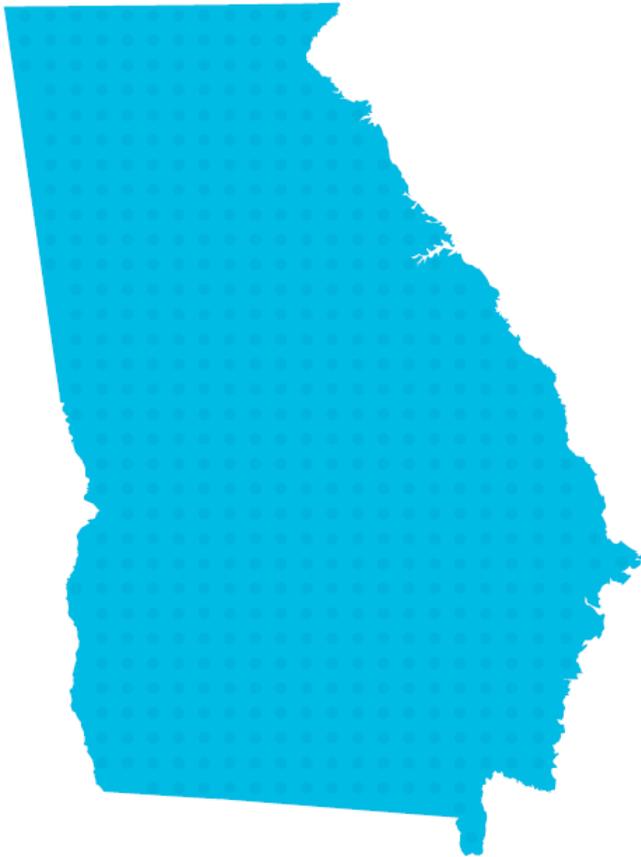




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CHAPTER 1: PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY

The Columbia County Engineering Services Division, specifically the Stormwater Utility Department has adopted the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual (GSMM) as the basis for the design and review of stormwater management facilities and practices in Columbia County, Georgia. The purpose of this Supplement is to clarify the guidelines set out in the GSMM for the specific management of stormwater runoff within unincorporated areas of Columbia County, Georgia. Chapter 34, Article IV Stormwater Management, of the Columbia County Code of Ordinances (the Ordinance) provides the Department with the authority to manage stormwater based on the scope of responsibilities it defines. In summary, persons wishing to develop land in Columbia County should reference the following documents for guidance:

Chapter 34, Article IV Stormwater Management, of the Columbia County Code of Ordinance provides the legal authority for stormwater management, definitions, and a description of the appeal / penalty processes.

Georgia Stormwater Management Manual (GSMM) Volume I, Chapter 4 provides guidance on implementing stormwater management requirements during development. Volume II provides specific guidance for unified stormwater sizing criteria and for methods of estimating stormwater runoff.

Columbia County Supplement (this document) to the GSMM provides county specific clarification and is organized into the following sections:

- *Chapter 1: Purpose and Applicability* - provides guidance on the application and exemption of these regulations to new development and redevelopment projects;
- *Chapter 2: Stormwater Management Planning, Design & Implementation* – explains the need for stormwater management and stormwater management standards
- *Chapter 3: Stormwater Hydrology*- describes methods of computing runoff and generating hydrographs required in computations;
- *Chapter 4: Stormwater Best Management Practices* - describes the criteria for requiring stormwater detention, provides guidance on the design of stormwater detention facilities and practices, and other miscellaneous requirements;
- *Chapter 5: Stormwater Drainage System Design* - provides guidance on the design of stormwater conveyance facilities such as gutter flow and inlets, storm drain pipes, culverts, and small open channels and swales;
- *Chapter 6: Stormwater Management Review Requirements* - delineates the process for the design and review of stormwater management facilities for new and redevelopments, including the pre- and post-construction requirements necessary to obtain development permits; and,
- *Appendices* –provides information to meet the requirements above as well as reference information from Federal and State agencies necessary to obtain development permits.

1.1 Applicability

All land development activities in Columbia County including planned construction of commercial, industrial, governmental, residential, parks, recreational, or linear type developments shall be governed by the Ordinance. Land development activities meeting any of the following criteria will be required to comply with the stormwater management standards of the Ordinance, the GSMM, and this Supplement:

1. New development that creates or adds 5,000 square foot or greater of new impervious area, or that involves land disturbing activity of one (1) acre of land or greater;
2. Redevelopment that creates, adds, or replaces 5,000 square feet or greater of new impervious surface area, or that involves land disturbing activity of one (1) acre or more, including projects less than 1 acre if they are part of a larger common plan of development or sale;
3. Those developments that construct improvements in phases and that meet criterion No.1 above when considering the cumulative runoff increase due to all phases; and,
4. Any development that would increase post-developed runoff more than 1.0 cubic feet per second over the pre-developed runoff.

When one of these conditions is met or development conditions set forth in the current NPDES Stormwater Permit No. GAG610000 is met, the development shall be governed by the stormwater design specifications in the GSMM and Chapter 4 of this Supplement. The Columbia County Stormwater Quality Development Review Tool described in Chapter 6 should be used to determine compliance with standards for total suspended solids (TSS) reduction for the proposed development.

1.2 Exemptions

The following activities are exempt from the requirements of the Ordinance:

1. Additions or modifications to existing single-family detached or duplex residential structures if they do not disturb over 5,000 square feet of land area;
2. Individual single-family residential lots that are not part of a subdivision or phased development project;
3. Agricultural or silvicultural land management activities within areas zoned for these activities;
4. Repairs or maintenance to any stormwater management facility or practice deemed necessary by the Stormwater Department.

CHAPTER 2: STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING, DESIGN & IMPLEMENTATION

2.1 Impacts of Development and Stormwater Runoff

Land development changes not only the physical, but also the chemical and biological conditions of Columbia County's waterways and water resources. When land is developed, the hydrology, or the natural cycle of water is disrupted and altered. Clearing removes the vegetation that intercepts, slows and returns rainfall to the air through evaporation and transpiration. Grading flattens hilly terrain and fills in natural depressions that slow and provide temporary storage for rainfall. The topsoil and sponge-like layers of humus are scraped and removed and the remaining subsoil is compacted. Rainfall that once seeped into the ground now runs off the surface. The addition of buildings, roadways, parking lots and other surfaces that are impervious to rainfall further reduces infiltration and increases runoff.

2.2 Stormwater Management Standards & Numerical Sizing Criteria

The goal of a set of recommended stormwater management standards for areas of new development and significant redevelopment is to reduce the impact of post-construction stormwater runoff on the watershed. This can be achieved by:

1. Maximizing the use of site design and nonstructural methods such as canopy interception, infiltration, evapotranspiration and reuse to reduce the generation of runoff and pollutants;
2. Managing and treating stormwater runoff through the use of best management practices (BMPs);
3. Implementing pollution prevention practices to limit potential stormwater contaminants.

2.2.1 Natural Resources Inventory

Prior to the start of any land disturbing activities (including any clearing or grading activities), acceptable site reconnaissance and surveying techniques shall be used to complete a thorough assessment of the natural resources, both terrestrial and aquatic, found on a development site. The site's critical natural features and drainage patterns shall be identified early in the site planning process. The Natural Resources Inventory (Standard #1) shall be used to identify and map the natural resources on site, as they exist prior to the start of any land disturbing activities. The identification, and subsequent preservation and/or restoration of these natural resources, through the use of better site design practices, helps reduce the negative impacts of the land development process "by design". Resources to be identified and mapped during the Natural Resources Inventory include, at a minimum (as applicable):

1. Topography and Steep Slopes (i.e., Areas with slopes greater than 15%);
2. Natural drainage divides and patterns;
3. Natural drainage features (e.g., swales, basins, depressed areas, ephemeral ditches);
4. Wetlands;
5. Water bodies;
6. Floodplains;
7. Aquatic buffers;
8. Soils types and erodible soils;
9. Trees and Other Existing Vegetation; and
10. Protected River Corridors.

All relevant resources should be shown on the Conceptual Plan (if required) and/or the Stormwater Management Site Plan.

2.2.2 Better Site Design Practices for Stormwater Management

All site designs shall implement a combination of approaches collectively known as Stormwater Better Site Design Practices (Standard #2) to the maximum extent practicable. Through the use of these practices and techniques, the impacts of urbanization on the natural hydrology of the site and water quality can be significantly reduced. The goal is to reduce the amount of stormwater runoff and pollutants that are generated, provide for natural on-site control and treatment of runoff, and optimize the location of stormwater management facilities. Better site design concepts can be viewed as both water quantity and water quality management tools and can reduce the size and cost of required BMPs. Site designs shall preserve the natural drainage and treatment systems and reduce the generation of additional stormwater runoff and pollutants to the maximum extent practicable. More information on Better Site Design is provided in Section 2.3, Volume II of the GSMM.

The use of certain better site design practices that provide water quality benefits allows for a reduction (known as a “credit”) of the water quality volume. The applicable design practices and stormwater site design credits are covered in Section 2.3.2, Volume II of the GSMM.

CHAPTER 3: STORMWATER HYDROLOGY

3.1 Methods for Estimating Stormwater Runoff

Unless otherwise noted in this Supplement, computing runoff and generating hydrographs must be done by one of the methods outlined in the GSMM. Table 3-1 summarizes the hydrologic calculation methods that will be accepted by the Stormwater Department and the section reference from the GSMM that explains each. The table also provides guidelines for using the appropriate method based on the size of the drainage area. Additional information relating to the design of conveyance structures can be found in Section 5.1 of the GSMM. The Rational Formula shall only be used to design conveyance systems. The Modified Rational Method may be used to estimate storage volumes for detention calculations in accordance with Section 3.3, Volume II of the GSMM.

TABLE 3-1
Methods for Runoff Computation

Computation Task	GSMM Chapter	Rational Formula	NRCS TR-55	USGS Equations	Water Quality Volume
Size Limitations for Each Method		Up to 25 acres	0 to 2,000 acres	25 acres to 25 square miles	Based on Structural Control
Water Quality Volume (WQ _v)	2.2				X
Channel Protection Volume (Cp _v)	2.2		X		
Overbank Flood Protection (Qp ₂₅)	2.2		X	X	
Extreme Flood Protection (Q _f)	2.2		X	X	
Storage Facilities	3.3		X	X	
Outlet Structures	3.4		X	X	
Gutter Flow and Inlets	5.2	X			
Storm Drain Pipes	5.2	X	X	X	
Culverts	5.3	X	X	X	
Small Ditches	5.4	X	X	X	
Open Channels	5.4		X	X	
Energy Dissipation	5.5		X	X	

Source: Georgia Stormwater Management Manual, Volume II, p. 57 & 58.

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CHAPTER 4: STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Stormwater management typically relies on a system of natural and constructed stormwater management facilities for the storage, treatment, and conveyance of runoff. In Columbia County, stormwater management facilities may be deeded to the County for ownership and maintenance or remain the responsibility of the property owner. Due to the necessary maintenance and operation of these systems, Columbia County recognizes its role in facilitating these activities and addressing regional stormwater planning needs.

Columbia County encourages the use of better site design practices that preserve the natural drainage system and on-site, non-structural stormwater management practices whenever practical. These practices decrease the quantity and increase the quality of stormwater discharged to lakes and streams during rain events. Columbia County also encourages the protection and enhancement of existing wetlands and floodplains, which are protected from dredging and filling by 33 CFR Part 330 of the Federal Register and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

4.1 Stormwater Design Requirements

The GSMM has developed a set of Unified Stormwater Sizing Criteria that serves as the basis of designing stormwater management facilities in Columbia County. These criteria provide an integrated approach for meeting the stormwater runoff quality and quantity management requirements for those applicable developments identified in Section 1.1 of this Supplement. The purpose of the Unified Stormwater Sizing Criteria is to design a stormwater management system to:

1. Remove stormwater runoff pollutants and improve water quality;
2. Prevent downstream stream bank and channel erosion;
3. Reduce downstream overbank flooding; and
4. Reduce the runoff from and safely pass extreme storm events.

Stormwater management facilities in Columbia County must be designed to meet the criteria in Table 4-1 below using the appropriate runoff calculation methods described in Table 3-1 of Chapter 3 of this Supplement. Additional discussion of these criteria can be found in Section 2.2, Volume II of the GSMM.

TABLE 4-1

Summary of the Statewide Stormwater Sizing Criteria for Stormwater Control and Mitigation

Sizing Criteria		Description
Water Quality	Runoff Reduction, RR _v (Standard #3)	Retain the runoff for the first 1.0 inch of rainfall on site, to the maximum extent practicable. Since runoff reduction practices eliminate stormwater runoff, and the pollutants associated with it, rather than treating or detaining, they can contribute to other stormwater management standards. If the entire 1.0 inch runoff reduction cannot be achieved, the remaining runoff from the 1.2 inch rainfall must be treated, as described in Standard #4.
	Treatment, WQ _v (Standard #4)	Retain or treat the runoff from 85% of the storms that occur in an average year. For Georgia, this equates to providing water quality treatment for the runoff resulting from a rainfall depth of 1.2 inches. The water quality treatment goal is to reduce average annual post-development total suspended solids loadings by 80%
Channel Protection (Standard # 5)		Provide extended detention of the 1-year, 24-hour storm event released over a period of 24 hours to reduce bankfull flows and protect downstream channels from erosive velocities and unstable conditions.
Overbank Flood Protection (Standard #6)		Provide peak discharge control of the 25-year, 24 hour storm event such that the post-development peak rate does not exceed the predevelopment rate to reduce overbank flooding.
Extreme Flood Protection (Standard #7)		Evaluate the effects of the 100-year, 24 hour storm on the stormwater management system, adjacent property, and downstream facilities and property. Manage the impacts of the extreme storm event through detention controls and/or floodplain management.

Source: *Georgia Stormwater Management Manual, Volume II, Table 2.2.3-1 p. 12.*

Columbia County requires that all sites utilizing dry detention structures discharge at 90% or less of the pre-developed rate of release. Sites using wet or regional detention structures will be allowed to release runoff at 100% of the pre-developed rate or release. It is presumed that a stormwater management system complies with this performance standard if:

1. It is sized to retain the first 1.0 inch of rainfall on the site, to the maximum extent practicable. If the 1.0 inch cannot be retained onsite, the remaining runoff from a 1.2 inch rainfall event must be treated to remove at least 80% of the calculated average annual post-developed total suspended solids (TSS) load.; and,
2. Appropriate structural stormwater controls are selected, designed, constructed, and maintained according to the specific criteria in this Supplement.

Stormwater management facilities shall also be designed to provide peak discharge control of the 50-year, 24 hour storm event such that the post-development peak rate does not exceed the pre-development rate. The water surface elevation of the 50-year shall be detained within the facility without engaging the principal spillway or riser. The principal spillway or riser should be used to pass the 100-year design storm prior to the water surface elevation reaching the elevation of the emergency spillway. The emergency spillway shall be sized to convey the 100-year design storm assuming the stormwater management facility's outfall is 100% clogged providing a minimum freeboard of 12 inches to the top of embankment. Spillways shall be adequately sized to convey runoff in accordance with the GSMM and this Supplement.

The bottom of dry detention stormwater management facilities shall be sloped at a minimum fall of two percent (2%) to provide positive drainage. If these grades cannot be achieved, a pilot channel shall be used to convey low runoff flows from each facility inlet to the outlet control structure. Pilot channels are not required for extended detention stormwater management facilities.

4.2 Water Quality Performance Criteria

Total suspended solids (TSS) are a key pollutant associated with sediment runoff. It also serves as a "carrier" of other pollutants such as organics, nutrients, and metals. Thus, TSS, a measure of suspended matter-including soils and sediments-will serve as the watershed improvement guideline for managing pollutants.

Stormwater management systems (which can include both structural stormwater controls and better site design practices) must be designed to remove 80% of the average annual post-development TSS load and be able to meet any other additional watershed- or site-specific water quality requirements.

Use of the Stormwater Quality Site Development Review Tool, described in the Appendix of this Supplement, provides the developer and reviewer with a summary of the TSS reduction from each of the drainage areas and also presents the overall TSS reduction efficiency of the planned site. All runoff leaving the site shall be accounted for in the review tool. Please note that if this overall efficiency is less than 80%, then the site will fail to meet the recommendations of the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual and will not be approved.

4.3 Criteria for Requiring Stormwater Management

Whenever a Stormwater Management Report indicates that adverse stormwater runoff impact is expected from the development of a property, that project shall be required to provide a stormwater management facility or facilities so that the Unified Sizing Criteria are met. The following criteria shall be evaluated by the Engineer of Record preparing the Stormwater Management Report and used in determining whether stormwater management facilities should be required for any portion of any site:

1. Existing land uses downstream;
2. Anticipated future land uses downstream;
3. Magnitude of increase in peak flows due to development;
4. Presence of existing drainage problems;
5. Capacity of existing and anticipated drainage systems;
6. Creation of concentrated flows where none had occurred previously;
7. Existing flows generated off-site that pass through the project site; and,

8. The nature of the receiving watercourse.

4.3.1 Stormwater Management Not Required

Stormwater management facilities shall be required for all development activities not meeting the Unified Sizing Criteria described in Section 4.1, unless the Engineer of Record provides certified documentation supporting the conclusion that one of the following is true and correct as applicable:

1. The uncontrolled, post-development runoff will leave the project site as sheet flow and will not have an adverse impact upon downstream properties due to dispersal of stormwater;
2. The effect of stormwater management will be to concentrate flows where sheet flow had occurred under pre-developed conditions, and any impact of increased sheet flows upon downstream properties would be less adverse than that which would result from the concentrated flow from a stormwater management facility, even if energy dissipation devices were employed;
3. The runoff will flow directly into a flood plain without crossing off-site properties, and the post-development runoff will constitute less than five (5%) percent of the total peak flow in the watercourse, at the point where the watercourse crosses the project site's downstream property line. This condition will be referred to hereafter as the "5% rule"; and,
4. The uncontrolled flow will pass through downstream properties in drainage easements obtained by the developer to existing stormwater management facilities that have been designed to manage the upstream property's runoff, and the flow is shown not to produce adverse impacts to the downstream properties.

Should the Engineer of Record conclude that stormwater management facilities may not be necessary because of anticipated compliance with the foregoing items, and then rigid compliance with all of the following criteria is mandatory:

1. A Stormwater Management Report (Section 6.1.2) shall always be required whether or not stormwater management facilities are required; and,
2. If the applicant proposes to show that the detention requirements may be eliminated for all or a portion of a project, then a Pre-Submittal Conference with the Stormwater Department is required prior to preparation and submittal of construction plans for the project.

At the Pre-Submittal Conference with Columbia County staff and the Engineer of Record shall be prepared to discuss the downstream analysis findings as follows:

1. The affected stream must be analyzed for a distance downstream to a point where the proposed development represents less than (10%) percent of the total watershed. This analysis shall be referred to hereafter as the "10% rule." The analysis must include all culverts, obstructions, existing and potential erosion problems, existing structures, proposed structures, proposed improvements and any other pre-developed or post-developed modifications to natural conditions; and,
2. If the existing downstream conditions are overburdened within the "10% downstream point" by the pre-development flows in the stream, then stormwater management shall be required unless the developer elects to eliminate the downstream overburdened conditions at his or her expense when the development occurs.

If the 5% percent rule described above is to be used to show that the stormwater management requirements may not apply, then the following must be included in the Stormwater Management Report:

1. The 5% study point has to be at the downstream property line; and,
2. The 5% study will compare peak developed flows originating on the site against peak flows for the 1-, 25-, 50- and 100-year storm events of the major stream at the downstream property line. Comparison of the peak flows shall include the timing of the peak flows.

4.3.2 Special Provisions for Redevelopment

Urban redevelopment has numerous advantages. It reduces the loss of natural areas and open space, revitalizes older neighborhoods, and avoids the need to build infrastructure to support new development. However, space limitations sometimes preclude the application of the stormwater management criteria specified above. In these cases, alternate stormwater management requirements can be applied for redevelopment projects.

Redevelopment projects that are shown to be unable to meet the stormwater criteria above are required to implement one of the following options:

1. Reduce existing site imperviousness by 20%;
2. Provide water quality treatment for 20% of the site's imperviousness; or,
3. A combination of 1 and 2.

Some techniques that may be used to achieve the 20% imperviousness reduction are green roofs, smaller parking areas, or landscaping. Water quality treatment can be implemented through the application of bioretention facilities, stormwater planters, rainwater capture devices, and sand filters.

4.4 Stormwater BMP Specifications

Table 4.1.1-1 from Section 4.1, Volume II of the GSMM provides an overview of the structural BMPs that can be used for stormwater control in Columbia County.

For specific design criteria and examples refer to Sections 4.2 through 4.29, Volume II of the GSMM. These BMPs are for general application and can be designed for use in a variety of situations.

4.5 Miscellaneous Requirements for Stormwater Facilities

The following criteria shall be required for public and private stormwater facilities unless waived by the Director of Engineering Services Division.

4.5.1 Stormwater Management Facility Access

All stormwater management facilities shall be on one parcel to include a 20-foot minimum access from a public street. The access road shall be a minimum width of 16 feet and be hard surface such as gravel with a geotextile, articulating block matting, or asphalt pavement, depending on slope. Configuration and type shall be approved by the Stormwater Department. Access for maintenance shall be provided to the pond bottom, outlet structure, and outfall.

4.5.2 Stormwater Management Facility Fencing

When a stormwater management pond is over four (4) feet deep and in a location that constitutes a danger to humans, access shall be restricted by a permanent fence or barrier and warning signs. Fences

shall be six (6) feet high chain link with 3 strands of barbed wire or other approved material with a sixteen (16) foot wide gate. Fences shall be located on the property lines. Fences and gates may be located away from the right-of-way if approved by the Stormwater Department. Privately owned facilities may file an Indemnity Statement if other fencing alternatives are accepted by the County.

4.5.3 Silt Gauge

A silt gauge will be installed on all dry detention ponds and sediment forebays consisting of a durable weather-resistant post. The post will be embedded a minimum of 2 feet and extend a minimum of 5 feet above ground. Numbers and adjacent tick marks must be on the post beginning with the number "1" at 1 foot above the ground elevation and thereafter a number tick mark for each corresponding foot. Numbers and tick marks must be clear, readable, weather resistant, and durable. A comparable alternative may be used upon approval by the Stormwater Department.

4.5.4 State Waters Regulated by the Georgia EPD

Stormwater management facilities are not allowed in any classified State Water that requires a buffer (i.e. perennial and intermittent streams).

4.5.5 Earthen Berms and Embankments

All earthen berms and embankments for Stormwater Management Facilities shall at a minimum be designed and constructed in accordance with Columbia County Specifications.

4.5.6 Dedication of Stormwater Management Facilities

Columbia County Stormwater Utility Department will not accept dedication of any stormwater management facility (structural, vegetative, and/or proprietary) required to meet water quality requirements. These facilities shall be located on private parcels owned by the developer or other entity with the operation and maintenance requirements listed on the plat and deed of the property.

Columbia County Stormwater Utility Department will accept the dedication of stormwater management facilities designed, permitted, and constructed to County standards for peak flow reduction. The facility will not be accepted and dedicated to the County until the property containing the facility has filed a Notice of Termination of coverage of the NPDES General Construction Permit that has been accepted by Georgia EPD and Columbia County.

CHAPTER 5: STORMWATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM DESIGN

In every location, there are two stormwater drainage systems, the minor and major system. Three considerations largely shape the design of these systems: flooding, public safety, and water quality. Additional discussion of these criteria can be found in the GSMM, Volume II, Chapter 4.

5.1 Stormwater Drainage Design Overview

Storm drainage systems and open channel designs shall be designed to the 25-year design storm. Culverts carrying live streams shall be designed to the 100-year design storm. The 100-year design storm should be used for the check storm in order to determine the effects of the facilities, adjacent properties, floodplain encroachment, and downstream areas.

5.2 Minor Drainage System Design

This section is intended to provide design criteria for the design of minor drainage system components including:

- Street and roadway gutters;
- Stormwater inlets; and,
- Storm drain pipe systems.

5.2.1 Street and Roadway Gutters

Catch basins shall be spaced so that the spread in the street for the 25-year design flow shall not exceed the following as measured from the face of the curb:

- 16 feet at any given section, but in no case greater than 10 feet on one side of the street; or,
- 4-inches in depth within the gutter section.

Catch basins shall be spaced so that the spread in the street for a 10-year design flow shall not exceed 8 feet as measured from the face of the curb.

All driveways tying into the curb and gutter section shall be a height equal to or greater than the height of the curb at the right-of-way.

5.2.2 Catch Basins and Inlets

Catch basins shall be constructed in accordance with Columbia County specifications. Additional discussion of design criteria can be found in Section 5.2, Volume II of the GSMM.

5.2.3 Storm Drain Pipe Design

Piped drainage structures shall be designed to meet the following criteria:

1. Street catch basins, inlets, cross drains, and longitudinal piping shall be designed to be full or practically full but not under pressure head during the 25-year storm and shall have a minimum size of 18 inches in diameter. Hydraulic grade line shall not be no more than one foot above the crown of the pipe;
2. The 100-year storm frequency shall be used on live streams, cross drains serving tributary areas of 10 acres or larger and any other drainage system receiving and/ or transferring offsite drainage flow with 20% of the pipe to be embedded per U.S. Corps of Engineers standards;
3. All pipes should be kept to a minimum slope of 1% or minimum velocity of 2.5 feet per second with a maximum of 15 feet per second. Outlet velocities, if practical, shall not exceed four (4) feet per second when flowing full. However, if outlet velocities exceed five (5) feet per second then headwalls with energy dissipation devices and/ or channel protection must be provided. For outlet velocities less than five (5) feet per second, then flared end sections or headwalls can be used;

4. The downstream end of all storm drain pipe shall be located at a minimum of fifty (50) feet past the building line or to the property line, whichever is less, for pipe sizes up to and including thirty-six (36) inches in diameter, unless the storm drainage is on a live stream;
5. For all pipe design, the Engineer of Record shall check the 100-year hydraulic grade line to determine that no building structures or property will be flooded; and,
6. Easements suitable for the construction and maintenance of the drainage system shall be provided for drainage pipe to be deeded to Columbia County. Minimum easement width shall be twenty (20) feet. Easement widths shall be calculated as $((2 * \text{depth}) + \text{pipe diameter})$ and rounded up to the nearest 5 foot distance (i.e. 23 feet minimum width should be rounded to 25 feet). Easements shall be located on only one parcel and not split along property lines. No obstruction shall be built; constructed or planted that would inhibit proper function of the drainage system. No permanent structures or equipment may be placed within a piped drainage easement, unless an Encroachment Agreement is approved by Columbia County Board of Commissioners.

The storm drain pipe designs and related plans and specifications shall be prepared by a Professional Civil Engineer currently registered in the State of Georgia. The computations must be dated, project identified, signed and sealed by the Engineer. The Engineer of Record's seal and signature shall be on all residential and commercial subdivision plans that involve new public improvements.

Plans, specifications and computations must be complete in detail sufficient to enable an engineer to fully check and verify the results and computations. The plans used for construction must contain basic design data, a project narrative, schedule of construction, name and address of person responsible for construction, and the Engineer of Record's seal, signature and address.

All storm drain pipes shall be constructed in accordance with Columbia County Specifications.

5.3 Culvert Design

All culverts shall be designed to convey the 25-year design storm and the conditions below shall be checked for the 100-year design storm to ensure building structures and properties are not flooded or damaged. All culverts shall be constructed of concrete with a minimum size of 18 inches. Culverts shall not skew more than 45 degrees as measured from perpendicular to the roadway. Inlet and outlet headwalls are required for all culverts.

5.3.1 Velocity

The maximum velocity should be consistent with the channel stability downstream from the culvert outlet for the 25-year design storm. The minimum velocity shall be 2.5 feet per second for the 2-year design storm to ensure the culvert will be self-cleaning.

5.3.2 Length and Slope

The culvert inverts should be aligned with the channel bottom and alignment should match the angle of the stream. Pipe restraining methods must be used if the maximum slope exceeds 10%. The maximum drop between the inlet and outlet inverts of a culvert is 5 feet.

5.3.3 Headwater Limitations

The allowable headwater shall:

1. Not adversely affect upstream properties; and,

2. Provide 18 inches of freeboard from low point in the roadway or where flow diverts around culvert.

5.4 Open Channel Design

The following criteria should be followed for open channel design:

1. Channel side slopes shall be stable throughout the entire length and side slope shall depend on the channel material. A maximum of 2:1 should be used for channel side slopes, unless otherwise justified by calculations. Roadside ditches should have a maximum front slope of 4:1 and back slope of 2:1;
2. Trapezoidal or parabolic cross sections are preferred over triangular shapes;
3. For vegetative channels, flow velocities within the channel should not exceed the maximum permissible velocities given in Tables 5.4-2 and 5.4-3, Volume II of the GSMM;
4. If relocation of a stream channel is unavoidable, the cross-sectional shape, meander, pattern, roughness, sediment transport, and slope should conform to the existing conditions insofar as practicable. Some means of energy dissipation may be necessary when existing conditions cannot be duplicated;
5. Stream bank stabilization should be provided, when appropriate, as a result of any stream disturbance such as encroachment and should include both upstream and downstream banks as well as the local site; and,
6. Open channel drainage systems are sized to handle a 25-year design storm. The 100-year design storm should be routed through the channel system to determine if the 100-year plus applicable building elevation restrictions are exceeded, structures are flooded, or flood damages increased.

5.4.1 Velocity Limitations

The final design of artificial open channels should be consistent with the velocity limitations for the selected channel lining. Maximum velocity values for selected lining categories are presented in Table 5.4-2 in the GSMM, Volume II. Seeding and mulch should only be used when the design value does not exceed the allowable value for bare soil. Velocity limitations for vegetative linings are reported in Table 5.4-3 in the GSMM, Volume II. Vegetative lining calculations are presented in Section 5.4.7 and riprap procedures are presented in Section 5.4.8, Volume II of the GSMM.

5.5 Residential Lot Drainage

The following criteria are required for all proposed residential developments which will be mass graded and considered for all other lots:

1. A minimum 5-foot side yard drainage easement and a minimum 10-foot rear yard drainage easement shall be located on all lots to convey runoff to a minor or major drainage system, or natural water course;
2. Finished floor elevations shall be provided for all lots and building structures;
3. All engineered swales used in residential drainage shall have maximum side slopes of 5:1. Side lot swales shall have maximum side slopes of 2:1 and can be no more than 4 ft. in height. Retaining wall shall be required when the side slopes exceed the 2:1. The option of a retaining wall or plantings will be required when the side slopes exceed 4 ft. in height. All portions of the residential lot shall have positive drainage to a residential drainage easement;

4. Swales shall be designed with a minimum longitudinal slope of 2% or be enhanced by the use of french drains and elevations shall be verified before acceptance of the proposed development for occupation or final plat approval;
5. Swales are required to discharge into a minor drainage system per Chapter 5 of this Supplement or by level spreader into a natural water course once calculations show that the channel reaches or exceeds 50% of its capacity;
6. Swales shall be constructed and covered in final stabilization before acceptance of the proposed development for occupation or final plat approval;
7. Lot drainage and swales shall be rough graded for the development and fine grading with enhancements will be required during home construction; and,
8. Home construction shall comply with elevations and drainage shown on approved Development Plans. Any variation from the Development Plan will require a Clearing and Grading Permit, Land Disturbance Permit or a revision to the Development Plan prior to land disturbance.

CHAPTER 6 : STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REVIEW REQUIREMENTS

This section provides guidance on the process for the design and review of stormwater management facilities for new and redevelopments in Columbia County, including the pre- and post-construction requirements necessary to obtain development permits.

6.1 Pre-Construction Requirements

Approval from Columbia County Stormwater Department will be required for all Land Disturbance Permits (LDP) per Section 34 of the Columbia County Code of Ordinances. LDP submittals shall contain the minimum information to be deemed a complete submittal:

- Executed Land Disturbance Permit Application and applicable fee;
- Appropriate Plan Checklist (GSWCC, Stormwater, Grading);
- Stormwater Management Report, unless exempted per Section 4.3.1 of this Supplement; and,
- Two (2) copies of Grading, Drainage, and Erosion Control Plans with separate cover;
- Notice of Intent and applicable fees, if required; and,
- Environmental Bond, if required.

Electronic submittals are accepted. Please contact the Stormwater Department for Electronic Permit Submittal requirements.

6.1.1 Stormwater Management Report

For every project, a Stormwater Management Report shall be prepared and sealed by a Professional Civil Engineer currently registered in the State of Georgia. The purpose of this report shall be to formulate a plan to manage stormwater, so that stormwater runoff hazards are not created, existing runoff-related problems are not exacerbated, and stormwater quality is not adversely affected, either upstream or downstream from or within the boundaries of the property being developed. Nevertheless, a Stormwater Management Report shall be prepared regardless of whether the project requires stormwater management.

At a minimum, the Stormwater Management Report shall address the following issues and analyze compliance with the water quantity and water quality performance indicators noted in Chapter 1 of this Supplement if the design Engineer determines that stormwater management facility(s) is/are not required per section 4.3.1 of this Supplement:

1. A brief narrative description of the project;
2. Geotechnical investigations including soil maps, borings, site specific recommendations, and any additional information necessary for the proposed stormwater management design;
3. Site plan that depicts all streams, lakes, wetlands and other bodies of water. Include letter from Columbia County staff acting as the Local Issuing Authority acknowledging the presence or lack thereof of State Waters;
4. Additionally, the plan shall depict relevant boundaries of the 100-year floodplain for ultimate build-out conditions. The floodplain boundary must be calculated using Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) methodologies for delineating floodplains;
5. Hydrologic computations, including drainage area maps depicting pre-development and post-development runoff flow paths and land use, including the locations and quantities of stormwater runoff entering and exiting the site for both pre-developed and post-developed conditions. Analysis of the off-site properties shall anticipate future development in addition to addressing existing conditions;

6. Drainage area delineation maps and other exhibits at a satisfactory scale and sufficient in quantity and scope to define the boundaries of the site relative to any applicable water courses, drainage divides, drainage structures and other pertinent features;
7. Soils map depicting soil types and delineation per USDA-NRCS and indicate any jurisdictional wetlands, if present;
8. Estimates of the stormwater quality in terms of total suspended solids for both pre-developed and post-developed conditions using the Stormwater Quality Site Development Tool described in Appendix of this Supplement, if project disturbs 5,000 square feet or more;
9. Hydraulic computations for all open channels and closed piped drainage systems;
10. Structural computations, as required;
11. Unified sizing criteria volume computations in accordance with this Supplement;
12. Analysis of downstream conditions at each and every point or area along the project site boundaries at which runoff will exit the property.

Whenever adverse stormwater runoff related impacts are expected to result from the development of a property, stormwater management facility(s) shall be required. The Stormwater Management Report shall describe in detail the proposed stormwater management facility(s). Plans, specifications and computations must be complete in detail sufficient to enable another engineer to fully check and verify the results and computations. The plans used for construction must contain design data, a project narrative, schedule of construction, name and address or person responsible for construction and the Engineer of Record's seal, signature and address on the engineering drawings required for the project construction.

This section of the Stormwater Management Report shall include the following items:

1. Description of the overall stormwater management strategy;
2. Topographic maps showing all on-site and off-site contributing drainage areas;
3. Basis for determining runoff coefficients and times of concentration;
4. Inflow and outflow hydrographs with peak flows for the 1-, 25-, 50- and 100-year storm frequencies;
5. Hydraulic performance properties for all stormwater management facilities (e.g., stage/ storage/ discharge curves, infiltration capacities, overflow relationships);
6. Details and calculations for all outlet control structures, including buoyancy calculations and principal and emergency spillways;
7. Configuration of the stormwater management facilities, including outflow and overflow control devices, shall be clearly described in Report with cross-sections depicted on all construction drawings; and,
8. Temporary sediment basins or forebays are required for all dry detention sites and major drainage exits unless located on Buffered State Waters.

Proposed developments with underground detention facilities with details that must provide the additional information below:

1. The location and type of access protection for the detention facility;
2. Safety requirements for the site;
3. Outline of the maintenance procedure to be filed with Columbia County for all components of the stormwater management report; and,

4. Summary of the proposed stormwater management approach and the expected performance.

6.1.2 Drainage Plans and Details

Construction drawings submitted for stormwater management plan approval shall include the following:

1. A vicinity map showing the site in relation to the Stormwater Service Area;
2. Topography survey including Natural Resource Inventory showing existing and proposed terrain, including the area to be included in the downstream analyses;
3. Any proposed improvements including location and finish floor elevations of buildings or other structures, impervious surfaces, storm drainage facilities, and all grading;
4. The location of existing and proposed structures and utilities;
5. Any easements and rights-of-way (public or private with description of ownership);
6. The delineation, if applicable, of the 100-year administrative floodplain, any on site wetlands, and State Waters with buffer (if applicable);
7. Structural and construction details for all components of the proposed drainage system or systems, and stormwater management facilities;
8. Stormwater management facility cross section detail showing outfall, outlet control structure, and pond profile. Show all elevations including proposed water surface elevations for all design storms.
9. All necessary construction specifications;
10. A sequence of construction;
11. Data for total site area, disturbed area, new impervious area, and total impervious area;
12. A table showing the unified sizing criteria volumes required in this Supplement;
13. A table of materials to be used for storm water management facility planting;
14. All soil boring logs and locations;
15. An operations and maintenance schedule; and,
16. Certification statement signed by the Owner, Developer, and Contractor stating **“I have reviewed the approved Grading and Drainage and Stormwater Management Plans for this project and understand that drainage patterns shown on the approved Plans cannot be altered without approval by Columbia County. Any alterations to the approved Plans without prior approval may result in delays of the Final Plat approval.”**

6.1.3 Stormwater Quality Site Development Review Tool

An automated spreadsheet tool was specifically designed to meet the unified sizing and water quality performance criteria outlined in the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual. The overall goal is to provide an effective tool for both Columbia County review staff and the development community to quickly evaluate the water quality performance of stormwater management plans for development sites. It allows the developer to use a variety of BMPs and provides incentives for leaving key areas, particularly riparian buffers, undisturbed.

Columbia County currently requires every project, unless otherwise exempt, to use this tool. Additional information and instructions for using the Stormwater Quality Site Development Review Tool are provided in Appendix of this Supplement.

6.2 Post-Construction Requirements

Approval from the Stormwater Department is required as part of the Final Acceptance process for infrastructure to be dedicated to Columbia County. The following must be submitted prior to the Stormwater Department conducting an inspection of the project:

- A letter from the Developer requesting to dedicate stormwater infrastructure;
- Completed Stormwater Facilities Asbuilt Checklist(s);
- Three (3) copies of the Record Drawings of the Grading and Drainage and Stormwater Management Plans;
- Copies of all “as built” hydraulic and hydrologic calculations required; and,
- Notice of Termination, if applicable.

Electronic submittals are accepted. Please contact the Stormwater Department for Electronic Permit Submittal requirements.

6.2.1 Record Drawing Requirements of Stormwater Management Facilities

After completion of construction of the project and before final project acceptance by the Stormwater Department, professionally prepared and certified Record Drawings by a Professional Engineer or licensed Land Surveyor registered in the State of Georgia shall be submitted for review. Data shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Horizontal alignment of storm drain pipes, culverts, streets, and storm drain structures;
2. Location of all drainage easements;
3. Pipe length, size, and pipe material;
4. Invert elevations;
5. Top and ground rim elevations;
6. Flowline of all engineered swales and elevations at fifty (50) foot intervals or at lot lines;
7. BMP types, dimensions, and boundaries/easements;
8. “As planted” plans for BMPs, as applicable;
9. Data and calculations showing BMP treatment capacity;
10. Data and calculations showing Stormwater Management Facility(s) storage volume;
11. The horizontal locations and/or bank cross sections for all Stormwater Management Facility(s) or other information sufficient to verify that the Stormwater Management Facility(s) provide the required minimum runoff storage volume per the approved plans;
13. Certification statement signed by the Engineer of Record stating **“I have visited this project and certify that the direction of drainage and the storm system complies with the approved Grading and Drainage Plan.”**;
14. Certification statement signed by the Engineer of Record stating **“I certify that the Stormwater Management Facilities are in conformance with the approved Stormwater Management Plan.”**; and,
15. Any other pertinent data relevant to the completed storm drainage system and Stormwater Management Facilities.

6.3 Inspection and Maintenance

Prior to the issuance of any permit of occupancy or final plat approval, the developer must execute an Inspection and Maintenance Agreement, and/ or a Greenspace Deed and Covenants, if applicable, that shall be binding on all subsequent owners of the site, by reference in the Property Deed. A copy of this agreement is provided in the Appendix. The Inspection and Maintenance Agreement shall identify by name or official title the person(s) responsible for carrying out the inspection and maintenance. Responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the stormwater management facility or practice shall remain with the property owner and shall pass to any successor owner. If portions of the land are sold or otherwise transferred, legally binding arrangements shall be made to pass the inspection and maintenance responsibility to the appropriate successors in title. These arrangements shall designate for each portion of the site, the person to be permanently responsible for its inspection and maintenance.

As part of the Inspection and Maintenance Agreement, a schedule shall be developed for routine inspection and maintenance to ensure proper function of the stormwater management facility or practice. The agreement shall also include plans for annual inspections to ensure proper performance of the facility between scheduled maintenance events and shall also include remedies for the default thereof.

Columbia County will only be responsible for the operation and maintenance of stormwater management facilities deeded to Columbia County. Columbia County does not maintain privately owned drainage easements or stormwater management facilities.

6.3.1 Maintenance by Private Parties

On all commercial sites and on residential property where private stormwater management facilities exist, the maintenance is the responsibility of the owner or operator of the property. Columbia County Stormwater Department personnel may perform periodic inspections of existing and new private stormwater management facilities to determine whether they are maintained properly. Deficiencies will be noted to the owner or operator in writing. It shall be the responsibility of the owner or operator to repair deficiencies in a timely manner. Failure on the part of the owner or operator to repair deficient stormwater management facilities will be a violation of the Ordinance and will be punishable according to Section 34-162, Violations; penalties.

6.3.2 Maintenance by Property or Homeowners Associations

When a subdivision or industrial/commercial park has a legally created property or homeowners association, the association will be responsible for maintenance of all drainage easements and all private stormwater facilities within the entire development. The association may be required to apply larvicides, stock mosquito fish or take other measures, as required by the Engineering Division, to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. The association will have to be formed prior to final plat approval. Any emergency maintenance required by Columbia County will be done or subcontracted and the charge will be assessed to the association. Columbia County Stormwater Department personnel may perform periodic inspections of existing and new private stormwater management facilities to determine whether they are maintained properly. Deficiencies will be noted to the association in writing. It shall be the responsibility of the association to repair deficiencies in a timely manner. Failure on the part of the association to repair deficient stormwater management facilities will be a violation of the Ordinance and will be punishable according to Section 34-162, Violations; penalties.

APPENDICES

Appendix #1: Stormwater Quality Site Development Review Tool Instructions

User's Manual

**Georgia Stormwater Management Manual (GSMM)
Stormwater Quality Site Development Review Tool,
Version 2.2**

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1.0 Introduction

Following is a User’s Manual for the *Georgia Stormwater Management Manual (GSMM) Stormwater Quality Site Development Review Tool, version 2.0*. Worksheets include:

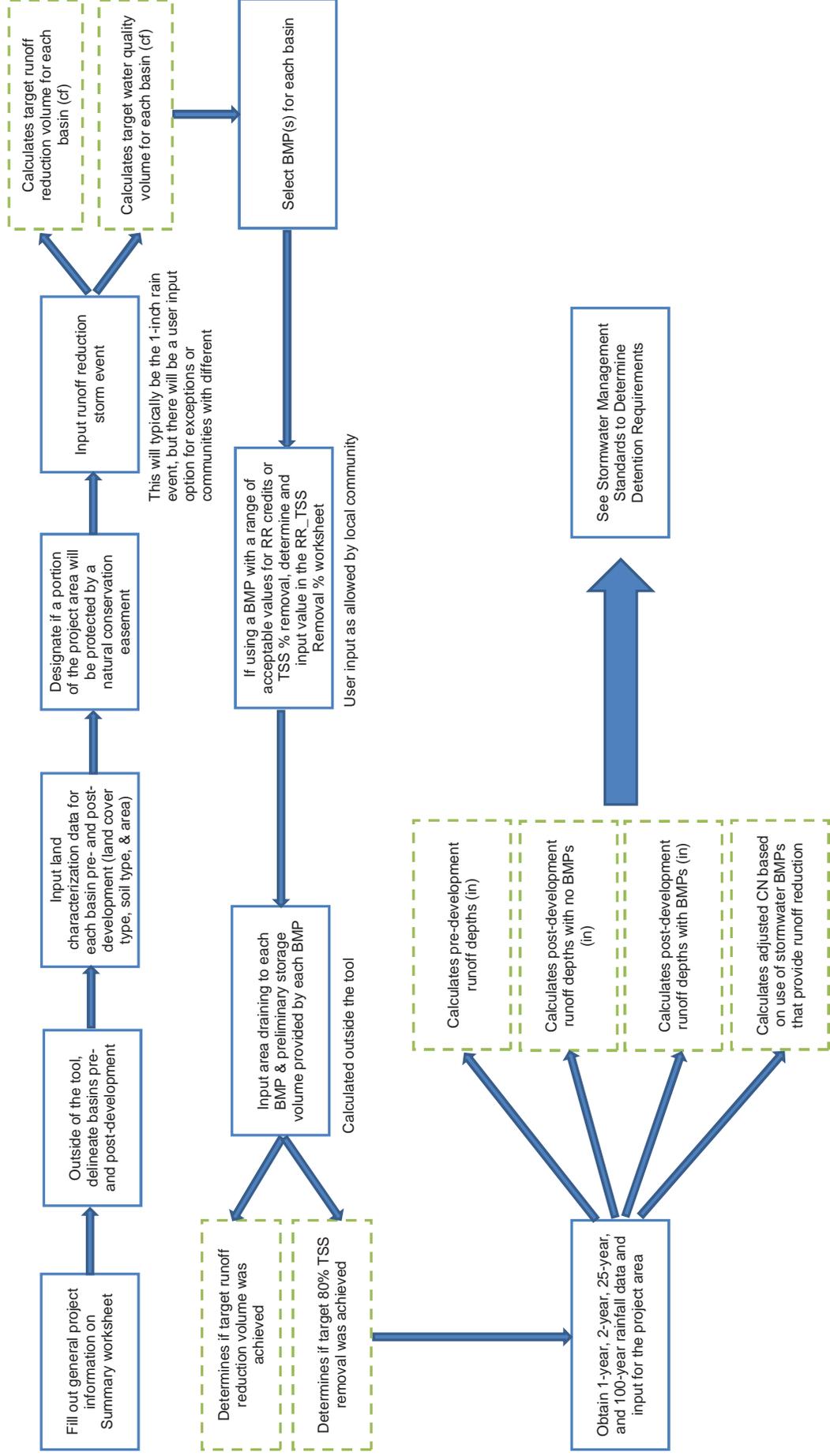
- **Instructions** is a general overview of the Tool. It provides general guidance on the inputs and how to use the Tool.
- **Tool Flowchart** visually represents the step-by-step process to use the Tool. A copy of the flowchart is included on the following page.
- **Summary** is a single sheet that summarizes the project drainage areas and water quality benefits achieved.
- **Runoff Reduction and TSS Removal Efficiencies** includes a table that lists each BMP and its associated runoff reduction and TSS removal efficiencies. It also indicates whether the BMP provides a storage volume for runoff reduction and any drainage area restrictions.
- **Drainage Basins** is where the user’s input the pre- and post-development site information as well as conservation area credits and stormwater BMP information. The worksheet uses these values to calculate water quality criteria met at the basin level. Each drainage basin worksheet includes the following sections:
 - Site Data
 - Select BMPs for Runoff Reduction and Water Quality
 - Channel and Flood Protection Calculations
 - Comments

In the spreadsheet, all cells highlighted in green are user input cells. Cells highlighted in gray are calculation cells, and cells highlighted in yellow are constant values that generally should not be changed. Lastly, cells highlighted orange require input from the local review staff.

Additional guidance is provided below on the worksheets that require user inputs.

This formatting indicates a step to be completed by the user when using the Tool.

BMP Calculation Tool Flowchart



2.0 Summary Worksheet

The Summary worksheet is divided into three sections:

- General Information
- Site Summary
- Official Use Only

2.1 General Information

The General Information section is the only section in the Summary worksheet with user inputs. The following inputs may be entered: Name of Developer, Development Name, Site Location/Address, Development Type, Date Submitted, Permit Number, Developer Contact, Phone Number, Name of Engineer(s), and Maintenance Responsibility.

Enter General Information

1. Input project-specific information in the green fields (*Lines 8-13*), as shown below. Note that the Development Name as entered on this sheet will automatically update on each Drainage Basin worksheet.

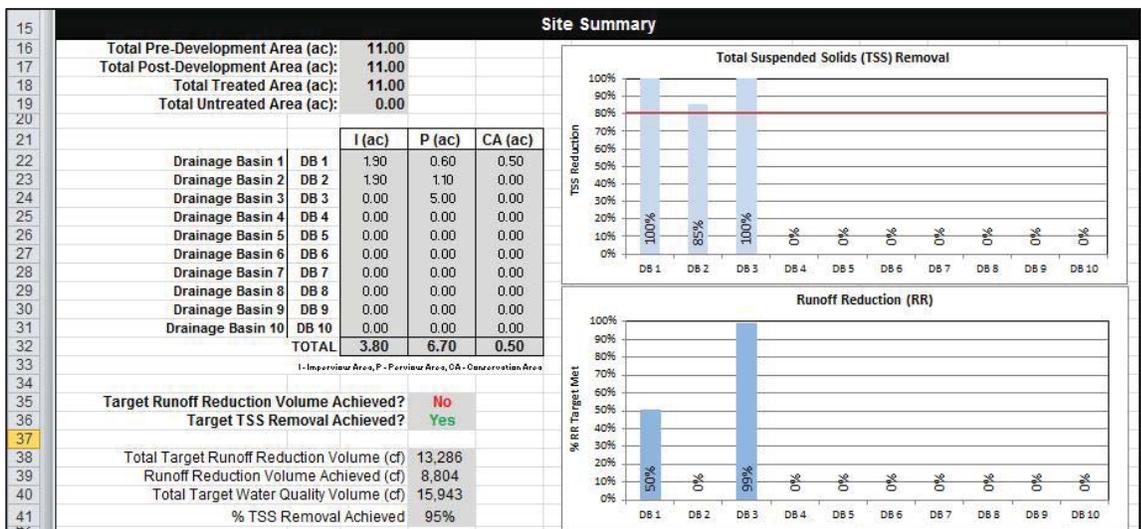
The screenshot shows a spreadsheet interface for the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual. The title bar indicates columns A through L and rows 1 through 20. The main header area contains the text: "Georgia Stormwater Management Manual", "Stormwater Quality Site Development Review Tool", and "Version 2.2". Below this is a section titled "General Information" with the following fields:

- Name of Developer: [Green input field]
- Development Name: [Green input field]
- Site Location / Address: [Green input field]
- Development Type: [Green dropdown menu]
- Date Submitted: [Green input field]
- Permit Number: [Green input field]
- Developer Contact: [Green input field]
- Phone Number: [Green input field]
- Name of Engineer(s): [Green input field]
- Maintenance Responsibility: [Green input field]

The Development Type dropdown menu is open, showing the following options: Agricultural, Rural Residential, Low Density Residential, Medium Density Residential, High Density Residential, Office/Professional, Commercial/Retail, and Office/Distribution/Technology. Below the General Information section is a section titled "Site Summary" which includes a bar chart for "Total Suspended Solids (TSS) Removal" with a scale from 80% to 100%.

2.2 Site Summary

The information in the Site Summary section provides a snapshot of the areas and water quality achievements of each drainage basin. It also indicates whether the target runoff reduction volume was achieved and if the target TSS removal was achieved on the project level. These values are automatically calculated based on the inputs in each Drainage Basin worksheet regardless of whether a community requires the water quality standards be met through runoff reduction or water quality treatment. It is the responsibility of the project reviewer, however, to verify the BMPs were sized for the water quality volume (WQv) and the WQv was treated if the project was designed to meet the water quality standard.



2.3 Official Use Only

The Official Use Only section helps the local review authority track submittals and reviews. This section is to be completed by the plan reviewer.

Official Use Only	
Tracking #:	Conditions of Approval:
Reviewed By:	
Date Approved:	

Outside of the Tool, Delineate Basins Pre- and Post-development

1. Delineate basins pre- and post-development
2. Determine if the outflow from one drainage basin or a portion of one drainage basin is routed to another drainage basin. More information about modeling the outflow from one drainage basin to another is provided in Section 4.4 below.

3.0 Runoff Reduction and TSS Removal Efficiencies Worksheet

The Runoff Reduction and TSS Removal Efficiencies worksheet lists each BMP with their corresponding runoff reduction and TSS removal efficiencies. The values are based on published data, and references are included in Volume 2, Chapter 4 of the Manual.

Column F indicates whether the BMP provides a **storage** volume or **conveys** runoff. Some of the BMPs are designed to store a volume of water for a certain amount of time prior to runoff being infiltrated or discharged. Examples include bioretention basins and detention basins. Some of the BMPs, on the other hand, convey a volume of stormwater runoff, such as downspout disconnects and grass channels. The designation determines how the amount of runoff reduction achieved is calculated in the individual Drainage Basin worksheets (see Section 4.4).

As a reference for the designer, this worksheet also includes drainage area restrictions that are associated with each BMP.

The TSS removal efficiency and/or runoff reduction efficiency can vary for the three BMPs listed below. If using one of these BMPs in the project, the user must input the removal percentage value(s). It is recommended that the local review authority require back-up documentation supporting these user inputs.

- Multi-Purpose Detention Basins: TSS Removal Efficiency
- Proprietary Systems: Runoff Reduction and TSS Removal Efficiency
- Rainwater Harvesting: Runoff Reduction and TSS Removal Efficiency

In addition, there are three User Input options in the event a BMP to be used on a project is not included in the dropdown list. It could also be used to designate differences in trapping efficiencies due to slight differences in the design, such as the use of a geomembrane. It is recommended that the local review authority require back-up documentation supporting these user inputs.

Enter BMP Information, if applicable

1. Enter BMP information if using a Multi-Purpose Detention Basin, Proprietary System, Rainwater Harvesting, or a User Input BMP and compile backup information supporting the data to be submitted with the stormwater report.

Georgia Stormwater Management Manual Stormwater Quality Site Development Review Tool, v2.2 Runoff Reduction and TSS Removal Efficiencies						
data input cells		constant values				
	Runoff Reduction %	Effective TSS Removal %	Runoff Reduction Method	Drainage Area Restrictions	Units	Min/Max
Bioretention Basin (w/ underdrain)	50%	85%	Storage	5	acres	Max
Bioretention Basin (w/ upturned underdrain)	75%	85%	Storage	5	acres	Max
Bioretention Basin (w/o underdrain)	100%	100%	Storage	5	acres	Max
Bioslope (A & B hydrologic soils)	50%	85%	Storage	--	--	--
Bioslope (C & D hydrologic soils)	25%	85%	Storage	--	--	--
Downspout Disconnect (A & B hydrologic soils)	50%	80%	Convey	2500	ft ²	Max
Downspout Disconnect (C & D hydrologic soils)	25%	80%	Convey	2500	ft ²	Max
Dry Detention Basin	0%	60%	Storage	75	acres	Max
Dry Extended Detention Basin	0%	60%	Storage	--	--	--
Dry Well	100%	100%	Storage	2500	ft ²	Max
Enhanced Dry Swale (w/ underdrain)	50%	80%	Storage	5	acres	Max
Enhanced Dry Swale (w/o underdrain)	100%	100%	Storage	5	acres	Max
Enhanced Wet Swale	0%	80%	Storage	5	acres	Max
Grass Channel (A & B hydrologic soils)	25%	50%	Convey	5	acres	Max
Grass Channel (C & D hydrologic soils)	10%	50%	Convey	5	acres	Max
Gravity (oil-grit) Separator	0%	40%	Convey	5	acres	Max
Green Roof	60%	80%	Storage	--	--	--
Infiltration Trench	100%	100%	Storage	5	acres	Max
Multi-Purpose Detention Basin	0%		Storage	--	--	--
Organic Filter	0%	80%	Storage	10	acres	Max
Permeable Paver System (w/ underdrain)	50%	80%	Storage	--	--	--
Permeable Paver System (w/ upturned underdrain)	75%	80%	Storage	--	--	--
Permeable Paver System (w/o underdrain)	100%	100%	Storage	--	--	--
Pervious Concrete (w/ underdrain)	50%	80%	Storage	--	--	--
Pervious Concrete (w/ upturned underdrain)	75%	80%	Storage	--	--	--
Pervious Concrete (w/o underdrain)	100%	100%	Storage	--	--	--
Porous Asphalt (w/ underdrain)	50%	50%	Storage	--	--	--
Porous Asphalt (w/ upturned underdrain)	75%	50%	Storage	--	--	--
Porous Asphalt (w/o underdrain)	100%	100%	Storage	--	--	--
Porous Asphalt (OGFC, PEM)	0%	50%	Convey	--	--	--
Proprietary System						
Rainwater Harvesting			Storage			
Regenerative Stormwater Conveyance	0%	80%	Storage	50	acres	Max
Sand Filter	0%	80%	Storage	10	acres	Max
Site Reforestation/Revegetation	0%	0%	Convey	--	--	--
Soil Restoration (can be used to remediate C & D soils)	0%	0%	Convey	--	--	--
Stormwater Planter / Tree Box	50%	80%	Storage	2500	ft ²	Max
Stormwater Pond	0%	80%	Storage	10-25	acres	Min
Stormwater Wetlands – Level 1	0%	80%	Convey	5	acres	Min
Stormwater Wetlands – Level 2	0%	85%	Convey	5	acres	Min
Submerged Gravel Wetlands	0%	80%	Convey	5	acres	Min
Underground Detention	0%	0%	Convey	--	--	--
Vegetated Filter Strip (A & B hydrologic soils)	50%	60%	Convey	--	--	--
Vegetated Filter Strip (C & D hydrologic soils)	25%	60%	Convey	--	--	--
User Input 1						
User Input 2						
User Input 3						

4.0 Drainage Basin Worksheets

The Drainage Basin worksheets are used to provide the land use and stormwater management information for the proposed site. On many sites, there is more than one drainage outlet from the site or it may not be physically possible to treat the runoff from the entire site at a single location. In these cases, the proposed site needs to be evaluated as two or more separate drainage areas, with the information for each area provided on a separate Drainage Basin worksheet. Note that stormwater runoff treatment in every drainage basin is not necessarily required in order to meet the project level water quality requirements. This tool allows a proposed development to be split into ten (10) drainage basins. Each Drainage Basin worksheet is divided into six sections:

- Site Data
- Conservation Area Credits
- Water Quality Goals
- Select BMPs for Runoff Reduction and Water Quality
- Channel and Flood Protection Calculations
- Comments

Enter Drainage Basin Name

1. Enter the Drainage Basin name in Line 8. This name will be populated in *column A*, rows 22-31 of the Summary worksheet.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
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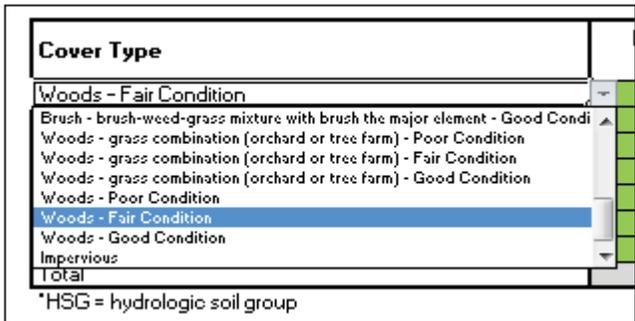
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	calculation cells
	constant values

4.1 Site Data

The Site Data section is where the user inputs the pre-development and post-development drainage basin characteristics. Characteristics include the amount of area associated with each land cover and soil type. Several pervious cover types and one impervious cover type is included in the drop down box. The curve numbers assume an average moisture condition preceding a storm and will automatically populate based on the land cover and soil type selection.

Enter Pre- and Post-Development Land Cover

1. Use the drop-down box to select the land cover type(s) and condition for the pre-developed site.



2. Enter the area (acres) associated with each land cover in the appropriate column based on the hydrologic soil group (HSG)¹ of the site.

Indicate Pre-Development Land Cover and Runoff Curve Numbers in the Site's Disturbed Area								
Cover Type	HSG* A (acres)	CN	HSG B (acres)	CN	HSG C (acres)	CN	HSG D (acres)	CN
Woods - Fair Condition		36	5.00	60		73		79
Select a land cover type...		0		0		0		0
Select a land cover type...		0		0		0		0

3. If the local jurisdiction requires a specific pre-development curve number, use *line 21* to enter the area (acres) associated with each HSG as well as the required curve number.

14 Indicate Pre-Development Land Cover and Runoff Curve Numbers in the Site's Disturbed Area				
	Cover Type	HSG* A (acres)	CN	HSG B (acres)
15				
16	Woods - Good Condition		30	
17	Select a land cover type...		0	
18	Select a land cover type...		0	
19	Select a land cover type...		0	
20	Select a land cover type...		0	
21	Local Jurisdiction Input			
22	Other			
23	Total	0.00		0.00
24	*HSG = hydrologic soil group			

4. If the pre-development land cover type is not provided, use *line 22* to enter the area (acres) associated with each HSG as well as the associated curve number. Overwrite “Other” to indicate the cover type. It is recommended that notes be added at the bottom of the page justifying the cover type and curve number.

¹ **Group A** is sand, loamy sand or sandy loam types of soils. It has low runoff potential and high infiltration rates even when thoroughly wetted. They consist chiefly of deep, well to excessively drained sands or gravels and have a high rate of water transmission.

Group B is silt loam or loam. It has a moderate infiltration rate when thoroughly wetted and consists chiefly or moderately deep to deep, moderately well to well drained soils with moderately fine to moderately coarse textures.

Group C soils are sandy clay loam. They have low infiltration rates when thoroughly wetted and consist chiefly of soils with a layer that impedes downward movement of water and soils with moderately fine to fine structure.

Group D soils are clay loam, silty clay loam, sandy clay, silty clay or clay. This HSG has the highest runoff potential. They have very low infiltration rates when thoroughly wetted and consist chiefly of clay soils with a high swelling potential, soils with a permanent high water table, soils with a claypan or clay layer at or near the surface and shallow soils over nearly impervious material.

14 Indicate Pre-Development Land Cover and Runoff Curve Numbers in the Site's Disturbed Area				
	Cover Type	HSG* A (acres)	CN	HSG B (acres)
15				
16	Woods - Good Condition		30	
17	Select a land cover type...		0	
18	Select a land cover type...		0	
19	Select a land cover type...		0	
20	Select a land cover type...		0	
21	Local Jurisdiction Input			
22	Other			
23	Total	0.00		0.00
24	*HSG = hydrologic soil group			

5. Repeat steps 1-4 above for the post-development table.

The volumetric runoff coefficient, R_v , is automatically calculated in cell K39 using Equation 1 below. This value is used to calculate the water quality and runoff reduction volume. Note that the volumetric runoff coefficient is only calculated for the post-development area. Therefore, the water quality volume is only dependent on the post-development land characteristics.

Equation 1: Volumetric Runoff Coefficient, R_v

$$R_v = 0.009(I) + 0.05$$

Where:

I = Percent impervious area (i.e., for 80% impervious area, use 80, not 0.8)

The pre-development weighted curve number is calculated in cell K25. The post-development weighted curve number is calculated in cell K40. The weighted curve numbers are used to calculate the potential maximum soil retention values.

Equation 2: Weighted Curve Number, $CN_{weighted}$

$$CN_{weighted} = \frac{\sum (CN_i \times A_i)}{A}$$

Where:

CN_i = Curve number associated with land cover i

A_i = Area of land cover i (acres)

A = Total area

The potential maximum soil retention, S, in inches is automatically calculated in cell K26 for the pre-developed area and in cell K41 for the post-developed area. These values are used to calculate the Pre-Development Runoff Volumes (in) in line 110 and Post-Development Runoff Volumes (in) with no BMPs in line 111.

Equation 3: Potential Maximum Soil Retention, S (in)

$$S = \frac{1000}{CN_{weighted}} - 10$$

Where:

S = Potential maximum soil retention (in)

$CN_{weighted}$ = Weighted curve number

4.2 Conservation Area Credits

The Conservation Area Credits section is where the user has the option to indicate whether a portion of the drainage basin is protected under a conservation easement or equivalent form of protection. There are four scenarios that could qualify for a conservation area credit. If a portion of the drainage basin is protected under one or more of the four scenarios, check the appropriate box and the corresponding area input cell will unlock.

Scenario 1: Natural Conservation Area

Scenario 1 is applicable if a portion of the post-developed area is left in its natural condition and protected, in perpetuity, by a conservation easement or equivalent form of protection. If this scenario is applicable, 100% of the protected natural area will be subtracted from the total site area when calculating the water quality volume. See the GSMM Volume 2, Section 2.3.3.3 for more information on the natural conservation area credit.

Scenario 2: Reforestation/Revegetation

Scenario 2 is applicable if a portion of the post-developed area employs site reforestation/revegetation and is protected, in perpetuity, by a conservation easement or equivalent form of protection. If this application is used alone, 50% of the reforested/revegetated area will be subtracted from the total site area when calculating the water quality volume. See the GSMM Volume 2, Section 4.22 for more information.

Scenario 3: Soil Restoration

Scenario 3 is applicable if a portion of the post-developed area employs soil restoration and is protected, in perpetuity, by a conservation easement or equivalent form of protection. If this application is used alone, 50% of the soil restoration area will be subtracted from the total site area when calculating the water quality volume. See the GSMM Volume 2, Section 4.23 for more information on the conservation area credit.

Scenario 4: Reforestation/Revegetation & Soil Restoration

Scenario 4 is applicable if the same portion of the post-developed area employs site reforestation/revegetation as well as soil restoration and is protected, in perpetuity, by a conservation easement or equivalent form of protection. 100% of the acres of development with restored soils in a reforested and revegetated area will be subtracted from the total site area when calculating the water quality volume. See the GSMM Volume 2, Sections 4.22 and 4.23 for more information on the conservation area credit.

If a conservation area credit applies to a drainage basin, a note pops up at the bottom of the Drainage Basin worksheet as well as the Summary worksheet as a reminder that a recorded conservation easement or similar form of protection is required for the project.

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General Information

Name of Developer:	Date Submitted:
Development Name:	Permit Number:
Site Location / Address:	Developer Contact:
	Phone Number:
	Name of Engineer(s):
Development Type:	Maintenance Responsibility:

Site Summary

Total Pre-Development Area (ac):	11.00
Total Post-Development Area (ac):	11.00
Total Treated Area (ac):	11.00
Total Untreated Area (ac):	0.00

	I (ac)	P (ac)	CA (ac)
Drainage Basin 1 DB 1	1.90	0.60	0.50
Drainage Basin 2 DB 2	1.90	1.10	0.00
Drainage Basin 3 DB 3	0.00	5.00	0.00
Drainage Basin 4 DB 4	0.00	0.00	0.00
Drainage Basin 5 DB 5	0.00	0.00	0.00
Drainage Basin 6 DB 6	0.00	0.00	0.00
Drainage Basin 7 DB 7	0.00	0.00	0.00
Drainage Basin 8 DB 8	0.00	0.00	0.00
Drainage Basin 9 DB 9	0.00	0.00	0.00
Drainage Basin 10 DB 10	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	3.80	6.70	0.50

I - Impervious Area, P - Pervious Area, CA - Conservation Area

Target Runoff Reduction Volume Achieved? **No**

Target TSS Removal Achieved? **Yes**

Total Target Runoff Reduction Volume (cf) 13,286

Runoff Reduction Volume Achieved (cf) 6,225

Total Target Water Quality Volume (cf) 15,943

% TSS Removal Achieved 95%

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Reviewed By:	
Date Approved:	

A RECORDED CONSERVATION EASEMENT OR SIMILAR FORM OF PROTECTION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS PROJECT

Select Conservation Area Credits, if applicable

- Determine which, if any, of the four scenarios apply to the basin. If a scenario applies, check the associated box.
- Checking the box unlocks the associated user input cell. Enter the area (acres) that is protected by a conservation easement or equivalent form of protection.

Conservation Area Credits	
<p>Scenario 1: Natural Conservation Area <small>*See the GSMM Volume 2, Section 2.3.3.3 for more information.</small></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check the box if a portion of the post-developed area is protected by a conservation easement or equivalent form of protection.</p> <p>0.5 Area (ac) of development protected by a conservation easement or equivalent form of protection. Note: The green cell will unlock if the Scenario 1 box above is checked</p>	<p>Scenario 3: Soil Restoration <small>*See the GSMM Volume 2, Section 4.23 for more information.</small></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if a portion of the post-developed area employs soil restoration and is protected by a conservation easement or equivalent form of protection.</p> <p>Area (ac) of development with restored soils and protected by a conservation easement or equivalent form of protection. Note: The green cell will unlock if the Scenario 3 box above is checked</p>
<p>Scenario 2: Site Reforestation/Revegetation <small>*See the GSMM Volume 2, Section 4.22 for more information.</small></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if a portion of the post-developed area employs site reforestation/revegetation and is protected by a conservation easement or equivalent form of protection.</p> <p>Area (ac) of development reforested/revegetated and protected by a conservation easement or equivalent form of protection. Note: The green cell will unlock if the Scenario 2 box above is checked</p>	<p>Scenario 4: Site Reforestation/Revegetation & Soil Restoration <small>*See the GSMM Volume 2, Section 4.22 and 4.23 for more information.</small></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the same portion of the post-developed area employs site reforestation/revegetation and soil restoration, and is protected by a conservation easement or equivalent form of protection.</p> <p>Area (ac) with restored soils in a reforested & revegetated area and protected by a conservation easement or equivalent form of protection. Note: The green cell will unlock if the Scenario 4 box above is checked</p>
<p>Total Conservation Area Credit (acres) 0.50</p>	

4.3 Water Quality Goals

The Water Quality Goals section summarizes the target water quality goals, i.e., target runoff reduction volume and target water quality volume. Although the water quality standards are not met on the drainage basin level, the standards at the drainage basin level are shown as an indication of the progress made toward the overall goal in each drainage basin.

Water Quality Goals	
71	
72	
73	Target Runoff Reduction Storm (in) <input type="text" value="1.00"/>
74	Total Site Area for Water Quality Volume (acres) <input type="text" value="3.00"/>
75	Target Runoff Reduction Volume (cf) <input type="text" value="6,752"/>
76	Target Water Quality Volume (cf) <input type="text" value="8,102"/>

The Total Site Area for Water Quality Volume (*cell I64*) is equal to the post-development area minus any conservation area credits.

Enter the Target Runoff Reduction Storm (in)

1. The default value of *cell C64* is 1 inch, but the user may select a different storm event to set the target runoff reduction volume.

Equation 4: Target Runoff Reduction Volume, RR_v (ft^3)

$$RR_v = \frac{P \times R_v \times A \times 43,560 \text{ ft}^2/\text{acre}}{12 \text{ in}/\text{ft}}$$

Where: P = Target runoff reduction storm (in)
 R_v = Volumetric runoff coefficient
 A = Total site area (ac) for water quality volume (post-development area minus conservation area credits)

Equation 5: Target Water Quality Volume, WQ_v (ft^3)

$$WQ_v = \frac{1.2 \times R_v \times A \times 43,560 \text{ ft}^2/\text{acre}}{12 \text{ in}/\text{ft}}$$

Where: 1.2 = 85% storm event (in)
 R_v = Volumetric runoff coefficient
 A = Total site area (ac) for water quality volume (post-development area minus conservation area credits)

4.4 Select BMPs for Runoff Reduction and Water Quality

This section is where the user inputs the BMPs in each drainage basin. The user must calculate outside the tool the amount of impervious area and disturbed pervious area that drains to each BMP. If using a green roof or permeable pavement system, the area of the green roof or permeable pavement should be included in the impervious cover area. The user may also indicate if there is offsite area draining to a BMP. Please note that no water quality credit is given for treating offsite area; only on-site area routed to a BMP will be used in the runoff reduction and TSS calculations. The Tool compares the total area draining to a BMP with the total post-development area (*cell L37*) and indicates in *row 89* the amount of on-site untreated area in the drainage basin.

As stated in Section 3.0, some of the BMPs are designed to **store** a volume of water for a certain amount of time prior to runoff being infiltrated or discharged. Examples include bioretention basins and detention basins. Some of the BMPs, on the other hand, **convey** a volume of stormwater runoff, such as downspout disconnects and grass channels. This designation affects the runoff reduction achieved calculations. Equations 9a and 9b below indicate how the runoff reduction achieved is calculated with each method.

For the BMPs that have a **storage** volume, the user must calculate its storage volume outside of the tool and enter the value in *column F*. The **storage** volume is equal to the ponding volume plus the void space in the media, if applicable. Guidance on calculating the storage volumes is included in each BMP section of Volume 2, Chapter 4.

If the BMP **conveys** a runoff volume as indicated in the Runoff Reduction and TSS Removal Efficiencies worksheet, the ‘Storage Volume Provided by BMP (cf)’ cell turns black and no value can be entered. The Runoff Reduction Conveyance Volume provided by the BMP (cf) (*column G*) is automatically calculated as the sum of the Runoff Reduction Volume from Direct Drainage (cf) (*column I*) and the Runoff Reduction Volume from Upstream Practices (cf) (*column J*). This value will be equal to the Total Runoff Reduction Volume Received by the BMP (cf) (*column K*).

The user may indicate a treatment train by designating downstream BMPs. Multiple BMPs may be used in a drainage basin without being part of a treatment train. **If the outflow from one drainage basin or a portion of one drainage basin flows to another drainage basin, the basins should be modeled in one worksheet. Name the basin accordingly and provide any comments necessary to communicate the drainage path.**

The Tool will indicate whether the target runoff reduction volume and target TSS removal goal were achieved for the drainage basin.

Enter the BMP(s) Data

1. Select the BMPs for the drainage area in *column B*.

77	BMP 1	Downspout Disconnect (C & D hydrologic soils)	0.0
78	BMP 2	Downspout Disconnect (C & D hydrologic soils)	1.1
79	BMP 3	Dry Detention Basin Dry Extended Detention Basin Dry Well	
80	BMP 4	Enhanced Dry Swale (w/ underdrain) Enhanced Dry Swale (w/o underdrain) Enhanced Wet Swale Grass Channel (A & B hydrologic soils)	
81	BMP 5	Select a BMP_	

2. For each BMP, enter the on-site pervious and impervious area as well as offsite area in acres draining to the BMP (*columns C – E*).
3. If the BMP selected provides a storage volume, *column F* will be green. Enter the storage volume provided by the BMP in cubic feet.

		On-site Pervious Area (acres)	On-site Impervious Area (acres)	Offsite Area (acres)	Storage Volume Provided by BMP (cf)
BMP 1	Bioretention Basin (w/ underdrain)	1.10	1.90	0.00	8,100
BMP 2	Select a BMP_				

- If the BMP selected does not provide a storage volume, *column F* will be black and the RR Conveyance Volume Provided by the BMP (cf) will be automatically calculated in *column G*. Do not enter a storage volume.

		Area Draining to Each BMP			Storage Volume Provided by BMP (cf)	RR Conveyance Volume Provided by BMP (cf)
		On-site Pervious Area (acres)	On-site Impervious Area (acres)	Offsite Area (acres)		
BMP 1	Downspout Disconnect (C & D hydrologic soils)	0.00	0.30	0.00		1,035

- If the drainage basin is using a treatment train, use the dropdown box in *column H* to indicate the downstream BMP. This will direct the remaining Runoff Reduction and TSS units to the practice identified. Note that if there are multiple BMPs in a drainage basin, they do not need to be part of a treatment train. Also, a BMP that is numerically labelled higher in *column A* may be upstream of a BMP that is numerically labelled lower.

75		Area Draining to Each BMP			Storage Volume Provided by BMP (cf)	RR Conveyance Volume Provided by BMP (cf)	Down-stream BMP	RR fra Dra
		On-site Pervious Area (acres)	On-site Impervious Area (acres)	Offsite Area (acres)				
76								
77	BMP 1	Downspout Disconnect (A & B hydrologic soils)	0.50	0.00		1,724		
78	BMP 2	Bioretention Basin (w/ underdrain)	1.10	1.40				
79	BMP 3	Select a BMP...						
80	BMP 4	Select a BMP...						

4.4.1 Runoff Reduction Calculations

The following runoff reduction calculations are completed automatically in columns / through N.

Equation 6: Runoff Reduction Volume from Direct Drainage, $RR_{vdirect}$ (ft³)

$$RR_{vdirect} = \frac{\left(0.05 + 0.9 \times \frac{I}{A}\right) \times A \times P \times 43,560 \text{ ft}^2/\text{acre}}{12 \text{ in}/\text{ft}}$$

Where:

P = Target runoff reduction storm (in)

I = On-site impervious cover in BMP drainage area (acres)

A = On-site BMP drainage area (pervious cover plus impervious cover) (acres)

Equation 7: Runoff Reduction Volume from Upstream Practices (ft³)

Calculated in *column J* and is equal to the sum of the *Remaining RR Volume* (calculated in Equation 10 below) from other practices that are directed to the practice evaluated in this row.

Equation 8: Total Runoff Reduction Volume Received by BMP (ft³)

$$V_{received} = RR_{vdirect} + RR \text{ Volume from Upstream Practices}$$

Equation 9a: Runoff Reduction Achieved for BMPs that Provide a Storage Volume, $RR_{achieved-storage}$ (ft³)

$$RR_{achieved-storage} = BMP \text{ Storage Volume} \times RR\%$$

BMPs may be oversized and receive credit for additional runoff reduction up to the total runoff reduction volume received by the practice (*column K*). The total volume received by the practice includes the runoff reduction volume from direct drainage as well as the volume from upstream practices that was not captured.

Equation 9b: Runoff Reduction Achieved for BMPs that Convey a Volume, $RR_{achieved-convey}$ (ft³)

$$RR_{achieved-convey} = Runoff \text{ Reduction Conveyance Volume} \times RR\%$$

Equation 10: Remaining Volume, $V_{remaining}$ (ft³)

$$V_{remaining} = V_{received} - RR_{achieved}$$

Runoff Reduction Calculations					
RR Volume from Direct Drainage (cf)	RR Volume from Upstream Practices (cf)	Total RR Volume Received by BMP (cf)	Runoff Reduction %	RR Achieved (cf)	Remaining RR Volume (cf)
1,035	0	1,035	25%	259	776
0	776	776	50%	0	776
0	0	0	10%	0	0
0	0	0	N/A	0	0
0	0	0	N/A	0	0
0	0	0	N/A	0	0
0	0	0	N/A	0	0
0	0	0	N/A	0	0
0	0	0	N/A	0	0
0	0	0	N/A	0	0
0	0	0	N/A	0	0
1,035				259	

4.4.2 TSS Removal Calculations

The TSS Removal calculations are hidden in the Tool, but are explained in detail below.

The total TSS in the water quality volume must be established to set a starting point for the TSS removal efficiency calculations. This value can be arbitrarily assigned because the measurement of TSS removal efficiency is a percentage. In the Tool, the TSS in the water quality volume is set equal to the water quality volume; for one cubic foot of water quality volume, there is one “unit” of TSS. The “unit” is not a specific measure of actual TSS in the water quality volume.

The Water Quality Volume from Direct Drainage is automatically calculated for each BMP in *column O* based on the amount of pervious and impervious area draining to each BMP. See Equation 11 below. Because there is one “unit” of TSS associated with one cubic foot of water quality volume, the amount of TSS received by each BMP from direct drainage is equal to the water quality volume from direct drainage.

Similar to the runoff reduction calculations above, the amount of TSS received by each BMP from upstream practices is also calculated. It is equal to the sum of the Remaining TSS from other practices that are directed to the practice evaluated in this row. Adding the TSS received from upstream practices to the TSS from direct drainage provides the total amount of TSS received by the practice.

WQ Calculations	
WQ _v from Direct Drainage (cf)	Effective TSS Removal %
1,241	80%
5,909	85%
952	50%
0	N/A
8,102	

Equation 11: Water Quality Volume from Direct Drainage, $WQ_{vdirect}$ (ft³)

$$WQ_{vdirect} = \frac{(0.05 + 0.9 \times \frac{I}{A}) \times A \times 1.2 \times 43,560 \text{ ft}^2/\text{acre}}{12 \text{ in}/\text{ft}}$$

Where:

1.2 = 85% storm event (in)

I = On-site impervious cover in BMP drainage area (acres)

A = On-site BMP drainage area (pervious cover plus impervious cover) (acres)

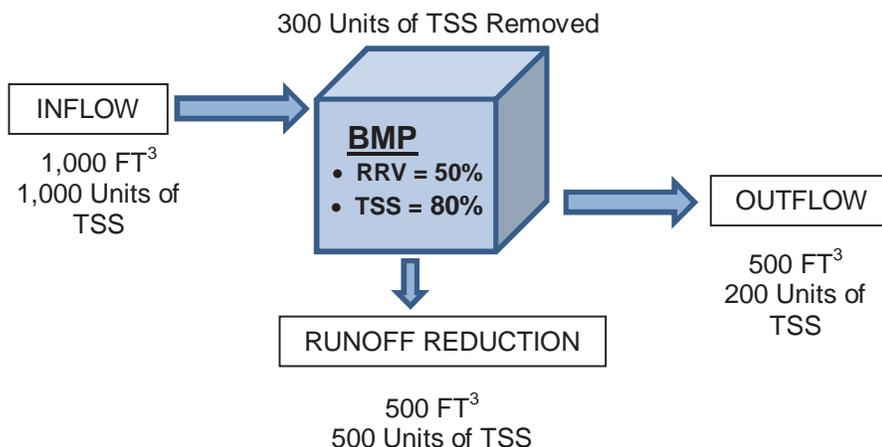
Each BMP is assigned an Effective TSS Removal Efficiency based on accepted, published research, as shown in *column P*. The Effective TSS Removal Efficiency takes into account the total amount of TSS removed by the practice, regardless of the method of removal. For example, if a BMP achieves 80% TSS removal, a portion of that percentage could be achieved through infiltration and a portion through settling. Therefore, the Effective TSS Removal Efficiency takes into account the TSS removed through runoff reduction practices. The Partial Runoff Reduction Approach diagram below illustrates the concept. Equation 12 specifies how the TSS Removal Achieved is calculated.

Equation 12: TSS Removal Achieved, $TSS_{achieved}$

$$TSS_{achieved} = Total \ TSS \ Received \ by \ BMP \times Effective \ TSS \ Removal \ \%$$

The total TSS received by the practice includes the TSS from direct drainage as well as the TSS from upstream practices that was not captured. BMPs will not be given credit for TSS removal by oversizing the BMP.

Partial Runoff Reduction Approach



4.5 Channel and Flood Protection Calculations

The user must input the target rainfall event (in) for the 1-year, 2-year, 25-year, and 100-year, 24-hour storm events. The Tool calculates the adjusted curve number and indicates whether the post-development peak flow is greater than the pre-development peak flow.

Channel and Flood Protection Calculations				
	1-year storm	2-year storm	25-year storm	100-year storm
Target Rainfall Event (in)	3.29	3.69	5.86	7.30
	1-year storm	2-year storm	25-year storm	100-year storm
Pre-Development Runoff Volume (in)	0.44	0.62	1.83	2.82
Post Development Runoff Volume (in) with no BMPs	2.11	2.48	4.53	5.93
Post-Development Runoff Volume (in) with BMPs	1.83	2.20	4.26	5.65
Adjusted CN	85	85	86	86

*See Stormwater Management Standards to Determine Detention Requirements.

Enter the target rainfall events

1. Enter the target rainfall event in inches for the 1-year, 2-year, 25-year, and 100-year, 24-hour storm events. Rainfall data can be found online using the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Precipitation Frequency Data Server database for any location across Georgia (<http://hdsc.nws.noaa.gov/hdsc/pfds/>).

Channel and Flood Protection Calculations				
	1-yr, 24-hr storm	2-yr, 24-hr storm	25-yr, 24-hr storm	100-yr, 24-hr storm
Target Rainfall Event (in)	3.40	4.20	7.90	9.80
	1-yr, 24-hr storm	2-yr, 24-hr storm	25-yr, 24-hr storm	100-yr, 24-hr storm
Pre-Development Runoff Volume (in)	0.95	1.46	4.38	6.05
Post Development Runoff Volume (in) with no BMPs	2.19	2.92	6.48	8.35
Post-Development Runoff Volume (in) with BMPs	2.16	2.90	6.46	8.32
Adjusted CN	88	88	88	88

*See Stormwater Management Standards to Determine Detention Requirements.

The following values are automatically calculated:

Equation 13: Pre-Development Runoff Volume, Q_{pre} (in)

$$Q_{pre} = \frac{(P - 0.2S_{pre})^2}{P + 0.8S_{pre}}$$

Where:

P = Target rainfall event (in)

S_{pre} = Pre-development potential maximum soil retention (in)

Equation 14: Post-Development Runoff Volume with no BMPs, Q_{post} (in)

$$Q_{post} = \frac{(P - 0.2S_{post})^2}{P + 0.8S_{post}}$$

Where:

P = Target rainfall event (in)

S_{post} = Post-development potential maximum soil retention (in)

Equation 15: Post-Development Runoff Volume with BMPs, $Q_{post-BMP}$ (in)

$$Q_{post-BMP} = Q_{post} - \frac{Total\ RR_{achieved} \times 12\ in/ft}{A_{post} \times 43,560\ ft^2/acre}$$

Where:

Total $RR_{achieved}$ = Sum of $RR_{achieved}$ from all BMPs in the drainage basin (ft^3) (cell M89)

A_{post} = Total post-development drainage basin area (acres)

The adjusted curve number is calculated by using lookup tables.

Equation 16: Adjusted Curve Number, $CN_{adjusted}$

$$CN_{adjusted},\ so\ \frac{(P - 0.2 \times S_{adjusted})^2}{P + 0.8 \times S_{adjusted}} = Q_{post-BMP}$$

Where:

$S_{adjusted} = 1000 / (CN_{adjusted} - 10)$

P = Target rainfall event (in)

4.6 Comments

The Comments section provides the user an opportunity to explain the model or site in more detail. It also provides the reviewer a space to provide comments on the model.

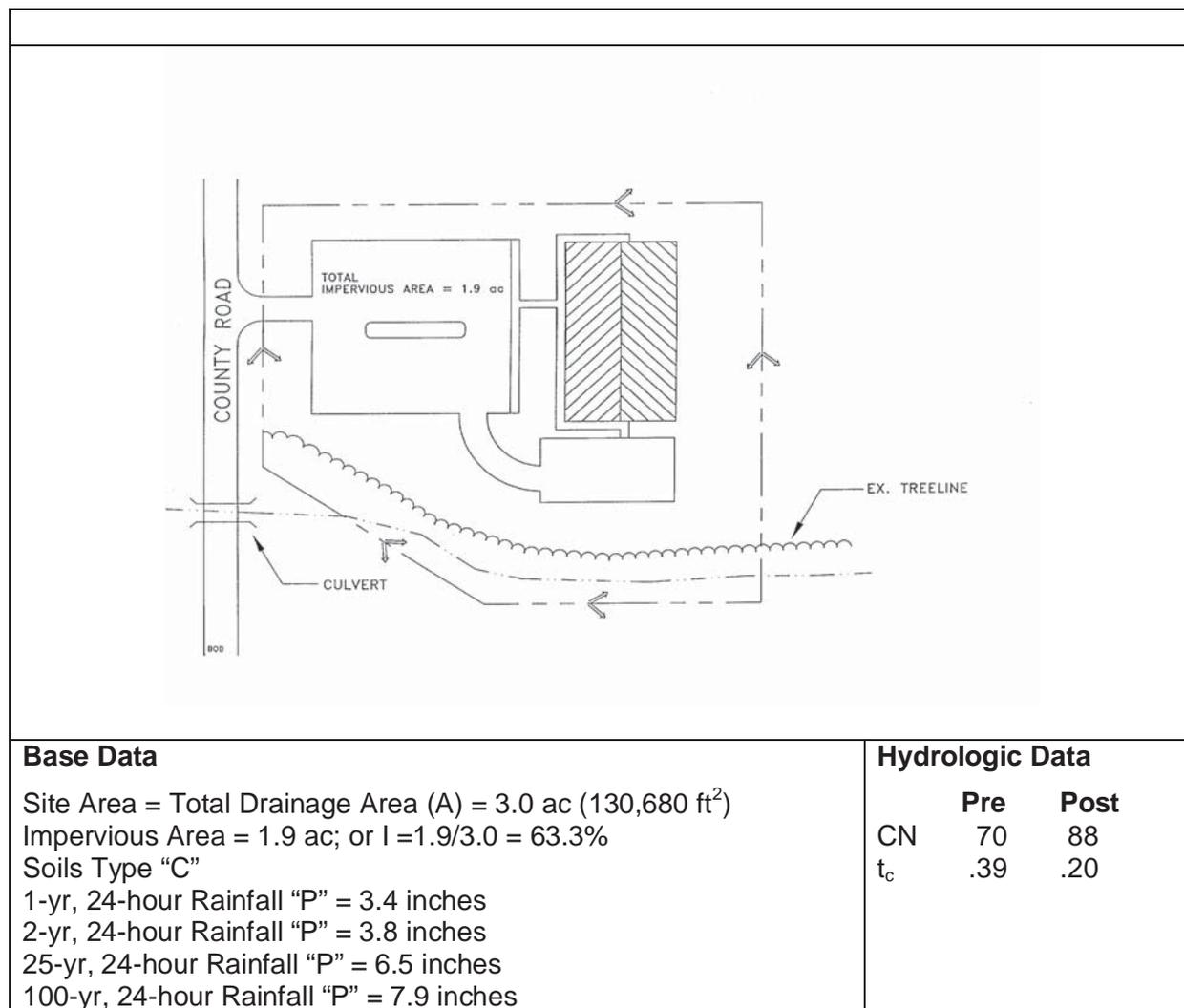
Provide comments, if necessary

1. Provide any further explanation in the Comments box.

5.0 Examples

5.1 Example 1

The first example is based on the GSMM Appendix B2, Bioretention Area example.



The layout of the project is shown above. This example focuses on the design of a bioretention facility to meet the water quality requirements of the site. Due to the Class C soils identified on-site, an underdrain will be provided in this practice that will provide a runoff reduction volume credit of 50%. This example assumes that the local community has adopted the unified stormwater sizing criteria requirements. It was determined by the local municipality that this best management practice would be designed by the runoff reduction volume calculation approach.

The total designed volume of the practice must be provided to retain or remove the stormwater volume associated with the 1.0 inch storm event (this examples target runoff reduction). Runoff reduction credit will then be utilized by the designer through adjusted curve number calculations.

1. **Enter General Information** – complete rows 8 through 13 of the Summary worksheet.

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General Information			
Name of Developer:	Georgia Engineers, Inc.	Date Submitted:	3/1/2016
Development Name:	Etowah Recreation Center	Permit Number:	10000
Site Location / Address:	1111 Rec Center Dr. Cityville, GA 12345	Developer Contact:	John Smith
		Phone Number:	111-2222
		Name of Engineer(s):	Joe Jones, PE
Development Type:	Parks, Recreation & Conservation Areas	Maintenance Responsibility:	Cityville, GA

2. **Outside of the Tool, Delineate Basins Pre- and Post-development** – The base data indicates one drainage area that is 3 acres in size. The pre- and post-development curve numbers and times of concentration are provided in the hydrologic data.

3. **Enter BMP Information in the Runoff Reduction and TSS Removal Efficiencies, if applicable** – This step is not applicable because a bioretention basin with an underdrain has been specified for this project, and this BMP does not require any user inputs.

Georgia Stormwater Management Manual Stormwater Quality Site Development Review Tool, v2.2 Runoff Reduction and TSS Removal Efficiencies						
data input cells		constant values				
	Runoff Reduction %	Effective TSS Removal %	Runoff Reduction Method	Drainage Area Restrictions	Units	Min/Max
Bioretention Basin (w/ underdrain)	50%	85%	Storage	5	acres	Max
Bioretention Basin (w/ upturned underdrain)	75%	85%	Storage	5	acres	Max
Bioretention Basin (w/o underdrain)	100%	100%	Storage	5	acres	Max

4. **Enter Drainage Basin Name** – In the Drainage Basin worksheet, enter a specific drainage basin name

Georgia Stormwater Management Manual Stormwater Quality Site Development Review Tool, v2.2	
Development Name: Etowah Recreation Center	data input cells
Drainage Basin Name: Basin 1	calculation cells
	constant values

5. **Enter Pre- and Post-Development Land Cover** – complete the Pre- and Post-Development Land Cover and Runoff Curve Numbers in the Site’s Disturbed Area tables. As indicated above, the soil is HSG C for this project.

Site Data											
Indicate Pre-Development Land Cover and Runoff Curve Numbers in the Site's Disturbed Area											
Cover Type	HSG A (acres)	CN	HSG B (acres)	CN	HSG C (acres)	CN	HSG D (acres)	CN	Total	% Cover	
Brush - brush-weed-grass mixture with brush the major element - Fair Condition	35		56		3.00		70		77	3.00	100%
Select a land cover type...	0		0		0		0		0	0.00	0%
Select a land cover type...	0		0		0		0		0	0.00	0%
Select a land cover type...	0		0		0		0		0	0.00	0%
Select a land cover type...	0		0		0		0		0	0.00	0%
Local Jurisdiction Input									0.00	0.00	0%
Other									0.00	0.00	0%
Total	0.00		0.00		3.00		0.00		3.00	3.00	100%
*HSG = hydrologic soil group											
									Impervious (ac)	0.00	
									Weighted CN	70	
									Potential Max Soil Retention, S _{pot} (in)	4.29	
Indicate Post-Development Land Cover and Runoff Curve Numbers in the Site's Disturbed Area											
Cover Type	HSG A (acres)	CN	HSG B (acres)	CN	HSG C (acres)	CN	HSG D (acres)	CN	Total	% Cover	
Impervious	98		98		1.90		98		98	1.90	63%
Woods - Good Condition	30		55		0.10		70		77	0.10	3%
Open space - Good condition (grass cover > 75%)	39		61		0.50		74		80	0.50	17%
Brush - brush-weed-grass mixture with brush the major element - Fair Condition	35		56		0.50		70		77	0.50	17%
Select a land cover type...	0		0		0		0		0	0.00	0%
Local Jurisdiction Input									0.00	0.00	0%
Other									0.00	0.00	0%
Total	0.00		0.00		3.00		0.00		3.00	3.00	100%
									Impervious (ac)	1.90	
									Rv	0.62	
									Weighted CN	88	
									Potential Max Soil Retention, S _{post} (in)	1.31	

6. **Select Conservation Area Credits, if applicable** – There are no conservation area credits for this site.

7. **Enter the Target Runoff Reduction Storm (in)** – The default value in cell C64 is one inch, which is the correct target runoff reduction storm for this project.

Water Quality Goals	
Target Runoff Reduction Storm (in)	1.00
Total Site Area for Water Quality Volume (acres)	3.00
Target Runoff Reduction Volume (cf)	6,752
Target Water Quality Volume (cf)	8,102

8. **Enter the BMP(s) Data** – See Appendix B2 of the Manual for sizing steps. As stated above, this example is using the runoff reduction approach, so the total designed volume of the practice must be provided to retain or remove the stormwater volume associated with the 1.0 inch storm event. The target runoff reduction volume is calculated to be 6,752 ft³. Because the bioretention basin with an underdrain only receives 50% runoff reduction credit, the minimum volume of the practice must be twice the target runoff reduction volume.

		Area Draining to Each BMP			Storage Volume Provided by BMP (cf)	RR Conveyance Volume Provided by BMP (cf)	Down-stream BMP
		On-site Pervious Area (acres)	On-site Impervious Area (acres)	Offsite Area (acres)			
BMP 1	Bioretention Basin (w/ underdrain)	1.10	1.90	0.00	13,504		

Runoff Reduction Calculations						WQ Calculations	
RR Volume from Direct Drainage (cf)	RR Volume from Upstream Practices (cf)	Total RR Volume Received by BMP (cf)	Runoff Reduction %	RR Achieved (cf)	Remaining RR Volume (cf)	WQ _v from Direct Drainage (cf)	Effective TSS Removal %
6,752	0	6,752	50%	6,752	0	8,102	85%

The Tool indicates that the target runoff reduction goal has been met.

Target Runoff Reduction Volume (cf)	6,752
Target Achieved?	Yes!
Remaining Runoff Reduction Volume (cf)	0
Target Water Quality Volume (cf)	8,102
% TSS Removal Achieved	85%
Target Achieved?	Yes!
Remaining TSS Removal %	0%

9. **Enter the target rainfall events** – The target rainfall events were provided in the project information. Enter the values in row 106.

Channel and Flood Protection Calculations				
	1-yr, 24-hr storm	2-yr, 24-hr storm	25-yr, 24-hr storm	100-yr, 24-hr storm
Target Rainfall Event (in)	3.40	3.80	6.50	7.90
	1-yr, 24-hr storm	2-yr, 24-hr storm	25-yr, 24-hr storm	100-yr, 24-hr storm
Pre-Development Runoff Volume (in)	0.95	1.20	3.21	4.38
Post Development Runoff Volume (in) with no BMPs	2.21	2.58	5.15	6.52
Post-Development Runoff Volume (in) with BMPs	1.59	1.96	4.53	5.90
Adjusted CN	80	81	83	83

*See Stormwater Management Standards to Determine Detention Requirements.

Utilize the adjusted curve number and the modified TR-55 approach to compute the channel protection storage volume (CP_v) and Overbank Flood Protection Volume (Q_{p25}).

10. **Provide comments** – No additional comments are necessary for this project.

5.2 Example 2

A developer is proposing the development of a new public institution and associated amenities including parking, playground, and multi-purpose field.

Pre-Developed Conditions

The pre-developed basin consists of 11.08 acres, 7.41 acres on-site and the remainder off-site.

The existing site consists of a completely pervious area. The site is broken into the following land covers:

Pre-Developed Runoff (HSG B)		
Basin	Land Use	Area (acres)
On-site Basin A	Original land use (natural wooded/grassed area)	7.41
Offsite Basin 1	Composite mixture of pervious and impervious surfaces	2.09
Offsite Basin 2	Offsite road basin	0.48
Offsite Basin 3	Composite mixture of pervious and impervious surfaces	1.10
Combined	All above basins combined at analysis point	11.08

There is also a 0.23 acre farm pond that sits on the northwest portion of the property that is proposed to be removed prior to the start of construction. Currently, the water from the project area surface flows to this existing pond and then discharges to an off-site creek.

Post-Developed Conditions

In the post-developed condition, the existing farm pond is removed and a storm sewer system is introduced to the site. The proposed storm sewer system will collect surface water from around the building, the building roof, and the parking lot. This system then conveys water to a dry extended detention basin. The water stored in the detention basin discharges to an adjacent creek off-site through a 30" HDPE outlet pipe. The post-developed condition contains one drainage basin with the study point located at the outlet control structure of the stormwater detention facility.

Post-Developed Runoff (HSG B)		
Basin	Land Use	Area (acres)
On-site Basin A	Composite mixture of pervious (5.25 acres) and impervious surfaces (2.16 acres)	7.41
Offsite Basin 1	Composite mixture of pervious and impervious surfaces	2.09
Offsite Basin 2	Offsite road basin	0.48
Offsite Basin 3	Composite mixture of pervious and impervious surfaces	1.10
Combined	All above basins combined routed through dry extended detention basin	11.08

The following is the rainfall data for the area:

1-year, 24-hour: 3.29 inches
 2-year, 24-hour: 3.69 inches
 25-year, 24-hour: 5.86 inches
 100-year, 24-hour: 7.30 inches

1. Enter General Information – complete rows 8 through 13 of the Summary worksheet.

Georgia Stormwater Management Manual Stormwater Quality Site Development Review Tool Version 2.2			
General Information			
Name of Developer:	Georgia Engineers, Inc.	Date Submitted:	3/1/2016
Development Name:	Etowah Recreation Center	Permit Number:	10000
Site Location / Address:	1111 Rec Center Dr. Cityville, GA 12345	Developer Contact:	John Smith
		Phone Number:	(333) 111-2222
		Name of Engineer(s):	Joe Jones, PE
Development Type:	Institutional, Public & Semi Public	Maintenance Responsibility:	Cityville, GA

2. Outside of the Tool, Delineate Basins Pre- and Post-development – The base data indicates one on-site drainage basin that is 7.41 acres in size and three offsite basins. The pre- and post-development land covers are included in the project information.
3. Enter BMP Information in the Runoff Reduction and TSS Removal Efficiencies, if applicable – This step is not applicable because a dry extended detention basin has been specified for this project, and this BMP does not require any user inputs.

Georgia Stormwater Management Manual Stormwater Quality Site Development Review Tool, v2.2 Runoff Reduction and TSS Removal Efficiencies						
	data input cells		constant values			
	Runoff Reduction %	Effective TSS Removal %	Runoff Reduction Method	Drainage Area Restrictions	Units	Min/Max
Bioretention Basin (w/ underdrain)	50%	85%	Storage	5	acres	Max
Bioretention Basin (w/ upturned underdrain)	75%	85%	Storage	5	acres	Max
Bioretention Basin (w/o underdrain)	100%	100%	Storage	5	acres	Max
Bioslope (A & B hydrologic soils)	50%	85%	Storage	--	--	--
Bioslope (C & D hydrologic soils)	25%	85%	Storage	--	--	--
Downspout Disconnect (A & B hydrologic soils)	50%	80%	Convey	2500	ft ²	Max
Downspout Disconnect (C & D hydrologic soils)	25%	80%	Convey	2500	ft ²	Max
Dry Detention Basin	0%	80%	Storage	75	acres	Max
Dry Extended Detention Basin	0%	60%	Storage	--	--	--
Dry Well	100%	100%	Storage	2500	ft ²	Max

4. Enter Drainage Basin Name – In the Drainage Basin worksheet, enter a specific drainage basin name.

Georgia Stormwater Management Manual Stormwater Quality Site Development Review Tool, v2.2	
Development Name: Etowah Recreation Center	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 150px;"> data input cells calculation cells constant values </div> </div>
Drainage Basin Name: Basin A	

5. Enter Pre- and Post-Development Land Cover – complete the Pre- and Post-Development Land Cover and Runoff Curve Numbers in the Site’s Disturbed Area tables. As indicated above, the soil is HSG B for this project.

Site Data										
Indicate Pre-Development Land Cover and Runoff Curve Numbers in the Site's Disturbed Area										
Cover Type	HSG A (acres)	CN	HSG B (acres)	CN	HSG C (acres)	CN	HSG D (acres)	CN	Total	% Cover
Woods - Good Condition	30		7.41	55		70		77	7.41	100%
Select a land cover type...	0		0	0		0		0	0.00	0%
Select a land cover type...	0		0	0		0		0	0.00	0%
Select a land cover type...	0		0	0		0		0	0.00	0%
Select a land cover type...	0		0	0		0		0	0.00	0%
Local Jurisdiction Input									0.00	0%
Other									0.00	0%
Total	0.00		7.41		0.00		0.00		7.41	100%
*HSG = hydrologic soil group										
									Impervious (ac)	0.00
									Weighted CN	55
									Potential Max Soil Retention, S _{pre} (in)	8.18
Indicate Post-Development Land Cover and Runoff Curve Numbers in the Site's Disturbed Area										
Cover Type	HSG A (acres)	CN	HSG B (acres)	CN	HSG C (acres)	CN	HSG D (acres)	CN	Total	% Cover
Impervious	98		2.16	98		98		98	2.16	29%
Open space - Good condition (grass cover > 75%)	39		5.25	61		74		80	5.25	71%
Select a land cover type...	0		0	0		0		0	0.00	0%
Select a land cover type...	0		0	0		0		0	0.00	0%
Select a land cover type...	0		0	0		0		0	0.00	0%
Local Jurisdiction Input									0.00	0%
Other									0.00	0%
Total	0.00		7.41		0.00		0.00		7.41	100%
									Impervious (ac)	2.16
									Rv	0.31
									Weighted CN	72
									Potential Max Soil Retention, S _{post} (in)	3.93

6. **Select Conservation Area Credits, if applicable** – There are no conservation area credits for this site.

7. **Enter the Target Runoff Reduction Storm (in)** – The default value in cell C64 is one inch, which is the correct target runoff reduction storm for this project.

Water Quality Goals			
Target Runoff Reduction Storm (in)	1.00	Total Site Area for Water Quality Volume (acres)	7.41
		Target Runoff Reduction Volume (cf)	8,402
		Target Water Quality Volume (cf)	10,082

8. **Enter the BMP(s) Data** – See Volume 2, Chapter 4 of the Manual for sizing steps. Complete the Select BMPs for Runoff Reduction and Water Quality table.

		Area Draining to Each BMP			Storage Volume Provided by BMP (cf)	RR Conveyance Volume Provided by BMP (cf)	Down-stream BMP
		On-site Pervious Area (acres)	On-site Impervious Area (acres)	Offsite Area (acres)			
BMP 1	Dry Extended Detention Basin	5.25	2.16	3.67	80,000		

Runoff Reduction Calculations						WQ Calculations	
RR Volume from Direct Drainage (cf)	RR Volume from Upstream Practices (cf)	Total RR Volume Received by BMP (cf)	Runoff Reduction %	RR Achieved (cf)	Remaining RR Volume (cf)	WQ _v from Direct Drainage (cf)	Effective TSS Removal %
8,402	0	8,402	0%	0	8,402	10,082	60%

Because the dry extended detention basin has a 0% runoff reduction removal efficiency and BMPs cannot receive TSS trapping efficiency credit for oversizing above the WQ_v, this layout does not meet the water quality requirements.

Target Runoff Reduction Volume (cf)	8,402
Target Achieved?	No
Remaining Runoff Reduction Volume (cf)	8,402
Target Water Quality Volume (cf)	10,082
% TSS Removal Achieved	60%
Target Achieved?	No
Remaining TSS Removal %	20%

9. Reevaluate the selected BMP or combination of BMPs.

5.3 Example 3

A developer is proposing the development of a new public institution and associated amenities including parking, playground, and multi-purpose field.

Pre-Developed Conditions

The pre-developed basin consists of 11.08 acres, 7.41 acres on-site and the remainder off-site. The existing site consists of a completely pervious area. The site is broken into the following land covers:

Pre-Developed Runoff (HSG B)		
Basin	Land Use	Area (acres)
On-site Basin A	Original land use (natural wooded/grassed area)	6.24
On-site Basin B	Original land use (natural wooded/grassed area)	1.17
Offsite Basin 1	Composite mixture of pervious and impervious surfaces	2.09
Offsite Basin 2	Offsite road basin	0.48
Offsite Basin 3	Composite mixture of pervious and impervious surfaces	1.10

There is also a 0.23 acre farm pond that sits on the northwest portion of the property that is proposed to be removed prior to the start of construction. Currently, the water from On-site Basin A surface flows to this existing pond and then discharges to an off-site creek. Water from On-site Basin B surface flows to an adjacent wooded area. Water from the offsite basins is routed to the existing pond.

Post-Developed Conditions

In the post-developed condition, the existing farm pond is removed and a storm sewer system is introduced to the site. The proposed storm sewer system will collect surface water from around the building and the building roof. This system then conveys water to a multi-purpose detention basin. In Basin A, 0.5 acres will be conserved as woods and protected under a conservation easement. On-site Basin B will be completely paved with a parking lot and sidewalks. Runoff

from the parking lot will be collected in an enhanced dry swale with an underdrain, which will then be routed to the multi-purpose detention basin. The water stored in the detention basin discharges to a creek off-site through a 30” HDPE outlet pipe. The post-developed condition study point is located at the outlet control structure of the stormwater detention facility.

Post-Developed Runoff (HSG B)		
Basin	Land Use	Area (acres)
On-site Basin A	Composite mixture of pervious (4.75 acres) and impervious surfaces (0.99 acres), Wooded conservation area (0.5 acres)	6.24
On-site Basin B	Impervious surfaces	1.17
Offsite Basin 1	Composite mixture of pervious and impervious surfaces	2.09
Offsite Basin 2	Offsite road basin	0.48
Offsite Basin 3	Composite mixture of pervious and impervious surfaces	1.10
Combined	All above basins combined routed through dry extended detention basin	11.08

The following is the rainfall data for the area:

- 1-year, 24-hour: 3.29 inches
- 2-year, 24-hour: 3.69 inches
- 25-year, 24-hour: 5.86 inches
- 100-year, 24-hour: 7.30 inches

1. **Enter General Information** – complete rows 8 through 13 of the Summary worksheet.

Georgia Stormwater Management Manual Stormwater Quality Site Development Review Tool Version 2.2			
General Information			
Name of Developer:	Georgia Engineers, Inc.	Date Submitted:	3/1/2016
Development Name:	Etowah Recreation Center	Permit Number:	10000
Site Location / Address:	1111 Rec Center Dr.	Developer Contact:	John Smith
	Cityville, GA 12345	Phone Number:	(333) 111-2222
Development Type:	Institutional, Public & Semi Public	Name of Engineer(s):	Joe Jones, PE
		Maintenance Responsibility:	Cityville, GA

2. **Outside of the Tool, Delineate Basins Pre- and Post-development** – The base data indicates one on-site drainage basin that is 7.41 acres in size, one on-site drainage basin that is 1.17 acres in size, and three offsite basins. The pre- and post-development land covers are included in the project information.

3. **Enter BMP Information in the Runoff Reduction and TSS Removal Efficiencies, if applicable** – This step is applicable because a multi-purpose detention basin has been selected for this project, and it requires a user input for its effective TSS removal.

Georgia Stormwater Management Manual Stormwater Quality Site Development Review Tool, v2.2 Runoff Reduction and TSS Removal Efficiencies						
data input cells		constant values				
	Runoff Reduction %	Effective TSS Removal %	Runoff Reduction Method	Drainage Area Restrictions	Units	Min/Max
Bioretention Basin (w/ underdrain)	50%	85%	Storage	5	acres	Max
Bioretention Basin (w/ upturned underdrain)	75%	85%	Storage	5	acres	Max
Bioretention Basin (w/o underdrain)	100%	100%	Storage	5	acres	Max
Bioslope (A & B hydrologic soils)	50%	85%	Storage	--	--	--
Bioslope (C & D hydrologic soils)	25%	85%	Storage	--	--	--
Downspout Disconnect (A & B hydrologic soils)	50%	80%	Convey	2500	ft ²	Max
Downspout Disconnect (C & D hydrologic soils)	25%	80%	Convey	2500	ft ²	Max
Dry Detention Basin	0%	60%	Storage	75	acres	Max
Dry Extended Detention Basin	0%	60%	Storage	--	--	--
Dry Well	100%	100%	Storage	2500	ft ²	Max
Enhanced Dry Swale (w/ underdrain)	50%	80%	Storage	5	acres	Max
Enhanced Dry Swale (w/o underdrain)	100%	100%	Storage	5	acres	Max
Enhanced Wet Swale	0%	80%	Storage	5	acres	Max
Grass Channel (A & B hydrologic soils)	25%	50%	Convey	5	acres	Max
Grass Channel (C & D hydrologic soils)	10%	50%	Convey	5	acres	Max
Gravity (oil-grit) Separator	0%	40%	Convey	5	acres	Max
Green Roof	60%	80%	Storage	--	--	--
Infiltration Trench	100%	100%	Storage	5	acres	Max
Multi-Purpose Detention Basin	0%	60%	Storage	--	--	--
Organic Filter	0%	90%	Storage	10	acres	Max

4. Enter Drainage Basin Name – In the Drainage Basin worksheet, enter a specific drainage basin name

Georgia Stormwater Management Manual Stormwater Quality Site Development Review Tool, v2.2	
Development Name: Etowah Recreation Center	
Drainage Basin Name: Basin A and Basin B	

5. Enter Pre- and Post-Development Land Cover – complete the Pre- and Post-Development Land Cover and Runoff Curve Numbers in the Site’s Disturbed Area tables. As indicated above, the soil is HSG B for this project.

Site Data										
Indicate Pre-Development Land Cover and Runoff Curve Numbers in the Site’s Disturbed Area										
Cover Type	HSG A (acres)	CN	HSG B (acres)	CN	HSG C (acres)	CN	HSG D (acres)	CN	Total	% Cover
Woods - Good Condition	30		7.41	55			77		7.41	100%
Select a land cover type...	0			0			0		0.00	0%
Select a land cover type...	0			0			0		0.00	0%
Select a land cover type...	0			0			0		0.00	0%
Select a land cover type...	0			0			0		0.00	0%
Local Jurisdiction Input									0.00	0%
Other									0.00	0%
Total	0.00		7.41		0.00		0.00		7.41	100%
*HSG = hydrologic soil group								Impervious (ac)	0.00	
								Weighted CN	55	
								Potential Max Soil Retention, S _{pot} (in)	8.18	
Indicate Post-Development Land Cover and Runoff Curve Numbers in the Site’s Disturbed Area										
Cover Type	HSG A (acres)	CN	HSG B (acres)	CN	HSG C (acres)	CN	HSG D (acres)	CN	Total	% Cover
Impervious	98		2.16	98			98		2.16	29%
Open space - Good condition (grass cover > 75%)	39		4.75	61			74		4.75	64%
Woods - Good Condition	30		0.50	55			70		0.50	7%
Select a land cover type...	0			0			0		0.00	0%
Select a land cover type...	0			0			0		0.00	0%
Local Jurisdiction Input									0.00	0%
Other									0.00	0%
Total	0.00		7.41		0.00		0.00		7.41	100%
								Impervious (ac)	2.16	
								Rv	0.31	
								Weighted CN	71	
								Potential Max Soil Retention, S _{pot} (in)	4.01	

6. Select Conservation Area Credits, if applicable – There is a 0.5-acre conservation area credit associated with this project because 0.5 acres is being left in its natural condition, and a conservation easement has been issued for the area. Select the Scenario 1 box and input 0.5 in the input cell (cell A50).

Conservation Area Credits			
Scenario 1: Natural Conservation Area *See the GSMM Volume 2, Section 2.3.3.3 for more information. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check the box if a portion of the post-developed area is protected by a conservation easement or equivalent form of protection. 0.5 Area (ac) of development protected by a conservation easement or equivalent form of protection. Note: The green cell will unlock if the Scenario 1 box above is checked		Scenario 3: Soil Restoration *See the GSMM Volume 2, Section 4.23 for more information. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if a portion of the post-developed area employs <u>soil restoration</u> a conservation easement or equivalent form of protection. Area (ac) of development with restored soils and protected by a conservation easement or equivalent form of protection. Note: See Scenario 1	
Scenario 2: Site Reforestation/Revegetation *See the GSMM Volume 2, Section 4.22 for more information. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if a portion of the post-developed area employs <u>site reforestation/revegetation</u> and is protected by a conservation easement or equivalent form of protection. Area (ac) of development reforested/revegetated and protected by a conservation easement or equivalent form of protection. Note: The green cell will unlock if the Scenario 2 box above is checked		Scenario 4: Site Reforestation/Revegetation & Soil Restoration *See the GSMM Volume 2 for more information. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the same portion of the post-developed area employs <u>site reforestation/revegetation and soil restoration</u> , and is protected by a conservation easement or equivalent form of protection. Area (ac) with restored soils in a reforested & revegetated area and protected by a conservation easement or equivalent form of protection. Note: See Scenario 1	
Total Conservation Area Credit (acres) 0.50			

7. Enter the Target Runoff Reduction Storm (in) – The default value in cell C64 is one inch, which is the correct target runoff reduction storm for this project.

Water Quality Goals	
Target Runoff Reduction Storm (in) <input type="text" value="1.00"/>	Total Site Area for Water Quality Volume (acres) <input type="text" value="6.91"/>
	Target Runoff Reduction Volume (cf) <input type="text" value="7,835"/>
	Target Water Quality Volume (cf) <input type="text" value="9,402"/>

8. Enter the BMP(s) Data – See Appendix B2 of the Manual for sizing steps. Complete the Select BMPs for Runoff Reduction and Water Quality table.

		Area Draining to Each BMP			Storage Volume Provided by BMP (cf)	RR Conveyance Volume Provided by BMP (cf)	Downstream BMP
		On-site Pervious Area (acres)	On-site Impervious Area (acres)	Offsite Area (acres)			
BMP 1	Multi-Purpose Detention Basin	5.25	0.99	3.67	75,000		
BMP 2	Enhanced Dry Swale (w/ underdrain)		1.17		4,040		BMP 1

Runoff Reduction Calculations						WQ Calculations	
RR Volume from Direct Drainage (cf)	RR Volume from Upstream Practices (cf)	Total RR Volume Received by BMP (cf)	Runoff Reduction %	RR Achieved (cf)	Remaining RR Volume (cf)	WQ _v from Direct Drainage (cf)	Effective TSS Removal %
4,367	2,015	6,382	0%	0	6,382	5,240	60%
4,035	0	4,035	50%	2,020	2,015	4,842	80%

The Tool indicates that the target water quality goal has been met.

Target Runoff Reduction Volume (cf)	7,835
Target Achieved?	No
Remaining Runoff Reduction Volume (cf)	5,815
Target Water Quality Volume (cf)	9,402
% TSS Removal Achieved	81%
Target Achieved?	Yes!
Remaining TSS Removal %	0%

9. Enter the target rainfall events – The target rainfall events were provided in the project information. Enter the values in row 106.

Channel and Flood Protection Calculations				
	1-yr, 24-hr storm	2-yr, 24-hr storm	25-yr, 24-hr storm	100-yr, 24-hr storm
Target Rainfall Event (in)	3.29	3.69	5.86	7.30
Pre-Development Runoff Volume (in)	0.28	0.41	1.44	2.32
Post Development Runoff Volume (in) with no BMPs	0.95	1.21	2.82	4.02
Post-Development Runoff Volume (in) with BMPs	0.88	1.13	2.75	3.94
Adjusted CN	70	70	71	71

*See Stormwater Management Standards to Determine Detention Requirements.

Utilize the adjusted curve number and the modified TR-55 approach to compute the channel protection storage volume (CP_v) and Overbank Flood Protection Volume (Q_{p25}).

10. Provide comments – Suggest indicating references to the conservation easement and multi-purpose detention basin TSS Removal % in the stormwater report.

Comments
Back-up information supporting a TSS removal efficiency of 60% for the multi-purpose detention basin is included in Appendix C of the Stormwater Report. Proof of the conservation easement is included in Appendix D.

6.0 Frequently Asked Questions

What does “Impervious Cover” mean?

Impervious cover refers to land cover that is impermeable to runoff, and includes all paved surfaces. In addition, any surface that supports vehicle traffic, such as a gravel road or parking lot, is considered impervious.

Are Green Roofs and Permeable Pavement pervious or impervious?

Green roofs and permeable pavement are *partially impervious*. These practices act as a runoff reduction and stormwater treatment practice, so that the ultimate runoff from these surfaces is reduced. For the purposes of the Tool, however, the area of permeable pavement and green roofs should be included as impervious area.

Can I direct additional impervious drainage to permeable pavement?

While the worksheet allows the user to enter a drainage area greater than the pavement area, the GSMM does not recommend this practice and it is discouraged. Doing so in practice could increase maintenance burden and/or lead to failure of the permeable pavement system.

How should I use the “Channel and Flood Protection Calculations” section?

The “Channel and Flood Protection Calculations” section generates revised curve numbers that account for the benefits of runoff reduction practices. Detention is typically not needed if the revised curve number is lower than the pre-developed curve number. If detention is needed, a hydrologic and hydraulic analysis will be needed to properly size and route flow through the practice.

As a reviewer, what are some key cells I should look at to ensure that the submitted worksheet is accurate?

Some checks that can help to act as a “first screen” to ensure that the spreadsheet has been used correctly include the following:

Runoff Reduction and TSS Removal Efficiencies Worksheet

- 1) Verify user input values, if applicable. Backup information should be provided by the user to support their inputs.

Drainage Basin Worksheets

- 2) Thoroughly check the Conservation Area Credit section. Verify that the area is protected by a conservation easement or equivalent form of protection.
- 3) Check drainage areas to each BMP and their storage volumes, if applicable, to ensure that practices capture the design volume. For each drainage basin the total of the pervious and impervious area draining to BMPs should be less than or equal to the total drainage basin pervious and impervious area.
- 4) For permeable pavement and bioretention, ensure that the designer has selected “underdrained” if an underdrain is needed.
- 5) Review the site plan to ensure that the pathway of practices in series from the “Downstream BMP” (*column H*) corresponds to the actual conditions.

Why don’t I need to enter a storage volume for some practices?

Some practices, such as bioretention basins, are credited based on their storage volume. Other practices, such as rooftop disconnection, receive credit based on meeting a minimum design standard that conveys a runoff volume.

How should I credit underground storage?

The default Underground Detention BMP does not provide any runoff reduction or TSS removal credits. If it does not provide infiltration it will not provide treatment or runoff reduction, and will act as a detention practice only. If underground storage is designed, however, to provide infiltration, it can act as an infiltration practice. This can be input into the tool as a User Input, if necessary.

How do I account for BMPs that have an upturned underdrain if it is not listed in the Runoff Reduction and TSS Removal Efficiencies worksheet?

The three User Input options at the bottom of the table in the Runoff Reduction and TSS Removal Efficiencies table can be used to account for BMPs that have an upturned underdrain and are not already included in the worksheet.

Does the worksheet allow me to do anything that is inconsistent with the guidance in the GSMM?

Yes. The worksheet is only intended as a tool to quantify the runoff reduction and treatment volume provided on site, and does not have limits on design parameters. For example, drainage areas are not limited, and practices that may require an underdrain on C or D soils can be applied on sites that have only C and D soils. When doing anything that is or appears to be inconsistent with the GSMM, consult the local jurisdiction for further guidance.

I have a pond that captures drainage from several upstream practices. For the drainage area to the pond, should I enter the *entire* drainage area, or only the land that has not been captured by other practices?

Only enter the remaining drainage area. The overflow from upstream practices will be accounted for as the “Volume Received by Upstream Practices.”

Are runoff volumes generated from off-site areas allowed in the volume runoff reductions?

Because off-site areas can change over time with no input from the owner/developer of the property in question, volumes generated from off-site areas can be routed through a BMP, but no water quality credits will be achieved for the off-site volumes.

How are these “drainage basin” areas defined in terms of areas used in water quality, channel protection, and peak flows? Do the drainage basin areas treat areas outside the site differently?

In terms of water quality, a drainage basin in the Tool only takes into account the on-site area. The channel protection volume and peak flows are dependent on the specific conditions of the site and where the analysis point is located.

Appendix #2: Inspection and Maintenance Agreement

Permanent Stormwater System Maintenance and Inspection Agreement

In accordance with Columbia County Code of Ordinances Section 34-156 which requires the Landowner, its successors and assigns, including any homeowners association, shall adequately maintain privately owned stormwater management/Best Management Practices (BMP) facilities. This includes all pipes and channels built to convey stormwater to the facility, as well as all structures, improvements, and vegetation provided to control the quantity and quality of the stormwater. Adequate maintenance is herein defined as good working condition so that these facilities are performing their design functions.

Columbia County requires that the Landowner, its successors and assigns, inspect the stormwater management/BMP facility in accordance with the attached maintenance plan. The purpose of the inspection is to assure safe and proper functioning of the facilities. The inspection shall cover the entire facilities, berms, outlet structure, pond areas, access roads, etc.

The Landowner, its successors and assigns, hereby grant permission to Columbia County, its authorized agents and employees, to enter upon the Property and to inspect the stormwater management/BMP facilities whenever Columbia County deems necessary. The purpose of the inspection is to follow-up on reported deficiencies and/or to respond to citizen complaints. Columbia County shall provide the Landowner, its successors and assigns, copies of the inspection findings and a directive to commence with the repairs if necessary.

The Landowner, its successors and assigns, will perform the work necessary to keep these facilities in good working order as appropriate. A maintenance schedule for the stormwater management/BMP facilities (including sediment removal) shall be outlined on attached maintenance and inspection plan. The owner shall keep written records of any maintenance and/or observations. These records shall be made available to Columbia County for review upon request.

This Agreement imposes no liability of any kind whatsoever on Columbia County and the Landowner agrees to hold Columbia County harmless from any liability in the event the stormwater management/BMP facilities fail to operate properly.

I accept responsibility for ownership and proper maintenance of the stormwater system (pond, swales, etc.) on the _____ site per the approved maintenance plan. I will complete any necessary repairs and/or preventive maintenance procedures in a timely manner to ensure proper functioning as a stormwater management device(s).

It is my understanding that if the maintenance plan is deemed to be inadequate, Columbia County may require the plan to be revised and I will abide by any prescribed revisions. I will continue to own and maintain the Stormwater Management/BMP Facility until Columbia County is notified in writing of a transfer in ownership and maintenance responsibility. The notification will include a date for the transfer of responsibility and a letter of acceptance from the new owner.

I understand that failure to adhere to the signed maintenance agreement may result in fines of up to \$2,500.00 per day, per violation and /or the institution of a court action.

Signature of Owner/Agent Printed

Date

Name of Owner/Agent

Address & Phone Number:

Notary Stamp/Signature/Date

My Commission Expires: _____

Appendix #3: Greenspace Deed and Covenants

EXHIBIT "B"

DECLARATION OF COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS

WHEREAS, Grantor and Grantee mutually desire that the Property be used in perpetuity as Greenspace property as provided in O.C.G.A. §§ 12-6A-1 *et seq.* and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefit to the parties hereto, the general public, and the environment of Columbia County, Georgia, Granter and Grantee hereby place certain restrictions on the Property exclusively for conservation purposes, in order that it shall remain substantially in its open, natural and scenic condition in perpetuity, as follows:

1.

The terms and conditions of this Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions shall be both implicitly and explicitly included in any subsequent transfer, conveyance, or encumbrance affecting all or any part of the Property. Any subsequent transfer, conveyance or encumbrance shall either set forth the terms and conditions of this document in full or by reference to this document and its recorded location.

2.

The Property shall be used in perpetuity as Greenspace property as provided in O.C.G.A. §§ 12-6A-1 *et seq.*

3.

This covenant shall be binding upon the Grantee, its heirs, successors and assigns, and upon occupiers or users of the Property forever. This covenant shall not terminate upon some fixed amount of time, but shall run with the land both as to benefit and as to burden. This covenant is established as a conservation benefit to the general public for the purpose of preserving greenspace and shall run in perpetuity as provided in O.C.G.A. § 44-5-60(c).

EXHIBIT "A"

Legal Description

ACCEPTANCE BY COUNTY

The forgoing Quitclaim Deed & Declaration of Greenspace Covenants and Restrictions is hereby accepted by Columbia County.

Dated _____, 20____.

COLUMBIA COUNTY, GEORGIA:

By (Print): _____
Its Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

EXECUTED under seal as of the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in our presence in Columbia County, Georgia:

Witness

Notary Public, _____ County, Georgia.

My commission expires: _____

GRANTOR:

By (Print): _____

As Its _____

ATTEST:

By (Print): _____

As Its _____

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

QUITCLAIM DEED
&
DECLARATION OF GREENSPACE
COVENANTS & RESTRICTIONS

THIS INDENTURE made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 20_____, between _____, a Georgia Corporation AND _____, a Georgia Corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Grantor") and COLUMBIA COUNTY, GEORGIA, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia (hereinafter referred to as "Grantee") ("Grantor" and "Grantee" to include their respective heirs, successors, executors, administrators, legal representatives and assigns where the context requires or permits).

W I T N E S S E T H

THAT the Grantor, for and in consideration of ONE AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration by the Grantee, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, have bargained, granted, sold, aliened, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do bargain, grant, sell, alien, convey and confirm unto the Grantee all its interest, if any, in the property, and all improvement thereon, described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, ("Property") subject to certain restrictions placed upon the Property by this indenture, as fully set forth in Exhibit "B", attached hereto and incorporated herein.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the Property, with all and singular the rights, members and appurtenances thereof, to the same being, belonging, or in anywise appertaining, to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of Grantee forever in FEE SIMPLE.

Appendix #4: Indemnity Statement

INDEMNITY STATEMENT

WHEREAS, _____ has submitted a Land Disturbance Application to Columbia County, Georgia, in connection with proposed construction and/or development; and

WHEREAS, a stormwater management facility is required for the proposed development; and

WHEREAS, _____ does not desire to erect a fence around the stormwater management facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of Columbia County, Georgia, not requiring a fence to be constructed in compliance with Columbia County, Georgia requirements around the stormwater management facility in the aforementioned proposed development, _____ shall indemnify and save harmless Columbia County, Georgia, the Columbia County Board of Commission, and their employees, agents, elected officials and officers, against any and all damages to property or injuries to or death of any person or persons, and shall defend, indemnify and save harmless Columbia County, Georgia, the Columbia County Board of Commission, and their employees, agents, elected officials and officers, from any and all claims, demands, suits, actions or proceedings of any kind of nature, of or by anyone whomsoever, in any way resulting from or arising out of Columbia County, Georgia, approving said proposed development dated, _____, 20_____, and submitted by _____ without a fence constructed in accordance with Columbia County, Georgia requirements for the stormwater management facility on the proposed development. This property is shown on a plat which is recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Columbia County, Georgia, in PC- _____ Slide _____.

This Indemnity Agreement is binding on the successors and/or assigns of _____ who agrees that should the property be sold, a copy of this Indemnity Agreement will be made a part of the closing documentation and shall be transferred at closing to the successor or assignee of _____.

Reference to this Indemnity Agreement shall be placed on the Final Plat for the construction and /or development.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered

This ____ day of _____, 20____
in the presence of :

Witness

Witness

Owner/Developer

Notary Public

Commission Expires: _____

Appendix #5: Memo from Georgia EPD Regarding “Roadway Drainage Structures”

Georgia Department of Natural Resources

2 Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive, S.E, Suite 1152, East, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9000

Chris Clark, Commissioner
Environmental Protection Division

F. Allen Barnes, Director
Phone: (404) 656-4713

MEMORANDUM

September 20, 2010

TO: Mr. Gerald Ross, P. E. Chief Engineer Georgia Department of
Transportation

FROM: Jim Ussery, Assistant Director, EPD

RE: Buffer variance issues

This memorandum expands and supercedes the June 8, 2006 memorandum from Bert Langley regarding these issues.

The issue addressed in this memorandum is how do the buffer variance requirements apply when a roadway drainage structure is installed across a stream. A subset of this is the situation where the stream or a tributary makes a bend such that the stream or tributary runs parallel to the roadway and the cleared right of way encroaches into the buffer. At what point does a buffer variance become necessary.

General Permit GAR100002 at part IV(i) authorizes the construction of drainage structures and roadway drainage structures without the necessity of obtaining a variance from EPD. The first issue, is at what point does a roadway drainage structure such as a bridge begin and end. The structure obviously includes some amount of approach road. This is of particular concern in the situation described above where the stream turns and runs parallel to the roadway drainage structure. At what point is the cleared right of way exempt from the variance requirements because of the drainage structure and at what point do the buffer variance requirements become applicable.

Discussions with GDOT representatives have indicated that for structures such as a bridge, GDOT specifications require additional compaction along the traveled way beginning one hundred feet from the actual structure and that this would be a reasonable way to determine the beginning and end for a bridge. Likewise a culvert requires additional compaction for fifty feet.

EPD agrees that for future projects the land disturbing activities along the traveled way within 100 feet of bridges and 50 feet of culverts will be considered part of the roadway drainage structure and no buffer variance would be required. However any buffer intrusion along the traveled way, outside these areas could be subject to the buffer variance requirements. This is represented in Figure 1 below.

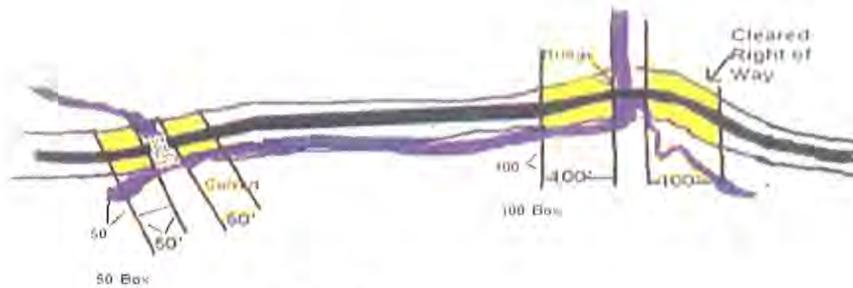


Figure 1

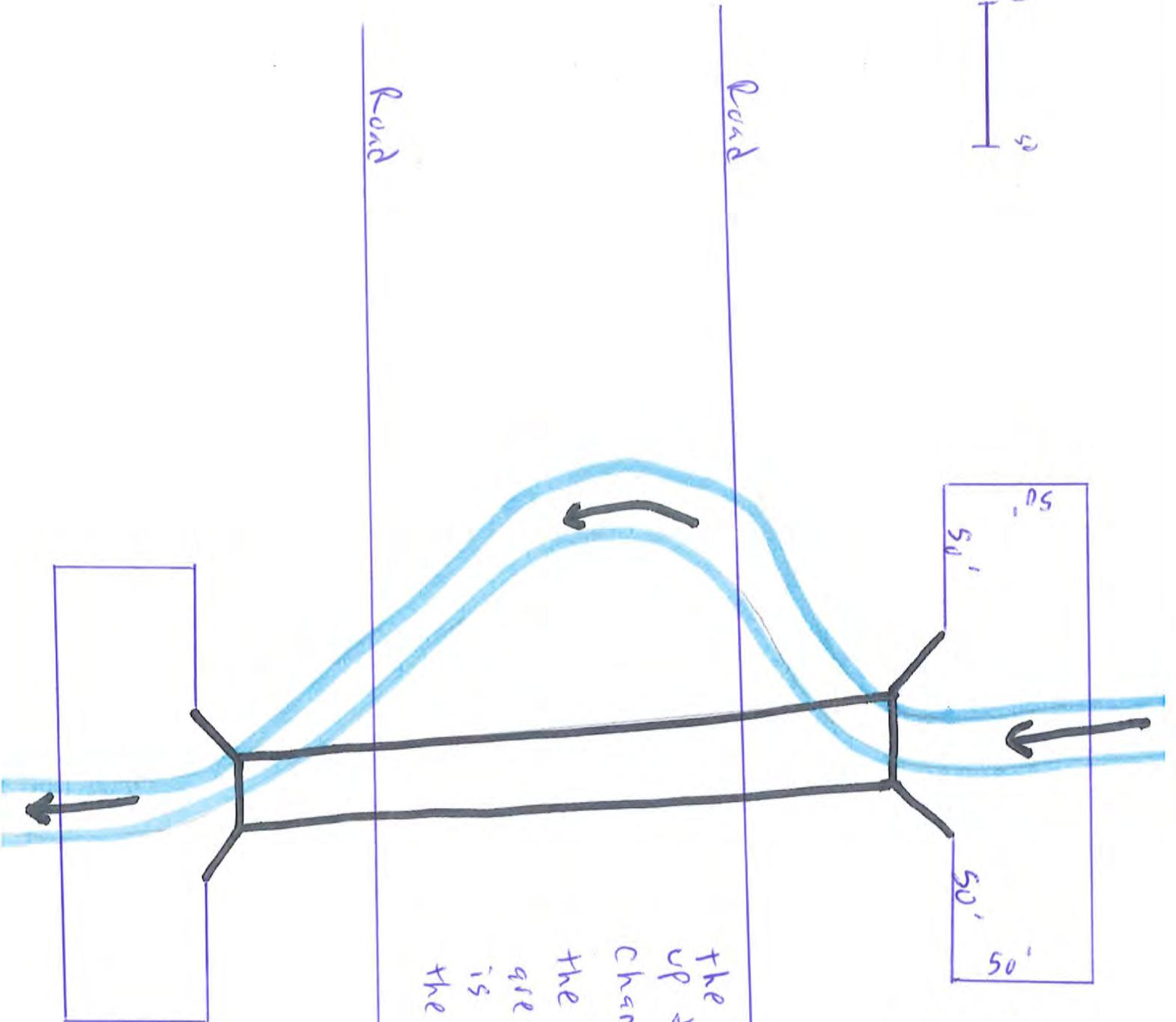
The areas on either side of the bridge or culvert identified in yellow would be considered part of the structure and no variance would be required for the sections of stream running parallel to the roadway. However, the areas outside the yellow with the stream running parallel to the roadway and within 25' (50' for a trout stream) would be subject to the buffer requirements.

The second part of this question is how much area at right angles to the traveled way can be considered necessary for the construction of a roadway drainage structure.

EPD has conducted extensive discussions with GDOT regarding the amount of disturbance necessary to construct roadway drainage structures, particularly bridges. GDOT, in preparing construction plans assumes that the entire cleared right of way may be necessary for the activities associated with constructing any roadway drainage structure.

For future projects EPD agrees that the roadway drainage structure exemption will include the cleared right of way for 50' x 50' along the traveled way for culverts and 100' x 100' for bridges. Construction activities within this "box" would be part of the activities necessary to construct the roadway drainage structure and no buffer variance would be needed. Obviously, disturbance should be kept to a minimum and only the areas actually necessary for construction activities should be disturbed.

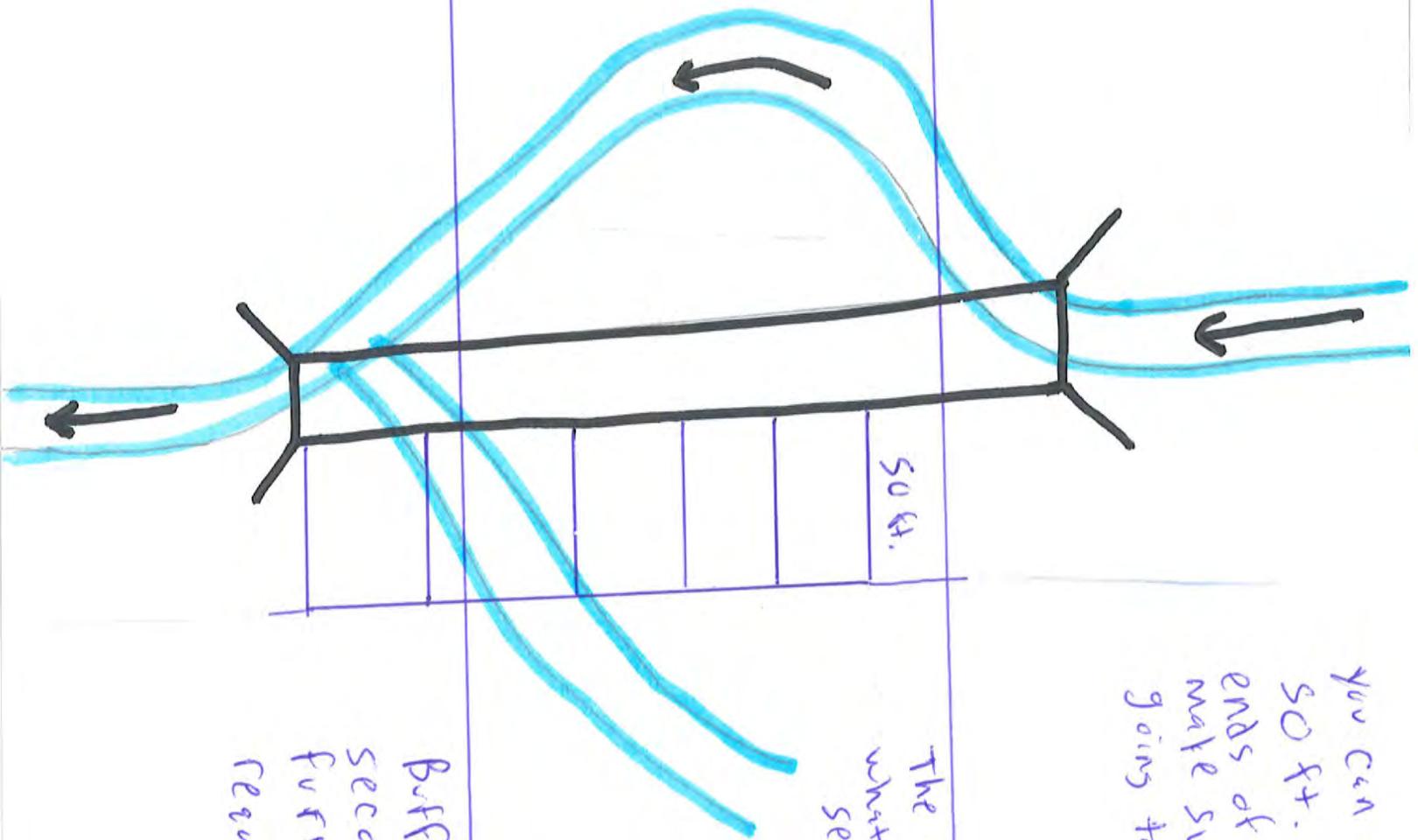
There will be specific situations where installation or construction of a roadway drainage structure may require disturbance that exceeds that described in this memo. In cases where the stream needs to be rerouted, a buffer variance is required. In those cases where GDOT exceeds the cleared right of way for 50' x 50' along the traveled way for culverts and 100' x 100' for bridges, GDOT should document the necessity, along with an explanation, for the extra disturbance. This should be submitted in writing to the Nonpoint Source Program, Watershed Protection Branch for concurrence. A copy of the concurrence letter will be forwarded to the appropriate District Office. GDOT should not initiate the additional land disturbance before receiving final concurrence from the Nonpoint Source Program. In addition, a copy of the concurrence letter should be retained on site within the appropriate GDOT records.



In this scenario, you only need to make sure the cut/fill, bents are not outside the boxes at the ends of the culvert.

The stream is being picked up & put back into existing channel. The impacts to the stream in the middle are exempt regardless if it is more than 50 ft. from the sides of the culvert

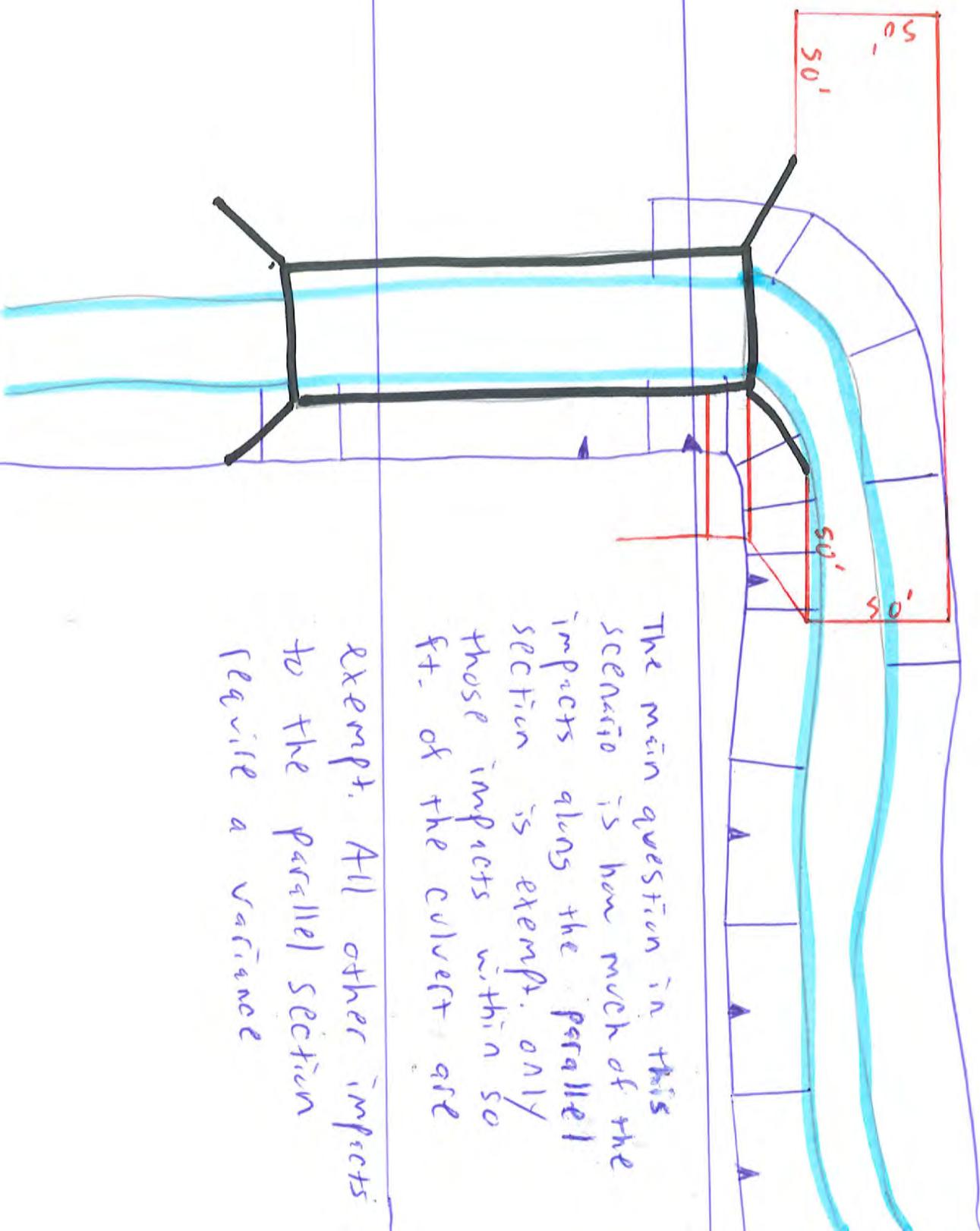
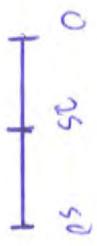
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you can measure the 50 ft. boxes at the ends of the culvert to make sure you are not going too far.

The main question is what impacts on this secondary stream are exempt. That is when it is necessary to draw 50 ft. from sides of culvert.

Buffer impacts on secondary stream further than 50 ft. require a variance



The main question in this scenario is how much of the impacts along the parallel section is exempt. Only those impacts within 50 ft. of the culvert are exempt. All other impacts to the parallel section require a variance

Appendix #6: Memo from Georgia EPD Regarding “Dams Located in Buffers”

Georgia Department of Natural Resources

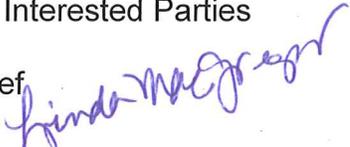
Environmental Protection Division, Watershed Protection Branch
4220 International Parkway, Suite 101, Atlanta, Georgia 30354
Linda MacGregor, P.E., Branch Chief
404/675-6232

Reply To:
NonPoint Source Program
404/675-6240
FAX: 404/675-6245

July 24, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Issuing Authorities and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Linda MacGregor, P.E., Branch Chief
EPD Watershed Protection Branch 

SUBJECT: Local and State Permitting and Buffer Variance Requirements for Dams

The intent of this memorandum is to clarify the permitting and buffer variance requirements for the construction and maintenance of dams, including "emergency" scenarios.

In general, land-disturbing activities associated with the construction and maintenance of dams are subject to the permitting and buffer variance requirements delineated in the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act (GESA), the NPDES General Permits for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity and the Rules for Erosion and Sedimentation Control. In addition, authorization may be required from the United States Army Corps of Engineers if the land-disturbing activities impact Waters of the United States, including jurisdictional wetlands and streams.

In all instances, regardless of exemptions, adequate erosion and sedimentation control measures (i.e., Best Management Practices) must be provided to protect the State's soils and waters.

Scenario 1 – Construction, maintenance and/or modification⁽¹⁾ of dams for recreational and/or stormwater management ponds where the disturbed area of the project (including any disturbed areas flooded by the impoundment) is equal to or greater than one (1) acre:

- In an area with a certified Local Issuing Authority (LIA), a local Land Disturbing Activity (LDA) permit is required.
- Coverage under the NPDES General Permits for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity⁽²⁾ is required, which includes the submittal of a Notice of Intent (NOI), NPDES General Permit – Fee Form, and an Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan (Plan).
- In an area with no certified LIA, a fee of \$80 per acre disturbed⁽³⁾ must be paid to the Environmental Protection Division (EPD). In an area with a certified LIA, a

fee of \$40 per acre disturbed must be paid to EPD and a fee of \$40 per acre disturbed must be paid to the LIA. The NPDES General Permit fees are in addition to any LDA permit fees required by the LIA.

- In an area with a certified LIA, multiple copies of the Plan (as specified by the LIA) must be submitted to the LIA for review and approval or disapproval. In an area with no certified LIA regulating the project, a single copy of the Plan must be submitted to the EPD Watershed Protection Branch⁽⁴⁾ for review and a second copy of the Plan must be submitted to the appropriate EPD District Office prior to or concurrent with the NOI submittal.
- For projects with land disturbances equal to or greater than 50 acres, regardless of the existence of a certified LIA, a single copy of the Plan must be submitted to the appropriate EPD District Office.
- Buffer variance applications must be submitted to the EPD Watershed Protection Branch for review and approval or disapproval. Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant.

Scenario 2 – Construction, maintenance and/or modification⁽¹⁾ of dams for **recreational and/or stormwater management ponds** where the disturbed area of the project (including any disturbed areas flooded by the impoundment) is less than one (1) acre and located within 200 feet of any perennial State Waters⁽⁵⁾:

- In an area with a certified LIA, a local LDA permit is required (O.C.G.A. § 12-7-17(8)).
- Coverage under the NPDES General Permits for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity is **not** required if the project is not located within a larger common plan of development.
- In an area with a certified LIA, multiple copies of the Plan (as specified by the LIA) must be submitted to the LIA for review and approval or disapproval.
- Buffer variance applications must be submitted to the EPD Watershed Protection Branch for review and approval or disapproval. Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant.

Scenario 3 – Construction, maintenance and/or modification⁽¹⁾ of dams for **recreational and/or stormwater management ponds “technically supervised” by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)** where the disturbed area of the project (including any disturbed areas flooded by the impoundment) is equal to or greater than one (1) acre:

- A local LDA permit is **not** required (O.C.G.A. § 12-7-17(7)).
- Coverage under the NPDES General Permits for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity⁽²⁾ is required, which includes the submittal of a NOI, NPDES General Permit – Fee Form, and an Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan.
- A fee of \$80 per acre disturbed⁽³⁾ must be paid to EPD.

- A single copy of the Plan must be submitted to the EPD Watershed Protection Branch⁽⁴⁾ for review and a second copy of the Plan must be submitted to the appropriate EPD District Office prior to or concurrent with the NOI submittal.
- Buffer variance applications must be submitted to the EPD Watershed Protection Branch for review and approval or disapproval. Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant.

Scenario 4 – Construction, maintenance and/or modification⁽¹⁾ of dams for **recreational and/or stormwater management ponds “technically supervised” by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)** where the disturbed area of the project (including any disturbed areas flooded by the impoundment) is less than one acre:

- A local LDA permit is **not** required (O.C.G.A. § 12-7-17(7)).
- Coverage under the NPDES General Permits for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity is **not** required if the project is not located within a larger common plan of development.
- Project is **exempt** from the State-mandated buffer requirements (O.C.G.A. § 12-7-17(7)).

Scenario 5 – Construction of dams for **public drinking water reservoirs** where the disturbed area of the project (including any disturbed areas flooded by the impoundment) is equal to or greater than one (1) acre:

- A local LDA permit is **not** required (O.C.G.A. § 12-7-17(11)).
- Coverage under the NPDES General Permits for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity⁽²⁾ is required, which includes the submittal of a NOI, NPDES General Permit – Fee Form, and an Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan.
- A fee of \$80 per acre disturbed⁽³⁾ must be paid to EPD.
- A single copy of the Plan must be submitted to the EPD Watershed Protection Branch⁽⁴⁾ for review and a second copy of the Plan must be submitted to the appropriate EPD District Office prior to or concurrent with the NOI submittal.
- Project is **exempt** from the State-mandated buffer requirements (O.C.G.A. § 12-7-17(11)).

Scenario 6 – Maintenance of **public drinking water reservoir dams and shorelines** where the disturbed area of the project is equal to or greater than one (1) acre:

- A local LDA permit is **not** required (O.C.G.A. § 12-7-17(11)).
- Coverage under the NPDES General Permits for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity⁽²⁾ is required, which includes the submittal of a NOI, NPDES General Permit – Fee Form, and an Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan (Plan).
- A fee of \$80 per acre disturbed must be paid to EPD.

- A single copy of the Plan must be submitted to the EPD Watershed Protection Branch⁽⁴⁾ for review and a second copy of the Plan must be submitted to the appropriate EPD District Office prior to or concurrent with the NOI submittal.
- Project is **exempt** from the State-mandated buffer requirements (O.C.G.A. § 12-7-17(11)).
- Projects such as boat launches and docks (including access ways) are not considered maintenance projects. Buffer variance applications for these projects must be submitted to the EPD Watershed Protection Branch.

Scenario 7 – Maintenance of **public drinking water reservoir dams and shorelines** where the disturbed area of the project is less than one (1) acre:

- A local LDA permit is **not** required (O.C.G.A. § 12-7-17(11)).
- Coverage under the NPDES General Permits for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity is **not** required.
- Project is **exempt** from the State-mandated buffer requirements (O.C.G.A. § 12-7-17(11)).
- Projects such as boat launches and docks (including access ways) are not considered maintenance projects. Buffer variance applications for these projects must be submitted to the EPD Watershed Protection Branch.

Scenario 8 - Maintenance of a **non-erodible drainage structure** on a dam, as defined in GESA (O.C.G.A. § 12-7-3(7)), and **technically supervised by NRCS** where the disturbed area of the project is equal to or greater than one (1) acre:

- A local LDA permit is **not** required (O.C.G.A. § 12-7-17(7)).
- Coverage under the NPDES General Permits for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity⁽²⁾ is required, which includes the submittal of a NOI, NPDES General Permit – Fee Form, and an Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan.
- A fee of \$80 per acre disturbed must be paid to EPD.
- A single copy of the Plan must be submitted to the EPD Watershed Protection Branch⁽⁴⁾ for review and a second copy of the Plan must be submitted to the appropriate EPD District Office prior to or concurrent with the NOI submittal.
- Project is **exempt** from the State-mandated buffer requirements for non-trout waters (O.C.G.A. § 12-7-6(15)(A)(iv)).

Scenario 9 - Maintenance of a **non-erodible drainage structure** on a dam, as defined in GESA (O.C.G.A. § 12-7-3(7)), and **technically supervised by NRCS** where the disturbed area of the project is less than one (1) acre:

- A local LDA permit is **not** required (O.C.G.A. § 12-7-17(7)).
- Coverage under the NPDES General Permits for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity is **not** required.

- Project is **exempt** from the State-mandated buffer requirements (O.C.G.A. § 12-7-17(7)).

Scenario 10 - Maintenance of a **non-erodible drainage structure** on a dam, as defined in GESA (O.C.G.A. § 12-7-3(7)), where the disturbed area of the project is equal to or greater than one (1) acre:

- In an area with a certified LIA, a local LDA permit is required.
- Coverage under the NPDES General Permits for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity⁽²⁾ is required, which includes the submittal of a NOI, NPDES General Permit – Fee Form, and an Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan.
- In an area with no certified LIA, a fee of \$80 per acre disturbed must be paid to EPD. In an area with a certified LIA, a fee of \$40 per acre disturbed must be paid to EPD and a fee of \$40 per acre disturbed must be paid to the LIA. The NPDES General Permit fees are in addition to any LDA permit fees required by the LIA.
- In an area with a certified LIA, multiple copies of the Plan (as specified by the LIA) must be submitted to the LIA for review and approval or disapproval. In an area with no certified LIA regulating the project, a single copy of the Plan must be submitted to the EPD Watershed Protection Branch⁽⁴⁾ for review and a second copy of the Plan must be submitted to the appropriate EPD District Office prior to or concurrent with the NOI submittal.
- For projects with land disturbances equal to or greater than 50 acres, regardless of the existence of a certified LIA, a single copy of the Plan must be submitted to the appropriate EPD District Office.
- Project is **exempt** from the State-mandated buffer requirements for non-trout waters (O.C.G.A. § 12-7-6(15)(A)(iv)).

Scenario 11 – Maintenance of a **non-erodible drainage structure** on a dam, as defined in GESA (O.C.G.A. § 12-7-3(7)), where the disturbed area of the project is less than one (1) acre and located within 200 feet of any perennial State Waters⁽⁵⁾:

- In an area with a certified LIA, a local LDA permit is required (O.C.G.A. § 12-7-17(8)).
- Coverage under the NPDES General Permits for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity is **not** required.
- In an area with a certified LIA, multiple copies of the Plan (as specified by the LIA) must be submitted to the LIA for review and approval or disapproval.
- Project is **exempt** from the State-mandated buffer requirements for non-trout waters (O.C.G.A. § 12-7-6(15)(A)(iv)).

Emergency Projects – The Safe Dams Unit will determine if the “damage to the dam or the area needing repair” presents a serious risk of failure of the dam that would require immediate action. Projects that are determined to be an “emergency” by the EPD Safe Dams Unit are not subject to the State-mandated buffer variance requirements.

However, if the disturbed area of an emergency project is equal to or greater than one (1) acre, permit coverage under Part IV(A)(6) of the NPDES General Permits for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity is required.

In all instances, regardless of exemptions, adequate erosion and sedimentation control measures must be provided to protect the State’s soils and waters. If additional information is required, please contact Jan Sammons with the EPD Erosion and Sedimentation Unit at (404) 675-6240 or Tom Woosley with the EPD Safe Dams Unit at (404) 362-2678.

An information guide, *Building or Renovating a Pond in Georgia – A Pond Guide for Citizens*, is also available for landowners in Georgia who want to build a new pond or to renovate an existing pond. There are numerous laws and agencies regulating pond construction in Georgia. This document identifies the multiple agencies available that provide assistance in planning and designing ponds.

- (1) Draining a pond does not require a buffer variance from the EPD Watershed Protection Branch; however, a buffer variance application must be submitted for any encroachments within the State-mandated buffers or modifications to the pond, **such as breaching the dam**.
- (2) The NPDES General Permit forms are located on the EPD website, www.gaepd.org.
- (3) The disturbed acreage for a reservoir project includes any areas disturbed during clearing and subsequently flooded by the impoundment.
- (4) The EPD Watershed Protection Branch will review these Plans for deficiencies using the applicable Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan Checklist (including the delineation of State Waters and State-mandated buffers).
- (5) A certified Local Issuing Authority may enact a local Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance that exceeds the acreage provisions of the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act.

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Appendix #7: Memo from Georgia EPD Regarding “Minor Land Disturbing Activities”



GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

MINOR LAND-DISTURBING ACTIVITIES

The intent of this document is to clarify minor land-disturbing activities as defined in GESA and the NPDES General Permits for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity Common Development and Stand Alone Permits, as follows:

- A. As per O.C.G.A. 12-7-17(3), minor land-disturbing activities are exempt from the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act (GESA): **“Such minor land-disturbing activities as home gardens and individual home landscaping, repairs, maintenance work, fences, and other related activities which result in minor soil erosion.”**

The following land-disturbing activities are examples of projects not specifically listed in O.C.G.A. 12-7-17(3) that would be considered minor land-disturbing activities and therefore, exempt from GESA and the applicable buffer requirements for State waters:

1. Structures including, but not limited to decks, patios, gazebos, walkways, viewing platforms, picnic shelters, fire pits, BBQ pits, and sign kiosks, provided:
 - a. The encroachment into the buffer is 100 square feet or less,
 - b. Disturbance of existing buffer vegetation is minimized, and
 - c. The site is stabilized at the end of each day with temporary or permanent stabilization measures until project completion.

2. Placement of rip rap, provided:
 - a. Project is 100 linear feet or less of rip rap,
 - b. Total amount of rip rap allowed in the buffer is 1000 square feet,
 - c. Disturbance of existing buffer vegetation is minimized, and
 - d. The site is stabilized at the end of each day with temporary or permanent stabilization measures until project completion.

- B. As per Part1(C)(1)(c), minor land-disturbing activities are exempt from coverage under the NPDES General Permits for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity Common Development and Stand Alone Permits (Permit), **“coverage under this permit is not required for discharges of storm water associated with minor land-disturbing activities (such as home gardens and individual home landscaping, repairs, maintenance work, fences and other related activities which result in minor soil erosion conducted outside of the 25 foot buffer along the banks of all State Waters requiring a buffer and outside of the 50 foot buffer along the banks of all State waters classified as “trout streams” requiring a buffer...”**”:

The following land-disturbing activities are examples of projects not specifically listed in Part1(C)(1)(c) of the NPDES General Permits for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity Common Development and Stand Alone Permits that would be considered minor land-disturbing activities and therefore, exempt from coverage under the NPDES General Permit:

1. Structures including, but not limited to decks, patios, gazebos, walkways, viewing platforms, picnic shelters, fire pits, BBQ pits, and sign kiosks, provided:
 - a. The residential lot is occupied by an individual homeowner and has been completed and undergone final stabilization as per the Permit,
 - b. The activity is conducted outside the 25 and/or 50 foot State mandated buffers,
 - c. The project area is 100 square feet or less,
 - d. Disturbance of existing vegetation is minimized, and
 - e. The site is stabilized at the end of each day with temporary or permanent stabilization measures until project completion.

Appendix #8: Memo from Georgia EPD Regarding “State Waters Issues”

Georgia Department of Natural Resources

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June 14, 2004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Erosion and Sedimentation Control Local Issuing Authorities
Other Interested Parties

FROM: Carol A. Couch, Ph.D., Director 
Environmental Protection Division

RE: Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act
State Waters Issues

This memo is to clarify certain issues concerning state waters, including the identification of state waters that require stream buffers and the installation of storm water detention ponds in state waters. Please be advised that it is the responsibility of local Issuing Authorities to make these determinations.

State Waters that Require Stream Buffers

The term "state waters" is defined in Section 12-7-3(16) of the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act (Act) as "Any and all rivers streams, creeks, branches, lakes, reservoirs, ponds, drainage systems, springs, wells and other bodies of surface or subsurface water, natural or artificial, lying within or forming a part of the boundaries of the State which are not entirely confined and retained completely upon the property of a single individual, partnership, or corporation."

Section 12-7-6(b)(15) of the Act states that "Except as provided in paragraph (16) of this subsection, there is established a 25-foot buffer along the banks of all state waters, as measured horizontally from the point where vegetation has been wrested by normal stream flow or wave action, except where the director determines to allow a variance that is at least as protective of natural resources and the environment, where otherwise allowed by the director pursuant to Code section 12-2-8, or where a drainage structure or a roadway drainage structure must be constructed, provided that adequate erosion control measures are incorporated in the project plans and specifications and are implemented..." The term "wrested" is defined in Webster's Dictionary as "to pull, force, or move by violent wringing or twisting movements." Similar language is provided in Section 12-7-6(b)(16) for 50-foot trout stream buffers, with the exception that drainage structures are not excluded.

The determination of whether a buffer is required for state water is based solely on whether there is sufficient water flow to "wrest" the vegetation from the banks of the stream, thereby forming a defined channel. The defined channel may have occurred over a long period of time or by soil erosion; however, as observed presently it is a defined channel and is protected by the 25-foot buffer requirement.

The following factors **are not** to be considered in state waters determinations for stream buffer protection:

- **Whether a stream appears on a topographical map as a solid or dashed blue line (the presence of a blue line is an indication of state waters, but not all streams are mapped as blue lines);**
- **Whether the stream originates on the property;**
- **Whether a stream that originates on the property flows into another stream before it leaves the property;**
- **The amount of water in the stream at any given time, i.e., under normal conditions;**
- **The duration of water flow in the stream;**
- **The watershed area, unless a scientific correlation between wrested vegetation and watershed area has been made by the Issuing Authority; or**
- **The absence of observable aquatic life.**

Analyzing the topography on an erosion and sedimentation control plan is the first step in determining whether a site contains a state water that requires a buffer variance. Further information can be obtained from a soils or topographical map of the area. An onsite inspection is essential in making the final determination if a review of the topography and soils on the site indicate a possible drainage feature. The final determination should then be made using the criteria in the preceding paragraphs.

Storm Water Detention Ponds in State Waters

The term "drainage structure" is defined in Section 12-7-3(7) of the Act as a "device composed of a virtually nonerodible material such as concrete, steel, plastic, or such material that conveys water from one place to another by intercepting the flow and carrying it to a release point for storm-water management, drainage control, or flood control purposes." This definition only allows the components of a stormwater management pond that meet this definition as drainage structures to be exempt from stream buffer variance requirements. Other components, including excavated ponds, earthen dams, etc., require a buffer variance that may be applied for under 391-3-7.05(2)(C) in DNR's Erosion and Sedimentation Rules. This states, "The project involves the construction or repair of a structure which, by its nature, must be located within the buffer. Such structures include dams, public water supply intake structures, wastewater discharges, docks, boat launches,

and stabilization of areas of public access to water.” Please note that drainage structures are only exempt on warm water streams and are not exempt on trout streams.

Section 12-7-6(b)(14) of the Act states that “Land-disturbing activity plans for erosion and sedimentation control shall include provisions for control or treatment of any source of sediments and adequate sedimentation control facilities to retain sediments on site or preclude sedimentation of adjacent waters beyond the levels specified in subsection a”. These levels are 25 NTU for warm water streams and 10 NTU for trout streams. The use of in-stream ponds to intentionally trap sediment during land disturbing activity is in violation of this section of the Act and is not allowed.

EPD appreciates the local Issuing Authorities' efforts in implementation of their local erosion and sedimentation ordinances. We hope the above guidance helps in those efforts. If you should have any questions about this memo, please contact Ms. Jan Sammons in the Water Protection Branch, NonPoint Source Program, at (404) 675-6240.

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Appendix #9: Columbia County SOP for State Waters Determinations



Columbia County Stormwater Utility

Standard Operation Procedure for State Waters Determinations

1. Prior to conceptual design plan or site plan submittal, the site developer or his representative shall contact the Columbia County Stormwater Utility Department to schedule a site visit, providing parcel number and preliminary project sketch, if available.
2. Stormwater Staff shall walk the site with the developer or with his representative to mark, using visible flagging, all buffered and unbuffered State Waters. The "Field Guide for Determining the Presence of State Waters that Require a Buffer," published by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources shall be used for guidance in the determination.
3. The developer shall submit an "Environmentally Sensitive Areas Plan" showing:
 - a. Project area,
 - b. Topography,
 - c. State Waters as determined by the aforementioned site visit,
 - d. Delineated wetlands, and
 - e. Special flood hazard area.Said plan shall be included as part of the conceptual design plan or site plan submittal.
4. The Columbia County Stormwater Utility Department will issue a formal State Waters Determination Letter referencing the data shown on the "Environmentally Sensitive Areas Plan," which shall remain valid for a period of 12 months (1 year).
5. All preliminary plats and site plans shall contain a notation on each Erosion Sedimentation and Pollution Control plan sheet stating, "The state waters shown on this plan have been field verified by Columbia County as a Local Issuing Authority in Georgia on (date)."

SPECIFICATIONS

Section 16.0: Construction of Storm Drain Pipe Systems

16.0 CONSTRUCTION OF STORM DRAIN PIPE SYSTEM

16.0 Description

The work covered by this section of the specifications consists of furnishing and in performing all operations, necessary and incidental to the construction and installation of storm drain pipe. This shall include, but not be limited to all excavation, trenching, removal and replacement of unsuitable materials, grading, all pipe and fittings, as shown on the plans or drawings.

16.1 Plans, Permits and Codes

16.1.1 Permits and Codes

It is the intent of this section of this section of the specifications that the contractor's bid on this work be based upon the plan, drawings and these specifications and with all applicable codes, permits and regulations as amended by any waivers.

16.1.2 Plans

- A. The contract drawings, standard drawings and plans indicate the extent and specific arrangement of the work.
- B. If any departures from the indicated line grade or location as shown by the plans are deemed necessary by the contractor, details of such departures and the reasons therefore shall be submitted as soon as practicable for approval.
- C. No work on such departures or deviations shall begin without written approval. No work shall be accepted by the Stormwater Department with any unapproved departures or deviations from the contract drawings, standard drawings or plan.

16.2 Materials

16.2.1 General

- A. All materials furnished by the contractor shall meet the requirements and these specifications.
- B. All materials shall be new, first quality and free from any and all defects and blemishes such as cracking, splitting, spalling, damages to coatings, bending, dents and deformations of any type. Material shall be protected from damage at all times.
- C. The materials may be inspected at any time and all material deemed unsuitable or damaged, shall be removed from the right of way, easement or limits of construction.
- D. Extreme care shall be exercised in handling the material during unloading and stringing and at all times during construction. All unloading or placing of pipe in the trench shall be done carefully by hand or machine. At no time will materials be allowed to free fall or be dropped from any height.

16.2.2 Pipe Specifications

Except as otherwise approved, pipe for storm drains shall be reinforced concrete or PP (in limited applications per GADOT for all applications within the public right of way. Reinforced concrete pipe, smooth-lined corrugated polyethylene (PE) culvert pipe, or double walled high density polyethylene pipe (HDPE) may be used for all other applications.

A. Reinforced Concrete Pipe:

1. Reinforced concrete pipe shall meet the requirements of ASTM C-76, of the latest edition and the class of pipe to be determined by the Design Engineer. "O" Ring gasket pipe shall be used in the roadway while tongue and groove pipe will be allowed outside the roadway but within the right of way.

2. Minimum pipe size shall be 18 inches.

B. Smooth-lined, Corrugated Polyethylene (PE) Culvert Pipe:

1. Polyethylene storm drainage pipe shall conform to AASHTO M294.

2. Type S for 18" to 36" sizes and AASHTO MP6-95 Type S for 42" and 48" diameters.

C. High Density Polyethylene Pipe (HDPE):

1. Smooth interior Type "S" or Type "D" in conformance with ASSHTO specifications M-252, M-294, and MP6-95. Installation of HDPE pipe must be in conformance with ASTM D 2321.

D. Polypropylene (PP) Pipe:

1. PP shall have smooth interior and annular exterior corrugations and meet or exceed ASTM F2881 and AASHTO M330.

16.2.3 Fittings and Bands

All fittings and bands shall be factory produced first quality and shall be designed for installation on the pipe to be used and be of the same quality and material as the pipe to be used. The fittings and couplings shall comply with the joint performance criteria of AASHTO Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges, Division II.

16.2.4 Affidavit of Compliance

The contractor shall furnish an affidavit from the manufacturer that all material conforms to the above referenced ASTM or AASHTO Specifications to the County Engineer upon request.

16.2.5 Weep Holes

Weep hole pipe shall be minimum schedule 40 PVC meeting ASTM D1785 Standard Specification for Poly Vinyl Chloride (PVC) Plastic Pipe, Schedules 40, 80, and 120 or D2665 Standard Specification for Poly Vinyl Chloride (PVC) Plastic Drain, Waste, and Vent Pipe and Fittings.

16.3 Excavation

Excavation and trenching shall be in accordance with Section 11.1 to 11.4.2.3 inclusive.

16.3.1 Trenching

- A. All construction must meet or exceed OSHA Standards. The installation of suitable sheeting protect adjoining poles, roadways, utilities, and private property when, in the opinion of the county personnel, trench excavation may damage these structures. Such orders or lack thereof shall in no way relieve the contractor from the responsibility of protecting these structures.
- B. Trench excavation shall not advance more than 200 feet ahead of pipe installation without prior approval. The bottom of all trenches shall be smooth and flat and with backfill material affording full bearing of the pipe barrel. The depth and width required shall be as specified in the design documents.
- C. Bell holes shall be excavated in a manner that relieves pipe bells of all loads and ensures support throughout the length of the pipe barrel.
- D. Excavation in excess of the depths required for manholes and other structures shall be corrected by placing a sub foundation of #57 stone, surge stone or some combination thereof.
- E. No trench shall be left open overnight. Backfilled trenches shall be stabilized with seed and mulch by the end of each day

16.3.2 Subgrade Stabilization

Where, in the opinion of the county personnel, subgrade is too soft and/or excessively wet for proper pipe installation, the county personnel may order the contractor to undercut the ditch and backfill with #57 stone to grade.

16.3.3 Bedding

- A. Trenches shall have been excavated accurately to plan grade to provide a uniform and stable foundation.
- B. A maximum overcut of 6 inch shall be allowed.
- C. Materials of poor or non-uniform bearing capacity shall be removed and replaced with suitable material.
- D. Rock shall be excavated to a depth of 6 inches below plan grade and suitable bedding placed.
- E. For PE, HDPE and PP, a uniform blanket of graded aggregate material shall cover the bedding to a depth sufficient to allow the corrugations to become filled with material.
- F. Bedding or shaping shall be wide enough to permit efficient compaction of the remaining backfill under the haunches of the structure, but not so wide as to interfere with bolting procedures.

16.3.4 Backfill

- A. After pipe is laid in the prepared trench bottom, bedding as previously specified shall be placed and compacted under the pipe haunches to the center of the pipe and carefully compacted by hand.

- B. Only sufficient material to backfill to the centerline of the pipe shall be placed in the ditch and compacted until satisfactory compaction has been attained.
- C. When haunch compaction is attained, the contractor shall begin backfill of the trench, placing material symmetrically so as to prevent eccentric loading or wedge action against the pipe.
 - 1. On RCP placed within the right of way, Class I, II or III backfill shall be placed in lifts of no more than 8 inches loose and compacted by mechanical tampers to 100% maximum dry density, standard proctor.
 - 2. PP and HDPE shall be backfilled with graded aggregate material meeting GDOT specifications with the following restrictions:
 - a) 20 foot maximum fill height for HDPE, and
 - b) 25 foot maximum fill height for PP
- D. No material which has previously disapproved or found unsuitable, or is wet or frozen or contains mulch or other organic perishable material of any description, large stones, blasted rock, broken concrete or pavement, or other hard materials having any dimensions greater than 2 inches; Clods of earth or dirt larger in any dimension greater than 2 inches, debris or earth with an exceptionally high void or clay content shall be placed as backfill in any trench.

16.4 Construction

16.4.1 Pipe Laying

- A. Only such pipe as has been previously inspected and approved, is free of dents, spalls, cracks and is free from any damage which may, be detrimental to the proper functioning of the storm drain system, shall be laid in the trench.
- B. The contractor shall remove from the site all damaged material.
- C. Pipe shall be carefully lowered into the trench; no pipe shall be free dropped into the trench.
- D. The pipe laying shall precede upgrade with the spigot end of bell and spigot pipe pointing in the direction of the flow.
- E. Each pipe shall be laid true to line and grade in such manner as to form a close concentric joint with the adjacent pipe and to prevent offsets in the flow line.
- F. The pipe shall be kept clean and free of debris at all times.

16.4.2 Jointing

- A. Reinforced concrete pipe sections may be joined by mortar joints, bituminous plastic cement joints, rubber type gasket joints, O-Ringed gasket joints or preformed plastic gasket joints. In mortar and bituminous plastic cement joints the annular space shall be filled with

the joint material and the inside of the joint wiped smooth. Mortar joints shall be made in the same manner except that the annular space shall be thoroughly wetted before filling with joint material. After the initial wet, the mortar on the outside shall be protected from the air and sun with thoroughly wet cover.

- B. HDPE shall be watertight according to the requirements of ASTM D3212. Gaskets shall meet the requirements of ASTM F477. Gaskets shall be installed by the pipe manufacturer and covered with a removable, protective wrap to ensure the gasket is free from debris. A joint lubricant available from the manufacturer shall be used on the gasket and bell during assembly. Joints diameters shall have an exterior bell wrap installed by the manufacturer.
- C. PP shall be joined with a gasket, integral bell and spigot joint, meeting the requirements of ASTM F2881. Joints shall be watertight according to the requirements of ASTM D3212. Spigots shall have gaskets meeting the requirements of ASTM F477. Gasket shall be installed by the pipe manufacturer and covered with a removable, protective wrap to ensure the gasket is free from debris. A joint lubricant available from the manufacturer shall be used on the gasket and bell during joint assembly. Joints shall have an exterior bell wrap installed by the manufacturer.

16.4.3 Dewatering

- A. All grading in the vicinity of trench excavations shall be controlled to prevent surface ground water from flowing into the trenches.
- B. When water seepage within the trench or ground water level creates unstable foundation conditions or prevents the proper makeup of joints, the water shall be removed by well pointing, pumping or other suitable means.
- C. Water so removed shall be discharged in a manner and location so as not to cause injury or damage to public or private property, work in progress or completed work.

16.4.4 Blasting

Blasting shall be performed in accordance with Section 11.9 of these specifications.

16.5 Tie-in to Existing Storm Drains

16.5.1 Authorization

- A. At no time shall the contractor make any unauthorized tie-ins of storm drains of any type under construction to existing storm drains of any type.
- B. The contractor shall not make any authorized tie-ins (e.g. called for on the plans or previously approved changes) unless the County Engineer is present.

16.5.2 Construction

- A. The contractor shall make any such tie-ins in close accordance with the plans.
- B. The contractor shall take whatever measures are necessary to prevent the introduction of mud, silt, debris or excess surface water runoff into the existing storm drain system.
- C. Expediting Work-The contractor shall excavate, lay the pipe, and backfill as closely together as possible. Unjointed pipe shall not be left in the trench overnight. The contractor shall backfill and compact the trench as soon as possible after laying and jointing is completed. The exposed end of the installed pipe shall be covered with plywood or filter fabric each day at the close of work and at all other times when work is not in progress. If necessary to backfill over the end of an uncompleted pipe, the end shall be closed with a mechanical joint plug, however, backfilling shall commence only after inspection.

16.6 Field Tests

- A. Pipe and Fittings:
Each piece of pipe and fitting shall be visually inspected by county personnel immediately before being placed in the trench and all pieces which are damaged and cannot be repaired after installation shall be rejected.
- B. Joints Alignment and Grade:
 - 1. After the pipe has been installed in the trench and prior to backfill, the joints alignment and grade shall be carefully checked for conformance with the plans.
 - 2. Any deposit or protruding joint material shall be removed and the joint remade.
- C. Visual Inspection:
All storm drains shall be visually checked for alignment between structures and any deviations from the plan line and grade or offsets of any type shall cause that portion of the storm drain system to be rejected if said defects will adversely affect the designed performance of the system and shall be re-laid correctly by the contractor at the contractor's expense.

16.7 Protection of Service Lines and Utilities

Protection of service lines and utilities shall be in accordance with Section 1.11 of these specifications.

16.8 Restoration of Property

Restoration of property shall be in accordance with Section 1.12 of these specifications.

16.9 Removal and Replacement of Existing Pipes and Equipment

Removal and replacement of existing pipes and equipment shall be in accordance

with Section 11.14 of these specifications.

16.10 Pavement Removal and Replacement

Pavement removal and replacement shall be in accordance with Section 11.15 of these specifications.

16.11 Clean Up and Finishing

16.11.1 Clean Up

All pipes shall be clean and free from silt, mud, debris or anything which may block the free flow of water prior to acceptance.

16.11.2 Finishing

Finishing shall be in accordance with Section 11.16 of these specifications.

16.12 Grassing

Grassing shall be performed in accordance with Section 20 of these specifications.

16.13 Safety

Safety procedures shall be in accordance with Section 12.16 of these specifications.

16.14 Measurement and Payment

Measurement and payment for storm drain pipe shall be by the linear foot for each type and size listed in the Summary of Quantities complete in place and accepted by the County Engineer. Said payment shall be considered full and just recompense for all materials, equipment, labor, excavation, backfill and anything required of any description for the satisfactory completion of the work described or called for by this section of the specifications not specifically noted as a pay item in the Summary of Quantities.

Section 17.0: Construction of Open Drainage Systems

17.0 CONSTRUCTION OF OPEN DRAINAGE SYSTEMS

17.1 Description

The work covered by this section of the specifications consists of furnishing all labor, the construction and installation of open storm drain systems. This shall include, but not be limited to all excavation, trenching, removal and replacement of unsuitable materials and grading as shown on the plans or drawings.

17.2 Plans, Permits and Codes

17.2.1 Permits and Codes

It is the intent of this section of the specifications that the contractor's bid on this work be based upon the plans, drawings, and these specifications and with all applicable codes, permits and regulations as amended by any waivers.

17.2.2 Contract Drawings

- A. Standard drawings and plans indicated the extent and specific arrangement of the work. Swales and ditches in additional locations may be required by the County Engineer.
- B. If any departures from the indicated line, grade or locations as shown by the plans are deemed necessary by the contractor, details of such departures and the reasons therefore shall be submitted as soon as practicable for approval.
- C. No work on such departures or deviations shall begin without written approval by the Stormwater Dept. No work shall be accepted by the Stormwater Department with any unapproved departures or deviations from the contract drawings, standard drawings or plans.

17.3 Material

17.3.1 General

All materials shall be new, first quality, undamaged material meeting these specifications.

17.3.2 Concrete

- A. All concrete shall be in accordance with Section 8 of these specifications except as herein specified.
- B. Concrete shall have a compressive strength at 28 days of 3000 psi.
- C. The maximum size of coarse aggregate shall be 1 inch and not less than 1 inch. Concrete shall have a slump of not more than 3 inches.

17.3.3 Reinforcing Wire

Reinforcing wire shall be 6" X 6" #10 wires.

17.3.4 Expansion Joint Material

Expansion joint material shall conform to ASTM Standard D-1751 or

D- 1752 or latest edition or shall be resin impregnated fiber board conforming to the physical requirements of D-1752.

17.4 Construction of Ditches and Swales

17.4.1 Line and Grade

All ditches and swales shall be constructed true to plan line and grade.

17.4.2 Cross Section

The ditch or swale shall be constructed as indicated on the plan drawings.

17.4.3 Ditch Checks

- A. Ditch checks shall be constructed at intervals conforming to recommendations in the Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia.
- B. Ditch checks shall be constructed of stone rip-rap or sand cement bags placed by hand. Placement shall be in accordance with Standard Drawing 17.1.

17.5 Construction of Concrete Ditches

17.5.1 Excavation

The sub-base shall be excavated true to line and grade by appropriate equipment.

17.5.2 Preparation of Sub-Base

- A. Prior to forming or pouring concrete, the sub-base shall be of a smooth and uniform texture and compacted to 100% maximum dry density, standard proctor.
- B. The centerline shall conform to the established elevations with an acceptable tolerance of plus/minus 1/ 2 ". The acceptable tolerance under a template shall be plus/minus 1/4".

17.5.3 Forms

- A. Forms shall be of wood or steel, straight and true without any defects which may adversely affect the work.
- B. Forms shall be held rigidly in place by the use of stakes placed no more than four (4) feet apart.
- C. Rigid forms shall be used in all circumstances except that benders and thin wall planks may be used with the prior approval of the county personnel.
- D. Forms shall not be removed for six (6) hours or in any case while the concrete is sufficiently plastic to slump in any direction.
- E. Forms shall be thoroughly cleaned and oiled prior to each use.

17.5.4 Joints

- A. Pre-molded expansion joint filler strips shall be resilient, compressive bituminous and fiber material saturated with at least

- 35%, but not over 50%, by weight of asphalt.
- B. Expansion joints shall be cut to the full depth of the cross section of the ditch and shall extend no further than 1/4" below the level surface of the ditch.
 - C. Expansion joints at least 1/4" in width shall be provided in the ditch at intervals not to exceed 50 feet and an expansion joint of at least 1/2" in width where ditches abut structures.
 - D. Contraction joints of 1/8" in width shall be spaced at 10' intervals.
 - E. The depth of the contraction joint shall be no less than 1/5" or more than 1/4" the depth of the concrete and joints shall have rounded edges.
 - F. Separators shall be removed as soon as possible after the concrete has set sufficiently to preserve the width and shape of the joint.

17.6 Concrete

- A. No concrete shall be placed until the sub-base has been approved by the County Personnel.
- B. No concrete shall be placed when the ambient air temperature is below 40 degrees F. (4 degrees C).
- C. Concrete shall be placed in forms to the required depth and thoroughly consolidated by tamping and spading so that there are no rock and air pockets at forms and mortar entirely covers the surfaces. Concrete shall not be free dropped from a height so as to cause segregation.
- D. The concrete ditch shall be constructed in accordance with Standard 17.02.
- E. Visible surfaces and edges of the finished ditch shall be free of blemishes, form and tool marks.
- F. Concrete ditches shall be finished in accordance with Section 11.054 of these specifications.

17.7 Unsuitable Sub-Base

In areas where the sub-base is otherwise unsuitable the contractor shall place reinforcing wire and additional thickness of concrete as required and/or replace the unsuitable material in accordance with Section 11.5.4 of these specifications, at the discretion of the County Personnel.

17.8 Finishing and Protection

17.8.1 Backfill

After the concrete has cured for at least seven days, all debris shall be removed, and backfill shall be placed in accordance with Section 8.5.7 of these specifications. The contractor shall secure compaction of backfill so as to ensure the prevention of surface water infiltration beneath the ditch.

17.8.2 Protection of Structure

- A. The contractor shall protect the completed concrete ditch from all damage until accepted. Ditch sections which have settled or been displaced due to sub-base settlement or surface water infiltration or any other reason, shall be removed and re-poured in accordance with these specifications
- B. Any ditch section which has settled or been displaced will not be accepted by County Personnel nor ditch sections which have settled or been displaced and been returned to its original position.

17.9 Repair

- A. The contractor shall either replace or repair by clipping and scarifying any defective areas and treating it with an approved bonding agent, tending that all such areas are patched, not plastered, with grout consisting of one part Portland cement and one part washed sand. Hi-bond, a multipurpose bonding agent conforming to ASTM C-190, latest revision, is acceptable in lieu of grouting.
- B. Concrete ditch sections damaged whereby County Personnel requires their removal, shall be removed and reconstructed for the entire length between regularly scheduled joints.

17.10 Clean up and Finish Grading

17.10.1 Clean up

The contractor shall remove all debris, trash or objectionable material from the easement, right of way or limits of construction.

17.10.2 Grading

The contractor shall ensure the area of the easement or any areas disturbed by his operations are finished uniformly smooth and free from abrupt changes in grade and are in conformity with the plans and in accordance with Section 11.16 of these specifications.

17.11 Field Tests

17.11.1 Testing and Sampling

- A. Testing and sampling shall be done in accordance with Section 8.07 of these specifications.
- B. The contractor will provide and pay for all required testing.

17.11.2 Tolerances

- A. The finished surfaces, except plan grade, changes or curves, shall not vary from plan line and grade by more than 1/8" per 10'.
- B. The cross section shall vary no more than ¼" from the specified cross section.

17.12 Protection of Service Lines and Utilities

Protection of service lines and utilities shall be in accordance with Section 4.0 of these specifications.

17.13 Restoration of Property

Restoration of property shall be in accordance with Section 4.6 of these specifications.

17.14 Removal and Replacement of Existing Pipes and Equipment

Removal and replacement of existing pipes and equipment shall be in accordance with Section 11.14 of these specifications.

17.15 Grassing

Grassing shall be in accordance with Section 20 of these specifications.

17.16 Measurement and Payment

Measurement and payment for ditches, swales and concrete ditches shall be made by the linear foot for each type of ditch and cross section listed in the Summary of Quantities, complete in place and accepted by the county personnel. Said payment shall be considered full and just compensation for all materials, equipment, labor, excavation, backfill and anything required of any description for the satisfactory completion of the work described or called for by this section of the specifications not specifically noted as a pay item in the Summary of Quantities.

Section 18.0: Construction of Storm Drainage Structures and Facilities

18.0 CONSTRUCTION OF STORM DRAINAGE STRUCTURES AND FACILITIES

18.1 General

The work covered by this section of the specifications consists of furnishing all labor, equipment, materials and appliances and in performing all operations necessary and incidental to the construction of storm sewer structures. This will include but not be limited to all excavation, trenching, removal and replacement of unsuitable materials and grading as shown on the plans or drawings.

18.2 Plans, Permits and Codes

18.2.1 Permits and Codes

It is the intent of this section of the specifications that the contractor's bid on this work be based upon the plan, drawings and these specifications and with all applicable codes, permits and regulations as amended by any waivers.

18.2.2 Changes in Plan

- A. The contract drawings, standard drawings and plans indicate the extent and specific arrangement of the work.
- B. If any departures from the indicated line, grade or location as shown by the plans are deemed necessary by the contractor, details of such departures and the reasons therefore will be submitted as soon as practicable for approval.
- C. No work on such departures or deviations will begin without written approval by the Stormwater Dept. No work will be accepted by the Stormwater Department with any unapproved departures or deviations from the contract drawings, standard drawings or plans.

18.3 Excavation

18.3.1 Excavation for Structures

- A. All excavation will be in strict accordance with Section 8 and 11 of these specifications.
- B. The contractor will especially note Sections 11.5, 11.6, 11.7 and 8.5.7.
- C. No work on such departures or deviations will begin without written approval by the Stormwater Dept. No work will be accepted by the Stormwater Department with any unapproved departures or deviations from the contract drawings, standard drawings or plans.

18.3.2 Excavation for Facilities

- A. Areas designated for borrow areas, embankment, and structural works shall be cleared, grubbed and stripped of topsoil. All

trees, vegetation, roots and other objectionable material shall be removed. Channel banks and sharp breaks shall be sloped to no steeper than 1:1. All trees shall be cleared and grubbed within 15 feet of the toe of the embankment;

- B. Areas to be covered by the facility will be cleared of all trees, brush, logs, fences, rubbish and other objectionable material unless otherwise designated on the plans. Trees, brush, and stumps shall be removed. For dry stormwater management ponds, a minimum of a 25-foot radius around the inlet structure shall be cleared or as shown on the plans; and,
- C. All cleared and grubbed material shall be disposed of outside and below the limits of the earthen dam/berm and facility. When specified, a sufficient quantity of topsoil will be stockpiled in a suitable location for use on the embankment and other designated areas.

18.3.3 Backfill for Structures

Backfill will be in strict accordance with Section 8 and 11 of these specifications.

18.3.4 Earth Fill for Facilities

- A. The fill material shall be taken from approved designated borrow areas. It shall be free of roots, stumps, wood, rubbish, and stones greater than 6", frozen or other objectionable materials.
- B. Fill material for the center of the embankment, and cut off trench shall conform to Unified Soil Classification GC, SC, CH, or CL and must have at least 30% passing the #200 sieve.
- C. Consideration may be given to the use of other materials in the embankment if designed by a geotechnical engineer. Such special designs must have construction supervised by a Geotechnical Engineer;
- D. Materials used in the outer shell of the embankment must have the capability to support vegetation of the quality required to prevent erosion of the embankment;
- E. Areas on which fill is to be placed shall be scarified prior to placement of fill. Fill materials shall be placed in maximum 8 inch thick (before compaction) layers which are to be continuous over the entire length of the fill. The most permeable borrow material shall be placed in the downstream portions of the embankment. The principal spillway must be installed concurrently with fill placement and not excavated into the embankment;
- F. The movement of the hauling and spreading equipment over the fill shall be controlled so that the entire surface of each lift shall be traversed by not less than one tread track of heavy equipment or compaction shall be achieved by a minimum of

four complete passes of a sheepsfoot, rubber tired or vibratory roller. Fill material shall contain sufficient moisture such that the required degree of compaction will be obtained with the equipment used;

- G. The minimum required density shall not be less than 95% of maximum dry density with a moisture content within 2% of the optimum. Each layer of fill shall be compacted as necessary to obtain that density, and is to be certified by the Engineer of Record or Geotechnical Engineer at the time of construction. All compaction is to be determined by AASHTO Method T-99 (Standard Proctor);
- H. The cutoff trench shall be excavated into impervious material along or parallel to the centerline of the embankment as shown on the plans. The bottom width of the trench shall be governed by the equipment used for excavation, with the minimum width being four (4) feet. The depth shall be at least four (4) feet below existing grade or as shown on the plans. The side slopes of the trench shall be 1:1 or flatter. The backfill shall be compacted with construction equipment, rollers, or hand tampers to assure maximum density and minimum permeability; and,
- I. The core shall be parallel to the centerline of the embankment as shown on the plans. The top width of the core shall be a minimum of four (4) feet. The height shall extend up to at least the 10-year water elevation or as shown on the plans. The side slopes shall be 1:1 or flatter. The core shall be compacted with construction equipment, rollers, or hand tampers to assure maximum density and minimum permeability. In addition, the core shall be placed concurrently with the outer shell of the embankment.

18.3.5 Structural Fill for Facilities

- A. Structure backfill may be flowable fill per GDOT specifications. The mixture shall have a 100-200 psi; 28 day unconfined compressive strength. The flowable fill shall have a minimum pH of 4.0 and a minimum resistivity of 2,000 ohm-cm.
- B. Material shall be placed such that a minimum of six (6) inches (measured perpendicular to the outside of the pipe) of flowable fill shall be under (bedding), over and, on the sides of the pipe. It only needs to extend up to the spring line for rigid conduits. Average slump of the fill shall be seven (7) inches to assure flowability of the material. Adequate measures shall be taken (sand bags, etc.) to prevent floating the pipe.
- C. Any adjoining soil fill shall be placed in horizontal layers not to exceed four (4) inches in thickness and compacted by hand tampers or other manually directed compaction equipment. The

material shall completely fill all voids adjacent to the flowable fill zone.

- D. At no time during the backfilling operation shall drivable equipment be allowed to operate closer than four (4) feet, measured horizontally, to any part of a structure.
- E. Under no circumstances shall equipment be driven over any part of a structure or pipe unless there is a compacted fill of twenty (24) inches or greater over the structure or pipe.
- F. Backfill material outside the structural backfill (flowable fill) zone shall be of the type and quality conforming to that specified for the core of the embankment or other embankment materials.

18.3.6 Drainpipe through Facilities

- A. Reinforced Concrete Pipe (RCP) shall be used in earthen dams/berms;
- B. RCP shall have bell and spigot joints with rubber gaskets and shall equal or exceed ASTM C-361;
- C. RCP shall be laid in a concrete bedding/cradle for their entire length. This bedding/cradle shall consist of high slump concrete placed under the pipe and up the sides of the pipe at least 50% of its outside diameter with a minimum thickness of 6 inches. Where a concrete cradle is not needed for structural reasons, flowable fill may be used as described in the "Structure Backfill" section of this standard. Gravel bedding is not permitted;
- D. Bell and spigot pipe shall be placed with the bell end upstream. Joints shall be made in accordance with recommendations of the manufacturer. After the joints are sealed for the entire line, the bedding shall be placed so that all spaces under the pipe are filled. Care shall be exercised to prevent any deviation from the original line and grade of the pipe. The first joint must be located within 4 feet from the riser;
- E. Backfilling shall conform to 18.3;
- F. Other details (anti-seep collars, valves, etc.) shall be as shown on the approved drawings; and,
- G. When a drainage diaphragm is used, the Engineer of Record or Geotechnical Engineer will supervise the design and construction inspection.

18.4 Construction of Boxes and Traps

18.4.1 Brick Winged Traps

- A. Bricked traps will be constructed in accordance with Ga. D.O.T. Standard Catch Basins Number 1033-D for Single Wing Traps and Number 1034-D for Double Wing Traps.
- B. All materials and construction will conform to the above referenced Standard and all applicable specifications in the GA.

D.O.T. Standard Specifications Construction of Roads and Bridges of latest edition.

18.4.2 Precast Winged Traps

- A. Precast traps will be constructed in accordance with Ga. D.O.T. Standard Catch Basins Number 1033-D Precast for Single Wing Traps and Number 1034-D Precast for Double Wing Traps.
- B. All materials and construction will conform to the above referenced Standard and all applicable specifications in the Ga. D.O.T. Standard Specifications Constructions of Roads and Bridges of latest edition.

18.4.3 Brick Junction Boxes and Weir Traps

- A. Brick junction boxes will be constructed in accordance with Standard Drawing 18.01-B.
- B. Brick weir traps will be constructed in accordance with Standard Drawing 18.01-A.
- C. All materials and construction will conform to the above referenced Standard and all applicable specifications in the Ga. D.O.T. Standard Specifications Construction of Roads and Bridges of latest edition.

18.4.4 Precast Junction Boxes and Weir Traps

- A. All sections will conform to ASTM C-478 of the latest revision.
- B. Reinforcing will be #4 at 12" O.C. each side and bottom.
- C. Concrete strength requirements will be 4000 psi, and have cured at least 7 days. Sections will be inspected in accordance with Section 13.042-C.
- D. Pipe openings, angles and elevations as required.
- E. Flexible joint sealant, Type I, rope form, also known as "Ram Neck" will be applied between the joint sections.
- F. Precast Sections will be aligned in accordance with Section 13.042- D. No Round manholes sections allowed.
- G. All lift holes will be grouted in accordance with Section 13.041-E, inside and out.
- H. Any cutting of holes in precast structures will be performed in accordance with Section 13.042-G, (Second Paragraph).

18.4.5 Inverts

- A. All junction boxes, manholes, traps, etc. shall have formed inverts, regardless of pipe size or box type.
- B. The flow line of the invert shall be of uniform grade from the invert of the inlet pipe to the invert of the outlet pipe.
- C. Inverts shall be constructed of block, brick and mortar with a brushed finish.
- D. Invert forming is to be performed after the pipe penetrations have been made with all voids around the pipe grouted and the

pipe cut flush with the interior face of the structure.

- E. No pipe will protrude past the inner wall of the box and will be free from ragged edges.

18.4.6 Weep Holes

- A. All junction boxes, manholes, catch basins etc. shall have 2-inch diameter weep holes, approximately 7 inches off bottom, on each wall or as directed by the County Personnel.
- B. Protect weep holes with screen wire or fabric outside the structure to prevent clogging.
- C. When using native backfill material, provide weep hole drain pockets filled with coarse aggregate with weep hole drain pipes 18" x 18"

18.4.7 Steps

All boxes and traps over four feet deep will have steps installed in accordance with Section 13.6.3

18.4.8 Frame and Covers

Box and rap covers will be in accordance with Standard 14.4.

18.4.9 Tops

- A. Junction box and weir trap tops will conform to the specifications shown in the standard drawings.
- B. Tops will be finished in accordance with Section 8.6.4.
- C. Tops will be aligned with the steps in the storm structure to allow for access to box.

18.5 Construction of Headwalls

18.5.1 Brick Headwalls

Headwalls of brick construction will not be accepted.

18.5.2 Flared End Section

- A. Flared End Sections will be constructed in accordance with GA D.O.T. Standard Flared End Section For Pipes Number 1120
- B. All materials and construction will conform to the above referenced Standard and all applicable specifications in the Ga. D.O.T. Standard Specifications Construction of Roads and Bridges of latest edition.
- C. Number 1120 sections will be used with all size pipes, metal or concrete, up to and including 42" in diameter.
- D. Outfall flared end sections will have a minimum of 10 S.Y. of Grouted rip- rap as specified in Section 19 and in accordance with STD. Drawing No. 18.05A.

18.5.3 Reinforced Concrete Headwalls

- A. Reinforced Concrete Headwalls will be constructed in accordance with GA. D.O.T. Standard Pipe Culvert Concrete

Headwall Number 1001-B.

- B. All materials and construction will conform to the above referenced Standard and all applicable specifications in the GA. D.O.T. Standard Specifications Construction of Roads and Bridges of latest edition.
- C. Where specified on the plans and drawings or for pipes 48" in diameter and larger, the contractor will install a concrete headwall in accordance with Ga. D.O.T. Standard Pipe Culvert Concrete Headwall Number 1001-B.

18.5.4 Concrete

- A. No concrete for headwalls, trap bottoms or tops will be poured unless a representative of the County Engineer is present.
- B. Any concrete poured without approval of the County Engineer will be rejected.

18.5.5 Structures

All structures will be visually inspected prior to acceptance for conformity with these specifications.

18.6 Finishing, Protection and Repairs

Finishing, protection and repair will be performed in accordance with Section 17.6 of these specifications.

18.7 Clean up and Finish Grading

Clean up and finish grading will be performed in accordance with Section 5.4 of these specifications.

18.8 Protection of Service Lines and Utilities

Protection of service lines and utilities will be performed in accordance with Section 1.11 of these specifications.

18.9 Restoration of Property

Restoration of property will be performed in accordance with Section 1.12 of these specifications.

18.10 Removal and Replacement of Existing Pipes and Equipment

Removal and replacement of existing pipes and equipment will be performed in accordance with Section 11.14 of these specifications.

18.11 Grassing

Grassing will be performed in accordance with Section 20 of these specifications.

18.12 Safety

Safety procedures will be performed in accordance with Section 12.16 of these specifications.

18.13 Measurement and Payment

Measurement and payment for storm sewer structures will be per each type

of structure listed in the Summary of quantities, complete, in place and accepted by the County Engineer. Said Payment will be considered full and just compensation for all materials, equipment, labor, excavation, backfill and anything required of any description for the satisfactory completion of the work described or called for by this section of the specifications not specifically noted as a pay item in the Summary of Quantities.