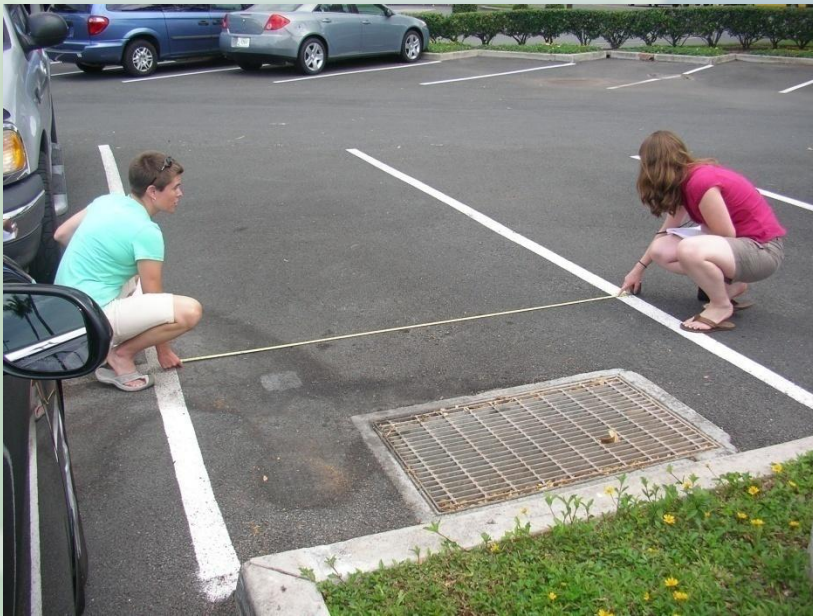


EPA Region 1 MS4 Stormwater General Permits and LID Training Clinic



**Tools and Methodologies
for Tracking/ Reducing
Impervious Cover**

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Topics to Cover

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A. Consider a simple conceptual model

1. Pavement (Impervious Cover):

- overlaying soil of **high** intrinsic permeability
- overlaying soils of **low** vertical intrinsic permeability

and then . . .

2. Removal of

- all of the pavement (IC) or
- a **portion** of the pavement.

Discuss: effect on runoff volume



B. Draft MS4 Permit Requirements


2010 NPDES Small MS4 Draft North Coastal/MIMSC Permits Section 2.4.6.9 requires:

- (a) Establishment of 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 DCIA limit/threshold in the Draft Permit

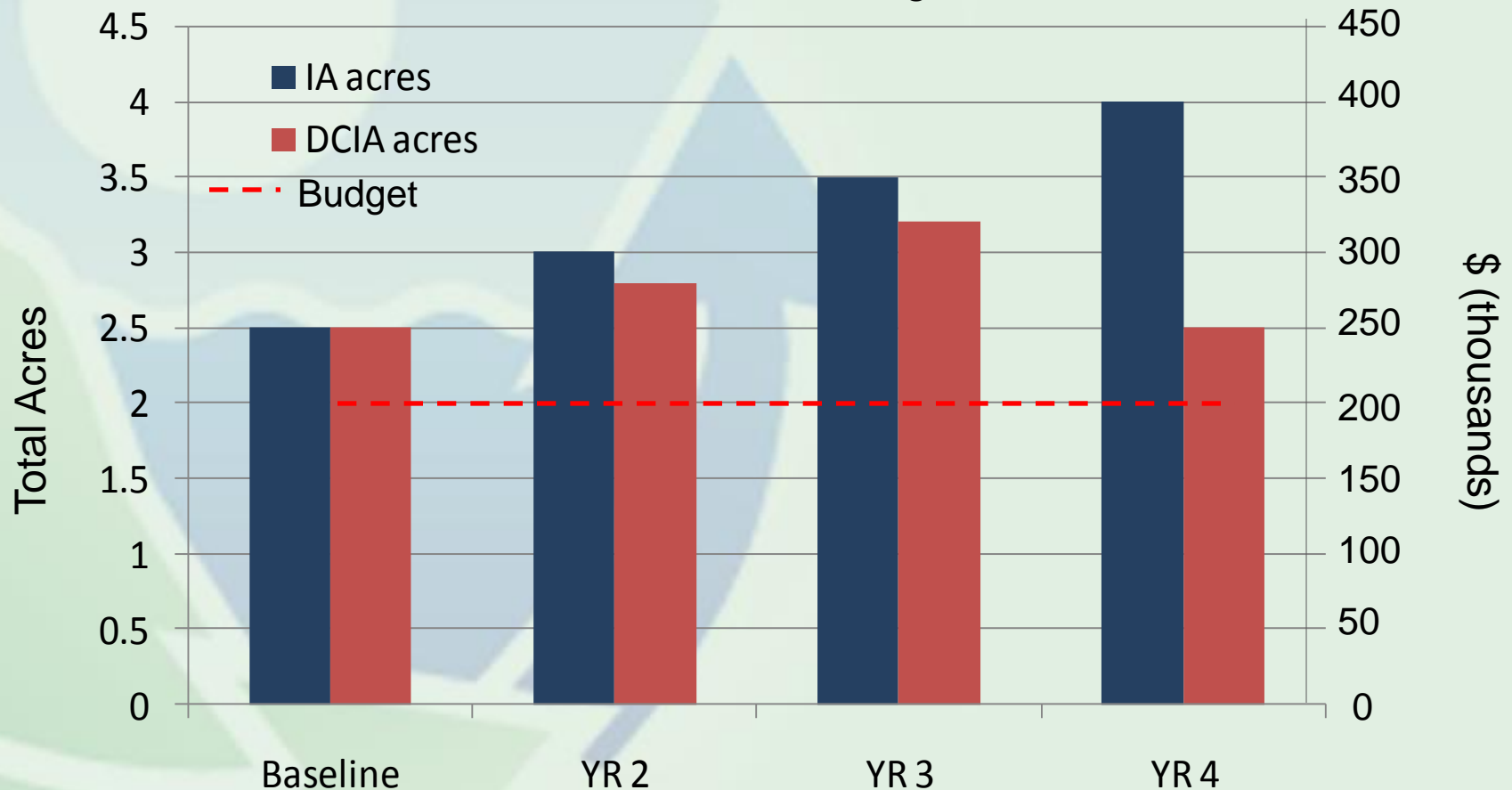
www.epa.gov/region1/npdes/stormwater/ma/MADCIA.pdf

C. Why track IA and DCIA?

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- A man in a light blue t-shirt, white shorts, and a blue cap is using a yellow tape measure to measure the width of a parking space in a lot. The lot is filled with various cars, including a white SUV, a red SUV, and a black car. In the background, there are palm trees and a building. The text of the list is overlaid on the left side of the image.
1. Indicators of watershed health
 2. Predicting future demands on stormwater infrastructure
 3. Measure progress towards meeting IC TMDLs
 4. Alternative to reducing impervious cover
 5. Raise awareness
 6. Others?

Why track IA and DCIA: Infrastructure Demand

Annual Demand on Drainage Infrastructure vs.
Stormwater Maintenance Budget Allocation



How does LID impact 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



D. Defining DCIA

Directly-Connected Impervious Area (DCIA)=

- IA with a direct hydraulic connection to the MS4 or a waterbody via:
 - continuous paved surfaces
 - gutters/drain pipes
 - conventional conveyance structures
- Unmanaged IA (*no stormwater BMP*)
- Fraction of managed IA based on runoff reduction efficiency of BMP



Defining DCIA (cont.)

DCIA does not include:

- Isolated IA with an indirect hydraulic connection to the MS4
- IA that drains to a qualified pervious area (QPA)
- Surface area of
 - swimming pools
 - man-made impoundments
 - natural waterbodies (e.g., wetlands, ponds, lakes, streams, rivers)



What is Qualified Pervious Area?

- CREDIT 1. Environmentally Sensitive Development
- CREDIT 2. Rooftop Runoff Directed to Qualifying Pervious Area
- CREDIT 3. Roadway, Driveway or Parking Lot Runoff Directed to Qualifying Pervious Area

“Qualifying Pervious Areas” are defined as natural or landscaped vegetated areas fully stabilized, with runoff characteristics at or lower than the NRCS Runoff Curve Numbers in the table set forth below. The Qualifying Pervious Area may be located in the outer 50-foot portion of a wetland buffer zone. However, it must not be located in the inner 50-foot portion of a wetland buffer zone (that portion of the buffer zone immediately adjacent to a wetland).

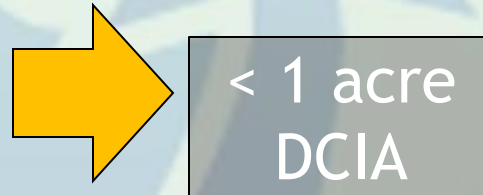
Maximum NRCS Runoff Curve Numbers for Qualifying Pervious Area

Cover Type	HSG A	HSG B	HSG C
Natural: Woods Good Condition	30	55	70
Natural: Brush Good Condition	30	48	65
Landscaped: Good Condition (grass cover > 75% or equivalent herbaceous plants)	39	61	74

Relating IA Disconnection to Reduction in Runoff Volume



BMPs that reduce runoff volume through infiltration, evaporation/transpiration, disconnection, or harvesting



BMPs that provide for peak runoff volume/rate control or WQ treatment, but do not reduce overall site surface runoff volume









Equating % Runoff Volume Reduction & DCIA

1. Interim default values for RR based on Schueler, 2009

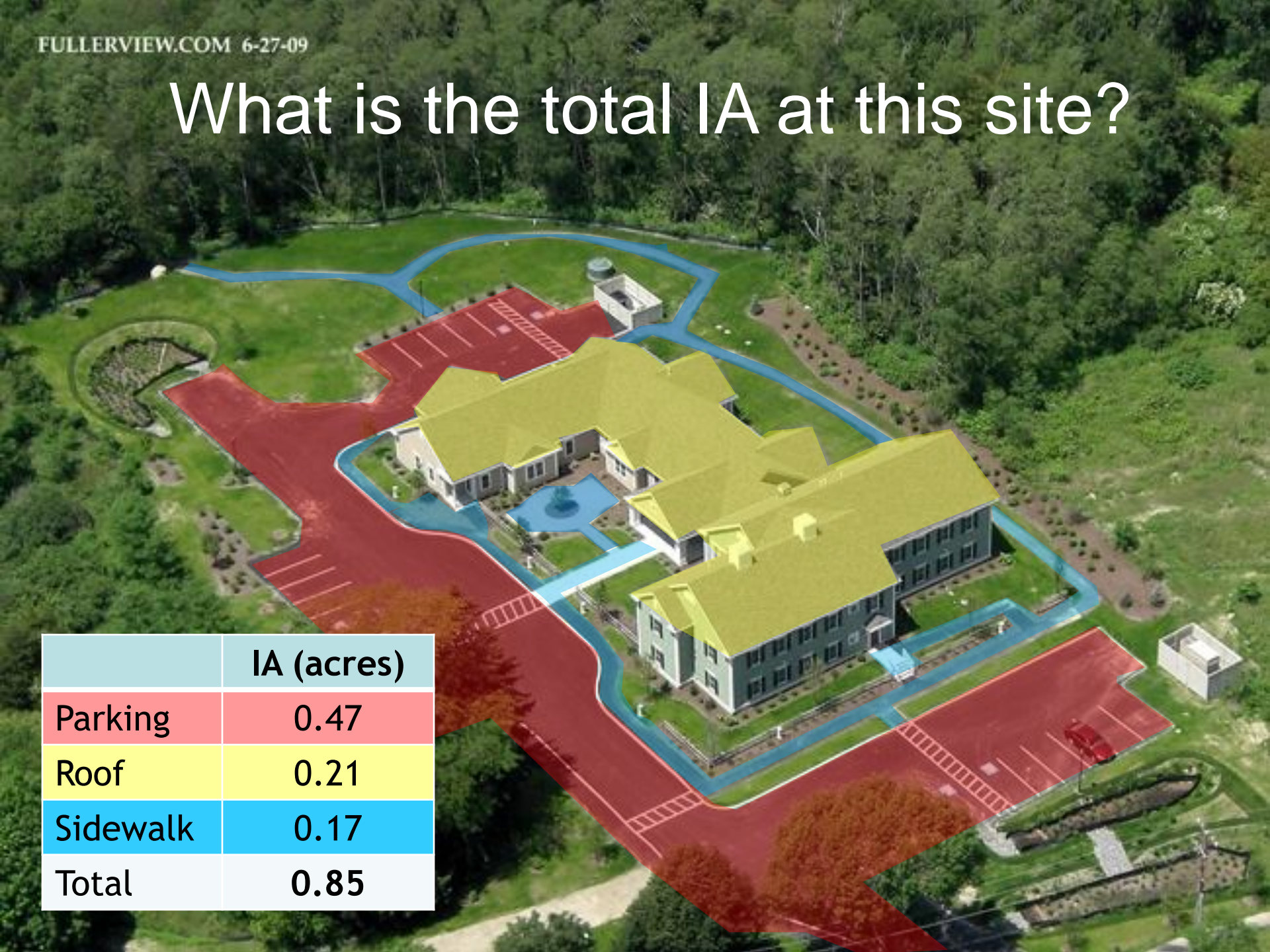
2. BMP Multiplier = $1 - \%RR / 100$

3. Based on MASWMS credits and %RR upper limits from Schueler 2009

4. Infiltration BMPs based on EPA 2010 performance curves

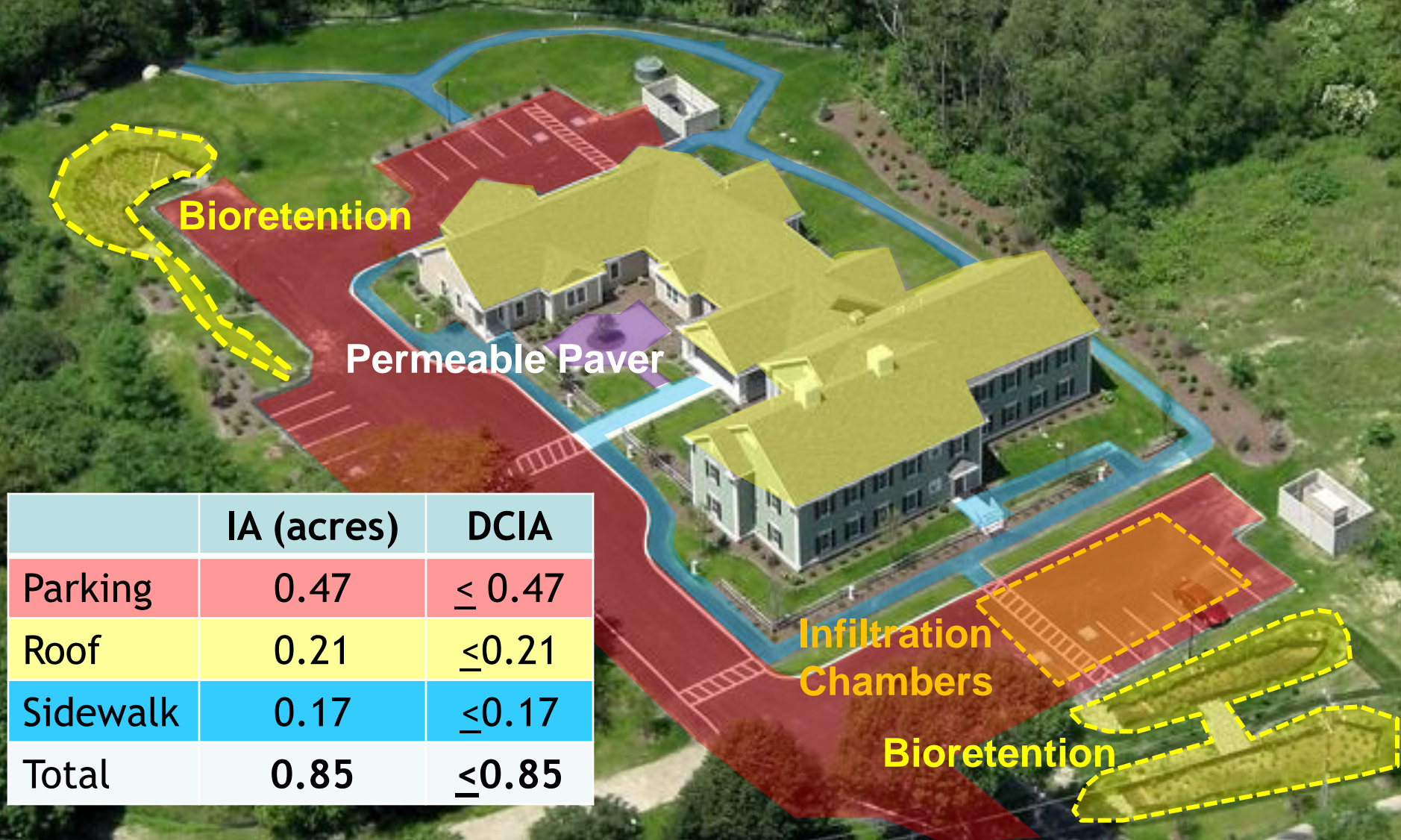
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What is the total IA at this site?

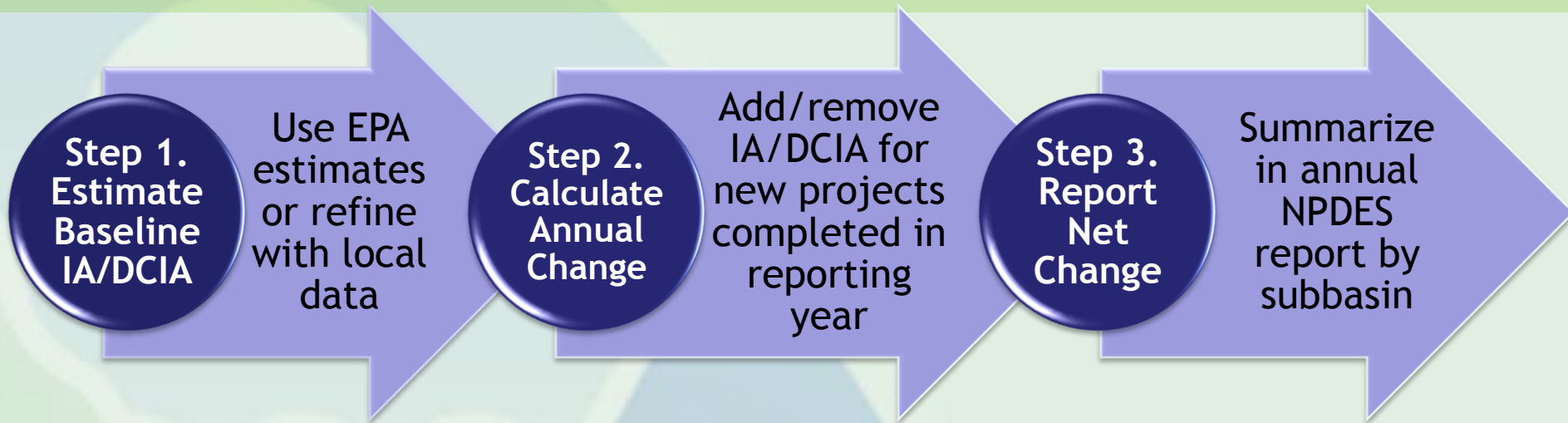
An aerial photograph of a large, multi-winged building with a yellow roof. The building is surrounded by a red-shaded area representing parking and a blue-shaded area representing sidewalks. The entire site is set against a backdrop of dense green trees.

	IA (acres)
Parking	0.47
Roof	0.21
Sidewalk	0.17
Total	0.85

How much of this IA is directly-connected?



E. 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?

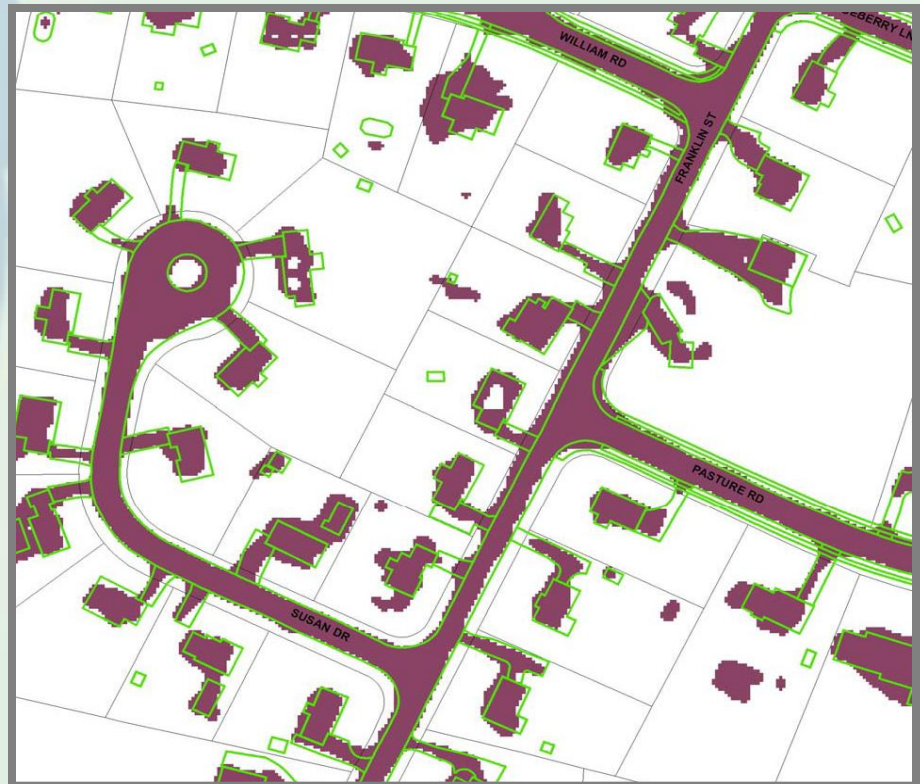


Step 1: Estimate Baseline IA & DCIA

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Use EPA estimates or refine with local data

- EPA to provide MA municipalities with existing IA & DCIA by subbasin
- Mapping based on MassGIS
- Estimates can be locally refined



Methods EPA used to calculate baseline

<http://www.epa.gov/region1/npdes/stormwater/ma/IA-DCIA-Calculation-Methodology.pdf>

- 2005 MassGIS land use
- USGS MA nested subbasins
- 2005 MassGIS Impervious Cover
- 2000 Census for Urbanized Areas
- Sutherland equations to generate DCIA

EPA's Methodology to Calculate Baseline Estimates of Impervious Area (IA) and Directly Connected Impervious Area (DCIA) for Massachusetts Communities

This document presents EPA's methodology for calculating baseline estimates of impervious area (IA) and directly connected impervious area (DCIA) to support and provide guidance for relevant provisions of the Massachusetts North Coastal Small MS4 General Permit ("General Permit"). Baseline estimates are available for each Massachusetts municipality in a Microsoft Excel format, titled "IC Stats" on the following EPA website: <http://www.epa.gov/region1/npdes/stormwater/ma.html>

EPA also provides maps showing the extent of impervious cover within each community, also available on the above-mentioned website. The "IC Maps" display subbasins, impervious area (IA), and the portion of each community subject to the Permit as defined by 2000 Census urbanized areas ("Regulated Urbanized Area"). The methodology used by EPA to develop the estimates is presented here to provide the user with an understanding of the basis for the estimates, and to facilitate refinements to the estimates by the user where desired.

Step 1: Aggregation of the MassGIS Land Use 2005 Datalayer into 10 Land Use Codes

EPA aggregated the forty (40) land use categories included in the Commonwealth's Office of Geographic and Environmental Information (MassGIS) Land Use 2005 datalayer (available at url: <http://www.mass.gov/mgis/lan2005.html>) into ten (10) commonly used land use categories. The EPA Code, Code Definition, and corresponding MassGIS 2005 Land Use Codes for these land uses are shown in below in Table 1.

Table 1: EPA Aggregation of MassGIS 2005 Land Use Codes

EPA Code	Code Definition	MassGIS 2005 Land Use Codes
1	Commercial	15
2	Industrial	16, 18, 19, 29, 39
3	Low Density Residential	13, 38
4	Medium Density Residential	12
5	High Density Residential	10, 11
6	Urban Public/Institutional	7, 8, 31
7	Agriculture	1, 2, 35, 36
8	Forest	3, 40
9	Open Land	5, 6, 9, 17, 24, 26, 34
10	Water	4, 14, 20, 23, 25, 37

For communities required by the General Permit to implement a Phosphorus Control Plan, please note: the *Final TMDL for Nutrients in the Lower Charles River Basin, Massachusetts (CN 301.0)* presents annual phosphorus loadings based on land cover area (shown in Table 6-4 in the TMDL). The TMDL aggregated the twenty-one (21) land use

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 $IA(\%) \geq 1$)
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 and 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 BMP
- BMPs per MASWMS

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

BMP Multiplier = 1-%RR/100

Table 3. Determining DCIA based on Interim Default BMP Disconnection Multiplier or EPA's Infiltration Curves

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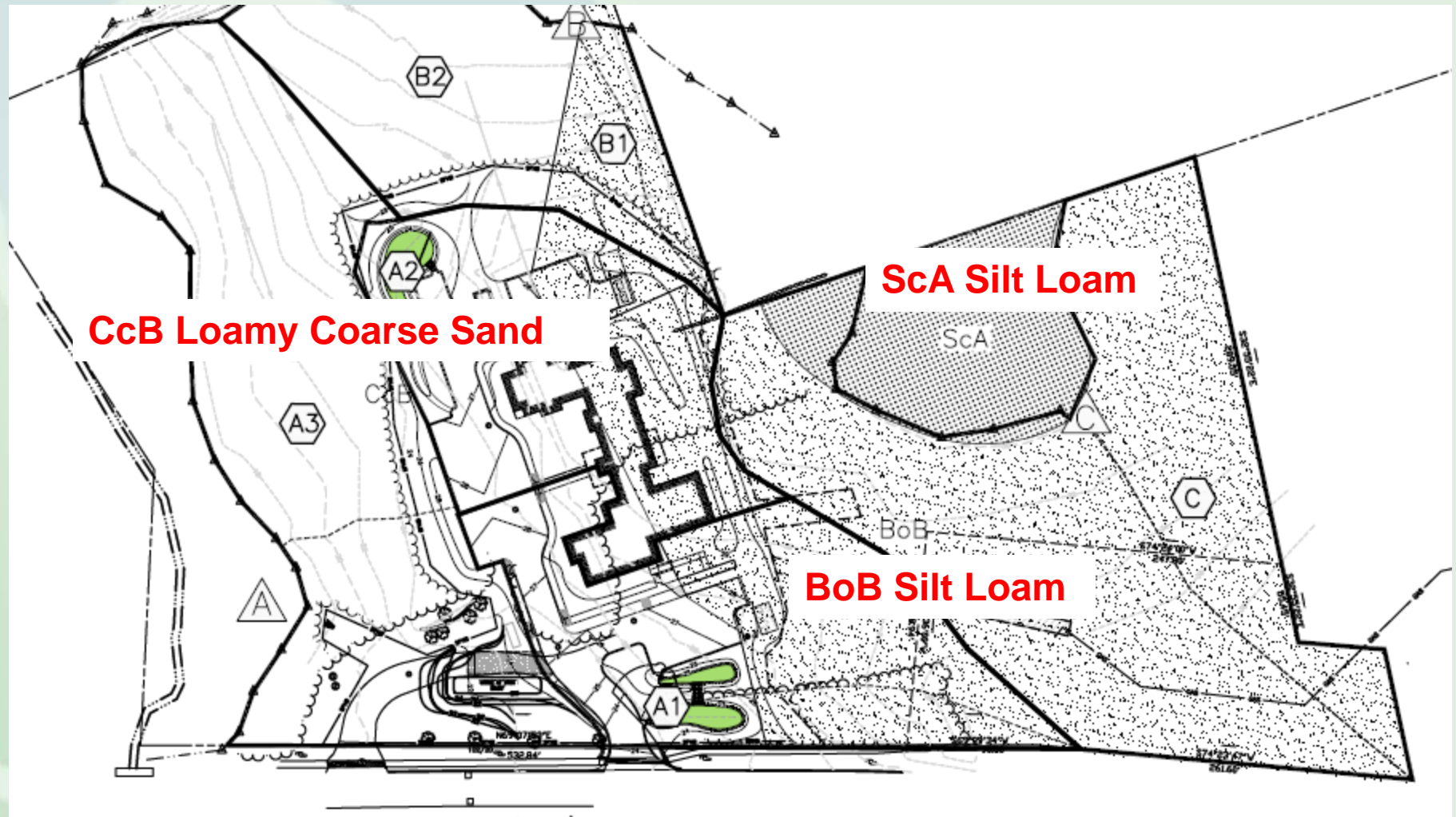
Note: BMP "Disconnection" Multiplier - suggests the product of multiplication will be the proportion of IA "disconnected". However, the product is the DCIA remaining.

What if RR is given as a range?

Table 4. Infiltration Trench: Percent Runoff Reduction based on EPA's Infiltration Curves

Depth of Runoff Treated (inches)	Soil Infiltration Rate (in/hr)					
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Footnote: 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.

Footnote: Where do infiltration rates come from?

Table 2.3.3. 1982 Rawls Rates¹⁸

Texture Class	NRCS Hydrologic Soil Group (HSG)	Infiltration Rate Inches/Hour
Sand	A	8.27
Loamy Sand	A	2.41
Sandy Loam	B	1.02
Loam	B	0.52
Silt Loam	C	0.27
Sandy Clay Loam	C	0.17
Clay Loam	D	0.09
Silty Clay Loam	D	0.06
Sandy Clay	D	0.05
Silty Clay	D	0.04
Clay	D	0.02



Example: Calculate IA & DCIA



1

Determine former and new IA/site

An aerial photograph of a large, multi-story building complex with a yellow roof. The building is surrounded by green lawns and trees. A large red area is overlaid on the image, indicating the IA site. The red area includes the building's footprint, surrounding parking lots, and a large area to the left and bottom. A blue line traces a path around the building and through the parking areas. A large light blue arrow points from the text 'Determine former and new IA/site' towards the red area.

IA	Existing	Proposed
IA parking	0 ac	0.47 ac
IA roof	0 ac	0.21 ac
Sidewalk	0 ac	0.17 ac
Total	0 ac	0.85 ac

2

Define IA,
soils, & runoff
volume to
each BMP

BMP	IA in drainage (acres)	BMP multi- plier	DCIA (acres)
Bio 1	0.53		
PermPave	0.10		
Infiltration	0.21		
Untreated	0.01		
Total	0.85		

Bioretention

Permeable Paver

Infiltration
Chambers

Bioretention

1. Interim
default values
for RR based
on CSN, 2009

2. BMP
Multiplier
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3

Calculate DCIA
using BMP
disconnection
multiplier

BMP	IA in drainage (acres)	BMP multi- plier	DCIA (acres)
Bio 1	0.53	.25	0.13
PermPave	0.10	.25	0.03
Infiltration	0.21	.85-0	0.0
Untreated	0.01	1	0.01
Total	0.85		

Bioretention**Permeable Paver****Infiltration
Chambers****Bioretention**

BMP	IA in drainage (acres)	BMP multiplier	DCIA (acres)
Bio 1	0.53	.25	0.13
PermPave	0.10	.25	0.03
Infiltration	0.21	.85-0	0.0
Untreated	0.01	1	0.01
Total	0.85		0.17

4

Sum IA & DCIA
for each site

Permeable Paver

Infiltration
Chambers

Bioretention

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



Recommended Tracking Process?

- Community specific
- Include DCIA estimates in development applications (*already have IA*)
 - Applicant to calculate based on locally-approved instructions or updated checklist
 - Track through Building Department (*or other appropriate agency*)
 - Submit in CAD and GIS
- Confirmation during review of as-builts
- Report only on completed projects



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



Practice Example

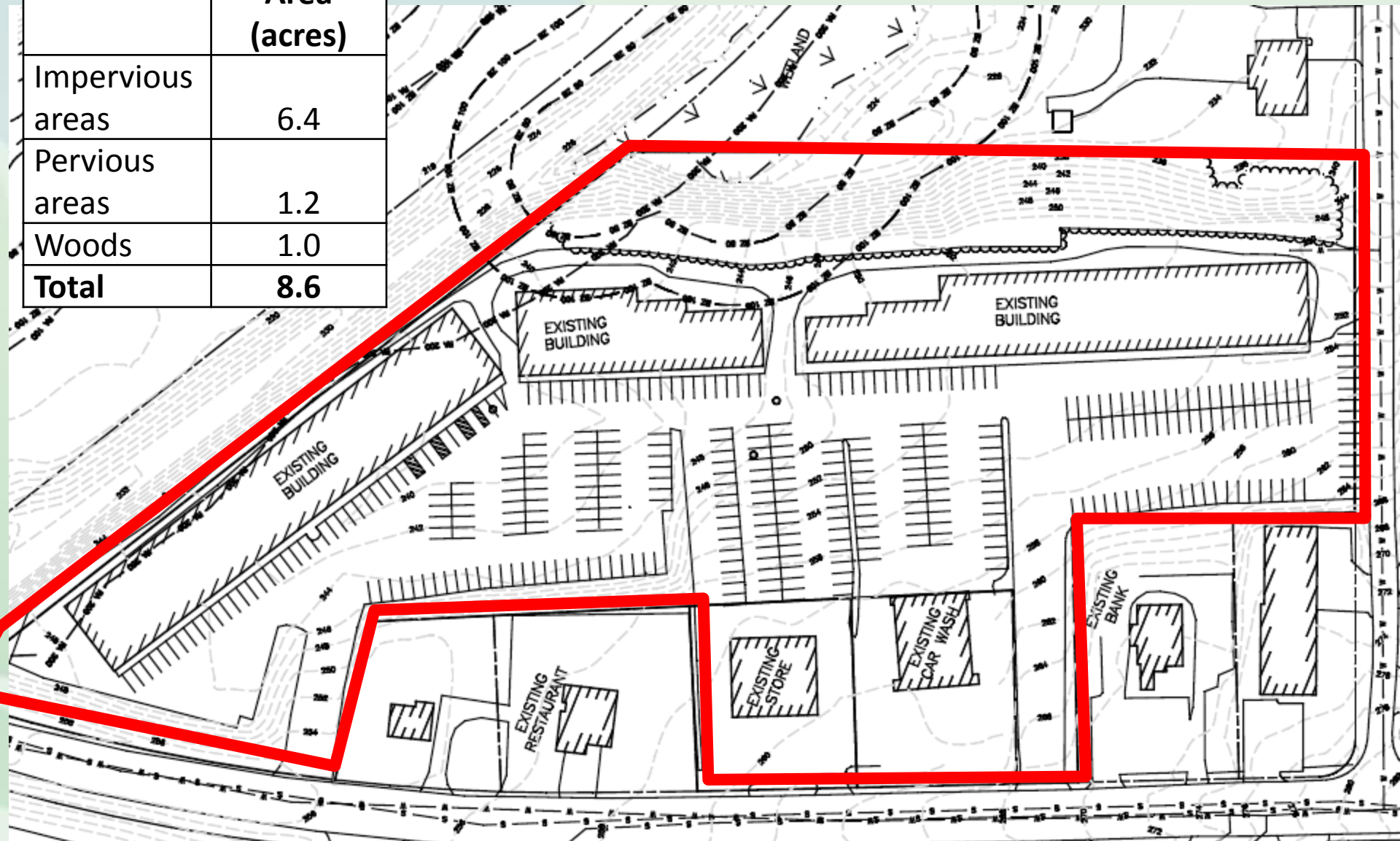
Retail Redevelopment

- 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



Existing Site Conditions

	Area (acres)
Impervious areas	6.4
Pervious areas	1.2
Woods	1.0
Total	8.6

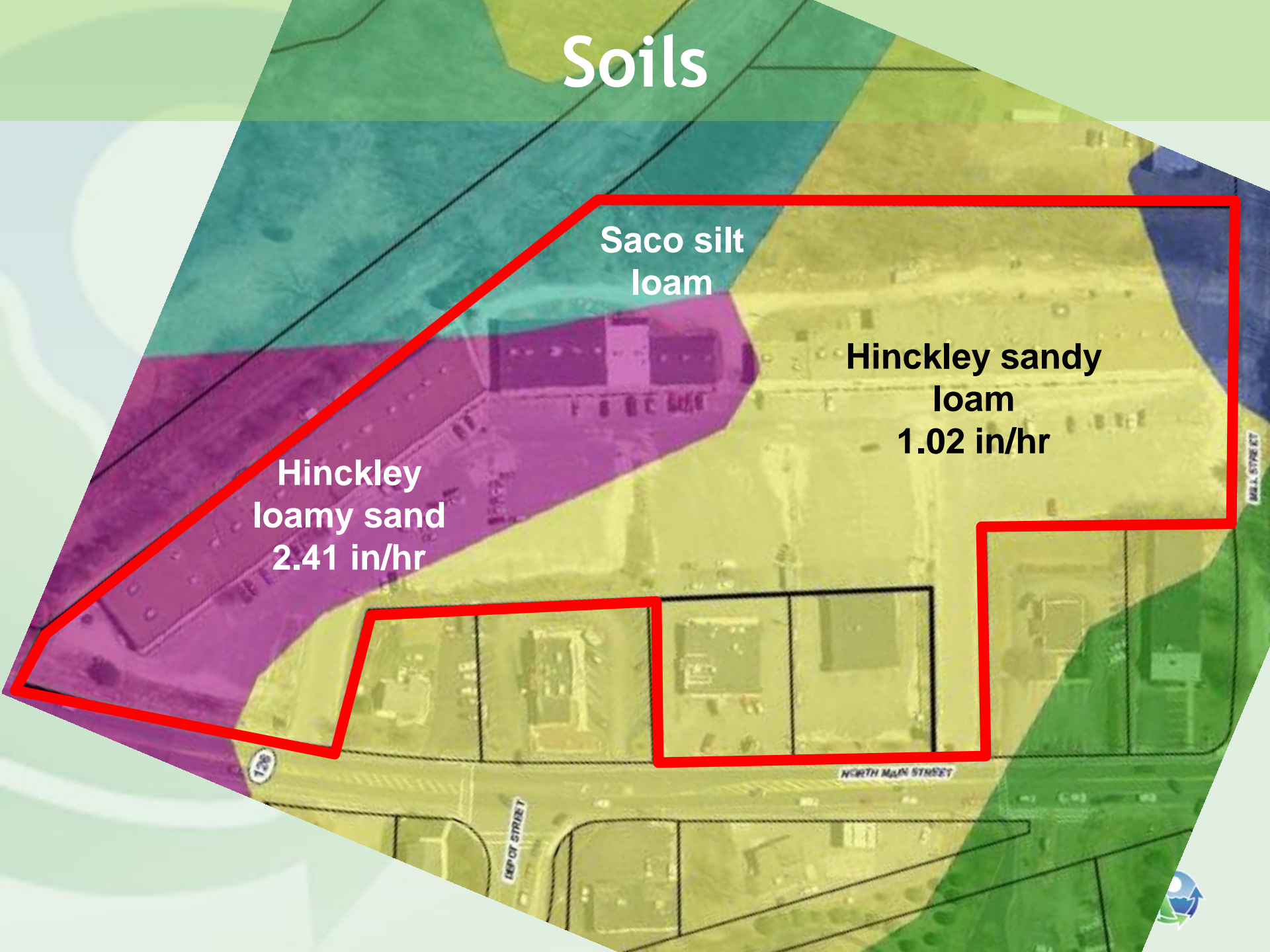


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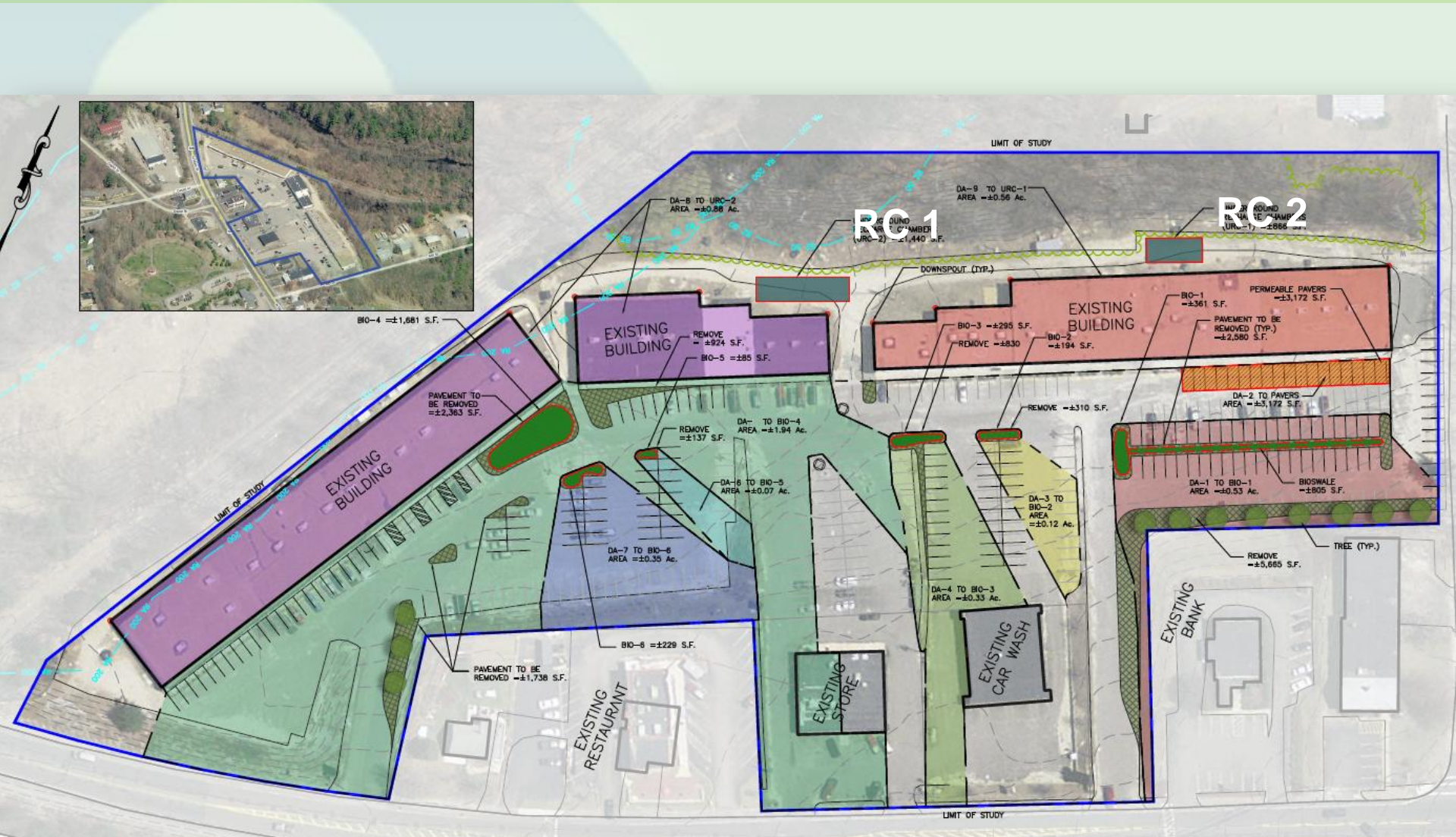
Saco silt
loam

Hinckley sandy
loam
1.02 in/hr

Hinckley
loamy sand
2.41 in/hr



Proposed Redevelopment Condition



Answer

1. Calculate IA (before and after)
2. Determine BMP multipliers
3. $IA * BMP \text{ multiplier} \rightarrow DCIA$
4. Add up DCIA

Recall:

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



Example Answer

1. Calculate IA

A. BEFORE: What is the Existing IA for the site?

6.4 acres

= 1.7 acres roof + 4.7 acres other IA

B. AFTER: What is the Proposed IA for redeveloped site?

6.0 acres = 6.4 - 0.1 - 0.3

subtract removed pavement and new landscape /bioretention
footprints from existing IA



2. BMP Multipliers

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

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

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BMP → DCIA: Fill in Table

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

Answers

Answer the following Questions:

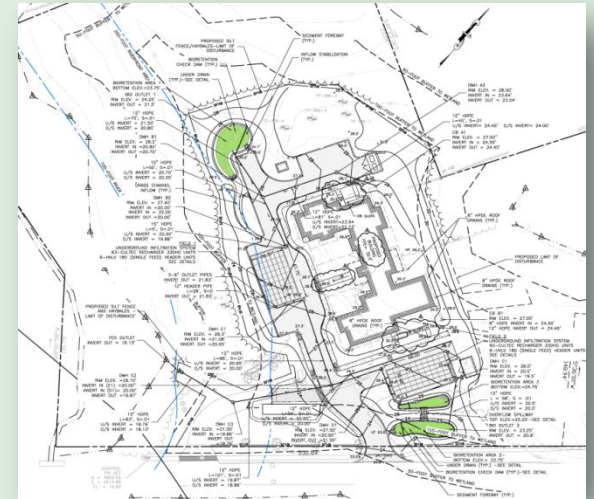
1. What is the existing IA for the site? 6.4 acres (1.7 acres of roof + 4.7 acres other IA)
2. What is proposed IA for the redeveloped site? 60 acres (*Hint: subtract removed pavement and new landscape/bioretention footprints from existing IA*). (6.4 - 0.1 - 0.3)
3. Fill in the blanks in Table 1 to calculate 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? 4.2 acres IA_{managed}
0.77 acres DCIA_{managed}
4. What is DCIA for all remaining, unmanaged IA? 1.8 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? 2.57 acres total DCIA (*Hint: Sum of DCIA_{managed} (Question #3) and DCIA_{unmanaged} (Question #4)*). (0.77 + 1.8)

F. 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



F. Ensuring BMP Effectiveness [cont.]

Construction

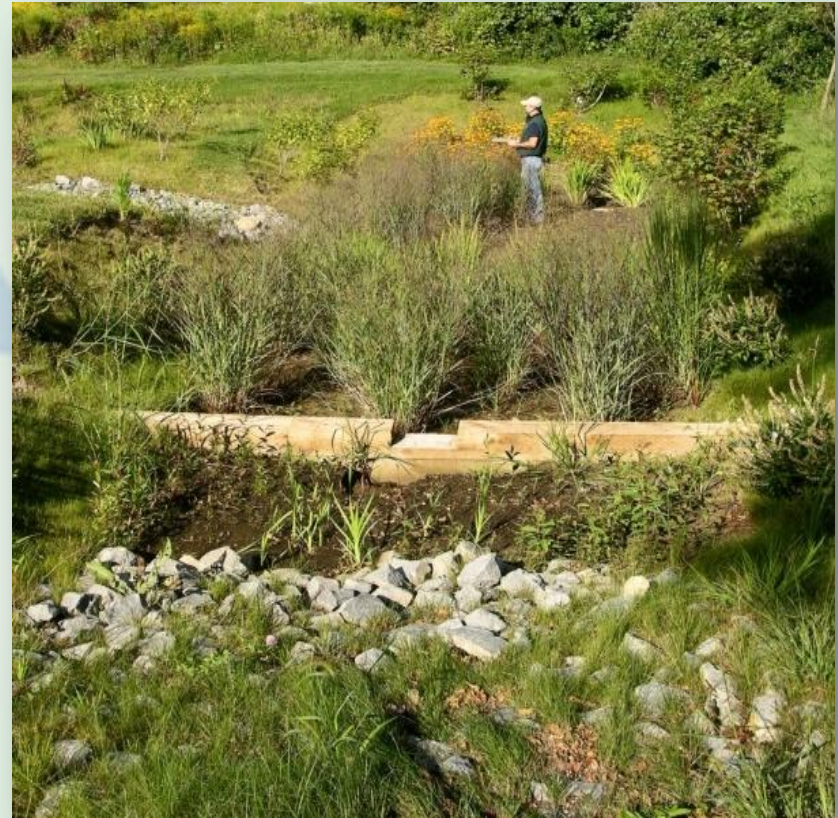
- Clearly defined construction specifications and bidding documents;
- Contractor expertise (minimum qualifications/experience identified in bid docs);
- Construction layout by a surveyor;
- Pre-construction meeting and regular progress meetings;
- Construction observations at clearly identified milestones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



F. Ensuring BMP Effectiveness [cont.]

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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Questions?

1. Is there an IA threshold that triggers tracking?
2. Where do I get site specific soil and BMP information?
3. Where do we get runoff reduction efficiencies for BMPs?
4. Can BMP treatment trains produce higher %RR and lower DCIA?
5. Others?