



# Green Infrastructure Impact Assessment Collaboration



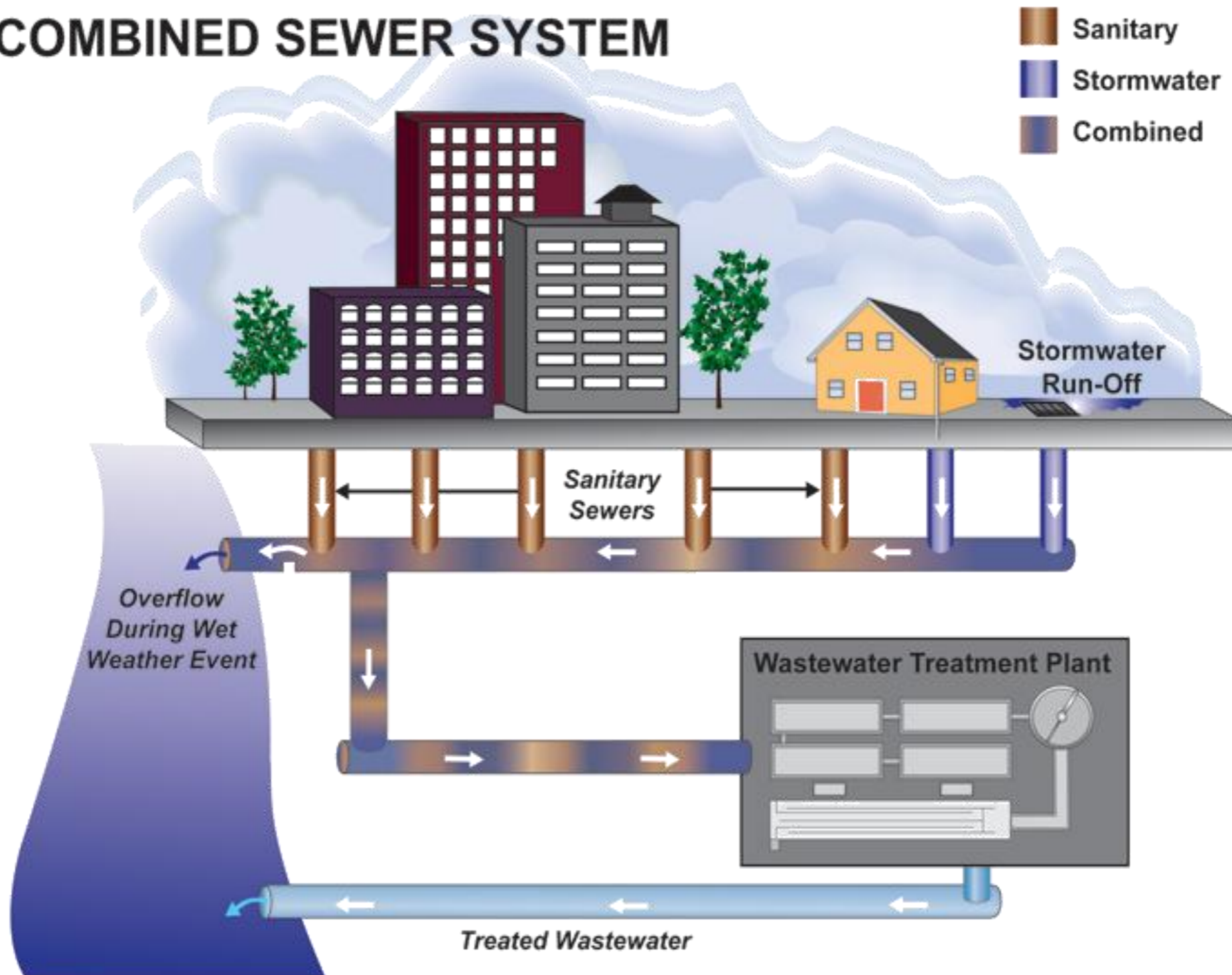
# Overview

- MSD is responsible for clean water in our community
- MSD has an \$850 million EPA consent decree obligation
- Green infrastructure is a component of this consent decree
- Green programs are only successful if the entire community is involved



# Traditional (Gray) Infrastructure

## COMBINED SEWER SYSTEM





# System Overview

- 385 sq. miles
- Pop. 700,000
- Ohio River Flood Protection System
  - 16 Flood Pump Stations
  - 29 miles of Floodwall
- 6 Regional WQTCs
- 14 Small WQTCs
- 286 Pump Stations
- 3,200 miles of Sewers



- 103 Active CSOs
  - 200+ SSOs

# MSD Green Management Approach

- Comprehensive community wide planning
- Practice selection for type and location
- Detailed modeling to determine effectiveness
- State of the art design and construction
- Extensive monitoring of the practice and the system

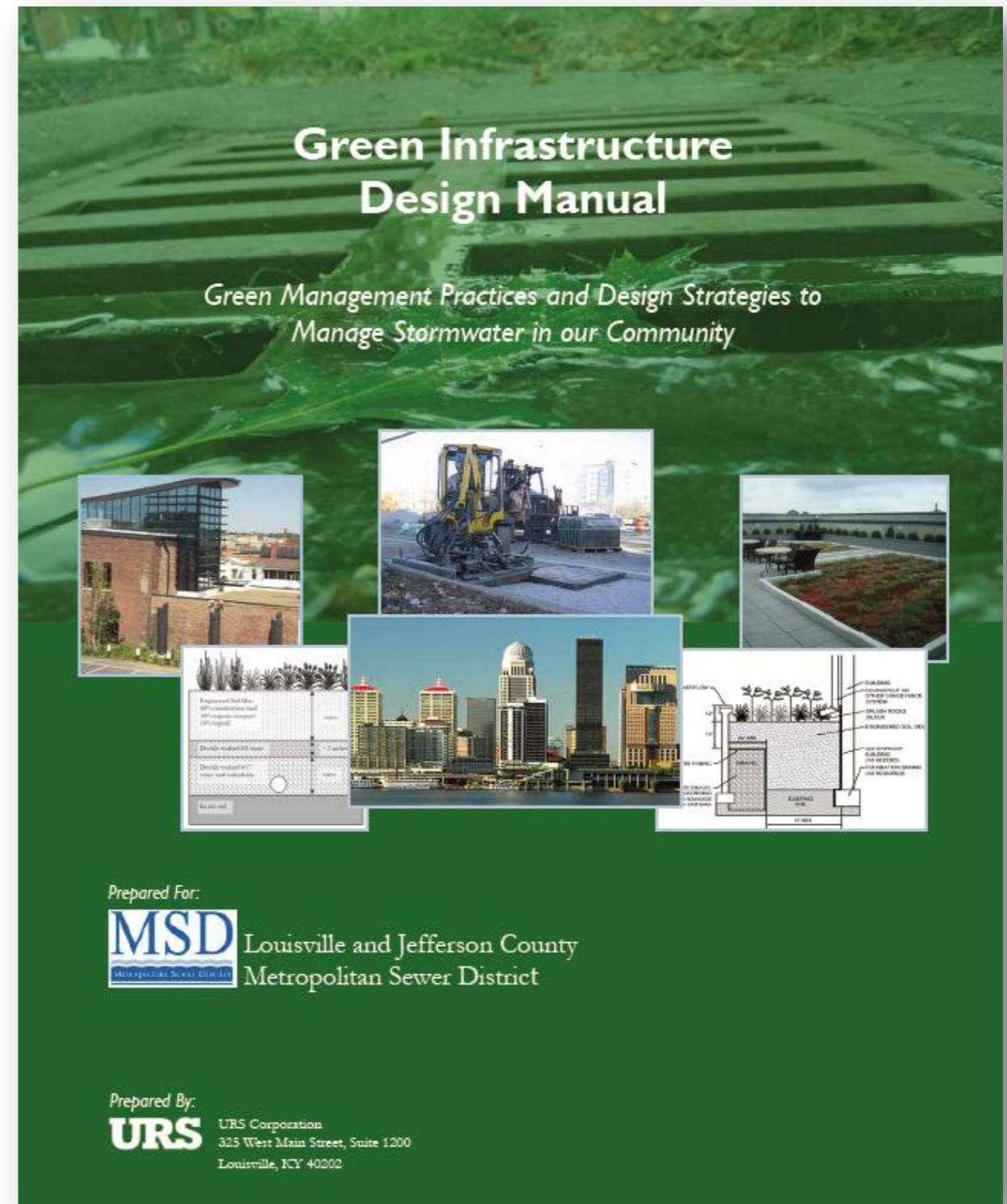




# Green Stormwater Technology

## Practice Types

Downspout disconnection  
Permeable pavement strips  
Tree boxes  
Infiltration trenches  
Bioswales  
Rain gardens  
Urban reforestation  
Underground infiltration/  
storage



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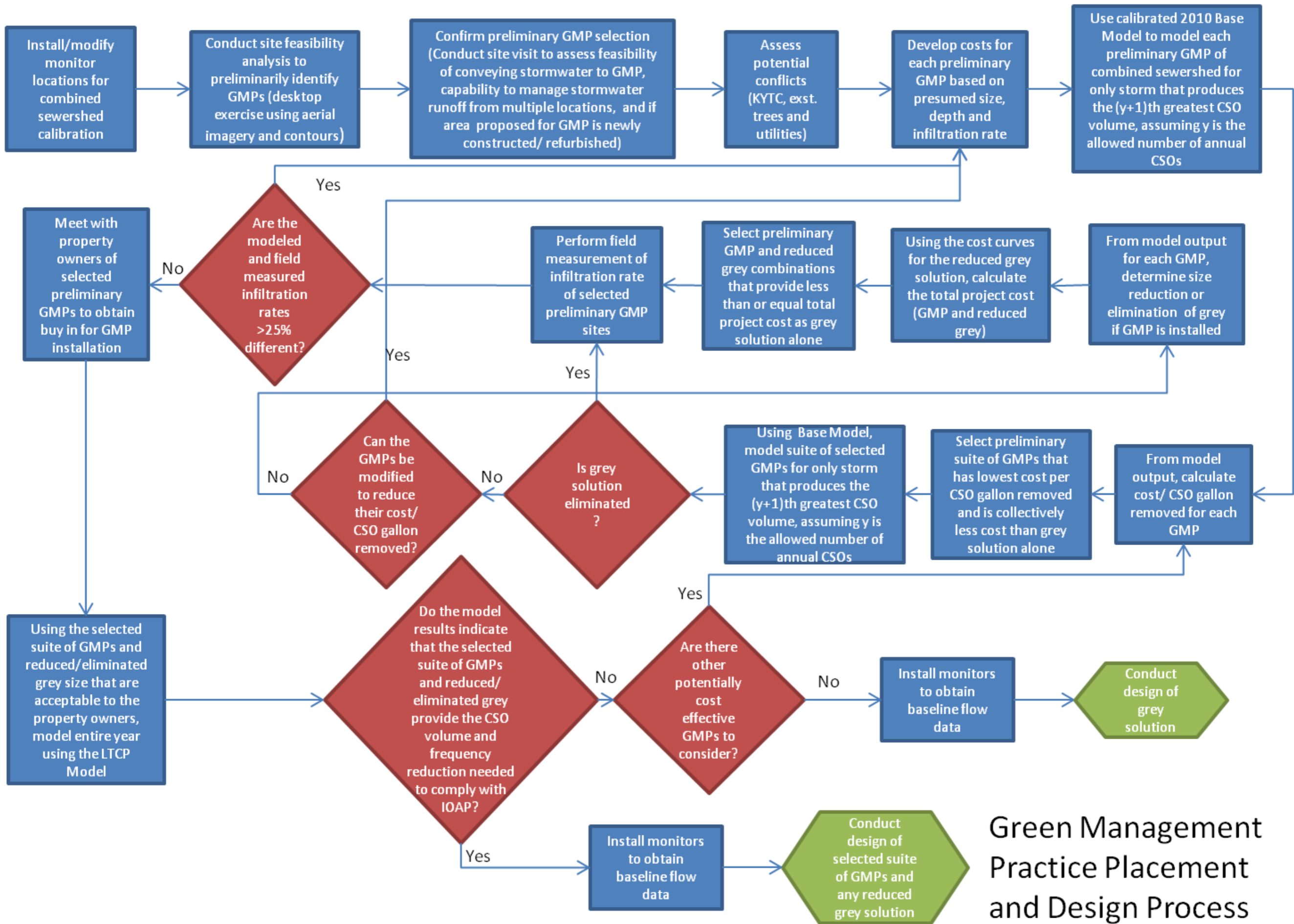
## *Answering the Green Infrastructure Questions*

### First EPA Partnered Community

- Multi-year effort
- EPA monitoring of green management practices
- Evaluate and establish long term trends
- Standardize Design and Maintenance Criteria
- Other Community Benefits
- Partner with University of Louisville



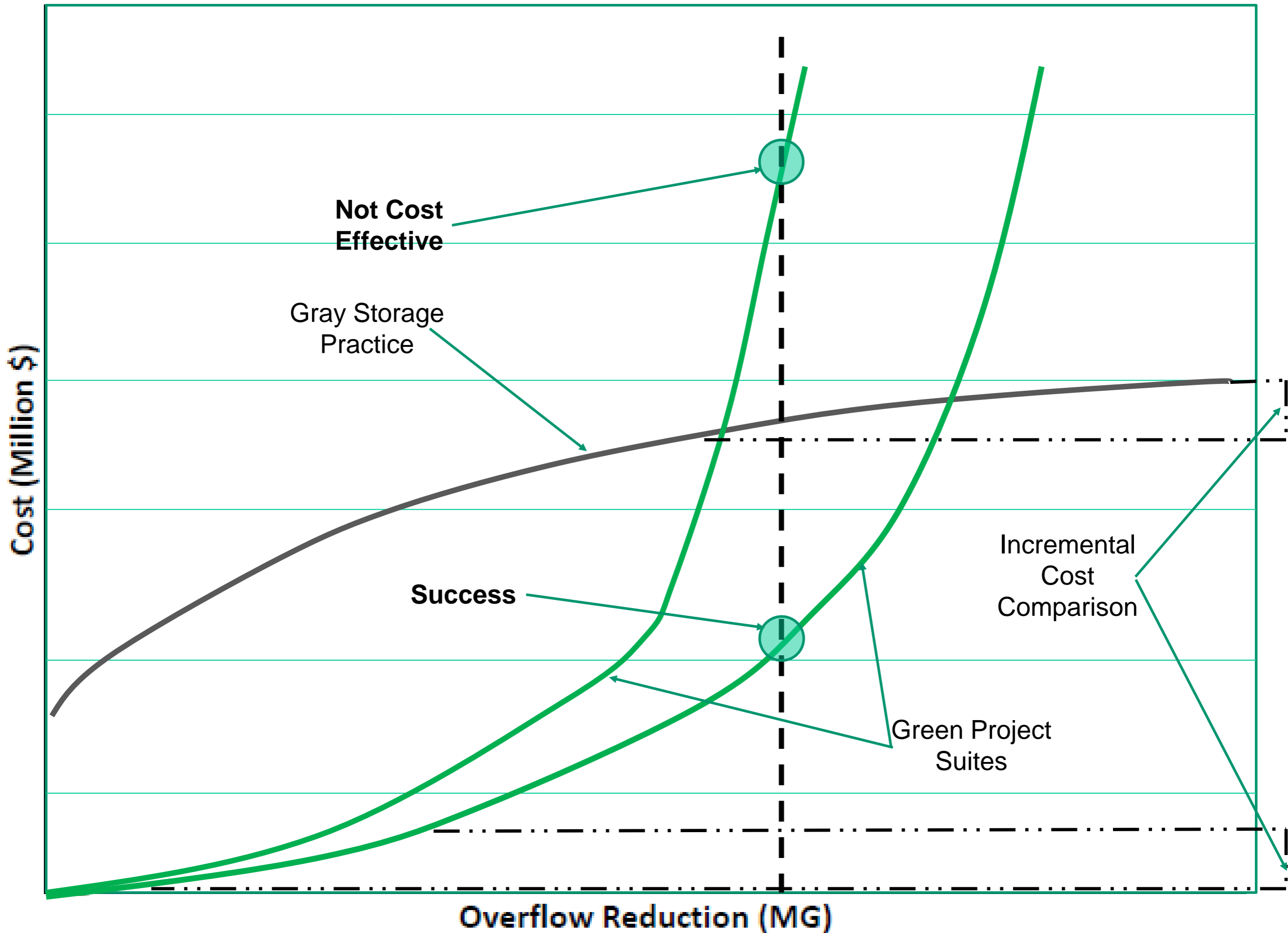




Green Management Practice Placement and Design Process







# Gray to Green Right Sizing Trend





**CSO 130  
Project Area Map**

**Legend**

-  Active CSO
-  Combined Sewer Pipe
-  Floodway
-  CSO 130 Drainage Boundary

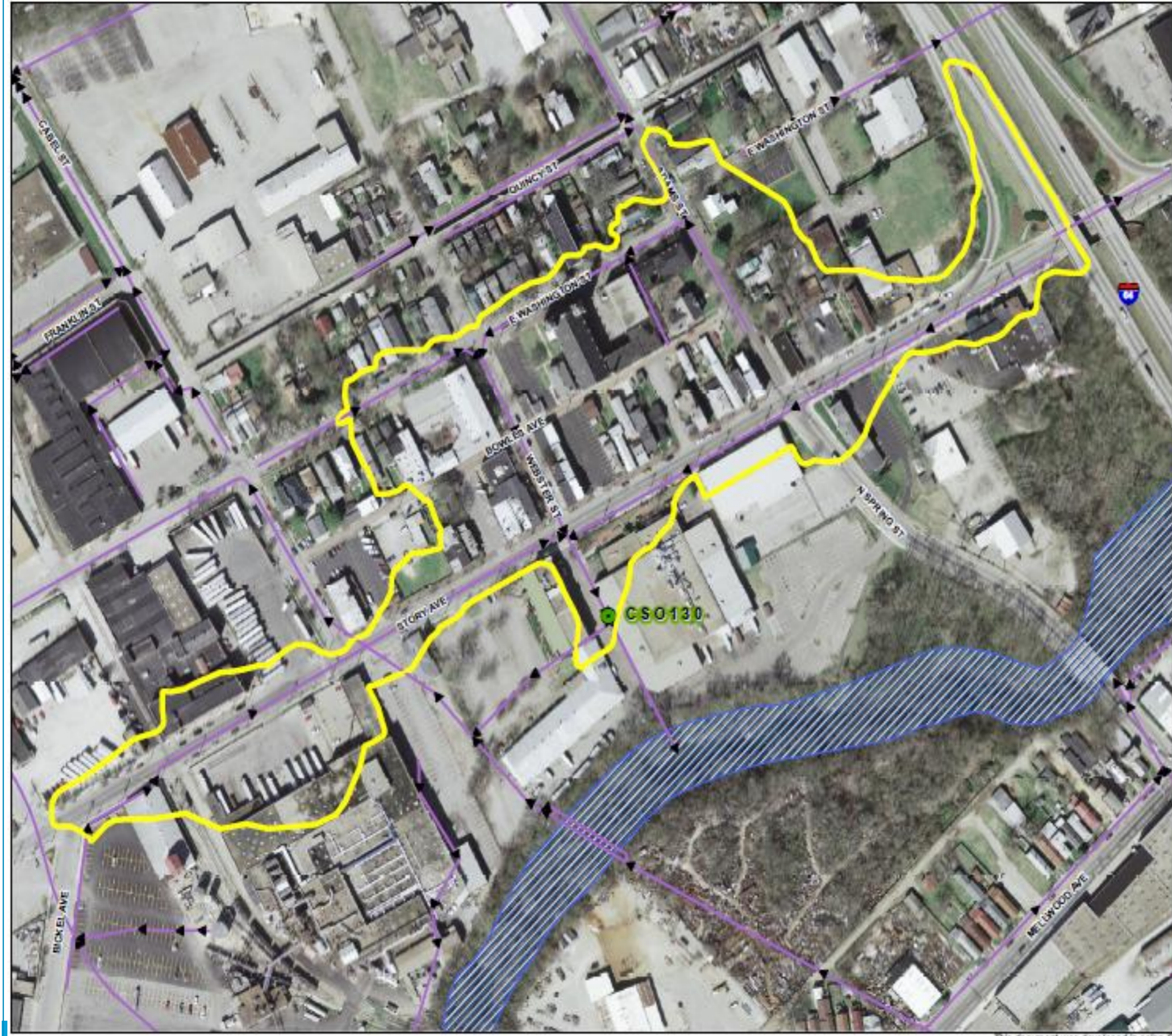
1 inch = 175 feet  
 Scalable when printed on 11" X 17" paper  
 Some boundaries are uniquely  
 symbolized within the map.

Map Revision  
 November 1, 2011  
 Aerial Date: 2007



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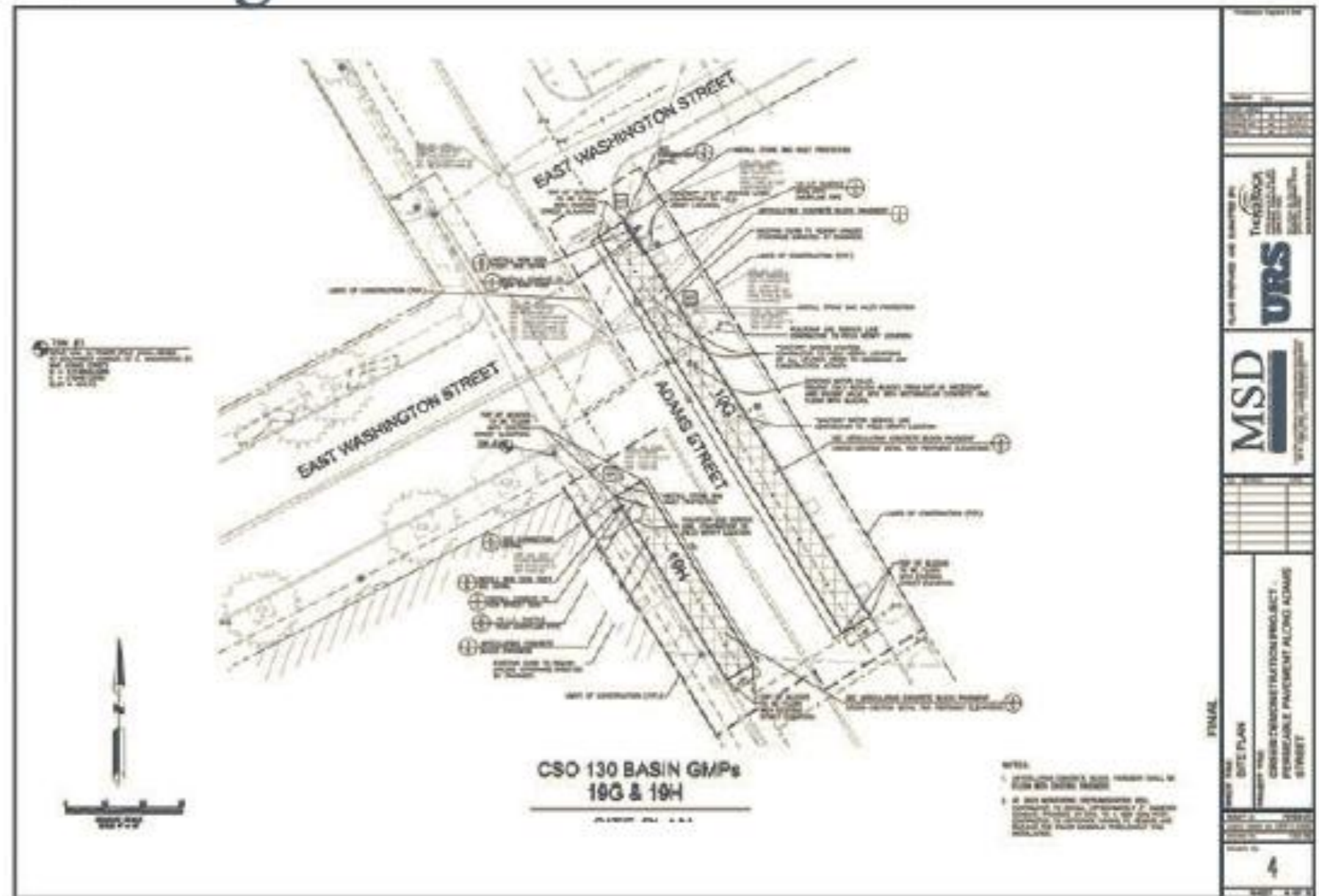
# Butchertown Neighborhood Results

OPTION APPROACH	OVERFLOW VOLUME	NUMBER OF OVERFLOWS PER YEAR	20-YR LIFECYCLE COST
Gray Only	0.67 MG	8	\$1,717,653
Green Only	0.28 MG	8	\$938,000

20-yr life cycle costs include: planning, design, construction, treatment, and maintenance over a 20-yr period.



# Two articulated paver strips were installed at the corner of East Washington and Adams Streets in Louisville, KY, during Dec. 2011.













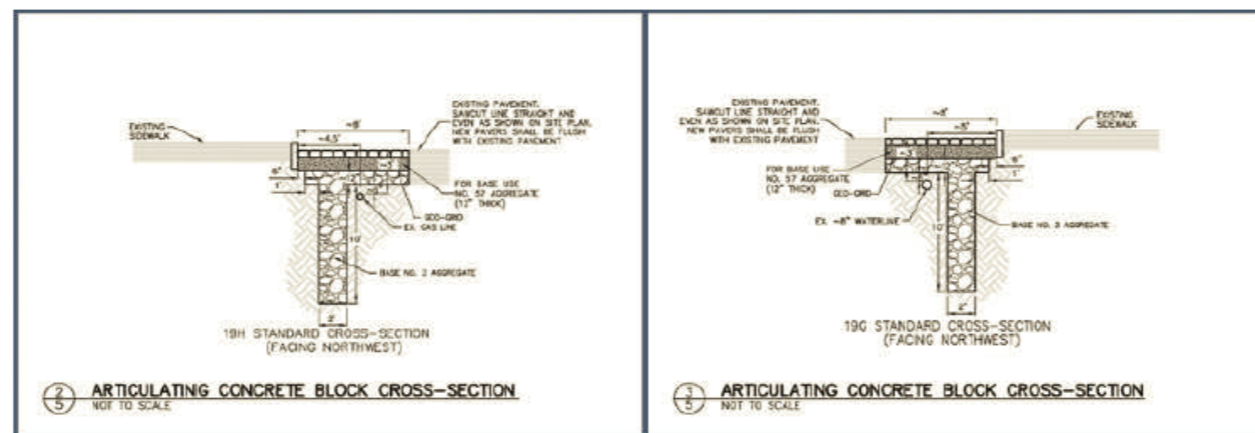
# Within CSO 130, permeable pavement is the preferred technique .



The limited publically-owned property and generally narrow sidewalks forced the controls into the streets.



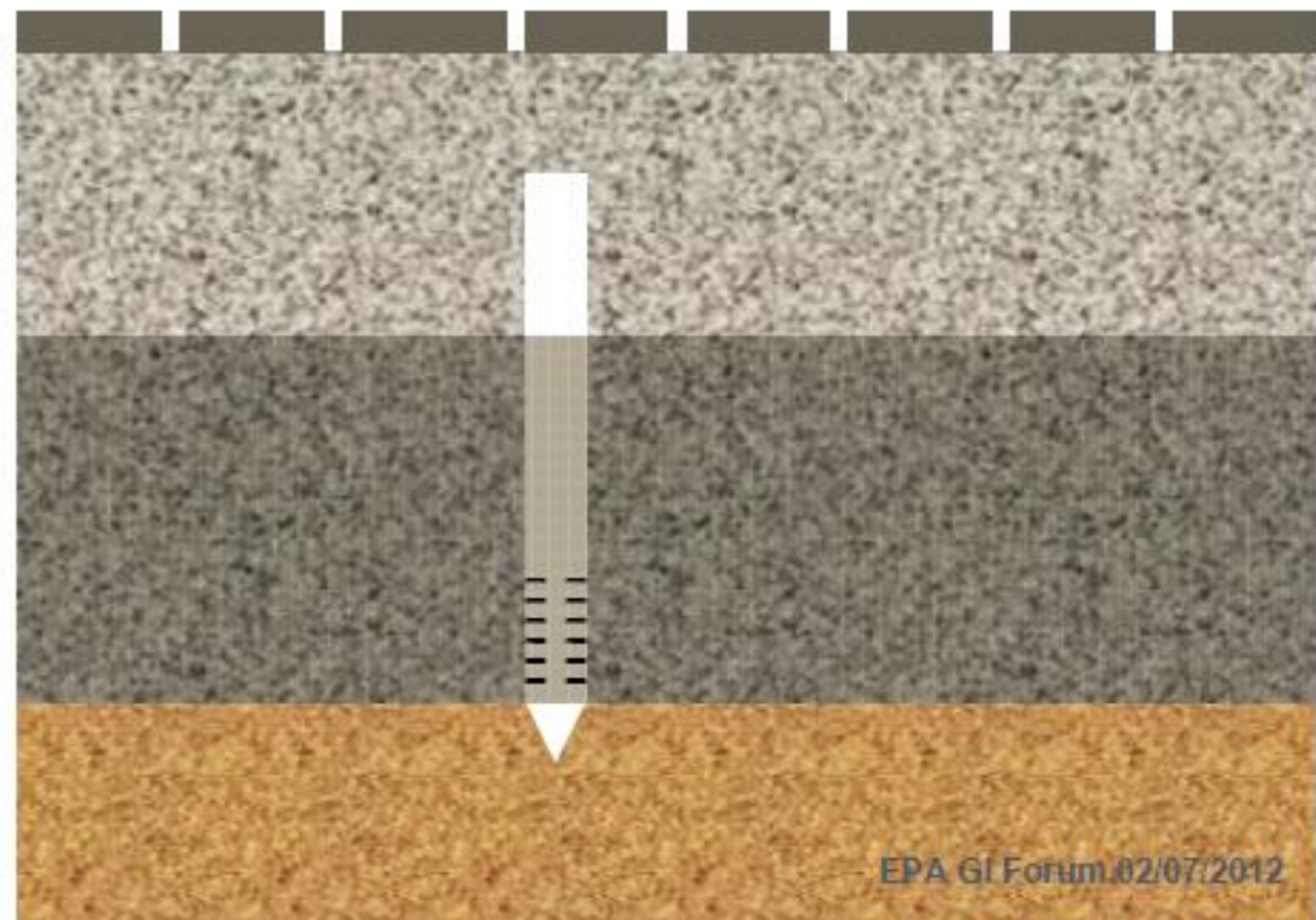
Off-center trenches were installed to access soil with higher hydraulic conductivity and avoid existing utilities.



# We installed the pressure transducers in the piezometers to measure the accumulation and infiltration (rise and fall) of captured water

The fill rate is controlled by rainfall intensity while drain is controlled by saturated infiltration rate.

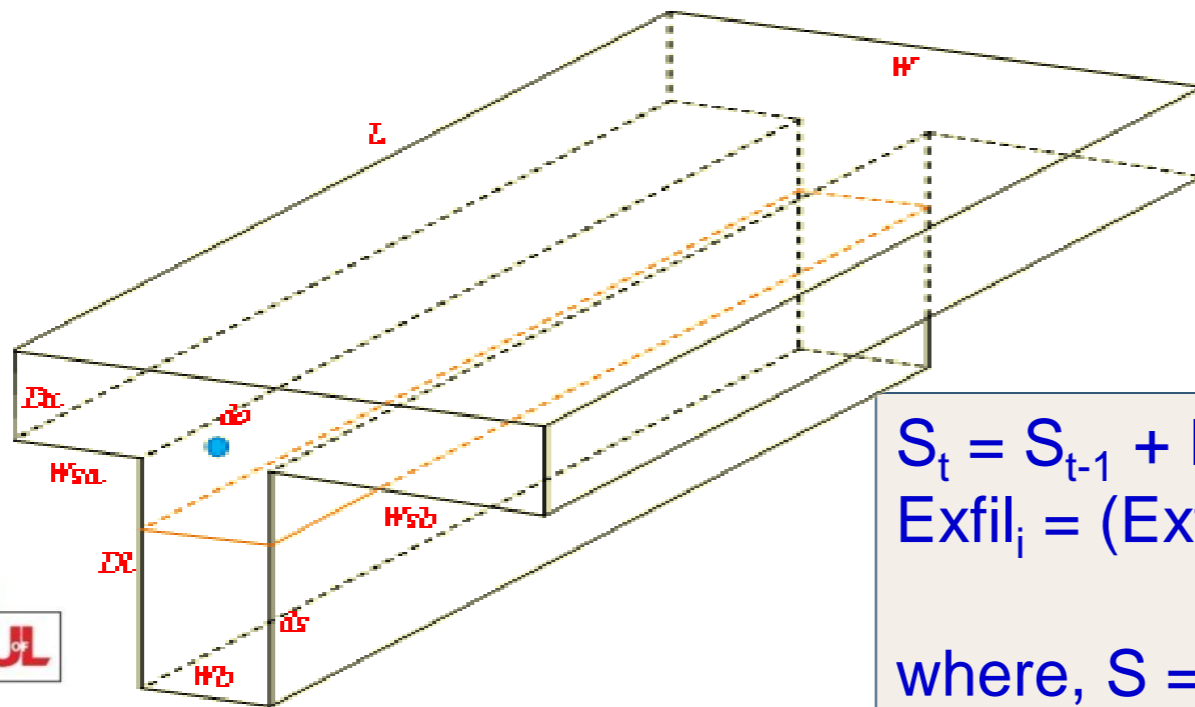
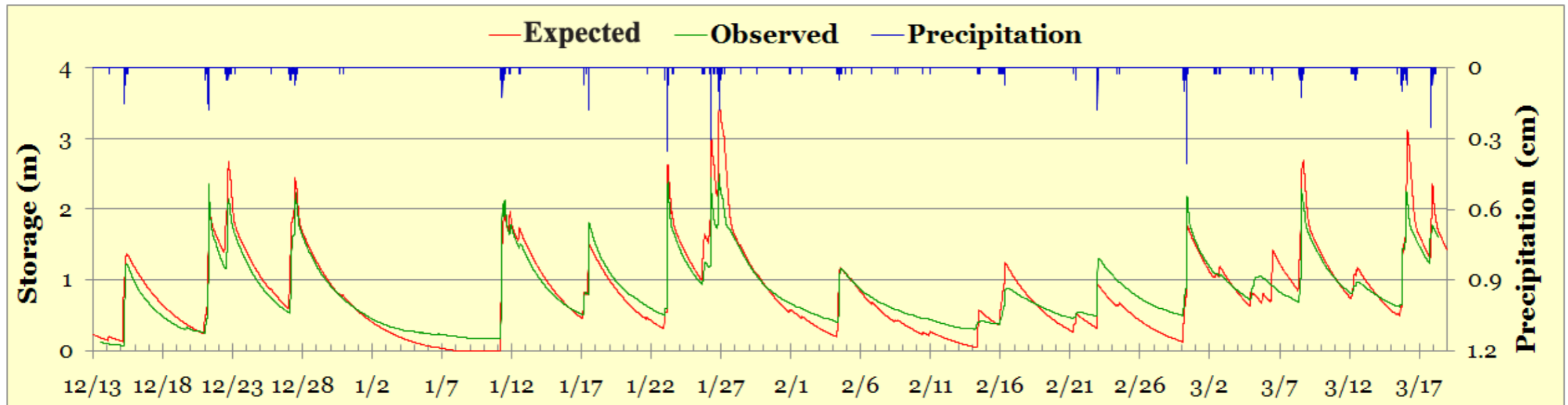
Depth (volume) is controlled by depth of rainfall and porosity (and infiltration during event and dimensions).





# Monitoring

**Green Management Practices are working as expected and are in good agreement with modeled performance**

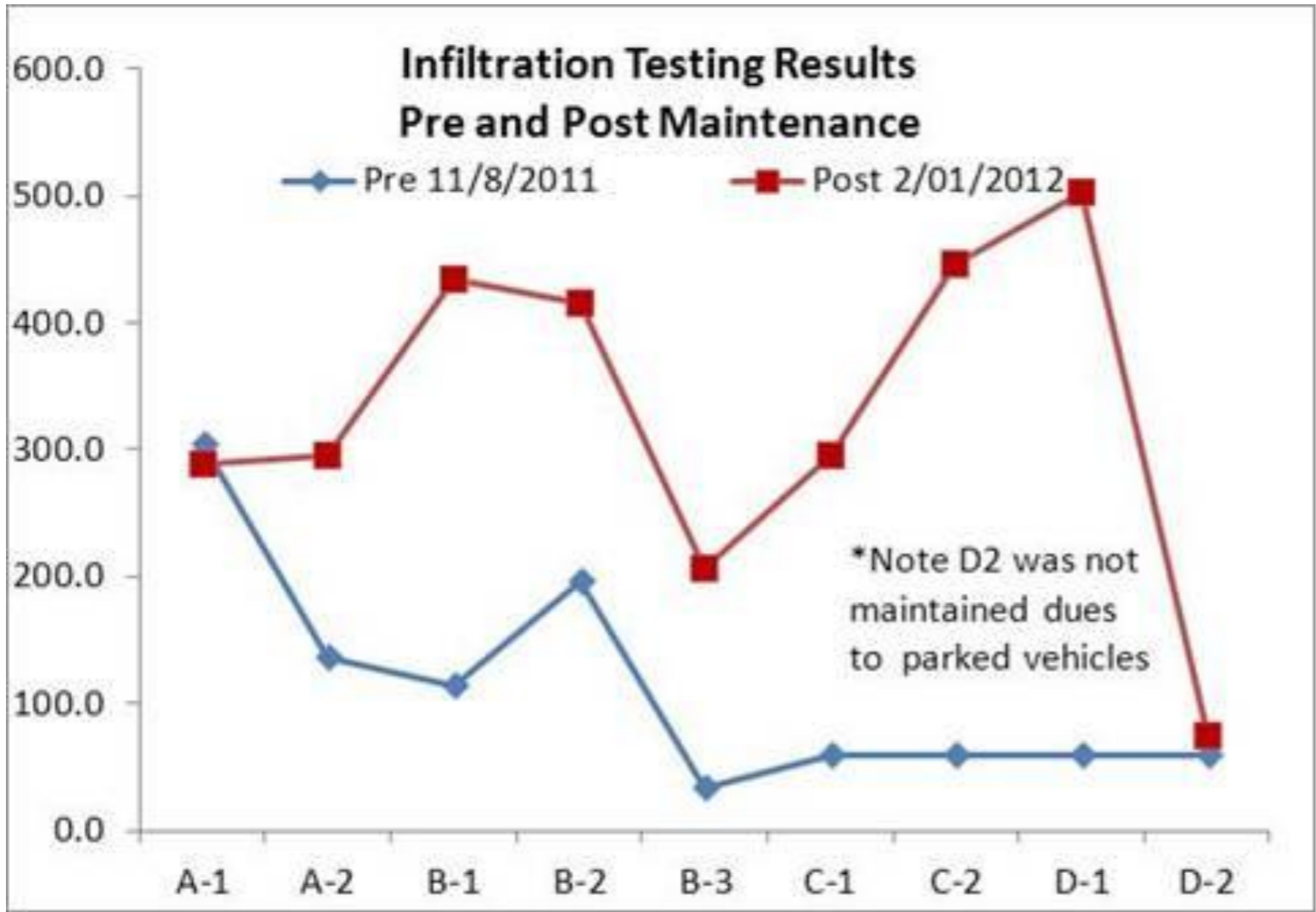


$$S_t = S_{t-1} + \text{Inflow} - \sum(\text{Exfil})_i - \text{Overflow} - \text{Bypass}$$

$$\text{Exfil}_i = (\text{Exfil rate})_i \times (\text{Exfil area})$$

where, S = storage and Exfil = Exfiltration.

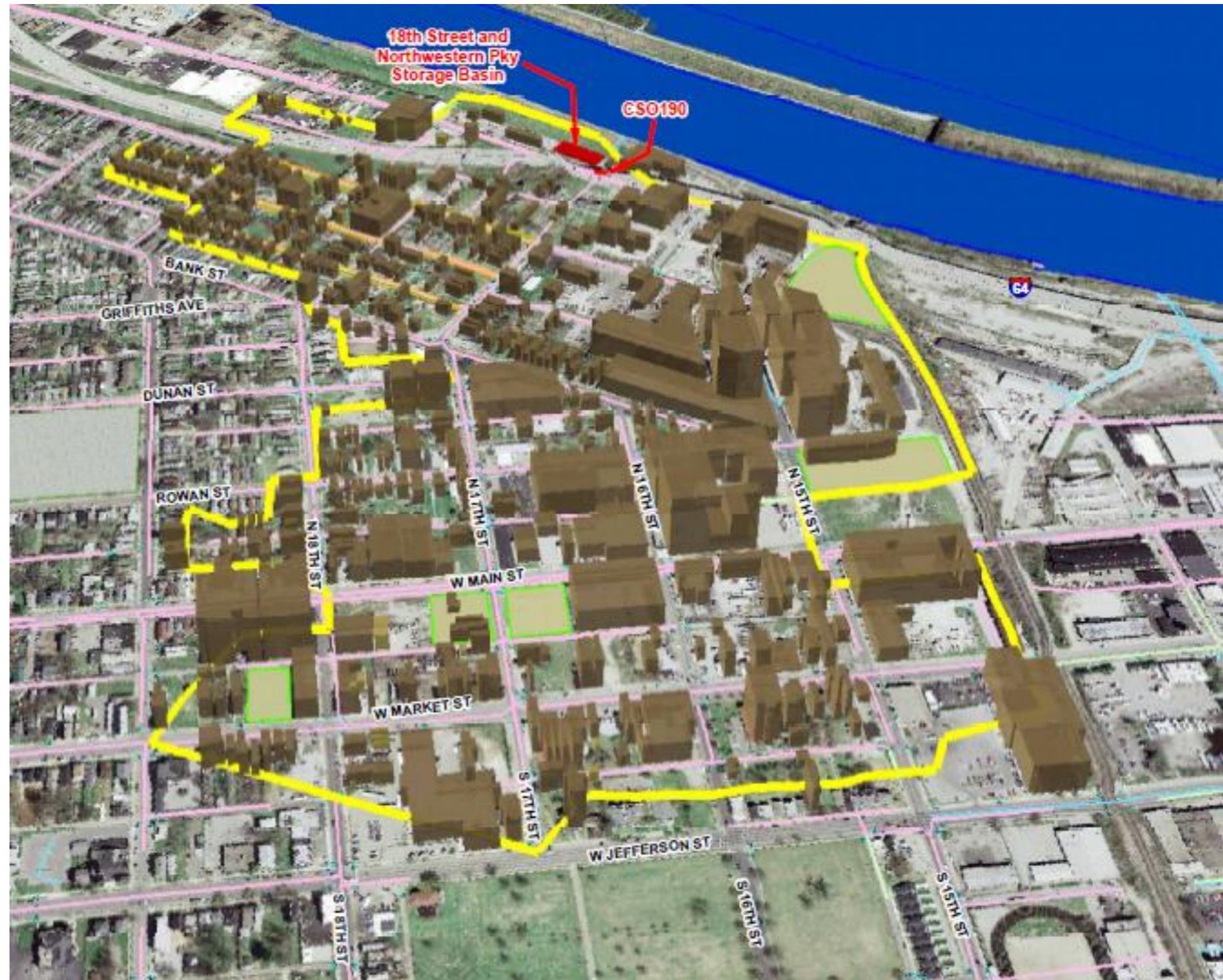






# Portland Neighborhood Traditional Solution

- 145 acre drainage area
- Average annual discharge: 36 million gallons of combined sewage and 52 overflows
- 1.5 million gallon storage basin proposed
- Consent decree requires discharge volume reduced to 3.65 million gallons annually, and overflows of 8 (typical yr.)





# Portland Green Evaluation

OPTION APPROACH	OVERFLOW VOLUME	NUMBER OF OVERFLOWS PER YEAR	20-YR LIFECYCLE COST
Gray Only	3.65 MG	8	\$5.7 M
Green Only	0.70 MG	8	\$4.7 M
Green with Community Enhancements	0.70 MG	8	\$5.0 M

20-yr life cycle costs include: planning, design, construction, treatment, and maintenance over a 20-yr period.

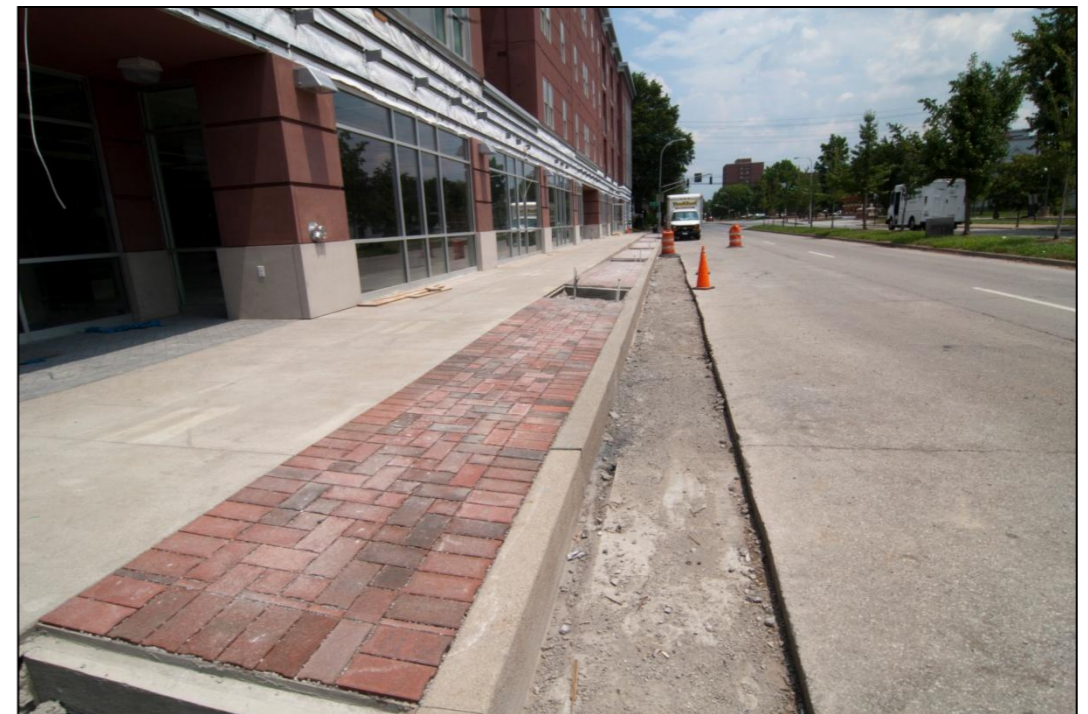


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### University of Louisville

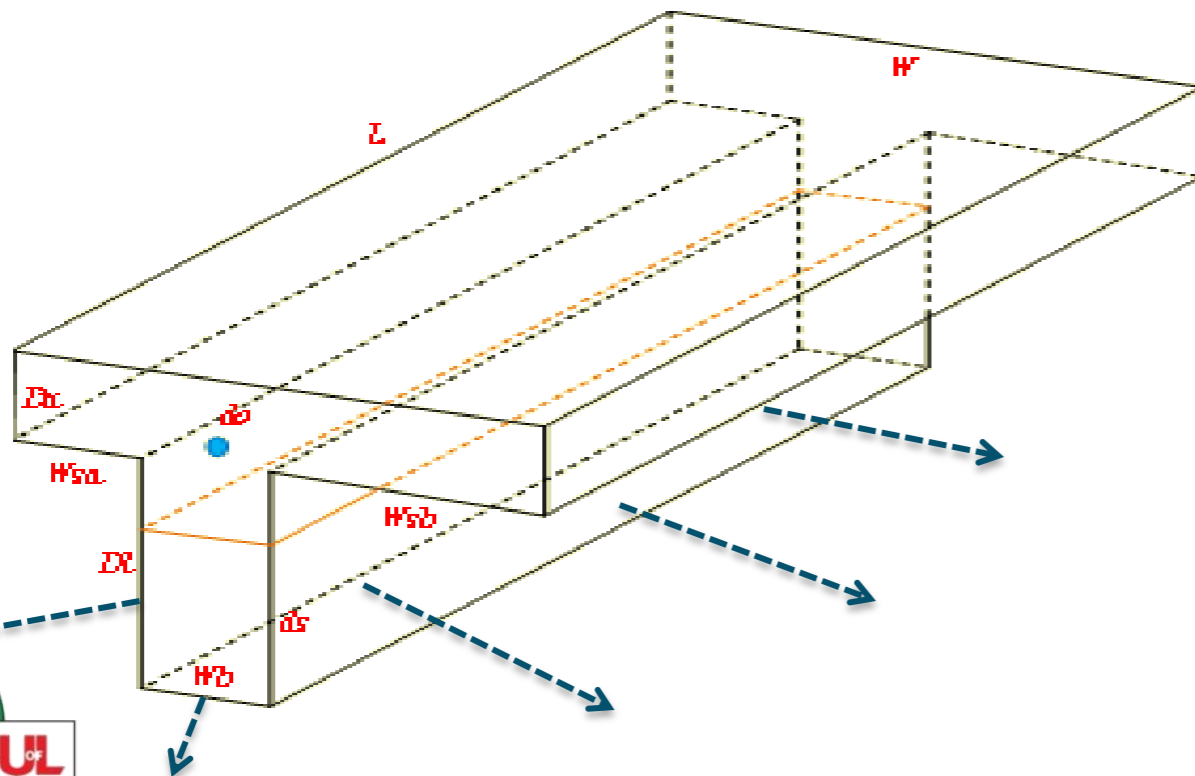
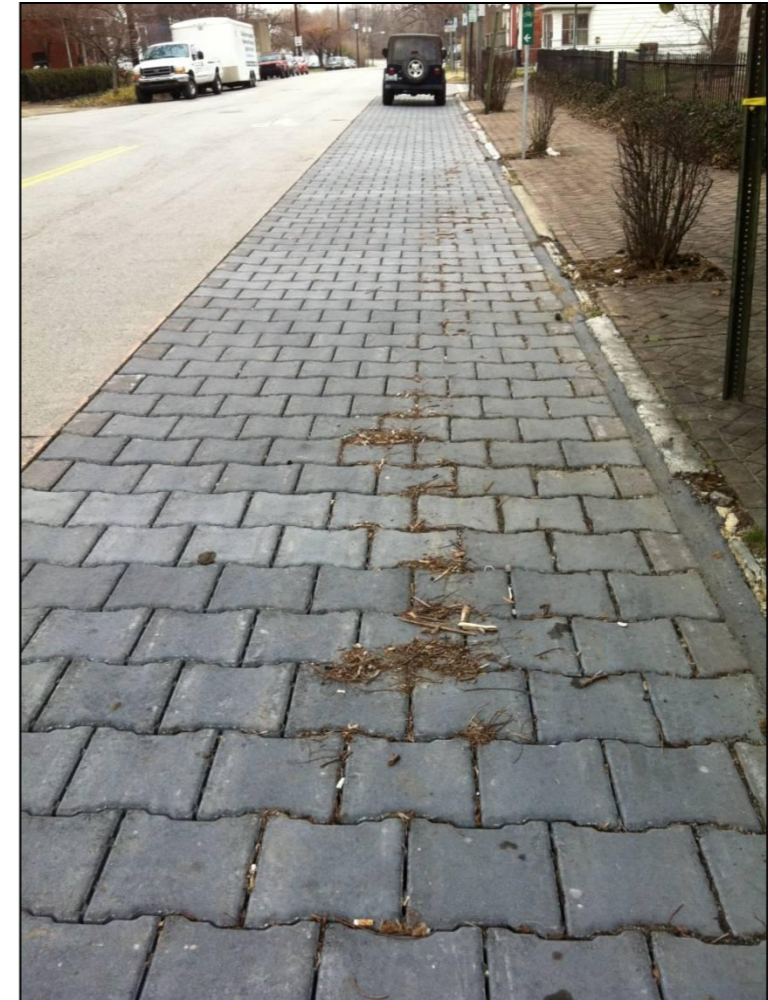
- Provide monitoring and installation assistance
- Evaluate data and quantify performance
- Enhance U of L campus with green management practices
- Drainage and flood reduction
- Improved water quality
- Comprehensive green planning for college campus





# Measuring Performance

- Surface Infiltration
  - Clogging patterns
- Subsurface infiltration
  - Soil infiltration capacity



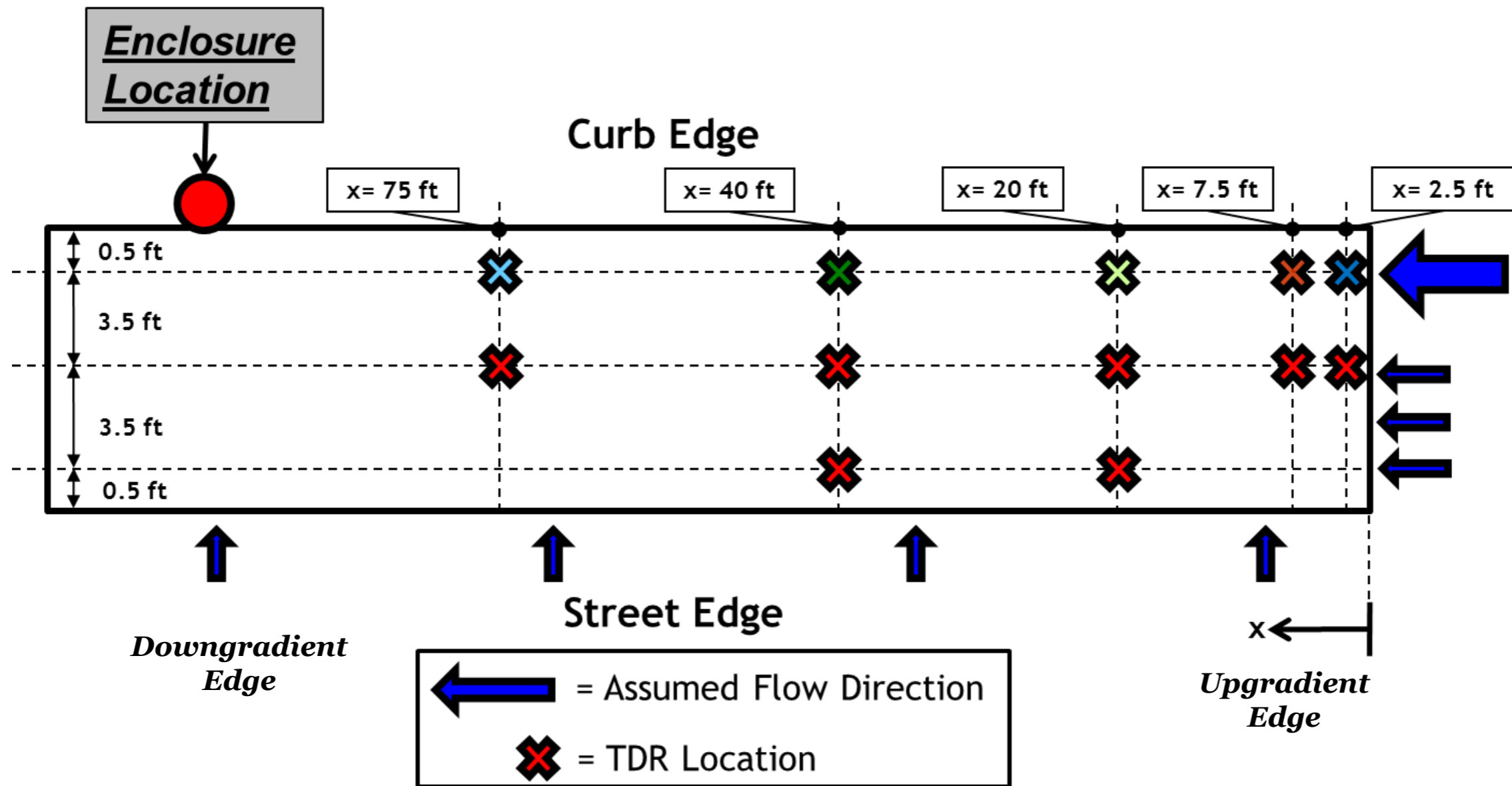
# Surface Infiltration

- Embedded equipment : Time Domain Reflectometers (TDRs)
- Quarterly surface infiltration testing

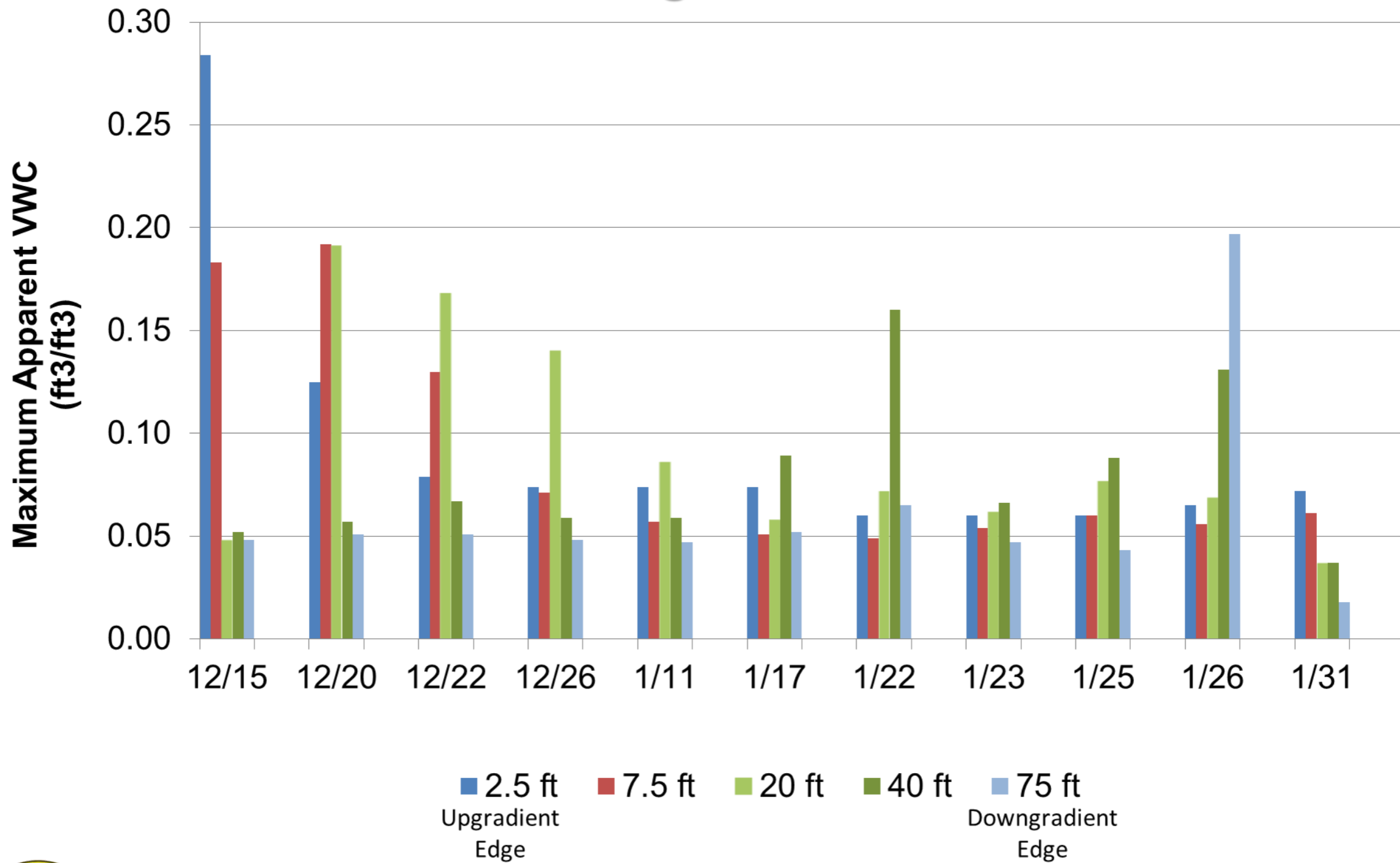




- Overview of TDR Location 19G

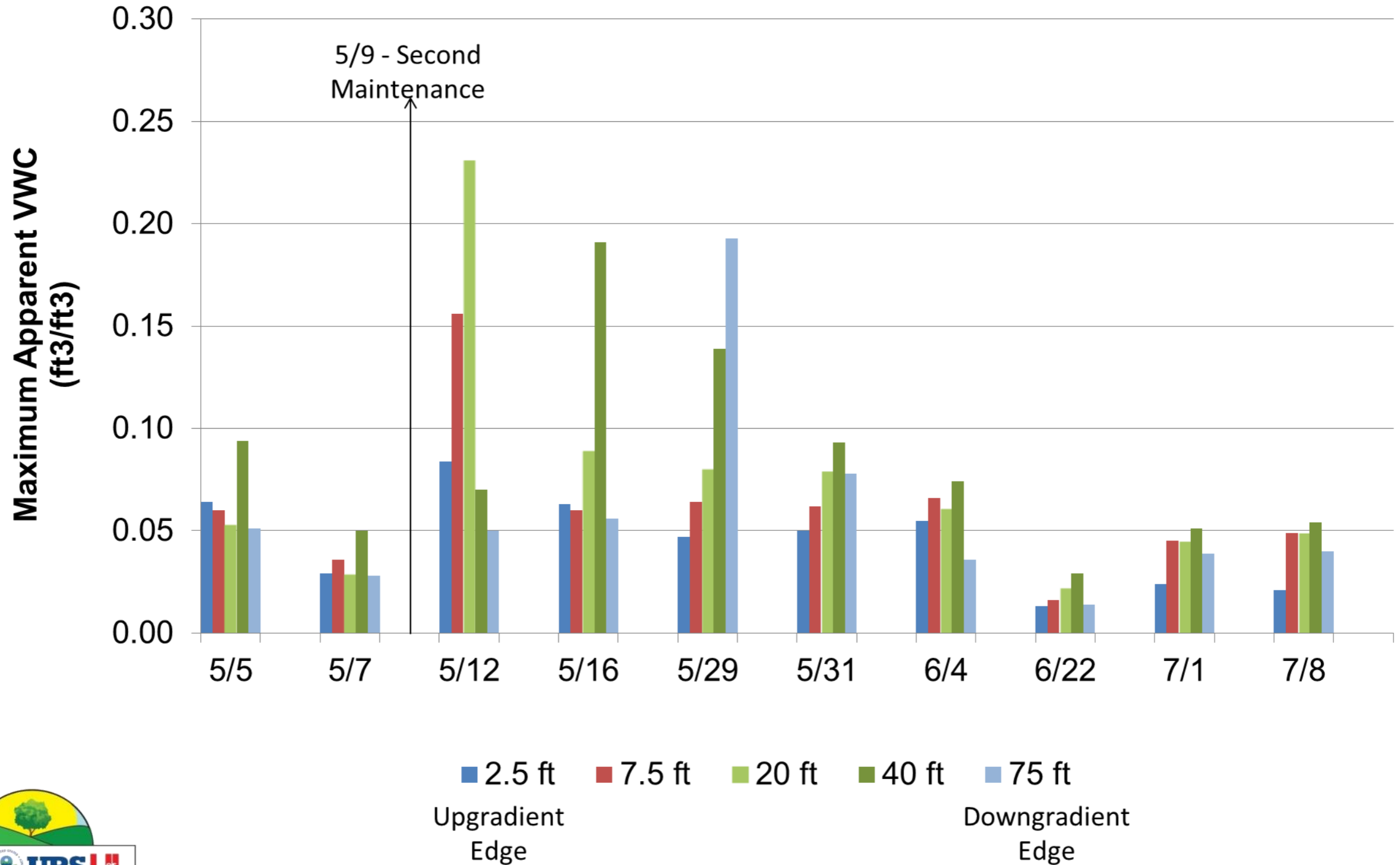


# Initial Clogging Progression Curb-Edge TDRs in 19G

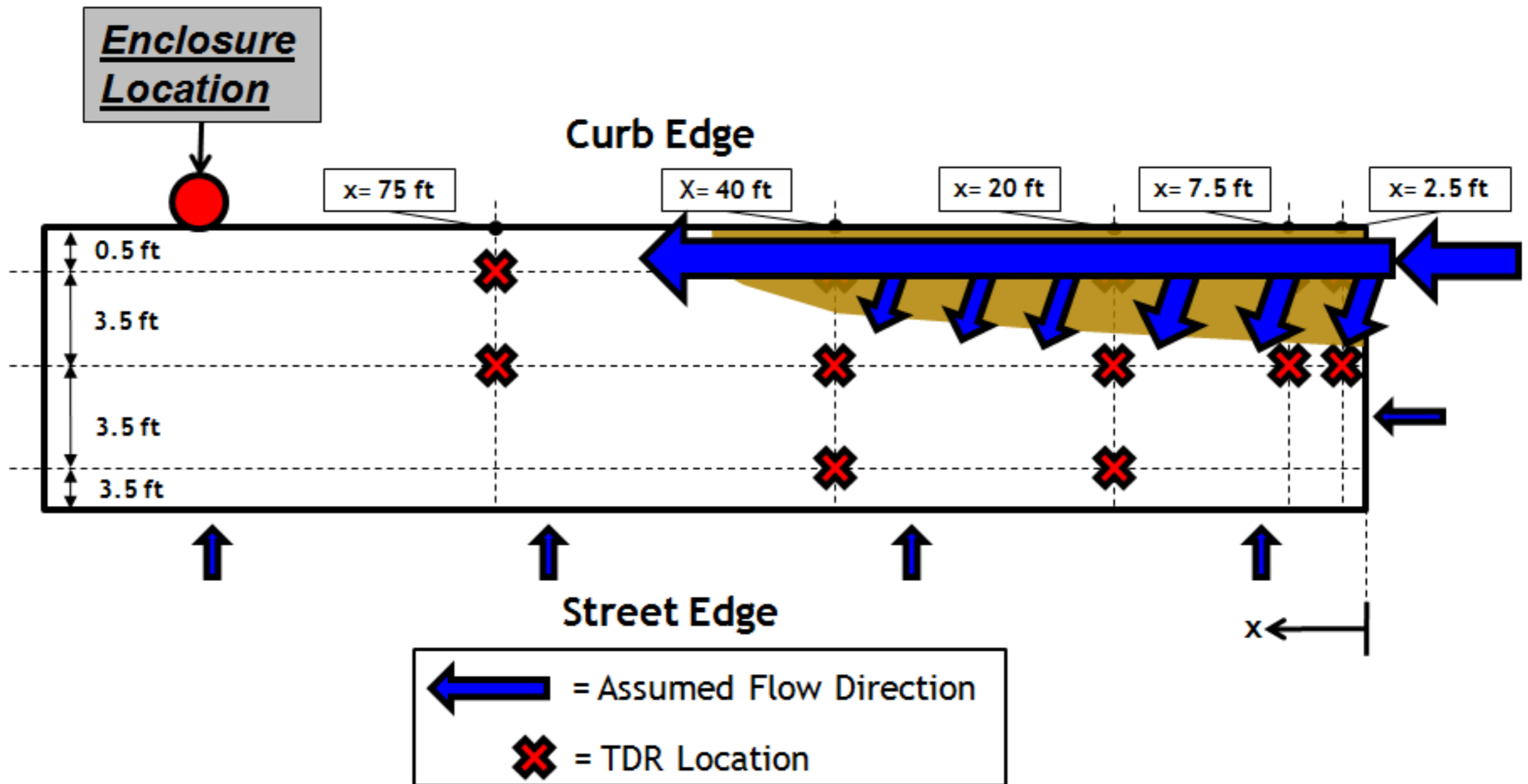




# Following Maintenance Clogging Progression Curb-Edge TDRs in 19G



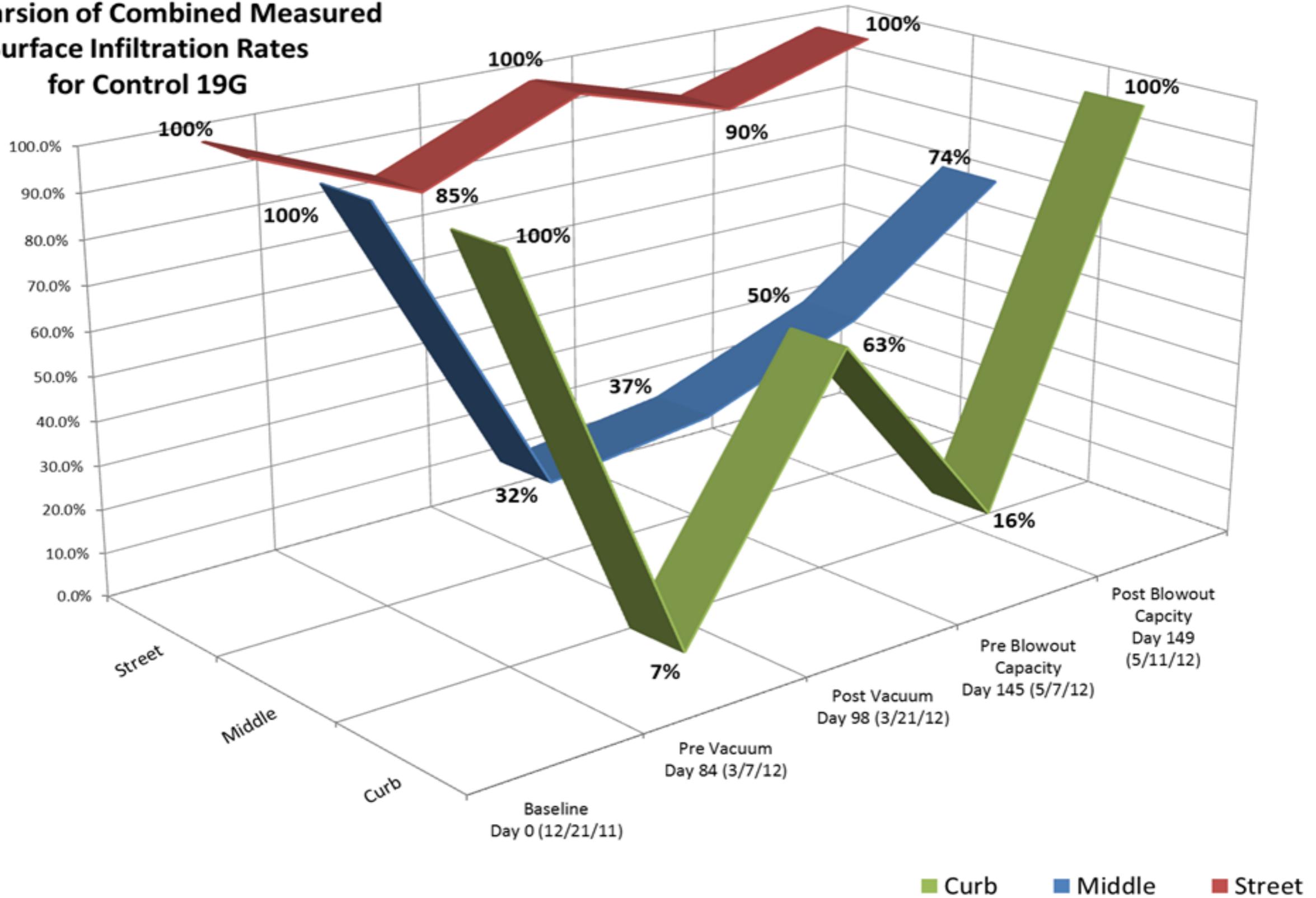
# Visual Representation of Clogging Progression Curb-Edge TDRs in 19G





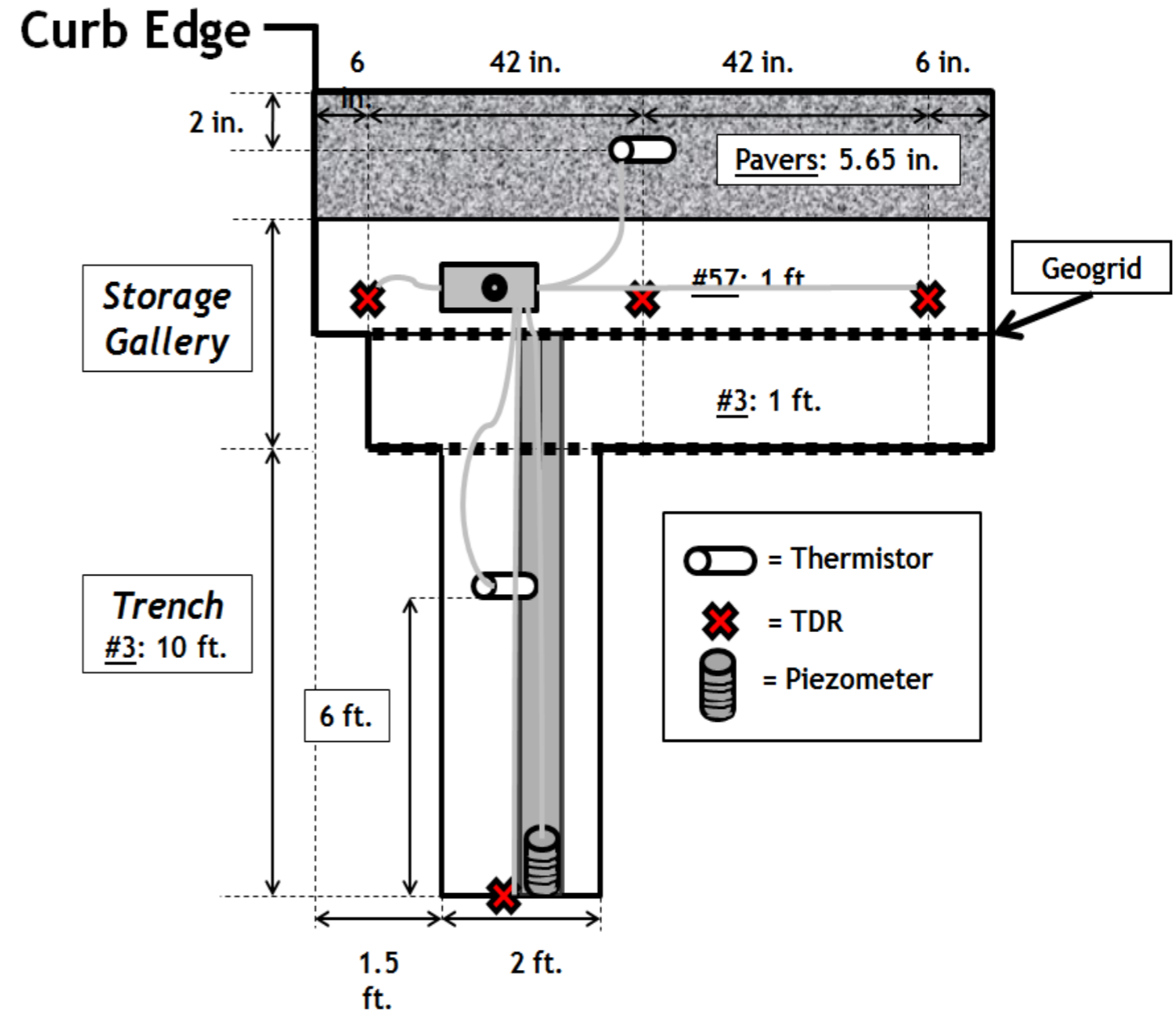
# Field Validation

Comparison of Combined Measured Surface Infiltration Rates for Control 19G



# Subsurface Infiltration

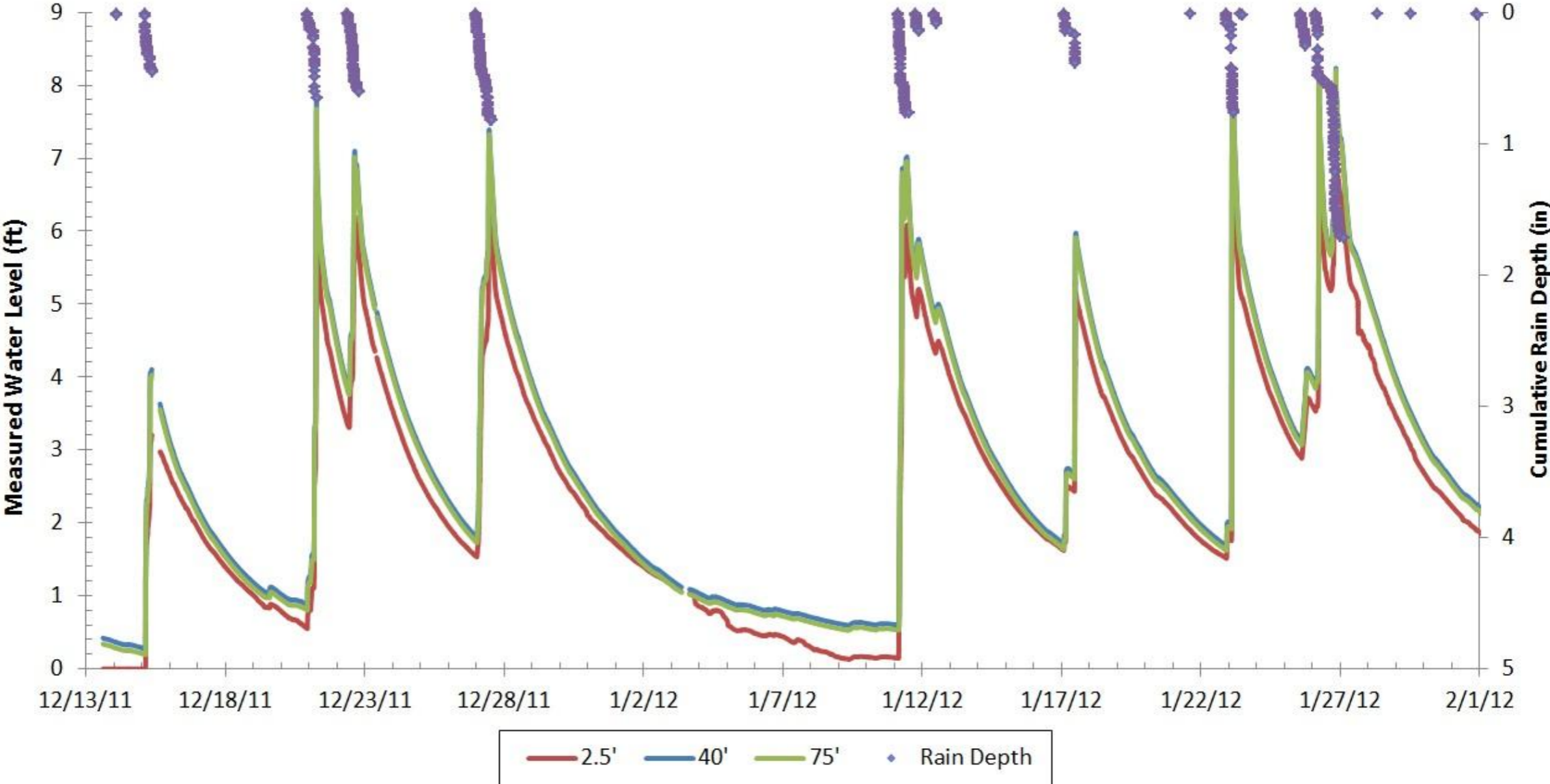
- Limited to Embedded equipment :
  - Piezometer
  - Pressure transducers



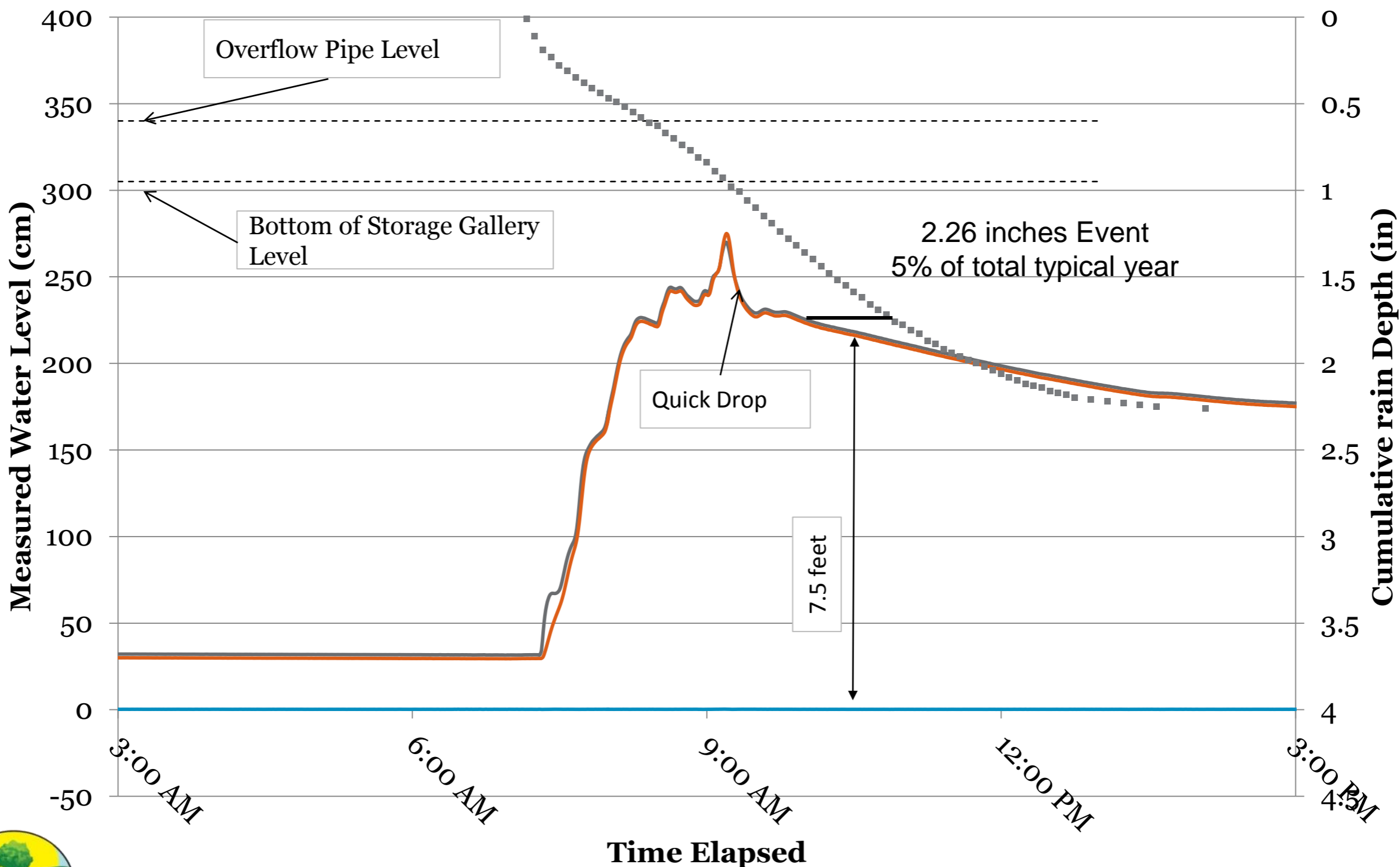


# Measuring Storage Gallery Water Level

Control 19G



# Single Rain Event Infiltration Performance



— 40 ft    — 75 ft    — Overflow Pipe    ■ Rain Depth



# Path Forward

- Seasonal effects of the BMP
- One year data
- Maintenance
- Completion of the CSO130 constructions
- Start of CSO190 project



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