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## **BENEFITS OF SKIMMERS FOR POST-CONSTRUCTION WATER QUALITY**

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# Presentation Agenda

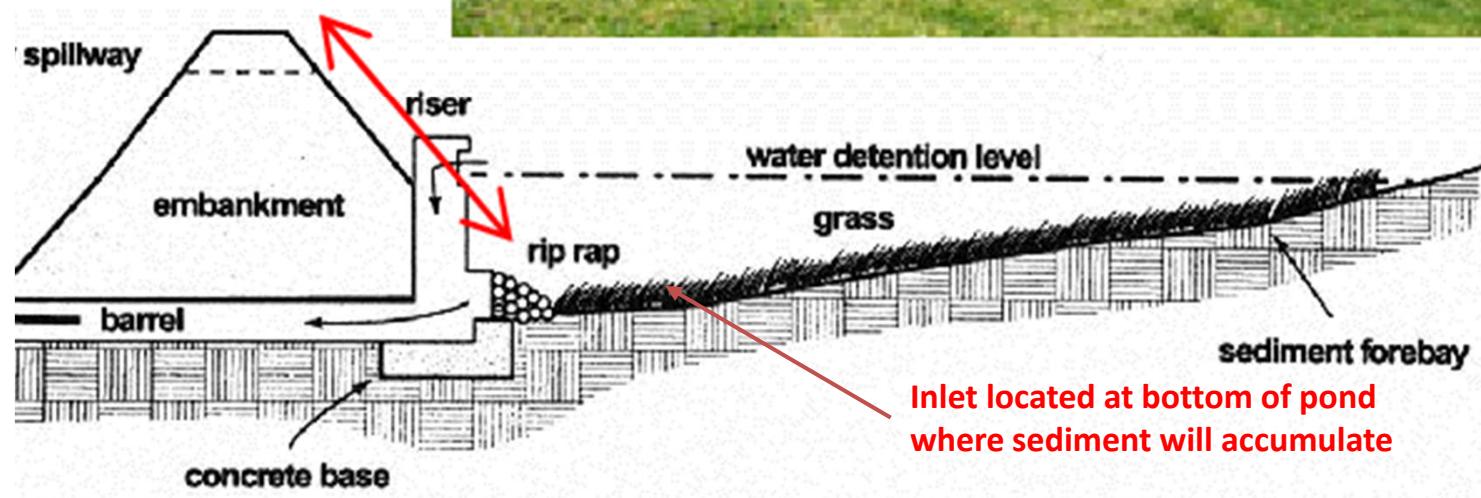
Understand the benefits of use of skimmers in permanent basins

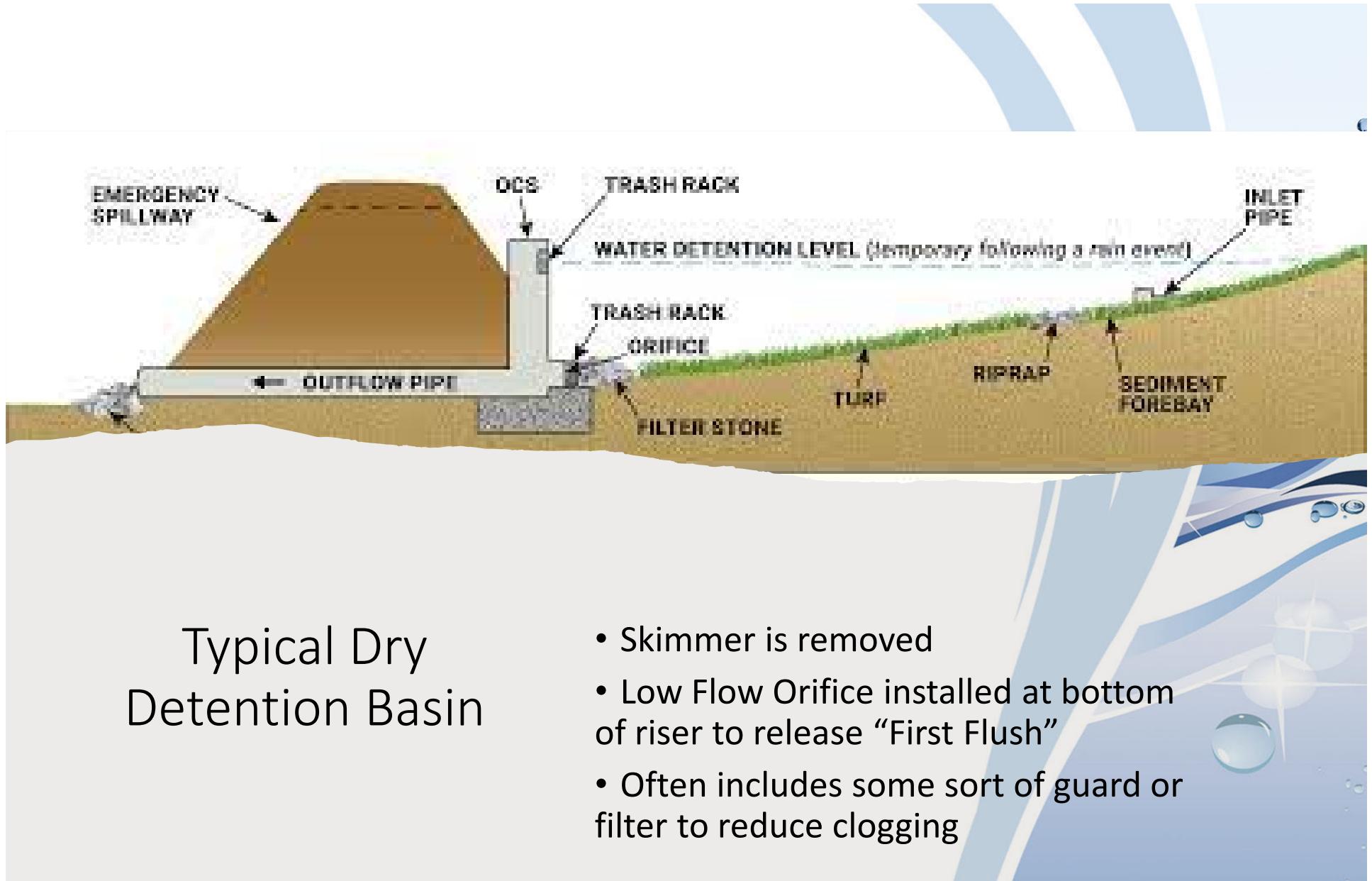
Introduce the post-construction filter for water quality

Learn how to incorporate a skimmer into hydrology model

Comparison of traditional water quality design to filtration based design

# Typical Dry Detention Basin





# Flaws with using Extended Detention for Water Quality

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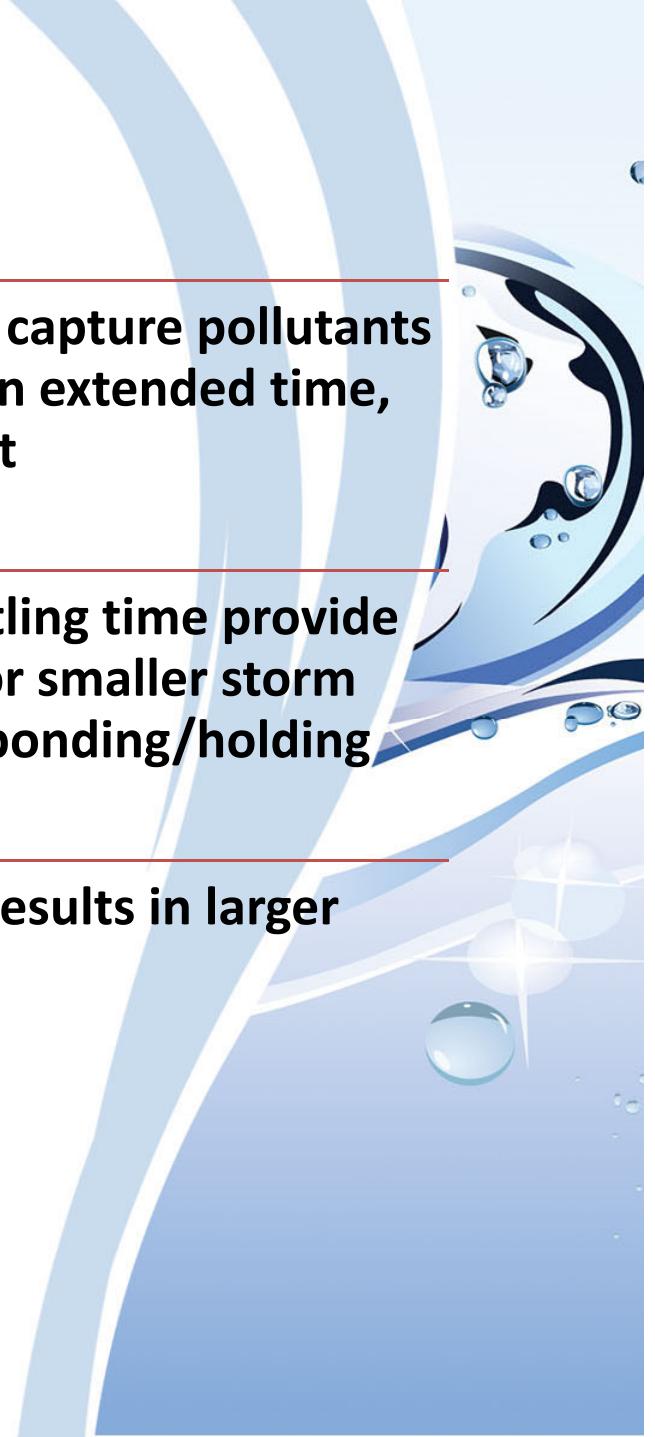
**Basins are designed to capture pollutants by holding runoff for an extended time, allowing for settlement**

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**Basins that rely on settling time provide very little treatment for smaller storm events due to limited ponding/holding time**

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**Volume based design results in larger pond sizes**



## Benefits to Filtration instead of Settling

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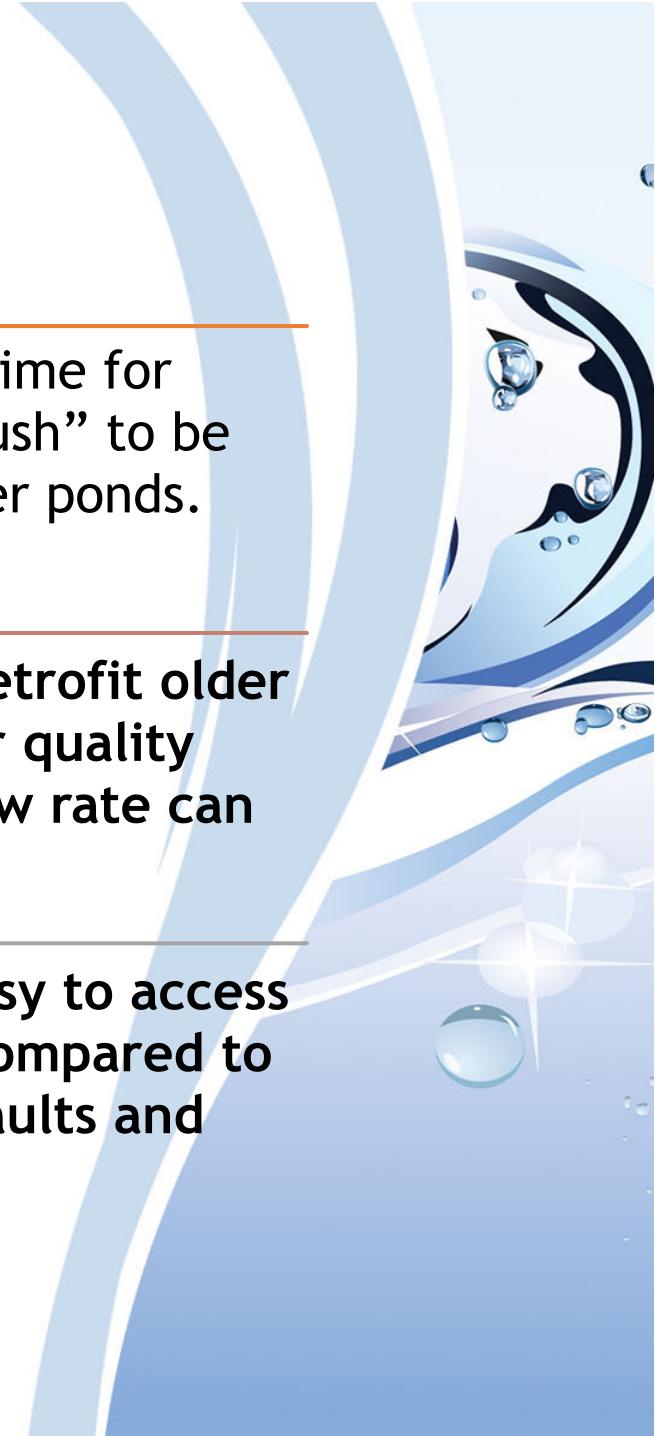
Filter does not require extended time for settling, which allows for “first flush” to be released faster, resulting in smaller ponds.

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**There is excellent potential to retrofit older basins that did not include water quality benefits in the design if peak flow rate can be maintained**

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**Filters in ponds are relatively easy to access and maintain, especially when compared to systems that use underground vaults and require confined space entry.**

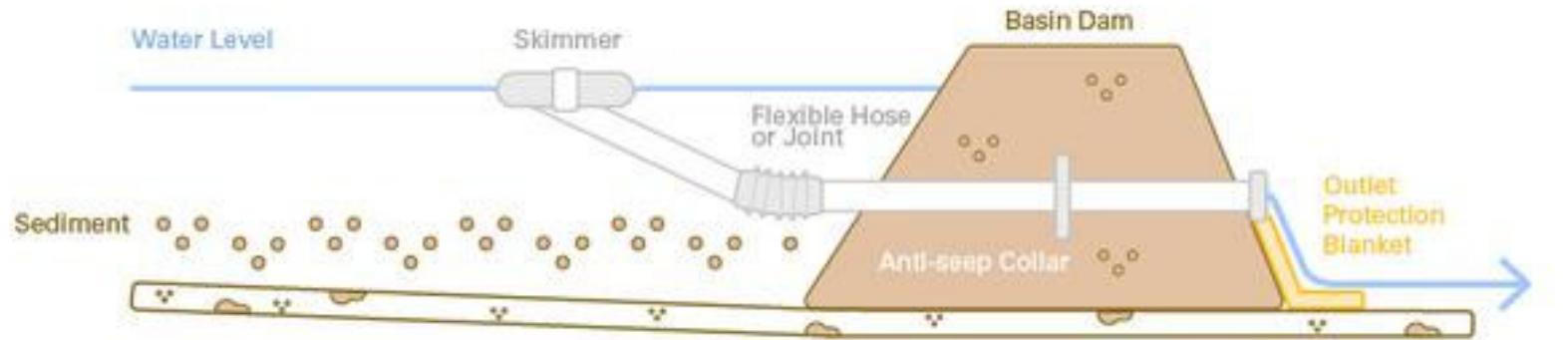


# Audience Question

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Have you ever  
considered a  
skimmer for  
permanent use?





Basins rely upon the natural settling of sediment particles as they travel from the inlet to the outlet.

Skimmers release the cleaner water from the surface. Widely accepted for construction and proven to be very cost effective.

Makes sense to use same methods for post-construction water quality.

## Benefits to Using Skimmers with Filtration

- The skimmer can be sized to control the peak rate for lower storm events
- Skimmer increases filter efficiency by withdrawing from the surface, where water is cleaner
- Skimmer is easy to access or pull to side of pond for maintenance and changing filters.

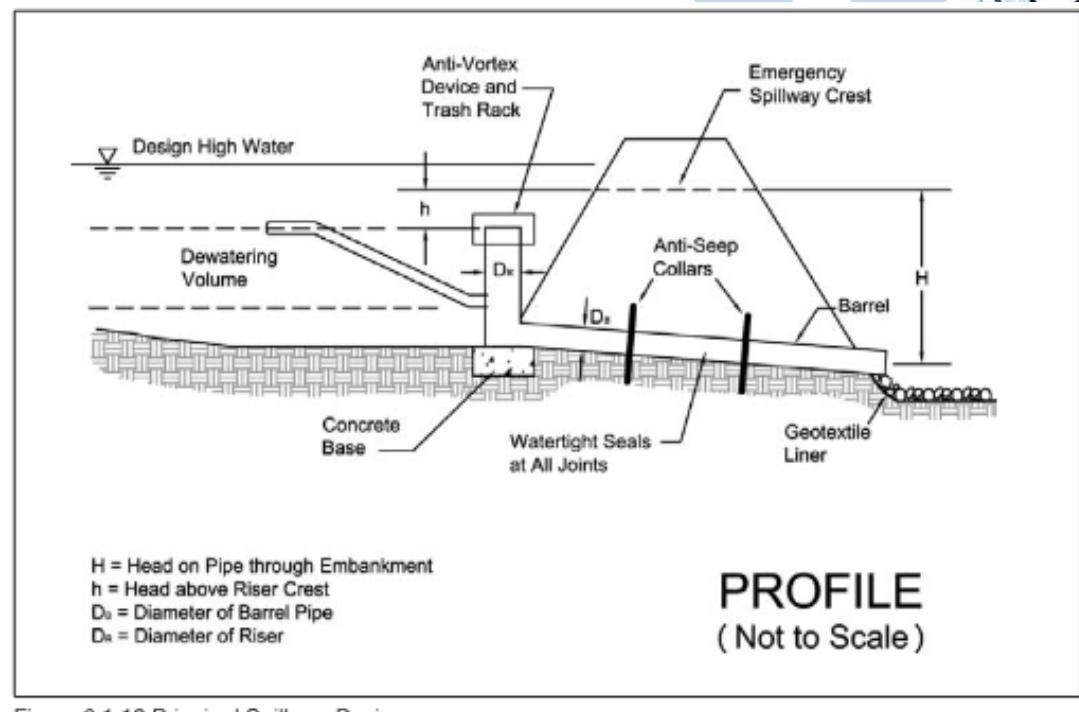


Figure 6.1.10 Principal Spillway Design

# Challenges to Using Skimmers with Filtration

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**Filters are prone to clog over time and will require maintenance and periodic cleaning or changing**

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Skimmer must be durable and last more than a few years to be suitable for permanent use. May need alternate drain during frozen conditions.

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**There are no established standards for basis of design and permitting based upon combination of pond and filtration**



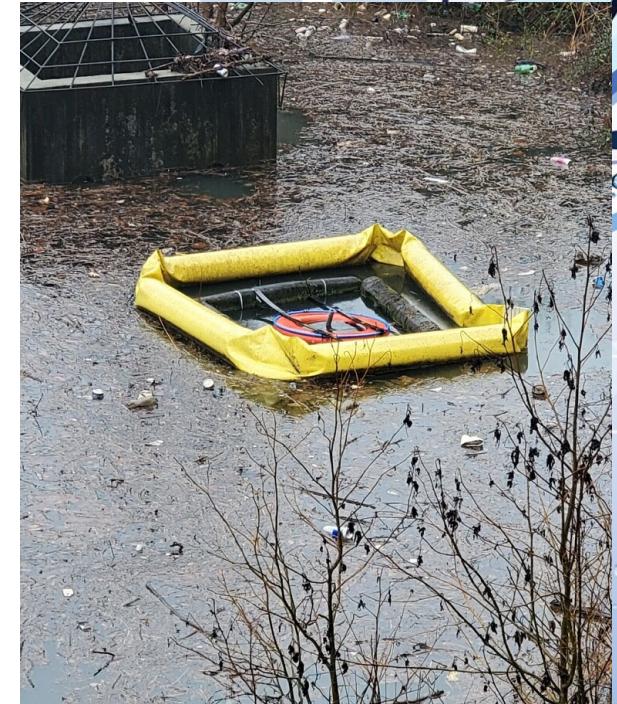
**Prototype installed to test  
adding filter media around  
the skimmer to remove  
TSS, metals, hydrocarbons  
and other pollutants**



# Field Testing of Prototype

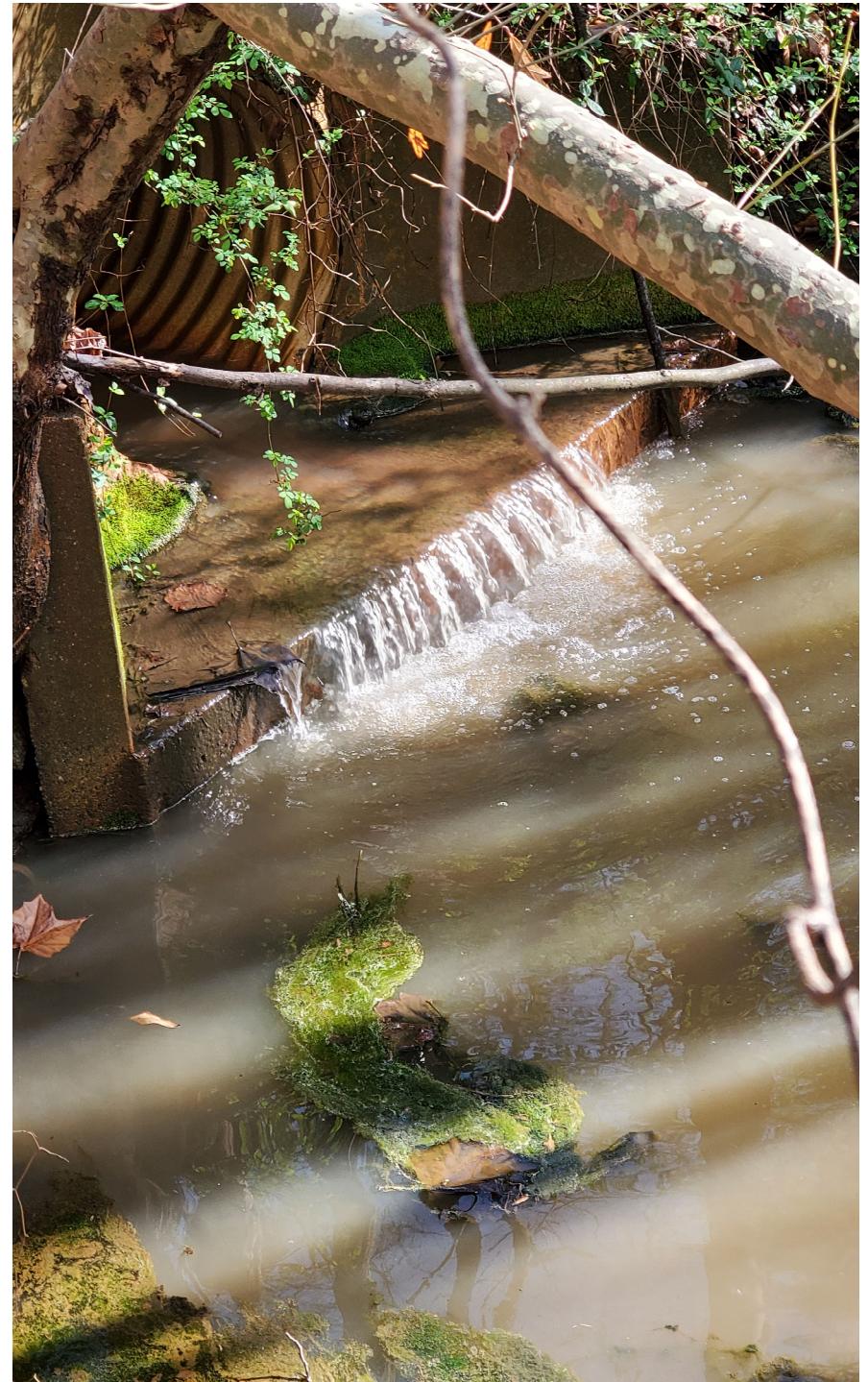


- The prototype is regularly monitored and has been in the pond for over 24 months
- Area flowing to pond is highly developed with few other stormwater management facilities, therefore, large volume of sediment, trash and debris enters this pond



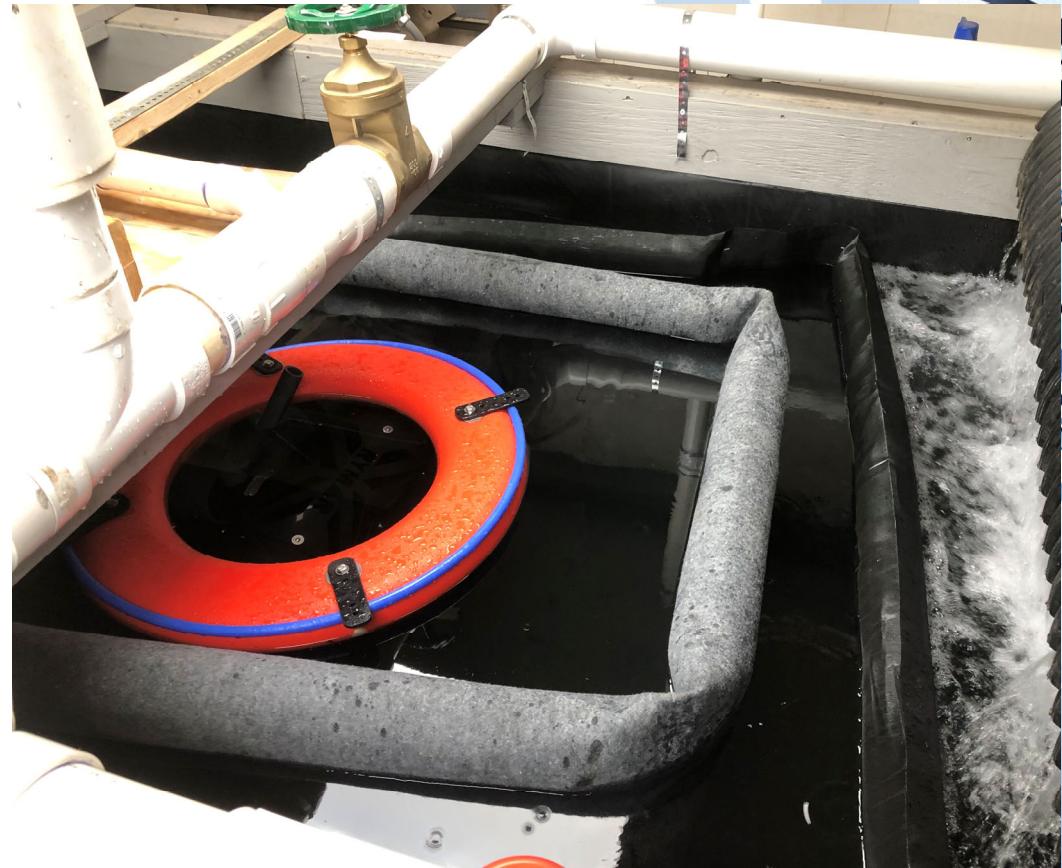
## Field Testing Results

- Field testing of double filtration model shows discharge water has less turbidity and minimal sediment.
- Filter material still functioning after 24 months



## Third Party Testing

- TRI Environmental tested two versions of the skimmer with filter in accordance with ASTM C1746.
- ASTM C1746 is a standard test method for sediment retention devices.
- Tank was setup to minimize effect of the “pond” by introducing sediment laden water within 2' of the filter.



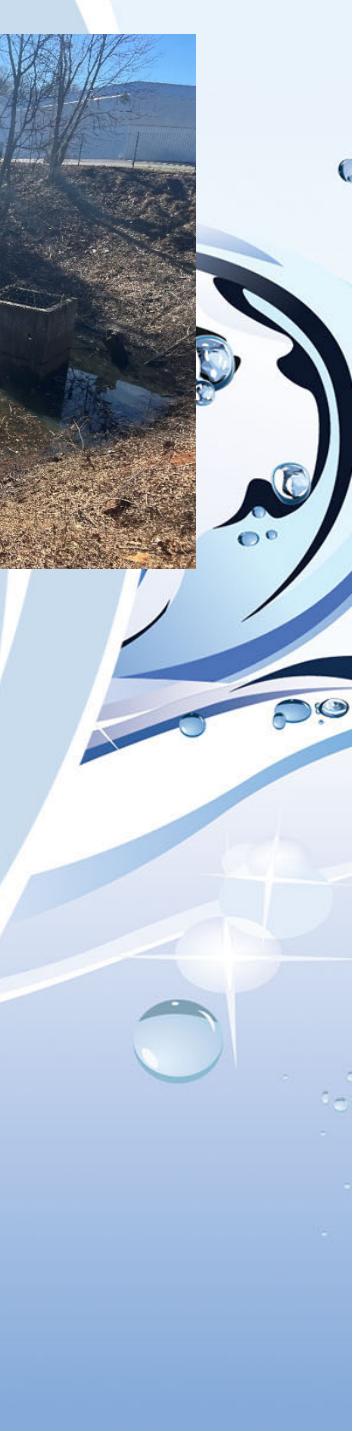


## Testing Results

Both versions achieved greater than  
**90% TSS Removal Efficiency**



Commercial Version  
has been installed to  
continue monitoring  
and has time lapse  
camera installed to  
document  
performance



## Benefits to Filtration vs Settlement

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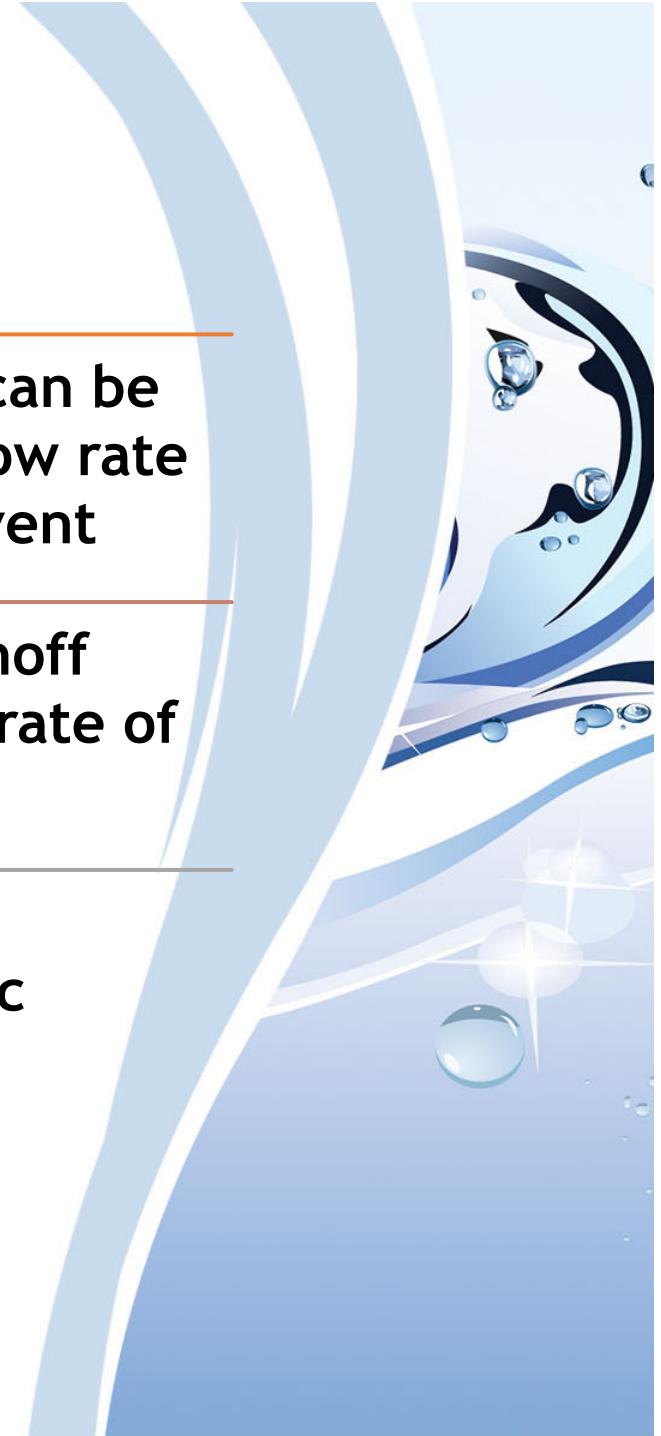
**The peak rate of discharge can be based on filter treatment flow rate up to first quantity storm event**

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**The filter treats 100% of runoff from storms up to the peak rate of the filter**

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**The filtration media can be customized to target specific pollutants of concern.**

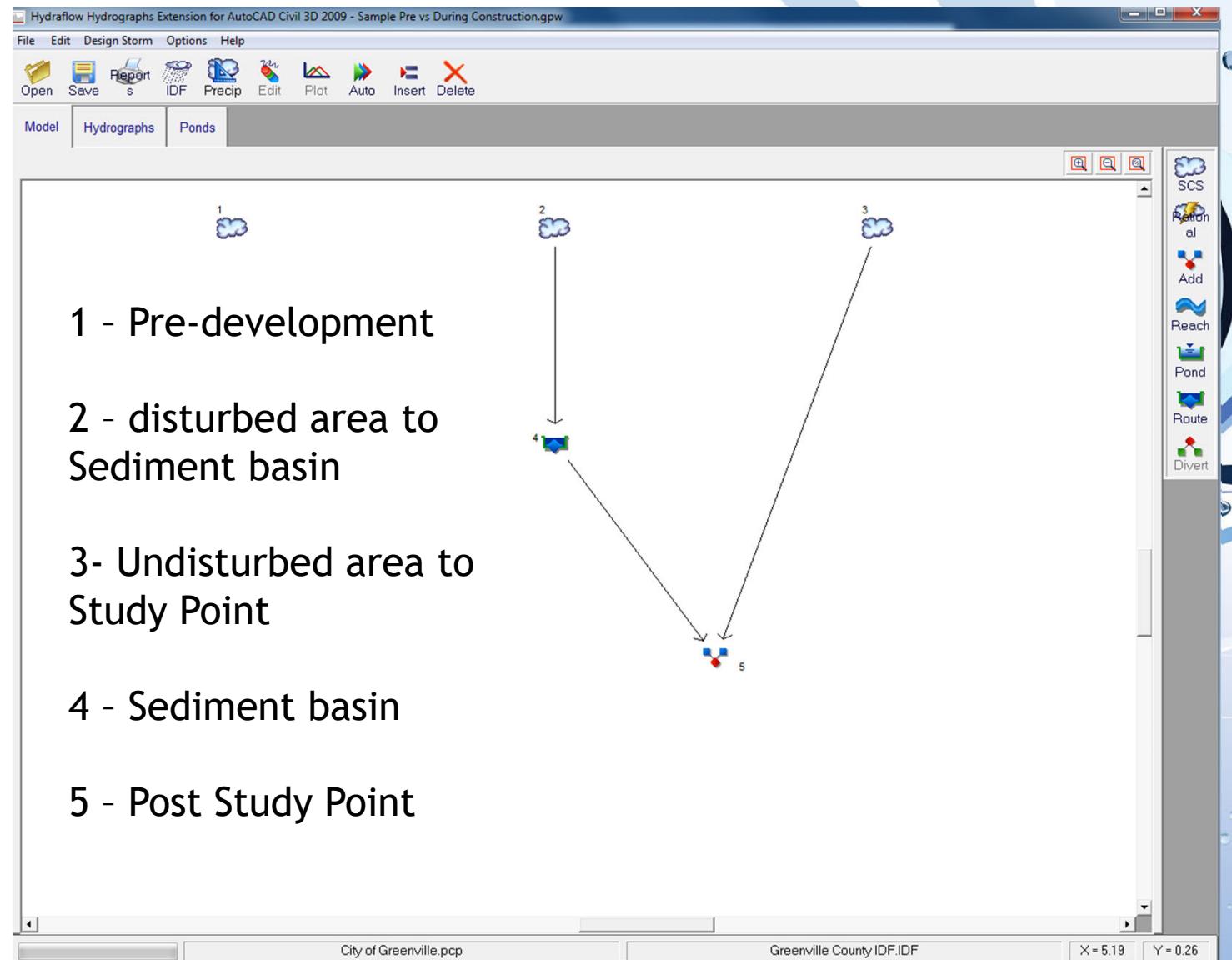


# Advanced Skimmer Modeling with Hydraflow Hydrographs



## How to Model The Marlee Float in Hydraflow Hydrographs

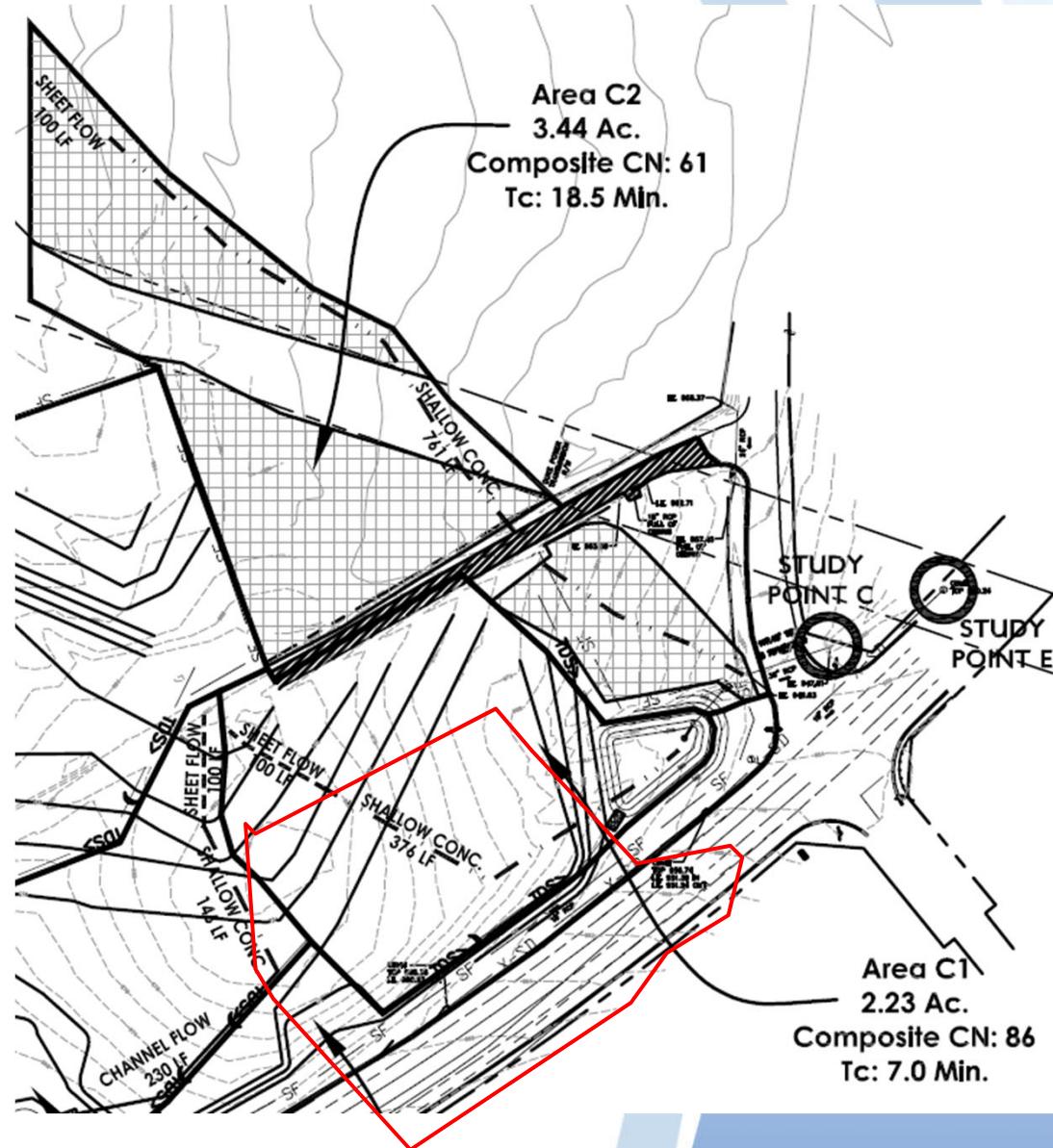
Used to reflect  
Peak Rate  
Attenuation  
effect of  
skimmer - ideal  
in lieu of small  
low flow orifices  
that are prone  
to clog.



## Sample Site:

Disturbed area  
drains to a sediment  
basin prior to  
discharging to road  
r/w.

Undisturbed area  
bypasses basin and  
flows to study point  
“C”.

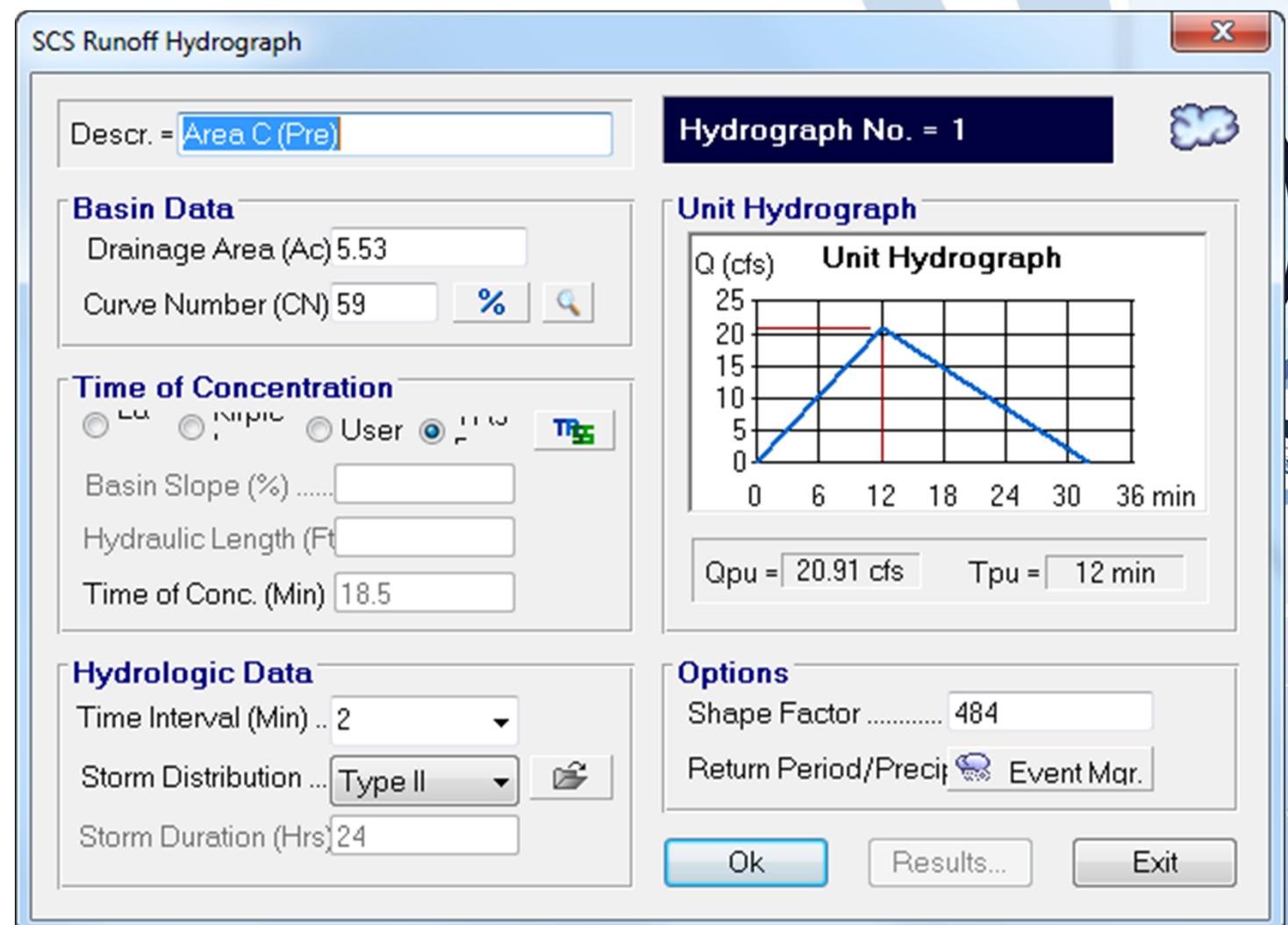


**Pre-  
Development**

**Area 5.53 Ac**

**CN = 59**

**Tc = 18.5 min**

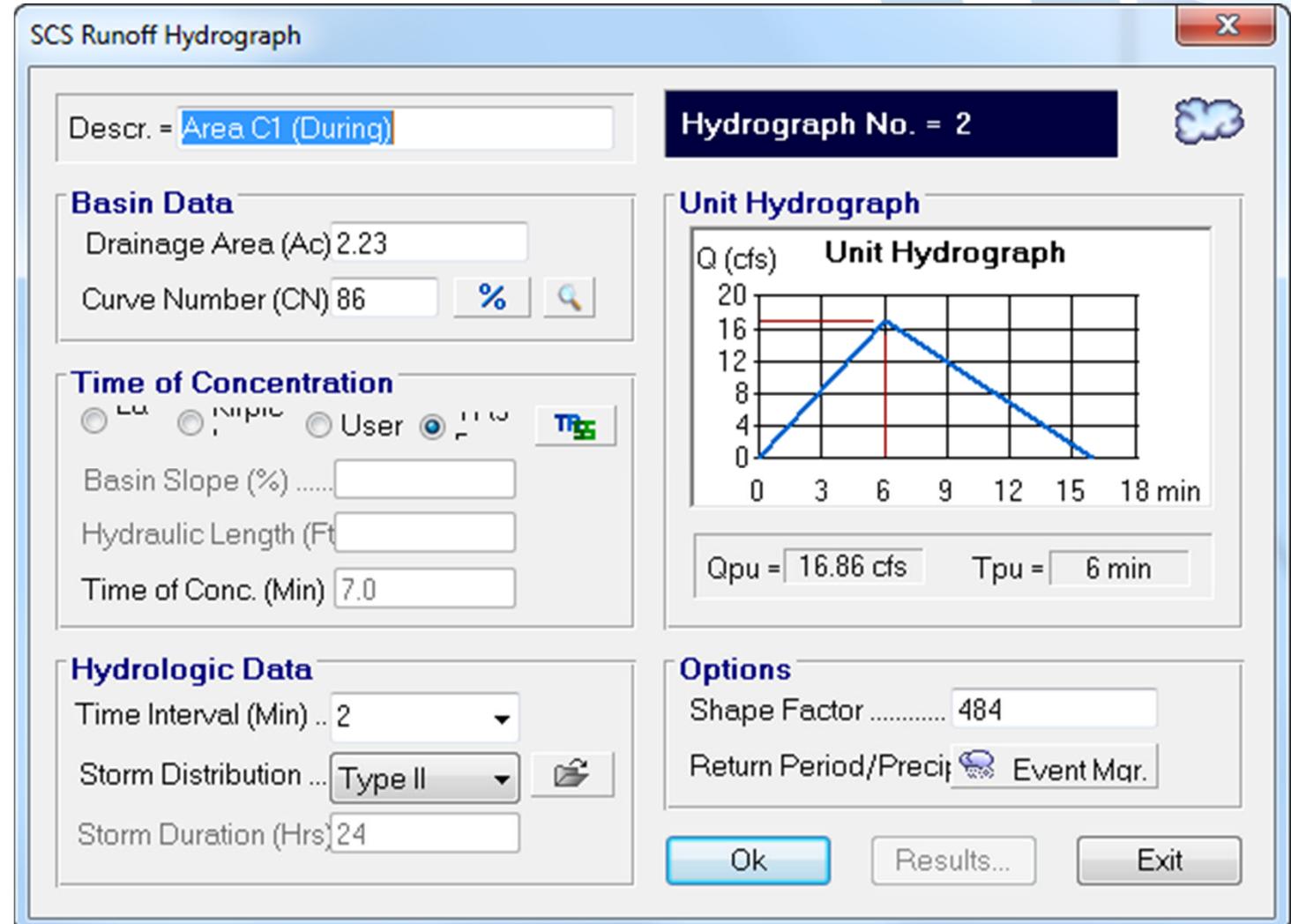


**Post-  
Development  
To Sediment  
Basin**

**Area 2.23 Ac**

**CN = 86  
(disturbed  
condition)**

**Tc = 7 min**



**Enter Storage at each contour  
 Make sure to include data points at each skimmer  
 Flow rate data point per detail**

Stage / Storage / Discharge Setup - Pond No. 1 - Permanent Sediment Basin

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Storage Outlets Pond Tools Graphs Table

Contours		Manual	
	Contours		Chambers
	Trapezoid		
Item	Input		
Storage Type =	Contours		
Bottom Elev. (ft) =	958.00		
Voids (%) =	100.00		
Volume by =	Ave End Area		
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Pond Permanent Sediment Basin

Row	Stage (ft)	Elevation (ft)	Contour Area (sqft)	Incremental Storage (cuft)	Total Storage (cuft)	Total Discharge (cfs)
0	0.00	958.00	2,500	0.000	0.000	0.000
1	0.10	958.10	2,600	255	255	0.193
2	0.30	958.30	2,800	540	795	0.218
3	0.50	958.50	3,100	590	1,385	0.246
4	1.00	959.00	3,500	1,650	3,035	0.000
5	1.50	959.50	4,000	1,875	4,910	0.000
6	2.00	960.00	4,400	2,100	7,010	0.167
7	2.50	960.50	4,800	2,300	9,310	0.668
8	3.00	961.00	5,300	2,525	11,835	0.945
9	3.50	961.50	5,700	2,750	14,585	2.335
10	4.00	962.00	6,100	2,950	17,535	10.47
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12						
13						
14						
15						
16						
17						
18						
19						
20						

Auto update storage-discharge

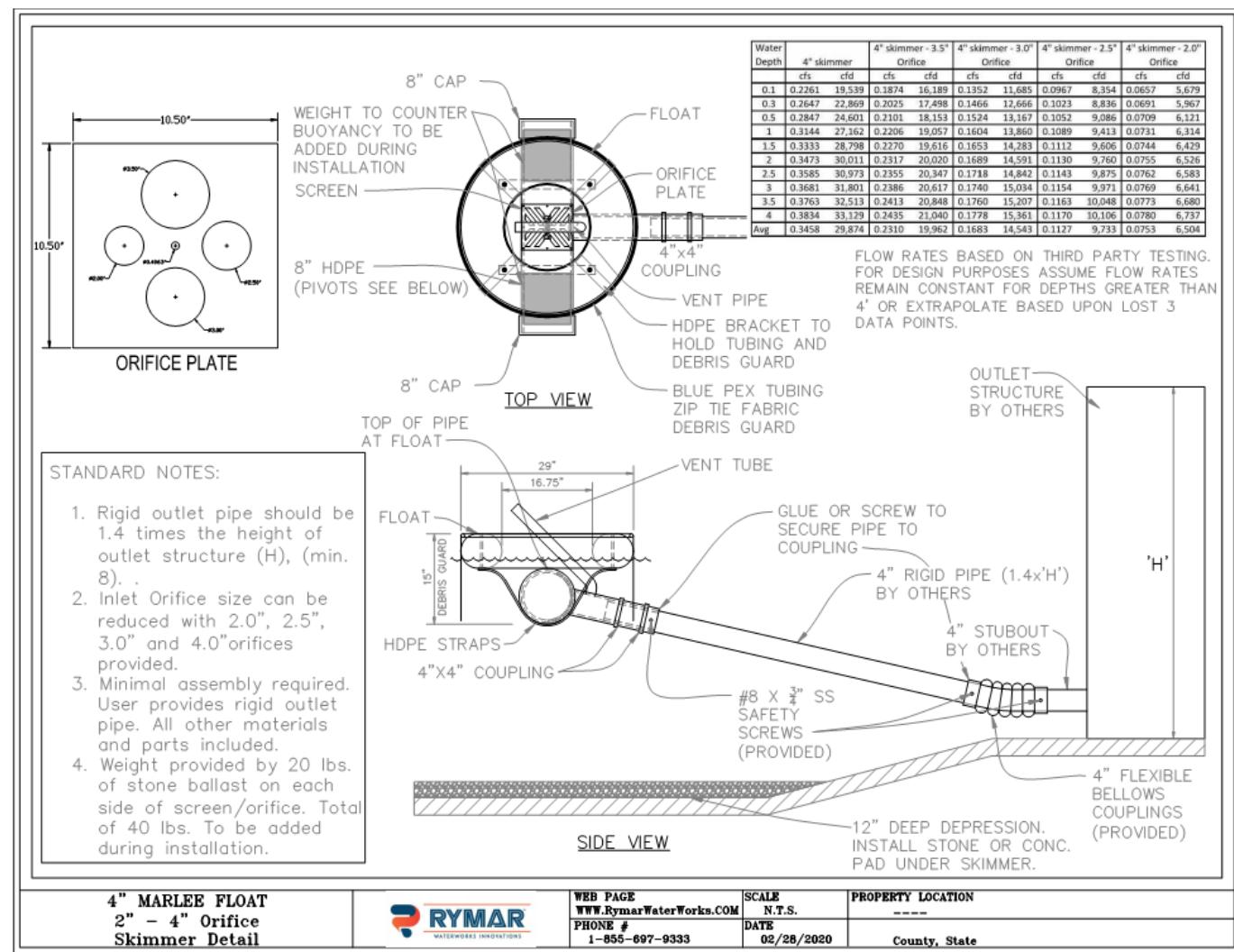
Selected storage type is Contours.

# Enter Storage at each contour

## Make sure to include data points at each skimmer

### Flow rate data point per detail

Water Depth	4" skimmer	
	cfs	cfd
0.1	0.2261	19,539
0.3	0.2647	22,869
0.5	0.2847	24,601
1	0.3144	27,162
1.5	0.3333	28,798
2	0.3473	30,011
2.5	0.3585	30,973
3	0.3681	31,801
3.5	0.3763	32,513
4	0.3834	33,129
Avg	0.3458	29,874



Hydraflow does allow “User Defined” discharge. Set Culvert A as Multi-stage and Weir A as Riser. Then enter user defined discharge based on skimmer size and flow rates per details. Also enter any other orifices or weirs.

**Stage / Storage / Discharge Setup - Pond No. 1 - Permanent Sediment Basin**

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Storage Outlets Pond Tools Graphs Table

**Culverts / Orifices**

Culv/Orifice	A	B	C	Prt Riser
Rise (in) =	18		6	
Span (in) =	18		6	
No. Barrels =	1		1	
Invert Elev. (ft) =	958		959.75	
Length (ft) =	40		0	
Slope (%) =	6.3		0	—
N-Value =	0.013	0.013	0.013	—
Orifice Coeff. =	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Multi-Stage =	n/a	No	Yes	No
Active =	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**Weirs**

Weir	A	B	C	D
Weir Type =	Riser	Rectang	Choose...	Choose...
Crest Elev (ft) =	961.60	961.00		
Crest Length (ft) =	7.00	1.00		
Weir Coeff. =	3.33	3.33	3.33	3.33
Multi-Stage =	Yes	Yes	No	No
Active =	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**Exfiltration**

Rate	Apply to	Extract from Outflow Hyd
(in/hr)		(y/n)
0.00	Contour Area	Yes

Compute Clear

**Tailwater**

Tailwater Elevation (ft)	0.00
0.00	

**Culvert / Orifice**

Row	Stage	Elev	Culvert / Orifice				Weir				Exfil	User Defined	Total Outflow
			A	B	C	Prt Riser	A	B	C	D			
(ft)	(ft)	(cfs)	(cfs)	(cfs)	(cfs)	(cfs)	(cfs)	(cfs)	(cfs)	(cfs)	(cfs)	(cfs)	
0	0.00	958.00	0.000	-	0.000	-	0.000	0.000	-	-	-	0.000	0.000
1	0.10	958.10	0.000	-	0.000	-	0.000	0.000	-	-	-	0.193	0.193
2	0.30	958.30	0.000	-	0.000	-	0.000	0.000	-	-	-	0.218	0.218
3	0.50	958.50	0.000	-	0.000	-	0.000	0.000	-	-	-	0.246	0.246
4	1.00	959.00	0.000	-	0.000	-	0.000	0.000	-	-	-	0.277	0.277
5	1.50	959.50	0.000	-	0.000	-	0.000	0.000	-	-	-	0.297	0.297
6	2.00	960.00	0.169 ic	-	0.167 ic	-	0.000	0.000	-	-	-	0.312	0.479
7	2.50	960.50	0.686 ic	-	0.668 ic	-	0.000	0.000	-	-	-	0.324	0.992

Hydraflow will interpolate between entry points  
If Basin is over 4' deep, use the flow rate at 4' for depths  
greater than 4' or extrapolate based on last 3 data points.

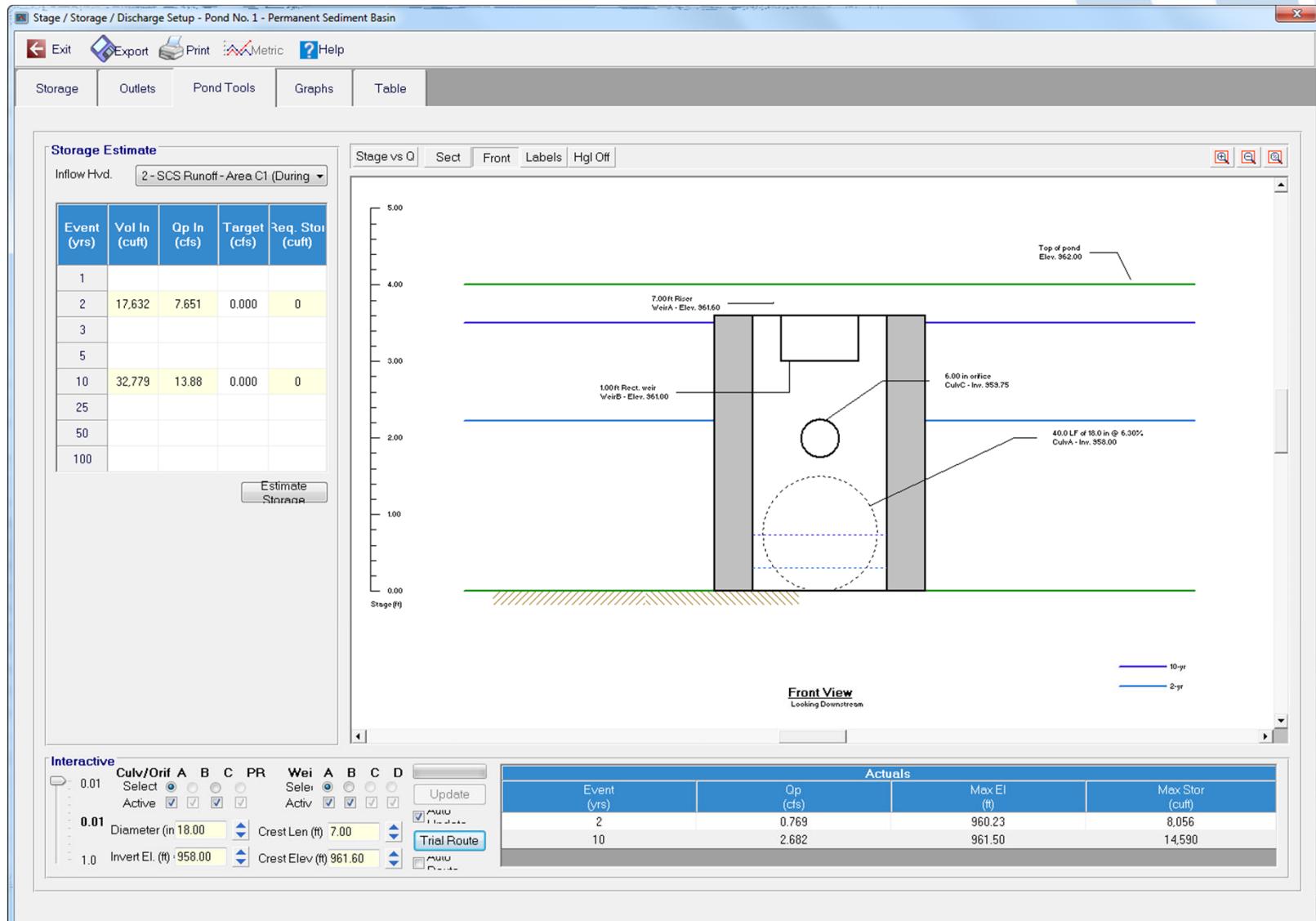
For deeper ponds, use the Sediment Basin Design Tool to determine flow rates

Tool will provide flow rate at 20 increments

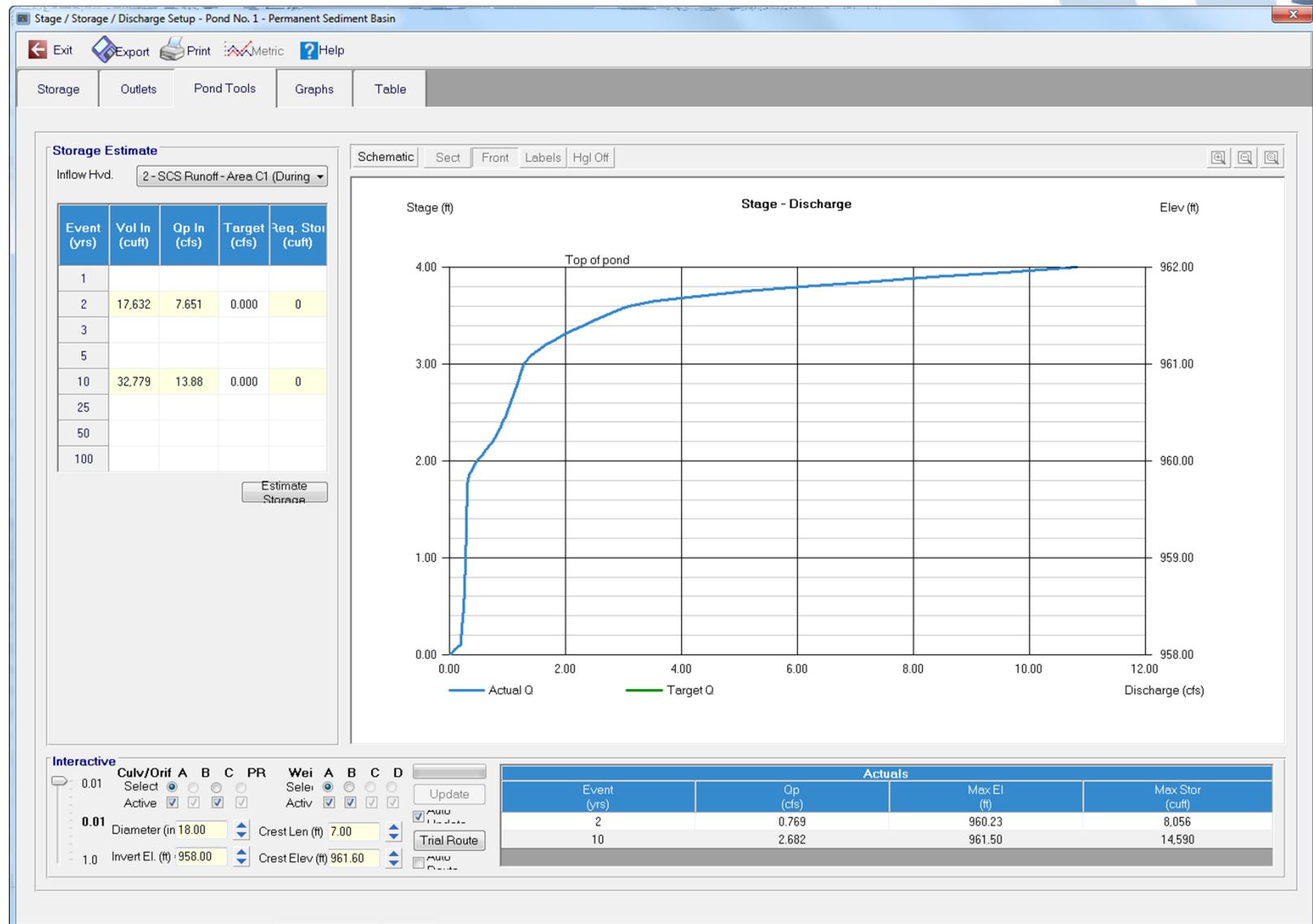
Will need to create the increments in your pond stage storage

Inputs				Calculations							
Max. Time to Drain, hrs = 120				Calculated Pond Volume, ft <sup>3</sup> = 32,533							
Min. Time to Drain, hrs = 48											
Pond Depth, ft = 8				Calculated Pond Volume, gal = 243349.33					MF 2" - 0.5" Orifice		
Pond Top Length, ft = 100				No. of Depth Increments for Calcs, in. = 20					Flow Rate:		
Pond Top Width, ft = 50				Depth Increments for Calcs, in. = 4.8					$1.6425 * \text{depth}^{0.0636}$		
Pond Bottom Length, ft = 80				Note: Equations are from product testing:							
Pond Bottom Width, ft = 40											
Water Level Depth, in.	Avg. Water Level Depth, in.	Incr. Depth, in	L	W	Incr. Discharge, ft <sup>3</sup>	Cumm. Discharge, ft <sup>3</sup>	Cumm. Discharge, gal	% of Total Volume Discharged	Skimmer Flow Rate, gal/min	Skimmer Flow Rate, cfs	Cumm. Drain Time, hrs.
96			100	50							
91.2	93.6	4.8	99	50	1980	1980	14811	6.1%	2	0.004	132
86.4	88.8	4.8	98	49	1940	3921	29326	12.1%	2	0.004	262
81.6	84	4.8	97	49	1901	5822	43547	17.9%	2	0.004	389
76.8	79.2	4.8	96	48	1862	7684	57478	23.6%	2	0.004	514
72	74.4	4.8	95	48	1824	9508	71122	29.2%	2	0.004	638
67.2	69.6	4.8	94	47	1786	11294	84482	34.7%	2	0.004	759
62.4	64.8	4.8	93	47	1748	13043	97561	40.1%	2	0.004	878
57.6	60	4.8	92	46	1711	14754	110361	45.4%	2	0.004	995
52.8	55.2	4.8	91	46	1674	16429	122886	50.5%	2	0.004	1111
48	50.4	4.8	90	45	1638	18067	135139	55.5%	2	0.004	1224
43.2	45.6	4.8	89	45	1602	19669	147122	60.5%	2	0.004	1336
38.4	40.8	4.8	88	44	1566	21235	158839	65.3%	2	0.004	1446
33.6	36	4.8	87	44	1531	22766	170293	70.0%	2	0.004	1554
28.8	31.2	4.8	86	43	1496	24263	181487	74.6%	2	0.004	1661
24	26.4	4.8	85	43	1462	25725	192423	79.1%	2	0.004	1767
19.2	21.6	4.8	84	42	1428	27153	203105	83.5%	2	0.004	1871
14.4	16.8	4.8	83	42	1394	28548	213536	87.7%	2	0.004	1975
9.6	12	4.8	82	41	1361	29909	223718	91.9%	2	0.004	2078
4.8	7.2	4.8	81	41	1328	31237	233655	96.0%	2	0.004	2182
0	2.4	4.8	80	40	1296	32533	243349	100.0%	1	0.003	2291
Lowest depth that can still drain through skimmer.				Skimmer / Orifice Combinations with Sufficient Flow:					no		

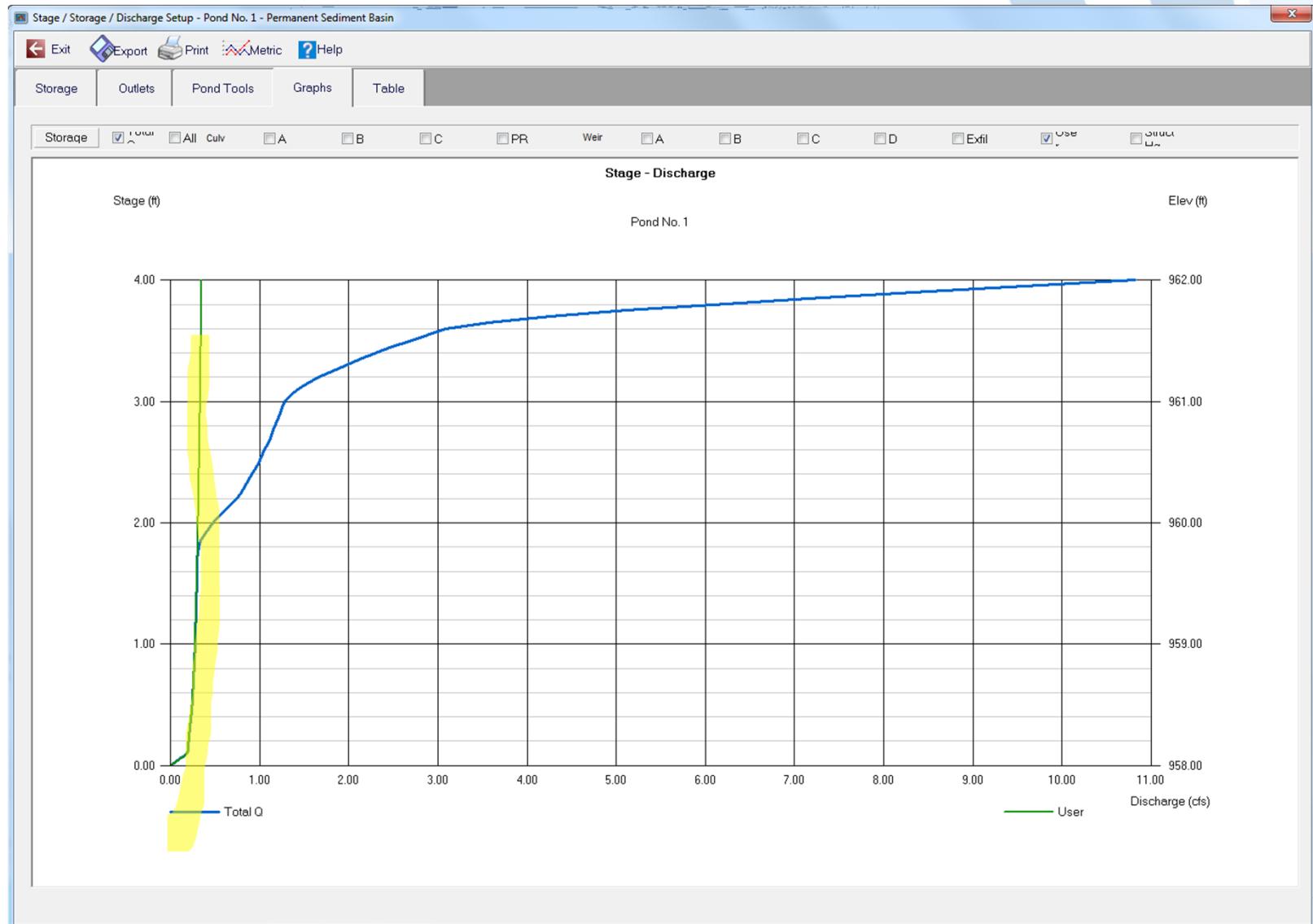
# The schematic will not show a low flow orifice



# Stage-Discharge graph will show the User Defined flow



If you select “User Defined” graph you will see near constant flow rate



**Table will show flow from each outlet, as well as combined flow at each depth**



The table below displays flow data for various outlets and a weir across different water stages. The 'User Defined' column is highlighted with an orange border.

Stage (ft)	Elev (ft)	Storage (cfs)	Culvert / Orifice				Weir				Exfil (cfs)	User Defined (cfs)	Total Outflow (cfs)
			A (cfs)	B (cfs)	C (cfs)	Prt Riser (cfs)	A (cfs)	B (cfs)	C (cfs)	D (cfs)			
0.00	958.00	0.000	0.000	-	0.000	-	0.000	0.000	-	-	-	0.000	0.000
0.10	958.10	255	0.000	-	0.000	-	0.000	0.000	-	-	-	0.193	0.193
0.30	958.30	795	0.000	-	0.000	-	0.000	0.000	-	-	-	0.218	0.218
0.50	958.50	1,385	0.000	-	0.000	-	0.000	0.000	-	-	-	0.246	0.246
1.00	959.00	3,035	0.000	-	0.000	-	0.000	0.000	-	-	-	0.277	0.277
1.50	959.50	4,910	0.000	-	0.000	-	0.000	0.000	-	-	-	0.297	0.297
2.00	960.00	7,010	0.169 ic	-	0.167 ic	-	0.000	0.000	-	-	-	0.312	0.479
2.50	960.50	9,310	0.686 ic	-	0.668 ic	-	0.000	0.000	-	-	-	0.324	0.992
3.00	961.00	11,835	0.970 ic	-	0.945 ic	-	0.000	0.000	-	-	-	0.334	1.280
3.50	961.50	14,585	2.371 ic	-	1.158 ic	-	0.000	1.177	-	-	-	0.343	2.678
4.00	962.00	17,535	10.47 ic	-	1.245 ic	-	5.898	3.330	-	-	-	0.351	10.82

# Water Quality Modeling Volume vs Filtration



# Modeling for Post-Construction Water Quality

Volume Based - “First Flush” released over 24-48 hours

Vs

Filtration Based - Flow Rate of Filter

## Sample Site Information

Size: 5 acres

Pre-development condition: Wooded (CN 55)

Post-development condition: Commercial (CN 92)



## Step 1

### Pre-Development Flow Rates

Based upon 5 acre wooded site with Tc of 48 minutes, pre-development flow rates would be:

	2 - yr (cfs)	10-yr (cfs)	25-yr (cfs)	100-yr (cfs)
Pre-	0.72	3.00	5.42	10.72



## Step 2

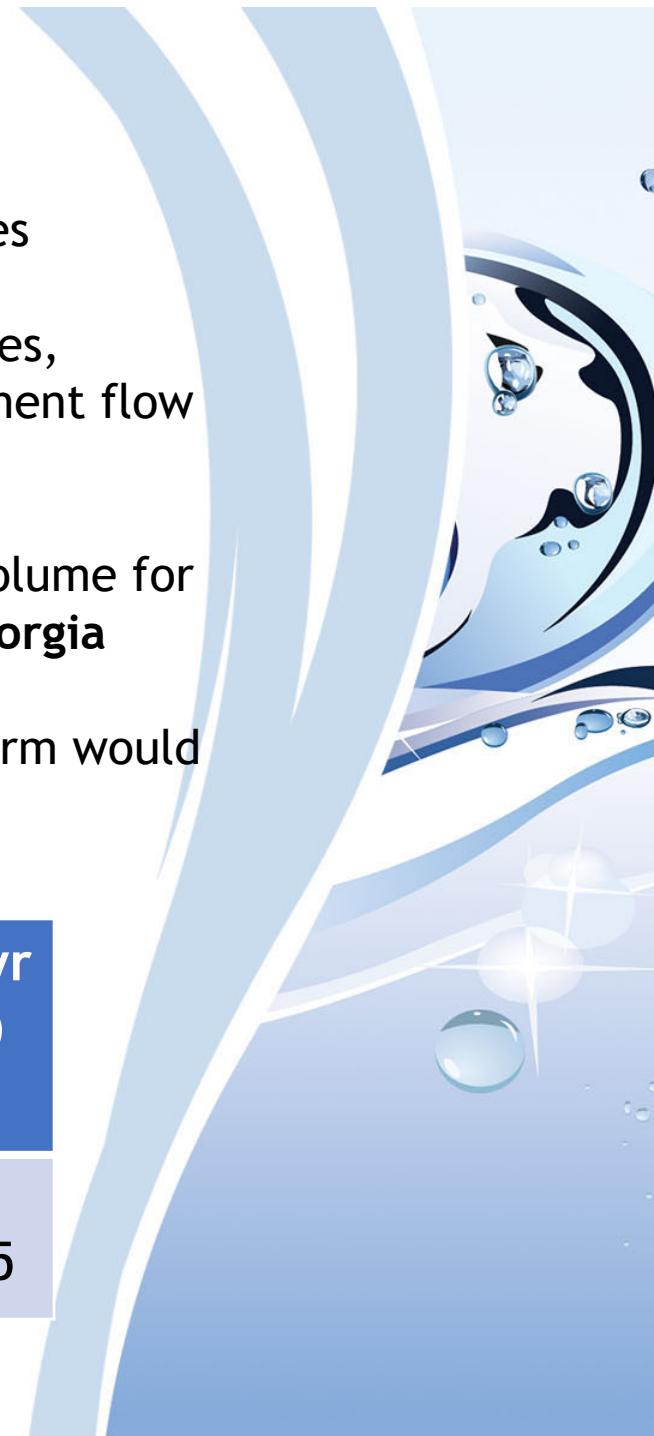
### Water Quality Volume and Post-Development Flow Rates

Based upon 5 acre commercial site with Tc of 10 minutes, calculate water quality storm event and post-development flow rates.

WQ storm event is storm that generates 1" of runoff volume for the developed site (18,150 CF). Should be 1.2" in Georgia

Using trial and error we determined a 1.73 in 24-hr storm would approximate the WQ volume.

	WQ (cfs)	2 - yr (cfs)	10-yr (cfs)	25-yr (cfs)	100-yr (cfs)
Post	7.23	19.72	30.42	38.53	53.35



## 5 Acre Site

### First Flush Calculations

## Step 3 - Traditional Design

### Size First Flush orifice

Flow rate of 0.21 cfs is needed which equates to a 2.6" orifice

Pond Type: Dry

Contributing Area 217,800 ft<sup>2</sup>

5.0 Acres

WQ Volume Req'd: 18,150 ft<sup>3</sup>  
(1/2" over Total for wet pond,  
1" over Total for dry pond)

#### Orifice Sizing:

WQ Volume to be held:  
~ 24 hr  
86,400 sec

Average Flow Rate req'd: 0.21 ft<sup>3</sup>/s  
(where Q<sub>req</sub>=V<sub>req</sub>/A)

#### Using Orifice Equation:

$$Q = CA (2gh)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

g = 32.2  
C = 0.6

elevation for required WQ Volume (feet) = 13.00 feet  
elevation at orifice invert (feet) = 10.00 feet  
height difference (feet) = 3.000 feet  
average head-h (feet) = 1.5 feet  
required orifice area = 0.03562239 sq feet

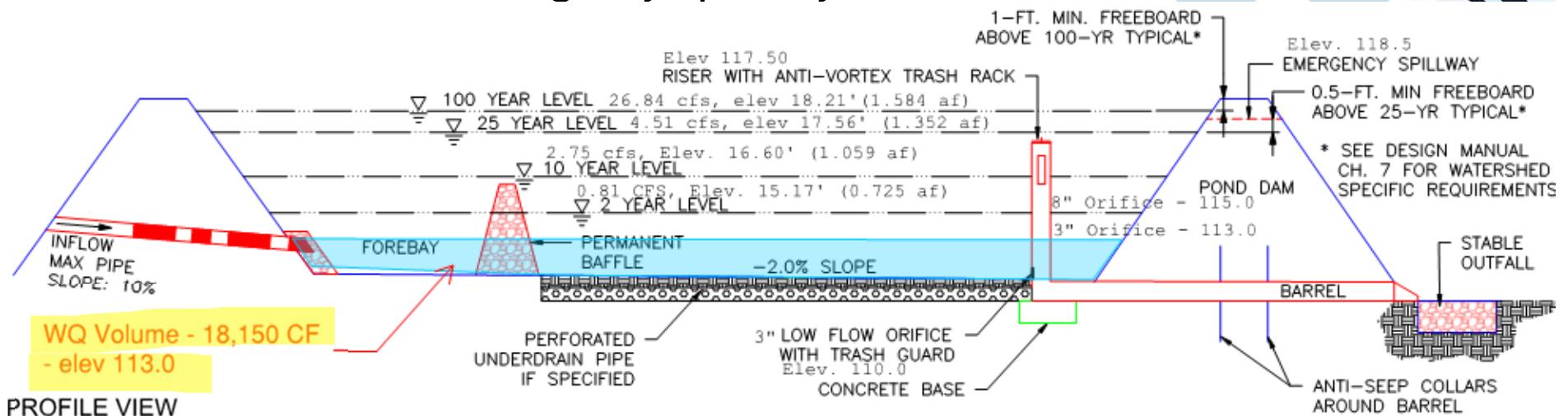
$$A = Q / (C(2gh)^{\frac{1}{2}})$$

required orifice diameter = 0.21 ft

SELECTED ORIFICE SIZE: 2.6 in

## Step 4 - Determine Pond Volume and Outlet Structure to meet Pre- vs Post Flow Requirements

### Traditional Riser and Emergency Spillway



Storm	Peak Flow (cfs)	Peak Elev.	Vol. Req (af)	Vol. Req (CF)
WQ	0.25	12.51	0.245	10,672
2-yr	0.81	15.17	0.725	31,581
10-yr	2.75	16.60	1.059	46,130
25-yr	4.51	17.56	1.352	58,893

## Pre- vs Post- Analysis - Traditional Pond Summary

	WQ	2 - yr	10-yr	25-yr	100-yr
Pre-	0.00	0.72	3.0	5.42	10.72
Post-	7.23	19.72	30.42	38.53	53.35
Pond	0.25	0.81	2.75	4.51	26.84
Elev. In Pond	12.51	15.17	16.60	17.56	18.21
Storage Required	0.245	0.725	1.059	1.352	1.584



## Step 3 - Skimmer with Filter Design

Select the Skimmer/Filter Combination to treat the WQ Volume and, when feasible, control the 2-year storm peak flow rate.

Pre-Development 2-year storm peak flow rate is 0.72 cfs

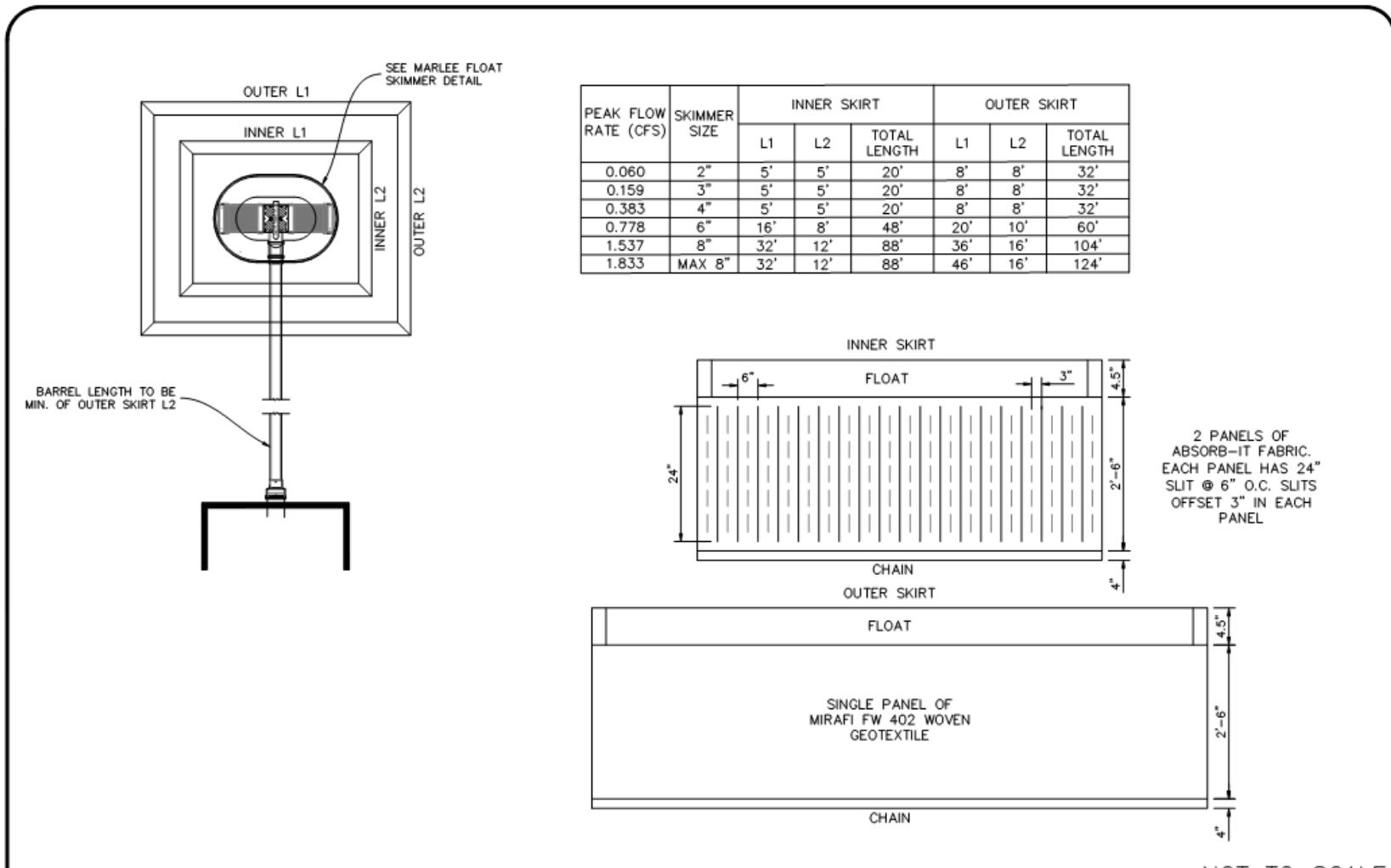
Can use 6" skimmer w/ 6" orifice to simulate this flow

Flow Rate Chart				
New Marlee Float Skimmer				
Skimmer Size	24 Hour Peak Flow Rate <sup>a</sup>			
	(cfd)	(cfs)	(m <sup>3</sup> /s)	
<b>2 in.</b> <b>MSRP \$595</b>	0.5"	250	0.003	0.000085
	0.75"	1,290	0.015	0.000425
	1"	1,617	0.019	0.000538
	1.5"	2,887	0.033	0.000934
	2"	5,159	0.060	0.001699
<b>3 in.</b> <b>MSRP \$995</b>	1.5"	3,523	0.041	0.001161
	2.0"	6,218	0.072	0.002039
	2.5"	10,664	0.123	0.003494
	3"	13,725	0.159	0.004500
<b>4 in.</b> <b>MSRP \$1,545</b>	2.0"	6,737	0.078	0.002209
	2.5"	10,106	0.117	0.003313
	3"	15,361	0.178	0.005035
	3.5"	21,040	0.244	0.006895
	4"	33,129	0.383	0.010857
<b>6 in.</b> <b>MSRP \$3,395</b>	3.5	21,233	0.246	0.006966
	4"	28,086	0.325	0.009203
	4.5"	38,760	0.449	0.012714
	5"	45,160	0.523	0.014810
	6"	67,221	0.778	0.022031
<b>8 in.</b> <b>MSRP \$4,995</b>	5"	48,837	0.565	0.015999
	6"	69,877	0.809	0.022903
	6.5"	80,677	0.934	0.026442
	7"	117,329	1.358	0.038454
	8"	132,786	1.537	0.043523
<b>8 in w/ 8" pipe*** MSRP \$6,495</b>	8"	158,350	1.833	0.051905

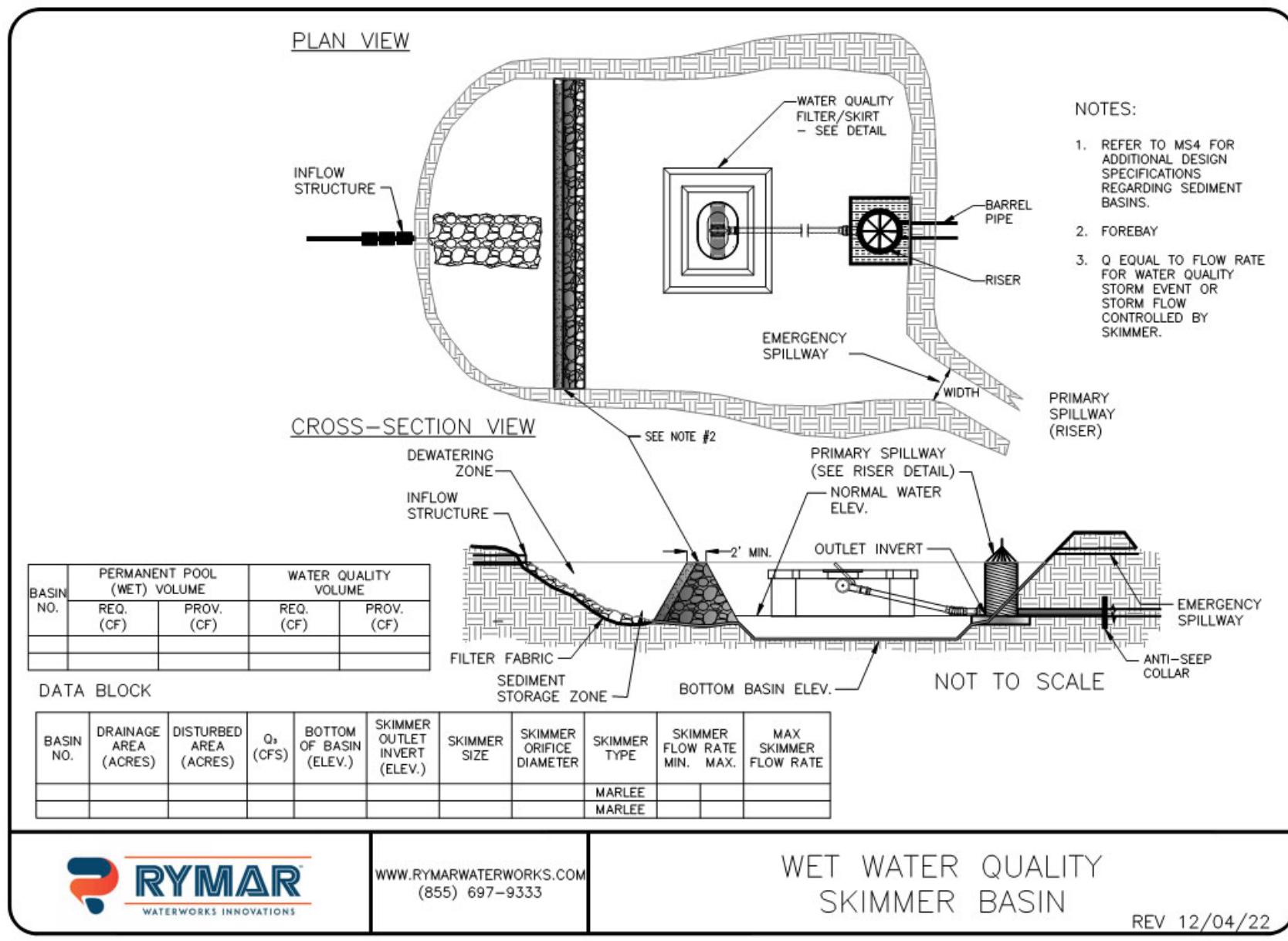


# Step 3 - Skimmer Selection - Skirt/Filter

## Filter is sized to treat maximum flow of skimmer

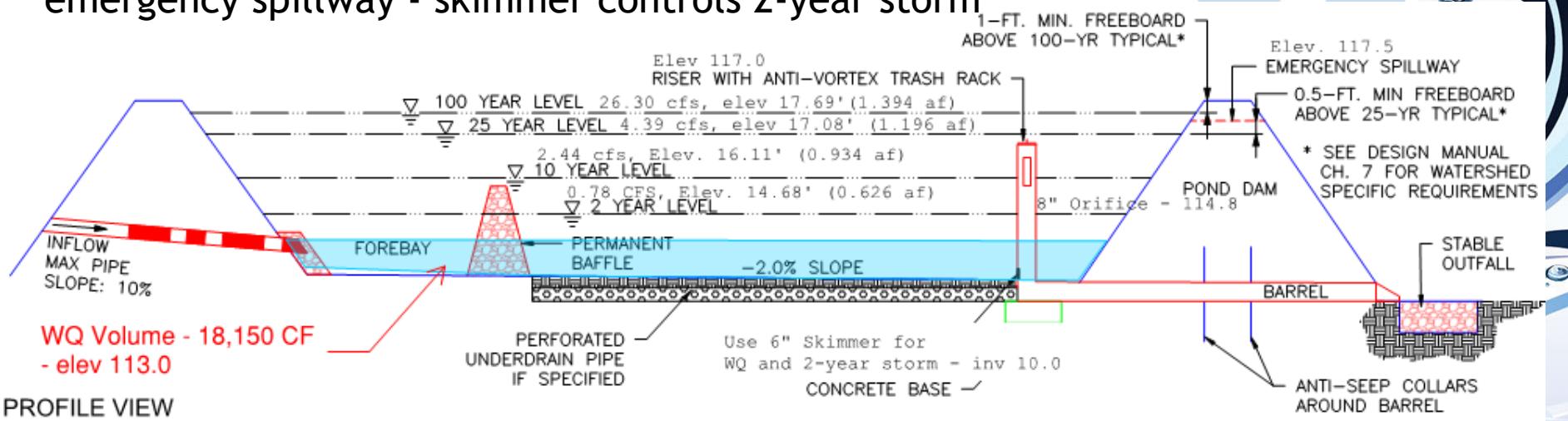


# Step 3 - Skimmer Selection - Pond Detail



## Step 4 - Determine Pond Volume and Outlet Structure to meet Pre- vs Post Flow Requirements using Skimmer

Design pond with traditional riser with skimmer in place of low flow orifice, additional orifices to control other storm events and emergency spillway - skimmer controls 2-year storm



PROFILE VIEW

Storm	Peak Flow (cfs)	Peak Elev.	Vol. Req (af)	Vol. Req (CF)
WQ	0.70	12.01	0.174	7,579
2-yr	0.78	14.68	0.626	27,268
10-yr	2.44	16.11	0.934	40,685
25-yr	4.39	17.08	1.196	52,098

## Pre- vs Post- Analysis - Pond w/ Skimmer Summary

	WQ	2 - yr	10-yr	25-yr	100-yr
Pre-	0.00	0.72	3.0	5.42	10.72
Post-	7.23	19.72	30.42	38.53	53.35
Pond	0.70	0.78	2.44	4.39	26.30
Elev. In Pond	12.01	14.68	16.11	17.08	17.69
Storage Required	0.174	0.626	0.934	1.196	1.394

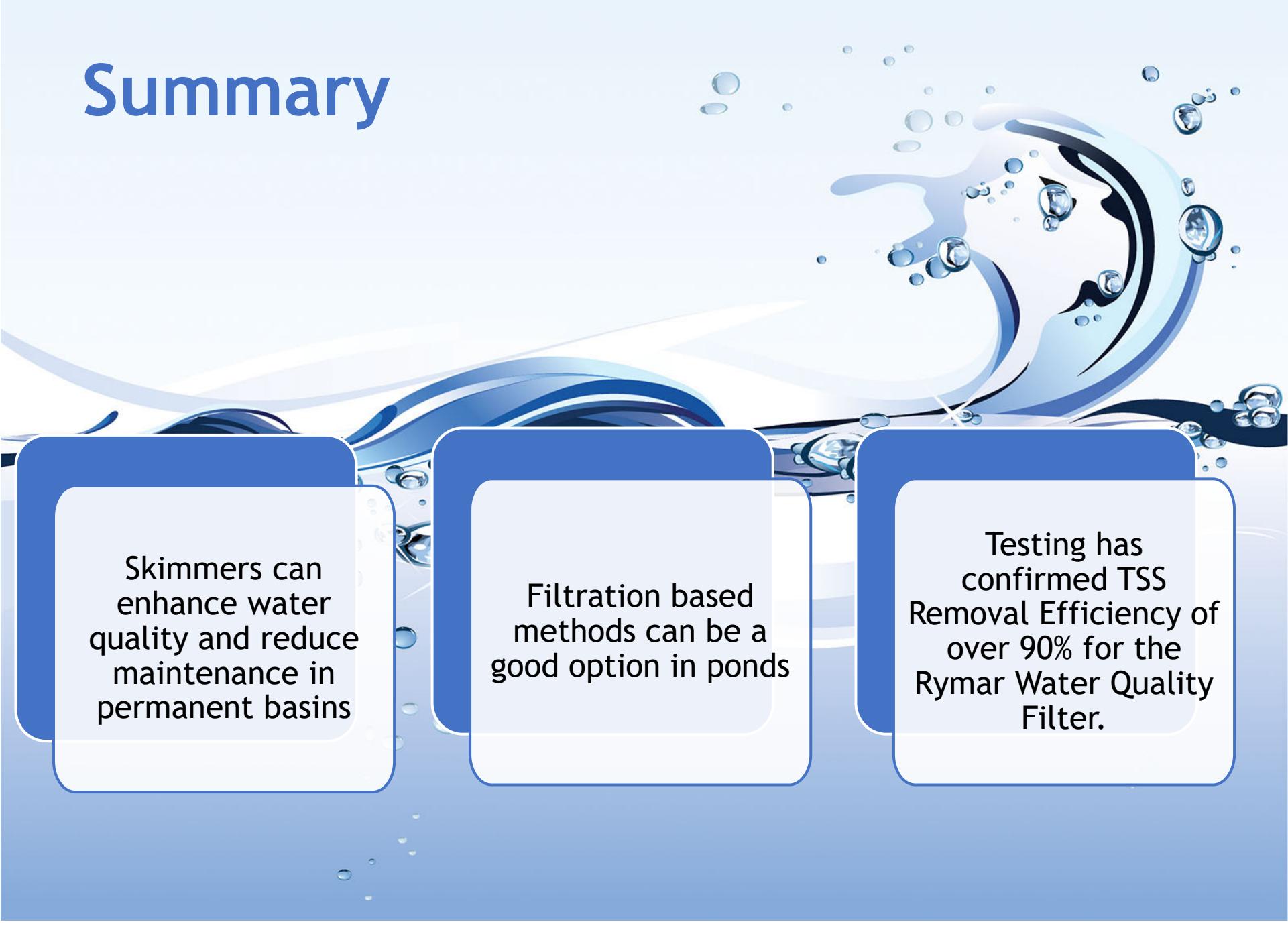
vs Traditional Pond Design

Storage Required	0.245	0.725	1.059	1.352	1.584
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## Traditional Pond vs Pond w/ Skimmer Comparison

	WQ	2 - yr	10-yr	25-yr	100-yr
Traditional Flow	0.25	0.81	2.75	4.51	26.84
Skimmer Pond Flow	0.70	0.78	2.44	4.39	26.30
Traditional Pond Storage	0.245	0.725	1.059	1.352	1.584
Skimmer Pond Storage	0.174	0.626	0.934	1.196	1.394
Difference in Storage Required	-29%	-14%	-12%	-12%	-12%

# Summary



Skimmers can enhance water quality and reduce maintenance in permanent basins

Filtration based methods can be a good option in ponds

Testing has confirmed TSS Removal Efficiency of over 90% for the Rymar Water Quality Filter.



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