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Seasonal Performance Variations for Stormwater Management Systems in Cold Climate Conditions

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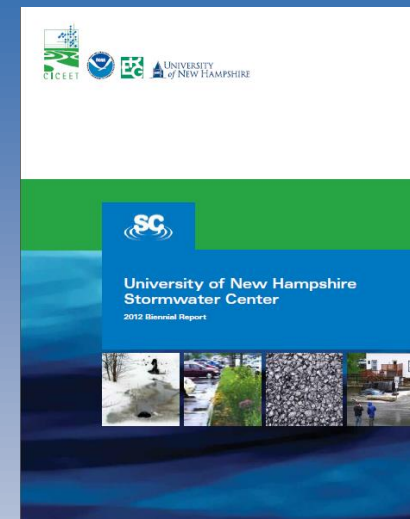


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Source: UNH Stormwater Center 2010 and 2012 Biennial Reports



Barriers to Implementation



Requirements

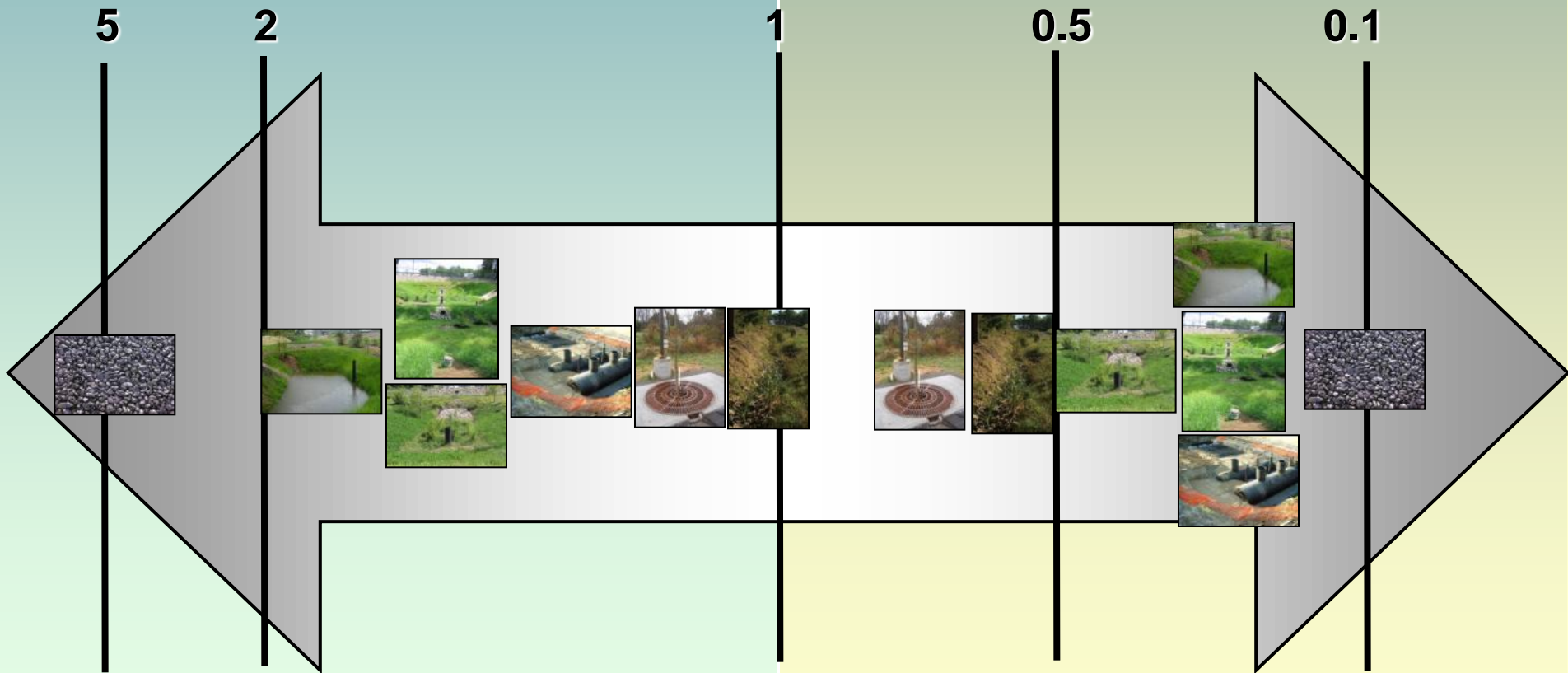
A photograph of a constructed wetland pond. The pond is filled with water and has several clumps of green reeds growing out of it. The surrounding area is a mix of green grass and brown, dry grass. In the background, there are trees and a pile of gravel or sand. The text "Hydrologic Performance Results" is overlaid in the center of the image in a large, bold, blue font with a black outline.

Hydrologic Performance Results

Hydrologic Performance

Lag Time (k_L)

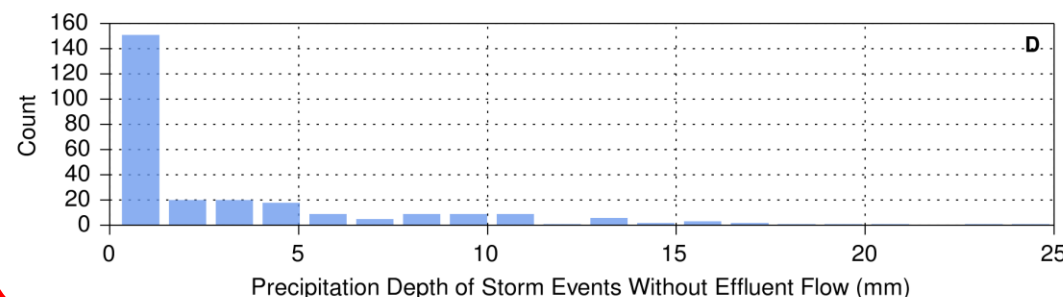
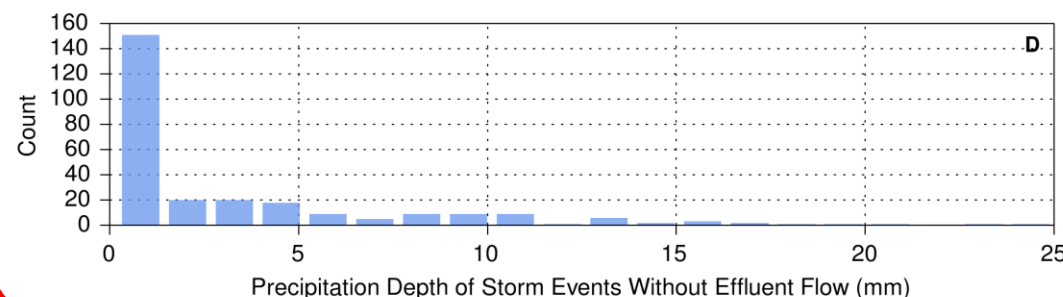
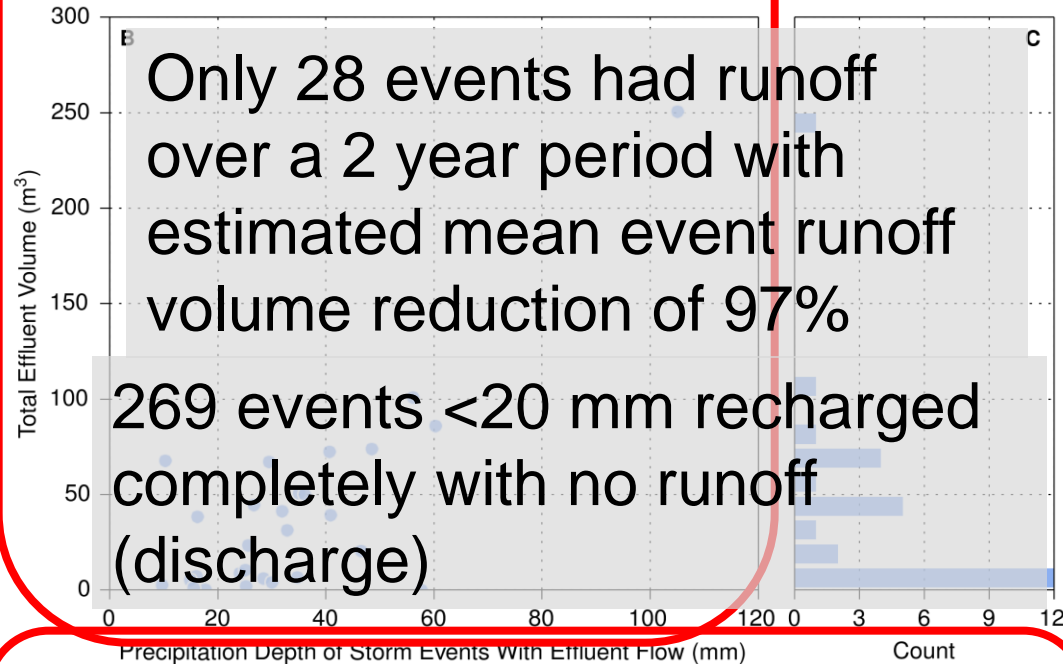
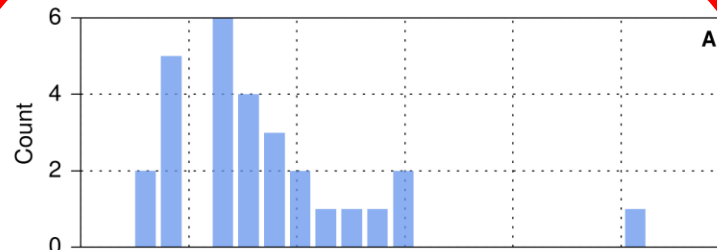
Peak Reduction (k_p)



Elm Drive--Hydrologic Performance

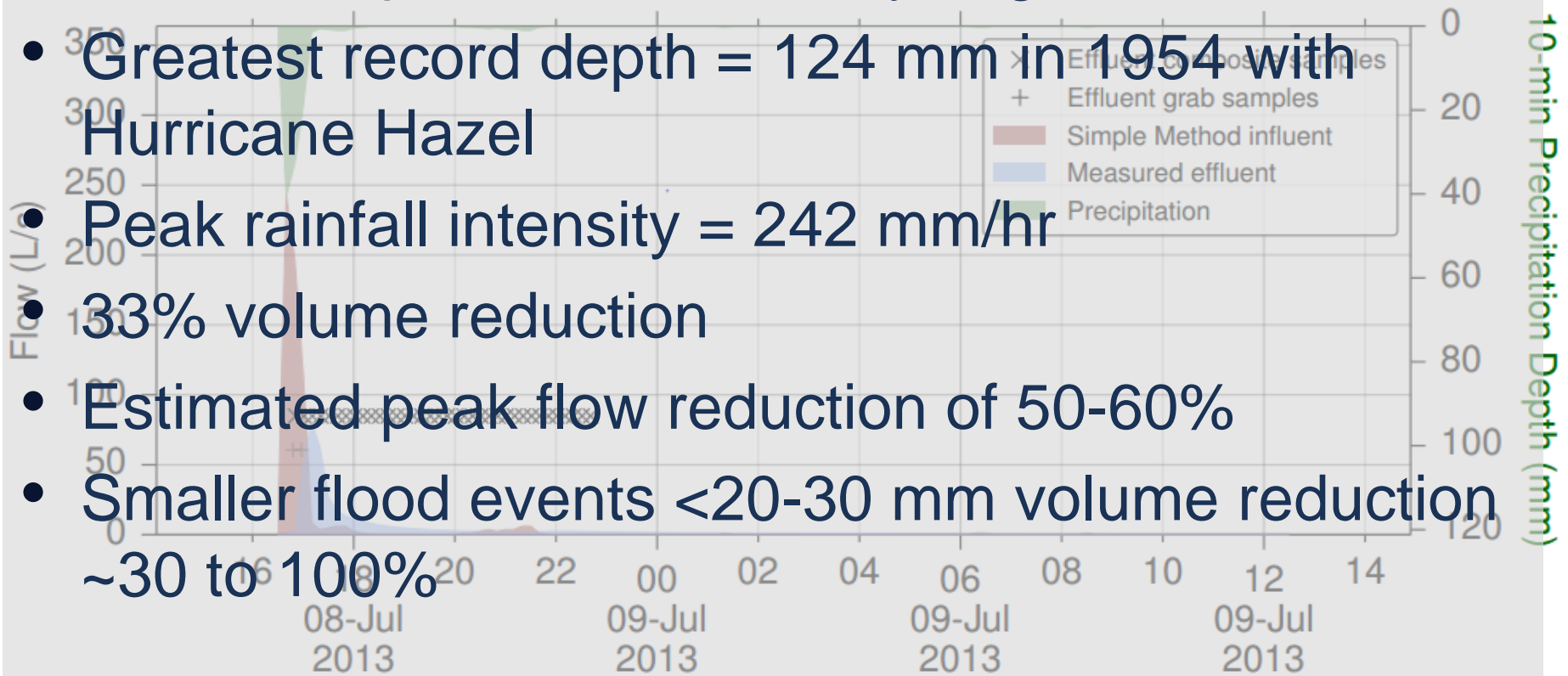
Histogram and Scatterplot of Storm Depth With and Without Effluent Flow from July 2011-July 2013;

- Figure A histogram illustrates the number of events occurring with respect to runoff depth;
- Figure B scatterplot illustrates the total effluent volume with respect to the storm depth;
- Figure C histogram illustrates the number of events with respect to total effluent volume;
- Figure D illustrates the number of storms for which no runoff occurred with respect to storm depth.



Elm Drive-- July 8, 2013 Performance

- Rainfall depth = 105 mm, July avg= 74 mm,
- Greatest record depth = 124 mm in 1954 with Hurricane Hazel
- Peak rainfall intensity = 242 mm/hr
- 33% volume reduction
- Estimated peak flow reduction of 50-60%
- Smaller flood events <20-30 mm volume reduction
~30 to 100%



WATER QUALITY PERFORMANCE

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RELATIVE INFLUENT VOLUME AND NITROGEN LOADS TO STORMWATER BMPs



**POROUS
PAVEMENT**

**GRAVEL
WETLAND**

**BIO-
RETENTION**

**VEGETATED
SWALE**

**WET
POND**



0%

REMOVAL EFFICIENCY

92%

VOLUME REDUCTION

=

92%

LOAD REDUCTION

95%

REMOVAL EFFICIENCY

0%

VOLUME REDUCTION

=

95%

LOAD REDUCTION

44%

REMOVAL EFFICIENCY

70%

VOLUME REDUCTION

=

83%

LOAD REDUCTION

10%

REMOVAL EFFICIENCY

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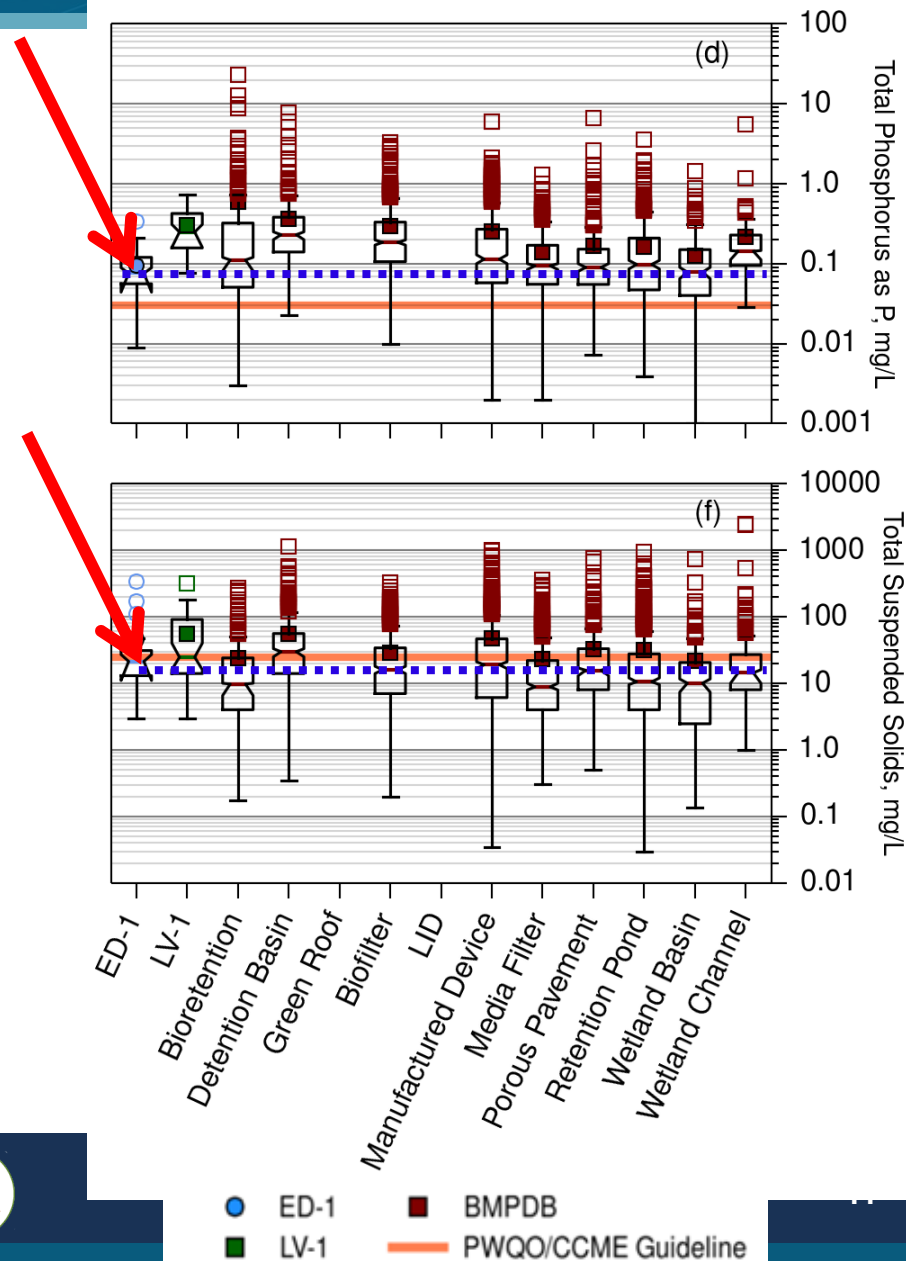
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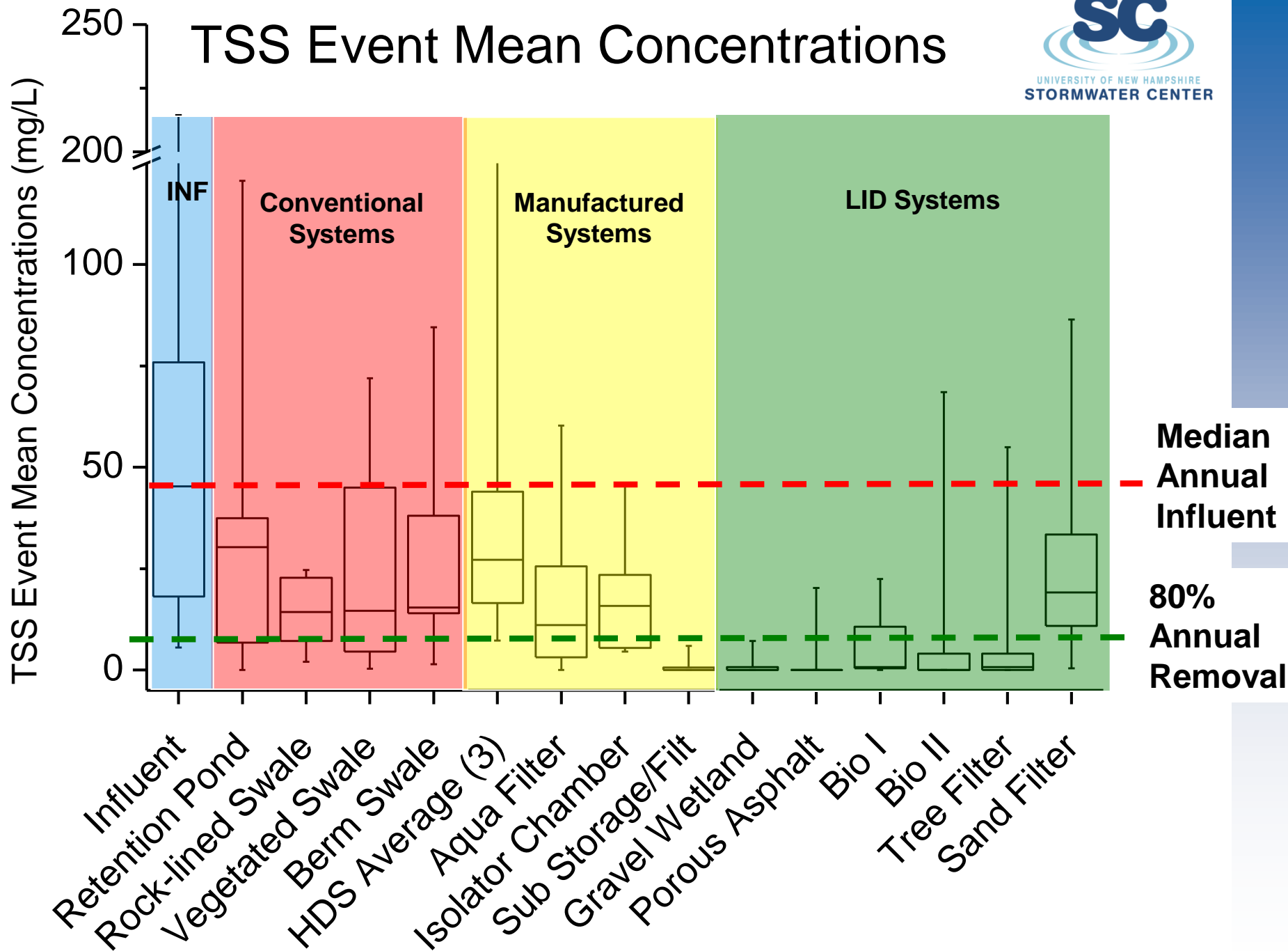


RELATIVE EFFLUENT VOLUME AND NITROGEN LOADS DISCHARGED FROM STORMWATER BMPs

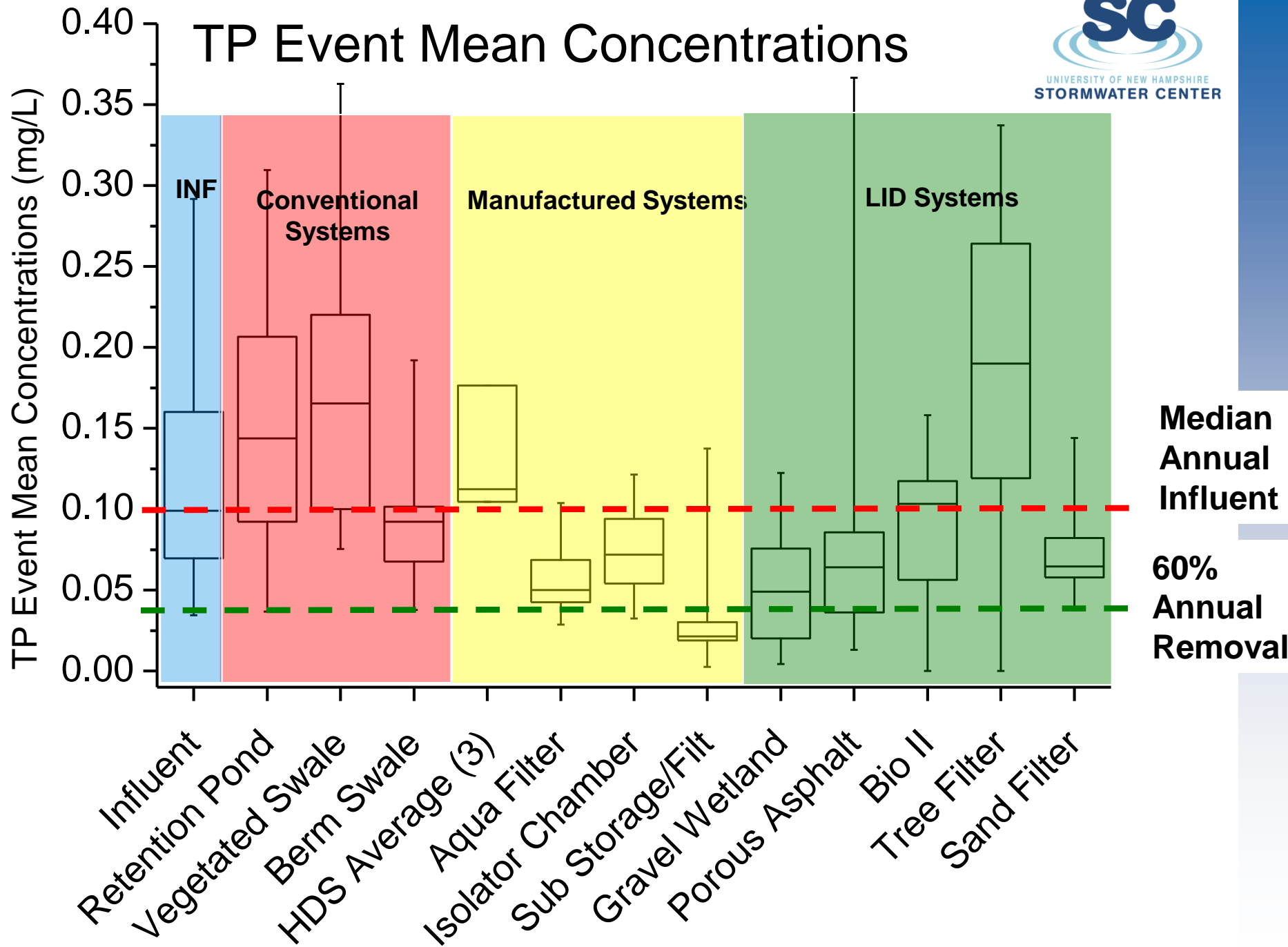
Elm Drive--Solids and Nutrients Performance


- Load reduction is largely due to the substantial estimated volume reduction
- Mean estimated load reductions ranged from 84 to 97% for the various contaminants
- TSS removal was generally ranged from 82-99% removal
- Estimated nutrient load removal ranged from 57-91%





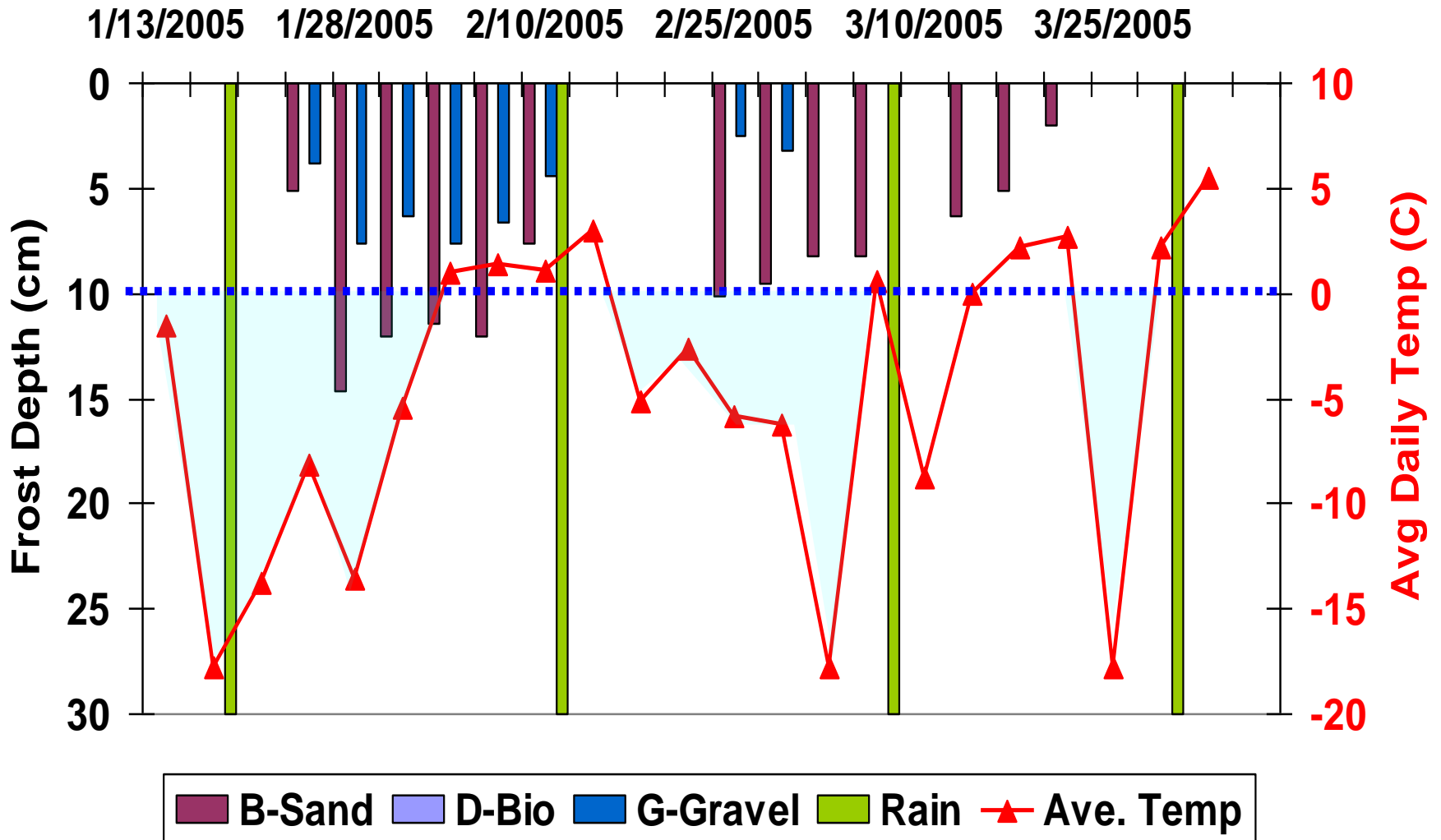
TP Event Mean Concentrations



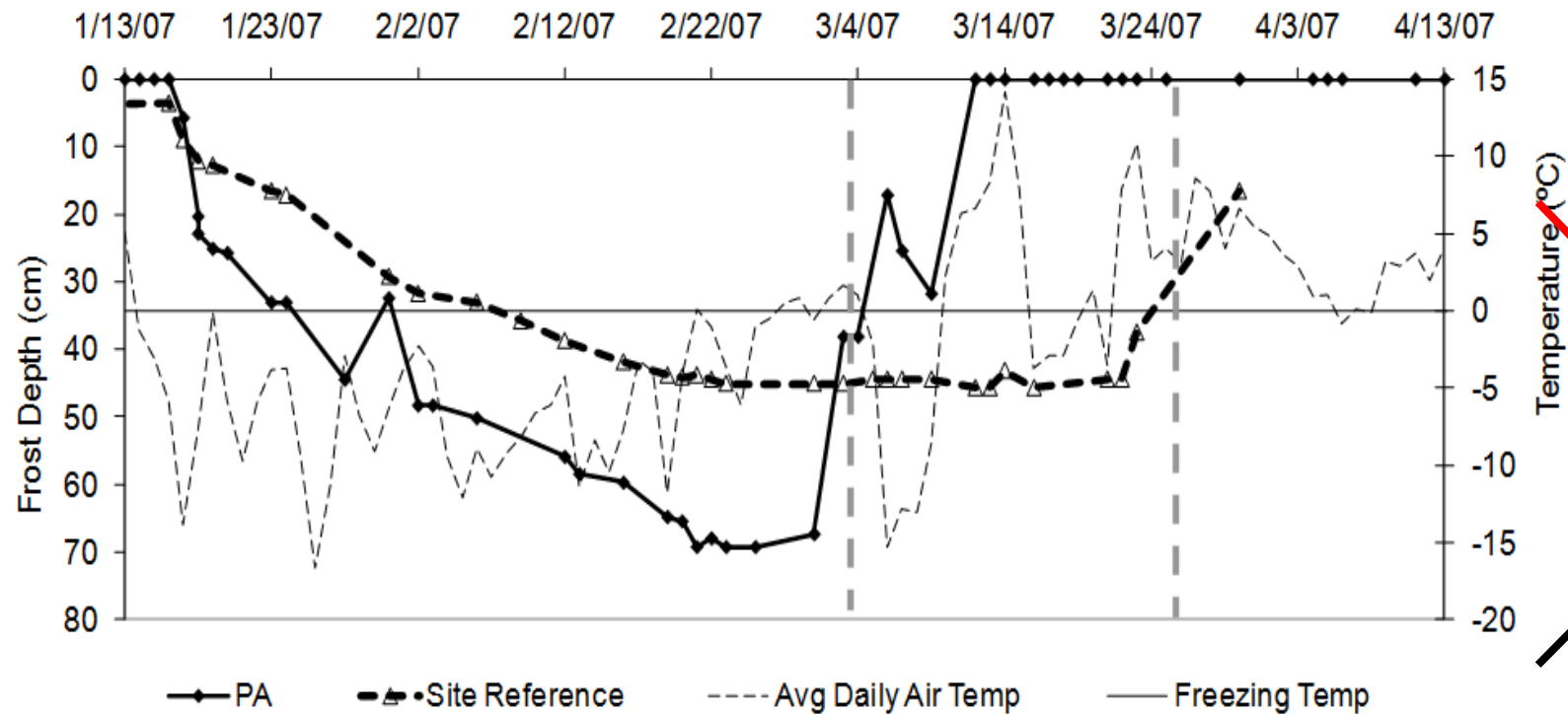


Cold Climate Performance Results

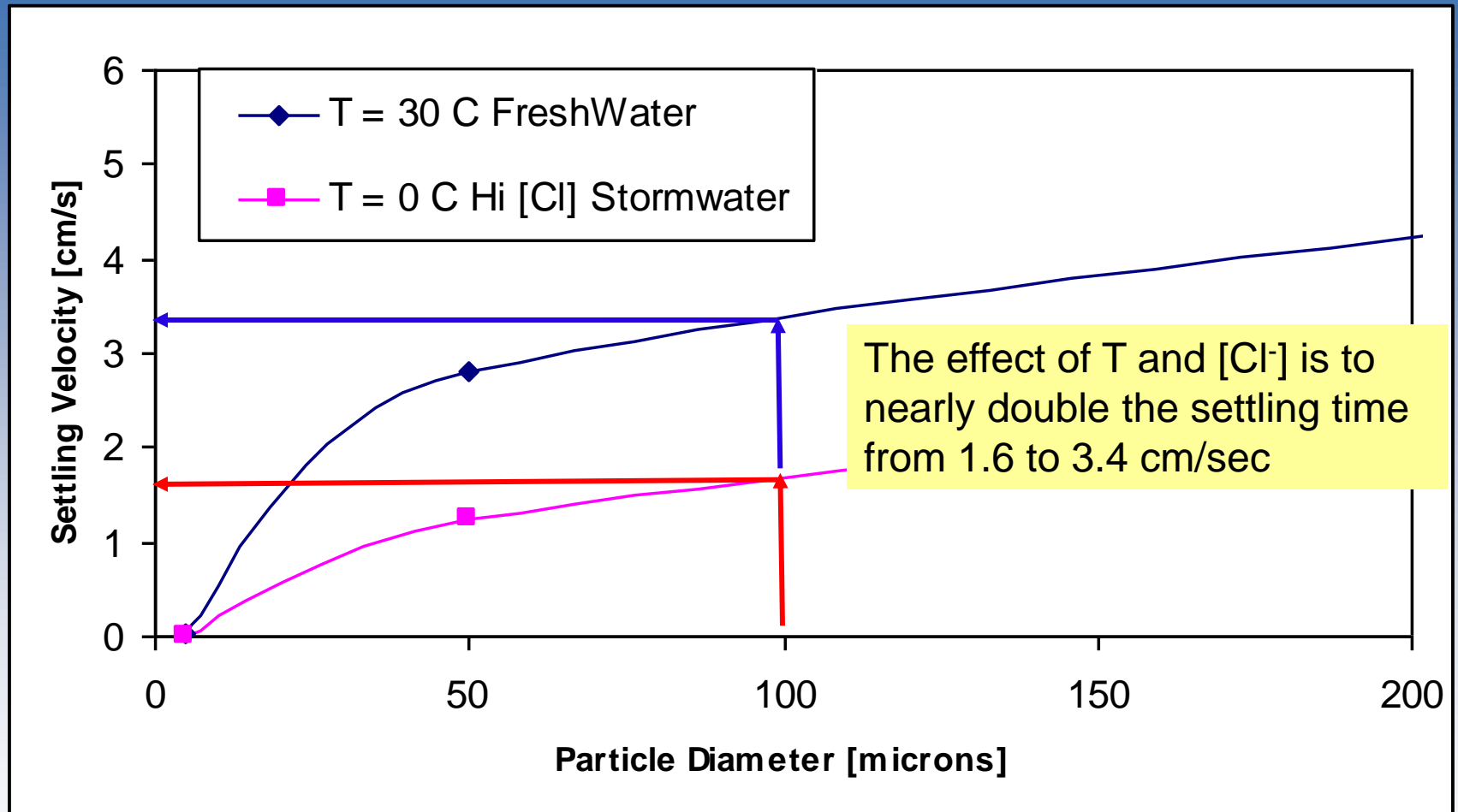
Filter Media Frost Penetration



Porous Asphalt Frost Penetration



Seasonal Variations in Performance

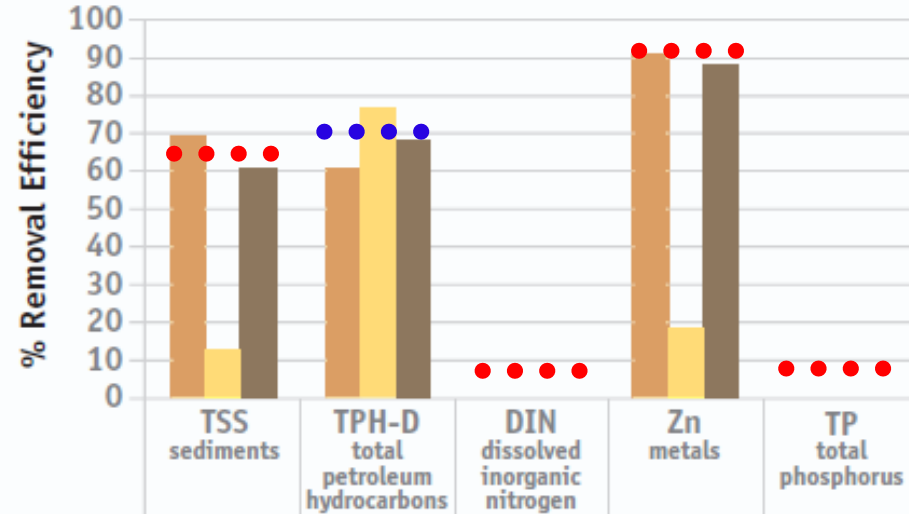
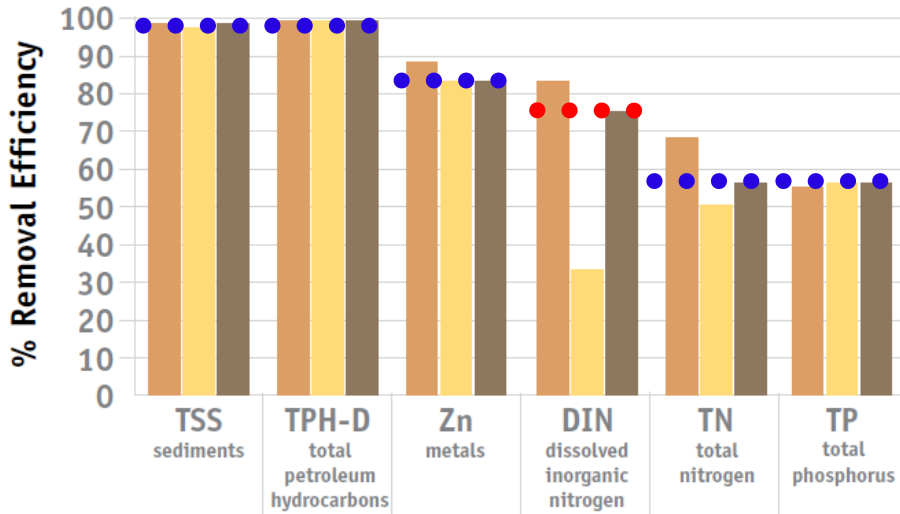


Seasonal Variations in Performance

Gravel Wetland

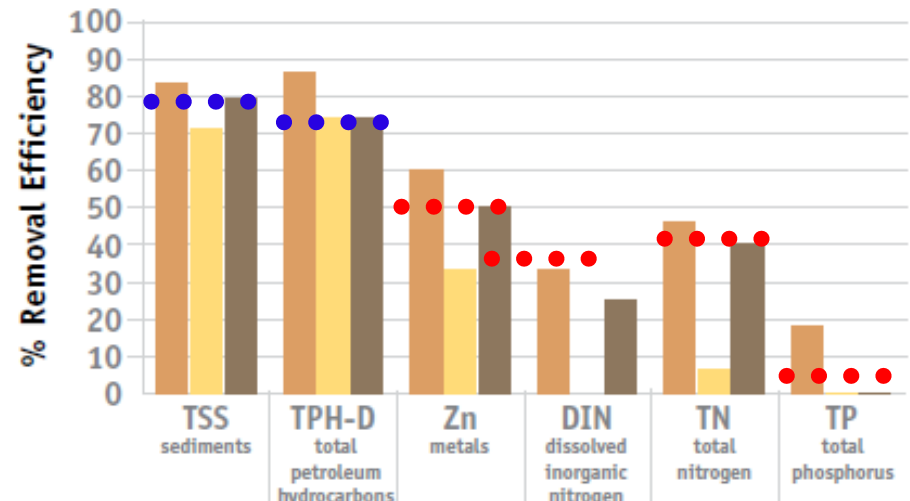
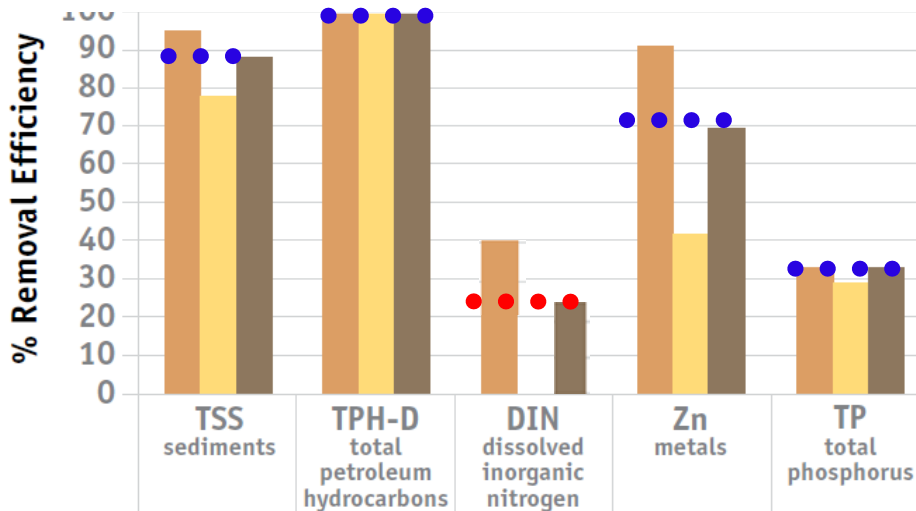
Summer Winter Annual

Vegetated Swale



Bioretention Systems

Detention Pond



Median Annual Influent Event Mean Concentrations (EMC) in mg/L

48 754 ug/L .21 .043 .09

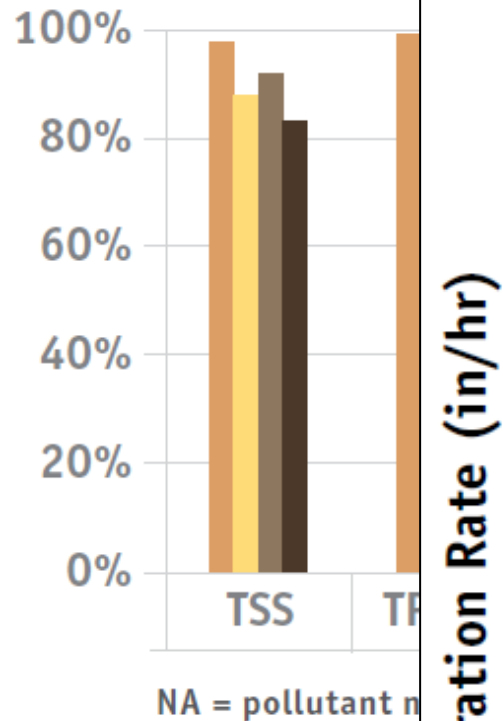
Median Annual Influent Event Mean Concentrations (EMC) in mg/L

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Long Term and System Variations

BIORETENTION PERFORMANCE

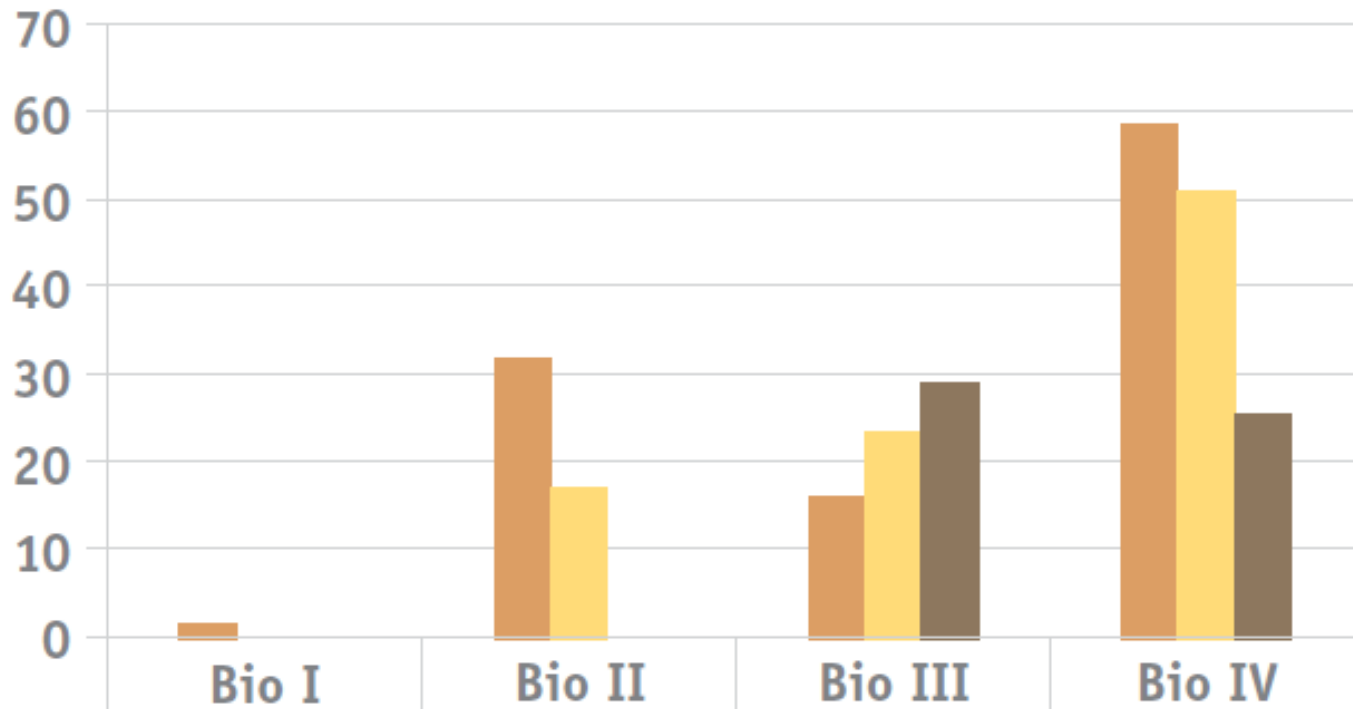
Bio 1 Bio 2 Bio 3 Bio 4



INFILTRATION RATES OVER TIME

yr1 yr2 yr3

Infiltration Rate (in/hr)



Source: UNH Stormwater Center 2012 Biennial Report



6 years post installation, November 17, 2014



Winter Performance and Black Ice



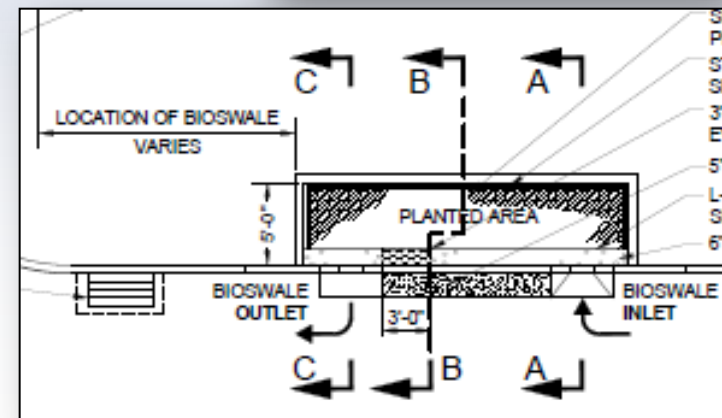
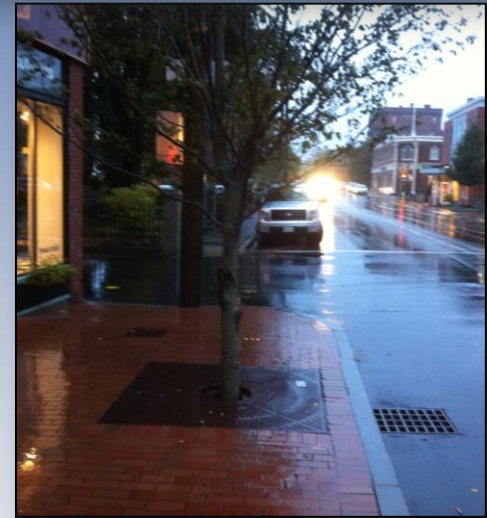
Standard Asphalt HEAVY salt usage and black ice formation, Jan 23, 2011



Porous asphalt modest salt and very little black ice , Jan 23, 2011; *note use of PA as snow dump because of positive drainage

Winter Design Considerations

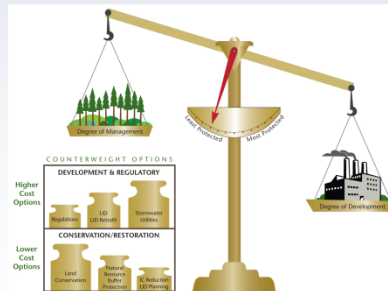
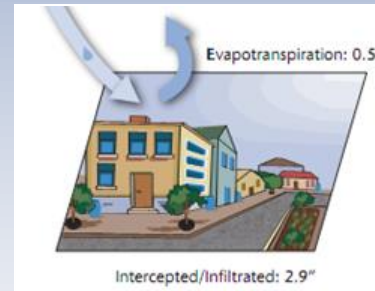
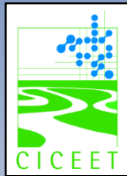
- Inlets and bypass external to system for ease of clearing
- Concerns about snow stockpile and bypass
- Pretreatment for grit and sand
- Simplicity and adapting to municipal standards



Questions?

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Summary Conclusion

- The Power of Redevelopment relies upon strong regulations
- No silver bullets. A range of strategies are needed.
- LID systems function well in cold climates, seasonal variations are observed for conventional BMPs and Manufactured systems
- Infiltration and filtration systems have the highest performance systems
- LID can have flood reduction and mitigation benefits and can be reasonable adaptation strategy
- Cost of advanced SWM can often be balanced with related savings

DIN Event Mean Concentrations

