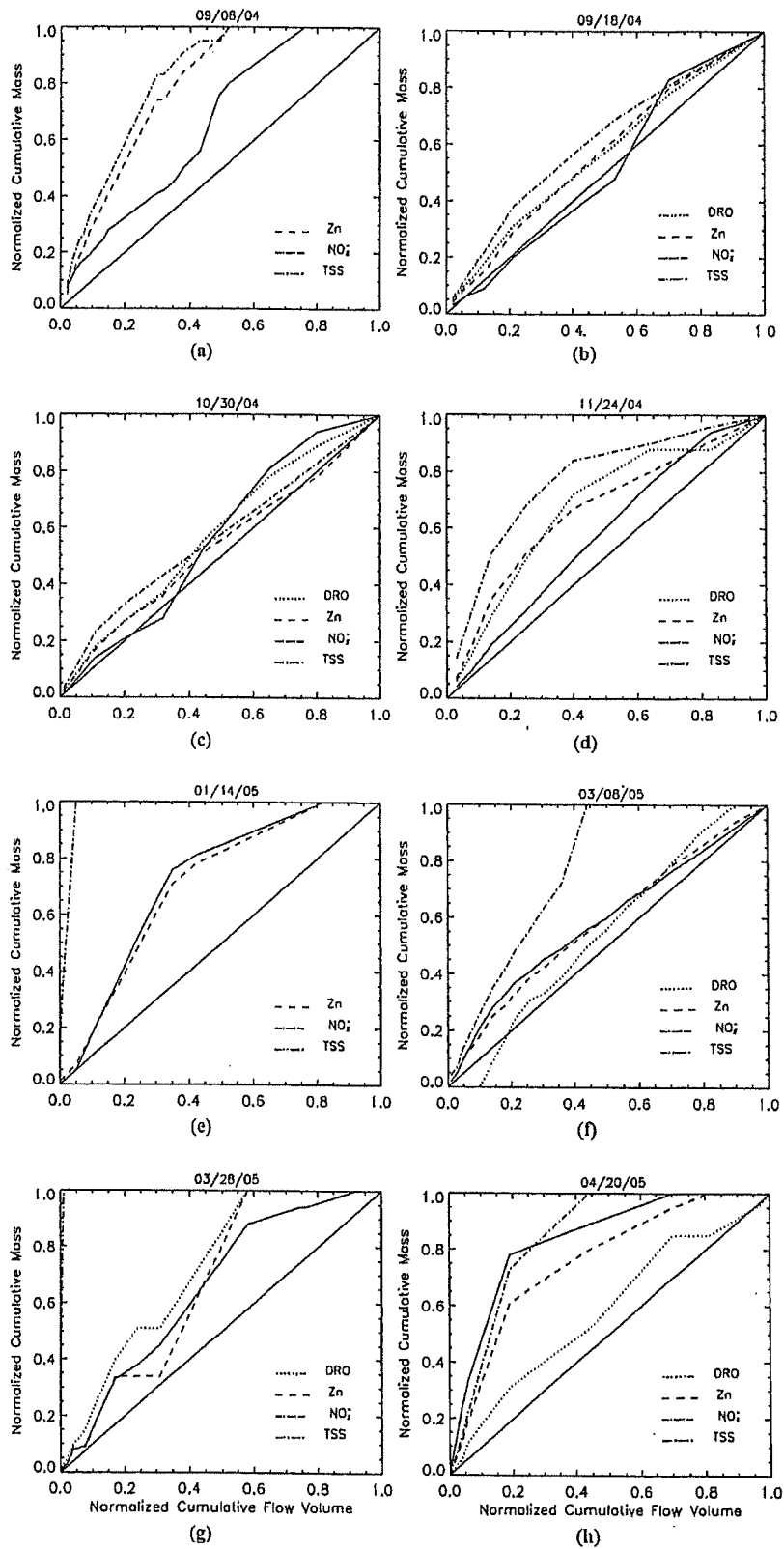


FIGURE 8 Mass-based first-flush load graphs for zinc, DIN, phosphorus, chloride, and TSS for eight sample storm events.

filtration treatment strategies have the greatest all-around performance characteristics. It can be presumed that the combined effects of storage volume and physical-chemical filtration are the dominant factors contributing to their performance.

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Thermal Impacts

Thermal Impacts, Stormwater Management, and Surface Waters



The research presented here examines thermal characteristics as they relate to surface waters and runoff in the built and natural environment. As a watershed is developed, and impervious surface area increases, stormwater runoff can be a significant, or even the primary source of water to a surface water body. Small streams are highly sensitive to changes in temperature. Increased temperature damages cold water fisheries, and altered temperature regimes interfere with spawning and migration patterns. This research 1) characterizes the thermal signature of stormwater runoff in relation to Best Management Practices normally installed to address stormwater volume and pollutants other than temperature, and 2) explores the thermal regimes of streams throughout NH and MA. Results of this research are needed to inform the appropriate choice and design of stormwater BMPs in sensitive, threatened, or impaired watersheds or ecological areas.

The Problem

As urbanization and build-out occurs, the thermal regime of the surrounding environment is altered. Heated stormwater runoff flows into receiving waters where it mixes, and potentially increases the base temperature of the surface water in lakes, streams, and estuaries. The amount of heat transferred, and the degree of thermal pollution is of great importance for fisheries management and the ecological integrity of receiving waters. Coldwater fisheries in particular are most sensitive to thermal pollution.

The increase in thermal energy in stormwater runoff is primarily a product of the increase in impervious cover of the surrounding area. Impervious surfaces can be generalized as any constructed surface that inhibits the infiltration of stormwater runoff (e.g. building rooftops, roads, parking lots, and sidewalks). Impervious cover (IC) absorbs and emits heat, creating air and surface temperatures that are significantly higher than those of rural areas. An increase in IC also results in additional surface runoff. The combination of these two phenomena creates a larger volume of runoff with increased temperatures.

Examination of Thermal Impacts from Stormwater Best Management Practices

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This study examines 4 years of runoff temperature data for a range of stormwater best management practices (BMPs) in relation to established environmental indicators for a study in Durham, NH. Stormwater BMPs examined include conventional, Low Impact Development, and manufactured treatment designs. Surface systems that are exposed to direct sunlight have been shown to increase already elevated summer runoff temperatures, while other systems that provide treatment by infiltration and filtration can moderate runoff temperatures by thermal exchange with cool subsurface materials. The examination of BMPs indicates that outflow from the larger surface systems exhibit greater thermal variations than water typical of drained parking lot areas and larger subsurface systems exhibit greater thermal buffering, with outflows consistent with groundwater temperature.

Thermal Regimes of Northeast Streams

Dr. Jennifer Jacobs (ERG)

In 2009 EPA awarded a grant to the University of New Hampshire for a project entitled, Temperature Regime Characteristics of High-Quality Coldwater Streams in New England. This talk presents the temperature regime characteristics results from several years of hourly data from sites in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. All datasets from MADEP, MDFW, NHDES, and NHFG dataset were analyzed if they met the newly established QAPP criteria. Because most sites had observations during the summer months, results are presented primarily for June to October. Monthly data summaries conducted for approximately 100 sites that support coldwater species (present) and approximately 40 sites that do not support coldwater species (absent) are compared. The data were analyzed to better understand the magnitude, frequency, timing and duration, ranges of variation and rate of temperature change across the sample sites.

Effect of conventional and LID strategies on the statistical characteristics of site runoff quantity and quality: which technologies return runoff to pre-development characteristics?

Thomas P. Ballestero, Alison W. Watts, Robert M. Roseen, James J. Houle

The lofty goal of modern stormwater management is to return runoff from developed lands to receiving water with the same water quality and quantity characteristics as had there been no development. Very often the comparison metrics include the volume of runoff, the peak flow for design storms, average concentration, and temperature. These metrics can be based on event data or real time data. With real time data, a very common metric in hydrologic studies is the "flow duration curve", which is nothing more than the probability distribution of observed flows. When comparing flow duration curves (probability distributions) between pre-development and post-development site conditions, this powerful graphical device can be employed to identify and discriminate undesirable consequences. This probability distribution includes the maximum, median, and minimum flow as well as other statistics such as variance and skew. However what such comparisons ignore is system "memory": the relationship between future values and past values. System memory is an important component of any ecosystem. For example rapidly changing water quality adds to environmental stress on organisms, potentially affecting survival.

Managing Stormwater to Protect the Thermal Regime in Streams

Alison W. Watts, Robert M. Roseen, Nicolas Digennaro, Thomas P. Ballestero, James J. Houle

The thermal impact of stormwater flow to a stream is a function of both the volume of flow, and the temperature differential between the runoff and the stream. A simple mixing model can be used to estimate the thermal impact of a predicted effluent flow to a stream with a given thermal regime. The impact of elevated runoff temperatures to streams can be mitigated by some stormwater management choices; systems which retain runoff in subsurface storage have both lower peak temperatures and generally less extreme thermal ranges. Thermal inputs to a stormwater system include influent and effluent temperature, solar radiation, longwave radiation, convection and diffusion from both the atmosphere and subsurface, and infiltration. A simple thermal model is being developed to calculate the impact of effluent from a stormwater pond to a small stream. Ultimately the goal is to develop design models for standard stormwater devices that can be used to meet specific effluent temperature standards and to maintain the required thermal regime in a receiving stream.



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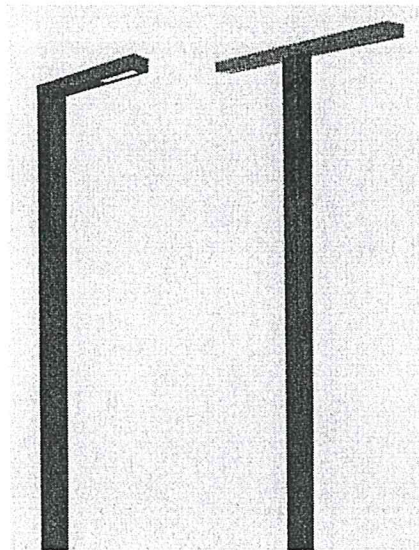
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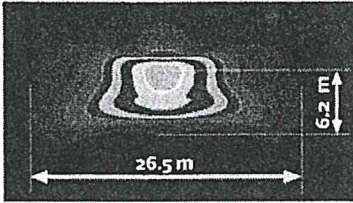
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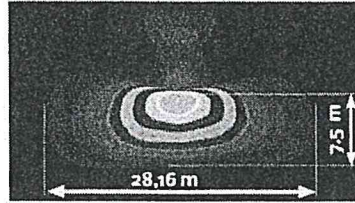
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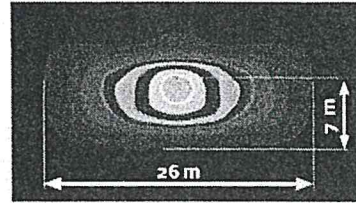
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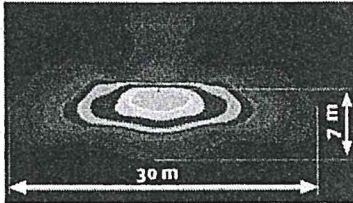
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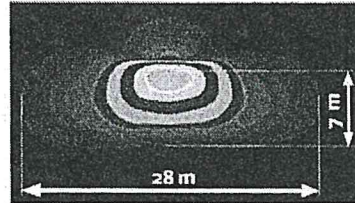
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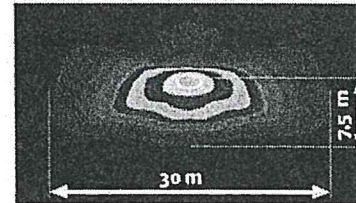
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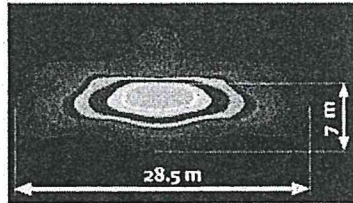
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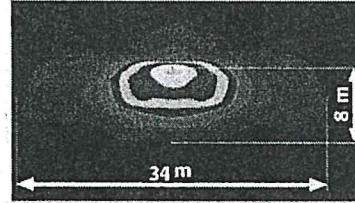
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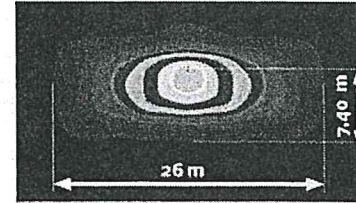
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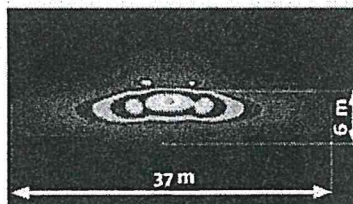
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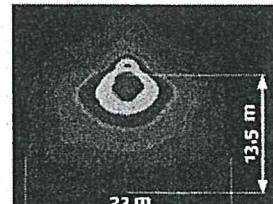
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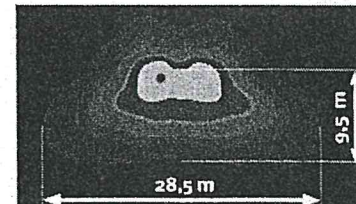
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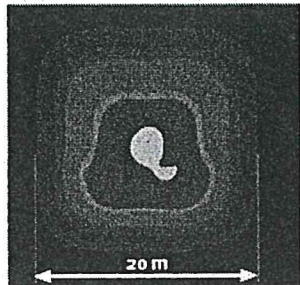
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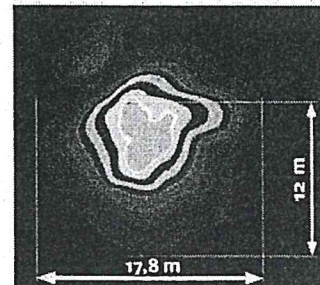
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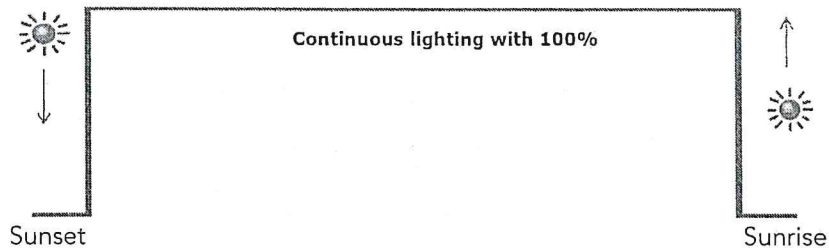


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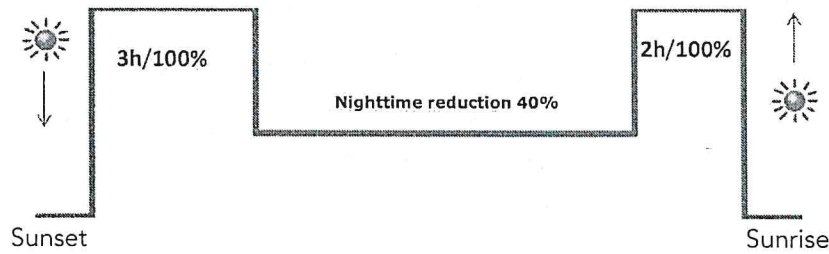


ENERGY AND TIME MANAGEMENT

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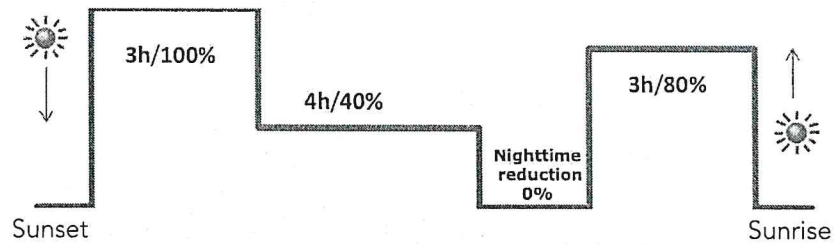


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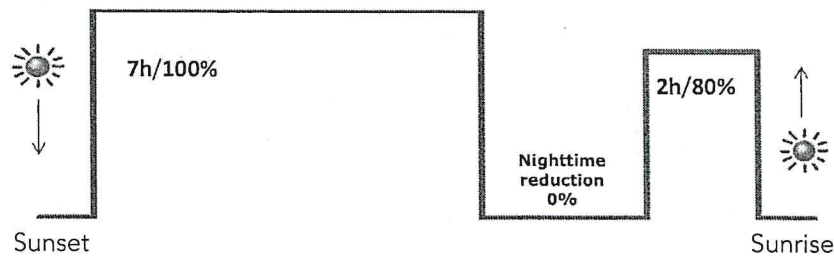


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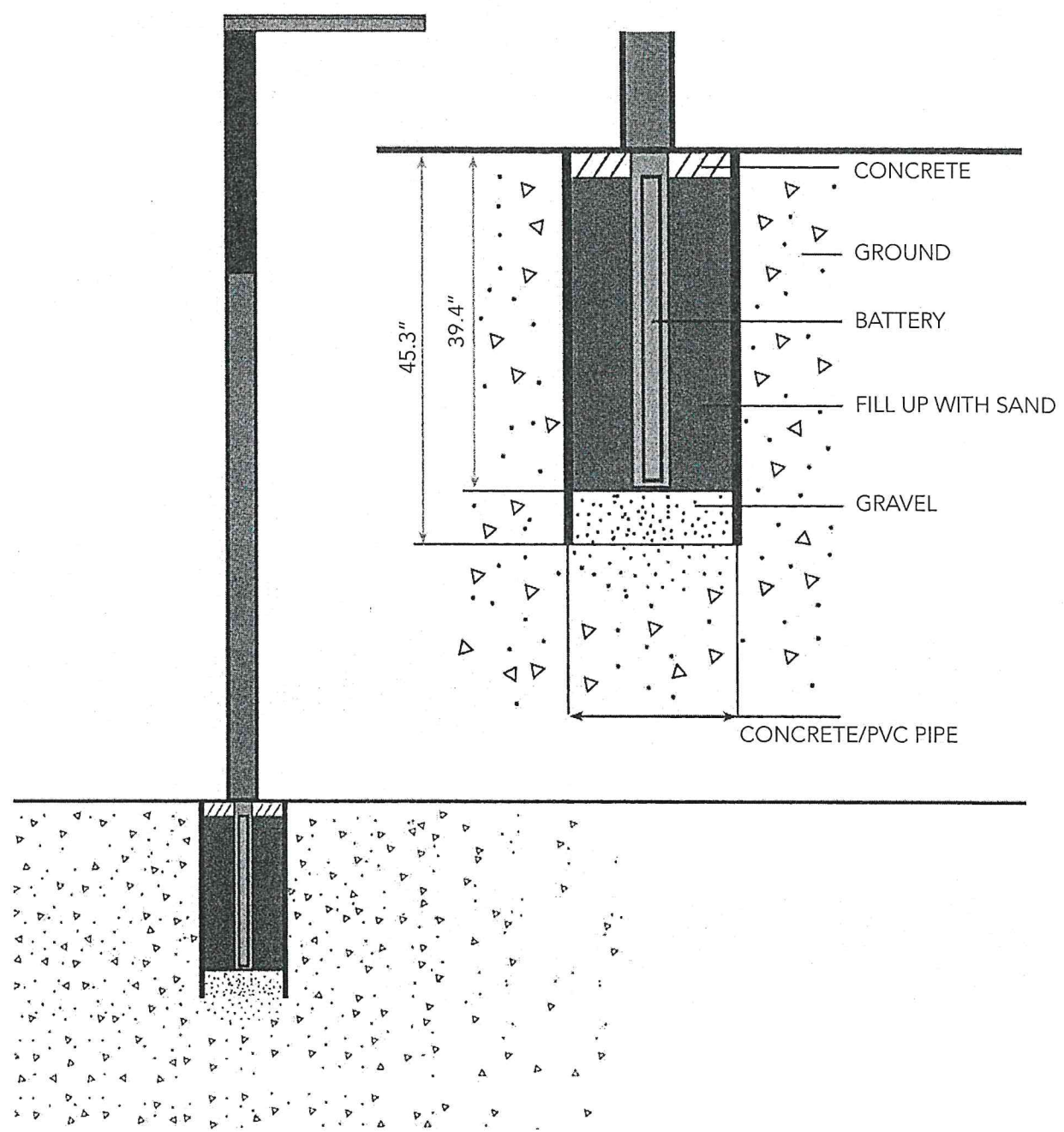
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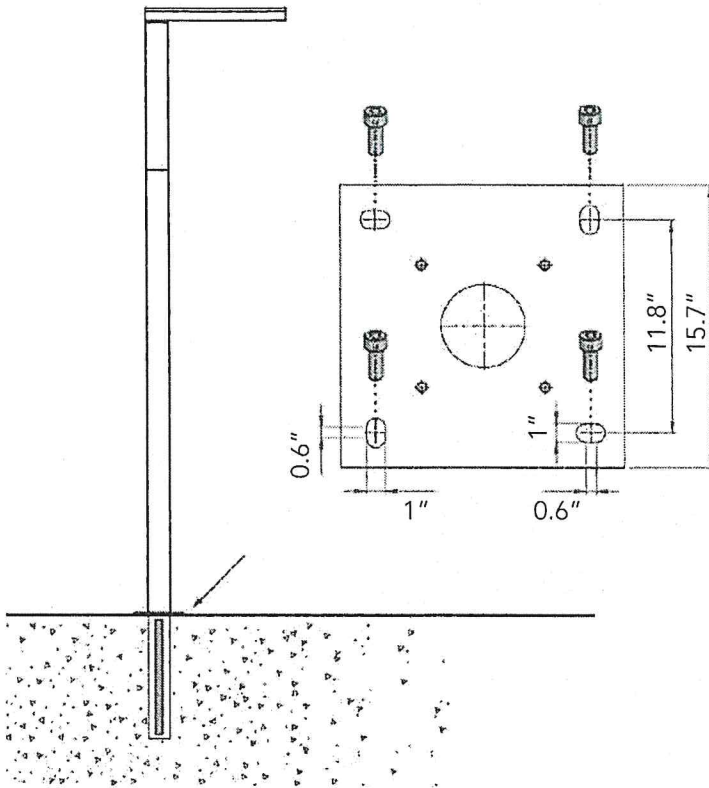
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MOUNTING OPTION 1 — PIPE FOUNDATION — PF

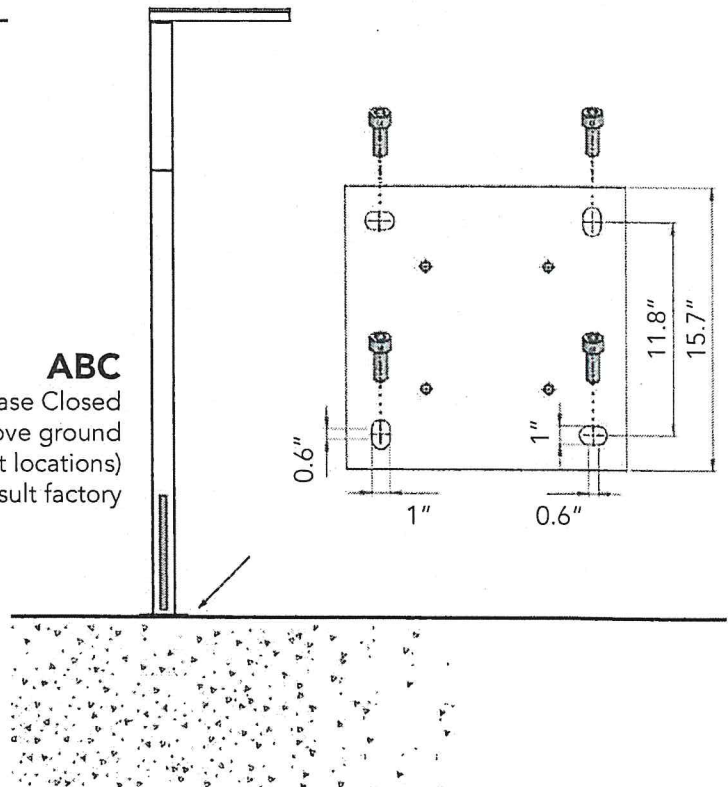


MOUNTING OPTION 2 — ANCHOR BASE



ABO
Anchor Base with Opening
Battery placed underground
*Consult factory

ABC
Anchor Base Closed
Battery placed above ground
(not viable for very cold or very hot locations)
*Consult factory



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SOLAR OUTDOOR

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FINISH

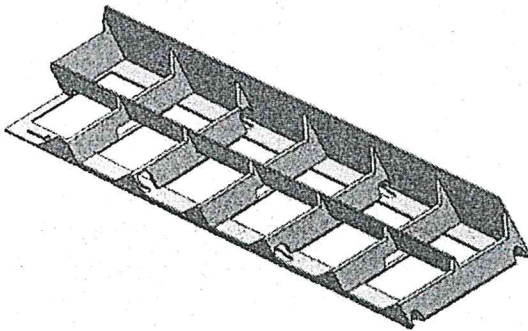


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Sparkling Iron Effect Dark
Tiger 29/70787
Powder Coat

OPTIONS

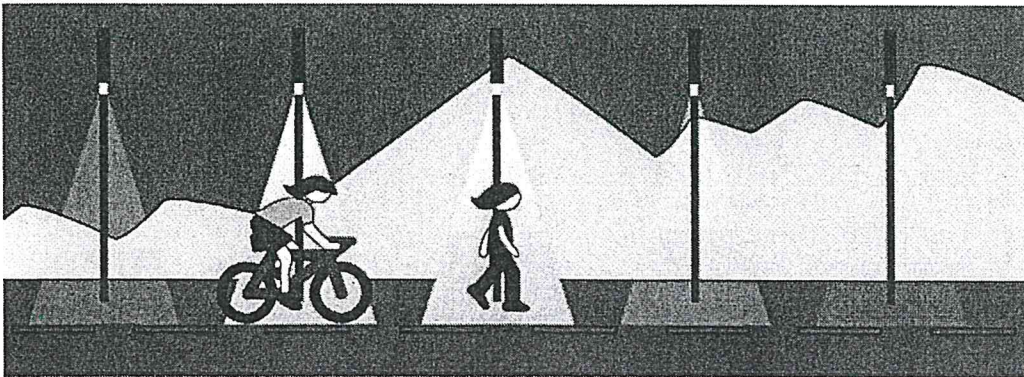
AGS

Anti-Glare Shield



PIR

Each luminaire can be fitted with a PIR-sensor, a controller and an antenna. To control the luminaire in real time, only one luminaire has a GPS-controller as well as a GPS-antenna. This enables the luminaires to communicate among each other and control the demand responsive light in real time.



DIMENSIONS — MERKUR STANDARD

For information purposes only. The number of solar panels needed will be determined by the manufacturer to suit the solar intake necessary for each project. Final luminaire height dependent on install location and desired lumen output. Less direct solar intake may require higher pole with more solar panels. Custom heights available. Drawings provided upon request.

