

# CE 3372 WATER SYSTEMS DESIGN

LESSON 17: STORM SEWERS CONDUIT DESIGN (SIZE SELECTION) BY RATIONAL  
EQUATION METHOD FALL 2020

# PURPOSES

- Conduits convey Flow from one location to another
  - Pipes
  - Culverts
  - Open channels

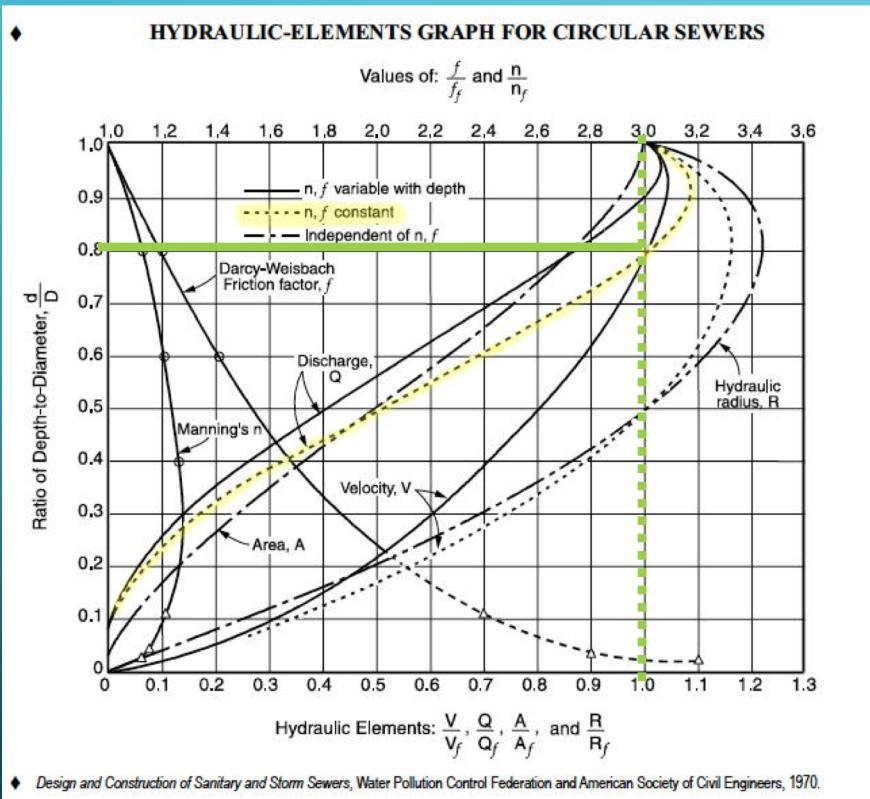
# CONDUIT DESIGN

- Select size, material, and slope
  - Storm sewer – usually desire to operate with free surface (as an open channel)
  - Sanitary sewer – similar usually want a free surface
  - Size (diameter) is dictated by
    - Flow required
    - Burial depth relative to drop available

# METHODS

- A good preliminary design can be obtained using a combination of the rational equation and manning's equation
  - Done without regard to downstream boundary conditions
  - Needs to be checked using a hydraulic model (like SWMM)

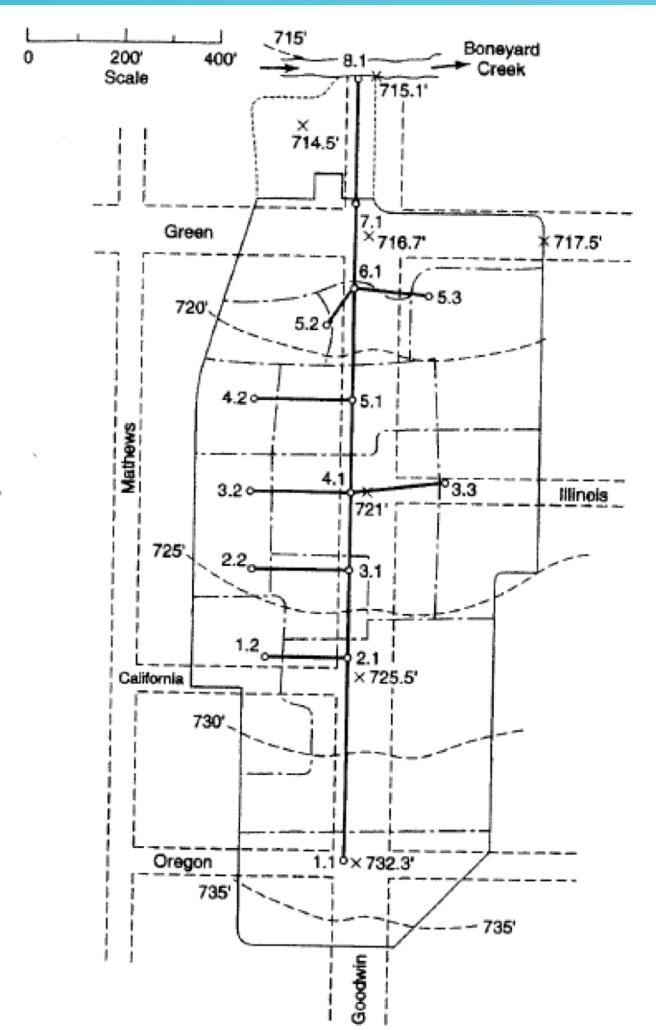
# PRELIMINARY DESIGN



- Determine discharge in each pipe.
- Size using manning's equation (... in us customary)
- Assumes full, but pipes will have free surface

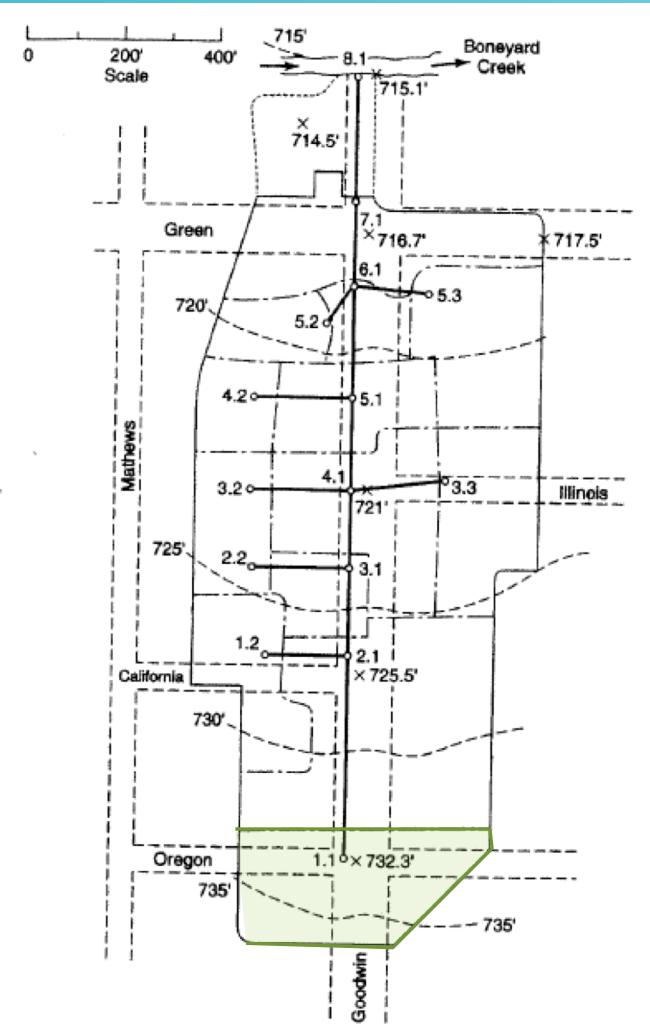
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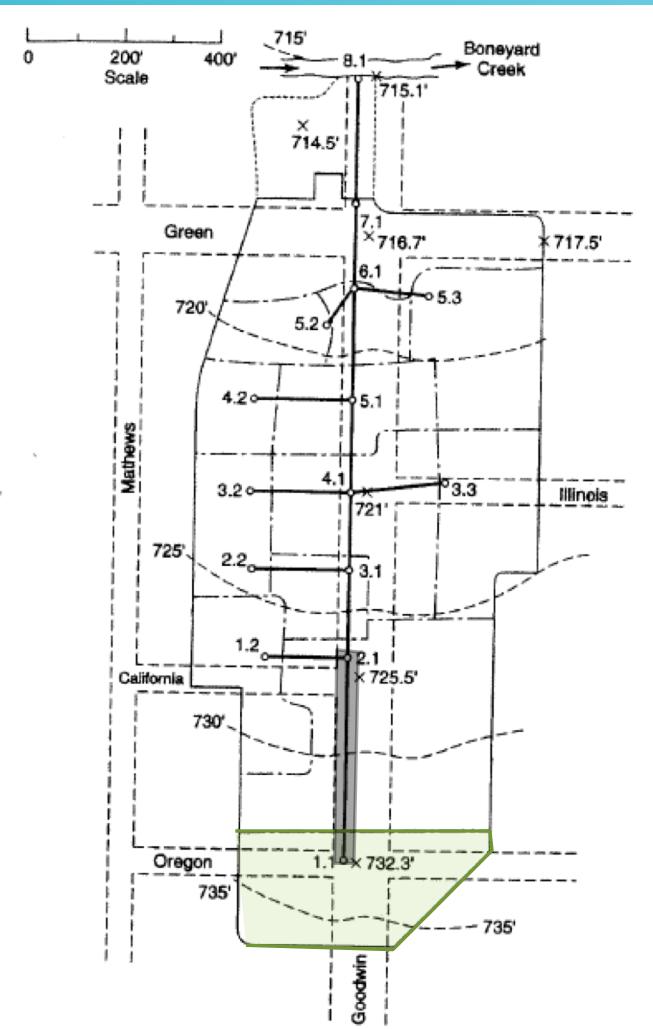
- Layout of system
  - Drainage area and Inlets
  - Pipes
  - Outfall
  - elevations

# PRELIMINARY DESIGN



- Drainage areas and inlets
  - Determine inlet time of concentration
  - Determine drainage area runoff coefficient

# PRELIMINARY DESIGN



- Pipes (Start upstream)

- Select pipe size

- Design guidelines

- Discharge criterion

$$D = 1.333 \left( \frac{Qn}{\sqrt{S}} \right)^{1/8}$$

- Velocity criteria

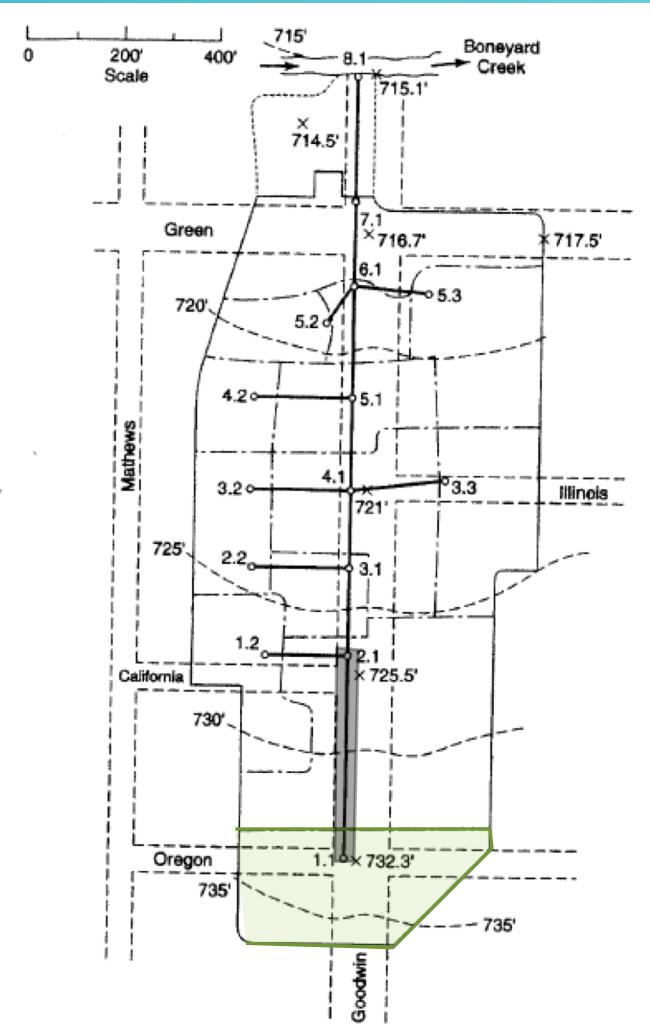
$$V = \frac{1.49}{n} \left( \frac{D}{4} \right)^{2/3} \sqrt{S}$$

From criterion

- Determine pipe travel time

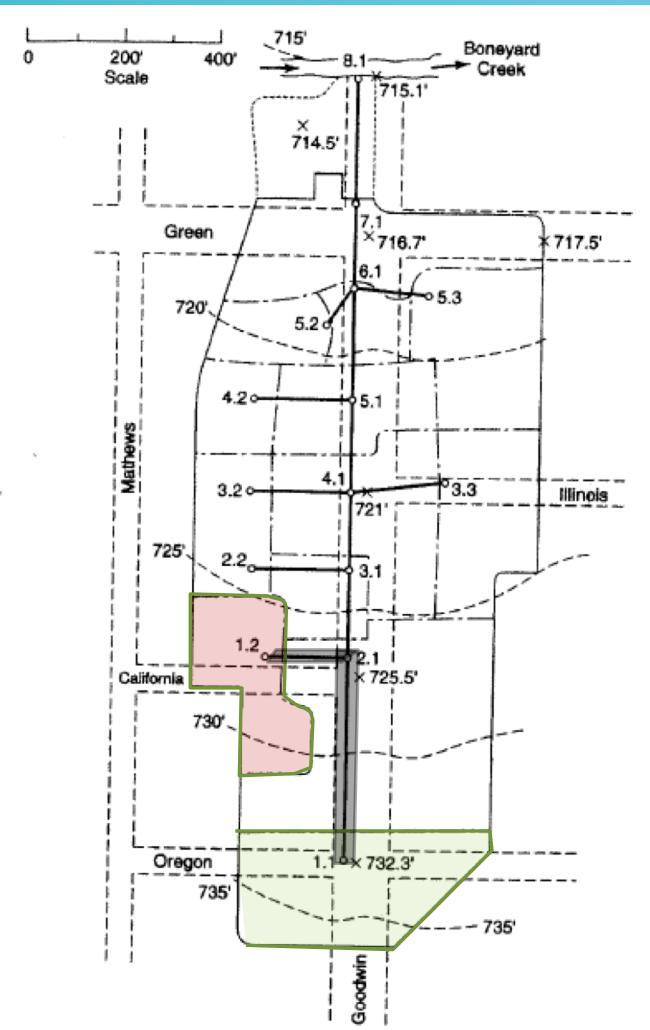
$$t = \frac{d}{V}$$

# PRELIMINARY DESIGN



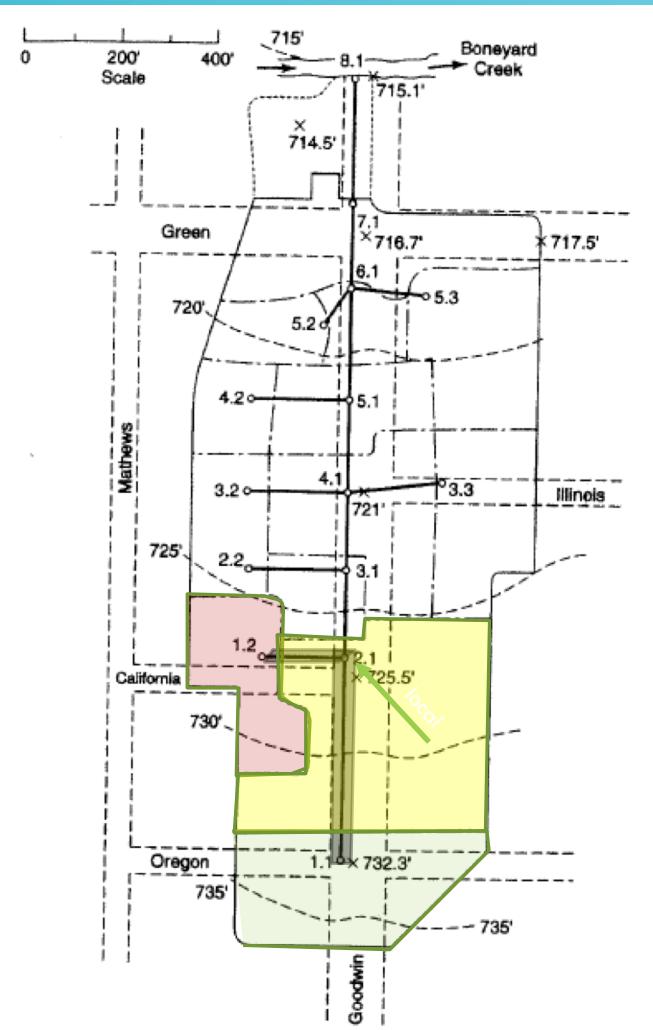
- At most upstream inlet
  - Compute  $Q_p = C_i A$  to the inlet from inlet time
  - Size pipe from this inlet to hold  $Q_p$
  - ADD pipe travel time to inlet time
  - Move to next node

# PRELIMINARY DESIGN



- At NEXT upstream inlet
  - Compute  $Q_P = C_i A$  to the inlet from inlet time
  - Size pipe from this inlet to hold  $Q_P$
  - ADD pipe travel time to inlet time
  - Move to next node

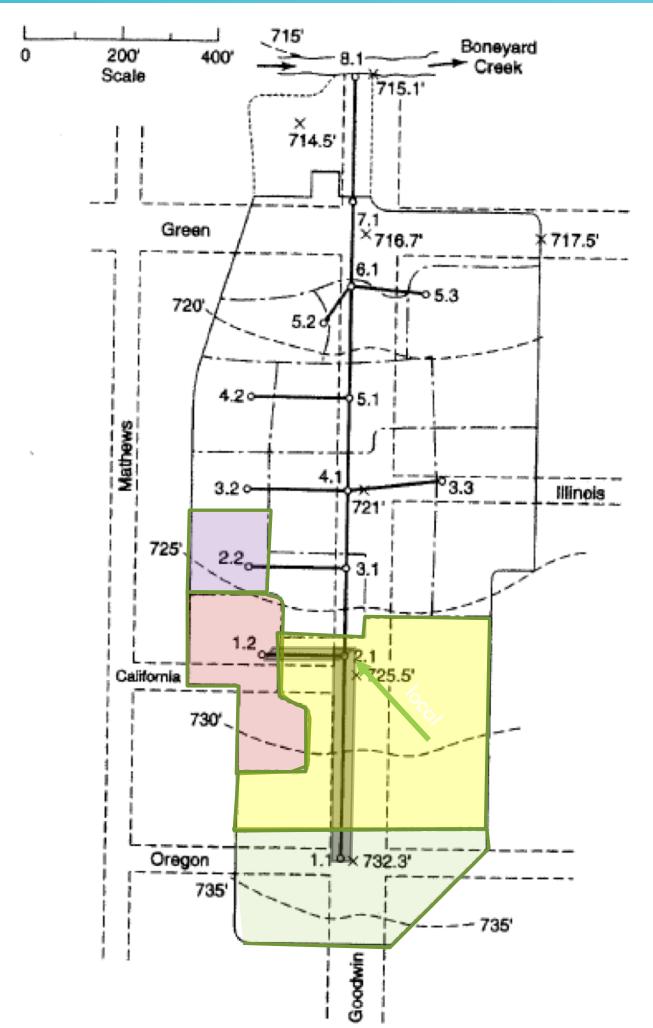
# PRELIMINARY DESIGN



- AT JUNCTION AND INLET
  - Choose largest of:
    1. Local inlet time
    2. Upstream node+travel time
- Compute  $Q_p$  LEAVING THE JUNCTION FROM:
- SIZE next pipe from this  $q_p$

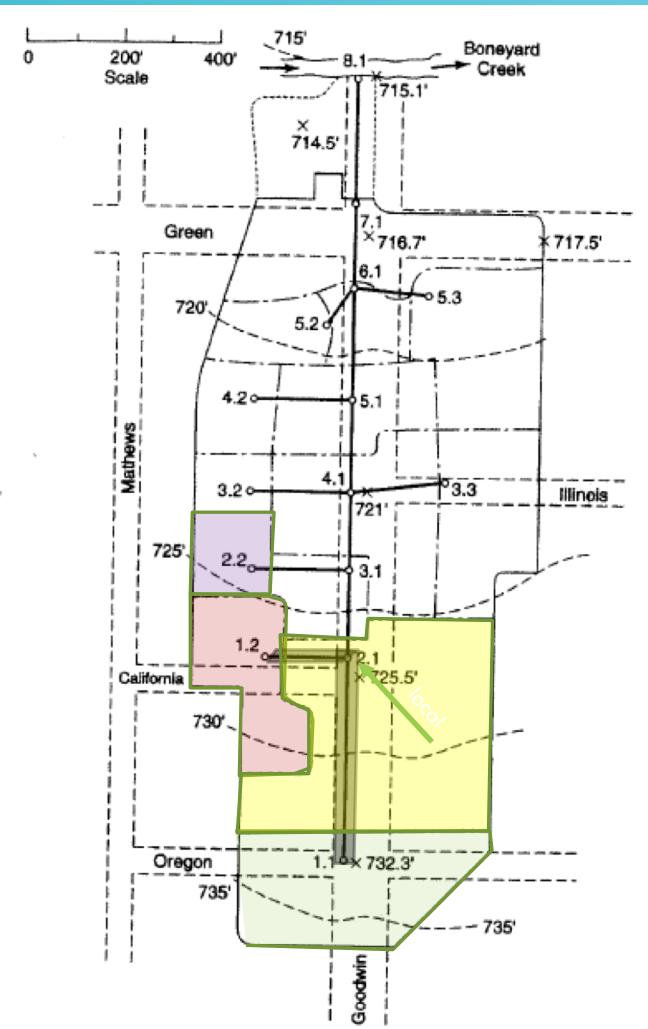
$$Q_p = \left( CA_{local} + \sum CA_{upstream} \right) i_{T_c}$$

# PRELIMINARY DESIGN



- Continue downstream in same fashion (from upstream to junction) until reach outlet
- Accumulate CA values and  $T_c$  as move downstream
- Checks include that all areas add up to total area
- $T_c$  should be increasing in value as move downstream

# PRELIMINARY DESIGN



- At outlet should have:
  - Pipe sizes
  - Pipe discharges
- Next check hydraulics
  - SWMM – enter  $Q_{INLET}$  directly and check pipe hydraulics
  - SWMM – Approximate rational in SWMM to check a design hyetograph
  - Use SWMM results to adjust design and produce a HGL drawing

## NEXT TIME

- Introduction to SWMM
  - Used to perform hydraulic simulations
  - Similar interface to EPANET, more complicated tool