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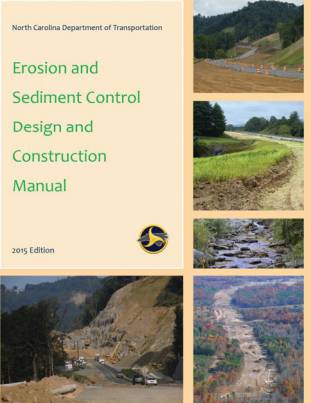
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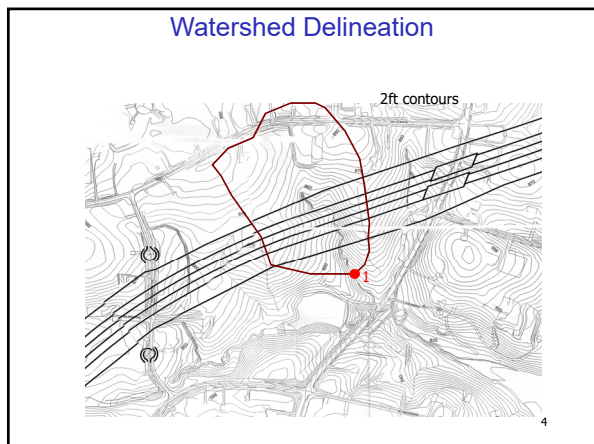
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1. Hydrology
2. Erosion
3. Regulatory Issues
4. Open Channel Design
5. Sediment Retention BMPs
6. Below Water Table Borrow Pits

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Rational Method for Estimating Peak Runoff Rate

$$Q = (C) (i) (A) \quad \text{(Equation 1.1)}$$

Q = peak runoff or discharge rate in cubic feet per second (cfs),
 C = Rational Method runoff coefficient (decimal ranging from 0 to 1),
 i = rainfall intensity for a given return period in inches per hour (in/hr), and
 A = watershed drainage area in acres (ac).

Examples: 10-year peak runoff, $Q_{10} = 30$ cfs
 25-year peak runoff, $Q_{25} = 45$ cfs

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Time of Concentration, t_c

Time for water to travel from the Most Remote Point (MRP) to the Point of Interest (POI)

Methods for estimating t_c

1. Jarrett Shortcut Method
2. Segmental Method (TR-55)

Need to Know:

1. Watershed Area, A (acres)
2. Flow Length from MRP to POI, L (ft)
3. Elevation Drop from MRP to POI, H (ft)
4. Land Use (assume graded, unpaved)

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Jarrett Shortcut Method: t_c

$S = H / L_{\text{flow}}$ (Equation 1.3)

S = average watershed slope (ft/ft),
 H = elevation change from most remote point to point of interest (ft), and
 L_{flow} = flow length from most remote point to point of interest (ft).

$A_{\text{Jarrett}} = 460 (S)$ (Equation 1.4)

A_{Jarrett} = Jarrett Maximum Area in acres (ac), and
 S = average watershed slope (ft/ft).

If the watershed area is less than the Jarrett Maximum Area, then $t_c = 5$ min

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**NRCS Segmental Method (TR-55)
Shallow Concentrated Flow**

Unpaved Areas: $t_c = 0.001 (L_{\text{flow}}) / S^{0.53}$ (Equation 1.5)

Paved Areas: $t_c = 0.0008 (L_{\text{flow}}) / S^{0.53}$ (Equation 1.6)

t_c = time of concentration in minutes (min),
 L_{flow} = flow length from most remote point to point of interest (ft),
 S = average watershed slope (ft/ft).

Note: Kirpich (1940) is another method

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**NRCS Segmental Method (TR-55)
Shallow Concentrated Flow**

Example: For a construction site watershed drainage area of 10 acres with an elevation drop of 12 ft over a flow length of 1000 ft, estimate time of concentration.

Slope, $S = H / L_{\text{flow}} = 12 / 1000 = 0.012$ ft/ft

Assume that the area is unpaved, therefore use Equation 1.5:

$t_c = 0.001 (L_{\text{flow}}) / S^{0.53} = 0.001 (1000) / 0.012^{0.53} = 10.4$ minutes

Use $t_c = 10$ minutes

If the elevation drop for this site was 30 ft, the calculated value for t_c would be 6.4 minutes. In that case, use a t_c value of 5 minutes for determining rainfall intensity since the lower t_c produces a higher rainfall intensity and a more conservative estimate of peak runoff rate and basin size.

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Example: Rational Method

Determine the 10-year peak runoff rate, Q_{10} , for a 5-acre construction site watershed near Asheville with a flow length = 600 ft and elevation drop = 36 ft. The land uses are shown below:

Land Use	A	C	(A) (C)
Forest, clay (11%)	1	0.60	0.60
Bare soil, clay (7%)	3	0.70	2.10
Grass, clay (3%)	1	0.40	0.40
	sum = 5 ac		sum = 3.10

Weighted Runoff Coefficient: $C = 3.10 / 5 = 0.62$

Average watershed slope, $S = 36 / 600 = 0.06$ ft/ft

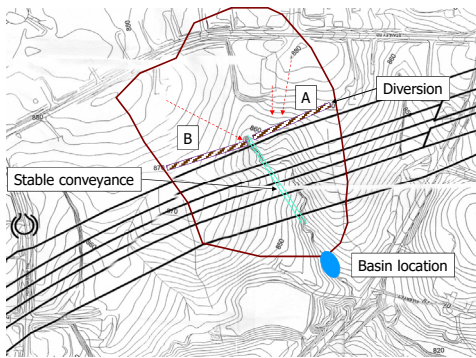
Jarrett Max Area = $460 (0.06) = 27.6$ ac; Since $5 < 27.6$, use $t_c = 5$ min

Rainfall intensity for 10-year storm, i_{10} , is determined from Table 1.1 for a 5-minute rainfall in Asheville: $i_{10} = 6.96$ in/hr

Peak runoff rate, $Q_{10} = (0.62) (6.96) (5) = 21.6$ cfs

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Emphasis on Diverting 'Clean' Runoff

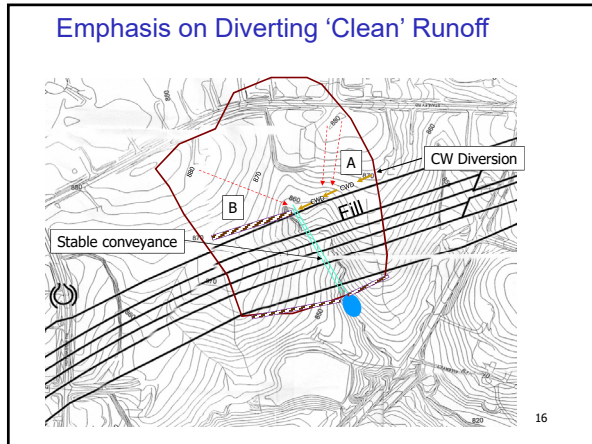


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Factors Influencing Clean Water Diversion

- Drainage area Upslope
- Erosion hazard downslope
 - Soil: fill or undisturbed
 - Slope steepness and length
 - Concentrated flow
- Stable conveyance/channel or outlet for diversion discharge

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Worksheet

1.2. Estimate the 10-year peak runoff rate, Q_{10} , for a 20-acre construction site watershed near Raleigh with a flow length = 2000 ft and elevation drop = 60 ft. The land uses are 40% forest and 60% bare soil. Soil is sandy loam.



Land Use	A	C	(A)(C)
Forest	$20 \cdot 0.4 = 8.0$	0.10	0.8
Bare soil	$20 \cdot 0.6 = 12.0$	0.30	3.6
	sum = 20 ac		sum = 4.4

Weighted Runoff Coefficient: $C = 4.4 / 20 = 0.22$
 Average watershed slope, $S = 60 / 2000 = 0.03$ ft/ft
 Jarrett Max Area = $460 (0.03) = 13.8$ ac; Since $13.8 < 20$, use other method
 Segmental Method: $t_c = 0.001 (2000) / 0.03^{0.53} = 12.8$ min; use $t_c = 10$ min
 Rainfall intensity, $i_{10} = 5.58$ in/hr
Peak runoff rate, $Q_{10} = (0.22) (5.58) (20) = 24.6$ cfs

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MODULE 2. Erosion

- Erosion Principles
- RUSLE: R, K, LS, CP

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Universal Soil Loss Equation USLE / RUSLE

$$A_{\text{erosion}} = (R) (K) (LS) (CP) \quad (\text{Equation 2.1})$$

A_{erosion} = longterm annual soil interrill + rill erosion in tons per acre per year (tons/ac-yr),

R = rainfall factor (dimensionless),

K = soil erodibility factor (dimensionless),

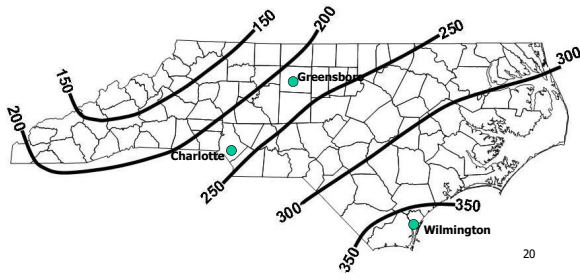
LS = slope-length factor (dimensionless),

CP = conservation practices factor (dimensionless).

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R, Rainfall Factor

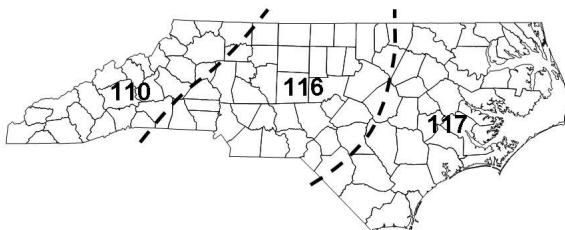
- Represents rainfall energy that causes erosion
- Higher R = higher erosion potential
- Annual R values, Figure 2.1, (pg 15)



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Rainfall Energy Distribution

Varies by location: 3 zones in NC, Figure 2.2 (pg. 15)



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Rainfall Energy Distribution

Varies by month due to storm intensity, Table 2.1 pg 14

Example (Piedmont): April-July (4 months)

Partial-year fraction = $0.06+0.07+0.11+0.20 = 0.49$

Month	Geographic Region, Figure 2.2	
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Jan	0.03	0.02
Feb	0.04	0.02
Mar	0.05	0.03
Apr	0.06	0.04
May	0.07	0.06
Jun	0.11	0.14
Jul	0.20	0.23
Aug	0.21	0.20
Sep	0.11	0.15
Oct	0.05	0.06
Nov	0.04	0.03
Dec	0.03	0.02

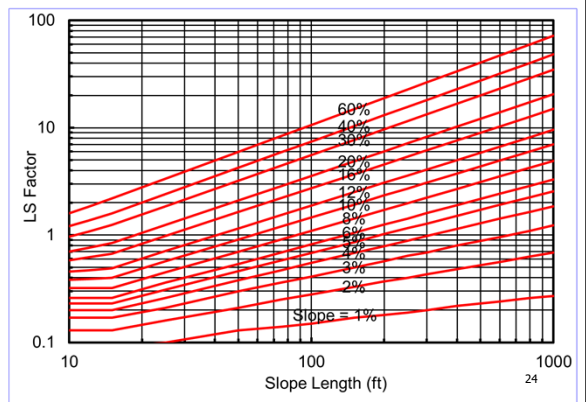
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K, Soil Erodibility Factor

- Represents soil's tendency to erode
- NRCS tables for most soils (Table 2.2, pg.17)

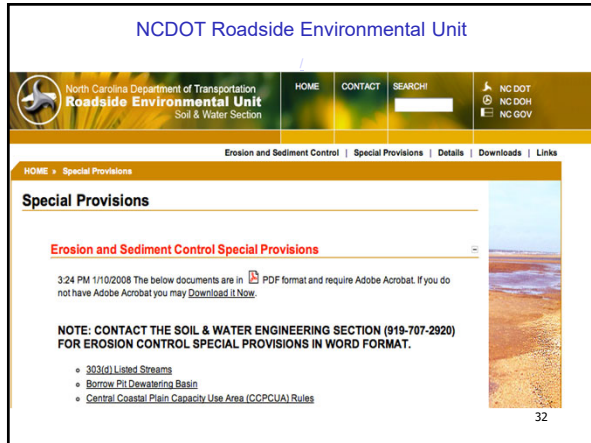
Soil Series	HSG	B-Horizon		RUSLE T	RUSLE K(A)	RUSLE K(B)	RUSLE K(C)
		Permeability in/hr	RUSLE				
Ailey	B	0.6 to 2.0	2	0.15	0.24	0.24	
Appling	B	0.6 to 2.0	4	0.24	0.28	0.28	
Autryville	A	2.0 to 6.0	5	0.10	0.10	0.10	
Badin	B	0.6 to 2.0	3	0.15	0.24	0.15	
Belhaven	D	0.2 to 6.0	--	--	0.24	0.24	
Cecil	B	0.6 to 2.0	4	0.24	0.28	0.28	

LS, Length Slope Factor (Figure 2.5)



MODULE 3. Regulatory Issues

1. NC Sediment Pollution Control Act (E&SC Plans)
2. Self-Inspection
3. Jurisdictional Areas - Conditions and Restrictions
 - US Army Corps of Engineers
 - NC DENR Division of Water Quality
4. Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) & Riparian Buffers
5. Reclamation Plans
6. NCG01 General Stormwater Permit



NC Sediment Pollution Control Act (SPCA) Mandatory Standards

1. E&SC plan must be submitted 30 days prior to disturbance for areas greater than or equal to 1 acre
2. Land disturbing activity must be conducted in accordance with approved E&SC Plan
3. Establish sufficient buffer zone between work zone and water courses
4. Provide groundcover on slopes within 21 calendar days after any phase of grading (NCG-01 takes precedence)
5. The angle of cut and fill slopes shall be no greater than sufficient for proper stabilization

NCG010000 (NCG01)

General Permit for Construction Activities, developed to meet federal NPDES requirements

NC DENR, Division of Water Resources delegated by EPA the authority to administer the program in North Carolina

The Erosion and Sedimentation Control plan contains the core requirements of the NPDES permit. Land Quality will work with DWR to administer that component of the NPDES permit

Projects disturbing 1 acre or more with an E&SC plan designed after August 3, 2011 must meet new permit requirements

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NCG010000 (NCG01)

Site Area Description	Time Frame	Stabilization Time Frame Exceptions
Perimeter dikes, swales, ditches and slopes	7 days	None
High Quality Water (HQW) Zones	7 days	None
Slopes steeper than 3:1	7 days	If slopes are 10 ft or less in height and are not steeper than 2:1, then 14 days are allowed
Slopes 3:1 or flatter	14 days	7-days for slopes greater than 50 feet in length
All other areas with slopes flatter than 4:1	14 days	None (except for perimeters and HQW Zones)

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NCG010000 (NCG01)

Surface Dewatering Devices

Basins with drainage area 1 acre or larger must utilize a surface dewatering device in basins that discharge from the project



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During Construction

- Delineate buffer zones
- Install EC devices as per approved E&SC Plan
- Excavate/Build slopes in manner that allows for seeding of slopes
- Stage seed slopes
- [Monitor the turbidity of Borrow Pit discharge](#)
- Sites are considered "single source", unless the site has commercial status

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Turbidity

Measure of water clarity: Higher turbidity tends to occur with more silt & clay particles suspended in water

Measured by passing light through a small sample and measuring the light dispersion

Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTUs)

No standard for runoff yet

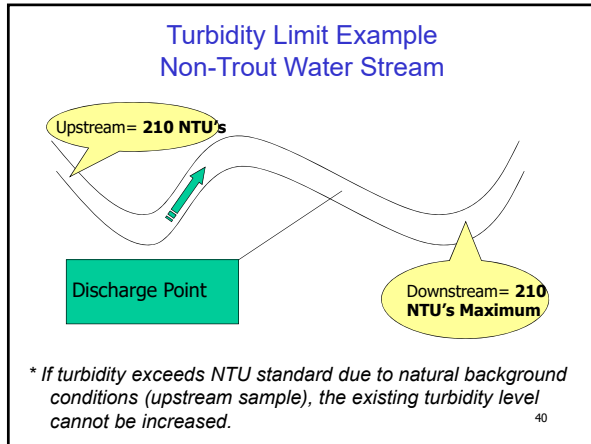


Turbidity Limits

Surface Water Classification	Turbidity Not to Exceed Limit* (NTUs)
Streams	50
Lakes & Reservoirs	25
Trout Waters	10

** If turbidity exceeds these levels due to natural background conditions, the existing turbidity level cannot be increased*

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MODULE 4. Open Channel Design

Table 4.1. NCDOT guidelines for selecting channel linings.

Channel Slope (%)	Recommended Channel Lining
< 1.5	Seed and Mulch
1.5 to 4.0	Temporary Liners (RECP)
>4.0	Turf Reinforced Mats or Hard

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Selecting a Channel Lining

$$\tau = (\gamma) (d_{chan}) (S_{chan}) \quad \text{(Equation 4.1, pg 22)}$$

τ = average tractive force acting on the channel lining (lbs/ft²)
 γ = unit weight of water, assumed to be 62.4 lbs/ft³
 d_{chan} = depth of flow in the channel (ft)
 S_{chan} = slope of the channel (ft/ft)

Select a channel lining that will resist the tractive force.

Example: Select a lining for a ditch with channel slope of 0.02 ft/ft and flow depth of 0.8 ft. NCDOT guidelines (Table 4.1) recommend temporary liner.

$$\tau = (62.4 \text{ lb/ft}^3) (0.8 \text{ ft}) (0.02 \text{ ft/ft}) = 1.0 \text{ lb/ft}^2$$

Table 4.3 (pg 23): Select a RECP with allowable tractive force > 1.0 lb/ft²

Worksheet

4.1. Select a suitable channel liner for a triangular ditch with maximum depth of 1.2 ft and slope of 4.2%.

Table 4.1: NCDOT guidelines for >4% slope require TRM.

Equation 4.1: $\tau = (62.4 \text{ lbs/ft}^3) (1.2 \text{ ft}) (0.042 \text{ ft/ft}) = 3.14 \text{ lbs/ft}^2$

Table 4.3: Select a TRM channel lining with a maximum allowable tractive force greater than 3.14 lbs/ft² (N. American Green P550)

MODULE 5. Sediment Retention BMPs for NCDOT

1. Selection & Design Considerations
2. BMP Design Criteria
3. Example Specs and Calculations

NCDOT Roadside Environmental Unit Soil and Water Section:

<http://ncdot.gov/doh/operations/dp%5Fchief%5Feng/roadside/soil%5Fwater/>

Sediment Retention BMPs

BMP	Location	Catchment	Structure	Sed. Cl. Stone	Surface Area	Volume	Function
T. Rock Sed. Dam A	Swale/large ditch	< 1 ac.	Class I	Yes	435Q ₁₀	3600 ft ³ /ac.	Remove sand
T. Rock Sed. Dam B	Drainage outlet	< 1 ac.	Class B	Yes	435Q ₁₀	3600 ft ³ /ac.	Remove sand
Silt Basin B	Drainage outlet Adjacent to inlet	< 3 ac.	Earth	No	435Q ₁₀ (325Q ₁₀ @ 30' inlet)	3600 ft ³ /ac (1800 ft ³ /ac @ 30' inlet)	Remove sand
Skimmer Basin	Drainage outlet	< 10 ac.	Earth	No	325Q ₁₀	3600 ft ³ /ac	Remove sand
Infiltration Basin	Drainage outlet	< 10 ac.	Earth	No	325Q ₁₀	1800 ft ³ /ac.	Remove sand
Riser Basin (non-perforated riser w/ skimmer)	Drainage outlet	< 100 ac.	Earth	No	435Q ₁₀	1800 ft ³ /ac.	Remove silt, clay
Silt Basin/Pumped	Near borrow pit/culvert	N/A	Earth and Stone	No	2:1 LW ratio	Based on dewatering	Remove silt, clay
Silt Basin/Silt Bag	Near stream	N/A	Filter Fabric	Yes	N/A	Variable	Remove sand
Rock Pipe Inlet Sed. Trap A	Pipe inlet	< 1 ac.	Class B	Yes	N/A	3600 ft ³ /ac.	Remove sand
Rock Pipe Inlet Sed. Trap B	Pipe inlet	< 1 ac.	Class A	Yes	N/A	3600 ft ³ /ac.	Remove sand
Slope Drain w/ Berm	F/B Slopes	< 1/2 ac.	12-inch pipe	No	N/A	N/A	Convey concentrated runoff
Rock Inlet Sed. Trap A	Stormwater Inlet	< 1 ac.	Class B	Yes	N/A	3600 ft ³ /ac.	Remove sand
Rock Inlet Sed. Trap B	Stormwater Inlet	< 1 ac.	Class A	Yes	N/A	3600 ft ³ /ac.	Remove sand
Rock Inlet Sed. Trap C	Stormwater Inlet	< 1 ac.	1/2" wire mesh	Yes	N/A	N/A	Remove sand
T. Rock Silt Check A	Drainage outlet	< 1 ac.	Class B	Yes	435Q ₁₀	3600 ft ³ /ac.	Remove sand
T. Rock Silt Check B	Channel	< 1/2 ac.	Class B	No	N/A	N/A	Reduce flow velocity
Temporary Earth Berm	Project perimeter	< 1/2 ac.	Earth	No	N/A	N/A	Divert off-site runoff
Temporary Silt Fence	Bottom of slope	< 1/4 acre per 100 feet -2%+4%	Silt fence	No	N/A	N/A	Create small basin, Remove sand, silt
Special Sediment Control Fence	Bottom of slope	< 1/4 ac.	1/2" wire mesh	Yes	N/A	N/A	Remove sand
Temporary Silt Ditch	Bottom of slope	< 5 ac.	Earth	No	N/A	N/A	Carry sediment/water
Temporary Diversion	Project & Stream	< 5 ac.	Earth	No	N/A	N/A	Divert turbid water
Earth Berm	perimeter	< 3 ac.	Earth	No	N/A	N/A	Divert clean or turbid water
Clean Water Diversion	Project perimeter	< 3 ac.	Earth & Fabric	No	N/A	N/A	Divert clean water
Construction Entrance	Exit to road	N/A	Class A	No	N/A	N/A	Clean truck tires
Safety Fence	Permitted Areas	N/A	Chain/fence	No	N/A	N/A	Define permitted boundary
Borrow Pit Dewatering Basin	Adjacent to Borrow Pits	N/A	Earth	No	N/A	8,020x2'	Remove Sand and reduce turbidity
Wet/Corr Fiber Watts	Channel	< 1/2 ac.	Natural Fibers	No	N/A	N/A	Incorporate P&M
Silt Check A with Matting and P&M	Channel	< 1/2 ac.	Class B	Yes	N/A	N/A	Reduce flow velocity and incorporate P&M

contributing land slope

Structure Sizing

Two Criteria: (see Table 1)

1. Minimum **Volume** (ft³) based on **disturbed** acres
 2. Minimum **Surface Area** (ft²) based on **total** acres
- Use Q₁₀ for normal design
 Use Q₂₅ for Environmentally Sensitive Areas, Upper
 Neuse River Basin, Jordan Lake

Device Outlet Type	Minimum Volume (ft ³)	Minimum Surface Area (ft ²)
Weir	3600 ft ³ /ac	435 Q ₁₀ or Q ₂₅
Surface Outlet	1800 ft ³ /ac	325 Q ₁₀ or Q ₂₅
Surface Outlet + Riser	1800 ft ³ /ac	435 Q ₁₀ or Q ₂₅

Porous Baffle Spacing



Baffles required in Silt Basins at drainage turnouts, Type A and B Temporary Rock Sediment Dams, Skimmer Basins, Stilling Basins:

- 3 baffles evenly-spaced if basin length > 20 ft
- 2 baffles evenly-spaced if basin length 10 - 20 ft
- 1 baffle if basin length ≤ 10 ft (State Forces)

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Weir Length for Spillway

Skimmers and Infiltration Basins:

Weir Length = Q_{peak} / 0.4

Temporary Sediment Dam - Type B:

Minimum 4ft for 1 acre or less

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Check Dam & Wattle Spacing

On NCDOT projects:

Coastal Plain: Spacing = 600 / slope (%)

Example: For 2% slope, space checks 300 ft apart

Piedmont and West: Spacing = 300 / slope (%)

Example: For 3% slope, space checks 100 ft apart

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Design Steps for Basins, Sediment Dams, & Traps

1. Minimum volume and surface area
2. Width and length at the weir/spillway height based on sideslopes
3. Emergency spillway weir length
4. Baffle spacing

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**Temporary Rock Sediment Dam,
Type B**
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Skimmer Basin on Wade Ave.



Example: Temp Rock Sediment Dam Type B

Disturbed area = 1 ac; $Q_{10} = 2.5$ cfs

Interior sideslopes = 1.5:1; L:W = 3:1

1. Minimum Volume and Surface Area:

Minimum Volume = $3600 \times 1 \text{ ac} = 3600 \text{ ft}^3$

Minimum Surface Area = $435 Q_{10} = 435 \times 2.5 \text{ cfs} = 1088 \text{ ft}^2$

Depth = $\text{Volume} / \text{Area} = 3600 \text{ ft}^3 / 1088 \text{ ft}^2 = 3.3 \text{ ft}$

For DOT projects, Design Depth = 2 to 3 ft

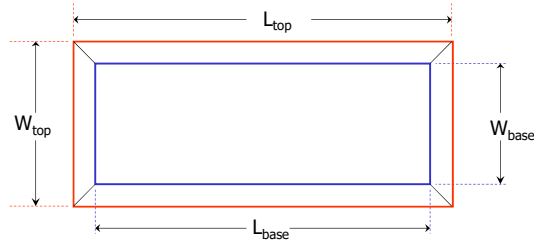
Therefore, use depth = 3 ft

Adjusted Area = $\text{Volume} / \text{depth} = 3600 / 3 = 1200 \text{ ft}^2$

Surface area must be greater to account for sideslopes

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Example: Temp Rock Sed Dam Type B



$$\text{Volume} = \frac{d}{3} \left[W_{\text{top}} L_{\text{top}} + W_{\text{base}} L_{\text{base}} + \left(\frac{W_{\text{top}} L_{\text{base}} + W_{\text{base}} L_{\text{top}}}{2} \right) \right]$$

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Example: Temp Rock Sed Dam Type B

2. Width and depth at top and base (trial & error):

Start with area = 1,200 ft² and a 3:1 length to width ratio

$$\text{Trial Width, } W_{\text{top}} = \sqrt{\frac{A}{L \text{ to } W \text{ ratio}}} = \sqrt{\frac{1200}{3}} = 20 \text{ ft}$$

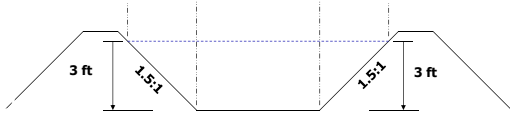
To account for sideslopes, add to top width (try 3 ft):

$$\text{Trial } W_{\text{top}} = 20 + 3 = 23 \text{ ft}$$

$$\text{Trial } L_{\text{top}} = 3 \times W_{\text{top}} = 3 \times 23 = 69 \text{ ft}$$

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Example: Temp Rock Sed Dam Type B



Calculate base width and base length using 1.5 to 1 sideslopes:

$$W_{base} = W_{top} - (\text{depth} \times 1.5 \times 2 \text{ sides}) = 23 - (3 \times 1.5 \times 2) = 14 \text{ ft}$$

$$L_{base} = L_{top} - (\text{depth} \times 1.5 \times 2 \text{ sides}) = 69 - (3 \times 1.5 \times 2) = 60 \text{ ft}$$

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Example: Temp Rock Sed Dam Type B

Calculate volume (minimum required = 3,600 ft³):

$$\text{Volume} = \frac{d}{3} \left[W_{top} L_{top} + W_{base} L_{base} + \left(\frac{W_{top} L_{base} + W_{base} L_{top}}{2} \right) \right]$$

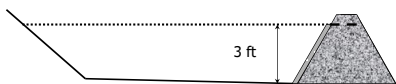
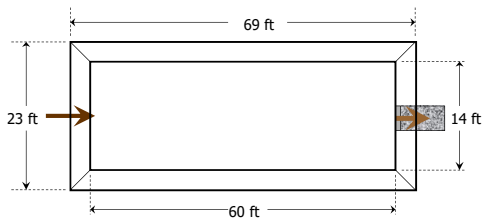
$$\text{Volume} = \frac{3}{3} \left[(23)(69) + (14)(60) + \left(\frac{(23)(60) + (14)(69)}{2} \right) \right]$$

Volume = 3600 ft³ (meets minimum requirement)

Surface Area (at weir elevation) = 23 x 69 = 1587 ft²

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Example: Temp Rock Sed Dam Type B



Not to Scale

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Example: Temp Rock Sed Dam Type B

Principal spillway:

Water exits the basin via the Class B stone dam covered with sediment control stone

Rock weir:

Weir must be sized according to weir chart based on total drainage area (1 acre)

Weir Length (1 acre) = 4 ft

Baffles:

Since basin is 69 ft long, use 3 baffles spaced evenly. Divided the basin into 4 quarters, each 17 ft long

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Design Steps: Skimmer Basin with Baffles

1. Minimum volume and surface area
2. Width and length based on sideslopes
3. Dewatering flow rate (top 2 ft in 3 days)
4. Skimmer size and orifice diameter
5. Primary spillway barrel pipe size
6. Emergency spillway weir length
7. Baffle spacing



Skimmer Basin

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Example: Skimmer Basin with Baffles

Disturbed area = 10 ac; $Q_{10} = 17$ cfs; Dewater time = 3 days; Interior sideslopes = 1.5:1; L:W = 3:1

1. Minimum Volume and Surface Area:

Minimum Volume = 1800×10 acres = 18,000 ft³

Minimum Surface Area = $325Q_{10} = 325 \times 17$ cfs = 5,525 ft²

Depth = Volume / Area = $18,000 \text{ ft}^3 / 5,525 \text{ ft}^2 = 3.1$ ft

For DOT projects, Design Depth = 3 ft

Therefore, adjust minimum surface area up:

$\text{Area}_{\text{min}} = \text{Volume} / \text{Design Depth} = 18,000 \text{ ft}^3 / 3 \text{ ft} = 6,000 \text{ ft}^2$

Surface area must be greater to account for sideslopes

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Example: Skimmer Basin with Baffles

$$\text{Volume} = \frac{d}{3} \left[W_{\text{top}} L_{\text{top}} + W_{\text{base}} L_{\text{base}} + \left(\frac{W_{\text{top}} L_{\text{base}} + W_{\text{base}} L_{\text{top}}}{2} \right) \right]$$

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Example: Skimmer Basin with Baffles

2. Width and length at top and base (trial & error):
 Start with area = 6,000 ft² and a 3 to 1 length to width ratio

$$\text{Trial Width, } W_{\text{top}} = \sqrt{\frac{A}{L \text{ to } W \text{ ratio}}} = \sqrt{\frac{6,000}{3}} = 45 \text{ ft}$$

To account for sideslopes, add to top width (try 3 ft):

Trial $W_{\text{top}} = 45 + 3 = 48 \text{ ft}$

Trial $L_{\text{top}} = 3 \times W_{\text{top}} = 3 \times 48 = 144 \text{ ft}$

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Example: Skimmer Basin with Baffles

Calculate base width and base length using 1.5 to 1 sideslopes:

$$W_{\text{base}} = W_{\text{top}} - (\text{depth} \times 1.5 \times 2 \text{ sides}) = 48 - (3 \times 1.5 \times 2) = 39 \text{ ft}$$

$$L_{\text{base}} = L_{\text{top}} - (\text{depth} \times 1.5 \times 2 \text{ sides}) = 144 - (3 \times 1.5 \times 2) = 135 \text{ ft}$$

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Example: Skimmer Basin with Baffles

Calculate volume (minimum required = 18,000 ft³):

$$\text{Volume} = \frac{d}{3} \left[W_{\text{top}} L_{\text{top}} + W_{\text{base}} L_{\text{base}} + \left(\frac{W_{\text{top}} L_{\text{base}} + W_{\text{base}} L_{\text{top}}}{2} \right) \right]$$

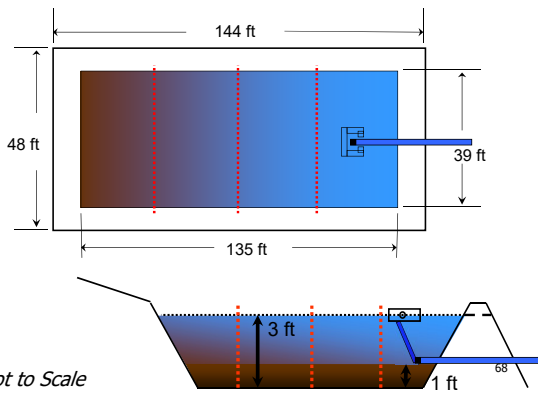
$$\text{Volume} = \frac{3}{3} \left[(48)(144) + (39)(135) + \left(\frac{(48)(135) + (39)(144)}{2} \right) \right]$$

Volume = 18,225 ft³ (meets minimum requirement)

Surface Area (at weir elevation) = 48 x 144 = 6,912 ft²

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Example: Skimmer Basin with Baffles



Not to Scale

Example: Skimmer Basin with Baffles

3. Dewatering flow rate (top 2 ft in 3 days)

Calculate width & length at depth = 1 ft using 1.5:1 sideslopes:

$$W_{1\text{ft}} = W_{\text{top}} - (\text{depth} \times 1.5 \times 2 \text{ sides}) = 48 - (2 \times 1.5 \times 2) = 42 \text{ ft}$$

$$L_{1\text{ft}} = L_{\text{top}} - (\text{depth} \times 1.5 \times 2 \text{ sides}) = 144 - (2 \times 1.5 \times 2) = 138 \text{ ft}$$

Calculate volume in the top 2 ft

$$\text{Volume} = \frac{d}{3} \left[W_{\text{top}} L_{\text{top}} + W_{1\text{ft}} L_{1\text{ft}} + \left(\frac{W_{\text{top}} L_{1\text{ft}} + W_{1\text{ft}} L_{\text{top}}}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$\text{Volume} = \frac{2}{3} \left[(48)(144) + (42)(138) + \left(\frac{(48)(138) + (42)(144)}{2} \right) \right]$$

Volume in top 2 ft = 12,696 ft³

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Example: Skimmer Basin with Baffles

4. Select Faircloth Skimmer to dewater top 2 ft in 3 days

Volume in top 2 ft, $V_{skim} = 12,696 \text{ ft}^3$

Dewater Rate, $Q_{skim} = V_{skim} / t_{dewater} = 12,696 / 3 = 4,232 \text{ ft}^3 / \text{day}$

Select the Skimmer Size to carry at least 4,232 ft³/day

From Table 5.1, a 2.5-inch skimmer carries 6,234 ft³/day with driving head, $H_{skim} = 0.208 \text{ ft}$

Why not use a 2-inch skimmer?



Select skimmer based on flow rate, Table 5.1

Skimmer Diameter (inches)	$Q_{skimmer}$ Max Outflow Rate (ft ³ / day) *	$H_{skimmer}$ Driving Head (ft) *
1.5	1,728	0.125
2.0	3,283	0.167
2.5	6,234	0.208
3.0	9,774	0.250
4.0	20,109	0.333
5.0	32,832	0.333
6.0	51,840	0.417
8.0	97,978	0.500

* Updated 2007: www.fairclothskimmer.com

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Orifice Diameter for Skimmer

$$D_{orifice} = \sqrt{\frac{Q_{skim}}{2310 \sqrt{H_{skim}}}} \quad \text{(Equation 5.2)}$$

$D_{orifice}$ = diameter of the skimmer orifice in inches (in)
 $Q_{skimmer}$ = basin outflow rate in cubic feet per day (ft³/day)
 $H_{skimmer}$ = driving head at the skimmer orifice from Table 5.1 in feet (ft)

$$D_{orifice} = \sqrt{\frac{Q_{skim}}{2310 \sqrt{H_{skim}}}} = \sqrt{\frac{4,232}{2,310 \sqrt{0.208}}} = 2.0 \text{ inches}$$

The orifice in the knockout plug is drilled to a 2-inch diameter.

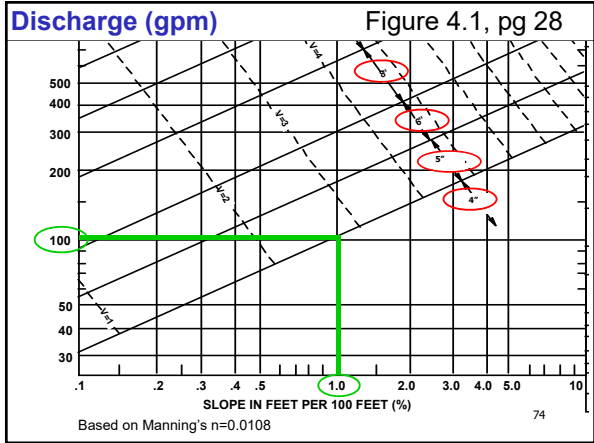
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Example: Skimmer Basin with Baffles

5. Primary spillway barrel pipe size using $Q_{skim} = 4,232$
 NCDOT: Use smooth pipe on 1% slope (minimum 4-inch)
 Figure 4.1 (Pipe Chart pg 27): At 1% slope, a 4-inch pipe carries up to 100 gpm = 19,300 ft³/day

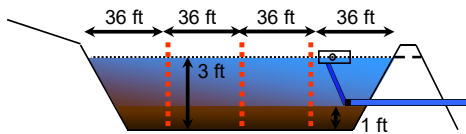
6. Emergency spillway weir length:
 NCDOT: $L_{weir} = 17 \text{ cfs} / 0.4 = 42.5 \text{ ft}$ or 43 ft





Example: Skimmer Basin with Baffles

7. Baffle Spacing:
 For $L_{top} > 20 \text{ ft}$, use 3 baffles to divide into 4 chambers:
 Baffle spacing = $L_{top} / 4 = 144 / 4 = 36 \text{ ft}$



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Worksheet 5.1. Infiltration Basin

Infiltration basin on Rains soil (permeability= 0.5 in/hr) with drainage area of 8 acres?

Drainage area = 8 ac; permeability = 0.5 in/hr

For NCDOT maximum depth = 3ft

Dewatering time = 3ft x hr/0.5 in x 12 in/ft = 72 hr or 3 days

Design volume = 1800 x 8 = 14,400 ft³

*NCDOT guidelines: drains in 3 days, drainage area <10ac., soil permeability at least 0.5 in/hr

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Worksheet 5.3. Skimmer Basin

Design: For a 5.5-acre construction site with Q₁₀ = 12 cfs, design a basin to be dewatered in 3 days. Use 1.5:1 interior sideslopes and 3:1 length:width ratio.

1. Minimum volume and surface area
2. Width and length based on sideslopes
3. Dewatering flow rate (top 2 ft in 3 days)
4. Skimmer size and orifice diameter
5. Primary spillway barrel pipe size
6. Emergency spillway weir length
7. Baffle spacing

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Worksheet 5.3. Skimmer Basin

Design: For a 5.5-acre construction site with Q₁₀ = 12 cfs, design a basin to be dewatered in 3 days. Use 1.5:1 interior sideslopes and 3:1 length:width ratio.

1. Minimum Volume and Surface Area:

Minimum Volume = 1800 x 5.5 acres = 9,900 ft³

Minimum Surface Area = 325Q₁₀ = 325 x 12 cfs = 3,900 ft²

Depth = Volume / Area = 9,900 ft³ / 3,900 ft² = 2.5 ft

For DOT projects, Design Depth = 3 ft

Surface area must be greater to account for sideslopes

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Worksheet 5.3. Skimmer Basin

2. Width and Length at top and base (trial & error):

Start with area = 3,900 ft² and a 3:1 length:width ratio

$$\text{Trial Width, } W_{\text{top}} = \sqrt{\frac{A}{L \text{ to } W \text{ ratio}}} = \sqrt{\frac{3,900}{3}} = 36 \text{ ft}$$

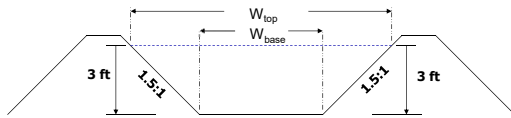
Trial width add 1ft to width $W_{\text{top}} = 36 + 1 = 37 \text{ ft}$

Trial Length, $L_{\text{top}} = 3 \times 37 = 111 \text{ ft}$

Try this width and length with 1.5:1 sideslopes to check if volume > 9,900 ft³

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Worksheet 5.3. Skimmer Basin



Calculate base width and base length using 1.5 to 1 sideslopes:

$$W_{\text{base}} = W_{\text{top}} - (\text{depth} \times 1.5 \times 2 \text{ sides}) = 37 - (3 \times 1.5 \times 2) = 28 \text{ ft}$$

$$L_{\text{base}} = L_{\text{top}} - (\text{depth} \times 1.5 \times 2 \text{ sides}) = 111 - (3 \times 1.5 \times 2) = 102 \text{ ft}$$

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Worksheet 5.3. Skimmer Basin

Calculate volume (minimum required = 9,900 ft³):

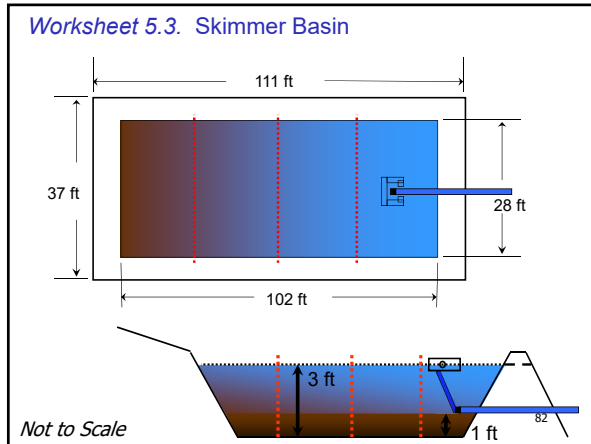
$$\text{Volume} = \frac{d}{3} \left[W_{\text{top}} L_{\text{top}} + W_{\text{base}} L_{\text{base}} + \left(\frac{W_{\text{top}} L_{\text{base}} + W_{\text{base}} L_{\text{top}}}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$\text{Volume} = \frac{3}{3} \left[(37)(111) + (28)(102) + \left(\frac{(37)(102) + (28)(111)}{2} \right) \right]$$

Volume = 10,404 ft³ (meets minimum requirement)

Surface Area (at weir elevation) = 37 x 111 = 4,107 ft²

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Worksheet 5.3. Skimmer Basin

3. Dewatering flow rate (top 2 ft in 3 days)

Calculate width & length at depth = 1 ft using 1.5:1 sideslopes:

$$W_{1ft} = W_{top} - (\text{depth} \times 1.5 \times 2 \text{ sides}) = 37 - (2 \times 1.5 \times 2) = 31 \text{ ft}$$

$$L_{1ft} = L_{top} - (\text{depth} \times 1.5 \times 2 \text{ sides}) = 111 - (2 \times 1.5 \times 2) = 105 \text{ ft}$$

Calculate volume in the top 2 ft

$$\text{Volume} = \frac{d}{3} \left[W_{top} L_{top} + W_{1ft} L_{1ft} + \left(\frac{W_{top} L_{1ft} + W_{1ft} L_{top}}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$\text{Volume} = \frac{2}{3} \left[(37)(111) + (31)(105) + \left(\frac{(37)(105) + (31)(111)}{2} \right) \right]$$

Volume in top 2 ft = 7,350 ft³ 83

Worksheet 5.3. Skimmer Basin

4. Select Faircloth Skimmer to dewater top 2 ft in 3 days

Volume in top 2 ft, $V_{skim} = 7,350 \text{ ft}^3$

Daily $Q_{skim} = 7,350 / 3 = 2,450 \text{ ft}^3 / \text{day}$

Select the Skimmer Size to carry at least 2,450 ft³/day

From Table 5.1, a 2-inch skimmer carries 3,283 ft³/day with driving head, $H_{skim} = 0.167 \text{ ft}$

$$D_{orifice} = \sqrt{\frac{Q_{skim}}{2310 \sqrt{H_{skim}}}} = \sqrt{\frac{2,450}{2,310 \sqrt{0.167}}} = 1.6 \text{ inches}$$

The orifice in the knockout plugs is drilled to a 1.6-inch diameter.

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Select skimmer based on flow rate, Table 5.1

Skimmer Diameter (inches)	Q _{skimmer} Max Outflow Rate (ft ³ / day) *	H _{skimmer} Driving Head (ft) *
1.5	1,728	0.125
2.0	3,283	0.167
2.5	6,234	0.208
3.0	9,774	0.250
4.0	20,109	0.333
5.0	32,832	0.333
6.0	51,840	0.417
8.0	97,978	0.500

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Worksheet 5.3. Skimmer Basin

5. Primary spillway barrel pipe size using Q_{skim} = 2,450

NCDOT: Use smooth pipe on 1% slope (minimum 4-inch)

Figure 4.1 (Pipe Chart): At 1% slope, a 4-inch pipe carries up to 100 gpm = 19,300 ft³/day

6. Emergency spillway weir length:

NCDOT: L_{weir} = 12 cfs/0.4 = 30 ft

7. Baffle Spacing:

Baffle spacing = L_{top} / 4 = 111 / 4 = 28 ft

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MODULE 6: Below Water Table Borrow Pits Dewatering Options

Tier I Methods

- Borrow Pit Dewatering Basin
- Land Application (Irrigation)
- Geotextile Bags
- Alum
- Gypsum
- Polyacrylamide (PAM)



Tier II Methods [rare & unique resources]

- Well Point Pumping
- Impoundments
- Cell Mining
- Sand Media Filtration
- Wet Mining



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Borrow Pit Dewatering Basin

- Basin at pump outlet to settle sediment
- No area requirement
- Volume = pump rate x detention time:
 - Detention time = 2 hours minimum
 - $V_{still} = 16(Q_{still})$ Q = pump rate in gpm
 - Max pump rate = 1,000 gpm (2.2 cfs)
- Maximum depth = 3 ft
- Earthen embankments are fill above grade
- L:W = 2:1 minimum
- Surface outlet:
 - Non-perforated riser pipe (12-inch)
 - Flashboard riser



Turbidity Reduction: PAM at 1 mg/L in stilling basin

Powder: mix 1 pound of PAM per 100 gallons of water

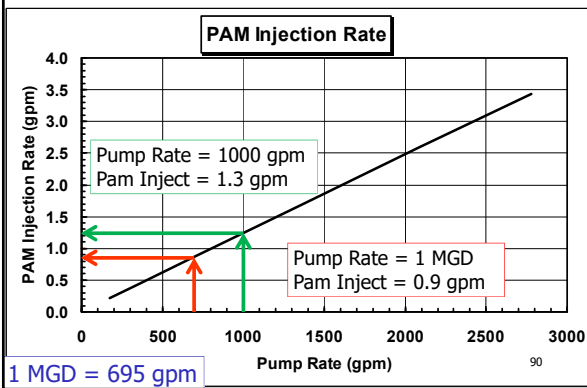
Figure 6.1: At $Q_{still} = 1000$ gpm, inject liquid PAM mix at 1.3 gpm

Inject mix at pump intake (suction line) or just after water leaves pump

Floc-Log: turbulent flow 60-80 gpm inside corrugated plastic pipe (no inner liner)



Figure 6.1. PAM Injection (liquid mix)



Example: Borrow Pit Dewatering Basin

Design a Borrow Pit Dewatering Basin with 2-hour detention time, PAM injection, and pumping rate, $Q_{still} = 300$ gpm.

Volume: $V_{still} = 16 (Q_{still})$ (Equation 6.1)

$V_{still} = 16 (300 \text{ gpm}) = 4,800 \text{ ft}^3$

For depth = 3 ft, minimum surface area:

Area = Volume/Depth = $4,800 \text{ ft}^3 / 3 \text{ ft} = 1,600 \text{ ft}^2$

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Example: Borrow Pit Dewatering Basin

Width and length at top and base (trial & error):

Start with area = 1,600 ft² and a 2:1 length to width ratio

Trial Width, $W_{top} = \sqrt{\frac{A}{L \text{ to } W \text{ ratio}}} = \sqrt{\frac{1,600}{2}} = 29 \text{ ft}$

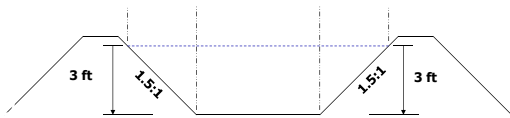
To account for sideslopes, add to top width (try 4 ft):

Trial $W_{top} = 29 + 4 = 33 \text{ ft}$

Trial $L_{top} = 2 \times W_{top} = 2 \times 33 = 66 \text{ ft}$

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Example: Borrow Pit Dewatering Basin



Calculate base width and base length using 1.5 to 1 sideslopes:

$W_{base} = W_{top} - (\text{depth} \times 1.5 \times 2 \text{ sides}) = 33 - (3 \times 1.5 \times 2) = 24 \text{ ft}$

$L_{base} = L_{top} - (\text{depth} \times 1.5 \times 2 \text{ sides}) = 66 - (3 \times 1.5 \times 2) = 57 \text{ ft}$

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Example: Borrow Pit Dewatering Basin

Calculate volume (minimum required = 4,824 ft³):

$$\text{Volume} = \frac{d}{3} \left[W_{\text{top}} L_{\text{top}} + W_{\text{base}} L_{\text{base}} + \left(\frac{W_{\text{top}} L_{\text{base}} + W_{\text{base}} L_{\text{top}}}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$\text{Volume} = \frac{3}{3} \left[(33)(66) + (24)(57) + \left(\frac{(33)(57) + (24)(66)}{2} \right) \right]$$

Volume = 5,300 ft³ (meets minimum requirement)

Surface Area (at weir elevation) = 33 x 66 = 2,200 ft²

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Example: Borrow Pit Dewatering Basin

Spillway Options:

- Riser Pipe (12-inch diameter) with invert at 3 ft depth
- Flashboard Riser with invert at 3 ft depth and flow rate of 300 gpm (0.67 cfs)

PAM Injection:

Mix 1 pound of PAM powder per 100 gallons of water

Figure 6.1: Q_{still} = 300 gpm, inject liquid PAM mix at 0.4 gpm

Inject mix at pump intake (suction line) or just after water leaves pump

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Worksheet 6.1: Borrow Pit Dewatering Basin

Design a Borrow Pit Dewatering Basin with 2-hour detention, PAM injection, and pumping rate, Q_{still} = 1 MGD = 695 gpm.

Volume: $V_{\text{still}} = 16 (Q_{\text{still}})$ (Equation 6.1)

$V_{\text{still}} = 16 (695 \text{ gpm}) = 11,120 \text{ ft}^3$

For depth = 3 ft, minimum surface area:

Area = Volume/Depth = 11,120 ft³ / 3 ft = 3,700 ft²

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Worksheet 6.1: Borrow Pit Dewatering Basin

Width and length at top and base (trial & error):

Start with area = 3,700 ft² and a 2:1 length to width ratio

$$\text{Trial Width, } W_{\text{top}} = \sqrt{\frac{A}{L \text{ to } W \text{ ratio}}} = \sqrt{\frac{3,700}{2}} = 43.0\text{ft}$$

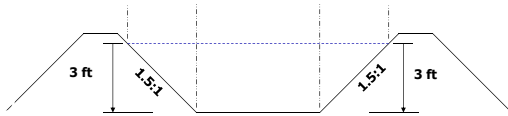
To account for sideslopes, add to top width (try 5 ft or 4ft):

$$\text{Trial } W_{\text{top}} = 43 + 5 = 48 \text{ ft}$$

$$\text{Trial } L_{\text{top}} = 2 \times W_{\text{top}} = 2 \times 48 = 96 \text{ ft}$$

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Worksheet 6.1: Borrow Pit Dewatering Basin



Calculate base width and base length using 1.5 to 1 sideslopes:

$$W_{\text{base}} = W_{\text{top}} - (\text{depth} \times 1.5 \times 2 \text{ sides}) = 48 - (3 \times 1.5 \times 2) = 39 \text{ ft}$$

$$L_{\text{base}} = L_{\text{top}} - (\text{depth} \times 1.5 \times 2 \text{ sides}) = 96 - (3 \times 1.5 \times 2) = 87 \text{ ft}$$

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Worksheet 6.1: Borrow Pit Dewatering Basin

Calculate volume (minimum required = 11,120 ft³):

$$\text{Volume} = \frac{d}{3} \left[W_{\text{top}} L_{\text{top}} + W_{\text{base}} L_{\text{base}} + \left(\frac{W_{\text{top}} L_{\text{base}} + W_{\text{base}} L_{\text{top}}}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$\text{Volume} = \frac{3}{3} \left[(48)(96) + (39)(87) + \left(\frac{(48)(87) + (39)(96)}{2} \right) \right]$$

Volume = 11,960 ft³ (meets minimum requirement)

$$= 11,432 \text{ ft}^3$$

Surface Area (at weir elevation) = 48 x 96 = 4,600 ft²

$$= 47 \times 94 = 4,418 \text{ ft}^2$$

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Worksheet 6.1: Borrow Pit Dewatering Basin

Spillway Options:

- Riser Pipe (12-inch diameter) with invert at 3 ft depth
- Flashboard Riser with invert at 3 ft depth and flow rate of 695 gpm (1.6 cfs)

PAM Injection:

Mix 1 pound of PAM powder per 100 gallons of water

Figure 6.1: $Q_{still} = 695$ gpm, inject liquid PAM mix at 0.9 gpm

Inject mix at pump intake (suction line) or just after water leaves pump

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Below Water Table Sites: Wetland Protection

Type 1: Flow from wetland to pit

Type 2: Flow from pit to wetland

Does not require Skaggs Method calculations

Minimum 25 ft buffer (setback) from wetland

Minimum 50 ft buffer from stream

Type 3: Flow-through pits: wetland to pit on one side, pit to wetland on other side

For Types 1 & 3 or uncertain flow direction:

- 400 ft buffer OR
- Skaggs Method calculations

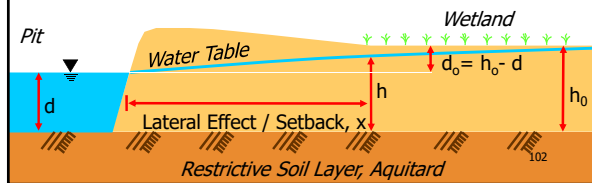


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Skaggs Method: Determine Setback

Wetland hydrology is defined as an area where the water table is normally within 1.0 ft of the soil surface for a continuous critical duration, defined as 5-12.5% of the growing season. The 5% was used in the Skaggs method.

Calculate "Lateral Effect," or setback, x



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Skaggs Method: Determine Setback

Soil Characteristics:

- Effective hydraulic conductivity, K_e (Soil Survey or site investigation)
- Drainable porosity, $f = 0.035$ for DOT applications

Climate:

Threshold Time for water table drawdown of 0.83 ft, $T_{25} = t$

Depth to water table at borrow pit: $d_o = 2$ ft

Surface Depressional Storage:

- 1 inch if area is relatively smooth
- 2 inches if area is rough with shallow depressions

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Surface Storage

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Skaggs Method: Determine Setback

h_o = average profile depth to restrictive layer (measured from wetland soil surface)

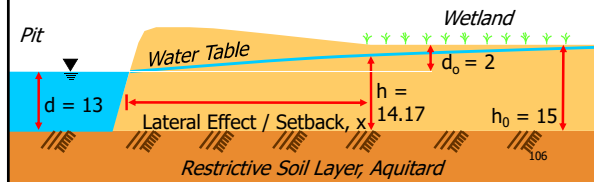
$d_o = 2$ ft = depth from wetland soil surface to water in the borrow pit ($d_o = h_o - d$). For NCDOT, $d_o = 2$ ft

d = depth of pit water to restrictive layer, $d = h_o - 2$ ft

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Example: Skaggs Method

The wetland is located in Johnston County on a Rains soil. From wetland soil surface to impermeable/restrictive layer is 15 ft. Soil hydraulic conductivity is 4ft/day. The wetland has a natural rough surface. What is the minimum lateral setback?



D_o = 2 ft
 H_o = 15 ft
 0.035

5% of growing season

D_o = depth to pit water surface (NCDOT=2 ft)
 H_o = depth from wetland soil surface to restrictive layer

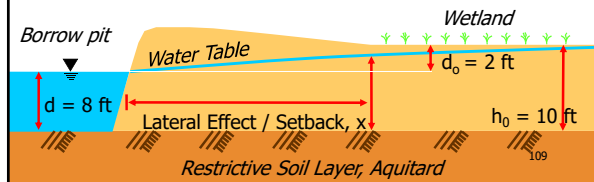
Layer	Depth from Soil Surface (ft)	Hydraulic Conductivity (in/hr)
Layer 1	180	2
Layer 2		
Layer 3	0	0
Layer 4	0	0
Layer 5	0	0
Layer 6	0	0
Layer 7	0	0
Layer 8	0	0

Hydraulic conductivity = 4ft/day * 12in/ft * day/24hr = 2 in/hr

104.3 ft

Worksheet 6.2. Skaggs Method Software Input

For a borrow pit in Pitt County with Emporia soil ($K = 6 \text{ ft/day}$), depth from wetland soil surface to the impermeable layer is 10 ft, ground surface of wetland area is smooth, fill in the inputs for the Skaggs Method software program.



Worksheet 6.2. Skaggs Method Software Input

For a borrow pit in Pitt County with Emporia soil ($K = 6 \text{ ft/day}$), depth from wetland soil surface to the impermeable layer is 10 ft, ground surface of wetland area is smooth, fill in the inputs for the Skaggs Method software program.

