

Low cost, effective stormwater management

High Impact Environmental: Cascading System Chain Filter



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Figure 2, Relative responsibility for pollution loads to the bay.











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Accurately determine drainage area into HIE's ASCS practices utilizing Queen Anne's County 2013 Aerial LiDAR data



National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Chesapeake Bay Technical Capacity Grants Program - Agricultural Conservation

Earth Data/HIE Collaboration to develop a "Design Guidance Manual" for the Agricultural Stormwater Conveyance System



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Drainage Area





HIE's Phase I, Stormwater Cascading System Volume/Quantity

Basin 1- 37' wide x 120' long x 1.8' depth = 7992 cu. ft. or 59,780 gal. or 271,999 liters

Basin 2- 45' wide x 150' long x 2.8' depth = 18,900 cu. ft. or 141,372 gal. or 643,242 liters

Basin 3- 35' wide x 135' long x 2.9' depth = 13,702 cu. ft. or 102,494 gal. or 466,347 liters

Basin 4- 45' wide x 170' long x 1.8' depth = 13,770 cu. ft. or 102,999 gal. or 468,645 liters

Total liters = 1,850,233

Total gallons = 406,645





Before



After









Advantages of the cascading system



- Easily duplicated
- Cost feasible
- Uses no tillable land
- Traps and filters sediment, nitrogen, phosphorus
- Instant gratification
- Simple materials grass seed, starter fertilizer, curlex
- Replenishes groundwater
- Creates wildlife habitat
- Produces top soil, a sellable byproduct
- Recycles Phosphorus by spreading it back on farm fields

















Treatment of Agricultural Stormwater Runoff by a Cascading System of Floodway Stormwater Containment Basins

Final Data Report

	Volume	TSS	TP	PP	DP	DIP	DOP
	(L)	(kg)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)
Total Volume/Mass in	40.7x10 ⁶	21,800	64,800	43,100	17,300	14,200	3,500
Total Volume/Mass Out	17.9x10 ⁶	7,700	25,900	18,300	6,300	4,800	1,600
Reduction	56%	65%	60%	57%	63%	66%	54%

Table 4-8. Reductions Based on Total Volume and Mass Measured Into and Out of the Basin System and Including the Drainage Area Ratio

Table 4-12 Summary of Nitrogen Speciation Masses Measured Into and Out of the Basin System and the Associated Removals for Each Species for Ten Events With Complete Nitrogen Speciation Data

	Volume	TSS	Total N	Organic N	Nitrate	Ammonium
Mass In*(kg)	24x10 ⁶ L	20,000	151	77	61	14
Mass Out (kg)	11x10 ⁶ L	6,000	53	36	18	2.5
Removal	54%	68%	65%	54%	70%	82%

*Mass In includes drainage area correction factor of 112/90 (See Section 1.3.2)

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Tropical storm Andrea 6/7/2013

- Event "Andrea (tropical storm)"6-7-13, 3.2" rain, started as a drizzle before dawn, rain slowly increased reaching heavy downpours for several hours during early afternoon, rain stopped before sundown. 8:30 PM basin 1 full and discharging, basin 2 full, basin 3 holding 12", basin 4 holding 12"
- Overnight another .4" rain for a event total 3.6" rain in a 24 hour period. In the morning of 6-8-13, basin 1 holding 22", basin 2 holding 20", basin 3 holding 6", basin 4 holding 12."
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- There was **zero discharge** from this event.
- Event 6-11-13, .8" rain, basin 1 holding 22", basin 2 holding 20", basin 3 puddles, basin 4 holding 4". Zero discharge.
- 6-12-2013 installed flume
- Event 6-13-2013, 1" rain, torrential rain fell in 5 minutes around 10:00 AM, all basins full, no discharge. Flume held in place, soil on both sides washed out.
- Total 5.4" rain in 6 days, zero discharge.

Chain Filter

A chain filter system can be established across a slope such as an agricultural field or municipal park. The system includes a series of earthen basins oriented so that their upstream borders are aligned to capture variously directed stormwater runoff from the field or park. An earthen berm is extended along each basin border opposite the upstream border to prevent basin overflow. Each earthen basin is further defined by lateral side borders that interconnects the basin upstream border and basin opposite border. Each earthen berm extends beyond the basin lateral sides to conjoin berms of adjacent basins, so as to avoid loss of runoff from and around the basins.





After



After



West view



West view







Chain Filter Side View



Chain Filter Front View





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Maryland's Estimated Phase II WIP Implementation Costs (\$ in Millions)

Source Sector	2010-2017 Cost	Total 2010-2025 Cost
Agriculture	\$498	\$928
Municipal Wastewater	\$2,368	\$2,368
Major Municipal Plants	2,306	2,306
Minor Municipal Plants	62	62
Stormwater	\$2,546	\$7,388
Maryland Department of Transportation	467	1,500
Local Government	2,079	5,888
Septic Systems	\$824	\$3,719
Upgrades	562	2,358
Connections	237	1,273
Pumping	25	88
Total	\$6,236	\$14,403

WIP: Watershed Implementation Plan

Note: The exhibit does not reflect costs associated with controlling combined sewer and sanitary overflows or the implementation of the Healthy Air Act. The exhibit reflects the final Phase II WIP estimate released October 26, 2012.

Source: Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan; Maryland Department of the Environment

Farmer/Landowner Budget Scenario

- A landowner with 200 tillable acres, conserves 5% or 10 acres@10K per acre easement payment:
- \$100,000 or \$500 per acre.
- Implementation cost:
- \$92,000 or \$460 per acre.
- Engineering/Administrative fees:
- \$25,000 or \$125 per acre.
- Total: \$217,000 or \$1089 per acre
- 4,000,000 acres crop land in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

- 4 million @ \$1089 = \$4.4 billion
- Over 10 years is \$436 million per year