

Flexible Treatment Options: Potential performance goal for sites with restrictions and calculator results

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Presentation Outline

- Address comments from last meeting
- Use example performance goal for D soil sites to determine BMP options that achieve goal
- Summarize results
- Present draft performance goal for new developments with restrictions for discussion and possible vote in March



What is the TP load from a natural D soil site? And, what TP% reduction for a developed site is needed to match that load?

Pollutant Loading Basics





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Land Cover/Land Use	Total Phosphorus (mg/L)
Cropland ¹	0.32
Forest/Shrub/ Grassland ¹	0.04
Open Water	0.01
Wetlands ¹	0.01-0.04*
Freeways ²	0.25
Commercial ^{1,2}	0.22
Farmsteads ¹	0.46
Industrial ^{1,2}	0.26
Residential ²	0.30
Multi-Family Residential ^{1,2}	0.27-0.32
Park and Recreation	0.04
Open Space ^{1,2}	0.31
Public/Semi Public (Institutional) ^{1,2}	0.18

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From the MN Stormwater Manual

¹Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, 2003 ²Robert Pitt et al., 2004

* Average for large wetlands and wetland complexes. Individual wetlands should be monitored to determine source/sink behavior.

Treatment needed to match natural load (pounds)

- To match concentrations, need 87% reduction from developed site—if the runoff volumes are the same
- Developed site will have more runoff volume than natural site
- Reduction would need to be greater than 87%



Why was the B soil site chosen as the site to try to match treatment?

What is % TP reduction at sites with A, B, and C soils when a development conforms to the agreed-upon volume control performance goal?



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What about stream, shallow lake, and lake standards?



 In Twin Cities, the TP in these waters needs to be 100 (draft), 60, and 40 µg/L, respectively

 Assuming stormwater runoff has a TP of 300 µg/L, need 67, 80, and 87% reductions, respectively





- Looking at needed TP reductions various simple ways:
 - Minimum: 67% reduction
 - Maximum: 92% reduction

Is goal of ~75% TP reduction, prudent and feasible?



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6.	Grass Swale & #2	Assumptions above

Clay Soil Site No. 1: BMP = Pond (Dead Storage Volume = Runoff from 2.5" Event)





Clay Soil Site No. 2A: BMP = Biofiltration Basin





Clay Soil Site No. 2B: BMP = Biofiltration Basin with Iron





Clay Soil Site No. 3: BMP = Tree Boxes (25% of drainage area)





Clay Soil Site No. 4: BMP = Simple Rooftop Disconnection (12.5 % of impervious area)



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Clay Soil Site No. 5: BMP = Pond & Irrigation





Clay Soil Site No. 6: BMP = Grassed Swale with Checks and Amended Soils to Biofiltration Basin



TP % Reduction	75/90
DP% Reduction	30/75
TSS% Reduction	96/98
Construction Cost (no land)	\$3.9X & \$4.0X
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BMP(s)	TP % Reduction	Dissolved P % Reduction	TSS % Reduction	Approx. Annualized Cost (no land)
Pond	50	0	84	\$1X
Biofiltration (w/o & w/ iron)	65 & 80	20 & 55	80 & 80	\$2.6X & \$2.7X
Tree Boxes	15	3	20	\$4.4X
Simple Rooftop Disconnection	3	0	8	\$0.1X

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- Achieving 75% TP reduction is feasible
- Is it prudent?

Possible Flexible Treatment Performance Goal (Handout)

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 For sites with restrictions and when infiltration and/or reuse and/or evapotranspiration BMPs cannot achieve the MIDS new development performance goal, the MIDS Flexible Treatment Performance Goal is to achieve 75% removal of the annual TP load.

Draft Performance Goal for Sites with Restrictions (Handout)



First preference is to employ as much infiltration, reuse/harvesting, and evapotranspiration as feasible.

Secondary preference is to employ filtration BMPs to achieve this standard. BMPs that employ enhanced filtration methods for the removal of total and dissolved phosphorus are encouraged.

For instances where this is not feasible and prudent due to site constraints and regional treatment limitations or excessive costs (as determined by the local authority), then equivalent off-site mitigation (including banking or cash, as determined by local authority) can be used so as to protect the downstream water body that would receive the site runoff.

This flexible treatment goal, in tandem with the MIDS New Development Performance Goal, is being proposed to satisfy prudent and feasible in the context of antidegradation applications for Minnesota Stormwater management.