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Green Infrastructure Champion Training: Class 8 "Retrofitting traditional detention basins with green infrastructure"

> April 21, 2023 Virtual Class



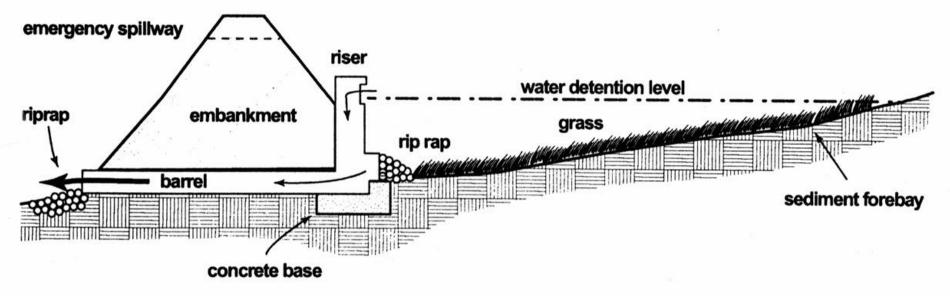


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#### What is a Detention Basin?

Detention basins are designed to detain stormwater runoff during a storm and slowly release the stormwater after the storm.

- Prevents downstream flooding
- Removes pollutants only through settling
- Typically goes dry 48 hours after storm
- Usually contains turfgrass that is regularly mowed
- Often contain concrete low-flow channel



#### **Detention Basin**



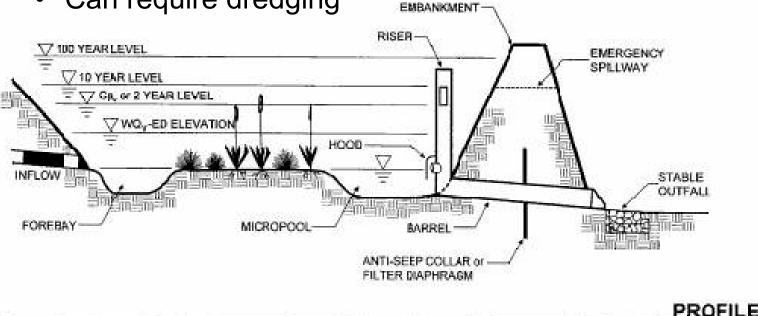
#### **Detention Basin**



#### What is a Retention Basin?

(a.k.a. stormwater ponds, wet retention ponds, wet ponds) Retention basins maintain permanent pools and store stormwater runoff on top of existing standing water.

- Prevents downstream flooding
- Removes pollutants mainly through settling and algal uptake
- Always has a minimum of three feet of standing water
- Often attract geese
- Can require dredging



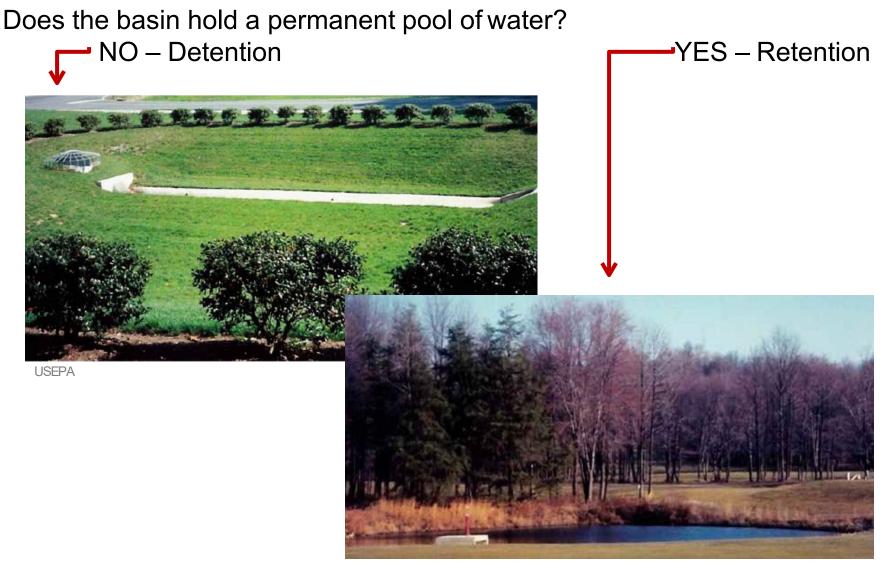
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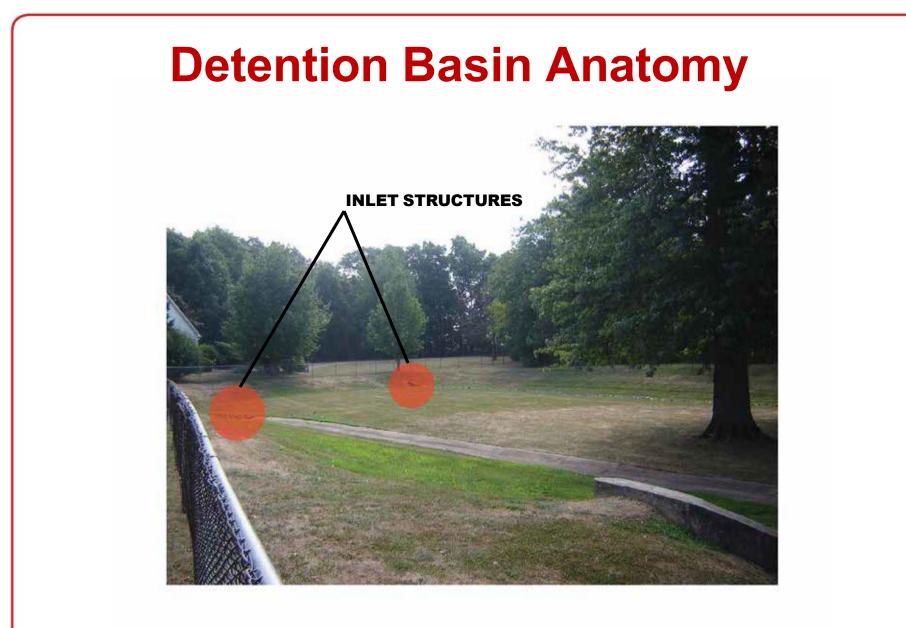
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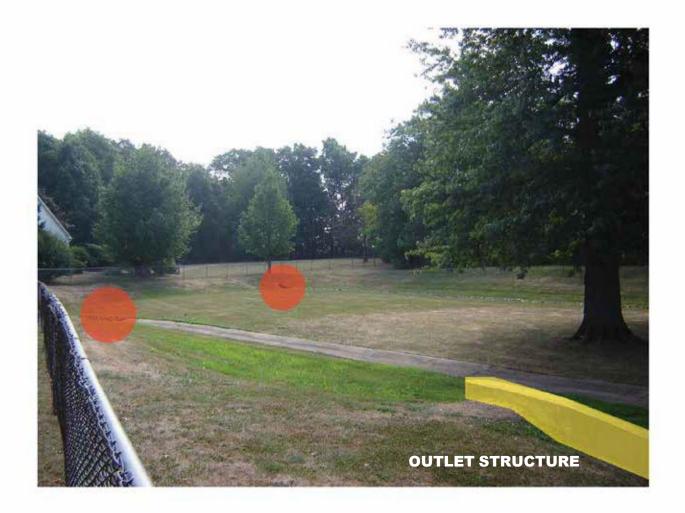
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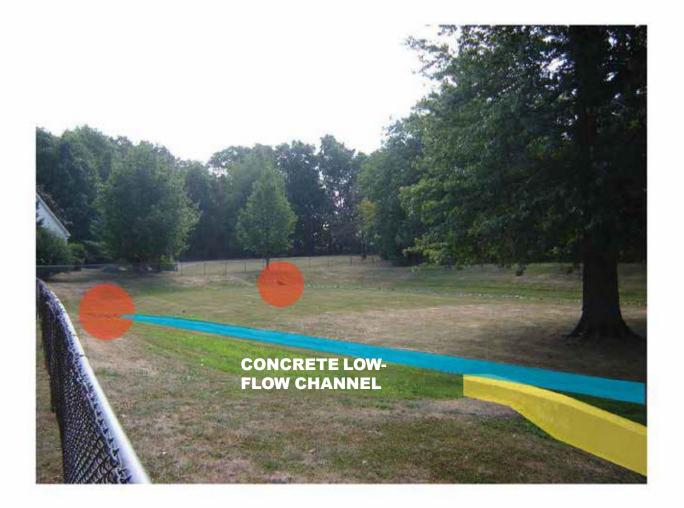




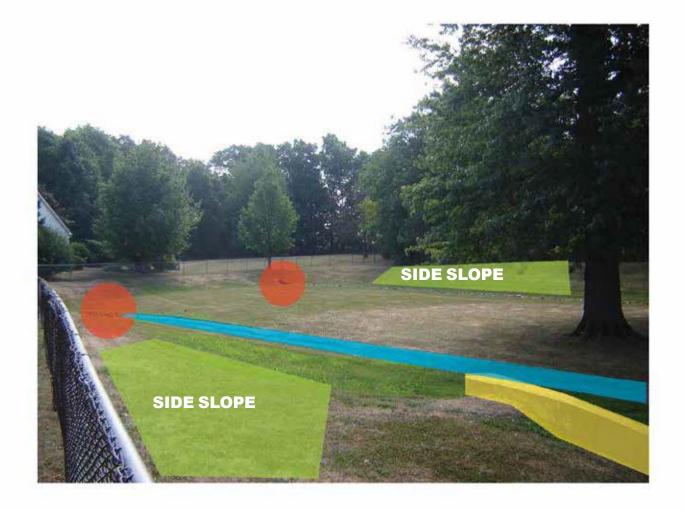






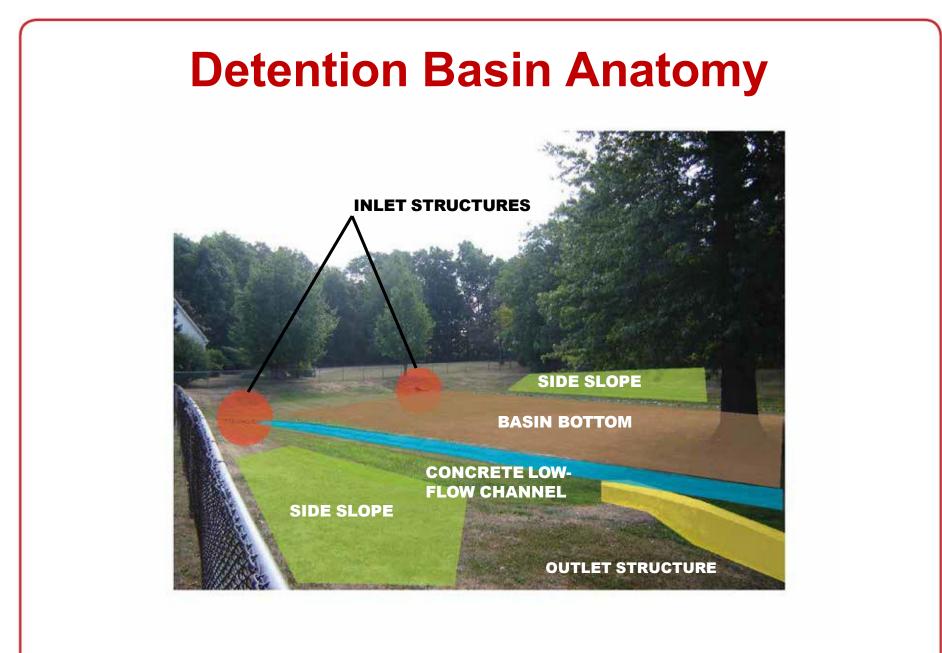














#### **Detention Basin Inspections**

- Is there erosion of the side slopes or basin bottom?
- Is there sediment accumulation in the forebay or basin?
- Are the inlets and outlet devices free of debris and operational?
- Is the concrete low-flow channel clogged or broken?
- Is there standing water?
- Are there floatables accumulated in the basin?
- Is the grass healthy? Are there bare spots? Are there undesirable weeds or woody vegetation?
- Is there evidence of geese?

#### Who does inspections?

MS4 Permit requires municipalities to ensure that all stormwater facilities (public and private) are being maintained and operating as designed.

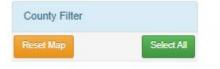
- Municipality inspects public facilities
- Municipality require private facilities to be inspected by a stormwater professional
- Annual inspection reports are requires

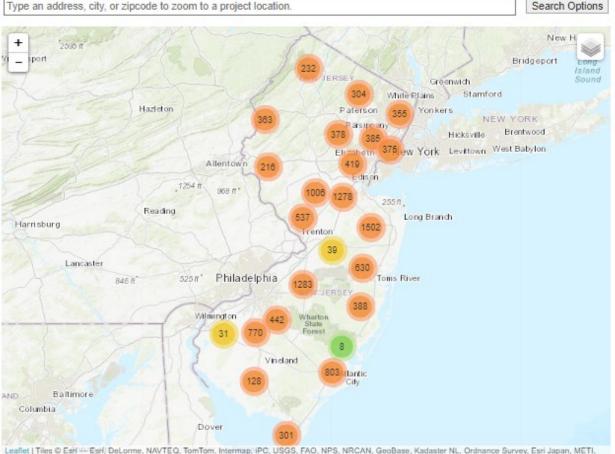
#### **Online Basin Database**

#### New Jersey Hydrologic Modeling Database

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Use the filter below to quickly zoom to projects at the county level Search for a desired location in the search box, or click on a numbered dot to zoom in. The number reflects the number of projects within the local area.





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#### **Example ~ Inspection Form**

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#### Hamilton Township Stormwater Infrastructure Assessment Program Stormwater Basin Inspection Checklist



Hamilton Township Stormwater Infrastructure



Assessment Program Stormwater Basin Inspection Checklist

GENERAL INFORMATION	Site ID:
Name(s) person inspecting the basin:	Date:
Location Address and Cross Streets:	Watershed:
Name of Creek, Stream, or area into which the basin discharges:	Property Owner / Tax Parcel Block & Lot:
Contact information:	
STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS	
Basin description, size and depth:	Is the basin accessible to maintain? Yes / No Is it maintained: Mowed, clear of woody plants, inlet/outlet blockages?
Number of inlets:	Outlet diameter:

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS	YES	NO	NOTES/REMARKS
1) Any reports on the basin not functioning?			
2) Are there any unauthorized or malfunctioning structures in the basin?			
3) Are there concrete low flow channels. Is the water entering the basin directly exiting the basin outlet without coming in contact with the basin bottom soil and vegetation?			
4) Is there standing water or evidence of standing water in the basin?			
INLET/S	*** **	6	
1) Signs of breakage, damage, corrosion or rusting of inlet structure/pipe?		0	
2) Debris or sediment accumulation in or around the inlet clogging the inlet opening/pipe?	~		
3) Signs of erosion, scour or gullies; rock or vegetation above or around the inlet structure?	0. 		
4) Tree roots, woody vegetation growing close to or through the inlet structure or a situation impacting the structure's integrity?			
5) If the inlet has a pretreatment structure (trash rack, forebay) is it filled w/ debris or sediment?	8	· · ·	
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2) Exposed dirt or earth visible, are there areas without vegetation or where turf is damaged?	8		
3) Excess sediment accumulation in the basin?		0.9	
<ol> <li>Basin walls/embankment eroded, slumping, caved or being undermined?</li> </ol>		8 6	

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# **Types of Maintenance**

- Routine Maintenance
  - Vegetation management
  - Debris and litter removal
  - Mechanical components maintenance
- Non-Routine Maintenance
  - Stabilization and erosion control repairs
  - Sediment removal
  - Outlet repair or replacement

# **Routine Maintenance**

#### **Routine Maintenance Requirements**

#### • Vegetation management

- Mowing should be done where/when it is needed (traditionally, 10-14 times per year)
- Effective groundcovers must be kept healthy to prevent erosion and damage to the system
- Debris and litter removal
  - Inlets and outlets should be regularly cleared of debris and litter to prevent obstructions and reduced efficiency of the system
- Mechanical components maintenance
  - All mechanical equipment, such as gates, valves, locks, or other components must be kept in working order should an emergency arise

#### **Routine Maintenance**





# **Routine Maintenance for Mechanical Components**

Regular inspections will reduce the need for major replacements



#### **Expected Costs for Routine Maintenance**



- Approximately 3-5% of construction cost for annual maintenance of dry detention basin or wet detention pond
- Mowing can cost between \$100-\$500 per visit
- Additional costs for weed control, debris pickup, clearing grates, applying fertilizer

### **Reducing Routine Maintenance**

#### Vegetation management

- Reduce need for mowing
- Eliminate any use of commercial fertilizers and pesticides in stormwater management facilities
- Debris and litter removal
  - Install simple low-cost retrofits or catch basins near the discharge of the detention system



- Mechanical components maintenance
  - Regular inspections and immediate repairs will reduce the need for major replacements

# **Non-Routine Maintenance**

#### **Non-Routine Maintenance**

#### • Stabilization and erosion control repairs

- If vegetation fails on embankments or in the basin, soil replacement, reseeding, and stabilization should occur immediately
- Sediment removal
  - During the establishment of a new basin, the basin should be inspected for excessive sedimentation. After establishment, the basin should be inspected twice a year, and excessive sediment accumulated in the basin should be removed.
- Outlet repair or replacement
  - Should the system stop functioning as designed, the outlet structure may require repair or replacement

# **Non-Routine Maintenance**





# Reducing Costs for Non-Routine Maintenance

- Stabilization and erosion control repairs
  - Ensure basin designs do not incorporate steep embankments (greater than 3:1)
  - Maintain healthy groundcovers by not mowing basin areas to less than 4 inches in height
- Sediment removal
  - Install manufactured pre-treatment device prior to stormwater discharging to basins
  - Install a settling forebay near inlets where access can be provided and reached with available excavation equipment
- Outlet repair or replacement
  - Conduct regular inspections to ensure system is functioning properly and debris and litter are not clogging the outlet
  - Provide and maintain clear access to all structures of the system

### Expected Costs for Non-Routine Maintenance

- Sediment removal estimated to be needed:
  - Every 5-15 years for wet pond
  - Every 2-10 years for a dry pond
- Expected costs for sediment removal:
  - Mobilization \$2,500 \$5,000 (dependent on size of project)
  - Dredging work \$10/cy \$20/cy (dependent on depth of sediment)
  - Disposal off-site \$45/cy \$75/cy (extremely variable and dependent on hauling distance, quality of material, and disposal requirements)
- Expected costs for pre-cast concrete replacement outlet structure:
  - \$5,000 \$15,000 depending on size of structure, access, and complexity of the installation

#### **Stabilization and Erosion Control Repairs**

- Ensure basin designs do not incorporate steep embankments (greater than 3:1)
- Maintain healthy groundcovers by not mowing basin areas to less than 4 inches in height



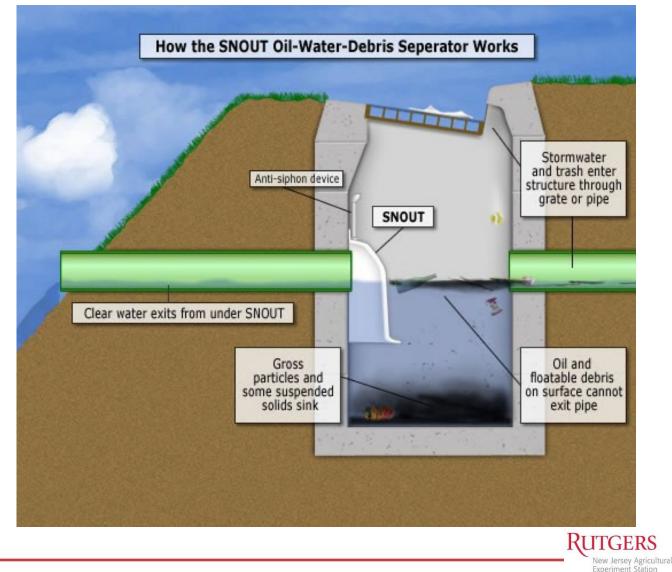


#### **Sediment Removal**

#### Manufactured Pre-Treatment Systems

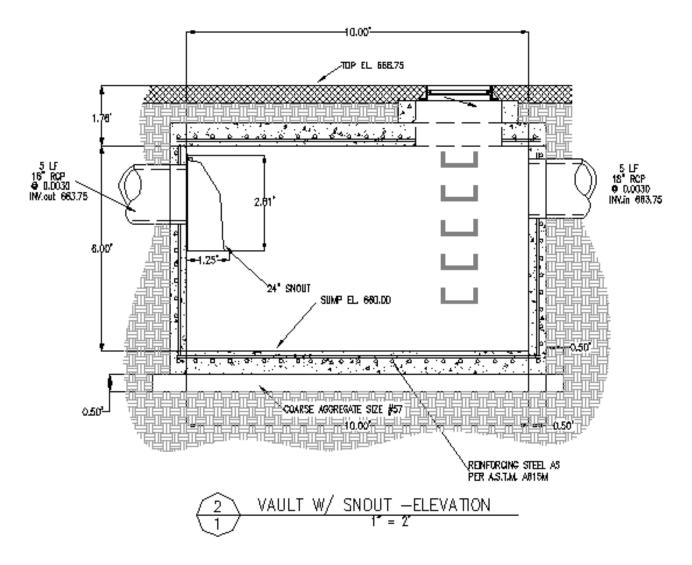
- Intended to capture sediments, metals, hydrocarbons, floatables, and/or other pollutants in stormwater runoff before being conveyed to a storm sewer system, additional stormwater quality treatment facility, or waterbody
- Adequate for small drainage areas that contain a predominance of impervious cover that is likely to contribute high hydrocarbon and sediment loadings, such as small parking lots and gas stations; for larger sites, multiple devices may be necessary
- Devices are normally used for pre-treatment of runoff before discharging to other, more effective stormwater quality treatment facilities

#### Debris and Litter Removal

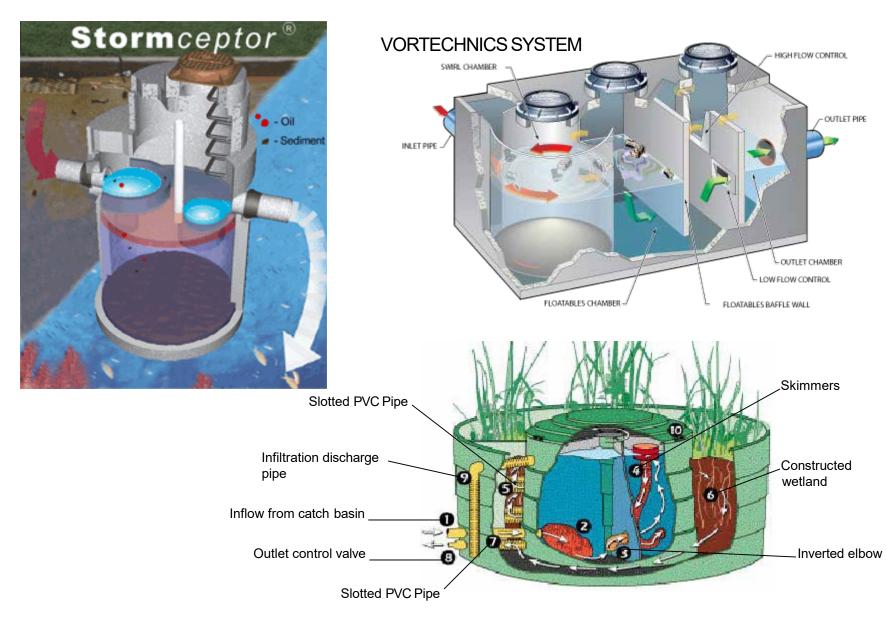


#### **Debris and Litter Removal**

#### Low Cost "Snout" Debris Separator



# **Manufactured Pre-Treatment Systems**



# **Outlet Repair or Replacement**

- Conduct regular inspections to ensure system is functioning properly and debris and litter are not clogging the outlet
- Provide and maintain clear access to all structures of the system





# **Planning for Maintenance**



# **Planning for Maintenance**

- Identify individual/s or organization/s responsible for inspections and maintenance:
  - Public Entity
  - Homeowner's Association
  - Property Owner
- Provide a clear procedure for recording inspections and reporting maintenance needs
- Develop a routine maintenance schedule
- Develop and use a standard inspection form
- Clearly mark access areas for inspections and maintenance
- Identify and provide any specialized equipment or tools needed to properly maintain the facility
- Develop an emergency protocol should the system fail or not function as designed

# **Maintenance Plan Diagram**



# **Maintenance Plan Outline**

#### I. INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW

**II. FACILITY DESCRIPTION** 

#### III. CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

- A. Sequencing
- B. Quality Control

#### IV. MAINTENANCE

- A.Responsibilities
- B. Schedules
- C. Access
- D. Safety
- E. Equipment, Tools, and Supplies
- F. Cleaning of Inlet and Outlet Structures

- G. Landscape Care
  - 1. Mowing
  - 2. Removal of Invasive Vegetation
  - 3. Replacement of Vegetation
  - 4. General Herbaceous Care
  - 5. General Shrub Care
  - 6. On-Site Fertilizer and Pesticide Use
  - 7. Wildlife Management

#### **V.INSPECTIONS**

- A. Responsibilities
- B. Schedules
- C. Inspection List
- D. Emergency Plan

## **NJ BMP Maintenance Manual Requirements**

- 1. Identify person/s responsible for preventive and corrective maintenance
- 2. Identify specific preventive and corrective maintenance tasks and detailed information on specific structural components or nonstructural measures
- 3. Provide a schedule of regular inspections and tasks
- 4. Provide cost estimates of maintenance tasks
- 5. Include detailed logs of all preventive and corrective maintenance performed
- 6. Identify specialized tools or equipment needed
- 7. Recommend corrective responses if emergency arises
- 8. Provide guidance for safety during inspections and maintenance
- 9. Identify approved disposal and recycling sites and procedures for sediment, trash, and debris
- 10. Include an as-built construction plan

# Summary

- 1. With proper design and up front planning, routine maintenance of stormwater facilities can be accomplished without putting undue burden on operations personnel and budgets.
- 2. Non-routine maintenance requirements need to be accounted for and with regular inspections, these activities can be planned for and expected costs incorporated into operations budgets avoiding large unexpected capital expenditures.
- 3. Many options exist to modify existing systems to either reduce need for regular maintenance and/or improve the effectiveness of the system for both water quantity and water quality controls.

# How can we do it better?

- Improve pollutant removal efficiency
- Improve volume control
- Improve infiltration
- Enhance wildlife habitat
- Sequester carbon
- Provide pollinator habitat
- Create attractive and educational places
- Reduce maintenance
- Save money



#### spread soak filter slow **Detention Basin Retrofits** Simple Landscape Naturalize basin plantings Retrofits Removal of low flow channel ٠ Simple Engineering Retrofits Outlet structure modification Grading to create longer flow path and berms Grading to reduce steep slopes Moderate Engineering Retrofits Rain garden pockets i. Install forebay for collection of sediment Excavate basin to increase water holding volume Complex Engineering Retrofits Expand basin to increase holding volume Level of Water Quality Improvement $\longrightarrow$

Level

9

Retrofit Complexity

and Water Volume Reduction

Produced by: Pennsylvania Environmental Council—Stormwater Solutions

## #1 Simple Landscape Retrofit Meadow Management

 Reduce mowing frequency of the basin bottom and embankments to a single monthly mowing at a height of 6-8 inches during the months of May through September



### **Meadow Management**



- Install native plantings adapted to floodplain and wetland conditions and eliminate regular mowing
- Requires upfront funds to design, purchase materials, and install vegetation
- Often these costs can be offset through the use of local volunteers or nonprofit environmental organizations
- This approach requires careful planning and a commitment to maintain new plantings during the establishment period
- These plantings can often be done in conjunction with basin repairs and/or retrofits
- This approach improves the effectiveness of the stormwater facility to treat water quality as well as water quantity



- Seed in the spring or fall at a minimum rate of 10-15 lbs/acre
- Can be applied via broadcasting, hydroseeding, or with a native 'TRUAX' seed drill
- Need to be mulched during establishment with weed free straw or wood fiber mulch
- Can be applied to bare soil, over-seeded, or sites treated with glysophate herbicide
- Seed mix should contain warm-season companion grasses in combination with wildflowers
- Require a single annual mowing at a height of no less than 6 inches



Cherry Hill Township saved \$20,000 per year on mowing costs by naturalizing detention basins.

ommon Wildflowers		Aquatic Vegetation for Wet Ponds	
Botanical Name	Common Name	Botanical Name	Common Name
Asclepias incarnata	Swamp Milkweed	Pontederia cordata	pickerelweed
Aster novae-angliae	New England Aster	Sagittaria latifolia	duck-potato
Aster novi-belgi	New York Aster	Saururus cernus	lizard tail
Eupatorium perfoliatum	Boneset	Scirpus atrovirens	green bulrush
	_	Sparganium americanum	lesser bur-reed
Iris versicolor	Blue-Flag		
Lobelia cardinalis	Cardinal Flower	Warm Season Grasses	
Lobelia siphilitica	Great Lobelia	Botanical Name	Common Name
Vernonia noveboracensis	New York Ironweed	Agrostis alba	Red Top
		Agrostis palustris	Creeping Bentgrass
		Andropogon scoparius	Little Bluestem
<b>Common Wetland Plants</b>		Andropogon virginicus	Broomsedge
Botanical Name	Common Name	Calamogrostis canadensis	Canada Wild Rye
Carex stricta	tussock sedge	Elymus canadensis	Canada Wild Rye
Carex vulpinoidea	fox sedge	Poa palustris	Fowl Bluegrass
Carex crinita	fringed sedge	Puccinellia distans	Alkaligrass
Juncus effusus	Soft Rush	Tripsacum dactyloides	Eastern Gamagrass

#### NOTE:

Native wildflower and grass seed mixes available from Ernst Conservation Seeds in Meadville, PA

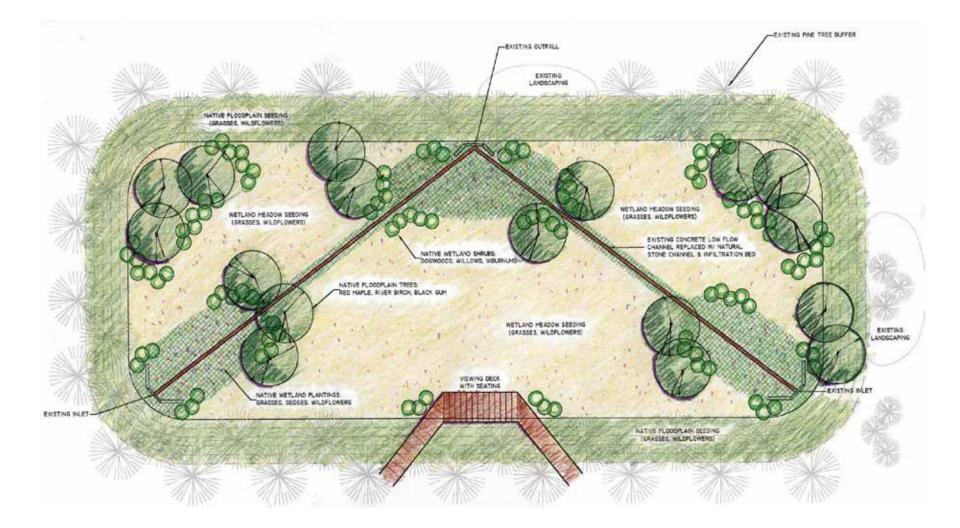
Native plant material available from Pinelands Nursery in Columbus, NJ



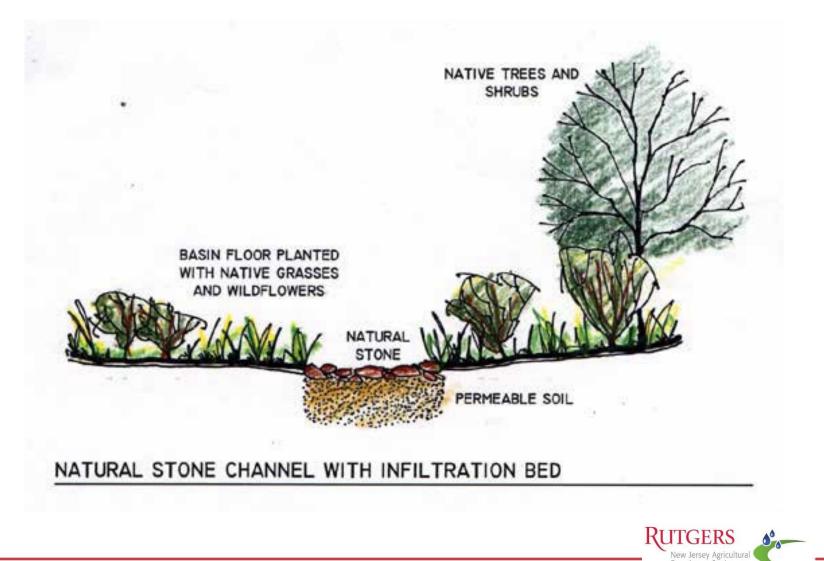
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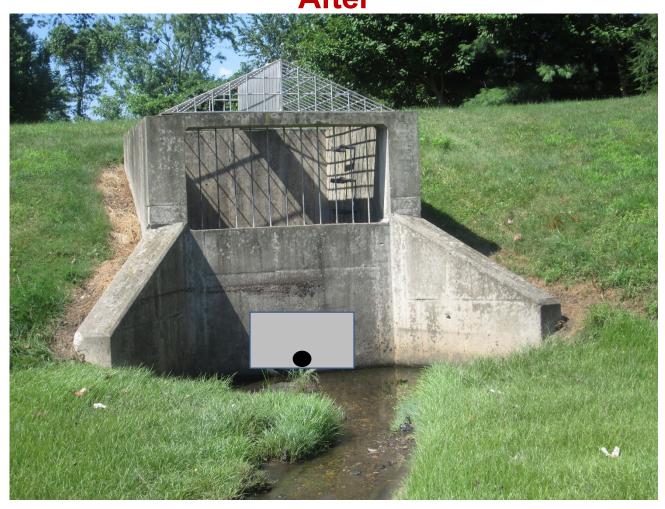
## **#2 Simple Engineering Retrofits Removal of Concrete Low-Flow Channel**



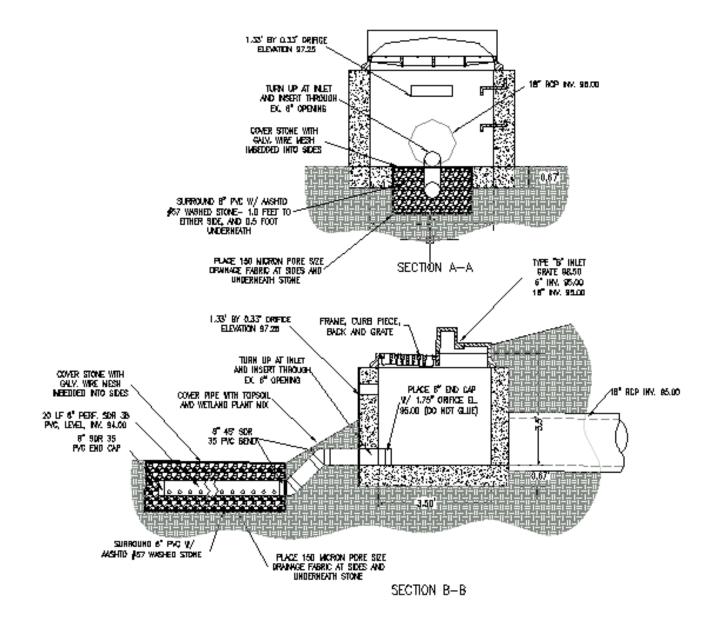
### #2 Simple Engineering Retrofits Outlet Structure Modification Before



### #2 Simple Engineering Retrofits Outlet Structure Modification After



#### **Outlet Structure Modification**



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# **#3 Moderate Engineering Retrofits**

- Grading to create longer flow path and berms
- Grading to reduce steep slopes
- Rain garden pockets
- Install forebay for collection of sediment

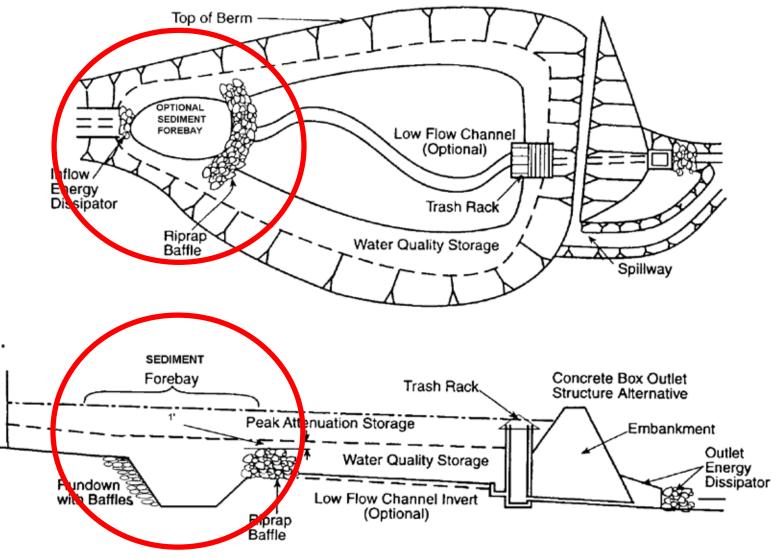


### Check dams to spread water and increase flow paths

### Rain garden pockets



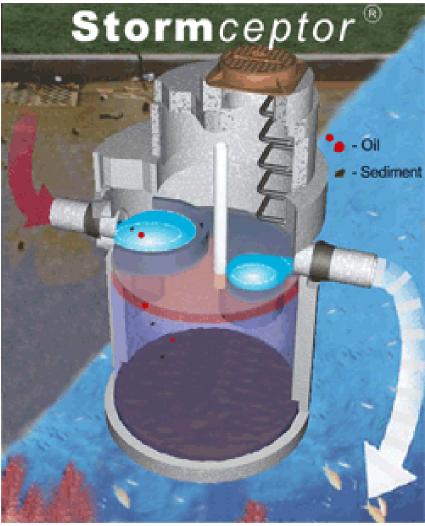
### Install forebay for collection of sediment



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## **Alternative to Forebay**





## #4 Complex Engineering Retrofits Extended Detention Basin

- Extended detention can address both the stormwater runoff quantity and quality impacts of land development
- The lower stages of an extended detention basin can detain runoff from the Stormwater Quality Storm for extended periods of time, thereby promoting pollutant removal through sedimentation
- Higher stages in the basin can also attenuate the peak rates of runoff from larger storms for flood and erosion control
- Extended detention basins are designed for complete evacuation of runoff and normally remain dry between storm events
- To enhance soluble pollutant removal, the lower stages of an extended detention basin may also be designed with a permanent pool and partially function as either a wetland or retention basin

### **Keys for Extended Detention Basin**

- The basic design parameters for an extended detention basin are its storage volume and detention time
- An extended detention basin must have the correct combination of storage volume and outflow capacity to contain and *slowly* discharge the design runoff volume over a prescribed period of time



## Expected Costs for Naturalized Plantings and Retrofits

- Native seeding or plantings
  - Native seed costs: \$25/lb \$45/lb
  - Installation costs: range from \$80 \$150 per 1000 sq. ft.
  - Native wetland plants costs: \$200 \$250 per 1000 sq. ft. installed
- "Snout" installation \$500
- Pre-manufactured treatment device installation
  - \$10,000 \$60,000 depending on size and complexity of the installation
- Settling forebay or permeable weir installation
  - \$2,500 \$5,000 for filter fabric, rip-rap stone, and installation, depending on size and access
- Pre-cast concrete retrofit outlet structure:
  - \$5,000 \$10,000 installed depending on size of structure, access, and complexity of the installation

# **Case Studies**





#### Teaberry Run Moorestown, NJ

#### **EXISTING CONDITIONS**





#### Teaberry Run Moorestown, NJ

#### **AFTER INSTALLATION**





#### Teaberry Run Moorestown, NJ

#### 1 YEAR LATER





#### Baker Elementary School Moorestown, NJ

#### **EXISTING CONDITIONS**



#### Baker Elementary School Moorestown, NJ









#### **PLANTING**



#### Baker Elementary School Moorestown, NJ

**1 YEAR LATER** 



Mercer County SCD Wildflower Detention Basin Planting Program New Jersey

- Reduce need for watering
- Eliminate use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides
- Minimize mowing
- Provide visual contrast in the landscape and provide habitat



#### Morris County DPW Extended Detention Swale Project Wharton, NJ

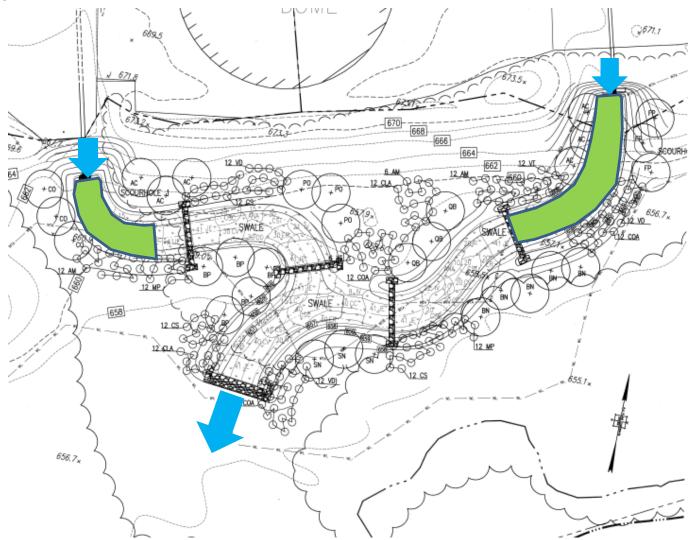
#### **EXISTING CONDITIONS**





Morris County DPW Extended Detention Swale Project Wharton, NJ

**PROPOSED PLAN** 



Morris County DPW Extended Detention Swale Project Wharton, NJ

#### CONSTRUCTION







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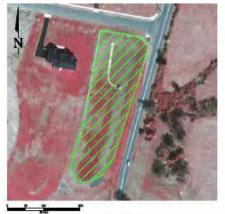
#### **COMPLETED PROJECT**



Highland Park High School Detention Basin Naturalized Vegetation Project



Hillsborough Detention Basin Retrofit Program - Somerset County, NJ



VALIS ROAD



FRANCIS ROAD



WESCOTT ROAD

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SHEET S-1:	VALIS AND PRALL ROAD
SHEET S-2:	FRANCIS AND UPDIKE STREET
SHEET S-3:	WESCOTT ROAD
SHEET S-4:	VALIS AND PRALL ROAD (ALTERNATIVE LANDSCAPING PLAN)
SHEET S-5:	FRANCIS AND UPDIKE STREET (ALTERNATIVE LANDSCAPING PLAN)
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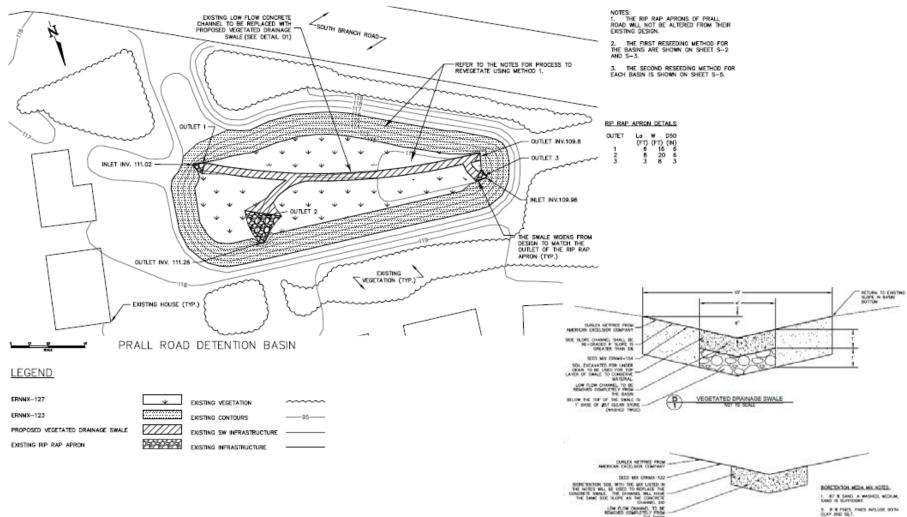
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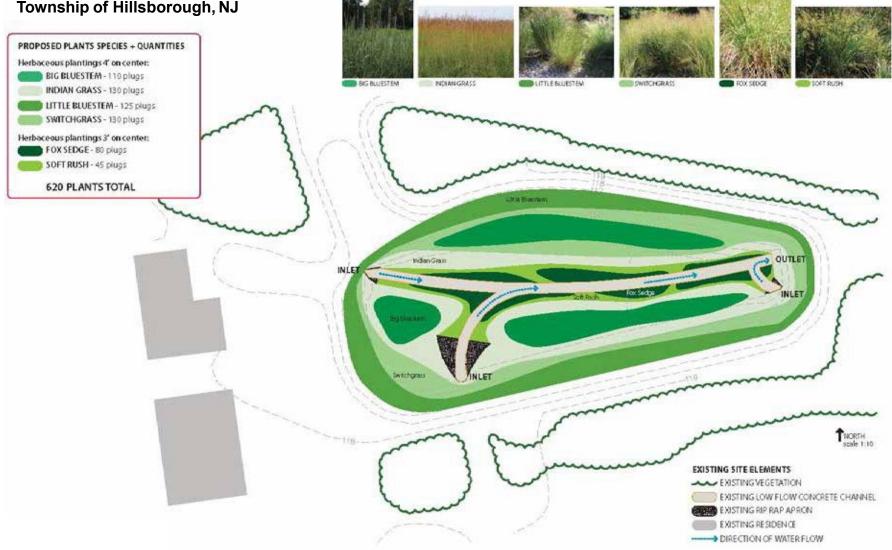
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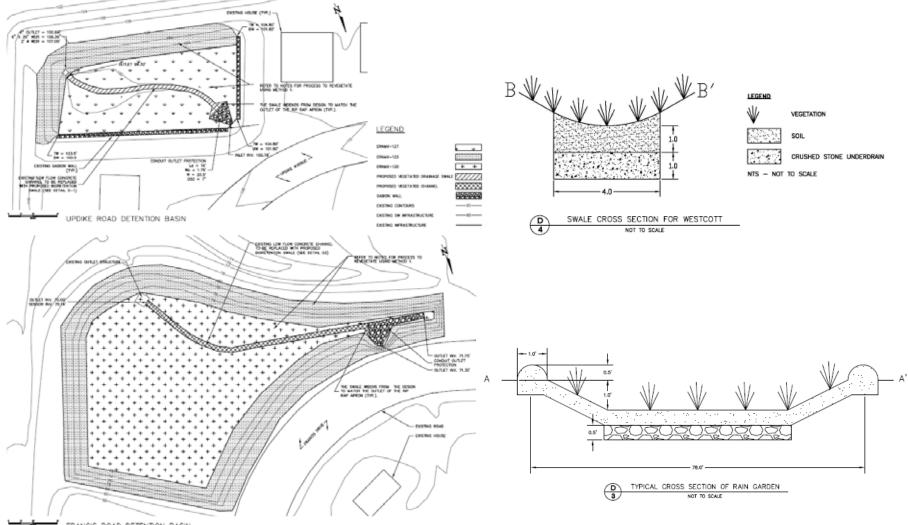
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#### Prall Road Detention Basin Retrofit Township of Hillsborough, NJ



Updike Road and Francis Road

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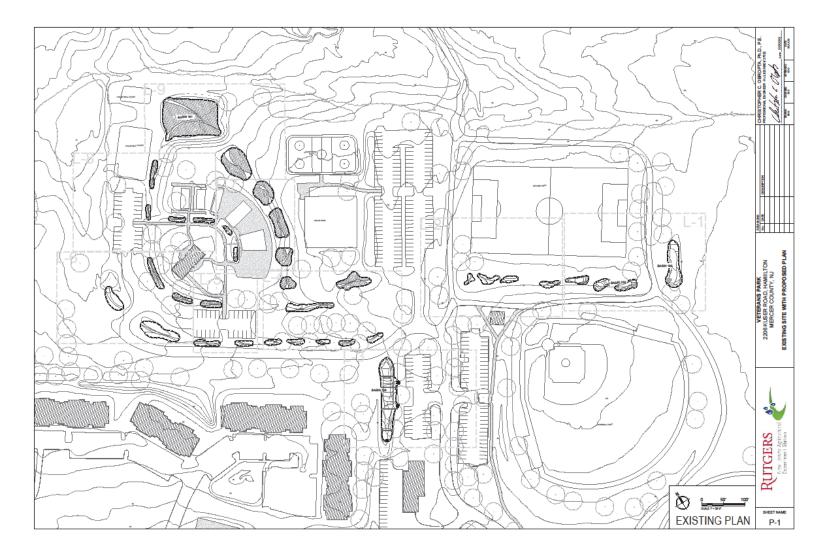


FRANCIS ROAD DETENTION BASIN

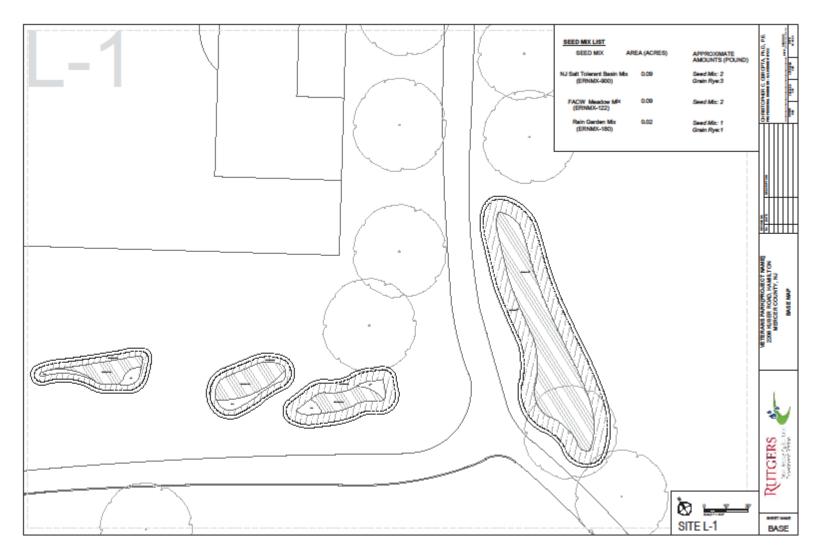
#### **Veterans Park, Hamilton Township**



#### **Veterans Park, Concept Master Plan**



#### **Construction Documents**



#### **Process**









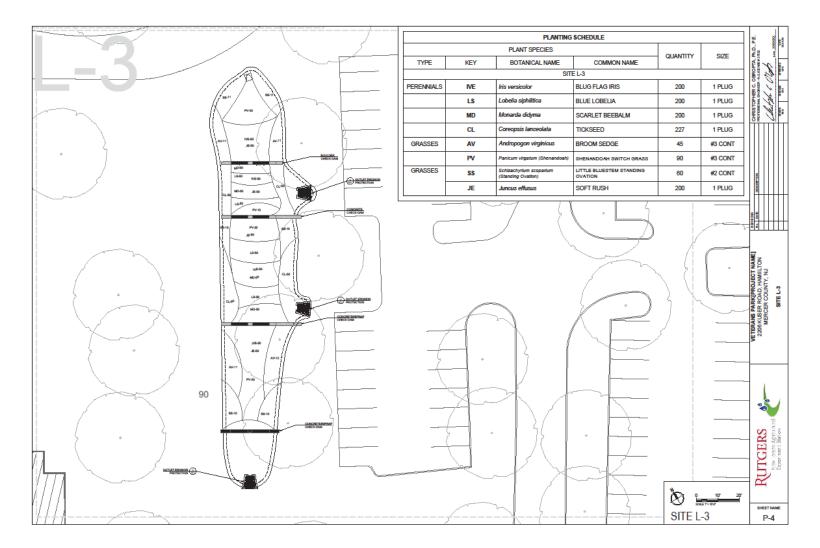








#### **Construction Documents**



#### **Construction Documents - Rendering**



#### **Process**















#### **Problems**













#### **Solutions**





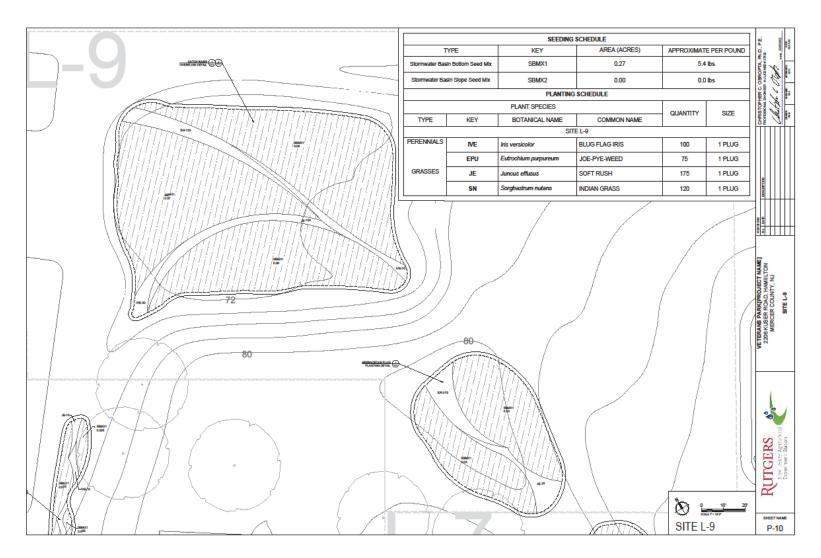








#### **Construction Documents**



## **Construction Documents - Rendering**

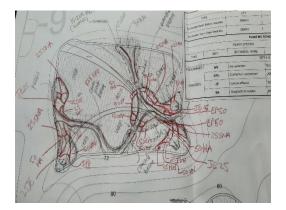


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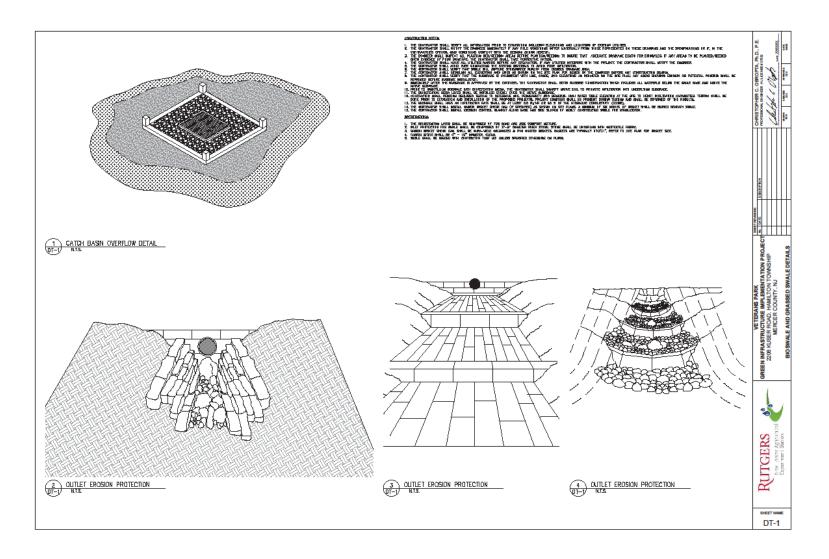




## **Post Installation – Spring 2021**



#### **Outlet/Overflow Protection Concrete Re-use Methods**



#### **Process**



















# How to get Started

- 1. Conduct a detention basin inventory
- 2. Perform detention basin inspections
- 3. Identify basins best to retrofit
- 4. Develop concepts
- 5. Seek funding
- 6. Finalize construction drawings and specifications
- 7. Build it
- 8. Maintain it



## Conclusion

# **Retrofitting detention basins is a cost-effective way to:**

- Improve pollutant removal efficiency
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