

### **RASCL ANNUAL SUMMIT**

# SURF & TURF: IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF OUR LAND AND WATERS

**NOVEMBER 15, 2019** 





## Matt Meyer

New Castle County Green Initiative: Hook, Line & Sinker



## A Green Agenda for New Castle County



**Matthew Meyer** 

**County Executive** 

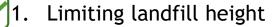
Resilient and Sustainable Communities League (RASCL) November 15, 2019



Environmental Legislation Package

New Castle County government has been working on a range of environmental draft ordinances aimed at protecting critical resources and enhancing quality of life countywide, including:

Signed into law 8/28/19



Agreement signed 9/10/19



- 3. Protecting water quality through the elimination of septic systems in major subdivisions
- 4. Preserving and enhancing scenic views along byways
- 5. Promoting quality private community open space
- 6. Conserving forest and habitat
- 7. Enhancing stormwater management through updating the County Drainage Code for consistency and best practices

Public Meeting 12/4/19



## Panel III

Catch of the Day:
Fresh Local Stories of Land Use Practices
Impacting Delawareans

# THE GLENVILLE WETLAND MITIGATION BANK, NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DELAWARE



Christie Bonniwell, Wetland Scientist DelDOT Environmental Studies

## Wetland Mitigation

Clean Water Act Section 404, 2008 rule: "restoration, creation, or enhancement of wetlands to compensate for permitted wetland losses"

- Impacts >0.10 acres
- DelDOT-Transportation Impacts

- Early 2000s Glenville Estates subdivision repeatedly inundated by flood events
- Approximately 140 homes severely damaged
- Mid-2000s purchased by state of Delaware





Glenville Estates Subdivision 2005



Creation Glenville Wetland
 Mitigation Bank
 19.6 acres creation
 25 acres preservation
 21.3 acres transitional upland
 buffer

Ideal location wetland habitat



WETLAND MITIGATION	N BANK OBJECTIVES	
	BANKING INSTRUMENT	PER PLAN
Establishment of New Wellands	Apx.15 acres	19.51 acres
Preservation of Existing Wellands	Apx.I7 ocras	2779 cores
Establishment of Transitional/Upland Buffer	Apx.20 ocres	19.52 ocres
Tafal Conservation Area	Apx.52 ocres	66.92 acres
Area Occupied by Existing Easement	0	4.33 ocras
Existing 6 ocras Walland Mittgation Site	9.05 acres	9,10 00106



- Historically, White Clay Creek & Red Clay
   Creek met where present confluence of
   Hershey Run & White Clay Creek are located
- In or prior to 1708 European colonists redirected flow of Red Clay Creek





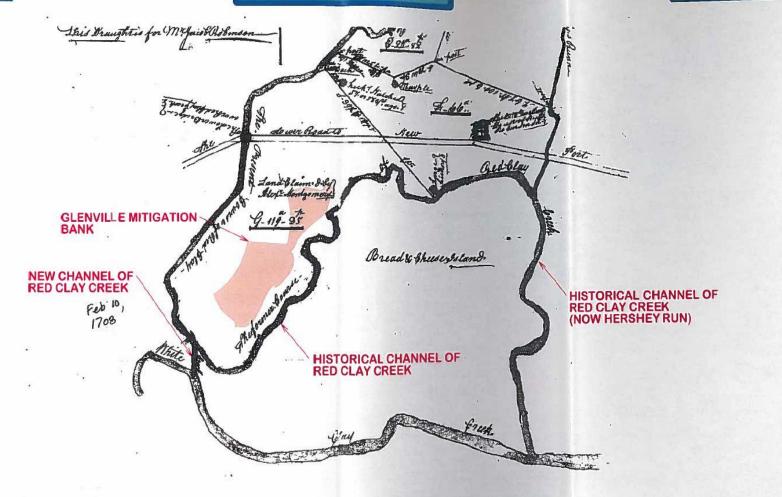
### GLENVILLE WETLAND MITIGATION BANK

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FIGURE 4: ANNOTATED 1708 RED CLAY CREEK RELOCATION MAP

DECEMBER 2009

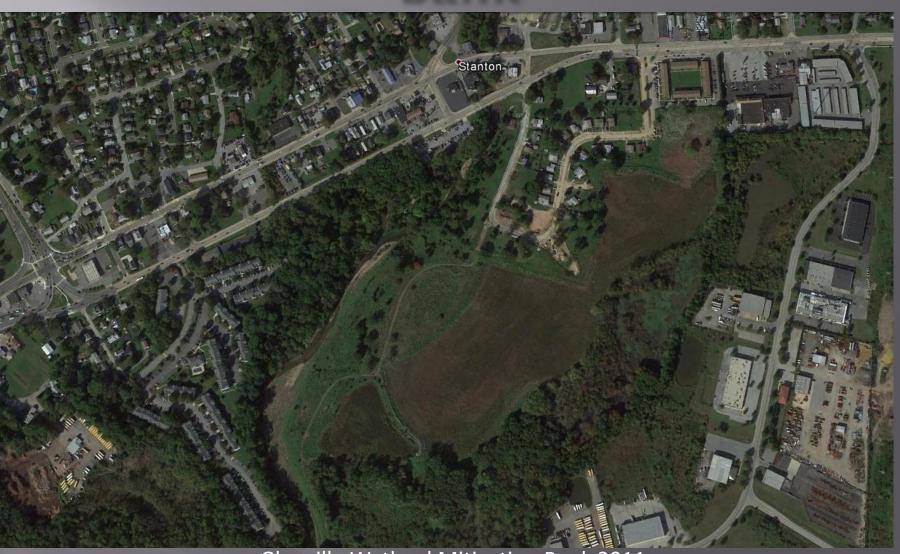


- Original confluence emergent freshwater tidal marsh
- New confluence pushed higher in watershed
- Flood storage capacity severely reduced
  - Exacerbated flood events
- Described as being on peninsula



- Site excavation completed Fall 2008
- Planting grassesSept-Oct 2008
- Saplings April 2009
- Additional saplingssept 2009 & April2013

# Glenville Wetland Mitigation Bank



Glenville Wetland Mitigation Bank 2011









## Wetland Mitigation Banks

- wetland mitigation bank:
  - System of credits and debits ensure compensation for unavoidable ecological loss
- Work with Interagency Review Team (IRT)
  - Lead by US Army Corps of Engineers
- Approved number of mitigation credits from a created site
  - Credits may be bought by anyone who negatively impacts wetland ecosystems

## **Future Conditions**

- Continuous need improve transportation or development
- Limited land availability
- Timely process
  - 2-5 years to establish a bank
- Ideal way compensate for unavoidable impacts to wetlands

## Thank You



Kenneth Dunne, DelDOT Environmental Studies





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# COASTAL COMMUNITIES: A DIFFERENT TYPE OF WATER VIEW

RASCL Annual Summit November 15, 2019

Evan Miller, Projects Coordinator City of Rehoboth Beach, DE







Private residence on Philadelphia Street in Rehoboth Beach, DE after a heavy rainfall event.



Grove Park in Rehoboth Beach, DE at the end of the recent Junction and Breakwater Trail extension.



## Challenges

- Communities experiencing more frequent drainage issues
  - Coastal storms
  - Short but heavy rainfall events
  - Flooding from the ocean, bays and rivers
  - Inadequate infrastructure
- Growth has led to an increase in impervious surface area
  - Redevelopment
  - New development



Winter Storm Jonas January, 2016





2019





## Resilient Communities Partnership (RCP)

- Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) Delaware Coastal Programs Office (DCP)
  - Leverages federal funding provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
  - Goal: To help communities undertake the necessary planning to become more resilient to coastal hazards.
  - Technical assistance grant
  - DCP provides direct staffing, technical support, public outreach and training to support coastal and climate resiliency efforts
    - Bob Scarborough and Kelly Valencik

2016: Town of Slaughter Beach

2017: City of New Castle

2018 - Current: City of Rehoboth Beach and other coastal communities



## RCP Partners

- 7 Coastal Communities in Sussex County, DE
  - City of Lewes \*
  - Town of Henlopen Acres
  - City of Rehoboth Beach \*
  - Town of Dewey Beach \*
  - Town of Bethany Beach
  - Town of South Bethany
  - Town of Fenwick Island \*





## Additional Partners and Stakeholders

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- Funding
  - NOAA
  - U.S. Department of Commerce
- Direct Project Assistance
  - DNREC
    - Delaware Coastal Programs and the Office for Coastal Management
    - Surface Water Discharges Section
  - AECOM and KCI Technologies Inc.
  - University of Delaware
    - Department of Geography
- Stakeholders
  - Delaware Center for the Inland Bays
  - Save Our Lakes Alliance 3

















## **Project Overview**

- Three Components
  - Coastal Delaware Best Management Practices (BMP) Guide
    - AECOM
  - Delaware Coastal Communities Impervious Surface Coverage Report
    - University of Delaware, Department of Geography
      - State of Delaware
      - Chesapeake Conservancy
  - Coastal Community Toolkit
    - KCI Technologies Inc.



Coastal Delaware Best Management Practices (BMP) Guide

- AECOM
  - Best Management Practices (BMP) Guide
    - 12 BMPS
      - Characteristics:
        - Benefits
        - Property Type
        - Feasibility & Maintenance
        - Relative Cost
        - Level of Maintenance
    - Implementation Strategies
      - Regulatory vs. Incentive

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Coastal Municipalities Impervious Surface Coverage Report

A Resilient Community Partnership Project Delaware Coastal Programs

This report was prepared by AECOM using Federal funds under award NATYNOS49015 if from the Dekaware Costat Brograms and the Office for Coastal Management (DCM), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce: The statements, findings, conclusions, and recommendations are those of the authoritis and do not necessarily reflect the diverse of the OCHM MIAA or that IS. Department of Commerce.

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## Best Management Practice Examples

- Bioretention
- Bioswales
- Infiltration
- Permeable Pavement
- Impervious Surface Removal
- Dry Well
- Rooftop Disconnect

- Green Roof
- Rainwater Harvesting
- Tree Planting
- Conservation Landscaping
- Filtration

### 10. Tree Planting



Figure 28: Trees at Rehoboth Art League Trees near the Rehoboth Art League's walking path absorb stormwater runoff.

Trees absorb much more water than typical plants; thus they are an effective way to reduce stormwater runoff. Planting large groups of trees together can result in exponentially greater runoff reduction.

### Feasability

The following table lists the feasability requirements for tree planting.

Soils	Minimum depth to bedrock must be 4 feet
Water Table	Depth to seasonally high ground water is required to be greater than 1 foot where trees are planted. Choose tree species that are suited to ground water conditions.
Drainage Area	No restrictions
Slope Restriction	No restrictions
Hot Spot Runoff	No restictions
100-yr Floodplain	No restrictions
Other Restrictions	Infiltration practices should be set back at a distance that will ensure that water infiltrating into the ground will not interfere with suroounding buildlings and basements. The distance should be determined by a qualified engineer.

ВМР	Propety Type	Relative Cost	Benefit	Level of Maintenance
Tree Planting	Res, CII	\$-\$\$	Runoff Rate Reduction,	Low



Figure 29: Ohlopyle State Park Trees are planted in a streetscaped bioretentionarea between the siddewalk and street at Ohlopyle State Park in southwestern Pennsylvania.

When planting trees and other vegetation, property owners should maximize their use of native species and ensure that no invasive species are planted. Invasive species have few to no native predators or environmental controls and thus can spread more quickly than native species. Invasive plants and trees choke out native ones and make forested areas uninhabitable for birds and mammals. The following tree species are native to Delaware and are organized by the region in Delaware in which they commonly grow (DNREC, 2019). Before planting a tree that is not one of the following species, consult the University of Delaware's Plants for a Livable Delaware guide to ensure that the species is not invasive and choose alternative species that satisfy particular aesthetic functions.

Delaware Coastal Programs

### Native Piedmont Tree Species

Sugar Maple: Acer saccharum	Tulip Tree: Liriodendron tulipfera	Hophornbeam: Ostrya virginiana	Sourwood: Oxydendron arboreum
Swamp White Oak:	Shingle Oak:	Chestnut Oak:	American lindern:
Querous bicolor	Quercus imbricaria	Quercus prinus	Tilia americana

#### Native Coastal Plain Tree Species

Shadblow: Amelanchier Canadensi	Green hawthorn: Crataegus viridis	Loblolly pine: Pinu taeda

### Native Piedmont or Coastal Plain Tree Species

Red maple: Acer rubrum	Ironwood: Carpinus caroliniana	Persimmon: Diospyros virginiana	American sweetgum: Liquidambar styraciflua
Downy serviceberry: Amelanchier arborea	Eastern redbud: Cercis canadensis	American beech: Fagus grandfolia	Sweetbay magnolia: Magnolia virginiana
Apple serviceberry: Amelanchier grandflora	Hackberry: Celitis occidentalis	White ash: Fraxinus americana	Black tupelo: Nyssa sylvatica
Allegheny serviceberry: Amelanchier laevis	White fringetree: Chionanthus virginicus	Green ash: Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Virginia pine: Pinus vriginiana
Common pawpaw: Asimina triloba	Pagoda dogwood: Cornus alternifolia	American holly: llex opaca	American sycamore: Platanus occidentalis
River birch: Betula nigra	Eastern flowering dogwood: Cornus florida	Eastern red cedar: Juniperus virginiana	London plane: Plantanus x acerifolia
White Oak: Quercus alba	Scarlet Oak: Quercus coccinia	Bur Oak: Quercus macrocarpa	Willow Oak: Quercus phellos
Red Oak: Quercus rubra	Shumard Oak: Quercus shumardii	Common sassafras albidum	Bald cypress: Taxodium distichum

### Maintenance

### As Needed

- Control invasive plants
- · Mow to control weeds and
- competing undergrowth
   Replant trees that have not
- Replant trees that have not survived
- Water trees during the first year of growth



Figure 30: Route 1 Bioswales
Trees are planted along one of the Route 1
Bioswales to help fliter stormwater runoff
and stabilize the facility.

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## Delaware Coastal Communities Impervious Surface Coverage Report

### Objectives

- Assess accuracy of the impervious GIS layers in 2007 and 2016 for the Delaware coastal communities (RCP Participants)
- Determine the change in impervious surface coverage from 2007 to 2016
- Data Sources
  - State of Delaware impervious surface GIS layer (2007)
  - Chesapeake Conservancy land cover dataset (2016)
    - Using 2013 and 2014 National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAIP) and orthoimagery

Delaware Coastal Communities Impervious Surface Coverage

FINAL REPORT

Preparted by

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31 August 2019

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## Report Accuracy Assessment

- Accuracy of information is around 92%;
   therefore the changes that are indicated from 2007 to 2016 are within the margin of error
- Accuracy Assessment
  - Project Raster tool
  - Generated sampling points
  - Random points for comparison
  - Visual sample points (Google Earth & Google Street View)
    - No on site analysis performed





## **Assessment Results**

- On average, the beach towns' impervious surface area was 32% of the town area in 2007 with an increase to 35% by 2016.
- Revealed a 3% increase in impervious surface area in the Delaware Beach Communities over the 10 year period. The private designated areas within the towns reveals a 2% increase (in comparison to total town area) from 2007 to 2016.

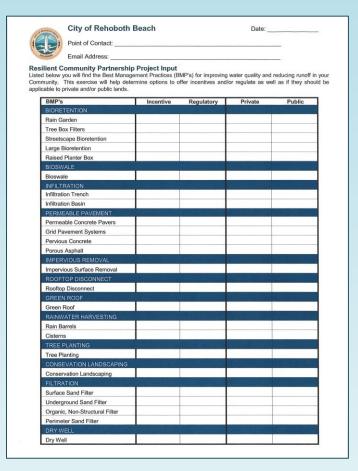
Municipality	Private Area <sup>1</sup>	2007 Delaware Layer			2016 Chesapeake Layer			%	%
		Private Imp Sfc <sup>1</sup>	% Imp Sfc Parcel <sup>2</sup>	% Imp Sfc Town <sup>3</sup>	Private Imp Sfc <sup>1</sup>	% Imp Sfc Parcel <sup>2</sup>	% Imp Sfc Town <sup>3</sup>	Private Parcel <sup>4</sup>	Private Total <sup>5</sup>
Bethany Beach	2.18	0.78	30.79	25.70	0.89	35.06	29.26	4.26	3.56
Dewey Beach	0.54	0.35	52.92	29.64	0.34	52.56	29.44	-0.36	-0.20
Fenwick Island	0.58	0.29	46.99	22.43	0.35	56.64	27.04	9.66	4.61
Henlopen Acres	0.37	0.09	17.69	13.06	0.09	17.66	13.04	-0.02	-0.02
Lewes	4.90	1.21	12.52	10.10	1.36	14.07	11.35	1.55	1.25
Rehoboth Beach	1.69	0.82	38.34	20.90	0.82	38.59	21.03	0.25	0.14
South Bethany	0.79	0.34	37.09	24.71	0.41	44.98	29.97	7.89	5.26

The table summarizes the private impervious surface in comparison to the total parcel area (excludes lakes, canals, beaches) and total town area delineated by the Municipality layer.



## Coastal Community Toolkit Development (December 2019)

- KCI Technologies Inc.
  - Identify BMP's considered with each Municipality (private & public)
  - Summarize Coastal Community unique challenges
  - Finalize Coastal Community ordinance matrix
  - Implementation recommendations/next steps
  - Identify funding opportunities





## **Project Deliverables**

- Completed
  - Coastal Municipalities Impervious Surface Coverage Report
  - Delaware Coastal Communities Impervious Surface Coverage Report
- Pending (December 2019)
  - Municipal Toolkit
    - Implementation recommendations/next steps
    - Funding opportunities
- Continued Coordination







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"A hole in the ground isn't as pretty as a hole in the ground with park amenities around it"

Rodney Dormitory Stormwater Management Pond and Park

2019 RASCL Summit

November 15, 2019

### **AGENDA**

- Project Background
- Stormwater Management
- Public Participation
- Draft and Preferred Concepts
- Question and Answer Session





## PROJECT TEAM - ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES



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Interim Dir. Public Works and
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Project Manager



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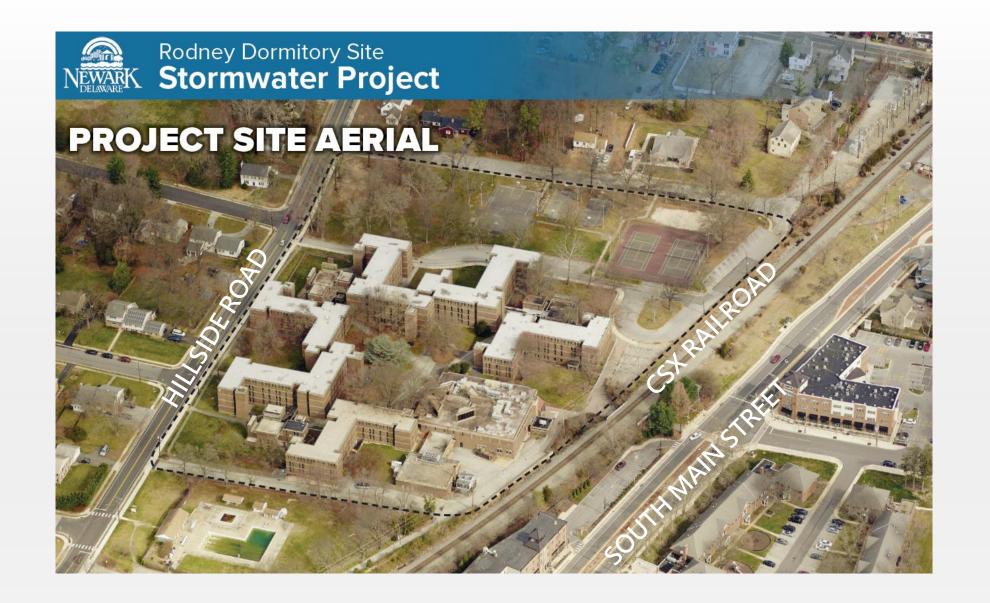


Andrew Mears, PLA
Parks / Recreation



**Amanda Finnerty** *Brownfields / Demolition* 





## **PROJECT HISTORY**

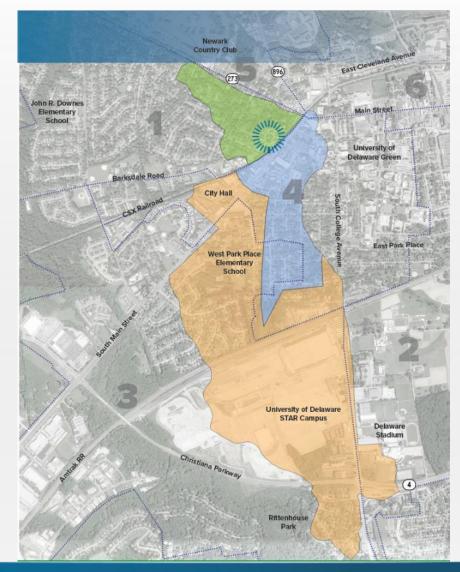
- ► Fall 1966: Rodney Dormitory opened
- Spring 2014: Rodney Dormitory closed
- Spring 2015: City begins preliminary Due Diligence (cost estimating and planning)
- March 2017: City Council votes to enter into purchase agreement with UD
- ▶ July 2017: Workshop #1 held to help determine overall design components
- ► September 2017: Workshop #2 held to present 3 concepts designed using public feedback
- November 2017: Workshop #3 held to present preferred concept
- ▶ December 2017: Preferred Concept presented to City Council for approval
- June 2018: Referendum Passes
- ▶ December 2018: Environmental Remediation begins
- September 2019: Demolition begins
- Fall 2020: Anticipated Completion



## Stormwater Management

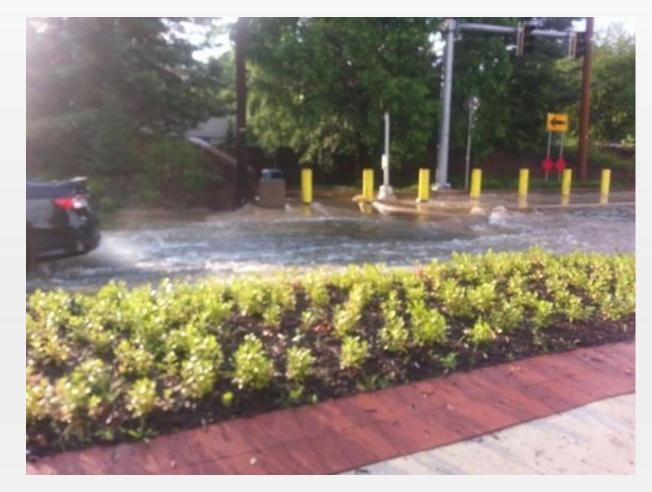
## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT IMPACTS

- ► Total Area of Influence
  - ▶ 185+ Acres
- Upstream Area of Influence
  - ► 64 Acres Dense Residential Treated On-Site
- Downstream Direct Impact Area
  - **▶ 121 Acres Dense Residential**
- Downstream Indirect Impact Area
  - ▶ 535 Acres



## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT NEED

- ► Frequent flooding along South Main St. and throughout the downstream community
  - ► Flooding at Rodney Underpass
    - ► August 13, 2013 3.1" rainfall
    - ► Approximate 2-year Storm Event
    - **▶** Design 10-year storm event 4.8"
- **▶** Flood Control Goals
  - Design to manage 6.0"



## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DESIGN

- SWM Wet Pond
  - **▶** Provides water quality treatment
    - ► Reduction of suspended solids
    - **▶** Reduction of nutrients
  - **▶** Flood Mitigation
    - Manages larger contributing drainage areas
  - ► Aesthetics / Park Features
    - **▶** Unique features flowing spillways
    - **▶** Native species plantings
    - ► Support aquatic life

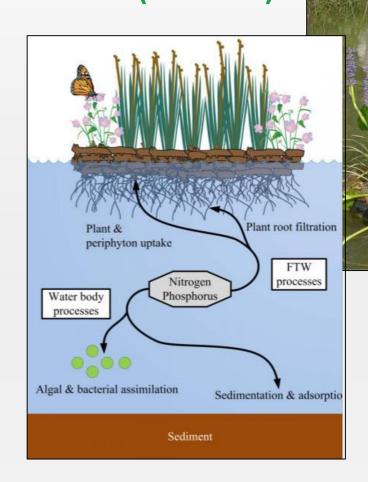






# STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DESIGN – BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPS)

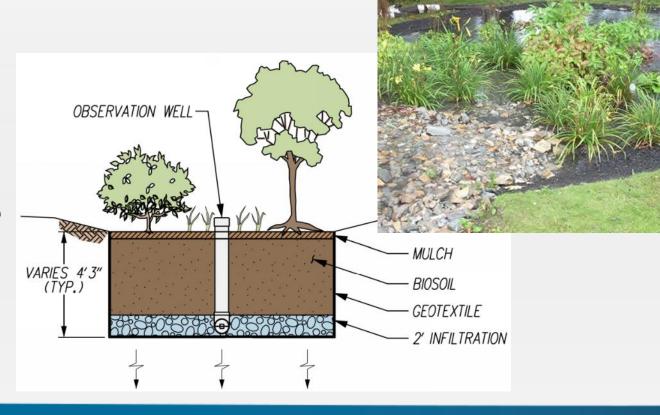
- **▶** Floating Wetlands
  - ► Enhance nutrient removal (10-20%)
  - **▶** Provide riparian habitat
  - ► Stabilize shore lines
  - Aesthetic enhancements
  - ► Education and public involvement opportunities





STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DESIGN – BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPS)

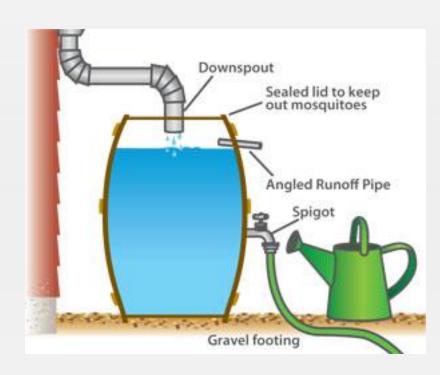
- **▶** Rain Gardens/Bioretention
  - ► 100% reduction of pollutants
  - ► Enhance the landscape
  - **▶** Completely customizable
  - EducationalOpportunities





# STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DESIGN – BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPS)

- ▶ Rain Water Harvesting
  - **▶** Rain Barrels
  - ► Easy to make and maintain
  - Collectively reduce runoff
  - ► Save on water usage
  - EducationalOpportunities







## **Public Participation**

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

- Mix of informal, online, and formal outreach
- Attended
  - New Night (June 2017);
  - ► Food and Brew Fest (July 2017);
  - Community Day Provided up-to-date project webpage and email address for inquiries/comments
- ▶ 3 Public Workshops were held: July 25, September 28, and November 8, 2017
- All meeting materials and surveys were posted online for those who could not/did not attend meetings



# You never know what journalists plan to quote!

- "You hear about things that people geek out about, and this is one of those things," Filasky said. "We're really excited." – Newark Post Article
- ► "A hole in the ground isn't as pretty as a hole in the ground with park amenities around it," Filasky said. Newark Post Article
- "We would need to take property, likely through the eminent domain process" Filasky said. – Newark Post Article
- The Comment sections are equally as entertaining!

CitizenOfNewark Aug 3, 2018 10:30am

Tim Filasky is an idiot.



## Concepts

# CONCEPT DESIGN #1 \$6 MILLION

#### PARK AMENITIES

- 🛕 Drop Off / Parking 12 Spaces (1 ADA)
- On-Street Parking +/- 26 Spaces
- Improved Parking 10 Spaces (1 ADA)
- 4 Pond
- 🐧 12' Wide Multi-Use Trail
- 6 8' Wide Multi-Use Trail
- Pedestrian Crosswalk
- 🔼 Rest Stop
- Raised Landscape Mounds
- 🛝 Riparian (Pond Side) Meadow
- Existing Grove to Remain
- 12 Short Meadow





# CONCEPT DESIGN #2 \$8.1 MILLION

#### PARK AMENITIES

- Drop Off / Parking 12 Spaces (1 ADA)
- On-Street Parking +/- 26 Spaces
- 🔔 Improved Parking 10 Spaces (1 ADA)
- 🔼 Entry Plaza
- Overlook Terrace
- Raised Overlook
- 🛕 Accessible Fishing Pier
- 8 Pond
- 12' Wide Multi-Use Trail
- 🛝 8' Wide Multi-Use Trail
- 🗥 Large Group Pavilion
- Renovated Basketball Court
- 強 Open Lawn (180' x 100')
- 🔼 Natural Play Area
- Existing Grove to Remain
- Pedestrian Crosswalk
- Wetland Boardwalk
- 🔼 Rest Stop
- Raised Landscape Mounds
- Raised Stepping Stones
- 🛕 Riparian (Pond Side) Meadow





# CONCEPT DESIGN#3 \$9.8 MILLION

#### PARK AMENITIES

- 🛕 Drop Off / Parking 45 Spaces (2 ADA)
- On-Street Parking +/-18 Spaces
- 🔼 Entry Plaza
- 🛕 Destination Playground
- Streetside Overlook Terrace
- Accessible Pedestrian Bridge with Fishing Docks
- 🛕 Large Group Pavilion
- Multi-Tiered Pond
- 💁 12' Wide Multi-Use Trail
- 🛝 8' Wide Multi-Use Trail
- Half-Court Basketball
- Pavilion with Raised Overlook
- 🔼 Open Lawn (150' x 120')
- Pavilion with Terraced Seating
- Existing Grove to Remain
- Pedestrian Crosswalk
- Pavilion with Cut Stone Terrace
- 🤼 Rest Stop
- 🐧 Retaining Walls
- Raised Stepping Stones
- 🛕 Riparian (Pond Side) Meadow



























































## PREFERRED CONCEPT DESIGN

#### **Interpretive Signage**

- Apply interpretive signs and messages associated with the overall theme and function of the site
- Tie themes to the activities on site, exemplifying sustainable design including water quality, conservation, native plants, erosion control, enhancement to natural habitats
- Information presented to encourage interaction
- Messages and information developed to the comprehension level of all ages and stages of development











## PREFERRED CONCEPT DESIGN

### **Interpretive Signage**

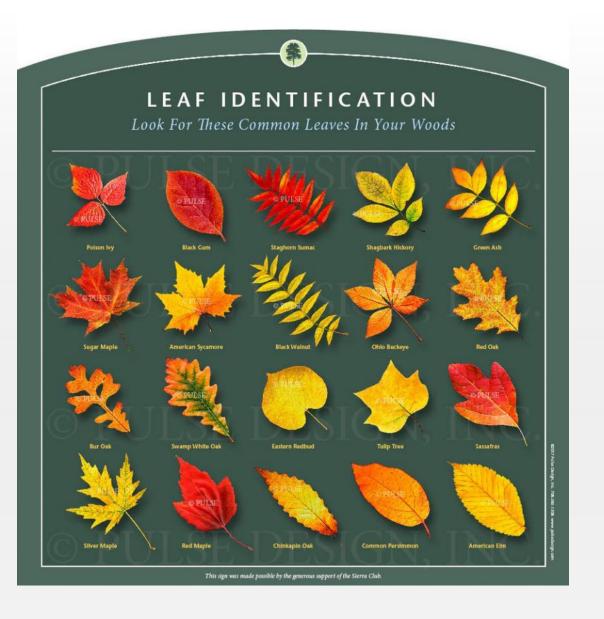








Sample sign images courtesy of pulsedesign.com





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DNREC Shoreline & Waterway Management

DE Section of the American Water Resources Association

Environmental Finance Center – University of Maryland