

M-3. Landscape Infiltration

Landscape infiltration utilizes on-site vegetative planting areas to capture, store, and treat stormwater runoff. Rainwater is stored initially, filters through the planting soil and gravel media below, and then infiltrates into native soils. These practices can be integrated within the overall site design by utilizing a variety of landscape features for storage and treatment of stormwater runoff. Storage may be provided in constructed planters made of stone, brick, concrete, or in natural areas excavated and backfilled with stone and topsoil.

Applications:
Landscape infiltration can be best implemented in residential and commercial land uses. Residential areas with unexcavated basements and townhouses can utilize small green spaces for landscape infiltration. Because space in these instances prevents structural pretreatment, the drainage area to these practices should be limited to less than 10,000 ft². Large drainage areas may be allowed where soil testing is performed and pretreatment forebays can be implemented. Successful application is dependent upon soil type and groundwater elevation.

Performance:
The P₂ values determined by Equation 5.1 may be applied to the ESD sizing criteria when landscape infiltration systems are designed according to the guidance provided below. Re-requirements are also met when the P₂ from Equation 5.1 meets or exceeds the soil specific recharge factor listed in Section 2.2.

Constraints:
The following constraints are critical when considering the use of landscape infiltration to capture and treat stormwater runoff:
 > **Space:** Landscape infiltration should not be used in areas where operation may create a risk for basement flooding, interfere with subsurface sewage disposal systems, or other underground structures. The initial site planning process shall consider landscaping opportunities where these practices may be implemented.
 > **Topography:** Steep terrain affects the successful performance of landscape infiltration. These practices should be constructed without a slope. If slopes entering these practices are too steep, then level-spreading devices such as check dams, terraces, or berms may be needed to maintain sheetflow.
 > **Soils:** Permeable soils are critical to the successful application of landscape infiltration. The HSG should be A or B. For HSG C or D, designers should consider using practices with underdrains like micro-trenching.

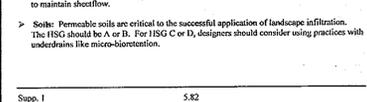


Figure 5.11 Landscape Infiltration

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> **Drainage Area:** Drainage areas less than 10,000 ft² are most appropriate for landscape infiltration. Larger drainage areas may require pretreatment and soils testing to verify the infiltration rates.
 > **Hotspot Runoff:** Landscape infiltration should not be used to treat hotspots that generate higher concentrations of hydrocarbons, trace metals, or toxicants than are found in typical stormwater runoff and may contaminate groundwater.
 > **Infrastructure:** Landscape designers should consider overhead electrical and telecommunication lines when selecting plant materials.

Design Guidance:
The following conditions should be considered when designing landscape infiltration:
 > **Conveyance:** Stormwater runoff is collected in landscape areas where water will sheetflow across the facility, percolate through the planting media, and infiltrate into underlying soils. A flow splitter should be used to divert runoff in excess of the ESD, away from the facility at non-erosive velocities to a stable, downstream conveyance system. If bypassing the practice is not feasible, an internal overflow device such as an elevated spillway may be used.
 > **Treatment:** Landscape infiltration shall meet the following design criteria:

- The drainage area to any individual practice shall be 10,000 ft² or less.
 - The surface area (A_s) of landscape infiltration practices shall be at least 2% of the contributing drainage area. A P₂ value based on Equation 5.1 shall be applied to the contributing drainage area.
- $$P_2 = 20 \times \frac{A_s}{DA} \quad (\text{Equation 5.1})$$
- Landscape infiltration facilities located in HSG B (i.e., loam, silt loam) shall not exceed 12 feet in depth. Facilities located in HSG A (i.e., sand, loamy sand, sandy loam) shall not exceed 18 feet in depth.
 - Landscape infiltration facilities shall be designed to fully denature the entire ESD within 48 hours. Temporary storage of the ESD, may be provided above the facility. A 12 to 18 inch layer of planting soil shall be provided as a filtering media at the top of the facility.
 - A minimum 12-inch layer of gravel is required below the planting soil.
 - A 12-inch layer of clean sand shall be provided at the bottom to allow for a bridging medium between the existing soils and stone within the bed.
 - The storage volume for the ESD shall be determined for the entire system and includes the temporary ponding area, the soil, and the sand and gravel layers in the bottom of the facility. Storage calculations shall account for the porosity (voids) of the gravel and soil media.
 - Pretreatment measures shall be implemented along the main stormwater runoff collection system where feasible. These include installing gutter screens, a

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removable filter screen on rooftop downspout pipes, a sand layer or pea gravel diaphragm at the inlet, or a two to three-inch surface mulch layer.
 > **Soils:** Landscape infiltration shall be installed in HSG A or B. The depth from the bottom of the facility to the seasonal high water table, bedrock, hard pan, or other confining layer shall be greater than or equal to four feet (two feet on the lower Eastern Shore).
 > **Flow Splitter:** A flow splitter should be provided to divert excess runoff away from landscape infiltration. An elevated yard inlet may also be used in the facility for this purpose.
 > **Setbacks:**

- Landscape infiltration shall be located down gradient of building structures and shall be setback at least 10 feet from buildings, 50 feet from confined water supply wells, 100 feet from unconfined water supply wells, and 25 feet from septic systems.
- Landscape infiltration shall be sited and located to meet minimum local requirements for clearance from underground utilities.

> **Observation Wells:** An observation well consisting of an anchored, perforated pipe (4" to 6" diameter) shall be provided. The top of the observation well shall be at least six inches above grade.
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 > **Soil Compaction:** Sub soils shall not be compacted. Excavation should be conducted in dry conditions with equipment located outside of the practice to minimize bottom and sidewall compaction. Construction of the bed should be performed with lightweight, wide-tired equipment to minimize disturbance and compaction. Excavated materials should be placed in a contained area.
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Applications:
Swales can be used for primary or secondary treatment at residential, commercial, industrial, or institutional sites. Swales can also be used for retrofitting and redevelopment. The linear structure allows use in place of curb and gutter along highways, residential roadways, and along property boundaries. Wet swales are ideal for treating highway runoff in low-lying or flat terrain with high groundwater. Bio-swales can be used in all soil types due to the use of an underdrain. Grass swales are best suited along highway and roadway projects.

Performance:
The P₂ values determined by the equations 5.2 and 5.3 (reprinted below) may be applied to the ESD sizing criteria when grass swales and bio-swales are designed according to the guidance provided below. For wet swales, P₂ for the contributing drainage area is based on the volume captured. Re-requirements are also met when the applicable P₂ meets or exceeds the soil specific recharge factor listed in Section 2.2.

Swales should not be designed to meet Q₁ or Q₂ requirements except under extremely unusual conditions. Swales may be used to convey runoff for these larger storm events however, the ESD should be treated separately. This can be accomplished with a flow splitter or diversion that the entire design storm is passed safely.

Constraints:
The following constraints are critical when considering the use of swales to capture and treat stormwater runoff:
 > **Topography:** Steep slopes will increase velocity, erosion, and sediment deposition thus shortening the design life of the swale.
 > **Soils:** Design variants are dependent upon soil types. Grass swales work best in HSG A, B, and C and wet swales are best suited for HSG C or D. Bio-swales typically include an underdrain and may be installed in all soil types. Extreme temperatures and frozen ground need to be considered when calculating design volumes.
 > **Drainage Area:** The drainage area contributing to all design variants should be less than one acre. Practices in Chapter 3 should be considered for larger drainage areas.
 > **Hotspot Runoff:** Swales should not be used to treat hotspots that generate higher concentrations of hydrocarbons, trace metals, or toxicants than are found in typical stormwater runoff and may contaminate groundwater.
 > **Location:** The location of swales needs to be considered carefully. Wet swales are not recommended for residential applications due to the potential nuisance or mosquito breeding conditions. Swales along roadways can be damaged by off-street parking and are susceptible to winter salt applications. Also, the choice of vegetation and landscaping can be limited in adjacent areas.

Design Guidance:
The following conditions should be considered when designing swales:
 > **Conveyance:** Stormwater discharged into and through swales needs to be non-erosive. Sheetflow should be promoted wherever possible using precise grading, level curbs, weirs, or pea gravel diaphragms. If concentrated flow is delivered from curb cuts or storm drain pipes, some form of energy dissipation (e.g., plunge pools or rip-rap) is needed.
 > **Treatment:** All swales shall meet the following criteria:

- Swales shall have a bottom width between two and eight feet.
- The channel slope shall be less than or equal to 4.0%.
- The maximum flow velocity for the ESD shall be less than or equal to 1.0 fps.
- Swales shall be designed to safely convey the 10-year, 24-hour storm at a non-erosive velocity with a least six inches of freeboard.
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Inspection:
 > Regular inspections shall be made during the following stages of construction:
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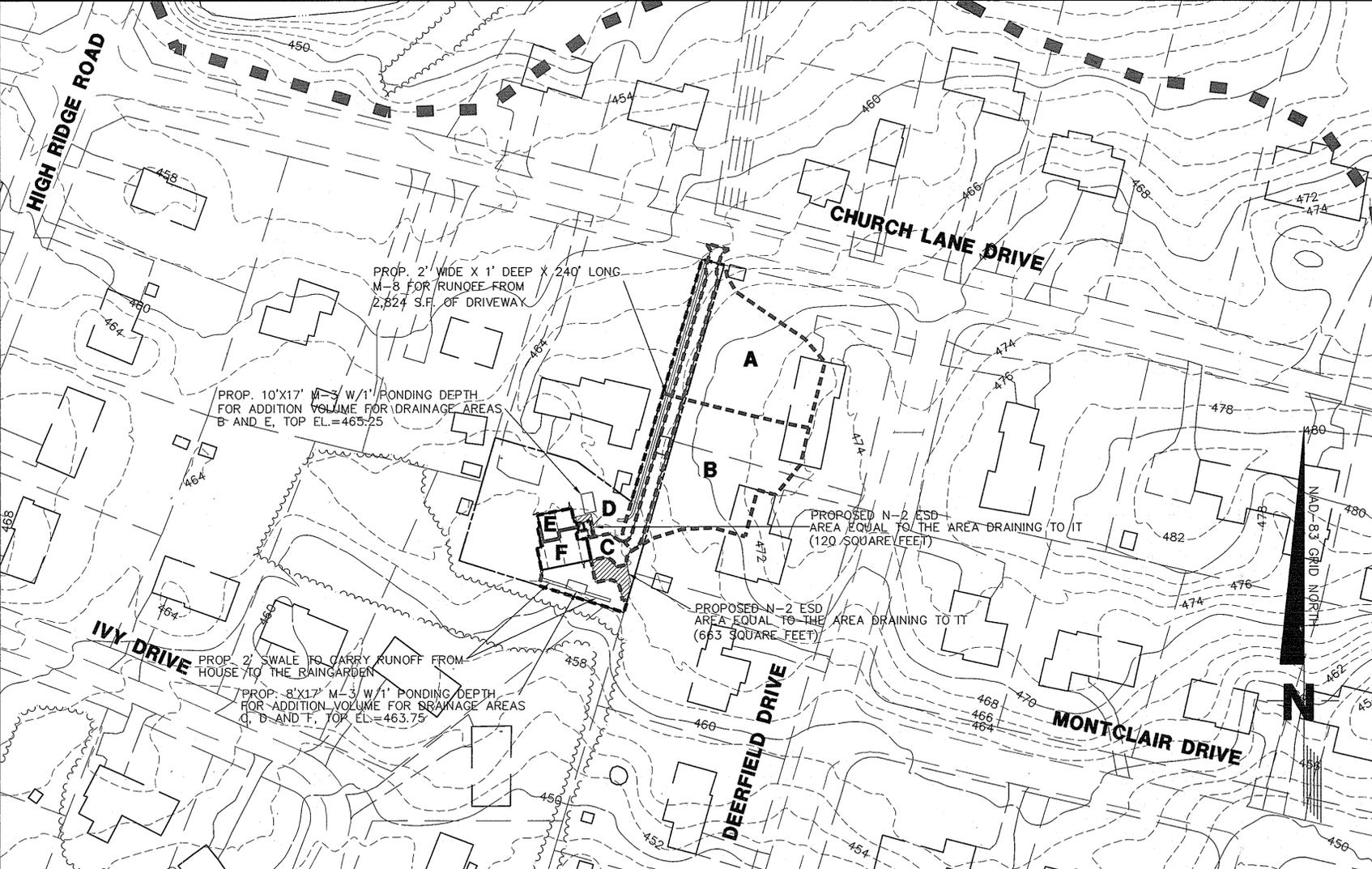
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PROPOSED DRAINAGE AREA SCALE: 1"=60'

AUGER PROBE SUMMARY

Auger Probe #	Depth	Description	Infiltration Rates* in/hr
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* Based on USDA Guide lines

Auger Probe #	Depth	Description	Infiltration Rates* in/hr
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DRAINAGE AREA 'A'
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DRAINAGE AREA 'D'
DRAINAGE AREA = 0.0024 AC.
DRAINAGE AREA 'E'
DRAINAGE AREA = 0.0144 AC.
DRAINAGE AREA 'F'
DRAINAGE AREA = 0.0262 AC.

APPROVED • HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING

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This development plan is approved for soil erosion and sediment control by the HOWARD COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

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DEVELOPER'S CERTIFICATE

I/WE CERTIFY THAT ALL DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE DONE ACCORDING TO THIS PLAN FOR SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROL, AND THAT ALL RESPONSIBLE PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT WILL HAVE A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE AT A DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT APPROVED TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE CONTROL OF SEDIMENT AND EROSION BEFORE BEGINNING THE PROJECT. I ALSO AUTHORIZE PERIODIC ON-SITE INSPECTION BY THE HOWARD SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

William C. Trevillian 10/24/12
Developer Date

ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATE

I certify that this plan for erosion and sediment control represents a practical and workable plan based on my personal knowledge of the site conditions and that it was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Howard Soil Conservation District.

Michael J. Werner 10/24/12
Professional Engineer Date

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