

Water management and sediment control for urbanizing areas

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The committee's survey of State Stormwater Programs Appendix C reflects a wide variation in program goals as reflected in the criteria found in their SCM manuals. For example, incentive or performance zoning could be used to allow for greater densities on a site, freeing other portions of the site for SCMs.

Soil Erosion and Sediment Control

ESC plans ensure that provisions for control measures are incorporated into the site planning stage of development and provide for the reduction of erosion and sediment problems and accountability if a problem occurs York County Soil and Water Conservation District, 1990. Polluted stormwater from construction sites often flows to MS4s and ultimately is discharged into local rivers and streams.

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Given the rapid development of new stormwater technologies, there is a critical need for implementation of regional or statewide training programs to ensure that stormwater professionals are equipped with the latest knowledge and skills.

Improving Water Quality in Urbanizing Landscapes

The problem with the traditional approach is that 1 the majority of storms throughout the year are small and therefore pass through the detention facilities 422 URBAN STORMWATER MANAGEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES uncontrolled, 2 the criterion of reducing storm flow does not address the need for reducing total storm volume, and 3 the facilities are not designed to work as a system on a watershed scale. A principal spillway conveys the design volume of treated stormwater away from the site and discharges it.

Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Effectiveness of street sweeping in urban runoff pollution control. It is recommended to have two construction entrances covered with crushed stone. Reserved topsoil may be used to revegetate a site if the stockpile has been covered and stabilized.

Planning flood control projects in urban areas

Because the benefits that accrue with improved water quality are generally not realized by those entities required to implement SCMs, greater value must be created beyond the functional aspects of the facility if there is to be wide acceptance of SCMs as part of the urban landscape. The desire to return to nature is a seductive idea that suggests naturalistic SCMs that may have very little to do with an original landscape, given the dramatic changes in hydrology that are inevitable with urban streams.

Best Management Practices (BMPs)

The three conceptual curves represent the SCM costs under three different impervious surface scenarios. Sediment Basins The recommended maintenance activities outlined above for sediment traps also apply to sediment basins. Loss of property, degraded waters, and failed infrastructure are tangible costs to the public Johnstone et al.

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