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# S A M P L E D E S I G N C A L C U L A T I O N S & W O R K S H E E T S

The information provided in this appendix was taken from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works' *Development Planning for Stormwater Management, A Manual for the Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan, Appendix A, Volume and Flow Rate Calculations*, issued on May 2000 (LACDPW, 2000). No modifications were made. For Predominate Soil Type information, please refer to appendix A of the reference above, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works- Hydrology / Sedimentation Appendix

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## NOMENCLATURE

$A_I$	= Impervious Area (acres)
$A_P$	= Pervious Area (acres)
$A_U$	= Contributing Undeveloped Upstream Area (acres)
$A_{Total}$	= Total Area of Development and Contributing Undeveloped Upstream Area (acres)
$C_D$	= Developed Runoff Coefficient
$C_U$	= Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient
$I_x$	= Rainfall Intensity (inches / hour)
$Q_{PM}$	= Peak Mitigation Flow Rate (cfs)
$T_C$	= Time of Concentration (minutes, must be between 5-30 min.)
$V_M$	= Mitigation Volume (ft <sup>3</sup> )

## EQUATIONS

$A_{Total}$	=	$A_I + A_P + A_U$
$A_I$	=	$(A_{Total} \cdot \% \text{ of Development which is Impervious})$
$A_P$	=	$(A_{Total} \cdot \% \text{ of Development which is Pervious})$
$A_U$	=	$(A_{Total} \cdot \% \text{ of Contributing Undeveloped Upstream Area}^{***})$
$C_D$	=	$(0.9 \cdot \text{Imp.}) + [(1.0 - \text{Imp.}) \cdot C_U]$ If $C_D < C_U$ , use $C_D = C_U$
$Q_{PM}$	=	$C_D \cdot I_x \cdot A_{Total} \cdot (1 \text{ hour} / 3,600 \text{ seconds}) \cdot (1 \text{ ft} / 12 \text{ inches}) \cdot (43,560 \text{ ft}^2 / 1 \text{ acre})$
	=	$C_D \cdot I_x \cdot A_{Total} \cdot (1.008333 \text{ ft}^3\text{-hour} / \text{acre-inches-seconds})$
$T_C$	=	$10^{-0.507} \cdot (C_D \cdot I_x)^{-0.519} \cdot \text{Length}^{0.483} \cdot \text{Slope}^{-0.135}$
$V_M$	=	$(0.75 \text{ inches}) \cdot [(A_I)(0.9) + (A_P + A_U)(C_U)] \cdot (1 \text{ ft} / 12 \text{ inches}) \cdot (43,560 \text{ ft}^2 / 1 \text{ acre})$
	=	$(2,722.5 \text{ ft}^3 / \text{acre}) \cdot [(A_I)(0.9) + (A_P + A_U)(C_U)]$

**\*\*\* Contributing Undeveloped Upstream Area is an area where stormwater runoff from an undeveloped upstream area will flow directly or indirectly to the Post-construction Best Management Practices (BMPs) proposed for the development. This additional flow must be included in the flow rate and volume calculations to appropriately size the BMPs.**

**PROVIDE PROPOSED PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS**

$A_{\text{Total}}$  \_\_\_\_\_ Acres

Type of Development \_\_\_\_\_

Predominate Soil Type # \_\_\_\_\_

% of Project Impervious \_\_\_\_\_

% of Project Pervious \_\_\_\_\_

% of Project Contributing  
Undeveloped Area \_\_\_\_\_

$A_i$  \_\_\_\_\_ Acres

$A_p$  \_\_\_\_\_ Acres

$A_u$  \_\_\_\_\_

**DETERMINING THE PEAK MITIGATED FLOW RATE ( $Q_{PM}$ ):**

In order to determine the peak mitigated flow rate ( $Q_{PM}$ ) from the new development, use the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works *Hydrology Manual*. Use the Modified Rational Method for calculating the peak mitigation  $Q_{PM}$  for compliance with the Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan (SUSMP). Use attached **Table 1** for all maximum intensity ( $I_x$ ) values used.

By trial and error, determine the time of concentration ( $T_c$ ), as shown below:

**CALCULATION STEPS:**

1. Assume an initial  $T_c$  value between 5 and 30 minutes.

$T_c$  \_\_\_\_\_ minutes

2. Using Table 1, look up the assumed  $T_c$  value and select the corresponding  $I_x$  intensity in inches/hour.

$I_x$  \_\_\_\_\_ inches/hour

3. Determine the value for the Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient,  $C_U$ , using the runoff coefficient curve corresponding to the predominant soil type.

$C_U$  \_\_\_\_\_

4. Calculate the Developed Runoff Coefficient,  $C_D = (0.9 \cdot \text{Imp.}) + [(1.0 - \text{Imp.}) \cdot C_U]$

$C_D$  \_\_\_\_\_

5. Calculate the value for  $C_D \cdot I_x$

$C_D \cdot I_x$  \_\_\_\_\_

6. Calculate the time of concentration,  $T_c = 10^{-0.507} \cdot (C_D \cdot I_x)^{-0.519} \cdot \text{Length}^{0.483} \cdot \text{Slope}^{-0.135}$

Calculated  $T_c$  \_\_\_\_\_ minutes

7. Calculate the difference between the initially assumed  $T_c$  and the calculated  $T_c$ , if the difference is greater than 0.5 minutes. Use the calculated  $T_c$  as the assumed initial  $T_c$  in the second iteration. If the  $T_c$  value is within 0.5 minutes, round the acceptable  $T_c$  value to the nearest minute.

TABLE FOR ITERATIONS:

Iteration No.	Initial T <sub>c</sub> (min)	I <sub>x</sub> (in/hr)	C <sub>u</sub>	C <sub>D</sub>	C <sub>D</sub> *I <sub>x</sub> (in/hr)	Calculated T <sub>c</sub> (min)	Difference (min)
1							
2							
3							
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Acceptable T<sub>c</sub> value \_\_\_\_\_ minutes

8. Calculate the Peak Mitigation Flow Rate,

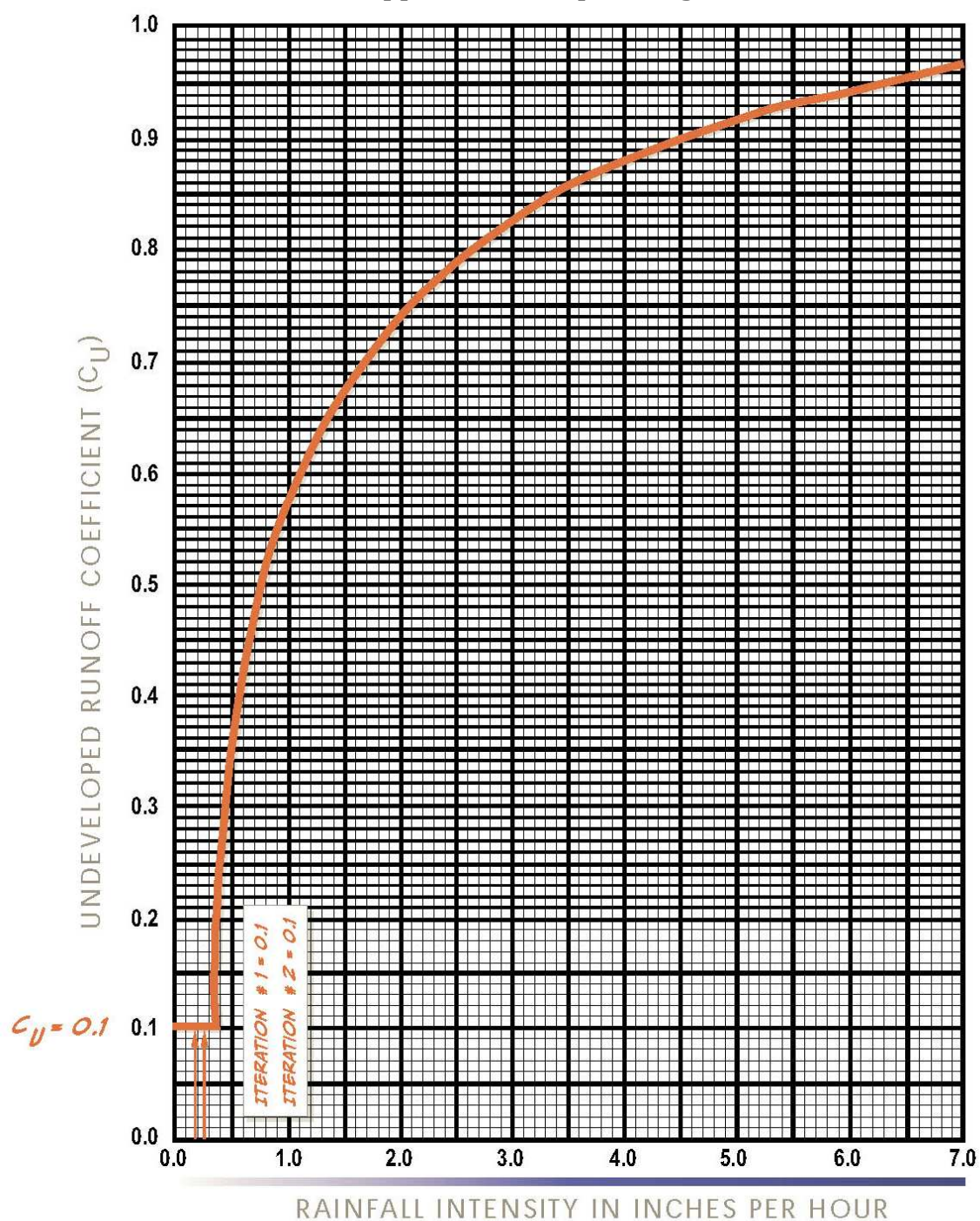
$$Q_{PM} = C_D \cdot I_x \cdot A_{Total} \cdot (1.008333 \text{ ft}^3\text{-hour} / \text{acre-inches-seconds})$$

Q<sub>PM</sub> \_\_\_\_\_ cfs

TABLE 1

INTENSITY - DURATION DATA FOR 0.75-INCHES OF RAINFALL  
FOR ALL RAINFALL ZONES

Duration, TC (min)	Rainfall Intensity, IX (in/hr)
5	0.447
6	0.411
7	0.382
8	0.359
9	0.339
10	0.323
11	0.309
12	0.297
13	0.286
14	0.276
15	0.267
16	0.259
17	0.252
18	0.245
19	0.239
20	0.233
21	0.228
22	0.223
23	0.218
24	0.214
25	0.210
26	0.206
27	0.203
28	0.199
29	0.196
30	0.193

**EQUATION:**

$$C_D = (0.9 * IMP) + (1.0 - IMP) C_U$$

$C_D$  = Developed runoff coefficient.

Where: IMP = Proportion impervious.

$C_U$  = Undeveloped runoff coefficient.

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**RUNOFF COEFFICIENCY CURVE**  
**SOIL TYPE NO. 006**



### DETERMINING THE VOLUME (V<sub>M</sub>)

9. In order to determine the volume (V<sub>M</sub>) of stormwater runoff to be mitigated from the new development, use the following equation:

$$V_M = ( 2,722.5 \text{ ft}^3 / \text{acre} ) \cdot [ ( A_I )( 0.9 ) + ( A_P + A_U )( C_U ) ]$$

### BMP TYPE AND SIZE

10. List the BMP Type(s) to be used in managing the calculated V<sub>m</sub>, and size it per the design criteria listed in Section 4

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## A.2 FLOW RATE AND VOLUME CALCULATION EXAMPLE

**PROJECT NAME**

**Commercial Site Example**

**PROVIDE PROPOSED PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS**

$A_{\text{Total}}$	<u><b>1.15</b></u>	Acres
Type of Development	<u><b>Commercial</b></u>	
Predominate Soil Type #	<u><b>6</b></u>	
% of Project Impervious	<u><b>87 %</b></u>	
% of Project Pervious	<u><b>13%</b></u>	
% of Project Contributing Undeveloped Area	<u><b>0 %</b></u>	
$A_i$	<u><b>1.0</b></u>	Acres
$A_p$	<u><b>0.15</b></u>	Acres
$A_u$	<u><b>0</b></u>	

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By trial and error, determine the time of concentration ( $T_c$ ), as shown below:

**CALCULATION STEPS:**

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$T_c$       5 minutes

2. Using Table 1, look up the assumed  $T_c$  value and select the corresponding  $I_x$  intensity in inches/hour.

$I_x$       0.447 inches/hour

3. Determine the value for the Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient,  $C_U$ , using the runoff coefficient curve corresponding to the predominant soil type.

$C_U$       0.1

4. Calculate the Developed Runoff Coefficient,  $C_D = (0.9 \cdot \text{Imp.}) + [(1.0 - \text{Imp.}) \cdot C_U]$

$C_D$       0.796

5. Calculate the value for  $C_D \cdot I_x$

$C_D \cdot I_x$       0.356

6. Calculate the time of concentration,  $T_c = 10^{-0.507} \cdot (C_D \cdot I_x)^{-0.519} \cdot \text{Length}^{0.483} \cdot \text{Slope}^{-0.135}$

Calculated  $T_c$       14.28 minutes

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2	15.58	0.276	0.1	0.86	0.23	20.49	4.91
3	20.49	0.233	0.1	0.86	0.20	22.00	1.50
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10							

Acceptable T<sub>c</sub> value 20 minutes

8. Calculate the Peak Mitigation Flow Rate,

$$Q_{PM} = C_D \cdot I_X \cdot A_{Total} \cdot (1.008333 \text{ ft}^3\text{-hour} / \text{acre-inches-seconds})$$

$$Q_{PM} = \underline{0.23 \text{ cfs}}$$


$$C_D = 0.83$$

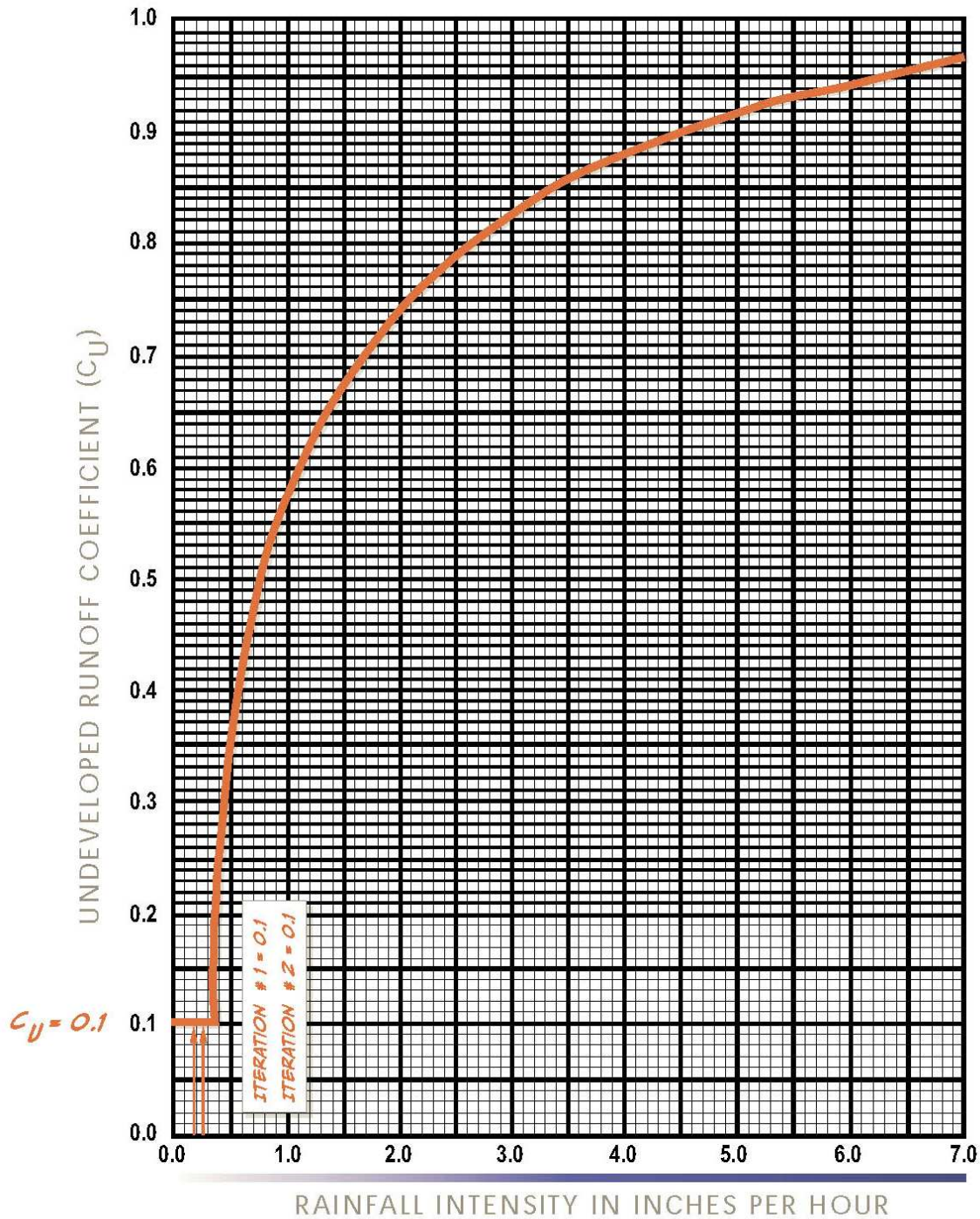
$$I_{20} = 0.23 \text{ (from Table 1)}$$

$$A_{Total} = 1.15 \text{ acres}$$

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$$A_I = 1.0 \text{ acres}$$

$$A_P = 0.15 \text{ acres}$$

$$C_U = 0.1$$

$$V_M = 2,492 \text{ ft}^3$$

## BMP TYPE AND SIZE

10. List the BMP Type(s) to be used in managing the calculated V<sub>m</sub>, and size it per the design criteria listed in Section 4.

The following examples have been provided as a reference:

### Infiltration BMPs:

- Infiltration Trench
- Dry Well
- Infiltration Basin

### Capture and Use

### Biofiltration

- Vegetated Swale
- Planter Box



### Infiltration BMP - Design for Infiltration Trench

**Givens:**

- $V_m = 2,492 \text{ ft}^3$  (from step 9)
- $K_{\text{Sat, Measured}} = 2 \text{ in/hr}$
- $T = 48 \text{ hrs}$  (from Table 4.4)
- $FS = 3$  (from Table 4.4)
- Gravel void ratio = 40%

- i. Determine  $K_{\text{Sat, Design}}$

$$K_{\text{Sat, Design}} = \frac{K_{\text{Sat, Measured}}}{FS} = \frac{2 \text{ in/hr}}{3} = 0.667 \text{ in/hr}$$

- ii. Determine Minimum Bottom Infiltration,  $A_{\text{min}}$ :

$$A_{\text{min}} = \frac{V_m \cdot 12 \text{ in/ft}}{K_{\text{Sat, Design}} \cdot T}$$

$$A_{\text{min}} = \frac{2,492 \text{ ft}^3 \cdot 12 \text{ in/ft}}{0.667 \text{ in/hr} \cdot 48 \text{ hr}} = 934 \text{ ft}^2$$

- iii. Determine the minimum storage volume,  $V_{\text{Storage}}$ :

$$V_{\text{Storage}} = \frac{V_m}{\text{Void ratio}} = \frac{2,492 \text{ ft}^3}{0.4} = 6,230 \text{ ft}^3$$

- iv. Determine Design Depth:

$$D_{\text{Design}} = \frac{V_{\text{Storage}}}{A_{\text{min}}} = \frac{6,230 \text{ ft}^3}{934 \text{ ft}^2} = 6.7 \text{ ft}$$

**Infiltration BMP – Design for Dry Well*****Givens:***

- $V_m = 2,492 \text{ ft}^3$  (from step 9)
- $K_{\text{Sat, Measured}} = 2 \text{ in/hr}$
- Gravel void ratio = 40%
- Factor of Safety = 3 (per table 4.4)
- $A_{\text{min}} = 934 \text{ ft}^2$
- $D = 6 \text{ ft}$  ( $r = 3 \text{ ft}$ )

- i. Required dry well depth for the infiltration zone,  $h$ :

$$h = \frac{A_{\text{min}} - \pi r^2}{2\pi r}$$

$$h = \frac{934 \text{ ft}^2 - 28.26 \text{ ft}^2}{18.84 \text{ ft}} = 48 \text{ ft}$$

- ii. Determine required storage volume,  $V_{\text{Storage}}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\text{Storage}} &= V_m - (V_{\text{DryWell}} \bullet \text{Void Ratio}) \\ &= 2,492 \text{ ft}^3 - (\pi r^2 h \bullet 40\%) \\ &= 2,492 \text{ ft}^3 - [\pi \bullet (3 \text{ ft})^2 \bullet 48 \text{ ft} \bullet 0.4] \\ &= 1,949.1 \text{ ft}^3 \end{aligned}$$

**Infiltration BMP – Design for Infiltration Basin*****Givens:***

- $V_m = 2,492 \text{ ft}^3$  (from step 9)
- $K_{\text{Sat, Measured}} = 2 \text{ in/hr}$
- $T = 48 \text{ hrs}$  (Table 4.4)

- i. Determine the design infiltration rate,  $K_{\text{Sat, Design}}$ :

$$K_{\text{Sat, Design}} = \frac{K_{\text{Sat, Measured}}}{FS} = \frac{2 \text{ in/hr}}{3} = 0.667 \text{ in/hr}$$

- ii. Determine Minimum Bottom Infiltration,  $A_{\text{min}}$ :

$$A_{\text{min}} = \frac{V_m \cdot 12 \text{ in/ft}}{K_{\text{sat, design}} \cdot T}$$

$$A_{\text{min}} = \frac{2,492 \text{ ft}^3 \cdot 12 \text{ in/ft}}{0.667 \text{ in/hr} \cdot 48 \text{ hr}} = 934 \text{ ft}^2$$

- iii. Determine the Basin Design,  $D_{\text{Basin}}$ :

$$D_{\text{Basin}} = \frac{V_{\text{Storage}}}{A_{\text{min}}} = \frac{2,492 \text{ ft}^3}{934 \text{ ft}^2} = 2.7 \text{ ft}$$

### Design for: Capture & Use

#### Givens:

- $V_{\text{Design}} = 2,492 \text{ ft}^3$
- 0.15 acres of pervious area for drip irrigation
- Medium Planting Type → Planting Factor = 0.4

- Determine the design volume in gallons:

$$V_{\text{Design}} (\text{gal}) = 2,492 \text{ ft}^3 \cdot 7.48 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{ft}^3} = 18,640 \text{ gal}$$

At a minimum, capture and use BMPs must be designed and maintained to ensure adequate capacity is available to capture the stormwater quality design volume within 3 days of a likely storm event. A likely storm event is any weather pattern that is forecast to have a 50% or greater probability of providing precipitation at the development site. Precipitation forecast information must be obtained from the National Weather Service Forecast Office (e.g. by entering the zip code of the developments location at <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/forecast>).

- Determine planting area ( $\text{ft}^2$ ):

$$\text{Planting Area } (\text{ft}^2) = 0.15 \text{ ac} \cdot 43,560 \frac{\text{ft}^2}{\text{ac}} = 6,534 \text{ ft}^2$$

- Determine Planter Factor, PF, ( $\text{ft}^2$ ):

$$\text{Planter Factor } (\text{ft}^2) = 0.4 \cdot 6,534 \text{ ft}^2 = 2,614 \text{ ft}^2$$

- Determine the 7- month (Oct 1 – April 30) Estimated Total Water Use (ETWU):

$$ETWU_{(7\text{-month})} = ET_7 \cdot 0.62 \cdot PF$$

$$ETWU_{(7\text{-month})} = 21.7 \cdot 0.62 \cdot 2,614 \text{ ft}^2 = 35,163 \text{ gal}$$

- Verify captured volume is equal to or less than the irrigation demand from October 1 thru April 30.

$$V_{\text{Design}} (\text{gal}) = 18,640 \text{ gal} \leq ETWU_{(7\text{-month})} = 35,163 \text{ gal} \quad \therefore \text{OK}$$

### Biofiltration BMP – Design for Vegetated Swale\*

**Givens:**

- base of swale = 5 ft
- Slope = 3%

i. Determine the swale base width and corresponding unit length:

- Per Table 4.6 → Select swale base of 5 ft with corresponding unit length of 470 ft/ac.

ii. Determine the total swale length:

$$L_{Swale(ft)} = Catchment\ area\ (ft^2) \cdot \left( \frac{1\ acre}{43,560\ ft^2} \right) \cdot Swale\ length\ per\ catchment\ area\ (ft/acre)$$

$$Catchment\ area\ (ft^2) = (impervious\ area \cdot 0.9) + [(pervious\ area + undeveloped\ area) \cdot 0.1]$$

$$Catchment\ area\ (ft^2) = 43,560\ ft^2 \cdot [(1 \cdot 0.9) + [(0.15 + 0) \cdot 0.1]]$$

$$Catchment\ area\ (ft^2) = 39,857.4\ ft^2$$

$$L_{Swale(ft)} = 39,857.4\ ft^2 \cdot \left( \frac{1\ acre}{43,560\ ft^2} \right) \cdot 470\ ft/acre$$

$$L_{Swale(ft)} = 430\ ft$$

iii. Determine the distance between check dams:

- Per Table 4.7 → At a 3% slope, the distance between check dams is 33 ft.

iv. Determine total number of check dams:

$$Total\ \# \ of\ dams = \frac{430}{33} = 13$$

\* Depending on the location of the swale, a geotechnical report may need to be submitted and approval from LADBS may be required.

### Design for: Planter Box

#### Givens:

- Soil media infiltration rate: 5 in/hr (Table 4.5)
- $T_{\text{Fill}} = 3 \text{ ft}$  (Table 4.5)
- Drawdown time,  $T \text{ (hr)} = 48 \text{ hrs}$  (Table 4.5)

i. Determine the design volume:

$$V_{\text{Design}} (\text{ft}^3) = 1.5 \bullet 0.0625 (\text{ft}) \bullet \text{Catchment Area} (\text{ft}^2)$$

$$\text{Catchment area} (\text{ft}^2) = (\text{impervious area} \bullet 0.9) + [(\text{pervious area} + \text{undeveloped area}) \bullet 0.1]$$

$$V_{\text{Design}} (\text{ft}^3) = 1.5 \bullet 0.0625 \text{ ft} \bullet 43,560 \text{ ft}^2 \bullet [(1 \bullet 0.9) + [(0.15 + 0) \bullet 0.1]]$$

$$V_{\text{Design}} = 3,737 \text{ ft}^3$$

ii. Determine the design infiltration rate,  $K_{\text{Sat,Design}}$ :

$$K_{\text{Sat,Design}} = \frac{K_{\text{Sat,Media}}}{FS} = \frac{5 \text{ in/hr}}{2} = 2.5 \text{ in/hr}$$

iii. Determine the BMP ponding depth,  $d_p$ :

$$d_p (\text{ft}) = \frac{(k_{\text{sat,design}} (\text{in/hr}) \bullet T (\text{hr}))}{12 \text{ in/ft}} = \frac{(2.5 \text{ in/hr} \bullet 48 \text{ hr})}{12 \text{ in/hr}} = 10 \text{ ft}$$

**Per Table 4.5, maximum ponding depth ( $d_p$ ) allowed is 1.0 ft**

**Therefore use  $d_p = 1.0 \text{ ft}$**

iv. Calculate the BMP Surface Area,  $A_{\text{min}}^*$ :

$$A_{\text{min}} (\text{ft}^2) = \frac{V_{\text{Design}}}{\left[ \left( \frac{T_{\text{Fill}} \bullet k_{\text{Sat,Design}}}{12 \text{ in/ft}} \right) + d_p \right]} = \frac{3,737 \text{ ft}^3}{\left[ \left( \frac{3 \text{ ft} \bullet 2.5 \text{ in/hr}}{12 \text{ in/hr}} \right) + 1 \text{ ft} \right]} = 2,300 \text{ ft}^2$$

**\* Rule of thumb: With a max ponding depth of 1 ft, area needed is 5 - 6% of impervious area**