

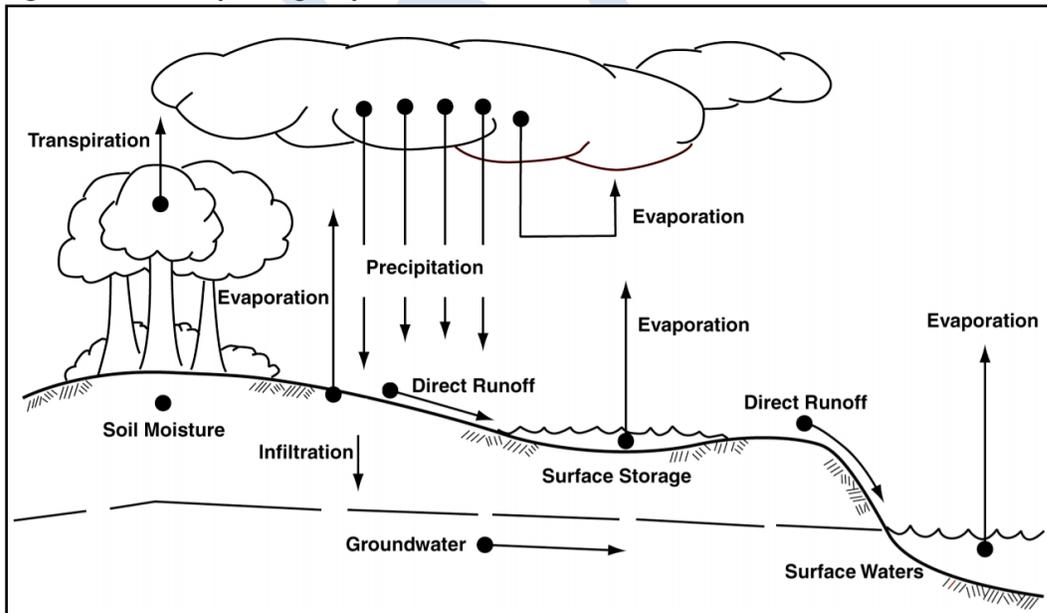
## 5. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT QUANTITY AND QUALITY STANDARDS AND COMPUTATIONS

This chapter discusses the fundamentals of computing stormwater runoff rates and volumes from rainfall using various mathematical methods. To do so effectively, the chapter also describes the fundamentals of the rainfall-runoff process that these methods attempt to simulate. Guidance is also provided in the use of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) method, the Rational Method and the Modified Rational Method that are specifically required by the NJDEP Stormwater Management rules at N.J.A.C. 7:8 *et seq.*

### Fundamentals of Stormwater Runoff

In general, stormwater runoff can be described as a by-product of the interaction of rainfall with the land. This interaction is one of several processes that the earth's water may go through as it continually cycles between the land and the atmosphere. This cyclical process is scientifically known as the *hydrologic cycle*. Stormwater runoff is only one of many forms water may take. Figure 5-1 below depicts the primary forms that water can take during the hydrologic cycle and the various processes that produce these forms. In addition to runoff, these processes include precipitation, evaporation from surfaces or the atmosphere, evapotranspiration by plants and infiltration into the soil and or groundwater. As such, water that precipitates as rainfall can wind up, or at least spend time, on ground or plant surfaces, in the atmosphere, within the various soil layers or in waterways and water bodies.

Figure 5-1: The Hydrologic Cycle



Source: Fundamentals of Urban Runoff Management.

The physical processes that convert rainfall to runoff are both complex and highly variable. As such, these processes cannot be replicated mathematically with exact certainty. However, by making simplifying assumptions and using empirical data, there are several mathematical models and equations that can simulate these processes and predict resultant runoff volumes and rates with acceptable accuracy. Before any of the computation methods can be discussed, it is necessary to include a brief glossary of the terms that will be used throughout this chapter.

*Time of concentration* – As defined in N.J.A.C. 7:8-2.4(g)4, time of concentration is the time it takes for runoff to travel from the hydraulically most distant point of the drainage area to the point of interest within a watershed.

*Hydrograph* – In the context of a stormwater runoff analysis, the graph depicting the flow rate of runoff versus the time passed at a specific point of analysis is a hydrograph. A hydrograph can provide much information about stormwater runoff, including the time of concentration, the time at which peak flow occurs, the peak flow rate and the volume of runoff generated.

In general, all runoff computation methods are mathematical expressions attempting to replicate the hydrologic cycle. However, most transform its cyclical character to a linear one, treating a rainfall event as an individual input and producing runoff as a singular output. Many hydrological models have been developed to compute the flow rate or volume of the runoff from an individual event. However, the Stormwater Management rules at N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.7 allow only the following three modeling methodologies to be used:

1. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) methodology, including the NRCS Runoff Equation and Dimensionless Unit Hydrograph as described in Chapters 7, 9, 10, 15 and 16, *Part 630 Hydrology, National Engineering Handbook*, may be used for the computation of runoff volume, peak flow rate of runoff and hydrograph of runoff resulting from specific precipitation depths. This methodology is additionally described in *Technical Release 55--Urban Hydrology for Small Watersheds* (TR-55), dated June 1986. Information regarding the methodology is available from the Natural Resources Conservation Service website at:

[https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb1044171.pdf](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb1044171.pdf) or

at United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, 220 Davison Avenue, Somerset, New Jersey 08873.

2. The Rational Method may be used for the computation of peak flow rate under specific rainfall intensity.
3. The Modified Rational Method may be used for hydrograph computations, which can be further utilized for the computation of runoff volume for a specific rainfall intensity and the required storage volume of a detention BMP. The rational and modified rational methods are described in "Appendix A-9 Modified Rational Method" in the *Standards for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control in New Jersey*, July 1999, as amended and supplemented. This document is available from the State Soil Conservation Committee or any of the Soil Conservation Districts listed at N.J.A.C. 2:90-1.3(a)4. The document is also available online at:

<http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/anr/pdf/2014NJSoilErosionControlStandardsComplete.pdf>.

## Predicting Storm Events

Even though precipitation events are, by nature, random in their duration and rainfall depths, historical data shows that large storm events occur less frequently than small storm events. No one can predict exactly when a certain size storm event will occur. However, through a frequency analysis of rainfall depths and intensities from past precipitation events, one can determine the likelihood of a storm occurrence using probability analysis.

The rainfall depth and intensity of past precipitation events are sorted into a probability distribution that gives the likelihood of the occurrence of different sized events.

- For example, a storm event producing a rainfall depth of 3.5 inches or greater has about a 50% chance of happening in a given year whereas a storm event with a rainfall depth of 8.5 inches or greater that has only a 1% chance of occurring in the same given year.

The probability of the occurrence of a certain size of storm event can be alternatively expressed as a recurrence interval, which is the inverse of the probability.

- For example, the recurrence interval of a rainfall event that has a 50% chance of occurrence in a given year is expressed as the 2-year ( $= 100 \div 50$ ) recurrence interval, which is also known as the 2-year storm.
- For a storm event with a 1% chance of occurrence, it has a 100-year ( $= 100 \div 1$ ) recurrence interval and is referred to as the 100-year storm.

Referring to a precipitation event as the “X-year storm” does not mean that this storm can only happen once every X years. Nor does it mean that a larger storm event cannot also occur that year. The table below lists the probability of a particular occurrence and its corresponding chance of occurring, expressed as a percentage, in any given year.

Recurrence Intervals and Probabilities of Occurrences		
Recurrence Interval, in years	Probability of Occurrence in any Given Year	Percent Chance of Occurrence in any Given Year
100	1 in 100	1
50	1 in 50	2
25	1 in 25	4
10	1 in 10	10
5	1 in 5	20
2	1 in 2	50

Another aspect of the frequency analysis is the duration of rainfall events. The frequency analysis may use the rainfall depths observed in events having various durations of precipitation, such as 1 hour, 6 hours, 24 hours or even 3 days.

There are many organizations that collect and publish hydrological data, such as National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Weather Service (NWS). NOAA's NWS publishes and updates hydrological data and frequency analysis of rainfall depth and intensity constantly, under normal operating conditions. The National Engineering Handbook (NEH) produced by the NRCS uses NWS data due to its availability and lengths of record. Therefore, in this chapter, NWS data is referenced in the calculations involving the rainfall depths and intensities for the 2-, 10- and 100-year storm events. A more detailed discussion of using NWS data is found beginning on Page 12.

## Regulatory Requirements of the Stormwater Management Rules

The Stormwater Management rules set forth stormwater runoff quantity, stormwater runoff quality and groundwater recharge standards for stormwater runoff generated by major developments as defined in N.J.A.C. 7:8-1.2. These projects must demonstrate compliance with those standards, as follows.

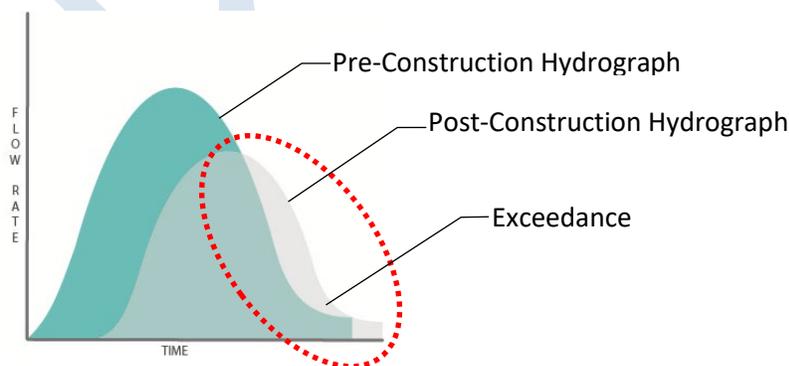
### Stormwater Runoff Quantity Control Design and Performance Standards

In order to control stormwater runoff quantity impacts, the design engineer shall use the assumptions and factors for stormwater runoff calculations at N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.7(a). Unless the project meets N.J.A.C. 4.6(a)3.ix, 5.2(d) or 5.6(b)4, the design engineer must demonstrate the compliance of the quantity standards in one of the three options in N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)1 to 3:

- i. *Demonstrate through hydrologic and hydraulic analysis that for stormwater leaving the site, post-construction runoff hydrographs for the two-, 10- and 100-year storm events do not exceed, at any point in time, the pre-construction runoff hydrographs for the same storm events.*

Below and on the next page are two illustrations demonstrating compliance and noncompliance with the requirement under N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)1:

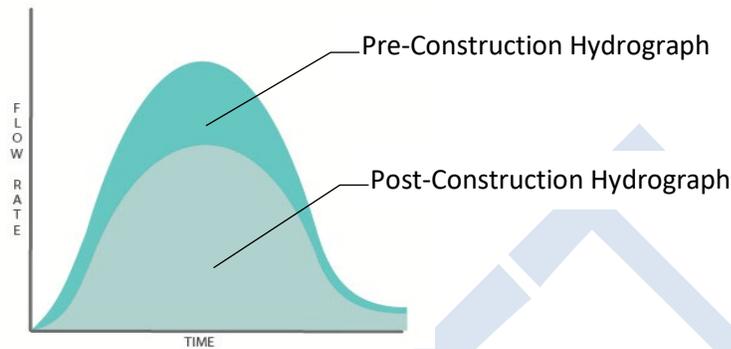
**Figure 5-2: Post-Construction Hydrograph Exceeds the Pre-construction Hydrograph**



In the preceding graphic, the peak of the post-construction hydrograph, shown in grey, is lower than the peak of the pre-construction hydrograph, shown in teal, and some points of the post-

construction hydrograph lie outside the pre-construction hydrograph, shown within the dashed oval area; therefore, the post-construction hydrograph does not meet the requirements set forth at N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)1.

**Figure 5-3: Post-Construction Hydrograph does not Exceed the Pre-construction Hydrograph at any Point**



In the above graphic, the post-construction hydrograph meets the aforementioned requirement since every point of the post-construction hydrograph is under the pre-construction hydrograph.

It is important to note that the area under the hydrograph represents the volume of the stormwater runoff. In order to comply with this option for meeting the stormwater runoff quantity standards, the post-construction runoff volume must be equal to or lower than the pre-construction runoff volume. Otherwise, the post-construction hydrograph will exceed the pre-construction hydrograph at some point.

- ii. *Demonstrate through hydrologic and hydraulic analysis that there is no increase, as compared to the pre-construction condition, in the peak runoff rates of stormwater leaving the site for the two-, 10- and 100-year storm events and that the increased volume or change in timing of stormwater runoff will not increase flood damage at or downstream of the site. This analysis shall include the analysis of impacts of existing land uses and projected land uses assuming full development under existing zoning and land use ordinances in the drainage area.*

This demonstration requires the following calculations and demonstrations be provided, at a minimum:

- Calculation of pre- and post-construction conditions for the 2-, 10- and 100-year storms, where post-construction peak flow rates leaving the site must not be higher than the pre-construction peak flow rates leaving the site.
- A hydrologic and hydraulic analysis of the receiving waterbody, which demonstrates that the increased volume of stormwater runoff and/or change in timing from pre- to post-construction conditions for the 2-, 10- and 100-year storms does not result in increased flood damage at or downstream of the project.
- A full set of hydrologic and hydraulic calculations with pre-construction conditions and post-construction conditions with the project calculations based on the existing land uses.

- A full set of hydrologic and hydraulic calculations with pre-construction conditions and post-construction conditions with the project calculations based on the assumption of full development in the drainage area allowed by existing zoning and land use ordinances.
- iii. *Design stormwater management measures so that the post-construction peak runoff rates for the two-, 10- and 100-year storm events are 50, 75 and 80 percent, respectively, of the pre-construction peak runoff rates. The percentages apply only to the post-construction stormwater runoff that is attributable to the portion of the site on which the proposed development or project is to be constructed.*

Under the third option, the design engineer may use stormwater management measures, either nonstructural and/or structural, to control the post-construction peak flow rates to be 50, 75 and 80 percent of the pre-construction peak flow rates for the 2-, 10- and 100-year storms, respectively.

The methodologies allowed under N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.7 are discussed in the section which begins on Page 9.

### **Applicability of Stormwater Runoff Quantity Control Standards**

- For municipal review under the requirements of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permits, the threshold under which a project is considered to meet the definition of major development is dependent upon each municipality's adopted stormwater management ordinances(s). According to N.J.A.C. 7:8-4.2(a), major development reviewed under Municipal Stormwater Control Ordinances is limited to projects that ultimately disturb one or more acres of land. However, municipal ordinances can be more stringent than the requirements of the Stormwater Management rules, but cannot be less restrictive. The Residential Site Improvement Standards (RSIS), under N.J.A.C. 5:21 *et seq.*, allow municipalities to require stormwater runoff controls for development falling below the major development threshold to address groundwater recharge and stormwater runoff quantity control, but not for stormwater runoff water quality control.
- In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)4, *in tidal flood hazard areas, stormwater runoff water quantity analysis in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)1, 2 and 3 is required unless the design engineer demonstrates through hydrologic and hydraulic analysis that the increased volume, change in timing, or increased rate of the stormwater runoff, or any combination of the three will not result in additional flood damage below the point of discharge of the major development.* This provision, however, does not provide a blanket exemption from having to provide stormwater quantity control requirements for the sites located in the tidal flood hazard area. It, instead, requires a demonstration that there are no increases in flood damages below the point of discharge by the increased volume of stormwater runoff before the quantity control requirement stated in N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)1, 2 and 3 can be waived.
  - For example, when a site located in a tidal flood hazard area discharges stormwater runoff directly into a bay, there is no increase of the water level or flood damage below the point of discharge. Therefore, the project is not required to meet the stormwater quantity control requirement.
  - However, if a site located in a tidal flood hazard area will discharge the runoff so that it flows over or past a neighboring property before reaching the tidal water, the stormwater runoff from the

site could increase flood damages to the neighboring property. This project will be required to meet the quantity control requirement.

- Similarly, if the stormwater runoff from a site will discharge to a storm sewer or other conveyance, meaning it will flow past or through other properties before reaching the tidal water, the stormwater discharge could increase flood damages below the point of discharge. Under such circumstances, the stormwater runoff quantity control requirement must be satisfied.

The demonstration analysis is not required when the stormwater is discharged directly into any ocean, bay, inlet or the reach of any watercourse between its confluence with an ocean, bay or inlet and downstream of the first water control structure.

- Stormwater runoff from agricultural development meeting the definition of major development must meet the performance standards established in these rules. Development on agricultural land means: any activity that requires a State permit, any activity reviewed by the County Agricultural Boards (CAB) and/or the State Agricultural Development Committee (SADC) and any activity that requires municipal review that is not exempted by the Right to Farm Act, N.J.S.A. 4:1C-1 *et seq.* This does not conflict with the Right to Farm Act, which recognizes the State's continuing authority to regulate agricultural development at N.J.S.A. 4:1C-9.
- “Disturbance” means the placement or reconstruction of impervious surface or motor vehicle surface, or exposure and/or movement of soil or bedrock or clearing, cutting, or removing of vegetation. Milling and repaving is not considered disturbance for the purposes of this definition. Milling and/or repaving of an existing impervious surface that will not expose or move soil or bedrock beneath the existing surface do/does not count as disturbance or redevelopment and do/does not trigger the Stormwater Management rules, provided there are no changes to the existing stormwater drainage system. The reconstruction of these areas, however, does constitute disturbance.
- N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(c) requires that the *stormwater runoff quantity standards shall be applied at the site’s boundary to each abutting lot, roadway, watercourse or receiving storm sewer system.* Stormwater quantity control requirements are applicable to each discharge point leaving the boundary of the development site separately unless the stormwater runoff generated by different areas within the site converge into one discharge point before leaving the development site.

## Conditions Regarding the Use of Exfiltration in Stormwater Runoff Routing Computations

Exfiltration can be used in the design of a small-scale green infrastructure BMP that infiltrates stormwater runoff into the subsoil subject to the requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.4. Exfiltration, meaning discharge of runoff into the subsoil, may be included in stormwater runoff routing computations under certain conditions, as outlined below.

1. All soil testing must be fully compliant with *Chapter 12: Soil Testing Criteria* of this manual.
2. **Pre-treatment**, in the form of a forebay or any of the other BMPs found in the BMP Manual, **must be incorporated into the BMP design.**

3. Exfiltration cannot be used in any BMP designed with an underdrain system, regardless of whether the underdrained system is used as an emergency or as an alternative drainage method. Note that underdrains used for emergency or alternative drainage are not consistent within the designs in this Manual. These would need to be approved as an alternative stormwater management measure pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.2(g).
4. Exfiltration of the **entire** volume of stormwater runoff generated by any storm other than the Water Quality Design Storm is prohibited except when:
  - a. the system is designed to infiltrate the difference in volumes produced by the pre- and post-development condition for the 2-year design storm with exfiltration included in the routing calculations for the purpose of meeting the groundwater recharge requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.4,
  - b. existing site conditions are such that no runoff leaves the site for the pre-construction condition scenario, thereby constraining the design to infiltrate 100% of the volume produced by the post-construction condition for the same design storm or
  - c. the volume of stormwater runoff to be fully infiltrated is required by law or rule implemented the Pinelands Commission, Highlands Council, or any other stormwater review agency with jurisdiction over the project.
5. The analysis of groundwater hydrology and the hydraulic impact due to the exfiltration, required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.2(h), must be conducted in conjunction with the design using exfiltration. The design soil permeability rate, also known as the design vertical hydraulic conductivity, of the most hydraulically restrictive soil horizon below an infiltration type BMP may be used as the exfiltration rate in the routing calculations only when the soil is tested strictly in accordance with *Chapter 12*. This analysis must be performed using the method outlined in *Chapter 13: Groundwater Table Hydraulic Impact Assessments for Infiltration BMPs*.
6. The runoff volume discarded as exfiltration and the design vertical hydraulic conductivity of the most hydraulically restrictive soil horizon below an infiltration BMP must be used to calculate the duration of infiltration period in the groundwater mounding analysis. An adverse impact may be caused by exfiltration if the resulting groundwater mounding reaches the bottom of the BMP or if the temporary localized increase in the water table encroaches upon a building or another structure, including any septic systems. If an adverse impact is concluded from the groundwater mounding analysis, the rate of exfiltration must be reduced to avoid the adverse impact. The reduced exfiltration rate must also be used to re-run the routing calculation(s) to check the peak flow rate(s) produced for the respective design storm(s) through the proposed outlet structure of the infiltration BMP used to meet the Stormwater Runoff Quantity Standards. When an adverse impact is the result, further modifications to the size of the infiltration area of the BMP or reductions in the exfiltration rate must be performed until the adverse impacts are eliminated. If adverse impacts cannot be avoided, the infiltration BMP cannot be used.

For additional information on performing the groundwater mounding analysis, see *Chapter 13: Groundwater Table Hydraulic Impact Assessments for Infiltration BMPs* of this manual.

Example 5-8, which begins on Page 56, illustrates the methodology to be used.

## Stormwater Runoff Computation Methods

As stated above, for the purposes of managing potential flooding, stormwater runoff quantity and quality, plus groundwater recharge, issues, it is essential to calculate the volume and peak flow of the stormwater runoff produced by a storm event. N.J.A.C 7:8-5.7 states the following methods are the only methods acceptable for use in the computation of stormwater runoff:

1. The U.S. Department of Agriculture NRCS methodology and
2. The Rational Method for peak flow along with the Modified Rational Method for hydrograph computations.

The selection of an appropriate method depends upon the limitation(s) of the method under consideration:

- The Rational Method can be used to produce estimates of peak runoff rates, but it cannot provide total stormwater runoff volumes nor produce hydrographs.
- The Modified Rational Method can be used for the calculation of runoff volume.
- The NRCS method can provide total stormwater runoff volume, the peak flow rate and produce hydrographs. Under the NRCS method, different synthetic rainfall distributions and unit hydrographs can be applied to produce the stormwater runoff hydrograph in accordance with geographical differences that may affect the rainfall pattern in each storm event and the runoff pattern in a region, depending on whether the topographic slope is steep or flat. Further discussion of rainfall distributions and unit hydrographs are found beginning on Page 17.

Limitations on the size of the drainage area must also be taken into consideration:

- The Rational Method can be used in drainage areas measuring 20 acres or less. When a drainage area is larger than 20 acres, the drainage area needs to be divided into smaller sub-drainage areas. The Rational Method is then applied to each sub-drainage area. Peak flow rates in each sub-drainage area are combined in consideration of the time of concentration for each drainage area.
- The NRCS method can be used in a drainage area larger than 20 acres, but the area is still subject to the N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.7(a)4 requirement that the relative stormwater runoff rates and/or volumes of pervious and impervious surfaces be separately considered to accurately compute the rates and volume of stormwater runoff from the drainage area.

**A table is provided on Page 81 summarizing the applicability of the methods discussed in this chapter and how the methods are to be used.**

## NRCS Methodology

The NRCS methodology is perhaps the most widely used method for computing stormwater runoff rates, volumes and hydrographs. It uses both a hypothetical design storm and an empirical nonlinear runoff equation to compute runoff volumes and as well as a dimensionless unit hydrograph to convert the volumes into runoff hydrographs. The methodology is particularly useful for comparing pre- and post-development peak rates, volumes and hydrographs. The key component of the NRCS runoff equation is the NRCS Curve Number (CN), which is based on soil permeability, surface cover, hydrologic condition and antecedent moisture. Watershed or drainage area time of concentration is the key component of the dimensionless “unit hydrograph,” which is defined as a discharge hydrograph resulting from one inch of direct runoff distributed uniformly over the watershed resulting from a rainfall of a specified duration.

Several runoff computation methods rely on the overall NRCS methodology. The most commonly used are the June 1986 *Technical Release 55 – Urban Hydrology for Small Watersheds (TR-55)*, the April 2002 WinTR- 55 – Small Watershed Hydrology computer program and *Technical Release 20 – Computer Program for Project Formulation: Hydrology (TR-20)* published by the NRCS. The computer programs HEC-1 Flood Hydrograph Package and HEC-HMS Hydrologic Modeling System published by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Hydrologic Engineering Center also contain components of the NRCS methodology. A complete description of the NRCS methodology can be found in the *NRCS National Engineering Handbook*, Part 630 -Hydrology (NEH), available at:

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detailfull/national/water/?cid=stelprdb1043063>.

### Information Required for the NRCS Methodology

The index on the following page lists of all the information required in order to use the NRCS methodology of computing stormwater runoff. Examples are provided and begin on Page 33.

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- 1. Hydrologic Soil Group of the drainage area soil:** Under the NRCS classification, soils are classified into hydrologic soil groups (HSGs) to indicate the minimum rate of infiltration obtained for bare soil after prolonged wetting. The HSGs, which have the designations A, B, C and D, are arranged from highest to lowest in order of soil permeability, or infiltration rate, which is the rate at which water enters the soil at the soil surface. Infiltration is controlled by the surface condition. HSG also indicates the transmission rate—the rate which the water moves within the soil.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Soil Surveys by county or the soil survey data from USDA’s Soil Survey website can be used in the preliminary or conceptual design. Currently, the information regarding the location of the HSGs present at a location, and the specific soil properties, is available online at:

<https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/HomePage.htm>.

However, during the design process, if soil boring samples and/or field tests of permeability show that the soil of the site has a different HSG soil than the information obtained from the USDA soil survey, the calculation of stormwater runoff and groundwater recharge must be adjusted to the HSG

designation obtained from field soil testing. Soil Permeability Testing requirements and procedures can be found in *Chapter 12* of this manual.

2. **Sub-drainage areas:** Each sub-drainage area having different flow patterns and drainage points by which stormwater runoff leaves the sub-drainage area, must be individually identified, and the hydrological analysis of each sub-drainage area must be individually performed. When a site consists of impervious areas and pervious areas, the impervious areas and pervious areas must be separated into sub-different drainage areas in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.7. Some hydrologic modeling software packages may allow the user to calculate the runoff separately from impervious surfaces and pervious surfaces that exist in one drainage area. **However, the design engineer may only use this modeling option if the impervious area time of concentration is the same as the pervious area time of concentration.**
3. **Land cover:** The types of vegetation present, the density of the vegetation, the types of development and the percentage of impervious cover are all characteristics that factor into the CN value. For the pre-development condition, the presumed state is wooded land use in good hydrologic condition unless it is proven otherwise as set forth in the N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6. Take note that the cover types for streets and roads, urban districts and residential districts by average lot size in the *TR-55* manual are intended for modeling large watershed on an area-wide scale. They are not intended for use in modeling runoff from individual development sites. For runoff from individual sites involving a directly connected or unconnected impervious surface, it may be necessary to compute runoff from the impervious surface separately from any pervious surfaces.

**For a site that has more than one land cover existing on the site during the five years immediately prior to the time of application, the land cover with the lowest runoff potential must be used for the computations,** as specified at N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.7(a)2. For example, if a site had an existing asphalt paved parking lot removed in 2012 and vegetation was established after the removal of the pavement, the application for stormwater management approval in 2015 cannot claim the removed asphalt parking lot as an impervious surface on the site since the surface with the lowest runoff potential is the vegetation that was established prior to the time of the application.

4. **Rainfall depth for the stormwater runoff quantity control design storms:** Rainfall depth is an essential parameter in the calculation of stormwater runoff volumes and peak flows when using the NRCS methodology. Two sources of data are available. Both sources must be obtained and compared, and whichever values are greater must be used, as follows:
  - a. Rainfall depth for a specific location from the New Jersey 24-hour Rainfall Frequency Data for a specific county, as provided in either Table 5-1 found on the following page or by following this link:

[https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/nrcs141p2\\_018235.pdf](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/nrcs141p2_018235.pdf).

**Table 5-1: County-Specific, New Jersey 24-Hour Rainfall Frequency Data**

<b>NEW JERSEY 24 HOUR RAINFALL FREQUENCY DATA</b>							
Rainfall amounts in Inches							
County	1 year	2 year	5 year	10 year	25 year	50 year	100 year
Atlantic	2.72	3.31	4.30	5.16	6.46	7.61	8.90
Bergen	2.75	3.34	4.27	5.07	6.28	7.32	8.47
Burlington	2.77	3.36	4.34	5.18	6.45	7.56	8.81
Camden	2.73	3.31	4.25	5.06	6.28	7.34	8.52
Cape May	2.67	3.25	4.22	5.07	6.34	7.47	8.73
Cumberland	2.69	3.27	4.25	5.09	6.37	7.49	8.76
Essex	2.85	3.44	4.40	5.22	6.44	7.49	8.66
Gloucester	2.71	3.29	4.24	5.05	6.29	7.36	8.55
Hudson	2.73	3.31	4.23	5.02	6.19	7.20	8.31
Hunterdon	2.80	3.38	4.26	5.00	6.09	7.02	8.03
Mercer	2.74	3.31	4.23	5.01	6.19	7.20	8.33
Middlesex	2.76	3.35	4.30	5.12	6.36	7.43	8.63
Monmouth	2.79	3.38	4.38	5.23	6.53	7.66	8.94
Morris	2.94	3.54	4.47	5.24	6.37	7.32	8.35
Ocean	2.81	3.42	4.45	5.33	6.68	7.87	9.20
Passaic	2.87	3.47	4.42	5.23	6.43	7.47	8.62
Salem	2.69	3.26	4.20	5.00	6.22	7.28	8.45
Somerset	2.76	3.34	4.25	5.01	6.15	7.13	8.21
Sussex	2.68	3.22	4.02	4.70	5.72	6.60	7.58
Union	2.80	3.39	4.35	5.17	6.42	7.49	8.69
Warren	2.78	3.34	4.18	4.89	5.93	6.83	7.82

Notes: The average point rainfall amounts listed above were developed from data contained in NOAA Atlas 14 Volume 2.

Point rainfall estimates for specific locations may be obtained from the Precipitation Frequency Data Server located at <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/ohd/hdsc/>

For most hydrologic design procedures, the rainfall amounts listed above may be rounded to the nearest tenth of an inch.

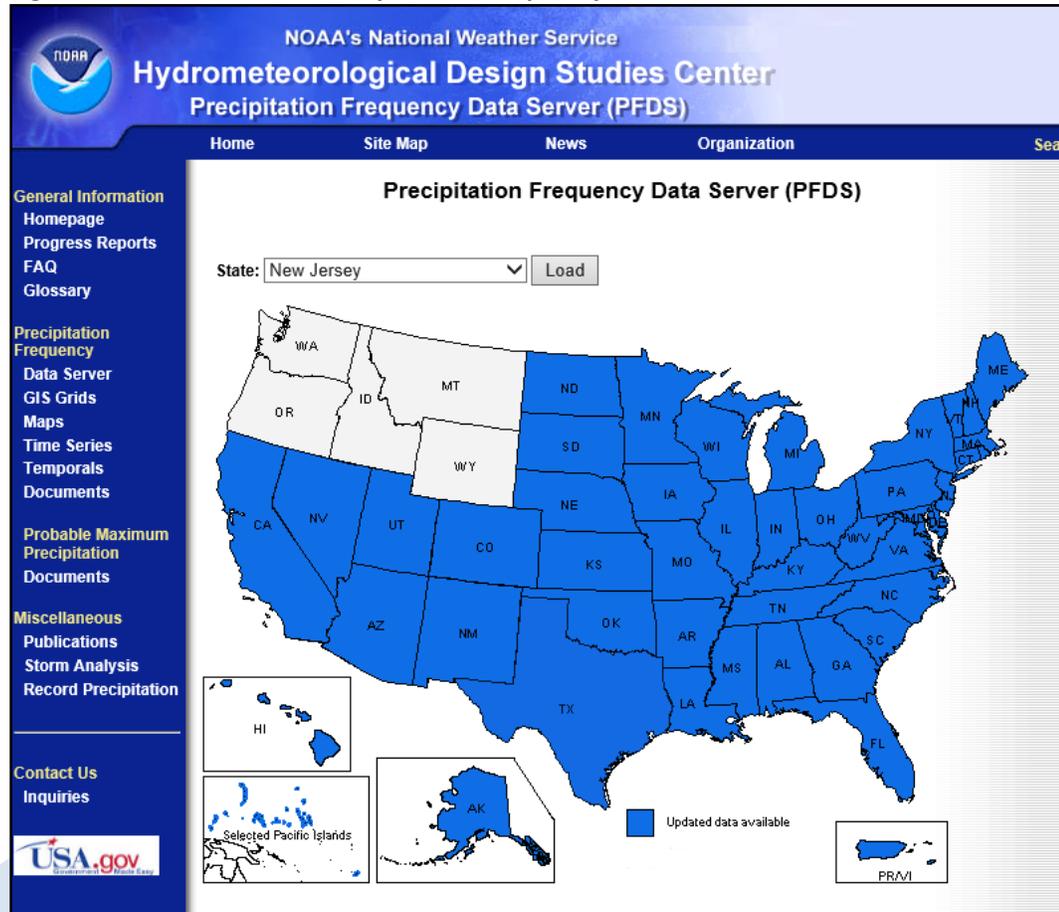
- b. Rainfall data obtained from a nearby weather station, as provided by NOAA’s NWS, which is available online at: <https://hdsc.nws.noaa.gov/hdsc/pfds>.

On the following page is an example of using the link in b above to obtain rainfall depth data for a location in Trenton, NJ.

### How to Obtain Rainfall Depth Data from NOAA's NWS:

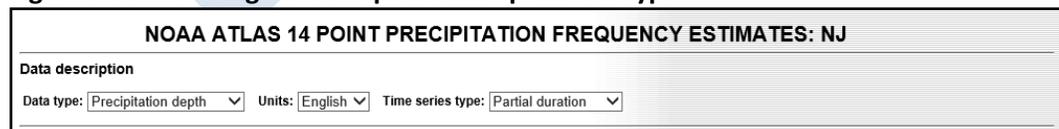
**Step 1:** Choose New Jersey from the drop-down list shown in the image below.

**Figure 5-4: NOAA's NWS Precipitation Frequency Data Server Website**



**Step 2:** In the Data description section of the next window that opens, from the Select Data Type dropdown menu, choose "Precipitation depth" rather than "Precipitation intensity," the latter of which is used more often for the Rational Method and is discussed beginning on Page 46. Then, for the Time series type, select "Partial duration" from that dropdown menu.

**Figure 5-5: Selecting the Precipitation Depth Data Type**



**Step 3:** In the Select location section, input the location information by one of four methods:

- latitude/longitude,
- station name,
- address or
- left click on the location on the interactive map.

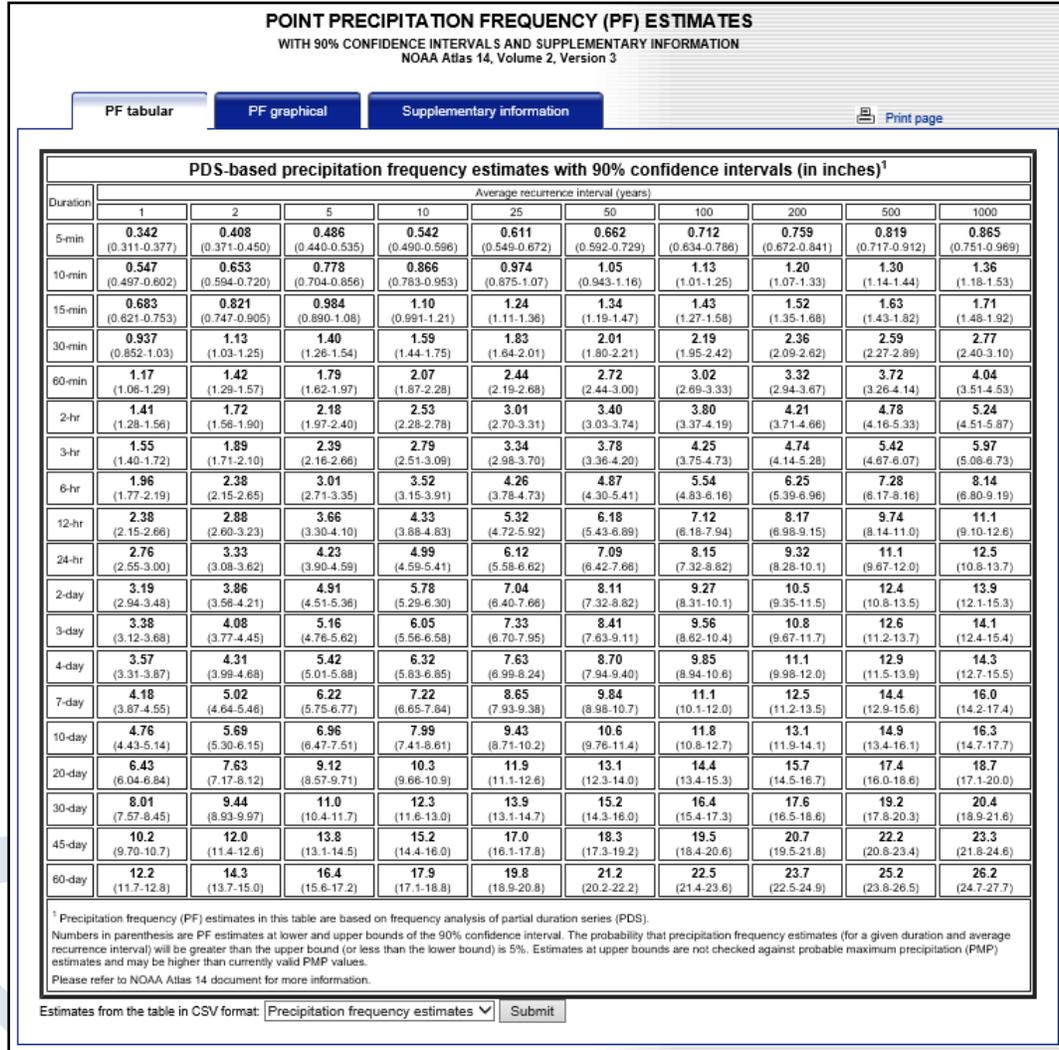
For this example, Trenton Station 2 was selected from the dropdown menu under 1.b):

**Figure 5-6: Manual Location Selection on the NOAA NWS PFDS Website**

The screenshot displays the 'Select location' interface on the NOAA NWS PFDS website. It is divided into two main sections: '1) Manually:' and '2) Use map:'.  
Section 1) Manually: includes three options:  
a) 'By location (decimal degrees, use "-" for S and W):' with input fields for Latitude and Longitude, and a 'Submit' button.  
b) 'By station (list of NJ stations):' with a dropdown menu showing 'TRENTON 2 (28-8878)' selected.  
c) 'By address' with a search input field and a magnifying glass icon.  
Section 2) Use map: includes a note about the ESRI interactive map and a link to <https://js.arcgis.com/>. Below this is an interactive map of the Northeastern United States with numerous green station icons. A red crosshair is positioned over the Trenton area. To the right of the map is a 'Location information' panel with the following details:  
Name: Trenton, New Jersey, USA\*  
Station name: TRENTON 2  
Site ID: 28-8878  
Latitude: 40.2333°  
Longitude: -74.7667°  
Elevation: 112 ft  
Footnotes: \* Source: ESRI Maps; \*\* Source: USGS

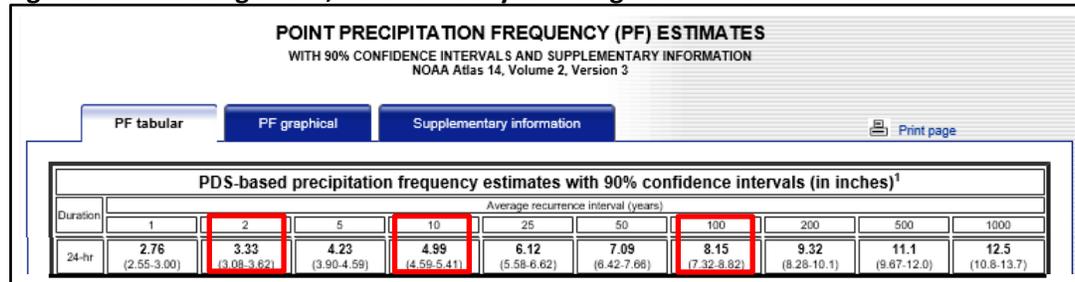
**Step 4:** Scroll down the page to the Point Precipitation Frequency (PF) Estimates section. Left click on the PF tabular option, if it does not appear on top of the other tabs, which will be highlighted in dark blue, as shown in the following image:

**Figure 5-7: Point Precipitation Frequency (PF) Estimates – Tabular Option**



The data needed is found in the row labeled “24-hr.” The values in the columns labeled “2,” “10” and “100” correspond to the rainfall depths generated by the 2-, 10- and 100-year design storms, respectively, for this weather station location, as outlined in red below.

**Figure 5-8: Locating the 2-, 10- and 100- year Design Storm Rainfall Data**



- 5. Rainfall distribution for the stormwater runoff quantity control design storms:** In addition to the rainfall depth, knowing how rain falls, during a storm event is important in calculating the peak flow rate of the stormwater runoff generated. Keep in mind that generally, a precipitation event typically begins with a lighter intensity of rain falling, followed by a period during which rain falls at a higher intensity before gently tapering off. To achieve the goal of mimicking natural events, NRCS developed rainfall distributions from historical records from the different regions of the country. These rainfall distributions are based upon the assumption that the rain distribution is bell-shaped, meaning it has less rainfall in the beginning and at the end of the rain event. NRCS rainfall distributions are grouped into four types according to the applicable regions or geographic situations. Types I and IA represent the Pacific maritime climate with wet winters and dry summers. Type II represents the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic coastal areas where tropical storms bring large 24-hour rainfall amounts. Type III represents the rest of the country, which includes New Jersey. NRCS rainfall distributions have durations of 24-, 18-, 12- or 6-hours:

On September 10, 2012, NCRS issued a note, NEW JERSEY BULLETIN NO. NJ210-12-1, stating that:

Based on updated rainfall data from NOAA, NRCS has developed new storm distributions for use with EFH-2 and WinTR-55. New Jersey has two new rainfall distribution regions: Region C covering the counties of Sussex, Warren, Hunterdon, Somerset, Mercer, Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Atlantic, Salem, Cumberland, and Cape May; and Region D covering Bergen, Hudson, Essex, Passaic, Morris, Union, Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean. The new rainfall distributions replace use of the TYPE III distribution in New Jersey. The 24-hour rainfall-frequency data has been updated as well with only minor variations for some of the counties.

BULLETIN NO. NJ210-12-1 also states:

‘WinTR-55 users: “Storm distribution and unit hydrograph are separate inputs in the software. Distribution NOAA\_C and NOAA\_D apply to Region C and Region D, respectively. ‘

As stated above, designing BMPs to meet the stormwater runoff quantity control standards, NOAA\_C and NOAA\_D rainfall distributions must be used in accordance to Region C and Region D, respectively.

The location of Regions C and D are shown in Figure 5-9. NOAA\_C and NOAA\_D rainfall distributions, in graphic and tabular forms derived from NOAA data, are shown in Figures 5-10 and 5-11 and Tables 5-2 and 5-3. Rainfall Distributions NOAA\_C and NOAA\_D are also available online at:

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/nj/technical/engineering/>.

Figure 5-9: NJ Locations of Regions C and D

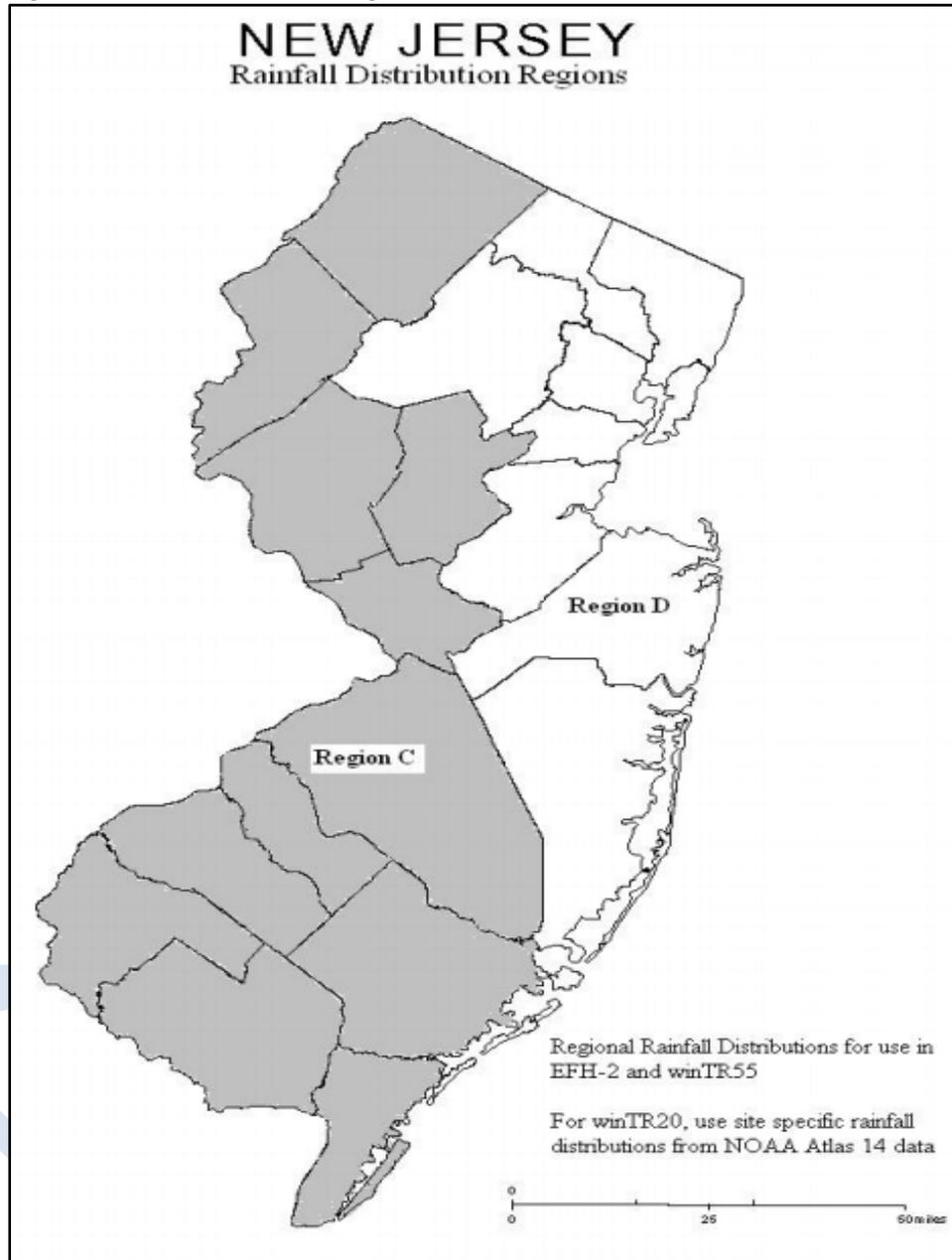


Figure 5-10: Rainfall Depths Produced by Regions C and D Rainfall Distributions

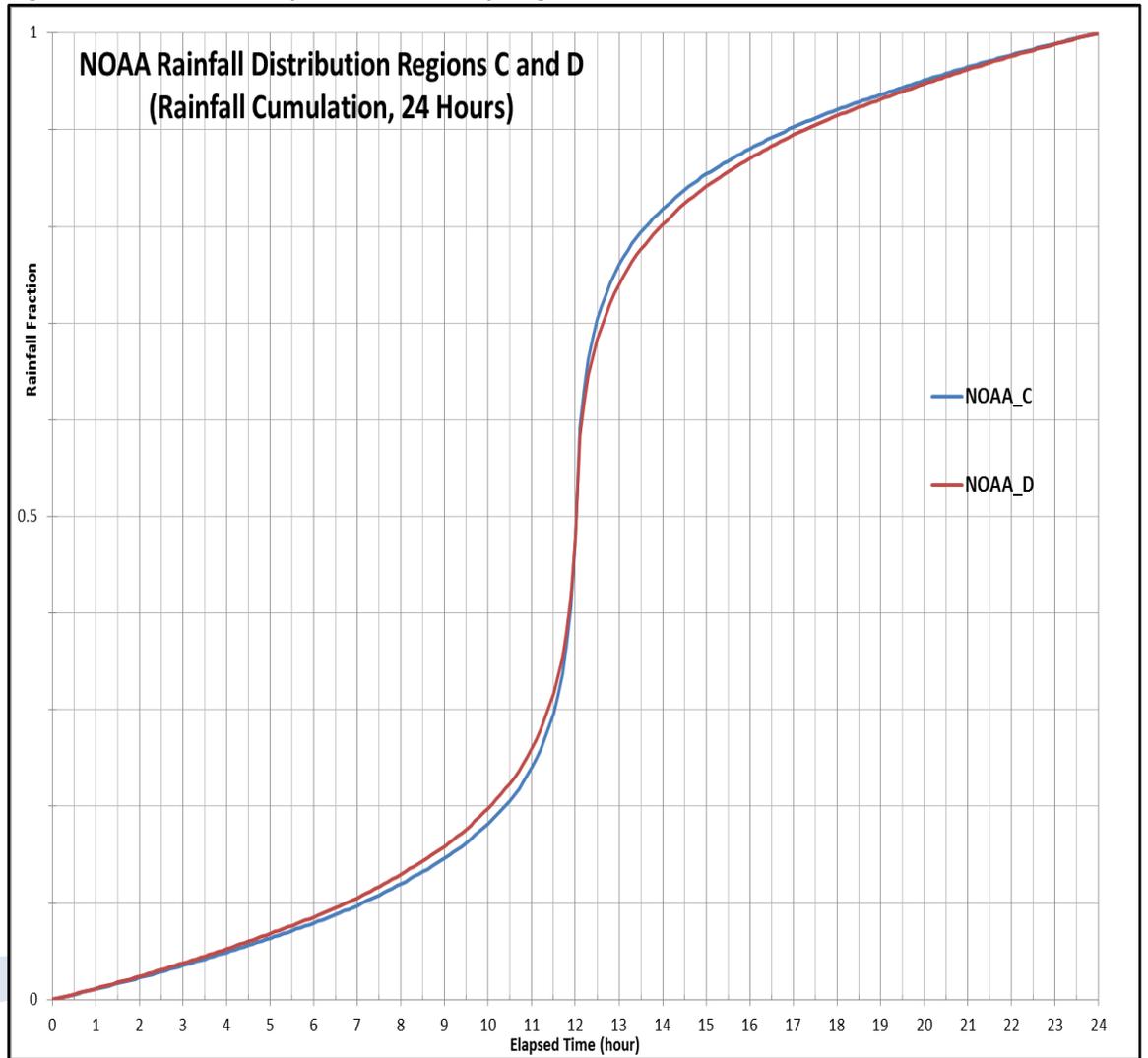


Figure 5-11: Rainfall Intensity for C and D Rainfall Distributions

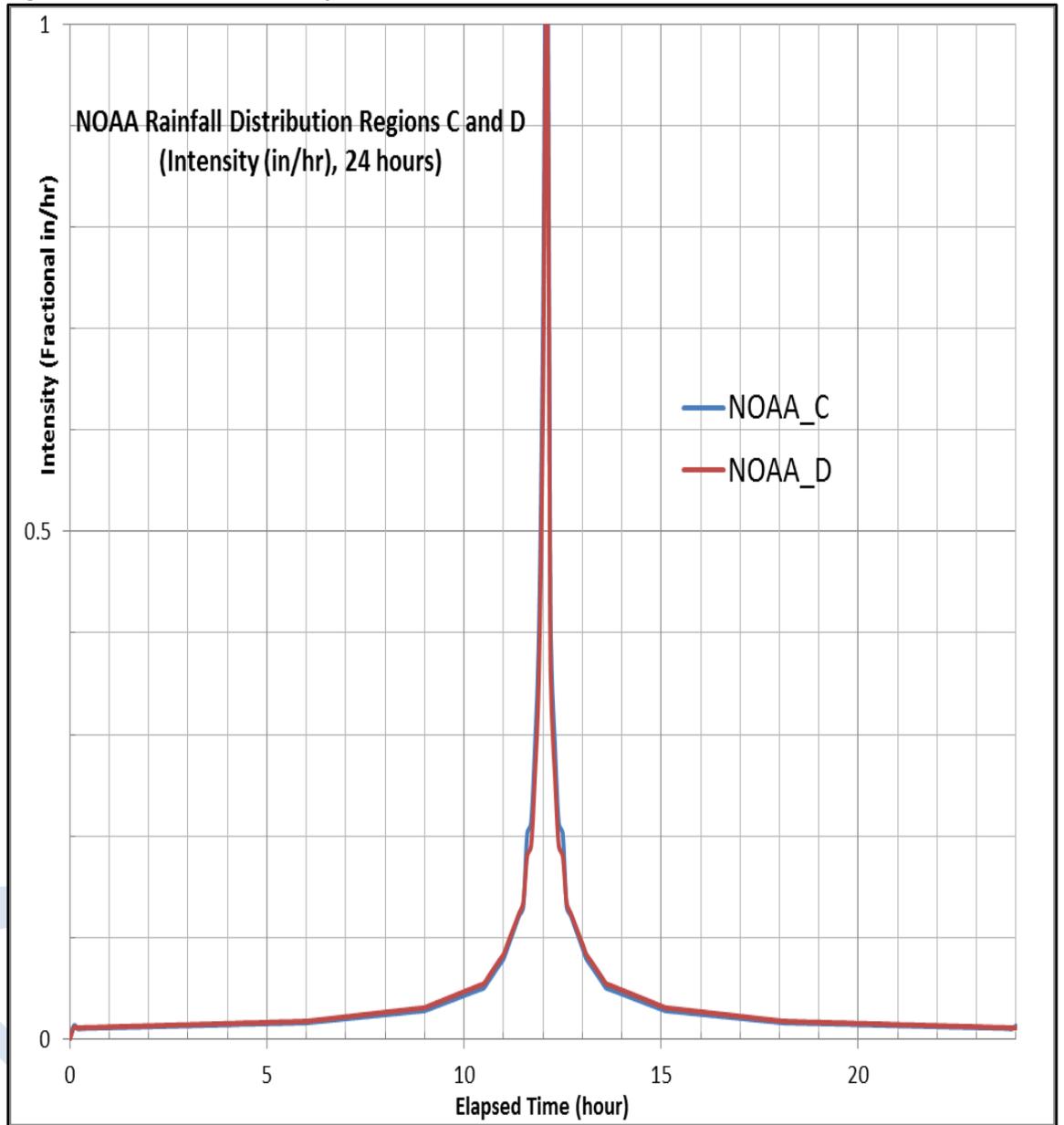


Table 5-2: NRCS NOAA\_C and NOAA\_D Rainfall Distribution by Rainfall Depth

Time (hours)	NOAA_C (Fractional Depth)	NOAA_C (Fractional Depth)	Time (hours)	NOAA_C (Fractional Depth)	NOAA_C (Fractional Depth)	Time (hours)	NOAA_C (Fractional Depth)	NOAA_C (Fractional Depth)	Time (hours)	NOAA_C (Fractional Depth)	NOAA_C (Fractional Depth)
0.1	0.00128	0.0011	6.1	0.0809	0.08717	12.1	0.59331	0.58346	18.1	0.92236	0.91638
0.2	0.00231	0.0022	6.2	0.08259	0.08901	12.2	0.63382	0.61972	18.2	0.92396	0.91812
0.3	0.00335	0.00332	6.3	0.08432	0.0909	12.3	0.663	0.64585	18.3	0.92555	0.91985
0.4	0.00441	0.00445	6.4	0.08609	0.09283	12.4	0.68428	0.6649	18.4	0.92713	0.92157
0.5	0.00547	0.00559	6.5	0.0879	0.0948	12.5	0.7045	0.683	18.5	0.9287	0.92327
0.6	0.00654	0.00674	6.6	0.08975	0.09682	12.6	0.71755	0.69644	18.6	0.93026	0.92497
0.7	0.00763	0.0079	6.7	0.09164	0.09888	12.7	0.72978	0.70887	18.7	0.93181	0.92665
0.8	0.00872	0.00907	6.8	0.09356	0.10099	12.8	0.74093	0.72028	18.8	0.93335	0.92833
0.9	0.00982	0.01025	6.9	0.09553	0.10314	12.9	0.75101	0.73067	18.9	0.93488	0.92999
1	0.01093	0.01145	7	0.09754	0.10534	13	0.76001	0.74005	19	0.9364	0.93164
1.1	0.01206	0.01265	7.1	0.09959	0.10758	13.1	0.76794	0.7484	19.1	0.93791	0.93328
1.2	0.01319	0.01387	7.2	0.10168	0.10987	13.2	0.77529	0.75618	19.2	0.93941	0.93491
1.3	0.01433	0.0151	7.3	0.1038	0.1122	13.3	0.78207	0.76338	19.3	0.9409	0.93653
1.4	0.01548	0.01634	7.4	0.10597	0.11458	13.4	0.78827	0.77	19.4	0.94238	0.93813
1.5	0.01665	0.01759	7.5	0.10818	0.117	13.5	0.7939	0.77604	19.5	0.94385	0.93973
1.6	0.01782	0.01885	7.6	0.11042	0.11946	13.6	0.79896	0.7815	19.6	0.94531	0.94131
1.7	0.019	0.02012	7.7	0.11271	0.12197	13.7	0.80386	0.7868	19.7	0.94676	0.94289
1.8	0.02019	0.0214	7.8	0.11503	0.12453	13.8	0.80861	0.79195	19.8	0.94821	0.94445
1.9	0.0214	0.0227	7.9	0.1174	0.12712	13.9	0.81322	0.79693	19.9	0.94964	0.946
2	0.02261	0.024	8	0.11981	0.12977	14	0.81767	0.80176	20	0.95106	0.94754
2.1	0.02383	0.02532	8.1	0.12225	0.13246	14.1	0.82197	0.80643	20.1	0.95247	0.94907
2.2	0.02506	0.02665	8.2	0.12474	0.13519	14.2	0.82613	0.81094	20.2	0.95387	0.95059
2.3	0.02631	0.02799	8.3	0.12726	0.13796	14.3	0.83013	0.8153	20.3	0.95526	0.95209
2.4	0.02756	0.02934	8.4	0.12982	0.14079	14.4	0.83398	0.81949	20.4	0.95664	0.95359
2.5	0.02882	0.0307	8.5	0.13243	0.14365	14.5	0.83769	0.82353	20.5	0.95801	0.95507
2.6	0.03009	0.03207	8.6	0.13507	0.14656	14.6	0.84124	0.82741	20.6	0.95938	0.95655
2.7	0.03137	0.03346	8.7	0.13776	0.14952	14.7	0.84464	0.83113	20.7	0.96073	0.95801
2.8	0.03267	0.03485	8.8	0.14048	0.15252	14.8	0.8479	0.8347	20.8	0.96207	0.95946
2.9	0.03397	0.03626	8.9	0.14324	0.15556	14.9	0.851	0.8381	20.9	0.9634	0.9609
3	0.03528	0.03767	9	0.14605	0.15865	15	0.85395	0.84135	21	0.96472	0.96233
3.1	0.0366	0.0391	9.1	0.149	0.1619	15.1	0.85676	0.84444	21.1	0.96603	0.96374
3.2	0.03793	0.04054	9.2	0.1521	0.1653	15.2	0.85952	0.84748	21.2	0.96733	0.96515
3.3	0.03927	0.04199	9.3	0.15536	0.16887	15.3	0.86224	0.85048	21.3	0.96863	0.96654
3.4	0.04062	0.04345	9.4	0.15876	0.17259	15.4	0.86493	0.85344	21.4	0.96991	0.96793
3.5	0.04199	0.04493	9.5	0.16231	0.17647	15.5	0.86757	0.85635	21.5	0.97118	0.96993
3.6	0.04336	0.04641	9.6	0.16602	0.18051	15.6	0.87018	0.85921	21.6	0.97244	0.97066
3.7	0.04474	0.04791	9.7	0.16987	0.1847	15.7	0.87274	0.86204	21.7	0.97369	0.97201
3.8	0.04613	0.04941	9.8	0.17387	0.18906	15.8	0.87526	0.86481	21.8	0.97494	0.97335
3.9	0.04753	0.05093	9.9	0.17803	0.19357	15.9	0.87775	0.86754	21.9	0.97617	0.97468
4	0.04894	0.05246	10	0.18233	0.19824	16	0.88019	0.87023	22	0.97739	0.976
4.1	0.05036	0.054	10.1	0.18678	0.20307	16.1	0.8826	0.87288	22.1	0.9786	0.9773
4.2	0.05179	0.05555	10.2	0.19139	0.20805	16.2	0.88497	0.87547	22.2	0.97981	0.9786
4.3	0.05324	0.05711	10.3	0.19614	0.2132	16.3	0.88729	0.87803	22.3	0.981	0.97988
4.4	0.05469	0.05869	10.4	0.20104	0.2185	16.4	0.88958	0.88054	22.4	0.98218	0.98115
4.5	0.05615	0.06027	10.5	0.2061	0.22396	16.5	0.89182	0.883	22.5	0.98335	0.98241
4.6	0.05762	0.06187	10.6	0.21173	0.23	16.6	0.89403	0.88542	22.6	0.98452	0.98366
4.7	0.0591	0.06347	10.7	0.21793	0.23662	16.7	0.8962	0.8878	22.7	0.98567	0.9849
4.8	0.06059	0.06509	10.8	0.22471	0.24382	16.8	0.89832	0.89013	22.8	0.98681	0.98613
4.9	0.06209	0.06672	10.9	0.23206	0.2516	16.9	0.90041	0.89242	22.9	0.98794	0.98735
5	0.0636	0.06836	11	0.23999	0.25995	17	0.90246	0.89466	23	0.98907	0.98855
5.1	0.06512	0.07001	11.1	0.24899	0.26933	17.1	0.90447	0.89686	23.1	0.99018	0.98975
5.2	0.06665	0.07167	11.2	0.25907	0.27972	17.2	0.90644	0.89901	23.2	0.99128	0.99093
5.3	0.06819	0.07335	11.3	0.27022	0.29113	17.3	0.90836	0.90112	23.3	0.99237	0.9921
5.4	0.06974	0.07503	11.4	0.28245	0.30356	17.4	0.91025	0.90318	23.4	0.99346	0.99326
5.5	0.0713	0.07673	11.5	0.2955	0.317	17.5	0.9121	0.9052	23.5	0.99453	0.99441
5.6	0.07287	0.07843	11.6	0.31572	0.3351	17.6	0.91391	0.90717	23.6	0.99559	0.99555
5.7	0.07445	0.08015	11.7	0.337	0.35415	17.7	0.91568	0.9091	23.7	0.99665	0.99668
5.8	0.07604	0.08188	11.8	0.36618	0.38028	17.8	0.91741	0.91099	23.8	0.99769	0.99779
5.9	0.07764	0.08362	11.9	0.40669	0.41654	17.9	0.9191	0.91283	23.9	0.99872	0.9989
6	0.07925	0.08537	12	0.4766	0.47909	18	0.92075	0.91463	24	1	1

**Table 5-3: NRCS NOAA\_C and NOAA\_D Rainfall Distribution by Intensity (fractional)**

Time (hours)	NOAA_D (ln/hr)	NOAA_C (ln/hr)	Time (hours)	NOAA_D (ln/hr)	NOAA_C (ln/hr)	Time (hours)	NOAA_D (ln/hr)	NOAA_C (ln/hr)	Time (hours)	NOAA_D (ln/hr)	NOAA_C (ln/hr)
0.1	0.0128	0.011	6.1	0.0165	0.018	12.1	1.1671	1.0437	18.1	0.0161	0.0175
0.2	0.0103	0.011	6.2	0.0169	0.0184	12.2	0.4051	0.3626	18.2	0.016	0.0174
0.3	0.0104	0.0112	6.3	0.0173	0.0189	12.3	0.2918	0.2613	18.3	0.0159	0.0173
0.4	0.0106	0.0113	6.4	0.0177	0.0193	12.4	0.2128	0.1905	18.4	0.0158	0.0172
0.5	0.0106	0.0114	6.5	0.0181	0.0197	12.5	0.2022	0.181	18.5	0.0157	0.017
0.6	0.0107	0.0115	6.6	0.0185	0.0202	12.6	0.1305	0.1344	18.6	0.0156	0.017
0.7	0.0109	0.0116	6.7	0.0189	0.0206	12.7	0.1223	0.1243	18.7	0.0155	0.0168
0.8	0.0109	0.0117	6.8	0.0192	0.0211	12.8	0.1115	0.1141	18.8	0.0154	0.0168
0.9	0.011	0.0118	6.9	0.0197	0.0215	12.9	0.1008	0.1039	18.9	0.0153	0.0166
1	0.0111	0.012	7	0.0201	0.022	13	0.09	0.0938	19	0.0152	0.0165
1.1	0.0113	0.012	7.1	0.0205	0.0224	13.1	0.0793	0.0835	19.1	0.0151	0.0164
1.2	0.0113	0.0122	7.2	0.0209	0.0229	13.2	0.0735	0.0778	19.2	0.015	0.0163
1.3	0.0114	0.0123	7.3	0.0212	0.0233	13.3	0.0678	0.072	19.3	0.0149	0.0162
1.4	0.0115	0.0124	7.4	0.0217	0.0238	13.4	0.062	0.0662	19.4	0.0148	0.016
1.5	0.0117	0.0125	7.5	0.0221	0.0242	13.5	0.0563	0.0604	19.5	0.0147	0.016
1.6	0.0117	0.0126	7.6	0.0224	0.0246	13.6	0.0506	0.0546	19.6	0.0146	0.0158
1.7	0.0118	0.0127	7.7	0.0229	0.0251	13.7	0.049	0.053	19.7	0.0145	0.0158
1.8	0.0119	0.0128	7.8	0.0232	0.0256	13.8	0.0475	0.0515	19.8	0.0145	0.0156
1.9	0.0121	0.013	7.9	0.0237	0.0259	13.9	0.0461	0.0498	19.9	0.0143	0.0155
2	0.0121	0.013	8	0.0241	0.0265	14	0.0445	0.0483	20	0.0142	0.0154
2.1	0.0122	0.0132	8.1	0.0244	0.0269	14.1	0.043	0.0467	20.1	0.0141	0.0153
2.2	0.0123	0.0133	8.2	0.0249	0.0273	14.2	0.0416	0.0451	20.2	0.014	0.0152
2.3	0.0125	0.0134	8.3	0.0252	0.0277	14.3	0.04	0.0436	20.3	0.0139	0.015
2.4	0.0125	0.0135	8.4	0.0256	0.0283	14.4	0.0385	0.0419	20.4	0.0138	0.015
2.5	0.0126	0.0136	8.5	0.0261	0.0286	14.5	0.0371	0.0404	20.5	0.0137	0.0148
2.6	0.0127	0.0137	8.6	0.0264	0.0291	14.6	0.0355	0.0388	20.6	0.0137	0.0148
2.7	0.0128	0.0139	8.7	0.0269	0.0296	14.7	0.034	0.0372	20.7	0.0135	0.0146
2.8	0.013	0.0139	8.8	0.0272	0.03	14.8	0.0326	0.0357	20.8	0.0134	0.0145
2.9	0.013	0.0141	8.9	0.0276	0.0304	14.9	0.031	0.034	20.9	0.0133	0.0144
3	0.0131	0.0141	9	0.0281	0.0309	15	0.0295	0.0325	21	0.0132	0.0143
3.1	0.0132	0.0143	9.1	0.0295	0.0325	15.1	0.0281	0.0309	21.1	0.0131	0.0141
3.2	0.0133	0.0144	9.2	0.031	0.034	15.2	0.0276	0.0304	21.2	0.013	0.0141
3.3	0.0134	0.0145	9.3	0.0326	0.0357	15.3	0.0272	0.03	21.3	0.013	0.0139
3.4	0.0135	0.0146	9.4	0.034	0.0372	15.4	0.0269	0.0296	21.4	0.0128	0.0139
3.5	0.0137	0.0148	9.5	0.0355	0.0388	15.5	0.0264	0.0291	21.5	0.0127	0.0137
3.6	0.0137	0.0148	9.6	0.0371	0.0404	15.6	0.0261	0.0286	21.6	0.0126	0.0136
3.7	0.0138	0.015	9.7	0.0385	0.0419	15.7	0.0256	0.0283	21.7	0.0125	0.0135
3.8	0.0139	0.015	9.8	0.04	0.0436	15.8	0.0252	0.0277	21.8	0.0125	0.0134
3.9	0.014	0.0152	9.9	0.0416	0.0451	15.9	0.0249	0.0273	21.9	0.0123	0.0133
4	0.0141	0.0153	10	0.043	0.0467	16	0.0244	0.0269	22	0.0122	0.0132
4.1	0.0142	0.0154	10.1	0.0445	0.0483	16.1	0.0241	0.0265	22.1	0.0121	0.013
4.2	0.0143	0.0155	10.2	0.0461	0.0498	16.2	0.0237	0.0259	22.2	0.0121	0.013
4.3	0.0145	0.0156	10.3	0.0475	0.0515	16.3	0.0232	0.0256	22.3	0.0119	0.0128
4.4	0.0145	0.0158	10.4	0.049	0.053	16.4	0.0229	0.0251	22.4	0.0118	0.0127
4.5	0.0146	0.0158	10.5	0.0506	0.0546	16.5	0.0224	0.0246	22.5	0.0117	0.0126
4.6	0.0147	0.016	10.6	0.0563	0.0604	16.6	0.0221	0.0242	22.6	0.0117	0.0125
4.7	0.0148	0.016	10.7	0.062	0.0662	16.7	0.0217	0.0238	22.7	0.0115	0.0124
4.8	0.0149	0.0162	10.8	0.0678	0.072	16.8	0.0212	0.0233	22.8	0.0114	0.0123
4.9	0.015	0.0163	10.9	0.0735	0.0778	16.9	0.0209	0.0229	22.9	0.0113	0.0122
5	0.0151	0.0164	11	0.0793	0.0835	17	0.0205	0.0224	23	0.0113	0.012
5.1	0.0152	0.0165	11.1	0.09	0.0938	17.1	0.0201	0.022	23.1	0.0111	0.012
5.2	0.0153	0.0166	11.2	0.1008	0.1039	17.2	0.0197	0.0215	23.2	0.011	0.0118
5.3	0.0154	0.0168	11.3	0.1115	0.1141	17.3	0.0192	0.0211	23.3	0.0109	0.0117
5.4	0.0155	0.0168	11.4	0.1223	0.1243	17.4	0.0189	0.0206	23.4	0.0109	0.0116
5.5	0.0156	0.017	11.5	0.1305	0.1344	17.5	0.0185	0.0202	23.5	0.0107	0.0115
5.6	0.0157	0.017	11.6	0.2022	0.181	17.6	0.0181	0.0197	23.6	0.0106	0.0114
5.7	0.0158	0.0172	11.7	0.2128	0.1905	17.7	0.0177	0.0193	23.7	0.0106	0.0113
5.8	0.0159	0.0173	11.8	0.2918	0.2613	17.8	0.0173	0.0189	23.8	0.0104	0.0111
5.9	0.016	0.0174	11.9	0.4051	0.3626	17.9	0.0169	0.0184	23.9	0.0103	0.0111
6	0.0161	0.0175	12	0.6991	0.6255	18	0.0165	0.018	24	0.0128	0.011

6. **Rainfall Depth for the Stormwater Runoff Water Quality Design Storm:** For stormwater runoff quality control, N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.5 requires using 1.25 inches of rain falling nonuniformly in a 2-hour storm event, which is also known as the Water Quality Design Storm (WQDS).
7. **Rainfall Distribution for the NJDEP Water Quality Design Storm:** The NRCS rainfall distribution does not provide a distribution for the NJDEP Water Quality Design Storm, which can be used to analyze and design stormwater runoff water quality BMPs based on the Rational, Modified Rational or NRCS methods. Selection of the appropriate method will depend on the type of BMP selected and its required design data. During its duration, precipitation falls in a nonlinear pattern as depicted in N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.5(a) and in Table 5-4 on the following page. This rainfall pattern or distribution is based on Trenton, New Jersey rainfall data collected between 1913 and 1975 and contains intermediate rainfall intensities that have the same probability or recurrence interval as the storm's total rainfall and duration. As such, for times of concentration up to two hours, the stormwater runoff water quality design storm can be used to compute runoff volumes, peak rates and hydrographs of equal probability. This ensures that all stormwater runoff water quality BMPs, whether they are based on total runoff volume or peak runoff rate, will provide the same level of stormwater pollution control.

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**Table 5-4: NJDEP 1.25-Inch/2-Hour Stormwater Runoff  
Water Quality Design Storm Rainfall Distributions**

Time (Minutes)	Cumulative Rainfall (Inches)	Time (Minutes)	Cumulative Rainfall (Inches)	Time (Minutes)	Cumulative Rainfall (Inches)
1	0.00166	41	0.1728	81	1.0906
2	0.00332	42	0.1796	82	1.0972
3	0.00498	43	0.1864	83	1.1038
4	0.00664	44	0.1932	84	1.1104
5	0.00830	45	0.2000	85	1.1170
6	0.00996	46	0.2117	86	1.1236
7	0.01162	47	0.2233	87	1.1302
8	0.01328	48	0.2350	88	1.1368
9	0.01494	49	0.2466	89	1.1434
10	0.01660	50	0.2583	90	1.1500
11	0.01828	51	0.2783	91	1.1550
12	0.01996	52	0.2983	92	1.1600
13	0.02164	53	0.3183	93	1.1650
14	0.02332	54	0.3383	94	1.1700
15	0.02500	55	0.3583	95	1.1750
16	0.03000	56	0.4116	96	1.1800
17	0.03500	57	0.4650	97	1.1850
18	0.04000	58	0.5183	98	1.1900
19	0.04500	59	0.5717	99	1.1950
20	0.05000	60	0.6250	100	1.2000
21	0.05500	61	0.6783	101	1.2050
22	0.06000	62	0.7317	102	1.2100
23	0.06500	63	0.7850	103	1.2150
24	0.07000	64	0.8384	104	1.2200
25	0.07500	65	0.8917	105	1.2250
26	0.08000	66	0.9117	106	1.2267
27	0.08500	67	0.9317	107	1.2284
28	0.09000	68	0.9517	108	1.2300
29	0.09500	69	0.9717	109	1.2317
30	0.10000	70	0.9917	110	1.2334
31	0.10660	71	1.0034	111	1.2351
32	0.11320	72	1.0150	112	1.2367
33	0.11980	73	1.0267	113	1.2384
34	0.12640	74	1.0383	114	1.2400
35	0.13300	75	1.0500	115	1.2417
36	0.13960	76	1.0568	116	1.2434
37	0.14620	77	1.0636	117	1.2450
38	0.15280	78	1.0704	118	1.2467
39	0.15940	79	1.0772	119	1.2483
40	0.16600	80	1.0840	120	1.2500

The accumulative distribution curve for rainfall depth, shown below in Figure 5-12, is a graphical representation of 1.25 inches of rainfall falling in the 2-hour Stormwater Runoff Water Quality Design Storm.

**Figure 5-12: Stormwater Runoff Water Quality Design Storm Rainfall Accumulative Distribution Curve**

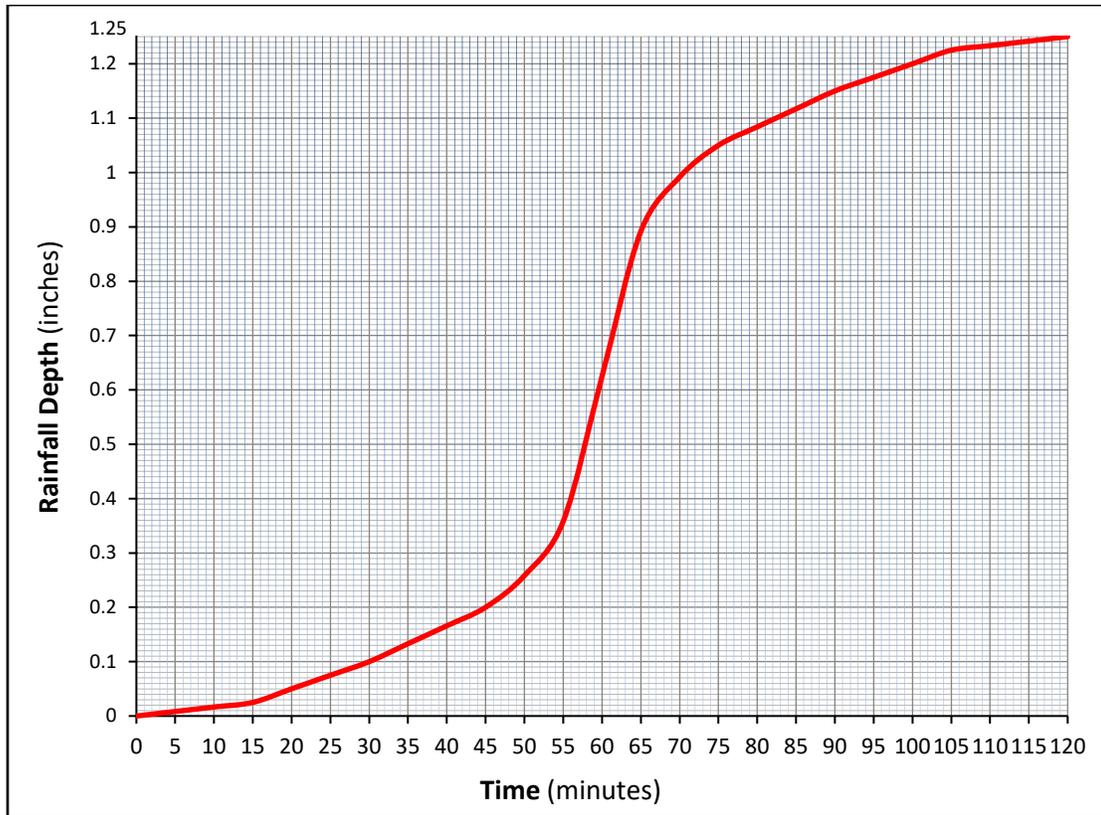
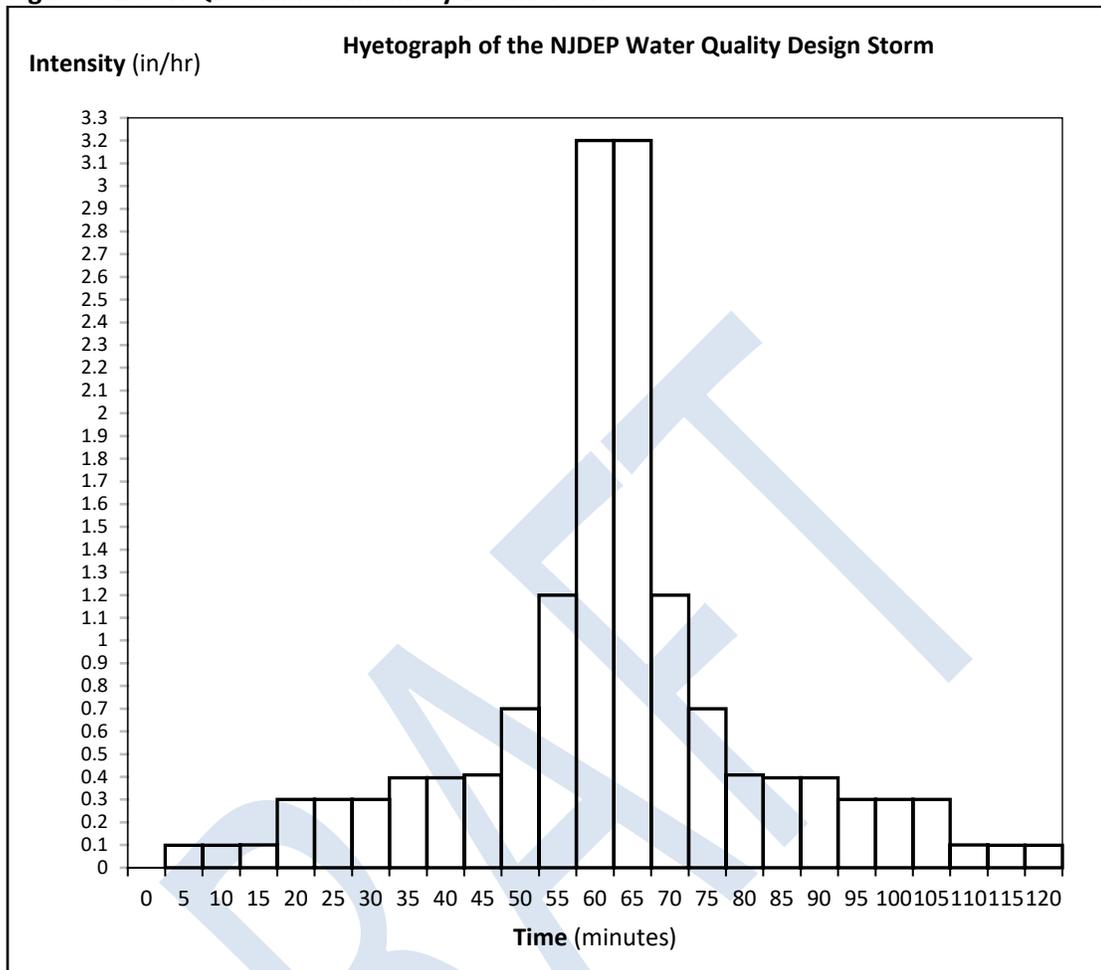


Figure 5-13, shown on the following page, is the intensity of the rainfall distribution derived from Table 5-4.

Figure 5-13: WQDS Rainfall Intensity Distribution



8. **The time of travel and the time of concentration:** One of the methods identified in the NRCS methodology for calculating time of concentration ( $T_c$ ) is the velocity method, which assumes the time of concentration is “the sum of travel times for segments along the hydraulically most distant flow path,” as stated in Chapter 15, in Part 630 of the *NEH*. Flow in a segment may occur as sheet, shallow concentrated or open channel flow, which describe the nature of the flow. Sheet flow is lowest in energy of the three and typically occurs at depths less than or equal to 0.1 ft, before the flow transitions to shallow concentrated flow.

In performing  $T_c$  calculations, designers must apply the following:

- **Maximum sheet flow roughness coefficient:** According to the NRCS, the maximum Manning’s Roughness Coefficient ( $n$ ) to be used in the Sheet Flow Equation in Chapter 3 of the *TR-55* is 0.80 for woods with dense underbrush; however, **in New Jersey, the maximum Manning’s coefficient for sheet flow that may be used is 0.40**. For impervious pavement such as a driveway, street, concrete sidewalk, cement finished walkway, stone, paver blocks, porous paving or rooftop,  $n = 0.011$ . Both Table 15-1 in *NEH* and Table 3-1 in *TR-55* list additional values for Manning’s roughness coefficient for sheet flow.

- **Maximum sheet flow length:**

- **For the pre-construction condition, assume sheet flow occurs for 100 ft**, unless there is something physically in contact with the flow of stormwater runoff, such as a swale, curb or inlet, to prevent sheet flow from occurring, i.e., by increasing the depth of flow in excess of 0.1 ft, regardless of whether the surface is impervious or pervious.
- **For the post-construction condition**, the maximum distance for which flow occurs as sheet flow is 100 ft. The distance over which sheet flow occurs,  $L$ , must be calculated using the McCuen-Spiess limitation as follows:

$$L = \frac{100 \sqrt{S}}{n}$$

where  $S$  is the slope, in ft/ft, and  $n$  is the Manning's roughness coefficient for sheet flow. **If the sheet flow length calculated by the McCuen-Spiess limitation criteria exceeds 100 ft, the sheet flow length must be limited to 100 ft.** For an undisturbed area, the sheet flow length will remain same as in the pre-construction condition.

- **Calculating the travel time for a segment in which sheet flow occurs:** According to the *NEH*, a simplified form of Manning's kinematic solution is used to compute travel time for sheet flow, as follows:

$$T_t = \frac{0.007(nL)^{0.8}}{(P_2)^{0.5} S^{0.4}}$$

- **Calculating the travel time for a segment in which shallow concentrated flow occurs:** Shallow concentrated flow occurs after sheet flow and the depths range from 0.1 to 0.5 ft. For this type of flow, the average velocity of the flow in the segment must be calculated and then input into the equation for travel time:

$$T_t = \frac{\text{Shallow Concentrated Flow Length}}{V \times 3600}$$

where  $T_t$  is the travel time (hr) and  $V$  is the average flow velocity (ft/s). There is a graphical sources for  $V$  presented in Example 5-1, which begins on Page 34 and includes including guidance on the selection of the appropriate graphical source for the average velocity occurring as shallow concentrated flow.

- **Calculating the travel time for a segment in which open channel flow occurs:** Open channel flow is assumed to occur after shallow concentrated flow and where *"either surveyed cross-sectional information has been obtained, where channels are visible on aerial photographs or where blueline (indicated streams) occur on U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) quadrangle sheets,"* per the Chapter 15, Part 630 of the *NEH*, which also includes the equation to be used, along with information regarding its application and limitations.
- **$T_c$  routes:** Consideration must be given to the hydraulic conditions that exist along a selected  $T_c$  route, particularly in pre-developed drainage areas.  $T_c$  routes should not cross through significant flow constrictions and ponding areas without considering the peak flow and time attenuation effects of such areas. As noted in the NJDEP Stormwater Management Rules, such areas can occur at hedgerows, undersized culverts, fill areas, sinkholes and isolated ponding areas. In general, a

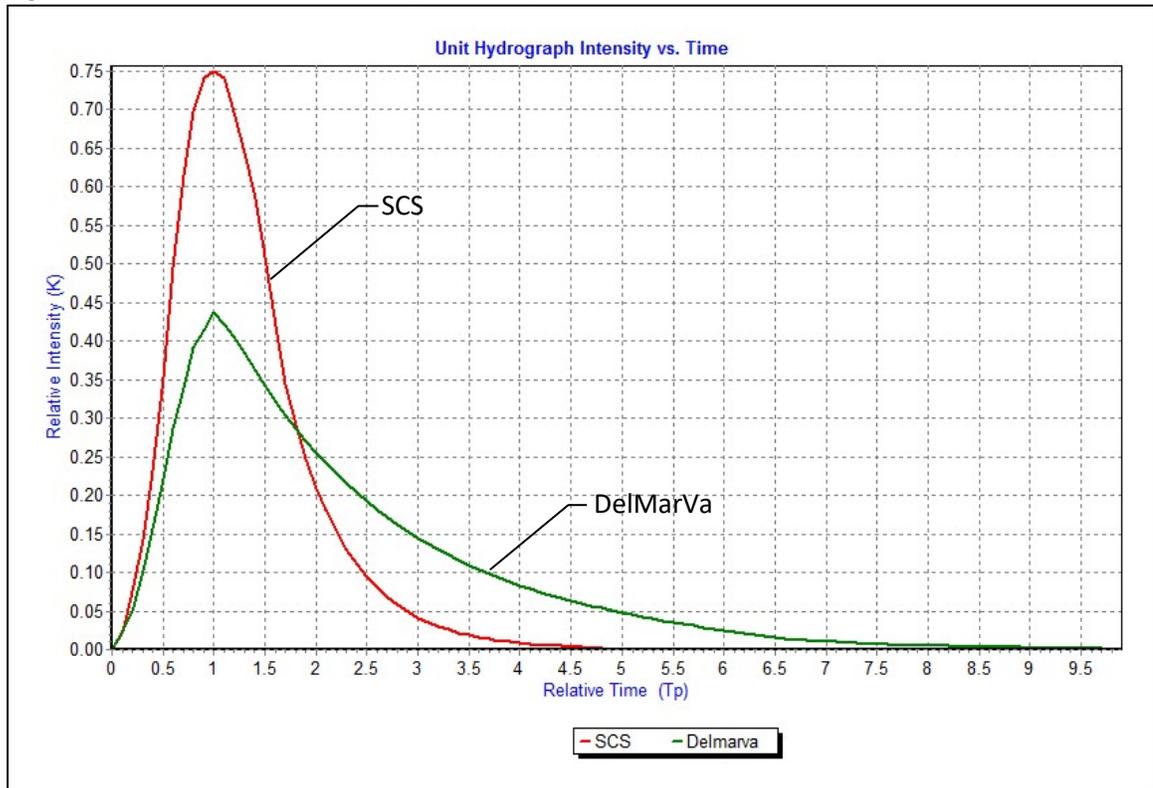
separate subarea tributary to such areas should be created and its runoff routed through the area before combining with downstream runoff.

- For the post-construction condition, except where the review agency determines that the use of a specifically calculated time of concentration is necessary, instead of using the velocity method to calculate the time of concentration, it is also acceptable to use 6 minutes for the total time of concentration of a drainage area when using the NRCS method to calculate flow rates.

**9. Runoff Hydrographs:** The NRCS method uses a Unit Hydrograph for runoff incorporated with the NRCS rainfall distributions (NOAA\_C and NOAA\_D for New Jersey) to develop a Dimensionless Unit Hydrograph. Runoff is transformed into a hydrograph by using unit hydrograph theory and routing procedures that depend on runoff travel time through segments of the watershed. In development of the runoff hydrograph, the runoff discharge is nonlinear in relation to the time of the rain event in accordance with NRCS observations from many natural unit hydrographs developed from watersheds varying widely in size and geographical locations. A dimensionless unit hydrograph was developed which has a peak rate factor of 484, which means that 48.4% of the total runoff volume is discharged before the peak time and 51.6% of the total runoff volume is discharged after the peak time. The dimensionless unit hydrograph having a 484 peak rate factor is normally called the “SCS Standard Dimensionless Unit Hydrograph (DUH).”

Therefore, it developed an alternative DUH for the DelMarVa region (which corresponds to the **Delaware, Maryland and Virginia** peninsula), where coastal, flat areas that have an average watershed slope less than 5 percent, with low topographic relief and significant surface storage in swales and depressions are found. NRCS call it the “DelMarVa DUH,” which has a peak rate factor of 284. Under the DelMarVa DUH, not only the amount of runoff volume discharged before the peak time is smaller - 24.8% of the total volume - but also the length of time under the runoff curve is prolonged. Therefore, by using the DelMarVa DUH, the peak flow rate of runoff will be smaller and the entire runoff routing time will be longer. The graph on the following page illustrates the differences between the 484 DUH and the DelMarVa DUH.

Figure 5-14: NRCS Standard DUH (484 DUH) versus the DelMarVa DUH



The DelMarVa DUH must be used in modeling watersheds in the Coastal Plain Region of New Jersey “that are characterized by flat topography (average watershed slope less than 5 percent), low relief and significant surface storage in swales and depressions.” The physiographic provinces of New Jersey are depicted in Figure 5-15, which may be found on the next page. For developed sites or heavily urbanized areas in the Coastal Plain of New Jersey, care should be taken to determine whether the use of the DelMarVa Unit Hydrograph is consistent with the conditions above. Also note that the same type of DUH must be used in the pre- and post-development hydrograph.

**Take note that the DelMarVa DUH cannot be used in sizing Manufactured Treatment Devices, even if the site is located in the geographical area where the NRCS recommends application of DelMarVa DUH.**

Figure 5-15: Physiographic Provinces of NJ

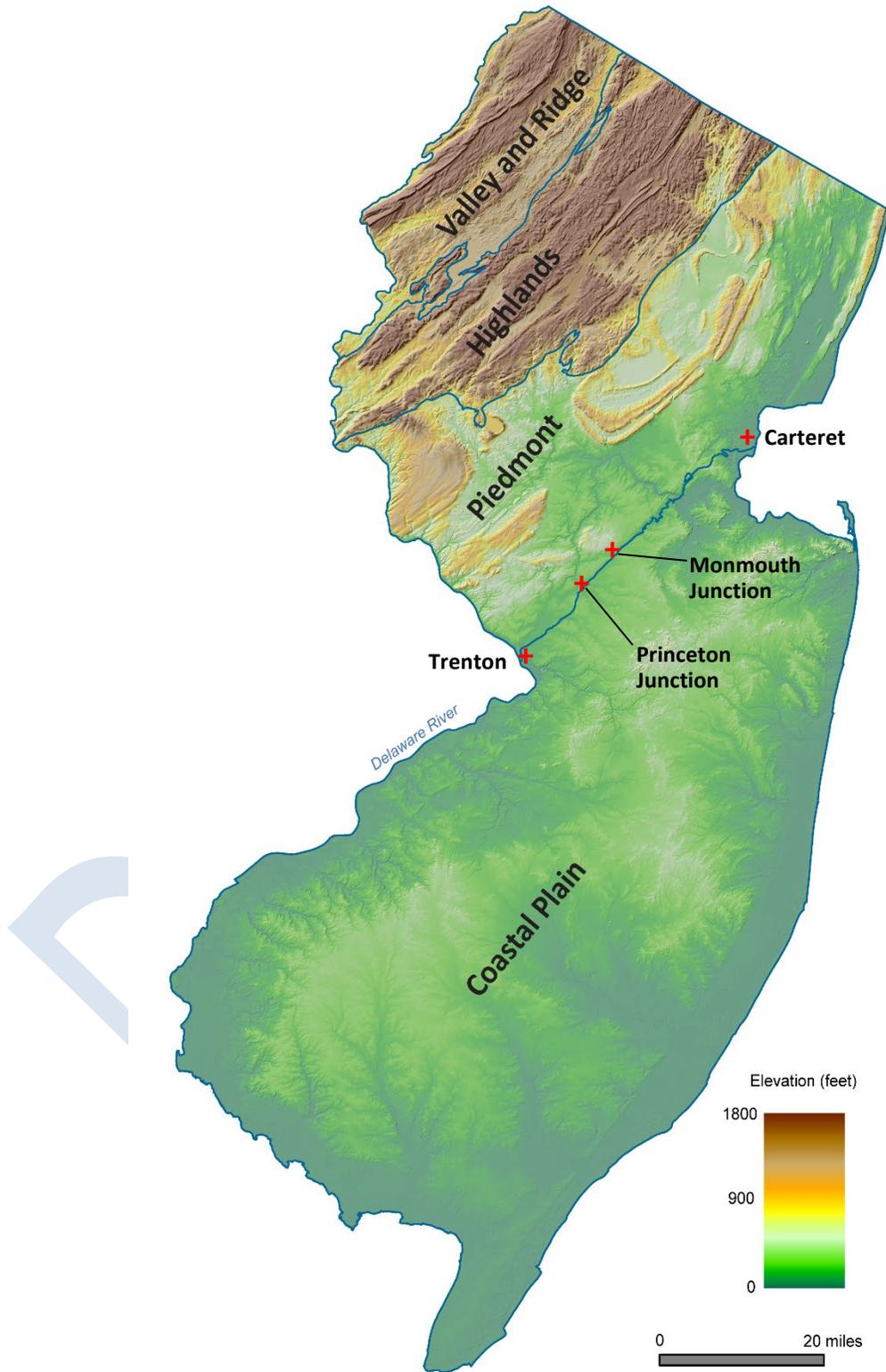
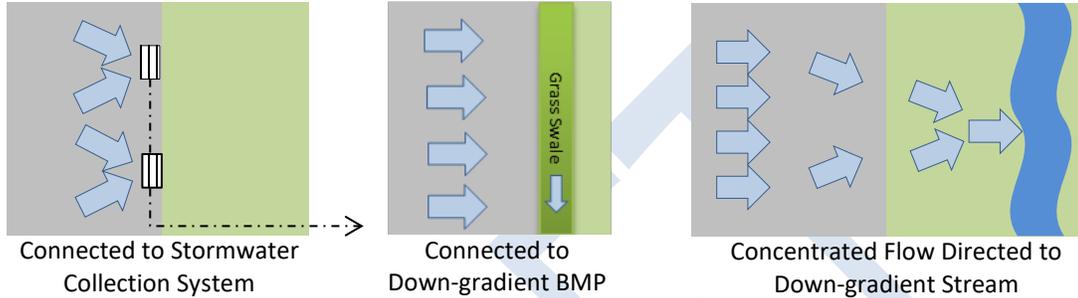


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**10. Directly Connected Impervious Cover:** Impervious surfaces are considered directly connected if the impervious surface meets one of the conditions listed below:

- a. Runoff from the impervious surface flows directly into the drainage system, water bodies and riparian zones or wetlands.
- b. Runoff is shallow concentrated flow that runs over a pervious area and then into the drainage system, water bodies and riparian zones or wetlands.

**Figure 5-16: Directly Connected Impervious Surfaces**



Shown above are examples of directly connected impervious surfaces, which include, but are not limited to, runoff from an impervious surface

- collected by a storm drain, which then connects to a conduit or channel to a downstream BMP, stormwater collection system or stream or
- flowing over a pervious surface by shallow concentrated flow or channelized flow and then into a channel to a down-gradient stream or other flowing water body.

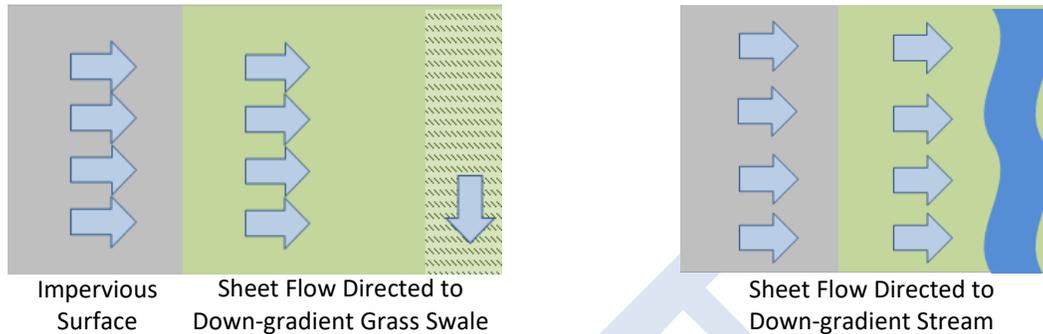
The Stormwater Management rules at N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.7 requires that *the design engineer shall consider the relative stormwater runoff rates and/or volumes of pervious and impervious surfaces separately to accurately compute the rates and volume of stormwater runoff from the site in computing stormwater runoff from all design storms. Therefore, when the site has directly connected impervious surface, the runoff volume and peak flow rate from impervious surface and pervious surface shall be modelled individually.*

If the runoff from an impervious surface and from a pervious surface will converge into one point of analysis, such as stormwater BMP or stormwater conveyance system, the runoff volumes from impervious surface and pervious surface, each calculated separately, can be added together to obtain the total runoff volume. For peak flow modeling, since the time of the peak flow for runoff from impervious surface may not be at the same time as that from the pervious surface within a sub-drainage area, the two peak flow rates must not be simply added together. Instead, a composite hydrograph must be created by adding the separate runoff hydrographs from the impervious surface and the pervious surface, from which the overall peak flow rate can be determined.

**11. Unconnected Impervious Cover:** As described in detail in *Chapter 2: Low Impact Development Techniques*, an important nonstructural BMP is new impervious cover that is not directly connected to a site's drainage system. Instead, runoff from these impervious areas must undergo sheet flow onto adjacent pervious areas, where a portion of the impervious area runoff is given an opportunity to infiltrate into the soil. Under certain conditions described on the following page, this can help

provide both groundwater recharge and stormwater quality treatment for small rainfall events as well as reduce the overall runoff volume that must be treated and/or controlled in a down-gradient BMP.

**Figure 5-17: Unconnected Impervious Surfaces**



**An impervious area can be considered to be an unconnected impervious surface only when meeting all of the following conditions:**

- a. Upon entering the down-gradient pervious area, all runoff must remain as sheet flow.
- b. Flow from the impervious surface must enter the down-gradient pervious area as sheet flow or, in the case of roofs, from one or more downspouts, each equipped with a splash pad, level spreader or dispersion trench that reduces flow velocity and induces sheet flow in the down-gradient pervious area.
- c. All discharges onto the down-gradient pervious surfaces must be stable and non-erosive.
- d. The shape, slope and vegetated cover in the down-gradient pervious area must be sufficient to maintain sheet flow throughout its length.
- e. The maximum slope of the down-gradient pervious area is 8 percent.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.7(a)4, calculation of *runoff from unconnected impervious cover, urban impervious area modifications as described in the NRCS Technical Release-55, Urban Hydrology for Small Watersheds or other methods may be employed*. Computation of the resultant runoff from unconnected impervious areas can be performed using two different methods: the unconnected impervious area method by NRCS *TR-55* or the Two-Step Method. Both methods require the following conditions to be met:

- a. Only the portions of the impervious surface and the down-gradient pervious surface on which sheet flow occurs can be considered as an unconnected surface in the calculation. The area beyond the maximum sheet flow path length cannot be considered in the calculation.
- b. The maximum sheet flow path length across the unconnected impervious surface is 100 ft.
- c. The minimum sheet flow length across the down-gradient pervious surface is 25 ft in order to maintain the required sheet flow state of the runoff.
- d. **The NRCS *TR-55* unconnected impervious area method can be used only when the total impervious surface is less than 30 percent of the receiving down-gradient pervious surface.**

Example 5-2 uses the *TR-55* unconnected impervious area method. See Page 37.

## NRCS Methodology Examples

The following examples illustrate how to use the NRCS Methodology to calculate the time of concentration and the stormwater runoff volume generated by an unconnected impervious surface using the CN Method and the NJDEP Two-Step Method for calculating the stormwater runoff volume generated by an unconnected impervious surface flowing onto a pervious surface. **The method used in Example 5-4 must not be used** and is provided to illustrate why composite hydrographs are not permitted. Example 5-5 compares the pre- and post-condition hydrographs produced by a project in which impervious cover is reduced.

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Additional examples, 5-6 and 5-7, illustrating the Rational and Modified Rational Methodology, are found on Pages 51 and 52, respectively.

Finally, Example 5-8A and B, which begin on Page 56, illustrates designing a site with two points of discharge and then comparing the results to a similar site with a single converged discharge. This example includes both exfiltration in the routing calculations as a means of discharge and the use of the *Hantush Spreadsheet* to demonstrate the redesign process when groundwater mounding negatively impacts a BMP. Details on using the *Hantush Spreadsheet*, along with additional examples and a discussion of the acceptable range for input parameters, is found in *Chapter 13: Groundwater Table Hydraulic Impact Assessments for Infiltration BMPs*.

**Example 5-1: Calculate Time of Concentration**

For the post-construction condition, stormwater runoff flows through a wooded drainage area along a flow path, measuring 1,000 ft in length, consisting of sheet flow over an area with a 0.5% slope and shallow concentrated flow over an area of 1% slope. Calculate the time of concentration for the post-construction condition.

**Step 1:** In this example, there are only 2 different segments of flow. Travel time under sheet flow is calculated as follows:

$$T_t = \frac{0.007(nL)^{0.8}}{(P_2)^{0.5} s^{0.4}}$$

where:

- $T_t$  = travel time, hr
- $n$  = Manning’s roughness coefficient for sheet flow
- $L$  = sheet flow length, ft
- $P_2$  = 2-year, 24-hour rainfall, in
- $s$  = slope of land surface, ft/ft

The sheet flow length is calculated by using the formula from the McCuen-Spiess limitation criterion:

$$L = \frac{100 \sqrt{S}}{n}$$

The values for the Manning’s roughness coefficient can also be found in Table 3-1 in *TR-55*, which is shown to the right. Values for Manning’s roughness coefficient must be selected in accordance with the land surface condition. The maximum value that can be used for woods, in New Jersey, is 0.40.

**Table 3-1** Roughness coefficients (Manning’s n) for sheet flow

Surface description	n <sup>1/</sup>
Smooth surfaces (concrete, asphalt, gravel, or bare soil) .....	0.011
Fallow (no residue) .....	0.05
Cultivated soils:	
Residue cover ≤20% .....	0.06
Residue cover >20% .....	0.17
Grass:	
Short grass prairie .....	0.15
Dense grasses <sup>2/</sup> .....	0.24
Bermudagrass .....	0.41
Range (natural) .....	0.13
Woods: <sup>3/</sup>	
Light underbrush .....	0.40
Dense underbrush .....	0.80

The 2-year 24-hour rainfall depth, outlined in red in the table to the right, is obtained from the NOAA Precipitation Frequency Server website, as shown on Page 16, in “Step 4” of the example that begins on Page 14.

PDS-based precipitation frequency				
Duration	1	2	5	10
5-min	0.342 (0.311-0.377)	0.408 (0.371-0.450)	0.486 (0.440-0.535)	0.542 (0.490-0.596)
10-min	0.547 (0.497-0.602)	0.653 (0.594-0.720)	0.778 (0.704-0.856)	0.866 (0.783-0.953)
15-min	0.683 (0.621-0.753)	0.821 (0.747-0.905)	0.984 (0.890-1.08)	1.10 (0.991-1.21)
30-min	0.937 (0.852-1.03)	1.13 (1.03-1.25)	1.40 (1.26-1.54)	1.59 (1.44-1.75)
60-min	1.17 (1.06-1.29)	1.42 (1.29-1.57)	1.79 (1.62-1.97)	2.07 (1.87-2.28)
2-hr	1.41 (1.28-1.56)	1.72 (1.56-1.90)	2.18 (1.97-2.40)	2.53 (2.28-2.78)
3-hr	1.55 (1.40-1.72)	1.89 (1.71-2.10)	2.39 (2.16-2.66)	2.79 (2.51-3.09)
6-hr	1.96 (1.77-2.19)	2.38 (2.15-2.65)	3.01 (2.71-3.35)	3.52 (3.15-3.91)
12-hr	2.38 (2.15-2.66)	2.88 (2.60-3.23)	3.66 (3.30-4.10)	4.33 (3.88-4.83)
24-hr	2.76 (2.55-3.00)	3.33 (3.08-3.62)	4.23 (3.90-4.59)	4.99 (4.59-5.41)
2-day	3.19 (2.94-3.48)	3.86 (3.56-4.21)	4.91 (4.51-5.36)	5.78 (5.29-6.30)

Using the McCuen-Spiess limitation, the length over which sheet flow occurs is calculated to be:

$$L = \frac{100 \sqrt{0.005}}{0.4} = 17.68 \text{ ft}$$

The travel time is then calculated entering the appropriate values into the equation:

$$T_t = \frac{0.007[(0.40)(17.68)]^{0.8}}{(3.33)^{0.5}(0.005)^{0.4}}$$

$$= 0.153 \text{ hr} = 9.18 \text{ min}$$

**Step 2:** Travel time under shallow concentrated flow is calculated as follows:

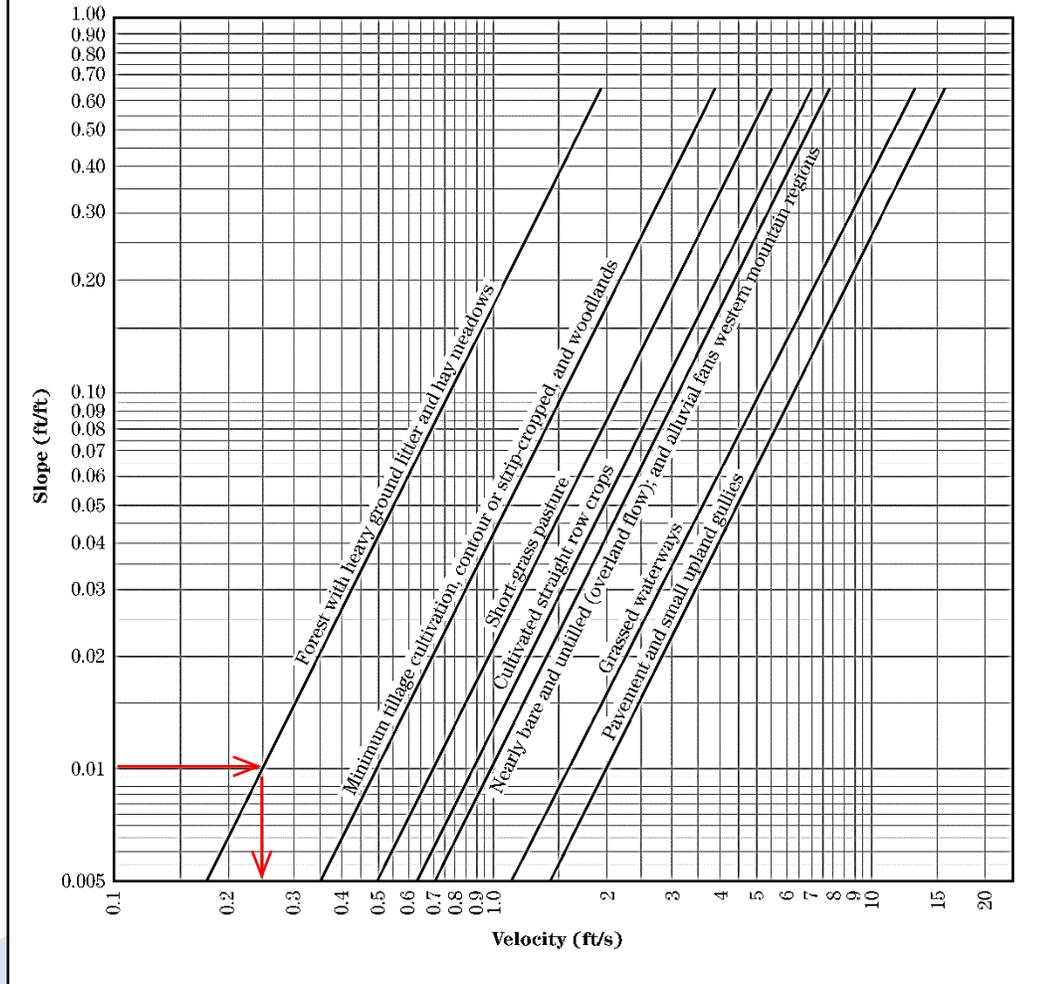
$$T_t = \frac{\text{Shallow Concentrated Flow Length}}{V \times 3600}$$

where  $T_t$  is the travel time (hr) and  $V$  is the flow velocity (ft/s).

The total flow path length is 1,000 ft. Since the sheet flow segment length is 17.68 ft, the length of the shallow concentrated flow segment must be 982.32 ft. The value for the flow velocity can be determined from the graphical source from NEH. The velocities plotted in each are average values and are a function of watercourse slope and the cover condition of the channel.

The graphical source, reprinted on the following page, is Figure 15-4 in Chapter 15 of Part 630 in the NEH. This source was derived by solving Manning’s equation for a wide variety of land covers.

**Figure 15-4** Velocity versus slope for shallow concentrated flow



For this example, a horizontal line is projected across from the y-axis at the tic mark denoting the 1% slope to the curved representing forested areas. The corresponding velocity is 0.25 ft/s. This value is then entered into the equation for the travel time, as follows:

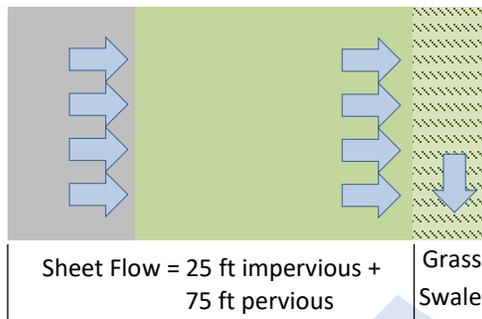
$$T_t = \frac{982.32}{0.25 \times 3600} = 1.09 \text{ hr} = 65.5 \text{ min}$$

**Step 3:** Since no channel flow is specified in the example, the time of concentration for the post-construction condition is the sum of the travel times under sheet flow and shallow concentrated flow, as follows:

$$T_c = 9.18 + 65.5 = 74.7 \text{ min, using Figure 15-4}$$

**Example 5-2: Use the NRCS CN Method for an Unconnected Impervious Surface to calculate the runoff volume for a site**

A portion of a major development consists of a 200 ft wide, 25 ft long impervious surface and a 200 ft wide, 75 ft long grass lawn adjacent to the impervious surface. The stormwater runoff generated by the impervious surface will flow through the lawn area before it drains into the grass swale. The soils present are identified as HSG ‘A.’ The design storm event of concern is the 2-year storm, in which 3.5 inches of rain falls during a period of 24 hours. The slope of the impervious surface and the grass lawn area are each at 1%. From Table 2-2a, in the *TR-55* manual, a lawn area in HSG ‘A’ soil has a Curve Number of 39, under good condition.



**Step 1: Calculate the Percentage of Total Impervious Surface**

To use the appropriate *TR-55* figure, one must first know the percentage of the total impervious area to the total area. The percentage of the impervious surface to the total area is

$$= (200 \text{ ft} \times 25 \text{ ft}) / ((200 \text{ ft} \times 25 \text{ ft}) + (200 \text{ ft} \times 75 \text{ ft})) = 0.25 = 25\%$$

Since this percentage is less than the 30% maximum allowed (see the text at the bottom of Page 32), the NRCS composite CN with unconnected impervious area method is applicable.

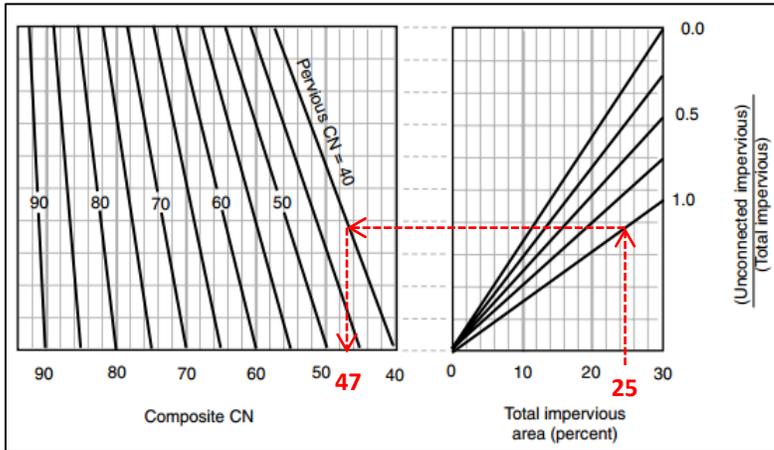
**Step 2: Ratio of Unconnected Impervious Surface to Total Impervious Surface**

Secondly, one must determine the ratio of unconnected impervious surface to total impervious surface. In this case, all of the impervious surface present is the unconnected impervious surface under consideration; therefore, the ratio of unconnected impervious surface to total impervious surface is 1.

**Step 3: Determine the Composite CN Representing Both the Unconnected Impervious and the Down-gradient Pervious Areas from the Pervious Area CN using *TR-55*, Figure 2-4**

Starting with the right side of Figure 2-4, reprinted on the following page, find the intersection of the total impervious area with the line representing the ratio of unconnected impervious to total impervious. Draw a horizontal line across to intersect with the appropriate line representing the CN value of the site’s pervious area. In this example, the lawn has a CN = 39, so the line for CN = 40 is used. A vertical line is next drawn down to connect with the x-axis to establish the composite CN value for the site, which is 47. Take care reading the x-axis as the values increase from right to left.

Therefore, a Curve Number = 47 can be used to represent the entire area measuring 200 ft wide and 100 ft long.



Source: Figure 2-4, Urban Hydrology for Small Watersheds, Second Edition, June 1986

**Step 4: Use the Composite CN from Step 3 in the Runoff Depth Calculation**

The runoff will be calculated by the equation in Chapter 2 of TR-55 as

$$Q = \frac{(P - 0.2S)^2}{(P + 0.8S)}$$

where:

$Q$  = runoff, in

$P$  = rainfall, in

$$S = \frac{1000}{CN} - 10 = \frac{1000}{47} - 10 = 11.3, \text{ using the CN value determined in "Step 3"}$$

Therefore,

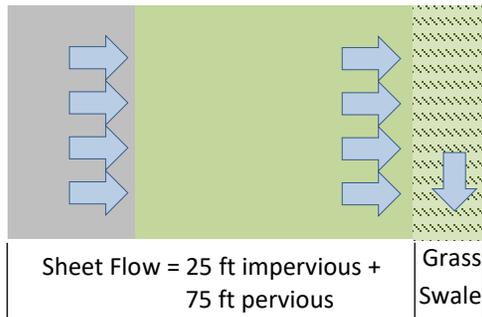
$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \frac{(3.5 - 0.2 \times 11.3)^2}{(3.5 + 0.8 \times 11.3)} \\ &= \frac{(1.24)^2}{(12.5)} = 0.123 \text{ in} \end{aligned}$$

**Step 5: Calculate the Total Runoff Volume Generated by the Entire Area**

The total runoff volume generated by the impervious surface and the lawn area is

$$= 0.123 \text{ in} \times \frac{1 \text{ ft}}{12 \text{ in}} \times 200 \text{ ft} \times (25 \text{ ft} + 75 \text{ ft}) = 205 \text{ cf}$$

**Example 5-3: Use the NJDEP Two-Step Method for an Unconnected Impervious Surface to Calculate the Runoff Volume for a Site**



As can be surmised from the name, this method requires a two-step technique using the initial abstraction provided by NRCS runoff equation. First the volume of runoff generated by just the impervious area is calculated and then this volume is considered as if it were additional rain falling on the pervious area.

**Step 1: Calculate Runoff Volume from Impervious Area**

Use the NRCS runoff equation in a manner similar to the technique described in the previous example for impervious surfaces. For Curve Number 98:

$$Q = \frac{(P-0.2S)^2}{(P+0.8S)}$$

where:

$P$  = rainfall, in = 3.5 in

$$S = \frac{1000}{CN} - 10 = \frac{1000}{98} - 10 = 0.20$$

Therefore,

$$Q = \frac{(3.5-0.2 \times 0.20)^2}{(3.5+0.8 \times 0.20)} = 3.27 \text{ in}$$

The runoff volume generated by the impervious surface is calculated as above:

$$= 3.27 \text{ in} \times \frac{1 \text{ ft}}{12 \text{ in}} \times 200 \text{ ft} \times 25 \text{ ft} = 1,362.5 \text{ cf}$$

**Step 2: Convert the Runoff from the Impervious Surface to a Hypothetical Rainfall on the Pervious Area**

Assume the entire runoff volume from “Step 1,” i.e., 1,362.5 cf, is evenly distributed as rain falling on the adjacent pervious surface. The converted rainfall depth is calculated as follows:

$$= \frac{(1,362.5 \text{ cf} \times \frac{12 \text{ in}}{1 \text{ ft}})}{(200 \text{ ft} \times 75 \text{ ft})} = 1.09 \text{ in}$$

Note that only the sheet flow area (the area within the maximum 100 ft of flow path on the pervious surface) can be used to receive runoff from the impervious surface.

The total effective rainfall on the pervious surface is equal to the direct rainfall plus the unconnected impervious area runoff that was converted above to a hypothetical rainfall depth. This means 1.09 in is added to the design rainfall depth (3.5 in), resulting in a total rainfall depth of 4.59 in. The runoff generated by the grass lawn is then calculated using the runoff equation with this new value substituted for  $P$ , as follows:

$$S = \frac{1000}{CN} - 10 = \frac{1000}{39} - 10 = 15.64$$

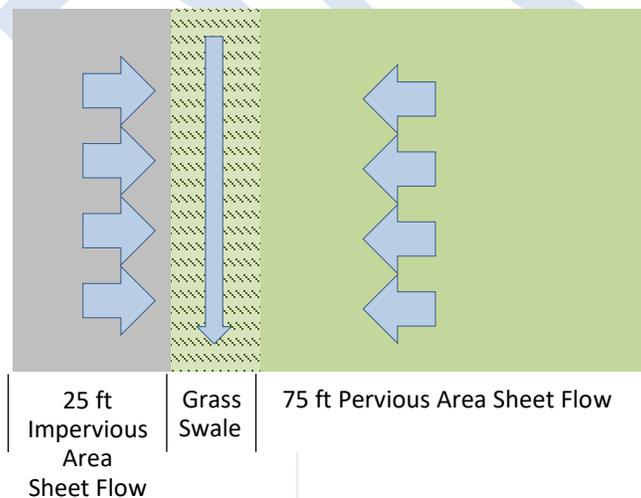
$$Q = \frac{(4.59 - 0.2 \times 15.64)^2}{(4.59 + 0.8 \times 15.64)} = 0.125 \text{ in}$$

The total effective runoff volume generated is calculated as follows:

$$= 0.125 \text{ in} \times \frac{1 \text{ ft}}{12 \text{ in}} \times 200 \text{ ft} \times 75 \text{ ft} = 156 \text{ cf}$$

#### Example 5-4: Demonstration of Why a Composite CN Generates an Incorrect Runoff Volume

This example demonstrates the incorrect calculation of runoff volume by weighted CNs when the impervious surface is directly connected to the stormwater conveyance system. A portion of a major development consists of a 200 ft wide, 25 ft long impervious surface and a 200 ft wide, 75 ft long grass lawn area that are separated by a grass swale. In other words, the runoff from the impervious surface will flow directly into the grass swale. The soil is identified as belong to HSG 'A.' The storm event of concern is the 2-year storm, in which 3.5 in of rain falls over a period of 24 hours. The slopes of the impervious surface and the grass lawn are each 1%. From Table 2-2a in *TR-55*, the grass lawn area specified has a Curve Number of 39.



A value of 98 is used as the CN value for impervious surfaces. If a weighted composite CN were applied in this situation, the weighted composite CN would be calculated as follows:

$$CN = \frac{98 \times (200 \text{ ft} \times 25 \text{ ft}) + 39 \times (200 \text{ ft} \times 75 \text{ ft})}{(200 \text{ ft} \times 25 \text{ ft}) + (200 \text{ ft} \times 75 \text{ ft})} = 53.75$$

$$S = \frac{1000}{CN} - 10 = \frac{1000}{53.75} - 10 = 8.60$$

$$Q = \frac{(3.5 - 0.2 \times 8.60)^2}{(3.5 + 0.8 \times 8.60)} = 0.305 \text{ in}$$

The total runoff volume would then be calculated as follows:

$$= 0.305 \text{ in} \times \frac{1 \text{ ft}}{12 \text{ in}} \times 200 \text{ ft} \times 100 \text{ ft} = 508 \text{ cf.}$$

**To demonstrate why this is incorrect, the total runoff volume for each area is calculated separately and then added.**

For the impervious area,

$$S = 0.204 \text{ and}$$

$$Q = 3.27 \text{ in, as calculated previously in "Step 1" of Example 5-3.}$$

The runoff volume generated by the impervious area was previously calculated to be 1,362.5 cf (see Page 39).

For the pervious surface,

$$S = \frac{1000}{CN} - 10 = \frac{1000}{39} - 10 = 15.64$$

$$Q = \frac{(3.5 - 0.2 \times 15.64)^2}{(3.5 + 0.8 \times 15.64)} = 0.009 \text{ in}$$

which results in a runoff volume generated by the pervious area as follows:

$$= 0.009 \text{ in} \times \frac{1 \text{ ft}}{12 \text{ in}} \times 200 \text{ ft} \times 75 \text{ ft} = 10.8 \text{ cf}$$

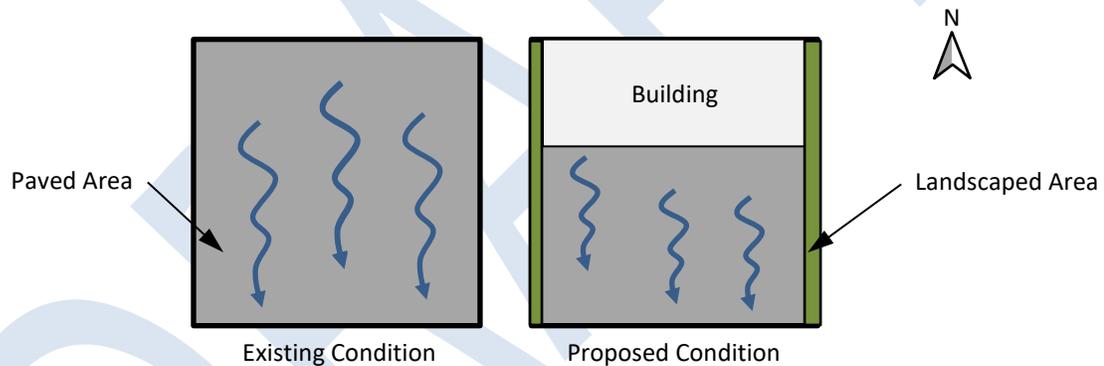
Adding these separately calculated volumes together yields the total runoff volume entering the grass swale equal to 1,373.3 cf. The previous, i.e. composite, calculation is only 37% of this volume.

**The results show that the use of a weighted, or composite, CN in which pervious and impervious CN values are averaged will underestimate the runoff volume. Therefore, the use of weighted or composite CN values must not be used.**

**Example 5-5: A Comparison of Pre- and Post-condition Hydrographs for Compliance Under N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.4(a)3.i When Impervious Cover is Reduced**

N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.4(a)3.i requires the design engineer choosing this option to demonstrate compliance with the quantity control requirements “through hydrologic and hydraulic analysis that for stormwater leaving the site, post-construction runoff hydrographs for the two-, 10- and 100-year storm events do not exceed, at any point in time, the pre-construction runoff hydrographs for the same storm events.” This example provides a scenario showing noncompliance with the requirements when the proposed development reduces impervious surface.

An approximately 2 acre paved parking lot is to be redeveloped as an office complex consisting of a 0.5 acre new building, a 1.25 acre parking lot and 0.25 acre landscaped area. The existing lot is 300 ft x 300 ft with a slope of 1% from the north edge of the lot to the south edge of the lot. The runoff under existing conditions is as overland flow from the north side to the south side. The runoff generated by the proposed building is to be collected by a roof drainage system and directed via a downspout to the proposed parking lot where it will spread out as overland flow. The parking lot runoff is to remain as overland flow, but it will re-graded to be 5% slope for better drainage. The landscaped area is located on the north, east and west sides of the proposed development. The landscaped area will not receive runoff from the impervious surfaces. The precipitation depth in this example uses the county average rainfall depth for Mercer County.



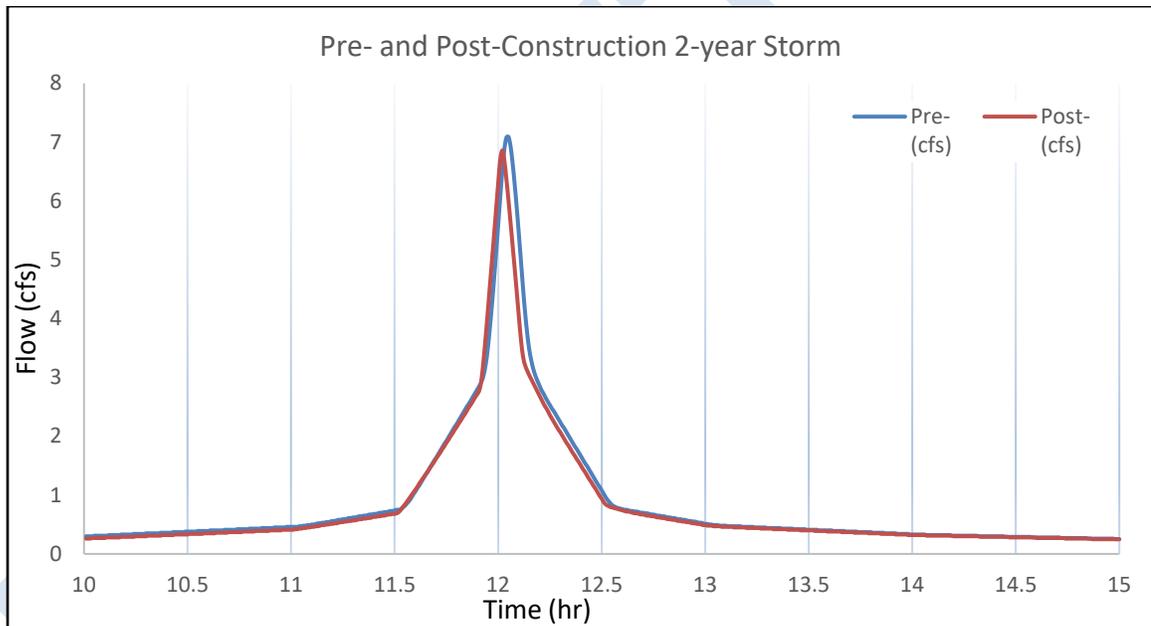
The pre-construction drainage pattern consists of sheet flow for the first 100 ft, followed by shallow concentrated flow for 200 ft. For pavement, the value for Manning’s roughness coefficient is 0.011, as shown in Table 3-1, in *TR-55*, and reprinted on Page 34. Rainfall depths for the 2-, 10- and 100-year storms are 3.31, 5.01 and 8.33 in, respectively.

The post-construction drainage pattern remains the same as the existing condition, i.e., flowing from the north to the south. The slope, however, is increased from 1% to 5%. The sheet flow length calculated by McCuen-Spiess limiting criteria exceeds 100 ft. Therefore, the sheet flow length must be limited to the maximum of 100 ft and therefore, the shallow concentrated flow length is 200 ft. However, the time of concentration is shorter due to the increased slope.

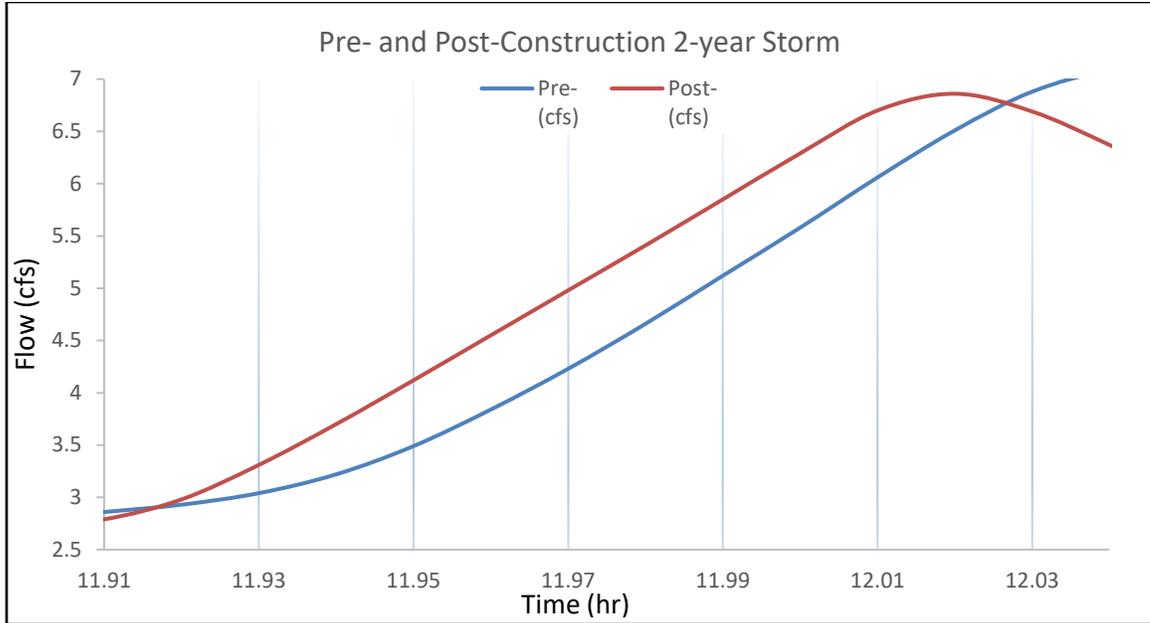
A summary of the results are shown in the table below:

2-year Design Storm		
Parameter	Existing Condition	Proposed Condition
Peak Flow Rate & Time of Peak =	7.11 cfs @ 12.05 hr	6.79 cfs @ 12.02 hr
Runoff Volume=	22,340 cf	20,719 cf

Pre- and post-condition hydrographs for the 2-year storm, calculated using the NRCS methodology, are depicted below as a reprint from a hydrologic modelling software package.



If one were to zoom in on the previous hydrograph, starting at 11.91 hours, one would see the post-construction hydrograph has a higher flow rate than the pre-construction hydrograph, as shown on the following page. This information is also listed in the table below the close-up of the hydrographs.



Time (hr)	Pre-construction (cfs)	Post-construction (cfs)	Difference in Flow Rate, Pre – Post, (cfs)
11.91	2.86	2.79	0.07
11.92	2.93	2.98	-0.05
11.93	3.04	3.31	-0.27
11.94	3.22	3.70	-0.48
11.95	3.49	4.12	-0.63
11.96	3.84	4.55	-0.71
11.97	4.23	4.98	-0.75
11.98	4.66	5.41	-0.75
11.99	5.12	5.85	-0.73
12.00	5.58	6.29	-0.71
12.01	6.06	6.70	-0.64
12.02	6.51	6.79	-0.28
12.03	6.88	6.69	0.19

Although the reduction of impervious surface reduces the total volume of runoff and peak flow rate produced by the proposed construction, the design is not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)2 which requires that the post-construction runoff hydrographs do not exceed, at any point in time, the pre-construction runoff hydrographs for the same storm events, if the design engineer chooses to

demonstrate the quantity control using this option. Since the hydrographs for the 2-year storm have already shown noncompliance, this example does not continue to calculate hydrographs for the 10- and 100-year storms.

If the design engineer chooses to demonstrate compliance with the quantity control requirements under N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.4(a)3.iii, e.g., that the post-construction peak runoff rates for the 2-, 10- and 100-year storm events are 50, 75 and 80 percent, respectively, of the pre-construction peak runoff rates, the calculation of the 2-year storm will be as follows:

Design Storm:	2-year		
	Existing	Allowable Post-Construction (50% Reduction)	Proposed
Peak Flow Rate =	7.11 cfs	3.56 cfs	6.79 cfs

The 2-year post-construction peak flow rate, 6.79 cfs, exceeds the allowable flow rate, 3.56 cfs. Therefore, the project is still not in compliance with the stormwater runoff quantity control requirement under the option found in N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.4(a)3.iii. A stormwater runoff quantity control or green infrastructure BMP will be required to reduce the post-construction peak flow to 50%, or lower, of the pre-construction peak flow rate.

***This example dispels the common misconception that the reduction of impervious surface will automatically meet the quantity control requirements. Municipal review engineers must require that the design report include hydrologic modelling and hydrographs even when the design engineer claims there is reduction of impervious surface by the proposed development.***

## Rational Method

The Rational method is a tool for estimating peak runoff flowrate from small drainage area not greater than 20 acres. The equation for the rational method is expressed below:

$$Q_p = CiA$$

where:

$Q_p$  = peak flow rate (cfs)

$C$  = runoff coefficient (Dimensionless), which describes the level of imperviousness of the drainage area and reflect the ability of a soil to infiltrate precipitation before excess precipitation becomes stormwater runoff and sometimes the slope of the drainage area

$i$  = uniform rate of rainfall intensity for a rainfall duration longer or equal to the time of concentration  $T_c$  (in/hr)

$A$  = drainage area (ac)

Note that the rational equation may not appear to be dimensionally correct in that although  $i$  is specified in inches per hour, 1 in/hr equals 1.008 cfs per acre, and in using this equation, the two are taken to be numerically equal, meaning no conversion factor is required.

## Runoff Coefficients

Pervious drainage areas typically have low values for their respective runoff coefficients, and impervious areas have runoff coefficients much closer to a value of 1. Unlike Curve Numbers published by NRCS, runoff coefficients can be obtained from many field studies or authoritative agencies. One source of a comprehensive table for runoff coefficients is the runoff coefficient table in *Design and Construction of Sanitary and Storm Sewers*, Manuals and Reports on Engineering Practice No. 37, American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), 1969. Other authorities such as transportation departments or environmental departments of other states may also publish their reference tables of runoff coefficients. However, some of these publications do not consider the HSG and/or land cover, which are two important factors affecting the amount of infiltration and retention of precipitation before excessive precipitation becomes runoff. Therefore, it is recommended that designers use the runoff coefficients listed on the following page in Table 5-5.

**Table 5-5: Runoff Coefficients for Rational Method**

Land Use	Description	Hydrologic Soils Group			
		A	B	C	D
Cultivated Land	without conservation treatment	0.49	0.67	0.81	0.88
	with conservation treatment	0.27	0.43	0.67	0.67
Pasture or Range Land Meadow	poor condition	0.38	0.63	0.78	0.84
	good condition	---	0.25	0.51	0.65
	good condition	---	---	0.41	0.61
Wood or Forest Land	thin stand, poor cover, no mulch	---	0.34	0.59	0.70
	good cover	---	---	0.45	0.59
Open Spaces, Lawns, Parks, Golf Courses, Cemeteries Good Condition Fair Condition	grass cover on 75% or more	---	0.25	0.51	0.65
	grass cover on 50% to 75%	---	0.45	0.63	0.74
Commercial and Business Area Industrial Districts Residential Average Lot Size (acres) 1/8 1/4 1/3 1/2 1	85% impervious	0.84	0.90	0.93	0.96
	72% impervious	0.67	0.81	0.88	0.92
	average % impervious				
	65	0.59	0.76	0.86	0.90
	38	0.29	0.55	0.70	0.80
	30	---	0.49	0.67	0.78
	25	---	0.45	0.65	0.76
	20	---	0.41	0.63	0.74
Paved Areas Streets and Roads	parking lots, roofs, driveways, etc.	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99
	paved with curbs & storm sewers	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99
	gravel	0.57	0.76	0.84	0.88
	dirt	0.49	0.69	0.80	0.84

### Drainage Area Size and Land Cover Limitations

As previously mentioned on Page 9, there are some basic assumptions when applying the Rational Method. The maximum size limit for a drainage area is 20 ac. The drainage area must also have homogeneous land cover and topography. Furthermore, the rainfall distribution on a drainage area is assumed to be uniform over the entire drainage area.

### Sites with Pervious and Directly Connected Impervious Cover

Due to the linear character of the Rational Method equation, a representative Rational Runoff Coefficient (C) can be computed for the entire site by standard area weighting techniques.

## Sites with Unconnected Impervious Cover

Due to the basic nature of the Rational Method equation, there is currently no technique for addressing the effects of unconnected impervious cover. As such, neither the Rational nor Modified Rational Methods can be recommended at this time for use at sites with unconnected impervious areas. Calculations should be completed using the NRCS method, as previously discussed.

## Time of Concentration

Although time of concentration is not an input factor in the equation, as mentioned above, the rainfall intensity in the equation is related to the choice of the time of concentration. Therefore, the time of concentration must be calculated using Manning's equation for sheet flow, based on the limitations for the maximum length of sheet flow established on Page 27. The equation for shallow concentrated flow in TR-55 can be used for the travel time of shallow concentrated flow. However, unlike the NRCS method, the minimum value for time of concentration in the Rational Method is 5 minutes due to the lowest duration of precipitation that is available for rainfall intensity data is also 5 minutes.

## Rainfall Intensity for Stormwater Runoff Quantity Calculation

**The rainfall intensity used in the equation is the uniform rate of rainfall intensity for durations equal to the time of concentration.** In the Rational Method, the intensity of a specific duration for a particular recurrence year of storm can also be obtained from NOAA's Precipitation Frequency (PF) Estimates. On the NOAA Precipitation Frequency Data Server, the Data Type to be selected is precipitation intensity and the Time Series Type is partial duration, as shown in in the image below.

**NOAA ATLAS 14 POINT PRECIPITATION FREQUENCY ESTIMATES: NJ**

**DATA DESCRIPTION**

Data type:  Units:  Time series type:

**SELECT LOCATION**

1. Manually:

a) Enter location (decimal degrees, use "-" for S and W): latitude:  longitude:

b) Select station ([click here for a list of stations used in frequency analysis for NJ](#)):

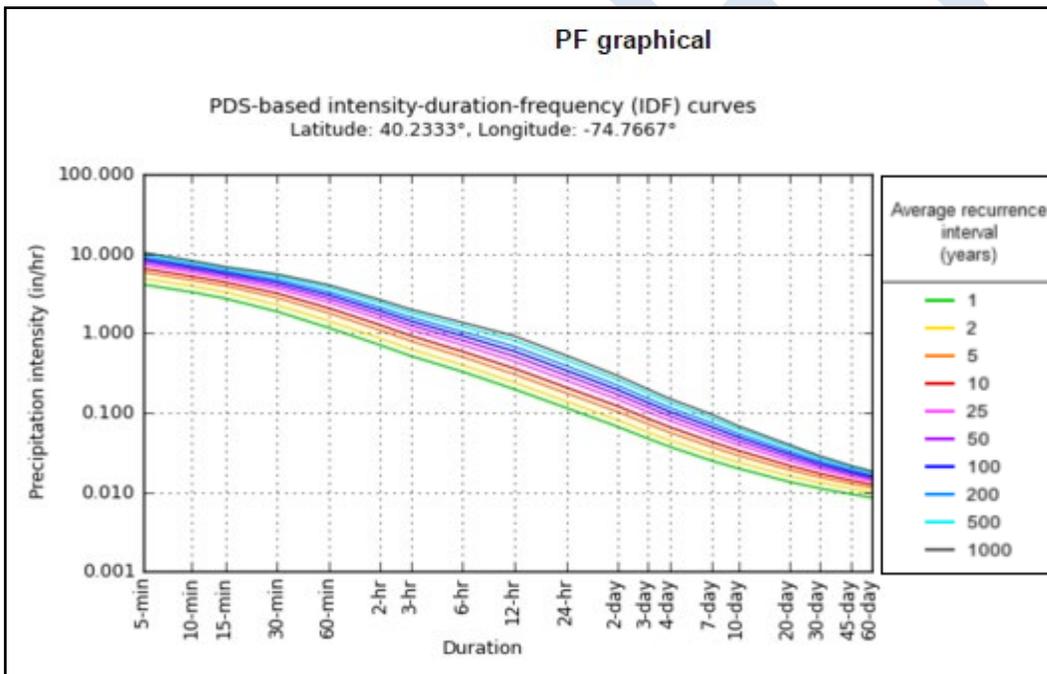
After selecting the location, the Precipitation Frequency Estimates provide a table of the intensity of precipitation in respect to the average recurrence interval of the storm and the duration. The duration referenced in the table is equal to the time of concentration. For example, if the time of concentration is 15 minutes, the intensities for the 2-, 10- and 100 year design storms located in the PF tabular table correspond to the values found in the row for a duration of 15-min, which are outlined in red in the table on the following page and read 3.28, 4.38 and 5.72 in/hr, respectively.

**PF tabular**

**PDS-based point precipitation frequency estimates with 90% confidence intervals (in inches/hour)<sup>1</sup>**

Duration	Average recurrence interval (years)									
	1	2	5	10	25	50	100	200	500	1000
5-min	4.10 (3.73-4.52)	4.90 (4.45-5.40)	5.83 (5.28-6.42)	6.50 (5.88-7.15)	7.33 (6.59-8.06)	7.94 (7.10-8.75)	8.54 (7.61-9.43)	9.11 (8.06-10.1)	9.83 (8.60-10.9)	10.4 (9.01-11.6)
10-min	3.28 (2.98-3.61)	3.92 (3.56-4.32)	4.67 (4.22-5.14)	5.20 (4.70-5.72)	5.84 (5.25-6.43)	6.32 (5.66-6.97)	6.79 (6.05-7.49)	7.22 (6.40-8.00)	7.77 (6.81-8.65)	8.17 (7.09-9.16)
15-min	2.73 (2.48-3.01)	3.28 (2.99-3.62)	3.94 (3.56-4.33)	4.38 (3.96-4.82)	4.94 (4.44-5.43)	5.34 (4.78-5.88)	5.72 (5.10-6.32)	6.08 (5.38-6.73)	6.52 (5.71-7.26)	6.84 (5.94-7.66)
30-min	1.87 (1.70-2.06)	2.27 (2.06-2.50)	2.80 (2.53-3.08)	3.17 (2.87-3.49)	3.66 (3.29-4.02)	4.02 (3.60-4.43)	4.38 (3.90-4.84)	4.73 (4.19-5.24)	5.19 (4.55-5.78)	5.53 (4.81-6.20)
60-min	1.17 (1.06-1.29)	1.42 (1.29-1.57)	1.79 (1.62-1.97)	2.07 (1.87-2.27)	2.44 (2.19-2.68)	2.72 (2.44-3.00)	3.02 (2.69-3.33)	3.32 (2.94-3.67)	3.72 (3.26-4.14)	4.04 (3.51-4.53)
2-hr	0.706 (0.640-0.780)	0.860 (0.781-0.950)	1.09 (0.986-1.20)	1.26 (1.14-1.39)	1.51 (1.35-1.66)	1.70 (1.52-1.87)	1.90 (1.68-2.10)	2.10 (1.85-2.33)	2.39 (2.08-2.66)	2.62 (2.26-2.93)
3-hr	0.516 (0.467-0.573)	0.629 (0.569-0.699)	0.797 (0.719-0.885)	0.928 (0.834-1.03)	1.11 (0.994-1.23)	1.26 (1.12-1.40)	1.42 (1.25-1.57)	1.58 (1.38-1.76)	1.80 (1.55-2.02)	1.99 (1.69-2.24)
6-hr	0.327 (0.296-0.365)	0.398 (0.359-0.443)	0.502 (0.452-0.559)	0.588 (0.527-0.652)	0.711 (0.631-0.789)	0.814 (0.718-0.903)	0.925 (0.807-1.03)	1.04 (0.901-1.16)	1.22 (1.03-1.36)	1.36 (1.14-1.53)
12-hr	0.197 (0.179-0.221)	0.239 (0.216-0.268)	0.304 (0.274-0.340)	0.359 (0.322-0.401)	0.441 (0.392-0.492)	0.513 (0.451-0.572)	0.591 (0.513-0.659)	0.678 (0.579-0.760)	0.808 (0.676-0.912)	0.920 (0.755-1.04)
24-hr	0.115 (0.106-0.125)	0.139 (0.128-0.151)	0.176 (0.163-0.191)	0.208 (0.191-0.226)	0.255 (0.233-0.276)	0.295 (0.267-0.319)	0.340 (0.305-0.367)	0.388 (0.345-0.420)	0.461 (0.403-0.500)	0.522 (0.450-0.569)

A graphical representation of the intensity (Intensity-duration-frequency, IDF, curves) is shown below:

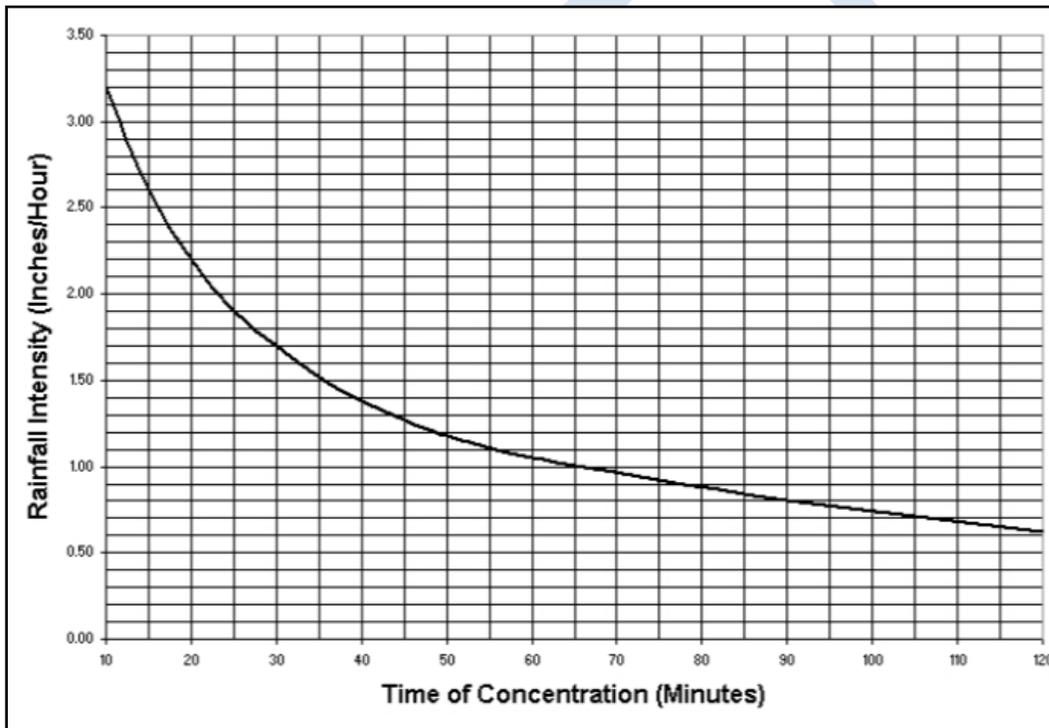


## Water Quality Design Storm

The Rational Method calculates only the peak flow rate of a specific storm event. Therefore, it is not appropriate to use the Rational method for sizing BMPs that require knowing the volume of stormwater runoff generated in order to determine the size of the BMP. The Rational method is often used in sizing Manufactured Treatment Devices by a determination of the peak flow rate of inflow.

The Stormwater Management rules define the NJDEP Water Quality Design Storm as 1.25 inches of rainfall in a 2-hour period. However, as explained on Page 23, the rainfall distribution for this storm event is not evenly distributed over the entire duration; therefore, **using an average intensity of 1.25 in over 2 hr, or 0.625 in/hr cannot be used as the value for  $i$ , rainfall intensity, in the Rational Method equation.** Instead, refer to Table 5-4, found on Page 24, or Figure 5-18, located below, for the correct rainfall intensity value corresponding to the calculated time of concentration.

**Figure 5-18: NJDEP 1.25-Inch/2-Hour Stormwater Quality Design Storm Rainfall Intensity-Duration Curve**



### Example 5-6: Determine the Peak Flow Rate of the NJDEP WQDS

A drainage area consists of a 1 ac asphalt pavement parking lot. Determine the peak flow rate for the post-construction condition.

For the post-construction condition, the time of concentration of runoff from an impervious surface can be assumed to be the minimum allowable value of 5 minutes. However, the minimum value available shown in Figure 5-18 is 10 minutes. Therefore, the time of concentration must be 10 minutes. From Figure 5-18, the rainfall intensity corresponding to 10 minutes is 3.2 in/hr. The runoff coefficient for an asphalt pavement parking lot obtained from Table 5-5 is 0.99. The peak flow rate is calculated as follows:

$$Q_p = CiA = 0.99 \times 3.2 \frac{\text{in}}{\text{hr}} \times 1 \text{ ac} = 3.17 \text{ cfs}$$

If the average rainfall intensity is incorrectly chosen, i.e.,  $i = 0.625$  inches/hour, the calculated peak flow rate would be:

$$Q_p = CiA = 0.99 \times 0.625 \frac{\text{in}}{\text{hr}} \times 1 \text{ ac} = 0.619 \text{ cfs}$$

which is roughly 1/5<sup>th</sup> the correct intensity. **If an intensity of 0.625 in/hr were used to size an MTD, it would be drastically undersized.**

### Modified Rational Method

The Rational Method was originally developed in 1889 for calculating the peak flow rate of stormwater runoff, not the volume of the runoff. In the 1970s, the Modified Rational Method was developed to size storage facilities, such as a reservoir or detention basin. The Modified Rational Method refers to a procedure for manipulating the basic rational method techniques to reflect the fact that storms with durations greater or less than the normal time of concentration for a basin will result in a larger volume of runoff even though the peak discharge is reduced. Under this concept, hydrographs are developed for various situations with regard to times of concentration and rainfall durations. Take note that the Modified Rational Method cannot be used to calculate the peak flow rate. For the Modified Rational Method, see “Appendix A-9 Modified Rational Method” in the *Standards for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control in New Jersey*, January 2014.

The Stormwater Management rules dictate that Rational Method is used for calculating peak flow rates and the Modified Rational Method is used to develop hydrographs. It is essential to not confuse the intensity used for the peak flow rate calculations under the Rational Method with the intensity used for the Modified Rational Method.

The volumes under the hydrographs developed using the Modified Rational Method are equal to the runoff volumes generated from the total rainfall depth and the corresponding duration of the storm event (2-hours for Water Quality Design Storm and 24-hours for 2-, 10- and 100- year storms), regardless of the time of concentration.

**Example 5-7: Sizing a Detention Basin Using the Modified Rational Method**

The Modified Rational Method is to be used to size a stormwater management basin for the 100-year storm. The existing condition peak flow rate is 7.024 cfs. The drainage area is 20 acres.

**Step 1:** Determine the allowable discharge peak flow for 100-year storm.

In accordance with the Stormwater Management rules requirement for stormwater runoff quantity control, the allowable discharge rate for the 100-year storm is 80% of the pre-construction peak flow rate. The pre-construction peak flow rate is 7.024 cfs. The allowable 100-year peak flow rate is therefore 5.62 cfs.

**Step 2:** Find the storm duration that will produce the maximum difference between the inflow volume and the outflow volume, assuming the maximum allowable peak outflow rate is the rate of discharge from the proposed detention basin.

Different stormwater durations and their rainfall intensities are used to calculate the inflow volumes. In Table 5-6, shown below, the design storm has a 100-year recurrence interval. Since the rainfall intensity decreases as the duration of rainfall increases, compare the rainfall intensity for the 5-min storm with that of the 12-hr storm.

**Table 5-6: NOAA Precipitation Frequency Data**

POINT PRECIPITATION FREQUENCY (PF) ESTIMATES WITH 90% CONFIDENCE INTERVALS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION NOAA Atlas 14, Volume 2, Version 3									
PF tabular		PF graphical		Supplementary information		Print page			
PDS-based precipitation frequency estimates with 90% confidence intervals (in inches/hour) <sup>1</sup>									
Duration	Average recurrence interval (years)								
	1	2	5	10	25	50	100	200	500
5-min	4.12 (3.73-4.54)	4.91 (4.48-5.41)	5.83 (5.28-6.42)	6.50 (5.88-7.16)	7.34 (6.60-8.08)	7.96 (7.12-8.75)	8.56 (7.62-9.44)	9.13 (8.08-10.1)	9.84 (8.63-11.0)
10-min	3.29 (2.98-3.62)	3.92 (3.57-4.33)	4.67 (4.23-5.14)	5.20 (4.70-5.72)	5.85 (5.26-6.43)	6.34 (5.67-6.97)	6.80 (6.08-7.51)	7.24 (6.41-8.01)	7.78 (6.82-8.67)
15-min	2.74 (2.49-3.02)	3.29 (2.99-3.62)	3.94 (3.57-4.34)	4.39 (3.97-4.83)	4.94 (4.44-5.44)	5.35 (4.78-5.88)	5.73 (5.10-6.32)	6.08 (5.39-6.74)	6.53 (5.72-7.27)
30-min	1.88 (1.71-2.07)	2.27 (2.07-2.50)	2.80 (2.54-3.08)	3.18 (2.88-3.50)	3.66 (3.29-4.03)	4.03 (3.60-4.43)	4.39 (3.91-4.84)	4.74 (4.19-5.24)	5.20 (4.55-5.79)
60-min	1.17 (1.06-1.29)	1.43 (1.30-1.57)	1.79 (1.63-1.98)	2.07 (1.87-2.28)	2.44 (2.19-2.68)	2.73 (2.44-3.00)	3.02 (2.69-3.34)	3.32 (2.94-3.68)	3.73 (3.27-4.15)
2-hr	0.707 (0.642-0.781)	0.862 (0.782-0.950)	1.09 (0.988-1.20)	1.27 (1.14-1.39)	1.51 (1.35-1.66)	1.70 (1.52-1.87)	1.90 (1.69-2.10)	2.11 (1.89-2.33)	2.40 (2.08-2.67)
3-hr	0.517 (0.467-0.574)	0.630 (0.570-0.699)	0.798 (0.720-0.888)	0.929 (0.836-1.03)	1.11 (0.995-1.23)	1.26 (1.12-1.40)	1.42 (1.25-1.58)	1.58 (1.38-1.76)	1.81 (1.58-2.02)
6-hr	0.328 (0.299-0.365)	0.398 (0.359-0.443)	0.503 (0.453-0.559)	0.588 (0.527-0.653)	0.712 (0.632-0.790)	0.814 (0.718-0.904)	0.925 (0.808-1.03)	1.05 (0.901-1.16)	1.22 (1.03-1.36)
12-hr	0.197 (0.179-0.221)	0.239 (0.216-0.268)	0.304 (0.274-0.340)	0.359 (0.322-0.401)	0.442 (0.392-0.492)	0.513 (0.451-0.573)	0.592 (0.513-0.660)	0.679 (0.579-0.761)	0.809 (0.678-0.913)

The inflow volume in excess of the outflow volume discharging at the allowable outflow rate must be detained in the detention basin to maintain a constant, yet allowable, rate of peak flow out of the detention basin. Construction of a table like the one shown on the following page can facilitate the calculation.

**Table 5-7: Modified Rational Method Basin Design Table**

Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Row No.	Storm Duration (min)	Storm Intensity (in/hr)	Inflow Rate (cfs)	Runoff Volume (cf)	Outflow Rate (cfs)	Outflow Volume (cf)	Storage Volume (cf)
1	5	8.56					

- The storm duration (Column A) can be set at any interval of time, such as 20 minutes, 1 hour, etc. Smaller intervals of time provide more accurate estimates. For this example, the values of storm duration are initially chosen to match the storm durations in the NOAA website precipitation frequency data as shown in Table 5-6.
- Values for storm intensity (Column B) may be obtained from intensity-duration-frequency curve in accordance with the stormwater recurrence frequency and the storm duration. For the current example, the stormwater recurrence frequency is 100-year storm. The storm duration is the values in column A. From Table 5-6, for example, the storm intensity is 8.56 in/hr for a 5-min duration, 100-year storm. In Row 1, enter “5” in Column A and enter 8.56 in Column B in Table 5-7. Note that these particular values will not be used in the remainder of the example.
- The inflow rate (Column C) is the multiplication of storm intensity (Column B), the size of the contributing inflow drainage area, and the C value, which is assumed to be 0.99 for an impervious surface. As discussed on Page 46, no conversion factor is required to adjust the units of the rational method equation.
- The runoff volume (Column D) is the multiplication of inflow rate (Column C) with the storm duration (Column A), along with the appropriate conversion of units from minutes to seconds.
- The outflow rate (Column E) is the allowable outflow rate from “Step 1.”
- The outflow volume (Column F) is the multiplication of the outflow rate (Column E) with the storm duration (Column A). Also include the unit conversion from minutes to seconds in this step.
- The storage volume (Column G) is the subtraction of outflow volume (Column F) from the runoff volume (Column D).

Table 5-7 now looks like this, once the values are calculated as discussed above:

**Table 5-7: Modified Rational Method Basin Design Table (revised)**

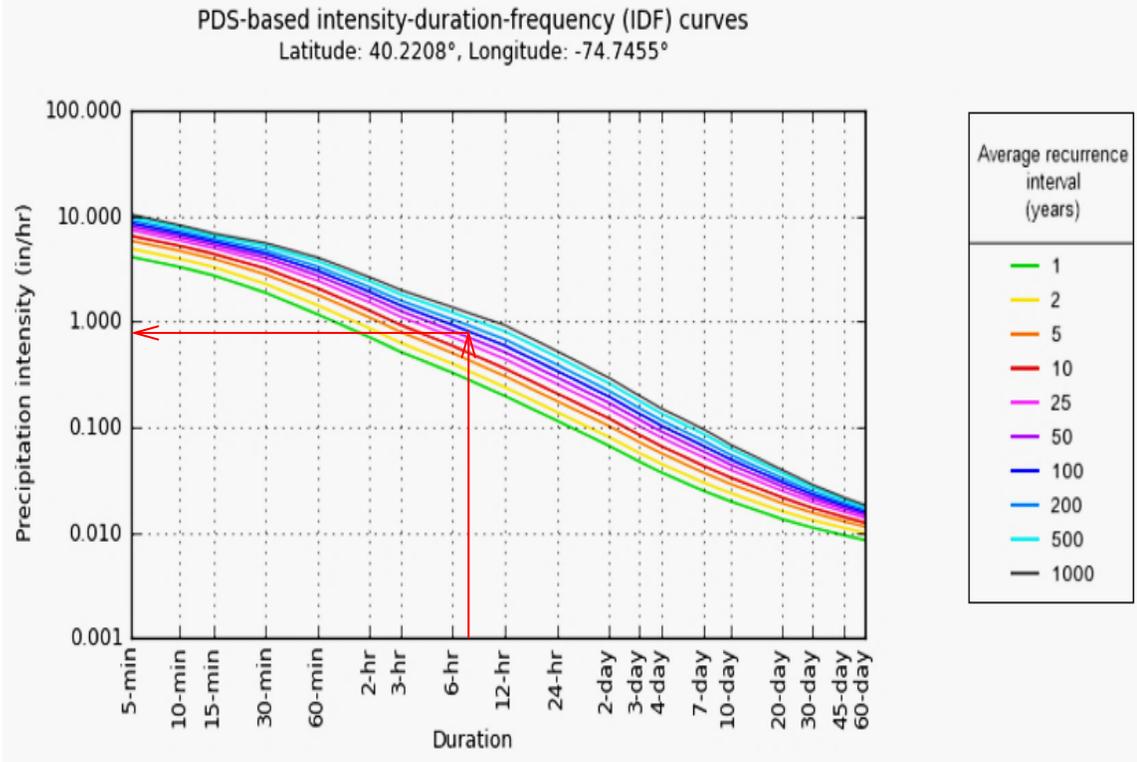
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Row No.	Storm Duration (min)	Storm Intensity (in/hr)	Inflow Rate (cfs)	Runoff Volume (cf)	Outflow Rate (cfs)	Outflow Volume (cf)	Storage Volume (cf)
1	10	6.80	134.6	80760	5.62	3372	77388
2	15	5.73	113.5	102150	5.62	5058	97092
3	30	4.39	86.9	156420	5.62	10116	146304
4	60	3.02	59.8	215280	5.62	20232	195048
5	120	1.90	37.6	270720	5.62	40464	230255
6	180	1.42	28.1	303480	5.62	60696	242784
7	360	0.925	18.3	395280	5.62	121392	273888
8	720	0.592	11.7	505440	5.62	242784	262656

The storage volume shown in Column G increases to 273,888 cf then decrease to 262,656 cf between the durations of 360 and 720 minutes. This means that the maximum storage volume occurs somewhere between these durations. Further analysis is needed as there is a time difference of 360 minutes between the two durations.

Next, an increment of 60 minutes between durations 360 and 720 minutes is used to zero in on the maximum storage volume. The storm intensity is still obtained from the precipitation-duration-frequency (“PDS”) data on the NOAA website. However, the tabular data does not provide data at 60-minute intervals between the targeted durations. This means the graphical curve will need to be consulted. NOAA’s intensity-duration-frequency (“IDF”) curves are shown on the following page. To obtain the value for a particular precipitation intensity, there is a three-step process.

- First, locate the curve for the desired recurrence interval from the color-coded key on the right in the figure reproduced at the top of Page 55.
- Second, locate the storm duration on the x-axis and project a line up to the recurrence interval curve.
- Finally, project a horizontal over to the y-axis to find the precipitation intensity.

Take note that the scale for each axis is logarithmic. For example, for a duration of 540 minutes (9 hours), the 100-year curve yields an intensity of 0.757 in/hr, shown on the following page with red arrows.



Rows are then added to Table 5-7 and the method described above is used to complete the additional rows, resulting in a table that now looks, in part, like that depicted below:

**Table 5-7: Modified Rational Method Basin Design Table - Expanded**

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Row No.	Storm Duration (min)	Storm Intensity (in/hr)	Inflow Rate (cfs)	Runoff Volume (cf)	Outflow Rate (cfs)	Outflow Volume (cf)	Storage Volume (cf)
7	360	0.925	18.32	395712	5.62	121392	274320
8	420	0.869	17.21	433692	5.62	141624	292068
9	480	0.813	16.10	463680	5.62	161856	301824
10	<b>540</b>	<b>0.757</b>	<b>14.99</b>	<b>485676</b>	<b>5.62</b>	<b>182088</b>	<b>303588</b>
11	600	0.701	13.88	499680	5.62	202320	297360
12	660	0.645	12.77	505692	5.62	222552	283140
13	720	0.592	11.72	506304	5.62	242784	263520

As can be seen as bolded text in the table above, the storage volume increases to reach a maximum of 303,543 cf for a storm duration of 540 min. The expanded table is therefore a more accurate estimate of the maximum storage volume for the allowable discharge rate of 5.62 cfs for the 100-year

storm. Of course, further refinements can be made using smaller time increments between durations of 480 and 540 minutes, if so desired.

The detention basin will need further configuration based on the storage volume of 303,543 cf, including sizing of orifices and maximum water depth to be consistent with the allowable peak outflow of 5.62 cfs. The method described above should also be performed for the 2- and 10-year storms to demonstrate the volumes and outflow rates meet the required 50% and 75% reduction rates. Further design and performance standards and other details for extended detention basins are addressed in *Chapter 9.4* of this manual.

### **Example 5-8: A Re-development Project with Two Drainage Areas, Each Discharging to Separate Points, Compared to the Same Development having One Combined Discharge Point**

In this example, a proposed development in Ocean County consists of two drainage areas, each discharging to a separate point, is compared to a scenario in which the stormwater runoff produced by the two drainage areas converges to a single discharge point before leaving the development site. **This example combines a groundwater mounding analysis and stormwater routing calculations, which includes exfiltration as an allowable discharge, and also illustrates how the stormwater runoff quantity control design standards may and may not be applied.**

#### **Example 5-8A: Two Discharge Points**

Drainage area A is 1.0 acre. Under existing conditions, stormwater runoff from drainage area A is discharged to a riparian zone toward a small creek. The existing cover in drainage area A is a pasture on HSG 'B' soil. The proposed development for drainage area A consists of a 0.25 acre gravel parking lot, with the remainder to be undisturbed. A small-scale infiltration basin (52 ft long by 52 ft wide) is proposed to provide water-quality treatment for the stormwater runoff generated by the proposed gravel parking lot, as well as provide stormwater runoff quantity control through infiltration of the runoff produced by the 2-, 10- and 100-year design storms. The small-scale infiltration basin has an emergency spillway discharging to the same riparian zone toward to the creek.

Drainage area B is 0.75 acres. Under existing conditions, stormwater runoff from drainage area B is discharged to a street that has a roadside catch basin connected to a municipal stormwater sewer system. Drainage area B consists of HSG 'C' soil. The concrete foundation of an abandoned warehouse covers 0.5 acres of drainage area B. Although there was an asphalt parking area adjacent to the warehouse, the parking area was removed and vegetation, grass and woods, have re-established on the site. The proposed development includes demolishing the warehouse to construct a 0.16 ac building and pedestrian walkway. Under proposed conditions, the rest of the drainage area B is to be vegetated as follows: 0.5 ac of turf grass and landscaping and 0.09 ac of woods. No green infrastructure is proposed in drainage area B.

The tested soil permeability rate for the most restrictive soil layer within the proposed small-scale infiltration basin is 3 in/hr. The Seasonal High Water Table (SHWT) is 8 feet below the existing ground elevation. The stormwater management report for the proposed development claims that the proposed stormwater management measures will meet the stormwater runoff quantity requirements in N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6. Determine the validity of this claim.

**Step 1: Determine Whether the Project is a Major Development**

The proposed development will have 0.25 acres of gravel parking lot in drainage area A and a new 0.16 ac building and walkway plus 0.516 acres of grass lawn in drainage area B. The total disturbance is 1.00 acre and the project creates one-quarter acre of regulated motor vehicle surface. Therefore, the proposed development is a major development.

**Step 2: Stormwater Runoff Quantity Standards:**

For a major development project, stormwater runoff quantity control is required. The option to demonstrate compliance with N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)3 is chosen. The peak flow rates for pre-construction condition are calculated as follows:

- CN values for the pre-construction condition are chosen based on the land cover having the least runoff potential and assuming good condition rather than fair or poor. The asphalt parking lot cannot be considered to be impervious surface since it has been removed and vegetation has been re-established.
- The time of concentration is calculated by using 100 feet of the flow path as sheet flow, plus a segment of shallow concentrated flow based on a slope of 0.5% and the land cover specified above for the drainage area. The 2-, 10- and 100- year design storms produce rainfall depths, in Ocean County, of 3.4, 5.4 and 9.2 inches, respectively. For this example, the existing condition has two points of analysis: POA-A and POA-B. The times of concentration, volumes and peak flow rates from impervious surfaces and pervious surfaces must be calculated separately and the results are shown in the table below.

Pre-construction Drainage Area Name (cover condition or undisturbed)	Area (ac)	CN	T <sub>c</sub> (min)	Pre-construction Design Storm Flow Rate (cfs)		
				2-year	10-year	100-year
Pre-A1 (pasture)	0.25	61	23.2	0.07	0.28	0.81
Pre-A2 (undisturbed)	0.75	61	30.0	0.19	0.75	2.16
<b>Total Pre-A</b>	<b>1.00</b>			<b>0.26</b>	<b>1.03</b>	<b>2.97</b>
Pre-B1 (warehouse)	0.50	98	6.1	1.61	2.58	4.40
Pre-B2 (woods/grass)	0.25	70	38.7	0.13	0.34	0.81
<b>Total Pre-B</b>	<b>0.75</b>			<b>1.74</b>	<b>2.92</b>	<b>5.21</b>

- Allowable post-construction peak flow under N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)3

Under N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)3, the post-construction condition peak flow rates must be reduced to 50%, 75% and 80% of the pre-construction peak flow rates, respectively. It is also stated in the rules that the percentages apply only to the post-construction stormwater runoff that is attributable to the portion of the site on which the proposed development or project is to be

constructed. Therefore, the reduction percentages are not required for the undisturbed drainage area, Pre-A2. The allowable peak flow rates are listed below.

Pre-construction Drainage Area Name (cover condition)	Area (ac)	Allowable Design Storm Peak Flow Rates (cfs)		
		2-year	10-year	100-year
Pre-A1 (pasture)	0.25	0.04	0.21	0.65
Pre-A2 (undisturbed)	0.75	0.19	0.75	2.16
<b>Total Pre-A</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>2.81</b>
Pre-B1 (warehouse and parking area)	0.50	0.81	1.94	3.52
Pre-B2 (woods)	0.25	0.07	0.26	0.65
<b>Total Pre-B</b>	<b>0.75</b>	<b>0.88</b>	<b>2.20</b>	<b>4.17</b>

- The post-construction peak flow rates for each of the proposed drainage areas (prior to the incorporation of stormwater management measures) are shown below:

Post-construction Drainage Area Name (undisturbed/cover condition)	Area (ac)	CN	T <sub>c</sub> (min)	Post-construction Design Storm Flow Rate (cfs)		
				2-year	10-year	100-year
Post-A1 (parking/ gravel)	0.25	96	6	0.78	1.27	2.19
Post-A2 (undisturbed/ pasture)	0.75	61	30	0.19	0.75	2.16
<b>Total Post-A</b>	<b>1.00</b>			<b>0.97</b>	<b>2.02</b>	<b>4.35</b>
Post-B1 (building or walkway)	0.16	98	6	0.52	0.83	1.41
Post-B2 (open space/ grass > 75% and woods)	0.59	74	18.7	0.53	1.28	2.86
<b>Total Post-B</b>	<b>0.75</b>			<b>1.05</b>	<b>2.11</b>	<b>4.27</b>

- The uncontrolled post-construction peak flow rates generated by drainage area Post-A exceed the allowable design storm peak flow rates of stormwater runoff generated by drainage area Pre-A. Therefore, green infrastructure BMPs listed in Table 5-1 or 5-2, as required by N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.3(c), must be used to meet the stormwater runoff quantity control requirements. As stated on Page 56, a small-scale infiltration basin is proposed to provide the stormwater runoff quantity control.
- Similarly, for drainage area B, the uncontrolled post-construction peak flow rates of stormwater runoff generated by drainage area Post-B exceed the allowable design storm peak flow rates of stormwater runoff generated by drainage area Pre-B. Therefore, green

infrastructure BMPs listed in Table 5-1 or 5-2 must also be used to meet the stormwater runoff quantity control requirements.

**Step 3: Calculate the Post-Construction Design Storm Peak Flow Rates for Drainage Area Post-A-1**

The proposed small-scale infiltration basin has a 2,700 sf bottom footprint and a basin depth of 2 ft, including 1 ft of freeboard. The 4-sided concrete outlet structure includes a 2.5 in orifice located 0.15 ft above the basin bottom and a top grate, which acts as a broad-crested weir, located 1 ft above the basin bottom. The weir opening is 20 ft long = 4 sides x 5 ft per side, and the depth of the weir, i.e., the outlet structure wall thickness, is 0.5 ft. Exfiltration is included in the routing calculation, using the design permeability rate of 1.5 in/hr, which is one-half of the tested permeability rate of 3 in/hr. Take note that the exfiltration can be credited only on the infiltration area, which is the footprint of the BMP. The side slopes of the BMP cannot be used for exfiltration. Therefore, the routing, with exfiltration, must only use the design permeability rate of the most restrictive soil layer under the BMP and the footprint, i.e., the exfiltration area, of the BMP to determine the maximum exfiltration flow rate (cfs) in the BMP. In the current case, however, the BMP has the same surface area 2,700 sf from the bottom to the top. A constant exfiltration flow rate, 0.09375 cfs (2,700 sf x 1.5 in/hr x 1/12 in/ft x 1/3600 second/hr), in the routing or a constant exfiltration rate 1.5 in/hr is applied to 2,700 sf for all water elevations in the routing. The results obtained from a hydraulic and hydrologic modeling software program are each shown below and on the following pages for the 2-, 10- and 100-year design storms.

**2-year Design Storm Post-Construction Condition Summary Report**

Summary	Hydrograph	Discharge	Storage	Events	Sizing
Inflow Area = 10,890 sf, 0.00% Impervious, Inflow Depth = 2.95" for Custom event Inflow = 0.78 cfs @ 12.09 hrs, Volume= 2,674 cf Outflow = 0.14 cfs @ 12.55 hrs, Volume= 2,674 cf, Atten= 83%, Lag= 27.8 min Discarded = 0.09 cfs @ 11.70 hrs, Volume= 2,487 cf Primary = 0.04 cfs @ 12.55 hrs, Volume= 187 cf					
Routing by Stor-Ind method, Time Span= 0.00-48.00 hrs, dt= 0.05 hrs Peak Elev= 0.32' @ 12.55 hrs Surf.Area= 2,700 sf Storage= 864 cf					
Plug-Flow detention time= 55.7 min calculated for 2,674 cf (100% of inflow) Center-of-Mass det. time= 55.5 min ( 827.9 - 772.3 )					
Volume	Invert	Avail.Storage	Storage Description		
#1	0.00'	8,100 cf	<b>Custom Stage Data (Prismatic)</b> Listed below (Recalc)		
Elevation (feet)	Surf.Area (sq-ft)	Inc.Store (cubic-feet)	Cum.Store (cubic-feet)		
0.00	2,700	0	0		
1.00	2,700	2,700	2,700		
2.00	2,700	2,700	5,400		
3.00	2,700	2,700	8,100		
Device	Routing	Invert	Outlet Devices		
#1	Primary	1.00'	<b>20.0' long x 0.5' breadth Broad-Crested Rectangular Weir</b>		
			Head (feet) 0.20 0.40 0.60 0.80 1.00		
			Coef. (English) 2.80 2.92 3.08 3.30 3.32		
#2	Primary	0.15'	<b>2.5" Vert. Orifice/Grate C= 0.600</b>		
#3	Discarded	0.00'	<b>1.500 in/hr Exfiltration over Surface area</b>		
<b>Discarded OutFlow</b> Max=0.09 cfs @ 11.70 hrs HW=0.03' (Free Discharge)					
↳3=Exfiltration (Exfiltration Controls 0.09 cfs)					
<b>Primary OutFlow</b> Max=0.04 cfs @ 12.55 hrs HW=0.32' (Free Discharge)					
↳1=Broad-Crested Rectangular Weir ( Controls 0.00 cfs)					
↳2=Orifice/Grate (Orifice Controls 0.04 cfs @ 1.40 fps)					

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10-year Design Storm Post-Construction Condition Summary Report

Summary	Hydrograph	Discharge	Storage	Events	Sizing
Inflow Area = 10,890 sf, 0.00% Impervious, Inflow Depth = 4.93" for Custom event Inflow = 1.27 cfs @ 12.09 hrs, Volume= 4,474 cf Outflow = 0.19 cfs @ 12.59 hrs, Volume= 4,474 cf, Atten= 85%, Lag= 30.1 min Discarded = 0.09 cfs @ 11.25 hrs, Volume= 3,595 cf Primary = 0.09 cfs @ 12.59 hrs, Volume= 880 cf					
Routing by Stor-Ind method, Time Span= 0.00-48.00 hrs, dt= 0.05 hrs Peak Elev= 0.58' @ 12.59 hrs Surf.Area= 2,700 sf Storage= 1,566 cf					
Plug-Flow detention time= 75.8 min calculated for 4,470 cf (100% of inflow) Center-of-Mass det. time= 75.8 min ( 836.4 - 760.6 )					
Volume	Invert	Avail.Storage	Storage Description		
#1	0.00'	8,100 cf	<b>Custom Stage Data (Prismatic)</b> Listed below (Recalc)		
Elevation (feet)	Surf.Area (sq-ft)	Inc.Store (cubic-feet)	Cum.Store (cubic-feet)		
0.00	2,700	0	0		
1.00	2,700	2,700	2,700		
2.00	2,700	2,700	5,400		
3.00	2,700	2,700	8,100		
Device	Routing	Invert	Outlet Devices		
#1	Primary	1.00'	<b>20.0' long x 0.5' breadth Broad-Crested Rectangular Weir</b>		
			Head (feet) 0.20 0.40 0.60 0.80 1.00		
			Coef. (English) 2.80 2.92 3.08 3.30 3.32		
#2	Primary	0.15'	<b>2.5" Vert. Orifice/Grate C= 0.600</b>		
#3	Discarded	0.00'	<b>1.500 in/hr Exfiltration over Surface area</b>		
<b>Discarded OutFlow</b> Max=0.09 cfs @ 11.25 hrs HW=0.03' (Free Discharge) ↳3=Exfiltration (Exfiltration Controls 0.09 cfs)					
<b>Primary OutFlow</b> Max=0.09 cfs @ 12.59 hrs HW=0.58' (Free Discharge) ↳1=Broad-Crested Rectangular Weir ( Controls 0.00 cfs) ↳2=Orifice/Grate (Orifice Controls 0.09 cfs @ 2.75 fps)					

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100-year Design Storm Post-Construction Condition Summary Report

Summary	Hydrograph	Discharge	Storage	Events	Sizing
Inflow Area = 10,890 sf, 0.00% Impervious, Inflow Depth = 8.72" for Custom event Inflow = 2.19 cfs @ 12.09 hrs, Volume= 7,912 cf Outflow = 0.73 cfs @ 12.38 hrs, Volume= 7,912 cf, Atten= 67%, Lag= 17.5 min Discarded = 0.09 cfs @ 9.80 hrs, Volume= 5,102 cf Primary = 0.63 cfs @ 12.38 hrs, Volume= 2,809 cf					
Routing by Stor-Ind method, Time Span= 0.00-48.00 hrs, dt= 0.05 hrs Peak Elev= 1.04' @ 12.38 hrs Surf.Area= 2,700 sf Storage= 2,811 cf					
Plug-Flow detention time= 102.6 min calculated for 7,904 cf (100% of inflow) Center-of-Mass det. time= 102.6 min ( 852.4 - 749.8 )					
Volume	Invert	Avail.Storage	Storage Description		
#1	0.00'	8,100 cf	<b>Custom Stage Data (Prismatic)</b> Listed below (Recalc)		
Elevation (feet)	Surf.Area (sq-ft)	Inc.Store (cubic-feet)	Cum.Store (cubic-feet)		
0.00	2,700	0	0		
1.00	2,700	2,700	2,700		
2.00	2,700	2,700	5,400		
3.00	2,700	2,700	8,100		
Device	Routing	Invert	Outlet Devices		
#1	Primary	1.00'	<b>20.0' long x 0.5' breadth Broad-Crested Rectangular Weir</b>		
			Head (feet) 0.20 0.40 0.60 0.80 1.00		
			Coef. (English) 2.80 2.92 3.08 3.30 3.32		
#2	Primary	0.15'	<b>2.5" Vert. Orifice/Grate</b> C= 0.600		
#3	Discarded	0.00'	<b>1.500 in/hr Exfiltration over Surface area</b>		
<b>Discarded OutFlow</b> Max=0.09 cfs @ 9.80 hrs HW=0.03' (Free Discharge) ↑3=Exfiltration (Exfiltration Controls 0.09 cfs)					
<b>Primary OutFlow</b> Max=0.60 cfs @ 12.38 hrs HW=1.04' (Free Discharge) ↑1=Broad-Crested Rectangular Weir (Weir Controls 0.46 cfs @ 0.56 fps) ↓2=Orifice/Grate (Orifice Controls 0.15 cfs @ 4.27 fps)					

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The post-construction peak flow discharges from the proposed small-scale infiltration basin, which are labeled “primary” flow rates in the above listed reports, were calculated to be 0.04, 0.09 and 0.63 cfs for the 2-, 10- and 100-year design storms, respectively. Adding these values to the corresponding peak flow rates generated by the undisturbed drainage area Post-A2, yields the total calculated peak flow rates of Post-A drainage area - 0.23 cfs, 0.84 and 2.79 cfs - for the 2-, 10- and 100-year design storms, respectively. The table on the following page compares the allowable design storm peak flow rates for the post-construction condition for Post-A drainage area at point of analysis A to those calculated for the post-construction condition to check whether the design meets the requirement to reduce the peak flow rates to 50, 75 and 80% of the pre-construction peak flow rates.

The post-construction peak flow rates for each of the proposed drainage areas are shown below (after the incorporation of stormwater management measures).

Post-construction Drainage Area Designation	Allowable Design Storm Peak Flow Rate (cfs)			Design Storm Peak Flow Rates with a Small-Scale Infiltration Basin (cfs)		
	2-year	10-year	100-year	2-year	10-year	100-year
Post-A1 (parking lot/ gravel)	0.04	0.21	0.65	0.04	0.09	0.63
Post-A2 (undisturbed area/ pasture)	0.19	0.75	2.16	0.19	0.75	2.16
<b>Post-A</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>2.81</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>0.84</b>	<b>2.79</b>

#### Step 4: Perform the Required Groundwater Mounding Analysis

The design of the small-scale infiltration basin must include a groundwater mounding analysis to verify the drain time within 72 hours and whether there is an adverse hydraulic impact to the groundwater level due to the infiltration practice, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.2(h).

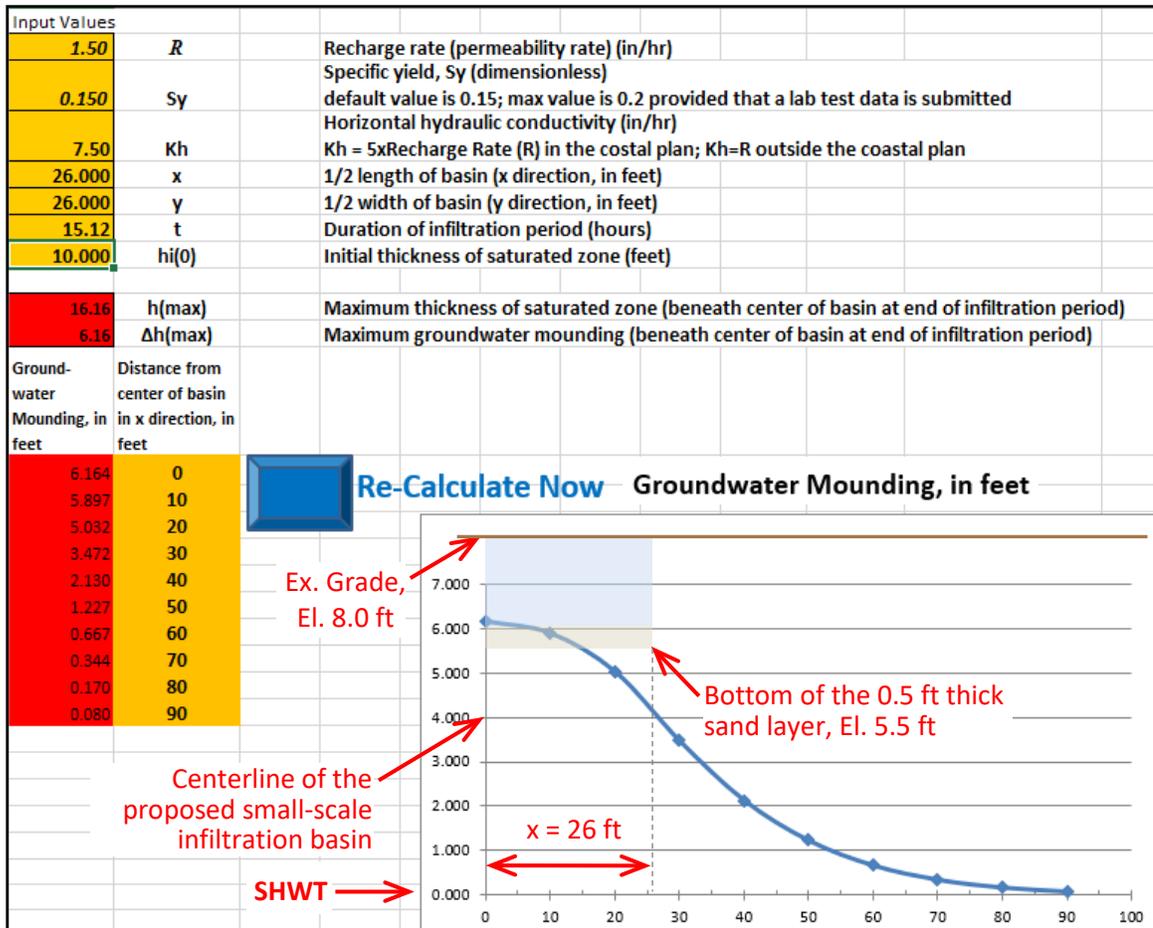
The NJDEP *Hantush Spreadsheet* is used for the groundwater mounding analysis for which guidance is included in *Chapter 13* of this manual. For this example, the small-scale infiltration basin measures 52 ft by 52 ft. The recharge rate, R, is the design permeability rate, which is one half the tested permeability rate, and equals 0.5 x 3.0 in/hr = 1.5 in/hr. The parameters for specific yield, S<sub>y</sub>, and the horizontal hydraulic conductivity, K<sub>h</sub>, is will be set at the default values specified in *Chapter 13*. The horizontal hydraulic conductivity rate is 5 times the recharge rate since the site, located in Ocean County, is in the Coastal plain. The x and y values are equal to half of the respective basin dimensions.

For the calculation of the duration of the infiltration period - *when exfiltration is used in the basin routing calculation* - the time calculated must be determined from the volume of runoff exfiltrated, or discarded, typically found in the modeling software results. As shown in the preceding summary reports, the exfiltration volumes or discarded volumes during the 2-, 10- and 100-year design storms are 2,487, 3,595 and 5,102 cf, respectively. Since the 100-year design storm produced the largest exfiltration volume, this design storm is most likely to yield the greatest mounding height. The exfiltration volume during the 100-year storm is used to calculate the duration of the infiltration period.

From Page 4 of *Chapter 13*, the duration of infiltration period, t, is calculated as follows for the 100-year design storm:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Duration of infiltration period, } t \text{ (hr)} &= \frac{\text{Discarded Volume via Exfiltration (cf)} \times 12 \text{ in/ft}}{\text{Infiltration area (sf)} \times \text{Exfiltration rate (in/hr)}} \\ &= \frac{5,102 \text{ cf} \times 12 \text{ in/ft}}{2,700 \text{ sf} \times 1.5 \text{ in/hr}} = 15.12 \text{ hr} \end{aligned}$$

The initial thickness of the saturated zone,  $h_i(0)$ , is set at the default value. Clicking on the blue button labeled “Re-Calculate Now” produced the results depicted below.



The results show that the maximum height of the groundwater mounding,  $\Delta h(\max)$ , is 6.16 ft. Since the groundwater table is 8 ft below the existing ground elevation, the elevated groundwater table will be 1.84 ft below the existing ground level at the center of the small-scale infiltration basin at the moment all of the stormwater runoff has infiltrated into the sand layer. However, the proposed small-scale basin provides 2 ft of temporary storage for stormwater, as depicted above by the light blue rectangle. The basin also includes a sand layer that is 0.5 ft deep, shown in tan. Therefore, the lowest point of the proposed basin is 2.5 ft below the existing ground elevation. Since the elevated groundwater table will be only 1.84 ft below the existing ground elevation, the elevated groundwater level will have an adverse impact on the drainage of the basin.

Since there is an adverse impact on the drainage of the basin, the rate of exfiltration will also be impacted, meaning the ability of the basin to drain will be reduced. A smaller recharge rate must be used to run the *Hantush Spreadsheet* again in order to further evaluate the mounding height. **A trial and error approach must be undertaken because the extent to which the soil permeability rate will be reduced is unknown.** The approach is outlined on the following page.

**Steps to Follow When an Adverse Impact is Encountered:**

- a. Further reduce the value for the recharge rate, R.
- b. Use the reduced recharge rate from “Step a” as the exfiltration rate in the BMP routing calculation.
  - i. Keep in mind that reducing the exfiltration rate will result in a greater volume to be discharged via the outlet structure and a lower volume of stormwater runoff will be discarded via exfiltration.
  - ii. If the increased flow rate through the outlet structure exceeds the allowable design storm peak flow rate, the infiltration BMP will require a larger detention volume and the outlet structure may also need to be adjusted to meet the allowable design storm peak flow rate.
  - iii. Although the BMP can be enlarged by increasing the depth, doing so will reduce the distance between the bottom of the BMP and the groundwater table, meaning the new design will be more likely to be negatively impacted by the elevated groundwater table during infiltration.
  - iv. Therefore, enlarging the footprint of the BMP will generally produce more favorable results than increasing the depth.
- c. After adjusting the footprint size and the outlet structure to meet the allowable design storm peak flow rates for all storms with the reduced exfiltration rate, use the exfiltration (discarded) volume from the routing calculation as the infiltration volume to calculate a new value for the duration of infiltration period. **Note that the new duration of the infiltration period must be less than or equal to 72 hours.**
- d. Run the *Hantush Spreadsheet* with the new values from “Step c.”
  - i. The recharge rate will be equal to the reduced exfiltration rate.
  - ii. However, the horizontal conductivity must remain unchanged.
  - iii. **If the BMP, using the reduced exfiltration rate, needs more than 72 hours to infiltrate the exfiltration volume, the BMP is considered unsuitable.**
- e. Use the mounding height from the results in “Step d” to assess the impact of the groundwater mounding on the BMP.
  - i. If the new height of the groundwater mounding is below the bottom of the BMP, the infiltration practice will not be impacted by the groundwater mounding, and the trial and error process is concluded at this point.
  - ii. However, if the new height of the groundwater mounding is still above the bottom of the BMP, a new iteration using a further reduced exfiltration rate will be needed.
  - iii. **Note that an exfiltration rate less than 0.5 in/hr may be used as long as the duration of infiltration period does not exceed 72 hours.**

- Based on the methodology discussed above, the trial and error approach for the current example is as follows:
  - a. Reduce the recharge rate from 1.5 in/hr to 1 in/hr.
  - b. The exfiltration rate used in the new basin routing calculation equals the recharge rate from “Step a.” The results are shown in the image below:

Revised 100-year Design Storm Post-Construction Condition Summary Report  
Exfiltration = 1.0 in/hr

Summary	Hydrograph	Discharge	Storage	Events	Sizing
Inflow Area = 10,890 sf, 0.00% Impervious, Inflow Depth = 8.72" for 100-Year event Inflow = 2.19 cfs @ 12.09 hrs, Volume= 7,912 cf Outflow = 0.96 cfs @ 12.28 hrs, Volume= 7,912 cf, Atten= 56%, Lag= 11.7 min Discarded = 0.06 cfs @ 8.75 hrs, Volume= 4,185 cf Primary = 0.90 cfs @ 12.28 hrs, Volume= 3,727 cf					
Routing by Stor-Ind method, Time Span= 0.00-48.00 hrs, dt= 0.05 hrs Peak Elev= 1.06' @ 12.28 hrs Surf.Area= 2,700 sf Storage= 2,851 cf					
Plug-Flow detention time= 130.2 min calculated for 7,904 cf (100% of inflow) Center-of-Mass det. time= 130.1 min ( 879.9 - 749.8 )					
Volume	Invert	Avail.Storage	Storage Description		
#1	0.00'	8,100 cf	Custom Stage Data (Prismatic) Listed below (Recalc)		
Elevation (feet)	Surf.Area (sq-ft)	Inc.Store (cubic-feet)	Cum.Store (cubic-feet)		
0.00	2,700	0	0		
1.00	2,700	2,700	2,700		
2.00	2,700	2,700	5,400		
3.00	2,700	2,700	8,100		
Device	Routing	Invert	Outlet Devices		
#1	Primary	1.00'	<b>20.0' long x 0.5' breadth Broad-Crested Rectangular Weir</b> Head (feet) 0.20 0.40 0.60 0.80 1.00 Coef. (English) 2.80 2.92 3.08 3.30 3.32		
#2	Primary	0.15'	<b>2.5" Vert. Orifice/Grate</b> C= 0.600		
#3	Discarded	0.00'	<b>1.000 in/hr Exfiltration over Surface area</b>		
<b>Discarded OutFlow</b> Max=0.06 cfs @ 8.75 hrs HW=0.03' (Free Discharge) ↳3=Exfiltration (Exfiltration Controls 0.06 cfs)					
<b>Primary OutFlow</b> Max=0.87 cfs @ 12.28 hrs HW=1.06' (Free Discharge) ↳1=Broad-Crested Rectangular Weir (Weir Controls 0.73 cfs @ 0.66 fps) ↳2=Orifice/Grate (Orifice Controls 0.15 cfs @ 4.31 fps)					

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- i. The 100-year storm routing calculation shows the exfiltration (discarded) volume is reduced from 5,102 cf at an exfiltration rate of 1.5 in/hr to 4,185 cf at 1 in/hr.
- ii. The peak flow rate (primary) from the proposed small-scale infiltration basin (Post-A1) is increased from 0.63 cfs to 0.9 cfs and must be added to the 2.42 cfs from Post-A2 (undisturbed area/ pasture). The new value for the combined peak flow rate is 3.32 cfs, which exceeds the allowable design storm peak flow rate for the Post-A drainage area.
- iii. To alleviate the increased peak flow rate, a larger detention volume is needed. The footprint of the proposed BMP is therefore enlarged from 2,700 to 3,200 sf to provide more detention volume. New routing calculations are performed and the results are shown on the next three pages for the 2-, 10- and 100-year design storms:

Revised 2-year Design Storm Post-Construction Condition Summary Report  
 Exfiltration = 1.0 in/hr and Basin Footprint Enlarged to 3,200 sf

Summary	Hydrograph	Discharge	Storage	Events	Sizing
Inflow Area = 10,890 sf, 0.00% Impervious, Inflow Depth = 2.95" for 2-year event Inflow = 0.78 cfs @ 12.09 hrs, Volume= 2,674 cf Outflow = 0.11 cfs @ 12.61 hrs, Volume= 2,674 cf, Atten= 86%, Lag= 31.2 min Discarded = 0.07 cfs @ 11.65 hrs, Volume= 2,462 cf Primary = 0.04 cfs @ 12.61 hrs, Volume= 212 cf					
Routing by Stor-Ind method, Time Span= 0.00-48.00 hrs, dt= 0.05 hrs Peak Elev= 0.30' @ 12.61 hrs Surf.Area= 3,200 sf Storage= 967 cf					
Plug-Flow detention time= 84.6 min calculated for 2,671 cf (100% of inflow) Center-of-Mass det. time= 84.6 min ( 856.9 - 772.3 )					
Volume	Invert	Avail.Storage	Storage Description		
#1	0.00'	9,600 cf	<b>Custom Stage Data (Prismatic)</b> Listed below (Recalc)		
Elevation (feet)	Surf.Area (sq-ft)	Inc.Store (cubic-feet)	Cum.Store (cubic-feet)		
0.00	3,200	0	0		
1.00	3,200	3,200	3,200		
2.00	3,200	3,200	6,400		
3.00	3,200	3,200	9,600		
Device	Routing	Invert	Outlet Devices		
#1	Primary	1.00'	<b>20.0' long x 0.5' breadth Broad-Crested Rectangular Weir</b>		
			Head (feet) 0.20 0.40 0.60 0.80 1.00		
			Coef. (English) 2.80 2.92 3.08 3.30 3.32		
#2	Primary	0.15'	<b>2.5" Vert. Orifice/Grate C= 0.600</b>		
#3	Discarded	0.00'	<b>1.000 in/hr Exfiltration over Surface area</b>		
<b>Discarded OutFlow</b> Max=0.07 cfs @ 11.65 hrs HW=0.03' (Free Discharge) ↑ <b>3=Exfiltration</b> (Exfiltration Controls 0.07 cfs)					
<b>Primary OutFlow</b> Max=0.04 cfs @ 12.61 hrs HW=0.30' (Free Discharge) ↑ <b>1=Broad-Crested Rectangular Weir</b> ( Controls 0.00 cfs) ↑ <b>2=Orifice/Grate</b> (Orifice Controls 0.04 cfs @ 1.33 fps)					

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Revised 10-year Design Storm Post-Construction Condition Summary Report  
 Exfiltration = 1.0 in/hr and Basin Footprint Enlarged to 3,200 sf

Summary	Hydrograph	Discharge	Storage	Events	Sizing
Inflow Area = 10,890 sf, 0.00% Impervious, Inflow Depth = 4.93" for 10-Year event Inflow = 1.27 cfs @ 12.09 hrs, Volume= 4,474 cf Outflow = 0.16 cfs @ 12.64 hrs, Volume= 4,474 cf, Atten= 87%, Lag= 33.4 min Discarded = 0.07 cfs @ 10.90 hrs, Volume= 3,461 cf Primary = 0.09 cfs @ 12.64 hrs, Volume= 1,014 cf					
Routing by Stor-Ind method, Time Span= 0.00-48.00 hrs, dt= 0.05 hrs Peak Elev= 0.54' @ 12.64 hrs Surf.Area= 3,200 sf Storage= 1,721 cf					
Plug-Flow detention time= 108.2 min calculated for 4,470 cf (100% of inflow) Center-of-Mass det. time= 108.2 min ( 868.8 - 760.6 )					
Volume	Invert	Avail.Storage	Storage Description		
#1	0.00'	9,600 cf	Custom Stage Data (Prismatic) Listed below (Recalc)		
Elevation (feet)	Surf.Area (sq-ft)	Inc.Store (cubic-feet)	Cum.Store (cubic-feet)		
0.00	3,200	0	0		
1.00	3,200	3,200	3,200		
2.00	3,200	3,200	6,400		
3.00	3,200	3,200	9,600		
Device	Routing	Invert	Outlet Devices		
#1	Primary	1.00'	<b>20.0' long x 0.5' breadth Broad-Crested Rectangular Weir</b> Head (feet) 0.20 0.40 0.60 0.80 1.00 Coef. (English) 2.80 2.92 3.08 3.30 3.32		
#2	Primary	0.15'	<b>2.5" Vert. Orifice/Grate</b> C= 0.600		
#3	Discarded	0.00'	<b>1.000 in/hr Exfiltration over Surface area</b>		
Discarded OutFlow Max=0.07 cfs @ 10.90 hrs HW=0.03' (Free Discharge) ↑3=Exfiltration (Exfiltration Controls 0.07 cfs)					
Primary OutFlow Max=0.09 cfs @ 12.64 hrs HW=0.54' (Free Discharge) ↑1=Broad-Crested Rectangular Weir ( Controls 0.00 cfs) ↑2=Orifice/Grate (Orifice Controls 0.09 cfs @ 2.56 fps)					

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Revised 100-year Design Storm Post-Construction Condition Summary Report  
 Exfiltration = 1.0 in/hr and Basin Footprint Enlarged to 3,200 sf

Summary	Hydrograph	Discharge	Storage	Events	Sizing
Inflow Area = 10,890 sf, 0.00% Impervious, Inflow Depth = 8.72" for 100-Year event Inflow = 2.19 cfs @ 12.09 hrs, Volume= 7,912 cf Outflow = 0.47 cfs @ 12.51 hrs, Volume= 7,912 cf, Atten= 79%, Lag= 25.4 min Discarded = 0.07 cfs @ 9.20 hrs, Volume= 4,790 cf Primary = 0.40 cfs @ 12.51 hrs, Volume= 3,122 cf					
Routing by Stor-Ind method, Time Span= 0.00-48.00 hrs, dt= 0.05 hrs Peak Elev= 1.03' @ 12.51 hrs Surf.Area= 3,200 sf Storage= 3,283 cf					
Plug-Flow detention time= 151.1 min calculated for 7,904 cf (100% of inflow) Center-of-Mass det. time= 151.0 min ( 900.8 - 749.8 )					
Volume	Invert	Avail.Storage	Storage Description		
#1	0.00'	9,600 cf	Custom Stage Data (Prismatic) Listed below (Recalc)		
Elevation (feet)	Surf.Area (sq-ft)	Inc.Store (cubic-feet)	Cum.Store (cubic-feet)		
0.00	3,200	0	0		
1.00	3,200	3,200	3,200		
2.00	3,200	3,200	6,400		
3.00	3,200	3,200	9,600		
Device	Routing	Invert	Outlet Devices		
#1	Primary	1.00'	<b>20.0' long x 0.5' breadth Broad-Crested Rectangular Weir</b> Head (feet) 0.20 0.40 0.60 0.80 1.00 Coef. (English) 2.80 2.92 3.08 3.30 3.32		
#2	Primary	0.15'	<b>2.5" Vert. Orifice/Grate C= 0.600</b>		
#3	Discarded	0.00'	<b>1.000 in/hr Exfiltration over Surface area</b>		
<b>Discarded OutFlow</b> Max=0.07 cfs @ 9.20 hrs HW=0.03' (Free Discharge) ↳3=Exfiltration (Exfiltration Controls 0.07 cfs)					
<b>Primary OutFlow</b> Max=0.37 cfs @ 12.51 hrs HW=1.03' (Free Discharge) ↳1=Broad-Crested Rectangular Weir (Weir Controls 0.23 cfs @ 0.45 fps) ↳2=Orifice/Grate (Orifice Controls 0.14 cfs @ 4.23 fps)					

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- iv. The peak flow rate for the 100-year storm is 0.40 cfs. Adding this rate, which is for Post-A1, to 2.16 cfs (Post-A2) equals 2.56 cfs, which is less than the allowable design storm peak flow rate of 3.07 cfs for the Post-A drainage area. A summary of design storm peak flow rates for two-, 10- and 100-year design storms are shown below:

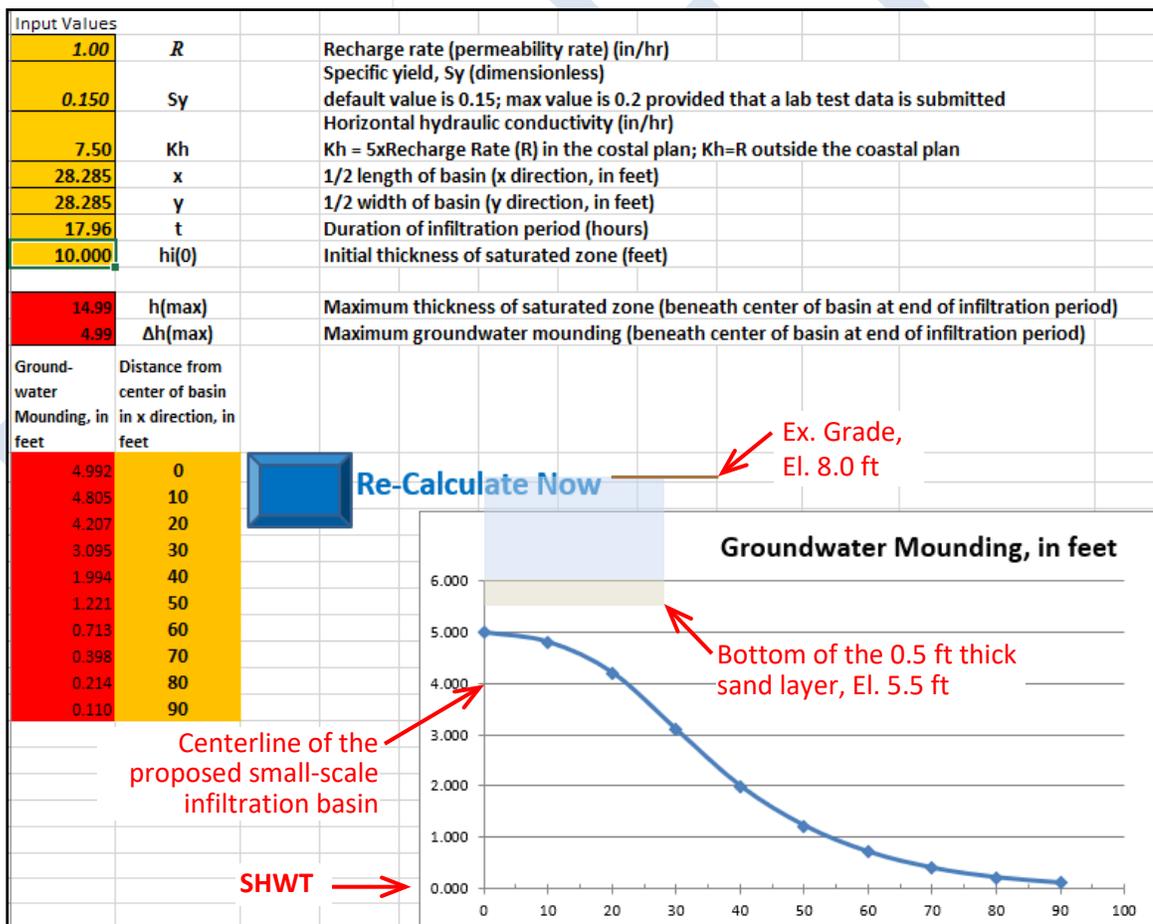
**Post-construction Peak Flow Rates of Drainage Area Post-A,  
 with the Incorporation of a Green Infrastructure BMP (1 in/hr exfiltration rate)**

Post-construction Drainage Area Designation	Allowable Design Storm Peak Flow Rate (cfs)			Design Storm Peak Flow Rates with a Small-Scale Infiltration Basin (cfs)		
	2-year	10-year	100-year	2-year	10-year	100-year
Post-A1 (parking lot/ gravel)	0.04	0.21	0.65	0.04	0.09	0.40
Post-A2 (undisturbed area/ pasture)	0.19	0.75	2.16	0.19	0.75	2.16
<b>Post-A</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>2.81</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>0.84</b>	<b>2.56</b>

- c. From the revised summary for the 100-year design storm for a 3,200 sf footprint, the exfiltration (discarded) volume is 4,790 cf. The duration of infiltration for 1 in/hr exfiltration rate is calculated to be 17.96 hours, as shown below. The 72 hour maximum has not been exceeded, meaning the procedure may be continued.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Duration of infiltration period, } t \text{ (hr)} &= \frac{\text{Discarded Volume via Exfiltration (cf)} \times 12 \text{ in/ft}}{\text{Infiltration area (sf)} \times \text{Exfiltration rate (in/hr)}} \\ &= \frac{4,790 \text{ cf} \times 12 \text{ in/ft}}{3,200 \text{ sf} \times 1.0 \text{ in/hr}} = 17.96 \text{ hr} \end{aligned}$$

- d. The *Hantush Spreadsheet* must be run again. Since the footprint increased from 2,700 to 3,200 sf, the basin dimensions changed from 52 ft by 52 ft to 56.57 ft by 56.57 ft. The x and y values for the spreadsheet inputs are each 28.285 ft. The result is shown below:
- i. The recharge rate is the exfiltration rate, 1 in/hr.
  - ii. The horizontal conductivity remain as 7.5 in/hr (five times the original design soil permeability rate, 1.5 in/hr).



- e. From the results in “Step d,” the mounding height is 4.99 feet. The groundwater table is 8 feet below the ground level. The elevated groundwater table will be 3.01 feet below the ground level. The basin sand bottom is 2.5 feet below the ground level, which is above the elevated groundwater table. The elevated groundwater table will not have an adverse impact on the infiltration of the proposed infiltration basin. The trial and error process can therefore end.

**Step 5: Since the option to meet the Stormwater Runoff Quantity Standards of N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)3 was selected in “Step 2,” Determine Whether the Post-B Drainage Area Meets the Same Standard**

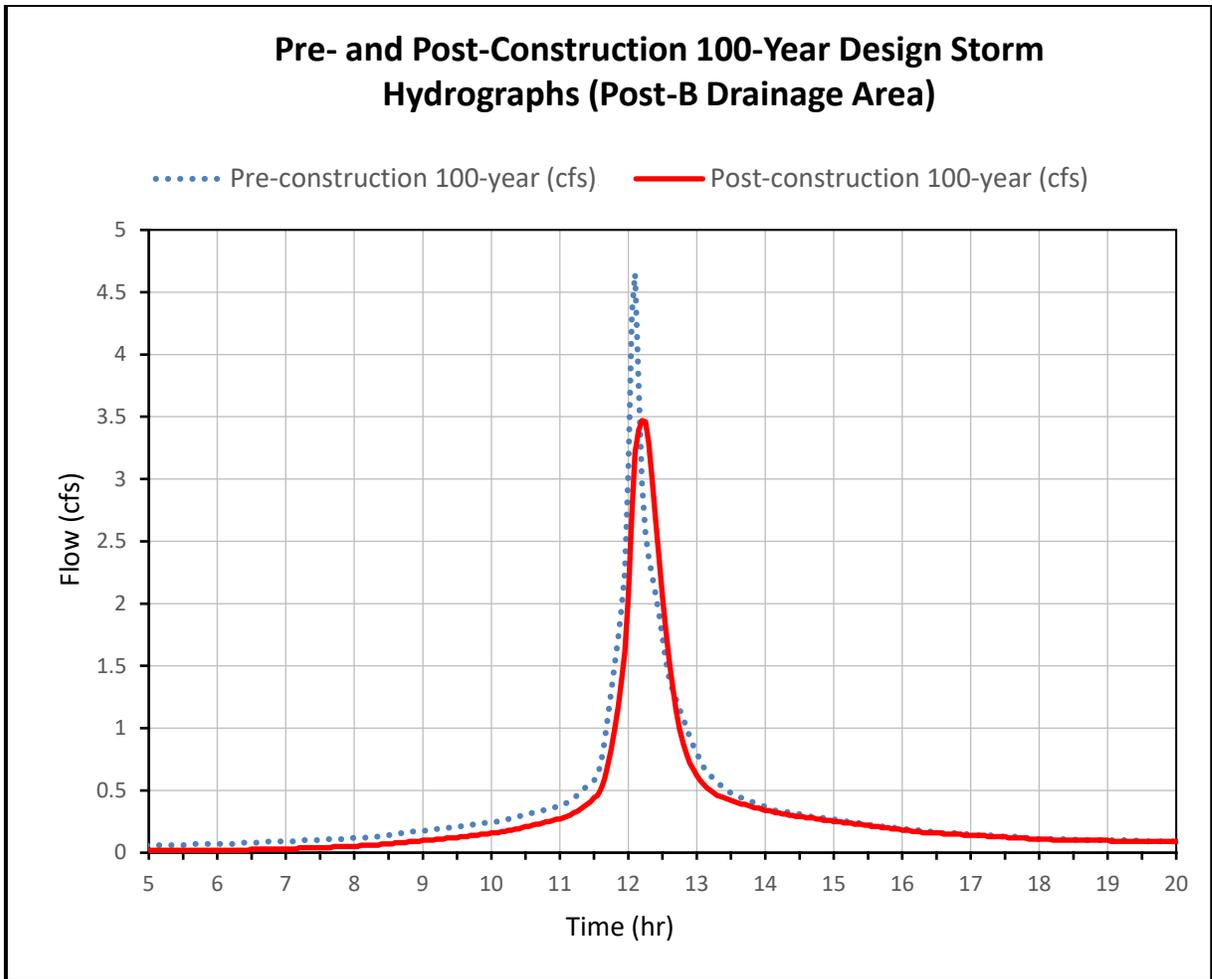
From Page 58, the 2-, 10- and 100-year design storm design peak flow rates from Post-B drainage area are 1.05, 2.11 and 4.27 cfs, respectively. The corresponding allowable design storm peak flow rates for 2-, 10- and 100-year design storms are 0.88, 2.20 and 4.17 cfs. Therefore, Post-B drainage area does not meet the Stormwater Runoff Quantity Requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)3.

**Step 6: Determine Whether the Post-B Drainage Area Meets the Stormwater Runoff Quantity Standards of N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)1**

As demonstrated above, the Post-B drainage area does not meet the Stormwater Runoff Quantity Control Requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)3. A comparison of the pre- and post-construction design storm peak flow rates is made to determine whether Post-B drainage area meets the Stormwater Runoff Quantity Control Requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)1.

Drainage Area Name	Pre-construction Design Storm Flow Rate (cfs)			Post-construction Design Storm Flow Rate (cfs)		
	2-year	10-year	100-	2-year	10-year	100-year
Post-B1 (building or walkway)	1.61	2.58	4.40	0.52	0.83	1.41
Post-B2 (open space/ grass > 75% and woods)	0.13	0.34	0.81	0.53	1.28	2.86
<b>Total Post-B</b>	<b>1.74</b>	<b>2.92</b>	<b>5.21</b>	<b>1.05</b>	<b>2.11</b>	<b>4.27</b>

The comparisons between the pre- and post-construction design storm peak flow rates show that the peak flow rates of the post-construction condition are less than the peak flow rates of the pre-construction. However, N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)1 does not require a comparison of the pre- and post-construction condition peak flow rates. This standard requires the demonstration that the post-construction runoff hydrographs for the 2-, 10- and 100-year design storm events do not exceed, *at any point in time*, the pre-construction runoff hydrographs for the same storm events. Therefore, from the definition of a hydrograph on Page 2, this standard means that the flow rates of the post-construction hydrograph at every point in time must be less than the flow rates of the pre-construction hydrograph for the same instance of time. A comparison of the 100-year design storm hydrographs for the pre-construction and post-construction conditions for the Post-B drainage area is shown on the next page.



A detailed look at the flow rates generated between 12 and 13 hours is provided in a table found on the next page.

In the table below, yellow shaded cells denote a time increment at which the Post-Construction Peak Flow Rate exceeds the Pre-Construction Peak Flow Rate.

Time (hours)	Pre-construction flow (cfs)	Post-construction flow (cfs)	Difference (Pre – Post) (cfs)	Time (hours)	Pre-construction flow (cfs)	Post-construction flow (cfs)	Difference (Pre – Post) (cfs)
12	3.07	2.06	1.01	12.55	1.54	1.78	-0.24
12.05	4.33	2.72	1.61	12.6	1.39	1.53	-0.14
12.1	4.65	3.21	1.44	12.65	1.30	1.32	-0.02
12.15	3.78	3.39	0.39	12.7	1.23	1.14	0.09
12.2	2.95	3.47	-0.52	12.75	1.15	0.99	0.16
12.25	2.56	3.46	-0.9	12.8	1.08	0.88	0.2
12.3	2.37	3.29	-0.92	12.85	1	0.79	0.21
12.35	2.22	2.99	-0.77	12.9	0.93	0.72	0.21
12.4	2.07	2.66	-0.59	12.95	0.86	0.67	0.19
12.45	1.91	2.35	-0.44	13	0.8	0.62	0.18
12.5	1.73	2.06	-0.33	-----	-----	-----	-----

The hydrographs on the preceding page, as well as the information in the table depicted above, show that the post-construction 100-year design storm flow rate exceeds the pre-construction 100-year design storm flow rate from 12.2 to 12.65 hours. Therefore, drainage area Post-B has failed to demonstrate compliance with N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)1.

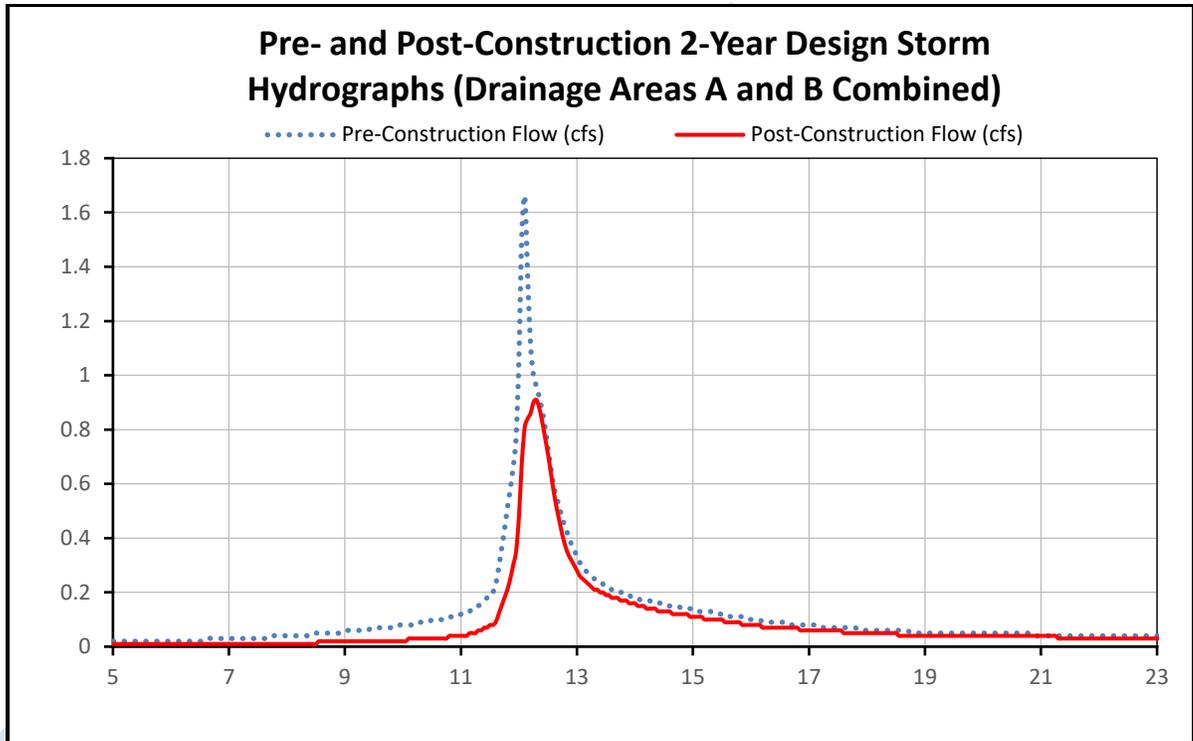
**Step 7: Since Post-B Drainage Area Failed to Meet the Stormwater Runoff Quantity Control Standards of N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b), on its own, Determine Whether the Site as a Whole Meets the Stormwater Runoff Quantity Control Standards of N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)**

The question here is whether stormwater runoff from drainage areas Post-A and Post-B can be combined together to meet the Stormwater Runoff Quantity Control requirements either under N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)3 or N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)1. The table below illustrates combining post-construction flow rates from drainage areas A and B for each of the regulatory design storms.

Post-construction Drainage Area Designation	Allowable Design Storm Peak Flow Rate (cfs) under N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)3			Design Storm Peak Flow Rate with a Small-Scale Infiltration Basin in drainage area Post-A		
	2-year	10-year	100-year	2-year	10-year	100-year
Post-A	0.23	0.96	2.81	0.23	0.84	2.56
Post-B	0.88	2.20	4.17	1.02	2.07	4.22
<b>Post A and B Combined</b>	<b>1.11</b>	<b>3.16</b>	<b>6.98</b>	<b>1.25</b>	<b>2.91</b>	<b>6.78</b>

The combined post-construction 10- and 100-year storm peak flow rates for the whole site are 2.91 and 6.78 cfs, respectively, which are less than the allowable 10- and 100-year design storm peak flow rates, 3.16 cfs and 6.98 cfs, respectively. However, the combined post-construction 2-year peak flow rate 1.25 cfs is greater than the allowable 2-year design storm peak flow rate of 1.11 cfs.

If the hydrographs of the 2-year storm for the pre- and post-construction conditions are compared, it seems that the stormwater runoff quantity control requirements, when analyzing the site as a whole, for the 2-year design storm have been met under N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)1 since the post-construction hydrograph for the entire site does not exceed, at any point in time, the pre-construction hydrograph.



At this point, **it would be incorrect** to state that areas Post-A and Post-B – combined - meet the Stormwater Runoff Quantity Control Standards of N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)1 for the 2-year design storm and those of N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)3 for the 10- and 100-year design storms. N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.2(l) requires

*If there is more than one drainage area, the groundwater recharge, stormwater runoff quality, and stormwater runoff quantity standards at N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.4, 5.5, and 5.6 shall be met in each drainage area, unless the runoff from the drainage areas converge onsite and no adverse environmental impact would occur as a result of compliance with any one or more of the individual standards being determined utilizing a weighted average of the results achieved for that individual standard across the affected drainage areas.*

Specifically, N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)1 and N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(c) both require the standards be applied to the stormwater leaving the site or at the boundary to each abutting lot, roadway, watercourse or receiving storm sewer system. Recall that the runoff from drainage area Post-B discharges at a point on one side of the property and drains to a municipal storm sewer system, while the runoff from

drainage area Post-A is discharged on the other side of the property and drains to the riparian zone of a creek. The flows do not converge into one point of discharge before leaving the site boundaries. Therefore, the hydrographs for drainage area Post-A cannot be combined with the hydrographs of drainage area Post-B, and in other words, the above combined hydrograph or combined flow rates cannot be used to demonstrate the compliance with the requirements under N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)1.

Furthermore, the requirements under N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)1, 2 and 3 are three separate options that cannot be mixed. In each option, all three design storms are stated, which means **one cannot choose to use one of the options from N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b) for a single design storm and pick another option for a different design storm** and so forth when in the same drainage area.

Therefore, in this example, the stormwater management design for drainage area Post-B alone will need to demonstrate compliance with either N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)1, 2 or 3. Moreover, the required demonstration of N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)2 is an analysis of the whole watershed, which will be a more difficult task than the demonstration of the requirement specified in N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)1 or 3.

**In conclusion, the Post-B drainage area, as shown above, has failed to meet the requirements under N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)3.** In the next step, green infrastructure will be evaluated to provide the required stormwater runoff quantity controls for the Post-B drainage area and to bring this portion of the site into compliance with the design and performance standards.

#### **Step 8: Design Small-Scale Bioretention Basins to Address Roof Runoff from Drainage Area Post-B**

Two small-scale bioretention basins are proposed to provide stormwater runoff quantity controls for the Post-B1 drainage area. Each of the basins has a footprint measuring 425 sf in area. A 4 in orifice elevated 1 ft above the basin bottom is used as the outlet structure for each of the proposed small scale-bioretention basins during the 2-, 10- and 100-year design storms. Soil permeability tests were conducted at the most restrictive soil layer within the proposed small-scale bioretention basins. The tested soil permeability rate is 1 in/hr. The design permeability rate, equal to one-half of the tested permeability rate, is 0.5 in/hr and is used as the exfiltration rate in the 2-, 10- and 100- year design storm routings. The summary report from the modeling software is shown on the next page for the 100-year design storm.

### 100-year Design Storm Summary Report

Summary	Hydrograph	Discharge	Storage	Events	Sizing
Inflow Area = 3,485 sf, 100.00% Impervious, Inflow Depth = 8.96" for 100-Year event Inflow = 0.71 cfs @ 12.09 hrs, Volume= 2,602 cf Outflow = 0.37 cfs @ 12.22 hrs, Volume= 2,591 cf, Atten= 47%, Lag= 8.2 min Discarded = 0.00 cfs @ 2.90 hrs, Volume= 820 cf Primary = 0.37 cfs @ 12.22 hrs, Volume= 1,771 cf					
Routing by Stor-Ind method, Time Span= 0.00-48.00 hrs, dt= 0.05 hrs Peak Elev= 1.93' @ 12.22 hrs Surf.Area= 425 sf Storage= 820 cf					
Plug-Flow detention time= 283.4 min calculated for 2,588 cf (99% of inflow) Center-of-Mass det. time= 281.7 min ( 1,021.3 - 739.6 )					
Volume	Invert	Avail.Storage	Storage Description		
#1	0.00'	1,275 cf	Custom Stage Data (Prismatic) Listed below		
Elevation (feet)	Surf.Area (sq-ft)	Inc.Store (cubic-feet)	Cum.Store (cubic-feet)		
0.00	425	0	0		
1.00	425	425	425		
2.00	425	425	850		
3.00	425	425	1,275		
Device	Routing	Invert	Outlet Devices		
#1	Discarded	0.00'	0.500 in/hr Exfiltration over Surface area		
#2	Primary	1.00'	4.0" Vert. Orifice/Grate C= 0.600		
<b>Discarded OutFlow</b> Max=0.00 cfs @ 2.90 hrs HW=0.03' (Free Discharge) ↑1=Exfiltration (Exfiltration Controls 0.00 cfs)					
<b>Primary OutFlow</b> Max=0.37 cfs @ 12.22 hrs HW=1.92' (Free Discharge) ↑2=Orifice/Grate (Orifice Controls 0.37 cfs @ 4.19 fps)					

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In addition, the upper portions of the design storm summary reports are shown below for the 10- and 2-year storms.

### 10-year Design Storm Summary Report

Summary	Hydrograph	Discharge	Storage	Events	Sizing
Inflow Area = 3,485 sf, 100.00% Impervious, Inflow Depth = 5.16" for 10-Year event Inflow = 0.41 cfs @ 12.09 hrs, Volume= 1,499 cf Outflow = 0.25 cfs @ 12.20 hrs, Volume= 1,471 cf, Atten= 39%, Lag= 6.8 min Discarded = 0.00 cfs @ 10.45 hrs, Volume= 474 cf Primary = 0.25 cfs @ 12.20 hrs, Volume= 996 cf					

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### 2-year Design Storm Summary Report

Summary	Hydrograph	Discharge	Storage	Events	Sizing
Inflow Area = 3,485 sf, 100.00% Impervious, Inflow Depth = 3.17" for 2-Year event Inflow = 0.26 cfs @ 12.09 hrs, Volume= 920 cf Outflow = 0.17 cfs @ 12.19 hrs, Volume= 894 cf, Atten= 36%, Lag= 6.1 min Discarded = 0.00 cfs @ 11.75 hrs, Volume= 418 cf Primary = 0.16 cfs @ 12.19 hrs, Volume= 476 cf					

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The peak flow rates resulting from the proposed design are as follows:

Post-construction Drainage Area Designation	Allowable Design Storm Peak Flow Rate (cfs)			Design Storm Peak Flow Rates with a Small-Scale Bioretention Basin (cfs)		
	2-year	10-year	100-year	2-year	10-year	100-year
Post-B1 (building/walkway) after small-scale bioretention basins	0.81	1.94	3.52	0.32	0.5	0.74
Post-B2 (open space, grass > 75% and woods)	0.07	0.26	0.65	0.53	1.28	2.86
<b>Post-B</b>	<b>0.88</b>	<b>2.20</b>	<b>4.17</b>	<b>0.85</b>	<b>1.78</b>	<b>3.60</b>

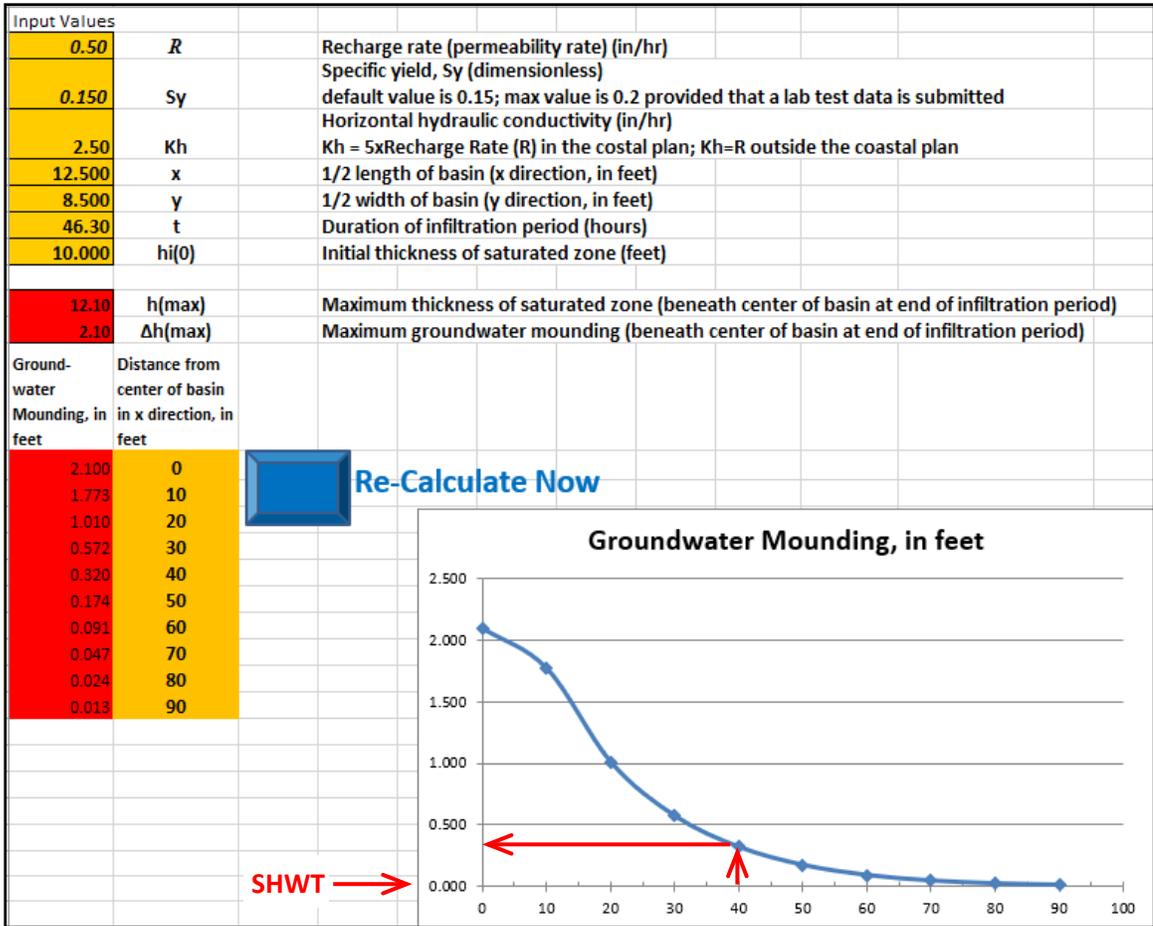
Note that the peak flow rates from each small-scale bioretention basin are 0.16, 0.25 and 0.37 cfs for the 2-, 10- and 100-year design storms. Since there are two small-scale bioretention basins in the Post-B1 drainage area, the total post-construction design peak flow rates are twice the peak flow rates from each small-scale bioretention basin. The total peak flow rates for drainage area Post-B are 0.85, 1.78 and 3.60 cfs for the 2-, 10- and 100-year design storms, for which each of the design storm values are less than the allowable design storm peak flow rates, i.e., 0.88, 2.20 and 4.17 cfs, respectively. By constructing the two small-scale bioretention basins (rain gardens), the stormwater runoff peak flow rates from drainage area Post-B meet the design standard under N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)3.

### Step 9: Groundwater Mounding Analysis

NJDEP's *Hantush Spreadsheet* is used for the groundwater mounding analysis. Assume each small-scale bioretention basins is 25 ft by 17 ft. The recharge rate,  $R$ , is the design permeability rate, 0.5 in/hr. The parameters for specific yield,  $S_y$ , and the horizontal hydraulic conductivity,  $K_h$ , are set at the default values specified in *Chapter 13*. The horizontal hydraulic conductivity rate is 5 times the recharge rate since the site, located in Ocean County, is in the coastal plain. The  $x$  and  $y$  values are equal to half of the respective basin dimensions.

The duration of infiltration period of each basin during the 100-year storm is calculated by using the exfiltration (discarded) volume, 820 cf, the footprint of the basin, 425 sf, and the exfiltration rate, 0.5 in/hr. The result is 46.30 hr.

The results, depicted on the following page, show that the maximum height of the groundwater mounding,  $\Delta h(\max)$ , is 2.10 ft. Since the groundwater table is 8 ft below the existing ground elevation, the elevated groundwater table will be 5.9 ft below the existing ground level. The proposed small-scale bioretention basin has a 100-year storm outlet structure at 1ft. The basin also has 1 ft of freeboard and a soil bed 1.5 ft in depth. Therefore, the lowest point of the proposed basin is 3.5 ft below the existing ground elevation. Since the elevated groundwater table will be 5.9 feet below the existing ground elevation, the elevated groundwater level will not have adverse impact on the drainage of the basin.



The groundwater mounding curve shows that within 40 ft from the center of the proposed small-scale bioretention (27.5 ft from the edge of the basin), the groundwater level will be elevated by approximately 0.32 ft, or roughly 7.68 ft below the existing ground elevation. If there is a basement within 40 ft of one of the small-scale bioretention basins and the slab of the basement is 8 ft below the existing ground elevation, the basement may sometimes experience inundation by the temporary increase in groundwater level during the 100-year storm. Therefore, the small-scale bioretention basins may need to be located away from the building to consider the possibility that the lowest point of the basement may sometimes be below the elevated groundwater table.

**Example 5-8B:**

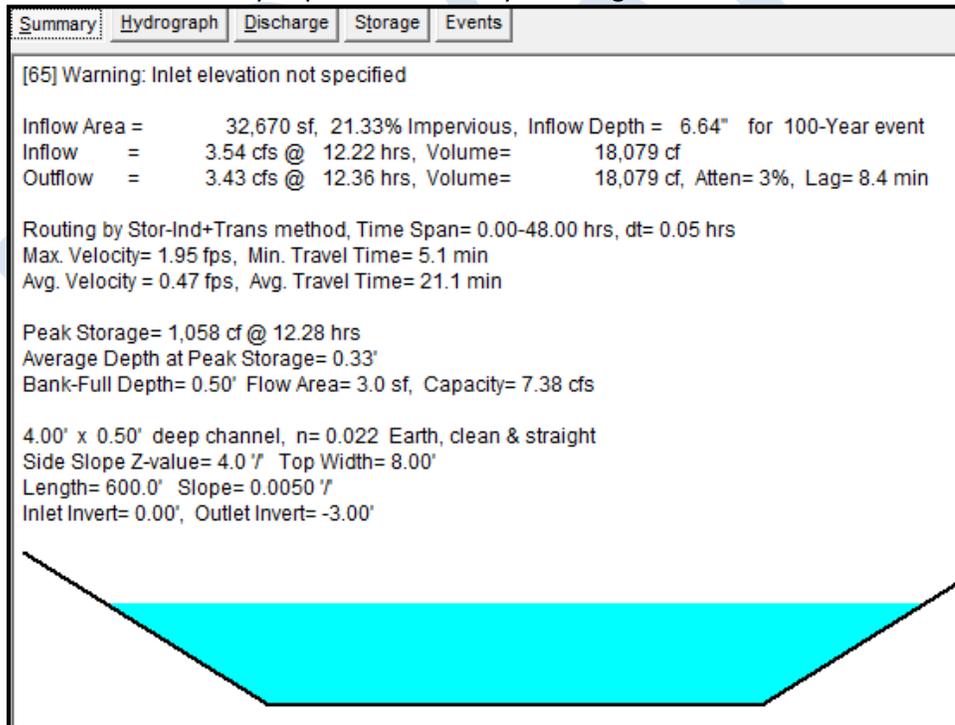
The proposed development is the same as that of Example 5-8A, but a swale is proposed to run through drainage area B and directs the runoff from drainage area B to the discharge point of drainage area A. Determine whether the proposed development meets the stormwater runoff quantity standards under N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b).

**Step 1: Design the Grass Swale**

Grass swales are one of the green infrastructure BMPs listed in Table 5-1 of N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.2, but as stated in this table, they cannot be used to meet the groundwater recharge or stormwater runoff quantity requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.4 and 5.6. However, grass swales can be designed to provide conveyance of stormwater runoff from one drainage area to another drainage area. A grass swale also can be designed to convey flows at a lower flow velocity, which results in a slower time of concentration, than that of a stormwater drainage pipe, which typically has a smooth surface.

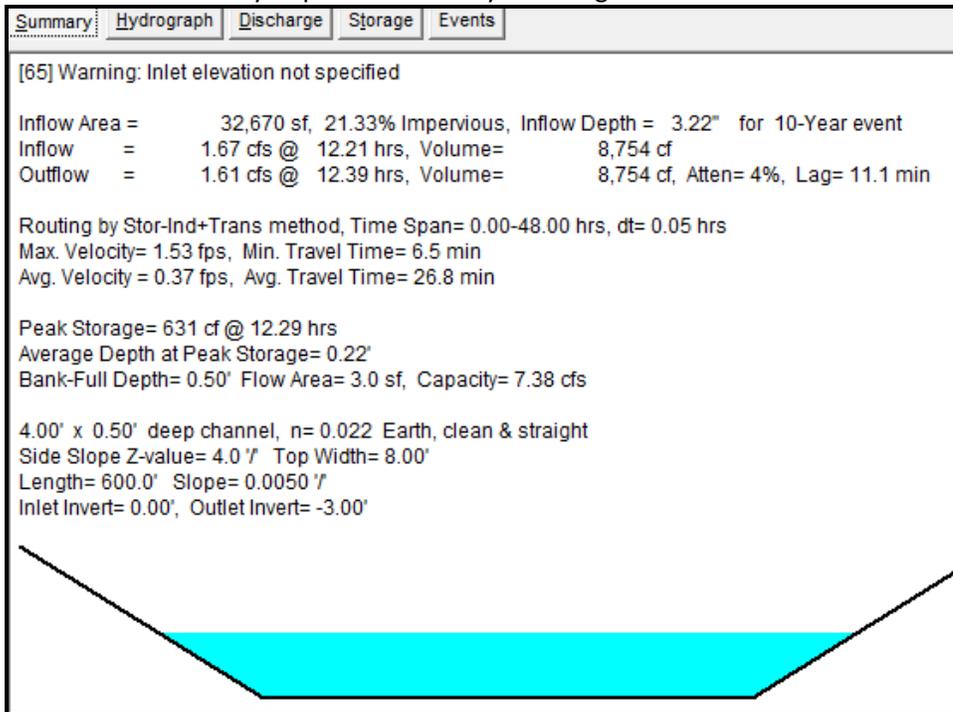
Assuming the grass swale has a bottom width of 4 ft, a depth of 0.5 ft, a slope of 0.5%, a length of 600 ft and a Manning’s roughness coefficient 0.022, the grass swale will be able to convey the peak flow of stormwater runoff produced by the 100-year design storm with a runoff depth of 0.32 ft and a maximum flow velocity of 1.92 fps, which is under the maximum allowable velocity of 2.5 fps, for sandy clay loam soil texture as suggested in the *Standards for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control in New Jersey*.

Grass Swale Summary Report for the 100-year Design Storm



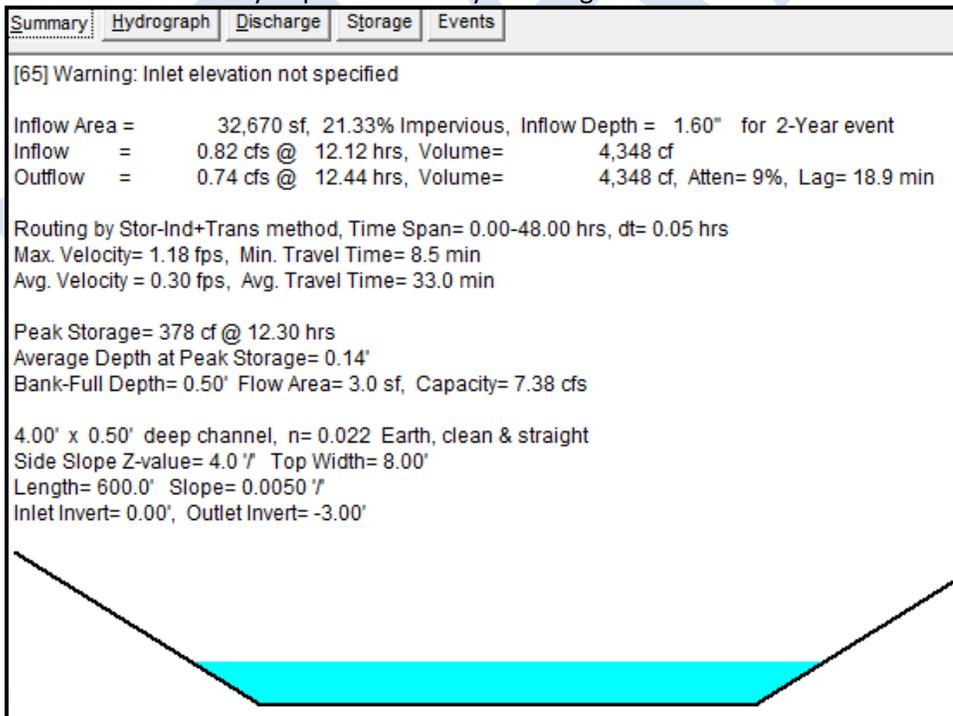
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Grass Swale Summary Report for the 10-year Design Storm



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Grass Swale Summary Report for the 2-year Design Storm



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To summarize the reports listed above, the stormwater runoff peak flow rates for the 2-, 10- and 100-year design storms, generated by the Post-B drainage area and conveyed by the grass swale to the discharge point of convergence in Post-A drainage area are listed in the table below.

Post-construction Drainage Area Designation	Design Storm Peak Flow Rates with a Grass Swale (cfs)		
	2-year	10-year	100-year
Post-B	0.74	1.61	3.43

### Step 2: Address Groundwater Recharge

Regarding groundwater recharge, drainage area Post-B has less impervious surface (0.16 acres) than that of drainage area Pre-B, namely 0.5 acres, in the pre-development condition. However, the project proposes to change the land cover from woods to grass lawn, which will reduce the amount of stormwater runoff providing groundwater recharge. Therefore, an evaluation of the groundwater recharge deficit is needed. See *Chapter 6* of this manual for guidance on performing a groundwater recharge analysis.

### Step 3: Address Stormwater Runoff Quantity Control

Although not mentioned in the initial description, the stormwater runoff generated by the proposed building and walkway will flow as overland flow across the proposed lawn area. The lawn area is graded to direct this runoff to the same grass swale and discharge point for the Post-A drainage area. The stormwater runoff generated by both the roof and the non-vehicular walkway do not require water quality treatment. Drainage area Post-A1 will still require a small-scale infiltration basin to provide the required stormwater runoff quantity and quality controls, in addition to the groundwater recharge requirement for the stormwater runoff generated by the proposed gravel parking lot. Drainage area Post-A2 will not be disturbed and is therefore not subject to the stormwater runoff quality and quantity requirements, nor those for groundwater recharge.

In this example, the initial description states that the stormwater runoff from Drainage Areas A and B converge into one discharge point (i.e., the point of analysis A) before leaving the site. Therefore, the peak flow rates for 2-, 10- and 100-year design storms of the two drainage areas can be added to calculate the peak flow rates at the discharge location.

Post-construction Drainage Area Designation	Allowable Design Storm Peak Flow Rate (cfs) per the N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)3 Standard			Design Storm Peak Flow Rate (cfs)		
	2-year	10-year	100-year	2-year	10-year	100-year
Post-A	<b>0.23</b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>2.81</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>0.84</b>	<b>2.56</b>
Post-B	0.88	2.20	4.17	0.74	1.61	3.43
<b>Post A and B Combined</b>	<b>1.11</b>	<b>3.16</b>	<b>6.98</b>	<b>0.97</b>	<b>2.45</b>	<b>5.93</b>

As the results show in the table above, each of the combined post-construction peak flow rates for the 2-, 10- and 100-year design storms are less than the respective allowable design storm peak flow rates. Therefore, the site as a whole meets the stormwater runoff quantity standards of N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.6(b)3.

## Guidance Summary

The following table summarizes how the methods discussed in this chapter may be used to meet the various requirements established in N.J.A.C. 7:8.

**Table 5-8: Summary of Modeling Guidance for Various Site Conditions when using the Rational, Modified Rational and NRCS Method**

Site Condition or Parameter	Rational Method	Modified Rational Method	NRCS Methodology
Applicability	Peak flow rates	Sizing detention BMPs	Peak flow rate, runoff volume, hydrograph comparison, sizing inflow rate and volume of BMPs
Groundwater recharge	Not applicable	Not applicable	Difference of Runoff volumes of pre- and post-construction 2-year storms
Mixture of pervious and directly connected impervious surfaces	Use standard procedures	Use standard procedures	Calculate the runoff from impervious surface and pervious surface separately
Unconnected impervious surface	Not applicable	Not applicable	TR-55 unconnected impervious surface or Two-Step Technique
Runoff parameters	Run coefficients from Table 5-6	Run coefficients from Table 5-6	Curve Numbers from TR-55
Rainfall Data	NOAA NWS rainfall intensity-frequency data and NJDEP water quality storm rainfall intensity-duration curve in Figure 5-18		NRCS County rainfall averages, or NOAA NWS rainfall-frequency data NJDEP water quality storm rainfall depth and distribution in Table 5-4
Time of concentration (pre-construction)	Estimated through calculation of time of travel Sheet flow length = 100 feet Maximum sheet flow roughness coefficient $n = 0.40$		
Time of concentration (post-construction)	Estimated through calculation or default values indicated below		
	5 minutes for 2, 10, and 100-year storms 10 minutes for Water Quality Design Storm	Estimated through calculation of time of travel and McCuen-Spiess limitation Max Sheet flow length = 100 feet Maximum sheet flow roughness coefficient $n = 0.40$ Or use default 6 minutes	

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