

EPA Region 1 MS4 Stormwater General Permits and LID Training Clinic



Tools and Methodologies for Tracking/ Reducing Impervious Cover

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Topics to Cover

1. Defining impervious areas
2. Permit requirements
3. Methods for tracking changes in impervious cover
 - Establishing baseline conditions
 - Calculating annual change
 - Reporting net change
 - Redevelopment/Retrofit Group Exercise
4. BMP effectiveness

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1. Defining Impervious Areas

What is DCIA?

- A. Impervious cover regardless of where it drains
- B. Directly-connected impervious area
- C. Disconnected impervious area
- D. Effective impervious cover
- E. B and D

1. Defining Impervious Areas

2.4.6.9 DCIA is the portion of IA with a direct hydraulic connection to the MS4 or a waterbody via:

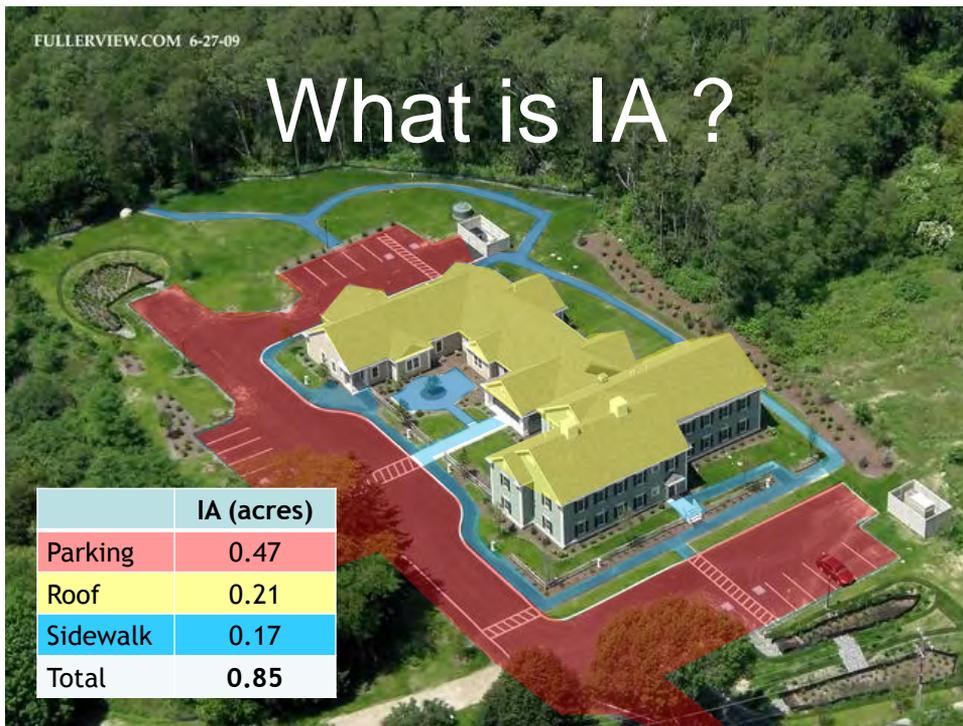
- continuous paved surfaces,
- gutters,
- drain pipes, or
- other conventional conveyance and detention structures that do not reduce runoff volume

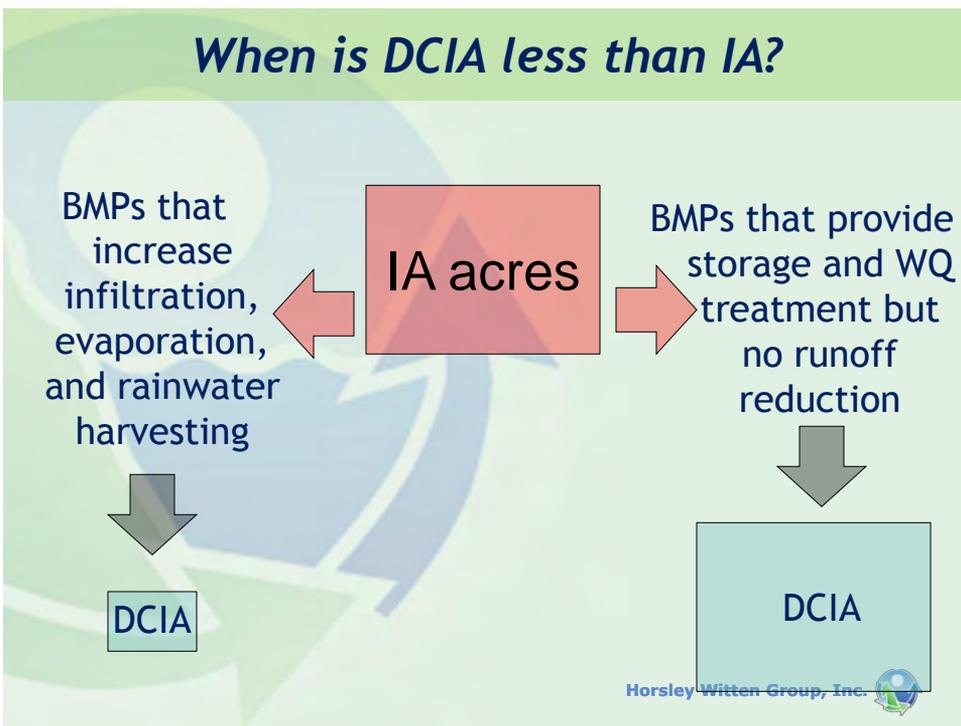
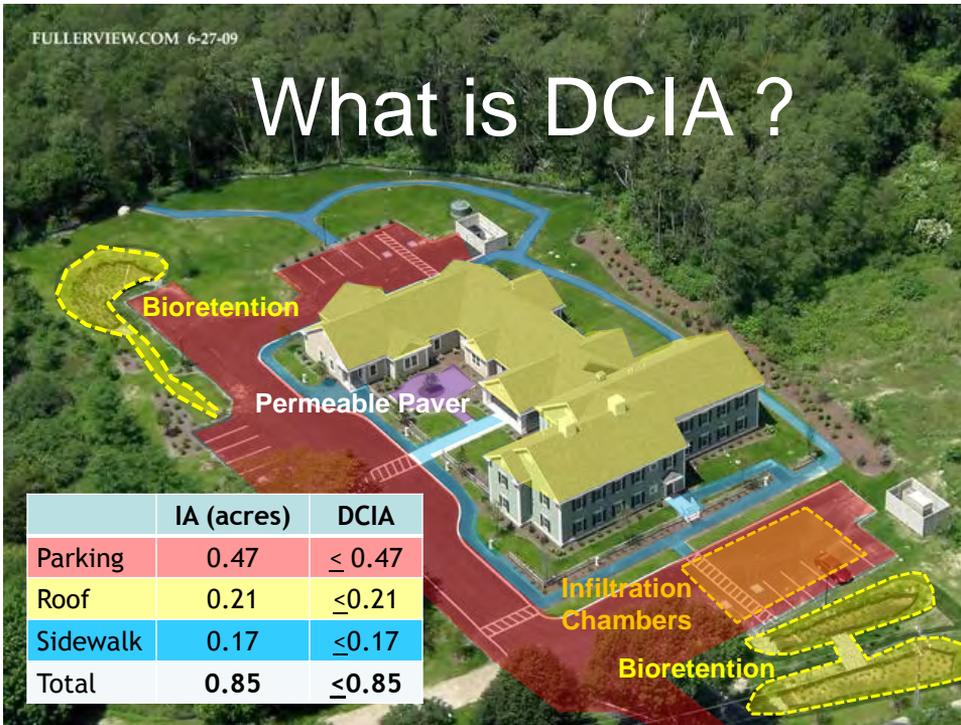
1. Defining Impervious Areas

DCIA does not include:

- IA draining to stormwater BMPs designed to meet recharge and volume reduction criteria.
- Isolated IA with an indirect hydraulic connection to the MS4, or that drains to a qualified pervious area.
- Swimming pools or man-made impoundments, unless drained to an MS4.
- The surface area of natural waterbodies (e.g., wetlands, ponds, lakes, streams, rivers).

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2. Draft MS4 Permit Requirements

2008 DRAFT NH NPDES Small MS4 Permit Section 2.3.6.8 requires:

- (a) Establishing baseline IA & DCIA (Yr 1)
- (b) Retrofit inventory of municipal properties (Yr 2)
- (c) Annual estimates of IA and DCIA acres added or removed in each subbasin of the regulated MS4 (Yr 2)
 - Use accepted methods for estimating DCIA, or provide written justification of alternative protocol
- (d) Report on retrofit implementation (Yr 3)

There is no threshold or required amount of DCIA in the Draft Permit

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DCIA Technical Support Document

www.epa.gov/ne/npdes/stormwater/MS4_2008_NH.html

Estimating Change in Impervious Area (IA) and Directly Connected Impervious Areas (DCIA) for New Hampshire Small MS4 Permit

Small MS4 Permit Technical Support Document, April 2011

Draft NPDES Permit Focuses on DCIA

The 2010 NPDES Small MS4 permit for New Hampshire requires regulated communities to estimate the number of acres of impervious area (IA) and directly connected impervious areas (DCIA) that have been added or removed each year due to development, redevelopment, and/or retrofitting activities. (Draft Permit Section 2.3.6.8(c)). Beginning with the second year annual report, IA and DCIA estimates must be provided for each subbasin within your regulated MS4 area. This technical support tool outlines accepted methods for estimating and reporting IA and DCIA in three steps:

- 1. **Identify** the areas of IA and DCIA within your subbasin.
- 2. **Estimate** the amount of IA and DCIA within your subbasin.
- 3. **Report** the IA and DCIA estimates in your annual report.

Accepted Methods for Estimating IA & DCIA

Use the estimates of existing IA and DCIA provided by EPA to establish the baseline acreage from which future additions or reductions of impervious cover can be tracked each year.

For each regulated municipality in New Hampshire, EPA will provide graphical and tabular estimates of IA and DCIA entered by land use type and subbasin. Permittees may simply use these baseline estimates, or develop more accurate estimates where justified. This may include using local data to refine EPA's estimates or the direct measure of IA (Figure 1). If the EPA estimates are not used for the baseline, permittees must provide in the annual report a description of the alternative methodology used.

When does DCIA really mean?

Impervious surfaces such as roadways, parking lots, rooftops, sidewalks, driveways, and other pavements impede stormwater infiltration and generate surface runoff. Research has shown that total watershed IA is correlated with a number of negative impacts on our water resources such as increased flood peaks and frequency, increased sediment, nutrient, and other pollutant levels, channel erosion, impairments to aquatic life, and reduced recharge to groundwater (Center for Watershed Protection, 2003). Typically watersheds with 40% IA start to show these impacts, though recent work has found lower % IA threshold values for sensitive species (Wagner et al., 2002). Watersheds meeting 12% IA often fail to meet aquatic life criteria and sensitive standards (Gunsfeld and Kjaeger, 2006).

For the purposes of the MS4 permit, DCIA is considered the portion of IA with a direct hydraulic connection to the permittee's MS4 or a waterbody via continuous paved surfaces, gutters, drains pipes, or other conventional conveyance and detention structures that do not reduce runoff volume. DCIA does not include:

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Figure 1 EPA will use statewide land use data (GRANT), urban boundaries, and land use impervious coefficients to estimate baseline IA for each MS4 production (report). Communities may choose to refine these estimates with direct measures of IA where local GIS capacity is available, as shown here from Somersworth, NH (lower).

Table 1: Land Use Impervious Coefficients

Land Use	Impervious Coefficient
Asphalt	0.95
Concrete	0.95
Gravel	0.85
Grass	0.05
Soil	0.05
Water	0.05

Table 2: DCIA Data

Subbasin	DCIA (Acres)
Subbasin 1	150
Subbasin 2	200
Subbasin 3	100
Subbasin 4	50

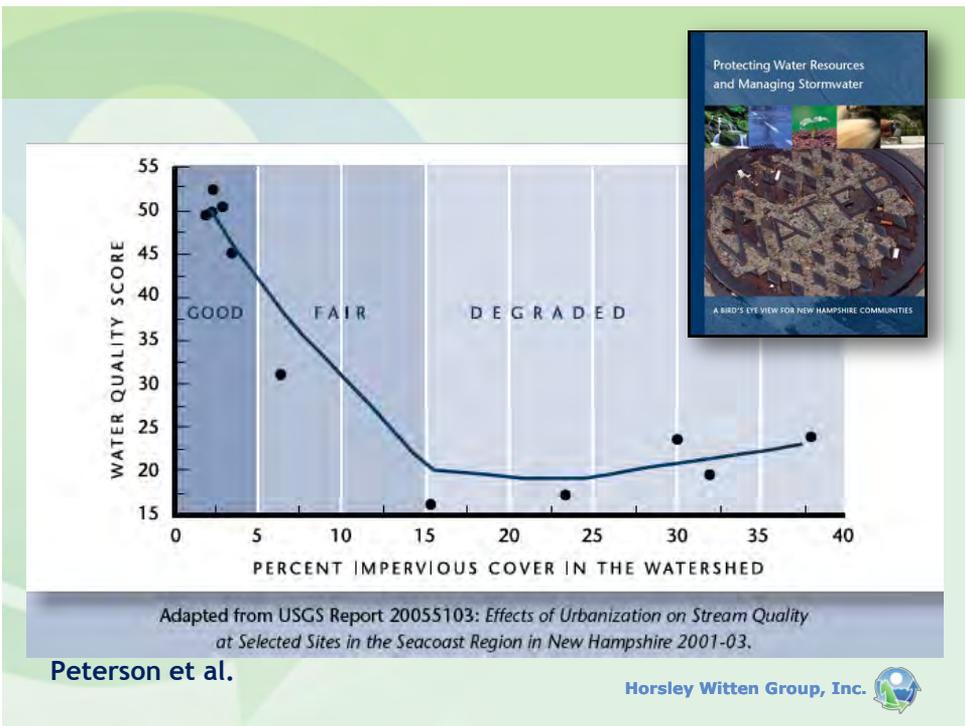
Table 3: IA Data

Subbasin	IA (Acres)
Subbasin 1	300
Subbasin 2	400
Subbasin 3	200
Subbasin 4	100

Table 4: DCIA Change

Subbasin	DCIA (Acres)	Change (Acres)
Subbasin 1	150	+20
Subbasin 2	200	-50
Subbasin 3	100	+10
Subbasin 4	50	+5

Why do we care?



Why do we care?

- Indicates potential threats to water resources;
- Facilitates investigation of existing flooding and stormwater drainage problems;
- Informs management of impaired waterbodies and progress towards achieving **Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)**;
- Serves as an educational tool for encouraging **Low Impact Development (LID)**;
- Facilitates equitable derivation of stormwater utility fees; and
- May guide stormwater retrofit efforts.

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3. Methods for Tracking IA/DCIA



- How good is your GIS?
- How accurate do you need to be?
- What are the benefits of using local data?
- Do you know IA draining to each BMP on new project sites?
- Do you know which BMPs can be used to reduce DCIA?
- How do you track and report annual results to EPA?

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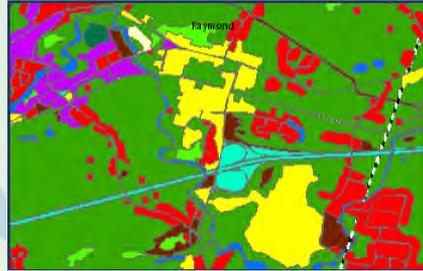


Step 1: Estimate Baseline IA & DCIA

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Estimate
Baseline
IA/DCIA**

Use EPA estimates or refine with local data

- EPA to provide NH MS4s with current IA & DCIA by subbasin
- Based on GRANIT land use and land use coefficients
- Estimates can be locally refined



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Baseline IA based on land use

Table 1. Estimating DCIA as a function of Land Use¹

Land Use	% IA
Commercial	76
Industrial	56
High density residential	51
Med. density residential	38
Low density residential	19
Institutional	34 ²
Agricultural	2
Forest	1.9
Open Urban Land	11

¹ IA coefficients taken from Rouge River Study/EPA

² Institutional land use coefficient from Cappiella and Brown, 2001

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DCIA based on

- IA & assumed watershed land use conditions
- Use Sutherland equations
- Permittees can refine if better information is available

Table 2. Sutherland Equations to Determine DCIA (%)

Watershed Selection Criteria	Assumed Land Use	Equation (where IA(%) ≥ 1)
Average: Mostly storm sewered with curb & gutter, no dry wells or infiltration, residential rooftops not directly connected	Commercial, Industrial, Institutional/ Urban public, Open land, and Med. density residential	$DCIA=0.1(IA)^{1.5}$
Highly connected: Same as above, but residential rooftops are connected	High density residential	$DCIA=0.4(IA)^{1.2}$
Totally connected: 100% storm sewered with all IA connected	--	$DCIA=IA$
Somewhat connected: 50% not storm sewered, but open section roads, grassy swales, residential rooftops not connected, some infiltration	Low density residential	$DCIA=0.04(IA)^{1.7}$
Mostly disconnected: Small percentage of urban area is storm sewered, or 70% or more infiltrate/disconnected	Agricultural; Forested	$DCIA=0.01(IA)^2$

Step 2: Calculate project IA & DCIA

Step 2.
Calculate
Annual
Change

Add/remove IA & DCIA for new projects completed in reporting year

- IA & DCIA change as new/redevelopment/retrofit projects are completed during reporting year
- DCIA based on
 - Amount of IA
 - Effectiveness of IA treatment
- BMPs per NH Stormwater Manual

1

Determine former and new IA/site

2

Define IA, soils, & runoff volume to each BMP

3

Calculate DCIA using BMP disconnection multiplier

4

Sum IA & DCIA for each site

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NH Stormwater Manual Updated Appendix E

Pollutant Removal Efficiencies for Best Management Practices for Use in Pollutant Loading Analysis					Values Accepted for Loading Analyses		
BMP Type	BMP	Notes	Lit. Ref.	Runoff Reduction Efficiency	TSS	TN	TP
Stormwater Ponds	Wet Pond		B, F, P	0%	70%	35%	45%
	Wet Extended Detention Pond		A, B, P	0%	80%	55%	68%
	Micropond Extended Detention Pond	TBA					
	Multiple Pond System	TBA					
Stormwater Wetlands	Pocket Pond	TBA					
	Shallow Wetland		A, B, F, I, P	0%	80%	55%	45%
	Extended Detention Wetland		A, B, F, I, P	0%	80%	55%	45%
Infiltration Practices	Gravel Wetland	TBA					
	Infiltration Trench (>75 ft from surface water)		H, P, Q	90%	90%		
	Infiltration Trench (<75 ft from surface water)		B, D, I, P	90%	90%		
	Infiltration Basin (>75 ft from surface water)		B, D, I, P	90%	90%		
	Infiltration Basin (<75 ft from surface water)		A, F, B, D, I, P	90%	90%		
	Dry Walls		A, F, B, D, I, P	90%	90%		
	Drip Edges		P	90%	90%		
	Aboveground or Underground Sand Filter that infiltrates WQV (>75 ft from surface water)		P	90%	90%		
	Aboveground or Underground Sand Filter that infiltrates WQV (<75 ft from surface water)		A, F, B, D, I, P	0%	90%		
	Aboveground or Underground Sand Filter with underdrain		A, I, F, G, H, P, Q	0%	5%		
Filtering Practices	Tree Box Filter	TBA		15%	90%		
	Bio-retention System		P, Q	15%	90%		
	Permeable Pavement that infiltrates WQV (>75 ft from surface water)		I, G, H, F, Q	80%	69%	65%	65%
	Permeable Pavement that infiltrates WQV (<75 ft from surface water)		A, F, B, D, I, P	75%	90%	60%	65%
	Permeable Pavement that infiltrates WQV (<75 ft from surface water)		A, F, B, D, I, P	75%	60%	10%	65%
	Permeable Pavement with underdrain		A, I, F, G, H, P, Q	45%	90%	10%	45%

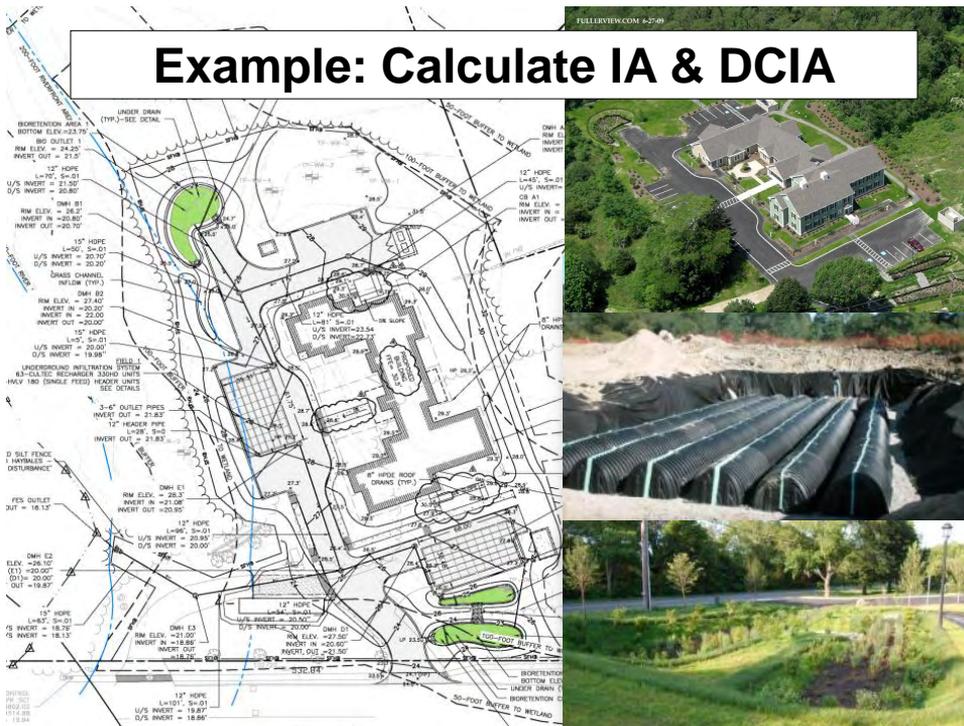
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Treatment Swales	Flow Through Treatment Swale	TBA	P	60%			
Vegetated Buffers	Vegetated Buffers		A, B, I		73%	40%	45%
	Sediment Forebay	TBA	P	0%			
	Vegetated Filter Strip		A, B, I, P	50%	73%	40%	45%
Pre-Treatment Practices	Vegetated Swale		A, B, C, F, H, I, P	60%	65%	20%	25%
	Flow-Through Device - Hydrodynamic Separator		A, B, G, H, Q		27%	10%	42%
	Flow-Through Device - ADS Underground Multichamber Water Quality Unit (WQU)		G, H, Q		99%	10%	81%
	Other Flow-Through Devices	TBA					
	Off-line Deep Sump Catch Basin		J, K, L, M		15%	5%	5%

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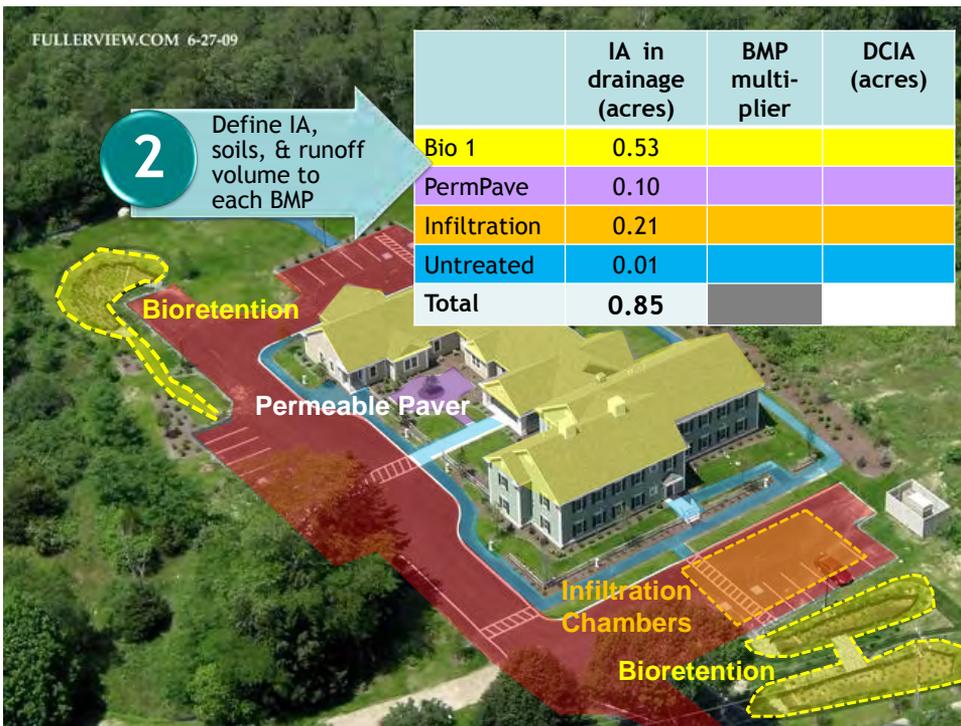
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Example: Calculate IA & DCIA



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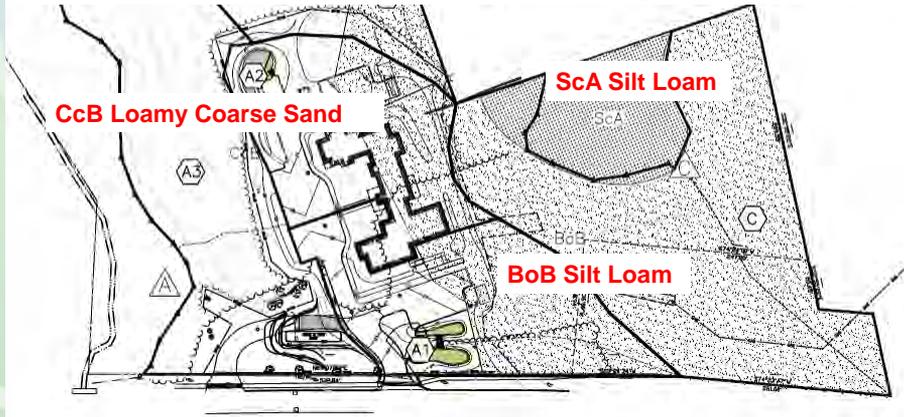
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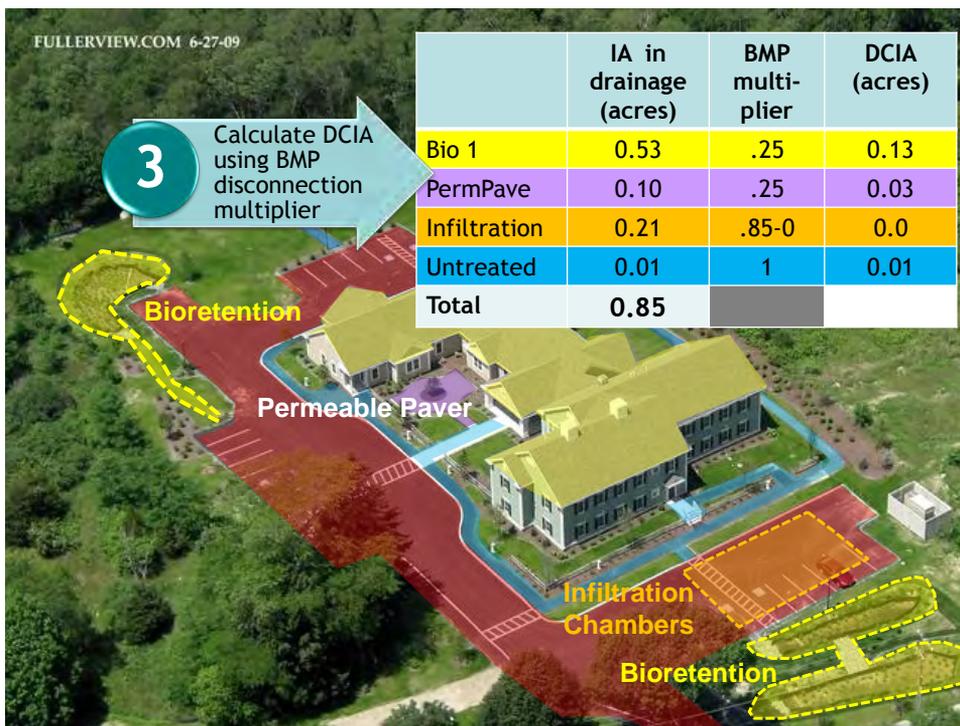
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Where does soil and infiltration rate information come from?

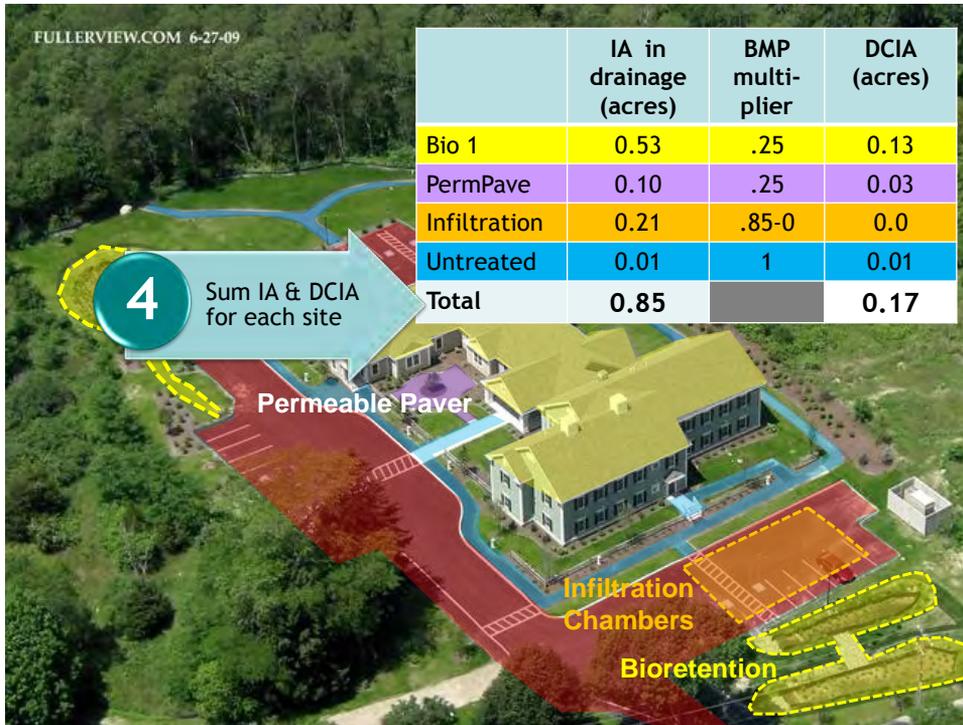
Test pits showed better subsoils (sandy loams and loamy sands over medium sand) than Soils map.



See Vol. 2 Section 2-4 of New Hampshire Stormwater Manual for methods to determine infiltration rates



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Step 3: Summarize annual change by subbasin

Step 3.
Report
Net
Change

Summarize
in annual
NPDES
report by
subbasin

- EPA to provide tracking spreadsheet

- Per site
- Per subwatershed
- Relative to baseline

- In general:

- ADD new IA & DCIA to baseline for new development
- SUBTRACT new DCIA for retrofits
- ADD or SUBTRACT IA & DCIA for redevelopment

Subbasin: A		
Site	Total IA	Total DCIA
Lombard	0.85 ac	0.17
Retrofit 1	0 ac	-0.42
YR 1 Baseline	25 ac	13.0 ac
Yr 2 Total	25.85 ac	12.59 ac
NET Change	+ 0.85	- 0.41 ac

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Questions?

1. Where do I get site specific soil and BMP information?
2. What is the best process for permittees to track IA/DCIA?
3. What if the BMP isn't on the list of default disconnection multipliers?
4. Can BMP treatment trains produce higher %RR and lower DCIA?
5. Others?

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Summary of what EPA will provide you:

- Subbasin boundaries
- Baseline estimates of IA for each subbasin in your MS4 in tabular and GIS format
- Baseline estimate of DCIA for each subbasin in your MS4 in tabular format
- IA & DCIA calculation and annual tracking spreadsheet

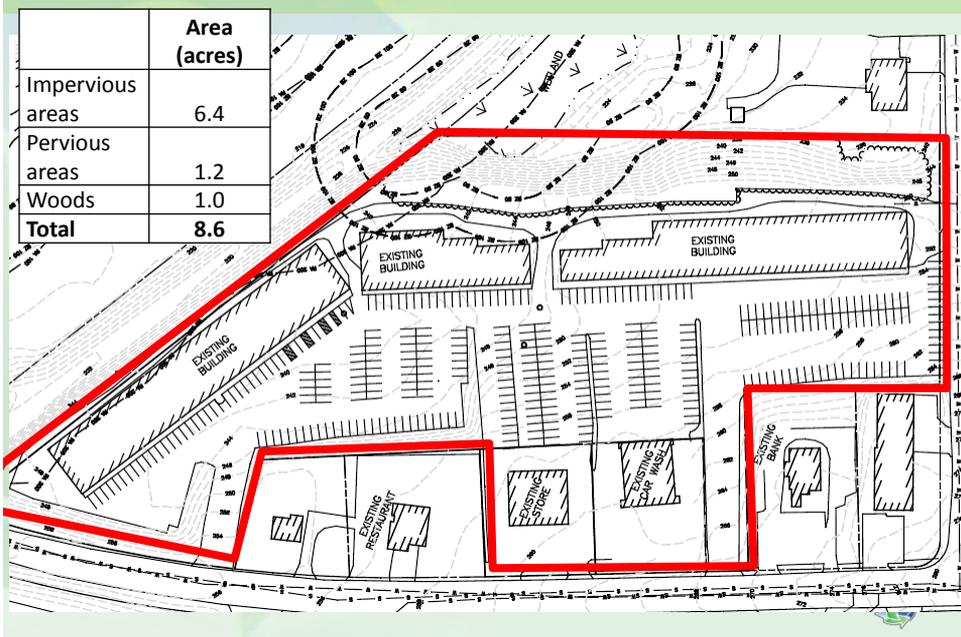
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Practice Example: Retail Redevelopment

- Read description in handout
- Calculate existing and proposed IA
- Calculate DCIA based on various BMPs
 - Use lookup tables in handout
 - IA's within each BMP drainage area is already provided
 - Use performance curve table for infiltration trenches
 - Pervious pavement is a BMP, not complete IA removal

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Existing Site Conditions



The Answers

Answer the following Questions:

1. What is the existing IA for the site? acres (1.7 acres of roof + 4.7 acres other IA)
2. What is proposed IA for the redeveloped site? acres (Hint: subtract removed pavement and new landscape/bioretenion footprints from existing IA). (6.4 - 0.1 - 0.3)
3. Fill in the blanks in Table 1 to calculate DCIA for each area managed by proposed infiltration, bioretention, and permeable pavement BMPs. You will need to assign runoff reduction values and BMP disconnection multipliers for each BMP using Tables 2 and 3. *Note that pavement removal is accounted for previously under question #2 and that recharge chambers should use runoff reduction values similar to infiltration trenches. Impervious area within BMP drainages are already provided in Table 1.*
 What are the total IA and DCIA managed by BMPs? acres IA_{managed}
 acres DCIA_{managed}
4. What is DCIA for all remaining, unmanaged IA? acres DCIA_{unmanaged} (Hint: Subtract IA managed (Question #3) from proposed site IA [Q #2]. Assume 100% is connected). (6.0 - 4.2)
5. What is the total DCIA for proposed conditions? acres total DCIA (Hint: Sum of DCIA_{managed} (Question #3) and DCIA_{unmanaged} (Question #4)). (0.77 + 1.8)

The Answers

Table 1. DCIA for each BMP. Fill in the missing cells using the information provided.

BMP	IA in the BMP drainage area (acres)	Soil Infiltration Rate (in/hr)	% RR (see Tables 2 and 3)	BMP Disconnection Multiplier (1-RR%/100)	DCIA (acres) (IA * BMP Multiplier)
Recharge Chambers 1	0.6	2.41	96%	0.04	0.02
Recharge Chambers 2	0.9	1.02	92%	0.08	0.07
Bioretention (1-6)	2.6	--	75%	0.25	0.65
Permeable Pavement	0.1	--	75%	0.25	0.03
Total Area Managed	4.2	--	--	--	0.77

Assign BMP Disconnection Multiplier

$$\text{Disconnection Multiplier} = 1 - \text{RR}\% / 100$$

$$= 0.08 \text{ and } 0.04$$

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Permeable pavement, bioretention practices, dry/vegetated water quality swales	75%	0.25
Disconnection to qualified pervious area ³	50%	0.50
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How does LID Influence DCIA?

LID

- Site design minimizes total IA;
- Provides more opportunities for disconnection;
- BMPs provide for higher runoff reduction

Conventional

- Site designs create more total site IA to manage
- Detention basins have 0% runoff reduction; therefore, no DCIA reduction credit

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PERVIOUS PAVER PALE ALE

INFILTRATING YOUR TASTE BUDS SINCE 2011

Chester Arnold and Mike Dietz, CT NEMO Brewmasters

Triple filtered through pervious asphalt, concrete, and paver blocks. In strict adherence to NEMO purity law, this refreshing ale is made with only barley malt and Cascade hops, and never touches geotextile fabric...

Please drink responsibly. A proper subbase of clam chowder with oyster crackers is recommended. Do not drive a vacuum truck after enjoying a PPPA. May impair your ability to distinguish between connected and disconnected impervious cover.



4. Ensuring BMP Effectiveness

Planning and Design

- Good planning (concept plans, integrated with site design);
- Good design and agency review;
- Designer should envision maintenance requirements
- Plan sheet(s) showing practice locations/types and maintenance access (easements);
- O&M plan includes required inspection and maintenance frequency and estimated annual costs



4. Ensuring BMP Effectiveness

Construction

- Clearly defined construction specifications and bidding documents;
- Contractor expertise (minimum qualifications/experience identified in bid docs);
- Construction layout by a surveyor;
- Pre-construction meeting and regular progress meetings;
- Construction observations at clearly identified milestones (by the designer where possible - using checklists);
- Interim and final As Built plans



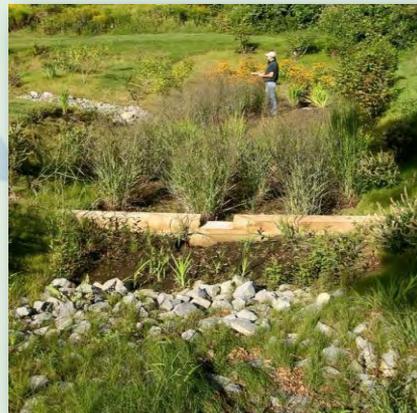
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4. Ensuring BMP Effectiveness

Maintenance

- Make short-term maintenance easy (e.g. forebay with easy access for sediment removal);
- Implement long-term vegetation management;
- Incorporate progressive enforcement and corrections;
- Instill owner inspection co-responsibility



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