

# New Storm Water Control Measure Development: Case Studies and Challenges

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## **Low Impact Development:**

*is an approach to land development (or re-development) that works with nature to manage stormwater as close to its source as possible. LID employs principles such as preserving and recreating natural landscape features.....(US EPA)*

## **Ecological Restoration:**

*the process of assisting the recovery of an ecosystem that has been degraded, damaged, or destroyed.*

(Society for Ecological Restoration)

## **Ecological Engineering:**

*integrating ecology and engineering... design and construction of sustainable ecosystems... to integrate society with the natural environment for the benefit of both . (Howard Odum)*

## **Novel Ecosystem:**

*ecosystem that has been heavily influenced by humans but is not under human management Nature (2009) 460: 450-453*

## Regenerative Stormwater Conveyances (RSCs)

-----Utilize a series of shallow aquatic pools, riffle/grade controls , native vegetation , and an underlying sand/wood chip substrate in degraded flowways (ecological restoration and ecological engineering)

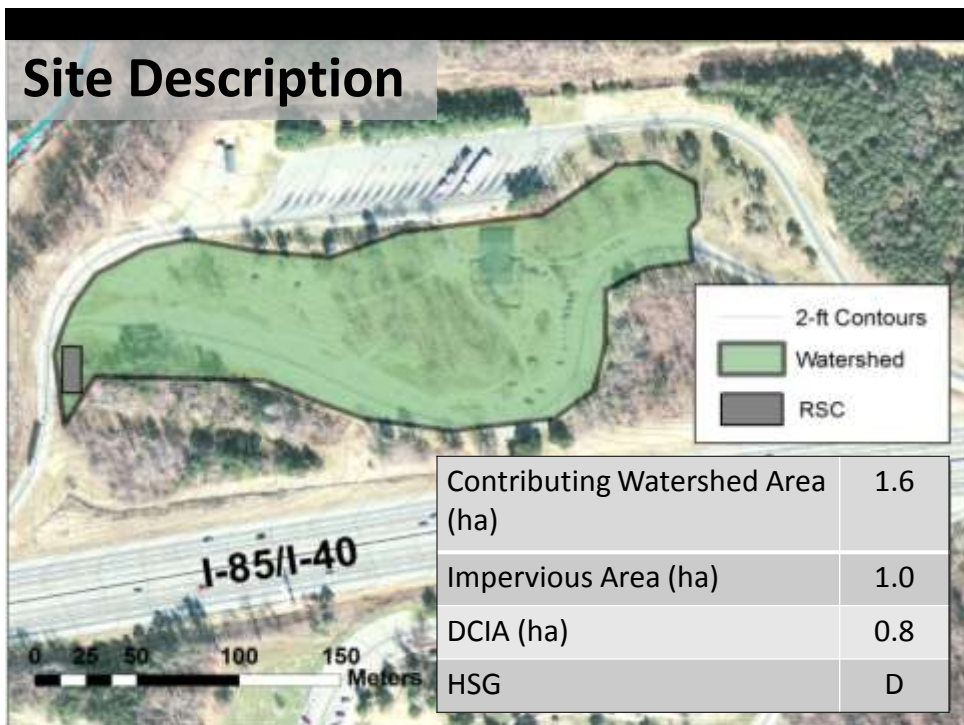
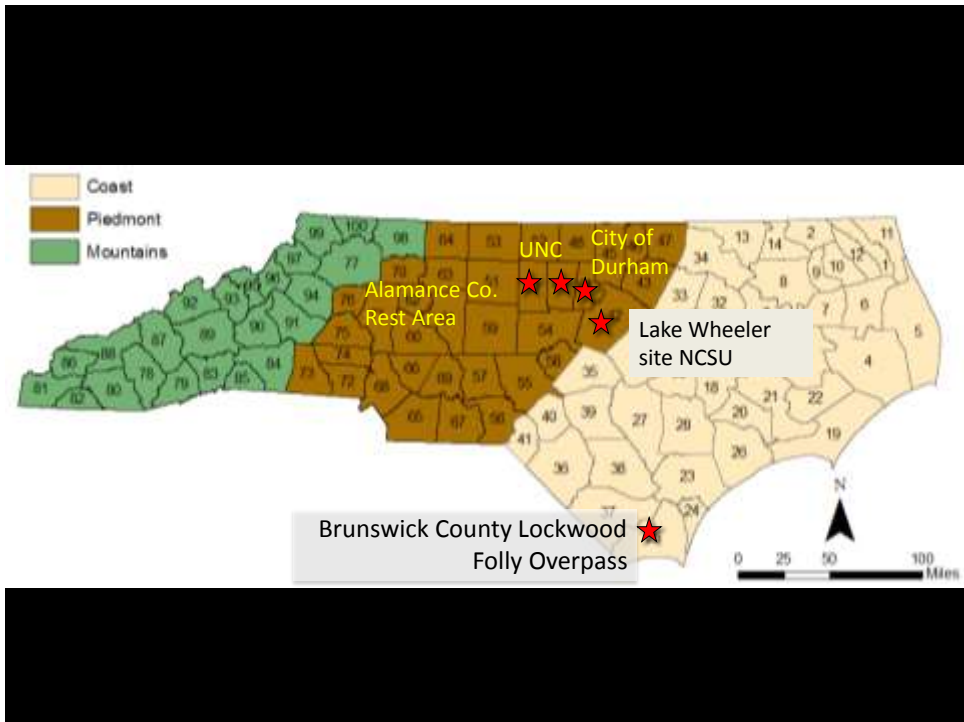
-----intercept stormwater, and filter pollutants from the flow of stormwater in channels that have been incised and degraded by urban runoff (stormwater/LID and novel ecosystems).

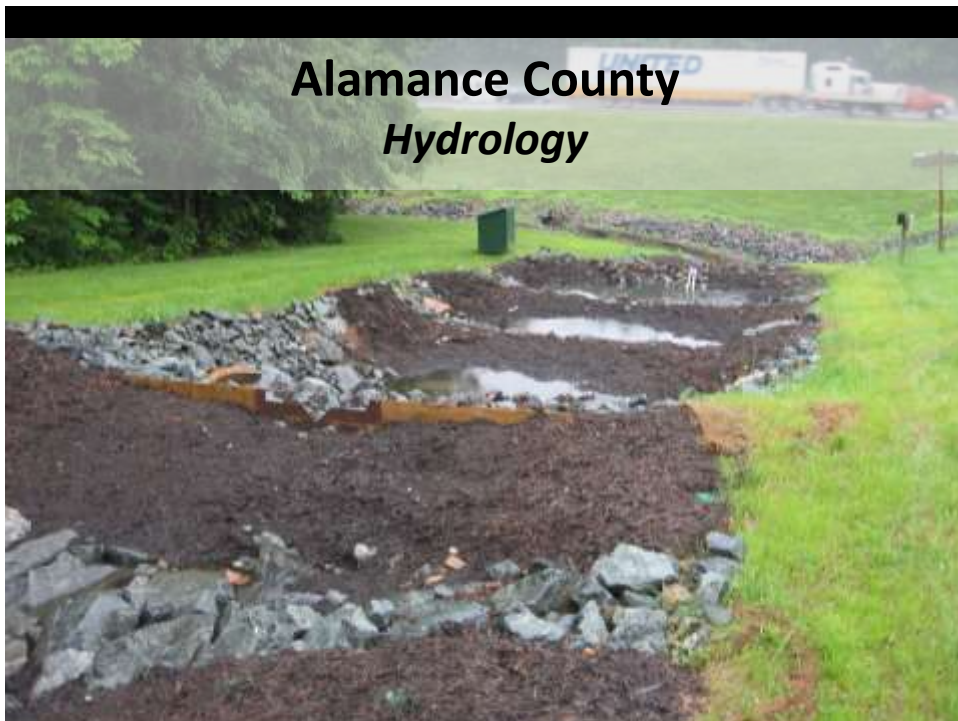
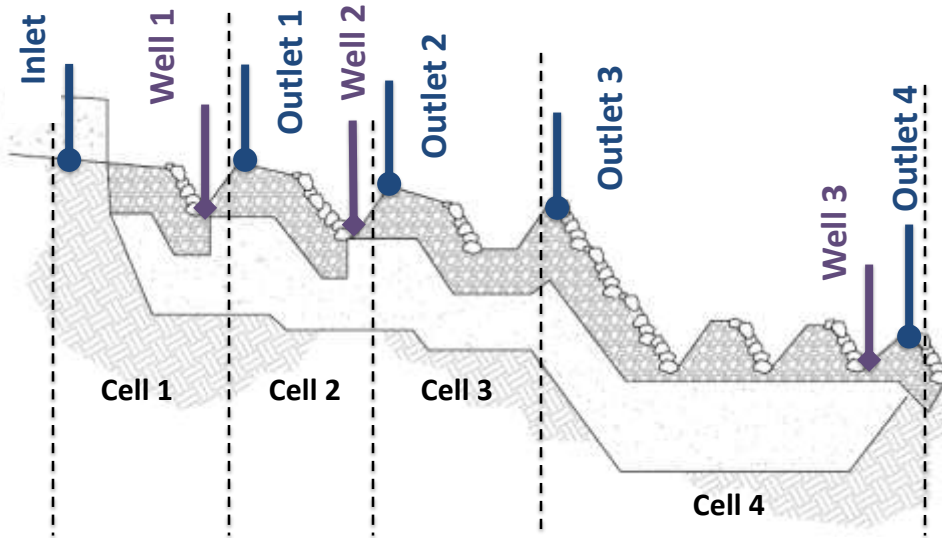
## Regenerative Stormwater Conveyance (RSC) History and Development

- Created as a remedy for highly eroded stormwater outfalls and conveyance channels
- Conceptualized in Maryland in 1990's and early 2000's
- Design development and refinement, water quantity/ quality monitoring data was collected and analyzed
- Adoption as SCM in Maryland for nutrient reduction credit in 2014









## Storm Summary

- Monitored 43 inflow producing events between July 2013 and June 2014
- Max Rainfall Depth = 81 mm, 15 cm/hr
  - Inflow Volume = 660 m<sup>3</sup>, peak flow = 246 L/s
  - Outflow Volume = 235 m<sup>3</sup>, peak flow = 102 L/s

**64% Volume Reduction**  
**58% Peak Flow Reduction**

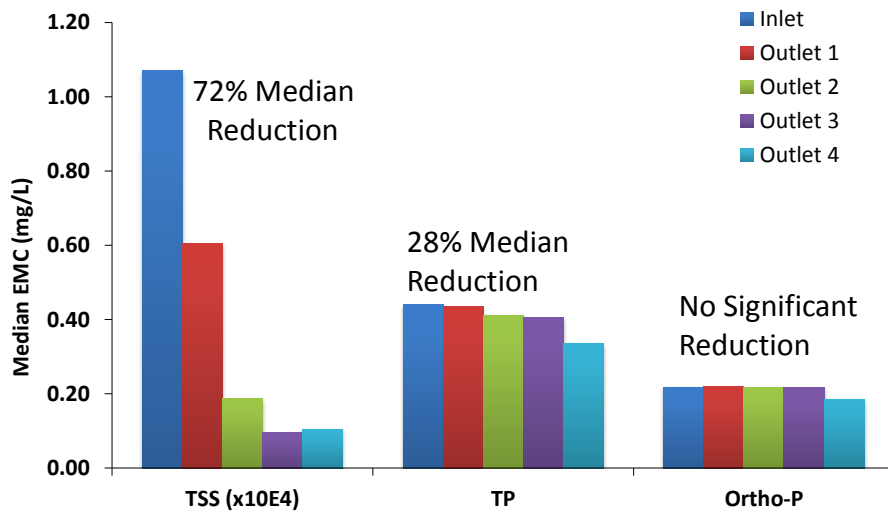
**Median Volume Reduction = 84%**  
**Median Peak Flow Reduction = 80%**



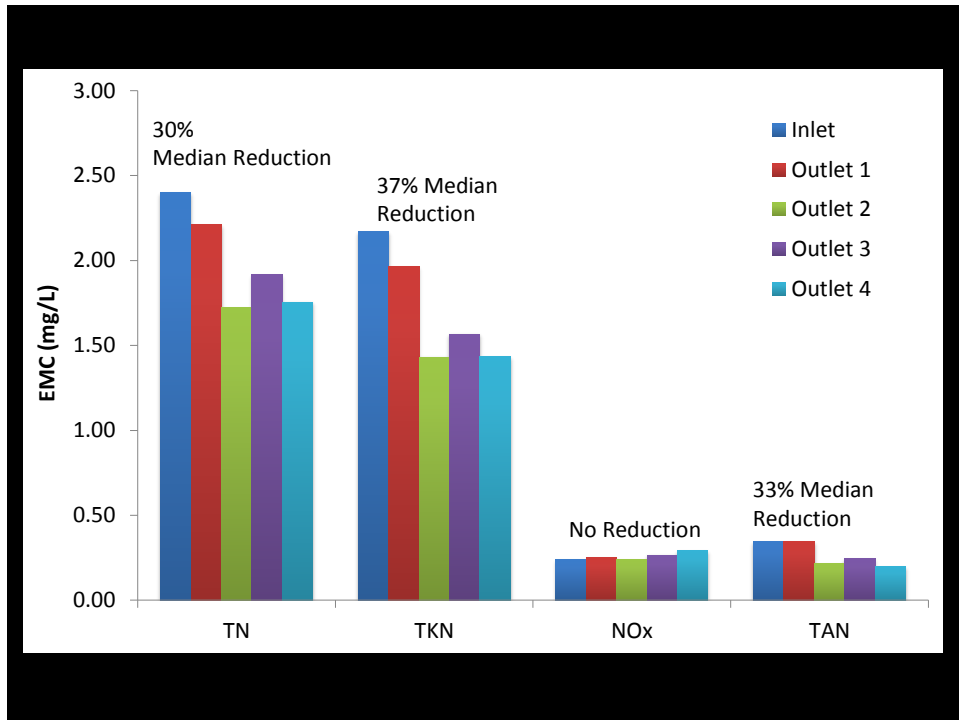
## Alamance County Water Quality

## Storm Summary

- Monitored 20 water quality events between July 2013 and June 2014
- **Inflow** concentrations
  - TN: median = 2.40 mg/L, range = 1.59 to 9.96 mg/L
  - TP: median = 0.44 mg/L, range = 0.24 to 2.14 mg/L
  - TSS: median = 69.1 mg/L, range = 8.82 to 297 mg/L
- **Outflow** concentrations
  - TN: median = 1.76 mg/L, range = 1.05 to 3.85 mg/L
  - TP: median = 0.34 mg/L, range = 0.18 to 1.23 mg/L
  - TP: median = 11.56 mg/L, range = 7.57 to 68.5 mg/L

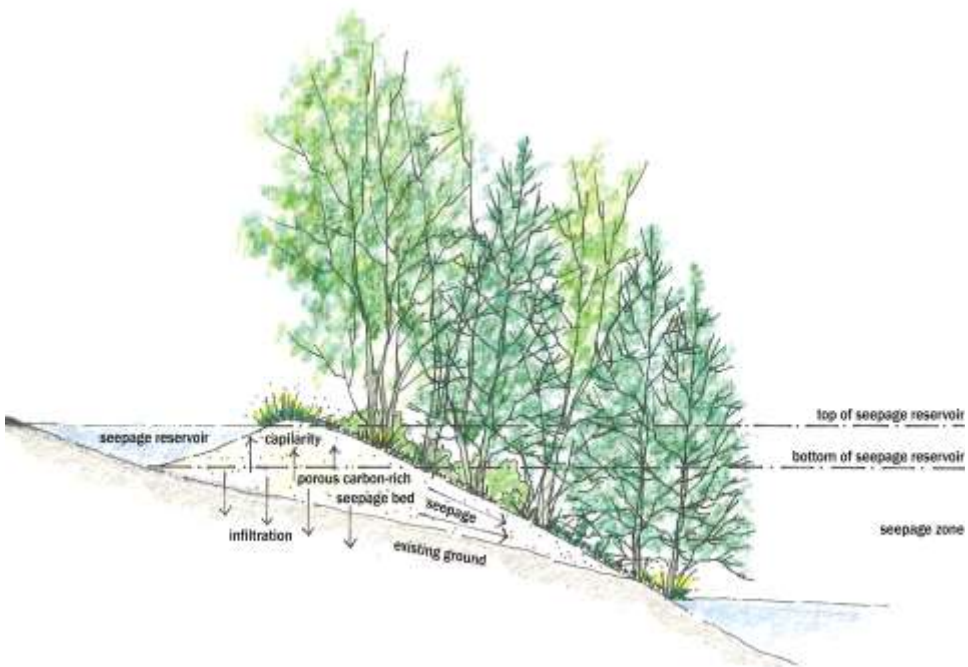
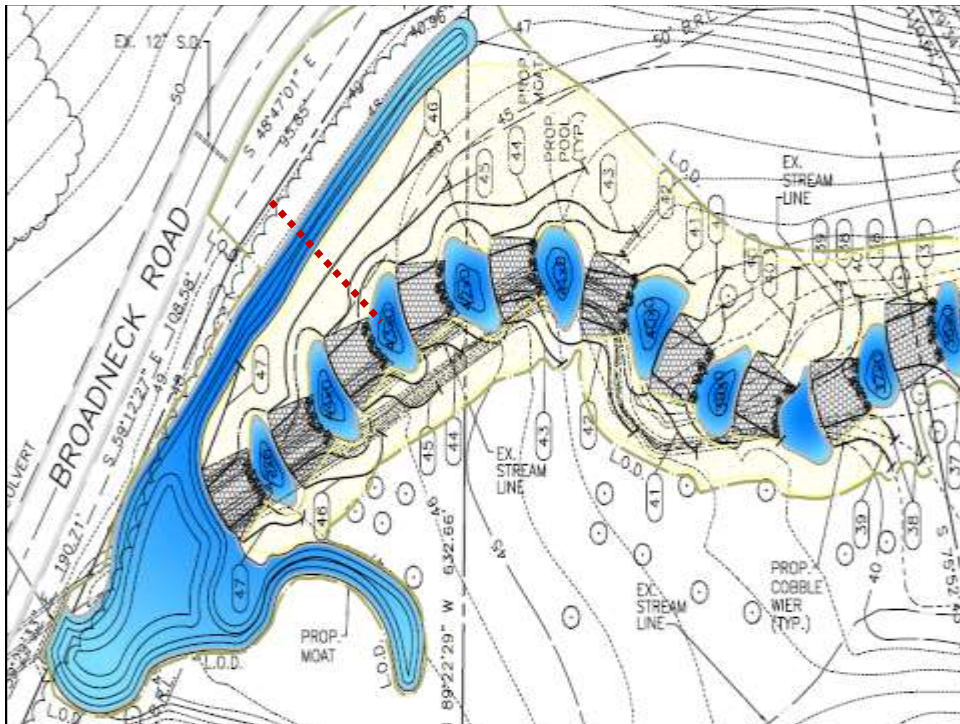


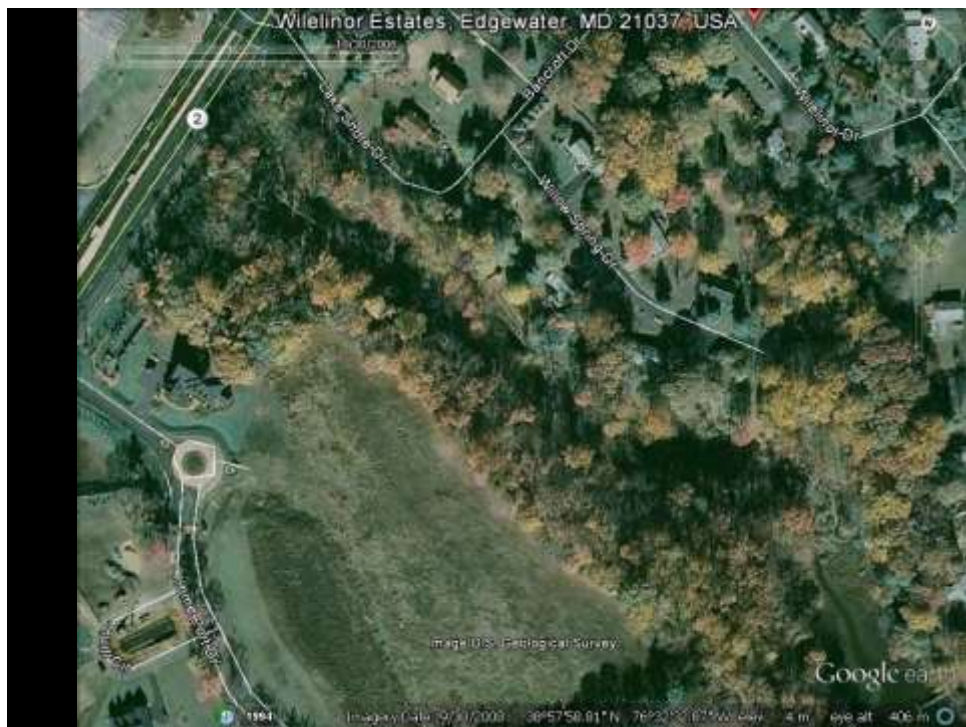
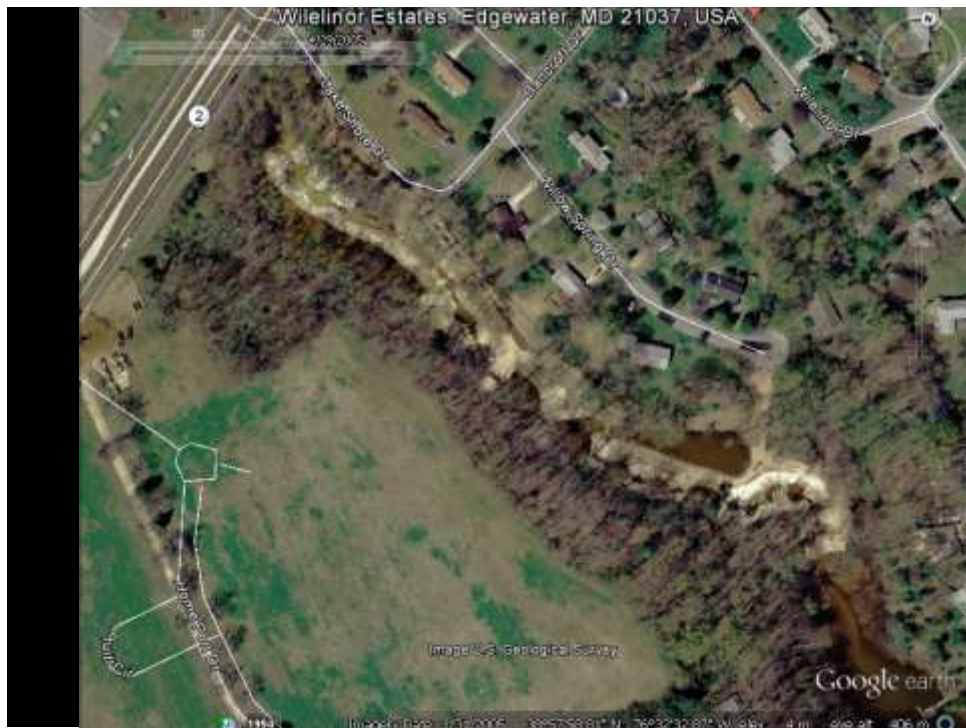




## Sand Seepage Berms

- used to divert high flows from the conveyance channel to the floodplain, where it is temporarily stored
- much of the water seeps through the sand berm. by gravity flow, back to the channel
- It is filtered as the process proceeds
- Has been incorporated into stormwater and stream restoration designs in Maryland









## Hydrographs during individual storms WILELINOR

