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FOREWORD

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was created because of increasing public and government concern about environmental quality. The complexity of our environment and the interplay among its components require concentrated and integrated approaches to pollution problems.

The possible deleterious water quality effects of nonpoint sources in general, and urban runoff in particular, were recognized by the Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972. Because of uncertainties about the true significance of urban runoff as a contributor to receiving water quality problems, Congress made treatment of separate stormwater discharges ineligible for Federal funding when it enacted the Clean Water Act in 1977. To obtain information that would help resolve these uncertainties, the Agency established the Nationwide Urban Runoff Program (NURP) in 1978. This five-year program was designed to examine such issues as:

- The quality characteristics of urban runoff, and similarities or differences at different urban locations;

- The extent to which urban runoff is a significant contributor to water quality problems across the nation; and

- The performance characteristics and the overall effectiveness and utility of management practices for the control of pollutant loads from urban runoff.

The interim NURP report, published in March 1982, presented preliminary findings of the program. This document is the final report covering the overall NURP program. Several specialized technical reports are published under separate cover.

PREFACE

The Nationwide Urban Runoff Program (NURP) was conducted by the EPA and many cooperating federal, state, regional, and local agencies, distributed widely across the United States. The individual project studies, which were conducted over the past five years, were designed and overseen using a common technical team from EPA headquarters. This approach was taken to assure a desired level of commonality and consistency in the overall program, while allowing each individual project to specially tailor its effort to focus on local concerns.

The program has yielded a great deal of information which will be useful for a broad spectrum of planning activities for many years. Furthermore, it has fostered valuable cooperative relationships among planning and regulatory agencies. The most tangible products of the program are this report, the reports of various grantees (available under separate cover), and several technical reports which focus on specialized aspects of the program, its techniques, and its findings. In addition, a considerable number of individual articles drawing on information developed under the NURP program have already appeared in the technical literature and address specific technical or planning aspects of urban runoff.

At the time of publication of this Final Report, the main technical effort of the NURP program is complete; the field studies and the analysis of most of the resultant data are complete enough that the findings reported herein can be taken with confidence. However, there is still some work in progress to make certain details of the program available for future use. The products of this on-going work include:

- A summary database which is being compiled to make all technical information from the 28 projects available for review and use (DECEMBER 1985);

- A technical report which focuses on the program's studies and findings relative to detention and recharge devices (MAY 1984);

- A technical report on urban runoff effects on the water quality of rivers and streams (MARCH 1984); and

- A technical report on the effectiveness of street sweeping as a potential "best management practice" for water pollution control (MAY 1984).

This report and the supplementary technical documents identified above, supersedes the earlier NURP publication, "Preliminary Results of the Nationwide Urban Runoff Program," March 1982. Information presented there has been expanded, updated, and in some cases revised.

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CHAPTER 1
INTRODUCTION

Rain falling on an urban area results in both benefits and problems. The benefits range from watering vegetation to area cleansing. Many of the problems are associated with urban runoff, that portion of rainfall which drains from the urban surfaces and flows via natural or man-made drainage systems into receiving waters.

The historical concern with urban runoff has been focused primarily on flooding. Urban development has the general effect of reducing pervious land surface area and increasing the impervious area (such as roof tops, streets, and sidewalks) where water cannot infiltrate. In comparison with an undeveloped area (for a given storm event), an urban area will yield more runoff, and it will occur more quickly. Such increases in the rate of flow and total volume often have a decided effect on erosion rates and flooding. It is not surprising, therefore, that at the local level the quantity aspect continues to be a principal concern.

In recent years, however, concern with urban runoff as a contributor to receiving water quality problems has been expressed. Section 62 of the Water Quality Act of 1965 (P.L. 89-234) authorized the Federal government to make grants for the purpose of "assisting in the development of any project which will demonstrate a new or improved method of controlling the discharge into any water of untreated or inadequately treated sewage or other waste from sewerage which carry storm water or both storm water and sewage or other waste ..." The Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 (P.L. 92-500) signaled a heightened national awareness of the degraded state of the nation's surface waters and a Congressional intent that national water quality goals be pursued. The scarcely two-year old Environmental Protection Agency built upon its predecessors' activities by taking up the challenge and implementing this far reaching legislation.

As a result of Section 208 of The Act, State and local water quality management agencies were designated to integrate water quality activities. As point source discharges were increasingly brought under control and funds for the construction and upgrading of municipal sewage treatment plants were granted, the awareness of nonpoint sources (including urban runoff) as potential contributors to water quality degradation was heightened. Uncertainties associated with the local nature and extent of urban runoff water quality problems, the effectiveness of possible management and control measures, and their affordability in terms of benefits to be derived mounted as water quality management plans were developed. The unknowns were so great and certain control cost estimates were so high that the Clean Water Act of 1977 (P.L. 95-217) deleted Federal funding for the treatment of separate stormwater discharges. The Congress stated that there was simply not enough

known about urban runoff loads, impacts, and controls to warrant making major investments in physical control systems.

In 1978, EPA Headquarters reviewed the results of work on urban runoff by the technical community and the various 208 Areawide Agencies and determined that additional, consistent data were needed. The NURP program was implemented to build upon pertinent prior work and to provide practical information and insights to guide the planning process, including policy and program development and implementation. The NURP program included 28 projects, conducted separately at the local level, but centrally reviewed, coordinated, and guided. While these projects were separate and distinct, most share certain commonalities. All were involved with one or more of the following elements: characterizing pollutant types, loads, and effects on receiving water quality; determining the need for control; and evaluating various alternatives for the control of stormwater pollution. Their emphasis was on answering the basic questions underlying the NURP program and providing practical information needed for planning.

CHAPTER 2
BACKGROUND

EARLY PERCEPTIONS

As noted earlier, drainage is perhaps the single most important factor of the urban hydrologic cycle. Nuisance flooding, more than anything else, gives Public Works directors concern, as complaints are received from unhappy motorists, residents, and business. Drainage has typically been considered a local responsibility, usually that of the City or County Public Works Department. Rarely does this responsibility go to the State or Federal level, except in cases of catastrophic flooding involving risk to human life and extensive property damage.

By 1964, the U.S. Public Health Service had begun to be concerned about identified pollutants in urban runoff and concluded that there may be significant water quality problems associated with stormwater runoff. In 1969, the Urban Water Resources Research Committee of the American Society of Civil Engineers (directed by M. B. McPherson and sponsored by the U.S. Geological Survey) recognized the potential threat of pollution from urban runoff and described a research program intended to obtain needed information to characterize urban stormwater quality.

In the late 1960's, the Federal Water Quality Administration (FWQA) conducted a study in an area of Tulsa, Oklahoma which was served by separate storm sewers. This first attempt at using regression analysis on urban runoff indicated that there was only a very poor correlation between stormwater runoff quantity and water quality constituents (except for suspended solids). Comparing the concentrations of various pollutants examined by this study (separate storm sewers) with previous data on combined sewer overflows indicated that storm runoff from areas having separate sewers had much lower values for BOD, fecal coliform, and most other pollutant concentrations. The study concluded that the largest portion of pollutants resulted from (1) washoff of material from impervious surfaces and (2) the erosion of drainage channels (caused by high volumes of runoff from the impervious surfaces). Control of urban runoff was recommended to reduce both runoff volume and rates.

Atlanta, Georgia is an example of a city that has both a combined sewer system and a separate system. In 1971, EPA conducted a study which compared the contribution of various sources of pollutants. It was concluded that, on an annual basis, 64 percent of the BOD load came from separate storm sewers, and 19 percent came from combined sewers, the balance coming from treatment plants.

In 1971, EPA also conducted a study in Oakland and Berkeley, California, to assess the infiltration of stormwater into sanitary sewers. While only four

percent of the study area had combined sewerage and the remaining 96 percent separate, the study made it clear that infiltration can cause a separate system to function as though it were combined.

Studies in Sacramento, California, which has both combined and separate storm sewers, indicated that the stormwater was comparable to the average strength of domestic wastewater. However, the concentrations for BOD were found to be so unrealistically high, that contamination of the runoff by raw sanitary sewage was considered to be a distinct possibility.

In 1973, the Council on Environmental Quality published a report titled, "Total Urban Pollutant Loads: Sources and Abatement Strategies." The primary conclusion was that much pollution was coming from urban runoff and that, unless it was taken care of, the goals of the Act would not be met.

CONCLUSIONS FROM SECTION 208 EFFORTS

EPA guidance for conducting the early 208 planning efforts designated 17 topic areas (including urban runoff) that were to be addressed by all Water Quality Management agencies in developing their 208-funded plans. Although all topic areas were to be covered, the degree of emphasis to place on each was left to the individual agencies to decide. As a result, the amount of the 208 efforts spent in the area of urban runoff varied greatly (but was rarely a major portion).

Many of the 208 agencies began their studies with the assumption that urban runoff was an important cause of water quality problems. Although the studies developed much information on runoff and receiving waters, not enough basic information was known to assess urban runoff's role as a major cause of problems. This was partly because of interferences by other sources and complex relationships within the receiving waters. It was also due to the difficulties in deciding what constitutes a "problem." In some cases, "problems" were synonymous with criteria violations; in others, "problems" were synonymous with an impairment or denial of beneficial uses. In many cases, "problems" were concluded to exist, simply on the basis of the possible presence of certain contaminants in urban runoff, based solely on values taken from literature regarding studies conducted elsewhere. The practical implication of these differences (which were differences in viewpoints rather than differences in physical conditions, in many cases) was that local agencies were very reluctant to commit to implementing urban runoff controls in the absence of a clear problem definition.

Furthermore, in the early years of the 208 program, EPA's guidance on how to address urban runoff was vague. As a result, local agencies took a wait-and-see attitude on the stormwater portion of their plans. They simply did not know what EPA would eventually do on the issue of stormwater control.

Another major obstacle to implementation resulted from the uncertainties regarding the effectiveness of controls. Many of the measures proposed for controlling urban runoff are either new or special applications of conventional practices developed for other purposes. Little was known about how

well they would work in urban runoff applications. Engineers, planners, public works personnel, and other decision makers have been understandably reluctant to invest large amounts of time and money in controls which may not perform as hoped.

Another obstacle to implementation of controls was a lack of basic data on sources, transport mechanisms, and receiving water characteristics (hydrologic and water quality aspects). Some of the more important topic areas where knowledge was lacking are summarized below:

- Sources - Not enough was known about where pollutants originate. Major sources certainly include vehicles, vegetation, erosion, fertilizer and pesticide application, litter, animals, and air pollution. However, a better understanding of source contributions could enhance control opportunities.

- Washoff/transport mechanisms - Not enough was known about how pollutants get from the sources to the receiving waters. Models could be better used for simulating runoff in problem definition and control evaluation, if they more accurately reflected washoff and transport mechanisms.

- Impacts - It was difficult to go beyond speculation in assigning urban runoff its proper share of responsibility for problems in cases where several pollutant sources contribute. In cases where other sources create obvious problems, it was difficult to determine the appropriate degree to which urban runoff should be controlled.

- Relative benefits - Planners had difficulty deciding whether the various benefits of controlling urban runoff quality justify the costs involved. There was considerable controversy over the present dry weather standards' relationship to beneficial uses, given the time and space scales of storm events and their intermittent nature. Many plans failed to be implemented because of uncertainties regarding: How much control is enough? Who benefits? Who should pay? Who should decide?

- Controls - Both cost and effectiveness data on full-scale control programs were lacking. Some of the control measures cited for typical 208 plans were plausible candidates, but their application for the purpose of urban runoff pollution control had not been studied quantitatively.

EPA'S ORD EFFORT

During the past 15 years, EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) has conducted over 250 studies on the characterization and control of stormwater discharges and combined sewer overflows, with particular emphasis on the latter due to their greater pollution potential. Consistent with overall Agency policies, ORD has deemphasized studies on receiving water impacts and effects (although it has done some such work). Rather, ORD has focussed principally on multi-purpose analyses and controls, because it is nearly

impossible to segregate benefits and strategies of urban stormwater runoff pollution control from drainage, flood, and erosion control. Many significant results have been obtained by ORD's effort, which has dramatically increased the technical literature in the area.

Data from ORD studies indicate the high variability of pollutant concentrations in urban runoff. Based on loading projections, it is safe to conclude that urban stormwater can contribute significant pollutant loads to receiving waters, in many cases having pollutant concentrations on the order of secondary treatment plant effluent for some constituents. Nonetheless, in its efforts to find direct urban runoff generated receiving water impacts (using the conventional dissolved oxygen parameter as the indicator) ORD has been only partly successful. However, this was only one study and was not intended to be the final word. Nonetheless, based on the size of the load coming from urban runoff, a significant pollution potential is there for at least some types of receiving waters. For example, a small urban lake could receive nutrient loads sufficient to increase algal productivity and accelerate the eutrophication process. The existence of heavy metals and certain organics (mostly of petroleum origin) in urban runoff have also been documented by the ORD program.

In addition to studying urban runoff loads, the ORD program has investigated a number of management and control approaches. This effort has been very successful, and many innovative techniques have been proposed and tested. The results of such research, development, and demonstrations have been presented in reports which document many of these potential controls, thereby allowing the technology to be utilized in other programs and at other locations. Included have been such control measures as on-site (upstream) storage; porous pavement; the swirl concentrator, helical bend, tube settler, and fine mesh screens for grit and settleable solids removal; street sweeping; disinfection; and high rate filtration, dissolved air flotation, and microscreening for suspended solids and BOD removal. Most of these controls were developed principally to deal with combined sewer overflow problems. However, some may also have application in urban runoff control, once their effectiveness has been conclusively demonstrated and initial and operating cost data are available to allow the necessary trade-off studies to be made.

The ORD program's reports constitute an invaluable source of data and information that was used to design and guide the development of the emerging NURP program. Also, three of the NURP projects were joint efforts with ORD (i.e., West Roxbury, Massachusetts, Bellevue, Washington, and Lansing, Michigan).

OTHER PRIOR/ONGOING EFFORTS

The Clean Water Act requires EPA to provide Congress with a needs assessment every two years in the six categories of the construction grant funds program. In 1974, the Needs Survey for Separate Storm Sewer Discharges (Category VI) was done by each state. Using the goals of the Act as the criteria to be met, they identified a cost of about $235 billion (June 1973 dollars). One state alone identified $80 billion in needs to control separate storm sewer discharges. In 1976, the Needs Survey was conducted by the Agency, and it was found that Category VI would require $66 billion to meet the goals of

the Act. This survey broke the goals into three categories or levels of pollution abatement; (1) aesthetics, (2) fish and wildlife, and (3) recreation. Costs to meet each category were determined.

As noted previously, the ASCE defined a program in 1969 to identify the causes and effects of urban stormwater pollution. The recommendations were not followed, so in 1974 at the Rindge, New Hampshire, Engineering Foundation Conference (jointly sponsored with ASCE's Urban Water Resources Research Council), a similar program was again recommended. A similar scenario occurred at the Easton, Maryland, conference of 1976 sponsored by the same group.

DISCUSSION

In the past (ca 1890), dilution was considered to be the appropriate way to control combined sewer overflows, since the primary concern was odor and related nuisances. Between 1890 and 1960 little concern was shown for stormwater pollution. Stormwater concerns were primarily related to drainage problems. As time progressed, water quality began to be considered, and workers began to characterize problems in terms of concentrations of certain pollutants and loads of these pollutants. In the 1970's, problems were being defined in terms of pounds of pollutants needing to be removed from overflows, in the interest of preventing pollution.

Past work, reported by EPA and published in professional journals, tended to focus on determining (a) the type and amount of pollutants involved and/or (b) methods to reduce the loads. However, such reports and articles did not consider either the level of improvement attainable or the need to improve quality of the receiving water body associated with the study. A conclusion common to all such reports was that not enough was known about stormwater to adequately understand cause and effect relationships. Also common to such reports were recommendations for further study and more data. A tangible result of the lack of belief and uncertain attitude in this area is the fact that stormwater controls for water quality have been implemented in so few places throughout the nation. Thus, there has been a critical need to objectively examine the situation.

Many factors led to the development of NURP, one being a legally-mandated necessity. As implementation of P.L. 92-500 moved into full swing, the lack of progress in the area of urban runoff was becoming apparent. In 1974 EPA lost a court case, which led to the decision that EPA should issue permits for separate storm sewer discharges. In 1976 EPA requested that the Areawide Waste Management Planning Program focus on the three or four most important of the 17 items required by the regulations. Many of the 208 Areawide Agencies cited urban runoff as an important item.

Two years later, EPA reviewed ninety-three 208 Areawide Agencies' work plans to assess their basis for having identified urban runoff as an element upon which they would focus. Review of these projects' methods and findings did not provide much to further our understanding of the pollution aspects of urban runoff. If one reason can be identified, it was the lack of site-specific data to define the local conditions.

As mentioned earlier, the Rindge Conference recommended a candidate program for obtaining the data necessary to provide a good understanding of stormwater pollution (EFC/ASCE, 1974). It is not coincidental that the NURP program is quite similar in design to those recommendations.

THE NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

Program Design

NURP was not intended to be a research program, per se, and was not designed as such. Rather, the program was intended to be a support function which would provide information and methodologies for water quality planning efforts. Therefore, wherever possible, the projects selected were ones where the work undertaken would complete the urban runoff elements of formal water quality management plans and the results were likely to be incorporated in future plan updates and lead to implementation of management recommendations. Conduct of the program provided direction and assistance to 28 separate and distinct planning projects, whose locations are shown in Figure 2-1 and listed in Table 2-1, but the results will be of value to many other planning efforts. NURP also acted as a clearinghouse and, in that capacity, provided a common communication link to and among the 28 projects.

The NURP effort began with a careful review of what was known about urban runoff mechanisms, problems, and controls, and then built upon this base. The twin objectives of the program were to provide credible information on which Federal, State, and local decision makers could base future urban runoff management decisions and to support both planning and implementation efforts at the 28 project locations.

An early step in implementing the NURP program involved identifying a limited number of locations where intensive data gathering and study could be done. Candidate locations were assessed relative to three basic selection criteria:

- Meeting program objectives;
- Developing implementation plans for those areas; and
- Demonstrating transferability, so that solutions and knowledge gained in the study area could be applied in other areas, without need for intensive, duplicative data gathering efforts.

The program design used for NURP included providing a full range of technical and management assistance to each project as the needs arose. Several forums for the communication of experience and sharing of data were provided through semi-annual meetings involving participants from all projects. The roles and responsibilities of the various State, local, and regional agencies and participating Federal agencies were clearly defined and communicated at the outset. These were reviewed and revised where warranted as the projects progressed.

Figure 2-1. Locations of the 28 NURP Projects

TABLE 2-1. NURP PROJECT LOCATIONS

EPA Region	NURP Code	Project Name/Location	EPA Region	NURP Code	Project Name/Location
I	MA1	Lake Quinsigamond (Boston Area)	V	IL1	Champaign-Urbana, Illinois
				IL2	Lake Ellyn (Chicago Area)
	MA2	Upper Mystic (Boston Area)		MI1	Lansing, Michigan
	NH1	Durham, New Hampshire		MI2	SEMCOG (Detroit Area)
II	NY1	Long Island (Nassau and Suffolk Counties)		MI3	Ann Arbor, Michigan
				WI1	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
	NY2	Lake George	VI	AR1	Little Rock, Arkansas
	NY3	Irondequoit Bay (Rochester Area)		TX1	Austin, Texas
			VII	KS1	Kansas City
III	DC1	WASHCOG (Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area)	VIII	CO1	Denver, Colorado
				SD1	Rapid City, South Dakota
	MD1	Baltimore, Maryland		UT1	Salt Lake City, Utah
IV	FL1	Tampa, Florida	IX	CA1	Coyote Creek (San Francisco Area)
	NC1	Winston-Salem, North Carolina			
	SC1	Myrtle Beach, South Carolina		CA2	Fresno, California
	TN1	Knoxville, Tennessee	X	OR1	Springfield-Eugene, Oregon
				WA1	Bellevue (Seattle Area)

The 28 NURP projects were managed by designated State, county, city, or regional governmental associations. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) was involved with EPA as a cooperator, through an inter-agency agreement, on 11 of the NURP projects. The Tennessee Valley Authority was also involved in one project.

A major objective of the program was the acquisition of data. Because these data will be used for several years to characterize problems, evaluate receiving water impacts from urban runoff, and evaluate management practices, consistent methods of data collection had to be developed and rigorously employed.

Project Selection

Projects were selected from among the 93 Areawide Agencies that had identified urban runoff as one of their significant problems. The intention was to build upon what these agencies had already accomplished in their earlier programs. Also, projects that would be a part of this program were screened to be sure that they represented a broad range of certain characteristics (e.g., hydrologic regimes, land uses, populations, drainage system types). Actual selection of projects was a joint effort among the States, local governments, and Regional EPA offices. The five major criteria used to screen candidate projects were as follows:

1. Problem Identified. Had a problem relative to urban runoff actually been identified? Could that problem be directly related to separate storm sewer discharges? What pollutant or pollutants were thought to be causing the problem? Using the NURP problem identification categories, what was the "problem" (i.e., denying a beneficial use, violating a State water quality standard, or public concern)?

2. Type of Receiving Water. The effects of stormwater runoff on receiving water quality were the NURP program's ultimate concern. Because flowing streams, tidal rivers, estuaries, oceans, impoundments, and lakes all have different hydrologic and water quality responses, the types of receiving waters associated with each candidate project had to be examined to ensure that an appropriately representative mix was included in the overall NURP program.

3. Hydrologic Characteristics. The pattern of rainfall in the study area is perhaps the single most important factor in studying urban runoff phenomena, because it provides the means of conveyance of pollutants from their source to the receiving water. For this reason, projects in locations having in different hydrologic regimes were chosen for the program.

4. Urban Characteristics. Characteristics such as population density, age of community, and land use were considered as

possible indicators of the waste loads and ultimately the rainfall-runoff water quality relationship. The type of sewerage system was another factor considered (e.g., whether it is combined, separate, or mixed; how severe the infiltration and inflow problems may be). Such factors have different effects on the quantity and quality of storm runoff, and were balanced as well as possible in selecting projects.

5. Beneficial Use of Receiving Water. Because this factor greatly affects the type of control measure that would be appropriate, attempts were made to include a wide range in selecting projects.

Although these were the primary criteria used to identify potential projects, other factors also had to be considered (e.g., the applicant agencies' willingness to participate, the State's acceptance of the project, the experience of the proposed project teams). Because the NURP program used planning grants (not research funds) a major consideration was the anticipated working relationships with local public agencies and the applicants' ability to raise local matching funds.

Program Assistance

Technical expertise and resources available for urban runoff planning varied among the various projects participating in NURP. Therefore, the program strategy called for providing a broad spectrum of technical assistance to each project as needed and for intercommunication of experiences and sharing of data in a timely manner.

Assistance was also provided to the applicants in developing their final work plans. This was done to ensure that there would be consistency among methods, especially in the collection of data. If there were to be differences in data from city to city, they must be due to the characteristics of each city and not a result of how the data were obtained.

Assistance with instrumentation was provided during the program in the form of information on available equipment, installation, calibration, etc. Because one of the more important elements of a data collection program is the "goodness" or quality of the data themselves, questionable data would be of little use. Accordingly, a quality assurance and quality control element was required in the plans for each project.

Periodic visits were made to each project site to ensure that the participants were provided opportunities to discuss any problems, technical or administrative. The visiting team typically included an EPA Regional Office representative, an EPA Headquarters representative, and one or two experienced consultants. All interested parties, including representatives from State or local governments, were requested to attend those visits.

As the projects moved farther into their planned activities and the time for data analysis approached, each project was required to describe how they were going to analyze their data. No single method was recommended for each project, because it was believed that a broad diversity of available methods

would be suitable, if used properly. Guidance on proper use was provided as a part of technical assistance through project visits and special workshops for this purpose.

Communication

It was intended that the entire group of NURP participants function as a single team. Accordingly, a communication program was developed. National meetings were conducted semi-annually so that key personnel from the individual projects would have an opportunity to discuss their experiences and findings.

Reports were required of each project quarterly. EPA Headquarters also provided composite quarterly reports summarizing the status of each project and discussing problems encountered and solutions found.

CHAPTER 3
URBAN RUNOFF PERSPECTIVES

In evaluating the impacts of urban runoff, one's perspective may be influenced by one's concerns and priorities - and what one defines to be a "problem". Recognizing this, the following discussion covers several such perspectives, including concerns over runoff quantity, water quality, and control possibilities.

RUNOFF QUANTITY

The following discussion covers a major cause and two major effects of runoff problems related to "quantity" (i.e., increased urbanization as a cause; flooding and erosion/sedimentation as effects).

Flooding Problems

As noted earlier, drainage has historically been the principal local-level concern regarding urban runoff. Concerns over quantity can be divided into two basic categories: nuisance flooding and major flooding. Nuisance flooding (e.g., temporary ponding of water on streets, road closings, minor basement flooding), although hardly tolerable to those immediately affected, rarely affects an entire urban populance. Nonetheless, the concerns of the (often vocal) minority of affected citizens commonly reach the point where local action is taken to minimize the recurrence of such events. Such mitigation activities are usually locally determined, funded, and implemented because both the affected public and government decision makers perceive and concur that such flooding constitutes a "problem".

Catastrophic flood events, on the other hand, have to be thought about differently for several reasons:

- They typically affect the majority of the urban populace.

- Mitigation measures often involve engineering improvements extending well beyond local jurisdictions.

- Mitigation measures often cost more than the local community could afford. Historically, the Federal government has become involved, in major flood control efforts through a number of related programs. In such cases, water quantity problems are relatively easy to define because the extent of flooding is readily observable, the degree of damage is easily determined, and the benefits of proposed flood control projects can be estimated. Thus, decision makers face a relatively low risk in prescribing courses of action and justifying the associated

costs in light of benefits. As will be discussed later, decision making in the case of water quality concerns is less straightforward.

Erosion and Sedimentation Problems

Erosion results from rainfall and runoff when soil and other particles are removed from the land surface and transported into conveyance systems and water bodies. Since land surface erosion is the principle source of stream sediment, the type of soil, land cover, and hydrologic conditions are major factors in determining the severity and extent of sedimentation problems. Although erosion is a natural process, it is frequently exacerbated by the activities of man, in both urban and rural environments.

When addressing the broad spectrum of receiving water problems which result from sedimentation, it is convenient to divide cases into two categories; (1) those that respond to control measures directed at nuisance flood prevention, and (2) those that are not controlled by such measures. When natural loads are discharged into receiving waters, the effects are primarily physical and only secondarily chemical (because the mineral constituents which make up the primary sediment load are relatively benign in most cases). Among the physical problems imposed upon the receiving waters are:

- Excess turbidity reduces light penetration, thereby interfering with sight feeding and photosynthesis;

- Particulate matter clogs gills and filter systems in aquatic organisms, resulting, for example, in retarded growth, systemic disfunction, or asphyxiation in extreme cases; and

- Benthal deposition can bury bottom dwelling organisms, reduce habitat for juveniles, and interfere with egg deposition and hatching.

Although sedimentation is storm-event related, its resultant problems are not exclusively either "quantity" problems or water "quality" problems. Being hybrid problems, sedimentation control has received a mixed approach. The organizations involved range widely, from Federal agencies (e.g., the Army Corps of Engineers, the Soil Conservation Service) to local drainage and sedimentation control officials, frequently with involvement from State and county governmental agencies.

Urbanization as a Cause of Problems

Urbanization accelerates erosion through alteration of the land surface. Disturbing the land cover, altering natural drainage patterns, and increasing impervious area all increase the quantity and rate of runoff, thereby increasing both erosion and flooding potential. Also, the sedimentation products which result from urban activities are generally not as benign as the natural mineral sediments which result from soil erosion. Atmospheric deposition (associated with industrial, energy, and agricultural production activities) and added surface particulates (resulting from tire wear, auto

exhaust, and road surface decomposition) fall in this latter category. Their effects on receiving waters tend to be more "chemical" than "physical". They may contain toxic substances and/or other compounds which can have adverse impacts upon receiving water quality and the associated ecological communities.

WATER QUALITY CONCERNS

The notion that urban runoff can be a significant contributor to the impairment or degradation of the quality of receiving waters has formed only recently and is not universally shared. It is the totality of receiving water characteristics (e.g., flow rate, size or volume, and physical and chemical characteristics) that determines its use, although some characteristics are more important than others (e.g., there must be present an appropriate rate of flow and/or volume in the receiving water to support the desired use).

In addressing the water quality needed to support a designated use, one must consider specific requisite characteristics. For example, in the case of swimming, total dissolved solids and dissolved oxygen levels are far less important than pathogenic organisms. For irrigation, the biochemical oxygen demand of the water is of little concern to the farmer, whereas the total dissolved solids level is of immense concern (to minimize salt buildup). Although high nutrient levels may be detrimental to the quality of impounded waters (by hastening eutrophication processes), a farmer may welcome nutrients in irrigation water.

It is also important to note that it is the concentration, rather than the mere presence of a water quality constituent, that affects use. The relationship between pollutant concentration and resultant impacts on receiving water use are quite non-linear, with plateau effects not uncommon. For example, consider dissolved oxygen and its effect upon fin fish. Down to a certain level below saturation, there are virtually no important effects (upon a given species). As dissolved oxygen levels fall below this threshold, the more sensitive members of the species begin to be affected. As levels continue to fall, the affected percentage of the population will increase until a level is reached at which the entire population can no longer survive. Obviously, any further reduction of dissolved oxygen level would have no further effect upon the community, since it no longer exists. It is important to keep this plateau effect in mind when considering the practical impacts of increased pollution and the practical value of remedial measures to restore beneficial uses, since limited removal of a polluting substance may do nothing to alleviate the problem. In the example given above, if one were to somehow reduce the input of oxygen demanding substances to the receiving water, the result might be that the dissolved oxygen level of the receiving water would rise from 1.0 mg/l to 3 mg/l. If the species of concern were trout, they still could not survive. Even though polluting substances were removed and money was spent, the desired benefit would not be achieved.

WATER QUANTITY AND QUALITY CONTROL

There is no question that excessive urban runoff causes problems. Remedial costs may be high, but the benefits are obvious. Currently, there is a growing national awareness that, if steps are taken during the planning phase

of development, excessive stormwater discharges can be prevented, at least from typical events (large infrequent storms will always present a greater threat).

Past And Current Work

During the past two decades attention has been focused on reducing runoff rates and volumes and reducing flood damage. During the early 1970's, a manual of practices was prepared under grants from the Office of Water Research and Technology sponsored by the American Public Works Association stressing detention (Poertner, 1974). The University of Delaware also issued a manual of practices on methods to control rates and volumes of urban runoff (Toubier and Westmacott, 1974).

Work done by the ASCE Urban Water Resources Research Council during the sixties stressed the concept of natural easements for drainage, observing that there were two drainage ways; major routes for large events and minor routes for smaller more frequent events (Jones, 1968). It was claimed that money could be saved by using natural channels, swales, etc., thus reducing the need for more expensive concrete conveyances.

The idea of intentionally using natural runoff courses, green belts, and the like was new to engineers who had long been trying to control runoff through more artificial conveyances. In 1970, EPA's Office of Research and Development initiated work on a development known as the Woodlands project in Texas near Houston. Studies were conducted to determine how storm flows could be managed and water quality could be protected or improved by the use of natural drainage ways, detention facilities, porous pavements, increased infiltration rates, and a decrease in runoff rates (Characklis, 1979).

Federal Involvement

As part of its national effort to control erosion from agricultural lands, the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) (Department of Agriculture) provides technical assistance in developing erosion control plans. During the past decade or so, the methods they have developed have been applied much more widely than just to agricultural situations. SCS has become increasingly involved in erosion control in urban areas and has produced a useful document for assessing urban hydrology in small watersheds (SCS, 1975).

Other Federal agencies that have an interest in urban runoff and its control include the U.S. Geological Survey, the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Housing Administration, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and others too numerous to mention.

State And Local Involvement

Although some 27 states have adopted floodplain management legislation to protect property, the control of urban drainage has traditionally been a local matter. Some states have some form of erosion control laws in force; however few states have runoff rate/quantity legislation. This situation has begun to change over the last decade, and Maryland is one example where the statewide legislation for stormwater management is implemented at the county level.

The methods used tend to be preventive, wherein erosion is controlled by prescribing certain proven design practices and conventions. Many local agencies are developing control plans along these lines, so this report will not cover this aspect of control.

PROBLEM DEFINITION

As pointed out earlier, water quantity problems are relatively easy to identify and describe. Water quality problems, on the other hand, tend to be more elusive because their definition often involves some subjective considerations, including experiential aspects and expectations of the populace. They are not immediately obvious and are usually less dramatic than, for example, floods. They also tend to vary markedly with locality and geographic regions within the country. For example, a northwestern resident may want to upgrade stream quality to support some highly-prized species of game fish, while a northeastern resident contemplating the river flowing by the local factory might be grateful to see any game fish at all. Thus, a methodological approach to the determination of water quality problems is essential if one is to consider the relative role of urban runoff as a contributor. An important finding of the work conducted during this NURP program has been to learn to avoid the following simplistic logic train: (a) water quality problems are caused by pollutants, (b) there are pollutants in urban runoff, therefore, (c) urban runoff causes "problems". The unspoken implication is that a "problem" by definition requires action, and any type of "problem" warrants equally vigorous action. It becomes clear that a more fundamental and more precise definition of a water quality "problem" from urban runoff is necessary. For this purpose, the NURP has adopted the following three-level definition:

- Impairment or denial of beneficial uses;
- Water quality criterion violation; and
- Local public perception.

The first of these levels refers to cases of impairment or denial of a designated use. An example would be a case where a determination has been made that some specific beneficial use should be attained; however, present water quality characteristics are such that attainment of the use cannot be fully realized.

The second level of problem definition refers to violations of a designated water quality criterion. An example would be a case where some measure or measures of water quality characteristics have been found to violate recommended or mandatory levels for the receiving water classification. Some of the subtle distinctions between this and the preceding problem definition arise in the fact that receiving water classification may not be appropriate, the beneficial use may not be impaired or denied, and the water quality criteria associated with that classification may or may not be overly conservative or directly related to the desired use.

The third level of problem definition involves public perception. This may be expressed in a number of ways, such as telephone calls to public officials

complaining about receiving water color, odor, or general aesthetic appearance. Public perception of receiving water body problems is highly variable also. Some people enjoy fishing for carp or gar, children will play in almost any creek, and so on. This level of problem definition can also include one concept of anti-degradation. Here the thought is that no polluting substances of any kind in any quantity should be discharged into the receiving water regardless of its natural assimilative capacity. This concern has its ultimate expression in the "zero discharge" concept. EPA's concept of anti-degradation, on the other hand, refers to degradation of use; a subtle but essential difference.

The foregoing levels of problem definition provide an essential framework within which to discuss water quality problems associated with urban runoff. However, it is important to understand that when one is dealing at a local level all three elements are typically present. Thus, it is up to the local decision makers, influenced by other levels of support and concern, to carefully weigh each, prior to making a final decision about the existence and extent of a problem and how it is to be defined. It follows that, if this step of problem definition is done carelessly, it will be difficult, if not impossible, to plan an effective control strategy and establish a means for assessing its effectiveness.

CHAPTER 4
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

INTRODUCTION

This chapter is included for those who wish to know more about how to plan and implement stormwater management programs. Most of the information contained herein was developed through several related programs that were proceeding in parallel with the NURP program.

- The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), a NURP grantee, was developing stormwater management procedures.

- The Midwest Research Institute (MRI) was collecting cost information on control practices from selected NURP projects.

- A related EPA Water Planning Division program, the Financial Management Assistance Program (FMAP), was developing financial and institutional planning procedures designed to be helpful in the implementation of stormwater management plans.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING[1]

Stormwater management planning develops policies, regulations, and programs for the control of runoff from the land. Stormwater management planning is normally directed toward either or both of two primary goals: the reduction of local flooding and/or the protection of water quality. However, stormwater management planning is also generally used to insure that stormwater programs and regulations provide multiple benefits to the affected communities and do so in a way that does not create additional problems.

Stormwater management planning need not involve expensive technical studies. Available data and maps, the experience of other communities, and advice from experts can be used to develop an effective planning program. Detailed technical studies can then be targeted toward specific issues and problems. Effective local planning can alleviate the need for costly remedial public works projects.

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[1] The material in this section of the chapter is largely from Technical Bulletin No. 1: Stormwater Management Planning: Cost-Saving Methods for Program Development, the first of a seven-part bulletin series on water quality management prepared by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments and available from Information Service, SEMCOG, 8th Floor, Book Building, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

The Need

Stormwater runoff cannot be ignored in developing communities. As urban development occurs, the volume of stormwater and its rate of discharge increase. These increases are caused when pavement and structures cover soils and destroy vegetation which otherwise would slow and absorb runoff. Pollutants, washed from the land surface and carried by runoff into lakes and streams, may add to existing water quality problems.

Figure 4-1 illustrates the effects of paved surfaces on stormwater runoff volumes. When natural ground cover is present over the entire site, normally less than 10 percent of the stormwater runs off the land into nearby creeks, rivers, and lakes. When paved surfaces cover 10 to 30 percent of the site area, approximately 20 percent of the stormwater can be expected to run off. As paved surfaces increase, both the volume and the rate of runoff increase. Furthermore, paved surfaces prevent natural infiltration of stormwater into the ground, and increased runoff volumes and rates increase soil erosion and pollutant runoff. Stormwater management planning can be used to develop programs to reduce adverse affects and even to provide community benefits.

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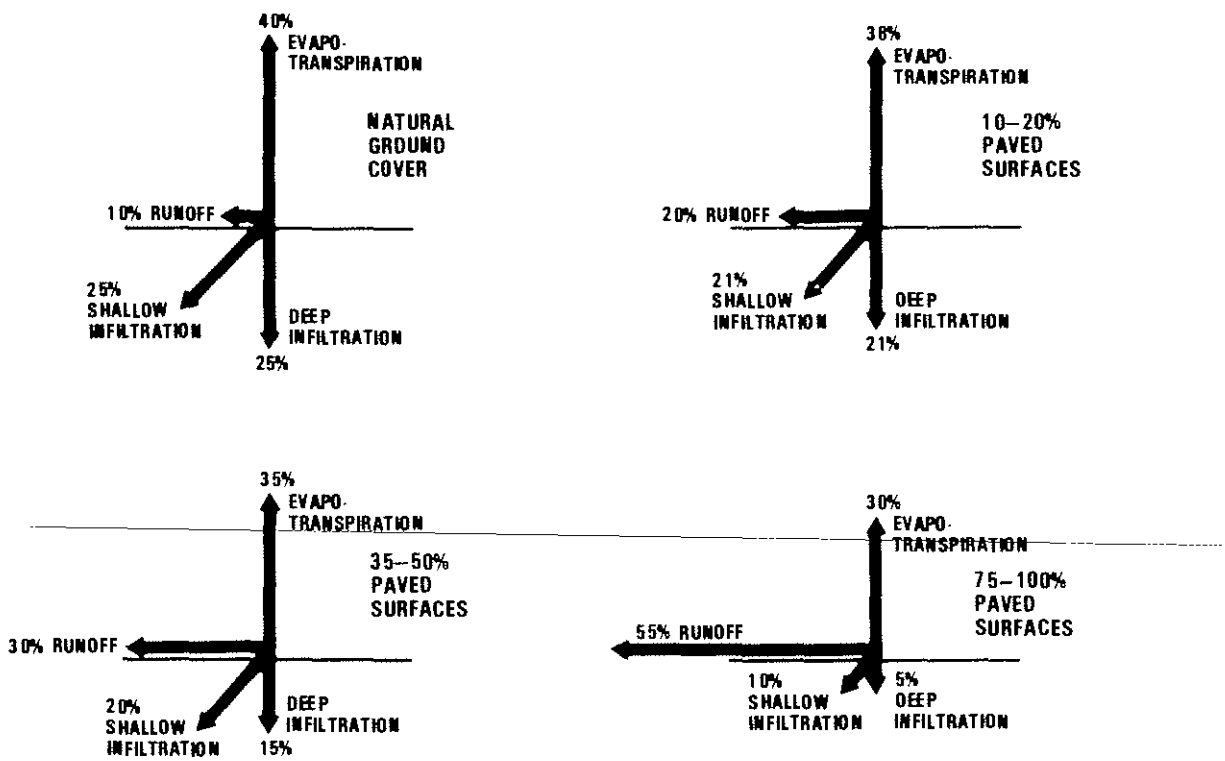

Source: J.T. Tourbier and R. Westmacott, *Water Resources Protection Technology: A Handbook of Measures to Protect Water Resources in Land Development*, p. 3.

Figure 4-1. Typical Changes in Runoff Flows Resulting from Paved Surfaces

Stormwater management can and should be directed toward two goals: the control of runoff flows (i.e., volumes and rates) and the control of pollutants in stormwater. Control measures which emphasize the storage of runoff rather than the immediate conveyance from the site and from the community often provide benefits which meet both goals. Stormwater storage and conveyance measures, however, affect the community in a variety of ways. Through stormwater management planning the effects of alternative policies, programs, control measures, and financing schemes can be evaluated.

Stormwater management planning is directed toward basic policy questions, such as:

- What should be done with runoff from the land?

- Is the temporary (detention) or permanent (retention) storage of stormwater runoff desirable?

- Under the circumstances, should retention basins, detention basins, natural infiltration areas, or dished parking lots be used to store runoff?

- What requirements should be placed on new developments?

- Do stormwater runoff problems in developed areas warrant special attention?

- Should communal retention or detention facilities be provided by the local jurisdiction? If so, how can such areas be financed?

- Who should pay for retention and detention facilities on private property?

- Are the local jurisdictions already carrying out programs (such as parkland acquisition programs or wetlands regulation) which affect stormwater runoff? Can programs and/or regulations be coordinated to achieve multiple purposes?

- Should enclosed drains or natural channels be used to convey stormwater to and from storage areas?

- Can routing and storage be provided for major storms (e.g., 100-year frequency) as well as minor storms (e.g., 10-year frequency)?

- Who should be responsible for facility maintenance?

The specific questions to be addressed in a local government planning program will vary among local jurisdictions, reflecting varying problems and community objectives. The answers to these questions may take the form of policy statements, changes in regulations or engineering design standards, technical assistance materials for landowners or consulting engineers, revisions to existing programs, or a written plan document.

Because stormwater management planning for quantity and quality control is relatively new, and because community stormwater concerns differ, there are no easy formulas for preparing stormwater management plans.

Stormwater Runoff as a Community Resource

Although, stormwater management programs are typically undertaken to avoid problems (e.g., flooding, pollution, lawsuits), effective planning can also be used to pursue potential community benefits. When effectively managed, stormwater can provide benefits such as:

- Recharge of groundwater supplies;
- Water quality enhancement;
- Recreational opportunities (e.g., use of large retention areas for boating, fishing, or nature study);
- Replenishment of wetlands which serve as wildlife habitats, absorb peak floods, and naturally break down certain pollutants;
- Maintenance of summertime lake levels and stream flows; and
- Enhancement of community appearance and image when facilities are attractively designed.

The Role of Local Governments

In some cases, the institutional systems for stormwater management may need to be complex, largely because State, county, and local agencies' policies, regulations, and procedures may all affect stormwater control within a particular development. For example, in Michigan, the following roles apply:

- County drain commissioners construct and manage county drains and also review subdivision plans to assure adequate drainage.
- County highway departments affect drainage in new developments by regulating connections to roadside drains and ditches.
- The State Department of Natural Resources regulates wetlands, dam construction, and floodplain alterations.
- The State Water Resource Commission issues permits for certain stormwater discharges when known water quality problems can be linked with a particular activity, (e.g., certain storm drains, animal feeding operations, industrial parking lots).
- Both the State Department of Public Health and county drain commissioners regulate drainage in proposed mobile home parks.
- County agencies and certain local governments issue erosion and sediment control permits for certain development sites.

Furthermore, there has been increasing emphasis upon the consideration of environmental factors in land use decisions. Recent amendments to the City or Village Zoning Act and the Township Rural Zoning Act have clarified the legal authority of local governments to complete site plan reviews for environmental management purposes. Standards for the review of land uses must be included in local ordinances and take natural resource preservation into account. The Michigan Environmental Protection Act (MEPA) (Act 127, P.A. of 1970) places a duty on all government agencies to prevent or minimize water pollution and other environmental problems while carrying on regular activities. Section 5(2) of MEPA addresses the actions of local officials in the following terms:

> In any ... administrative, licensing or other proceedings, and in any judicial review thereof, any alleged pollution impairment or destruction of the air, water or other natural resources or the public trust therein, shall be determined, and no conduct shall be authorized or approved which does, or is likely to have such effect so long as there is a feasible and prudent alternative consistent with the reasonable requirements of the public health, safety and welfare.

Environmental aspects of stormwater runoff may be addressed by local officials in response to MEPA.

None of the above laws specifically require local governments to undertake stormwater management programs. Instead, local governments have a wide range of possible roles available to them. Stormwater management planning programs can be directed toward the review of existing State and county programs affecting stormwater runoff and toward the evaluation of alternative roles for the local government.

Possible roles for local governments in stormwater management include the following:

- Planning - The term "stormwater management planning" refers to the process of developing policies, programs, regulations, and other recommendations to chart the future course of the community in terms of stormwater management. Such planning can address existing problems or help to avoid future problems and community expenses.

- Regulations - Stormwater runoff control for each site plan and subdivision plan can be reviewed and approved by the local government.

- Design and Construction - Storm drainage facilities (e.g., pipes, basins, areas for retention) can be designed and constructed by the local government. Purchase of lands to serve as community stormwater retention areas may also be undertaken.

- Inspection and Maintenance - Requirements for regular inspection and maintenance of stormwater facilities, including drains and retention or detention basins, may be enforced by

local governments. Requirements for easements are usually part of maintenance programs. Local governments may choose to undertake maintenance as a community service (such as a utility) or may require maintenance through contractual agreements with property owners.

The types of programs developed and the role assumed by a local government should, of course, reflect available financing options as well as program needs and management gaps.

FINANCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS[2]

The traditional planning approach would ideally culminate in the successful implementation of a detailed design. In many cases, however, this objective is not accomplished due to financial and institutional constraints. Often a study team will fail to adequately consider such institutional and financial issues as who will manage the system and how will it be financed, thus creating a gap between technical planning and implementation. This omission is illustrated in Figure 4-2.

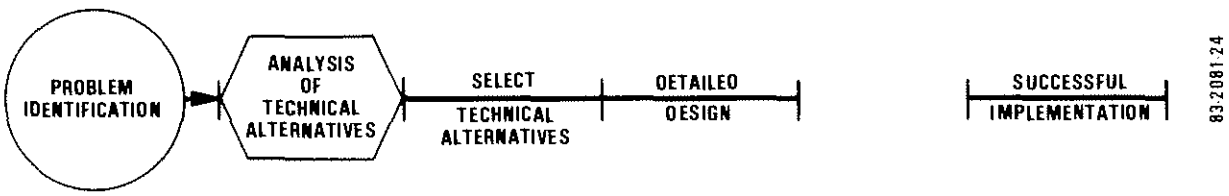

Figure 4-2. Incomplete Water Quality Planning

The implementation gap that results from the traditional planning approach has occurred all too often in attempts to control urban runoff.

As an illustration of the need to integrate financial and technical planning, consider the traditional process for developing a program to control construction runoff. A typical outcome of the process is a new ordinance. To reach this outcome, some of the issues that are normally considered from the technical perspective include:

- What are the technical construction requirements to be set out in the ordinance?

- What control measures will be required?

- How will compliance be monitored?

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[2] This material is largely from the draft document, Planning for Urban Runoff Control: Financial and Institutional Issues, December 1981, prepared for FMAP by the Government Finance Research Center of the Municipal Finance Officers Association, Washington, D.C.

To balance the planning process, this technical analysis should be expanded to include financial and institutional issues such as:

- Does the city have legal authority to implement each requirement in an ordinance?

- How much will each cost, and who will pay for implementation of the control measures?

- Who will conduct compliance review, and who will pay for the reviews?

Numerous additional factors increase the need for financial and institutional analysis in all water quality management planning. Examples might include:

- Implementation of control programs occurs at the local level, and local budgets are being tightened as water quality expenditures compete with other local demands.

- Benefits from water quality projects are difficult to quantify and often accrue to people living downstream.

- It is becoming more difficult to obtain municipal funds through the bond market because of high interest rates.

- The cost of pollution controls is often sizable and difficult to allocate to specific polluters or beneficiaries.

These problems affect most areas of water quality management, but they are especially important in identifying and implementing solutions to urban runoff pollution.

Integrated Approach

An integrated planning approach helps water quality planners make the best control decisions in light of many complex issues. This approach takes the traditional planning process and adds to it financial and institutional elements at each step along the way. This integration is shown in Figure 4-3, with the traditional approach illustrated along the upper track and the financial and institutional elements added along the lower track.

During the early planning stages, financial and institutional issues are reviewed on a preliminary basis. This information becomes more detailed and refined as planning proceeds. Ultimately, the information forms the basis for a financial and institutional plan that supports the detailed design of a control alternative.

When very complex problems are being evaluated, it may be advisable to use a preliminary matrix early in the evaluation process for screening-out unacceptable alternatives. This approach permits a more detailed evaluation of issues surrounding the two or three best alternatives before a final selection is made. An example of a preliminary matrix is given in Figure 4-4.

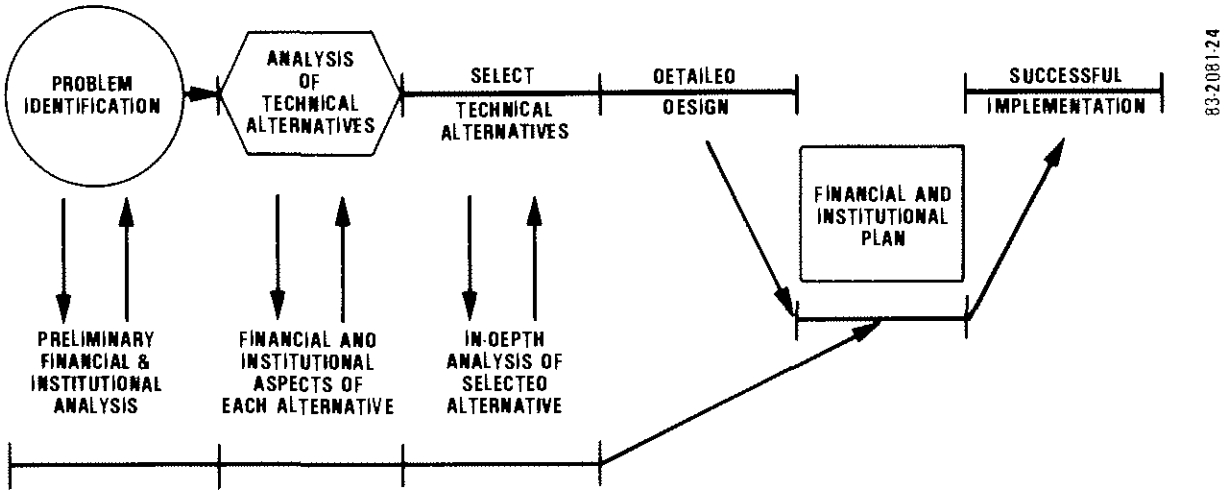

Figure 4-3. Integrated Water Quality Planning

CONTROL APPROACH	TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVENESS IN CONTROLLING POLLUTION	FINANCIAL ISSUES		INSTITUTIONAL ISSUES
			NET PRESENT VALUE	ABILITY TO PAY	
• SEPARATE SEWERS	CONSTRUCT NEW STORM SEWERS IN COMBINED AREAS	100% EFFECTIVE IN ELIMINATING CSOs	$1 BILLION	EXCEEDS CITY'S BONDING CAPACITY	EXISTING INSTITUTIONS COULD HANDLE THE PROJECT
• SELECTIVE EXPANSION OF UNDERSIZED TRUNK SEWERS	REMOVE BOTTLENECKS, REDUCE NUMBER OF OVERFLOW EVENTS	50% EFFECTIVE	$200 MILLION	IF STAGED OVER 10 YEARS, COULD BE FINANCED BUT WOULD RESTRICT OTHER PROGRAMS	EXISTING INSTITUTIONS COULD HANDLE THE PROJECT
• CONSTRUCTION OF DETENTION BASINS	CONSTRUCT 10 DETENTION BASINS SIZED TO HOLD THE FIRST FLUSH FROM A STORM	30% EFFECTIVE	$50 MILLION	IF STAGED OVER 5 YEARS, COULD BE FINANCED; COULD RESTRICT OTHER PROGRAMS	NEW ORGANIZATION MIGHT BE NEEDED TO MAINTAIN AND AND OPERATE BASINS

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Figure 4-4. Preliminary Matrix for Selection of a Control Approach (Combined Sewer Overflows)

Once a control approach is selected, a detailed design and a financial and institutional plan can be prepared. Figure 4-5 illustrates the major features of a financial and institutional plan. Key features of the detailed analysis required to prepare this plan are discussed in the following section.

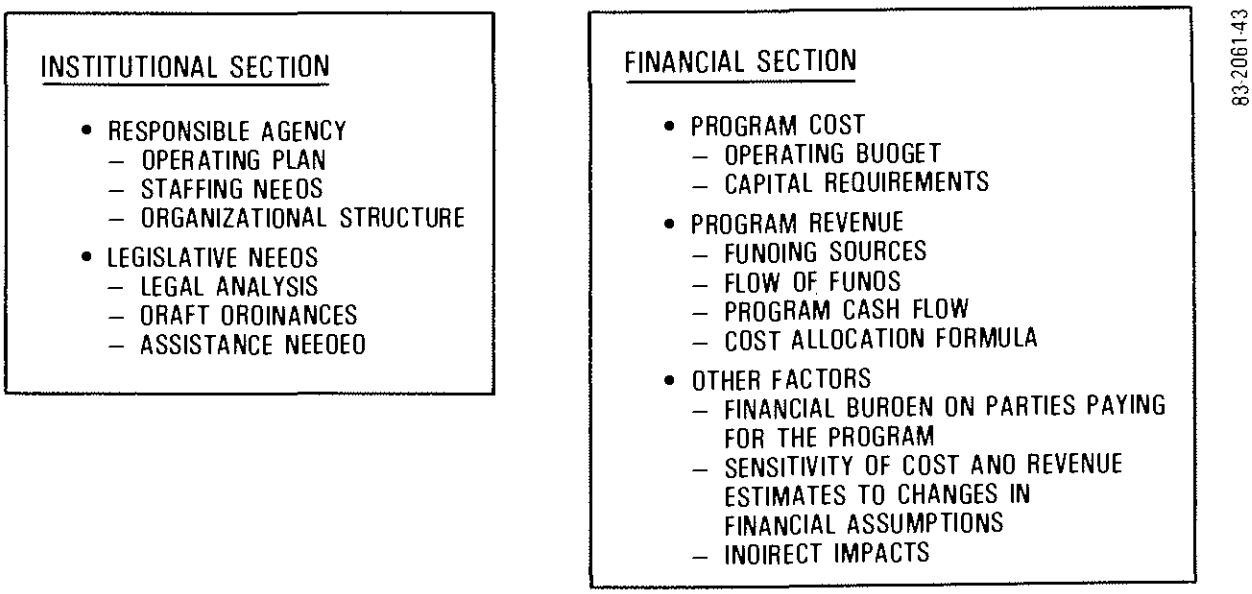

Figure 4-5. Major Components of a Financial and Institutional Plan

Key Financial and Institutional Elements

There are six essential elements[3] of financial and institutional analysis which provide a structure for the integrated planning process;

- institutional assessment,
- cost analysis,
- revenue analysis,
- ability-to-pay analysis,
- sensitivity analysis, and
- indirect impact analysis.

[3] These elements were first defined in Planning for Clean Water Programs: The Role of Financial Analysis, U.S. EPA's Financial Management Assistance Program by the Government Finance Research Center of the Municipal Finance Officers Association, September 1981.

Each of these elements threads through the planning process and becomes more definitive as the process proceeds. The following discussion defines each element and identifies its major features.

Institutional Assessment

The institutional assessment identifies the organizations or participating agencies that would be affected or involved in implementing a particular control program. The role of each entity in a program is evaluated with respect to its interest in solving the problem and its planning, management, operating, and regulatory capabilities. If the study team identifies an urban runoff problem, a preliminary institutional analysis can provide insight into capabilities of agencies that may be asked to play a role in the implementation and can, in some cases, aid in determining the types of technical alternatives that are analyzed.

The key factors to consider in evaluating an agency's capabilities are its statutory authority and organizational ability. In order to control urban runoff, an agency must have or be able to obtain the authority to implement a control measure. The authority of an agency can be assessed by thoroughly reviewing applicable federal, state, and local legislation. This review helps to determine which agency can best manage a given problem and highlights areas where additional legislation or local ordinances are needed.

Cost Analysis[4]

A cost analysis is performed to identify the additional capital, operational, maintenance, and administrative costs of each activity that is part of a control program. These costs are estimated for each agency responsible for an activity. Cost estimates are prepared in uninflated dollars (using today's cost for all projections into the future) and brought back to their present value (or present worth) for comparison among alternatives. The interest rate to be used in the present value analysis is the agency's current interest rate for borrowing funds minus the expected rate of inflation.[5]

Cost analysis of control alternatives is included in increasing detail in each step of the planning process. It begins with "ball park" estimates in early stages which are refined as the process progresses and finalized in the detailed financial plan.

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[4] A substantial part of this material is from a report, Collection of Economic Data from Nationwide Urban Runoff Program Projects, prepared for EPA by the Midwest Research Institute, 425 Volker Boulevard, Kansas City, MO 64110.

[5] For a further discussion of present value analysis, see pp 36 to 42 of Facilities Planning 1981, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, FRD-20, 1981.

Cost estimates cannot be static. They are prepared on a preliminary basis when an alternative is first considered and detail is added as an alternative becomes more feasible. As the planning process progresses, estimates are updated on a regular basis to account for changing costs.

To update and improve available data on the costs of specific urban runoff BMPs, EPA conducted a program to guide, assist, and coordinate the efforts of selected NURP projects in gathering cost data on the BMPs and BMP systems which they were evaluating as part of the NURP national workplan. A report[6] was prepared to summarize the preliminary economic data submitted by the NURP projects. Economic data were submitted for street sweeping, detention basins, catch basin cleaning, ocean discharge control systems, and a public education/information program by nine projects. The data must be considered preliminary and subject to change, particularly annual operating cost data. Most of the capital cost data are well documented and represent the actual cost of the BMP control and will not change. The annual operating cost data, however, range from detailed analyses to estimates, and some of the data reported are incomplete. Since most of the projects were still in progress, incomplete operating cost data were to be expected.

The capital costs of street sweepers varied from $21,988 (in 1975) to $40,000 in 1981. The annual operating costs of street sweeping programs varied from $53,445 to $1,138,097. The unit cost varied from $16.80 to $45.45 per hour of operation, and from $5.95 to $23.36 per curb-mile swept. This wide range indicates that many variables affect the actual cost of operating a street sweeper.

The installed capital costs of recharge basins in Fresno, California, ranged from $933,750 to $5,587,000. BMP modifications to three detention basins in Oakland County, Michigan, cost $2,345 to $8,442. The installed capital cost of the modifications to the wet pond in the Lansing, Michigan project was $50,149. Construction of the wet pond in the Salt Lake County, Utah project cost $41,138; modifications to the dry pond included placing aluminum plates in an existing underdrain and installing a redwood outlet skimmer at a nominal cost of $371.

The annual operating costs of the Fresno, California, basins range from $1,625 to $7,975. The annual cost for the basin in Lansing, Michigan is incomplete and includes only the interest cost on a 7 percent, $38,500 bond used to help finance the project. The annual operating costs for the ponds in the Salt Lake County, Utah project were estimated at $560 for the wet pond and $200 for the dry pond.

The costs of the structural control alternatives to control discharge to the ocean in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, were presented in detail and are valid estimates of the costs that will be incurred if one of them is constructed.

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6 Collection of Economic Data From Nationwide Urban Runoff Program Projects - Final Report, April 7, 1982, EPA Contract No. 68-01-5052. Detailed cost data provided by the projects are included in the appendices of this Report to show how the various projects prepared the data for submission.

The 1980 construction cost estimates ranged from $32,849,200 to $50,973,500, and the annual operating cost estimates ranged from $3,735,400 to $5,301,900. The cost of the public education program at Salt Lake County, Utah, was estimated at $1,550. The project will report the actual cost of the program upon its completion.

Revenue Analysis

The revenue analysis identifies the funding sources needed to match the estimated cost for control activities by participating agencies. This analysis is important because it ensures adequate funding to implement the technical solution to an urban runoff problem.

There are three categories of funding that are typically used to pay for runoff control: Federal and State funds, local public funds, and private funds. These sources include a variety of different financing mechanisms, each with advantages and disadvantages. The use of any or a combination of these sources requires consideration regarding:

- Revenue adequacy - Will funds be available in the long- and short-term?

- Equity - Are the beneficiaries of the control program paying their full share?

- Economic efficiency - Is the charge that is assessed equal to the social cost of the program?

- Administrative simplicity - Can the funds be managed and directed to the control program without significant administrative problems?

Ability-to-Pay Analysis

The ability-to-pay analysis evaluates the implementing agencies' and the individual user's ability to pay for the proposed program by determining how reasonable a proposed revenue program is in terms of its overall impact on the community as a whole as well as on individual residents.

For a given revenue source, the additional burden of the program is expressed as a percentage of the base costs. For example, if the proposed program is to be financed by property taxes and it adds $.50 to a $1,000 tax bill, the additional tax burden is .05 percent. In this instance, it would appear that the homeowner's ability to pay is quite high.

An important factor to remember is that programs to control urban runoff are not the only programs that are placing a burden on the people or institutions who must support them. Hence, the cost of a control program may not be excessive but cannot be imposed because ability to pay has already been exceeded due to other projects.

Sensitivity Analysis

The sensitivity analysis identifies the extent to which local ability to pay varies with changes in the assumptions used to estimate costs and revenues. Major assumptions that influence costs and revenues are: phasing of capital improvement, anticipated local funding requirements, rate of inflation, growth rate, and local fee policies.

The first step in this analysis is to determine a range of values for key cost and revenue assumptions that could occur during the program. (For example, inflation may vary between 5 percent and 15 percent.) The ability-to-pay analysis is then repeated using the high and low values for these assumptions. The final step is to evaluate the changes in burden with "best-" and "worst-" case situations in comparison with burden under the "most likely" assumption.

The purpose of this analysis is to identify control programs that are least vulnerable to changing conditions. It also helps to make the planner aware of best- and worst-case scenarios so that contingency plans can be developed to cope with such events.

Indirect Impact Analysis

The indirect impact analysis is an assessment of the costs and benefits that are not directly attributable to a proposed program. These costs and benefits can be economic, social, and/or environmental. Quantifying the indirect impacts of a program is usually quite difficult, so the planner generally resorts to qualitative measurement.

An Example: Planning an Educational Program

To illustrate further the process of identifying and resolving the financial and institutional issues connected with implementation of an urban runoff control program, the following spells out the steps involved in evaluating one control approach applicable in already developed areas. The example chosen is an educational program to inform citizens, industry, and public agencies of the problems caused by runoff-borne lawn and garden chemicals, oil and chemical residuals from industrial yards, and pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizer from parks and golf courses.

In this example, the activities would include: development of an informational brochure, including printing and distribution, and maintenance of an information center. In Figure 4-6, the institutional characteristics needed to accomplish these activities are compared with the capabilities of existing agencies. The matrix shows that the County Department of Pollution Control could provide the technical input to the Public Information Center to write the brochure. The Council of Governments might coordinate the effort and assume overall responsibilities for getting the job done.

INSTITUTIONAL CHARACTERISTICS NEEDED	AGENCIES					
	STATE	COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS	DEPARTMENT OF POLLUTION CONTROL	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING	PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTER	CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
• COMMITMENT TO PROGRAM GOALS	*	*	*	*	*	*
• WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF EACH WASTE CONTRIBUTION TO THE RUNOFF PROBLEM	*	*	*	*		
• ABILITY TO WRITE CLEAR AND CONCISE INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC					*	
• ABILITY TO PRINT AND AND DISTRIBUTE BROCHURE				*		* DISTRIBUTE TO INDUSTRY
• STAFF TO RECEIVE FOLLOWUP CALLS		*				
• ABILITY TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM SEVERAL AGENCIES TO PAY FOR THE PROGRAM		*				

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Figure 4-6. Institutional Assessment for Educational Program to Control Chemical Substances

Cost Analysis. Cost analysis determines the additional funds needed to implement a control alternative, including capital improvements and operation and maintenance. Additional administrative costs are less significant because most of these projects are undertaken by a public agency that is already performing the function to some extent.

Capital cost estimates are best prepared by the water quality planner with the assistance of the municipal engineer and in some cases his/her outside engineering advisor. These estimates identify all costs related to the purchase of a new facility or piece of equipment for a project and may require some research into vendor prices and bids on similar projects around the country. For programs which require changes to existing practices (street sweeping, etc.), the cost attributable to the water quality program is the incremental cost of the program.

Ultimately, the cost analysis is used to identify the least-cost method(s) for reducing pollution problems. It is important to remember that all costs associated with a given program must be considered. It is incorrect to assume that educational efforts, for example, are provided at no additional cost.

As an example of a cost analysis, a possible budget sheet for the educational program for the current year is presented in Figure 4-7.

ACTIVITIES	AGENCIES					
	STATE	COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS	DEPARTMENT OF POLLUTION CONTROL	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING	PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTER	TOTAL
1. DEVELOP BROCHURE					$13,000	$13,000
2. PRINT BROCHURE				$1,500		$ 1,500
3 DISTRIBUTE BROCHURE				$ 800		$ 800
4. CONDUCT INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS	$2,000	$ 5,500	$2,000			$ 9,500
5. STAFF FOLLOWUP FOR PROGRAM		$24,000				$24,000
TOTAL	$2,000	$29,500	$2,000	$2,300	$13,000	$48,800

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Figure 4-7. Cost Analysis for Educational Program to Control Chemical, Herbicide, Fertilizer and Pesticide Runoff

Revenue Analysis. After the program cost estimate is prepared, the potential sources of revenue are analyzed. There are several critical factors in analyzing revenue for urban runoff programs including:

- Cost/Revenue Balance - Will the revenues be sufficient to cover the costs on an annual basis?

- Equitable Allocation of Costs to Different Groups - Do those who contribute to the problem pay their fair share? Do those who benefit from the program pay their fair share?

- Revenue Agreement - Do groups understand their participation in a program and its revenue formula? Have written agreements which define the cost allocation procedure been prepared ?

Revenue analysis will vary with the type of control approach selected. The critical factor in the revenue analysis is the identification of each entity that will provide revenues and the development of an understanding by that entity of the problem, the control approach, and its share of the cost.

Ability-to-Pay Analysis. Most of the costs to control runoff from developed areas are imposed on the general public or the benefiting population as a new and additional governmental expense. The ability-to-pay analysis evaluates this increased burden on the local community as a percentage of property taxes, average income, property evaluation, or other appropriate measures.

Figure 4-8 illustrates an ability-to-pay analysis for the educational program example. The key parameters to determine homeowners' ability to pay in this case are the cost of the program per household, cost as a percentage of average annual household income, and cost as a percentage of property taxes.

A. TOTAL PROGRAM COST (ONE-YEAR PROGRAM)	$48,000	
B. NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLOS AFFECTEO	19,000	
C. COST PER HOUSEHOLO (A OIVIOEO BY B)		$2.57
0. MEOIAN HOUSEHOLO INCOME	$14,700	
E. COST AS A % OF MEOIAN HOUSEHOLO INCOME (C OIVIOEO BY 0 TIMES 100)		.02%
F. AVERAGE ANNUAL PROPERTY TAXES	$ 1,200	
G. COST AS A % OF PROPERTY TAXES (C OIVIOEO BY F TIMES 100)		.21%

CONCLUSION: PROGRAM APPEARS TO NOT PLACE EXCESSIVE BUROEN ON LOCAL HOMEOWNERS

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Figure 4-8. Ability to Pay Analysis for Educational Program to Control Chemical, Herbicide, Fertilizer and Pesticide Runoff

Sensitivity Analysis. The sensitivity analysis will vary depending upon the revenue mechanism and program selected for implementing a proposed program. The most common revenue mechanisms for programs controlling runoff from developed areas are general funds and fees. Analyzing the sensitivity of general revenues requires a review of past collections relative to key parameters--inflation, housing starts, collection rates, capital improvements, and so on. Collections are then projected for worst and best case scenarios.

An additional consideration in the sensitivity analysis is revenue requirements. This relates to phasing a program, either handling capital improvements or starting a program on a limited basis with expansion to come in later years. For any one program, numerous options exist for staggering cash flows, and different scenarios should be developed to assess their impact on the program as part of the sensitivity analysis.

Indirect Impact. The indirect impact of a runoff control program for developed areas are extremely difficult to quantify. Educational programs will raise community awareness regarding the impacts of local activities on water pollution. Other indirect impacts from control programs may relate to recreational benefits, local improvements in quality of life, and increased tourism.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NURP AND WQM PLANS

Of the locations selected for projects under the NURP effort, some 80 percent had state-approved (i.e., certified by the Governor) water quality management (WQM) plans with elements which addressed urban runoff. For 5 of these locations, the NURP project constituted the urban runoff element of the plan. For the other locations, however, the original 208 effort was unable to develop the necessary information on either water quality effects or performance of best management practices (BMPs) to justify structuring formal implementation plans for urban runoff control. Consequently, the typical WQM plan elements dealing with urban runoff identified the need for further study, usually specifying problem assessment and BMP performance evaluation. These elements became the focal points of the activities funded by NURP.

The WQM plans for the remaining 20 percent of the locations which participated in the NURP program did not contain a specific urban runoff element. Presumably this was due to time and resource constraints in relation to other issues which were assigned higher priorities in planning efforts. In these cases, the NURP projects provided the opportunity to address a water quality issue not adequately addressed in the original 208 planning studies.

Over two-thirds of the NURP project locations reported that NURP findings and recommendations have or will be incorporated in the next annual update of their formal WQM plans. The remainder generally indicate that they expect the planning issues to be addressed at the local level or that NURP results will support planning and implementation activities, even though they do not anticipate formal incorporation in WQM plans at this time.

Over half of the NURP project locations report either active or planned implementation efforts based on the results of NURP. Thirty percent indicated that no implementation is being planned because the need for or value of urban runoff control was not demonstrated. The balance (20 percent) of the NURP locations suggest that while implementation activities are not currently planned, they expect NURP results to influence future deliberations on this issue.

CHAPTER 5
METHODS OF ANALYSIS

INTRODUCTION

This chapter identifies and briefly discusses the methods adopted to assemble and analyze the large data base developed by the NURP projects and also provides the methods employed to develop and interpret results. The chapter is structured according to the three prime areas of program emphasis; (1) characteristics of pollutants in urban runoff, (2) water quality effects of urban runoff discharges including water quality criteria/standards violations and impairment or denial of beneficial uses of receiving water bodies, and (3) the effectiveness of control measures to reduce pollutant loads.

The procedures employed in this assessment were designed to provide generalized results and findings about urban runoff issues of interest for nationwide use. This national perspective, and the need to consider the fundamental variability of urban runoff processes, has prompted some significant advancements in the application of statistical methods and models. The basic methods used were, however, largely developed under different EPA efforts, many under the sponsorship of the Office of Research and Development, or other programs. In some cases, similar or equivalent procedures were applied in individual NURP projects; in other cases, methods adopted by individual projects in response to local needs and interests were different. Where possible, comparisons have been made between either detailed results, or conclusions drawn from such results, as derived from both local and national perspectives.

The descriptions provided in this chapter are brief and intended to communicate the technical framework upon which the results and conclusions are based. More detailed information on the methods and techniques are contained in other documents developed by NURP. Pertinent NURP reports cover, in separate volumes, probabilistic methods for analyzing water quality effects, detention and recharge basins for control of urban stormwater quality, and street sweeping for control of urban stormwater quality. The Data Management Procedures Manual, another of the project documents, is an additional source of information on details of the analysis methods utilized.

Because field measurements and sampling formed one of the most important information sources, it was essential that the monitoring and analysis programs produce consistent and sound data. Accordingly, NURP required that all projects adopt Quality Assurance/Quality Control elements as integral parts of their work plans. Key components of these plans include the following:

- Program Coordination. Projects were required to designate a QA/QC coordinator, responsible for the entire QA/QC effort.

- Field Quality Assurance. Guidance was provided to the projects for all key aspects of the data collection process.

- Laboratory Quality Assurance. A manual prepared by EPA's Environmental Monitoring and Support Laboratory was provided to all projects and contained analytical quality control information.

- Data Management. A manual entitled "Data Management Procedures" was provided to all projects and covered such topics as data formatting, data reduction, and some analysis.

- Data Analysis. To encourage innovative approaches and responsiveness to local conditions, uniform methods of data analysis were not stressed. Technical guidance and mandatory review of analytical procedures were provided.

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stantial component of the individual NURP projects was the acquisition subsequent analysis) of a data base for a number of storm events, con- ng of precipitation and the resulting quantity and quality of runoff a number of local urban catchments. One of the principal EPA objectives e analysis of these data has been to develop a concise summary of the cteristics of urban runoff. There are a number of questions concerning runoff characteristics which need to be addressed for water quality ing purposes, including what are the appropriate measures of the statis- characteristics of urban runoff (e.g., population distribution, central icy, variability, etc.)? Do distinct subpopulations exist and what are characteristics? Are there significant differences in data sets ed according to locations around the county (geographic zones), land season, rainfall amount, etc.? How may these variations be recognized? s the most appropriate manner in which to extrapolate the existing data to locations for which there are no or limited measurements? Though questions cannot be fully answered given the current state of knowledge ning urban runoff, these are the types of issues addressed by the ls described in this chapter and the results presented in Chapter 6.

rincipal thrust of the individual NURP projects, and thus this nation- assessment report, was the characterization of what has been adopted as lard Pollutants" of primary concern in urban runoff. These include , oxygen consuming constituents, nutrients, and a number of the more ly encountered heavy metals. The methods used to characterize these rd pollutants are described under a separate heading below.

roximately two-thirds of the NURP projects the occurrence of compounds s list of "Priority Pollutants" was investigated. This program element so described under a separate heading below. A number of additional have also been addressed in the program. These are briefly discussed

below because they relate closely to the general issue of pollutant characteristics. These include the following:

- Soluble vs Particulate Pollutant Forms. The distribution of soluble and particulate forms of a pollutant in urban runoff (particularly metals and nutrients) was examined in both the standard conventional pollutant and priority pollutant aspects of the study because certain beneficial use effects depend strongly on the form in which the contaminant is present. The priority pollutant program additionally determined "Total Recoverable" fractions, corresponding to contaminant forms used in EPA's published toxic criteria guidelines.

- Coliform Bacteria. Fecal coliform bacteria counts (and in some cases total coliform and fecal streptococcus as well) in urban runoff were monitored during a significant number of storms by seven of the NURP projects. Though the data base for bacteria is restricted, useful results are provided in Chapter 6.

- Wetfall/Dryfall. As part of program elements designed to examine sources of pollutants in urban runoff, a number of projects operated atmospheric monitoring stations for characterizing pollutant contributions from precipitation (wetfall) and from dry weather deposition (dryfall). Results of this work are reported in individual project reports and not included herein.

Standard Pollutants

The following constituents were adopted as standard pollutants characterizing urban runoff:

TSS - Total Suspended Solids
BOD - Biochemical Oxygen Demand
COD - Chemical Oxygen Demand
TP - Total Phosphorus (as P)
SP - Soluble Phosphorus (as P)
TKN - Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (as N)
NO_{2+3}-N - Nitrite + Nitrate (as N)
Cu - Total Copper
Pb - Total Lead
Zn - Total Zinc

The list includes pollutants of general interest which are usually examined in both point and nonpoint source studies and includes representatives of important categories of pollutants--namely solids, oxygen consuming constituents, nutrients, and heavy metals.

The pollutant concentrations found in urban runoff vary considerably, both during a storm event, as well as from event to event at a given site and from site to site within a given city and across the country. This variability is the natural result of high variations in rainfall intensity and occurrence,

geographic features that affect runoff quantity and quality, and so on. Considering this situation, a measure of the magnitude of the urban runoff pollution level and methods for characterizing its variability were needed. The event mean concentration (EMC), defined as the total constituent mass discharge divided by the total runoff volume, was chosen as the primary measure of the pollutant load. The rationale for adopting the EMC for characterizing urban runoff is discussed in the receiving water effects section of this chapter as well as in subsequent chapters. Event mean concentrations were calculated for each event at each site in the accessible data base. If a flow-weighted composite sample was taken, its concentration was used to represent the event mean concentration. Where sequential discrete samples were taken over the hydrograph, the event mean concentration was determined by calculating the area under the loadograph (the curve of concentration times discharge rate over time) and dividing it by the area under the hydrograph (the curve of runoff volume over time). Details of the calculation procedure have been described in the Data Management Procedures Manual. For the purpose of determining event mean concentrations, rainfall events were defined to be separate precipitation events when there was an intervening time period of at least six hours without rain.

A statistical approach was adopted for characterizing the properties of EMCs for standard pollutants. Standard statistical procedures were used to define the probability distribution, central tendency (a mean or median) and spread (standard deviation or coefficient of variation) of EMC data. EMC data for each pollutant from all storms and monitoring sites were complied in a central data base management system at the National Computer Center. The SAS computer statistical routines and other standard statistical methods were used to explore and characterize the data. The statistical methods used are, for the most part, not explained in this report since these are readily available in the literature. Nor are the operations of the SAS routines, which are available at most computer centers.

The underlying probability distribution of the EMC data was examined and tested by both visual and statistical methods. With relatively few isolated exceptions, the probability distribution of EMCs at individual sites can be characterized by lognormal distributions. Given this, concise characterization of the variable urban runoff characteristics at each of the sites is defined by only two values, the mean or median and the coefficient of variation (standard deviation divided by mean). Because the underlying distributions are lognormal, the appropriate statistic to employ for comparisons between individual sites or groups of sites is the median value, because it is less influenced by the small number of large values typical of lognormal distributions and, hence, is a more robust measure of central tendency. However, for comparisons with other published data which usually report average values and for certain computations and analyses (e.g., annual mass loads), the mean value is more appropriate.

Relationships among a number of statistical properties of interest are easily determined when distributions are lognormal. Figure 5-1 illustrates some relationships for lognormal distributions. In (a) the frequency distributions of two variable data sets which are log-normal and have the same median are shown. The log transforms of the data result in normal bell

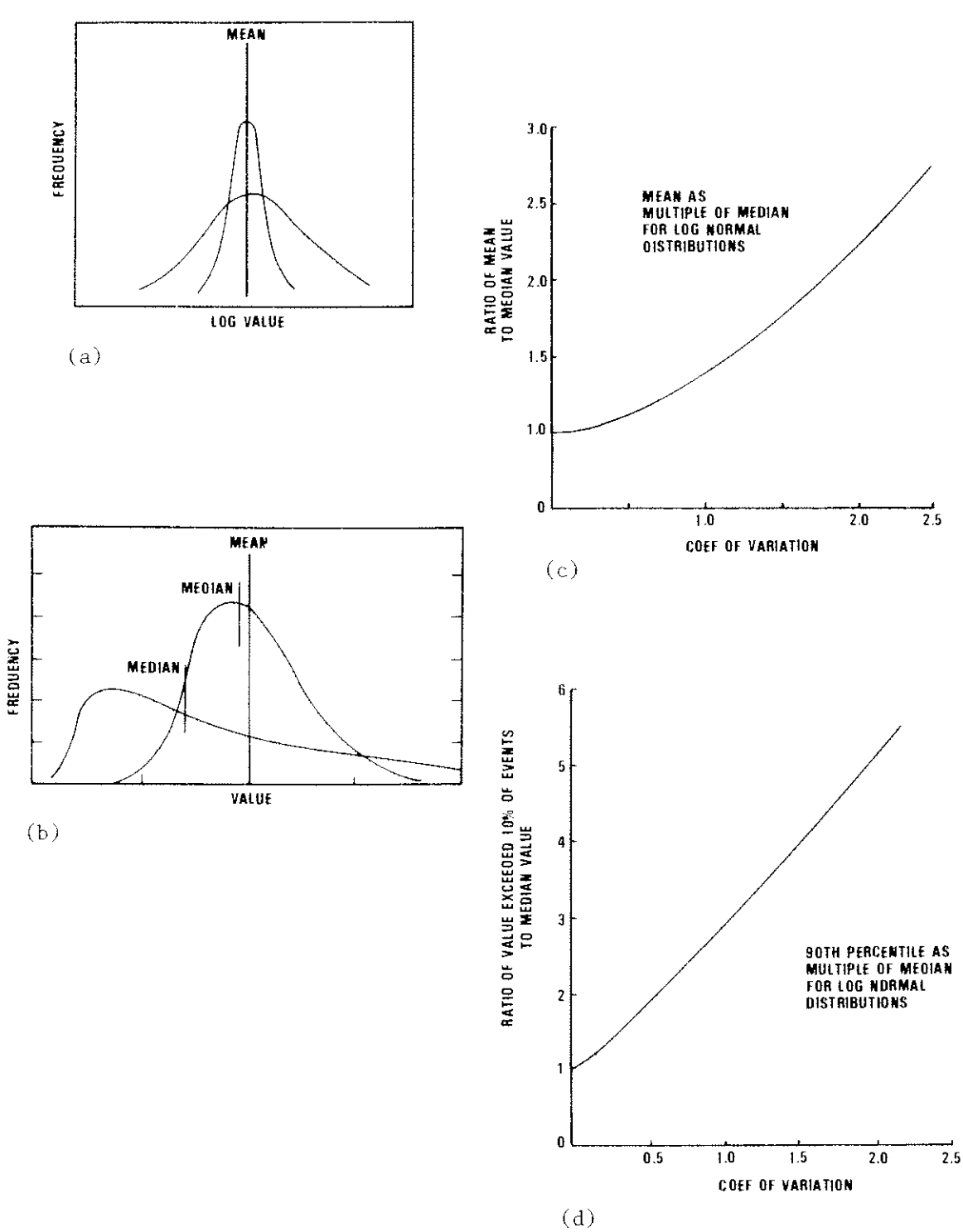

Figure 5-1. Lognormal Distribution Relationships

shaped distributions; more variable data (higher coefficient of variation) result in a greater spread. Frequency histograms prepared using untransformed data values produce skewed distributions, as shown by (b) which illustrates two data sets which have the same arithmetic mean. The effect of coefficient of variation is shown as well as the relation between mean and median for lognormal distributions. An established relationship exists between median and mean, as shown by (c) and described by:

$$\frac{\text{Mean}}{\text{Median}} = \sqrt{1 + (\text{Coef Var})^2}$$

When a distribution is known to be lognormal the best estimate of the population mean is that derived from the lognormal relationships. For small samples it can be expected to be different than the result of a straight arithmetic averaging of sample data; the two estimates of the mean will give similar values when the number of samples is very large.

In addition, the expected value at any probability or frequency of occurrence (X_α) can be determined by:

$$X_\alpha = \exp\ (\mu_{lnx} + Z_\alpha\ \sigma_{lnx})$$

where:

Z_α = the standard normal probability

μ_{lnx} = mean of log-transformed data

σ_{lnx} = standard deviation of log-transformed data

X_α can be expressed as a ratio to the median value by the following equation which defines the ratio in terms of the coefficient of variation

$$\frac{X_\alpha}{\text{Median}} = \exp\ (Z_\alpha \sqrt{\ln\ (1 + (\text{Coef Var})^2)}).$$

This relationship is shown by (d) for 90th percentile values (10 percent exceedance, $Z_\alpha = 1.2817$).

The establishment of the fundamental distribution as lognormal, and the availability of a sufficiently large sample population of EMCs to provide reliable derived statistics, has a number of benefits:

- Concise summaries of highly variable data can be developed.
- Comparisons of results from different sites, events, etc., are convenient and are more easily understood.

- Statements can be made concerning frequency of occurrence. One can express how often values will exceed various magnitudes of interest.

- A more useful method of reporting data than the use of ranges is provided; one which is less subject to misinterpretation.

- A framework is provided for examining "transferability" of data in a quantitative manner.

Priority Pollutants

In cooperation with EPA's Monitoring and Data Support Division (MDSD), a special study element was built into two-thirds of the NURP projects (20 of 28) to identify which of the compounds on EPA's list of "Priority Pollutants" are found in urban runoff, and the concentrations at which they occur. The base effort collected 121 samples of urban runoff which were analyzed for priority pollutants. A supplementary special metals study secured 147 samples. Methods utilized in this study element are described in the following report which covers this activity:

> "NURP Priority Pollutant Monitoring Project: Summary of Findings", December 1983; EPA Monitoring and Data Support Division, Office of Water Regulations and Standards, Washington, D.C.

In addition to the above special study, as previously mentioned, most NURP projects monitored selected heavy metals (principally total copper, total lead, and total zinc) in their routine monitoring programs. Summaries of these data are presented in Chapter 6.

Hydrometeorological Statistics

Consistent with the adoption of a storm "event" as the fundamental time scale used in the analysis of data and the interpretation of effects, rainfall data were analyzed to define "event" statistics for a significant number of locations throughout the country. The SYNOP program was employed for developing the statistical parameters of rainfall intensity, duration, volume, and interval between storm events. This program has been detailed in the NURP "Data Management Procedures Manual."

In addition to rainfall, rainfall-runoff relationships were characterized for monitored storm events. The runoff coefficient, defined as the ratio of runoff volume to rainfall volume, was computed, and effects of such catchment characteristics as land use and imperviousness were investigated. Long-term streamflow records for numerous stations across the country were also analyzed to characterize regional trends.

RECEIVING WATER QUALITY EFFECTS

General

A number of individual NURP projects examined the site-specific impacts of urban runoff on water quality for a variety of beneficial uses and receiving

water types. These results provide important information on the extent to which urban runoff constitutes a "problem" as well as "ground truth" measurements against which more generalized techniques can be compared. Methodologies employed in these local studies vary and are described in the individual project reports. Relevant site-specific project results are cited in Chapter 9.

Receiving water impact analyses cannot be readily generalized because there is a high degree of site-specificity to the important factors. The type of beneficial use dictates the pollutants which are of principal concern; the type of water body (e.g., stream, lake, estuary) determines how receiving water quality responds to loads; and physical characteristics (e.g., size, geometry, flows) have a major influence on the magnitude of response to a particular load.

Despite the inherent limitations of a set of generalized receiving water impact analyses, a screening level analysis was considered a necessary element for a nationwide assessment of the general significance of urban runoff in terms of water quality problems, especially adverse effects on beneficial uses. Accordingly, a set of analysis methodologies were adopted and utilized as screening techniques for characterizing water quality effects of urban runoff loads on receiving water bodies. A key requirement was to delineate the severity of water quality problems by quantifying the magnitude, and in the case of intermittent loads, the frequency of occurrence of water quality impacts of significance. These procedures are identified and described briefly below. Significant technical aspects are detailed further in the supplementary NURP report which addresses the receiving water impact analysis methodology.

It was not possible to perform a "National Assessment" in the usual sense of the term. NURP has determined that it is not realistic (if the basis is effect on beneficial use of a water body) to estimate the total number of water quality problem situations in the nation which result from urban stormwater runoff or the cost of control which would ultimately result. The available analysis methods do permit an assessment of a different kind. NURP applied the analysis procedures as a screening type analysis to define the conditions under which problems of different types are likely or unlikely to occur. From the results of these screening analyses, NURP has drawn inferences and made general statements (Chapters 7 and 9) on the significance of urban runoff. Where it has been possible or practical to do so, these general screening analyses were applied to local situations which exist within certain of the individual NURP projects. Comparisons were made between specific water quality effects or broader conclusions relative to problems derived from both local analysis and general screening methods.

Time Scales of Water Quality Impacts

There are three types of water quality impacts associated with urban runoff. The first type is characterized by rapid, short-term changes in water quality during and shortly after storm events. Examples of this water quality impact include periodic dissolved oxygen depressions due to oxidation of contaminants, or short-term increases in the receiving water concentrations of one

or more toxic contaminants. These short-term effects are believed to be an important concern and were the prime focus of the NURP analysis.

Long-term water quality impacts, on the other hand, may be caused by contaminants associated with suspended solids that settle in receiving waters and by nutrients which enter receiving water systems with long retention times. In both instances, long-term water quality impacts are caused by increased residence times of pollutants in receiving waters. Other examples of the long-term water quality impacts include depressed dissolved oxygen caused by the oxidation of organics in bottom sediments, biological accumulation of toxics as a result of up-take by organisms in the food chain, and increased lake entrophication as a result of the recycling of nutrients contributed by urban runoff discharges. The long-term water quality impacts of urban runoff are manifested during critical periods normally considered in point source pollution studies, such as summer, low stream flow conditions, and/or during sensitive life cycle stages of organisms. Since long-term water quality impacts occur during normal critical periods, it is necessary to distinguish between the relative contribution of urban runoff and the contribution from other sources, such as treatment plant discharges and other nonpoint sources. A site-specific analysis is required to determine the impact of various types of pollutants during critical periods, and this aspect of urban runoff effects was not addressed in detail in NURP.

A third type of receiving water impact is related to the quantity or physical aspects of flow and includes short-term water quality effects caused by scour and resuspension of pollutants previously deposited in the sediments. This category of impact was not addressed by NURP, in general, although one project provides some information.

As indicated previously, the first type of change in water quality associated with discharges from urban runoff is characterized by short-term degradation during and shortly after storm events. The rainfall process is highly variable in both time and space. The intensity of rainfall at a location can vary from minute to minute and from location to location. Phenomena which are driven by rainfall such as urban runoff and associated pollutant loadings are at least as variable. Short term measurements, on a time scale of minutes, to define rainfall, the runoff flow hydrograph, and concentrations of contaminants (pollutographs) feasibly can be taken at only a rather limited number of locations. These measurements have usually been employed in an attempt to refine or calibrate calculation procedures for estimating runoff flows and loads. Most urban areas contain a network of drainage systems which collect and discharge urban runoff into one or more receiving water bodies. Since the rainfall, runoff, and pollutant loads vary in both time and space, it is impossible to determine by calculation or measurement the very short time scale (minute-to-minute) changes in water quality of a receiving water and assign the changes to specific sources of runoff. Although very short duration exposures (on the order of minutes) to very high concentrations of toxics can produce environmental damage (mortality or sublethal effects) to aquatic organisms, it is likely that exposures on the order of hours have the highest possibility of causing adverse environmental impacts. This results, in part, from the smoothing obtained by mixing numerous sources which have high frequency (short-term) variability.

In view of the above discussion, the time scale used by NURP for analysis of short-term receiving water impacts is the rainfall event time scale which is on the order of hours. To represent the average concentration of pollutants in urban runoff produced during such an event, NURP used the event mean concentration.

Criteria/Standards and Beneficial Use Effects

As discussed in previous chapters, three definitions have been adopted to assess receiving water problems associated with urban runoff; (1) impairment or denial of beneficial use, (2) violation of numerical criteria/standards, and (3) local perception of a problem. The procedures and methods employed in the NURP assessment focus on the first two problem definitions. A framework for identifying target receiving water concentrations associated with the criteria standards and beneficial use problems are provided below. The third problem type, local perception of a problem and degree of concern cannot be addressed by these quantitative procedures.

The analysis methods employed make it possible to project water quality effects caused by intermittent, short-term urban runoff discharges. Where appropriate, these effects are expressed in terms of the frequency at which a pollutant concentration in the water body is equalled or exceeded. However, if the basis for determining the significance of such water quality impacts (and hence the need for control) is taken to be the effect such receiving water concentrations have on the impairment or denial of a specific beneficial use, then it is necessary to go one step further. A basis is required for judging the degree to which a particular water quality impact constitutes an impairment of a beneficial use. With intermittent pollutant discharges, effects are variable and are best expressed in terms of a probability distribution from which estimates can be made of the frequency with which effects of various magnitude occur.

There is a rather broad consensus that existing water quality criteria, and water uses based on such criteria, are most relevant when considered in terms of continuous exposures (ambient conditions). Even where continuous discharges are involved, there has been discussion and debate as to whether a particular criterion should be interpreted as some appropriate "average" condition or a "never-to-exceed" limit. The basic issue is whether the more liberal interpretation will provide acceptable protection to the beneficial use for which the criterion in question has been developed. The only reason such distinctions become an issue is because the practical feasibility or relative economics, or both, are sufficiently different that one is encouraged to question whether the more restrictive interpretation is overly (or even excessively) conservative in terms of providing protection for the associated beneficial use.

The issue (i.e., whether traditional ambient criteria are excessively conservative measures of conditions which provide reasonable assurances of protection for a beneficial use when exceeded only intermittently) is particularly appropriate in the case of urban storm runoff. Analysis of rainfall records for a wide distribution of locations in the nation indicates that, even in the wetter parts of the country, urban runoff events occur only

about 10 percent of the time. There are regional and seasonal differenc but typical values for annual average storm characteristics in the east half of the United States are:

	Average (Hours)	Median (Hours)	90th Percentile (Hours)
Storm Duration	6	4.5	15
Interval Between Storm Mid-Points	80	60	200

These estimates are based on results from an analysis of long-term rainfa records for 40 cities throughout the country. Median and 90th percenti values are derived from data mean and variance based on a gamma distributic which has been shown to characterize the underlying distribution of stc event parameters quite well.

In the semi-arid regions of the western half of the country, average stc durations tend to be comparable to the above, but average intervals betwe successive storms increase substantially (two to four fold) and are high seasonal. With urban storm runoff, therefore, one is dealing with polluta discharges which occur over a period of a few hours every several days more or after long dry periods. In advective rivers and streams, the wat mass influenced by urban runoff tends to move downstream in relatively di crete pulses. Because of the variability in the magnitude of the pollute loads from different storm events, only a small percentage of these puls have high pollutant concentrations.

There are currently no formal "wet weather" criteria and, thus, no general accepted way intermittent exposures having time scale characteristics typic of urban runoff can be related to use impairment. In the belief that would be inappropriate to ignore such considerations in a general evaluati of urban runoff, NURP has developed estimates for concentration levels whi result in adverse impacts on beneficial use when exposures occur intermi tently at intervals/durations typical of urban runoff. These "effec levels" were used to interpret the significance of the variable, intermitte water quality impacts of urban runoff. It should be understood that the effects levels do not represent any formal position taken by EPA, but a simply the most reasonable yardsticks available to meet the immediate nee of the evaluation of urban runoff. As used in the screening analysis proc dures, alternative values for "effects levels" may be readily substitut when either more accurate estimates can be made, or more (or less) conser tive approaches are indicated in view of the importance of a particular wat body or beneficial use.

Table 5-1 summarizes information on water quality criteria for a number contaminants routinely found in urban storm runoff. The data present include:

- Water quality criteria for substances on EPA's priority pollutant list (45 FR No. 79318, 11/28/80). These criteria provide

TABLE 5-1. SUMMARY OF RECEIVING WATER TARGET CONCENTRATIONS USED IN SCREENING ANALYSIS - TOXIC SUBSTANCES
(ALL CONCENTRATIONS IN MICROGRAMS/LITER, µg/ℓ)

Contaminant	Water Hardness mg/l (as Ca CO_3)	Freshwater Aquatic Life		Saltwater Aquatic Life		Human Ingestion	Estimated Effect Level For Intermittent Exposure	
		24 Hour	Max	24 Hour	Max	(1)	Thresh-hold	Significant Mortality
Copper	50	5.6	12	4.0	23	NP	20	50 - 90
	100	5.6	22	4.0	23		35	90 - 150
	200	5.6	42	4.0	23		80	120 - 350
	300	5.6	62	4.0	23		115	265 - 500
Zinc	50	47	180	58	170	NP	380	870 - 3,200
	100	47	321	58	170		680	1,550 - 4,500
	200	47	520	58	170		1,200	2,750 - 8,000
	300	47	800	58	170		1,700	3,850 - 11,000
Lead	50	0.75	74				150	350 - 3,200
	100	3.8	172	(25)	(670)	50.0	360	820 - 7,500
	200	12.5	400				850	1,950 - 17,850
	300	50.0	660	(C)	(A)		1,400	3,100 - 29,000
Chrome (+3)	50		2,200					
	100	(44)	4,700	N.P.	(10,300)	170.00	8,650	
	300	(C)	15,000		(A)			
Chrome (+6)	-	0.29	21.0	18	1260	50.0		
Cadmium	50	0.01	1.5				3	7 - 160
	100	0.02	3.0	4.5	59.0	10	6.6	15 - 350
	300	0.08	9.6				20	45 - 1,070
Nickel	50	56	1,090					
	100	96	1,800	7.1	140.0	13.4		
	300	220	4,250					

NOTES:

- NP = No criteria proposed.
- Some toxic criteria are related to Total Hardness of receiving water. Where this applies, several values are shown. Other values may be calculated from equations presented in EPA's Criteria Document (Federal Register, 45,231, November 28, 1980). Where a single value is shown, water hardness does not influence toxic criteria.
- Concentration values shown within parentheses ( ) are not formal criteria values. They reflect either chronic (C) or acute (A) toxicity concentrations which the EPA toxic criteria document indicated have been observed. Values of this type were reported where the data base was insufficient (according to the formally adopted guidelines which were used in developing the criteria) for EPA to develop 24 hour and Hax values.
- Note (1): The "Human Ingestion" criteria developed by the EPA Toxic Criteria documents are indicated to relate to ambient receiving water quality. The Drinking Water Criteria relate to finished water quality at the point of delivery for consumption.
- Estimated Effects levels reflect estimates of the concertration levels which would impair beneficial uses under the kind of exposure conditions which would be produced by Urban Runoff. They are an estimate of the relationship between continuous exposure and intermittent, short duration exposures (several hours once every several days). Threshold concentrations are those estimated to cause mortality of the most sensitive individual of the most sensitive species.

  Significant Mortality concentrations are shown as a range which reflects 50 percent of the most sensitive species and mortality of the most sensitive individual of the 25th percentile species sensitivity.

an extensive set of numerical values derived from bioassay studies.

- Estimates of "effects levels" which are suggested by NURP analysis to be relevant for the intermittent exposures characteristic of urban runoff.

By incorporating the numerical values for EPA's ambient water quality criteria and the concentration levels suggested by NURP for intermittent effects in the same table (or on the same graph in Chapter 7), a convenient, concise comparison is provided of the practical implications of applying one or the other as the yardstick for judging the protection or impairment of water use. The two sets of numerical values thus provide measures for two of the three options for defining a problem: violation of criteria or actual impairment of a beneficial use.

Comparison of the pollutant concentrations in urban runoff showing the frequency and magnitude of exceedance of ambient criteria and intermittent effects levels provides a qualitative sense of the control requirements (and implications regarding costs) attendant on the adoption of either problem definition as the operative one.

Rivers and Streams

The approach adopted to quantify the water quality effects of urban runoff for rivers and streams focuses on the inherent variability of the runoff process. What occurs during an individual storm event is considered secondary to the overall effect of a continuous spectrum of storms from very small to very large. Of basic concern is the probability of occurrence of water quality effects of some relevant magnitude.

To consider the intermittent and variable nature of urban runoff, a stochastic approach was adopted. The method involves a direct calculation of receiving water quality statistics using the statistical properties of the urban runoff quality and other relevant variables. The approach uses a relatively simple model of the physical behavior of the stream or river (as compared to many of the deterministic simulation models). The results are therefore an approximation, but appropriate as a screening tool.

The theoretical basis of the technique is quite powerful as it permits the stochastic nature of runoff process to be explicitly considered. Application is relatively straightforward, and the procedure is relevant to a wide variety of cases. These attributes are particularly advantageous given the national scope of the NURP assessment. The details of the stochastic method are summarized and presented below.

Figure 5-2 contains an idealized representation of urban runoff discharges entering a stream. The discharges usually enter the stream at several locations but are considered here to be adequately represented by an equivalent discharge flow which enters the system at a single point.

Receiving water concentration (CO) is the resulting concentration after complete mixing of the runoff and stream flows and is interpreted as the mean

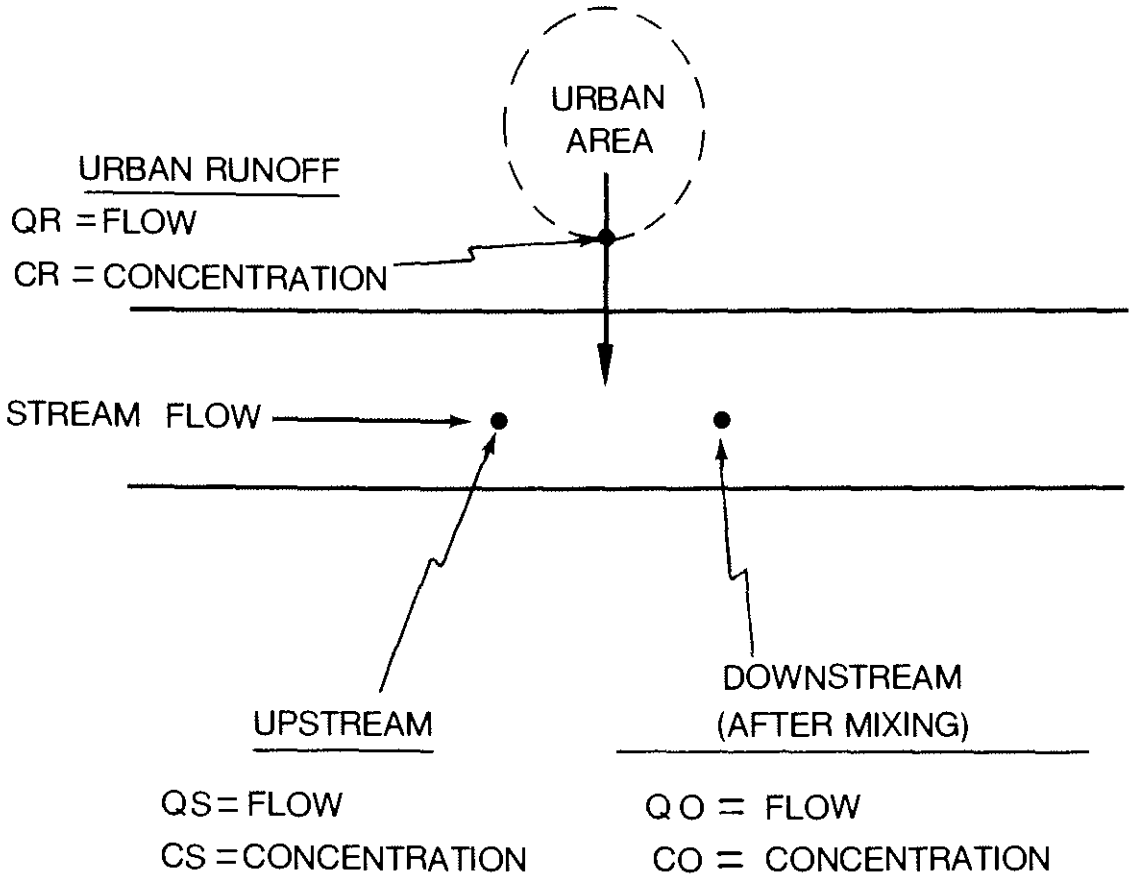

Figure 5-2. Idealized Representation of Urban Runoff Discharges Entering a Stream

stream concentration just downstream of all of the discharges as shown in Figure 5-2. The four input variables considered are:

- Urban runoff flow (QR)
- Urban runoff concentration (CR)
- Stream flow (QS)
- Stream concentration (CS)

Each is considered to be a stochastic random variable, which together combine to determine downstream flow and concentration. In addition, all variables are assumed to be independent, except urban runoff flow and streamflow where correlation effects can be incorporated as warranted.

An essential condition of the current computational structure is that each of the four variables which contribute to downstream receiving water quality can be adequately represented by a lognormal probability distribution; from analysis of data or other estimating procedures, the statistical properties of each of the input parameter distributions are defined. Examination of a reasonably broad cross-section of data indicates that lognormal probability distributions can adequately represent discharges from the rainfall/runoff process, the concentration of contaminants in the discharge, and the daily flow record of many rivers and streams, particularly for a national scale screening approach. It should be noted, however, that modifications of the computation techniques could be made to accommodate the use of other distributions (e.g., gamma, exponential) for some or all of the parameters.

The analysis procedure is described in more detail in the supplementary NURP report cited earlier. It essentially operates as follows:

- Downstream Concentrations. Stream concentrations of a pollutant are considered to result from the combination of upstream flow at background concentration and runoff flow at its concentration. Variations in stream concentrations below the urban runoff discharge result from variations in each of these inputs; the most significant source of variation being whether or not an event is occurring (i.e., whether runoff flows and loads are present). Stream flows must be considered because of the major effect of dilution on the resulting concentrations. Upstream concentrations can, however, be set at zero for the calculations; in which case, the result obtained is the exclusive effect of urban runoff discharges, and not the overall expected stream concentration. Effects of urban runoff can be evaluated by considering only the periods during which runoff occurs.

- Parameter Estimates. Estimates for runoff flows and concentrations are developed from information derived from the NURP monitoring programs. Information on stream flow can be obtained from analysis of local stream gage records. Upstream concentrations tend to be very site-specific; for this reason, the screening analysis calculated only the effect of urban runoff discharges.

- Statistical Calculations. From the statistical properties (specifically, the means and standard deviations) of the flows and concentrations, properties of the dilution ratio can be defined, and the statistical properties of the resulting in-stream concentrations are calculated directly. The frequency with which any particular target concentration is exceeded during wet weather can be calculated from the statistical properties of stream concentration, using formulas or scaled directly from a standard plot of cumulative (lognormal) probability distributions.

  The frequency with which the target concentration is exceeded during all periods -- wet and dry -- is simply the product of

the wet weather frequency and the probability (frequency) that it is raining. The probability that it is raining at any time is defined by the ratio of mean storm duration to mean inter-storm period, derived from the rainfall statistics.

$$\frac{D = \text{mean duration of storms}}{\Delta = \text{mean interval between storm midpoints}} = \text{fraction of time it is wet}$$

- Mean Recurrence Interval. In the presentation of results in Chapter 7, the probability distribution of event mean stream concentrations of an urban runoff pollutant during runoff periods is converted to a Mean Recurrence Interval (MRI) as a device to assist in the interpretation of results. The recurrence interval is defined as the reciprocal of probability. Because the basic calculation is based on storm events, this definition yields the overall average number of storms between specific event occurrences. Event recurrence is converted to what is believed to be a more meaningful time recurrence by dividing by the average number of storms per year, which is developed from analysis of rainfall records and defined as

$$\frac{\text{Hours/year} = 8760}{\text{Average interval between storm midpoints}} = \text{average \# storms per year}$$

As an example of the MRI calculations consider a stream concentration which has an exceedance probability of 1.0 percent (Pr = 0.01)

$$\text{Recurrence Interval} = 1/Pr = 1/0.01 = 100$$

The analysis is in terms of storm events, not time. Therefore this result is interpreted as one storm in every 100 events on average, will produce concentrations greater than the selected value. For an area where rainfall patterns produce an average of 100 storms per year, the average recurrence interval expressed in time units rather than events, is:

$$\text{Recurrence Interval (time)} = \frac{\text{event recurrence}}{\text{\# events/year}} = \frac{100 \text{ events}}{100 \text{ events/year}} = 1 \text{ year}$$

Currently, the primary use of the above procedure is as a screening tool in which approximate results and relative values are of interest. In this regard, NURP believes the Mean Recurrence Interval is a very useful definition. It should be interpreted as the long-term average interval between occurrences.

When results of this nature are interpreted, the following factors should be noted. The recurrence intervals of most interest relate to very low probabilities of occurrence. The tails of distributions may have appreciable uncertainty, and in the natural water systems, distributions may be lognormal

over the bulk of the range but may deviate from the assigned distribution at the extremes. Computed stream concentrations at long recurrence intervals are likely to be conservative, that is, overstated because there are likely to be practical upper limits for runoff concentrations and lower limits to stream flow.

It also should be noted that serial correlations of streamflows or the tendency of wet and dry years to occur in clusters, though not a general behavior, may be significant in some cases. This situation would cause the average one year condition, for example, not to repeat itself every year but rather to occur several times per year, at intervals greater than one year.

Other Receiving Waters

Other receiving waters of general interest in assessing urban runoff effects include lakes, estuaries, embayments, and coastal zones. The methods adopted for lakes are briefly described below. The other receiving waters generally require site-specific and often complex analysis techniques (numerical methods, multi-dimensional modeling, etc.). Given this, a generalized screening-level assessment was not believed to be appropriate for this report. A number of the individual NURP projects consider these coastal water bodies and report on the specific methods adopted and results obtained.

For lake eutrophication problems, the time scale for analysis is considerably longer than the short (event scale) periods necessary for estuaries and rivers. For this case, annual average loads were used in a steady-state analysis performed using the type of empirical model advanced by Vollenweider and others. The EMC data developed from NURP monitoring programs can be readily converted to annual loads directly from annual flows or indirectly based on annual rainfall.

For total phosphorus, typically the limiting nutrient of concern, average concentrations are calculated using the following formula:

$$P = \frac{W'}{H/\tau \cdot \upsilon_s} \cdot 1000$$

The input values include pollutant mass loading (W'), lake physical characteristics of depth (H) and residence time (τ) and reaction rate coefficients (υ_s). The relative contribution of all load sources to lake total P concentrations can be defined by solving this equation for each of the sources. By comparing results in terms of lake concentrations for initial conditions (no control), and then modifying loads to reflect various levels of control, alternative control operations can be compared directly to effect on lake water quality.

Some judgement is involved in defining acceptable lake water quality concentrations, which depend in part on water use and on regional norms and expectations.

EVALUATION OF CONTROLS

General

The evaluation of controls has two elements: (a) characterizing the controls' performance capabilities and (b) defining costs. For this report, only the characterization of performance is emphasized; cost relationships are addressed to a more limited extent. EPA's Economic Analyses Staff, Office of Analysis and Evaluation, has prepared the following report under contract:

> "Collection of Economic Data from Nationwide Urban Runoff Program Projects," EPA Office of Water Regulations and Standards, April 7, 1982.

This report, issued at an early stage in the NURP program, assembled and analyzed cost information on potential control measures. Useful cost information for detention basins was developed by the Washington, D.C. area NURP project and is discussed further in Chapter 8.

Detention Basins

There are a number of procedures which can be adopted for evaluation of detention basin control devices. Procedures adopted by individual NURP projects are described in project reports. The procedure adopted by NURP to generalize the analysis of detention basins, and provide a planning level basis for estimating capabilities and requirements, is detailed in a detention basin handbook being issued by NURP as a supplementary report.

Results presented in Chapter 8 provide a summary of observed performance characteristics of the detention devices monitored under the NURP program and a projection of long-term performance expected on the basis of basin size and regional rainfall characteristics. The latter result is based on the probabalistic analysis methodology described in the supplementary report. Planning level cost estimates for control of urban runoff using this technique are also presented.

Street Sweeping

A number of the individual NURP projects adopted street sweeping as a principal subject of investigation. Procedures and results are described in individual project reports and are consolidated and summarized in Chapter 8. The adopted procedure and detailed results are presented in the supplementary NURP report, which was cited earlier.

Recharge Devices

Recharge devices include impoundments or other structures such as pits, trenches, retention basins, percolating catch basins, in-line percolation chambers or perforated pipes, which function by intercepting some portion of storm runoff and allowing it to percolate into the ground.

One of the basic questions which arises when controls of this type are considered is whether the percolation encouraged will produce undesirable degradation of groundwater quality. This aspect was examined by two NURP projects, and is discussed in Chapter 7 of this report.

Evaluation of percolating basins of any size is readily accomplished using the standard storage/treatment routines of stormwater models such as STORM or SWMM. In such cases the local soil permeability (the percolation rate) is applied as the treatment rate. In addition, statistical analysis procedures described in "A Statistical Method for the Assessment of Urban Stormwater" (EPA 440/3-79-023, May 1979) have been developed. A probabalistic analysis methodology adapted from the latter approach has been used by NURP to provide estimates of performance capabilities of recharge devices, which are presented in Chapter 8. A detailed discussion of the methodology is provided in the supplementary NURP report on detention/recharge devices cited earlier.

CHAPTER 6
CHARACTERISTICS OF URBAN RUNOFF

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents a condensed summary of data developed by the individual NURP projects together with analysis results and interpretations based on the aggregated data from all projects.

Both the format for the summaries and the evaluations performed were selected to best serve the NURP objective of developing a national perspective. The results presented do not exhaust the useful information and insights which can be derived from the extensive data base that has been assembled. Individual project reports and a substantial number of articles published in a variety of technical journals independently examine specific aspects of urban runoff, often from the perspective of local issues.

Comprehensive tabulations of NURP data have been assembled and will be made available to interested parties for use in local planning or continuing research or engineering activities. As noted below, only a portion of the entire data base generated by the 28 NURP projects has been made generally accessible at this time. Under an ongoing effort, the entire data base is being subjected to final quality assurance checks and placed into a separate file, copies of which will be made available to interested parties upon request. In addition, a summary of the event averaged data, used for the analyses presented in this chapter, is reproduced in a Data Appendix issued with this report.

Field monitoring was conducted to characterize urban runoff flows and pollutant concentrations and mass loadings. This was done for a variety of pollutants at a substantial number of sites distributed throughout the country. The resultant data represent a cross-section of regional climatology, land use types, slopes, and soil conditions and thereby provide a basis for identifying patterns of similarities or differences and testing for their significance. To meet the objective of maximizing the degree of transferability of urban runoff data, the NURP approach involved covering a spectrum of regional and land use characteristics, requiring consistent quality assurance programs among all projects, and encouraging each of the projects to obtain data for a statistically significant number of storm events at a site.

The portion of the NURP data base used in the characterization of urban runoff presented in this section excludes monitoring sites which are downstream of devices which modify runoff (e.g., detention basins). The data base of acceptable "loading sites" consists of 81 sites in 22 different cities, and includes more than 2300 separate storm events. The actual number of events

for specific pollutants varies, and is somewhat smaller than the total number of storms monitored because all pollutants were not measured for all storms at all sites.

Data summaries and analyses were performed using storm event average values; within-event fluctuations are not considered. An event mean concentration (EMC) for pollutants of interest has been determined for each monitored storm. Preliminary results presented in an earlier NURP report were based on analysis of "pooled" EMCs which were available at the time regardless of site. This provided a useful start, a reference for individual NURP project activities, and established the order of magnitude of concentrations of various pollutants in urban runoff. With the substantially larger data set now available, a more useful approach is possible. For the analyses and comparisons presented in this chapter, the storm event average data were aggregated by site to describe site characteristics. Site mean values were then aggregated or compared.

Summaries, comparisons, and evaluations were restricted to concentrations and runoff-rainfall ratios. Although loading data (Kg/Ha) are also available for all monitored storms, they have not been used in comparisons for the following reason. Mass load is very strongly influenced by the size (volume) of the monitored storm event. Monitored events usually represent a very small sample of all storms for an area, are generally biased toward larger events, and are different from site to site. Therefore comparisons between sites or locations using loading data derived from monitored storms are quite likely to present a distorted picture.

Event mean concentrations, on the other hand, have been determined to be essentially uncorrelated with runoff volume, as discussed further later in this chapter. Site comparisons can be made with high confidence levels using concentration data, and the most meaningful load comparisons would be those developed by using concentrations, area rainfall volumes, and runoff-rainfall relationships.

Separate summaries of results are provided below for standard pollutants, coliform bacteria, pollutant loads, and priority pollutants.

LOGNORMALITY

As was pointed out in Chapter 5, the key to the mathematical tractability of the NURP methodologies is that the data can be well represented by a known probability density function (pdf). There are actually two issues involved; (1) the adequacy of the assumed pdf in terms of representing the essential characteristics of the data set in question, and (2) the estimation of the parameters of the population pdf that the observed data set is presumed to represent. These will be discussed in turn.

Adequacy of Representation

One can fit a polynomial of order (n-1) exactly to any data set of n numerical items, but its utility in predicting the probability of realizing a given value on a subsequent trial (either within or outside the original data set,

i.e., the interpolation or extrapolation problem) is likely to be very limited. The number of parameters involved and the need to investigate its properties on an individual basis are further deterrents to such a practice. There is no dearth of pdf's that have been the subject of intensive investigation. However, the selection of a pdf is an objective choice that is best made based on professional knowledge of the processes deemed important to the desired probability model and the use to be made of it. For example, if the data are known to result from the product of many small effects, their logs will be the sum of the logs of these effects. By appeal to the central limit theorem, it is known that this sum is asymptotically normal and, therefore, that the data will be lognormally distributed. Based upon such natural expectations and prior experience (of a growing body of other workers in the field as well), the lognormal pdf was chosen. The fact that the variables of interest can assume only positive values with a finite mean and a finite nonzero lower bound (even in a standardized form) leads to the rejection of any pdf defined over the entire real domain, such as the normal distribution for instance.

There are a number of statistical procedures for evaluating the normality of a complete sample; at least nine can be found in the current literature. Some are origin and scale invariant (e.g., the Shapiro-Wilk, standard third moment, standard fourth moment, and studentized range) and thus are appropriate for testing the composite hypothesis of normality. Others require the complete specification of the null distribution (e.g., Kolmogorov-Smirnoff, Cramer-Von Mises, weighted Cramer-Von Mises, modified Kolmogorov-Smirnoff-D, and chi-squared), and typically, the mean and variance of the specified normal hypothesis are taken to be the known mean and variance of the complete sample. Some procedures (e.g., chi-squared) utilize the specified theoretical pdf, while others (e.g., the modified Kolmogorov-Smirnoff D-test) utilize the cumulative frequency distribution.

In testing for normality (in the logorithmic domain in our case), one specifies the level of significance (α), i.e., the probability of rejecting the null hypothesis when it is in fact true (Type I error). The choice of α requires tempered judgement, however. The power of a test (β) is the probability of rejecting the null hypothesis when it is in fact false. The probability of accepting the null hypothesis when it is in fact false (Type II error) is $1-\beta$. For a given sample size and test, fixing a value for α also determines a value for β (i.e., they are not independent). The smaller the α level, the less powerful the test. Thus one is forced to make a trade-off between the consequences of a Type I or II error when selecting an α value.

The median EMC values for each constituent at each site were calculated, and these sample sets were examined for lognormality using the Kolmogorov-Smirnoff D test. The α levels for TSS, Total P, TKN, Total Pb, and Total Zn were all greater than 0.15, indicating a high power level. In other words, these sample sets are extremely well represented by a lognormal distribution. For COD and nitrate + nitrite the α levels were 0.059 and 0.057 respectively, indicating a lower power level but suggesting that even for these constituents the lognormal distribution quite well describes the data. Because BOD, Soluble P, and Total Cu were measured at fewer than half of the project

sites, the D-test could not meaningfully be used (i.e., n is too small). Stated another way, at the $\alpha = 0.05$ level, the hypothesis that the samples were drawn from a population with a lognormal distribution cannot be rejected for any of the constituents examined.

Turning to the individual sites, there were very few instances where n was large enough to support the meaningful use of the D-test, and so a different approach for examining the appropriateness of the lognormal distribution was used. Essentially it consisted of examining the cumulative frequency distributions (in log space) and third and fourth moment based statistics for adequacy of representation. Taking into account detection limit phenomenon, uncertainties associated with sampling and analytical determination errors (especially at low concentration levels), and an occasional outlier, well over 90 percent of the constituent distribution at all NURP sites were quite well represented by the lognormal distribution. For the few remaining data sets, the lognormal distribution, although not perfect, was adequate for our purposes.

Estimation of Parameters

As noted in Chapter 5, the lognormal distribution is completely specified by two parameters, the mean and the coefficient of variation. The values of these two parameters as calculated from the sample data set are the best estimates of the parameters of the underlying population in the maximum likelihood sense. For this reason, they were used in the NURP analysis. However, due to the existence of detection limit problems and sampling/analytical determination errors, the reasonableness of this decision was examined in general for all constituents and in great detail for Total Cu, the results of which will be described below.

For each of the 49 NURP sites where at least five Total Cu determinations were made, data were plotted (in logarithmic form) on probability paper. A line of best fit was drawn in, using professional judgement where detection limit or outlier problems existed, and the values of the median and standard deviation were read from the plot and converted into arithmetic space. These were then compared with those values calculated from the data themselves. One example is given in Figure 6-1 (the 116th and Claude Street site in Denver). Here the median and coefficient of variation from the plot (20 μg/l and 0.75) compare very well with those calculated directly from the data (22 μg/l and 0.74).

An example of an outlier plot is given in Figure 6-2 (the strip commercial site in Knoxville, TN). The one very low value (1 μg/l) is one-twentieth the typical detection limit (20 μg/l) and clearly does not belong to the same distribution that the other values do. Ignoring it, a very good fit exists and the parameters of the plot are 30 μg/l and 0.37 for the median and coefficient of variation as compared with the 25 μg/l and 1.35 values calculated from the data. The difference in medians is not too great, but the difference in coefficients of variation is quite large (over a factor of 3.5). This means that the upper end of the tail of the pdf is quite overestimated by the parameters estimated from the data and, consequently, that

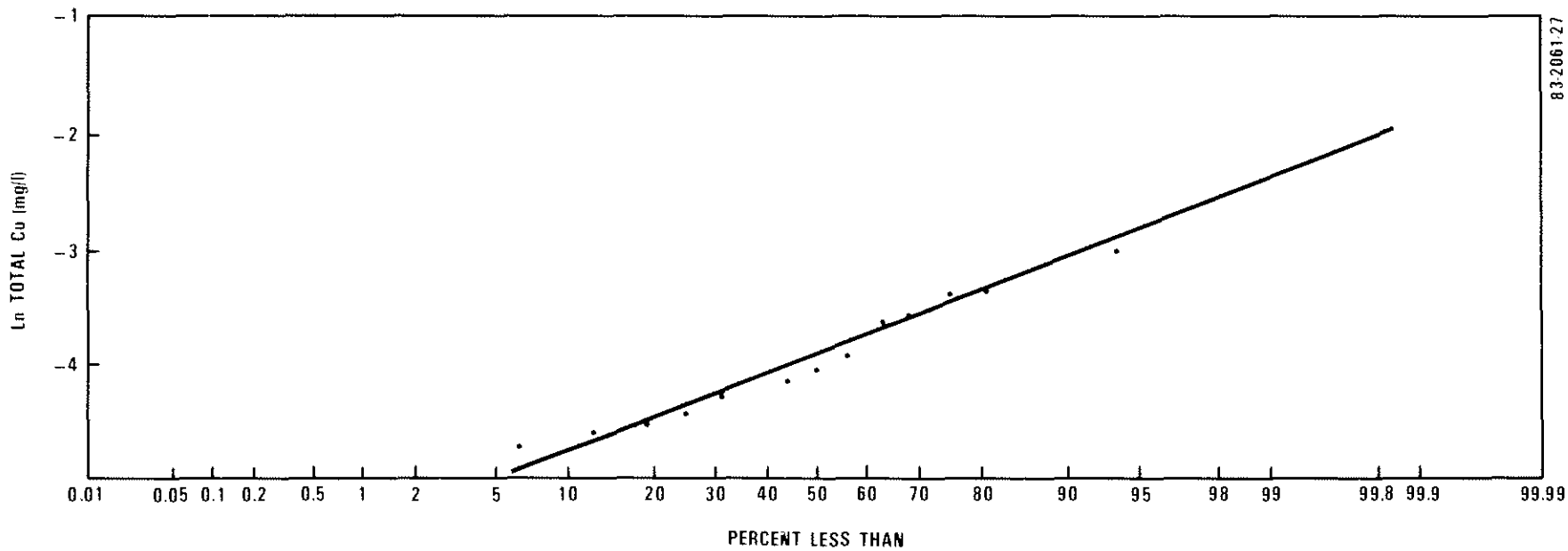

Figure 6-1. Cumulative Probability Distribution of Total Cu at COl 116 and Claude Site

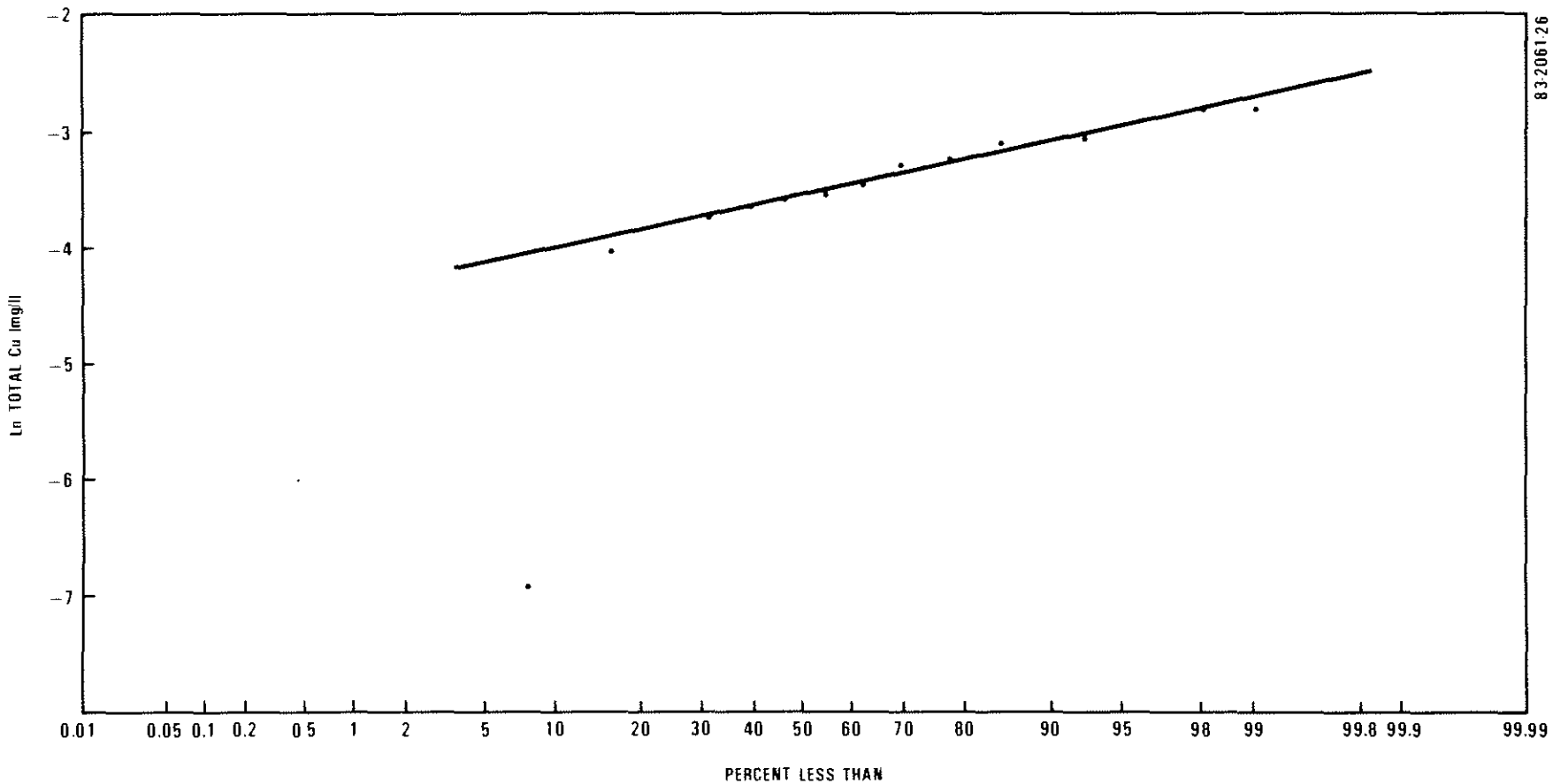

Figure 6-2. Cumulative Probability Distribution of Total Cu at TN1 SC Site

subsequent analyses will be extremely conservative, i.e., higher values of copper concentrations will occur less often than predicted. In general, the effect of an outlier is to increase or decrease the estimate of the median, depending upon whether the outlier is high or low, and to increase the estimate of the coefficient of variation as compared to those obtained from the remainder of the data.

An example of a detection limit problem is given in Figure 6-3, the plot of copper data of the Durham, NH parking lot site. Although only four points appear on the plot, actually n = 31, meaning that 27 points are represented by the first plotting position (90.6 percent). These values (all reported at 100 ug/l) are presumably the detection limit of the analytical laboratory. Of course in reality not all 27 values are 100 ug/l; they are simply equal to or less than this value. Fitting a line to the remaining four data points merely assigns appropriate plotting positions to these "less than" values. The estimates of the median and coefficient of variation from the plot are 63 ug/l and 0.36 respectively, as compared to the estimates from the data of 103 ug/l and 0.13. In this case, the latter significantly overestimates the median and significantly underestimates the coefficient of variation, and this is the general effect when a detection limit problem is present. In terms of the effect on prediction of rare occurrences of high copper levels (the upper tail of the pdf) these effects are somewhat counterbalancing. To the extent that the increase in the coefficient of variation dominates, the results of subsequent analyses will not be conservative, since larger concentrations will occur somewhat more frequently than would be predicted.

When the results of this exercise are compared for all 49 sites, the median as estimated from the plot was found to be higher than that estimated from all the data at only six sites, was equal at five sites, and was less at 38 sites. However, at only three sites was the change greater than 10 ug/l. Considering the population of all copper sites, the average median is 47 ug/l and the coefficient of variation is 0.84 when the estimates are based on all the data. If the estimates are based upon the plots, the respective values are 42 ug/l and 0.24 respectively. The significant reduction in the coefficient of variation in this latter case deserves comment, because it suggests that much of the apparent variability from site to site is due to data artifacts such as detection limit phenomena, outliers, and/or sampling/analytical errors. Similar comparisons of the coefficients of variation for each site showed increases at 21 sites, 6 unchanged, and decreases at 22 sites. Considering all sites, the average coefficient of variation is essentially unchanged (0.61 vs 0.63) as is its variability (0.47 vs 0.49).

Based on the results of the analyses which have been performed, the NURP findings are as follows:

- Lognormal distributions adequately represent both the storm-to-storm variations in pollutant EMC's at an urban site, and site-to-site variations in the median EMC's which characterize individual sites.

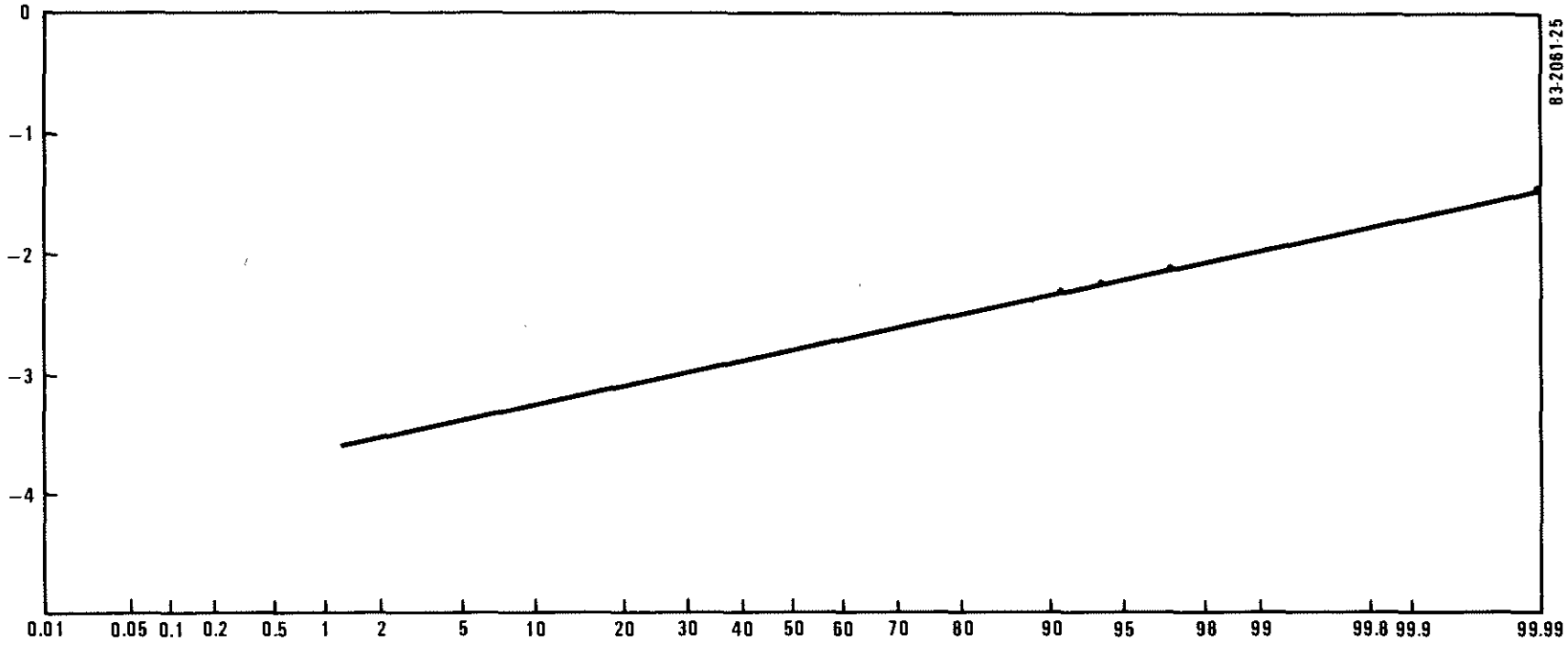

Figure 6-3. Cumulative Probability Distribution
of Total Cu at NH1 Pkg. Site

- More detailed analysis to compensate for sampling errors (e.g., outliers and detection limit problems) would result in some adjustments in the statistical parameters tabulated later on in this chapter. The data summaries presented are based on statistics computed directly from the log transforms of the data.

- Such adjustments would not have any significant effect on overall results nor on the general conclusions reached. However, at a small percentage of sites, the parameter estimates for some pollutants would change significantly.

- In general, estimates of the site median EMC would be least affected; estimates of variability more so. It is likely that the very high or very low values for coefficient of variation (storm-to-storm variability) would be adjusted to more central values.

STANDARD POLLUTANTS

This grouping includes the following pollutants:

TSS - Total Suspended Solids
BOD - Biochemical Oxygen Demand
COD - Chemical Oxygen Demand
TP - Total Phosphorus (as P)
SP - Soluble Phosphorus (as P)
TKN - Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (as N)
NO_{2+3}-N - Nitrite + Nitrate (as N)
Cu - Total Copper
Pb - Total Lead
Zn - Total Zinc

It includes pollutants of general interest which are usually examined in other studies (both point and nonpoint sources) and includes representatives of important categories of pollutants, namely solids, oxygen consuming constituents, nutrients, and heavy metals.

Condensed Data Summary

Tables 6-1 through 6-10 summarize the NURP results for these pollutants. Monitoring sites are grouped in each of the tables according to dominant land use. Broad categories have been used; residential, commercial, industrial, urban open/nonurban (other), and mixed, this latter category being used for sites which had no predominant land use. It should be noted that the industrial category does not include heavy industry sites, but more typically reflects an industrial park type of use. As a result, most of these sites are more closely related to a commercial use than to the typical image called up by the term industrial site. For subsequent comparisons, the data shown in Tables 6-1 through 6-10 for the commercial and industrial sites, are combined and designated as commercial land use.

TABLE 6-1. SITE MEAN TSS EMCs (mg/ℓ)

Residential

	Site	Land Use %	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	TSS Mean	TSS COV	TSS Median	TSS 90% Confidence Limits
1	CO1 Big Bear Cr	100	11	19	41	14	333	1.04	265	182-385
2	CO2 Cherry	100	57	24	18	14	160	.96	129	87-190
3	CO1 116 & Lowe	100	187	14	29	16	365	1.17	232	154-149
4	DC1 Duffer	100	19	-	-	8	46	1.02	39	51-74
5	DC1 Carriage	100	68	21	37	49	175	1.47	98	76-127
6	DC1 Stratton	100	8	-	-	31	54	1.41	38	30-49
7	IL1 Joel N	100	54	18	19	51	215	1.36	127	96-155
8	KS1 Overlin	100	58	8	38	15	2216	1.47	1243	166-2032
9	MA2 Hemlock	100	59	5	18	5	78	2.49	29	8-111
10	MD1 Bolton Hill	100	14	10	51	19	74	1.32	45	33-68
11	MD1 Homeland	100	23	9	29	13	50	1.65	26	15-46
12	MD1 Nt Wash	100	17	12	29	20	95	1.17	62	84-89
13	MD1 Pos Hill	100	18	55	76	13	124	1.05	85	57-135
14	NY1 Farill's V.	100	71	15	20	23	42	.85	32	26-42
15	NY1 Hugue	100	-	-	-	8	65	.53	57	41-81
16	NY1 Brandon	100	160	5	22	30	114	1.15	98	57-150
17	NY2 E. Roch.	100	546	18	18	7	294	1.12	195	101-380
18	IL1 Fellingwood	100	60	3	21	9	227	1.12	150	85-761
19	WA1 Sareev	100	95	9	29	117	111	.51	101	94-108
20	WI1 Burbank	100	61	15	50	45	266	.44	243	219-270
21	WI1 Hastings	100	13	17	51	35	170	.68	141	117-169
22	FL1 Wayne Apts	100	9	-	6	17	51	1.23	34	21-56
23	FL1 Hart	99	378	9	40	35	155	1.51	82	49-137
24	WI1 Lincoln	97	36	18	57	23	351	.89	206	165-258
25	TN1 R2	96	69	4	13	11	61	1.13	42	25-68
26	DC1 Westleigh	93	41	3	21	41	75	1.45	41	35-57
27	CO1 JC - 92nd	92	63	-	27	11	156	.84	119	83-271
28	IL1 John S.	93	39	19	18	49	248	1.50	178	106-178
29	IN1 F1	91	19	11	33	11	611	.72	492	345-704
30	WA1 Lake Hills	91	102	12	37	126	127	.80	100	90-110
31	IL1 Hattis S.	90	28	22	13	59	111	1.08	71	174-256
32	FL1 Charter Hdq	89	42	-	16	12	31	1.76	10	9-10
33	DC1 Fairidge	88	19	-	14	47	25	1.55	14	18-18
34	CO1 Asbury	88	127	9	22	9	493	.82	380	344-593
35	IL7 Comb Inlets	85	528	8	17	27	250	.75	200	161-249
36	MA1 Locust	95	154	11	16	6	257	1.75	128	48-339
37	NC1 #1013	84	374	6	27	68	291	1.92	115	164-174
38	MA1 Jordan	78	110	10	21	9	79	1.74	39	19-81
39	DC1 Siedwick	78	27	15	34	47	54	1.02	38	11-43

Urban Open and Nonurban

	Site	Land Use % Open	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	TSS Mean	TSS COV	TSS Median	TSS 90% Confidence Limits
1	CA1 Seaview	100	632	-	-	11	238	.83	551	185-188
2	CO1 Rooney Gulch	100	405	0	3	7	411	.60	341	223-521
3	MD2 Zburwell	100	28,416	-	4	11	154	.92	111	74-113
4	MD2 English Br	98	5,248	-	1	29	17	2.45	6	4-10
5	NI2 West Br	97	6,338	-	1	28	64	2.77	22	14-35
6	NY3 Indian Lr	91	17,728	1	11	9	63	.74	51	14-77
7	MD3 Lower Cr	96	2,103	-	6	5	13	.37	26	14-50
8	MD2 Sherrill Dach	80	562	-	7	32	178	2.35	149	09-224

Mixed

	Site	Land Use %	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	TSS Mean	TSS COV	TSS Median	TSS 90% Confidence Limits
1	KS1 Nolana	-	30	3	69	16	290	.91	208	148-[illegible]
2	MD3 Hampden	-	13	0	77	20	52	1.62	43	24-[illegible]
3	IL1 Mayfair N	-	13	2	58	58	283	1.01	179	165-239
4	MI1 Waverly	-	10	11	68	15	85	1.28	62	39-87
5	IN1 SC	-	183	3	45	13	71	1.07	45	31-74
6	WI1 Wood Clr	-	45	12	51	37	353	.74	322	255-351
7	MA1 Rt 9	-	318	7	23	7	151	2.05	154	60-395
8	MA1 Convent	-	180	1	33	4	59	1.53	30	18-63
9	MI1 Grand R Gt	-	453	5	38	21	159	1.26	98	43-170
10	MI2 Pitt AA-S	-	2001	2	21	6	46	.37	43	32-59
11	MI7 Cedar	-	76	-	5	27	293	1.92	130	99-202
12	MA1 Anna	-	601	9	12	6	150	2.95	12	13-156
13	MI1 Pitt AA-H	-	2871	7	26	6	68	.47	57	32-65
14	MI1 Grace M	-	164	5	25	23	142	.95	141	101-171
15	MI3 SwiFt Run	-	1707	3	4	5	50	.63	59	28-124
16	SO1 Meade	-	2030	-	-	15	1001	1.39	1804	1126-2897
17	CA1 Knox	-	1542	12	-	10	283	1.12	141	115-355
18	FL1 N. Jalute	-	30	-	13	15	82	1.39	23	11-49
19	FL1 Wilger	-	194	-	97	10	33	.71	27	20-37
20	CO1 North Aye	-	69	9	50	32	492	.96	354	278-451

Commercial

	Site	Land Use % Coml	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	TSS Mean	TSS COV	TSS Median	TSS 90% Confidence Limits
1	CO1 Villa Italia	100	74	0	91	27	366	1.89	122	81-183
2	NC1 1013 (C801)	100	23	0	69	60	163	1.15	117	68-111
3	NI3 Southgate	100	179	7	21	12	141	.76	119	79-159
4	WI1 Post Office	100	12	0	100	58	212	.90	161	131-197
5	NH1 Pkg Lot	100	1	0	91	12	74	1.68	18	27-54
6	IN1 CBD	100	26	0	89	15	171	.73	99	74-133
7	WI1 Rustler	100	12	0	100	42	202	.68	167	142-196
8	KS1 JC Metcalf	96	58	-	97	32	80	2.13	34	21-55
9	FL1 Norma Pk	91	47	-	36	17	22	1.13	14	9-22
10	WI1 State Fair	24	79	10	77	29	412	.97	296	279-362

Industrial

	Site	Land Use %	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	TSS Mean	TSS COV	TSS Median	TSS 90% Confidence Limits
1	MA2 Addison	100	19	0	69	5	40	.81	14	14-23
2	MI1 Indus Drain	100	63	0	64	18	92	.82	71	53-95
3	KS1 Lenexa	56	72	-	34	18	102	1.33	62	40-92
4	MI1 Grace S.	52	15	5	10	20	188	.94	137	101-186

TABLE 6-2. SITE MEAN BOD EMCs (mg/ℓ)

Residential

	Site	Land Use %	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	BOD Mean	BOD CO%	BOD Median	BOD 90% Confidence Limits
1	CO1 Big Dry Cr	100	93	19	41	0	-	-	-	-
2	CO1 Cherry	100	57	24	98	0	-	-	-	-
3	CO1 1162Claude	100	167	14	24	0	-	-	-	-
4	DC1 Dutlof	100	12	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
5	DC1 Lakeridge	100	68	21	93	0	-	-	-	-
6	DC1 Utilation	100	8	-	-	4	-	-	-	-
7	IL1 John N	100	54	18	19	0	-	-	-	-
8	KS1 Overlon	100	58	8	38	5	12	.59	11	6-18
9	MA2 Needham	100	50	5	16	0	-	-	-	-
10	MD1 Bolton Hill	100	14	10	53	0	-	-	-	-
11	MD1 Mooeland	100	23	9	29	0	-	-	-	-
12	MD1 Mt Wash	100	17	12	29	0	-	-	-	-
13	MN1 Rec Hill	100	10	55	76	0	-	-	-	-
14	NY1 Cayll's P.	100	11	13	20	0	-	-	-	-
15	NY1 Lingoa	100	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
16	NY3 Cranston	100	106	5	22	0	-	-	-	-
17	NY1 C. Park	100	148	18	38	0	-	-	-	-
18	TX1 Rollingwood	100	60	3	21	0	-	-	-	-
19	WA1 Surrey	100	95	9	29	0	-	-	-	-
20	WI1 Burbank	100	61	16	60	28	1	.64	0	5-1
21	WI1 Mastingl	100	13	17	51	20	9	.62	8	6-10
22	IL1 Young Acts	100	9	-	6	12	16	1.10	11	1-12
23	TX1 Napl	99	328	0	40	4	-	-	-	-
24	WI1 Lincoln	91	16	18	67	11	18	1.21	12	7-20
25	IN1 R2	96	96	4	13	10	9	.66	7	5-10
26	DC1 Weightgh	93	41	1	21	3	-	-	-	-
27	TX1 IC - 92nd	92	63	-	17	5	29	.66	23	11-41
28	IL1 John S.	91	39	18	18	0	-	-	-	-
29	IN1 R1	91	69	13	13	9	14	.87	11	7-18
30	WA1 Lake Nill's	91	192	12	32	0	-	-	-	-
31	IL1 Mallis S.	90	10	39	51	0	-	-	-	-
32	IL1 Charter Nou	89	42	-	16	12	11	1.24	6	5-13
33	DC1 Interrage	88	19	-	34	6	5	.68	4	2-7
34	CO1 Ashury	86	127	9	22	0	-	-	-	-
35	IL2 Cook Inlwtr	85	524	8	17	0	-	-	-	-
36	MA1 Locust	85	154	11	16	0	-	-	-	-
37	KS1 ATLF3	84	314	6	27	2	11	.43	10	6-35
38	MD1 Jordan	79	110	10	21	0	-	-	-	-
39	OC1 Spedwick	78	22	15	34	0	-	-	-	-

Urban Open and Nonurban

	Site	Land Use % Open	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	BOD Mean	BOD CO%	BOD Median	BOD 90% Confidence Limits
1	LA1 Seavkem	100	173	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
2	CO1 Rooney Gulch	100	495	0	1	8	-	-	-	-
3	NY1 Thornell	100	28,414	-	4	0	-	-	-	-
4	NY1 English Br	98	5,349	-	1	0	-	-	-	-
5	NY1 West Br	97	6,328	-	1	0	-	-	-	-
6	NY3 Thomas Cr	91	17,718	1	11	9	-	-	-	-
7	NY3 Tiger Cr	90	7,304	-	6	5	3	.41	2	-
8	NY2 Thorill Duck	89	552	-	7	0	-	-	-	-

Mixed

	Site	Land Use %	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	BOD Mean	BOD CO%	BOD Median	BOD 90% Confidence Limits
1	KS1 Ngland	-	76	7	68	5	-	-	-	-
2	MD1 Nampden	-	11	40	72	0	-	-	-	-
3	IL1 Mallis N	-	17	3	58	0	-	-	-	-
4	NY1 Waverly	-	10	71	68	21	9	.64	7	6-9
5	TN1 SC	-	187	3	47	12	14	.87	11	7-16
6	WI1 Wood Ctr	-	45	12	51	11	14	.64	11	11-19
7	MA1 Rt 9	-	138	1	21	0	-	-	-	-
8	MA1 Chevenl	-	100	7	73	0	-	-	-	-
9	MI1 Grand A St	-	453	5	39	13	9	.61	9	5-0
10	MI3 Pitt AA-S	-	2401	2	21	6	5	.49	5	3-7
11	MN2 Cedar	-	76	-	5	4	-	-	-	-
12	MA1 Anna	-	601	9	17	4	-	-	-	-
13	MI3 Pitt AA-N	-	2873	1	26	6	6	.76	5	3-9
14	MI1 Grace N	-	164	6	28	11	9	.78	7	5-17
15	MI3 Swift Run	-	1207	2	4	5	3	.41	1	1-4
16	SO1 Meade	-	2030	-	-	14	19	.75	15	11-21
17	CA1 Knox	-	1542	13	-	4	-	-	-	-
18	FL1 M. Jesuit	-	30	-	13	15	16	.95	12	9-17
19	FL1 Wilder	-	194	-	97	15	16	1.18	14	7-14
20	CO1 North Ave	-	69	9	50	12	-	-	-	-

Commercial

	Site	Land Use % Coml	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	BOD Mean	BOD LD%	BOD Median	BOD 90% Confidence Limits
1	CO1 Villa Italia	100	74	0	91	9	-	-	-	-
2	MO1 Mall (CBD)	100	24	0	69	29	18	.86	11	10-27
3	NY1 Southgate	100	170	2	21	0	-	-	-	-
4	WI1 Post Office	100	12	0	100	16	9	.50	8	7-9
5	NN1 Pkg Lot	100	1	0	40	11	17	.86	13	10-16
6	IN1 CBD	100	26	0	99	11	11	.46	13	10-15
7	WI1 Austler	100	12	4	-	27	13	.79	10	8-13
8	KS1 10 Metcalf	96	58	-	92	13	9	.48	7	6-9
9	FL1 Norma St	91	47	-	45	12	12	.88	9	6-17
10	WI1 State Jair	74	29	10	73	15	19	.73	15	11-20

Industrial

	Site	Land Use %	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	BOD Mean	BOD CO%	BOD Median	BOD 90% Confidence Limits
1	MA1 Pidisson	100	18	6	65	0	-	-	-	-
2	MI1 Lucus Drain	100	61	0	64	9	10	.58	9	6-13
3	KS1 Lenexa	56	13	-	44	8	14	.77	11	7-17
4	MI1 Grace S.	61	15	5	39	9	5	.34	5	4-6

	Site	Land Use %	Area (A)	Pop. Den (P/A)	% IMP.	No. of DBS	COD Mean	COD COV	COD Median	COD 90% Confidence Limits
1	IP1 Big Dry Cr	100	33	19	43	16	129	.72	105	19-139
2	CO1 Cherry	100	57	14	38	18	122	.60	102	73-136
3	MA1 Little Plaude	100	163	14	24	15	137	.14	100	16-159
4	MI1 Butler	100	53	-	-	7	54	.20	62	51-74
5	OH1 Lakeridge	100	68	21	13	44	60	.56	50	43-58
6	MO1 Elizabeth	100	8	-	-	31	51	.55	45	35-63
7	MI1 Dobie M	100	44	18	10	91	126	.80	94	79-122
8	KS1 Overlub	100	58	8	18	14	162	.67	135	101-180
9	MA2 Meadow	100	50	5	10	11	-	-	-	-
10	MN1 Bottom Hill	100	14	30	51	19	218	1.36	128	85-193
11	MO1 Maplank	100	43	9	29	13	172	.13	139	101-192
12	MO1 Mt Wash	100	17	12	29	10	160	.65	136	96-170
13	MN1 Rees Hill	100	130	55	76	13	273	.85	115	94-194
14	MN1 Earl's A.	100	73	33	20	8	-	-	-	-
15	MN1 Mogan	100	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
16	MN3 Pratston	100	106	5	22	8	33	.43	31	24-41
17	NY3 E. Roch	100	346	18	36	7	86	.11	82	66-102
18	IA1 Allingwood	100	50	3	11	9	70	.65	64	54-84
19	WI1 Sturge	100	95	9	43	118	46	.54	42	39-46
20	WI1 Emland	100	53	15	50	27	39	.29	30	24-38
21	WI1 Hawkins	100	33	17	51	23	41	.55	36	30-44
22	FL1 Lubbig Apts	100	9	-	0	12	73	.96	52	34-79
23	IL1 Marl	98	238	9	40	11	83	.83	61	40-94
24	WI1 Llewald	87	36	15	52	16	91	.95	66	46-94
25	IN1 BC	90	89	4	13	11	45	.39	42	34-53
26	OC1 Mesilstall	93	41	3	21	39	51	.41	46	41-52
27	IS1 U. - 92nd	92	57	-	37	11	176	.98	126	80-147
28	IL1 John S.	91	19	18	18	29	111	.80	87	69-108
29	IN1 B1	91	69	11	33	11	120	.96	87	66-135
30	WA1 Lake Hills	91	102	12	37	127	44	.54	38	35-41
31	IL1 Hollis S.	90	28	22	37	10	180	.72	140	119-178
32	FL1 Charter Ridge	89	42	-	16	12	56	.64	47	35-64
33	OC1 Lakeridge	88	19	-	14	48	53	.46	47	42-52
34	CO1 Aubrey	86	127	9	32	9	234	1.12	155	49-273
35	IL1 Comb Inlets	85	524	8	17	24	108	.90	102	78-134
36	MO1 Lesus L	85	154	11	16	6	104	.45	95	67-115
37	MO1 UDES	84	324	0	30	34	90	.97	64	51-82
38	MA1 Jordan	79	110	10	21	9	79	.53	70	51-95
39	OC1 Bledsoll	78	27	15	34	45	45	.60	19	34-45

	Site	Land Use %	Area (A)	Pop. Den (P/A)	% IMP.	No. of DBS	COD Mean	COD COV	COD Median	COD 90% Confidence Limits
1	KS1 Holland	-	16	3	66	12	107	.56	89	65-132
2	MO1 Wampden	-	12	40	72	30	111	.33	69	60-115
3	IL1 Mattis M	-	17	3	55	35	135	.56	164	130-156
4	MI1 Bairrly	-	30	11	68	27	64	.30	60	40-81
5	IN1 SC	-	147	3	41	13	40	.70	49	16-67
6	WI1 Woda Ctr	-	45	12	81	39	52	.57	90	40-42
7	MA1 Rt 9	-	318	7	23	6	107	.62	58	51-146
8	MA1 Convert	-	100	1	73	8	72	.62	61	40-89
9	MI1 Drake & 01	-	453	5	30	16	71	.47	65	55-16
10	MI1 Pitt &A-S	-	2001	2	21	4	-	-	-	-
11	NY2 Cedar	-	76	-	5	0	-	-	-	-
12	MA1 Anna	-	601	9	12	6	98	.61	72	53-116
13	MI1 Pitt &A-M	-	2871	2	26	3	-	-	-	-
14	MI1 Grare M	-	164	5	28	17	72	.03	68	55-79
15	MI3 Wxfl Rud	-	1307	2	4	5	19	.10	09	75-73
16	SD1 Meade	-	2030	-	-	14	179	.39	167	149-209
17	CA1 Knob	-	1543	12	-	21	93	.60	80	85-99
18	FL1 N. Jnjusl	-	30	-	13	15	54	1.10	33	22-50
19	FL1 Wilder	-	194	-	97	13	51	.38	48	41-57
20	CO1 Mor CH Ave	-	50	9	50	32	280	.74	275	190-275

Commercial

	Site	Land Use (%)	Area (A)	Pop. Den (P/A)	% IMP.	No. of DBS	COD Mean	COD COV	COD Median	COD 90% Confidence Limits
1	CO1 Villa Italia	100	14	0	91	27	184	.67	139	109-178
2	NC1 Still Green	100	21	0	69	40	120	.74	84	58-113
3	MI3 SouLMgate	100	179	2	21	9	41	.34	38	31-43
4	MI1 Post Office	100	12	0	100	41	57	.12	48	41-55
5	MN1 Pkg Lot	100	3	0	90	33	95	.70	19	75-95
6	IN1 FAO	100	26	0	90	15	71	.52	55	53-81
7	WI1 Whistler	100	10	0	-	26	59	.76	47	37-64
8	LS1 IC Metcalf	96	59	-	97	26	75	.86	41	11-55
9	FL1 Norma Pl	91	47	-	45	12	41	.43	17	39-47
10	WI3 State Fair	34	29	10	33	21	113	.46	94	84-117

Industrial

	Site	Land Use % Ind	Area (A)	Pop. Den (P/A)	% IMP.	No. of DBS	COD Mean	COD COV	COD Median	COD 90% Confidence Limits
1	MA2 Addison	100	18	0	69	0	-	-	-	-
2	MI1 Indus Health	100	53	0	64	12	61	.45	53	43-77
3	KS1 Lenexa	56	72	-	44	16	58	.61	51	39-64
4	MI1 Ghace S.	52	75	5	39	11	61	.79	47	37-64

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	Site	Land Use % Open	Area (A)	Pop. Den (P/A)	% IMP.	No. of DBS	COD Mean	COD COV	COD Median	COD 90% Confidence Limits
1	OH1 Shaview	100	631	-	-	12	111	.43	102	90-123
2	IP1 Phoney Gulch	100	485	0	1	3	73	.33	69	54-87
3	NY1 Cornell	100	25,416	-	4	8	25	.10	21	18-24
4	NY2 Colgiten B1	98	5,248	-	1	11	-	-	-	-
5	NY2 West Br	97	5,138	-	1	0	-	-	-	-
6	NY2 Thomas Cr	91	17,728	1	11	6	26	.20	25	21-32
7	MI3 Liver Cr	90	2,300	-	6	5	25	.10	25	21-30
8	NY2 Shellit Cont	80	552	-	7	0	-	-	-	-

TABLE 6-4. SITE MEAN TOTAL P EMCs (μg/ℓ)

Residential

	Site	Land Use % Res	Area (Ac)	Pop. Den (P/Ac)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	Total P Mean	COV	Median	90% Confidence Limits
1	CO1 Big Dry Cr	100	31	19	41	16	693	.94	508	356-716
2	CO1 Cherry	100	57	24	18	14	479	.54	332	291-479
3	CO1 Cir Claude	100	167	14	24	18	630	.65	513	392-672
4	OR1 Dufief	100	12	-	-	5	499	.32	435	353-640
5	WI1 Lakeridge	100	68	21	13	48	323	.18	256	217-302
6	OR1 Stratton	100	8	-	-	28	340	.54	300	258-351
7	IL1 John N	100	54	18	19	13	750	.62	616	538-753
8	CS1 Overlon	100	58	8	39	8	1636	.91	1207	737-2031
9	MA2 Hemlock	100	50	8	16	8	314	1.05	236	95-491
10	MO1 Bolton Hill	100	34	30	53	19	912	1.15	613	425-883
11	MO1 Homeland	100	23	9	29	13	421	.20	345	263-471
12	MO1 Mt Wash	100	11	12	29	20	856	.83	428	324-566
13	MO1 Pks Hill	100	10	58	76	13	4090	1.05	2825	1845-4326
14	NY1 Lahill's R.	100	73	13	20	24	221	.54	195	163-233
15	NY1 Unqua	100	-	-	-	8	229	.61	196	134-285
16	NY1 Ligerston	100	166	5	22	13	301	.54	265	206-340
17	NY3 E. Poeh.	100	346	18	18	8	448	.47	405	300-546
18	TX1 Rollingwood	100	60	3	21	9	268	.56	231	169-322
19	WA1 Surrey	100	95	9	29	118	239	.83	184	164-205
20	WI1 Burbank	100	63	16	10	45	229	.45	209	188-231
21	WI1 Hastings	100	31	17	51	15	258	.51	230	203-264
22	IL1 Young Apts	100	9	-	6	12	333	.65	279	205-380
23	TX1 Hill	99	178	9	40	14	333	.80	260	189-349
24	WI1 Lincoln	97	36	18	57	23	483	.69	373	298-466
25	TN1 RC	98	81	4	11	11	746	.41	722	183-287
26	IL1 Westleigh	93	41	3	51	41	397	.75	319	268-380
27	KS1 10 - 82nd	92	63	-	37	10	1799	1.11	782	441-1805
28	IL1 John D.	91	33	18	38	32	532	.65	604	502-727
29	TN1 P1	93	69	11	33	11	705	.15	665	552-805
30	WA1 Pie Hills	91	102	18	37	127	264	.81	204	184-227
31	IL1 Mallis S.	90	28	22	37	32	587	.69	483	401-582
32	IL1 Charter Mdg	89	42	-	16	36	399	1.61	208	116-114
33	OR1 Fairidge	98	19	-	34	37	151	.13	254	242-334
34	CO1 Pshory	66	127	9	23	9	1025	.71	834	561-1239
35	IL2 Comb Inlett	88	524	8	13	26	506	.39	293	314-511
36	MA1 Locust	85	154	31	16	6	1228	.39	961	545-1713
37	NC1 11023	84	124	6	27	67	329	.99	175	117-444
38	MA1 Jordan	79	110	10	21	8	448	.95	324	190-555
39	OH1 Stedwell	71	21	15	34	44	388	.65	326	281-379

Urban Open and Nonurban

	Site	Land Use % Oppn	Area (Ac)	Pop. Den (P/Ac)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	Total P Mean	COV	Median	90% Confidence Limits
1	CO1 Spencer	100	633	-	-	13	690	.82	455	319-849
2	CO1 Grouse Gulch	100	405	0	1	7	420	.43	390	224-828
3	NY1 Thornell	100	25,416	-	4	33	191	.46	175	141-217
4	NY2 English Br	95	5,248	-	1	30	27	1.30	13	33-43
5	NY2 West Br	97	5,138	-	1	31	52	1.27	32	24-43
6	NY3 Tonnes Cr	91	17,228	1	11	16	195	.42	177	140-271
7	NY1 Traver Cr	90	2,303	-	6	5	91	.36	85	50-171
8	NY2 Sheritt Cool	80	551	-	7	51	264	1.01	186	145-238

Mixed

	Site	Land Use %	Area (Ac)	Pop. Den (P/Ac)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	Total P Mean	COV	Median	90% Confidence Limits
1	LS1 Noland	-	16	3	68	7	568	.34	528	413-671
2	MO1 Hampden	-	17	40	72	20	750	1.41	436	231-462
3	IL1 Mallis N	-	12	3	58	36	998	.56	431	371-503
4	MI1 Waverly	-	30	11	68	15	196	.64	167	141-197
5	IN3 SC	-	187	3	43	13	352	.64	296	221-399
6	WI1 Wonp Lli	-	48	12	81	47	280	.59	240	218-284
7	MA1 Rt 9	-	339	7	23	8	1176	.65	995	573-2508
8	MA1 Convena	-	100	1	31	8	859	1.99	506	57-4[illegible]
9	MI1 Grand R St	-	453	5	38	22	450	.35	184	3[illegible]-4[illegible]
10	MI3 Pill AA-S	-	2001	2	21	6	103	.50	91	5[illegible]-15[illegible]
11	NI2 Cedar	-	76	-	5	12	163	1.90	231	176-301
12	MA1 Roma	-	601	9	13	5	534	.60	409	215-749
13	MI3 Pitt 4A-N	-	2871	1	26	6	268	.47	243	188-351
14	MI1 Grace N	-	184	5	38	23	394	.54	301	225-415
15	MI3 Swill Run	-	1207	2	4	5	134	.56	117	71-193
16	SD3 Meadp	-	2030	-	-	15	1085	1.29	1163	743-1621
17	CP1 Knox	-	3542	12	-	19	418	.50	374	310-481
18	FL1 N. Detuit	-	30	-	13	15	196	.71	151	120-214
19	FL1 Wilder	-	194	-	97	15	229	.52	204	153-255
20	CO1 North Apre	-	59	9	50	36	784	.60	673	520-795

Commercial

	Site	Land Use % Coml	Area (Ac)	Pop. Den (P/Ac)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	Total P Mean	COV	Median	90% Confidence Limits
1	CO1 Ville Italia	100	74	0	91	27	794	1.25	436	316-601
2	NC1 1513 (C80)	100	13	0	69	51	395	.56	342	304-323
3	NY3 Southgate	100	173	3	21	12	216	.26	219	153-239
4	WI1 Post Office	100	12	0	100	10	118	.56	94	84-108
5	NS1 Pag Lot	100	1	0	46	27	173	1.21	114	117-238
6	IN1 C&B	100	26	0	99	15	212	.43	195	162-235
7	WI1 Rustler	100	12	0	-	44	105	.79	87	69-98
8	KS1 D. Metcalf	96	68	-	97	20	246	.99	176	126-[illegible]
9	FL1 Norma Ek	91	47	-	45	12	151	.50	135	106-[illegible]
10	WI1 State Fair	79	54	10	[illegible]	19	313	1.19	300	245-443

Industrial

	Site	Land Use % Ind	Area (Ac)	Pop. Den (P/Ac)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	Total P Mean	COV	Median	90% Confidence Limits
1	MA2 Addison	100	18	3	69	5	114	.89	85	41-176
2	WI1 Indes Drain	100	63	0	64	18	541	.58	472	375-589
3	KS1 Lenexa	98	72	-	44	16	591	.87	452	315-616
4	NS1 Grove S.	52	25	5	19	17	436	.11	385	271-453

Residential

	Site	Land Use % Res	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	SOL P Mean	SOL P COV	SOL P Median	SOL P 90% Confidence Limits
1	CO1 Big Dry Cr	100	33	19	41	15	193	.64	163	125-213
2	CO1 Cherry	100	57	24	38	14	212	.47	192	155-237
3	CO1 116/Clauge	100	167	14	24	16	196	.35	179	154-208
4	DC1 Dufief	100	12	-	-	6	448	.55	392	257-598
5	DC1 takeriage	100	68	21	33	47	69	.62	59	51-68
6	OC1 Siration	100	8	-	-	27	251	.65	210	173-256
7	IL1 John N	100	54	18	19	0	-	-	-	-
8	IS1 Overton	100	58	8	38	8	313	41	290	223-378
9	MA2 Nemloct	100	50	5	16	5	16[illegible]	.89	120	58-249
10	MD1 Bnilton Hill	100	14	30	51	[illegible]	-	-	-	-
11	MD1 Nonae7an6	100	23	9	29	0	-	-	-	-
12	MD1 Mt Wasn	100	17	12	29	0	-	-	-	-
13	MD1 Pes Hill	100	10	55	76	0	-	-	-	-
14	NY1 Carll's R.	100	73	13	20	0	-	-	-	-
15	NT1 Unqua	100	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
16	NY3 Cranston	100	166	5	22	0	-	-	-	-
17	NY1 E. Roch.	100	346	18	38	0	-	-	-	-
18	TX1 Rollingwoo6	100	60	3	21	0	-	-	-	-
19	WA1 Surrey	100	95	9	29	0	-	-	-	-
20	WI1 Burbant	100	63	15	50	0	-	-	-	-
21	WI1 Haslings	100	33	17	51	0	-	-	-	-
22	FL1 Young Apls	100	9	-	6	0	-	-	-	-
23	TX1 Hart	99	178	9	40	0	-	-	-	-
24	WI1 Lincoln	97	36	18	57	0	-	-	-	-
25	TN1 P2	96	89	4	13	11	132	.63	112	82-154
26	DC1 Westleigh	93	41	3	21	41	223	.71	182	154-215
27	KS1 IC - 92n6	92	63	-	37	10	241	.62	205	147-285
28	IL1 John S.	91	19	18	18	0	-	-	-	-
29	TN1 R1	91	69	11	33	11	136	.94	99	64-153
30	WA1 Lake Hills	91	102	12	37	0	-	-	-	-
31	IL1 Mattis S.	90	28	22	37	0	-	-	-	-
32	FL1 Charler M6g	89	42	-	16	0	-	-	-	-
33	DC1 Falridge	88	19	-	34	46	297	.87	224	186-270
34	CO1 Xsbury	86	127	9	22	9	212	.22	207	181-232
35	IL2 Comb Inlets	85	524	8	17	24	98	1.21	63	95-88
36	NY1 Locust	85	154	11	16	6	184	.42*	169	171-235
37	NY1 #1123	84	324	6	22	0	-	-	-	-
38	MA1 Jordan	79	110	10	21	7	202	1.11	136	70-262
39	OC1 Stedwick	78	22	15	34	41	251	.20	206	174-243

Urban Open and Nonurban

	Site	Land Use % Open	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	SOL P Mean	SOL P COV	SOL P Median	SOL P 90% Confidence Limits
1	CA1 Fraview	100	633	-	-	12	145	1.20	91	55-150
2	CO1 Paoney Gulch	100	405	0	1	7	137	.46	124	90-171
3	NY3 Thornell	100	28,416	-	4	0	-	-	-	-
4	NY2 English Br	98	5,248	-	1	18	5	.35	5	4-6
5	NY2 West Br	93	5,138	-	1	26	8	.56	7	6-8
6	NY1 Thomas Cr	91	17,728	1	11	0	-	-	-	-
7	MI3 Travel Cr	90	2,301	-	6	5	31	.55	29	18-47
8	NY2 Sheriff Duck	80	552	-	7	12	39	1.11	25	20-14

Mixed

	Site	Land Use %	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	SOL P Mean	SOL P COV	SOL P Median	SOL P 90% Confidence Limits
1	KS1 Noland	-	36	3	68	8	165	.52	146	105-203
2	MD1 Hampden	-	17	40	72	0	-	-	-	-
3	IL1 Mattis N	-	12	3	58	0	-	-	-	-
4	MI1 Waverly	-	30	11	68	32	43	.76	34	28-42
5	TN1 SC	-	187	3	43	13	192	1.17	128	81-203
6	WI1 Wood Ctr	-	45	12	81	0	-	-	-	-
7	MA1 Rt 9	-	338	7	23	5	160	.38	150	106-213
8	MA1 Convent	-	100	1	33	6	106	1.83	51	19-138
9	MI1 Grand R Ot	-	453	5	38	20	68	.68	56	44-71
10	MI3 Pitt AA-5	-	2001	2	21	6	13	.32	13	10-17
11	NY2 Cedar	-	76	-	5	26	49	1.16	32	23-44
12	MA1 Anna	-	601	9	12	4	-	-	-	-
13	MI3 Pitt AA-N	-	2871	7	26	6	59	.88	44	24-82
14	MI1 Grece M	-	164	5	28	21	47	.47	42	35-50
15	MI3 Swift Run	-	1207	2	4	5	39	.46	35	23-53
16	SD1 Meade	-	2030	-	-	14	87	.61	74	57-97
17	CA1 Knox	-	1542	12	-	18	169	.99	120	85-168
18	FL1 N. Jesuit	-	30	-	13	0	-	-	-	-
19	FL1 Milder	-	194	-	97	0	-	-	-	-
20	CO1 North Ave	-	69	9	50	30	228	.95	165	179-212

Commercial

	Site	Land Use % Coml	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	SOL P Mean	SOL P COV	SOL P Median	SOL P 90% Confidence Limits
1	CO1 Villa Italia	100	24	0	91	26	293	1.09	198	147-266
2	NC1 1013 (CBD)	100	23	0	69	0	-	-	-	-
3	NY3 Southgate	100	179	2	21	0	-	-	-	-
4	WI1 Post Office	100	12	0	100	0	-	-	-	-
5	NH1 Pkg Lot	100	1	0	90	0	-	-	-	-
6	TN1 CBD	100	26	0	99	15	46	.32	17	28-50
7	WI1 Rustler	100	12	0	-	0	-	-	-	-
8	KS1 IC Metcalf	96	58	-	97	21	116	1.06	80	58-111
9	FL1 Norma Pt	91	42	-	45	0	-	-	-	-
10	WI1 State Fair	74	29	10	77	31	-	-	-	-

Industrial

	Site	Land Use % Ind	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	SOL P Mean	SOL P COV	SOL P Median	SOL P 90% Confidence Limits
1	MA2 Addison	100	18	0	69	5	75	.92	55	26-116
2	MI2 Indus Drain	100	63	0	64	14	127	.72	103	76-140
3	KS1 Lenexa	56	72	-	44	16	346	1.66	179	108-296
4	MI1 Grace S.	52	75	5	39	16	59	1.74	37	24-56

TABLE 6-6. SITE MEAN TKN EMCs (μg/ℓ)

Residential

	Site	Land Use % Res	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	TKN Mean	TKN COV	TKN Median	TKN 90% Confidence Limits
1	CO1 Big Dry Cr	100	31	19	41	16	2,169	.58	2041	1617-2584
2	CO1 Cherry	100	57	24	38	14	2,609	.39	2430	2014-2904
3	CO1 116/Claude	100	167	14	74	19	2,891	.51	2501	2010-1112
4	DC1 Dufief	100	17	-	-	6	2,066	.11	2048	1841-2278
5	DE1 Lakeridge	100	68	21	33	48	1,774	.64	1450	1259-1670
6	DC1 Stratton	100	8	-	-	28	1,811	.34	1686	1494-1904
7	IL1 John N	100	54	18	19	13	1,994	.81	1107	7520-3811
8	IS1 Ogerton	100	58	8	38	5	-	-	-	-
9	MA2 Hemlock	100	50	5	16	5	1,679	.55	1217	1971-5252
10	MD1 Bolton Milt	100	14	30	51	18	6,067	.17	4815	1640-6170
11	MD1 Homeland	100	21	9	29	13	6,505	.40	6044	4996-7112
12	MD1 Mt Wash	100	17	12	29	20	6,915	.41	6408	5502-7461
13	MD1 Res Hill	100	10	55	76	13	10,803	.41	9915	8089-12154
14	NJ1 Carll's R.	100	71	11	20	24	1,487	.71	1201	955-1509
15	NY1 Hoqua	100	-	-	-	8	1,408	.26	1161	1148-1618
16	NJ1 Cranston	100	166	5	77	11	1,492	.45	1358	1098-1679
17	NE3 E. Rock.	100	346	18	18	7	3,246	.90	7411	1369-4245
18	IL1 Rollingwood	100	60	1	71	9	5,004	2.37	1942	828-4554
19	WA1 Surrey	100	95	9	29	118	1,007	.62	857	785-915
20	WI1 Burbank	100	61	15	50		1,260	.50	1125	908-1195
21	WI1 Hastings	100	13	17	51	15	1,102	.54	969	801-1173
22	FL1 Young Apts	100	9	-	6	12	1,139	.70	1097	791-1522
23	FX1 Wart	99	178	9	40	11	1,016	.75	2412	1674-3474
24	WI1 Lincoln	37	16	18	52	1	-	-	-	-
25	TN1 P2	96	84	4	11	11	476	.11	452	379-519
26	OE1 Westleigh	93	41	3	21	41	1,901	.56	1660	1447-1904
27	KS1 IC - 47nd	92	61	-	17	8	4,187	.94	3051	1790-5200
28	IL1 John S.	41	19	18	18	12	1,527	1.04	2441	1886-1155
29	FN1 Pi	91	69	11	11	11	1,131	.14	1071	894-1281
30	WP1 Lake Mills	91	102	12	37	127	1,056	.71	852	774-438
31	IL1 Mattis S.	90	28	77	37	37	1,440	.69	2825	2343-3406
32	FL1 Charter Hdg	89	42	-	18	12	1,704	.83	1309	899-1905
33	OC1 Fairidge	88	19	-	34	46	2,712	.51	1958	1711-2215
34	CO1 Asbury	86	177	9	22	1	3,735	.56	3761	2774-4788
35	IL2 Comb Intcts	85	524	6	17	0	-	-	-	-
36	WP1 Locust	85	154	11	16	6	2,695	.38	2527	1864-3412
37	NC1 #1021	84	324	F	73	67	1,498	.94	1086	921-1277
38	WA1 Jordan	79	110	10	21	9	1,191	.60	1194	845-1681
39	DC1 Stedwick	78	27	15	34	43	1,895	.57	1643	1435-1881

Urban Open and Nonurban

	Site	Land Use % Open	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	TKN Mean	TKN COV	TKN Median	TKN 90% Confidence Limits
1	FA1 Seaview	100	613	-	-	13	3674	.59	1159	7411-4139
2	CO1 Rooney Gulch	105	405	0	1	7	7954	.57	7615	1813-3768
3	NY1 Hornell	100	28,416	-	4	11	1099	.50	482	778-1240
4	NY2 English Br	98	5,248	-	1	15	340	.50	305	246-178
5	NJ2 West Br	97	5,338	-	1	24	392	.67	147	792-412
6	NJ1 Thomas Br	91	17,728	1	11	10	1111	.16	1045	854-1279
7	NJ3 Fraser Cr	90	2,101	-	6	5	889	.11	883	796-981
8	NY7 Sheriff Dock	80	552	-	7	13	963	.76	765	628-937

Mixed

	Site	Land Use %	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	TKN Mean	TKN COV	TKN Median	TKN 90% Confidence Limits
1	KS1 Noland	-	36	3	68	0	-	-	-	-
2	MD1 Hampden	-	17	40	72	19	6994	.55	6140	5004-7531
3	IL1 Mattis N	-	17	3	58	15	2872	.64	2172	7006-7805
4	WI1 Waverly	-	10	11	68	15	1490	.51	1116	1142-1516
5	TN1 SC	-	187	1	41	11	623	.50	558	442-705
6	WI1 Wood Ctr	-	45	12	81	16	1452	.35	1369	1180-1589
7	MA1 Rt 9	-	338	7	23	5	2446	.50	2188	1194-1412
8	MA1 Consent	-	100	1	33	8	1080	.64	910	615-1147
9	WI1 Grand R Ot	-	451	5	18	21	1631	.47	1506	1104-1740
10	WI1 Pitt AA-5	-	7001	2	21	6	845	.79	811	647-1025
11	NY2 Cedar	-	76	-	5	21	1237	.81	951	724-1749
12	MA1 Anna	-	601	9	12	6	1888	.70	1547	920-7601
13	WI3 Pitt AA-N	-	2871	7	76	6	1056	.22	1011	887-1215
14	WI1 Grace N	-	164	5	28	21	1988	.47	1807	1536-2115
15	NJ3 Swift Run	-	1707	2	4	5	1116	.15	1104	958-1773
16	SO1 Meade	-	2010	-	-	11	4741	.50	1807	3010-4807
17	CA1 Knox	-	1542	17	-	70	2770	.75	1775	1171-2298
18	FL1 M. Jesuit	-	30	-	11	15	1388	.49	1244	1011-1542
19	FL1 Wilder	-	194	-	47	15	1107	.11	1056	970-1212
20	CO1 North Aue	-	69	4	50	71	4196	.66	1522	2847-4146

Commercial

	Site	Land Use % Comm	Area (A)	Pop. Den (A/P)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	TKN Mean	TKN COV	TKN Median	TKN 90% Confidence Limits
1	CO1 Villa Italia	100	74	0	91	77	1657	.85	2785	2186-3548
2	NC1 1011 (CR01	100	71	0	64	61	1631	.10	1118	1152-1609
3	NY1 Southgate	100	174	2	21	13	1256	.45	1144	975-1414
4	WI1 Post Office	100	12	0	100	27	1021	.44	916	915-1035
5	NM1 Pkg Lot	100	1	0	47	18	7110	.66	1761	1116-7754
6	TN1 EBO	100	26	0	99	15	646	.41	597	499-714
7	WI1 Rustler	100	12	0	-	75	1073	.61	916	754-1110
8	KS1 IC Metcalf	96	58	-	47	17	1175	.71	949	720-1252
9	FL1 Nomo Pk	91	47	-	45	12	876	.84	633	437-925
10	WI1 State Fatr	74	29	10	77	8	1656	.65	1189	913-2068

Industrial

	Site	Land Use % Ind	Area (A)	Pop. Den (A/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	TKN Mean	TKN COV	TKN Median	TKN 90% Confidence Limits
1	MA2 Addison	100	18	0	69	5	2042	.49	1879	1277-2474
2	WI1 Indus Drain	100	63	0	64	18	1274	.57	1107	891-1376
3	KS1 Lenexa	56	72	-	44	17	1385	.71	1117	796-1568
4	WI1 Grace S.	52	75	5	39	18	1711	.56	1491	1205-1850

TABLE 6-7. SITE MEAN NITRITE PLUS NITRATE EMCs (μg/ℓ)

Residential

	Site	Land Use % Res	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	NO_{2+3}-N Mean	COV	Median	90% Confidence Limits
1	CO1 Big Dry Cr	100	33	19	41	15	527	.34	499	429-580
2	CO2 Cherry	100	57	24	38	14	709	.40	657	542-288
3	CO1 116/Claude	100	167	14	24	16	670	.51	529	469-715
4	OC5 Dufief	100	12	-	-	8	420	.35	445	354-558
5	OC1 Lakeridge	100	68	21	33	49	246	.62	633	552-725
6	DC1 Stratton	100	8	-	-	33	418	.86	312	254-395
7	IL1 John K	100	54	18	14	-	-	-	-	-
8	KS1 Overlon	100	58	8	38	-	-	-	-	-
9	MA2 Hemlock	100	50	5	16	4	-	-	-	-
10	MD1 Bolton Hill	100	14	10	52	19	9535	1.59	5073	3246-7930
11	MD1 Homeland	100	23	9	29	13	6343	4.56	1358	570-3234
12	MD1 Wl Wash	100	17	12	29	20	7822	1.56	4229	2253-6492
13	MD1 Res Mill	100	10	55	26	13	6938	1.08	4207	1048-2269
14	NY1 Carll's P.	100	73	13	20	24	230	1.38	442	31E-627
15	NY1 Pngoa	100	-	-	-	8	1593	-	-	1020-1872
16	NY3 Cranston	100	166	5	22	0	-	-	-	-
17	NY3 E. Roch.	100	346	18	38	0	-	-	-	-
18	TX1 Rollingwood	100	60	3	21	9	829	.51	283	581-1055
19	WA1 Surrey	100	95	9	79	0	-	-	-	-
20	WI1 Burbank	100	63	15	50	18	275	.48	699	580-843
21	WI1 Naslings	100	13	17	51	24	625	.39	582	510-664
22	FL1 Young Apls	100	9	-	6	12	311	.64	262	193-355
23	TX1 Harl	99	328	9	40	10	1625	.54	1430	1062-1912
24	WS1 Lincoln	97	36	18	57	3	-	-	-	-
25	IN1 R2	96	89	4	19	11	997	1.34	232	136-412
26	DC1 Westleigh	93	41	9	71	41	202	.59	606	525-700
27	KS1 IC - 92rd	92	63	-	37	0	-	-	-	-
28	IL1 John S.	91	39	28	18	0	-	-	-	-
29	IN1 R1	91	69	11	33	21	578	.72	458	315-665
30	WA1 Lake Hills	91	102	12	37	0	-	-	-	-
31	IL1 Malibs S.	90	28	22	37	0	-	-	-	-
32	FL1 Charler Mdg	89	42	-	16	12	610	.77	483	339-688
33	DC1 Fairidge	88	19	-	34	48	927	.66	772	667-893
34	CO1 Asbury	86	122	9	22	9	881	.21	862	258-980
35	IL2 Comb Inlecs	85	524	8	12	21	296	.55	699	526-848
36	MA1 Locust	85	154	11	16	5	1705	.69	1406	726-2549
37	NC1 41023	84	324	6	27	67	716	.68	591	521-620
38	MA1 Jordnr	79	110	10	21	9	1747	.55	1094	795-1505
39	DC1 Sledwick	78	27	15	34	47	837	.70	686	588-800

Urban Open and Nonurban

	Site	Land Use % Open	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	NO_{2+3}-N Mean	COV	Median	90% Confidence Limits
1	CA1 Seaview	100	611	-	-	12	1542	.49	1381	1087-1759
2	OH1 Rooney Gulch	100	405	51	1	7	581	1.03	405	717-756
3	NY3 Thurbell	100	28,416	-	4	5	-	-	-	-
4	NY2 English Br	98	5,248	-	1	30	240	.60	206	173-245
5	NY2 West Br	97	5,338	-	1	11	862	.53	761	656-868
6	NY3 Thomas Cr	91	17,278	5	11	0	-	-	-	-
7	MI3 Trayer Cr	90	2,303	-	6	5	1108	.17	1092	930-1283
8	NY2 Sherrill Lacy	85	552	-	7	33	283	1.02	268	209-143

Mixed

	Site	Land Use %	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	NO_{2+3}-N Mean	COV	Median	90% Confidence Limits
1	KS1 Noland	-	36	3	68	0	-	-	-	-
2	MD1 Hampden	-	17	40	72	20	11,529	4.00	2293	1457-5355
1	IL1 Mallis N	-	17	3	58	0	-	-	-	-
4	WI1 Wayerly	-	30	11	68	35	725	.49	696	610-794
5	TN1 SC	-	187	3	43	13	582	1.49	327	192-558
6	WI1 Wood Clr	-	45	12	81	17	251	.69	618	474-805
7	MA1 R1 9	-	338	7	23	5	1,789	.48	1613	1045-2490
8	MA1 Convent	-	100	1	13	6	960	.39	894	656-1218
9	MI1 Grand R Ot	-	453	5	38	23	883	.44	807	694-938
10	WI3 P111 AA-S	-	2001	2	21	6	284	.48	256	176-328
11	NY2 Cedar	-	26	-	5	32	248	.72	201	-
12	MA1 Anna	-	601	9	52	6	1,268	.60	1086	688-1218
13	WI3 P111 AA-N	-	2821	7	26	5	469	.24	456	364-571
14	WI1 Grace N	-	164	5	28	21	825	.43	803	693-931
15	WI3 Swifl Run	-	1202	7	4	5	1,033	.26	821	431-1563
16	SO1 Meade	-	2030	-	-	15	616	.40	521	429-680
17	CA1 Knox	-	1542	12	-	17	1,111	.36	1044	901-1210
18	FL1 W. Jasoll	-	30	-	13	14	126	.54	392	261-422
19	FL1 Wilder	-	194	-	92	15	456	.42	412	336-505
20	CO1 North Ave	-	69	9	50	32	1,744	.92	1286	1012-1626

Commercial

	Site	Land Use % Coml	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	NO_{2+3}-N Mean	COV	Median	90% Confidence Limits
1	CO1 Villa Italia	100	74	0	91	27	1180	.86	895	709-1143
2	NC1 1013 (CBD)	100	23	0	69	61	1518	.55	980	878-1098
3	NY3 Southgate	100	129	2	21	0	-	-	-	-
4	WS1 Post Office	100	12	0	100	28	708	.68	584	479-712
5	NH1 Pkg Lot	100	15	0	90	28	801	.84	615	486-778
6	TN1 TBD	100	26	0	99	15	662	.62	562	434-778
7	WI1 Rostler	100	12	0	-	25	781	.69	642	527-791
8	KS1 IC Melcolf	96	58	-	97	0	-	-	-	-
9	FL1 Norma Pk	91	42	-	45	12	356	.46	323	257-405
10	WI1 State Fair	74	29	10	72	12	781	.50	702	540-897

Industrial

	Site	Land Use % Ind	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	NO_{2+3}-N Mean	COV	Median	90% Confidence Limits
1	MA2 Addison	100	18	5	69	5	1355	.79	1301	997-1706
2	MI1 Indus Drain	100	63	0	64	18	686	.40	637	544-746
3	KS1 Tenaaa	56	72	-	44	0	-	-	-	-
4	NI1 Grace S.	52	75	5	39	12	742	.52	657	534-808

TABLE 6-8. SITE MEAN TOTAL COPPER EMCs (µg/ℓ)

Residential

	Site	Land Use % Res	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	Total Copper Mean	COV	Median	90% Confidence Limits
1	CO1 Big Dry Cr	100	33	19	41	16	32	.82	25	18-34
2	CO1 Cherry	100	57	24	38	14	35	1.48	20	12-33
3	CO1 Villa Italia	100	167	14	24	16	28	.74	22	18-29
4	OR1 Bufief	100	12	-	-	21	-	-	-	-
5	OR1 Laterldgr	100	68	21	33	14	18	.55	33	26-42
6	DE1 Stratton	100	8	-	-	10	28	.30	21	23-32
7	IL1 John N	100	54	18	19	36	83	.85	63	51-78
8	KS1 Overlon	100	58	8	38	12	91	.50	81	63-103
9	MA1 Hemlock	100	50	5	16	9	-	-	-	-
10	MN1 Bolton Hill	100	14	10	51	19	107	.70	88	68-112
11	MO1 Hazelden	100	23	9	79	13	312	.14	296	252-349
12	MO1 Mt Wash	100	12	12	29	20	26	.78	20	15-28
13	MN1 Yes Hill	100	10	65	76	13	42	.59	38	25-46
14	NJ1 Cairll's R.	100	71	11	20	0	-	-	-	-
15	NJ1 Indua	100	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
16	NJ3 Cranston	100	166	5	22	0	-	-	-	-
17	NJ3 E. Amin.	100	346	18	38	0	-	-	-	-
18	TX1 Rollingwood	100	60	1	21	0	-	-	-	-
19	WA1 Surrey	100	95	9	29	0	-	-	-	-
20	WI1 Burbank	100	61	35	60	0	-	-	-	-
21	WI1 Maclinus	100	31	17	51	0	-	-	-	-
22	FL1 Young Apts	100	9	-	6	12	6	.36	6	5-7
23	TX1 Marl	99	328	9	40	0	-	-	-	-
24	WI1 Lincoln	93	16	18	53	0	-	-	-	-
25	TN1 P2	96	89	4	13	13	28	1.54	15	8-22
26	MO1 Westleigh	93	41	3	21	6	31	.43	34	28-40
27	KS1 R - 9Fma	92	61	-	17	3	-	-	-	-
28	IL1 John S.	91	39	18	18	16	43	.84	33	26-40
29	TN1 P1	91	69	11	13	11	61	.60	52	38-70
30	WA1 Lake Mills	91	102	12	33	5	22	.34	21	15-29
31	IL1 Mallas S.	90	28	22	33	36	45	.76	36	30-44
32	KS1 Chapter Ndg	89	42	-	16	12	10	.94	7	6-11
33	MO1 Farrington	88	30	-	34	9	26	.39	25	19-31
34	CO1 Asbury	85	127	9	22	9	59	.84	45	29-71
35	IL1 Comb Inlets	85	124	8	17	26	49	.53	43	36-51
36	MA1 Locust	85	154	11	16	6	107	.21	104	80-135
37	NC1 Model	84	334	5	27	68	39	.60	33	29-39
38	MA1 Jordin	79	110	10	31	8	74	.24	72	-
39	OC1 Stewart	78	27	15	34	9	61	.15	25	23-26

Urban Uben and Nonurban

	Site	Land Use % Open	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	Total Copper Mean	COV	Median	90% Confidence Limits
1	LA1 Seawew	100	633	-	-	12	59	.33	55	46-65
2	CO1 Bromley Gulch	100	405	0	1	3	37	1.09	25	17-48
3	NJ1 Thornell	100	28,410	-	4	0	-	-	-	-
4	NJ2 English Cr	98	6,248	-	1	0	-	-	-	-
5	NJ2 West Br	97	6,530	-	1	0	-	-	-	-
6	NJ3 Indian Cr	91	17,726	1	11	0	-	-	-	-
7	NJ3 Tranquil Cr	90	7,305	-	8	0	-	-	-	-
8	NJ3 Sherrill Cr	90	552	-	3	0	-	-	-	-

Mixed

	Site	Land Use %	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	Total Copper Mean	COV	Median	90% Confidence Limits
1	KS1 Noland	-	36	1	68	9	48	.38	45	36-57
2	MO1 Hampden	-	31	40	78	20	81	.86	51	45-92
3	IL1 Mattis N	-	17	3	58	17	48	.81	17	31-46
4	MI1 Waverly	-	30	13	69	16	15	.50	13	10-16
5	TN1 SC	-	183	3	41	13	42	1.35	25	19-41
6	WI1 Wood Crr	-	45	12	81	11	-	-	-	-
7	MA1 Riley	-	139	7	23	7	112	.49	100	71-141
8	MA1 Tenrrhl	-	110	1	31	7	105	.41	96	71-130
9	MI1 Grand R 01	-	453	5	38	13	31	.53	28	20-35
10	MI3 Pitc AA-S	-	2001	2	23	0	-	-	-	-
11	NY2 Cedar	-	76	-	5	0	-	-	-	-
12	MA1 Anna	-	601	9	12	5	54	.51	46	30-71
13	MI3 Pitt AA-N	-	2811	7	25	0	-	-	-	-
14	MI1 Grand N	-	154	5	28	9	14	.31	13	11-18
15	MI3 Swift Ann	-	1203	2	4	0	-	-	-	-
16	SO1 Mease	-	2030	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
17	CA1 Knox	-	1542	12	-	17	95	1.14	65	44-96
18	FL1 N. Jesuit	-	30	-	13	15	7	.51	5	5-8
19	FL1 Wilder	-	194	-	67	19	6	.84	5	4-7
20	CO1 North Ave	-	69	9	51	12	71	.83	54	47-74

Commercial

	Site	Land Use % Coml	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	Total Copper Mean	COV	Median	90% Confidence Limits
1	CO1 Villa Italia	100	74	0	91	27	31	.87	25	20-32
2	NC1 TO11 (CBD)	100	23	0	49	61	70	.54	61	52-69
3	NJ1 Sunbogate	100	179	0	21	0	-	-	-	-
4	WI1 Post Office	100	12	2	100	8	-	-	-	-
5	NM1 Pkg Int	100	3	0	90	11	166	.13	160	-
6	TX1 CBD	100	26	0	99	15	42	.60	36	28-46
7	WI1 Kestler	100	12	0	-	0	-	-	-	-
8	KS1 11 Metcalf	96	58	-	97	6	61	.33	59	50-51
9	IL1 Norma Zk	93	42	-	65	12	11	.32	10	8-13
10	WI1 State Fair	74	24	10	77	0	-	-	-	-

Industrial

	Site	Land Use % Ind	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	Total Copper Mean	COV	Median	90% Confidence Limits
1	MO1 Adriso	100	18	0	69	0	-	-	-	-
2	MI1 Innus Drain	100	53	0	64	6	30	.45	27	21-35
3	FL1 Lenoir	96	72	-	44	5	35	.24	35	28-43
4	MI1 Grove St.	96	15	5	37	7	25	.35	21	14-31

TABLE 6-9. SITE MEAN TOTAL LEAD EMCs (μg/ℓ)

Residential

	Site	Land Use % Res	Area (A)	Pop. Den (P/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	Total lead Mean	COV	Median	90% Confidence Limits
1	CO1 Big Dry Cr	100	13	19	41	16	183	.88	117	98-191
2	CO1 Cherry	100	51	24	18	14	194	.92	143	99-207
3	CO1 Hi6r Clarde	100	167	14	24	16	292	.87	210	151-292
4	DC1 Dufref	101	12	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
5	DL1 Lakeridge	100	68	21	33	18	227	.54	201	164-245
6	DC1 Stratlun	100	8	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
7	SL1 John N	100	84	18	19	16	717	.71	191	158-211
8	KS1 Overlan	100	58	8	16	11	118	.19	128	104-157
9	WA2 Hemlock	100	55	5	16	0	-	-	-	-
10	MD1 Dollins Brll	100	14	30	51	19	2745	4.53	592	295-1188
11	MD1 Homeland	100	21	9	29	10	76	.48	69	56-86
12	MD1 Mt Wash	100	17	12	29	20	86	.48	77	65-92
13	MD1 Res Mill	100	10	55	76	17	461	1.86	218	119-399
14	NJ1 Carll's P	100	71	13	20	0	-	-	-	-
15	NY1 Penna	100	-	-	-	8	88	1.16	52	26-103
16	NY1 Grassland	100	166	5	22	31	34	.77	27	19-38
17	NY3 E. Roch.	100	146	18	38	8	191	.89	144	86-240
18	NJ1 Rollingwood	100	60	3	21	0	-	-	-	-
19	WA1 Surrey	100	98	9	29	118	152	.51	136	126-146
20	WI1 Burbank	100	63	15	51	44	95	.72	77	65-91
21	WI1 Hastings	100	33	17	51	15	108	.67	90	75-107
22	IL1 Young Amer	100	9	-	6	12	76	1.03	51	14-82
23	NJ1 Mart	99	178	9	40	0	-	-	-	-
24	WI1 Lincoln	91	16	18	57	22	303	1.29	200	141-280
25	TN1 A2	96	89	4	13	11	111	.41	121	99-151
26	DC1 Kesilyrgh	97	41	1	21	5	186	.37	184	157-216
27	KS1 IL - Bend	92	61	-	37	1	-	-	-	-
28	IL1 John S.	91	39	18	18	11	217	.80	169	138-208
29	TN1 W1	91	69	11	11	11	440	.61	376	277-511
30	WA1 Lake Ml'ls	91	102	17	37	126	192	.67	159	140-174
31	IL1 Mallis S.	90	28	21	17	37	595	1.12	196	308-508
32	IL1 Charter Hdg	89	92	-	16	12	49	1.60	26	14-47
33	DC1 Fairridge	68	19	-	14	1	-	-	-	-
34	LB1 Asbury	86	127	9	22	9	431	.12	151	151-524
35	IL2 Comb Inlets	85	524	6	17	24	132	1.01	217	169-304
36	WA1 Locust	85	154	11	14	6	213	.67	225	116-171
37	MP1 #1023	84	129	6	27	66	254	.98	182	151-215
38	WA1 Jordan	79	110	10	21	9	168	.12	160	112-194
39	DC1 Sydneck	78	27	15	34	11	141	.41	110	105-161

Mixed

	Site	Land Use 1	Area (A)	Pop. Den (P/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	Total lead Mean	COV	Median	90% Confidence limits
1	KS1 Nolana	-	36	1	68	9	164	.49	147	110-196
2	MD1 Hampden	-	17	40	32	20	227	.82	176	131-232
3	IL1 Mattis N	-	17	3	58	41	554	1.06	180	103-478
4	MI1 Waverly	-	30	11	68	24	311	1.09	75	55-102
5	TN1 SC	-	187	1	43	13	237	.31	227	195-264
6	WI1 Wood Ctr	-	95	12	81	45	582	.94	424	348-517
7	MA1 Rt 9	-	338	7	21	7	419	1.02	167	165-471
8	MA1 Convent	-	100	1	13	7	196	.94	143	80-257
9	MI1 Grand R Ot	-	451	5	38	18	122	.90	91	66-125
10	MI3 Pitt AA-S	-	2001	2	21	6	21	1.63	11	4-28
11	NY2 Cedar	-	76	-	5	28	75	1.25	41	34-69
12	MA1 Anna	-	601	9	12	4	-	-	-	-
13	MI3 Pitt AA-M	-	2871	7	26	5	61	.71	50	27-93
14	MI1 Grace A	-	164	5	28	18	170	1.79	99	65-151
15	MI3 Swift Run	-	1207	2	4	4	-	-	-	-
16	SO1 Meade	-	2030	-	-	24	381	1.13	254	165-390
17	CA1 Knox	-	1542	12	-	22	495	.99	351	259-475
18	FL1 N. Jesult	-	10	-	13	15	56	1.22	35	23-54
19	FL1 Wilder	-	194	-	97	15	86	.85	55	46-91
20	CO1 North Ave	-	69	9	50	11	158	.31	278	226-343

Commercial

	Site	Land Use % Coml	Area (A)	Pop. Den (P/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	Total lead Mean	COV	Median	90% Confidence limits
1	CO1 Villa Italia	100	24	6	91	27	262	1.21	187	172-224
2	MC1 1011 (CBD)	100	21	0	69	61	387	.81	296	254-349
3	NY3 Southgate	100	179	0	21	13	47	.50	42	31-53
4	WI1 Post Office	100	12	3	100	59	191	.93	146	128-173
5	MN1 Pkg Lot	100	1	0	90	11	208	.93	162	121-197
6	TN1 CBD	100	26	5	99	15	158	.52	140	112-175
7	WI1 Rustler	100	12	0	-	44	123	.70	98	83-115
8	RS1 IC Metcalf	96	58	-	97	7	-	-	-	-
9	FL1 Mamma Fk	91	47	-	46	12	46	1.01	37	21-49
10	WI1 Stage Fair	74	29	10	37	27	409	.86	310	243-396

Urban Open and Nonurban

	Site	Land Use % Open	Area (A)	Pop. Den (P/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	Total lead Mean	COV	Median	90% Confidence limits
1	FL1 Seminole	100	632	-	-	7	214	.59	159	91-279
2	CO1 Bonner Gulch	100	355	1	1	7	52	.41	39	22-69
3	NY3 Thornell	100	24,416	-	4	10	12	.42	11	9-14
4	NY2 Endrich Br	98	5,241	-	1	21	4	.69	8	6-10
5	NY2 West Br	97	1,338	-	1	25	78	1.40	22	15-31
6	MN3 Thomas Cr	91	33,116	1	13	22	75	1.65	18	10-31
7	MI3 Traver Cr	96	2,303	-	6	9	-	-	-	-
8	NY2 Smerdt Duck	90	651	-	7	17	132	1.09	91	73-111

Industrial

	Site	Land Use % Ind	Area (A)	Pop. Den (P/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	Total lead Mean	COV	Median	90% Confidence limits
1	MA2 Madison	100	18	0	69	0	-	-	-	-
2	MI1 Haus Sndrm	100	63	0	64	13	110	.77	93	65-124
3	KS1 Lenexa	56	72	-	44	6	-	-	-	-
4	MI1 Grace S.	52	15	5	39	13	117	.76	92	66-128

TABLE 6-10. SITE MEAN TOTAL ZINC EMCs (μg/ℓ)

Residential

	Site	Land Use Res	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	Total Zinc Mean	COV	Median	90% Confidence Limits
1	CO1 Big Dry Cr	110	37	19	41	15	198	.80	151	110-208
2	CO1 Cherry	100	53	24	38	19	195	.61	155	126-217
3	CO1 Lib Flande	100	167	14	24	13	195	.66	158	121-206
4	CO1 Dufiel	100	12	-	-	8	156	.26	151	127-179
5	CO1 Lexington	100	58	21	31	48	129	.70	106	91-121
6	DC1 Stratton	100	8	-	-	28	84	.42	76	66-88
7	CO1 John M	100	54	15	19	0	-	-	-	-
8	KS1 Cherice	100	58	8	38	33	831	.97	596	399-891
9	MA2 Hemlock	100	50	5	16	0	-	-	-	-
10	MD1 Ashton Mill	100	14	10	52	19	1188	2.21	573	117-971
11	MD1 Homeland	100	21	6	29	33	120	.15	113	46-114
12	MD1 Mt Wash	100	12	12	39	29	97	.58	91	67-98
13	MD1 Rex Hill	100	10	55	76	11	521	1.20	140	211-542
14	MD1 Garrity C	100	75	11	20	0	-	-	-	-
15	MD1 Ohuua	100	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
16	MA2 Cranage	100	160	5	22	9	415	.88	117	195-499
17	MD1 L. Koch	100	346	18	38	8	988	1.10	127	180-594
18	MD1 Hollingwood	100	80	1	21	0	-	-	-	-
19	WA1 Sunney	100	96	9	29	118	174	.42	114	107-121
20	WA1 Burbank	100	63	15	50	18	106	1.14	62	42-15
21	WA1 Mattress	100	33	17	51	21	106	1.20	69	49-99
22	WA1 Young Apts	100	9	-	6	12	60	.45	55	44-69
23	FL1 Hart	99	276	0	40	18	-	-	-	-
24	WA1 Lincoln	97	36	18	57	0	-	-	-	-
25	TN1 PC	96	89	4	33	11	91	.52	81	61-109
26	OC1 Wessleigh	93	41	1	21	14	67	.96	48	38-61
27	KS1 IC - 92nd	92	63	-	17	3	-	-	-	-
28	IL1 John S.	91	39	18	18	1	-	-	-	-
29	SM1 P1	91	69	11	11	11	412	.59	754	261-471
30	WA1 Lake Mills	91	102	32	17	126	170	.51	107	99-115
31	IL1 Mallis S.	90	38	22	17	0	-	-	-	-
32	FL1 Charcar Nog	89	42	-	16	12	54	1.02	38	35-59
33	OC1 Fairidge	88	19	-	10	44	86	.52	76	67-86
34	OC1 Asbury	86	127	9	22	9	149	.61	295	206-422
35	IL2 Chmb Inlets	85	524	8	12	27	210	.69	189	154-212
36	MA1 Locust	85	154	11	16	6	247	.11	216	184-301
37	NC2 #1073	64	324	6	27	66	178	.81	118	139-160
38	MA1 Jordan	79	110	10	21	9	218	.28	210	172-249
39	OC1 Sledwick	78	27	15	14	45	91	.70	75	64-86

Mixed

	Site	Land Use *	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	Total Zinc Mean	COV	Median	90% Confidence Limits
1	KS1 Holland	-	35	3	68	9	414	1.19	525	243-940
2	MD1 Hampden	-	11	40	72	17	519	.95	112	275-140
3	IL1 Mattis N	-	17	3	96	0	-	-	-	-
4	MI1 Waverly	-	30	11	58	17	121	.95	110	92-133
5	TN1 SC	-	197	2	83	13	146	.40	134	114-177
6	WI1 Wego Cir	-	45	17	81	27	475	1.21	305	222-414
7	MA1 Pl y	-	138	3	22	7	284	.37	225	166-304
8	MA1 Convent	-	100	1	33	4	217	.59	173	135-270
9	MI1 Grand R Ill	-	453	6	38	14	745	.71	68	106-[illegible]
10	WI1 Pit AA-S	-	2901	2	20	4	-	-	-	-
11	PA2 Cedar	-	76	-	5	0	-	-	-	-
12	MA1 Anna	-	601	9	13	5	176	1.50	99	[illegible]
13	MI3 Pitr 4A-h	-	2871	7	26	4	-	-	-	-
14	MI1 Grace M	-	154	5	28	9	149	.35	140	[illegible]
15	MI3 Sweet Pul	-	1207	2	4	7	-	-	-	-
16	SD1 Meade	-	2610	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
17	CA1 Knox	-	1542	12	-	21	202	.55	31	[illegible]
18	FL1 N. Jesuit	-	30	-	11	15	94	.58	79	53-101
19	FL1 Wilder	-	194	-	97	15	51	.95	37	[illegible]
20	CO1 Morth Ave	-	69	9	50	13	541	.82	451	341-[illegible]

Commercial

	Site	Land Use * Comm	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	Total Zinc Mean	COV	Median	90% Confidence Limits
1	CO1 Pillo Italia	100	74	0	41	27	120	.82	297	195-313
2	NC1 1911 (C90)	100	21	0	19	60	521	.51	478	428-526
3	MI1 Southgate	100	179	2	21	9	1436	2.56	517	214-1247
4	WI1 Prst Office	100	12	0	100	22	145	1.16	44	71-124
5	MN1 Plg Lal	100	1	0	36	31	511	.65	410	361-517
6	TN1 CRB	100	26	0	99	15	115	.41	289	240-249
7	WI1 Bustler	100	12	0	-	19	156	.35	175	96-161
8	KS1 IC Melrglr	96	58	-	97	7	465	.79	168	272-811
9	FL1 Morma Pk	91	47	-	45	12	17	.88	29	19-41
10	WI1 Llale Fare	74	29	110	77	7	380	.65	234	150-163

Urban Open and Suburban

	Site	Land Use * Open	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	Total Zinc Mean	COV	Median	90% Confidence Limits
1	CO1 Seaview	100	613	-	-	17	190	.69	160	125-205
2	CO1 Rooney Gulch	100	425	0	1	7	115	.58	91	61-120
3	NY3 Bozendt	100	25,415	-	4	4	292	2.39	106	110-720
4	NY3 English Br	99	5,208	-	1	0	-	-	-	-
5	NY3 Best Br	97	5,158	-	1	0	-	-	-	-
6	NY3 Thomas Cr	51	17,724	1	11	9	1062	3.14	327	124-839
7	NY3 Tesyec Cr	90	2,707	-	6	2	-	-	-	-
8	MI2 Sheriff Cool	89	552	-	7	0	-	-	-	-

Industrial

	Site	Land Use * Ind	Area (A)	Pop. Den (#/A)	% IMP.	No. of OBS	Total Zinc Mean	COV	Median	90% Confidence Limits
1	MA2 Addison	100	10	0	69	0	-	-	-	-
2	MI1 Iddys Drain	100	62	0	64	7	244	.42	725	167-303
3	KS1 Lenexa	56	72	-	44	6	2721	2.79	793	217-2850
4	MI1 Grace S.	52	75	5	39	7	232	.54	196	135-264

* All observations below detection limit.

These tables (one for each pollutant) list each of the appropriate sites in the data base, grouped according to general land use category. Some pertinent site characteristics are identified: drainage area, population density, and the percentage of the total area covered by impervious surfaces. The number of monitored storms at each site is tabulated. Urban runoff quality is summarized by the mean and median EMC for all storms monitored at the site, the storm-to-storm variability of EMC's (defined by the coefficient of variation), and the 90 percent confidence limits for the site median EMC.

Transferability of Data

The urban runoff loading site EMC data were carefully examined in an effort to determine whether specific groupings of results would suggest the presence of consistent patterns of similarities and/or differences that could be used to support estimates of urban runoff characteristics at unmonitored locations and sites.

Variability of EMCs at a Site. Inspection and analysis of the individual site coefficient of variation entries in Tables 6-1 through 6-10 shows that with very few exceptions (usually associated with constituents that were monitored in fewer than 10 storm events) the coefficients of variation fall in the range of 0.5 to 1.0. This applies to all constituents except TSS, for which the range in coefficients of variation is more like 1 to 2.

The frequency of occurrence of any EMC of interest can be estimated readily from the coefficient of variation by using the procedures outlined in Chapter 5. Thus, for TSS, 90 percent of the individual storm events at a given site will have EMCs that do not exceed a value of roughly 3 to 5 times the median EMC value for that site. For the other constituents, 90 percent of the individual storm events at a site will have EMCs less than about 2 to 3 times the median EMC value for that site. More refined estimates and values for other exceedance probabilities can be readily computed using the relationships presented in Chapter 5.

Effect of Geographic Location. Figures 6-4 through 6-13 indicate the range of median EMC's at individual sites, grouped by project. The land use category of the site is indicated by the letter R for residential, M for mixed, and C for commercial/industrial, and the plotting position is the median value as given by the data in Tables 6-1 through 6-10. The ends of the bars for each project are the highest and lowest 90 percent confidence limits for site median EMCs at the project for the constituent in question. Inspection of Figures 6-4 through 6-13 indicates that, for any given constituent, each project can be put into one of three rather general categories: (1) low EMCs and tightly grouped; (2) average characteristics; and (3) wide range and high EMCs. Using the numbers 1, 2, and 3 as shorthand, project categories for each constituent are summarized in Table 6-11. Although no site is category consistent for all constituents, WASHCOG (DC1), Tampa (FL1), Lansing (MI1), and Ann Arbor (MI3) tend to have lower and more tightly grouped EMCs than the others while Kansas City (KS1), Lake Quinsigamond (MA1), and Baltimore (MD1) tend to have a wider range and higher EMCs than the others. Thus we can conclude that some projects represented in the database appear, from the monitoring sites selected, to tend towards somewhat higher or lower EMC median values and ranges than the bulk of the projects. However, there are no distinct geographical patterns revealed.

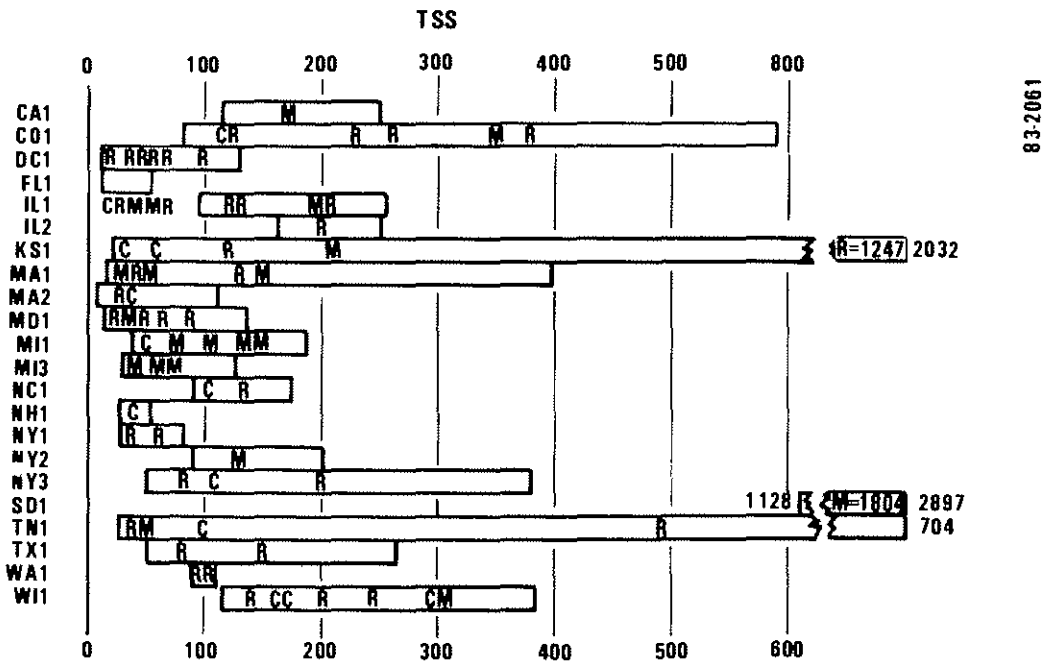
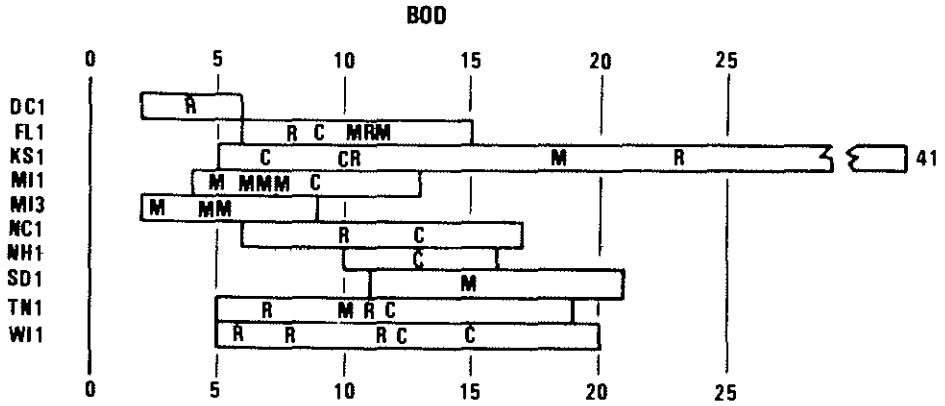


Figure 6-4. Range of TSS EMC Medians (mg/l) by Project



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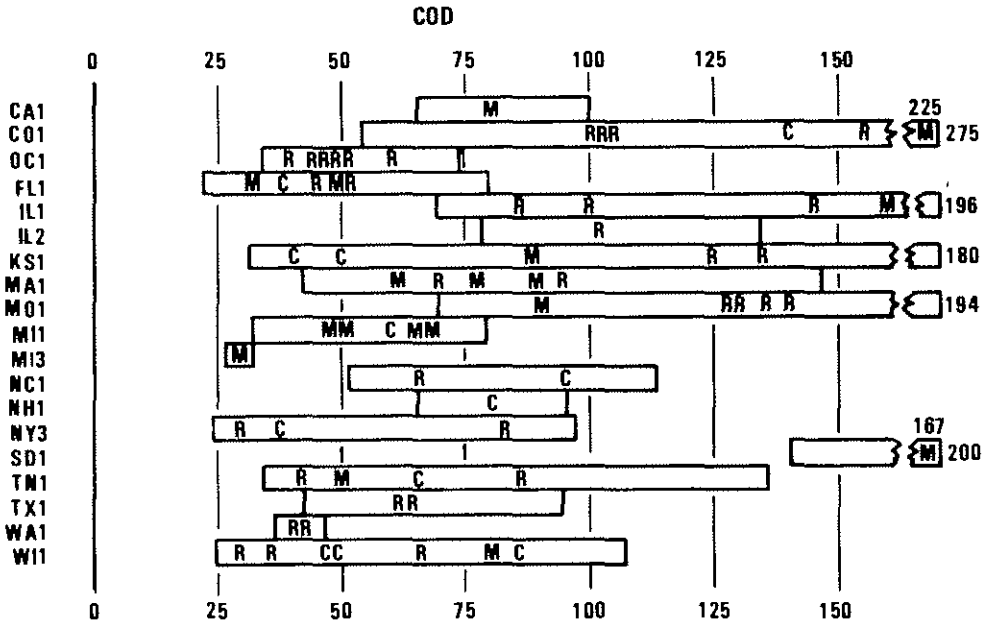

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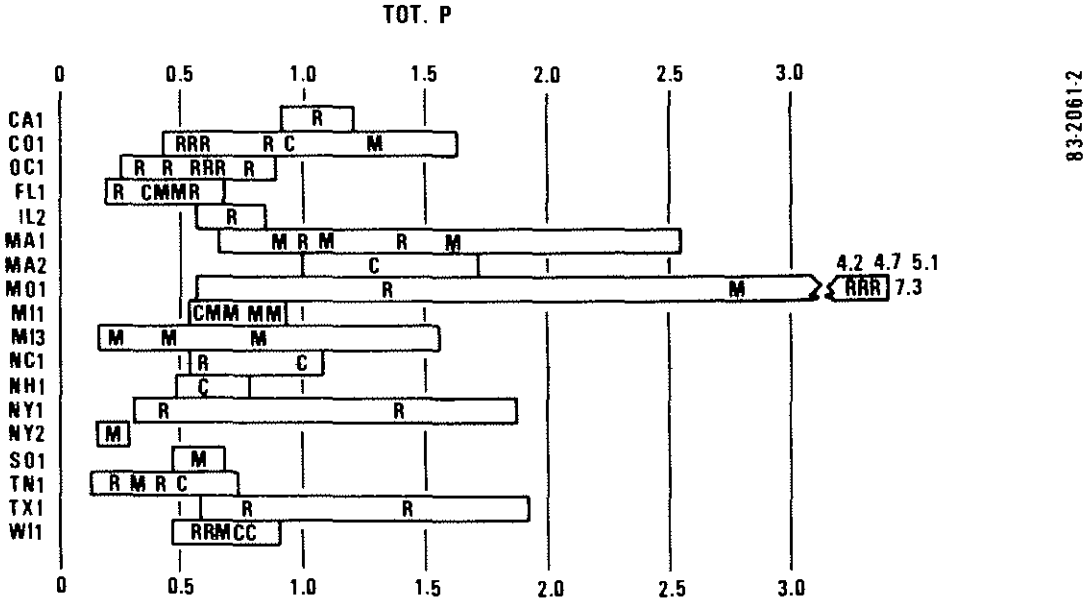


Figure 6-7. Range of Total P EMC Medians (mg/l) by Project

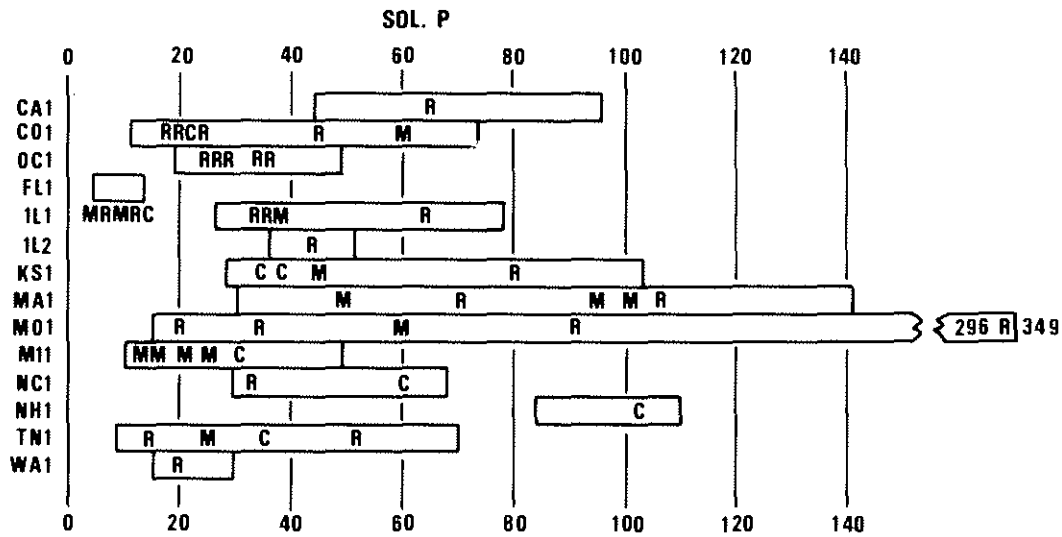
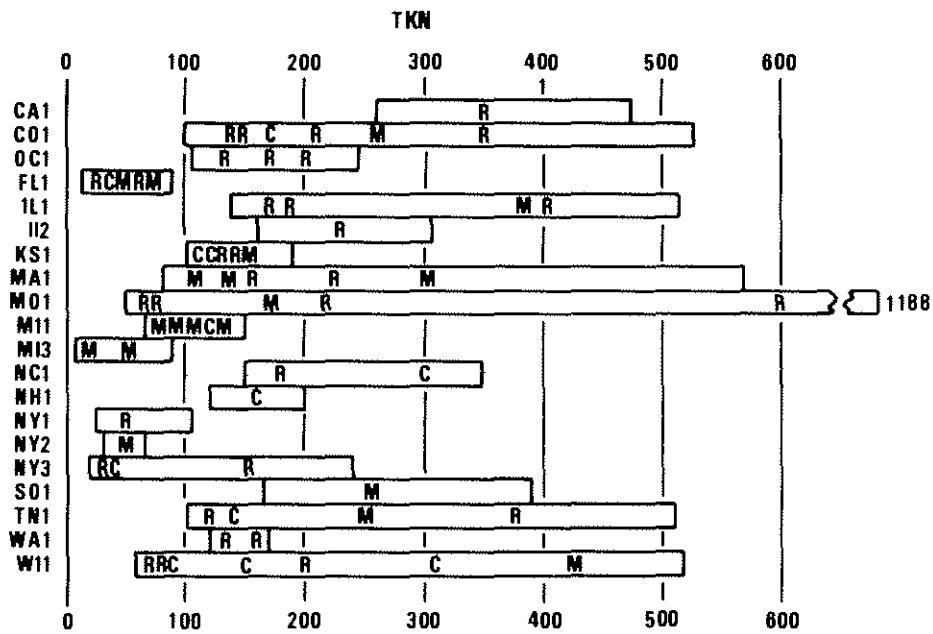


Figure 6-8. Range of Soluble P EMC Medians (mg/l) by Project



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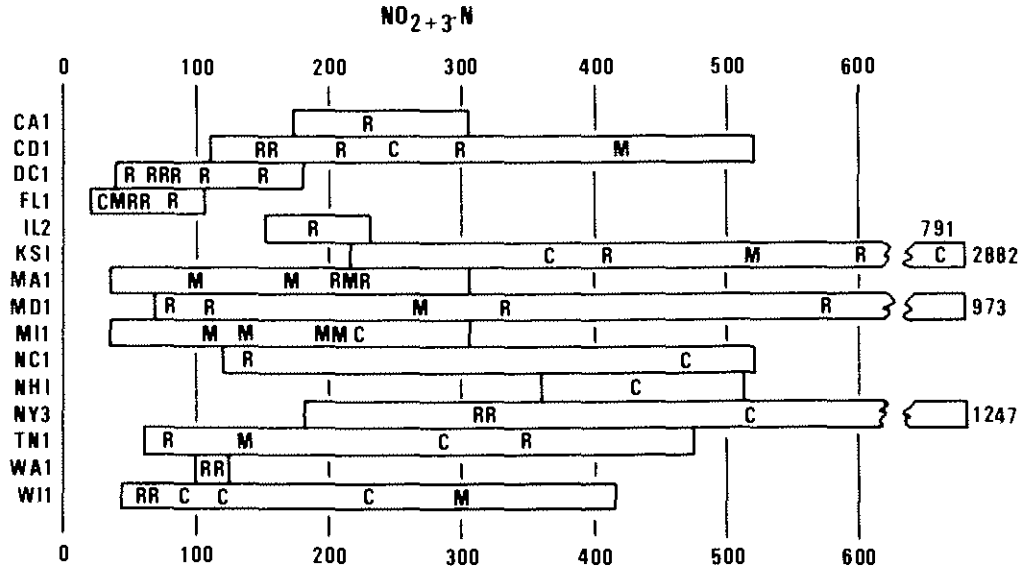


Figure 6-10. Range of NO_{2+3}-N EMC Medians (mg/l) by Project

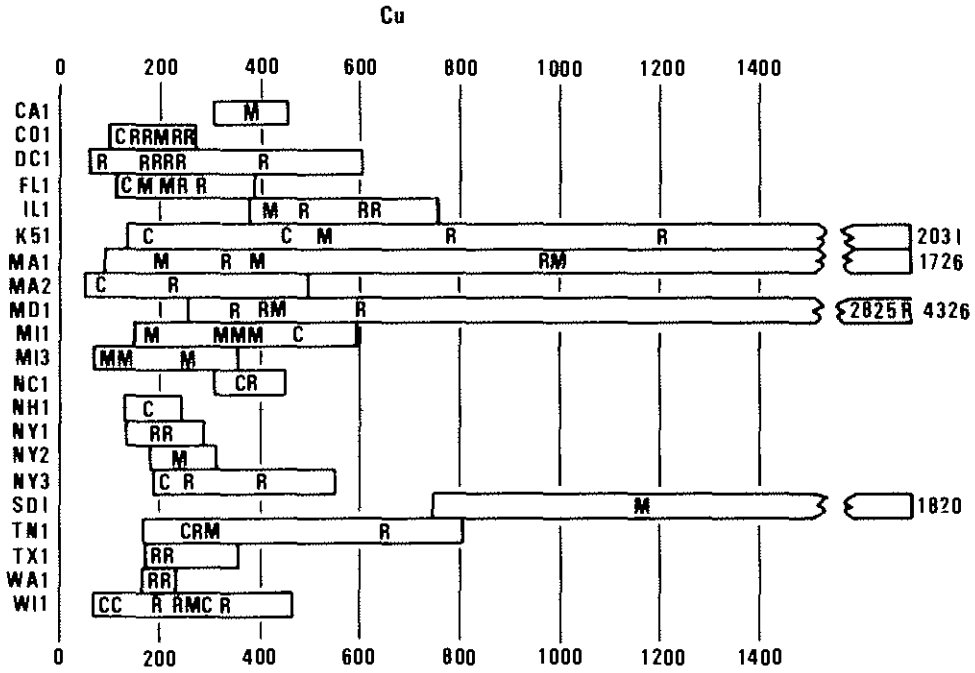


Figure 6-11. Range of Total Cu EMC Medians (µg/l) by Project

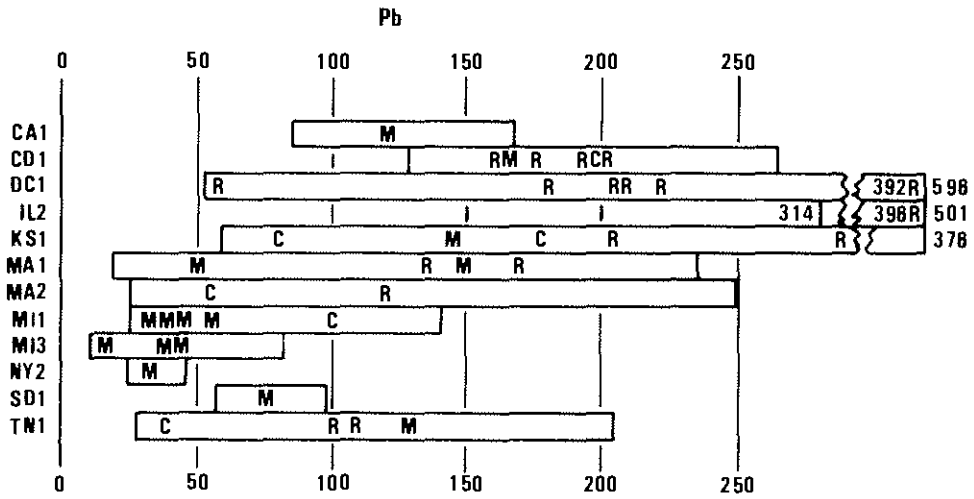


Figure 6-12. Range of Total Pb EMC Medians (µg/l) by Project

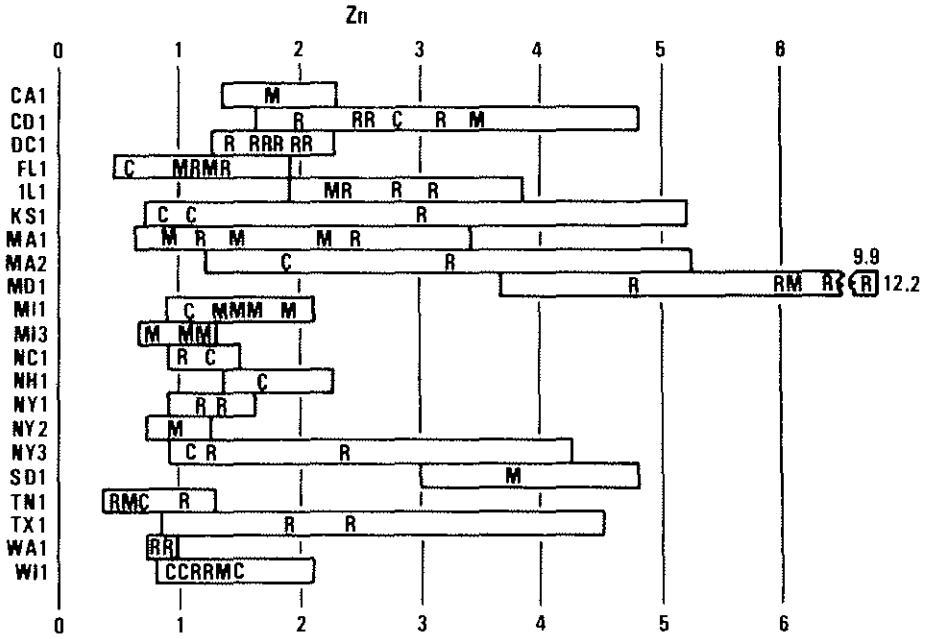


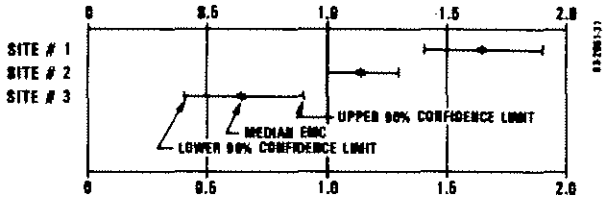
Figure 6-13. Range of Total Zn EMC Medians (µg/l) by Project

TABLE 6-11. PROJECT CATEGORY SUMMARIZED BY CONSTITUENT

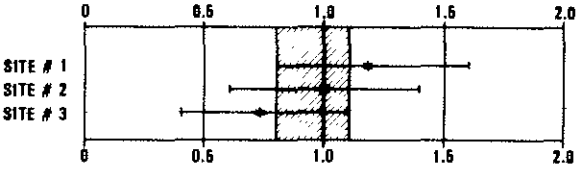
	CO1	DC1	FL1	IL1	KS1	MA1	MD1	MI1	MI3	NY3	TN1	WI1
TSS	3	1	1	2	3	3	1	1	1	2	3	2
BOD	-	-	2	-	3	-	-	2	1	-	2	2
COD	3	1	1	3	3	2	3	1	-	1	2	2
Tot. P.	1	2	1	2	3	3	3	2	1	2	2	2
Sol. P.	2	3	-	-	3	2	-	2	1	-	2	-
TKN	2	1	1	2	2	2	3	1	1	2	1	1
NO_{2+3}-N	2	1	1	-	-	3	3	1	2	-	1	1
Tot. Cu	2	1	1	2	2	3	3	1	-	-	2	-
Tot. b	2	1	1	2	1	2	3	1	-	1	2	2
Tot. Zn	2	1	1	-	3	2	3	2	-	3	2	2

It must also be realized that had any particular project monitored other local sites (or additional sites) its categorization could well change. This can be seen qualitatively by perusing Figures 6-4 through 6-13 and mentally dropping the highest or lowest site from each grouping. Although some locations, such as Tampa, will undoubtably and appropriately be influenced by the relatively low EMCs and tight groupings found there in estimating probable values for other urban sites in the area, there is little to warrant attributing similar characteristics to other locations in the same geographical region. For the other locations it would appear that individual site differences eclipse any possible geographic ones.

Effect of Land Use Category. The data in Tables 6-1 through 6-10 were presented by land use category; residential, mixed, commercial, industrial, and open/non-urban. The question to be addressed here is the extent to which such site categorization can be used to assist in predicting EMC parameters for unmonitored sites. Two approaches were used. In the first, the site data for each project with more than three sites were normalized by dividing the site median and its upper and lower 90 percent confidence limits by the average project median value for the constituent in question. This procedure simply allows all constituents to be viewed on a common scale that is centered at unity. An example of the result is given in Figure 6-14. A legend is provided in Figure 6-14(a) showing the lower 90 percent confidence limit, the upper 90 percent confidence limit, and the location of the point estimate of the median within this confidence interval for a hypothetical constituent. Sites that fall to the right of the unity line have higher EMCs than average for this location, while sites that fall to the left of the unity line have lower EMCs than average. Thus, the interpretation is that for this location, Site #1 is the "dirtiest" (has the highest EMC value), Site #3 is the "cleanest", and Site #2 is in between, being somewhat "dirtier" than average. Since the 90 percent confidence limits for these three sites no not overlap, we know that this difference is statistically significant.



(a) Significantly Different Sites



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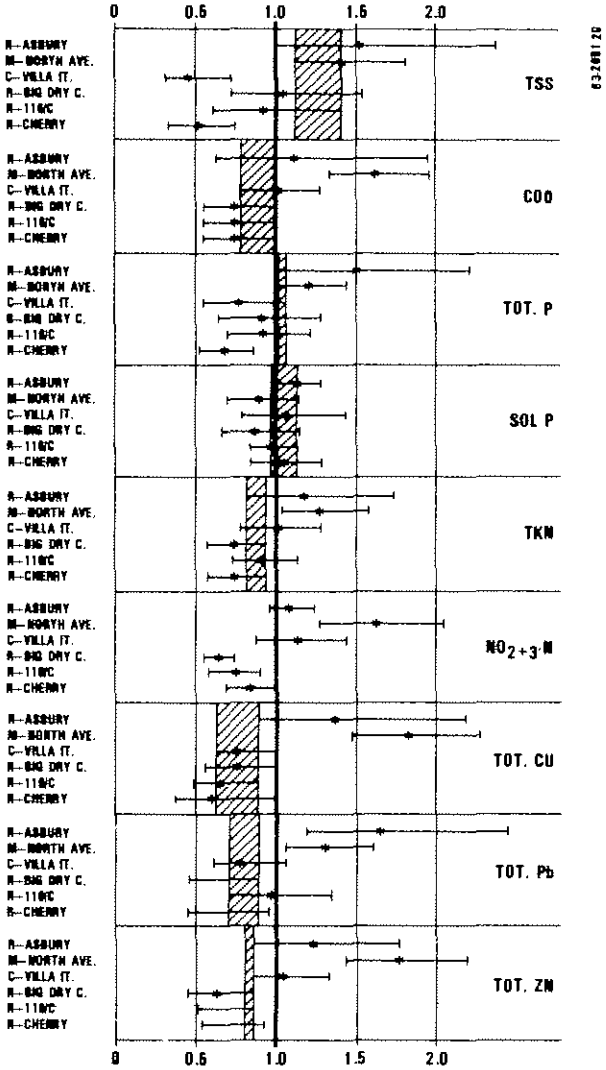


(c) EMC Data from Denver (CO1)

Figure 6-14. Range of Normalized EMC Medians at Denver (CO1)

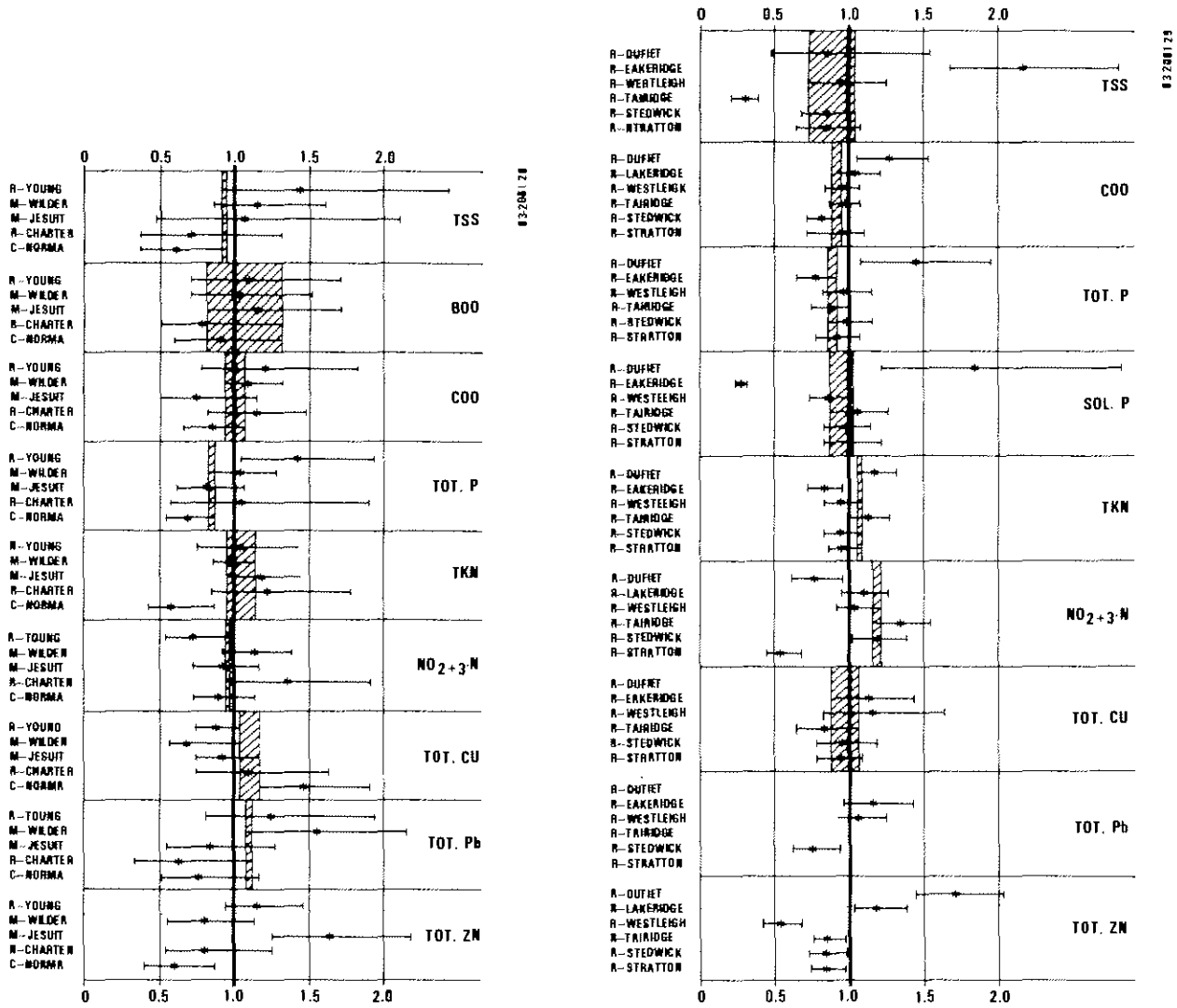
The actual data for the Denver (CO1) project are presented in Figure 6-14(c). With the exception of nitrate + nitrite, there is little to no statistically significant difference among the majority of the sites for each constituent examined. The lack of consistency among the sites over the various constituents is apparent. One can observe that the Cherry site (residential) tends to plot at the lowest position for all constituents, suggesting that it is the "cleanest," the Asbury site (also residential) tends to plot at the highest position, suggesting that it is the "dirtiest." The Big Dry Cottonwood site, which is also residential, tends to fall between these two. Careful examination of other site data does not provide any evidence to explain this difference in response for sites in the same land use category at the same location. Thus, based on the information presented in Figure 6-14(c), one is forced to conclude that land use category does not provide a useful basis for predicting differences in site EMC values, at least for this project.

When the foregoing type of analysis was applied to the other applicable NURP projects, the results were the same. As another example, the range of normalized EMC medians at Tampa (FL1) and WASHCOG (DC1) are shown in Figure 6-15. These are essentially similar to the Denver results just discussed.

The WASHCOG data presented in Figure 6-15(b) suggest that there is little consistent difference among residential land use sites at that project. The data from Champaign/Urbana (IL1) presented in Figure 6-16 suggest just the opposite. As a part of this project's experimental design, two site pairs were selected. The sites of each pair were expected to respond in a similar fashion. That they do and that the responses of the two pairs are different from each other for most constituents is apparent in Figure 6-16. However, there is no consistency in the pair responses. For example, the Mattis pair has significantly higher EMC values for TSS, COD, and Total Pb, while the John Pair is higher in Total P. The residential land use category for these sites provides no explanation of these differences in response.

Based upon the foregoing approach, we can conclude that, while there can be differences in the responses of different sites at a given location, significant differences do not appear to be widespread, and where they occur, the site land use category is virtually useless in trying to understand or predict them.

The second approach to examining the effect of land use category on the EMC parameters of a site makes use of the observation, discussed earlier, that geographic location has no discernible effect on site response. Since site to site variability was shown to be very well represented by the lognormal distribution, analysis procedures similar to those described previously for characterizing an individual site were applied. Table 6-12 lists the median EMCs for all sites within each land use category. The coefficient of variation quantifies the variability of site characteristics within the land use category. To the extent that the sites included in this database provide a "representative" sample of the land use classifications, then the information summarized by Table 6-12 indicates the effect of land use on urban storm runoff pollutant discharges.



(a) Tampa Sites

(b) WASHCOG Sites

Figure 6-15. Range of Normalized EMC Medians at FL1 and DC1

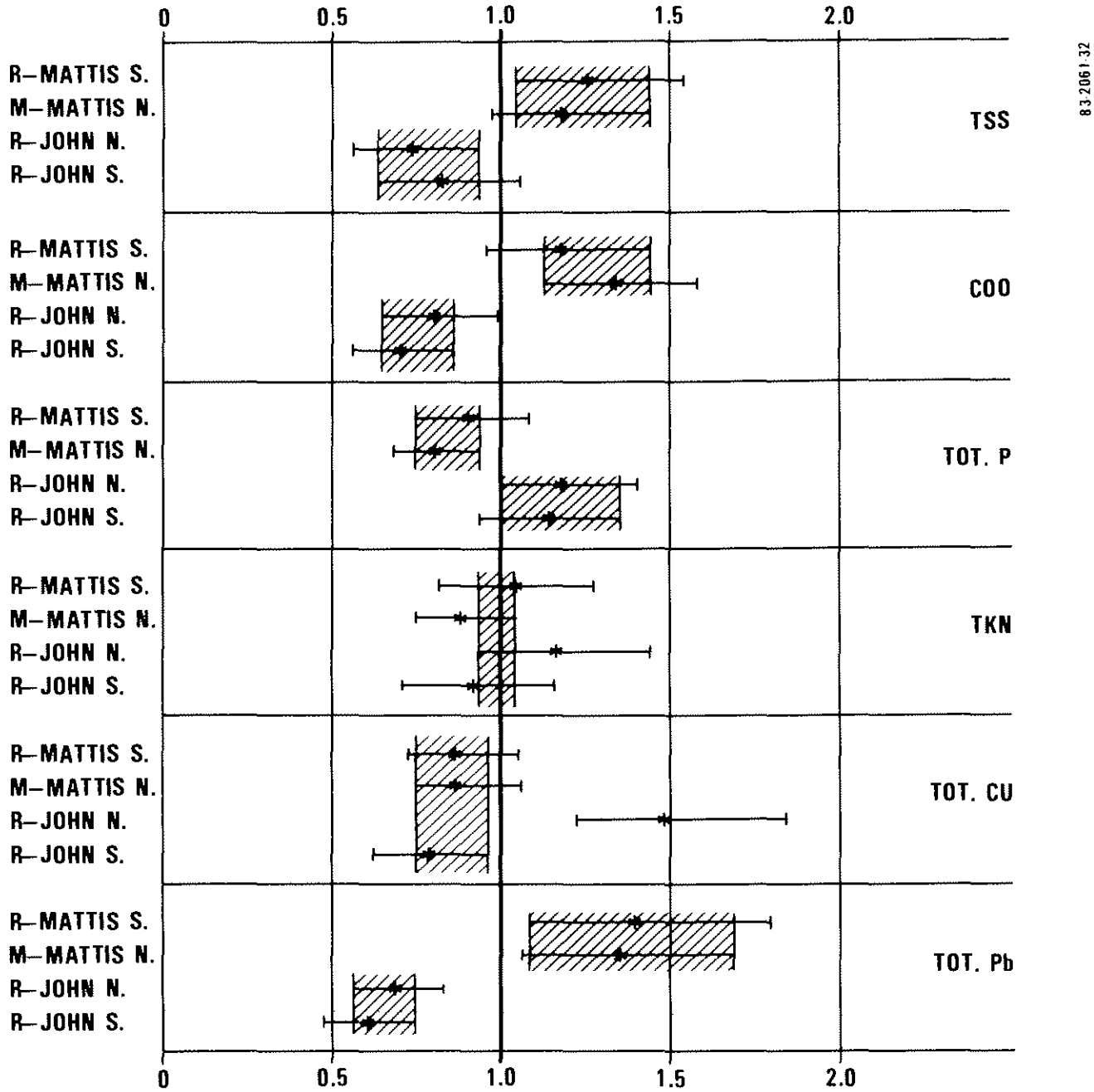


Figure 6-16. Range of Normalized EMC Medians at IL1

TABLE 6-12. MEDIAN EMCs FOR ALL SITES
BY LAND USE CATEGORY

Pollutant		Residential		Mixed		Commercial		Open/Nonurban	
		Median	CV	Median	CV	Median	CV	Median	CV
BOD	mg/ℓ	10.0	0.41	7.8	0.52	9.3	0.31	-	-
COD	mg/ℓ	73	0.55	65	0.58	57	0.39	40	0.78
TSS	mg/ℓ	101	0.96	67	1.14	69	0.85	70	2.92
Total Lead	µg/ℓ	144	0.75	114	1.35	104	0.68	30	1.52
Total Copper	µg/ℓ	33	0.99	27	1.32	29	0.81	-	-
Total Zinc	µg/ℓ	135	0.84	154	0.78	226	1.07	195	0.66
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	µg/ℓ	1900	0.73	1288	0.50	1179	0.43	965	1.00
NO_2 -N + NO_3 -N	µg/ℓ	736	0.83	558	0.67	572	0.48	543	0.91
Total P	µg/ℓ	383	0.69	263	0.75	201	0.67	121	1.66
Soluble P	µg/ℓ	143	0.46	56	0.75	80	0.71	26	2.11

Some caution in the interpretation of the information presented in Table 6-12 is in order since statistical confidence limits are not given. These are indicated in Figure 6-17 (a through k), which illustrates land use differences graphically, with additional statistical detail derived from the basic parameters listed in Table 6-11, to assist in interpretation and comparisons. The box plots which compare characteristics of all sites within a land use category identify the land use, median EMC, its 90 percent confidence limits, and the 10, 25, 75 and 90 percent quantities for the sites. Careful perusal of these box plots leads one to the conclusion that only the open/non-urban land use category appears to be significantly different overall. Responses of the other land use categories are varied and inconsistent among constituents. This may be seen in a somewhat different way by observing the plotting positions of the land use categories presented in Figures 6-4 through 6-13. Here also, there are no consistent tendencies. There are undeniably some trends. For example, in Figure 6-7 commercial sites occupy the lowest plotting position at each project for total phosphorus (MI1 and one WI1 site are exceptions), which certainly suggests that there might be a land use category difference for this constituent.

Review of Figure 6-17(j), however, suggests that while a trend to lower total phosphorus EMC values is apparent as one goes from residential, to mixed, to commercial land uses, the statistical significance may not be great. The actual site median total phosphorus EMC probability density functions for each land use are presented in Figure 6-18. Here it can be seen that although three different pdfs can be drawn for residential, mixed, and commercial land use categories, their degree of overlap is so great that there is little statistical significance to the apparent difference. Since this was the strongest tendency towards land use effect, we must conclude that using this approach there is again no truly discernible and consistent effect of land use on the quality of urban runoff.

The one exception is the open/non-urban category which, as its name suggests, includes atypical sites. The data in Table 6-12 and the box plots of Figure 6-12 suggest that the pdfs for this land use category are quite different from those of the other land use categories, and this is in fact the case. Figure 6-18 shows it dramatically for total phosphorus.

Thus, regardless of the analytical approach taken, we are forced to conclude that, if land use category effects are present, they are eclipsed by the storm to storm variabilities and that, therefore, land use category is of little general use to aid in predicting urban runoff quality at unmonitored sites or in explaining site to site differences where monitoring data exist.

Correlation Between EMCs and Runoff Volume. To examine the possible relationship between the event mean concentration of a particular constituent and the runoff volume, linear correlation coefficients (r) were calculated. The null hypothesis that the two variables are linearly unrelated was tested at both the 90 and 95 percent confidence levels. Since it is possible for correlation to be either positive or negative, the two-tailed test was used. Failure to reject the null hypothesis is interpreted as meaning that linear dependency between the two variables in the population has not been shown.

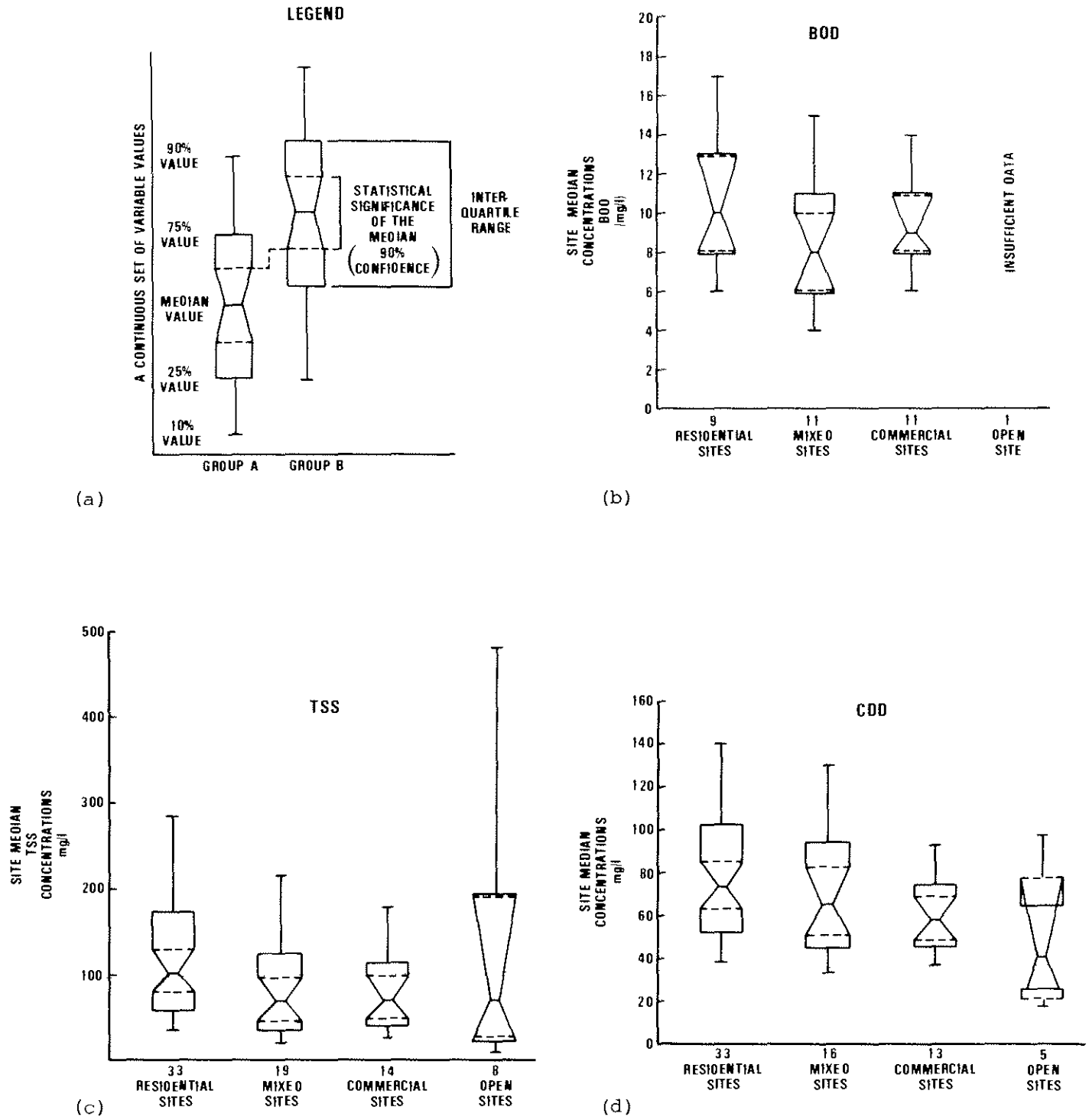


Figure 6-17. Box Plots of Pollutant EMCs for Different Land Uses

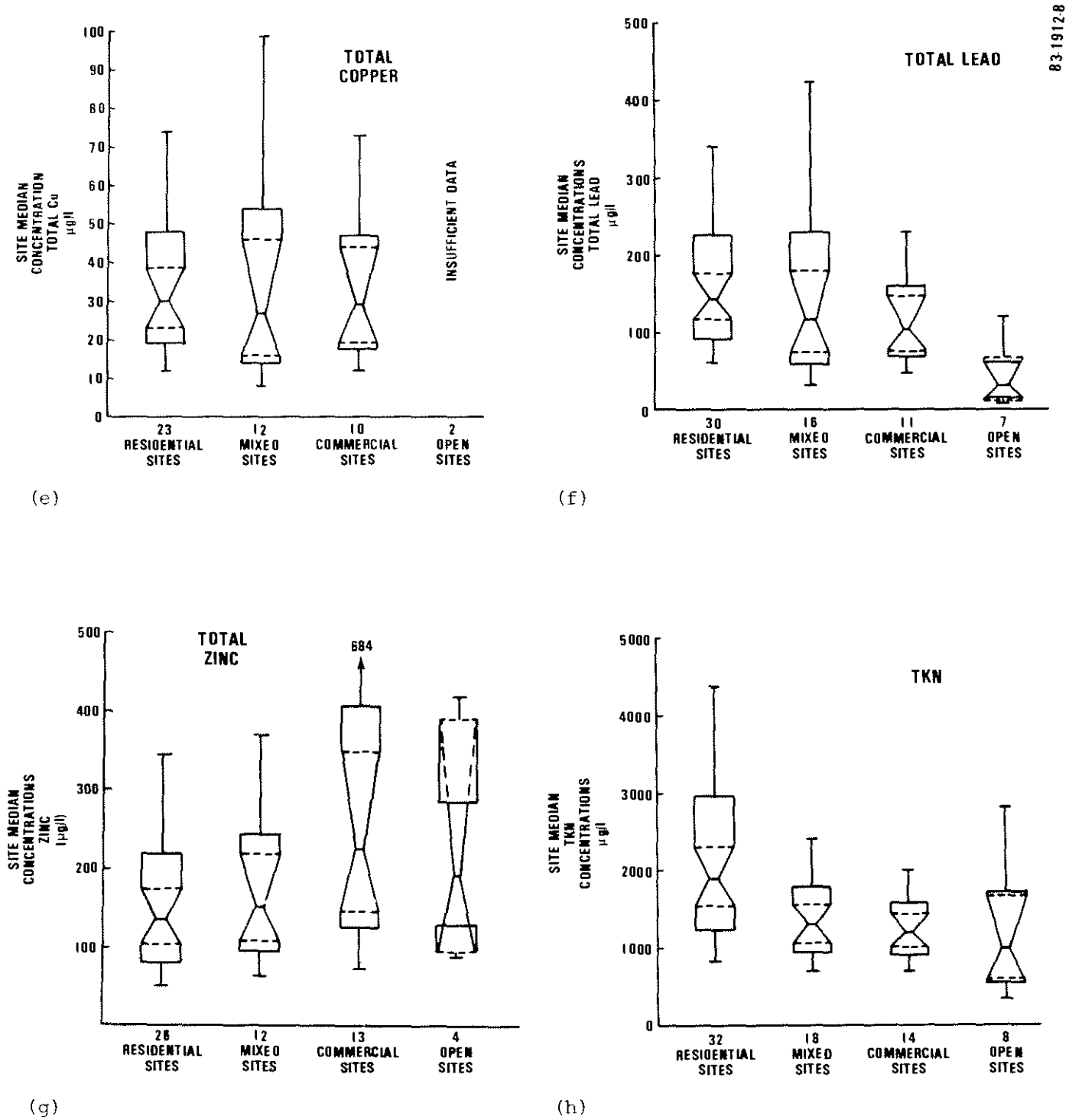
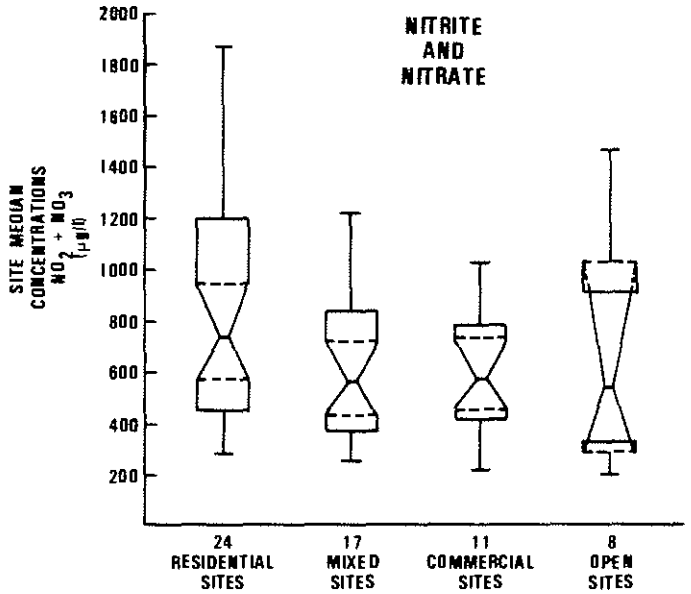


Figure 6-17. Box Plots of Pollutant EMCs for Different Land Uses (Cont'd)



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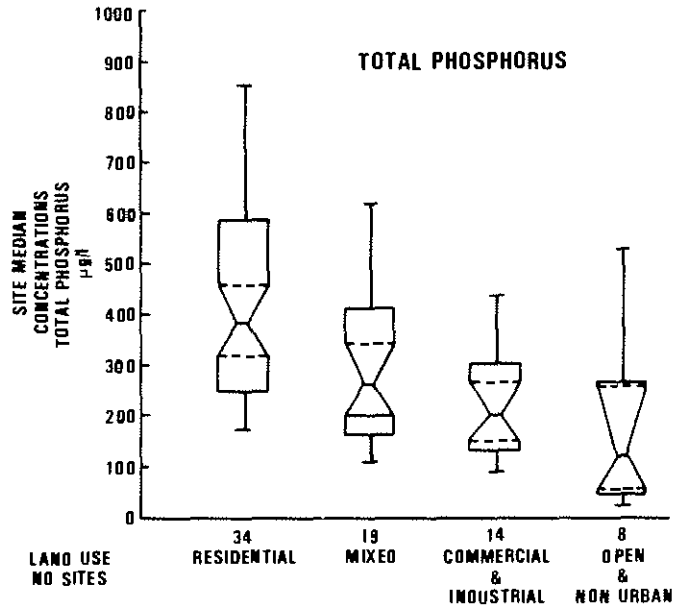

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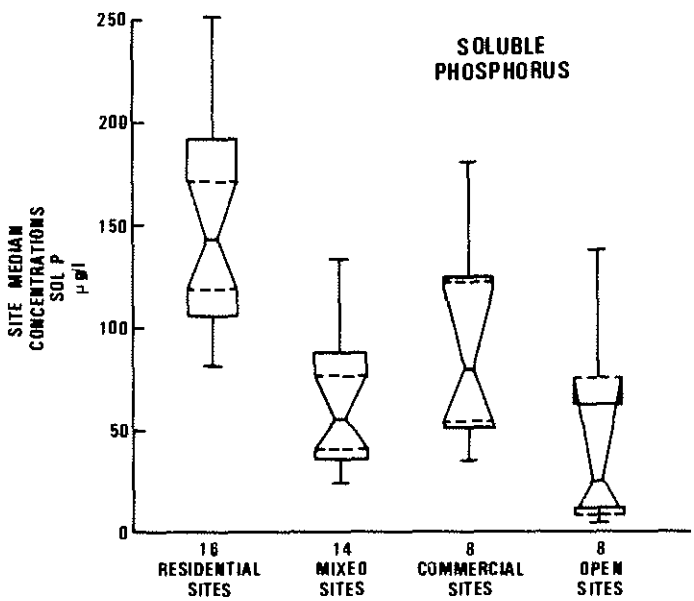

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Figure 6-17. Box Plots of Pollutant EMCs for Different Land Uses (Cont'd)

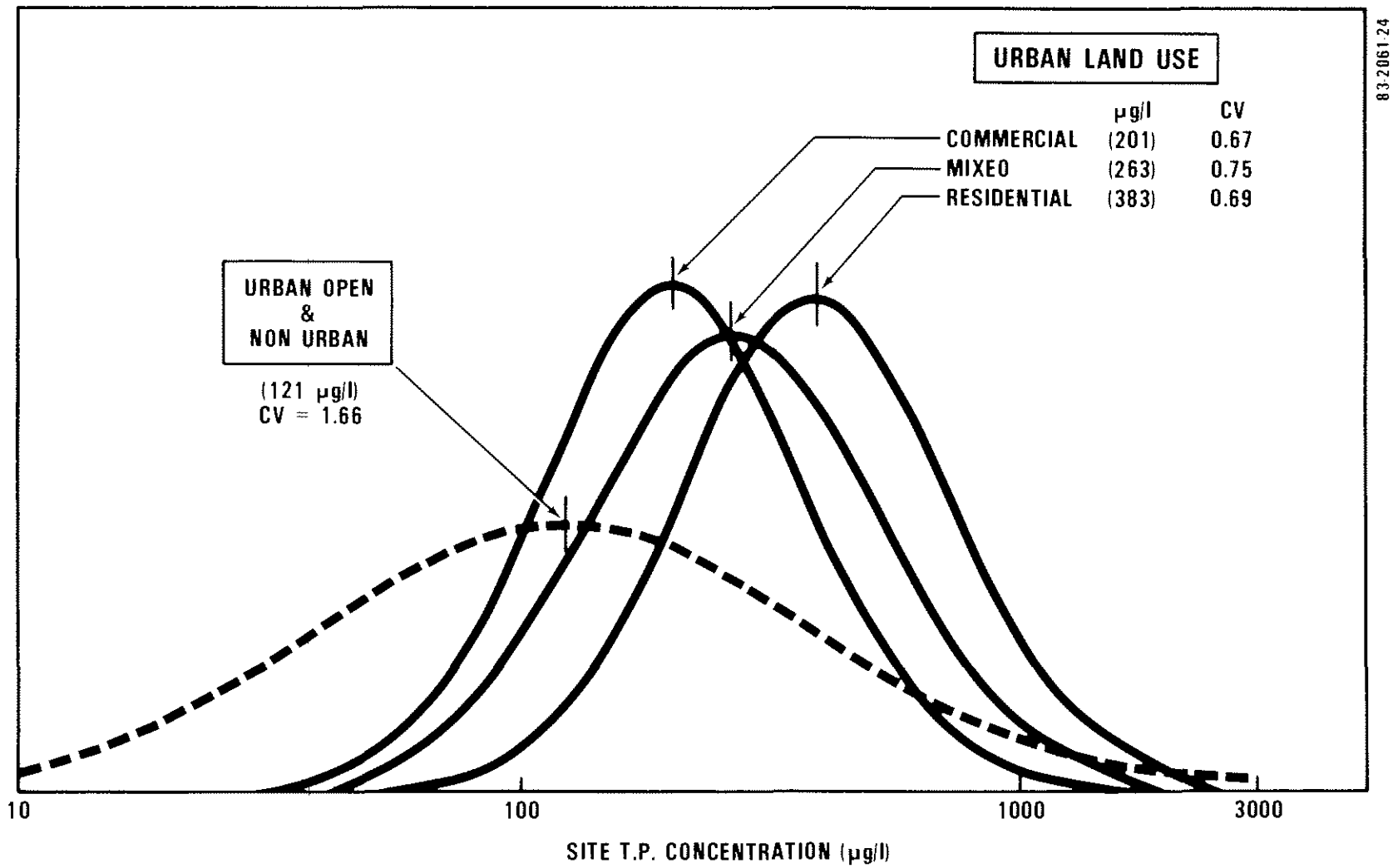

Figure 6-18. Site Median Total P EMC Probability Density Functions for Different Land Uses

The rejection of the null hypothesis means that there is evidence of a linear dependency between the two variables in the population, but it does not mean that a cause-and-effect relationship has been established.

General guidelines for the use of this test suggest that it be used with caution for values of n less than ten due to the high uncertainties associated with estimates of population variance with small samples. Furthermore, when n is 2 a perfect correlation will result but is meaningless. To include as many sites as possible in this examination, all constituents for which n was 5 or greater were included. At the other extreme, when n is very large, say over 100, correlation coefficients are almost always significant but can be so weak that they are meaningless. For n = 100 the critical value of r at the 90 percent confidence level is 0.164, meaning that the correlation explains less than 3 percent of the concentration variability.

A total of 67 sites from 20 of the NURP projects were examined for possible correlation for nine constituents. Of the 517 linear correlation coefficients calculated (not all constituents were measured at all sites), 116 (22 percent) were significant at the 95 percent confidence level and 154 (30 percent) were significant at the 90 percent confidence level. Of the r values that were significant, 83 and 87 percent were negative at the 90 and 95 percent confidence levels respectively. When sites with fewer than 10 events were dropped, the foregoing was essentially unchanged. Greater detail in terms of the number of significant linear correlation by constituent is provided in Table 6-13. There it can be seen that the greatest tendency for positive values of r occurs with TSS, followed by soluble phosphorus. The correlation coefficients for the other 7 constituents all strongly tend to be negative.

When the results are examined by sites, however, a clearer picture emerges. Although it can be correctly argued that unless a correlation coefficient is statistically significant the number is meaningless, it also follows that in such a case they are as likely to be positive as negative. On the other hand, if all the correlation coefficients (whether significant or not) have the same sign, it suggests a tendency for that site. The sign of the correlation coefficient (if greater than 0.1) for each site and constituent examined is given in Table 6-14. Giving appropriate weight to significant r values but considering others as well, some 37 of the sites tend to have negative correlations, 13 tend to be positive, and the remaining 17 tend to be mixed. Perusal of Table 6-14 reveals that this tendency for sites to have either positive or negative correlation coefficients is quite strong, especially for sites with a large number of significant correlations. Sites where erosion, scour, system lag, and such are present could be expected to exhibit a tendency towards positive correlations. Sites lacking such effects could be expected to have negative correlation due to dilution associated with larger runoff events.

The magnitude of the correlation coefficients is indicated in Table 6-15. Two points stand out in particular. First, the r values are not very large, averaging around 0.55. This means that the correlation is only able to explain about 30 percent of the concentration variability. The few high values are always associated with very few observations ($n<10$) for which the

TABLE 6-13. NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT LINEAR CORRELATIONS BY CONSTITUENT

POLLUTANT	TOTAL # OF SITES	90% SIGNIFICANT CORRELATION			95% SIGNIFICANT CORRELATION		
		TOTAL #	# NEG.	# POS.	TOTAL #	# NEG.	# POS.
(a) ALL SITES							
TSS	67	13 (19%)	4	9	7 (10%)	3	4
COD	64	24 (38%)	23	1	19 (30%)	19	0
TOT. P	67	20 (30%)	16	4	15 (22%)	12	3
SOL. P	34	10 (29%)	6	4	7 (21%)	4	3
TKN	64	19 (30%)	18	1	14 (22%)	14	0
NO_{2+3}-N	57	17 (30%)	15	2	13 (23%)	11	2
TOT. Cu	49	17 (35%)	15	2	13 (27%)	12	1
TOT. Pb	59	15 (25%)	13	2	12 (20%)	11	1
TOT. Zn	56	19 (34%)	18	1	16 (29%)	15	1
TOTAL	517	154	128	26	116	101	15
PERCENT		30%	83%	17%	22%	87%	13%
(b) SITES WITH n $\geq$ 10							
TSS	56	9 (16%)	4	5	7 (12%)	3	4
COD	52	21 (40%)	20	1	16 (31%)	16	0
TOT. P	53	17 (32%)	15	2	12 (23%)	11	1
SOL. P	23	8 (35%)	5	3	6 (26%)	4	2
TKN	50	17 (34%)	16	1	12 (24%)	12	0
NO_{2+3}-N	41	14 (34%)	12	2	12 (29%)	10	2
TOT. Cu	31	13 (42%)	12	1	12 (39%)	11	1
TOT. Pb	45	13 (29%)	12	1	11 (24%)	10	1
TOT. Zn	37	14 (38%)	13	1	11 (30%)	10	1
TOTAL	388	126	109	17	99	87	12
PERCENT		32%	87%	13%	26%	88%	12%

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TABLE 6-14. SIGN OF CORRELATION COEFFICIENTS BY SITES

	TSS	COD	TOT. P	SOL. P	TKN	NO_{2+3}-N	TOT. CU	TOT. Pb	TOT. ZN
CA1 KNOX	+	−	+	⊕		⊕	−	−	
S. VIEW.	⊕	+			⊕		+	−	+
CO1 ASBURY	⊕	+	⊕	+	+	−	⊕	+	+
B. DRY C.		−	−	−	⊖	−	−		−
CHERRY			+	⊕		−	+		
N. AVE.		⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
ROONEY	−	⊖	−	−	−	−	−	−	⊖
VILLA IT.	−	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
116/C	+	−	⊕			−	+		+
DC1 DUFIEF	−	⊖	+	−	−	−			−
FAIRIDGE		+	+	+	+				+
LAKERIDGE	+		+	⊕		⊖		−	⊖
STEDWICK		−		+		⊖	+	−	⊖
STRATTON	+	−			+		−		−
WESTLEIGH		⊖			−	⊖	⊖	−	⊖
FL1 CHARTER/H	−	⊖	⊖		⊖	−	⊖	⊖	⊖
YOUNG		−	−			−	+		
NORMA P.	+	+				+			−
IL1 JOHN N.	+	⊖	⊖		⊖		−	−	
JOHN S.	+	⊖	⊖		−		−		
MATTIS N.		⊖	⊖		⊖		⊖	⊖	
MATTIS S.	−	⊖	⊖		⊖		⊖	⊖	
KS1 92nd	−	+	−	+	+				

	TSS	COD	TOT P.	SOL P	TKN	NO_{2+3}-N	TOT. CU	TOT. Pb	TOT. ZN
KS1 LENAXA	+	⊖	⊖	−	−		⊖		
METCALF		−	−	−	−		−		−
NOLAND		⊖	−	⊖			+	−	−
OVERTON	+		+				−	−	⊖
MA1 ANNA	+		+		+	−		−	+
CONVENT	−	+		+	−	−	+		+
JORDAN			+	+	−	⊖	−		⊖
LOCUST	⊕	+	⊕	+	+	⊖	+	⊕	
RT. 9	+			+	−	⊖	+	+	
MA2 ADDISON	⊕		−	−	+	−			
HEMLOCK	⊕		+	⊕	+	−			
MD1 BOLTON	⊕	−	+		−	−	⊖	+	−
HAMPDEN		−	⊖				⊖		−
HOMELAND	+	+	+		−	+	−	+	+
MT. WASH.	⊕	−	−		−	−	+	−	−
RES. HILL	+	⊖			⊖		⊖	−	−
MI1 GRACE S.	+	−	−		−	−	⊖	−	−
GRACE N.	+	−		+					⊖
GRAND		−	−		−		−	−	⊖
IND. DR.	+		+	+		−	−	−	−
WAVERLY		−	−	−	−	−	−		−
NC1 1013		⊖	⊖		⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
1023	⊕		+			−	+		
NH1 PKG.	−	⊖	−		⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖

	TSS	COD	TOT. P	SOL. P	TKN	NO_{2+3}-N	TOT. CU	TOT. Pb	TOT. ZN
NY1 CARLL R.	+					⊖			
NY2 CEDAR				+		⊕		+	
NY3 CRANSTON	+	+	+		−			−	−
E. ROCH.	−	⊖	⊖		⊖			⊖	⊖
SOUTHGATE	+	−	+	−					−
TN1 CBO	⊖	−	⊖	⊖	⊖	−	⊖	⊖	⊖
R1	⊕	+	+	⊖	+	−	⊕	⊕	⊕
R2	+	−	−	−	⊖	−			−
SC	+		−	⊖	−	⊖		+	
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WI1 BURBANK		−	⊕						+
HASTINGS		⊖	−		+	+		⊖	−
LINCOLN		−	−			−		+	
POST D.	⊖	⊖	⊖		⊖	⊖		⊖	−
RUSTLER	⊖	⊖	−		⊖	⊖			−
STATE F.	⊖	⊖	⊖		−	⊖		−	+
WOOD C.					−	−			+

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+ INDICATES A POSITIVE R VALUE
− INDICATES A NEGATIVE R VALUE
◯ INDICATES A SIGNIFICANT R VALUE
BLANK INDICATES EITHER R LESS THAN 0.1 OR NO DATA

TABLE 6-15. CORRELATION COEFFICIENT VALUES BY SITE

	TSS	COD	TOT. P	SOL. P	TKN	NO_{2+3}-N	TOT. CU	TOT. Pb	TOT. ZN
CA1 KNOX				.43		.70			
S. VIEW.	.57				.49				
CO1 ASBURY	.58		.84				.58		
B. ORY C.					-.47				
CHERRY				.10					
N. AVE.		.58	.47	.42	.72	.52	.47	.42	.41
ROONEY		.78							.75
VILLA IT.		.70	.58	.67	.69	.44	.46	.55	.61
I16/C			.85						
OC1 OUFIEF		.76							
FAIRIDGE									
LAKERIDGE				.42		.28			.41
STEDWICK						.28			-.26
STRATTON					-.2				
WESTLEIGH		.32				.38	.94		.44
FL1 CHARTER/H		.82	.54	U	.68		.54	.67	.58
YOUNG				U					
NORMA P.				U					
IL1 JOHN N.		-.31	.39	U	-.29	U			U
JOHN S.		.36	.42	U		U			U
MATTIS N.		.84	.58	U	.48	U	.40	.46	U
MATTIS S.		.81	.56	U	.53	U	.34	.48	U
KS1 92nd				U		U			

	TSS	COD	TOT P.	SOL P	TKN	NO_{2+3}-N	TOT. CU	TOT. Pb	TOT. ZN
KS1 LENAXA		.70	.51	U		U	-.80		
METCALF		.40	-.40	U		U			
NOLAND		.77		.82	U	U			
OVERTON					U	U			.57
MA1 ANNA									
CONVENT									
JORDAN						.68			.74
LOCUST	.80		.91			-.82		.78	
RT. 9						-.87			
MA2 ADDISON	.83	U							
HEMLOCK	.85	U		.94					
MO1 BOLTON	.50			U			.47		
HAMPDEN			.42	U			.61		
HOMELAND				U					
MT. WASH.	.42			U					
RES. HILL		.79		U	.58		.55		
MI1 GRACE S.							.70		
GRACE N.									.80
GRAND									-.51
IND. DR.									
WAVERLY									
NC1 1013		.58	.49	U	.57	.67	.32	.29	.64
1023	.32			U					
NH1 PKG.		.58		U	.48	.46	.50	.41	.58

	TSS	COD	TOT. P	SOL. P	TKN	NO_{2+3}-N	TOT. CU	TOT. Pb	TOT. ZN
NY1 CARLL R.		U		U		.70	U		
NY2 CEDAR		U				.42	U		
NY3 CRANSTON				U		U	U		
E. ROCH.		.79	.84	U	.70	U	U	.72	.72
SOUTHGATE				U		U	U		
TN1 CBO	.48		.82	.47	.56		.51	.51	.85
R1	.82			.62			.72	.85	.82
R2					.81				
SC				.49		.85			
TX1 HART		.57		U			U		
R'WOOD.				U	.77		U		
WA1 LAKE H.		.33		U	.34			.29	.37
SURREY O.		.38	.30	U	.21		U	.18	.23
WI1 BURBANK			.26	U			U		
HASTINGS		.49		U			U	.32	
LINCOLN				U	U		U		U
POST O.	.39	.28	.24	U	.48	.53	U	.23	
RUSTLER	.37	.55		U	.39	.37	U		
STATE F.	.47	.48	.47	U		.72	U		
WOOD C.				U			U		

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◯ INDICATES 95% LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE, OTHERS ARE AT THE 90% LEVEL
U INDICATES AN UNMEASURED CONSTITUENT
BLANK INDICATES NO SIGNIFICANT CORRELATION

test is suspect since one or two events may dominate the correlation or otherwise cause it to be overstated due to uncertainties in parameter estimation. Second, only 25 percent of the sites account for over two-thirds of the significant correlations. In fact, 33 of the 67 sites had at most one significant correlation, 16 had 2 or 3, and 18 had 4 or more significant r values.

Data for the sites with many significant correlations are presented in Table 6-16. It can be noted that the r values for all constituents are around 0.55. Thus, there is no overall tendency to have strong correlations for some constituents and weak correlations for others. On a site by site basis, the strength of the apparent correlation varies inversely with n as does the significance requirement. Discounting the sites with very low or high values of n, however, the r values for the remainder are again around 0.55, which is the average for all 19 of these sites. Turning to land use, it is significant that half of the sites with many significant correlations have a large commercial/industrial component. Discounting sites with a small number of observations ($n \leq 12$), the sites in Table 6-16 are smaller (average size is 41 acres vs 126 acres for all sites), more impervious (average of 65 percent vs 40 percent for all sites), and have higher runoff coefficients (0.5 vs 0.3 for all sites). Thus, one could conjecture that their responses might tend to be somewhat less random and more ameanable to deterministic analysis (i.e., with conventional modeling approaches). Since they represent only around 25 percent of the total number of sites, however, and the correlations are rather weak, any effect of EMC correlation with runoff volume can be ignored without serious overall error.

This finding of no significant linear correlation between EMCs and runoff volumes is important for several reasons. First, in stormwater monitoring programs there is a natural and appropriate bias that favors emphasizing resource allocation to larger storm events. This was generally the case with the NURP projects as well. However, because of differences in local meteorological conditions, degree of site imperviousness, and other factors, there are appreciable differences in the average sizes of storms monitored by site in the NURP database. Since no significant linear correlation was found, such biases and differences are not expected to influence EMC comparisons to any appreciable extent.

Secondly, the probabilistic methodologies for examining receiving water impacts identified in Chapter 5 assume, as they are now structured, that concentration and runoff volume are independent (i.e., that there is no significant correlation). Although the methods can be modified to account for such correlations if they exist, the finding of no significant correlation indicates that such refinement is not warranted at this time.

Other Factors. We have not exhaustively analyzed all potential effects of other factors that might influence and hence modify our interpretations and conclusions regarding site differences. Factors such as slope, population density, soil type, seasonal bias in monitored events, and precipitation characteristics (average rainfall intensity, peak rainfall intensity, rainfall duration, time since last storm event, etc.) all have a potential

TABLE 6-16. SITES WITH MANY SIGNIFICANT CORRELATIONS

		TSS	COD	TOT. P	SOL. P	TKN	NO_{2+3}-N	Cu	Pb	Zn	AVG r^2	AVG r	$\tilde{n}$	LAND USE	% IMPERVIOUS	RUNOFF COEFFICIENT
CO1	NORTH AVE.	–	–.58	–.47	–.42	–.72	–.52	–.47	–.42	–.46	.28	52	32	30%C	50%	.239
	VILLA IT.	–	–.70	–.58	–.67	–.69	–.44	–.46	–.55	–.65	.35	.59	27	100%C	91%	.927
OC1	WESTLEIGH	–	–.32	–	–	–	–.39	–.84	–	–.44	.29	.54	35	93%R	21%	.119
FL1	CHARTER/H	–	–.62	–.54	U	–.68	–	–.54	–.67	–.56	.37	.60	12	89%R	16%	.153
IL1	MATTIS N.	–	–.64	–.59	U	–.48	U	–.40	–.46	U	.27	.52	35	50%C	58%	.639
	MATTIS S.	–	–.61	–.55	U	–.53	U	–.34	–.46	U	.26	.51	33	90%R	37%	.330
KS1	LENAXA	–	–.70	–.51	U	–	U	–.80	–	–	.46	.68	16	50%I	44%	.540
MA 1	LOCUST	.80	–	.91	–	–	–.82	–	.78	–	.69	.83	6	85%R	16%	.209
MO 1	RES. HILL	–	–.79	–	U	–.58	–	–.55	–	–	.42	.65	13	100%R	76%	.486
NC1	1013 (CBO)	–	–.58	–.46	U	–.57	–.67	–.32	–.29	–.54	.26	.51	61	100%C	69%	.791
NH1	PKG.	–	–.58	–	U	–.49	–.46	–.50	–.41	–.58	.26	.51	33	100%C	90%	.658
NY3	E. ROCHESTER	–	–.79	–.84	U	–.70	U	U	–.72	–.72	.57	.76	8	100%R	38%	.195
TN1	CBO	–.48	–	–.62	–.47	–.56	–	–.51	–.51	–.65	.30	.55	15	100%C	99%	.206
	R1	.82	–	–	–.62	–	–	.72	.85	.82	.57	.77	11	91%R	33%	.032
WA 1	LAKE H.	–	–.33	–	U	–.34	U	U	–.29	–.37	.11	.33	126	91%R	37%	.199
	SURREY O.	–	–.34	–.30	U	–.21	U	U	–.18	–.23	.07	.26	118	100%R	29%	.177
WI1	P.O.	–.39	–.28	–.24	U	–.46	–.53	U	–.23	–	.14	.37	40	100%C	95%	.899
	RUSTLER	–.37	–.55	–	U	–.39	–.37	U	–	–	.18	.43	20	100%C	95%	.793
	STATE FAIR	–.47	–.48	–.47	U	–	–.72	U	–	–	.30	.55	25	74%C	77%	.622
	AVERAGE r^2	.34	.33	.29	.31	.30	.30	.31	.28	.32						
	AVERAGE r	.58	.58	.53	.55	.55	.55	.56	.53	.57						

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influence on the median and variability of pollutant concentrations at a site.

On the basis of limited screening, however, we have concluded that such factors do not appear to have any real consistent significance in explaining observed similarities or differences among individual sites. Therefore, although more detailed and rigorous analysis and evaluation of the NURP database may well provide additional useful insight and understanding of the influence of such other factors, we do not believe that the basic findings and conclusions presented in this report will be significantly altered by the results of such efforts. Furthermore, the value of any such insights as may be developed are likely to have limited influence on general decisions on control of urban runoff. For example, the finding of a strong seasonal effect on EMC values would have little influence on a decision to require detention basins in all newly developing urban areas, nor would it be likely to influence their design.

Urban Runoff Characteristics

Having determined, as discussed in the preceding section, that geographic location, land use category, or other factors appear to be of little utility in explaining overall site-to-site variability or predicting the characteristics of unmonitored sites, the best general characterization of urban runoff can be obtained by pooling the site data for all sites (other than the open/non-urban ones). This approach is appropriate, given the need for a nationwide assessment and the general planning thrust of this report. Recognizing that there tend to be exceptions to any generalization, however realistic and appropriate, in the absence of better information the data given in Table 6-17 are recommended for planning level purposes as the best description of the characteristics of urban runoff.

TABLE 6-17. WATER QUALITY CHARACTERISTICS OF URBAN RUNOFF

Constituent	Event to Event Variability in EMC's (Coef Var)	Site Median EMC	
		For Median Urban Site	For 90th Percentile Urban Site
TSS (mg/l)	1-2	100	300
BOD (mg/l)	0.5-1.0	9	15
COD (mg/l)	0.5-1.0	65	140
Tot. P (mg/l)	0.5-1.0	0.33	0.70
Sol. P (mg/l)	0.5-1.0	0.12	0.21
TKN (mg/l)	0.5-1.0	1.50	3.30
NO_{2+3}-N (mg/l)	0.5-1.0	0.68	1.75
Tot. Cu (μg/l)	0.5-1.0	34	93
Tot. Pb (μg/l)	0.5-1.0	144	350
Tot. Zn (μg/l)	0.5-1.0	160	500

Coliform Bacteria

Coliform bacteria counts in urban runoff were monitored for a significant number of storm events by seven of the NURP projects at 17 different sites. Data were collected at twelve of these sites for more than five and up to 20 storm events. Data on either Fecal Coliform or both Fecal and Total Coliform counts are available for a total of 156 separate storm events. Although the data base for bacteria is thus considerably more restricted than for other pollutants, useful results have been obtained.

Table 6-18 summarizes the results of an analysis of these data. Some variability exists from site to site, and data are too limited to identify any land use distinctions. However, results from the different sites and projects are consistent in showing a very dramatic seasonal effect. Coliform counts in urban runoff during the warmer periods of the year are approximately 20 times greater than those in urban runoff that occurs during colder periods.

The substantial seasonal differences which are observed do not correspond with comparable variations in urban activities. This suggests that seasonal temperature effects and sources of coliform unrelated to those traditionally associated with human health risk may be significant.

In addition to the summarized data presented here, special study reports prepared by the Long Island and Baltimore projects address the issue of animal and other sources of coliform bacteria using information derived from field monitoring and the technical literature. The Baltimore NURP project also conducted small scale site studies which simulated washoff by storms and identified that quite substantial differences in coliform levels can result from the general cleanliness of an area, which they associate with the socio-economic strata of the neighborhood. A special study by the Long Island NURP project examined salmonella counts in urban runoff and in an adjacent shellfish area influenced by urban runoff. The Knoxville, TN project also conducted a special study on Salmonella. These project reports may be obtained through NTIS.

Other issues related to bacteria as a health risk were raised and warrant further investigation. A better understanding is needed of the contribution of domestic animals or such wildlife as may be expected in urban areas to observed coliform levels.

Though high levels of indicator microorganisms were found in urban runoff, the analysis as well as current literature suggests that indicators such as fecal coliform may not be useful in identifying health risks from urban runoff pollutions.

PRIORITY POLLUTANTS

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he NURP priority pollutant monitoring project was conducted to evaluate the resence, concentration, and potential water quality impacts of priority pollutants in urban runoff. A total of 121 urban runoff samples were collected

TABLE 6-18. FECAL COLIFORM CONCENTRATIONS IN URBAN RUNOFF

Project and Site		Warm Weather			Cold Weather		
		Site No. Obs	Median EMC (1000/ 100 ml)	C.V.	Site No. Obs	Median EMC (1000/ 100 ml)	C.V.
DC1	Burke	1	4.6	-	1	0.02	-
	Westleigh	1	46	-	2	0.35	-
	Stedwick	2	10	-	1	0.2	-
MD1	Homeland	7	11	1.8	-	-	-
	Mt Wash	1	130	-	1	3.3	-
	Res Hill	1	281	-	1	330	-
NC1	(CBD) 1013	11	15	1.6	8	1.0	0.6
	Res 1023	2	23	-	4	2.6	1.1
NH1	Pkg Lot	20	0.3	0.5	-	-	-
NY1	Carll	12	24	0.9	15	1.4	1.5
	Unqua	7	11	1.6	4	0.9	14
SD1	Meade	9	57	0.7	-	-	-
TN1	CBD	7	54	1.5	7	1.0	1.4
	R1	6	56	2.0	4	1.6	1.9
	R2	6	19	6.2	4	0.5	2.4
	SC	7	12	2.8	4	0.9	1.7
		76 Events			52 Events		
All Sites*		11	21	0.8	9	1	0.7

Notes:

* For general characterization of urban runoff, exclude the following sites:

- NH1 - A small (0.9A) Parking Lot; concentrations low and atypical.

- Four sites with only one observation for season; variability is too high for any confidence in representativeness of a single value.

at 61 sites (two storm events per site) in 20 of the NURP projects that participated in this phase of the program. These sites were predominantly in the residential, mixed, or commercial land use areas as defined earlier. Thus, the results of this effort cannot be attributed to runoff from industrial facilities or complexes. Furthermore, an especially exhaustive quality control component, over and above the standard NURP QA/QC effort, was imposed on the priority pollutant portion of the program, resulting in the rejection of nearly 14 percent of the data. Therefore, there is a high level of confidence in the results of this project.

Since only two samples were collected at each site, no meaningful site statistic could be calculated. Therefore the data were pooled for analysis. In view of the discussion in the preceding section, however, this approach seems to be justified.

A detailed compilation of NURP priority pollutant analytical results including city and site where the sample was collected, date of collection; discrete or composite sample, pH, and pollutant concentration can be found in the final report on the NURP Priority Pollutant Monitoring Program soon to be issued by the Monitoring and Data Support Division of the agency. A summary of the findings taken from the December 5, 1983 draft of that report follows.

Pollutants Not Included in NURP. Asbestos and dioxin were excluded from the NURP program. However, standard laboratory methods will reveal the presence of dioxin at concentrations of 1 to 10 μg/l, and most laboratories did scan their chromatograms for the possible presence of this pollutant. All such scans were negative, and on this basis dioxin is included as "not detected".

Results Not Valid. The NURP results for seven priority pollutants cannot be considered valid. Recent EPA investigation has revealed that standard methods are not appropriate for the measurement of hexachlorocyclopentadiene, dimethyl nitrosamine, diphenyl nitrosamine, benzidine, and 1,2-diphenylhydrazine. Two other pollutants, acrolein and acrylonitrile, must be analyzed within three days of sample collection. Such a time constraint was an impractical one for the NURP program.

Pollutants Detected in Runoff

Seventy-seven priority pollutants were detected in the NURP urban runoff samples. This group includes 14 inorganic and 63 organic pollutants (Table 6-19).

Inorganic Pollutants. As a group, the toxic metals are by far the most prevalent priority pollutant constituents of urban runoff. All 14 inorganics (13 metals, plus cyanides; asbestos excluded) were detected, and all but three at frequencies of detection greater than 10 percent. Most often detected among the metals were copper, lead, and zinc, all of which were found in at least 91 percent of the samples. Their concentrations were also among the highest for any pollutant, and reached a maximum of 100, 460, and 2,400 μg/l, respectively. Other frequently detected inorganics included arsenic, chromium, cadmium, nickel, and cyanide (Table 6-20). Twelve of the thirteen toxic metals (antimony excluded) were also sampled in the special

TABLE 6-19. SUMMARY OF ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY FINDINGS FROM NURP PRIORITY POLLUTANT SAMPLES[1]

(Includes information received through September 30, 1983)

Pollutant	Cities Where Detected[2]	Frequency of Detection[3]	Range of Detected Concentrations (µg/ℓ)[4]
I. PESTICIDES			
1. Acrolein	Holding times exceeded		
2. Aldrin	4,7,26	6	0.002T-0.1M
3. α-Hexachlorocyclohexane (α-BHC) (Alpha)	7,8,22,26	20	0.002T-0.1M
4. β-Hexachlorocyclohexane (β-BHC) (Beta)	7,8	5	0.018-0.1M
5. γ-Hexachlorocyclohexane (γ-BHC) (Gamma) (Lindane)	7,8,22,26	15	0.007-0.1M
6. δ-Hexachlorocyclohexane (δ-BHC) (Delta)	7,26	6	0.004-0.1M
7. Chlordane	2,8,21,26	17	0.01L-10
8. DDD	Not detected		
9. DDE	26	6	0.007-0.02T
10. DDT	7	1	0.1M
11. Dieldrin	26,27	6	0.007-0.1
12. α-Endosulfan (Alpha)	7,26,27	19	0.008-0.2
13. β-Endosulfan (Beta)	Not detected		
14. Endosulfan sulfate	Not detected		
15. Endrin	Not detected		
16. Endrin aldehyde	Not detected		
17. Heptachlor	7,8,27	6	0.01-0.1M
18. Heptachlor epoxide	7,26	2	0.003T-0.1M
19. Isophorone	7	3	10M
20. TCDD (2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin)	Not included in NURP program		
21. Toxaphene	Not detected		
II. METALS AND INORGANICS			
22. Antimony	7,24,26	13	2.6-23A
23. Arsenic	2,3,7,12,19,20,21,22,26,27	52	1-50.5
24. Asbestos	Not included in NURP program		
25. Beryllium	7,12,20,21	12	1-49
26. Cadmium	1,2,3,7,12,20,21,27	48	0.1M-14
27. Chromium	1,2,7,8,12,17,19,20,21,22,26, 27,28	58	1-190
28. Copper	1,2,3,4,7,8,12,17,19,20,21,22, 23,26,27,28	91	1L-100
29. Cyanides	4,8,19,22,26,27	22	2-300
30. Lead	1,2,3,4,7,8,12,17,19,20,21,22, 26,28	94	6-460
31. Mercury	7,20,28	9	0.6-1.2
32. Nickel	2,3,7,12,20,21,26,27	43	1-182
33. Selenium	7,19,23	11	2-77
34. Silver	3,17,27	7	0.2M-0.8
35. Thallium	7	6	1-14
36. Zinc	1,2,3,7,12,17,19,20,21,22, 23,27,28	94	10-2400
III. PCBs AND RELATED COMPOUNDS			
37. PCB-1016 (Aroclor 1016)	Not detected		
38. PCB-1221 (Aroclor 1221)	Not detected		
39. PCB-1232 (Aroclor 1232)	Not detected		
40. PCB-1242 (Aroclor 1242)	Not detected		
41. PCB-1248 (Aroclor 1248)	Not detected		
42. PCB-1254 (Aroclor 1254)	Not detected		
43. PCB-1260 (Aroclor 1260)	2	1	0.03
44. 2-Chloronaphthalene	Not detected		

TABLE 6-19. SUMMARY OF ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY FINDINGS FROM NURP PRIORITY POLLUTANT SAMPLES[1] (Cont'd)

(Includes information received through September 30, 1983)

Pollutant	Cities Where Detected	Frequency of Determination	Range of Detected Concentrations (ug/L)[2]
IV. HALOGENATED ALIPHATICS			
45. Methane, bromo- (methyl bromide)	Not detected		
46. Methane, chloro- (methyl chloride)	Not detected		
47. Methane, dichloro- (methylene chloride)	4,17,22	11	5-14.4A
48. Methane, chlorodibromo-	28	1	2
49. Methane, dichlorobromo-	28	1	2
50. Methane, tribromo - (bromoform)	28	1	1
51. Methane, trichloro- (chloroform)	4,17,20,22,23,27,28	9	0.2T-12E
52. Methane, tetrachloro- (carbon tetrachloride)	4,28	3	1-2
53. Methane, trichlorofluoro-[4]	2,4,24,28	5	0.61-27
54. Methane, dichlorodifluoro- (Freon-12)[5]	Not detected		
55. Ethane, chloro-	Not detected		
56. Ethane, 1,1-dichloro-	4,28	4	1.5A-3
57. Ethane, 1,2-dichloro-	28	1	4
58. Ethane, 1,1,1-trichloro-	4,2,7,22,24	6	1.6-10M
59. Ethane, 1,1,2-trichloro-	28	2	2-3
60. Ethane, 1,1,2,2-tetrachloro-	4	2	2U-3
61. Ethane, hexachloro-	Not detected		
62. Ethene, chloro- (vinyl chloride)	Not detected		
63. Ethene, 1,1-dichloro-	28	2	1.5-4
64. Ethene, 1,2-trans-dichloro-	20,28	4	1-3
65. Ethene, trichloro-	2,4,8,24,28	6	0.3T-12
66. Ethene, tetrachloro-	8,17,22,28	5	1M-43
67. Propane, 1,2-dichloro-	28	1	3
68. Propene, 1,3-dichloro-	28	2	1-2
69. Butadiene, hexachloro-	Not detected		
70. Cyclopentadiene, hexachloro-	Standard methods inappropriate		
V. ETHERS			
71. Ether, bis(chloromethyl)[3]	Not detected		
72. Ether, bis(2-chloroethyl)	Not detected		
73. Ether, bis(2-chloroisopropyl)	Not detected		
74. Ether, 2-chloroethyl vinyl	Not detected		
75. Ether, 4-bromophenyl phenyl	Not detected		
76. Ether, 4-chlorophenyl phenyl	Not detected		
77. Bis(2-chloroethoxy) methane	Not detected		
VI. MONOCYCLIC AROMATICS (EXCLUDING PHENOLS, CRESOLS, PHTHALATES)			
78. Benzene	4,17,27	5	1-13
79. Benzene, chloro-	7,20,26,28	5	10-10M
80. Benzene, 1,2-dichloro-	Not detected		
81. Benzene, 1,3-dichloro-	Not detected		
82. Benzene, 1,4-dichloro-	Not detected		
83. Benzene, 1,2,4-trichloro-	Not detected		
84. Benzene, hexachloro-	Not detected		
85. Benzene, ethyl-	4,8,17,20,26,28	6	1-7
86. Benzene, nitro-	Not detected		
87. Toluene	4,17	2	2-9
88. Toluene, 2,4-dinitro-	Not detected		
89. Toluene, 2,6-dinitro	Not detected		

TABLE 6-19. SUMMARY OF ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY FINDINGS FROM NURP PRIORITY POLLUTANT SAMPLES[1] (Cont'd)

(Includes information received through September 30, 1983)

Pollutant	Cities Where Detected[4]	Frequency of Detection[3]	Range of Detected Concentrations (µg/l)[5]
VII. PHENOLS AND CRESOLS			
90. Phenol	4,7,26	14	11-15T
91. Phenol, 2-chloro-	28	1	2
92. Phenol, 2,4-dichloro-	Not detected		
93. Phenol, 2,4,6-trichloro-	Not detected		
94. Phenol, pentachloro-	4,8,19,20,26,27,28	19	1T-115
95. Phenol, 2-nitro-	8	1	1M
96. Phenol, 4-nitro-	4,7,8,20,26,28	16	1T-37
97. Phenol, 2,4-dinitro-	Not detected		
98. Phenol, 2,4-dimethyl-	4,7,8,26	8	1T-10M
99. m-Cresol, p-chloro-	4	1	1.5A
100. o-Cresol 4,6-dinitro-	Not detected		
VIII. PHTHALATE ESTERS			
101. Phthalate, dimethyl	8	1	1L
102. Phthalate, diethyl	3,4,17,20,21	6	1-10M
103. Phthalate, di-n-butyl	4,22,24	6	0.5T-11
104. Phthalate, di-n-octyl	8,20,26,27,28	6	0.4T-26
105. Phthalate, bis(2-ethylhexyl)	4,12,14,22,21,26	22	47-62
106. Phthalate, butyl benzyl	2,8,26	6	1-10M
IX. POLYCYCLIC AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS			
107. Acenaphthene	Not detected		
108. Acenaphthylene	Not detected		
109. Anthracene	2,17,20,21,26,28	7	1-10M
110. Benzo (a) anthracene	2,21,27	4	1-10M
111. Benzo (b) fluoranthene	26,27	5	1-5
112. Benzo (k) fluoranthene	2,21,27	3	4-14
113. Benzo (g,h,i) perylene	21	1	5
114. Benzo (a) pyrene	2,21,26,27	6	1-10M
115. Chrysene	2,7,17,21,26,27	10	0.6T-10M
116. Dibenzo (a,h) anthracene	21	1	1T
117. Fluoranthene	2,8,12,17,21,26,27,28	16	0.3T-21
118. Fluorene	28	1	1
119. Indeno (1,2,3-c,d) pyrene	21	1	4
120. Naphthalene	4,24,26,28	9	0.8T-2.3
121. Phenanthrene	2,2,17,20,21,26,27,28	12	0.3T-10M
122. Pyrene	2,3,8,12,17,21,26,27,28	15	0.3T-16

TABLE 6-19. SUMMARY OF ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY FINDINGS FROM NURP PRIORITY POLLUTANT SAMPLES[1] (Cont'd)

(Includes information received through September 30, 1983)

Pollutant	Cities Where Detected[2]	Frequency of Detection[3]	Range of Detected Concentrations (µg/ℓ)[4]
X. NITROSAMINES AND OTHER NITROGEN-CONTAINING COMPOUNDS			
123. Nitrosamine, dimethyl (DMN)	Standard methods inappropriate		
124. Nitrosamine, diphenyl	Standard methods inappropriate		
125. Nitrosamine, di-n-propyl	Not detected		
126. Benzidine	Standard methods inappropriate		
127. Benzidine, 3,3'-dichloro-	Nnt detected		
128. Wydrazine, 1,2-diphenyl-	Standard methods inappropriate		
129. Acrylonitrile	Holding times exceeded		

1 Based on 121 sample results received as of 9/30/83, adjusted for quality control review.

2 Cities from which data are available:

1. Durham, NH
2. Lake Duinsigamond, MA
3. Mystic River, MA
4. Long Island, NY
7. Washington, DC
8. Baltimore, MD
12. Knoxville, TN
17. Glen Ellyn, IL
19. Austin, TX
20. Little Rock, AR
21. Kansas City, KS
22. Denver, CO
23. Salt Lake City, UT
24. Rapid City, SD
26. Fresno, CA
27. Bellevue, WA
28. Eugene, OR

Numbering of cities conforms to NURP convention.

3 Percentages rounded to nearest whole number.

4 Some reported concentrations are qualified by STORET quality control remark codes, to wit: A = Value reported is the mean of two or more determinations; G = Value reported is the maximum of two or more determinations; I = Actual value is known to be greater than value given; M = Presence of material verified but not quantified; T = Value reported is less than criteria of detection. One value in this column indicates one positive observation or that all observations were equal.

5 No longer included as a priority pollutant.

TABLE 6-20. MOST FREQUENTLY DETECTED PRIORITY POLLUTANTS IN NURP URBAN RUNOFF SAMPLES[1]

Priority Pollutants Detected in 75 Percent or More of the NURP Samples

Inorganics	Organics
30. Lead (94%)	None
36. Zinc (94%)	
28. Copper (91%)	

Priority Pollutants Detected in 50 percent to 74 percent of the NURP Samples

Inorganics	Organics
27. Chrominum (58%)	None
23. Arsenic (52%)	

Priority Pollutants Detected in 20 percent to 49 percent of the NURP Samples

Inorganics	Organics
26. Cadmium (48%)	105. Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (22%)
32. Nickel (43%)	3. α-Hexachlorocyclohexane (20%)
29. Cyanides (23%)	

Priority Pollutants Detected in 10 percent to 19 percent of the NURP Samples

Inorganics	Organics
22. Antimony (13%)	12. α-Endosulfan (19%)
25. Beryllium (12%)	94. Pentachlorophenol (19%)
33. Selenium (11%)	7. Chlordane (17%)
	5. γ-Hexachlorocyclohexane (Lindane) (15%)
	122. Pyrene (15%)
	90. Phenol (14%)
	121. Phenanthrene (12%)
	47. Dichloromethane (methylene chloride) (11%)
	96. 4-Nitrophenol (10%)
	115. Chrysene (10%)
	117. Fluoranthene (16%)

[1] Based on 121 sample results received as of September 30, 1983, adjusted for quality control review. Does not include special metals samples.

metals project in order to determine the relationships among dissolved, total, and total recoverable concentrations. The discussion and result of this separate effort are in a subsequent section of this chapter.

A comparison of individual urban runoff sample concentrations undiluted by stream flow (i.e., end of pipe concentrations) with EPA water quality criteria and drinking water standards reveals numerous exceedances of these levels, as shown in Table 6-21. Freshwater acute criteria were exceeded by copper concentrations in 47 percent of the samples and by lead in 23 percent. Freshwater chronic exceedances were common for lead (94 percent), copper (82 percent), zinc (77 percent), and cadmium (48 percent). One organ oleptic (taste and odor) criteria exceedance was observed. Regarding human toxicity, the most significant pollutant was lead. Lead concentrations violated drinking water criteria in 73 percent of the observations.

Whenever an exceedance is noted above, it does not necessarily imply that an actual violation of criteria did or will take place in receiving waters. Rather, the enumeration of exceedances is used as a screening procedure to make a preliminary identification of those pollutants for which their presence in urban runoff requires highest priority for further evaluation. Exceedances of freshwater chronic criteria levels may not persist for a full 24-hour period, for example. However, many small urban streams probably carry only slightly diluted runoff following storms, and acute criteria or other exceedances may in fact be real in such circumstances.

Among the inorganics, the most frequently detected pollutants are also those which are found at the highest concentrations, which most frequently exceed water quality criteria and which are the most geographically well-distributed. One additional observation can be made concerning the samples from Washington, D.C. These samples accounted for a preponderance of the detections of many of the less frequently detected inorganics, including antimony, beryllium, mercury, nickel, selenium, and thallium. No sampling or analytical irregularities have been identified which explain this result.

Organic Pollutants. In general, the organic pollutants were detected less frequently and at lower concentrations than the inorganic pollutants. Sixty-three of a possible 106 organics were detected. The most commonly found organic was the plasticizer bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (22 percent) followed by the pesticide α-hexachlorocyclohexane (α-BHC) (20 percent). An additional 11 organic pollutants were reported with detection frequencies between 10 and 20 percent; 3 pesticides, 3 phenols, 4 polycyclic aromatics, and a single haloginated aliphatic (Table 6-20).

Criteria exceedances were less frequently observed among the organics than the inorganics. One unusually high pentachlorophenol concentration of 115 μg/l resulted in the only exceedance of the organoleptic criteria (Table 6-21). This observation and one for the chlordane exceeded the freshwater acute criteria. Freshwater chronic criteria exceedances were observed for pentochlorophenol, bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate, γ-hexachlorocyclohexane (Lindane), α-endosulfan, and chlordane. All other organic exceedances were in the human carcinogen category and were most serious for α-hexachlorocyclohexane (α-BHC), γ-hexachlorocyclohexane (γ-BHC or Lindane), chlordane, phenanthrene, pyrene, and chrysene.

TABLE 6-21. SUMMARY OF WATER QUALITY CRITERIA EXCEEDANCES FOR POLLUTANTS DETECTED IN AT LEAST 10 PERCENT OF NURP SAMPLES: PERCENTAGE OF SAMPLES IN WHICH POLLUTANT CONCENTRATIONS EXCEED CRITERIA[1]

Pollutant	Frequency of Detection (%)	Detections/ Samples[2]	Criteria Exceedances [3,4]						
			None	FA	FC	OL	HH	HF[5]	DW
I. PESTICIDES									
3. α-Hexachlorocyclohexane	20	21/106						8,18,20	
5. γ-Hexachlorocyclohexane (lindane)	15	15/100			8			0,16,15	
7. Chlordane	17	7/42		2	17			17,17,17	
12. α-Endosulfan	19	9/49			19				
II. METALS AND INORGANICS									
22. Antimony	13	14/106	X						
23. Arsenic	52	45/87						52,52,52	1
25. Beryllium	12	11/94			6*			12,12,12	
26. Cadmium[5]	48	44/91		8	48		1		1
27. Chromium[5,6]	58	47/81			1*				1
28. Copper[5]	91	79/87		47	82				
29. Cyanides	23	16/71		3	22		4		
30. Lead[5]	94	75/80		23	94		23		73
32. Nickel[5]	43	39/91			5		21		
33. Selenium	11	10/88			5		10		10
36. Zinc[5]	94	88/94		14	77				
IV. HALOGENATED ALIPHATICS									
47. Methane, dichloro-	11	3/28						0,0,71	
VII. PHENOLS AND CRESOLS									
90. Phenol	14	13/91	X						
94. Phenol, pentachloro-	19	21/111		1*	11*	1			
96. Phenol, 4-nitro-	10	11/107	X						
VIII. PHTHALATE ESTERS									
105. Phthalate, bis(2-ethylhexyl)	22	15/69			22*				
IX. POLYCYCLIC AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS									
115. Chrysene	10	11/109						10,10,10	
117. Fluoranthene	16	17/109	X						
121. Phenanthrene	12	13/110						12,12,12	
122. Pyrene	15	16/110						15,15,15	

* Indicates FTA or FTC value substituted where FA or FC criterion not available (see below).

1 Based on 121 sample results received as of September 30, 1983, adjusted for quality control review.

2 Number of times detected/number of acceptable samples.

3 FA = Freshwater ambient 24-hour instantaneous maximum criterion ("acute" criterion).
FC = Freshwater ambient 24-hour average criterion ("chronic" criterion).
FTA = Lowest reported freshwater acute toxic concentration. (Used only when FA is not available.)
FTC = Lowest reported freshwater chronic toxic concentration. (Used only when FC is not available.)
OL = Taste and odor (organoleptic) criterion.
HH = Non-Carcinogenic human health criterion for ingestion of contaminated water and organisms.
HF = Protection of human health from carcinogenic effects for ingestion of contaminated water and organisms.
DW = Primary drinking water criterion.

4 Entries in this column indicate exceedances of the human carcinogen value at the 10^{-5}, 10^{-6}, and 10^{-7} risk level, respectively. The numbers are cumulative, i.e., all 10^{-5} exceedances are included in 10^{-6} exceedances, and all 10^{-6} exceedances are included in 10^{-7} exceedances.

5 Where hardness dependent, hardness of 100 mg/l $CaCO_3$ equivalent assumed.

6 Different criteria are written for the trivalent and hexavalent forms of chromium. For purposes of this analysis, all chromium is assumed to be in the less toxic trivalent form.

An additional 50 organic pollutants were found in one to nine percent of the samples. These frequencies of detection are low, and the pollutant is noted in Table 6-22.

Among the PCB group, there was only a single detection of one PCB type among all the samples. Approximately two-thirds of the halogenated aliphatic compounds were detected. Among those cities reporting these compounds, the city of Eugene, Oregon, figured prominently. For example, eight pollutants from this group were found in Eugene only. None of the pollutants in the ethers group were detected.

Monocyclic aromatics were rarely detected in the samples. However, many reported detections of benzene and toluene, two commonly reported pollutants, had to be withdrawn due to contamination problems.

Of the 11 phenolics, four have not been reported in urban runoff, while three have been observed only once. The remaining four have been found fairly frequently but at low concentrations. Exceedances of criteria were noted only for pentachlorophenol.

All the phthalate esters were detected at least once in the NURP program, with bis (2-ethylhexyl) found most frequently. Several times the reported concentration exceeded the lowest observed freshwater acute toxic concentration for this pollutant. Given the significant blank contamination problems with the phthalates, however, these findings must be interpreted with caution.

Only two of the polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons were not detected in at least one sample. Crysene, phenanthrene, pyrene, and fluoranthene were each found at least 10 percent of the time. All the observed concentrations for the first three of these pollutants exceeded the criteria for the protection of human health from carcinogenic effects (there are no such criteria for fluoranthene). Results for the polycyclic aromatics were generally free from quality control problems.

There were no detections of nitrosamines or other nitrogen-containing compounds. Due to methodological and holding time problems, however, results for only two compounds can be used. Moreover, for one of these compounds, 3,3-dichlorobenzidine, performance evaluation results were unacceptable in several cases.

Pollutants Not Detected In Urban Runoff

Some 43 priority pollutants were not detected in any acceptable runoff samples (Table 6-22). All of these pollutants are organics. This group of substances should be considered to pose a minimal threat to the quality of surface waters from runoff contamination.

While the priority pollutants which were not detected are of less immediate concern than those pollutants found often, they cannot safely be eliminated from all future consideration. Many of these pollutants have associated water quality criteria which are below the limits of detection of routine

TABLE 6-22. INFREQUENTLY DETECTED ORGANIC PRIORITY POLLUTANTS IN NURP URBAN RUNOFF SAMPLES[1]

Priority Pollutants Detected in 1 percent to 9 percent of the NURP Samples

51. Trichloromethane (9%)
120. Naphthalene (9%)
98. 2,4-Dimethyl phenol (8%)
109. Anthracene (7%)
2. Aldrin (6%)
6. δ-Hexachlorocyclohexane (6%)
9. DDE (6%)
11. Dieldrin (6%)
17. Heptachlor (6%)
58. 1,1,1-Trichloroethane (6%)
65. Trichloroethene (6%)
85. Ethylbenzene (6%)
102. Diethyl phthalate (6%)
103. Di-n-butyl phthalate (6%)
104. Di-n-octyl phthalate (6%)
106. Butyl benzyl phthalate (6%)*
114. Benzo(a)pyrene (6%)
4. β-Hexachlorocyclohexane (5%)
53. Trichlorofluoromethane (5%)[2]
66. Tetrachloroethene (5%)
78. Benzene (5%)
79. Chlorobenzene (5%)
111. Benzo(b)fluoranthene (5%)*
64. 1,2-trans-dichloroethene (4%)
110. Benzo(a)anthracene (4%)
19. Isophorone (3%)
52. Tetrachloromethane (carbon tetrachloride) (3%)
56. 1,1-Dichloroethane (3%)
87. Toluene (3%)
112. Benzo(k)fluoranthene (3%)
18. Heptachlor epoxide (2%)*
59. 1,1,2-Trichloroethane (2%)*
60. 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane (2%)*
63. 1,1-Dichloroethene (2%)
68. 1,3-Dichloropropene (2%)*
113. Benzo(g,h,i)perylene (2%)
10. DDT (1%)*
43. PCB-1260 (1%)*
48. Chlorodibromomethane (1%)*
49. Dichlorobromomethane (1%)*
50. Tribromomethane (bromoform) (1%)*
57. 1,2-Dichloroethane (1%)*
67. 1,2-Dichloropropane (1%)*
91. 2-Chlorophenol (1%)*
95. 2-Nitrophenol (1%)*
99. p-Chloro-m-creosol (1%)*
101. Dimethyl phthalate (1%)*
116. Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene (1%)*
118. Fluorene (1%)*
119. Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene (1%)*

TABLE 6-22. INFREQUENTLY DETECTED ORGANIC PRIORITY POLLUTANTS IN NURP URBAN RUNOFF SAMPLES[1] (Cont'd)

Priority Pollutants Not Detected in NURP Samples

8. DDD
13. β-Endosulfan
14. Endosulfan sulfate
15. Endrin
16. Endrin aldehyde
21. Toxaphene
37. PCB-1016
38. PCB-1221
39. PCP-1232
40. PCB-1242
41. PCB-1248
42. PCB-1254
44. 2-Chloronaphthalene
45. Bromomethane (methyl bromide)
46. Chloromethane (methyl chloride)
54. Dichlorodifluoromethane (Freon-12)[2]
55. Chloroethane
61. Hexachloroethane
62. Chloroethene (vinyl chloride)
69. Hexachlorobutadiene
71. Bis(chloromethyl) ether[2]
72. Bis(chloroethyl) ether
73. Bis(chloroisopropyl) ether
74. 2-Chloroethyl vinyl ether
75. 4-Bromophenyl phenyl ether
76. 4-Chlorophenyl phenyl ether
77. Bis(2-chloroethoxy) methane
80. 1,2-Dichlorobenzene
81. 1,3-Dichlorobenzene
82. 1,4-Dichlorobenzene
83. 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene
84. Hexachlorobenzene
86. Nitrobenzene
88. 2,4-Dinitrotoluene
89. 2,6-Dinitrotoluene
92. 2,4-Dichlorophenol
93. 2,4,6-Trichlorophenol
97. 2,4-Dinitrophenol
100. 4,6-Dinitro-o-cresol
107. Acenaphthene
108. Acenaphthylene
125. Di-n-propyl nitrosamine
127. 3,3'-Dichlorobenzidine

TABLE 6-22. INFREQUENTLY DETECTED ORGANIC PRIORITY POLLUTANTS IN NURP URBAN RUNOFF SAMPLES[1] (Cont'd)

Priority Pollutants Not Analyzed for or Withdrawn for Methodological Reasons or Holding Time Violations

1. Acrolein
20. TCDD (Dioxin)
24. Asbestos
70. Hexachlorocyclopentadiene
123. Dimethyl nitrosamine (DMN)
124. Diphenyl nitrosamine
126. Benzidine
128. 1,2-Diphenyl hydrazine
129. Acrylonitrile

* Detected in only one or two samples.

[1] Based on 121 sample results received as of September 30, 1983, adjusted for quality control review.

[2] No longer on the priority pollutant list.

analytical methods. Some of these substances may in fact have been present in the NURP samples. Four priority pollutants not detected in runoff were found in street dust sweepings from Bellevue, Washington, suggesting that further urban runoff samplings can be expected to detect more priority pollutants. More sensitive analytical methodologies must be used and dilution effects considered before it can be said with assurance that these pollutants are not found in urban stormwater runoff at levels which, without dilution, pose a threat to human health or aquatic life.

DDD, chloromethane, 1,2-dichlorobenzene, and 2,4-dichlorophenol were detected in runoff samples at least once, but these observations had to be withdrawn for quality control reasons. Therefore, among the not detected pollutants, these four can be considered to have a slightly elevated possibility of actually being present in the runoff samples.

RUNOFF-RAINFALL RELATIONSHIPS

A runoff coefficient (Rv), defined as the ratio of runoff volume to rainfall volume, has been determined for each of the monitored storm events. As with the EMCs, the runoff coefficient values at a particular site are, with relatively few exceptions, well characterized by a lognormal distribution. Table 6-23 summarizes the statistical properties of Rv's at the loading sites in the data base.

Figure 6-19 illustrates the relationship between percent impervious area and the median runoff coefficient for the site. Sites which monitored fewer than 5 storms are excluded. The upper plot (a) groups the results from 16 of the

TABLE 6-23. RUNOFF COEFFICIENTS FOR LAND USE SITES

Residential

	Site	Land Use	No. of Events	Drainage Area (Acs)	Population Density (Pers/Acre)	Impervious	Runoff Coef (Rv) Median	Coef Var
1	CA1 Big Bear	100	18	33	19	37	.37	.37
2	CA1 Cherry	100	15	65	24	36	.35	.65
3	IL1 Glendale	100	30	102	34	30	.15	.4
4	CO1 Dallas	100	63	17	9	19	.26	.47
5	MI1 Lakeridge	100	48	86	3	27	.13	.13
6	MI1 Stratton	100	31	2	7	37	.37	.37
7	MI1 Lake Ann	100	17	5	-	-	.45	.45
8	MI1 John N	100	43	63	14	19	.13	.37
9	MI1 Overlook	100	21	58	9	18	.18	.11
10	MA2 Sheldon	100	6	50	5	26	.15	.16
11	MO1 Bolton Hill	100	19	14	30	11	.44	.37
12	NC1 Hometown	100	15	20	9	29	.36	.29
13	NC1 Mt Wash	100	20	17	12	29	.14	1.29
14	NH1 Pea Hill	100	11	16	55	26	.41	.54
15	NJ1 Carll's M.	100	26	73	13	20	.21	.51
16	NJ1 Cranston	100	11	166	5	27	.18	.15
17	NJ1 Eastgate	100	9	146	18	38	.30	.43
18	NY1 Bellingwood	100	9	60	3	27	.02	.29
19	WA1 Surrey	100	119	95	9	29	14	.56
20	WI1 Bulbank	100	44	13	15	50	.17	.37
21	WI1 Washings	100	33	33	17	51	.27	.37
22	IL1 Park	96	24	176	4	40	.39	.36
23	WI1 Lincoln	97	39	37	18	57	.21	.52
24	TN1 [illegible]	96	21	89	4	13	.01	.67
25	OH1 Westlinks	93	14	41	3	21	.17	1.15
26	KS1 [illegible]	92	14	61	-	33	.25	1.09
27	IL1 John C.	91	29	39	13	13	.17	.54
28	TN1 P1	91	9	69	11	52	.01	.38
29	WA1 Lake Hills	91	1,1	102	12	17	.20	.41
30	FL1 Martin S	90	20	25	22	17	.13	.16
31	FL1 Charter M.	89	11	42	-	38	.25	4.55
32	GL1 Lakeshore	88	44	13	-	34	.35	1.27
33	CO1 Ashley	86	16	127	9	7	.19	.32
34	IL1 Cong Toilets	86	29	574	8	51	.17	.48
35	MO1 Locust	85	6	168	11	15	.31	.23
36	NC1 #1022	84	63	364	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	.67
37	MA1 Jordan	79	9	1111	10	71	[illegible]	.165
38	OC1 Sledwick	75	45	[illegible]	15	14	.20	1.07

Mixed

	Site	Land Use	No. of Events	Drainage Area (Acs)	Population Density (Pers/Acre)	Impervious	Runoff Coef (Rv) Median	Coef Var
1	AS1 Midfield	-	15	38	3	65	.09	1.00
2	IA1 Demoiner	-	22	7	40	77	.29	.51
3	IL1 Matrix S	-	26	17	7	56	.64	.57
4	MI1 Waverly	-	25	32	11	68	.16	.25
5	TN1 [illegible]	-	12	157	3	43	.14	.46
6	WI1 [illegible]	-	44	45	16	51	.26	.42
7	MA1 [illegible]	-	[illegible]	355	[illegible]	11	.20	.99
8	MA1 Concord	-	6	100	1	37	.50	.36
9	MI1 Grand W Dr	-	22	453	5	36	.21	.50
10	IL1 Village	-	15	194	-	-	.41	1.12
11	MI1 Pitt 6A-5	-	6	2001	-	11	.29	.41
12	NH1 Lenox	-	12	76	-	5	.06	1.05
13	IL1 Jesuit	-	15	30	-	12	.32	1.03
14	MA1 Anna	-	5	601	9	12	.17	1.68
15	MI1 IL1 6A-8	-	6	1671	7	26	.10	.41
16	MI1 Grove h	-	22	104	5	25	.11	.41
17	IL1 Swift Tur	-	5	1107	1	4	.21	.18
18	SD1 Meade	-	18	2000	-	-	.10	.57
19	CA1 Koby	-	42	1690	12	-	.26	.71
20	CO1 North Ave	-	33	19	1	50	.24	.59

Commercial

	Site	Land Use	No. of Events	Drainage Area (Acs)	Population Density (Pers/Acre)	Impervious	Runoff Coef (Rv) Median	Coef Var
1	IN1 Little Italy	100	23	14	0	91	.93	.45
2	NC1 1012 (CBD)	100	112	23	0	69	.79	.49
3	NJ1 Southgate	100	13	179	2	21	.30	.28
4	WI1 Lake Office	100	50	12	0	100	.90	.19
5	WI1 Rustler	100	39	13	0	100	.79	.19
6	NH1 Dag Inn	100	14	1	1	90	.60	.50
7	TN1 CBD	100	14	31	0	99	.37	.41
8	IL1 CC Mall 1*	96	23	60	-	47	.46	.55
9	CL1 Normal Park	91	17	47	-	64	.48	.86
10	WI1 State Fair	73	21	29	10	77	.62	.20

Industrial

	Site	Land Use	No. of Events	Drainage Area (Acs)	Population Density (Pers/Acre)	Impervious	Runoff Coef (Rv) Median	Coef Var
1	MO1 Anheuser	100	6	38	0	69	.50	.53
2	NJ1 Indus Drive	100	18	61	1	62	.16	.71
3	AZ1 Cenex	50	15	32	-	44	.54	.37
4	MI1 Grace I	50	20	5	5	39	.12	.41

Parks, Open and Mountain

	Site	Land Use	No. of Events	Drainage Area (Acs)	Population Density (Pers/Acre)	Impervious	Runoff Coef (Rv) Median	Coef Var
	CA1 Sweetwater	100	[illegible]	653	-	1	.03	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]		1,05	-	1	.14	[illegible]
	[illegible]	100	33	[illegible]	-	3	.06	[illegible]
1	MI1 [illegible]	95	[illegible]	[illegible]	-	1	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-	1	.07	.14
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		1	[illegible]	[illegible]
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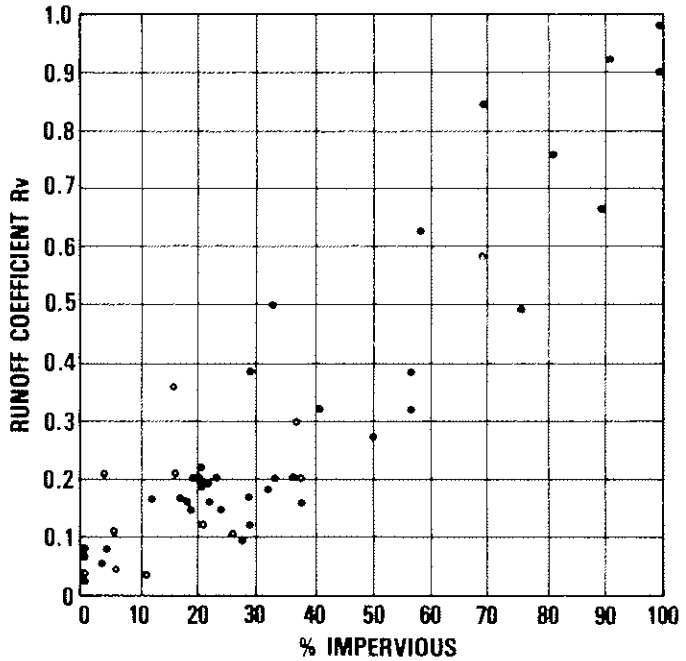

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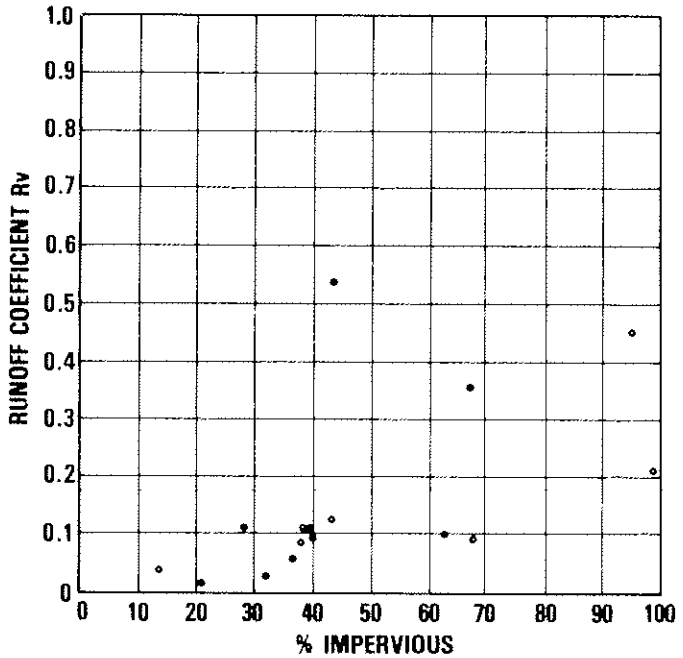

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(b) 4 Projects (KS1, MI1, TN1, TX1)

Figure 6-19. Relationship Between Percent Impervious Area and Median Runoff Coefficient

20 projects investigated. The lower plot (b) groups results from the remaining four projects (KS1, MI1, TN1, TX1). The reason for the difference is unexplained. However, the separate grouping is based on the fact that the relationship for these sites is internally consistent and significantly different than the bulk of the project results.

Figure 6-20 illustrates the same impervious area/runoff coefficient relationship, but shows the 90 percent confidence limits for median Rv's.

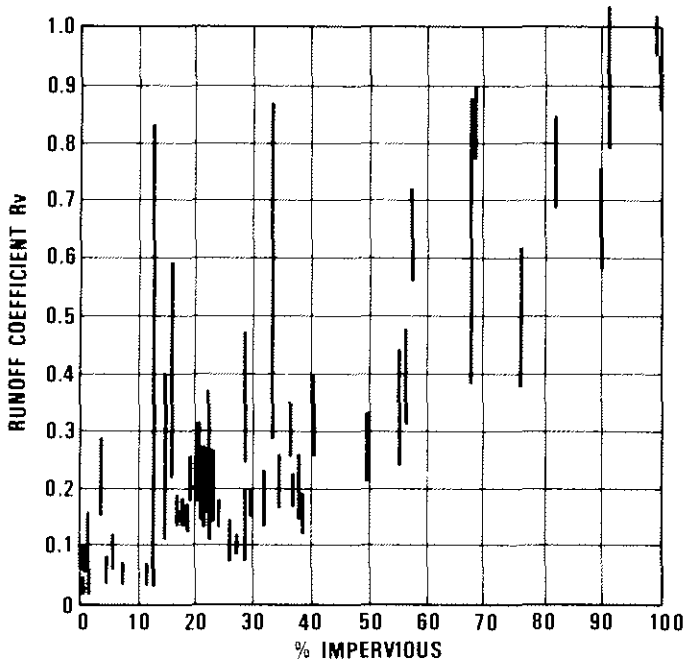
POLLUTANT LOADS

Although the EMC median concentration values are appropriate for many applications (e.g., assessing water quality impacts in rivers and streams), when cumulative effects such as water quality impacts in lakes and comparisons with other sources on a long-term basis (e.g., annual or seasonal loads) are to be examined, the EMC mean concentration values should be used. Taking the EMC median and coefficient of variation values given in Table 6-17, we have converted them into mean values using the relationship given in Chapter 5. These EMC mean concentrations and the values used in the load comparison to follow are listed in Table 6-24.

The range shown for site mean concentrations for both the median and 90th percentile urban sites reflects the difference in means depending on whether the higher or lower value of coefficient of variation listed in Table 6-17 is used to describe event-to-event variability of EMC's at urban sites. The range in values shown for use in the load comparisons below reflects the median and 90th percentile site mean concentrations, using the average of the range caused by coefficient of variation effects.

TABLE 6-24. EMC MEAN VALUES USED IN LOAD COMPARISON

Constituent	Site Mean EMC		
	Median Urban Site	90th Percentile Urban Site	Values Used in Load Comparison
TSS (mg/l)	141 - 224	424 - 671	180 - 548
BOD (mg/l)	10 - 13	17 - 21	12 - 19
COD (mg/l)	73 - 92	157 - 198	82 - 178
Tot. P (mg/l)	0.37 - 0.47	0.78 - 0.99	0.42 - 0.88
Sol. P (mg/l)	0.13 - 0.17	0.23 - 0.30	0.15 - 0.28
TKN (mg/l)	1.68 - 2.12	3.69 - 4.67	1.90 - 4.18
NO_{2+3}-N (mg/l)	0.76 - 0.96	1.96 - 2.47	0.86 - 2.21
Tot. Cu (ug/l)	38 - 48	104 - 132	43 - 118
Tot. Pb (ug/l)	161 - 204	391 - 495	182 - 443
Tot. Zn (ug/l)	179 - 226	559 - 707	202 - 633



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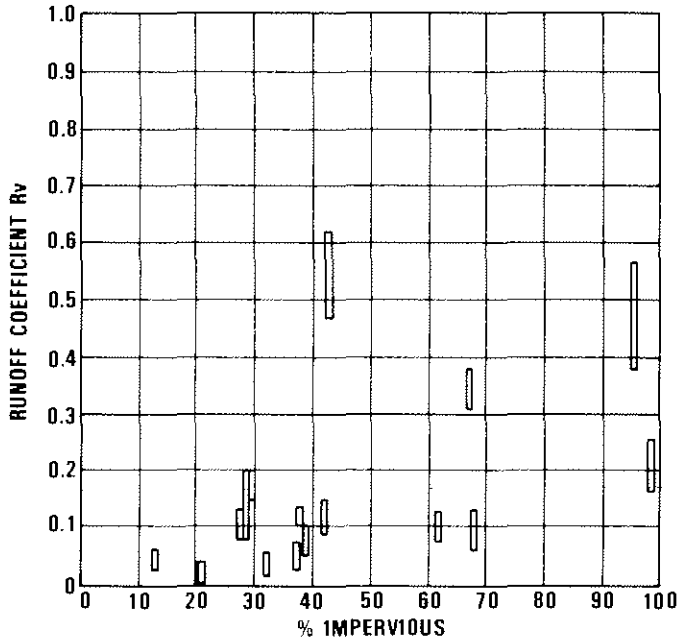

(b) 4 Projects (KS1, MI1, TN1, TK1)

Figure 6-20. 90 Percent Confidence Limits for Median Runoff Coefficients

It is a straightforward procedure to calculate mean annual load estimates for urban runoff constituents on a Kg/Ha basis by assigning appropriate rainfall and runoff coefficient values and selecting EMC mean concentration values from Table 6-24. In and of themselves, however, such estimates seem to be of little utility. Therefore, it was decided to do a comparison of the mean annual loads from urban runoff with those of a "well run" secondary treatment plant. We chose to use TSS = 25 mg/l, BOD = 15 mg/l, and Tot. P = 8 mg/l for the effluents from such plants for the purposes of this order of magnitude comparison. For a meaningful comparison for a specific situation, locally appropriate values should be used. Based upon Table 6-24, the corresponding urban runoff mean concentrations used were TSS = 180 mg/l, BOD = 12 mg/l, and Total P = 0.4 mg/l as typical and TSS = 548 ug/l, BOD = 19 mg/l, and Tot. P = 0.88 mg/l as a "worst case" for comparison purposes.

The value of 0.35 was selected as a typical mean runoff coefficient. It is the median of the NURP mean runoff coefficient database for the twenty projects discussed earlier; their average is 0.42, but we believe that this number is overly weighted by the disproportionate number of highly impervious sites in the database. Assuming an average population density of 10 persons per acre (the average of the NURP sites) and a mean annual rainfall of 40 inches per year, urban runoff averages 104 gallons per day per capita. This is also a reasonable estimate of sewage generation in an urban area. Therefore, as a first cut, the ratio of mean pollutant concentrations of urban runoff and POTW effluents will also be the ratio of their annual loads. Thus, we have;

$$\text{TSS} = \frac{180}{25} \approx 7 \ ; \ \text{BOD} = \frac{12}{15} \approx 0.8 \ ; \ \text{Tot. P} = \frac{0.4}{8} \approx 0.05$$

using typical urban runoff values, and;

$$\text{TSS} = \frac{548}{25} \approx 22 \ ; \ \text{BOD} = \frac{19}{15} \approx 1.3 \ ; \ \text{Tot. P} = \frac{0.88}{8} \approx 0.1$$

using the "worst case" values. These numbers suggest that annual loads from urban runoff are approximately one order of magnitude higher than those from a well run secondary treatment plant for TSS, the same order of magnitude for BOD, and an order of magnitude less for Tot. P.

If the hypothetical urban area just described were to go to advanced waste treatment and achieve an effluent quality of TSS = 10 mg/l, BOD = 5 mg/l, and Total P = 1 mg/l and no urban runoff controls were instituted, the mean annual load reductions to the receiving water would be:

$$\text{TSS} = \frac{25 - 10}{180 + 25} \approx 7\% \ ; \ \text{BOD} = \frac{15 - 5}{12 + 15} \approx 37\% \ ; \ \text{Tot. P} = \frac{8 - 1}{0.4 + 8} \approx 83\%$$

for our typical case, and;

$$\text{TSS} = \frac{25 - 10}{548 + 25} \approx 3\% \ ; \ \text{BOD} = \frac{15 - 5}{19 + 15} \approx 29\% \ ; \ \text{Tot. P} = \frac{8 - 1}{0.88 + 8} \approx 79\%$$

for our "worst case." On the other hand, if urban runoff controls that reduced TSS by 90 percent, BOD by 60 percent, and Total P by 50 percent were instituted, (typical results from a well-designed detention basin), the mean annual load reductions to the receiving water would be:

$$\text{TSS} = \frac{180 - 18}{180 + 25} \approx 79\% \ ; \ \text{BOD} = \frac{12 - 7}{12 + 15} \approx 19\% \ ; \ \text{Total P} = \frac{0.4 - 0.2}{0.4 + 8} \approx 2\%$$

for our typical case, and;

$$\text{TSS} = \frac{548 - 55}{548 + 25} \approx 86\% \ ; \ \text{BOD} = \frac{19 - 8}{19 + 15} \approx 32\% \ ; \ \text{Total P} = \frac{0.88 - 0.44}{0.58 + 8} \approx 5\%$$

Thus, if these pollutants are causing receiving water quality problems, consideration of urban runoff control appears warranted for TSS, both urban runoff control and AWT might be considered for BOD, and only AWT would be effective for Total P.

The foregoing should be viewed as illustrative of a preliminary screening for trade-off studies that can be performed using appropriate values for a specific urban area, rather than as description of any particular real-world case. They are, however, believed useful in providing order of magnitude comparisons. Local values for annual rainfall, runoff coefficient, or point source characteristics that are different than those used in the illustration will of course change the results shown; although in most cases the changes would not be expected to cause a significant change in the general relationship.

As a final perspective on urban runoff loads, Table 6-25 presents an estimate of annual urban runoff loads, expressed as Kg/Ha/year, for comparison with other data summaries of nonpoint source loads which state results in this manner. Load computations are based on site mean pollutant concentrations for the median urban site and on the specified values for annual rainfall and runoff coefficient. Typical values for mean runoff coefficient (based on NURP data) have been assigned for residential land use (Rv = 0.3), commercial land use (Rv = 0.8), and for an aggregate urban area which is assumed to have representative fractions of the total area in residential, commercial, and open uses (Rv = 0.35).

Several useful observations can be made. The annual load estimates which results are comparable to values and ranges reported in the literature. Although the findings presented earlier in this chapter indicated that the land use category does not have a significant influence on site concentrations of pollutants, on a unit area basis total pollutant loads are significantly higher for commercial areas because of the higher degree of imperviousness typical of such areas. For broad urban areas, however, the relatively small fraction of land with this use considerably mitigates such an effect.

Finally, the annual loads shown by Table 6-25 have been computed on the basis of a 40 inch annual rainfall volume. For urban areas in regions with higher

TABLE 6-25. ANNUAL URBAN RUNOFF LOADS KG/HA/YEAR

Constituent	Site Mean Con.mg/l	Residential	Commercial	All Urban
Assumed Rv		0.3	0.8	0.35
TSS	180	550	1460	640
BOD	12	36	98	43
COD	82	250	666	292
Total P	0.42	1.3	3.4	1.5
Sol. P	0.15	0.5	1.2	0.5
TKN	1.90	5.8	15.4	6.6
NO_{2+3}-N	0.86	2.6	7.0	3.6
Tot. Cu	0.043	0.13	0.35	0.15
Tot. Pb	0.182	0.55	1.48	0.65
Tot. Zn	0.202	0.62	1.64	0.72

NOTE. Assumes 40 inches/year rainfall as a long-term average.

or lower rainfall, these load estimates must be adjusted. The results presented earlier suggest that pollutant concentrations are not sensitive to runoff volume; however, total loads (the product of concentration and volume) are strongly influenced by the volume of runoff. For estimates using equivalent site conditions (Rv), loads for areas with other rainfall amounts are obtained by factoring by the ratio of local rainfall volume to the 40 inch volume used for the table. Planners who believe that the average annual runoff coefficients in their local areas are substantially different from those used in the table can make similar adjustments.

CHAPTER 7
RECEIVING WATER QUALITY EFFECTS OF URBAN RUNOFF

INTRODUCTION

The effects of urban runoff on receiving water quality are very site specific. They depend on the type, size, and hydrology of the water body, the designated beneficial use and the pollutants which affect that use, the urban runoff (URO) quality characteristics, and the amounts of URO dictated by local rainfall patterns and land use.

A number of the NURP projects examined receiving water impacts in some detail, others less rigorously. Because of the uniqueness of URO water quality impacts, individual project results are considered best used for confirmation and support, rather than as a basis for broad generalizations.

Accordingly, this chapter is structured to address each of the principal categories of receiving water bodies separately; streams and rivers, lakes, estuaries and embayments, and groundwater aquifers. Some can be addressed more thoroughly than others at this time. The approach taken to develop a general, national scale screening assessment of the significance of URO pollutant discharges is to compute anticipated effects using analysis methodologies identified in Chapter 5, where these are appropriate and to compare anticipated effects indicated by such generalizations to specific experiences and conclusions drawn by relevant individual NURP projects.

As with any generalization, there will be exceptions. Specific local situations can be expected which are either more or less favorable than the general case. The results presented herein should therefore be interpreted as representative estimates of a substantial percentage of urban runoff sites, but not all of them.

Receiving waters have distinctive general characteristics which depend on the water body type (e.g., stream, lake, estuary) and relatively unique individual characteristics which depend on geometry and hydrology. Given a minimum acceptable amount of data on water bodies and their setting, it appears possible to make useful generalizations regarding the quantitative effects of urban runoff on concentrations of various pollutants in the receiving waters and to draw inferences concerning the influence urban runoff may have on the beneficial uses of the water bodies. However extending the results of such an analysis to an assessment of the prevalence of urban runoff induced "problems" on a national scale cannot be accomplished in a way would provide an acceptable level of confidence in any conclusions drawn therefrom. In addition to the importance of local hydrology, meteorology, and urban characteristics, the emphasis placed on each of the three elements that influence problem definition;

(1) Denial or serious impairment of beneficial use;

(2) Violation of ambient water quality standards; and

(3) Local perception;

will result in a high degree of site-specificity to the determination of the existence of a problem.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

General

Flowing streams carry pollutant discharges downstream with the stream flow. For intermittent stormwater discharges, a specific stream location and the biota associated with it are exposed to a sequence of discrete pulses contaminated by the pollutants which enter with urban runoff. Because of the inherent variability of urban runoff (URO), the average concentrations in such pulses vary, as do their duration and the interval between successive pulses. Table 7-1 summarizes average values for storm duration and intervals between storm events for selected locations in the U.S., based on analysis of long term rainfall records using a methodology (SYNOP) presented in an earlier NURP document (the NURP Data Management Procedures Manual). The information presented provides a sense of the temporal aspects of such intermittent pulses and, by inference, the intermittent exposure patterns to which stream biota are subjected. For many locations, storm pulses are produced for about six hours every three days or more, on average.

A probabalistic methodology has been used to examine the concentration characteristics of the storm pulses produced in streams, given the variability of the relevant processes which are directly involved. Stream flow rates, runoff flow rates, and concentrations vary and result in variable stream concentrations. For streams, it is not the runoff volume per se that is important. The combination of stream and runoff flow rates (together with runoff concentration) determine the pollutant concentration in the stream pulse. The duration of the runoff event and the stream velocity dictate the spatial extent of the storm pulse in the stream. The analysis presented in this section addresses the frequency and magnitude of pollutant concentrations in the instream storm pulses which are produced.

Runoff and Stream Flow Rates

The local combination of stream and runoff flow rates for an urban location are, as indicated, important determinants of the stream concentrations which will result. For long-range projections, the most appropriate data sources for characterizing these parameters are long-term stream flow gauging records (USGS) and long-term rainfall records (USWS).

Figure 7-1(a) illustrates the regional variation of average daily stream flows expressed as cfs/sq mile of drainage area, based on long-term (50 years or more) gauging records at over 1000 stations. Figure 7-1(b) presents a somewhat simplified regional pattern for average rainfall intensity. The data base for this plot is considerably smaller, consisting of rainfall records (usually 10 to 30 years of record) for approximately 40 cities. Localized peturbations exist, but are smoothed out by contours presented.

TABLE 7-1. AVERAGE STORM AND TIME BETWEEN STORMS FOR SELECTED LOCATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

Location	Average Annual Values in Hours	
	Storm Duration	Time Between Storm Midpoints
Atlanta, GA	8.0	94
Birmingham, AL	7.2	85
Boston, MA	6.1	68
Caribou, ME	5.8	55
Champaign-Urbana, IL	6.1	80
Chicago, IL	5.7	72
Columbia, SC	4.5	68
Davenport, IA	6.6	98
Detroit, MI	4.4	57
Gainesville, FL	7.6	106
Greensboro, SC	5.0	70
Kingston, NY	7.0	80
Louisville, KY	6.7	76
Memphis, TN	6.9	89
Mineola, NY	5.8	89
Minneapolis, MN	6.0	87
New Orleans, LA	6.9	89
New York City, NY	6.7	77
Steubenville, OH	7.0	79
Tampa, FL	3.6	93
Toledo, OH	5.0	62
Washington, DC	5.9	80
Zanesville, OH	6.1	77
Mean	6.1	81
Denver, CO	9.1	144
Oakland, CA	4.3	320
Phoenix, AZ	3.2	286
Rapid City, SD	8.0	127
Salt Lake City, UT	7.8	133
Mean	6.5	202
Portland, OR	15.5	83
Seattle, WA	21.5	101
Mean	18.5	92

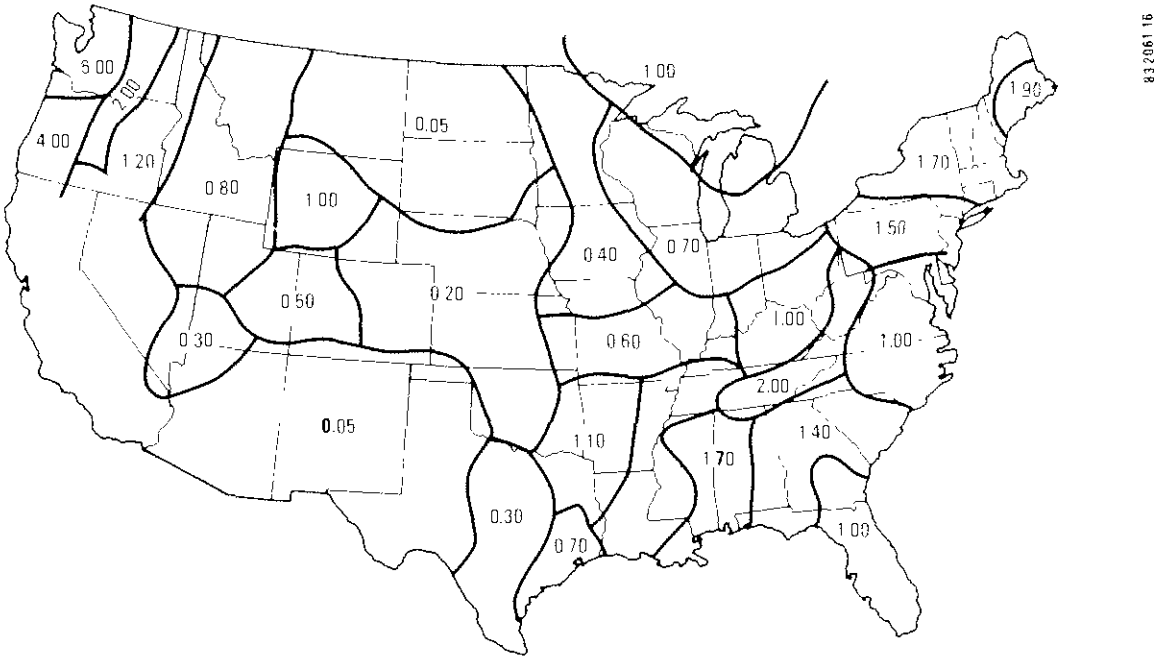

Figure 7-1(a). Regional Value of Average Annual Streamflow (cfs/sq mi)

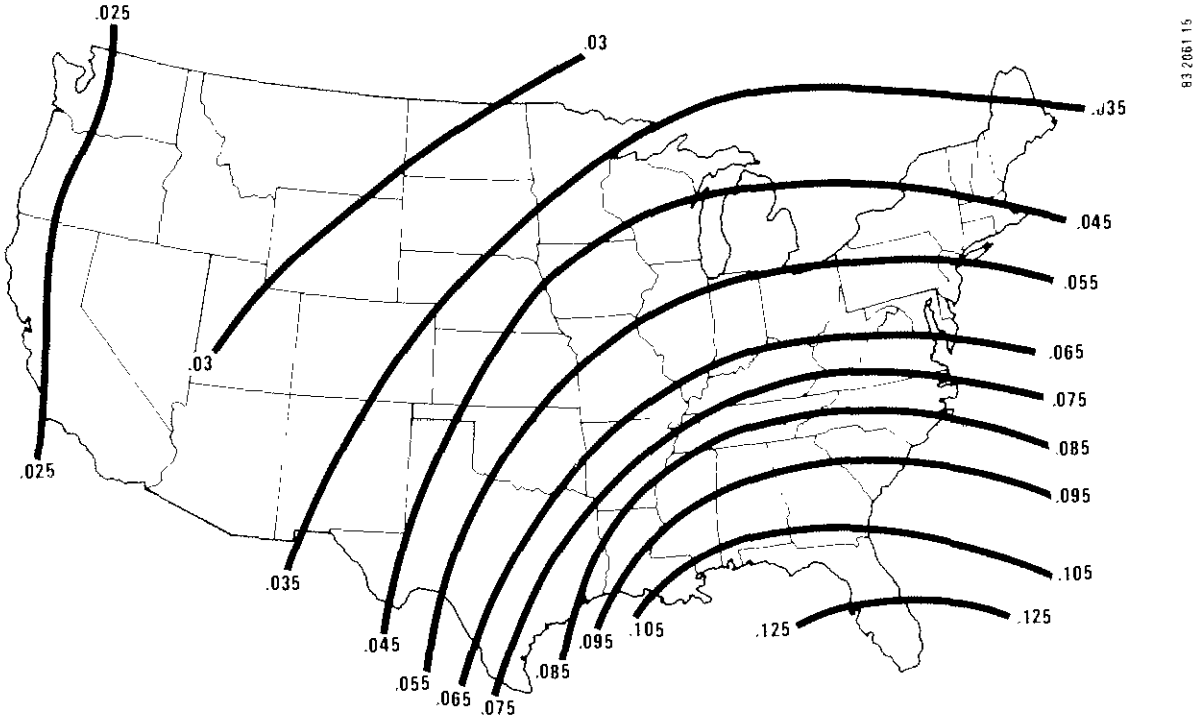

Figure 7-1(b). Regional Value of Average Storm Event Intensity (inch/hr)

Variability of daily stream flows was determined for a smaller sample (about 150 sites) of the stream sites. Variability of storm event average intensities was determined for all of the rain gauge locations in the current data base. These results are summarized in Table 7-2.

Total Hardness of Receiving Streams

Where the beneficial use of principal concern is the protection of aquatic life, the URO pollutants of major concern appear to be heavy metals, particularly copper, lead and zinc. The potential toxicity of these pollutants are strongly influenced by total hardness, as indicated by Table 5-1 in Chapter 5. Other beneficial uses deal with pollutants and effects that are not influenced by total hardness or (as with drinking water supplies) do not modify the assigned significance of heavy metal concentrations on the basis of total hardness.

As with stream flow and precipitation, distinct regional patterns also exist for receiving water total hardness concentrations. Figure 7-2 delineates the national pattern of regional differences. These patterns impose an additional regional influence on the potential of urban runoff to create problem conditions in streams and rivers.

Technical Approach To Screening Analysis

The magnitude and frequency of occurrence of intermittent stream concentrations of pollutants of interest, that result from urban runoff, has been computed using the probabilistic methodology discussed in Chapter 5.

The input data required for application of the methodology includes representative values for the mean and variability of stream flow, runoff flow, and runoff pollutant concentrations. The material presented earlier in this chapter provides the basis for assigning values for the flows; the results summarized in Chapter 6 provide the basis for specifying pollutant concentration inputs. In order to translate the probability distribution of stream concentrations (which is the basic output of the analysis methodology) to an average recurrence interval, which is considered to provide a more understandable basis for comparisons, the average number of storms per year is also required. This is estimated directly from the average interval between storm midpoints generated by the statistical analysis of hourly rainfall records.

For a general screening on a national scale, an estimate of typical values for a selected geographic location must be made. This has been done, and the set of input values considered to be typical of geographical location are described and summarized below. The values used should be considered reasonably representative of the majority of sites in the area, but it should be recognized that not all potential sites will have conditions either as favorable or unfavorable as those listed.

We have worked with a limited sample in assigning typical values. A greater data base on rainfall and stream flow would permit greater spatial definition

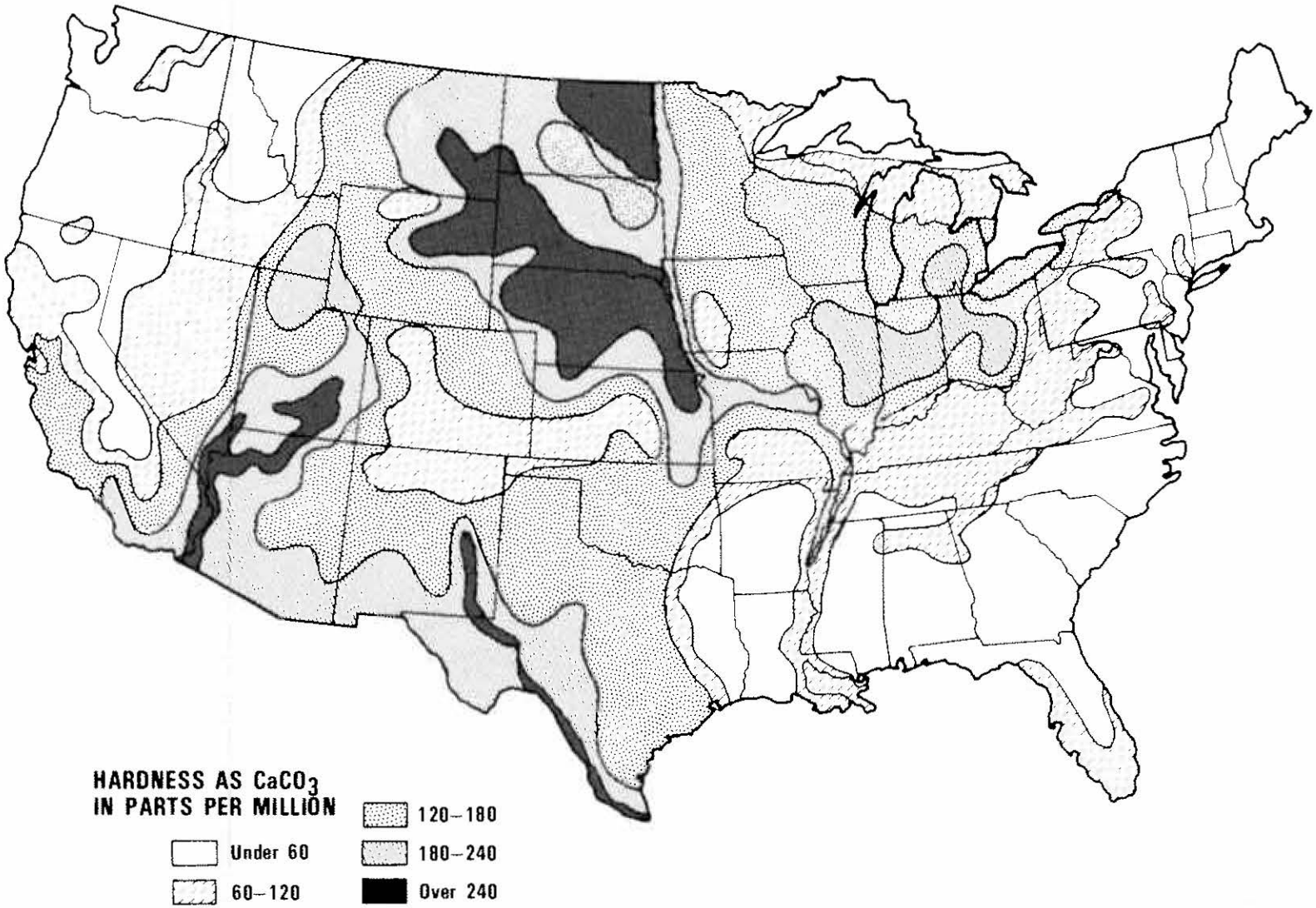

Figure 7-2. Regional Values for Surface Water Hardness

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than shown in the results. Specific regions or states could, with development of a more detailed spatial definition of stream flows and rainfall, extend the analysis presented to provide a considerably more comprehensive assessment of problem potential for local areas. This would involve the development of input parameters (rainfall and streamflow) readily derived from available long term USGS stream flow records and USWS rainfall records and their use in the methodology with quality parameters based either on the NURP analysis presented in Chapter 6, or on local monitoring activities.

The analysis methodology presently available permits computation of the probability distribution of instream concentrations, incorporating the effect of upstream (background) concentrations of the pollutant of interest. The results presented here assume upstream concentrations of zero, principally because of our inability at present to make reliable estimates of typical values for the magnitude and variability for pollutants of interest, especially on the broad national scale being examined. As a result, the summaries will show the effects of urban runoff contributions only. In cases where the background is small relative to the URO contribution, the summaries will represent actual conditions quite closely. However, where background is high and has appreciable variability, the implications of the URO contribution will be overstated, particularly the inferred improvement which could result from control of URO.

In order to perform a national screening of regional influences on urban runoff impacts, eight geographical regions illustrated by Figure 7-3 have been delineated. Using the information summarized by Figures 7-1 and 7-2, typical values for the pertinent rainfall/runoff and stream parameters have been assigned for each of the regions. Table 7-2 summarizes the values for these parameters which are used in the screening analysis.

TABLE 7-2. TYPICAL REGIONAL VALUES

Area	Event Average Rainfall Intensity		Average Number of Events/year	Average Runoff Flow Rate		Stream Flow Rate (Daily Avg Flows)		Stream Total Hardness (mg/l)
	Mean (in/hr)	c.v.		Mean Event (cfs/sq mi)	c.v.	Mean (cfs/sq mi)	c.v.	
1	0.04	1.00	110	5	0.85	1.75	1.25	50
2	0.10	1.35	100	12	1.15	1.25	1.25	50
3	0.08	1.35	90	10	1.15	1.00	1.25	50
4	0.055	1.25	110	7	1.05	0.75	1.25	200
5	0.04	1.10	63	5	0.95	0.35	1.25	200
6	0.03	1.10	70	4	0.95	0.05	1.25	300
7	0.045	1.20	30	5	1.00	0.05	1.25	200
8	0.025	0.85	80	3	0.75	4.50	1.25	50

Average stream flow and rainfall intensity were taken from the plots, which are based on sources previously described. The estimate for variability of daily stream flows (coefficient of variation) is based on computed values for a sample of about 150 perennial streams. Results for a number of regional

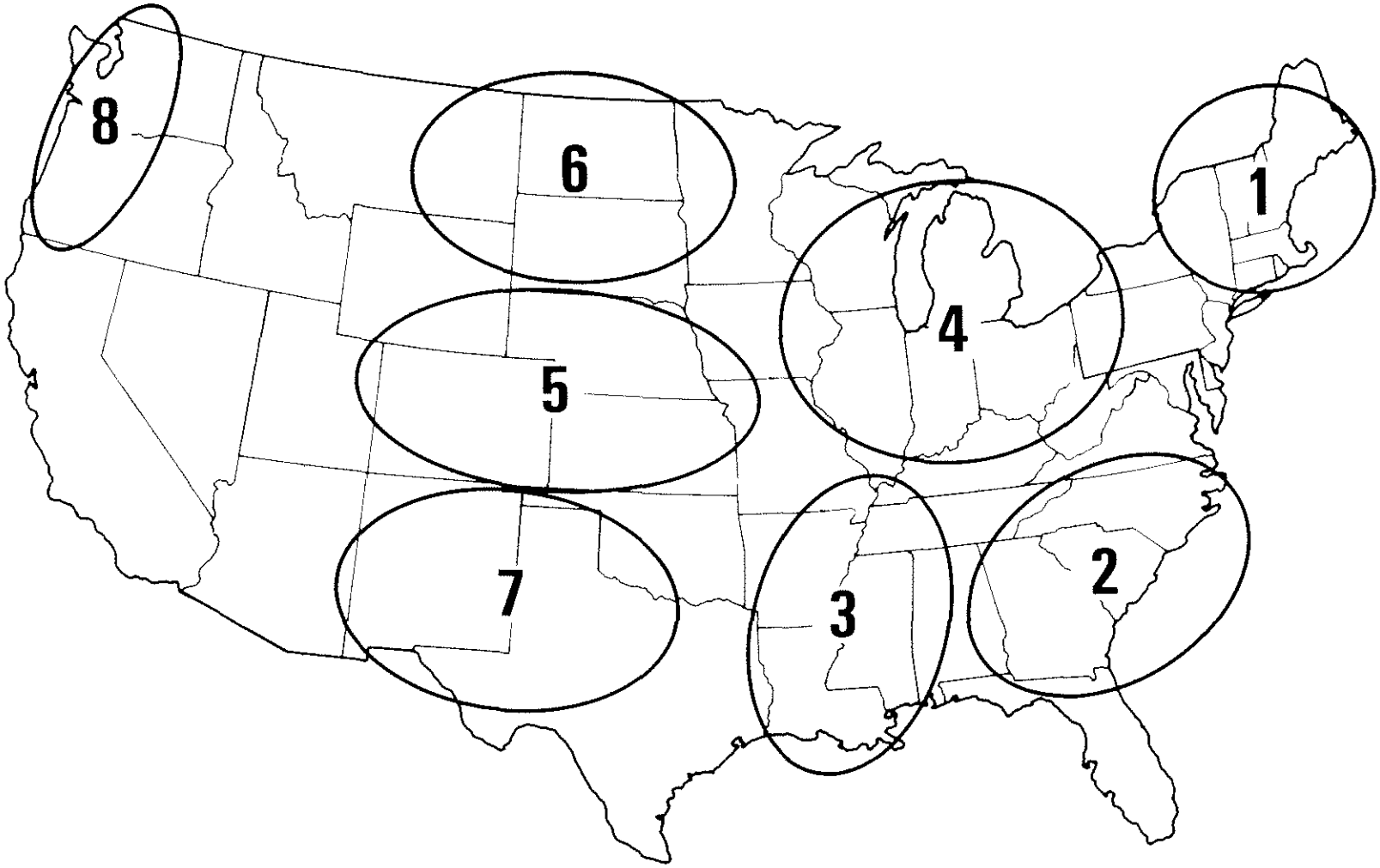

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Figure 7-3. Geographic Regions Selected for Screening Analysis

groupings indicated median values for coefficient of variation to fall between approximately 1 and 1.5. Since there were no clear regional patterns apparent, a uniform value for coefficient of variation of stream flows of 1.25 was assigned.

The coefficient of variation of rainfall intensities was taken directly from the statistical analysis of the rainfall records examined. This was reduced by 15 percent to provide estimates of the coefficient of variation of runoff flow rates, based on a recent published report, "Comparison of Basin Performance Modeling Techniques", Goforth, Heaney and Huber, ASCE JEED, November 1983, using the SWMM model on a long-term rainfall record.

The quality characteristics of urban runoff used in the screening analysis are listed in Table 7-3, and are based on the results summarized in Chapter 6. The analysis results have been rounded in the selection of representative site median EMCs and are interpreted as being representative of an array of urban sites discharging into the receiving stream being analyzed.

Average site conditions are based on the 50th percentile of all urban sites. Since the data analysis indicated that sites at some locations tend to cluster at either the higher or lower ends of the range for all sites, high range and low range site conditions were also selected for use in the screening analysis. High range site conditions are nominally based on the 90th percentile of all site median concentrations; the low range on the 10th percentile site. The variability of EMCs from storm to storm at any site is based on the median of the coefficients of variation of EMCs at sites monitored by NURP. This value was used for the low range and average site condition and was increased nominally for the high range site condition.

TABLE 7-3. URBAN RUNOFF QUALITY CHARACTERISTICS
USED IN STREAM IMPACT ANALYSIS
(Concentrations in μg/l)

	COPPER		LEAD		ZINC	
	Site Median EMC	Coef Var	Site Median EMC	Coef Var	Site Median EMC	Coef Var
Low Range of Site Conditions	15	0.6	50	0.75	75	0.7
Average Site Conditions	35	0.6	135	0.75	165	0.7
High Range of Site Conditions	90	0.7	350	0.85	450	0.8

An illustrative example of a site-specific application of the probabilistic analysis methodology employed is presented in order to:

1. Illustrate the nature of the computational results produced;

2. Assist in the interpretation of the tabulations presented later which summarize results of the national scale screening analysis;

3. Indicate how magnitude/frequency of instream concentrations may be interpreted for inferences concerning the absence or presence of a "problem" and where a problem is concluded to exist, its degree of severity; and

4. Demonstrate how alternative URO control options may be evaluated in terms of their expected impact on water quality and potential effect on problem severity.

From selected representative values for mean and variability of stream and runoff conditions, the probability distribution of resulting instream concentrations during storm events can be computed. Figure 7-4 illustrates a plot of such an output. Uncertainty in estimates for specific inputs can be accommodated by sensitivity analyses which incorporate upper and lower bounds for specific parameter values. Results are then presented as a band rather than a specific projection. The probabilities which are the basic output of the analysis may be converted to average recurrence intervals to provide what is believed to be a more understandable basis for interpreting and evaluating results.

Figure 7-5 presents results converted to the average recurrence interval at which specific stream concentrations will be produced during storm runoff periods.

The significance of a particular magnitude/frequency pattern of stream concentrations caused by urban runoff can be evaluated by comparing them with concentrations which are significant for the beneficial use of the water body. In the example presented, we have excluded comparisons with drinking water criteria on the basis that urban streams are not generally used as domestic water sources, and in any event, the criteria relate to finished water, and surface water supplies almost invariably receive treatment.

Protection of aquatic life is selected for the screening analysis of the impact of urban runoff because it is believed to be the predominant potential beneficial use for urban streams on a national scale. The concentrations which result from urban runoff are compared with stream target concentrations associated with different degrees of adverse impact, as discussed and tabulated in Chapter 5.

In the site specific situation illustrated, the stream concentrations of copper caused by untreated urban runoff discharges exceed the "EPA Maximum" criterion more than ten times per year on average. The concentration level suggested by the NURP analysis to be the Threshold level of adverse biological impacts is exceeded an average of five times per year (recurrence interval 0.2 year), and significant mortality of more sensitive biological species occurs about once every three years on average. Although this stress level may not be great enough to result in a total denial of the use, there are many who would argue that it represents an unacceptably severe degree of impairment of this beneficial use.

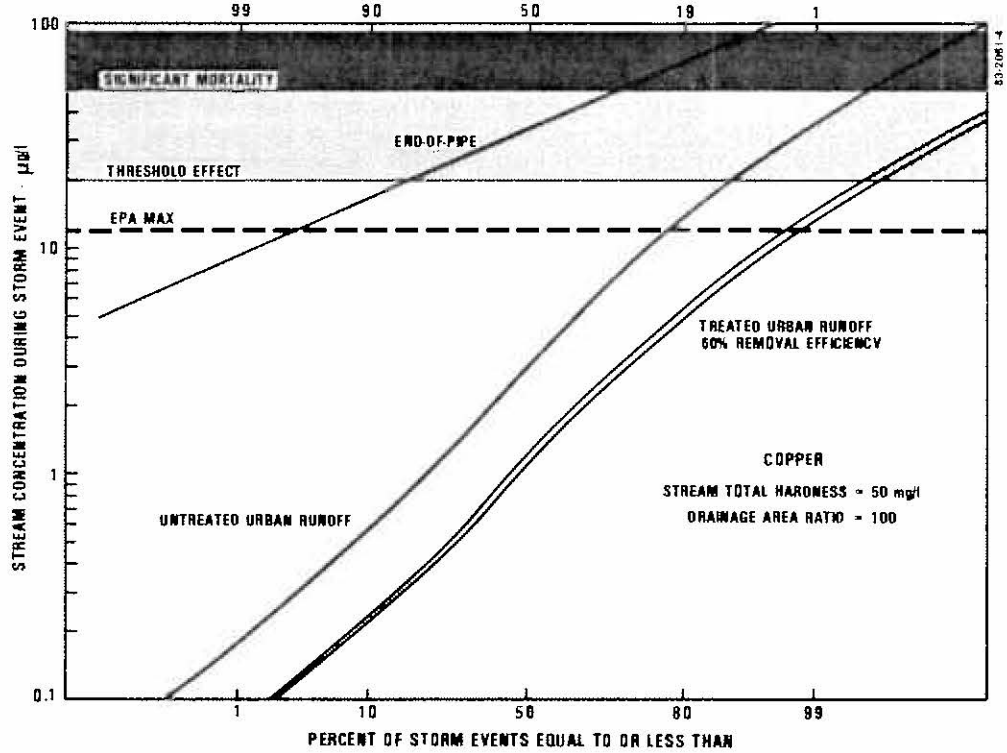


Figure 7-4. Probability Distributions of Pollutant Concentrations During Storm Runoff Periods

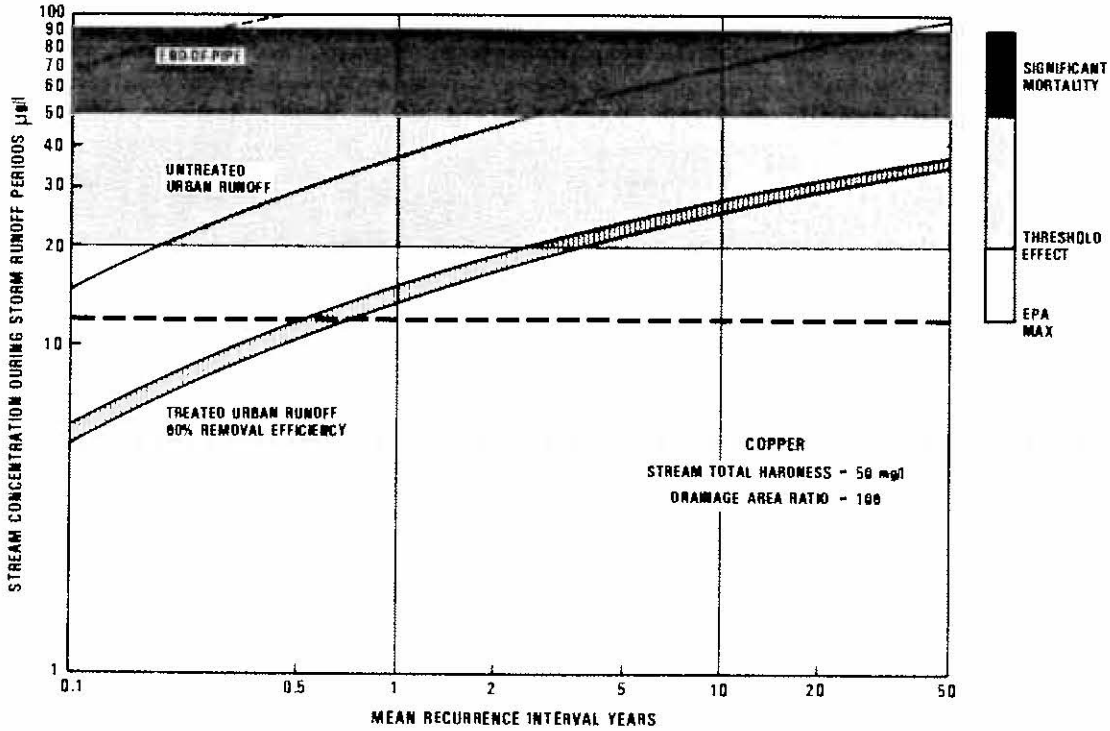


Figure 7-5. Recurrence Intervals for Pollutant Concentrations

The projection labeled "treated urban runoff" may be taken to represent the in-stream result for either the originally considered discharge following the application of controls which effect a 60 percent reduction, or of an uncontrolled urban runoff site with lower levels of copper in the runoff. In this case, threshold levels are reached only once every 3 or 4 years on average, and significant mortality levels are virtually never reached. Even though the ambient "EPA MAX" criterion is exceeded once or twice a year on average, one might conclude that the implied degree of stress is tolerable and is not interpreted to represent a significant degree of impairment of the use.

The Threshold and Significant Mortality levels are estimates, which have been explained earlier. In addition, the "acceptable" frequency at which specific adverse effects can be tolerated is subjective at this time, since there are no formal guidelines. However, an approach of this nature must be taken in any evaluation of the significance of urban runoff and the importance of applying control measures. There are two reasons why this is necessary. First, because of the stochastic nature of the system we are dealing with, virtually any target concentration we elect to specify will be exceeded at some frequency, however rare. Secondly, from a practical point of view, there are limits to the capabilities of controls, however rigorously applied. In the illustration presented, the untreated urban runoff site assigned urban runoff copper concentrations equivalent to the average urban site. Since NURP analysis data indicate that the copper in urban runoff has a soluble fraction of about 40 percent, the level of removal used in the example reflects a control efficiency approaching the practical limit. Receiving water impacts are significantly reduced, but not totally eliminated.

Results of Screening Analysis

A projection of stream water quality responses has been made for each of the eight geographical areas shown by Figure 7-3. The rainfall, runoff, and stream flow estimates used in the computations are those summarized in Table 7-2. The urban runoff quality characteristics used are those presented in Table 7-3.

To consolidate screening analysis results for easier comparison, results are not presented as continuous concentration/frequency curves as used in the illustrative example presented above. Instead, the comparison plots which follow show only the recurrence interval at which specified biological effects levels are exceeded. The concentrations which correspond with these effects are strongly influenced by stream total hardness, and hence vary regionally. Table 7-4, based on information presented in Chapter 5, summarizes the stream target concentrations used in the screening analysis summary.

Analysis results are presented for Copper (Figure 7-6), Lead (Figure 7-7) and Zinc (Figure 7-8). Each individual bar represents a different geographical region, and the analysis is performed for two drainage area ratios. Since regional stream flow differences are based on unit flows (cfs/sq mile of drainage area), actual flow in a receiving stream at a particular location is

TABLE 7-4. REGIONAL DIFFERENCES IN TOXIC CONCENTRATION LEVELS
(Concentrations in μg/l)

Pollutant	Stream Total Hardness μg/l	Geo-graphic Regions	EPA MAX	Suggested Values For		
				Threshold Effects[1]	Significant Mortality[2] (a)	(b)
Copper	50	1,2,3,8	12	20	50	90
	200	4,5,7	42	80	180	350
	300	6	62	115	265	500
Lead	50	1,2,3,8	74	150	350	3200
	200	4,5,7	400	850	1950	17,850
	300	6	660	1400	3100	29,000
Zinc	50	1,2,3,8	180	380	870	3200
	200	4,5,7	570	1200	2750	8000
	300	6	800	1700	3850	11,000

[1] Threshold Effects - mortality of the most sensitive individual of the most sensitive species.

[2] Significant Mortality

Level (a) - mortality of 50 percent of the most sensitive species.

Level (b) - mortality of the most sensitive individual of 25th percentile sensitive species.

a function of both the unit flow rate and the size of the contributing drainage area. The "drainage area ratio" (DAR) used in the analysis is

$$DAR = \frac{\text{Urban Area Contributing Runoff}}{\text{Stream Drainage Area Upstream of Urban Input}}$$

It is a measure of the location of the urban area relative to the headwaters of the receiving stream.

The shading scheme used on the bars duplicates that used earlier in the illustrative example (Figure 7-5), and identifies the recurrence interval for each of the target concentrations. For example, instream copper concentrations during storm runoff periods in geographic region 1, with average site conditions for copper concentrations in urban runoff, and a DAR = 10, are projected to be as follows (middle plot, Figure 7-6).

- EPA MAX - ambient criterion is exceeded at a frequency of 0.02 year (= 50 times/year) or about every other storm event on average.

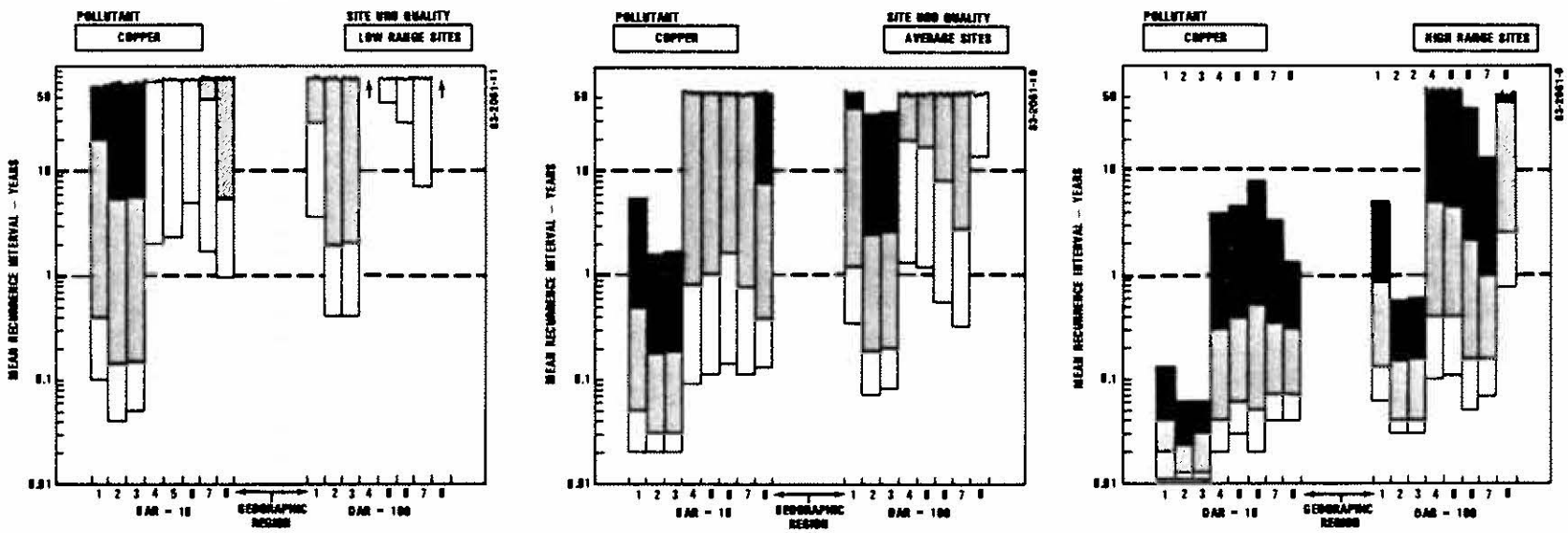


Figure 7-6. Exceedance Frequency for Stream Target Concentration
COPPER

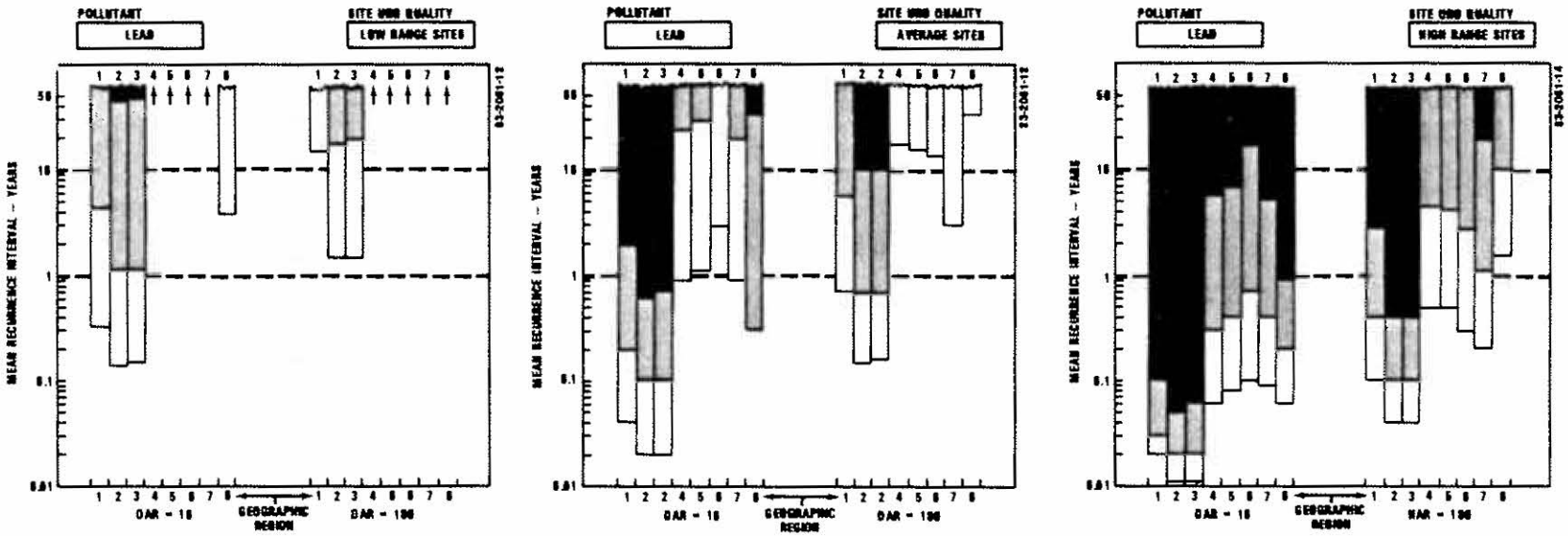


Figure 7-7. Exceedance Frequency for Stream Target Concentration
LEAD

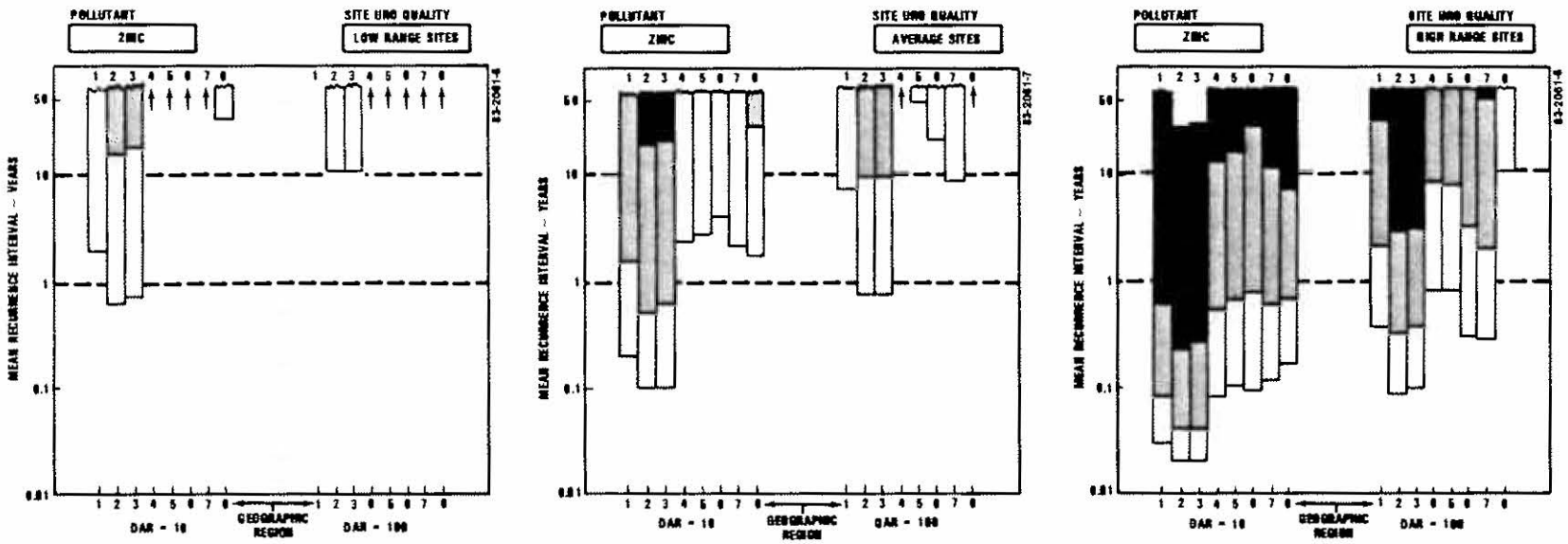


Figure 7-8. Exceedance Frequency for Stream Target Concentration
ZINC

- Threshold concentration levels at which adverse biological stress for short duration exposures is projected to occur have a recurrence interval of about 0.05 years (20 times/year).

- Significant mortality levels are exceeded at intervals of about 0.5 year (twice/year) for the less severe effect, to about once in 5.5 year for the more severe impact specified.

The plot is terminated at an upper level for recurrence interval of 50 years. Although the analysis procedure computes specific recurrence intervals in excess of this value, a realistic interpretation suggests that such conditions are for practical purposes quite unlikely to ever be reached or exceeded. At computed recurrence intervals of about 10 years or more estimates are not considered to be reliable and are very probably conservative. Therefore, indicated mean recurrence intervals in excess of 10 years probably (and 50 years certainly) should be interpreted as "unlikely" or "highly unlikely".

Discussion

An inspection of the screening analysis results (Figures 7-6 through 7-8) indicates the reason why it is unrealistic to attempt a broad generalization on whether urban runoff is, or is not a "problem" in rivers and streams. Water quality impacts can vary widely, depending on regional rainfall and stream hydrology, urban site quality characteristics, drainage area ratio (reflecting the size of the receiving stream relative to the urban area), and the total hardness of the receiving stream. While the screening analysis results provide an informative and useful perspective on the issue, it should be recognized that any specific site may differ considerably from the typical conditions used to characterize rainfall and stream flow for the area, and further, that local variations in runoff quality characteristics within the range defined by the NURP data can also have significant influence. The dominant indication of the analysis is that the problem potential for urban runoff is highly site-specific. Nevertheless some useful generalizations can be made.

Perhaps the major factor which dictates whether urban runoff discharges of copper, lead, or zinc will adversely impact aquatic life is the natural hardness of the receiving streams. As a result, the southeast and gulf coast areas are consistently indicated to be more sensitive than other areas of the country. Of the remaining soft water areas, the northeast is somewhat less sensitive; the Pacific northwest markedly less. This is attributed to significantly lower storm intensities in these areas, coupled in the northwest with appreciably higher stream flows.

Drainage area ratios have an important effect, reflecting as they do the magnitude of stream flow at the urban location. The effect is much greater for geographical regions with high unit flow (cfs/sq mile) than for lower stream flow regions.

Finally, the quality characteristics of the urban sites have a significant influence. Stream concentrations differ markedly depending on whether the local urban sites tend to cluster toward the lower or higher end of the range of site median concentrations indicated by the NURP data base.

A comparison of the relative position of the bars on Figures 7-6, 7-7 and 7-8, is sufficient to indicate the comparative sensitivity to urban runoff pollutant discharges. However, it is also desirable to decide whether a given stream effect constitutes a serious degree of impairment of an aquatic life beneficial use. There are no formal guidelines, and interpretations that are either more liberal or more restrictive than those suggested below may be preferred by others dealing with specific stream segments. For the interpretation of the national scale screening analysis, the following decision basis has been used to identify the situations in which urban runoff is likely to result in a water use "problem", (i.e., cause an unacceptable degree of use impairment):

- Threshold effects - (mortality of the most sensitive individual of the most sensitive species) occur more often than about once a year on average.

- Significant mortality - using the lower of the two levels (i.e., 50 percent mortality of the most sensitive species), occurs more often than about once every 10 years on average.

Using these guidelines for assessing the occurrence of problem situations, copper is shown to be the most significant of the three heavy metals consistently found in urban runoff at elevated concentration levels. Where site concentrations are at the high range of observed urban site conditions, problems are expected in all geographic regions at a DAR = 10, and in all geographic regions except region 8 at DARs as high as 100. When site concentrations are in the average range of observed conditions, problem situations are restricted to geographic regions 2 and 3 (plus region 1 at DAR = 10). When site copper concentrations are in the lower range of observed site conditions, problem situations are restricted to geographic regions 2 and 3 at low DARs. They are marginal (significant mortality once every 5 years) but remain a problem according to the definition adopted. The "marginal" attribution is used here, because the more severe degree of significant mortality (most sensitive individual of 25th percentile sensitive species) is indicated by the analysis virtually never to occur.

Thus, copper discharges in urban runoff are indicated to represent a significant threat to aquatic life use in regions 2 and 3 (southeast and Gulf Coast) under almost all possibilities for urban site runoff quality. In region 1 (northeast), problems would be expected at all but the lower range of site concentrations. In the hard water areas (regions 4, 5, 6, 7) problems are expected only where site runoff quality is in the high end of the range of observed site median concentrations.

It should be noted that the analysis has been based on <u>total</u> copper concentrations in urban runoff. Toxic effects are usually considered to be exerted by the soluble form of the metal, and EPA defines an "active" fraction based on a mild digestion which converts some of the inactive particulates to soluble forms, to account for transformations which may occur in the natural water systems. Copper in urban runoff has a typical soluble fraction of about 50 percent, and the active fraction would therefore fall somewhere between 50 and 100 percent of the total concentration used in the analysis. The analysis has been performed using the total fraction, since adequate

information is not available at present to reliably adjust these values. However, although the problem assessment presented above may be somewhat conservative, further refinement along these lines would not change the inferences drawn from the screening analysis results.

Zinc, like copper, has an indicated soluble fraction in the order of 50 percent, and the screening analysis indications will also be unaffected by this consideration. It is indicated to be unlikely to pose a significant threat to aquatic life in most urban runoff situations. Exceptions are restricted to soft water areas in the east and south, lower DARs, and sites with high zinc concentrations in urban runoff.

Lead results must be viewed with greater caution, because soluble fractions in urban runoff are indicated to be quite low (less than 10 percent). Problem indications are therefore likely to be reasonably conservative, i.e., overstate the problem potential. Problem situations may be expected to be restricted to soft water areas in the east and Gulf areas when urban sites have average site concentrations and DARs are low, and even at high DARs when site concentrations are in the high range. Lead is not indicated to be a threat to aquatic life in the hard water areas of the country or in the Pacific northwest, except for the combination of low DAR and high site concentration.

In performing the screening analysis, upstream concentrations were assumed to be zero; that is, the receiving stream had only a diluting effect on the urban runoff pollution. In actual cases background concentrations will be greater than zero, and in some instances upstream contributions (e.g., agricultural runoff, another city) could be significant and result in more severe conditions than those identified in the screening analysis.

On the basis of the foregoing, it appears appropriate to identify copper as the key toxic pollutant in urban runoff, for the following reasons:

- Problem situations anticipated for lead and zinc do not occur under any conditions for which copper does not show up as a problem as well - and with more severe impacts. On the other hand, copper is indicated to be a problem in situations where lead or zinc are not.

- Based on the ratios between concentrations producing increasingly severe effects, copper is suggested to be a more generic toxicant. It has an effect on a broad range of species. This is in contrast to lead and zinc for which a substantially greater degree of species selectivity is indicated. Some species are sensitive, others relatively insensitive to lead and zinc.

- From the NURP data, locations which tend to have site median concentrations in the low, average, or high end of the range have generally consistent patterns for each of the three heavy metals.

- Control measures which produce reductions in copper discharges to receiving waters could be expected to result in equivalent reductions in zinc, and greater reductions in lead, by virtue of its significantly greater particulate fraction.

Copper is accordingly suggested to be an effective indicator for all heavy metals in urban runoff relative to aquatic life. It might be used as the focus for control evaluations, site specific bioassays, monitoring activities, and the like.

It should be noted that while immediate water column impacts of lead are not as significant as those for copper, the high particulate fraction of lead would tend to result in greater accumulations in the stream bed. This aspect has not been addressed by the NURP program in sufficient detail to warrant any comment on its potential significance.

The results of the screening analysis summarized by Figures 7-6 through 7-8 are approximate, because they are influenced by the suitability of the typical values for stream and runoff flows which were assigned. This however can be refined by the use of appropriate values which can be developed from readily available data bases, and thus adjusted for local variations which are to be expected. A second issue relative to the reliability of the projections is the validity of the computations, given that the input parameters are representative. This has been confirmed by a number of validation tests, discussed in the NURP supporting document referenced earlier, which addresses the stream analysis methodology.

The remaining issue for evaluating the reliability of the indications of problem potential produced by the screening analysis is the reasonableness of the intermittent exposure concentration levels, which have been associated with various biological effects levels, and the guidelines adopted for this discussion, which determine whether or not a problem is expected. While rather tenuous at this time, the information available does provide support.

Two of the NURP projects examined aquatic life effects in streams receiving runoff from monitored sites.

- Bellevue, WA concluded that whatever adverse effects were observed were attributable to habitat impacts (stream bed scour and deposition) as opposed to chemical toxicity. For this project, heavy metal concentrations in the monitored urban runoff sites were typical of the average for all urban sites. The screening analysis results under these conditions do not indicate the expectation of a problem.

- Tampa, FL conducted extensive bioassay tests but failed to show any adverse effect of water column concentrations of pollutants in urban runoff. The screening analysis results presented in Figure 7-6 indicate marginal problem conditions at low DAR for this geographic region. At this project however, all monitored sites show heavy metal concentrations significantly lower than the low range conditions used in the screening analysis. When

the screening analysis is repeated using site concentrations representative of Tampa monitoring results, a problem situation is not predicted, even at DARs lower than is probably the case for this location.

LAKES

Because lakes provide extended residence times for pollutants, the significant time scale for evaluating urban runoff impacts is at least seasonal, and usually annual or longer, rather than the storm event scale used for streams. The screening methodology identified in Chapter 5, uses annual nutrient loads to assess the tendency for development of undesirable eutrophication effects.

Figure 7-9 illustrates the effect of urban runoff on average lake phosphorus concentration. The very significant influence of area ratio is evident. The larger the urban area which drains into a lake of a given size, the greater the annual loading, and the higher will be the lake phosphorus concentration and the eutrophication effects produced.

The phosphorus concentrations characteristic of the urban sites surrounding a particular lake are also seen to be significant. The three bands shown reflect the range of possibilities, based on the NURP data. The same basis is used to estimate the phosphorus loads from average urban sites and those at the higher and lower ends of site conditions, as was described for heavy metals in the previous section. In this case, because it is annual mass loads which are of interest, site median concentrations have been converted to site mean values for use in the computations.

Lake phosphorus concentrations are also influenced by the annual runoff volume (annual precipitation and runoff coefficient). The results illustrated are based on an annual rainfall of 30 inches and an overall average runoff coefficient of 0.2. Plotted results may be scaled up or down in proportion to the ratio between local values for these parameters and those used in the illustration.

Finally, the lake morphology and hydrology influence the outcome; specifically depth (H) and residence time (τ). This is reflected by the width of each of the bands, which are based on a range of values for H/τ (1 to 10) estimated to be fairly typical for lakes in urban settings.

If an average lake phosphorus concentration of 20 µg/l is used as a reference concentration to assess the tendency for producing undesirable levels of biostimulation, it is apparent that only lakes with rather small area ratios are likely to be unaffected by urban runoff nutrient discharges. Since the three bands represent different concentration levels of phosphorus in urban runoff, qualitative inferences may be drawn concerning the beneficial use impacts of control activities. More detailed estimates may of course be made by use of the methodology with site specific parameters.

The salient feature of the situation, as generalized by the analysis summarized by Figure 7-9, is that the problem potential of urban runoff for lakes is quite site specific. The illustration considers only urban runoff loads; in an actual situation, all nutrient sources (point and nonpoint)

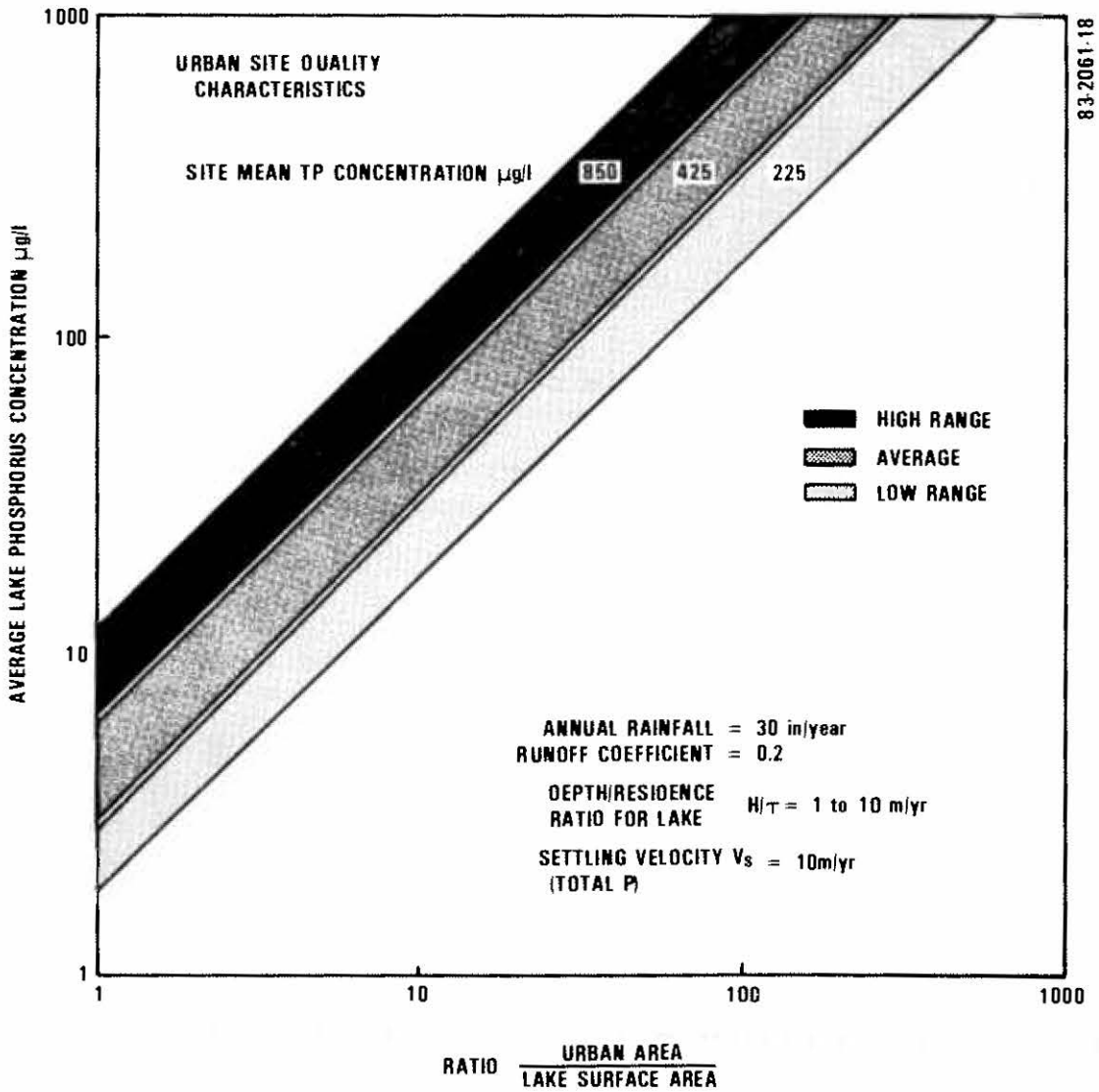


Figure 7-9. Effect of Urban Runoff on Lake Phosphorus Concentrations

would be considered, and this would tend to modify the relative significance of urban runoff on lake conditions.

Several of the NURP projects addressed impacts on lake quality in some depth. These projects include the following:

- Irondequoit Bay, NY - Lake has been highly eutrophic, due to point and nonpoint discharges. Sewage treatment plant and combined sewer overflow discharges have been removed, so that residual sources are recycle from lake sediments and nonpoint sources, including urban runoff, from the contributing drainage area. Further reductions are considered necessary to meet targets. (Area ratio is high at this location.)

- Lake George, NY - Lake is oligotrophic; the study addressed the concern that urban runoff from present and potential future development would unacceptably accelerate degradation of existing water quality. (Area ratio is low at this location.)

- Lake Quinsigamond, MA - Urban runoff was determined to be one of a number of sources preventing water quality objectives from being met. Some control of urban runoff phosphorus loads was recommended as one of the elements of an overall management plan.

Each of the above situations is sufficiently unique, and the mix of urban runoff and other load sources is sufficiently different to suggest that it is inappropriate to attempt a broad generalization. The interested reader may refer to the individual project documents which are available through NTIS for more information.

ESTUARIES AND EMBAYMENTS

These water bodies are normally of sufficient size and complexity that simple screening analyses have not been considered to be sufficiently useful or effective to justify their use.

The Long Island, NY NURP project examined and confirmed that urban runoff sources of coliform bacteria are the principal contributors to the water column concentrations that result in closure of shellfish beds in a number of embayments (principally the Great South Bay). Estimates of control activities that would allow the opening of presently closed areas were also made. The reader is referred to the project documents for further information.

The significance of urban runoff and other nonpoint source loads on eutrophic levels in the Potomac estuary is being investigated under a study which is not associated with the NURP program. However, among other objectives of the WASHCOG NURP project, estimates of urban nonpoint source loads have been developed to support this study.

Although specific situations where urban runoff is significant have been identified, no general assessment for water bodies of this type can be made at this time.

GROUNDWATER AQUIFERS

Much of the precipitation which falls on an area either percolates directly into the ground, or does so after relatively short overland flow distances. This condition is essentially uncontrollable and distinctly different from the case where urban runoff from impervious areas is deliberately collected and routed to a recharge device which causes it to percolate to groundwaters.

This type of control approach is a practical and effective technique for reducing pollutant loads which would otherwise reach surface waters as discussed in Chapter 8. The concern addressed here is with the extent to which groundwater aquifers may be contaminated by this practice.

The Long Island, NY and Fresno, CA NURP projects examined this issue through extensive tests utilizing recharge basins ranging from recent installations to others which have been in service in excess of 20 years. A somewhat simplified consolidation of the salient findings of these two projects is presented below. The interested reader is referred to the individual project report documents, available through NTIS, for the important details and qualifications.

- Most pollutants of importance in urban runoff are intercepted during the process of infiltration and quite effectively prevented from reaching the groundwater aquifers underlying recharge basins. The pollutants tested and found to behave in this manner include the heavy metals, an appreciable number of the organic priority pollutants and pesticides, and coliform bacteria.

- Chlorides, which are sometimes present in urban runoff at elevated concentrations due to road deicing practices, are not attenuated during recharge.

- Pollutants accumulate in the upper soil layers. The concentrations found are a function of the length of time a basin has been in service. Effective retention of pollutants takes place with all soil types tested, ranging from clays to sands. The depth of pollutant penetration is affected by soil type; however in no case did contaminant enrichment of soil exceed several meters depth, and highest concentrations were found near the surface.

- The limit of the ability of the soil to retain the pollutants of interest is unknown. Additional study of this aspect is appropriate. However given the long service periods of a number of the recharge basins studied, this does not appear to represent an imminent concern.

- At both of these NURP locations, groundwater surfaces were at least 20 feet, and often appreciably more, below the base of the recharge device. The indicated findings may not be applicable at locations with shallow depths to groundwater.

- No significant differences in interception/retention of pollutants is apparent for basins with bare versus vegetated recharge surfaces. However vegetation does apparently help to maintain infiltration rates normal for the soil type.

- Surface soil accumulations of priority pollutants in dual purpose installations used for both recharge and recreational use warrants further investigation to determine whether such practice creates unacceptable health risks or requires appropriately designed and conducted maintenance procedures.

CHAPTER 8
URBAN RUNOFF CONTROLS

INTRODUCTION

This chapter summarizes the information developed by the individual NURP project studies relating to performance characteristics of selected techniques for the control of urban runoff quality. The number of control practices addressed here is considerably smaller than the array of best management practices suggested in prior studies and publications. This is not intended to exclude consideration of other approaches. However, the techniques discussed in this chapter may be taken as an expression of controls considered by the agencies involved to be potentially attractive and practicable at localized planning levels. They represent the practices for which performance data were obtained under the NURP program and which can be analyzed and evaluated in this report.

Most of the NURP projects provide in their project reports a detailed analysis and evaluation of the controls that were studied. These reports are available through NTIS. In addition to this information source, an analysis was performed by EPAs NURP headquarters team, using results available from all project studies. The objective was to provide an overview and a generic description of performance characteristics in a format considered to be useful for planning activities. Thus, in addition to providing a consolidated summary of project results, this chapter presents a summary of the results of applying analysis methodologies developed under the NURP program. Further detail on the former can be obtained by reference to relevant project report documents; a more comprehensive development of the latter is provided in separate NURP documents ("Detention and Recharge Basins for Control of Urban Runoff Quality", and "Street Sweeping for Control or Urban Runoff Quality").

The types of control techniques which received attention (to a greater or lesser degree) in the NURP program can be grouped into four general categories.

- Detention Devices - These include normally dry detention basins typically designed for runoff quantity control, normally wet detention basins, dual purpose basins, over-sized drain pipes, and catchbasins.

- Recharge Devices - These include infiltration pits, trenches, and ponds; open-bottom galleries and catchbasins; and porous pavements.

- Housekeeping Practices - These are principally street sweeping, but also include sidewalk cleaning, litter containers, catchbasin cleaning, etc.

- Other - These include the so-called "living filter" approaches, grassed swales, wetlands, etc.

DETENTION DEVICES

General

Detention basins proved to be one of the most popular approaches to urban runoff quality control selected at the local level, based on the number of individual projects which elected to study them and the number of detention devices tested in the study. It is perhaps instructive to note that nearly all the detention facilities studied were either already in place, or required only modifications of outlet structures before initiation of the NURP-supported studies. In general, detention devices proved to provide a highly effective approach to control of urban runoff quality, although the design concept has a significant bearing on performance characteristics.

Table 8-1 lists the NURP projects that included detention devices as elements of their study program. Both the number of devices, and the number of storms analyzed vary considerably, as indicated in Table 8-1, depending on project priorities and other relevant activities. As a result, not all of the sites are incorporated in the summary presented below. The Washington Area Council of Governments (WASHCOG) conducted a particularly thorough and comprehensive investigation of control techniques, particularly detention basins. They have prepared several useful and informative analyses of performance results on these devices.

Dry Basins

This is a type of detention basin which is currently in fairly extensive service in various parts of the country. The performance objective of such basins is commonly called "peak shaving", that is, to limit the maximum rate of runoff to some preselected magnitude, usually a maximum pre-development rate. The purpose is to control flooding and erosion potential in areas downstream of new development. Such basins employ a bottom outlet having a hydraulic capacity restricted to the maximum allowable flow. Runoff from smaller storms flows along the bottom of the basin and is discharged without restriction. Flows in excess of design are backed up in the basin temporarily and ponding occurs only during larger storms and for relatively short periods of time. This class of retention basin is thus normally dry.

Performance of such basins, from a pollutant removal aspect, range from insignificant to quite poor. Accordingly, the limited data available are not discussed in this chapter.

Wet Basins

This designation covers detention basins which maintain a permanent pool of water. They may vary considerably in appearance, ranging from natural ponds or small lakes dedicated urban runoff control to enlarged sections in

TABLE 8-1. DETENTION BASINS MONITORED BY NURP STUDIES

Project	Site	Design Type	No. Events in/out
CO1 Denver	North Ave	Dry Basin	39/21
DC1 Washington, D.C.	Burke	Wet Basin	60/35
	Lakeridge	Dry Basin	49/41
	Stedwick	Dual-Purpose	48/34
	Westleigh	Wet Basin	41/45
IL2 N. Illinois	Lake Ellyn	Wet Basin	29/23
MI1 Lansing	Dryer Farms	Dry Basin	2/8
	Grace St. N*	Wet Basin	23/21
	Grace St. S*	Wet Basin	20/22
	Waverly Hills	Wet Basin	35/30
MI3 Ann Arbor	Pitt-AA	Wet Basin	6/6
	Traver	Wet Basin	5/5
	Swift Run	Wet Basin	5/5
NY1 Long Island	Unqua Pond	Wet Basin	8/8

* These are oversized storm drains installed below street level. Inverts of control sections are below the general grade line, so a permanent pool is maintained.

constructed drainage systems. Runoff from an individual storm displaces all or part of the prior volume, and the residual is retained until the next storm event. This pattern may or may not be modified by natural base inflows during dry weather depending on the local situation.

Detention basins utilizing this design concept have been shown by the NURP studies to be capable of highly effective performance in urban runoff applications, as summarized below. Although performance characteristics of individual basins ranged from poor to excellent, analysis shows these differences to be attributable to the size of the basin relative to the connected urban area and local storm characteristics. Performance data also indicate that in addition to removal of particulate forms or pollutants by sedimentation, some basins exhibit substantial reductions in soluble nutrients (soluble phosphorus, nitrate + nitrite nitrogen). This is attributed to biological processes which are permitted to proceed in the permanent water pool.

There are a number of ways to characterize detention basin performance. The primary basis selected by NURP for doing so is to define performance efficiency on the basis of the total pollutant mass removed over all storms. This provides a meaningful general measure for comparison, is relevant for water quality effects associated with extended time scales (e.g., nutrient load impacts on lakes), and conforms with the capabilities of the NURP analysis methodology developed to provide a planning-level basis for estimating cost/benefit differences in size or application density of this type control.

Table 8-2 tabulates performance in terms of reduction in pollutant mass loads over all monitored storm events. The analysis methodology developed under the NURP program activities suggests that performance should be expected to improve as the overflow rate (QR/A = mean runoff rate ÷ basin surface area) decreases and as the volume ratio (VB/VR = basin volume ÷ mean runoff volume) increases. The NURP basins used in the analysis are listed in increasing order of expected performance capabilities.

The wide range of relative basin sizes provided by this data base is apparent, and performance is seen to generally correspond with expectations. The poorest performance occurs in a basin with an average overflow rate during the mean storm of about six times the median settling velocity (1.5 ft/hr) of particles in urban runoff. In addition, less than 5 percent of the mean storm runoff volume remains in this basin following the event, to be susceptible to additional removal by quiescent settling during the interval between storms. The basins which exhibit high removal efficiencies, at the other end of the scale, have size relationships which result in the mean storm displacing only about 10 percent of the available volume, and producing overflow rates which are only a small fraction of the median particle settling velocity.

This rationale is described more completely in the supporting NURP document on detention basins identified earlier. The testing of the methodology against the NURP monitoring data is presented, and the basis for the performance projections illustrated below is documented.

Figure 8-1 presents a projection of removal efficiency of urban runoff detention devices as a function of basin size relative to the contributing catchment area and regional differences in typical rainfall patterns. The removal rates apply for TSS, which are all settleable, and must be factored by the particulate/soluble fraction of other pollutants which have significant soluble fractions in urban runoff. It applies for the specific basin average depth and area runoff coefficient indicated (which are fairly typical based on NURP data). However performance relationships could be different than indicated based on relevant local values for the controlling parameters.

An alternate approach for characterizing performance of detention basins concentrates on the variable characteristics of individual storm events and how these are modified by the detention device. A comparison of the mean and coefficient of variation of basin inflow and discharge concentrations provides another measure of performance of an urban runoff detention device.

TABLE 8-2. OBSERVED PERFORMANCE OF WET DETENTION BASINS
REDUCTION IN PERCENT OVERALL MASS LOAD

Project and Site	No. of Storms	Size Ratios		Average Mass Removals - All Monitored Storms (Percent)									
		QR/A	VB/VR	TSS	BOD	COD	TP	Sol.P	TKN	NO_{2+3}	T.Cu	T.Pb	T.Zn
Lansing Grace St. N.	18	8.75	0.05	(-)	14	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	9	(-)
Lansing Grace St. S.	18	2.37	0.17	32	3	(-)	12	23	7	1	(-)	26	(-)
Ann Arbor Pitt-AA	6	1.86	0.52	32	21	23	18	(-)	14	7	•	62	13
Ann Arbor Traver	5	0.30	1.16	5	(-)	15	34	56	20	27	•	•	5
Ann Arbor Swift Run	5	0.20	1.02	85	4	2	3	29	19	80	•	82	(-)
Long Island Unqua	8	0.08	3.07	60	(TOC=7)		45	•	(-)	(-)	•	80	•
Washington, D.C. Westleigh	32	0.05	5.31	81	•	35	54	71	27	•	•	•	26
Lansing Waverly Hills	29	0.04	7.57	91	69	69	79	70	60	66	57	95	71
NIPC Lake Ellyn	23	0.10	10.70	84	•	•	34	•	•	•	71	78	71

Notes: (-) Indicates apparent negative removals.

• Indicates pollutant was not monitored.

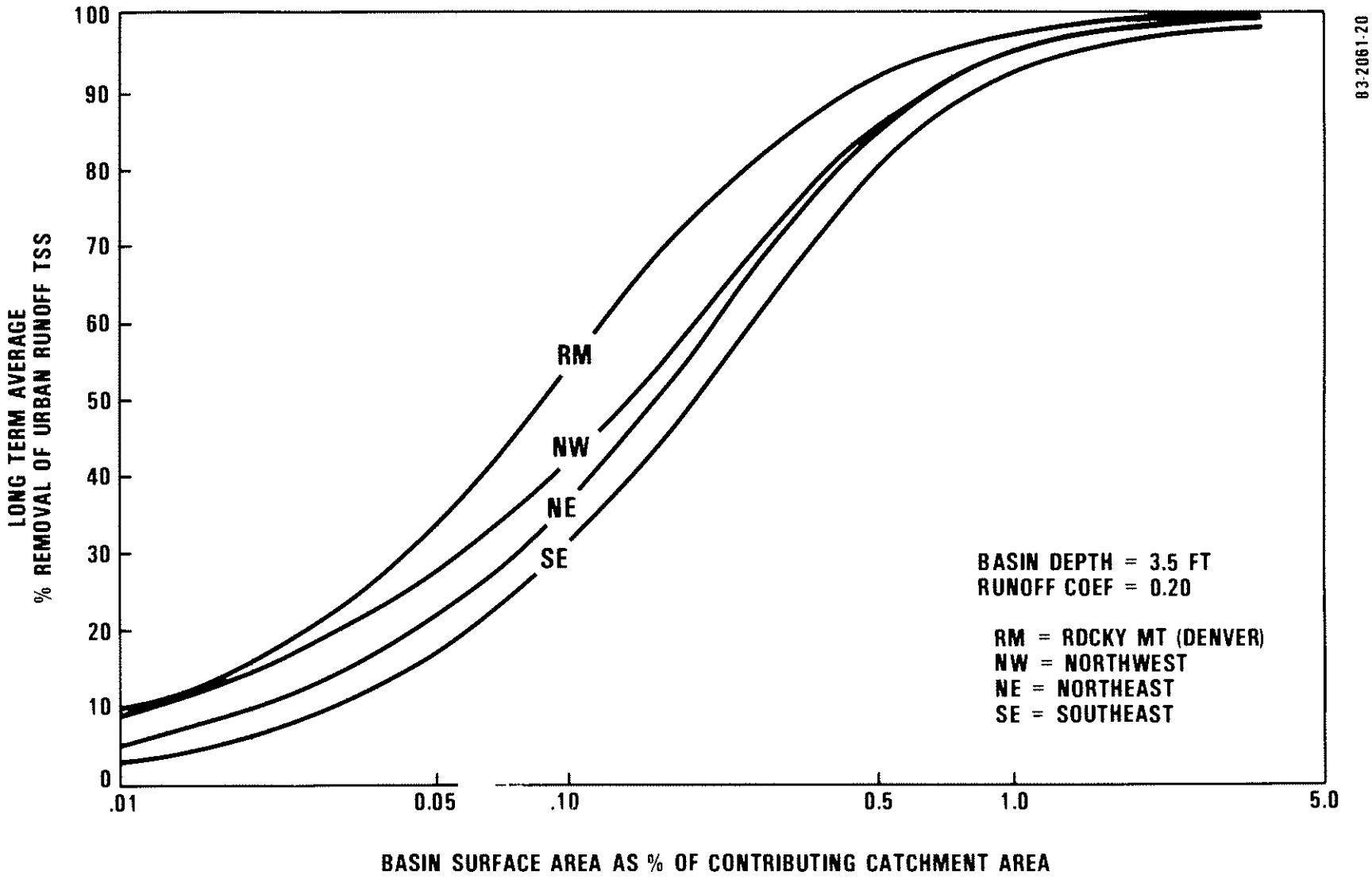


Figure 8-1. Regional Differences in Detention Basin Performance

This approach provides more useful information for subsequently evaluating the effect of controls on water quality impacts on rivers and streams. As evident from the discussion in Chapter 6, reductions in the mean and variability of runoff concentrations (and the inferred reduction in mean and variability of runoff rates) will have a significant beneficial effect on the severity of impacts on flowing streams.

Table 8-3 summarizes detention basin performance when assessed in this manner. It should be noted that in most cases more inlet storm events were monitored than discharge events, and that some inlet events do not have a matching discharge event and vice-versa. Further, for the larger basins where storm inflow displaces only a fraction of the basin volume, it is unlikely that influent and effluent for a specific event represent the same volume of water. The tacit assumption in this analysis is that the inflow events which were monitored provide a representative sample of the total population of all influent event mean concentrations (EMCs). Similarly, the monitored effluent events are assumed to be a representative sample of all basin discharge EMCs. The appropriateness of this assumption is obviously more uncertain where the number of individual storm events monitored is small.

For each basin influent and effluent, the arithmetic mean and variance were computed based on the relationships for lognormal distributions. The percent reduction in the mean concentration and the coefficient of variation are tabulated (Table 8-3). Note that where the number of monitored events shown in this table differ from those listed in Table 8-2, it is because the mass removal computations were restricted to synoptic storms (i.e., matching influent and effluent results were available for an event).

Performance characteristics are generally consistent using either approach, even though each displays a different type of information. Performance improves with detention basin size relative to catchment size and hence the magnitude of the runoff processed. Giving greater weight to the sites monitoring large numbers of storms, indications are that for most pollutants wet ponds also generally result in a considerable reduction in the variability of pollutant concentrations.

A significant exception to this tendency to reduce variability is shown for the soluble nitrogen forms (NO_2 + NO_3). The positive removal efficiency indicated by reduction of mean concentrations must be attributed to biological processes rather than sedimentation. A substantial increase in variability is consistently indicated by the data. Among the heavy metals, lead which is nearly all in particulate form shows significant reductions in variability. Copper and zinc which have high (40 to 60 percent) soluble fractions show an ambiguous pattern with regard to changes in variability.

In a few of the cases where atypical results are indicated, unique local conditions suggest plausible explanations. For example, at the Ann Arbor (Traver) site, erosion from an unstabilized bank at the outlet of this newly constructed basin is attributed to the poor suspended solids removal observed. The poor removal characteristics at the Unqua site for TKN and nitrate may be associated with the significant wildfowl population at this site.

TABLE 8-3. OBSERVED PERFORMANCE OF WET DETENTION BASINS (PERCENT REDUCTION IN POLLUTANT CONCENTRATIONS)

(a) Mean EMC

Project and Site	No. of Storms (1)	Percent Reduction in Mean EMC									
		TSS	BOD	COD	TP	Sol.P	TKN	NO_{2+3}	T.Cu	T.Pb	T.Zn
Lansing Grace St. N.	23/20	(6)	(26)	15	(10)	(26)	11	(1)	(9)	39	(9)
Lansing Grace St. S.	18/17	22	4	(3)	6	0	(5)	(20)	25	14	7
Ann Arbor Pitt-AA	6/6	38	17	23	28	(2)	11	8	·	59	22
Ann Arbor Traver	5/5	0	(66)	12	37	63	19	28	·	·	19
Ann Arbor Swift Run	5/5	83	11	(3)	(38)	21	25	77	·	86	·
Long Island Unqua	8/8	34	(TOC=26)		38	·	(31)	(10)	·	78	·
Washington, D.C. Westleigh	40/40	83	·	33	59	70	19	28	10	·	10
Lansing Waverly Hills	35/30	87	52	52	69	56	30	54	53	93	58
NIPC Lake Ellyn	25/20	92	·	64	61	62	·	82	88	91	87

(b) Coefficient of Variation of EMCs

Project and Site	No. of Storms (1)	Percent Reduction in Coef of Variation of EMCs									
		TSS	BOD	COD	TP	Sol.P	TKN	NO_{2+3}	T.Cu	T.Pb	T.Zn
Lansing Grace St. N.	23/20	14	49	35	(7)	(13)	30	0	0	45	(31)
Lansing Grace St. S.	18/17	(7)	(59)	39	13	0	20	21	17	18	15
Ann Arbor Pitt-AA	6/6	17	(6)	10	28	(84)	37	0	·	53	(5)
Ann Arbor Traver	5/5	14	(109)	58	(3)	42	(150)	(82)	·	·	0
Ann Arbor Swift Run	5/5	(5)	39	50	(150)	0	20	(150)	·	26	·
Long Island Unqua	8/8	(87)	(TOC=66)		47	·	19	(66)	·	65	·
Washington, D.C. Westleigh	40/40	46	·	(26)	15	20	41	(280)	0	·	(14)
Lansing Waverly Hills	35/30	38	5	69	34	26	(8)	(198)	(22)	34	(36)
NIPC Lake Ellyn	25/20	44	·	41	71	48	·	(115)	60	19	41

Notes: (1) In/Out; numbers are approximate, and vary with pollutant. Removals in parentheses indicate negative removal.

Oot (·) indicates pollutant either not monitored or number of observations is too small for reliable estimate of percent reduction.

The ability of detention basins to reduce coliform bacteria concentrations is also of considerable interest because of the significant impact these urban runoff contaminants exert on recreational or shellfish harvesting beneficial uses. Other than at the Unqua site of the Long Island NURP project, the number of observations made for indicator bacteria were too few to support a reliable assessment of the ability of detention basins to effect quality improvements. However, extensive data of this nature were secured on detention basin influent and effluent during all monitored storms at the Unqua site.

Since coliform bacteria have a high rate of die-off in natural waters, performance characteristics based on total mass reductions are not particularly meaningful. The Unqua site data were analyzed to evaluate performance in terms of reductions in concentration levels. Over eight monitored storms at this site, covering a wide range in storm size, the mean EMC (MPN/100 ml) was reduced by 94 percent for total coliform, 91 percent for fecal coliform, and 95 percent for fecal streptococcus bacteria. Variability of bacteria concentrations in the pond outlet increased, with effluent coefficients of variation ranging from about 10 to 100 percent greater than influents. Accordingly, detention basins employing permanent pools (wet ponds) are indicated to be capable of substantial reductions in indicator bacteria.

Dual Purpose Basins

In the absence of a well defined terminology, we have adopted this designation to define basins that are normally dry, and hence retain their full potential for flood control, but which have outlet designs that result in a slow release rate for detained storm flows. Detention time is extended considerably compared with that provided by dry basins employing conventional outlet designs.

One of the detention basins examined by the WASHCOG NURP project, was of this type. This project designates such designs as "Extended Detention Dry Ponds." The pond was converted from a conventional dry pond by replacing the outlet pipe with a perforated riser enclosed in a gravel jacket. The modification was designed to detain stormwater runoff for up to 24 hours, instead of the 1 to 2 hours typically observed in conventional dry ponds.

For undetermined reasons, average detention periods during the study were in the order of 4 to 8 hours, and hence considerably shorter than the design objective. Nevertheless, based on monitoring of more than 30 storm events, the removal of particulate forms of urban pollutants was typically high and comparable to the performance efficiency of wet ponds.

Observed removals for this site (Stedwick) are summarized by Table 8-4, showing percent reductions in both mass and concentration distributions. The principal differences in performance of dual purpose basins compared with wet basins are suggested by the available data to consist of the following:

- Soluble pollutants (e.g., soluble P and Nitrate/Nitrite) are not effectively reduced because of the absence of a permanent pool within which biological reactions have an opportunity to occur in addition to sedimentation.

- The variability of pollutant EMC's does not appear to be modified to the extent that this occurs in wet ponds.

TABLE 8-4. PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS OF A DUAL-PURPOSE DETENTION DEVICE

(Stedwick Site - Washington Area NURP Project)

Pollutant	Percent Reduction In		
	Pollutant Mass Load Over All Monitored Storms	Pollutant EMC's Mean	Pollutant EMC's Coef Var
TSS	64	63	(31)
COD	30	41	17
Total P	< 15	11	0
Sol P	1	(4)	(13)
TKN	•	8	(11)
Organic N	30	•	•
NO_{2+3}	10	13	6
T. Cu	•	•	•
T. Pb	84	•	•
T. Zn	57	43	33

Although the performance characteristics of basins of this type are indicated to be somewhat inferior to the potential offered by wet ponds, there are a number of considerations which make dual purpose basins highly attractive candidates for quality control of urban runoff. These include the fact that flood control requirements are likely to be more economically obtained than with wet basins and that many existing stormwater management basins may be readily modified to significantly enhance their capability for improving the quality of urban runoff. In areas where ordinances requiring conventional stormwater management ponds are already in existence, the only changes required would be an alternate specification of the outlet design.

Costs

The information presented here is intended to provide an order of magnitude estimate of the cost of providing different levels of control of urban runoff pollutant discharges, when wet detention devices are used as the best management practice (BMP). The summary is based on the size versus performance relationship presented earlier in Figure 8-1 and on the size versus cost relationships presented below.

The analysis is based on cost information developed by the WASHCOG NURP project and discussed in detail in one of their project reports produced for the NURP effort. Construction cost estimates as a function of basin volume are shown by Figure 8-2, adopted from this source. This estimate compares quite favorably with a similar cost/size relationship developed previously by the Soil Conservation Service (SCS).

The cost relationship shown by this figure applies to "dry pond" designs and relates only to expected cost of construction activities. For specific cost estimates, the results derived from Figure 8-2 should be modified as appropriate, in accordance with the following:

- The highly variable capital cost of land acquisition is not included in the construction costs.

- Outlet modifications to provide a dual purpose basin design will increase construction costs by about 10 to 12 percent.

- Pond designs which meet the peak shaving requirements of conventional (dry) pond designs, but also provide a permanent pool of water may have costs up to 40 percent greater than indicated by the cost relationship shown by Figure 8-2.

- An additional allowance equal to 25 percent of construction costs is suggested to allow for planning, design, administration, and construction related contingencies.

- Operation and maintenance costs are estimated to involve an annual expenditure of approximately 3 to 5 percent of base construction cost, that is, before application of the 25 percent factor for design, planning, and administration. The total is composed of two elements: 2 to 3 percent of construction cost estimates the annual cost of routine maintenance and upkeep; an additional 1 to 2 percent of construction cost estimates the annualized cost of sediment removal operations for a 10 year clean-out cycle.

Planning agencies often distinquish between "on-site" controls, which are applied to relatively small urban catchments, often installed by the developer of an urban property, and "off-site" controls, which involve larger basins and serve substantially larger urban drainage areas. Because of the appreciable economy of scale inherent in the cost relationship defined by Figure 8-2, this factor must be taken into account in developing cost/performance summaries for urban runoff quality control using detention basins. Accordingly, the control costs presented below for wet basin designs indicate the differences based on the size of the urban catchment the basin is designed to serve.

Figure 8-3 presents a planning level approximation of both present value and annual cost of wet detention basins. Amoritization of costs is based on a 20 year basin life and an interest rate of 10 percent.

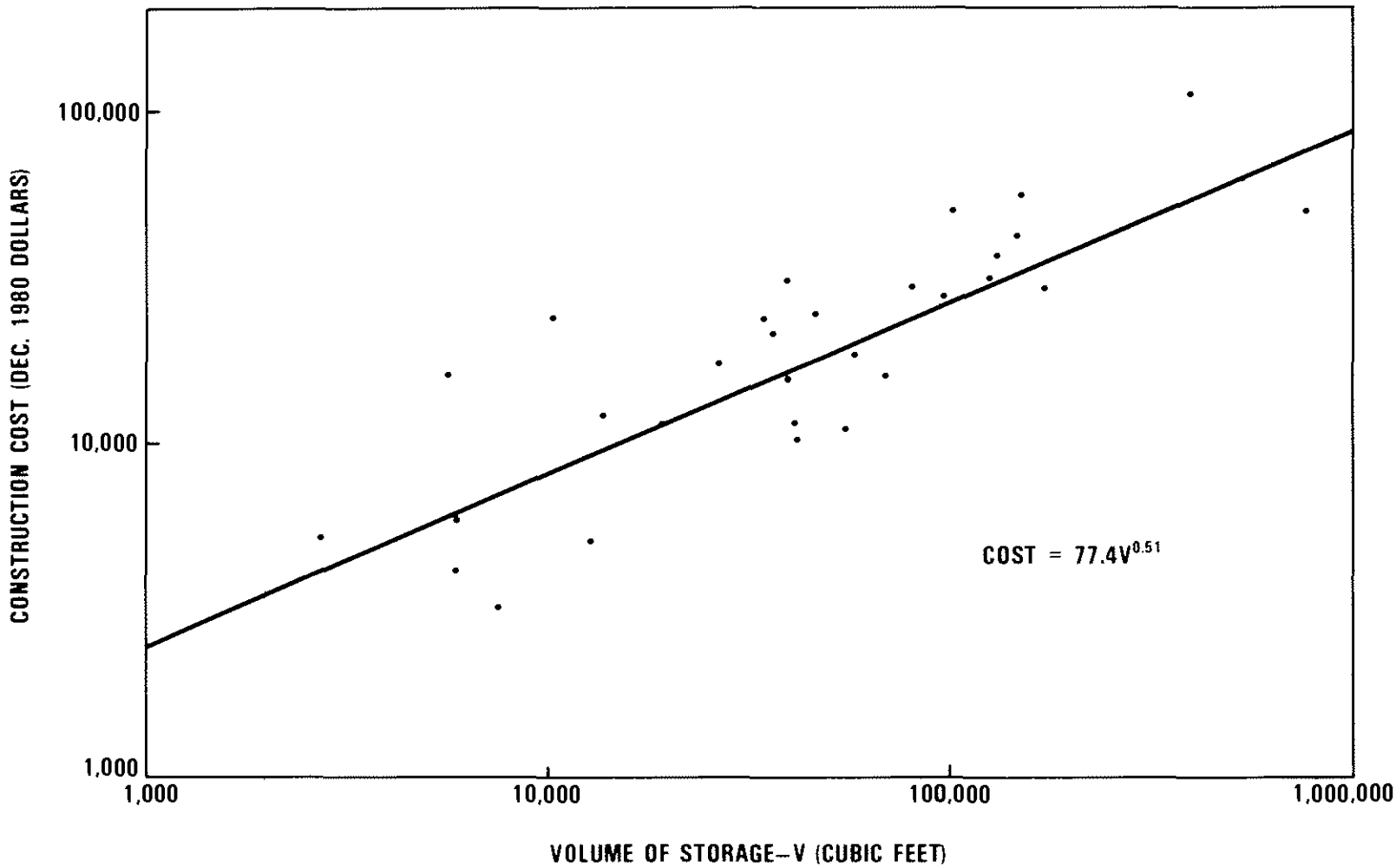
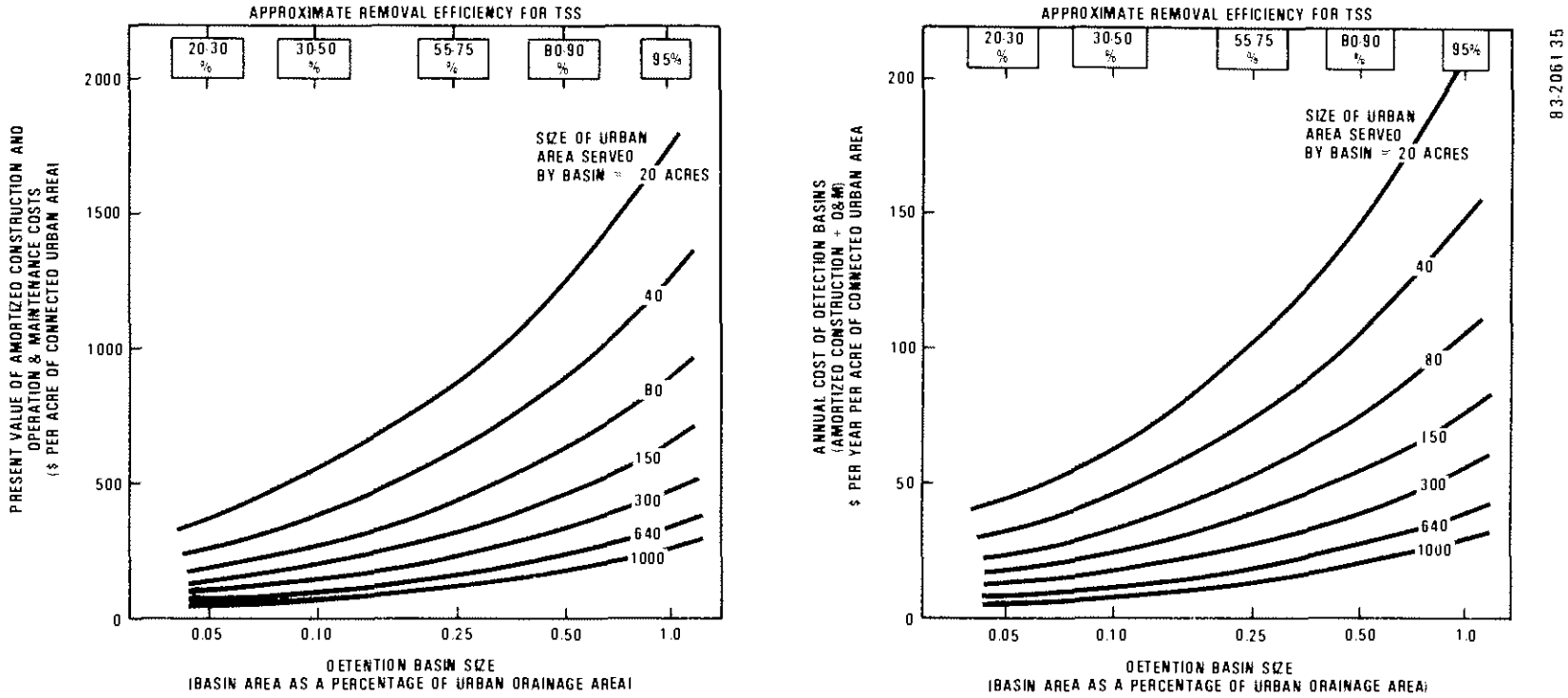


Figure 8-2. Average Stormwater Management (Dry) Pond Construction Cost Estimates Vs. Volume of Storage



BASIS WET BASINS--CONSTRUCTION COSTS 40% GREATER THAN FIGURE 8 2
ANNUAL O&M COST--5% OF BASE CONSTRUCTION COST
BASIN AVG DEPTH 3.5 FEET
INTEREST RATE 10%
BASIN LIFE 20 YEARS

Figure 8-3. Cost of Urban Runoff Control Using Wet Detention Basins

The performance levels associated with a particular basin size are shown at the top of the plots as a range for long-term average removal efficiencies for TSS. The range associated with a particular size reflects the regional differences in performance which can be expected (Figure 8-1) as a result of regional differences in storm characteristics. Approximate removal efficiencies for pollutants other than TSS can be estimated by factoring the indicated TSS removal by the particulate fraction of the pollutant of interest. The supplementary NURP document dealing with detention basins provides information to permit further refinement. A more concise local summary of cost/performance relationships can be developed using the NURP data and analysis methods, if local rainfall and land use characteristics, and design and planning preferences are utilized.

The generalized relationships shown by Figure 8-3 can be summarized as follows, if an urban catchment size of 20 to 40 acres is taken to represent a typical "on-site" control application, and an "off-site" application is reflected by detention basins serving 640 to 1000 acres.

Control Application	Approximate Level of Control (% TSS Reduction)	Cost Per Acre of Urban Area (Approximate)	
		Present Value	Annual Cost
On-site	50	$500 - $700	$60 - $80
	90	$1000 - $1500	$125 - $175
Off-site	50	$100	$10
	90	$250	$25

RECHARGE DEVICES

Control measures which enhance the infiltration of urban runoff are indicated by the NURP studies to be techniques which are practical to apply and capable of effective reductions in urban runoff quantity and quality. This finding is based on project reports and on the results of a screening analysis using a probabilistic methodology described in a supplementary NURP document on detention basins.

The issue of the potential contamination of groundwater aquifers due to enhanced infiltration of urban storm runoff has been discussed in the previous chapter dealing with receiving water impacts. The favorable findings support further consideration of this technique. At the same time, it must be emphasized that specific local conditions may make recharge inappropriate. Such conditions can include steep slopes, soil conditions, depth to groundwater, and the proximity of water supply wells. Sound planning and engineering judgement must be applied to determine the acceptability of this control approach in a local situation.

However, where local conditions premit, a wide variety of design concepts are available for use. These range from off-site applications consisting of

large retention basins, to small individual on-site units which include infiltration pits and trenches, percolating catch basins, and porous pavement. The operating principle is the same regardless of size or design concept. The important elements are the surface area provided for sub-surface percolation and the storage volume of the device. Overall performance will be related to the size of the recharge device relative to the urban catchment it serves and the permeability (infiltration rate) of the soil.

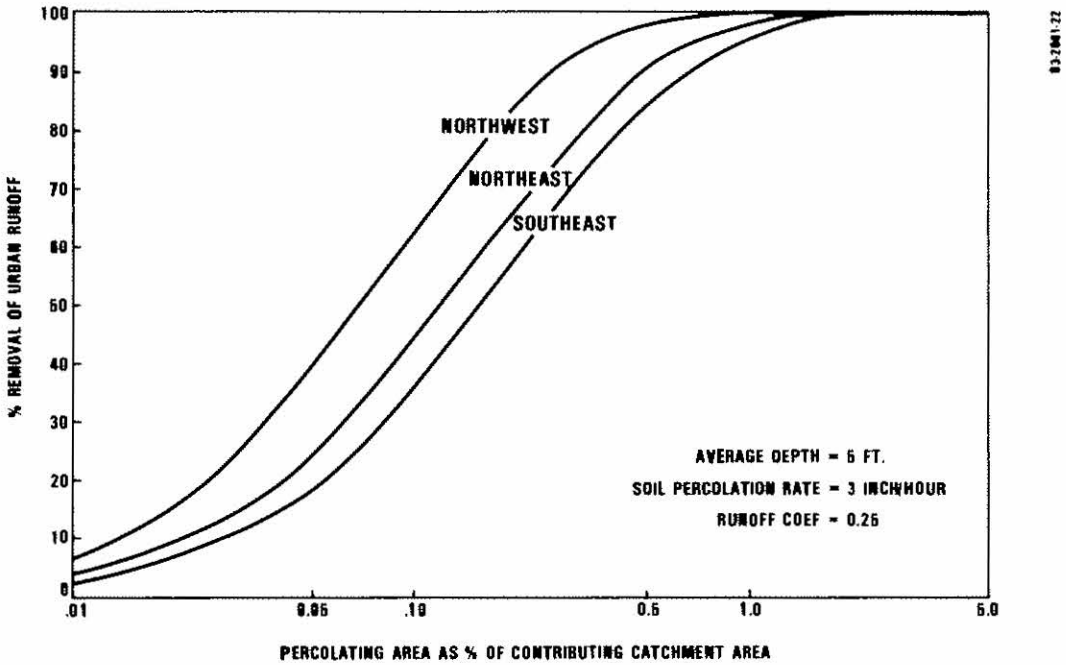
The context in which the performance capabilities of recharge devices are evaluated is the extent to which urban runoff is "captured" and prevented from discharging directly to surface waters. Pollutant removals are reduced in direct proportion to the runoff volume which is intercepted and recharged. Load reductions will be further enhanced if quality improvements occur in the portion of the runoff which is not captured. The combination of soil infiltration rate and percolating area provided determines the "treatment rate" of a specific recharge device. When storm runoff is applied to the device at rates of flow equal to or less than this rate, 100 percent of the runoff is captured during that event. At higher applied rates, the fraction of the runoff flow in excess of the treatment rate will escape and discharge to surface waters.

Most recharge devices other than porous pavement also provide storage volume. This improves performance capability because portions of the excess runoff can be retained for subsequent percolation when applied rates subside. Overflow to surface water occurs only when the available storage is exceeded.

The Long Island and Metropolitan Washington, D.C. (WASHCOG) NURP projects examined the performance of on-site recharge devices. An interconnected system of percolating catch basins in Long Island was estimated to reduce surface water discharges of storm runoff by more than 99 percent. The WASHCOG project found that a porous pavement site produced pollutant load reductions on the order of 85 to 95 percent depending on the specific pollutant considered. An infiltration trench studied by this project produced reductions in the order of 50 percent.

The NURP analysis methodology was employed in a screening analysis to assist planning evaluations by establishing the relationship between performance level and device size and soil percolation rates. Figure 8-4 presents a planning level estimate of the influence of size, soil characteristics, and regional rainfall differences on the performance of recharge devices.

The upper plot illustrates the significant effect regional differences in rainfall characteristics can have on the performance of identical recharge devices. Basin depth, soil percolation rate, and runoff coefficient for the urban catchment are the same for each case. The performance differences result from differences in the intensity and volume of the average storms in each region. Basin size is represented on the horizontal axis by expressing the percolation area that is provided as a percentage of the area of the contributing urban catchment. For example, a recharge device with a percolating surface area equal to 0.10 percent of an urban catchment represents a design which provides (43,560 sq ft/acre x 0.10/100% =) 43.5 square feet of



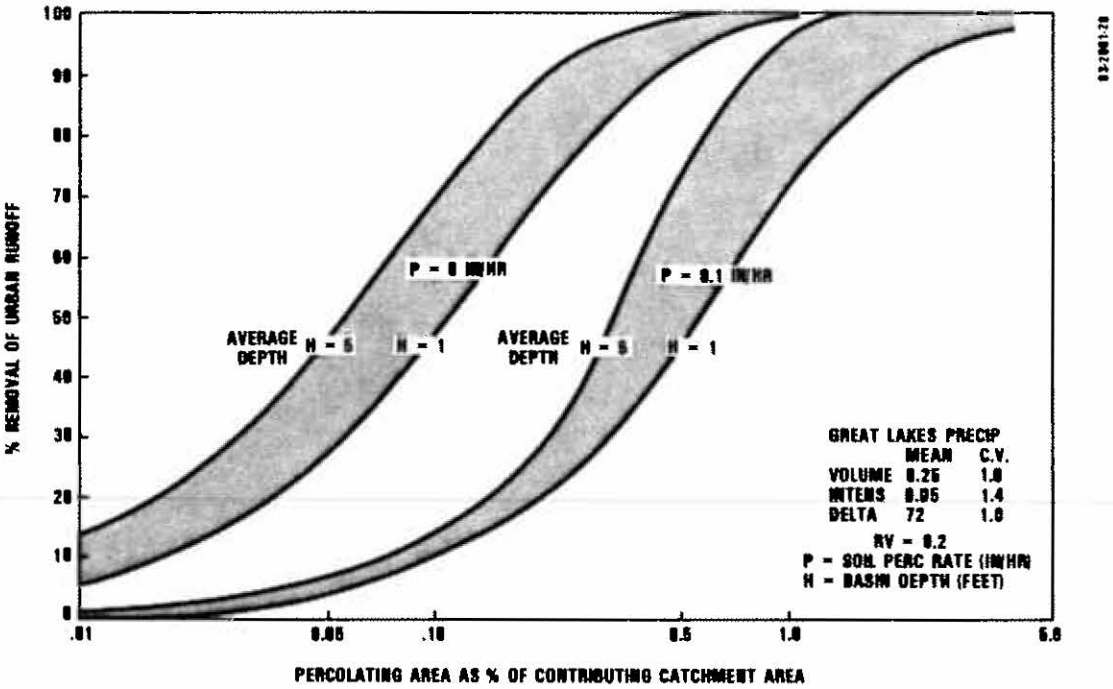


Figure 8-4. Long Term Average Performance of Recharge Devices

percolating surface area for each acre of urban catchment it serves. The long-term average reductions in urban runoff volume and pollutant load which can be expected will be approximately 35 percent in the southeast, 45 percent in the northeast and 65 percent in the Pacific northwest.

The lower plot illustrates the much more significant influence of the amount of storage volume provided (incidated by basin average depth), and the permeability of the soil through which the storm runoff must percolate. The rainfall characteristics used in this analysis are typical of the Great Lakes region of the United States and are roughly comparable to those in the northeastern part of the country. As might be expected, the permeability of the soil in which the recharge device is constructed has a dominant influence on performance capability. However significant compensation for low percolation rates can be achieved by increases in percolation area and storage volume.

When the screening analysis results are considered along with the favorable results from the NURP studies, the NURP findings indicate that with a reasonable degree of design flexibility to compensate for soils with lower percolation rates, recharge devices provide a very effective method for control of urban runoff.

STREET SWEEPING

End-of-pipe urban runoff pollutant concentrations have been commonly viewed as being a function of two prime factors -- accumulation of contaminants on street surfaces and rainfall/runoff washoff. The postulated beneficial effect of street sweeping was to reduce contaminant accumulation. Prior to NURP, emphasis of street sweeping investigations was placed on street surface mechanisms (e.g., accumulation and washoff) and sweeper equipment performance in removing street dirt. While these studies provided valuable insights into the possible benefits of street sweeping, measurements of end-of-pipe concentrations are the only direct measures of street sweeping effectiveness in water quality terms.

Recognizing this, NURP was designed to provide a large data base of urban runoff water quality concentrations for both swept and unswept conditions. In addition, the NURP street sweeping projects gathered and evaluated data on atmospheric deposition (i.e., wetfall and dryfall), street surface accumulation and washoff, and street sweeper removal rates and costs. The individual project reports look at these other issues, and the results are not repeated herein. Of prime interest and provided below is the effectiveness of street sweeping in reducing end-of-pipe urban runoff pollutant concentrations (and ultimately receiving water impacts). The findings presented below are based upon the analyses performed by the individual projects, as well as other statistical techniques, and are generally consistent with the projects' conclusions.

Five of the 28 NURP prototype projects had the evaluation of street sweeping as a central element of their work plans. These projects were as follows:

Project	Number of Sites
Castro Valley, CA	1
Milwaukee, WI	8
Champaign-Urbana, IL	4
Winston-Salem, NC	2
Bellevue, WA	2

Long Island, NY and Baltimore, MD also collected limited street sweeping data. The experimental designs of the projects varied in detail, but essentially followed either a paired basin or serial basin approach to gather test and control data, with some projects using both approaches. The general concept was that during a test period street sweeping would be more intensive (up to daily) and thorough (e.g., with operator training, parking bans, etc.) than during control periods when the streets were to be swept as usual or not at all.

In the paired basin approach, two adjacent or close-by basins were operated in a "control" or unswept mode for certain periods of time to establish a baseline comparison, and then street sweeping was performed in a "test" basin while the other remained as a control. The data provided an overall comparison between basins as well as a series of synoptic events for both basins. In the serial approach, a basin was periodically operated in either a control or test mode, with the periods adjusted so that all seasons of the year were represented in each mode. Here, rather than synoptic data pairs, one has data strings for both "swept" and "unswept" conditions.

There are no well established or prescribed procedures for evaluating the possible reduction in runoff concentrations due to street sweeping. Issues of concern include storm size and intensity effects, time since last rain, ability to select truly paired basins, seasonal effects, etc. In an attempt to sort out these issues, an exploratory data analysis was performed, and the following findings were established:

- Street sweeping has not been found to change the basic probability distribution of event mean concentrations. That is, the fundamental assumption of random, lognormal behavior is valid during sweeping operations.

- The runoff quality characteristics of a basin during swept or unswept conditions is best measured by the maximum likelihood estimator of the median EMC, with the uncertainty indicated by the 90 percent confidence interval of the median.

- There is in most cases no significant correlation (and in a few cases a weak negative correlation) between EMCs and storm runoff volume. EMCs and storm runoff intensities are also generally uncorrelated (but in isolated cases exhibit a weak positive correlation). The implication of these findings is that differences in concentrations between swept and unswept conditions will be largely unaffected by the size of the storms during the monitoring periods. Because of this independence between concentration and volume, effects of sweeping on EMCs will also indicate effects on mass pollutant loads.

- EMCs for synoptic events on paired basins are, in general, not significantly correlated or in some cases are weakly correlated; however, over the longer term (e.g., mean, frequency distribution, etc.), there are no significant differences between the distribution of EMCs of paired basins. These results show that basins are independent from storm to storm, and thus, comparisons between basins should not be attempted using synoptic events, but the basins do have similar statistical properties and thus can be considered paired.

To evaluate the effectiveness of street sweeping, a series of bivariate plots were constructed for projects using the serial basin approach. The site median EMCs for swept and unswept conditions form the data pairs of the plots. Bivariate plots are presented in Figure 8-5 for TSS, COD, TP, TKN, and Pb concentrations, respectively. Each plot contains swept or unswept conditions for multiple project sites. The assumption of the analysis is that a large enough data base was collected to negate any temporal effects such as seasonal, land use conditions, parking patterns, and other possible factors (as noted earlier, storm volume and intensity effects are not believed to be significant). Examining the bivariate plots, it is observed that, for the NURP data, the median concentrations are as likely to be increased as decreased by street sweeping. Further, street sweeping never produced a dramatic (e.g., >50 percent) reduction in concentrations (or loads).

Street sweeping performance, as measured by the percent change in the site median EMC, for selected NURP sites is graphically displayed in Figure 8-6. The results are for five constituents (TSS, COD, TP, TKN, and Pb) at 10 sites nationwide). For each site, the median EMC is based on data from between 10 and 60 events, with 30 events typical. Based on Figure 8-6 a number of important observations are evident.

- Performance as measured by change in site median EMC is highly variable.

- Where reductions occur, they generally occur for all constituents.

- Reductions never exceed 50 percent.

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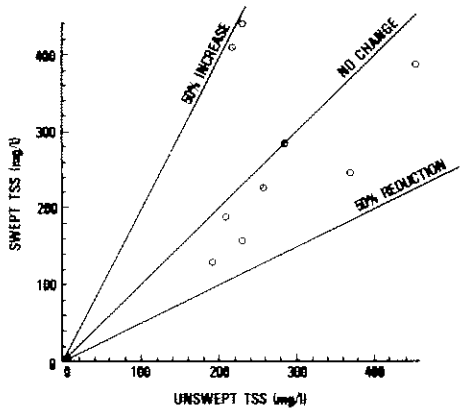

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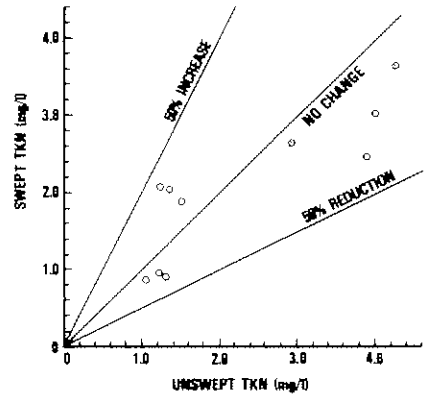

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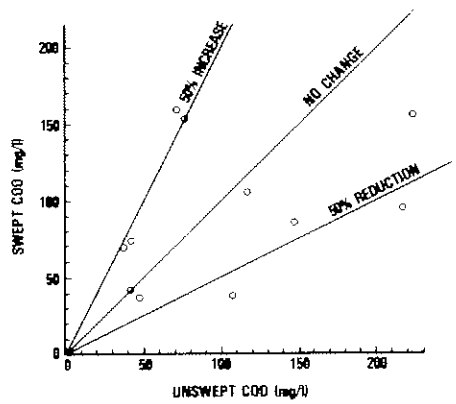

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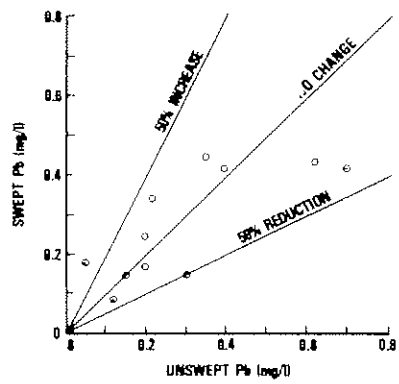

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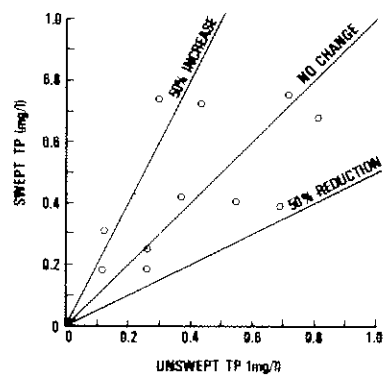

Figure 8-5. Bivariate Plots of Median EMCs for Swept and Unswept Conditions

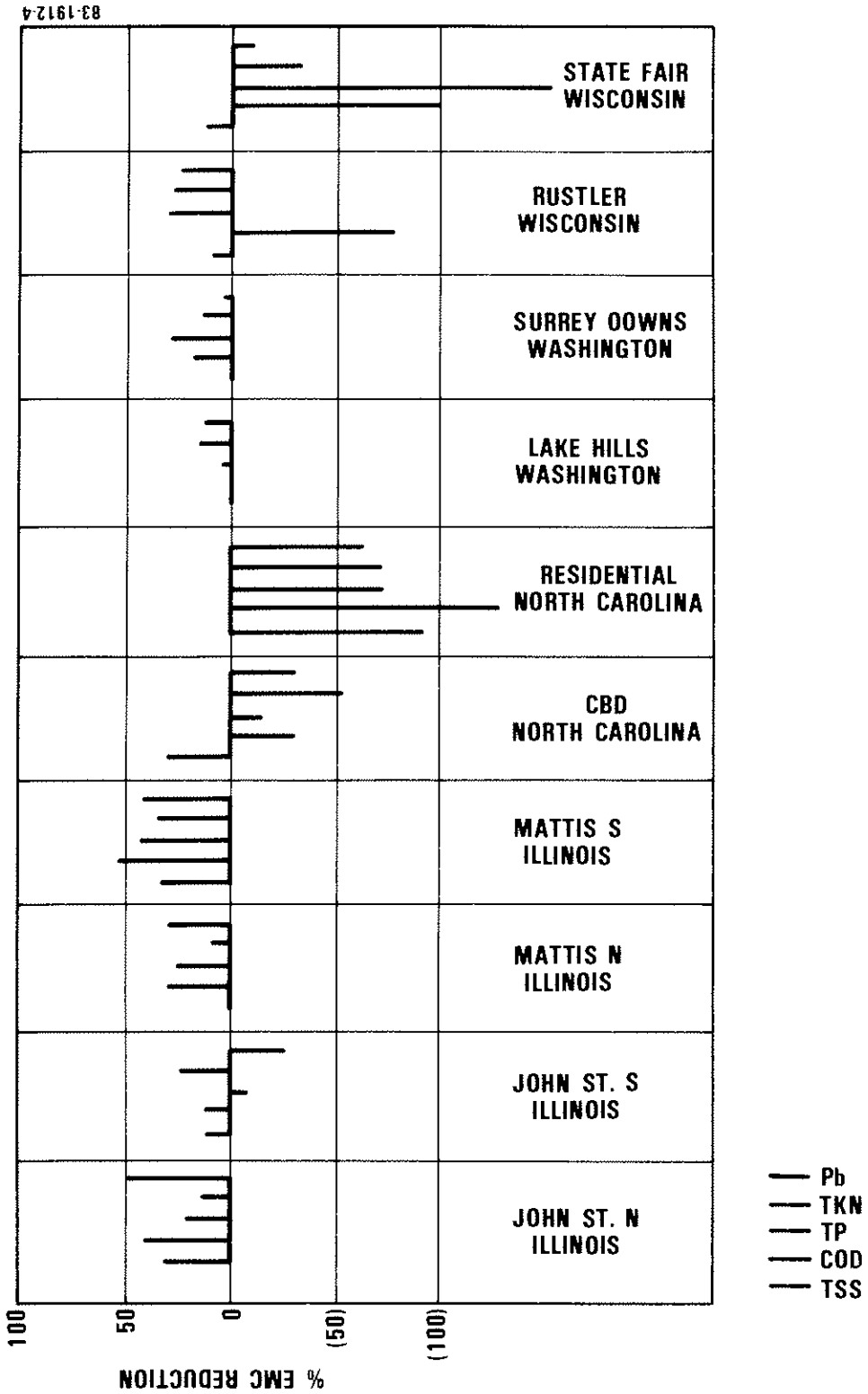

Figure 8-6. Street Sweeping Performance

In evaluating the results, it is critical that the uncertainty in the estimate of median EMCs based on limited observed data, and thus the uncertainty in performance estimates, be assessed. This is especially true for the cases of apparent increases in concentrations indicated by Figure 8-6.

For each of the 10 sites considered, the 90 percent confidence intervals of the site median EMCs were computed as indicated in Figure 8-7. This analysis indicates that there is generally no significant difference between median EMCs for swept and unswept conditions. The implications of this analysis of uncertainty are as follows:

- Based on statistical testing, no significant reductions in EMCs are realized by street sweeping.

- The indicated changes in site median EMCs (increases or decreases) are much more likely due to random sampling than actual effects of sweeping operations.

- Benefits of street sweeping (if any) are masked by the large variability of the EMCs, therefore the benefit is certainly not large (e.g., >50 percent), and an even larger site data base is required to further identify the possible effect.

- In the above context, the hypothesis that street sweeping increases EMCs is generally not shown by the data, though it could occur in isolated, site specific cases.

Urban runoff loads are the product of long term (e.g., annual) runoff volume and event mean concentration. Under this definition, statements concerning EMCs also hold for loads.

OTHER CONTROL APPROACHES

Several best management practices (BMPs) in addition to those discussed above should be identified on the basis that local planning efforts determined them to be practical to apply and to have the potential to provide significant improvements in the quality characteristics of urban runoff. They are grouped together in this section and discussed only briefly, principally because, for one reason or another, sufficient data to characterize their performance capabilities was not developed during the NURP program.

Grass Swales

Three grass swales were monitored by the Washington, D.C. area NURP project. No significant improvement is urban runoff quality was indicated for pollutants analyzed. Increases in zinc concentration which were observed were attributed to mobilization of zinc from the galvanized culverts which carried runoff under the driveways at the monitored residential sites. However the project study report concluded that modifications which would increase residence of runoff in the swales and enhance infiltration capability could make this BMP effective for control of urban runoff.

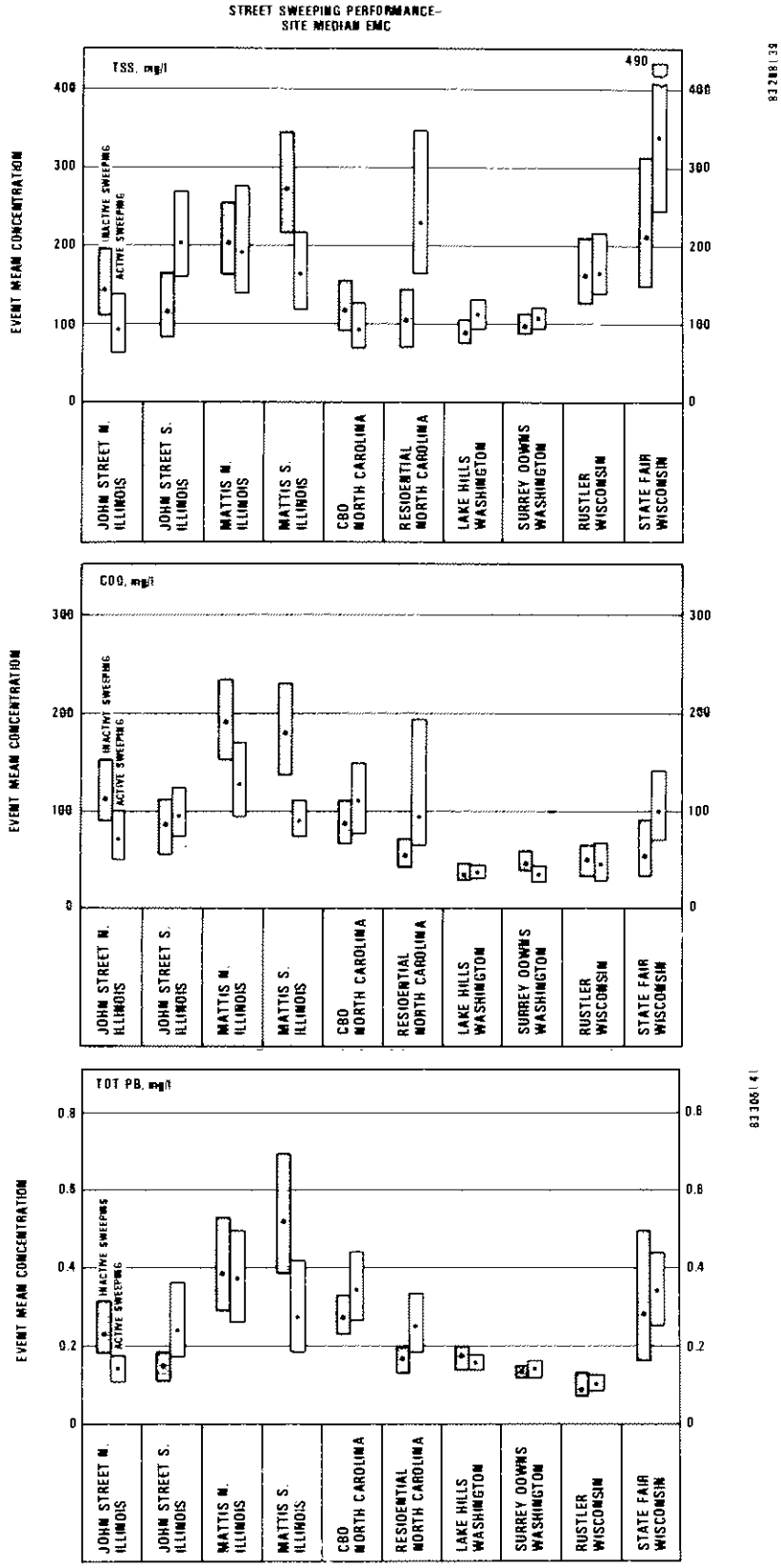

Figure 8-7. Effect of Street Sweeping on Site Median EMC Values

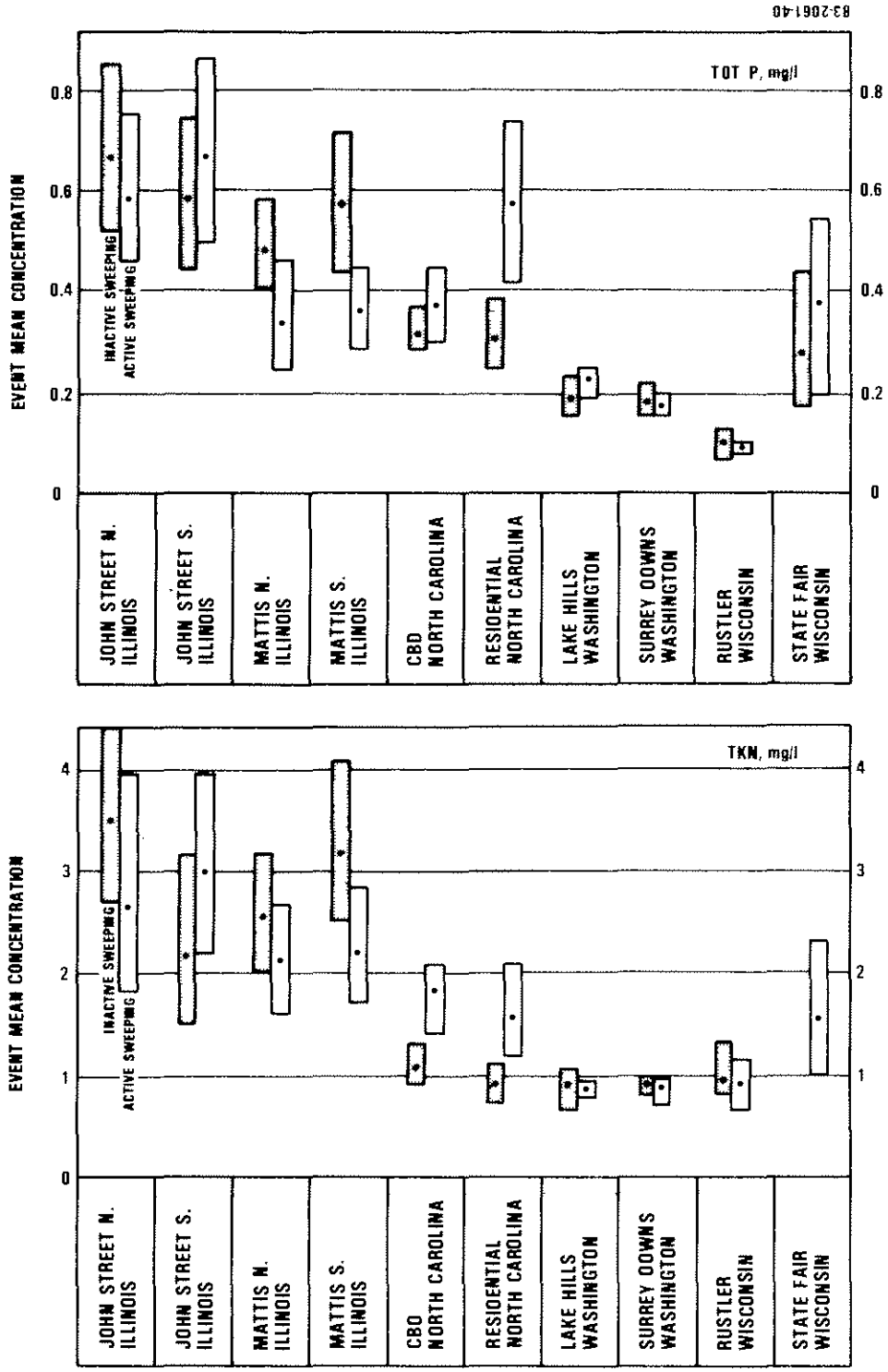

Figure 8-7. Effect of Street Sweeping on Site Median EMC Values (Cont'd)

The Durham, New Hampshire NURP project monitored performance of a carefully designed artificial swale which received runoff from a commercial parking lot. Over 11 monitored storms, both soluble and particulate fractions of heavy metals (Cu, Pb, Zn, and Cd) were reduced by approximately 50 percent. Reductions in COD, nitrate, and ammonia were on the order of 25 percent. The swale did not prove to be effective in reducing concentrations or organic nitrogen, phosphorus, or bacterial species. It should be noted that the performance capabilities indicated are based only on the concentration changes produced in the stormwater which passes completely through the swale. To the extent that infiltration of a portion of the runoff is effected by a swale, load reductions would be increased in proportion.

The NURP results suggest that grass swales represent a practical and potentially effective technique for control of urban runoff quality; that design conditions are of major significance; and that additional study is necessary to establish such parameters.

Wetlands

The potential of either natural or artificially created wetland areas to effect favorable modification of urban runoff pollutant loads (particularly sediment, nutrients, and heavy metals) has been widely suggested. The NURP experience reinforces this expectation, but has not developed the detailed performance data to permit either characterizing general performance capabilities or identifying general design principles and parameters. Additional study will be required to develop such information.

Miscellaneous

This category encompasses a variety of BMPs which were identified at the local level as techniques of quality control which appeared to be relevant for the circumstances which were operative. They are grouped under this category because (a) their applicability tends to be site-specific rather than general, and (b) while their effectiveness as a BMP may be substantial on a relatively small spatial scale, the broad-scale effect on urban runoff loads has not been possible to document.

BMPs in this category include erosion control practices and urban housekeeping practices. As an example of the former, the Little Rock, Arkansas NURP project widened and stabilized (with rip rap) a segment of an urban stream to reduce erosion potential. The Baltimore NURP project data clearly indicated the substantial difference in urban runoff quality that can result from the general level of cleanliness maintained in an urban neighborhood.

CHAPTER 9
CONCLUSIONS

INTRODUCTION

The Nationwide Urban Runoff Program has addressed such issues as quantifying the characteristic of urban runoff, assessing the water quality effects on receiving water bodies attributable to urban runoff discharges, and examining the effectiveness of control practices in removing the pollutants found in urban runoff. This chapter summarizes NURP's conclusion relating to these issues and is based on the results presented in Chapters 6, 7, and 8 of this report. Conclusions reached by the individual NURP projects are also presented to further support the results of the national level analysis.

URBAN RUNOFF CHARACTERISTICS

General

Field monitoring was conducted to characterize urban runoff flows and pollutant concentrations. This was done for a variety of pollutants at a substantial number of sites distributed throughout the country. The resultant data represent a cross-section of regional climatology, land use types, slopes, and soil conditions and thereby provide a basis for identifying patterns of similarities or differences and testing their significance.

Urban runoff flows and concentrations of contaminants are quite variable. Experience shows that substantial variations occur within a particular event and from one event to the next at a particular site. Due to the high variability of urban runoff, a large number of sites and storm events were monitored, and a statistical approach was used to analyze the data. Procedures are available for characterizing variable data without requiring knowledge of or existence of any underlying probability distribution (nonparametric statistical procedures). However, where a specific type of probability distribution is known to exist, the information content and efficiency of statistical analysis is enhanced. Standard statistical procedures allowed probability distributions or frequency of occurrence to be examined and tested. Since the underlying distributions were determined to be adequately represented by the lognormal distribution, the log (base e) transforms of all urban runoff data were used in developing the statistical characterizations.

The event mean concentration (EMC), defined as the total constituent mass discharge divided by the total runoff volume, was chosen as the primary water quality statistic. Event mean concentrations were based on flow weighted composite samples for each event at each site in the accessible data base. EMCs were chosen as the primary water quality characteristic subjected to detailed analysis, even though it is recognized that mass loading characteristics of urban runoff (e.g., pounds/acre for a specified time interval) is

ultimately the relevant factor in many situations. The reason is that, unlike EMCs, mass loadings are very strongly influenced by the amount of precipitation and runoff, and estimates of typical annual mass loads will be biased by the size of monitored storm events. The most reliable basis for characterizing annual or seasonal mass loads is on the basis of EMC and site-specific rainfall/runoff characteristics.

Establishing the fundamental distribution as lognormal and the availability of a sufficiently large population of EMCs to provide reliability to the statistics derived has yielded a number of benefits, including the ability to provide:

- Concise summaries of highly variable data
- Meaningful comparisons of results from different sites, events, etc.
- Statements concerning frequency of occurrence. One can express how often values will be expected to exceed various magnitudes of interest.
- A more useful method of reporting data than the use of ranges; one which is less subject to misinterpretation
- A framework for examining "transferability" of data in a quantitative manner

Conclusions

1. Heavy metals (especially copper, lead and zinc) are by far the most prevalent priority pollutant constituents found in urban runoff. End-of-pipe concentrations exceed EPA ambient water quality criteria and drinking water standards in many instances. Some of the metals are present often enough and in high enough concentrations to be potential threats to beneficial uses.

   All 13 metals on EPA's priority pollutant list were detected in urban runoff samples, and all but three at frequencies of detection greater than 10 percent. Most often detected among the metals were copper, lead, and zinc, all of which were found in at least 91 percent of the samples.

   Metal concentrations in end-of-pipe urban runoff samples (i.e., before dilution by receiving water) exceeded EPA's water quality criteria and drinking water standards numerous times. For example, freshwater acute criteria were exceeded by copper concentrations in 47 percent of the samples and by lead in 23 percent. Freshwater chronic exceedances were common for lead (94 percent), copper (82 percent), zinc (77 percent), and cadmium (48 percent). Regarding human toxicity, the most significant pollutants were lead and nickel, and for human carcinogenesis, arsenic and beryllium. Lead concentrations violated drinking water criteria in 73 percent of the samples.

It should be stressed that the exceedances noted above do not necessarily imply that an actual violation of standards will exist in the receiving water body in question. Rather, the enumeration of exceedances serves a screening function to identify those heavy metals whose presence in urban runoff warrants high priority for further evaluation.

Based upon the much more extensive NURP data set for total copper, lead, and zinc, the site median EMC values for the median urban site are: Cu = 34 µg/l, Pb = 144 µg/l, and Zn = 160 µg/l. For the 90th percentile urban site the values are: Cu = 93 µg/l, Pb = 350 µg/l, and Zn = 500 µg/l. These values are suggested to be appropriate for planning level screening analyses where data are not available.

Some individual NURP project sites (e.g., at DC1, MD1, NH1) found unusually high concentrations of certain heavy metals (especially copper and zinc) in urban runoff. This was attributed by the projects to the effect of acid rain on materials used for gutters, culverts, etc.

2. <u>The organic priority pollutants were detected less frequently and at lower concentrations than the heavy metals.</u>

Sixty-three of a possible 106 organics were detected in urban runoff samples. The most commonly found organic was the plasticizer bis (2-ethylhexl) phthalate (22 percent), followed by the pesticide α-hexachlorocyclohexane (α-BHC) (20 percent). An additional 11 organic pollutants were reported at frequencies between 10 and 20 percent; 3 pesticides, 3 phenols, 4 polycyclic aromatics, and a single halogenated aliphatic.

Criteria exceedances were less frequently observed among the organics than the heavy metals. One unusually high pentachlorophenol concentration of 115 µg/l resulted in exceedances of the freshwater acute and organoleptic criteria. This observation and one for chlordane also exceeded the freshwater acute criteria. Freshwater chronic criteria exceedances were observed for pentachlorophenol, bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate, gamma-BHC, chlordane, and alpha-endosulfan. All other organic exceedances were in the human carcinogen category and were most serious for alpha-hexachlorocyclohexane (alpha-BHC), gamma-hexachlorocyclohexane (gamma-BHC or Lindane), chlordane, phenanthrene, pyrene, and chrysene.

The fact that the NURP priority pollutant monitoring effort was limited to two samples at each site leaves us unable to make many generalizations about those organic pollutants which occurred only rarely. We can speculate that their occurrences tend to be very site specific as opposed to being a generally widespread phenomena, but much more data would be required to conclusively prove this point.

3. <u>Coliform bacteria are present at high levels in urban runoff and can be expected to exceed EPA water quality criteria during and immediately after storm events in many surface waters, even those providing high degrees of dilution.</u>

Fecal coliform counts in urban runoff are typically in the tens to hundreds of thousand per 100 ml during warm weather conditions, with the median for all sites being around 21,000/100 ml. During cold weather, fecal coliform counts are more typically in the 1,000/100 ml range, which is the median for all sites. Thus, violations of fecal coliform standards were reported by a number of NURP projects. High fecal coliform counts may not cause actual use impairments, in some instances, due to the location of the urban runoff discharges relative to swimming areas or shellfish beds and the degree of dilution/dispersal and rate of die off. The same is true of total coliform counts, which were found to exceed EPA water quality criteria in undiluted urban runoff at virtually every site every time it rained.

The substantial seasonal differences noted above do not correspond with comparable variations in urban activities. The NURP analyses as well as current literature suggest that fecal coliform may not be the most appropriate indicator organism for identifying potential health risks when the source is stormwater runoff.

4. Nutrients are generally present in urban runoff, but with a few individual site exceptions, concentrations do not appear to be high in comparison with other possible discharges to receiving water bodies.

NURP data for total phosphorus, soluble phosphorus, total kjeldahl nitrogen, and nitrate plus nitrite as nitrogen were carefully examined. Median site EMC median concentrations in urban runoff were TP = 0.33 mg/l, SP = 0.12 mg/l, TKN = 1.5 mg/l, and NO2+3 - N = 0.68 mg/l. On an annual load basis, comparison with typical monitoring data, literature values, and design objectives for discharges from a well run secondary treatment plant suggests that mean annual nutrient loads from urban runoff are around an order of magnitude less than those from a POTW.

5. Oxygen demanding substances are present in urban runoff at concentrations approximating those in secondary treatment plant discharges. If dissolved oxygen problems are present in receiving waters of interest, consideration of urban runoff controls as well as advanced waste treatment appears to be warranted.

Urban runoff median site EMC median concentrations of 9 mg/l BOD5 and 65 mg/l COD are reflected in the NURP data, with 90th percentile site EMC median values being 15 mg/l BOD5 and 140 mg/l COD. These concentrations suggest that, on an annual load basis, urban runoff is comparable in magnitude to secondary treatment plant discharges.

It can be argued that urban runoff is typically well oxygenated and provides increased stream flow and, hence, in view of relatively long travel times to the critical point, that dissolved oxygen problems attributable solely to urban runoff should not be widespread occurrences. No NURP project specifically identified a low DO condition resulting from

urban runoff. Nonetheless, there will be some situations where consideration of urban runoff controls for oxygen demanding substances in an overall water quality management strategy would seem appropriate.

6. Total suspended solids concentrations in urban runoff are fairly high in comparison with treatment plant discharges. Urban runoff control is strongly indicated where water quality problems associated with TSS, including build-up of contaminated sediments, exist.

   There are no formal water quality criteria for TSS relating to either human health or aquatic life. The nature of the suspended solids in urban runoff is different from those in treatment plant discharges, being higher in mineral and man-made products (e.g., tire and street surface wear particles) and somewhat lower in organic particulates. Also, the solids in urban runoff are more likely to have other contaminants adsorbed onto them. Thus, they cannot be simply considered as benign, nor do they only pose an aesthetic issue. NURP did not examine the problem of contaminated sediment build-up due to urban runoff, but it undeniably exists, at least at some locations.

   The suspended solids in urban runoff can also exert deleterious physical effects by sedimenting over egg deposition sites, smothering juveniles, and altering benthic communities.

   On an annual load basis, suspended solids contributions from urban runoff are around an order of magnitude or more greater than those from secondary treatment plants. Control of urban runoff, as opposed to advanced waste treatment, should be considered where TSS-associated water quality problems exist.

7. A summary characterization of urban runoff has been developed and is believed to be appropriate for use in estimating urban runoff pollutant discharges from sites where monitoring data are scant or lacking, at least for planning level purposes.

   As a result of extensive examination, it was concluded that geographic location, land use category (residential, commercial, industrial park, or mixed), or other factors (e.g., slope, population density, precipitation characteristics) appear to be of little utility in consistently explaining overall site-to-site variability in urban runoff EMCs or predicting the characteristics of urban runoff discharges from unmonitored sites. Uncertainty in site urban runoff characteristics caused by high event-to-event variability at most sites eclipsed any site-to-site variability that might have been present. The finding that EMC values are essentially not correlated with storm runoff volumes facilitates the transfer of urban runoff characteristics to unmonitored sites. Although there tend to be exceptions to any generalization, the suggested summary urban runoff characteristics given in Table 6-17 of the report are recommended for planning level purposes as the best estimates, lacking local information to the contrary.

RECEIVING WATER EFFECTS

General

The effects of urban runoff on receiving water quality are highly site-specific. They depend on the type, size, and hydrology of the water body; the urban runoff quantity and quality characteristics; the designated beneficial use; and the concentration levels of the specific pollutants that affect that use.

The conclusions which follow are based on screening analyses performed by NURP, observations and conclusions drawn by individual NURP projects that examined receiving water effects in differing levels of detail and rigor, and NURP's three levels of problem definition. Conclusions are organized on the basis of water body type: rivers and streams, lakes, estuaries and embayments, and groundwater aquifers. Site-specific exceptions should be expected, but the statements presented are believed to provide an accurate perspective on the general tendency of urban runoff to contribute significantly to water quality problems.

Rivers and Streams

1. Frequent exceedances of heavy metals ambient water quality criteria for freshwater aquatic life are produced by urban runoff.

   The Denver NURP project found that in-stream concentrations of copper, lead, zinc, and cadmium exceeded State ambient water quality standards for the South Platte River during essentially all storm events.

   NURP screening analyses suggest that frequent exceedances of both EPA 24-hour and maximum water quality criteria for heavy metals should be expected on a relatively general basis.

2. Although a significant number of problem situations could result from heavy metals in urban runoff, levels of freshwater aquatic life use impairment suggested by the magnitude and frequency of ambient criteria exceedances were not observed.

   Based upon the magnitude and frequency of freshwater aquatic life ambient criteria exceedances, one would expect to observe impairment of this beneficial use in most streams that receive urban runoff discharges. However, those NURP project studies which examined this issue did not report significant use impairment problems associated with urban runoff.

   The Bellevue, Washington NURP project concluded that toxic effects of urban runoff pollutants did not appear to be a significant factor.

   The Tampa, Florida NURP project conducted biological studies of the impact of stormwater runoff upon the biological community of the Hillsborough River. They conducted animal bioassay experiments on five sensitive species in two samples of urban runoff from the Arctic Street drainage basin. Thirty-two bioassay experiments were completed including 22 acute tests and 10 chronic tests. Neither sample of stormwater was acutely toxic to test organisms. Long-term chronic experiments were

undertaken with two species and resulted in no significant effects attributable to stormwater exposure.

NURP screening analyses suggest that the potential of urban runoff to seriously impair this beneficial use will be strongly influenced by local conditions and the frequency of occurrence of concentration levels which produce toxic effects under the intermittent, short duration exposures typically produced by urban runoff.

While the application of the screening analysis to the Bellevue and Tampa situations supports the absence of a problem situation in these cases, it also suggests that a significant number of problem situations should be expected. Therefore, although not the general, ubiquitous problem situation that criteria exceedances would suggest, there are site-specific situations in which urban runoff could be expected to cause significant impairment of freshwater aquatic life uses.

Because of the inconsistency between criteria exceedances and observed use impairments due to urban runoff, adaptation of current ambient quality criteria to better reflect use impacts where pollutant exposures are intermittent and short duration appears to be a useful area for further investigation.

3. Copper, lead and zinc appear to pose a significant threat to aquatic life uses in some areas of the country. Copper is suggested to be the most significant of the three.

Regional differences in surface water hardness, which has a strong influence on toxicity, in conjunction with regional variations in stream flow and rainfall result in significant differences in susceptibility to adverse impacts around the nation.

The southern and southeastern regions of the country are the most susceptible to aquatic life effects due to heavy metals, with the northeast also a sensitive area, although somewhat less so.

Copper is the major toxic metal in urban runoff, with lead and zinc also prevalent but a problem in more restricted cases. Copper discharges in urban runoff are, in all but the most favorable cases, a significant threat to aquatic life uses in the southeast and southern regions of the country. In the northeast, problems would be expected only in rather unfavorable conditions (large urban area contribution and high site concentrations). In the remainder of the country (and for the other metals) problems would only be expected under quite unfavorable site conditions. These statements are based on total metal concentrations.

4. Organic priority pollutants in urban runoff do not appear to pose a general threat to freshwater aquatic life.

This conclusion is based on limited data on the frequency with which organics are found in urban runoff discharges and measured end-of-pipe concentrations relative to published toxic criteria. One unusually high pentachlorophenol concentration of 115 μg/l resulted in the only exceedance of the organoleptic criteria. This observation and one for

chlordane exceeded the freshwater acute criteria. Freshwater chronic criteria exceedances were observed for pentochlorophenol, bis (2-ethylhexyl) phlhalate, γ-hexachlorocyclohexane (lindane), α-endosulfan, and chlordane.

5. The physical aspects of urban runoff, e.g., erosion and scour, can be a significant cause of habitat disruption and can affect the type of fishery present. However, this area was studied only incidentally by several of the projects under the NURP program and more concentrated study is necessary.

   The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) NURP project did an analysis of fish diversity in the Seneca Creek Watershed, 20 miles northwest of Washington, D.C. In this study, specific changes in fishery diversity were identified due to urbanization in some of the sub-watersheds. Specifically, the number of fish species present are reduced and the types of species present changed dramatically, e.g., environmentally sensitive species were replaced with more tolerant species. For example, the Blacknose Dace replaced the Mottled Sculpin. MWCOG concluded that the changes in fish diversity were due to habitat deterioration caused by the physical aspects of urban runoff.

   The Bellevue, Washington NURP project concluded that habitat changes (streambed scour and sedimentation) had a more significant effect than pollutant concentrations, for the changes produced by urbanization.

6. Several projects identified possible problems in the sediments because of the build-up of priority pollutants contributed wholly or in part by urban runoff. However, the NURP studies in this area were few in number and limited in scope, and the findings must be considered only indicative of the need for further study, particularly as to long-term impacts.

   The Denver NURP project found significant quantities of copper, lead, zinc, and cadmium in river sediments. The Denver Regional Council of Governments is concerned that during periods of continuous low flow, lead may reach levels capable of adversely affecting fish.

   The Milwaukee NURP project reported the observation of elevated levels of heavy metals, particularly lead, in the sediments of a river receiving urban runoff.

7. Coliform bacteria are present at high levels in urban runoff and can be expected to exceed EPA water quality criteria during and immediately after storm events in most rivers and streams.

   Violations of the fecal coliform standard were reported by a number of NURP projects. In some instances, high fecal coliform counts may not cause actual use impairments due to the location of the urban runoff discharge relative to swimming areas and the degree of dilution or dispersal and rate of die off.

   Coliform bacteria are generally accepted to be a useful indicator of the possible presence of human pathogens when the source of contamination is sanitary sewage. However, no such relationship has been demonstrated for

urban runoff. Therefore, the use of coliforms as an indicator of human health risk when the sole source of contamination is urban runoff, warrants further investigation.

8. Domestic water supply systems with intakes located on streams in close proximity to urban runoff discharges are encouraged to check for priority pollutants which have been detected in urban runoff, particularly those in the organic category.

   Sixty-three of a possible 106 organics were detected in urban runoff samples. The most commonly found organic was the plasticizer bis (2-ethylhexl) phthalate (22 percent), followed by the pesticide α-hexachlorocyclohexane (α-BHC) (20 percent). An additional 11 organic pollutants were reported at frequencies between 10 and 20 percent; 3 pesticides, 3 phenols, 4 polycyclic aromatics, and a single halogenated aliphatic.

Lakes

1. Nutrients in urban runoff may accelerate eutrophication problems and severely limit recreational uses, especially in lakes. However, NURP's lake projects indicate that the degree of beneficial use impairment varies widely, as does the significance of the urban runoff component.

   The Lake Quinsigamond NURP project in Massachusetts identified eutrophication as a major problem in the lake, with urban runoff being a prime contributor of the critical nutrient phosphorus. Point source discharges to the lake have been eliminated almost entirely. However, in spite of the abatement of point sources, survey data indicate that the lake has shown little improvement over the abatement period. In particular, the trophic status of the lake has shown no change, i.e., it is still classified as late mesotrophic-early eutrophic. Substantial growth is projected in the basin, and there is concern that Lake Quinsigamond will become more eutrophic. A proposed water quality management plan for the lake includes the objective of reducing urban runoff pollutant loads.

   The Lake George NURP project in New York State also identified increasing eutrophication as a potential problem if current development trends continue. Lake George is not classified as eutrophic, but from 1974 to 1978 algae production in the lake increased logarithmically. Lake George is a very long lake, and the limnological differences between the north and south basins provide evidence of human impact. The more developed, southern portion of the lake exhibits lower transparencies, lower hypolimnetic dissolved oxygen concentrations, higher phosphorus and chlorophyll a concentrations, and a trend toward seasonal blooms of blue-green algae. These differences in water quality indicators are associated with higher levels of cultural activities (e.g., increased sources of phosphorus) in the southern portion of the lake's watershed, and continued development will tend to accentuate the differences.

The Lake George NURP project estimated that urban runoff from developed areas currently accounts for only 13.6 percent of the annual phosphorus loadings to Lake George as a whole. In contrast, developed areas contribute 28.9 percent of the annual phosphorus load to the NURP study areas at the south end of the Lake. Since there are no point source discharges, this phosphorus loading is due solely to urban runoff. These data illustrate the significant impact of urbanization on phosphorus loads.

The NURP screening analysis suggests that lakes for which the contributions of urban runoff are significant in relation to other nonpoint sources (even in the absence of point source discharges) are indicated to be highly susceptible to eutrophication and that urban runoff control may be warranted in such situations.

2. Coliform bacteria discharges in urban runoff have a significant negative impact on the recreational uses of lakes.

As was the case with rivers and streams, coliform bacteria in urban runoff can cause violations of criteria for the recreational use of lakes. When unusually high fecal coliform counts are observed, they may be partially attributable to sanitary sewage contamination, in which case significant health risks may be involved.

The Lake Quinsigamond NURP project in Massachusetts found that bacterial pollution was widespread throughout the drainage basin. In all cases where samples were taken, fecal coliforms were in excess of 10,000 counts per 100 ml, with conditions worse in the Belmont street storm drains. This project concluded that the very high fecal coliform counts in their stormwater are at least partially due to sewage contamination apparently entering the stormwater system throughout the local catchment.

The sources of sewage contamination are leaking septic tanks, infiltration from sanitary sewers into storm sewers, and leakage at manholes. In the northern basin, the high fecal coliform counts are attributed to known sewage contamination sources on Poor Farm Brook. The data from the project suggest that it would be unwise to permit body contact recreation in the northern basin of the lake during or immediately following significant storm events. The project concluded that disinfection at selected storm drains should be considered in the future, especially if the sewage contamination cannot be eliminated.

The Mystic River NURP project in Massachusetts found various areas where fecal coliform counts were extremely high in urban stormwater. Fecal coliform levels of up to one million with an average of 178,000/100 ml were recorded in Sweetwater Brook, a tributary to Mystic River, during wet weather. These high fecal coliform levels were specifically attributed to surcharging in their sanitary sewers, which caused sanitary sewage to overflow into their storm drains via the combined manholes present in this catchment. Fecal coliform levels above the class B fecal coliform standard of 200 per 100 ml were found in approximately one-third of the samples tested in the upper and lower forebays of the Upper Mystic Lake and occasionally near the lake's outlet. In addition, Sandy Beach, a public swimming area on Upper Mystic Lake, exceeded the State fecal

coliform criteria in July of 1982, and warnings that swimming may be hazardous to public health were posted for several days. It is important to note that sewage contamination of surface waters is a major problem in the watershed. The project concluded that urban runoff contributes to the bacteria load during wet weather but, comparatively, is much less significant than the sanitary sources.

Estuaries and Embayments

1. Adverse effects of urban runoff in marine waters will be a highly specific local situation. Though estuaries and embayments were studied to a very limited extent in NURP, they are not believed to be generally threatened by urban runoff, though specific instances where use is impaired or denied can be of significant local and even regional importance. Coliform bacteria present in urban runoff is the primary pollutant of concern, causing direct impacts on shellfish harvesting and beach closures.

   The significant impact of urban runoff on shellfish harvesting has been well documented by the Long Island, New York NURP project. In this project, stormwater runoff was identified as the major source of bacterial loading to marine waters and, thus, the indirect cause of the denial of certification by the New York State Department of Conservation for about one-fourth of the shellfishing area. Much of this area is along the south shore, where the annual commercial shellfish harvest is valued at approximately $17.5 million.

   The Myrtle Beach, South Carolina NURP project found that stormwater discharges from the City of Myrtle Beach directly onto the beach showed high bacterial counts for short durations immediately after storm events. In many instances these counts violated EPA water quality criteria for aquatic life and contact recreation. The high bacteria counts, however, were associated with standing pools formed at the end of collectors for brief periods following the cessation of rainfall and before the runoff percolated into the sand. Consequently, the threat to public health was not considered great enough to warrant closure of the beach.

Groundwater Aquifers

1. Groundwater aquifers that receive deliberate recharge of urban runoff do not appear to be imminently threatened by this practice at the two locations where it was investigated.

   Two NURP projects (Long Island and Fresno) are situated over sole source acquifers. They have been practicing recharge with urban runoff for two decades or more at some sites, and extensively investigated the impact of this practice on the quality of their groundwater. They both found that soil processes are efficient in retaining urban runoff pollutants quite close to the land surface, and concluded that no change in the use of recharge basins is warranted.

   Despite the fact that some of these basins have been in service for relatively long periods of time and pollutant breakthrough of the upper soil

layers has not occurred, the ability of the soil to continue to retain pollutants is unknown. Further attention to this issue is recommended.

CONTROL EFFECTIVENESS

General

A limited number of techniques for the control of urban runoff quality were evaluated by the NURP program. The set is considerably smaller than previously published lists of potential management practices. Since the control approaches that were investigated were selected at the local level, the choices may be taken as an initial indication of local perceptions regarding practicality and feasibility from the standpoint of implementation.

Conclusions

1. There is a strong preference for detention devices, street sweeping, and recharge devices as reflected by the control measures selected at the local level for detailed investigation. Interest was also shown in grass swales and wetlands.

   Six NURP projects monitored the performance of a total of 14 detention devices. Five separate projects conducted in-depth studies of the effectiveness of street sweeping on the control of urban runoff quality. A total of 17 separate study catchments were involved in this effort. Three NURP projects examined either the potential of recharge devices to reduce discharges of urban runoff to surface waters or the potential of the practice to contaminate groundwaters. A total of 12 separate sites were covered by this effort.

   Grass swales were studied by two NURP projects. Two swales in existing residential areas, and one experimental swale constructed to serve a commercial parking lot were studied.

   A number of NURP projects indicated interest in wetlands for improving urban runoff quality at early stages of the program. Only one allocated monitoring activity to this control measure, however.

   Various other management practices were identified as having local interest by individual NURP projects, but none of them was allocated the necessary resources to be pursued to a point which allowed an evaluation of their ability to control pollution from urban runoff. Management practices in this category included urban housekeeping (e.g., litter programs, catch basin cleaning, pet ordinances) and public information programs.

2. Detention basins are capable of providing very effective removal of pollutants in urban runoff. Both the design concept and the size of the basin in relation to the urban area served have a critical influence on performance capability.

   Wet basins (designs which maintain a permanent water pool) have the greatest performance capabilities. Observed pollutant reductions varied from excellent to very poor in the basins which were monitored. However,

when basins are adequately sized, particulate removals in excess of 90 percent (TSS, lead) can be obtained. Pollutants with significant soluble fractions in urban runoff show lower reductions; on the order of 65 percent for total P and approximately 50 percent for BOD, COD, TKN, Copper, and Zinc. Results indicate that biological processes which are operative in the permanent pool produce significant reductions (50 percent or more) in soluble nutrients, nitrate and soluble phosphorus. These performance characteristics are indicated by both the NURP analysis results and conclusions reached by individual projects.

Dry basins, (conventional stormwater management basins), which are designed to attenuate peak runoff rates and hence only very briefly detain portions of flow from the larger storms, are indicated by NURP data to be essentially ineffective for reducing pollutant loads.

Dual-purpose basins (conventional dry basins with modified outlet structures which significantly extend detention time) are suggested by limited NURP data to provide effective reductions in urban runoff loads. Performance may approach that of wet ponds; however, the additional processes which reduce soluble nutrient forms do not appear to be operative in these basins. This design concept is particularly promising because it represents a cost effective approach to combining flood control and runoff quality control and because of the potential for converting existing conventional stormwater management ponds.

Approximate costs of wet pond designs are estimated to be in the order of $500 to $1500 per acre of urban area served, for on-site applications serving relatively small urban areas, and about $100 to $250 per acre of urban area for off-site applications serving relatively large urban areas. The costs reflect present value amounts which include both capital and operating costs. The difference is due to an economy of scale associated with large basin volumes. The range reflects differences in size required to produce particulate removals in the order of 50 percent or 90 percent. Annual costs per acre of urban area served are estimated at $60 to $175, and $10 to $25 respectively.

3. Recharge Devices are capable of providing very effective control of urban runoff pollutant discharges to surface waters. Although continued attention is warranted, present evidence does not indicate that significant groundwater contamination will result from this practice.

Both individual project results and NURP screening analyses indicate that adequately sized recharge devices are capable of providing high levels of reduction in direct discharges of urban runoff to surface waters. The level of performance will depend on both the size of the unit and the soil permeability.

Application will be restricted to areas where conditions are favorable. Soil type, depth to groundwater, land slopes, and proximity of water supply wells will all influence the appropriateness of this control technique.

Surface accumulations which result from the high efficiency of soils to retain pollutants, suggest further attention in applications where dual purpose recharge areas also serve as recreational fields or playground areas.

4. Street sweeping is generally ineffective as a technique for improving the quality of urban runoff.

Five NURP projects evaluated street sweeping as a management practice to control pollutants in urban runoff. Four of these projects concluded that street sweeping was not effective for this purpose. The fifth, which had pronounced wet and dry seasons, believed that sweeping just prior to the rainy season could produce some benefit in terms of reduced pollution in urban runoff.

A large data base on the quality of urban runoff from street sweeping test sites was obtained. At 10 study sites selected for detailed analysis, a total of 381 storm events were monitored under control conditions, and an additional 277 events during periods when street sweeping operations were in effect. Analysis of these data indicated that no significant reductions in pollutant concentrations in urban runoff were produced by street sweeping.

There may be special cases in which street cleaning applied at restricted locations or times of year could provide improvements in urban runoff quality. Some examples that have been suggested, though not demonstrated by the NURP program, include periods following snow melt or leaf fall, or urban neighborhoods where the general level of cleanliness could be significantly improved.

5. Grass swales can provide moderate improvements in urban runoff quality. Design conditions are important. Additional study could significantly enhance the performance capabilities of swales.

Concentration reductions of about 50 percent for heavy metals, and 25 percent for COD, nitrate, and ammonia were observed in one of the swales studied. However the swale was ineffective in reducing concentrations of organic nitrogen, phosphorus, or bacterial species. Two other swales studied failed to demonstrate any quality improvements in the urban runoff passing through them.

Evaluations by the NURP projects involved concluded, however, that this was an attractive control technique whose performance could be improved substantially by application of appropriate design considerations. Additional study to develop such information was recommended.

Design considerations cited included slope, vegetation type and maintenance, control of flow velocity and residence time, and enhancement of infiltration. The latter factor could produce load reductions greater than those inferred from concentration changes and effect reductions in those pollutant species which are not attenuated by flow through the swale.

6. Wetlands are considered to be a promising technique for control of urban runoff quality. However, neither performance characteristics nor design characteristics in relation to performance were developed by NURP.

   Although a number of projects indicated interest, only one assigned NURP monitoring activity to a wetland. This was a natural wetland, and flows passing though it were uncontrolled. Results suggest its potential to improve quality, but the investigation was not adequate to associate necessary design factors to performance capability. Additional attention to this control technique would be useful, and should include factors such as the need for maintenance harvesting to prevent constituent recycling.

ISSUES

A number of issues with respect to managing and controlling urban runoff emerge from the conclusions summarized above. In some instances they represent the need for additional data/information or for further study. In others they point to the need for follow-up activity by EPA, State, or local officials to assemble and disseminate what is already known regarding water quality problems caused by urban runoff and solutions.

Sediments

The nature and scope of the potential long-term threat posed by nutrient and toxic pollutant accumulation in the sediments of urban lakes and streams requires further study. A related issue is the safe and environmentally sound disposal of sediments collected in detention basins used to control urban runoff.

Priority Pollutants

NURP clearly demonstrated that many priority pollutants can be found in urban runoff and noted that a serious human health risk could exist when water supply intakes are in close proximity to urban stormwater discharges. However, questions related to the sources, fate, and transport mechanisms of priority pollutants borne by urban runoff and their frequencies of occurrence will require further study.

Rainfall pH Effects

The relationship between pH and heavy metal values in urban runoff has not been established and needs further study. Several NURP projects (mostly in the northeastern states) attributed high heavy metals concentrations in urban runoff to the effects of acid rain. Although it is quite plausible that acid rain increases the level of pollutants in urban runoff and may transform them to more toxic and more easily assimilated forms, further study is required to support this speculation.

Industrial Runoff

No truly industrial sites (as opposed to industrial parks) were included in any of the NURP projects. A very limited body of data suggests, however, that runoff from industrial sites may have significantly higher contaminant

levels than runoff from other urban land use sites, and this issue should be investigated further.

Central Business Districts

Data on the characteristics of urban runoff from central business districts are quite limited as opposed to other land use categories investigated by NURP. The data do suggest, however, that some sites may produce pollutant concentrations in runoff that are significantly higher than those from other sites in a given urban area. When combined with their typically high degrees of imperviousness, the pollutant loads from central business districts can be quite high indeed. The opportunities for control in central business districts are quite limited, however.

Physical Effects

Several projects concluded that the physical impacts of urban runoff upon receiving waters have received too little attention and, in some cases, are more important determinants of beneficial use attainment than chemical pollutants. This contention requires much more detailed documentation.

Synergy

NURP did not evaluate the synergistic effects that might result from pollutant concentrations experienced in stormwater runoff, in association with pH and temperature ranges that occur in the receiving waters. This type of investigation might reveal that control of a specific parameter, such as pH, would adequately reduce an adverse synergistic effect caused by the presence of other pollutants in combination and be the most cost effective solution. Further investigations should include this issue.

Opportunities for Control

Based upon the results of NURP's evaluation of the performance of urban runoff controls, opportunities for significant control of urban runoff quality are much greater for newly developing areas. Institutional considerations and availability of space are the key factors. Guidance on this issue in a form useful to States and urban planning authorities should be prepared and issued.

Wet Weather Water Quality Standards

The NURP experience suggests that EPA should evaluate the possible need to develop "wet weather" standards, criteria, or modifications to ambient criteria to reflect differences in impact due to the intermittent, short duration exposures characteristic of urban runoff and other nonpoint source discharges.

Coliform Bacteria

The appropriateness of using coliform bacteria as indicator organisms for human health risk where the source is exclusively urban runoff warrants further investigation.

Wetlands

The use of wetlands as a control measure is of great interest in many areas, but the necessary information on design performance relationships required before cost effective applications can be considered has not been adequately documented. The environmental impacts of such use upon wetlands is a critical issue which, at present, has been addressed marginally, if at all.

Swales

The use of grass swales was suggested by two NURP projects to represent a very promising control opportunity. However, their performance is very dependent upon design features about which information is lacking. Further work to address this deficiency and appropriate maintenance practices appears warranted.

Illicit Connections

A number of the NURP projects identified what appeared to be illicit connections of sanitary discharges to stormwater sewer systems, resulting in high bacterial counts and dangers to public health. The costs and complications of locating and eliminating such connections may pose a substantial problem in urban areas, but the opportunities for dramatic improvement in the quality of urban stormwater discharges certainly exist where this can be accomplished. Although not emphasized in the NURP effort, other than to assure that the selected monitoring sites were free from sanitary sewage contamination, this BMP is clearly a desirable one to pursue.

Erosion Controls

NURP did not consider conventional erosion control measures because the information base concerning them was considered to be adequate. They are effective, and their use should be encouraged.

Combined Sewer Overflows

In order to address urban runoff from separate storm sewers, NURP avoided any sites where combined sewers existed. However, in view of their relative levels of contamination, priority should be given to control of combined sewer overflows.

Implementation Guidance

The NURP studies have greatly increased our knowledge of the characteristics of urban runoff, its effects upon designated uses, and of the performance efficiencies of selected control measures. They have also confirmed earlier impressions that some States and local communities have actually begun to develop and implement stormwater management programs incorporating water quality objectives. However, such management initiatives are, at present, scattered and localized. The experience gained from such efforts is both needed and sought after by many other States and localities. Documentation,

evaluation, refinement and transfer of management and financing mechanisms/ arrangements, of simple and reliable problem assessment methodologies, and of implementation guidance which can be used by planners and officials at the State and local level are urgently needed as is a forum for the sharing of experiences by those already involved, both among themselves and with those who are about to address nonpoint source issues.

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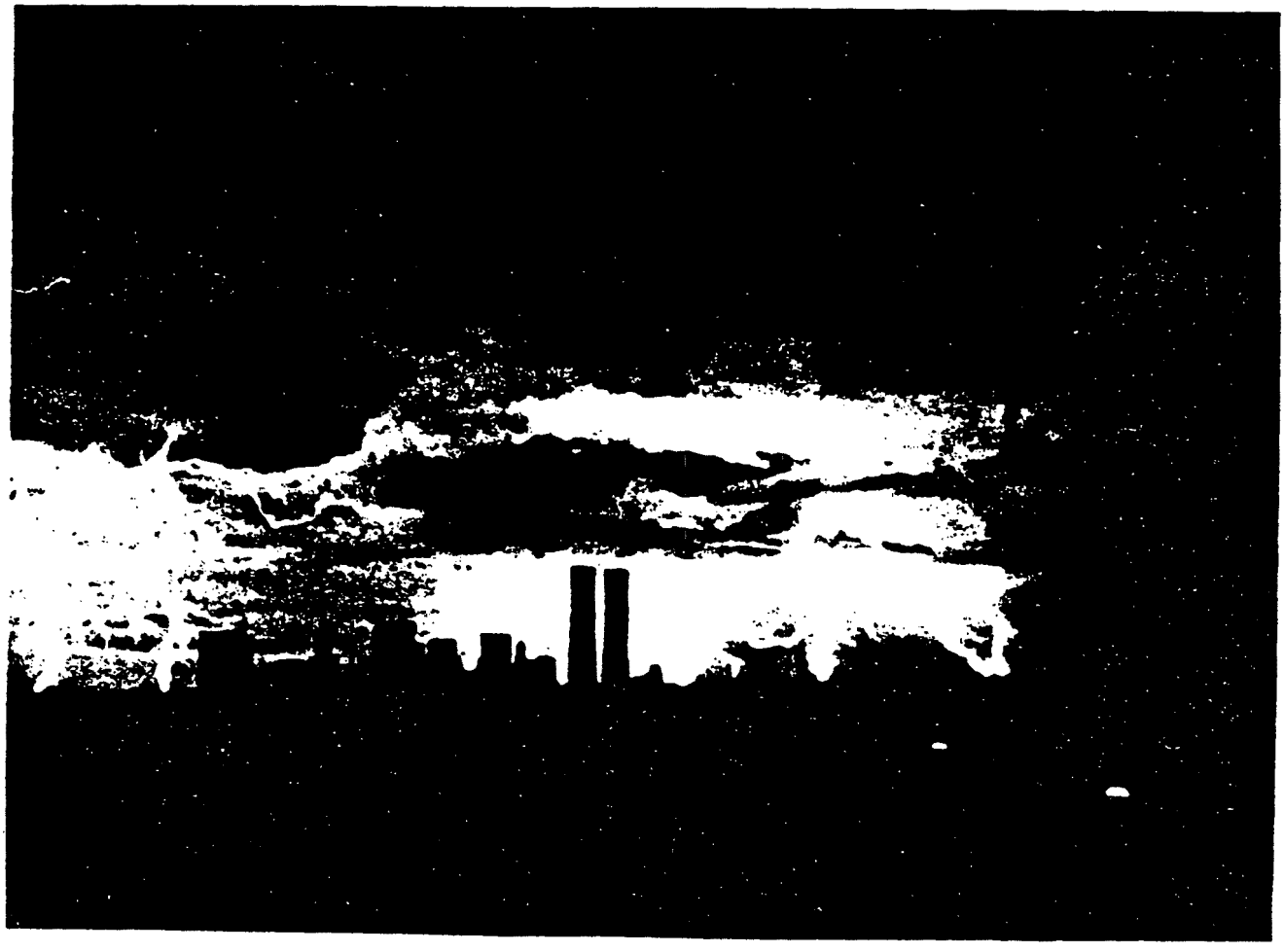

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SELECTED SITE CHARACTERISTICS

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FOREWORD

This appendix contains selected monitoring site characteristics data for those projects that were included in the data analysis up to this point. Referred to as Fixed Site Data, the information selected for inclusion in this appendix is analyzed in columns as follows:

PROJECT

Code - A unique alphanumeric code number that identifies each of the 28 NURP projects in the NURP STORET data base (see listing that follows).

Name - The urban area in which the NURP project is located.

CATCHMENT

Code - A unique alphanumeric code number assigned by individual NURP projects to each monitoring site used, as entered in the NURP STORET data base.

Name - The name by which the monitoring site is known within each project.

AREA

The size of the contributing drainage area at the monitoring site; expressed in acres (multiply by 0.4047 to obtain hectares).

LAND USE

The percentage of the total drainage area that is predominantely used as residential, commercial, industrial, or parkland/open (see listing that follows).

POPULATION DENSITY

The population density in the catchment calculated by dividing the total population residing within the contributing drainage basin by its area in acres; expressed as persons per acre (multiply by 2.471 to obtain persons per hectare).

SLOPE

A measure of the representative catchment slope; expressed in feet per mile (multiply by 0.0001893 to obtain percent).

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROJECT LOCATIONS

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NURP PROJECTS

1.DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE	NH1
2.LAKE QUINSIGAMOND, MASSACHUSETTS	MA1
3.MYSTIC RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS	MA2
4.LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK	NY1
5.LAKE GEORGE, NEW YORK	NY2
6.IRONDEQUOIT BAY, NEW YORK	NY3
7.METRO WASHINGTON, D.C.	DC1
8.BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	MD1
9.MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA	SC1
10.WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA	NC1
11.TAMPA, FLORIDA	FL1
12.KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	TN1
13.LANSING, MICHIGAN	MI1
14.OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN	MI2
15.ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN	MI3
16.CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILLINOIS	IL1
17.CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	IL2
18.MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	WI1
19.AUSTIN, TEXAS	TX1
20.LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	AR1
21.KANSAS CITY, KANSAS	KS1
22.DENVER, COLORADO	CO1
23.SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	UT1
24.RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA	SD1
25.CASTRO VALLEY, CALIFORNIA	CA1
26.FRESNO, CALIFORNIA	CA2
27.BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON	WA1
28.EUGENE, OREGON	OR1

NON-NURP PROJECTS

29.MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA	MN1
30.DES MOINES, IOWA	IA1
31.TOPEKA, KANSAS	KS2
32.RENO, NEVADA	NV1
33.SALEM, OREGON	OR2
34.DALLAS, TEXAS	TX2

LAND USE CODES

URBAN RESIDENTIAL (<.5 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE)	1110	1100
URBAN RESIDENTIAL (.5 TO 2 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE)	1120	
URBAN RESIDENTIAL (2.5 TO 8 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE)	1130	
URBAN RESIDENTIAL (>8 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE)	1140	
URBAN COMMERCIAL (CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT)	1201	1200
URBAN COMMERCIAL (LINEAR STRIP DEVELOPMENT)	1202	
URBAN COMMERCIAL (SHOPPING CENTER)	1203	
URBAN INDUSTRIAL (LIGHT)	1301	1300
URBAN INDUSTRIAL (MODERATE)	1302	
URBAN INDUSTRIAL (HEAVY)	1303	
URBAN PARKLAND OR OPEN SPACE	1400	1400
URBAN INSTITUTIONAL	1401	
URBAN UNDER CONSTRUCTION	1500	
AGRICULTURE	2000	
RANGELAND	3000	
FOREST	4000	
WATER, STREAMS AND CANALS	5100	
WATER, LAKES	5200	
WATER, RESERVOIRS	5300	
WATER, BAYS AND ESTUARIES	5400	
WATER, OCEANS	5500	
WETLANDS	6000	
BARREN	7000	

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM
FIXED-SITE DATA FOR FASTTRACK FILE

PROJECT		CATCHMENT		AREA	LANDUSE DISTRIBUTION (% OF TOTAL AREA)					POP/DEN	CATCHMENT
CODE	NAME	CODE	NAME	AC	1100	1200	1300	1400	Other	PER/AC	SLOPE FT/MI
NH 1	Durham	1 PKG	Parking Lot	.9	-	100	-	-	-	0	58.
MA 1	Lake Q.	P1	Jordon P	110.	78	16	4	2	-	N.D.	N.D.
		P2	Rte 9	338	47	24	11	18	-	N.D.	N.D.
		P3	Locust Ave.	154	85	1	8	5	-	N.D.	N.D.
		P4	Guua St.	601	66	2	1	31	-	N.D.	N.D.
		P5	Convent	100	8	63	0	29	-	N.D.	N.D.
		P6	Tilly Br.	1690	20	7	2	58	12 Wdland	N.D.	N.D.
DC 1	WASH COG	001	St.W.D.	8.46	100	-	-	-	-	N.D.	84.5
		002	Duf	11.84	100	-	-	-	-	N.D.	450
		003	Weh R.P.	47.9	84	-	-	16	-	N.D.	195
		004	F.R. Rd Se.	18.8	88	-	-	12	-	N.D.	227
		006	Stdw DP	34.4	66	-	-	34	-	N.D.	248
		007	Lake DP	97.8	54	-	-	46	-	N.D.	420
		008	Danrge I.T.	1.96	100	-	-	-	-	N.D.	190
		009	Rocky CCPP	4.2	-	-	-	100	-	N.D.	135
		010	Bulk Mail	20.1	-	-	-	100	-	N.D.	N.D.
		011	Burke V.	4.5	82	-	-	18	-	N.D.	85
		103	Westly RP.	40.95	92	-	-	8	-	N.D.	195
		106	Sted. DP	27.4	78	-	-	22	-	N.D.	248
		107	Lake DP	77.7	54	-	-	46	-	N.D.	420
		110	Bulk Mail	19	54	-	-	46	-	N.D.	N.D.
NC 1	Win. Slm.	NC1013	C.B.D.	23	0	100	0	0	-	N.D.	N.D.
		NC1023	Ardmore	324	84	2	-	12	-	N.D.	N.D.
IL 1	Champaign	B01	Mattis N	16.66	43	57	-	-	-	3.0	187
		B02	Mattis S.	27.6	90	10	-	-	-	21.74	549
		B03	J & D	1.38	100	-	-	-	-	21.7	90.0
		B04	John St. S.	39.2	90	-	-	10	-	18.37	62
		B05	John N.	54	100	-	-	-	-	18.38	30.6
IL 2	G. Ellyn	001	Lake Ellyn	534	83	5	-	12	-	7.87	49
MI 1	Lansing	001	B.S.D.	452.6	48	5	19	28	-	4.97	221
		002	B.S.D.	63	-	-	100	-	-	0	132
		DRO	B.S.D.	127.6	46	14	-	40	-	4.31	121

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM
FIXED-SITE DATA FOR FASTTRACK FILE (CONT'D)

PROJECT		CATCHMENT		AREA	LANDUSE DISTRIBUTION (% OF TOTAL AREA)					POP/DEN	CATCHMENT
CODE	NAME	CODE	NAME	AC	1100	1200	1300	1400	Other	PER/AC	SLOPE FT/MI
MI 1	Lansing (CONTINUED)	DRI	B.S.D.	112.7	38	16	-	46	-	4.26	233
		GCO	B.S.D.	67	30	15	-	55	-	5.07	200
		GCI	B.S.D.	30.3	67	33	-	-	-	5.07	121
		UPI	B.S.D.	163.9	55	-	10	35	-	5.19	226
		UP2	B.S.D.	74.9	48	-	22	40	-	4.94	194
MI 3	Ann Arbor	001	Pitt AA(1)S	2001	31	23	7	24	15	1.9	33.8
		002	Pitt AA(RB)N	2871	55	10	3	21	11	6.54	60.7
		003	Pitt AA(RB)O	4872	45	15	4	23	13	4.64	45.5
		004	Pitt S-AARO	6363	48	14	3	25	10	4.35	61.6
		005	SR Wetld INT.	1207	53	1	1	15	30	2.24	32.1
		006	SR Wetld OOT.	1227	53	1	1	15	30	2.24	32.1
		007	Swift Run ORD	3075	50	4	1	33	12	3.51	39.6
		008	Traver CKO	4402	15	1	2	35	47	1.91	58.6
		009	Traver CK RBI	2303	8	-	2	-	90	.07	33.2
		010	Traver CK RBO	2327	8	-	2	1	89	.07	33.2
		011	NCampus DOR	1541	46	16	-	38	-	1.82	89.8
		012	Allen DR OTR	3800	58	9	2	31	-	9.39	82.0
WI 1	Milwaukee	630	St. Fair	29	26	74	-	-	-	10.	160.
		631	Wood CTR.	44.9	31	56	13	-	-	.03	160.
		632	N. Hastings	32.84	100	-	-	-	-	17.05	
		633	N. Burbank	62.6	100	-	-	-	-	14.62	
		634	Rustler	12.44	100	-	-	-	-	0	
		635	Post Off.	12.08	-	100	-	-	-	0	
		636	Lincbler Cr.	36.1	97	3	-	-	-	18.01	
		637	West Congress	33.04	93	7	-	-	-	16.34	
TX 1	Austin	001	Northwest	377.71	99	1	-	-	-	9.27	237.6
		002	Rolling wd	60.21	100	-	-	-	-	3.32	260
		003	Turkey Ck	1297	4	-	-	96	-	.05	396.0
CO 1	Denver	001	50th & Den	119900	43	13	6	38	-	4.85	248.
		002	19th & Den	108329	42	12	5	40	-	4.29	261
		003	Cherry Ck.	15817	42	16	5	38	-	6.22	183
		004	Lake Den	10440	55	23	2	20	-	4.83	316

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM
FIXED-SITE DATA FOR FASTTRACK FILE (CONT'D)

PROJECT		CATCHMENT		AREA	LANDUSE DISTRIBUTION (% OF TOTAL AREA)					POP/DEN	CATCHMENT
CODE	NAME	CODE	NAME	AC	1100	1200	1300	1400	Other	PER/AC	SLOPE FT/MI
CO 1	Denver (CONTINUED)	005	Weir Gulch	4786	64	10	1	25	-	7.64	240
		006	Sandrsn G	4715	66	13	2	19	-	9.57	168
		007	Hrvd G.	2833	72	16	1	11	-	7.72	143
		008	Bear Ck.	14603	34	9	2	10	Const. 45	2.91	444
		009	SoPlat Lit.	N.D.	-	-	-	-	-	N.D.	N.D.
WA 1	Bellevue	001	Lake Hills	101.7	90	-	-	10	-	11.7	317
		002	Surry Downs	95.1	100	-	-	-	-	8.64	475
SD 1	Rapid City	001	RpdCk Abv CLake	33574	4	-	-	-	96 Forest	N.D.	N.D.
		002	RpdCk Abv WTP	20877	16	-	-	5	79	N.D.	N.D.
		003	RpdCk AtRpd Cty	3872	2	13	5	20	60	N.D.	N.D.
		004	RpdCk AtE MnSt	3540	36	14	-	15	35	N.D.	N.D.
		005	RpdCk BloHtnDh	1606	20	26	-	35	19	N.D.	N.D.
		006	MeideDnRpdCty	1760	55	7	-	14	24	N.D.	N.D.

APPENDIX B

SELECTED EVENT DATA

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT NC1 SITEID 02479550

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
03/17/80	1.03	97	.	.	.	.
03/28/80	1.13	.	25	0.11	0.05	0.02
04/08/80	0.28	.	94	0.25	0.334	0.065
04/24/80	0.25	146	102	0.55	0.258	0.078
04/29/80	0.18	.	133	0.21	0.275	0.063
05/14/80	0.57	294	600	1.95	1.647	0.195
05/19/80	0.25	107	46	0.74	0.211	0.035
08/21/80	0.53	.	91	0.24	0.181	0.065
09/29/80	0.78	.	2380	0.4	0.138	0.073
10/24/80	1.21	.	202	0.21	0.319	0.067
11/08/80	0.8	.	37	0.22	0.111	0.036
11/17/80	0.71	.	83	0.17	0.154	0.032
12/09/80	0.29	42	18	0.17	0.146	0.057
01/21/81	0.19	.	136	0.78	0.722	0.117
02/02/81	0.51	.	232	0.4	0.751	0.09
02/07/81	0.09	.	74	0.46	1.01	0.075
02/10/81	1.29	81	77	0.3	0.75	0.062
02/18/81	1.23	28	53	0.2	0.279	0.077
03/06/81	0.74	86	78	0.26	0.279	0.034
03/30/81	1.11	68	302	0.34	0.68	0.075
04/30/81	0.12	377	330	0.94	1.478	0.157
SITE MEAN	0.6788300	135.378	229.003	0.4310559	0.4886075	0.07431119
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	0.9846602	0.9496254	1.631983	0.7861554	1.110038	0.5062894

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 21

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT NC1 SITEID 02485000

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
03/17/80	1	128	.	.	.	.
04/24/80	0.28	.	.	.	.	.
04/29/80	0.18	.	84	0.4	0.138	0.023
05/14/80	0.56	264	1028	1.71	0.894	0.081
06/29/80	0.19	.	581	0.88	0.465	0.036
07/09/80	1.25	.	566	0.73	0.506	0.032
07/10/80	0.64	.	155	0.32	0.26	0.03
07/12/80	0.4	.	188	0.31	0.389	0.021
07/12/80	1.05	.	453	0.8	0.476	0.039
08/21/80	0.92	.	560	0.92	0.467	0.051
08/22/80	0.75	.	782	1.02	0.659	0.088
09/24/80	0.13	.	544	0.73	0.212	0.036
09/29/80	0.88	.	81	0.17	0.122	0.02
10/24/80	1.16	.	127	0.34	0.092	0.024
10/28/80	0.13	.	12	0.1	0.051	0.017
11/08/80	0.74	.	76	0.24	0.117	0.024
11/15/80	0.32	.	13	0.34	0.072	0.02
11/17/80	1.03	.	58	0.34	0.089	0.021
11/28/80	0.89	.	106	0.4	0.118	0.019
12/09/80	0.28	.	14	0.23	0.065	0.02
01/21/81	0.19	.	36	0.28	0.1	0.017
03/06/81	0.78	38	46	0.18	0.157	0.069
03/30/81	2.31	59	388	0.83	0.359	0.043
04/30/81	0.23	322	694	1.8	0.739	0.084
SITE MEAN	0.8567587	183.428	393.3252	0.6042713	0.3062836	0.03680769
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	1.050466	1.164093	2.588475	0.8849981	1.069615	0.5831115

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 24

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FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT CO1 SITEID A6710225

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
05/15/80	0.65	92	247	0.51	0.179	0.018
05/17/80	0.39	59	197	0.46	0.184	0.014
07/01/80	0.27	170	1070	1	0.18	0.05
05/03/81	0.22	300	256	1.6	0.46	0.08
05/03/81	0.38	340	980	0.94	0.46	0.1
05/09/81	0.21	66	205	0.4	0.077	0.02
05/12/81	0.29	68	135	0.29	0.066	0.016
07/17/81	0.59	78	243	0.5	0.1	0.025
SITE MEAN	0.3784279	151.2115	417.2345	0.7218595	0.2079746	0.04126368
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	0.4826575	0.7471075	0.8913725	0.6145716	0.874869	0.8925991

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 8

FASTTRACK LOAD DATA 16:18 MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1982 55

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT CO1 SITEID A6710610

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
04/23/80	1.77	71	463	0.53	0.04	0.018
04/30/80	1.97	71	562	0.15	0.025	0.019
05/08/80	0.25	66	190	0.085	0.15	0.012
05/15/80	0.59	52	254	0.27	0.022	0.012
05/16/80	0.48	42	204	0.21	0.017	0.01
05/17/80	0.91	32	85	0.14	0.008	0.01
SITE MEAN	1.069648	56.32011	309.5775	0.2367029	0.04486426	0.01357642
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	0.9392048	0.3336561	0.7675779	0.6968631	1.276301	0.2887102

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 6

FASTTRACK LOAD DATA 16:18 MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1982 56

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT CO1 SITEID A6711585

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
05/03/80	0.31	310	788	1.2	0.43	0.09
06/14/80	0.59	162	711	1.28	0.406	0.042
05/03/81	0.23	410	232	2.6	0.84	0.13
SITE MEAN	0.3905218	307.0165	637.5878	1.739467	0.572228	0.09316719
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	0.5107312	0.584716	0.7647471	0.8495804	0.4212895	0.6276217

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 3

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FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT C01 SITEID 06711035

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
05/08/80	0.28	115	650	0.69	0.22	0.5
05/11/80	0.07	150	356	0.36	0.208	0.03
05/12/80	0.03	164	547	0.48	0.228	0.041
05/15/80	0.52	81	338	0.34	0.148	0.028
05/17/80	0.28	130	832	0.43	0.24	0.033
07/28/80	0.13	300	492	1.7	0.46	0.058
08/10/80	0.05	640	564	0.8	0.45	0.058
09/08/80	0.74	142	210	0.39	0.136	0.026
09/10/80	0.88	170	128	0.28	0.046	0.017
09/10/80	0.15	293	735	0.79	0.381	0.042
03/03/81	0.17	310	380	0.57	0.45	0.05
05/03/81	0.22	280	.	0.61	0.38	0.16
05/05/81	0.08	640	568	1.8	0.43	0.09
05/09/81	0.38	100	215	0.43	0.17	0.033
05/16/81	0.14	240	358	0.69	0.27	0.06
05/17/81	0.74	79	188	0.3	0.08	0.024
05/20/81	0.04	240	588	0.66	0.26	0.085
05/28/81	0.22	160	392	0.53	0.19	0.055
07/02/81	0.12	380	440	0.51	0.27	0.056
SITE MEAN	0.2828144	230.9788	427.2367	0.6822348	0.266499	0.06877531
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	1.170946	0.6181283	0.5031488	0.554211	0.5420354	0.89049

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 19

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT C01 SITEID 06713010

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
08/18/80	0.69	48	94	0.4	0.159	0.014
05/12/81	0.28	40	30	0.23	0.039	0.008
05/28/81	0.18	180	508	0.65	0.54	0.04
07/12/81	0.42	88	148	0.37	0.16	0.016
SITE MEAN	0.4716985	144.3621	239.2789	0.4221989	0.2709215	0.02044296
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	0.7178299	0.6772068	1.712937	0.4453097	1.473436	0.748959

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 4

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT C01 SITEID 06720420

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
05/07/80	0.81	60	158	0.34	0.111	0.01
07/01/80	0.19	170	200	0.63	0.15	0.018
07/02/80	0.38	255	613	0.96	0.744	0.044
08/15/80	0.37	180	123	0.71	0.26	0.035
08/25/80	0.24	116	111	0.63	0.181	0.016
08/26/80	0.34	108	108	0.52	0.19	0.02
SITE MEAN	0.3031642	136.7557	217.0828	0.6395516	0.2654751	0.02443413
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	0.5281268	0.5267523	0.7359602	0.3561129	0.7713025	0.5619626

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 6

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT CO1 SITEID 19823610504240O

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
07/01/80	0.44	157	114	0.3	0.167	0.021
07/11/80	0.13	290	192	0.43	0.31	0.03
07/30/80	0.06	640	184	1.3	0.5	0.075
08/07/80	0.07	93	278	1.15	0.633	0.055
08/10/80	0.04	470	192	0.71	0.32	0.045
08/14/80	1.99	68	133	0.22	0.16	0.016
08/25/80	0.34	96	57	0.27	0.102	0.012
09/08/80	0.05	440	272	0.77	0.33	0.05
09/08/80	0.72	81	28	0.19	0.049	0.014
09/10/80	0.08	110	14	0.15	0.046	0.009
SITE MEAN	0.4019068	252.1817	175.5931	0.567877	0.2890032	0.03399142
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	2.161956	0.9994623	1.326753	0.9011783	1.138593	0.8017198

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 18

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT DC1 SITEID DC151UR03

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
11/04/80	.	16	13	0.29	.	.
11/09/80	.	56	154	0.26	.	.
11/25/80	0.63	12	8	0.2	.	.
11/29/80	0.31	4	1	0.1	.	.
12/09/80	0.2	40	21	0.12	.	.
12/23/80	0.13	32	6	0.17	.	.
02/20/81	0.33	40	39	.	.	.
02/21/81	0.06	36	23	0.06	.	.
02/22/81	0.15	46	19	1.86	.	.
02/22/81	1.3	20	17	0.11	.	.
03/04/81	0.45	.	18	0.16	.	.
03/16/81	0.14	33	22	0.65	.	.
03/30/81	0.98	52	102	0.24	.	.
03/31/81	0.14	25	11	0.12	.	.
SITE MEAN	0.4155559	34.52076	36.2776	0.3043352	.	.
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	1.149514	0.8372978	1.811168	1.096979	.	.

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 14

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT DC1 SITEID DC151UR05

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
09/17/80	0.31	41	12	0.34	.	.
09/25/80	.	36	6	0.27	.	.
11/04/80	.	20	12	1.38	.	.
11/09/80	.	60	152	0.36	.	.
11/16/80	0.9	60	9	0.28	.	.
11/27/80	0.21	19	3	0.39	.	.
12/09/80	0.2	46	22	0.23	.	.
02/02/81	0.84	56	88	1.46	.	.
02/08/81	0.31	56	24	1.12	.	.
02/10/81	0.85	55	43	1.1	.	.
02/19/81	0.49	52	20	0.57	.	.
02/20/81	0.2	54	23	0.34	.	.
02/22/81	1.14	54	19	0.56	.	.
03/04/81	0.59	.	6	0.38	.	.
03/16/81	0.28	45	10	0.22	.	.
03/30/81	0.38	79	37	0.34	.	.
SITE MEAN	0.5236732	49.1793	27.31947	0.578409	.	.
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	0.6857102	0.398802	1.213859	0.7225627	.	.

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 16

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT DC1 SITEID DC151UR06

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
10/25/80	.	46	48	0.61	.	.
11/17/80	1	42	63	0.31	.	.
11/24/80	1.3	12	52	.	.	.
11/27/80	0.3	10	15	0.15	.	.
02/02/81	0.85	96	221	0.72	.	.
02/02/81	0.82	.	10	.	.	.
02/08/81	0.26	71	65	.	.	.
02/11/81	0.9	62	119	0.46	.	.
02/19/81	0.73	60	49	0.14	.	.
02/20/81	0.07	48	31	0.12	.	.
02/22/81	0.54	50	72	0.2	.	.
03/05/81	0.44	.	25	0.10	.	.
SITE MEAN	0.7384666	54.15582	67.05811	0.327427	.	.
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	1.003429	0.8528805	1.026841	0.7549602	.	.

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 12

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT DC1 SITEID DC151UR07

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
07/22/80	0.32	36	247	0.21	.	.
07/23/80	0.11	47	424	0.26	.	.
07/29/80	0.1	61	66	0.11	.	.
08/01/80	0.67	.	116	0.24	.	.
08/03/80	0.21	.	120	0.27	.	.
08/04/80	0.66	74	144	0.22	.	.
08/10/80	0.42	140	825	0.94	.	.
08/19/80	0.17	33	99	0.14	.	.
09/10/80	0.11	132	294	0.5	.	.
10/02/80	0.51	.	230	.	.	.
10/25/80	2.25	40	514	0.7	.	.
10/28/80	0.04	22	25	0.08	.	.
11/04/80	0.28	28	16	0.29	.	.
11/24/80	0.78	64	64	0.23	.	.
11/27/80	0.37	12	28	0.12	.	.
SITE MEAN	0.4883155	59.11295	243.0044	0.3088217	.	.
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	1.341025	0.8101985	1.663497	0.7829968	.	.

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 15

LFILE (STORET) DATA PROJECT 220CCITY SITEID DC151UR09

EVENT START TIME	BOD MILLIGRAMS	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
	310	80116	530	665	1051	1042
10/02/80	.	92.59999	8	.	0.1	0.02
10/25/80	3.299999	138	21	1.349999	0.12	0.02
11/04/80	.	28	0	0.35	0.1	0.02
11/17/80	.	28	4	0.5599999	0.1	0.02
11/24/80	.	22.31407	6	0.4380716	0.1	0.02
11/27/80	.	36	3.5	0.14	0.1	0.02
12/09/80	.	60	9	0.09999996	0.1	0.02
12/16/80	.	68	11	.	0.1	0.02
12/23/80	.	.	72	.	0.1	0.065
02/02/81	10	48	50	0.32	0.1	0.02
02/08/81	.	47	13	0.3	0.1	0.02
02/11/81	4.2	61	13	0.32	0.1	0.02
02/19/81	.	52.01957	10.53929	0.08978619	0.1	0.02
03/30/81	.	44	6	0.11	0.1	0.02
SITE MEAN	6.138019	55.59342	16.66088	0.3775807	0.1014313	0.02286345
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	0.6363271	0.574268	1.176921	0.9996651	0.04875641	0.3229873

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 14

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT DC1 SITEID DC151UR10

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
10/18/80	.	62	45	0.33	.	.
10/25/80	.	26	19	0.6	.	.
10/25/80	.	56	42	0.31	.	.
11/17/80	1.25	22	18	0.44	.	.
11/28/80	1.5	8	68	0.44	.	.
12/09/80	0.2	60	33	.	.	.
02/02/81	1.21	60	145	1.55	.	.
02/08/81	0.29	72	49	0.93	.	.
02/19/81	0.55	80	37	0.65	.	.
02/20/81	0.37	40	34	0.17	.	.
02/22/81	0.87	56	21	0.17	.	.
03/16/81	0.22	18	44	.	.	.
SITE MEAN	0.7579506	49.79799	45.96000	0.5715467	.	.
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	0.9264045	0.7881695	0.6294863	0.7946728	.	.

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 12

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT DC1 SITEID DC151UR15

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
12/09/80	0.2	48	36	0.26	.	.
01/21/81	0.16	.	404	0.73	.	.
02/02/81	0.28	76	604	0.95	.	.
02/08/81	0.8	63	171	0.55	.	.
02/19/81	1.27	40	149	0.24	.	.
02/20/81	0.9	36	64	0.2	.	.
02/21/81	0.09	56	21	0.24	.	.
02/22/81	0.39	40	55	0.25	.	.
03/08/81	0.6	20	27	0.33	.	.
SITE MEAN	0.565756	47.62284	185.3837	0.4163227	.	.
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	1.093316	0.4256478	1.763721	0.6206362	.	.

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 9

LFILE (STORET) DATA

PROJECT 22DCCITY SITEID DC151UR18

EVENT START TIME	BOD MILLIGRAMS 310	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER 80116	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER 530	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER 665	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER 1051	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER 1042
02/08/81	.	.	76	.	0.1	0.035
02/23/81	.	68	19	.	0.1	0.02
SITE MEAN	.	.	61.43868	.	0.1000002	0.02861225
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	.	.	1.270457	.	0	0.4117159

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 2

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LFILE (STORET) DATA

PROJECT 22ILCITY SITEID BASIN1

EVENT START TIME	BOD MILLIGRAMS	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
	.	340	530	.	1051	1042
01/11/80	.	287.1818	473.6273	.	1.865788	0.0606842
01/16/80	.	.	235.8778	.	0.366665	0.1433333
03/07/80	.	233.2335	181.8787	.	1.447552	0.05700216
03/16/80	.	477.7659	116.6552	.	0.809779	0.03261484
03/20/80	.	.	70.38407	.	0.3726004	0.01241249
03/28/80	.	.	145.7861	.	.	.
03/30/80	.	.	80.88720	.	.	.
04/03/80	.	307.0111	221.7532	.	1.097894	0.03039071
04/08/80	.	.	102.1720	.	.	.
05/12/80	.	219.3468	97.95441	.	0.6666952	0.05672838
05/12/80	.	.	80.77391	.	.	.
05/16/80	.	.	223.275	.	.	.
05/17/80	.	.	194.1979	.	.	.
05/23/80	.	.	162.8039	.	.	.
06/01/80	.	.	95.62983	.	.	.
06/15/80	.	132.2693	.	.	0.3208717	0.01626562
06/15/80	.	216.1258	.	.	0.7885989	0.03066793
06/23/80	.	.	129.7858	.	.	.
06/28/80	.	.	116.9721	.	.	.
07/26/80	.	616.9002	.	.	0.6027931	0.0505903
07/27/80	.	120.2567	.	.	0.438074	0.01700577
SITE MEAN	.	294.6682	159.3277	.	1.145438	0.04785276
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	.	0.5602676	0.6131383	.	0.8967704	0.8305187

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 21

LFILE (STORET) DATA

PROJECT 22ILCITY SITEID BASIN2

EVENT START TIME	BOD MILLIGRAMS	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
	.	340	530	.	1051	1042
01/11/80	.	112.3333	355.7179	.	[illegible]	[illegible]
01/16/80	.	.	382.3171	.	.	.
03/07/80	.	316.887	208.5218	.	[illegible]	[illegible]
03/16/80	.	446.0503	85.97440	.	[illegible]	[illegible]
03/20/80	.	.	68.08825	.	.	.
03/28/80	.	.	132.8464	.	.	.
04/03/80	.	236.6899	256.7468	.	[illegible]	[illegible]
05/12/80	.	200.0304	70.29439	.	[illegible]	[illegible]
05/12/80	.	171.2029	.	.	[illegible]	[illegible]
05/17/80	.	.	100.9999	.	.	.
05/17/80	.	.	79.38037	.	.	.
05/23/80	.	.	129.0968	.	.	.
05/30/80	.	142.6512	143.6533	.	0.4567193	[illegible]
06/01/80	.	.	99.03428	.	.	.
06/15/80	.	138.6606	.	.	0.3185815	0.02179640
06/15/80	.	227.5371	.	.	0.5660931	0.01988309
06/23/80	.	.	71.54267	.	.	.
06/28/80	.	.	116.2989	.	.	.
SITE MEAN	.	222.7416	152.6799	.	0.7538844	0.03379893
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	.	0.4587546	0.6235591	.	0.4043906	0.3647516

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 18

LFILE (STORET) DATA

PROJECT 221LCITY SITEID 8A3TM3

EVENT START TIME	BOD MILLIGRAMS	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
	.	340	530	.	1051	1042
01/16/80	.	.	252.4167	.	.	.
03/16/80	.	32.6747	158.6055	.	0.1493661	0.009999997
05/12/80	.	.	89.57392	.	.	.
05/12/80	.	.	51.47516	.	.	.
05/17/80	.	.	51.38098	.	.	.
05/17/80	.	.	43.29557	.	.	.
05/19/80	.	.	59.38092	.	.	.
05/23/80	.	.	89.82808	.	.	.
05/30/80	.	70.8974	.	.	0.2666739	0.02487793
06/01/80	.	.	60.49371	.	.	.
06/01/80	.	.	51.5337	.	.	.
06/15/80	.	36.31613	.	.	0.248163	0.01320915
06/23/80	.	.	33.11078	.	.	.
06/28/80	.	60.10392	.	.	0.1373311	0.01483731
07/27/80	.	.	44.85420	.	.	.
SITE MEAN	.	50.8142	76.96574	.	0.2018036	0.01598058
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	.	0.3492808	0.6369881	.	0.3434632	0.3956514

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 15

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT 1L1 SITEID 8A3TM3

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
03/16/80	0.56	34	167	0.18	0.065	0.008
06/03/80	0.13	50	124	0.29	0.11	0.01
06/15/80	0.1	.	119	.	.	.
06/23/80	0.9	72	.	0.512	0.17	0.02
06/28/80	0.26	71	.	0.503	0.13	0.02
SITE MEAN	0.4326794	57.82062	137.3998	0.3858945	0.1217139	0.0149611
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	1.182239	0.3661847	0.1865042	0.5332417	0.4224929	0.5012640

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 5

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LFILE (STORET) DATA

PROJECT 221LCITY SITEID BASIN5

EVENT START TIME	BOD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
	310	340	530	665	1051	1042
03/16/80	.	58.4325	78.12545	0.2590686	0.1934925	0.0192807
03/16/80	.	58.4325	78.12545	0.2590686	0.1934925	0.0192807
03/28/80	.	.	146.1148	.	.	.
03/28/80	.	.	146.1148	.	.	.
03/30/80	.	.	85.00447	.	.	.
03/30/80	.	.	85.00447	.	.	.
04/03/80	.	42.14572	200.7790	0.4022798	0.1801088	0.02805741
04/03/80	.	42.14572	200.7790	0.4022798	0.1801088	0.02805741
04/08/80	.	.	115.7088	.	.	.
04/08/80	.	.	115.7088	.	.	.
05/12/80	.	319.6733	131.8775	1.625831	0.5007062	0.06555597
05/12/80	.	319.6733	131.8775	1.625831	0.5007062	0.06555597
05/12/80	.	182.9302	70.2848	0.8018149	0.4140929	0.05617132
05/12/80	.	182.9302	70.2848	0.8018149	0.4140929	0.05617132
05/16/80	.	.	258.9284	.	.	.
05/16/80	.	.	258.9284	.	.	.
05/17/80	.	114.0142	86.88497	0.5741569	0.2830306	0.04143267
05/17/80	.	114.0142	86.88497	0.5741569	0.2830306	0.04143267
05/30/80	.	201.3527	165.5003	1.553723	0.2605287	0.04702009
05/30/80	.	201.3527	165.5003	1.553723	0.2605287	0.04702009
06/01/80	.	.	116.4815	.	.	.
06/01/80	.	.	116.4815	.	.	.
06/15/80	.	.	117.4072	.	.	.
06/15/80	.	.	117.4072	.	.	.
06/19/80	.	.	101.5235	.	.	.
06/19/80	.	.	101.5235	.	.	.
06/23/80	.	72.92587	.	0.5421657	0.1469285	0.05955513
06/23/80	.	72.92587	.	0.5421657	0.1469285	0.05955513
06/28/80	.	139.5901	.	1.195113	0.1703512	0.09888359
06/28/80	.	139.5901	.	1.195113	0.1703512	0.09888359
07/26/80	.	.	219.7494	.	.	.
07/27/80	.	.	82.6695	.	.	.
SITE MEAN	.	144.8683	130.3101	0.8909148	0.2690612	0.05281846
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	.	0.7412707	0.3977742	0.7066708	0.4449391	0.5252925

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 32

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT IL2 SITEID #150208800338O2

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
04/03/80	0.25	170	342	0.444	0.598	0.052
05/17/80	0.37	.	171	0.427	2.43	0.052
05/28/80	0.93	280	861	0.759	0.768	0.108
07/09/80	0.23	190	.	0.387	0.261	0.049
07/20/80	1.33	68	113	0.228	0.16	0.031
08/04/80	0.39	66	92	0.29	.	0.028
08/19/80	0.68	53	63	0.228	0.107	0.026
09/22/80	0.92	.	328	.	.	.
SITE MEAN	0.599663	143.6384	292.7705	0.3983965	0.7994395	0.04984587
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	0.6419463	0.7982832	1.038535	0.4481318	1.655541	0.5283887

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 8

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT MA1 SITEID P1

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
06/29/80	2.14	150	32	0.2	0.117	0.071
07/08/80	0.41	48	57	0.23	0.217	0.061
07/17/80	0.38	85	122	1.58	0.29	0.079
07/29/80	1.81	62	8	0.56	0.12	0.05
08/02/80	0.1	44	26	0.15	0.15	0.054
08/03/80	0.13	26	42	0.52	0.13	0.079
09/10/80	0.12	100	39	0.15	0.13	0.1
09/18/80	0.76	96	324	0.48	0.2	0.09
SITE MEAN	0.8344331	81.20623	85.69744	0.4896491	0.1699685	0.07353881
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	1.804796	0.5736233	1.516243	0.9746267	0.3803469	0.2819718

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 8

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT MA1 SITEID P2

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
07/17/80	0.38	101	600	1.28	0.33	0.11
07/29/80	1.81	.	118	.	0.4	0.12
08/02/80	0.1	78	80	0.57	0.07	0.08
08/03/80	0.13	33	231	0.5	0.35	0.11
08/11/80	0.11	67	18	0.26	0.15	0.08
09/10/80	0.12	178	110	1.68	0.69	0.13
09/18/80	0.76	154	790	1.59	0.77	0.17
11/28/80	1.54	.	.	.	.	.
12/03/80	0.16	.	.	.	.	.
SITE MEAN	0.6032994	106.6845	351.4436	1.056937	0.4391921	0.1117818
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	1.715011	0.6754323	2.052982	0.8748956	1.02224	0.4899871

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 9

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT MA1 SITEID P3

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
07/17/80	0.38	95	735	1.6	0.35	0.1
08/02/80	0.1	64	69	0.48	0.19	0.11
08/11/80	0.11	66	87	0.38	0.16	0.085
09/10/80	0.12	109	78	1.1	0.13	0.1
09/18/80	0.76	204	441	2.3	0.63	0.16
09/26/80	0.31	81	53	1.1	0.15	0.086
11/28/80	1.54	.	.	.	.	.
SITE MEAN	0.5084091	103.8298	257.0775	1.227995	0.2716789	0.1071279
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	1.423653	0.4486623	1.746811	0.7850122	0.6724729	0.2349882

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 7

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT MA1 SITEID P4

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
06/16/80	0.2	162	168	0.56	.	.
06/29/80	2.14	92	47	0.66	0.3	0.08
07/17/80	0.38	104	320	1.61	0.42	0.17
08/02/80	0.1	47	58	0.2	0.094	0.064
08/03/80	0.13	.	106	.	.	.
08/11/80	0.11	45	12	0.1	0.024	0.024
09/10/80	0.12	62	14	0.31	0.115	0.048
09/18/80	0.76	104	500	0.8	0	0.04
SITE MEAN	0.4793688	89.50699	195.1639	0.671149	0.2381249	0.07306099
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	1.588699	0.4989723	2.310279	1.174516	1.590778	0.7479341

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 8

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT MA1 SITEID P5

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
06/20/80	0.24	46	19	0.07	.	.
06/29/80	2.14	148	21	0.13	0.24	0.15
07/08/80	0.41	59	79	0.25	0.24	0.06
07/17/80	0.38	48	122	1.41	0.38	0.15
07/29/80	1.81	77	42	0.56	0.23	0.13
08/02/80	0.1	115	17	0.03	0.06	0.1
08/03/80	0.13	25	56	0.024	0.072	0.058
08/11/80	0.11	45	4	0.026	0.057	0.075
SITE MEAN	0.7096209	71.74562	53.17269	0.368114	0.1964674	0.1048203
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	1.768182	0.6186321	1.480761	3.001112	0.9382051	0.4322257

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 8

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT MA1 SITEID P6

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
09/10/80	0.12	118	33	0.78	0.33	0.08
09/18/80	0.76	99	249	0.75	0.39	0.05
11/28/80	1.58	22	6	0.052	.	.
12/03/80	0.16	15	3	0.036	.	0.017
12/10/80	0.04	15	1	0.024	.	0.004
SITE MEAN	0.7237472	60.37362	112.5929	0.5172395	0.3612597	0.05531311
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	2.768308	1.364981	10.36242	4.144468	0.1185383	2.205985

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 5

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT MI3 SITEID PITAARETBNNINLT

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
06/30/79	2.25	.	136	0.26	0.11	0.01
10/22/79	0.25	.	70	0.5	0.07	0.02
08/10/80	0.4	42	48	0.16	0.001	.
08/10/80	0.4	42	47	0.16	0.04	.
09/09/80	0.9	.	65	0.19	.	.
09/09/80	0.9	.	65	0.19	0.04	.
09/17/80	0.67	33	48	0.16	0.033	.
09/17/80	0.67	33	48	0.16	0.02	.
10/24/80	0.45	51	41	0.33	0.047	.
10/24/80	0.45	51	41	0.33	0.05	.
02/17/81	.	42	90	0.23	.	.
SITE MEAN	0.7297964	42.10252	62.72524	0.2828575	0.05054435	0.01594706
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	0.6727471	0.1795844	0.3954487	0.3985752	0.5018807	0.521092

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 11

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT MI3 SITEID PITAARETBNSINLT

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
06/30/79	2.25	.	52	0.13	0.01	0.005
10/22/79	0.25	.	22	0.04	0.003	0.001
08/10/80	0.4	28	40	0.07	0.001	.
08/10/80	0.4	28	40	0.07	0.01	.
09/09/80	0.9	32	47	0.13	0.009	.
09/09/80	0.9	32	47	0.13	0.09	.
09/17/80	0.67	27	41	0.12	0.006	.
09/17/80	0.67	27	41	0.12	0.005	.
10/24/80	0.45	26	68	0.11	0.011	.
10/24/80	0.45	26	68	0.12	0.01	.
02/17/81	.	51	102	0.32	.	.
SITE MEAN	0.7297964	30.77205	51.98264	0.1267865	0.01088687	0.004272911
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	0.6727471	0.2153033	0.4089482	0.5941494	1.634388	1.62835

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 11

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT MI3 SITEID SR WETLANDS INT

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
08/20/80	1.75	37	69	0.17	0.012	.
08/20/80	1.75	.	69	0.17	0.02	.
02/17/81	.	42	84	.	.	.
04/11/81	1.1	28	82	0.14	0.01	.
04/13/81	0.89	26	139	0.18	0.012	.
04/22/81	0.95	33	55	0.1	0.006	.
05/29/81	0.59	26	17	0.05	.	.
SITE MEAN	1.191277	32.09648	78.65704	0.1401844	0.01224952	.
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	0.4400687	0.2011566	0.7239527	0.5266365	0.4534759	.

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 7

FASTTRACK LOAD DATA 16:18 MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1982 78

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT MI3 SITEID TRAV CK RT BN I

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
04/11/81	1.1	26	34	0.08	0.001	.
04/13/81	1	18	42	0.12	0.001	.
04/22/81	0.95	23	39	0.09	0.002	.
05/09/81	1.4	28	9	0.06	0.001	.
06/13/81	1.5	29	22	0.1	0.002	.
SITE MEAN	1.194723	28.91058	31.35879	0.09068241	0.001618119	.
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	0.2057117	0.194692	0.7062819	0.2636188	0.3937524	.

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 5

FASTTRACK LOAD DATA 16:18 MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1982 79

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT MI1 SITEID 002

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
05/30/80	0.28	92	170	0.75	0.25	0.071
06/01/80	0.83	68	32	0.24	0.027	0.024
06/05/80	0.5	64	76	0.31	0.11	.
07/05/80	0.92	92	240	1.1	.	.
07/16/80	0.96	70	93	0.67	.	.
08/02/80	0.39	66	36	0.23	.	.
08/10/80	0.53	55	82	0.56	.	.
10/26/80	0.43	.	31	0.42	.	.
SITE MEAN	0.5594517	72.02281	98.53029	0.5471023	0.1705958	0.05539405
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	0.4401557	0.196103	0.8947446	0.6149997	1.596639	0.8948496

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 8

FASTTRACK LOAD DATA 16:18 MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1982 80

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT MI1 SITEID 006

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
04/03/80	0.63	77	130	0.19	0.24	0.016
04/24/80	0.28	81	36	0.14	0.056	0.015
05/30/80	0.28	150	220	0.47	0.41	0.03
06/01/80	0.83	46	19	0.1	0.02	0.006
06/05/80	0.63	89	56	0.1	0.13	0.012
07/05/80	0.92	49	100	0.27	.	0.016
07/16/80	0.96	47	97	0.01	.	.
08/02/80	0.39	63	29	0.12	.	.
08/10/80	0.53	49	60	0.15	.	.
09/09/80	0.22	.	70	0.26	.	.
09/22/80	0.49	.	6	0.12	.	.
10/18/80	0.44	.	74	0.2	.	.
10/16/80	0.31	6	9	0.08	.	.
10/17/80	0.43	53	32	0.11	0.063	0.054
10/26/80	0.43	49	11	0.25	0.036	0.008
SITE MEAN	0.4933909	70.34539	70.77238	0.1968974	0.1504599	0.01997653
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	0.4396616	0.8973375	1.389911	1.051641	1.456485	0.7196353

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 15

FASTTRACK LOAD DATA 16:18 MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1982 01

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT HI1 SITEID POP

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
06/03/80	0.63	56	330	0.18	0.9	0.021
06/01/80	0.43	42	110	0.39	0.022	0.015
07/16/80	0.96	40	230	0.22	.	.
08/02/80	0.39	47	43	0.14	.	.
08/10/80	0.53	44	210	0.37	.	.
09/22/80	0.49	75	68	0.41	.	.
10/14/80	0.48	.	150	0.37	.	.
10/17/80	0.43	60	130	0.33	0.61	0.013
10/28/80	0.43	67	60	0.17	.	.
SITE MEAN	0.5254051	54.03805	153.5939	0.2874878	1.837118	0.01649104
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	0.2857929	0.2348596	0.7639045	0.4789952	7.944341	0.2499765

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 9

FASTTRACK LOAD DATA 16:18 MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1982 02

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT HI1 SITEID P1P

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
05/30/80	0.28	120	320	0.55	0.29	0.044
06/05/80	0.63	57	170	0.26	.	0.016
08/02/80	0.39	58	49	0.14	.	.
08/10/80	0.53	9	300	0.44	.	.
09/09/80	0.22	.	160	0.32	.	.
09/16/80	1.63	42	230	0.26	.	.
10/14/80	0.44	.	120	0.32	.	.
10/17/80	0.43	35	120	0.21	0.046	0.011
10/28/80	0.43	.	86	.	.	.
SITE MEAN	0.5479701	59.41475	178.0949	0.3167189	0.2695632	0.02558541
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	0.6121478	1.039363	0.7995779	0.8843151	2.108811	0.8199972

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 9

FASTTRACK LOAD DATA 16:18 MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1982 03

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT HI1 SITEID 1-PEG/PARKINLOT

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
07/17/80	0.38	80	170	0.099	0.42	0.1
07/29/80	0.58	.	16	0.1	0.12	0.1
08/05/80	0.31	57	59	0.048	0.18	0.1
08/15/80	0.02	108	30	0.309	0.31	0.1
08/20/80	0.34	98	24	0.15	0.31	0.1
09/02/80	0.28	149	148	0.34	0.01	0.1
09/10/80	0.06	353	54	0.33	0.6	0.2
09/14/80	0.18	155	27	.	0.31	0.01
09/18/80	0.55	181	95	0.24	0.01	0.02
09/25/80	1.03	37	20	0.112	0.1	.
10/03/80	1.09	61	38	0.098	0.14	0.03
10/18/80	0.42	237	109	.	0.48	0.1
10/25/80	2.67	100	47	0.185	0.11	0.1
04/23/81	0.73	39	65	0.04	0.15	0.1
04/29/81	0.16	169	190	0.273	0.3	0.2
04/29/81	0.27	102	115	0.165	0.22	0.1
05/29/81	0.22	330	222	0.172	0.365	0.1
05/31/81	0.39	72	82	0.158	0.19	0.1
06/03/81	0.2	135	139	0.037	0.15	0.1
06/06/81	0.08	188	.	0.348	0.365	0.1
06/09/81	0.68	86	122	0.175	0.325	0.1
SITE MEAN	0.5598524	138.6952	93.14539	0.1864151	0.3150759	0.1068585
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	1.471073	0.6966006	0.946181	0.793698	1.482526	0.8111976

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 21

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT 301 SITEID 06*16300

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
06/14/80	.	341	10700	6.42	2	.
07/12/80	.	303	6120	2.86	0.46	.
07/20/80	.	127	1760	1.16	0.21	.
07/25/80	.	127	645	0.49	0.23	.
08/20/80	.	165	3700	1.93	0.28	.
10/15/80	.	92	1120	0.72	0.13	.
SITE MEAN	.	196.4154	4578.023	2.434644	0.5415281	.
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	.	0.5605369	1.450542	1.196099	1.228	.

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 6

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT TX1 SITEID MAPT LANE

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
02/04/81	0.28	16	42	.	.	.
02/10/81	0.33	137	201	0.24	.	.
03/03/81	.	.	.	.	.	.
03/07/81	0.35	34	43	0.192	.	.
03/07/81	0.33	34	43	0.19	.	.
03/12/81	0.34	53	17	0.112	.	.
03/12/81	0.34	.	.	.	.	.
03/29/81	0.2	96	316	0.882	.	.
04/17/81	0.47	210	334	0.995	.	.
05/02/81	0.4	29	21	0.253	.	.
05/16/81	0.98	63	153	0.31	.	.
05/23/81	.	82	272	0.445	.	.
05/23/81	.	.	.	.	.	.
06/01/81	0.08	34	84	0.145	.	.
06/02/81	0.25	97	183	0.327	.	.
06/03/81	0.36	48	34	0.168	.	.
08/30/81	0.19	.	9	0.09	.	.
09/14/81	.	.	228	0.35	.	.
09/15/81	.	.	42	0.25	.	.
SITE MEAN	0.3674517	73.16728	145.5965	0.3283534	.	.
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	0.7777790	0.8116161	1.650292	0.7552314	.	.

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 19

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT TX1 SITEID FOLLINGWOOD

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
04/17/81	0.49	102	.	.	.	.
05/16/81	1.25	83	.	.	.	.
05/23/81	1.1	133	.	.	.	.
06/01/81	0.19	59	197	0.267	.	.
06/02/81	0.46	36	371	0.168	.	.
06/05/81	0.35	39	37	0.144	.	.
06/25/81	1.45	104	165	0.205	.	.
07/05/81	1.95	57	180	0.34	.	.
08/07/81	0.45	145	131	0.168	.	.
SITE MEAN	0.8995625	85.99982	198.0992	0.2239391	.	.
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	0.9041327	0.5439013	0.8892807	0.3426537	.	.

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 9

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT HA1 SITEID POPRELL0586

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
04/14/80	0.15	67	87	0.27	0.53	.
04/18/80	1.33	13	81	0.187	0.1	.
05/21/80	0.19	48	119	0.368	0.38	.
05/24/80	0.69	16	88	0.15	0.15	.
05/27/80	0.09	31	92	0.116	0.12	.
06/01/80	0.19	78	222	0.423	0.46	.
06/05/80	0.18	26	50	0.1	0.12	.
06/16/80	0.2	110	250	0.56	1.02	.
06/24/80	0.72	41	95	0.275	0.19	.
06/25/80	0.08	57	118	0.258	0.38	.
07/11/80	0.28	49	85	0.257	0.23	.
07/14/80	0.14	43	137	0.172	0.2	.
08/26/80	0.04	85	84	0.57	0.39	.
08/27/80	0.83	75	190	3.61	0.53	.
09/01/80	0.57	30	54	0.078	0.1	.
09/06/80	0.23	47	60	0.271	0.26	.
09/12/80	0.12	32	24	0.149	0.1	.
09/13/80	0.16	39	156	0.1	0.1	.
09/26/80	0.25	80	199	0.343	0.385	.
09/29/80	0.19	30	2680	0.306	0.78	.
09/29/80	0.09	22	102	0.39	0.29	.
10/08/80	0.11	78	168	0.256	0.28	.
10/12/80	0.16	22	27	0.202	0.1	.
10/24/80	0.17	80	138	0.375	0.29	.
10/31/80	0.78	41	106	0.212	0.18	.
11/01/80	0.36	63	188	0.303	0.31	.
11/03/80	0.51	35	65	0.155	0.1	.
11/08/80	0.41	36	68	0.135	0.1	.
11/14/80	0.15	83	125	0.17	0.15	.
11/19/80	0.19	38	482	0.92	0.25	.
11/20/80	1.55	32	92	0.293	0.1	.
11/23/80	0.22	22	72	0.52	0.15	.
11/27/80	0.7	28	83	0.151	0.1	.
11/28/80	0.83	23	66	0.126	0.1	.
12/02/80	0.69	34	78	0.201	0.1	.
12/03/80	0.32	28	66	0.099	0.2	.
12/04/80	0.04	27	62	0.123	0.1	.
12/14/80	0.17	77	152	0.307	0.3	.
12/20/80	0.28	36	109	0.236	0.2	.
12/21/80	0.04	33	113	0.211	0.1	.
12/24/80	0.26	45	120	0.221	0.2	.
12/24/80	0.47	55	93	0.141	0.1	.
12/26/80	0.32	23	66	0.124	0.1	.
12/29/80	0.72	22	60	0.103	0.1	.
01/17/81	0.15	45	142	0.51	0.2	.
01/23/81	0.48	57	161	0.283	0.3	.
01/26/81	0.16	24	81	0.272	0.1	.
01/28/81	0.6	13	69	0.087	0.1	.

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT HA1 SITEID POPRELL0586

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
02/11/81	1	43	90	0.218	0.137	.
02/13/81	0.24	27	66	0.134	0.1	.
02/13/81	0.22	71	140	0.371	0.3	.
02/14/81	0.78	68	242	0.469	0.3	.
02/17/81	0.16	31	74	0.146	0.15	.
02/18/81	0.55	58	2825	0.359	0.3	.
02/19/81	0.03	19	105	0.136	0.1	.
03/24/81	0.21	32	71	0.163	0.1	.
03/29/81	0.14	39	66	0.115	0.1	.
04/05/81	0.18	42	87	0.275	0.1	.
04/06/81	0.34	42	135	0.488	0.2	.
04/07/81	0.28	27	42	0.145	0.1	.
04/10/81	0.36	32	117	0.226	0.1	.
04/12/81	0.12	29	157	0.51	0.1	.
04/20/81	0.19	50	78	0.21	0.2	.
04/22/81	0.25	36	76	0.16	0.1	.
04/23/81	0.07	38	43	0.117	0.1	.
04/27/81	0.53	35	80	0.254	0.2	.
05/07/81	0.23	43	121	0.261	0.2	.
05/11/81	0.36	67	239	0.258	0.1	.
05/14/81	0.18	62	161	0.221	0.3	.
05/14/81	0.08	70	194	0.366	0.3	.
SITE MEAN	0.345341	44.1662	145.1991	0.2808522	0.2084486	.
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	1.008674	0.4964426	0.8729301	0.6880943	0.6503183	.

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 70

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT WA1 SITEID 20ABELL0588

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
03/12/80	.	23	70	0.13	0.1	.
03/26/80	.	79	230	0.33	0.35	.
04/05/80	0.43	50	112	0.25	0.27	.
04/08/80	0.57	38	148	0.26	0.2	.
04/09/80	0.2	40	90	0.19	0.2	.
04/14/80	0.18	54	196	0.59	0.33	.
04/18/80	1.19	15	43	0.097	0.1	.
07/11/80	0.22	69	142	0.29	0.21	.
07/14/80	0.15	37	127	0.145	0.1	.
08/26/80	0.08	128	106	0.95	0.51	.
08/27/80	0.18	102	266	1.17	0.49	.
08/28/80	0.37	35	144	0.091	0.2	.
09/01/80	0.5	29	58	0.123	0.1	.
09/06/80	0.27	47	98	0.305	0.22	.
09/12/80	0.08	24	72	0.11	0.1	.
09/13/80	0.14	43	90	0.117	0.1	.
09/19/80	0.09	56	82	0.207	0.1	.
09/20/80	0.38	76	168	0.357	0.24	.
09/29/80	0.43	42	115	0.177	0.136	.
10/08/80	0.19	39	174	0.36	0.25	.
10/24/80	0.16	102	140	0.246	0.15	.
10/31/80	0.74	51	57	0.149	0.09	.
11/01/80	0.29	66	100	0.18	0.18	.
11/03/80	0.6	32	95	0.155	0.06	.
11/06/80	1.18	51	93	0.081	0.1	.
11/08/80	0.43	35	64	0.142	0.1	.
11/14/80	0.12	50	250	0.227	0.2	.
11/19/80	0.21	41	73	0.165	0.1	.
11/20/80	1.66	30	60	0.15	0.1	.
11/25/80	0.15	31	29	0.263	0.1	.
11/27/80	0.71	29	49	0.112	0.1	.
11/28/80	0.86	38	53	0.103	0.1	.
12/02/80	0.97	42	68	0.17	0.1	.
12/03/80	0.46	26	71	0.083	0.1	.
12/14/80	0.11	69	100	0.239	0.2	.
12/20/80	0.43	58	95	0.178	0.1	.
12/24/80	0.26	62	98	0.161	0.1	.
12/24/80	0.51	20	60	0.089	0.2	.
12/25/80	1.28	27	76	0.134	0.1	.
12/26/80	0.34	20	83	0.21	0.1	.
12/29/80	1.14	19	91	0.092	0.1	.
01/17/81	0.22	47	125	0.37	0.2	.
01/28/81	0.63	20	68	0.085	0.1	.
02/11/81	0.91	52	80	0.163	0.1	.
02/13/81	0.2	30	62	0.213	0.1	.
02/13/81	0.3	64	104	0.227	0.2	.
02/17/81	0.16	43	90	0.07	0.1	.
02/18/81	0.71	30	159	0.258	0.2	.

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT WA1 SITEID 20ABELL0588

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
02/19/81	0.02	12	114	0.048	0.1	.
03/24/81	0.26	72	76	0.22	0.1	.
03/28/81	0.18	33	62	0.122	0.1	.
04/02/81	0.16	100	191	0.505	0.2	.
04/05/81	0.16	45	58	0.172	0.1	.
04/06/81	0.38	45	187	0.545	0.2	.
04/07/81	0.22	21	49	0.068	0.1	.
04/10/81	0.3	27	67	0.2	0.1	.
04/12/81	0.13	46	117	0.255	0.2	.
04/22/81	0.08	46	128	0.185	0.1	.
04/27/81	0.47	33	72	0.186	0.2	.
05/03/81	0.21	95	104	0.291	0.1	.
05/07/81	0.16	82	136	0.308	0.2	.
05/07/81	0.33	61	188	0.357	0.2	.
05/10/81	0.29	40	87	0.202	0.1	.
SITE MEAN	0.4154447	46.87828	104.9911	0.2398843	0.1544186	.
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	1.001046	0.5212644	0.473140	0.8798273	0.4812612	.

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 63

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT WI1 SITEID 413630

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
05/28/80	0.86	0	198	0.31	0.4	.
09/09/80	1.24	160	72	0.1	0.15	.
09/22/80	0.58	73	82	0.14	0.15	.
09/22/80	0.24	46	92	0.16	0.2	.
05/23/81	0.05	150	479	0.72	0.95	.
05/29/81	0.27	150	272	0.36	0.46	.
06/08/81	0.27	130	144	0.64	0.6	.
06/13/81	0.58	130	51	0.16	0.1	.
06/20/81	0.18	92	157	0.97	0.5	.
08/26/81	.	120	202	0.29	0.4	.
08/29/81	.	120	70	0.14	0.2	.
SITE MEAN	0.5360208	119.1636	166.8958	0.3728327	0.3857913	.
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	1.23517	0.4044821	0.7629551	0.8937225	0.7966797	.

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 11

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT WI1 SITEID 413631

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
03/15/80	.	81	98	0.28	0.3	.
04/03/80	.	81	132	0.28	0.6	.
04/04/80	.	150	44	0.12	0.2	.
04/06/80	.	71	210	0.3	0.6	.
04/09/80	.	140	38	0.09	0.16	.
05/13/80	.	85	472	0.8	2	.
05/18/80	0.21	250	90	0.15	0.35	.
05/28/80	0.3	55	532	0.79	2.4	.
06/01/80	.	230	38	0.16	0.19	.
06/02/80	.	78	161	0.22	0.49	.
06/05/80	.	92	270	0.37	0.67	.
06/06/80	.	78	438	0.37	1.2	.
06/07/80	.	80	348	0.41	1.5	.
06/19/80	0.23	76	158	0.26	0.47	.
07/05/80	0.73	73	438	0.44	0.95	.
07/09/80	0.72	120	206	0.27	0.46	.
07/15/80	0.28	92	188	0.29	0.61	.
07/16/80	0.55	110	141	0.2	0.52	.
07/25/80	0.18	74	64	0.17	0.22	.
08/02/80	0.19	110	244	0.39	0.58	.
08/02/80	0.17	140	72	0.14	0.215	.
08/04/80	3.24	55	246	0.29	1.6	.
08/07/80	0.97	76	180	0.2	0.45	.
08/07/80	0.37	43	58	0.12	0.2	.
08/13/80	0.05	64	68	0.34	0.3	.
08/16/80	0.73	130	45	0.16	0.33	.
02/22/81	0.05	170	112	0.26	0.3	.
04/08/81	1.08	63	280	0.38	0.51	.
04/13/81	1.42	63	342	0.43	1	.
04/23/81	.	63	82	0.18	0.3	.
05/29/81	0.27	46	186	0.38	0.36	.
06/08/81	0.3	180	336	0.49	0.9	.
06/13/81	0.59	180	56	0.15	0.2	.
06/15/81	0.11	76	21	0.14	0.1	.
06/20/81	0.16	82	390	0.6	1.2	.
07/12/81	0.71	82	290	0.51	0.9	.
07/17/81	0.18	170	143	0.25	0.35	.
07/20/81	.	170	442	0.34	0.6	.
08/14/81	.	92	49	0.14	0.2	.
08/15/81	.	92	283	0.29	0.6	.
08/26/81	.	83	120	0.18	0.3	.
08/29/81	.	83	236	0.24	0.6	.
08/31/81	.	61	61	0.12	0.2	.
09/07/81	.	27	44	0.1	0.05	.
SITE MEAN	0.5617392	99.5062	202.0818	0.2913495	0.6064536	.
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	1.297878	0.4054272	1.020728	0.5767538	0.9409928	.

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT WT1 SITEID 413631

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 46

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT WT1 SITEID 413632

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
06/02/80	.	26	42	0.18	0.11	.
06/06/80	0.67	55	44	0.24	0.14	.
06/07/80	0.6	36	27	0.28	0.025	.
06/28/80	0.46	41	21	0.14	0.085	.
09/12/80	0.95	18	18	0.19	0.05	.
09/16/80	0.85	25	28	0.15	0.1	.
09/20/80	0.75	22	27	0.24	0.05	.
09/25/80	0.15	27	60	0.22	0.05	.
05/10/81	0.67	16	49	0.27	0.05	.
05/26/81	0.05	55	96	0.34	0.1	.
05/29/81	0.08	55	140	0.48	0.24	.
06/08/81	0.13	160	394	0.88	0.5	.
06/13/81	0.53	169	28	0.15	0.05	.
06/15/81	.	27	72	0.23	0.1	.
06/20/81	0.26	32	32	0.13	0.095	.
SITE MEAN	0.5460069	68.96661	64.3864	0.270388	0.1133655	.
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	1.264519	0.7861794	0.9788776	0.5399169	0.8435801	.

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 15

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT W11 SITEID 413633

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
06/06/80	0.73	32	216	0.32	0.33	.
06/07/80	0.65	58	106	0.34	0.06	.
06/28/80	0.48	52	33	0.17	0.1	.
07/05/80	0.94	39	131	0.25	0.09	.
07/09/80	.	39	41	0.16	0.08	.
07/16/80	.	39	75	0.17	0.06	.
08/02/80	0.25	28	144	0.36	0.22	.
08/04/80	.	28	144	0.33	0.17	.
08/07/80	1.2	56	6	0.16	0.05	.
08/07/80	0.07	26	8	0.16	0.05	.
08/11/80	0.85	26	57	0.27	0.12	.
09/16/80	0.81	26	59	0.2	0.05	.
09/20/80	0.67	24	76	0.26	0.125	.
09/25/80	0.13	34	79	0.22	0.1	.
10/03/80	.	80	60	0.29	0.1	.
11/24/80	.	80	2	0.12	0.05	.
12/06/80	0.59	34	126	0.74	0.22	.
12/08/80	0.27	55	19	0.13	0.05	.
02/22/81	0.76	20	53	0.3	0.05	.
04/04/81	0.74	20	336	0.44	0.25	.
04/08/81	0.74	67	106	0.19	0.05	.
04/10/81	1.2	67	118	0.3	0.05	.
04/13/81	0.52	67	65	0.16	0.05	.
04/23/81	.	17	56	0.16	0.05	.
05/10/81	0.59	17	11	0.14	0.05	.
06/06/81	0.11	24	61	0.27	0.1	.
06/08/81	0.14	56	172	0.58	0.26	.
06/13/81	0.5	56	32	0.21	0.1	.
06/22/81	.	54	58	0.18	0.12	.
07/12/81	.	54	158	0.32	0.25	.
07/12/81	.	70	94	0.22	0.1	.
07/13/81	.	70	110	0.2	0.05	.
07/18/81	.	2	313	0.38	0.22	.
07/20/81	0.41	2	86	0.2	0.05	.
07/25/81	0.38	33	57	0.17	0.1	.
08/07/81	0.31	33	270	0.38	0.3	.
08/14/81	.	33	119	0.26	0.2	.
08/15/81	.	33	158	0.22	0.1	.
08/28/81	.	33	14	0.09	0.05	.
08/29/81	.	33	57	0.18	0.1	.
08/31/81	.	33	41	0.16	0.05	.
09/07/81	.	33	124	0.21	0.05	.
SITE MEAN	0.6035123	42.37976	114.6902	0.2491974	0.1126706	.
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	0.882422	0.8528413	1.466717	0.4461515	0.6908119	.

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 42

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT W11 SITEID 413634

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
06/05/80	.	36	144	0.14	0.11	.
06/28/80	.	39	12	0.17	0.1	.
09/16/80	0.55	51	17	0.06	0.12	.
09/20/80	0.75	29	14	0.05	0.05	.
09/22/80	0.18	23	1	0.67	0.05	.
09/22/80	0.77	34	46	0.07	0.1	.
09/25/80	0.08	34	22	0.09	0.05	.
10/03/80	.	52	12	0.1	0.05	.
05/10/81	0.56	65	5	0.05	0.05	.
05/23/81	.	65	142	0.52	0.45	.
05/29/81	0.12	65	232	0.43	0.51	.
05/29/81	0.14	97	122	0.16	0.32	.
06/08/81	0.18	120	48	0.18	0.2	.
06/15/81	0.1	120	71	0.17	0.2	.
06/20/81	0.2	96	20	0.06	0.1	.
08/26/81	.	98	12	0.06	0.1	.
08/27/81	.	98	13	0.03	0.05	.
08/29/81	.	27	10	0.03	0.05	.
08/31/81	.	27	100	0.17	0.2	.
SITE MEAN	0.3412321	62.6342	67.4519	0.1680818	0.149013	.
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	1.007453	0.6004044	2.345204	1.113342	0.9148335	.

NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR THIS STATION 19

FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT #11 SITEID 413635

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
04/03/80	0.08	60	14	0.04	0.05	.
04/06/80	.	18	81	0.12	0.32	.
04/08/80	0.52	81	278	0.2	0.5	.
04/09/80	0.57	100	15	0.04	0.1	.
04/14/80	.	27	53	0.06	0.22	.
04/28/80	0.23	45	46	0.11	0.6	.
04/28/80	0.45	65	20	0.06	0.1	.
05/13/80	0.21	30	240	0.31	0.75	.
05/18/80	0.13	30	27	0.07	0.1	.
06/01/80	.	35	53	0.13	0.19	.
06/02/80	0.25	73	63	0.12	0.22	.
06/05/80	0.89	69	192	0.16	0.35	.
06/06/80	0.72	58	129	0.14	0.22	.
06/07/80	0.53	40	98	0.11	0.22	.
06/19/80	.	39	58	0.14	0.23	.
07/16/80	.	160	25	0.09	0.1	.
08/02/80	0.26	140	162	0.2	0.335	.
08/02/80	0.24	140	46	0.08	0.14	.
08/04/80	2.79	140	100	0.14	0.26	.
08/11/80	0.57	65	27	0.11	0.075	.
08/13/80	0.05	28	20	0.5	0.19	.
08/19/80	0.58	28	30	0.05	0.1	.
09/07/80	0.4	28	9	0.07	0.05	.
09/09/80	1.26	28	75	0.06	0.175	.
09/12/80	1.37	28	26	0.08	0.05	.
09/16/80	0.77	43	25	0.06	0.15	.
09/20/80	0.72	35	60	0.07	0.13	.
09/25/80	0.09	34	28	0.06	0.1	.
10/03/80	.	49	88	0.15	0.2	.
10/16/80	0.24	49	6	0.05	0.05	.
10/16/80	0.29	50	17	0.06	0.1	.
10/24/80	0.2	50	29	0.13	0.15	.
11/14/80	0.55	76	18	0.06	0.12	.
11/24/80	.	76	8	0.1	0.12	.
12/02/80	.	54	72	0.14	0.5	.
12/06/80	0.64	54	68	0.12	0.4	.
02/16/81	.	98	108	0.16	0.5	.
02/22/81	.	114	74	0.1	0.4	.
04/04/81	1.28	69	564	0.38	0.9	.
04/07/81	.	160	109	0.14	0.24	.
04/08/81	0.32	160	199	0.11	0.26	.
04/10/81	.	160	198	0.14	0.24	.
04/10/81	.	160	198	0.14	0.24	.
04/13/81	1.21	160	138	0.06	0.12	.
05/29/81	0.16	22	160	0.23	0.32	.
05/29/81	0.22	120	104	0.12	0.29	.
06/20/81	0.21	110	47	0.07	0.16	.
07/12/81	1.21	110	148	0.38	0.25	.

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EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
07/12/81	0.64	100	108	0.1	0.15	.
07/13/81	3.56	100	40	0.05	0.05	.
07/18/81	.	17	130	0.13	0.2	.
07/20/81	0.27	17	60	0.1	0.15	.
08/14/81	.	63	81	0.12	0.2	.
08/15/81	.	65	137	0.12	0.2	.
08/26/81	.	65	43	0.06	0.05	.
08/27/81	.	65	25	0.06	0.1	.
08/29/81	.	42	42	0.08	0.2	.
08/31/81	.	42	45	0.08	0.05	.
09/07/81	.	28	23	0.06	0.05	.
SITE MEAN	0.658003	71.12706	87.70752	0.1191422	0.2212952	.
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	1.182169	0.7010894	1.204457	0.5898431	0.8279833	.

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FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT WI1 SITEID 413636

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
04/06/81	0.61	30	1152	1.28	1.1	.
04/07/81	0.2	240	972	1.02	0.96	.
04/08/81	0.84	240	208	0.31	0.18	.
04/10/81	.	72	242	0.82	0.32	.
04/13/81	1.29	72	162	0.2	0.18	.
04/23/81	.	60	100	0.9	0.15	.
05/10/81	0.77	60	26	0.6	0.05	.
05/29/81	.	78	692	2.9	0.78	.
05/29/81	.	490	306	1.2	0.42	.
06/08/81	0.13	580	38	0.46	0.1	.
06/08/81	0.18	580	602	2.5	0.75	.
06/13/81	0.55	580	52	0.4	0.1	.
06/20/81	0.19	54	98	0.33	0.2	.
07/12/81	.	54	253	0.68	0.5	.
07/12/81	.	120	205	0.84	0.35	.
07/13/81	2.31	120	118	0.25	0.3	.
07/18/81	0.52	53	221	0.44	0.35	.
07/20/81	0.3	82	33	0.22	0.15	.
08/14/81	.	36	167	0.5	1.7	.
08/15/81	.	36	239	0.34	0.3	.
08/29/81	.	48	33	0.19	0.1	.
08/31/81	.	48	128	0.3	0.2	.
09/07/81	.	45	30	0.18	0.05	.
SITE MEAN	0.6809089	156.2122	280.3159	0.6989971	0.4158159	.
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	1.047556	1.246966	1.562977	0.9162922	1.205293	.

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FAST-TRACK DATA PROJECT WI1 SITEID 413637

EVENT START TIME	PRECIPITATION (INCHES)	COD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	TSS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	PHOSPHORUS MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	LEAD MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	COPPER MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
06/06/81	0.11	31	12	0.16	0.05	.
06/08/81	0.17	31	280	1.06	0.46	.
06/13/81	0.52	31	16	0.18	0.05	.
06/15/81	0.09	74	12	0.12	0.05	.
06/20/81	0.19	31	48	0.2	0.1	.
08/26/81	.	31	21	0.12	0.05	.
08/27/81	.	31	8	0.06	0.05	.
08/29/81	.	19	12	0.08	0.05	.
08/31/81	.	19	10	0.1	0.05	.
SITE MEAN	0.2211429	33.08437	37.91979	0.2129575	0.09133647	.
SITE COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	0.767188	0.4085739	1.56177	0.987036	0.8642529	.

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TOTAL NUMBER OF EVENTS 755

APPENDIX C

DATA ANALYSIS METHODOLOGIES

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In order to assemble and analyze the data being developed by the NURP projects and determine and interpret results, it was necessary for NURP to use a set of consistent analytical methodologies. By and large, the methodologies that were selected were developed under different EPA efforts, many under the sponsorship of the Office of Research and Development. Following the areas of project emphasis, Appendix C-1 presents for urban runoff loads, C-2 for receiving water impacts, and C-3 for effectiveness of controls, the adopted methodologies and their supporting logic.

C-1. URBAN RUNOFF LOADS

The constituents found in urban runoff are highly variable, both during an event, as well as from event to event at a given site and from site to site within a given city and across the country. This is the natural result of high variations in rainfall intensity and occurrence, geographic features that affect runoff quantity and quality, and so on. Therefore, a method of expressing the size of an urban runoff load and its variability was needed. The event mean concentration, defined as the total constituent mass discharge divided by the total runoff volume, was chosen as the primary statistic for this purpose, and event mean concentrations were calculated for each event at each site in the accessible data base. If a flow-weighted composite sample was taken, its concentration was used to represent the event mean concentration. On the other hand, if sequential discrete samples were taken over the hydrograph, the event mean concentration was determined by calculating the area under the loadograph (the curve of concentration times discharge rate over time) and dividing it by the area under the hydrograph (the curve of runoff volume over time). For the purpose of determining event mean concentrations, rainfall events were defined to be separate precipitation events when there was an intervening time period of at least six hours without rain. Given this data base of Event Mean Concentrations (EMCs), there are a number of questions that must be answered in order to extract information that will be useful for water quality planning purposes, including: What is the underlying population distribution and what are the appropriate measure of its attributes, e.g., central tendency, variability, etc.? Do distinct subpopulations exist and what are their characteristics? Are there significant differences in data sets grouped according to locations around the county (geographic zones), land use, season, rainfall amount, etc.? How may these variations be recognized? What is the most appropriate manner in which to extrapolate the existing data base to locations for which there are no measurements?

These questions have not all been answered as of this preliminary report. This appendix will outline the procedures used to analyze the problem to date and projected future work during the remainder of the project. There will be no attempt to explain standard statistical procedures since these are

readily available in the literature. Nor will the operation of the SAS computer statistical routines be explained since they are available almost universally at computer centers. However, the relevant procedures used by the NURP team will be described.

LOG-NORMALITY

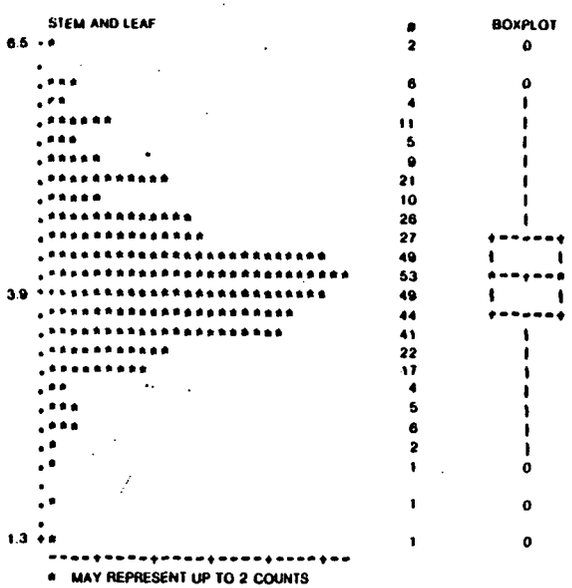
When working with highly variable data, it is very important to know, at a prescribed confidence level, what the underlying probability distribution is (as opposed to assuming or guessing). Based upon natural expectations and prior experience, it was decided to test whether or not the event mean concentration data had a log-normal distribution for each water quality constituent to be examined. The event mean concentration data from all NURP projects' loading sites were collected into one data set and transformed into natural logarithm space. Four separate procedures were used to judge log-normality and to indicate that the data, in fact, will fit a log-normal distribution. They are:

1. Inspection of basic statistical measures
2. Inspection of graphical data displays
3. Kolomogorov-Smirnov test
4. Chi-square test

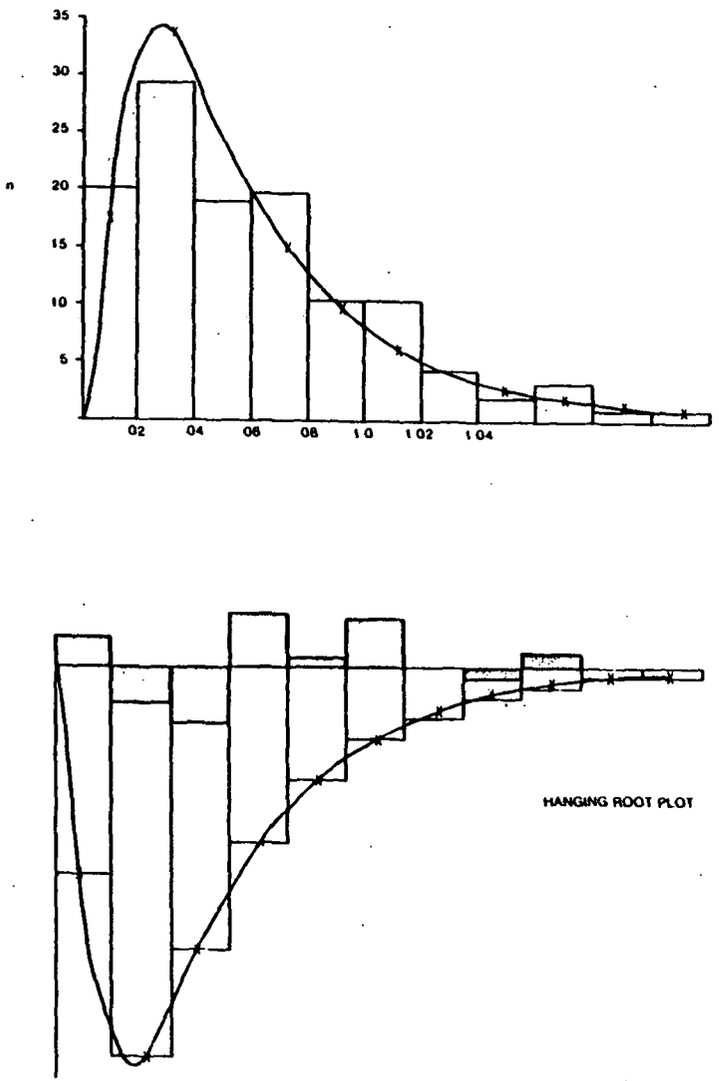
The first two procedures are qualitative in nature and rely upon experienced professional judgement. For inspection of basic statistical measures, one transforms the data into the logarithmic domain and examines the calculated values of mean, median, mode, kurtosis, etc. with what would be expected from a normal (Gaussian) distribution. Graphical data displays used include cumulative probability distribution plots, stem-leaf plots, box plots, hanging-root plots, and the like. Examples of cumulative probability distribution in log space were given in Chapter 5. Examples of stem-leaf, box and hanging root plots are given in Figure C-1.

The latter two tests are quantitative in nature and were run at the 95 percent confidence level (i.e., $\alpha = 0.05$). The Kolmorogov-Smirnov test is based upon the maximum deviation of the test data from the expected distribution, while the Chi-square test is based upon the cumulative deviation of the actual test data distribution from that of the expected distribution.

The importance of the log-normal determination cannot be overemphasized. Among its many implications is the fact that determinations made in simple arithmetic space with Gaussian assumptions will be invalid, the geometric mean of the data is a more appropriate measure of central tendency than the arithmetic mean, etc. (Aitchison and Brown, 1969). With regard to the latter, it is fairly standard practice to use the geometric mean when dealing with bacterial data (e.g., coliforms); it has not been so universally applied to other types of water quality constituents to date.



(a) Stem-Leaf and Box Plots



(b) Hanging Root Plot

Figure C-1. Steam and Leaf, Box, and Hanging Root Plots

DETECTION OF SUB-POPULATION DIFFERENCES

Although a data set may strongly exhibit a log-normal distribution, it still may be made up of a number of sub-populations, and identification of those might help to explain some of the variance present in the data. The key question to be answered is: Do different log-normal populations (i.e., different mean and/or variance) exist within the pooled population, and if so, how may homogeneous sub-populations be determined (e.g., how may the data be grouped into subsets)? Even if they are log-normal, sub-populations of data may differ because of; (1) differing means, (2) differing variances, or (3) both, as suggested in Figure C-2. For each parameter, the NURP data set consists of up to 100 sites ("treatments" in statistic parlance) with a varying number of observations (storms), on the order of 5 - 20, at each site. Even with the considerable advantage of normality of the logarithms of the EMC's, the general question of how to test the hypothesis of homogeneity of sample means <u>and</u> variances is unresolved in statistics. The procedure used for this draft report is outlined below, along with proposed future analysis.

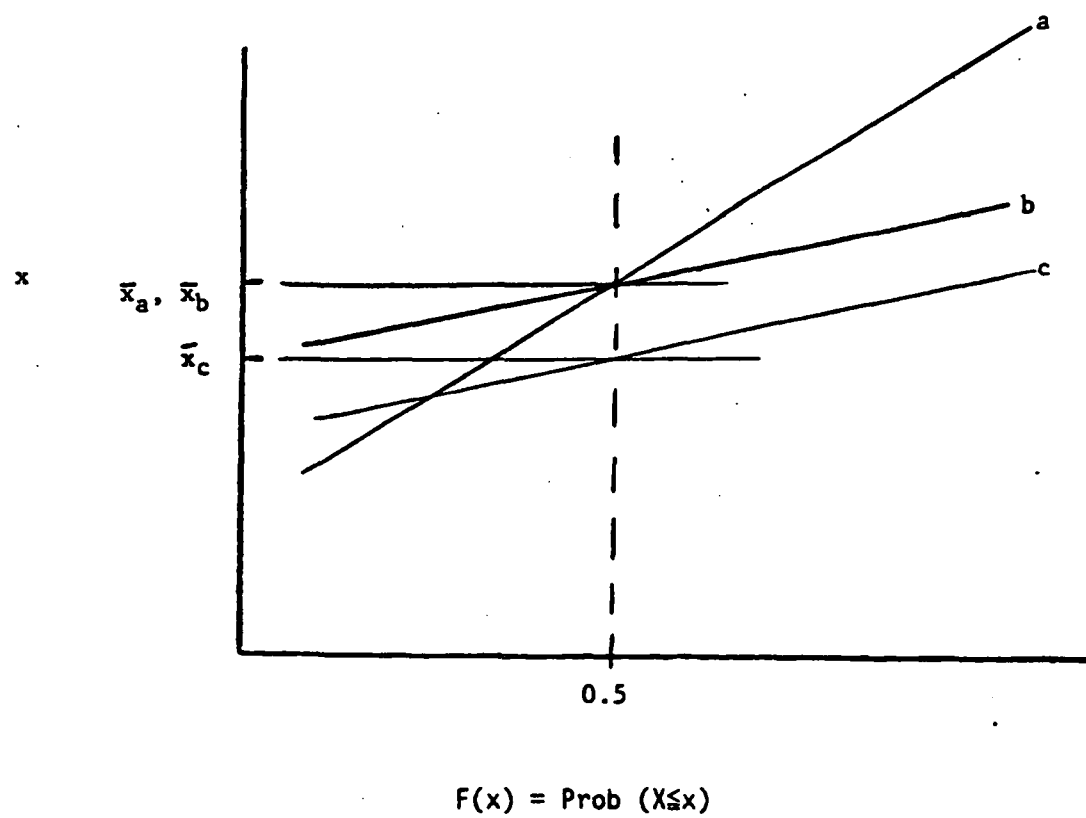


Figure C-2. Populations a and b have different variances. Populations b and c have different means. Populations a and c differ in both mean and variance.

The standard procedure for testing of homogeneity of sample means is analysis of variance (ANOVA) and its resulting F-test. Three basic assumptions are inherent in the ANOVA procedure:

1. Each sub-population (treatment) is normally distributed,
2. Each sub-population (treatment) has the same variance, and
3. All samples are independent.

Strictly speaking, the assumptions refer to the error term in the ANOVA model, but they are commonly applied to the data themselves. The NURP data generally fulfill assumptions (1) and (3) quite well, but assumption (2), equality of variances, is not necessarily true. In fact, it is one of the conditions upon which to test the hypothesis of homogeneity of population distributions.

Fortunately, ANOVA is not highly sensitive to deviations from assumptions (1) and (2) as long as the sample size is "relatively large" and the number of samples in each sub-population is "approximately the same". These conditions are met in a quantitative sense for most comparisons, although unequal sample sizes are a problem for some, notably sub-populations based on land use. However, the fact of insensitivity is the basic justification for ANOVA procedures used for this preliminary report. Fortunately, there is no question of the validity of independence of EMC values since they are all derived from independent storm events. (Violation of the assumption of independence may result in serious errors in inference of the results.) A discussion of the ANOVA assumptions and their consequences may be found in many standard statistics books, e.g., Hays (1981).

The assumption of homogeneous variance is the most troublesome of the three since there undoubtedly are sub-populations with differing variances. Indeed, the Bartlett test was run on several variables (logarithms of EMC's) using the DISCRIM procedure of SAS. The hypothesis of equal variances was rejected at a significance level of 0.0001. However, because of the robustness of the ANOVA procedure, it is seldom recommended that it not be performed just on the basis of the Bartlett or similar tests (e.g., Hays, 1981; Lindman, 1974). Rather, the unequal variances may be accounted for by a change in the apparent significance level of the F-test. For instance, Scheffé (1959) illustrates this effect when an ANOVA is performed at an apparent level of significance of 0.05. For different ratios of sample variance and differing sample sizes, actual significance levels may range from 0.025 - 0.17 (Table 10.4.2 in Scheffé). Hence, an adjustment in the assumed level of significance from 0.05 to, say, 0.10 would cover most situations. The NURP data rarely exhibit ratios of variances greater than 2:1 and ratios of sample sizes greater than 3:1.

In other words, there are several reasons to expect that the classical robustness of the ANOVA procedure will accomodate the NURP data set. However, there are other theoretical options, albeit, inconvenient.

When sub-populations (treatments) are compared pair-wise, an inference may be attempted on the equality of means, given that their variances are unequal. This is known in the statistics literature as the Behrens-Fisher

problem (Winer, 1971) for which a completely satisfactory sampling distribution is not yet agreed upon. A common approach is to compute an approximate t-statistic whose degrees of freedom are obtained by the Satterthwaite approximation technique. This can be done in SAS using the TTEST procedure. Unfortunately, for a pairwise comparison of all combinations of, say, 100 sites, $\binom{100}{2} = 4950$ separate runs would need to be made, infeasible as of this first report. In order to achieve a significance level of 5 percent for the entire family of 4950 tests, Bonferroni (Neter and Wasserman, 1974) specifies that the significance level, α_o, of each test should be determined as $\alpha_o = 0.05 \div 4050 = 0.000010101$. Clearly, a disadvantage of this procedure is that the individual tests become so conservative that any differences that actually exist would frequently fail to be detected. A variation on this procedure may be possible in the future if sub-groupings of fewer than all the individual sites can be determined satisfactorily.

SUB-GROUPINGS

To date, sub-groupings of site data have been made a priori on the basis of fundamental hydrologic and water quality considerations. These attributes have been: geographical location or zone, land use, season, and magnitude of rainfall event. At least two questions will be addressed in this subsection: (1) Can groupings be proposed on another basis, and (2) how can these sub-groups themselves be grouped into similar sub-populations.

Concerning the former question, it is a legitimate part of an experimental design to group "treatments" into like categories on a rational, physical basis. In part, for this first report, this was the only option available, and reflects conventional engineering wisdom. Previous studies have shown differences on the basis of region and land use. The NURP efforts to date are the first to investigate the effect, on a large scale, of season and storm magnitude.

In the future, it will be useful to perform a grouping in an "unbiased" manner, in which preconceived notions of groupings may be avoided. These groupings may then be compared with those enumerated above to see if they agree with physical reasoning. One method for this is cluster analysis, in which sub-groups with similar attributes (e.g., mean and variance) may be grouped together into "clusters". These clusters may be examined for similar physical attributes (e.g., region, land use) and a regular ANOVA performed to detect differences in means. Additional future work will include regression and correlation procedures utilizing the NURP fixed-site data base for additional physical insight into cause and effect relationship among EMC's and independent variables. Ultimately, selection of the appropriate lognormal distribution for a study area can be done on a causative basis, rather than a priori on purely statistical groupings.

Once again, there is not statistical consensus on a method for selecting groups of sub-populations when their variances as well as their means may differ. However, several procedures are available for multiple comparisons of means, usually under the assumption of equal variances. These are described, for instance, by Winer (1971) and Chew (1977). The most common procedure is that of Duncan, in which means are ranked and placed into one or

more groups with other means. The Duncan test (available on SAS) is among the more discriminating multiple comparisons procedures in terms of finding differences (Winer, 1971). That is, compared to certain other available tests, it will tend to provide more separate groupings. Because of its wide acceptance and because it can be modified to handle unequal sample sizes, it has been used to date for grouping of subpopulations. In the future, alternative procedures may also be used for comparison.

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C-2. RECEIVING WATER IMPACTS

This section presents a description of the methods used to evaluate the receiving water quality impacts of urban runoff. Because of the important differences in behavior, separate methods have been adopted for rivers and streams and for lakes. It is anticipated that a technique for evaluating estuaries as a third class of receiving waters will be developed. However, this preliminary NURP report does not include the estuary analysis methods.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

The approach adopted to quantify the water quality effects of urban runoff for rivers and streams focuses on the inherent variability of the runoff process. What occurs during an individual storm event is considered secondary to the overall effect of a continuous spectrum of storms from very small to very large. Of basic concern is the probability of occurrence of water quality effects of some relevant magnitude.

Urban runoff is characterized by relatively short duration events with relatively large time periods between events. On a national average basis, the median rainstorm duration is about 4.5 hours with a time between storm midpoints of about 60 hours. In addition to this temporal intermittance, urban runoff events are highly variable in magnitude.

To consider the intermittent and variable nature of urban runoff, a stochastic approach was adopted. The method involves a direct calculation of receiving water quality statistics using the statistical properties of the urban runoff quality and other relevant variables. The approach uses a relatively simple model of the physical behavior of the stream or river (as compared to many of the deterministic simulation models). The results are therefore approximations.

The theoretical basis of the technique is quite powerful as it permits the stochastic nature of runoff process to be explicitly considered. (Simulation is in many cases costly or cumbersome in this regard.) Application is relatively straightforward, and the procedure is relevant to a wide variety of cases. These attributes are particularly advantageous given the national scope of the NURP Project. The details of the stochastic method are presented below.

Basic Approach

Figure 1 contains an idealized representation of urban runoff discharges entering a stream. The discharges usually enter the stream at several locations but can be aggregated into an equivalent discharge flow which enters the system at a single point. The equivalent discharge flow (QR) is the sum of the individual discharges, and the equivalent concentration (CR) is the slow-weighted mean concentration for the constituent of concern. If the mass discharged from each individual site is known for a storm event, the mean concentration is the total mass divided by total flow.

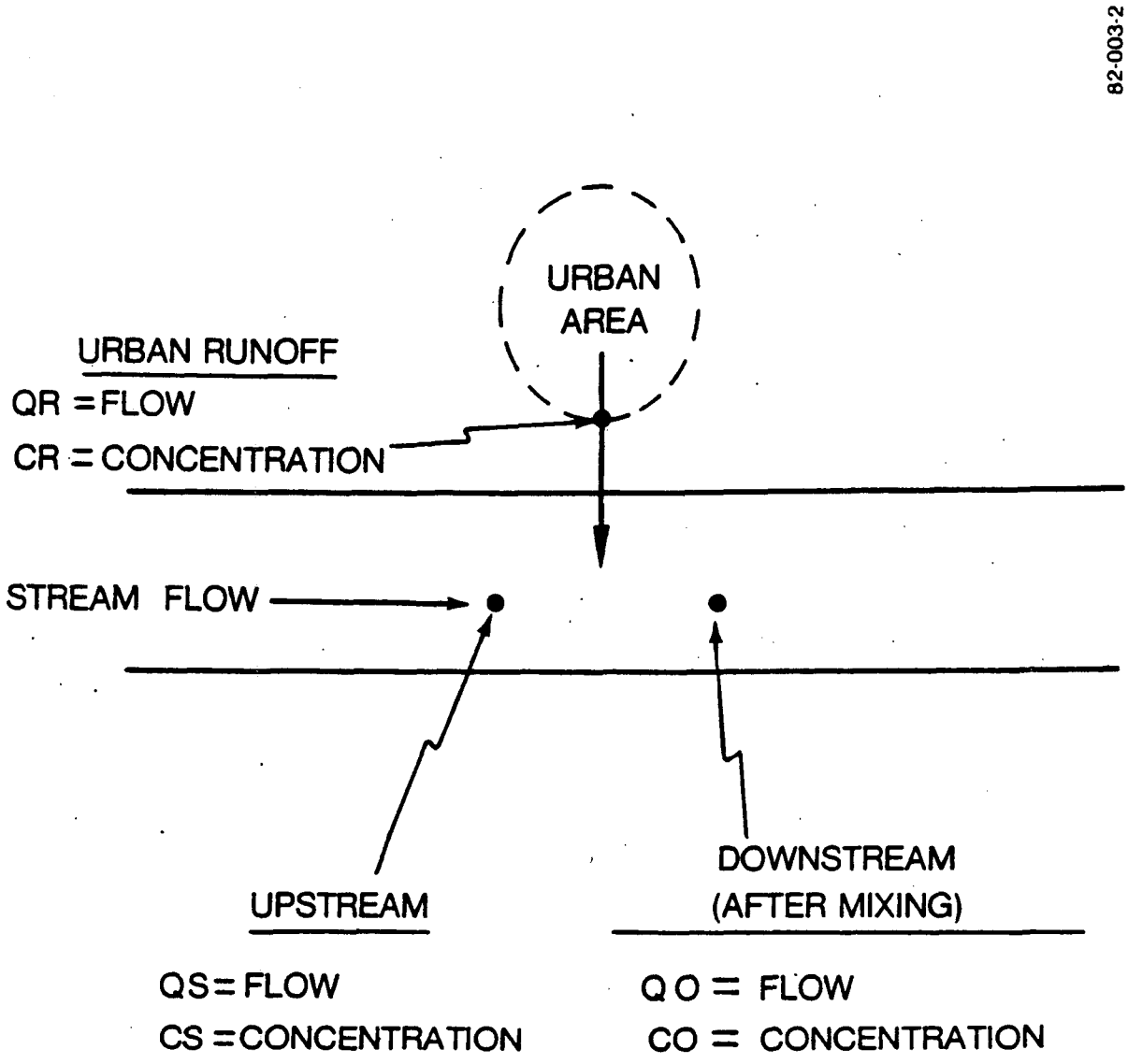

Figure 1. Idealized Representation of Urban Runoff Discharges Entering a Stream

Receiving water concentration (CO) is the resulting concentration after complete mixing of the runoff and stream flows, and should be interpreted as the storm-event mean concentration just downstream of all of the discharges as shown in Figure 1. The four variables that determine the stream concentration (CO) are:

- Urban runoff flow (QR)
- Urban runoff concentration (CR)
- Stream flow (QS)
- Stream concentration (CS)

For an individual rainfall/runoff event, it is possible, in principle, to measure each of the relevant variables independently. From those, the average stream concentration (CO) is calculated:

$$CO = \frac{(QR\ CR) + (QS\ CS)}{QR + QS} \tag{1}$$

If a dilution factor, ϕ, is defined as:

$$\phi = \frac{QR}{QR + QS} \tag{2}$$

CO may be defined in terms of ϕ by:

$$CO = [\phi\ CR] + [(1-\phi)\ CS] \tag{3}$$

The calculated value of the downstream concentration (CO) for an individual event could be compared to a water quality standard (CL), or to any other stream concentration which relates water quality to protection or impairment of beneficial water use. If the comparisons of CO and CL indicate that water quality is satisfactory, then it may be assumed that the individual event would not impair beneficial water usage. By contrast, if the comparison of CO and CL indicates that during this event receiving water concentrations of the constituent in question would not protect beneficial usage, the relative contributions of runoff and upstream sources to the violation could be ascertained from Equation (3) as follows:

$$CO = \overbrace{[\phi\ \ CR]}^{\text{Runoff}} + \overbrace{[(1-\phi)\ \ CS]}^{\text{Upstream}}$$

In principle, this procedure could be repeated for a large number of rainfall/runoff events. If this were done, the probability that CO violated the level CL during rainfall/runoff periods could be defined, and the relative contribution of runoff and upstream quality could also be estimated.

The basic approach adopted for the NURP project employs Equations (1) through (3) and the statistical properties of the four random variables (QR, CR, QS, and CS) to calculate the cumulative probability distribution of the downstream concentration (CO) during runoff events. From this, the probability of occurrence or frequency of any target concentration being equaled or exceeded can be computed.

An essential condition to the use of the approach is that each of the four variables which contribute to downstream receiving water quality can be adequately represented by a log-normal probability distribution. Examination of a reasonably broad cross-section of data indicates that log-normal probability distributions can adequately represent discharges from the rainfall/runoff process, the concentration of contaminants in the discharge, and the daily flow record of many rivers and streams. Further discussion of the use of log-normal distributions was presented earlier in this Appendix.

The approach developed can be applied on a site specific basis, or can be generalized and applied to a river system, region of the country, or a series of locations which are characterized by similar rainfall and stream flow distributions. The ratio of the stream drainage area (above the urban area) to the drainage area of the urban area is one of the useful factors which allows this generalization. The calculations discussed below consider a site specific application to illustrate the approach.

Statistical Calculations

The calculation procedure consists of a number of specific steps as presented in Table 1. The theoretical basis for the calculations is described below and consists of four components as follows:

a. Statistical equations of normal and log-normal random variables

b. Statistical properties of the dilution factor

c. Statistical properties of the downstream concentration

d. Probability of occurrence of selected stream concentrations

TABLE 1. CALCULATION PROCEDURE FOR STATISTICAL PROPERTIES OF STREAM CONCENTRATION

1. Calculate the estimated mean and variance of the logarithmic transforms of each of the four variables (QR, QS, CR, and CS).

2. Calculate the arithmetic mean and variance of the four variables. This calculation employes formulas that relate the arithmetic mean and variance to the mean and variance of the log transformations.

3. Calculate the mean and variance of the dilution factor (ϕ) employing the mean and variance of the logarithmic transforms of QR and QS. The calculation considers:

   - Possible correlations between upstream flow (QS) and runoff flow (QR).

   - Adjustments of the mean and variance of ϕ due to the upper bound of 1.0 on ϕ.

4. Calculate the arithmetic mean and variance of ϕ as in Step 2.

5. Calculate the mean and variance of CO using the estimates of the arithmetic mean and variance of CR, CS, and ϕ.

6. Plot the log-normal cumulative probability distribution of stream concentration, CO. The mean and variance of the logarithmic transforms are used in developing the plot.

7. Define CL from a water quality standard or use other criteria to define a target concentration limit which will provide protection of beneficial water use.

8. From the log-normal cumulative probability plot for CO, determine the probability corresponding to the selected value of CL.

9. Based on the basic probability value, compute the frequency or recurrence interval of water quality problems.

Statistical Equations for Normal and Log-Normal Random Variables

Using the pollutant concentration in the stormwater runoff as an example of the four basic random variables (QR, QS, CS being the other three), the following notation is used:

CR is the random variable itself (runoff concentration).

CR′ is the log (base e) transformed random variable (ℓn runoff concentration).

$\widetilde{CR}$ is the arithmetic median of CR.

μ refers to the mean (e.g., μCR, $\mu CR'$).

σ^2 refers to the variance (e.g., $\sigma^2 CR$, $\sigma^2 CR'$) (σ refers to the standard deviation).

ν refers to the coefficient of variation of the arithmetic random variable (e.g., νCR).

Rationships between the arithmetic projections and the properties of a log-normal distribution are defined by:

$$\widetilde{CR} = \exp(\mu CR') \tag{4}$$

$$\nu CR = \sqrt{\exp(\sigma^2 CR') - 1} \tag{5}$$

$$\mu CR = \widetilde{CR} \quad \exp(1/2\ \sigma^2 CR') \tag{6}$$

$$\sigma CR = \nu CR \quad \mu CR \tag{7}$$

For a random variable such as CR which is distributed log normally, the value at the α percentile (CR_α) is defined as:

$$P[CR \leq CR_\alpha] = \alpha$$

$$CR_\alpha = \exp(\mu CR' + Z_\alpha\ \sigma CR') \tag{8}$$

where Z_α is the value of the standardized normal cumulative distribution, given in Table 2.

Statistical Properties of Dilution

For the dilution factor (ϕ) as defined in Equation (2), the value for any cumulative probability percentile is given by:

$$\phi_\alpha = \frac{\widetilde{QR}}{\widetilde{QR} + \widetilde{QS}\ \exp(Z_\alpha\ \sigma RS')} \tag{9}$$

TABLE 2. CUMULATIVE STANDARD NORMAL DISTRIBUTION

Probabilities for Values of z

z'	P(z < z')	z'	P(z < z')	z'	P(z < z')	z'	P(z < z')
-4.0	.0000	-2.0	.0228	0	.5000	2.0	.9772
-3.9	.0000	-1.9	.0287	.1	.5398	2.1	.9821
-3.8	.0001	-1.8	.0359	.2	.5793	2.2	.9861
-3.7	.0001	-1.7	.0446	.3	.6179	2.3	.9893
-3.6	.0002	-1.6	.0548	.4	.6554	2.4	.9918
-3.5	.0002	-1.5	.0668	.5	.6915	2.5	.9938
-3.4	.0003	-1.4	.0808	.6	.7257	2.6	.9953
-3.3	.0005	-1.3	.0968	.7	.7580	2.7	.9965
-3.2	.0007	-1.2	.1151	.8	.7881	2.8	.9974
-3.1	.0010	-1.1	.1357	.9	.8159	2.9	.9981
-3.0	.0013	-1.0	.1587	1.0	.8413	3.0	.9987
-2.9	.0019	- .9	.1841	1.1	.8643	3.1	.9990
-2.8	.0026	- .8	.2119	1.2	.8849	3.2	.9993
-2.7	.0035	- .7	.2420	1.3	.9032	3.3	.9995
-2.6	.0047	- .6	.2743	1.4	.9192	3.4	.9997
-2.5	.0062	- .5	.3085	1.5	.9332	3.5	.9998
-2.4	.0082	- .4	.3446	1.6	.9452	3.6	.9998
-2.3	.0107	- .3	.3821	1.7	.9554	3.7	.9999
-2.2	.0139	- .2	.4207	1.8	.9641	3.8	.9999
-2.1	.0179	- .1	.4602	1.9	.9713	3.9	1.0000

Values of z for Selected Probabilities

z'	P(z < z')	z'	P(z' < z')
-3.090	.001	0.6745	.750
-2.576	.005	1.282	.900
-2.326	.010	1.645	.950
-1.960	.025	1.960	.975
-1.645	.050	2.326	.990
-1.282	.100	2.576	.995
-0.6745	.250	3.090	.999

where the variables are defined as before and in addition $\sigma^2 RS'$ is the covariance between QR′ and QS′. The covariance is computed as follows:

$$\sigma RS' = \sqrt{\sigma^2 QS' + \sigma^2 QR' - 2\rho RS' \ \sigma QS' \ \sigma QR'} \tag{10}$$

$$\rho RS' = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{(QS'_i - \mu QS') \ (QR'_i - \mu QR')}{\sigma QS' \ \sigma QR'} \tag{11}$$

where $\rho RS'$ is the correlation coefficient between runoff and stream flow and i refers to rainfall events 1, 2, 3 . . N.

The stream flow (QS) may be correlated to the runoff flow (QR) in some basins since rainfall patterns which cross the drainage area above the urban area will tend to produce increases in stream flow as well as runoff. For such systems, larger runoff discharges will tend to be associated with larger stream flows. The correlation coefficient ($\rho RS'$) accounts for this tendency.

Because the dilution during runoff periods has an upper bound of 1, its probability distribution is in general not log-normal, even with log-normal runoff and stream flow. The actual distribution deviates from log-normal at the extremes sufficiently to require the use of a numerical technique to integrate the actual distribution, or one may use a log-normal approximation over the probability range of interest. At this point in the NURP Project, a log-normal approximation, as described below, has been used for the probability distribution of ϕ. This permits CO to follow a log-normal distribution, which has a number of useful properties.

An estimate of the log-mean dilution may be obtained by interpolating between selected α and $(1 - \alpha)$ percentile values using Equation (9) and the following:

$$\mu\phi' = \frac{1}{2} (\phi'_\alpha + \phi'(1-\alpha)) \tag{12}$$

The log standard deviation of dilution may be estimated by the following formula, which, in effect, determines the slope of the straight line on the log probability plot:

$$\sigma\phi' = \frac{1}{2Z_\alpha} \ (\phi'(1-\alpha) - \phi'_\alpha) \tag{13}$$

Note that Equations (11) and (12) are valid for $\alpha > 50$ percent. To insure that the estimated dilution falls between 0 and 1.0 somewhat beyond the 95 percentile, the 90 percent interval bounded by α equal to 90 and 1- equal to 5 percent was selected. While the errors introduced by this approximation will not change the general outcome of the probability estimates, they may be important in certain cases and are currently being investigated. Having estimated the log statistics of dilution, Equations (4) through (7) can be used to compute the arithmetic statistics.

Statistical Properties of Stream Concentration

The statistics of upstream concentration (CS), urban runoff concentration (CR), and dilution (ϕ) can be used to compute the statistics of the receiving water concentration just downstream of the urban discharge (i.e., immediately after mixing). The arithmetic mean is defined by:

$$\mu CO = [\mu CR \quad \mu\phi] + [\mu CS \quad (1 - \mu\phi)] \tag{14}$$

The arithmetic standard deviation of the stream concentration is defined by:

$$\sigma CO = \sqrt{\sigma^2\phi\ (\mu CR - \mu CS)^2 + \sigma^2 CR\ (\sigma^2\phi + \mu^2\phi) + \sigma^2 CS\ (\sigma^2\phi + (1 - \mu\phi)^2)} \tag{14}$$

The coefficient of variation is calculated by:

$$CO = \frac{\sigma CO}{\mu CO} \tag{16}$$

Based on Equations (4) through (7), the arithmetic statistics may be used to derive the log statistics as follows:

$$\text{log mean:} \quad \mu\phi' = \ln\left(\frac{\mu CO}{\sqrt{1 + \nu^2 CO}}\right) \tag{17}$$

$$\text{log standard deviation:} \quad \sigma\phi' = \sqrt{\ell n\ (1 + \nu^2 CO)} \tag{18}$$

From the log-statistics information on probability may be developed.

The Recurrence of Selected Stream Concentrations

The fundamental result of the statistical analysis is the derived cumulative probability distribution of stream event mean concentration; that is, the cumulative probability function F(CO). Graphically, this is shown in Figure 2. For a given concentration of interest (CL), the corresponding probability may be read directly from the plot (see Figure 2). Alternately, the value of CO at the α percentile is defined as

$$P = 1 - P[CO \leq CO_\alpha] = 1 - \alpha \tag{19}$$

$$CO_\alpha = \exp(\mu CO' + Z_\alpha\ \sigma CO^1) \tag{20}$$

One way of properly interpreting the probability (P) corresponding to a given concentration level is the long term average fraction of events with a stream event mean concentration equal to or exceeding the specified level. For example, a probability of 0.10 would specify that on average one in ten events have a stream event mean concentration equal to, or greater than the specified value.

For the purposes of evaluation and interpretation, it would be useful to transform the basic probability statistic into a more meaningful or intuitive form. By combining the percent of storms which cause various concentrations to be exceeded with the average number of storms per year, a time-based reoccurrence relationship may be established as described below.

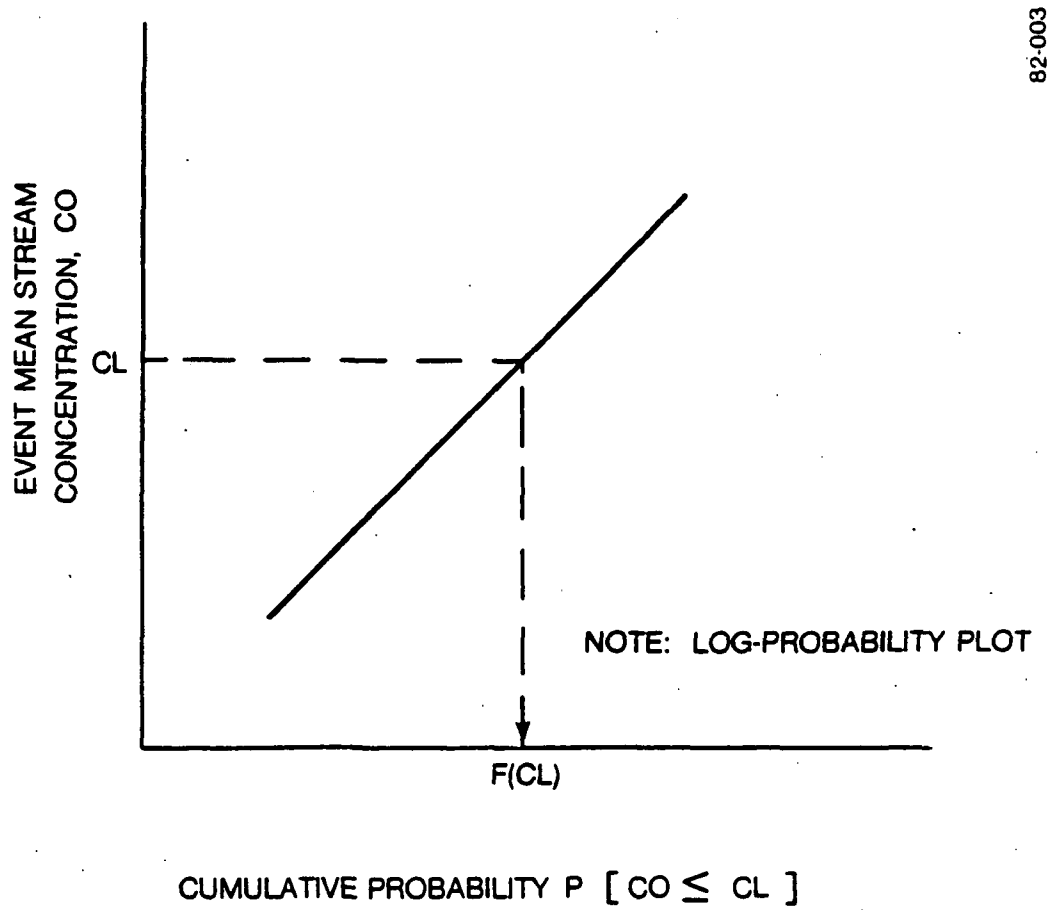

Figure 2. Example Cumulative Probability Distribution Function of Event Mean Stream Concentrations

Reccurrence is a definition based (generally) on the marginal distribution of random variables. Basically, if P is the probability of a value of magnitude CL being equaled or exceeded in a given time period, then the recurrence interval (R) defined as 1/P is the average number of time periods between exceedances.

Assuming as discussed above, we have the cumulative probability distribution function of event mean stream concentrations (i.e., F(CO)). Then:

$$P[CO \leq CL] = F(CL) \tag{21}$$

If we want annual recurrence, we need to find the probability that an event concentration of a given magnitude (CL) is equalled or exceeded in a year. The statement of the problem is:

$$P = 1 - P[CO_m \leq CL] = 1 - P[\max(CO_1 \ . \ . \ . \ CO_N) \leq CL] \tag{22}$$

where CO_m is the maximum event concentration in a year, and N is the number of events in a year. Assuming that event concentrations are independent and identically distributed with a known distribution such as log-normal, equation (22) becomes:

$$P = P[CO \geq CL] = 1 - F^N(CL)$$
$$R = \frac{1}{(1 - F^N(CL))} \tag{23}$$

A first order approximation to this is given by:

$$R = \frac{1}{(1 - F(CL))\ N} \tag{24}$$

As a convenient and meaningful way to interpret the basic probability results, the average recurrence interval as defined in Equation (24) was adopted. A schematic example of the relationship is shown in Figure 3.

LAKES

The impact of urban runoff on lakes may be determined by calculating eutrophication parameters in the lake (i.e., total phosphorus concentration, chlorophyll a concentration, and secchi depth) due to the urban runoff and comparing these values to desired levels. Total phosphorus is the prime variable of interest, with in-lake concentrations calculated using the Vollenweider method. Chlorophyll-a and secchi depth, as well as sediment oxygen demands, are estimated based on available regression equations relating these variables to total phosphorus. For ease of classification, the area ratio (α) defined as the ratio of the urban drainage area to the lake surface area, will be expressed in terms of the eutrophication parameters.

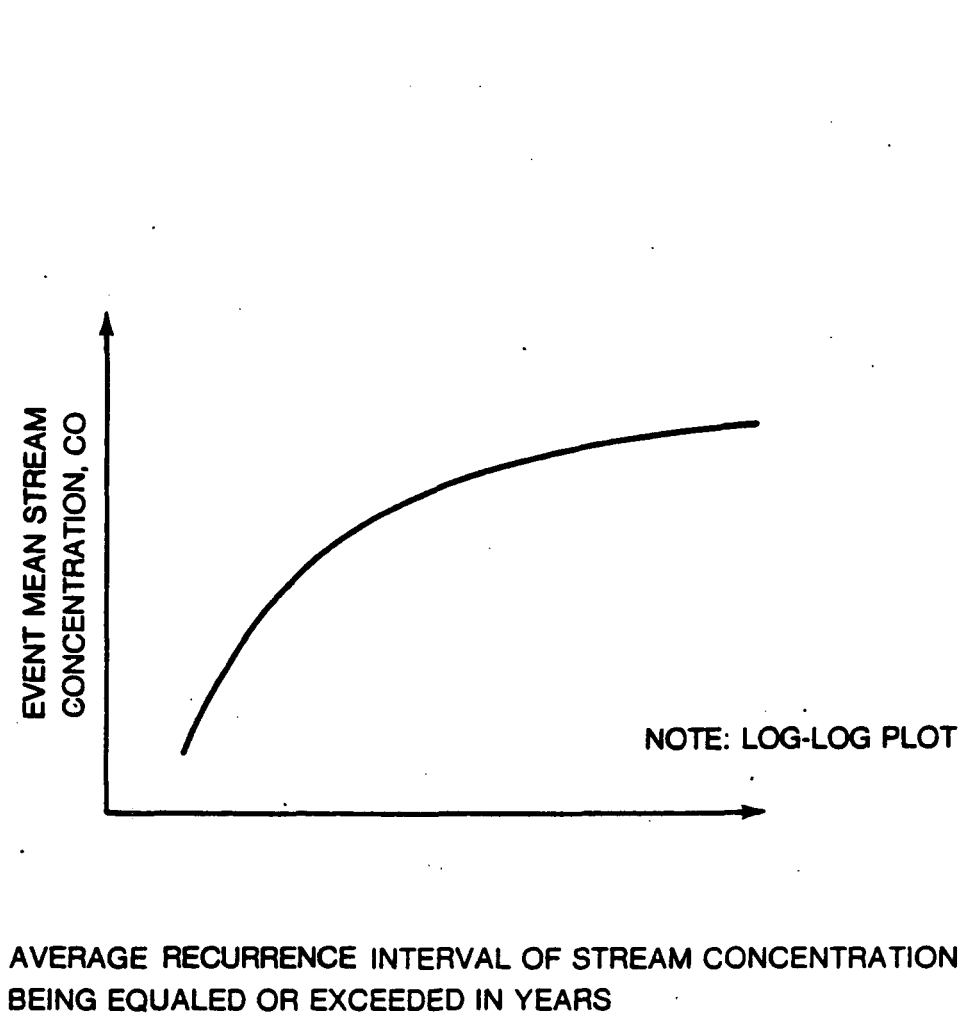

Figure 3. Example of the Average Recurrence Interval as a Function of Event Mean Stream Concentration

Relationship Between Area Ratio (α) and Lake Total Phosphorus Concentration

The relationship between the area ratio and the in-lake total phosphorus concentration may be derived for the case where the urban runoff represents the sole source of the total phosphorus loading into the lake. The method proposed by Vollenweider is as follows (1, 2, 3, 4):

$$\bar{p} = \frac{W'}{(H/\tau) + v_s} \tag{1}$$

where,

$\bar{p}$ = total phosphorus concentration (g/m^3 = mg/l)

W' = annual area loading rate (g/m^2 per yr)

H = average lake depth (m)

τ = hydraulic detention time (yr)

v_s = net settling velocity of TP (m/yr)

Rearranging Equation (1) yields:

$$W' = \frac{W}{A_\ell} = \left(\frac{p}{1000}\right)\left(\frac{H}{\tau} + v_s\right) \tag{2}$$

where,

W = loading rate of TP (g/yr)

A_ℓ = lake surface area (m^2)

p = lake TP concentration ($\mu g/l$)

For the case where total phosphorus loading is generated by the runoff from the urban area:

$$W = Q_R\ C_R\ 3.15 \times 10^7 \tag{3}$$

where,

Q_R = average annual urban runoff flow (m^3/sec)

C_R = average annual total phosphorus concentration (mg/ℓ)

and 3.15×10^7 is the factor to convert W to the units of (g/yr).

A runoff coefficient method may be used to relate the flow (Q_R) to rainfall as follows:

$$Q_R = C_v\ I\ A_d\ 3.17 \times 10^{-10}. \tag{4}$$

where,

Q_R = average flow as above (m^3/sec)

C_v = average annual runoff to rainfall ratio

I = average annual precipitation (cm/yr)

A_d = urban drainage area (m^2)

Substituting Equation (4) into Equation (3) yields:

$$W = 0.1\ C_v\ I\ A_d\ C_R \tag{5}$$

Substituting Equation (5) in Equation (2) yields:

$$\frac{W}{A_\ell} = .01\ C_v\ I\ C_R\ \frac{A_d}{A_\ell} = \frac{p}{1000}\ \frac{H}{\tau} + v_s$$

Rearranging and defining the area ratio $\alpha = \frac{A_d}{A_\ell}$ results in:

$$\alpha = \beta\ p(\frac{H}{\tau} + v_s) \tag{6}$$

where,

$$\beta = \frac{1}{10\ C_v\ I\ C_R} \tag{7}$$

Thus for given rainfall (I), runoff/rainfall ratio (C_v), and runoff quality (C_R) data, the quantity β is calculated from Equation (7). Using this value in Equation (6), the area ratio (α) is calculated directly as a function of the in-lake TP concentration (p, in μg/l) for a given lake geometry and residence time (H, τ). Alternately, for a desired maximum total phosphorus concentration, the maximum value of the ratio of the urban area to the lake surface area can be determined.

Graphs of Area Ratio (α) for Selected Rainfall and Runoff Conditions

Based on Equations (6) and (7), graphs of the area ratio versus the lake characteristic (H/τ) are presented in Figure 4 for commensurate ranges of the values of total phosphorus. Graphs are shown for two values of the net settling velocity of total phosphorus (v_s) = 10 m/yr used by Vollenweider (3) and 5 m/yr. As discussed by Thomann (7), the latter value may be more representative of shallow lakes (depths less than 3 meters) where resuspension may be significant. Three annual rainfalls of 12, 24, and 36 inches (30, 61 and 91 centimeters, respectively) are used to allow for regional variations. For all graphs, values of the average concentration of total phosphorus in the urban runoff is equal to 0.35 mg/ℓ, and the volumetric runoff to rainfall ratio is equal to 0.3.

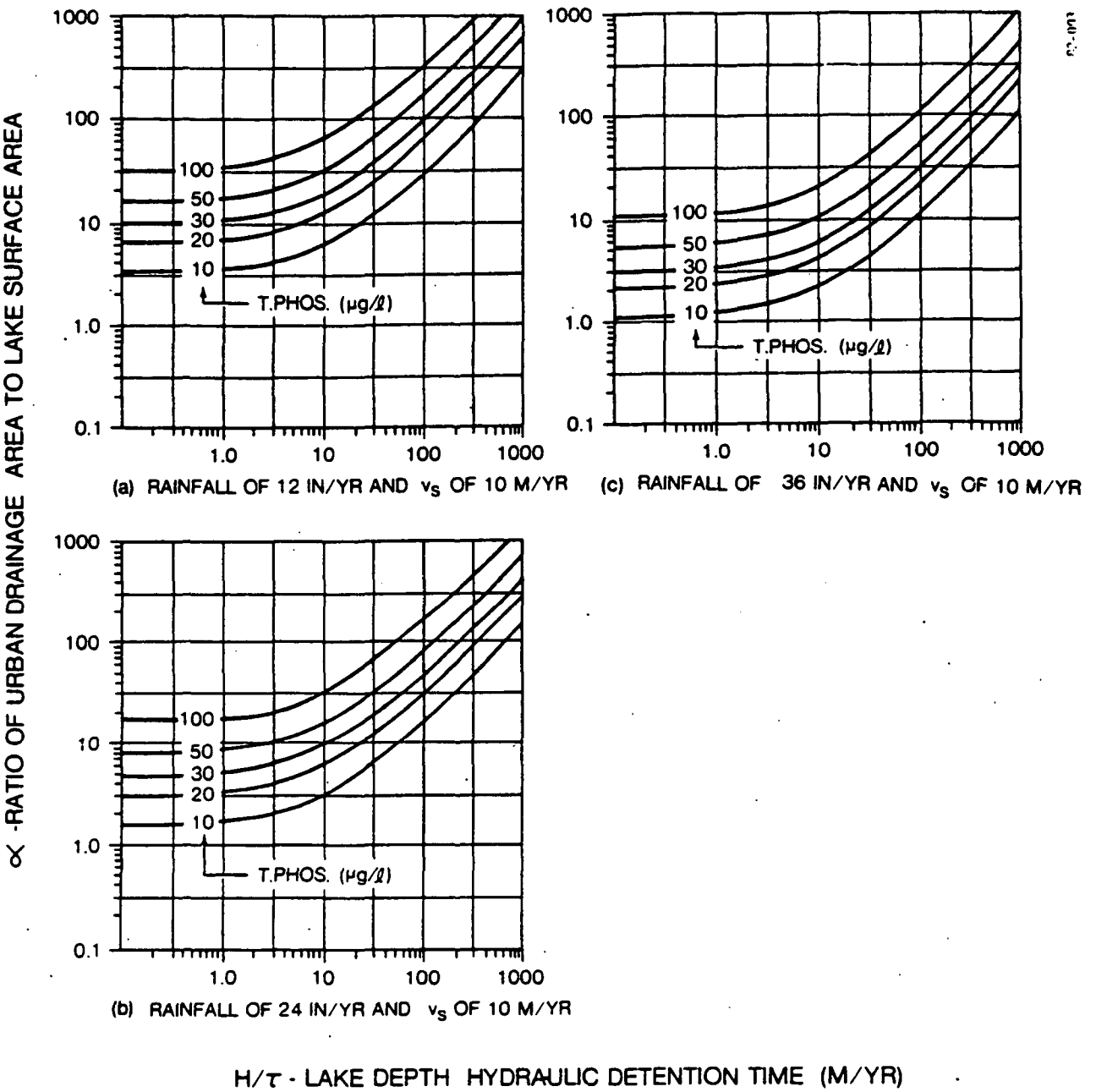

Figure 4. Graphs of Area Ratio Versus Lake Characteristics (H/τ)

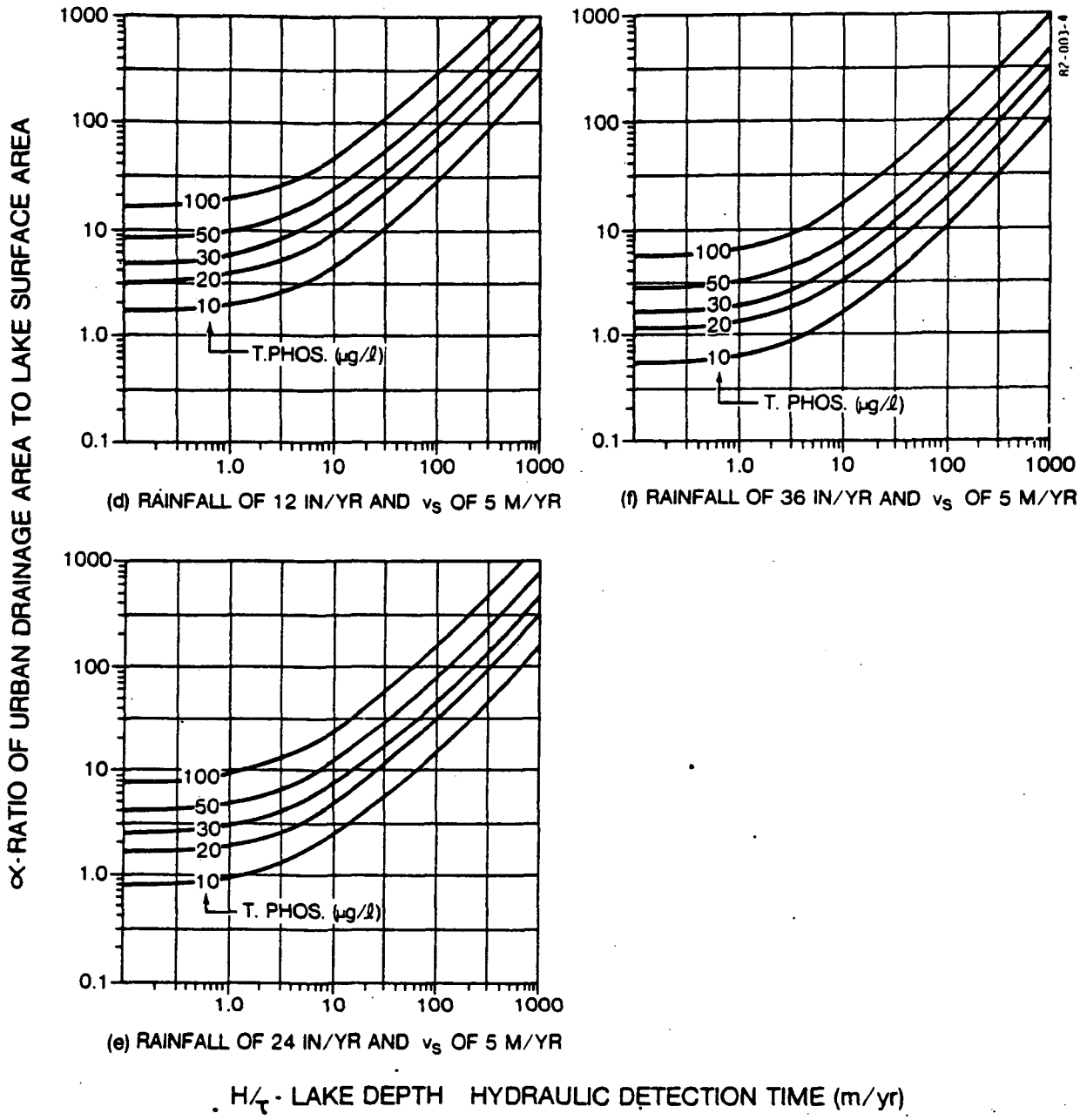

Figure 4. Graphs of Area Ratio Versus Lake Characteristics (H/τ) (Cont'd)

The average total phosphorus concentration was derived from data gathered in NURP projects nationwide. Based on pooled data from the current NURP data base (i.e., 13 cities, 51 sites, 737 events) the average total phosphorus concentration was calculated to be 0.35 mg/l.

The parameters for each graft in Figure 4 are as follows:

Fig	v_s (m/yr)	I (in/yr)	C_v (in/in)	C_R (mg/l)
a	10	12	0.3	0.35
b	10	24	0.3	0.35
c	10	36	0.3	0.35
d	5	12	0.3	0.35
e	5	24	0.3	0.35
f	5	36	0.3	0.35

For these parameters, β as defined by Equation (7), is only a function of the rainfall and equals 0.0315, 0.0157 and 0.0105 for annual rainfalls of 12, 24 and 36 inches, respectively.

For any specific lake where data are available, local rainfall and runoff (volumetric runoff coefficient and runoff quality) data should be used to calculate β according to Equation (7). In addition, in-lake TP concentrations and TP mass inputs should be used to select the net settling velocity of total phosphorus for the lake.

Area Ratio (α) vs. Chlorophyll, Secchi Depth, and Sediment Oxygen Demand

In order that eutrophication measures other than total phosphorus may be used to establish limiting urban area ratios, regression equations between total phosphorus and the additional variables are used.

For chlorophyll-a, the regression equation according to Dillon and Rigler (5) is used since it is based on a wide range of chlorophyll a and total phosphorus data (TP $\leq$ 200 µg/l, Chl-a $\leq$ 260 µg/l);

$$\log_{10} \text{Chl-a} = 1.449 \log_{10} p_s - 1.136 \qquad (8)$$

where,

Chl a = chlorophyll-a concentration (µg/l)

p_s = average total phosphorus concentration for the spring period (mg/l)

Letting $p_s = 0.9p$, where p is the average concentration for the summer period, and rearranging, p is expressed as:

$$p = 6.76 \times 10^{0.690 \log_{10} \text{Chl-}\underline{a}} \tag{9}$$

Substituting Equation (9) into Equation (6) results in an expression for the area ratio (α) as a function of the chlorophyll-a concentration:

$$\alpha = \beta \left(6.76 \times 10^{0.690 \log_{10} \text{Chl-}\underline{a}}\right) \left((H/\tau) + v_s\right) \tag{10}$$

The expression relating secchi depth to total phosphorus concentration is from Rast and Lee (6):

$$\log_{10} Z = -0.359 \log_{10} p + 0.925 \tag{11}$$

where,

Z = the secchi depth (m)

Solving Equation (11) for p and substituting into Equation (6) yields

$$\alpha = \beta \left(380 \times 10^{-2.79 \log_{10} Z}\right) \left((H/\tau) + v_s\right) \tag{12}$$

For sediment oxygen demand Rast and Lee (6) report:

$$\log_{10} S_b = 0.467 \log_{10} p - 1.07 \tag{13}$$

where,

S_b = the sediment oxygen demand (g/m^2 per day)

Solving Equation (13) for p and substituting into Equation (6) yields:

$$\alpha = \beta \cdot \left(195 \times 10^{2.14 \log_{10} S_b}\right) \left((H/\tau) + v_s\right) \tag{14}$$

Although the sediment oxygen demand is not a direct measure of eutrophication, it can be used to calculate dissolved oxygen concentrations in the hypolimnion when reaeration rates and vertical transport coefficients are available or may be estimated. Equations (11) and (13) are valid up to a maximum total phosphorus concentration of approximately 100 μg/l.

Graphs of the area ratio versus the lake characteristic (H/τ) may be developed for chlorophyll-a, secchi depth, and sediment oxygen demand using Equations (10), (12), and (14), respectively (see Figure 4 for the total phosphorus graphs).

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C-3. EFFECTIVENESS OF CONTROLS

EFFECTIVENESS OF STREET SWEEPERS

Precipitation Statistics and Sweeping Intervals

Street sweeping operations are set up for a fixed interval, e.g., sweep once per week. If the average time between rainfall events is much less than the sweeping interval, then much of the material would be washed away by the rain. Hence, the street sweepers would be relatively ineffective. It helps to examine the rainfall statistics in the study area. Table 1 summarizes runoff statistics for four U.S. cities for which these data are available. The national average values, used in this interim report, provide rough estimates of the size of runoff events, the time between storms and the number of events per year. These numbers will be refined as the study progresses.

The results indicate a mean runoff per event of 0.12 inches. The time between storms is about three to four days. Correspondingly, about 100 storm events per year can be anticipated.

The coefficient of variation is the standard deviation divided by the mean. If the probability distribution is assumed to be a log normal, then the cumulative probability distribution can be estimated directly. The solutions for coefficients of variation of 1.0 and 1.5 are shown in Figure 1. This figure can be used to estimate, say, the percent of runoff events larger than 0.24 inches. From Table 1, the mean runoff event is 0.12 inches. Thus, the events of interest are those which are at least twice the mean runoff. From Figure 1, for $y/\bar{y} = 2.0$ and a coefficient of variation = 1.5. (from Table 1), 12% of the runoff events are greater than or equal to 0.24 inches.

Table 2 summarizes the statistics on the expected frequency of times between rainfall events for these four U.S. cities. On a national average, over

Table 1. Twenty-Five Year Rainfall Statistics For Four U.S. Cities; Source: Driscoll and Assoc., 1981

City	Runoff Volume, In/Event		Time Between Storms, Days		Events Per Year*
	Mean	Cost of Variation	Mean	Cost of Variation	
Boston, MA	0.11	1.67	2.81	1.06	130
Atlanta, GA	0.17	1.37	3.75	0.93	97
Davenport, IA	0.13	1.37	4.08	1.01	89
Oakland, CA	0.06	1.62	3.98	1.60	92
Average	0.12	1.51	3.66	1.15	100

* Events per year equals 365 days divided by mean time between storms.

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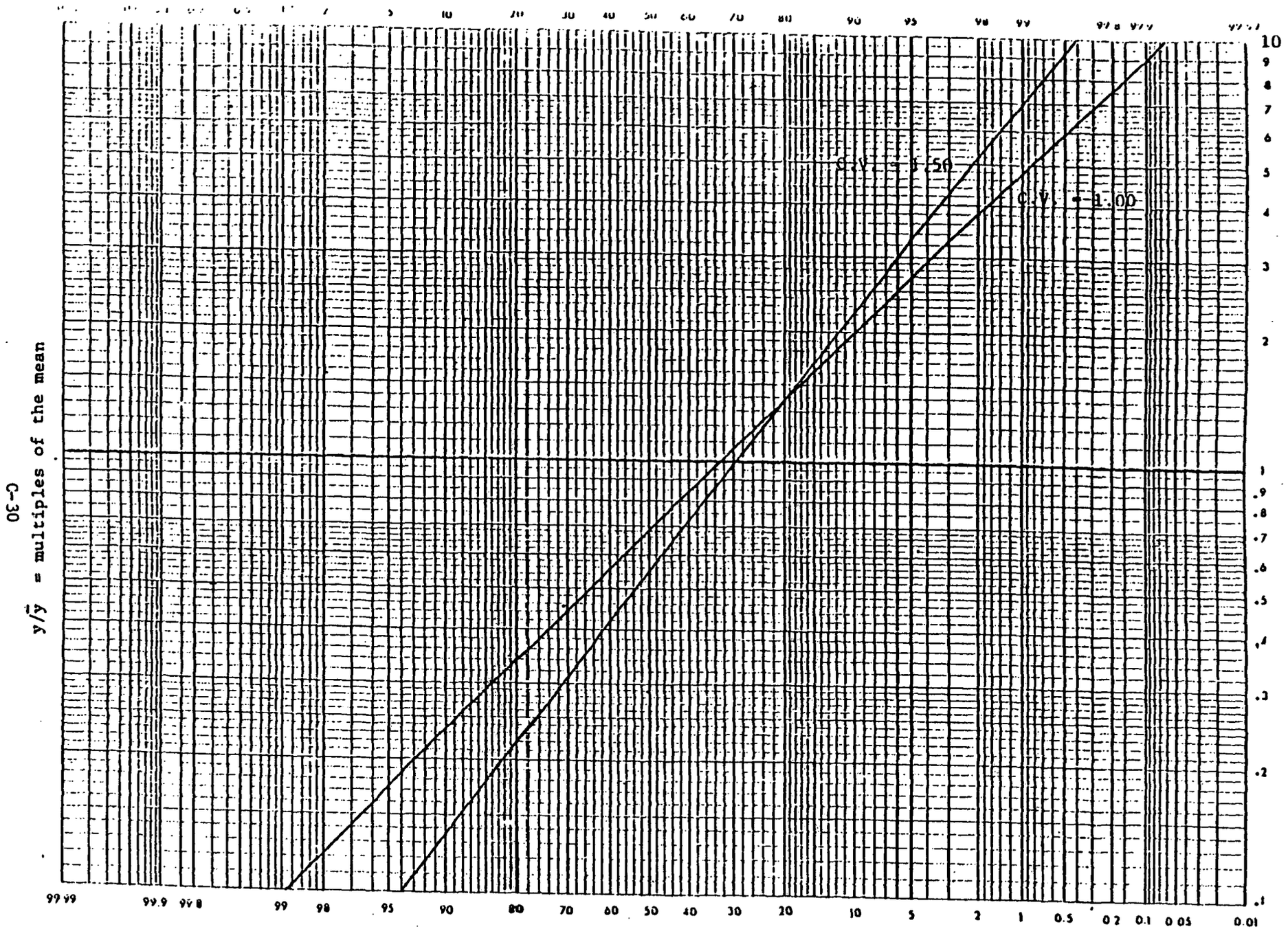

Figure 1. Graphical Solution for Log-Normal Distribution for Coefficient of Variation = 1.0 and 1.5.

TABLE 2. Expected Time Between Rainfall Events for Four U.S. Cities Based on 25 years of Hourly Rainfall Data. Data from Driscoll and Assoc.,1981.

INTERVAL, DAYS	NUMBER OF EVENTS/YEAR				TOTAL	% OF TOTAL	CUMULATIVE % OF TOTAL
	BOSTON, MA	ATLANTA, GA	DAVENPORT, IA	OAKLAND, CA			
0 to 1	27	12	8	22	69	16.8	16.8
1 to 3	64	43	38	33	178	43.4	60.2
3 to 7	30	30	29	24	113	27.6	87.8
7 to 14	8	11	11	8	38	9.2	97.0
14 to 21	1	2	2	3	8	2.0	99.0
> 21	0	0	2	2	4	1.0	100.0
TOTAL	130	98	90	92	410	100.0	100.0

60% of the storm events occur within three days while 97% of the time rains within two weeks. These patterns vary seasonally. The most notable seasonal variation is along the West Coast due to the dry summers. Of course, sweeping is not practical during months when snow and/or freezing weather occurs.

Characteristics of Street Solids

The results of street dirt characterization studies for 27 water quality constituents are shown in Table 3. The nationwide average is the median of the cities for which data are presented. The median is used because of the high variability in some of the data.

Street contaminants comprise only a fraction of the materials washed from urban areas. The balance comes from other impervious and pervious areas, and the atmosphere (Castro Valley, 1979).

Table 4 presents various sources for major pollutant groups in the runoff. The only pollutant group shown to be significantly related to street surface wear and use are heavy metals. Bacteria are thought to originate mainly with animal fecal matter indirectly deposited on the street or on adjacent land. Most of the nutrients are thought to originate from vegetation litter in landscaped areas, undeveloped lands and directly on the street surface. Oxygen demanding materials (BOD and COD) in the runoff are mostly associated with litter and landscaped areas, while sediment sources are mostly thought to be vacant lands and construction sites.

Table 5 summarizes suitable control measures for different types of source areas. As an example, street cleaning can only be utilized on streets and parking lots to control street surface particulates and litter. Street cleaning can therefore not be expected to significantly change the runoff yields of the pollutants that are not significantly associated with the street surface (such as organics and nutrients).

Table 3. Average Chemical Quality of Street Dirt (Pitt, 1981)

Constituent:	"Nationwide" Average*	Constituent:	"Nationwide" Average*
Volatile Solids	75,000	Mercury	.08
COD	80,000	Nickel	20
BOD_5	10,000	Strontium	15
Total P	500	Zinc	300
Ortho PO_4	100	Total Colif. bact.	4×10^5 org/gm
Total Kjeldahl N	1,600	Fecal Colif. bact.	3,000 org/gm
Sulfur	1,100	Fecal Strps. bact.	---
Arsenic	15	Asbestos	175,000 fibers/gm
Cadmium	3	Bis (2-ethylhexyl phthalade)	25
Chromium	200	Dieldrin	0.03
Copper	100	Methoxychlor	1
Iron	22,000	PCB's	0.7
Lead	1,000	PCP's	3
Manganese	500		

* All units are in mg/kg of street dirt, unless otherwise noted.

Table 4. Sources of Contaminants (Pitt ?, 1979)

Common Urban Runoff Pollutants	Street Surface Wear	Automobile Wear and Emissions	Parking Lots	Litter	Vacant Land	Landscaped Areas	Con-struction Sites
Sediment					X		X
Oxygen Demand				X		X	
Nutrients		X		X	X	X	
Bacteria				X	X		
Heavy Metals	X	X	X				

Table 5. Applicability of Control Measures (Pitt ?, 1979)

Suitable Control Measures	Street Surface Wear	Automobile Wear and Emissions	Parking Lots	Litter	Vacant Land	Landscaped Areas	Con-struction Sites
Street Cleaning	X	X	X	X			
Leaf Removal			X	X		X	
Repair Streets	X		X				
Control Litter				X	X		
Clean Catch Basins	X	X					X
Control Construc-tion Site Erosion							X

Table 6 presents the Castro Valley study area runoff yields of various parameters for the street surface, non-street urban and undeveloped areas of the watershed. This information was obtained from studies conducted in Castro Valley during the recent 208 study and from the literature. Also shown in Table 6 are the percentages of the source area contributions for each parameter compared to the total runoff loads. Most of the lead is associated with street surface particulates, with very little lead originating from non-street urban and undeveloped areas of the watershed. Most of the total solids yields for the study area are associated with the undeveloped area. Non-street surface developed areas are thought to contribute most of the oxygen demand, nutrient and bacteria yields.

Effect of Rain on Street Loads

Precipitation has two effects on street loads:

1) washoff of some or all of the material on the streets; and
2) buildup of residual material on the streets after the storm due erosion and other sources.

Erosion occurs as a result of relatively large storm events. Smaller storms would be expected to flush the atmosphere, and the directly connected impervious areas. Thus, we would like to know the size of storm events which cause street washoff without significant erosion.

Pitt (1981) has developed a summary table relating runoff volume to the ratio of initial street load to the load removal by the storm event. The results are shown in Table 7.

For example, the ratio for arsenic is 0.16 for a runoff volume of 1.3 inches. The arsenic leaving the area comes from the street and elsewhere, e.g., atmosphere, rooftops, lawns. The ratio of 0.16 indicates that the initial load on the street was 1/6 of the total load leaving the area. It is

Table 6. Castro Valley Creek Runoff Yields (Pitt ?, 1979)

Parameter	Street Surface[1]		Non-Street[2] Urban		Undeveloped[3]		Total
	Tons/Yr	%[4]	Tons/Yr	%	Tons/Yr	%	Tons/Yr
Total Solids	160	33	10	2	320	65	490
Sus. Solids	80	32	60	27	95	41	235
COD	2.1	2	69	72	25	26	96
BOD_5	1.1	7	12	76	2.5	17	16
Total N	0.1	2	2.4	51	2.2	47	4.7
OPO_4	0.013	9	0.12	84	0.01	7	0.14
Pb	1.0	100	0	0	0	0	1.0
Zn	0.072	24	0.23	76	0	0	0.3
Total Colif.(org)	$8x10^{10}$	<< 1	$6x10^{14}$	100	?	?	$6x10^{14}$
Fecal Colif.(org)	$8x10^{9}$	<< 1	$3x10^{14}$	100	?	?	$3x10^{14}$

1 From Alameda County measurements in Castro Valley during 208 Study

2 Alameda County 208 SWMM calculations minus street loadings

3 Data from "the literature" (estimates)

4 Percentage contribution of source related to total annual runoff yield

Table 7 . Street Loading Sensitivity to Runoff Yield (Pitt , 1981)

Runoff Volume (in)	Total Solids	COD	Total P	Ortho PO_4	Total Kjeldahl N	Arsenic	Copper	Lead	Zinc
4.3	0.080	0.020	0.020	<0.001	0.020	0.044	<0.06	0.10	0.020
3.3	0.085	0.024	0.024	0.001	0.020	0.054	<0.06	0.12	0.025
2.0	0.13	0.054	0.044	0.0017	0.034	0.095	0.06	0.20	0.044
1.3	0.22	0.095	0.080	0.0026	0.045	0.16	0.09	0.35	0.062
0.66	0.50	0.20	0.20	0.0080	0.075	0.50	0.16	0.90	0.13
0.33	1.2	0.45	0.50	0.020	0.20	2.0	1	2.0	0.36
0.13	15	3	3	0.2	2	15	10	20	3
0.05	50	10	10	1	10	50	25	50	10
0.01	500	100	100	10	100	500	250	500	100

impossible to tell from this table alone the exact origin of the material or what portion came off the street. For example, arsenic in the atmosphere would wash out with the arsenic in the street. Arsenic in the soil would probably wash out later. However, in order to obtain a rough estimate of the type of storms that flush the streets, assume that some or all of the street contamination is removed first then, the remaining removals are assumed to come from other sources. Thus, for arsenic, a ratio of 2.0 means that 50% of the arsenic in the street was removed while none of the other sources of arsenic left the study area. Figure 2 shows the percent washoff vs. runoff rate for the eight constituents shown in Table 7. It is evident from Figure 2 that the primary area of interest is runoff volumes from 0.1 to 0.4 inches. Lighter storms (< 0.1 in.) do not cause much street washoff whereas larger storms (> 0.4 in.) contribute much more contaminants from sources other than street runoff.

Given that the main area of interest is runoff values ranging from 0.1 to 0.4 inches, the results of Table 7 and Figure 2 can be used to estimate the percent of storm events falling in this range. The lower bound of 0.1 in. of runoff corresponds to the 50% level whereas the 0.4 in. values corresponds to the 90 to 95% level (from Figure 1). Thus, the main area of interest is in the larger storm events up to the 90 to 95% level. Alternatively, only about one half of the storm events flush the streets clean. Thus, the approximate time between these rainfall events is about one week, twice the average time between storms.

Street Pollutant Build-up Rates

Pitt (1981) has summarized the results of work to date on the rate of accumulation of street solids based on five catchments in California and one in Belleview, Washington--all west coast stations for which it is possible to obtain information on long-term accumulation due to the dry summers. The

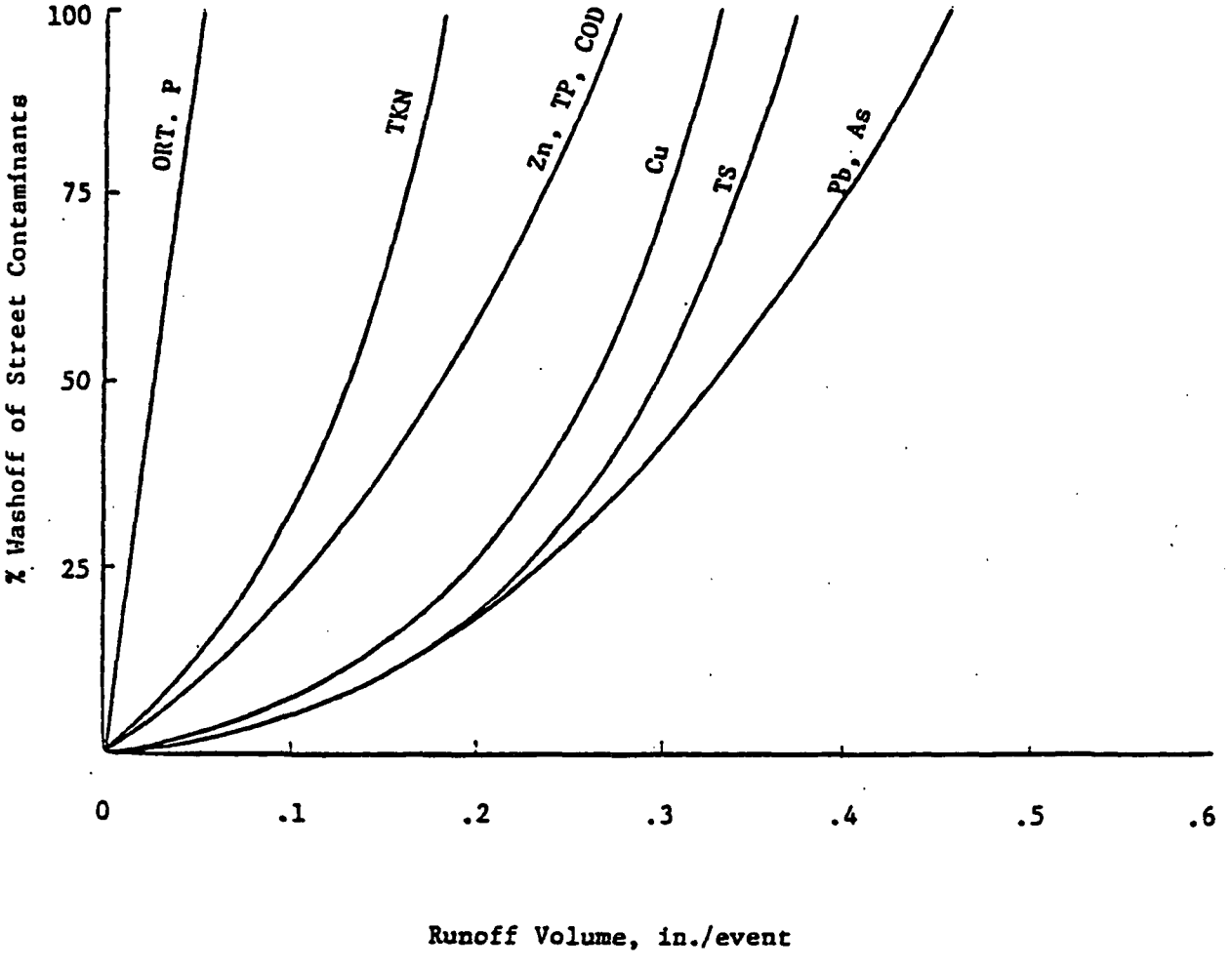

Figure 2 . Washoff of Street Contaminants for Residential Areas in Western U.S. (Pitt, 1981)

national estimates, shown in Table 8, are based on calculated values using the curve of best fit for the original data. These national estimates are plotted in Figure 3. All of the data plot as straight lines with positive intercepts representing a base loading and constant growth rates (lb/curb mile/day) of 38.7 (industrial), 20.0 (residential), and 15.0 (commercial).

From the previous section, the average time between storm events that flush the streets is about one week. Thus, the expected accumulations can be taken directly from Table 8. The numbers in Table 8 and the lines in Figure 3 are based on fitting functions to the available data. However, the actual data exhibit quite a bit of variability as is evident in the street loadings reported for the Surrey Downs catchment in Belleview, Washington (see Figure 4). No trends are evident for this data set. About all one could say is that the expected load is about 366 lbs/curb mile independent of the days of accumulation.

Street Sweeping Effectiveness: Single Site With and Without Cleaning

Figure 5 shows performance data (based on a two-day sweeping interval) for the Surrey Downs study area. Two lines are drawn: a 45° line indicating zero removal, and a regression line relating load in to load out. The regression line for a sweeping interval of 2.0 days, is

$$L_F = 180 + 0.45\ L_I \qquad (1)$$

where L_F = residual load (after sweeping), lbs/curb mile, and

L_I = inital load, lbs/curb mile.

The intersection of these two lines is the graphical solution to the problem of finding the minimum inital load for which sweeping has a positive effect. It is counterproductive to sweep where the streets are cleaner than this minimum initial load since the solids generation form street abrasion exceeds the removal by the sweepers. Thus, the origin of the axes can be translated along the 45° line to (327,327) as indicated on the figure. With the transformation,

the gross removal efficiency, ε, is

$$\varepsilon = 1 - L_F'/L_I' = 1 - 0.45 = 0.55 \qquad (2)$$

where L_F' = translated value of L_F (i.e., L_F-327), lbs/curb mile, and

L_I' = translated value of L_I (i.e., L_I-327), lbs/curb mile.

The data set shown in Table 9 indicates negative removals for 13 out of the 27 sweepings. The physical reason for negative removals is that the cleaning process itself erodes the street surface especially when the streets are relatively clean as they would be in this case with only a two-day interval between sweeping events. Thus, the overall net efficiency, ε_N, for a two-day interval is

$$\varepsilon_N = 1 - \bar{L}_F/\bar{L}_I = 1 - 24.7/376.1 = 6.6\% \qquad (3)$$

where $\bar{L}_F$ = mean residual load, lbs/curb mile,

$\bar{L}_I$ = mean initial load, and lbs/curb mile.

Higher efficiencies can be acheived by not sweeping when the initial loads are relatively light. If the general regression equation is

$$L_F = a + bL_I \qquad (4)$$

then sweeping should begin when $L_F = L_I$. Combining these two equations yields

$$(L_I)_{min} = a + b(L_I)_{min} \qquad (5)$$

or

$$(L_I)_{min} = \frac{a}{1 - b} \qquad (6)$$

For Surrey Downs, a = 180, b = 0.45. Thus, $(L_I)_{min}$ = 327 lbs/curb mile. However, this information is not very useful since the operator of the sweeper has no simple way of measuring L_I. Thus, the appropriate estimate of overall efficiency is ε_N. For this example, the data indicated that sweeping every other day is relatively nonproductive.

Pitt (1981) has summarized the regression relationships for four types of parking conditions and three types of street surfaces. The results are shown in Table 10. In all cases, a simple linear relationship exists between the

Table 8. Total Solids Accumulation on U.S. Streets (Pitt, 1981)

DAYS OF ACCUMULATION	TOTAL SOLIDS, lb./curb mile		
	RESIDENTIAL	INDUSTRIAL	COMMERCIAL
0	400	670	300
1	420	710	315
2	440	750	330
3	470	790	345
4	490	830	360
5	510	870	375
7	530	940	405
10	600	1050	450
15	700	1250	525

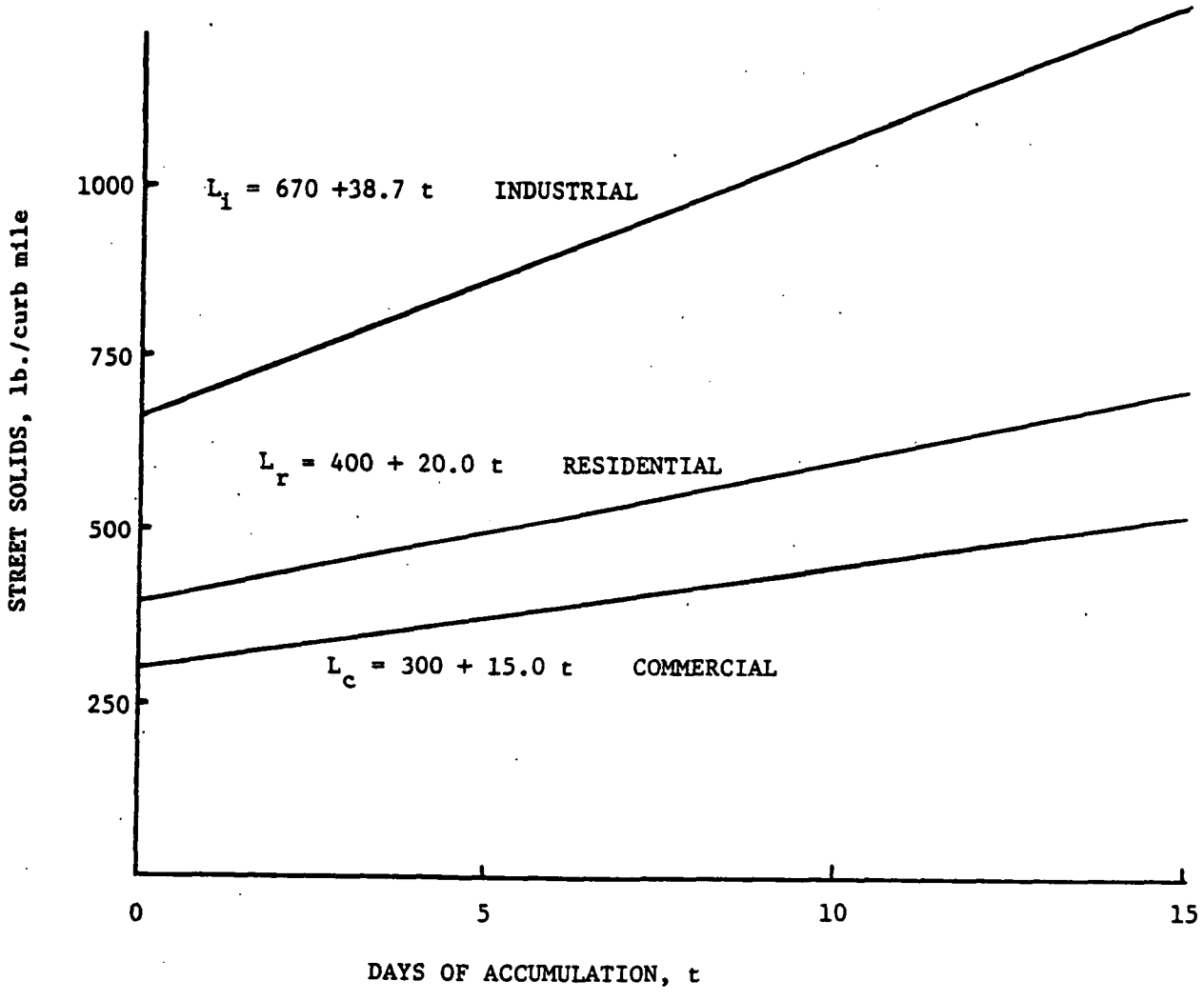

Figure 3. Street Loading vs. Days of Accumulation (Pitt, 1981)

Table 9. Solids Removal Efficiencies of Street Sweepers, Surrey Downs and Lake Hills - Twenty-Seven Sweepings

N	Surrey Downs Loadings (lb/curb mile)			Lake Hills Loadings (lb/curb mile)		
	Before, L_I	After, L_F	Difference	Before, L_I	After, L_F	Difference
1	529	496	33	380	330	50
2	538	545	-7	238	240	-2
3	695	442	253	295	267	28
4	713	412	301	292	270	22
5	326	265	61	265	311	-46
6	303	317	-14	228	239	-11
7	295	386	-91	229	200	29
8	371	323	48	244	250	-6
9	424	332	92	216	214	2
10	333	353	-20	124	148	-24
11	406	315	91	182	199	-17
12	472	423	49	198	211	-13
13	437	427	10	250	235	15
14	384	444	-60	167	123	44
15	290	304	-14	150	148	2
16	305	375	-70	161	147	14
17	235	252	-17	110	112	-2
18	237	245	-8	108	121	-13
19	281	295	-14	159	145	14
20	336	352	-16	261	210	51
21	352	320	32	144	179	-35
22	251	249	2	270	197	73
23	328	315	13	242	214	28
24	302	306	-4	194	191	3
25	363	364	-1	109	310	-201
26	296	285	11	185	300	-115
27	353	345	8	190	215	-25
Σ	10,155	9,487	688	5,591	5,726	-135
Mean	376.1	351.4	24.7	207.1	212.1	-5.0

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Table 10. Estimated Street Cleaner Productivity (Pitt, 1981)

Parking Conditions	Smooth Asphalt				Rough Asphalt				Oil and Screens (Semi-Improved)			
	Range for L_I	Equation	$(L_I)^*_{min}$	Removal Efficiency at $(L_I)^\Delta_{max}$	Range for L_I	Equation	$(L_I)^*_{min}$	Removal Efficiency at $(L_I)^\Delta_{max}$	Range for L_I	Equation	$(L_I)^*_{min}$	Removal Efficiency at $(L_I)^\Delta_{max}$
Light	100-250	$L_F = 150+ 0.36\ L_I$	234	0.04	500-620	$L_F = 520+ 0.20\ L_I$	650	<0	1000-1500	$L_F = 340+ 0.74\ L_I$	1310	0.03
Moderate	100-230	$L_F = 110+ 0.54\ L_I$	239	<0	500-650	$L_F = 360+ 0.44\ L_I$	643	0.01	1000-1430	$L_F = 220+ 0.83\ L_I$	1290	0.02
Extensive Short Term	-	-	-	-	500-670	$L_F = 290+ 0.55\ L_I$	644	0.02	1000-1600	$L_F = 200+ 0.85\ L_I$	1330	0.03
Extensive Long Term	100-230	$L_F = 55+ 0.75\ L_I$	220	0.01	-	-	-	-	1000-1600	$L_F = 200+ 0.85\ L_I$	1330	0.03

* $(L_I)_{min} = a/(1-b)$ from equation $L_F = a + bL_I$

Δ Efficiency $= 1-(a+b(L_I)_{max})/(L_I)_{max}$

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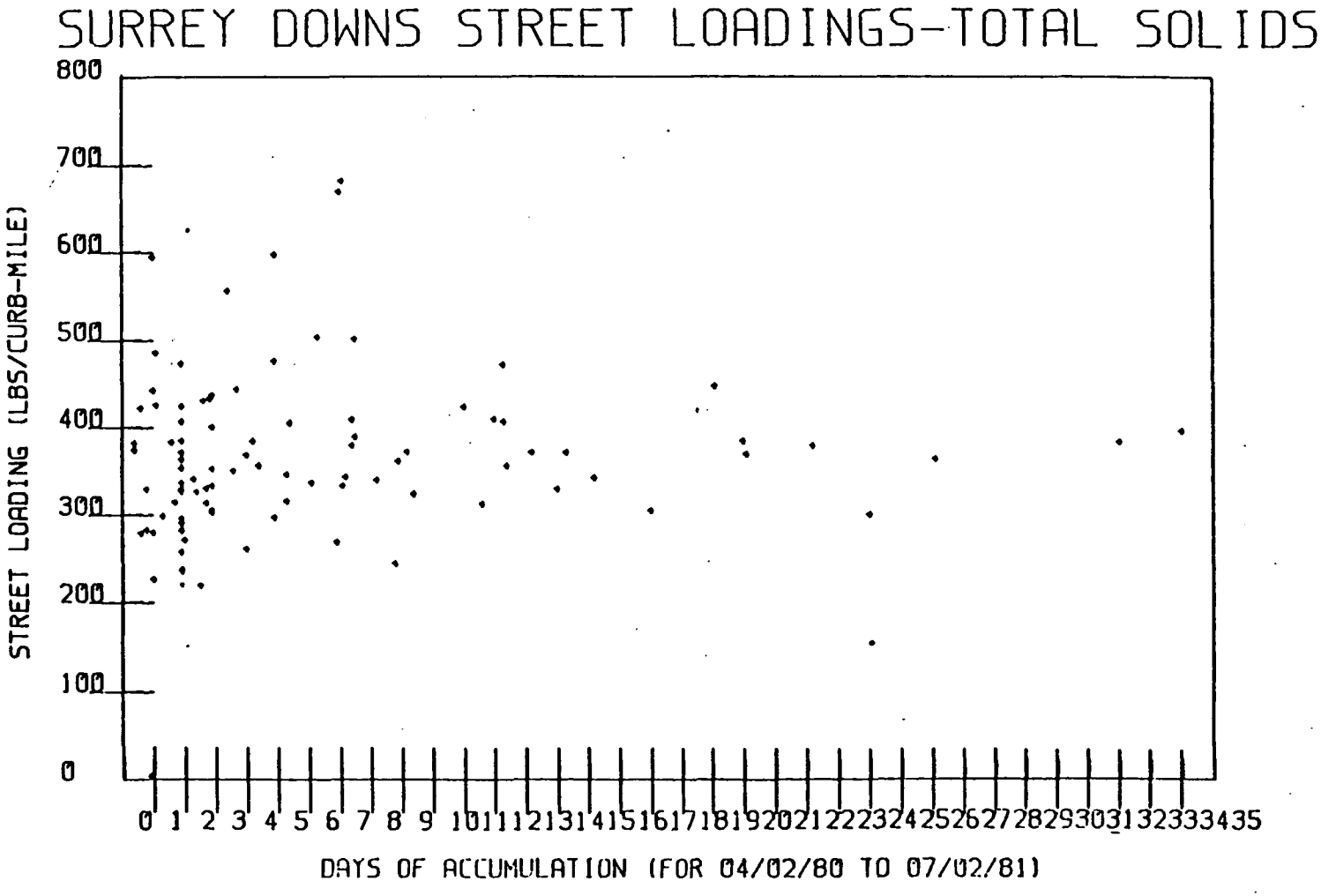

Figure 4. Surry Downs Street Loadings - Total Solids (Pitt, 1981)

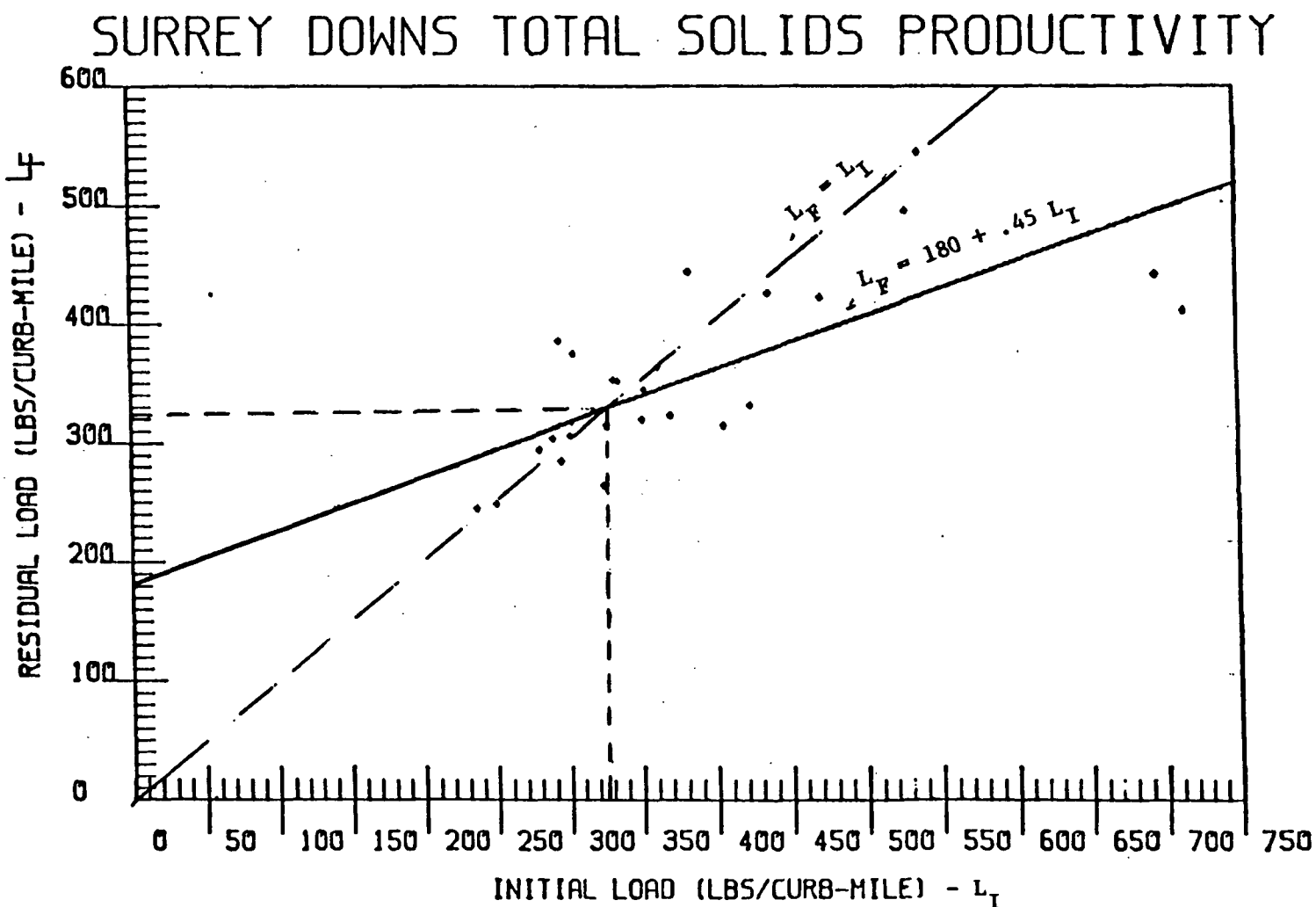

Figure 5. Surrey Downs Total Solids Productivity (Pitt, 1981)

initial and final loads. The user only needs to know the mean initial load, $\bar{L}_I$, to estimate overall net efficiency, i.e.,

$$\varepsilon_N = 1 - \bar{L}_F/\bar{L}_I = 1 - (a + b\bar{L}_I)/\bar{L}_I \qquad (7)$$

For example, the regression equation for rough asphalt with moderate parking conditions is

$$L_F = 360 + 0.44\ L_I \qquad (8)$$

Assume $\bar{L}_I = 600$. Using equation (6), efficiency is

$$\varepsilon_N = 1 - \frac{360 + 0.44\ (600)}{600} = -0.04,$$

a negative number. If $L_I = 650$, the upper limit on the range of L_I, then $\varepsilon_N = 0.01$. Using equation (6), the minimum L_I to obtain a non-negative efficiency is

$$(L_I)_{min} = \frac{360}{1 - 0.44} = 643 \text{ lb/curb mile}$$

Consequently, it would be unwise to sweep in this case. Table 10 shows $(L_I)_{min}$ for those ten equations. In two of the ten cases efficiencies are negative for the entire range of L_I. The maximum attainable efficiency in the specified range of L_I is only 4%. Thus, these results indicated very poor performance for street sweepers.

Effectiveness of Street Sweeping Programs

If the street accumulation data do not show a trend over a time, (e.g., the Surrey Downs data in Figure 4) then the effectiveness of the street sweeping program can be evaluated simply by determining the average street loading with and without a street cleaning program. The Surrey Downs data are summarized in Table 11.

Table 11. Results of Surrey Downs Sweeping Studies (Pitt, 1981)

Condition	Average Street Loads, Lb/curb mile	% Reduction
No sweeping	366	--
Sweep 3 times/week	333	9.0
Immediately after sweeping	330	9.8

These results indicate that frequent sweeping reduces total solids only by 9 or 10 percent. Thus, if 70% of a heavy metal such as lead originates in the street, then the expected impact of sweeping three times per week is only (9%) (.7) = 6.3% reduction in the total (street and non-street) lead load.

The effectiveness of street sweeping can be estimated by selecting two similar areas, sweep one of these areas, and compare the loads leaving the two areas. Results of this procedure as applied to Surrey Downs and Lake Hills are described below.

Figures 6 and 7 are plots of storm runoff yields for both basins for total solids and lead. Most of the available data are only for the period when Lake Hills was cleaned and Surrey Downs was not cleaned. Therefore, basin calibrations are not available, even though the basins were selected with similarities in mind. These examples, along with the above discussion of the effects of street cleaning on street dirt loads, demonstrate how poor this method of analysis is. The first problem is selecting the appropriate runoff data for comparisons. Bellevue has more available data than any other NURP project: 116 storms. Only about 50 of these 116 storms include complete monitoring simultaneously from both the control and test basins. If STORET data are used, then there is no way of knowing which storms were completely monitored, and which storms need to be combined. Another serious problem is the differences in rainfall observed at both sites during the same storms. Correlations in rain quantities were made between the Lake Hills and Surrey Downs sites to a relatively high degree of significance, but individual rains did vary substantially. Therefore, of the 50 complete monitoring sets, only 26 storms resulted in total rain quantities within 25% of each other. Previous correlations showed a very "strong" relationship between rain quantity and runoff pollutant yield (almost 1 to 1 for rain quantities up to 0.5 inch).

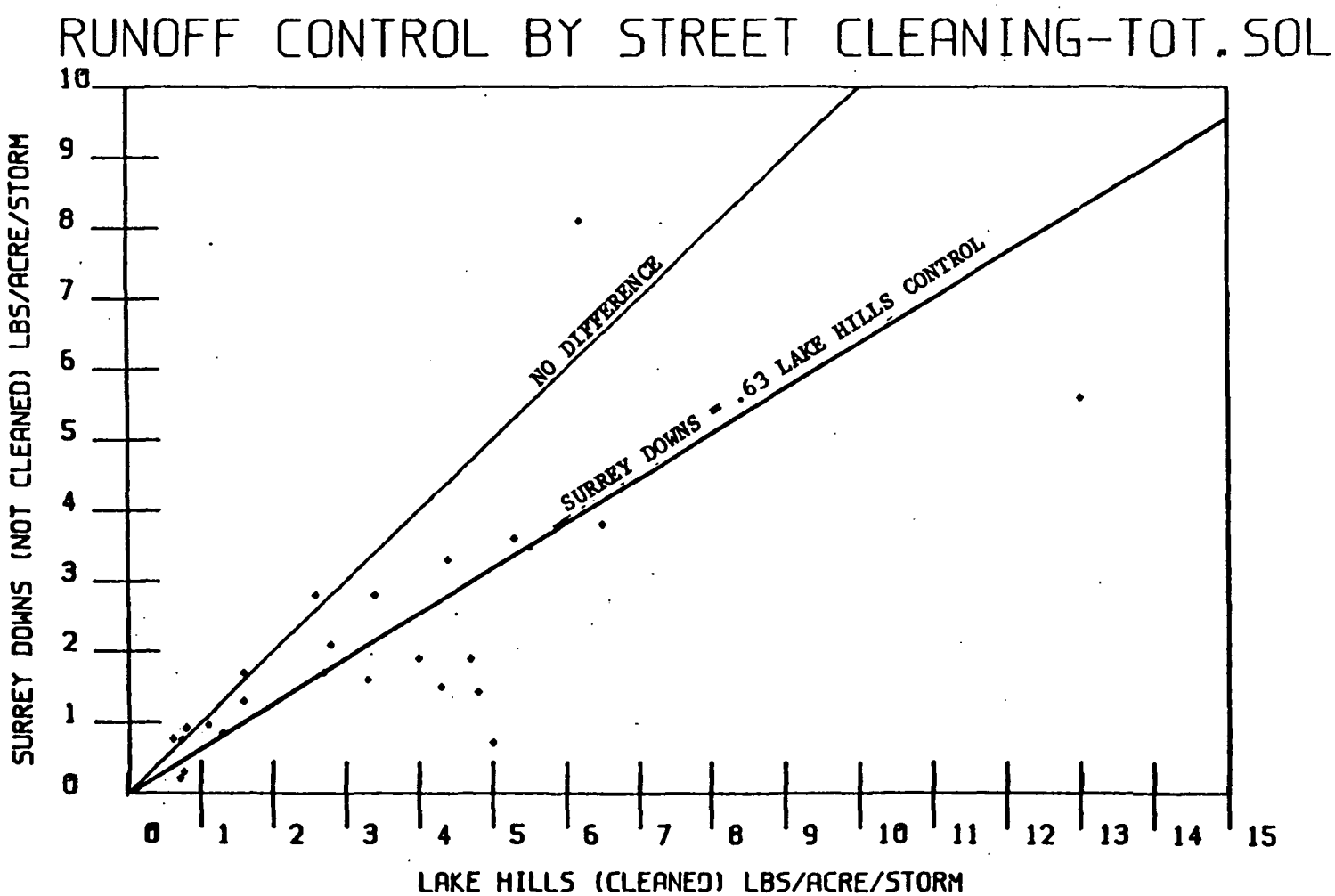

Figure 6. Runoff Control By Street Cleaning-Total Solids (Pitt, 1981)

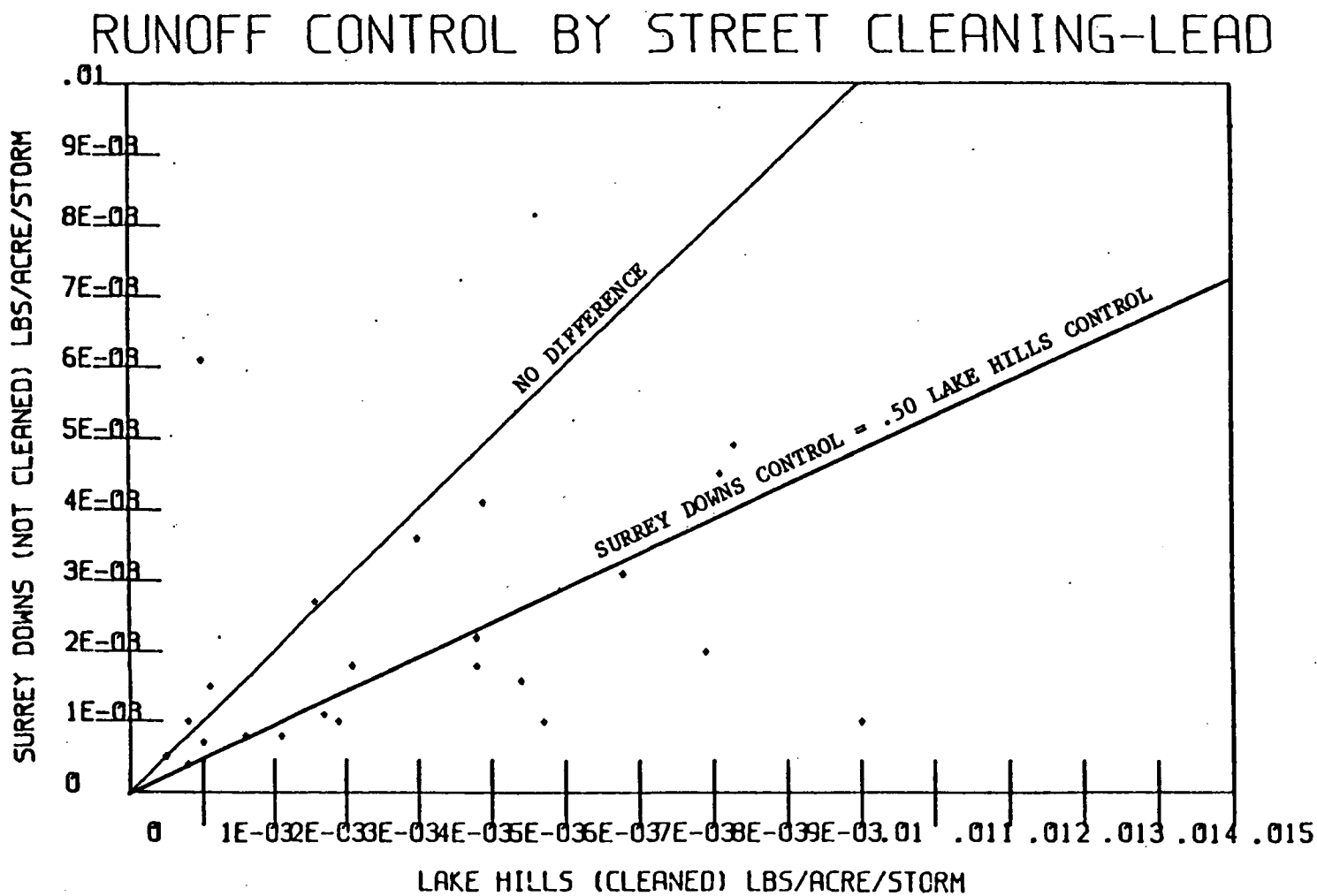

Figure 7. Runoff Control by Street Cleaning-Lead (Pitt, 1981)

Therefore, a 25% difference in total rain at the two sites can be expected to produce nearly a 25% difference in runoff pollutant yield. As noted above, extensive street cleaning compared to no street cleaning reduces street loads by less than 10%, and the resultant runoff yields for most pollutants could be expected to be much less. Therefore, even with "perfect" basin calibrations, the noise in the system due to rain differences can be easily greater than twice the expected difference due to street cleaning. If rains within, say 10%, were selected, only a very few events would be available for study. Belleview probably has more consistent rains over the city than many other NURP cities. Fortunately, the "information component" (street cleaning effects) is expected to be greater in the other NURP cities.

Regression lines in Figures 6 and 7 show that the Surrey Downs catchment (the "control") produces lower total solids and lead loads than the "cleaned" Lake Hills basin. In fact, only 25% of the storms had smaller unit area yields in the "cleaned" basin when compared to the "control" basin. Again, the basins have not yet been "calibrated". The ongoing sampling scheme will allow these direct comparisons to be made, along with basin calibrations, but other data will also be collected allowing alternative analytical methodologies. This direct comparison appears to be the simplest procedure, but without intimate knowledge of the data set (for completeness and compactability) and without adequate calibration periods, it can be extremely misleading. Thus, the analysis of the sensitivity of street loads to runoff yields and simple productivity relationships to identify the cleaning effort needed to obtain specific street loads should be the primary methodology. Comparisons between control and test basins should also be made, but only after careful review of the data.

Cost-Effectiveness of Street Sweeping Programs

Unit costs for sweeping streets in Alameda County, California were found

to be $15.00/curb mile (Pitt, 1981). Heaney et al. (1977) used a value of $7.00/curb mile based on 1976 survey data of the American Public Works Association. For this inital assessment of control effectiveness a unit cost of $12.00 per curb mile is assumed.

Heaney and Nix (1977) developed a procedure for evaluating the relative cost effectiveness of street sweepers as compared to detention basins and other controls. The performance of the system was simulated using a simple model which assumes:

a) zero base load and a constant buildup rate per day,

b) an exponential washoff relationship based on the assumption that one-half inch of runoff per hour removes 90% of the remaining street contaminants.,

c) a constant percent of the load is available to be swept,

d) rainfall does not act as a source of contaminants, and

e) removal efficiencies are independent of loadings.

Information presented earlier in this section indicates that several of these assumptions are untenable. A given level of control applied over several months results in a known average loading on the street. Insufficient data exist to support the assumptions of a positive linear or nonlinear accumulation of solids with time. Unfortunately, it is very expensive and time consuming to sweep for several months or a year at a fixed interval to obtain a single estimate of removal efficiency. The type of curve we hope to get looks like Figure 8. However in this case, each data point is based on several months of sampled data. Figure 8 shows additional removals as street sweeping intensifies. However, we are limited by two primary factors: only a portion of the total load is sweepable; and relatively intensive sweeping generates added loads through street abrasion.

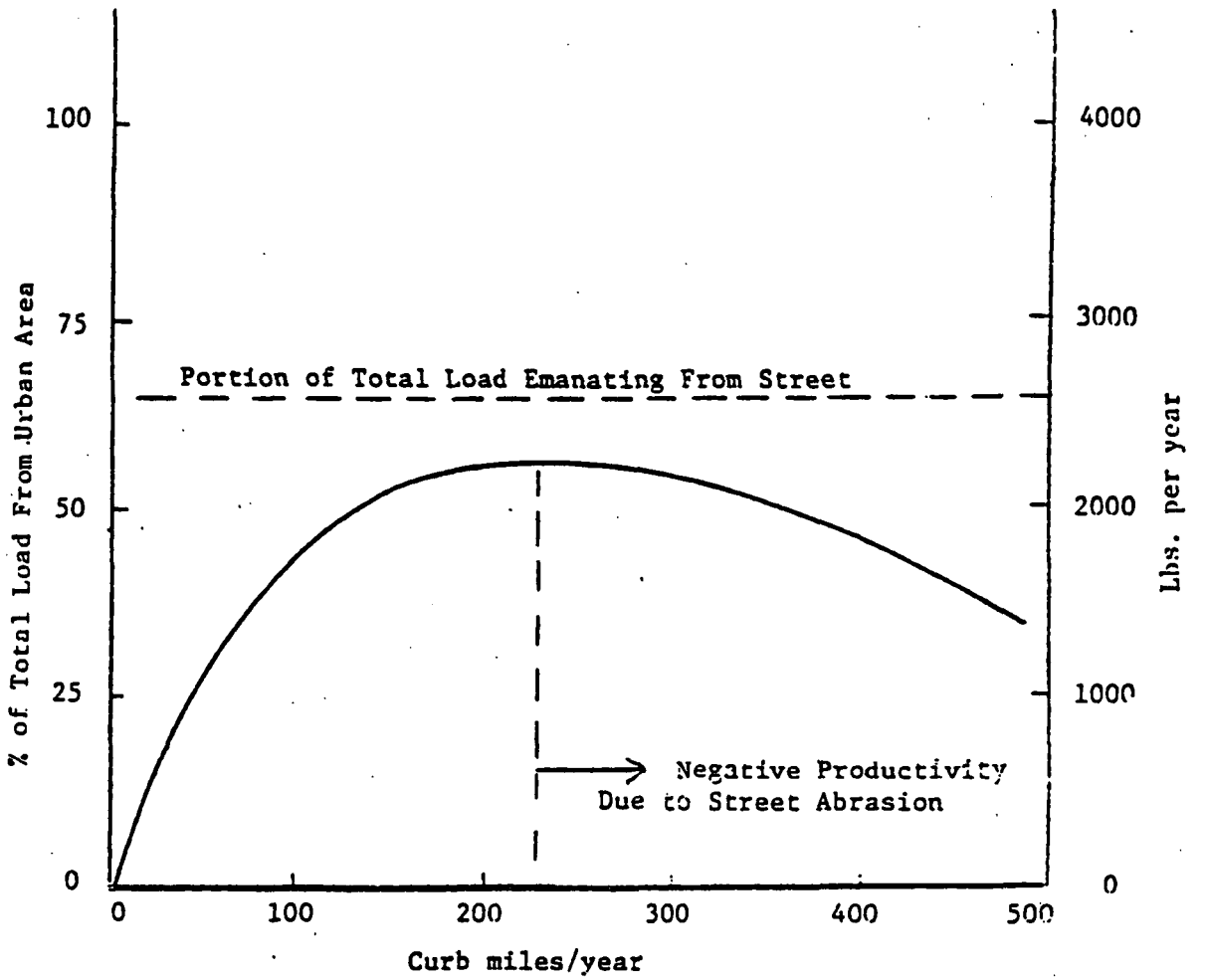

Figure 8. Hypothetical Production Function for Street Sweeping

Given Figure 8, the total and marginal cost curves as a function of pounds removed can be developed. For this hypothetical production function (Figure 8) and assuming a unit cost of $12.00/curb mile, the total and marginal cost curves shown in Figure 9 can be developed. For this hypothetical case, marginal costs are in the range of $ 0.50 to 3.00/lb removed. These unit costs can then be compared to the unit costs of other control options.

Summary and Conclusions—Street Sweepers

Analysis of the available NURP data and earlier studies indicates the following:

1) Street sweepers can remove suspended solids (up to 30-40%) and metals (up to 90%) since significant portions of the urban wash-off from these two categories of contaminants originate on the streets. Sweeping will not be effective in removing organic contaminants, nutrients, and/or coliforms since these constituents wash off from non-street areas.
2) Street loadings may or may not increase with time since the last storm. Limited NURP data do not show any trends.
3) Streets are washed by runoff events in the range from 0.1 inch to 0.4 inch. This range of events accounts for about 40% of the total events per year. About 50% of the events do not cause significant washoff (< 0.1 in) while 10% of the events are large enough (> 0.4 in) such that non-street loads dominate.
4) The expected time between runoff events which wash the streets is about one week.
5) The expected total solids load after a week in lbs/curb mile is 530 (residential), 940 (industrial), and 405 (commercial).
6) The reported removal efficiencies for single or paired basins are quite low, i.e., < 10%. If available data are a representative

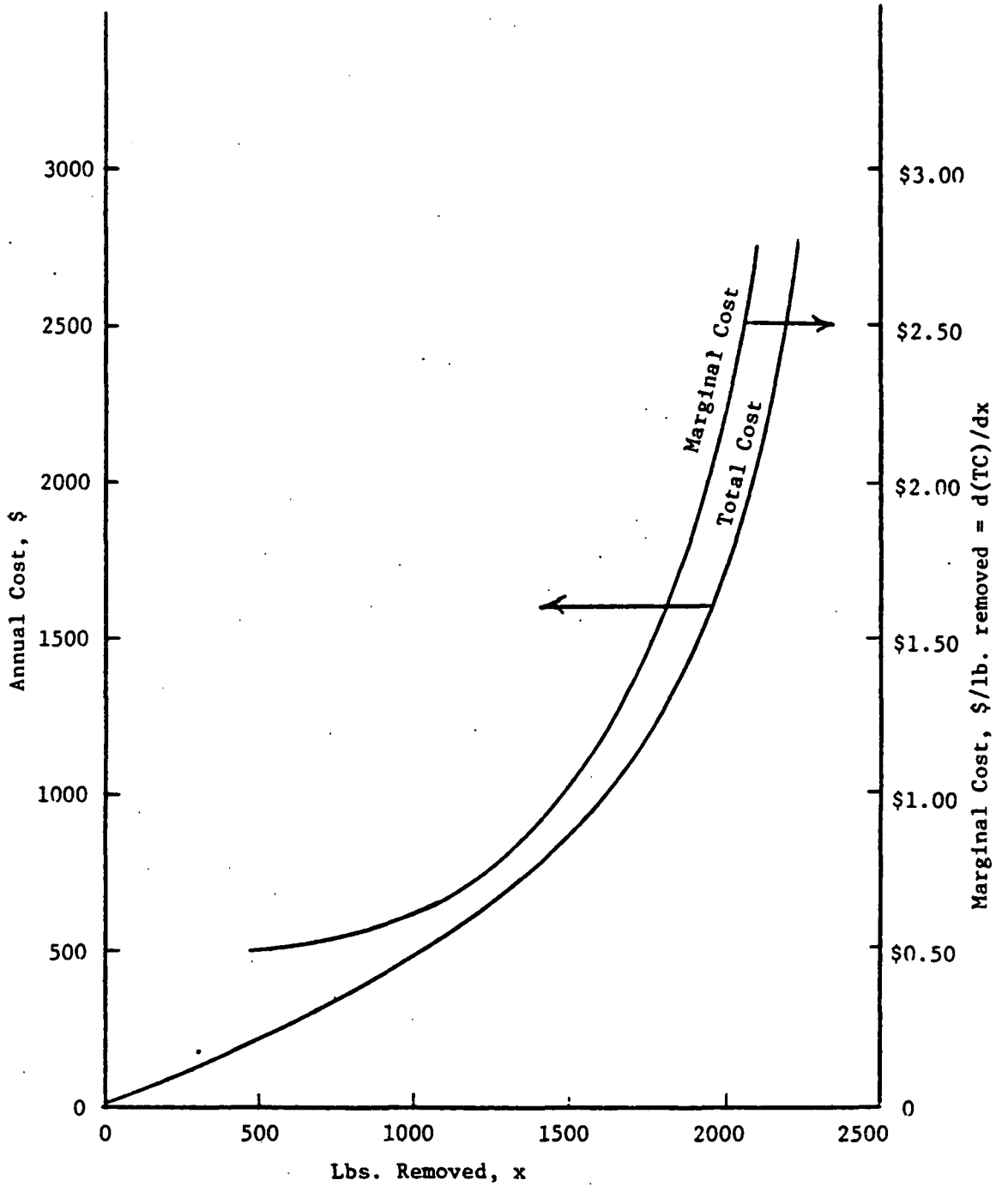

Figure 9. Hypothetical Cost Function for Street Sweeping

range, then street sweeping does not appear to be a very cost effective control option.

7) A procedure for doing cost-effectiveness is available. However, more performance data are needed before doing the analysis.

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WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS BY STORMWATER DETENTION

Introduction

Detention is widely used in sanitary sewage treatment plants and is particularly important in the field of stormwater flow and pollution control[19,20]. This section describes the role of urban stormwater detention facilities in water quality management, and the various methods to evaluate the pollutant control performance of the facility. Most of the material is taken directly from a synopsis of evaluation methods by Nix et al[23].

A detention facility retains stormwater and attenuates peak discharges. In addition to these roles, detention provides some measure of stormwater quality improvement. However, because of the variable nature of stormwater flows and pollutant loads, the mechanisms governing the performance of detention facilities as pollution control devices are not well understood. The picture is further clouded by the lack of useful performance data. The poor condition of the data base is attributable to the expense and time involved in collecting any type of stormwater data.

At present, most detention basins are sized using a design storm[20]. This concept has served well for many decades in the design of flow control structures. However, design storms are difficult, if not impossible, to determine for stormwater pollution control. This difficulty is directly related to the lack of historical data, the inability to measure benefits, the unreliability of pollutant measurements, and the unclear relationship between stormwater flows and pollutant loads. A design storm must also be accompanied by design "conditions" for the receiving water (and the additional uncertainties and data requirements). In general, the design storm is not

very useful when investigating pollution control capabilities.

An alternative approach, advocated here, is to analyze the long-term average or, in more detailed studies, a time series response. Average performance is a useful preliminary indicator of a detention basin's contribution to the abatement of total pollutant loads and to provide initial design estimates. The analysis of a time series of facility performance parameters (e.g., suspended solids removal) provides useful information lacking from a preliminary analysis; namely, the abatement of extreme events (e.g., standards violations). This information is vital if the primary function of detention is to prevent "catastrophic" events. Unfortunately, such a time series analysis requires an extensive pilot plant study and/or computer simulation. Pilot plant studies are time consuming and expensive. Computer simulation is less expensive in terms of dollars and time but the simulation techniques are invariably open to questions concerning their validity.

Ideally, a problem should be approachable from several levels of sophistication. This philosophy is carried through the rest of the section. The evaluation techniques presented here range from simple hand calculations for estimating average performance to sophisticated computer models for time series analyses (see appendices). Before discussing the performance evaluation methods, a brief overview of the role and theory of detention in stormwater quality management is in order.

Role of Detention in Stormwater Quality Control

Detention is probably the most effective stormwater management tool available to the design engineer[19]. Additionally, several states and localities require detention to manage stormwater flows from new developments. This combination of technical/economic desirability and regulatory

pressure necessitates the development of analytical tools to determine the pollution control capability of stormwater detention.

Detention facilities provide flow or flood control by retaining, buffering and attenuating flows. These attributes also provide some level of pollution control by detaining the flow long enough for removal by physical and/or biochemical processes to occur. Detention facilities are often designed to serve the needs of flow control with pollution control as a "side" benefit. This approach seems reasonable because of the more obvious destructive power of uncontrolled stormwater flows. However, there are cases in which detention is provided primarily for pollution control, e.g., Ottawa, Ontario, or to perform both functions, e.g., throughout Florida. In the case of a true dual-purpose facility, the proper mixture of flow and pollution control is a complex economic problem in which the benefits of each function must be evaluated and balanced against each other. This question will remain unanswered here as the emphasis is on the evaluation of pollution control performance and not the level of control desired.

The mechanisms controlling pollutant removal in detention facilities are complex and numerous. Figure 1 summarizes the more significant mechanisms. Most of these factors can be related to the concept of detention time. Simply defined, detention time is the time a parcel of water spends in the basin or pond. More precise definitions are presented in a later discussion. The mechanisms shown in Figure 1 are each affected by or affect detention time. Particle settling is affected by detention time as is biological stabilization. Outlet structures can be designed to achieve various detention times. The inflow rates have a direct bearing on detention times. In short, detention time is the primary

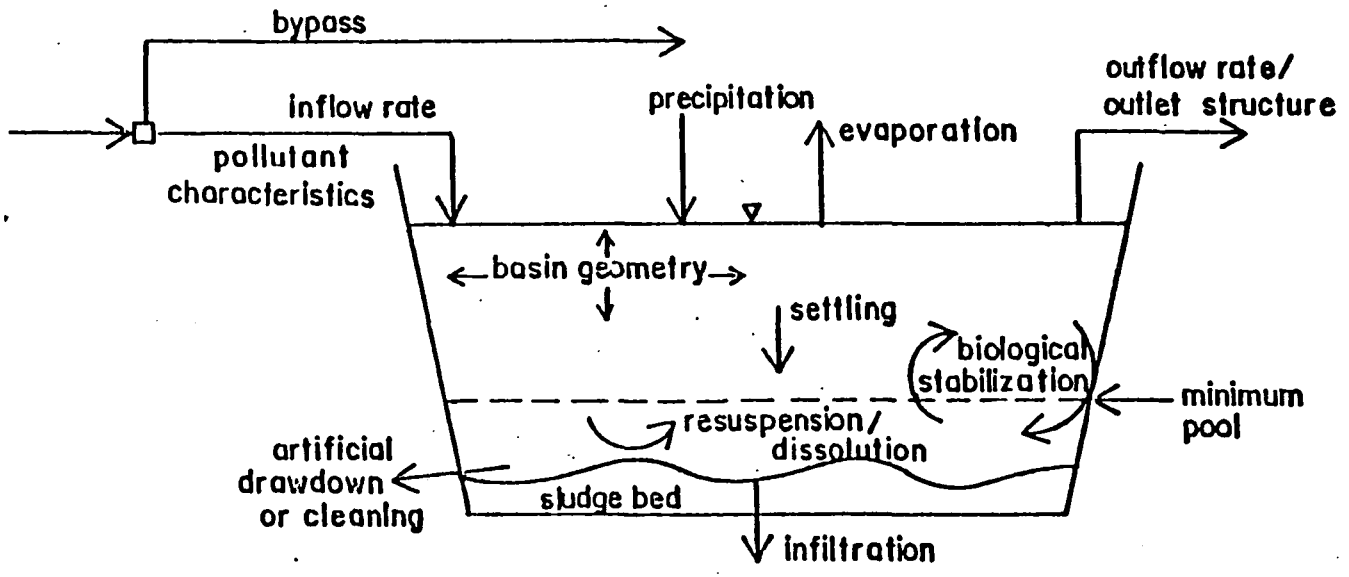


Figure 1. Mechanisms Affecting Pollutant Removal in Detention Facilities (source: ref. 23)

indicator of pollution control capability. However, some problems are encountered in precisely defining detention time in the case of intermittent stormwater flows (see later discussion).

Predicting Stormwater Detention Pond Performance

There are many methods for estimating the pollution control capability of detention basins and ponds. The range of sophistication is wide but necessary to fit the various scenarios that might confront an engineer. Several methods are described in Appendix I.

The primary indicator of pollution used throughout much of this section is total suspended solids (TSS). This constitutent is one of the most commonly and reliably measured stormwater contaminants. Additionally, many of the techniques only address suspended solids. Five-day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD_5) is also a commonly, but much less reliably, measured pollutant and is included where possible. Many other pollutants are measured but, because of the lack of data availability or reliable test procedures, are omitted. However, it may be possible to estimate the effect on other pollutants by relating them to commonly measured constituents (e.g., suspended solids).

Detention Time

Detention time is the most important single determinant of pollutant control potential. The concept of detention time is generally understood, but its computation, especially in stormwater detention, is not always so clear. The basic definition is simple; detention time is the length of time a parcel of water spends in the basin or pond. Detention time is easy to compute under steady state conditions, i.e.,

$$t_d = S/\bar{q} \qquad (1)$$

where t_d = detention time, sec,

S = detention volume, ft^3, and

$\bar{q}$ = constant flow rate, ft^3/sec.

In completely-mixed units, t_d represents the average detention time. In plug-flow units, t_d is the actual time all parcels spend in the detention basin. Unfortunately, a steady state condition is rarely found in a sanitary sewage plant and is certainly improbable in stormwater detention facilities. Therefore, such a computational definition is of limited value. Several analysts have applied this definition to a design storm but this concept was discounted earlier.

For stormwater flows, the theoretically ideal method is to calculate the length of time each parcel of water spends in detention. Obviously, this is not practical in real-world situations. This problem can be circumscribed by recognizing that factors such as outlet structure and basin geometry control detention time and, fortunately, they are much easier to measure or compute. Varying these factors will produce different overall control levels which can be measured directly. However, it may be necessary to compute detention time in a computer simulation model because of its predictive value. These simulators allow the user to vary the factors controlling detention time[8,15,27]. This is often accomplished by modeling the detention basin or pond as a plug-flow reactor. Such a model simply queues relatively small parcels or plugs (ideally, the parcel is infinitely small) through the basin[24]. In other words, the first parcel of water entering the basin is the first parcel to leave. Pollutants entering a basin with a plug are assumed to remain with that plug. The detention time can be calculated for each plug by

$$t_{d_i} = t_{d_i}(2) - t_{d_i}(1) \qquad (2)$$

where t_{d_i} = detention time for plug or parcel i,

$t_{d_i}(1)$ = point in time that plug i entered the basin, and

$t_{d_i}(2)$ = point in time that plug i left the basin.

Detention facilities may also be viewed as completely-mixed or arbitrary-flow reactors[24]. True values of detention time are difficult to calculate under these assumptions. In completely-mixed reactors the inflow parcels and associated pollutants are completely intermixed with all other parcels in the unit and, thus, lose their identity. Arbitrary-flow reactors are a blend of plug-flow and completely-mixed reactors. Most detention units can be thought of as plug flow or arbitrary flow reactors. This is a realistic assumption for stormwater detention facilities experiencing little or no turbulence. Completely-mixed stormwater detention is an anomaly when one considers that a major pollutant removal mechanism is particle settling.

The purpose of this discussion is to provide some insight of the role of detention time in the evaluation of detention basins and to serve as a preface to a cautionary note. It is often tempting to take the volume of a detention basin or pond and divide it by some measure of flow and call it "detention time". This is probably due to the traditional desire to define a detention time. But this is essentially impossible in stormwater detention — there is no single value of detention time. However, several variables are used in this section that appear to be detention time (i.e., volume/annual flow) but, conceptually, they are not. They are only indicators of the relative detention capability (and, in turn, pollution control capability).

Summary and Conclusions

This section described the water quality aspects of stormwater detention facilities and presented several methods for predicting removal rates (see appendices). Detention time is the primary determinant of pollutant removal efficiency but its use is sometimes misunderstood. Various methods of estimating removal efficiency are presented. Unfortunately, very few field data are available at this time. Thus, it is essential to perform

waste characterization and treatability studies on the local urban stormwater, to aid the analysis. These data can be used with the preliminary estimates to guide the use of computer simulation in the evaluation of the continuous operation of the detention facility.

Appendix I: Basin Evaluation Methods

This appendix describes various methods to estimate or evaluate detention basin performance. Examples are presented to illuminate the procedures.

The following information is common to all of the examples presented in the detention basin performance summaries. Data particular to a specific example are given in that example.

A 600-acre (243 ha) drainage basin, located in a primarily residential area near Minneapolis, Minnesota has an average annual precipitation of 26.0 in. (66.0 cm.). The area has the following land use breakdown:

Land Use	Area, acres (ha)	Percent of Total
Residential	420 (170)	70.0
Commercial	30 (12)	5.0
Industrial	--	--
Other (parks, schools, etc.)	150 (61)	25.0
Total	600 (243)	100.0

The precipitation statistics for Minneapolis are given below.

Parameter	Mean	Coefficient of Variation
Duration	D_p = 6.30 hr/event	ν_d = 1.14
Intensity	I_p = 0.047 in/hr (0.119 cm/hr)	ν_i = 1.73
Volume	V_p = 0.25 in/event (0.64 cm/event)	ν_r = 1.56
Intervent time	Δ_p = 84 hr	ν_δ = 1.02
Events/year	104	—

From these statistics and the methodology developed by Hydroscience, Inc.[17], the mean runoff event intensity, Q_R, is 0.0146 in/hr (0.0371 cm/hr) and the mean runoff event volume, V_R, is 0.081 in (0.206 cm). The coefficients of

variation, ν_q and ν_{vR}, are assumed to equal ν_i and ν_v, respectively. The average annual runoff is (0.081 in/event)(104 events) or 8.42 in/yr (21.39 cm/yr).

A rectangular detention pond with a capacity of 10 acre-ft (12335 m^3) is proposed to provide stormwater quality control. The pond's capacity is measured to the bottom of a broad-crested weir (at a depth of 12 ft (3.66 m). The weir is 20 ft (6.10 m) long and rapidly discharges large flows. The total pond depth is 16 ft (4.88 m). The length and width are 300 ft (91.4 m) and 121 ft (36.9 m), respectively. A 6-inch (15.24 cm) orifice is located at 6 ft (1.83 m) for the slow release (over approximately one day) of the volume between 6 ft (1.83 m) and 12 ft (3.66 m). The volume held below the orifice is discharged by evaporation and infiltration (over 6 days). For simplicity, the sides of the pond are assumed to be vertical. The outflow is routed to a nearby stream.

Method: Brown's Trap Efficiency Curve (Source; ref. 23)

Data Requirements: 1) Basin volume
2) Drainage area

Description: An estimate of annual suspended solids removal can be taken from an equation developed by Brown[2,27]. This equation relates sediment trap efficiency to the detention pond volume-drainage area ratio. Brown based his equation on data collected from over 25 normally-ponded reservoirs. The equation is

$$R = 100\left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{1 + 0.1(S/A)}\right)\right] \qquad \text{(I-A1)}$$

where R = annual suspended solids removal, percent,

S = pond volume, acre-ft, and

A = drainage area, mi^2.

The resulting curve is shown in Figure I-A1. The data used to develop equation I-A1 are scattered; thus, the relationship is weak. Also, the S/A ratio provides little measure of the different hydrologic and soil conditions found around the country. Additionally, this equation applies only to reservoirs where some water is held between storms. Nevertheless, with a minimal amount of information, a preliminary estimate is possible. An example application is given below. The same scenario presented earlier is used.

Brown's curve represents the crudest model of sediment removal. It does not distinguish between the removal efficiencies of sands, silts, or clays even though their detention times vary from minutes to months.

Example: The basin capacity and the drainage area are needed to use Brown's equation. The relationship is best used for ponded reservoirs with relatively continuous inflows. The estimated sediment or total suspended solids removal is calculated below. The 600-acre (243 ha) area comprises

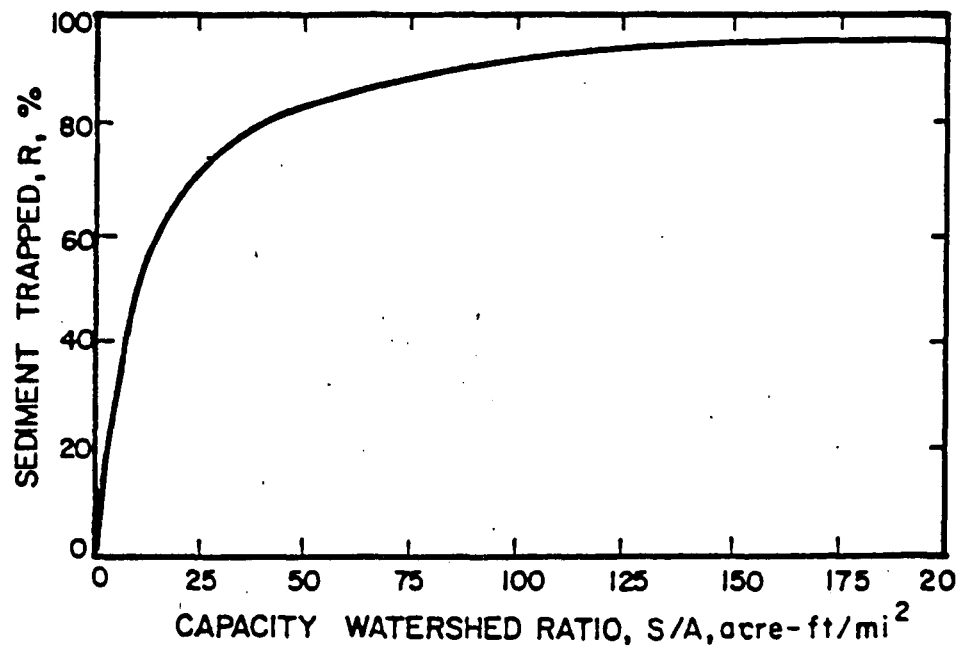


Figure I-A1. Brown's Trap Efficiency Curve (source: ref. 27)

0.938 mi^2. Using equation 14, the removal efficiency is

$$R = 100 \left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{1 + 0.1(10 \text{ acre-ft}/0.938 \text{ mi}^2)} \right) \right]$$

$$= 51.6\%$$

Method: Brune's Trap Efficiency Curves (Source: ref. 23)

Data Requirements: 1) Basin volume
2) Basic knowledge physical characteristics of the suspended solids
3) Annual inflow to the basin

Description: A more refined (relative to Brown's curve) set of curves was developed by Brune[3,6,27]. These curves were based on data collected from 44 normally-ponded reservoirs and semi-dry reservoirs located in twenty different states. The curves are shown in Figure I-B1. Rather than basing sediment removal on the volume-drainage area ratio, Brune based his curves on the volume-annual inflow ratio. This ratio provides a rough indicator of detention capability but cannot be defined as an average annual residence time.

Brune's curves provide additional dimensions to the analysis; i.e., a crude accounting of hydrologic conditions (annual inflow) and the physical characteristics of the suspended solids load. The upper curve in Figure I-B1 represents a flow laden with coarse solids (i.e., sand). The lower curve represents a flow in which fine solids (i.e., clay) predominate. The central curve represents a median of the two extremes. Brune's curves have been widely used in sediment basin design, but one caveat is necessary. The data from semi-dry reservoirs did not correlate well with the curves in Figure I-B1; hence, their usefulness is restricted to detention ponds. However, Brune noted in his work that semi-dry reservoirs are likely to achieve much lower removal efficiencies normally-ponded reservoirs.

Example: Brune's curves (like Brown's curve) apply only to normally-ponded reservoirs. Again, for illustrative purposes, the sediment or total suspended solids removal is estimated. Assume that the sediment is characterized by Brune's median curve.

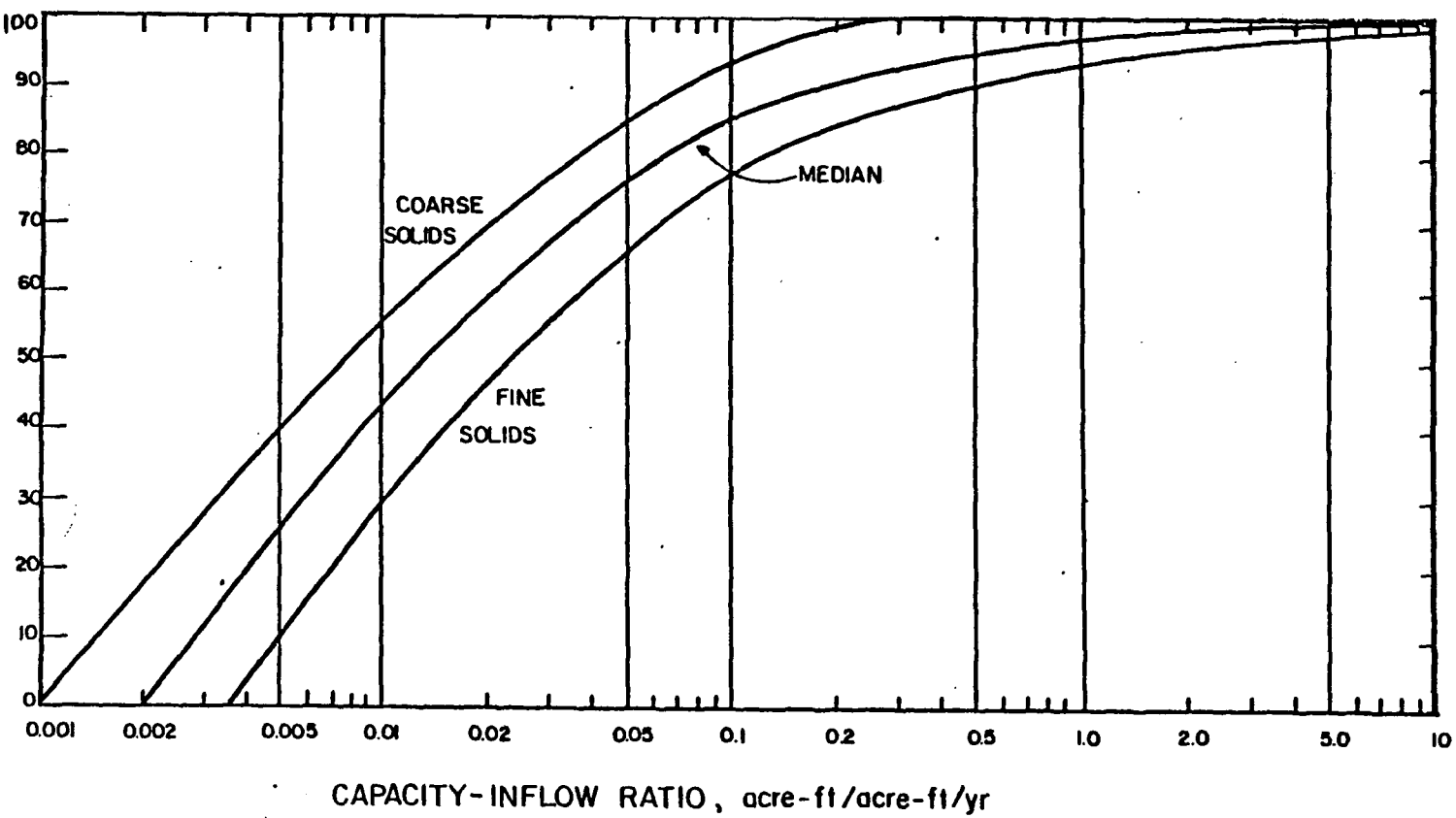


Figure I-B1. Brune's Trap Efficiency Curves (source: ref. 27)

To use Brune's curves, the capacity-annual inflow ratio must be estimated. The capacity is 10 acre-ft (1235 m^3) and the annual inflow is 8.42 in./yr (21.39 cm/yr) or 421.0 acre-ft (519354 m^3/yr). The capacity-annual inflow ratio is $\frac{10 \text{ acre-ft}}{421.0 \text{ acre-ft/yr}}$ or 0.024 years. From Figure I-B1 the corresponding annual removal percentage is approximately 65%.

Method: Churchill's Trap Efficiency Curve (Source: ref. 23)

Data Requirements: 1) Average cross-sectional area
2) Basin volume
3) Average runoff event flow rate

Description: The method proposed by Churchill[6,7,27] relates the percentage of sediment passing through a reservoir to the "sedimentation index" of the reservoir. The sedimentation index is defined as

$$SI = \left(\frac{S}{Q_R}\right) \div \left(\frac{Q_R}{A_c}\right) \qquad \text{(I-C1)}$$

where SI = sedimentation index, sec^2/ft,

S = reservoir volume, ft^3,

Q_R = average runoff event flow rate, ft^3/sec, and

A_c = average cross-sectional area of the reservoir, ft^2.

The average cross-sectional area is computed by dividing the reservoir volume by the length of the reservoir (parallel to the flow). If the reservoir has an irregular shape an average length should be used. Churchill's curve is shown in Figure I-C1.

Example: To find the sedimentation index, SI, the average cross-sectional area, A_c, of the basin is required. The length of the basin is 300 feet (91.4 m) and the width is 121 feet (36.9 m). The assumption of a rectangular basin eases the computation of A_c.

$$A_c = \left(\frac{10 \text{ acre-ft}}{300 \text{ ft}}\right) \div \left(\frac{43560 \text{ ft}^2}{\text{acre}}\right)$$

$$= 1452 \text{ ft}^2 \ (135 \text{ m}^2)$$

The average runoff event flow rate is 0.0.46 in/hr. Converting this value to ft^3/sec yields

$$Q_R = (0.0146 \text{ in./hr}) \left(\frac{\text{ft}}{12 \text{ in}}\right) (600 \text{ acres}) \left(\frac{43560 \text{ ft}^2}{\text{acre}}\right)\left(\frac{\text{hr}}{3600 \text{ sec}}\right)$$

$$= 8.8 \text{ ft}^3/\text{sec} \ (0.25 \text{ m}^3/\text{sec})$$

The capacity is 10 acre-feet or 435600 ft^3. Thus, the sedimentation index is

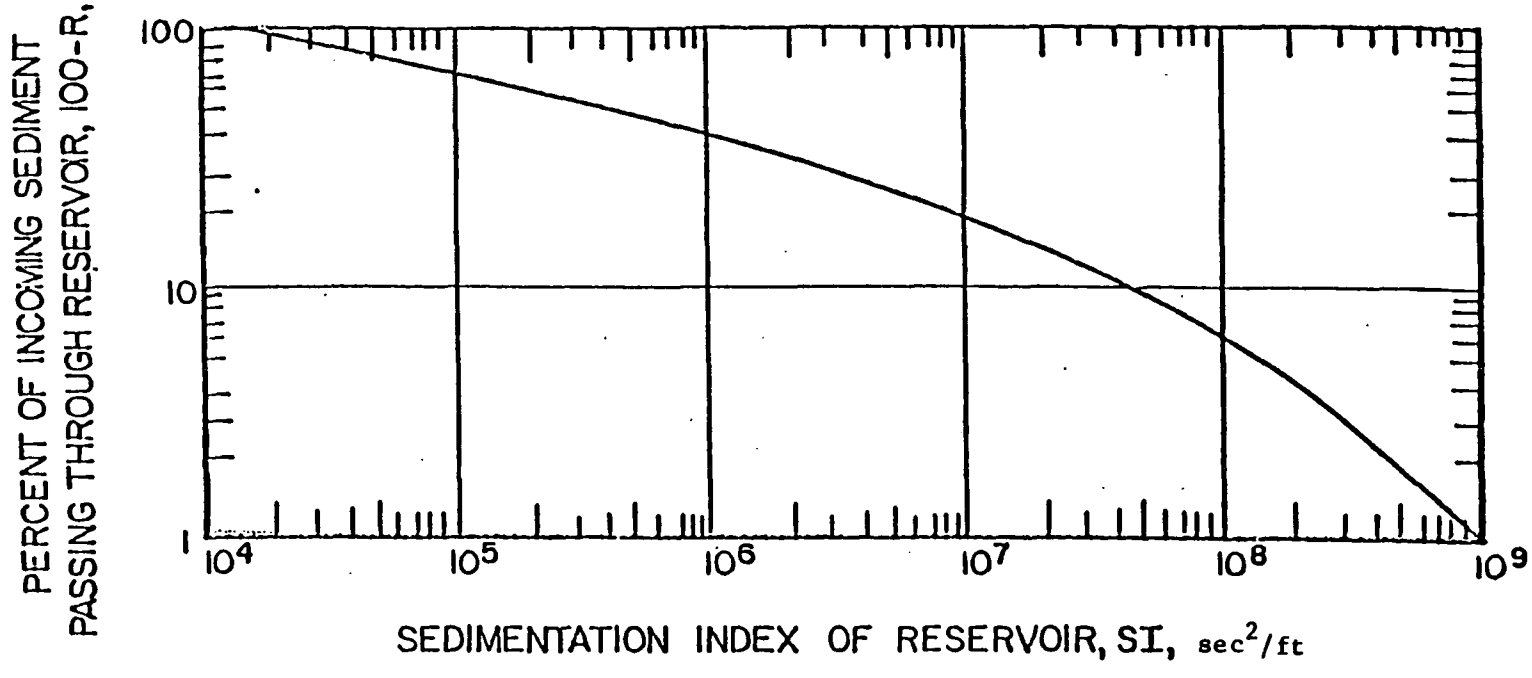


Figure I-C1. Churchill's Trap Efficiency Curve (source: ref. 27)

$$SI = \left(\frac{435600\ ft^3}{8.8\ ft^3/sec}\right) \div \left(\frac{8.8\ ft^3/sec}{1452\ ft^2}\right)$$

$$= 8.2 \times 10^6\ sec^2/ft\ (2.7 \times 10^7\ sec^2/m)$$

From Figure I-C1 the corresponding total suspended solids removal is 100-18% or 82%.

Method: Statistical Moments Method, Sedimentation Tank (Source: ref. 23)

Data Requirements: 1) Surface area of the sedimentation tank
2) Average runoff event flow rate
3) Coefficient of variation for runoff event flow rate

Description: Small and DiToro[25] and Hydroscience[17] have developed a long-term removal equation for stormwater treatment devices based on assumed stochastic distributions of average event flow and pollutant concentrations. These distributions are based on storm relationships shown in Figure I-D1. Sedimentation tanks are viewed differently from other detention facilities as they are not normally designed to provide a significant level of storage. However, this approach may be useful in some cases. The pertinent equation is given as

$$100-R = \frac{1}{W} \iint_{qc} [100-r(c,q)]\ c\ q\ p_c(c)\ p_q(q)\ dc\ dq \qquad \text{(I-D1)}$$

where R = long-term average pollutant removal, percent,

c = runoff event concentration, lb/acre-in.,

q = runoff event flow rate, acre-in/hr,

r(c,q) = percentage pollutant removal by treatment device as a function of c and q,

$p_c(c)$ = probability distribution function of average runoff event pollutant concentration,

$p_q(q)$ = probability distribution function of average event flow, and

W = average pollutant loading to treatment device for all events, lb/hr.

The average flow for each runoff event, q, is assumed to be independent of the average concentration and to have a mean of Q_R, a coefficient of variation ν_q, and a gamma probability distribution function. The probability distribution function of flow is given as

$$p_q(q) = \left(\frac{\kappa}{Q_R}\right)^{\kappa} \left(\frac{q^{\kappa-1}}{\Gamma(\kappa)}\right) e^{-\kappa q/Q_R} \qquad \text{(I-D2)}$$

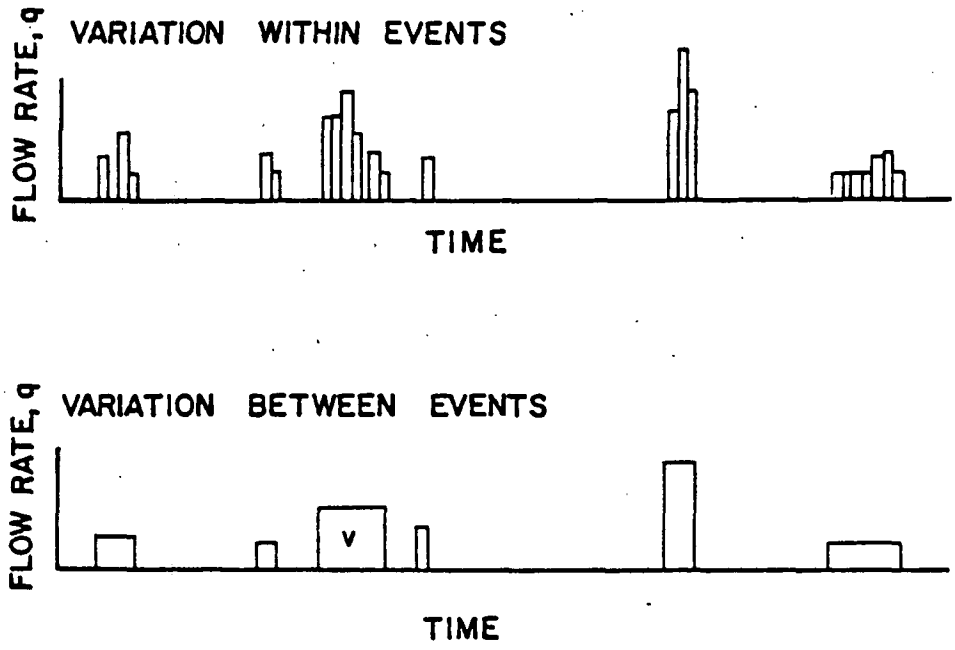


Figure I-D1. Representation of Storm Runoff Process (source: ref. 17)

where $\kappa = 1/\nu_q$, and

$\Gamma(\kappa)$ = the gamma function with argument κ.

The average event concentration, c, with mean C and coefficient of variation ν_c, is also assumed to be distributed according to the gamma distribution function.

If pollution removal is assumed to be a function of flow alone, then equation I-D2 may be simplified to

$$100-R = \frac{C}{W}\int[100-r(q)] \quad q \quad p_q(q)\ dq \qquad \text{(I-D3)}$$

The usefulness of equation I-D3 for sedimentation tanks is enhanced by requiring the average removal for each event to be described by

$$r(q) = a\ e^{-bq/A_s} \qquad \text{(I-D4)}$$

where a = coefficient, $a \leq 100$,

b = coefficient, hr/in., and

A_s = surface area of sedimentation tank, acres.

The term q/A_s can be viewed as an indicator of the "average" overflow rate or detention time for each event (recall earlier discussion). Equation I-D4 requires that depth be relatively constant over the length and width of the facility. Several removal equations for suspended solids are shown in Figure I-D2.

Substituting equations I-D2 and I-D4 into equation I-D3, integrating and solving for R, yields

$$R = a\left[\frac{1}{1 + \frac{bQ_R}{\kappa A_s}}\right]^{\kappa+1} \qquad \text{(I-D5)}$$

Equation I-D5 represents a long-term removal function relating pollutant removal, R, to the average runoff event flow rate. However, the value of R

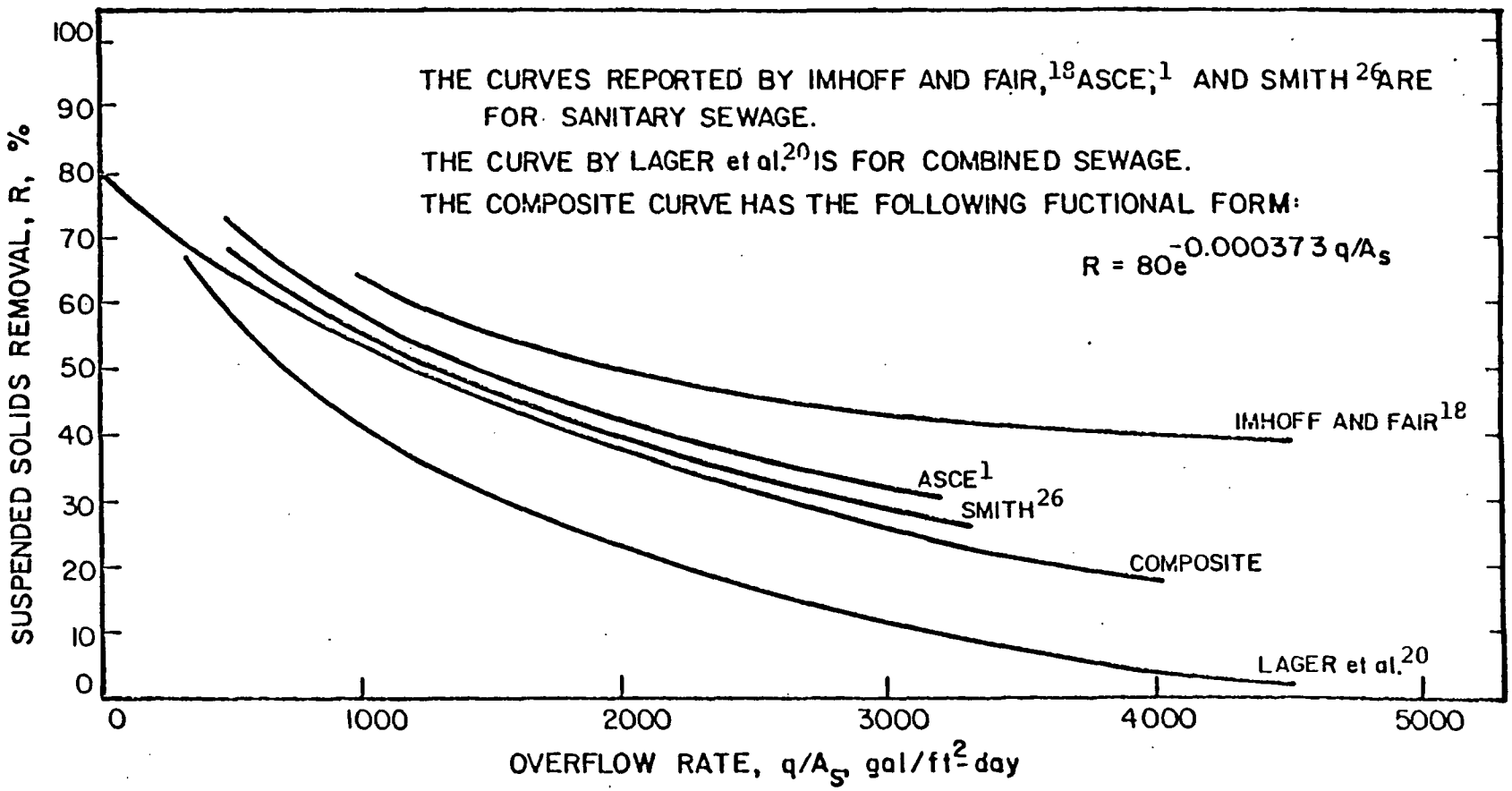


Figure I-D2. Suspended Solids Removal by Detention/Sedimentation (source: ref. 9)

estimated by equation I-D5 is probably conservative because of the additional removal occuring between events. Equations I-D3 through I-D5 assume that the water level in the facility is constant during each storm and that the detention facility remains full between storms (i.e., the level remains at the bottom of an elevated outlet structure between storms). In other words, the basin is essentially a flow-through sedimentation tank and does not provide any significant amount of storage. Thus, this procedure is probably only applicable to basins where the capacity is relatively small when compared to most storm volumes.

The advantage of such an approach is that local hydrologic factors are included in the analysis. Additionally, any pollutant may be investigated. The major drawbacks are obtaining the necessary statistics (i.e., ν_q and Q_R) and the size/flow restriction noted above.

Example: The average event runoff flow rate and the coefficient of variation for the hypothetical drainage area are 0.0146 in/hr or 0.0371 cm/hr and 1.73, respectively (see earlier discussion). Using the composite suspended solids removal function given in Figure I-D2, the long-term average removal percentage is computed as follows:

$$Q_R = (0.0146 \text{ in/hr})\ (\text{ft}/12 \text{ in})\ (600 \text{ acres})\ (43560 \text{ ft}^2/\text{acre})\ (24 \text{ hr/d})\ (7.48 \text{ gal/ft}^3)$$

$$= 57100000 \text{ gal/d}$$

$$\kappa = 1/\nu_q = 1/1.73 = 0.578$$

$$a = 80.0$$

$$b = 0.000373 \text{ ft}^2\text{-d/gal}$$

$$A_s = 36300 \text{ ft}^2$$

$$R = 80 \left[\frac{1}{1 + \frac{(0.000373\ ft^2\text{-}d/gal)\ (57100000\ gal/d)}{(0.578)\ (36300\ ft^2)}} \right]^{0.578 + 1}$$

$$= 68.7\%$$

Method: Statistical Moments Method, Storage

Data Requirements: 1) Set of runoff statistics (mean and coefficient of variation of runoff event flow, volume, duration and the time between storms)
2) Basin volume
3) Release rate

Description: Hydroscience, Inc.[17] has developed a set of long-term performance curves for storage basins operated with interevent drawdown pumping. A conceptual view of how such a storage/release configuration operates is shown in Figure I-E1. From this figure and several assumptions, a set of curves relating the mean effective storage capacity, V_E, to the maximum storage capacity, V_B, and the interevent drawdown rate, Ω, was developed. These curves are shown in Figure I-E2. Among the assumptions used to develop this relationship are the following:

1) The runoff flows, q, duration, d, and time between storms, δ, are exponentially distributed and independent (i.e., gamma distributions with $\nu_q = \nu_d = \nu_\delta = 1$).
2) The basin is emptied or drawn down at a constant rate, Ω, between events.
3) Storm volumes exceeding the available basin capacity are by-passed.
4) The available storage capacity for any particular storm, V_e, is the difference between the maximum capacity, V_B, and the volume remaining from the previous storm. The expected value (or long-term mean) of V_e is the mean effective storage capacity, V_E.
5) Storm 1 begins with $V_e = V_E$.
6) The coefficient of variation for runoff event volumes is $\sqrt{3}$.

The curves in Figure I-E2 are normalized over the mean runoff volume, V_R, to enhance their applicability.

The long-term fraction of runoff pollutant load not captured (i.e., discharged with by-passed flows) by the storage basin, f_V, is calculated

as the by-passed load, divided by the total load:

$$f_V = \frac{C \int_{q=0}^{\infty} \int_{d=V_E/q}^{\infty} q(d - V_E/q)\, p_d(d)\, p_q(q)\, dd\, dq}{C\, Q_R\, D_R} \qquad \text{(I-E1)}$$

where f_V = long-term fraction of pollutant load not captured,

C = mean runoff pollutant concentration for all events, mass/volume

P_d (d) = probability distribution for runoff event duration, d,

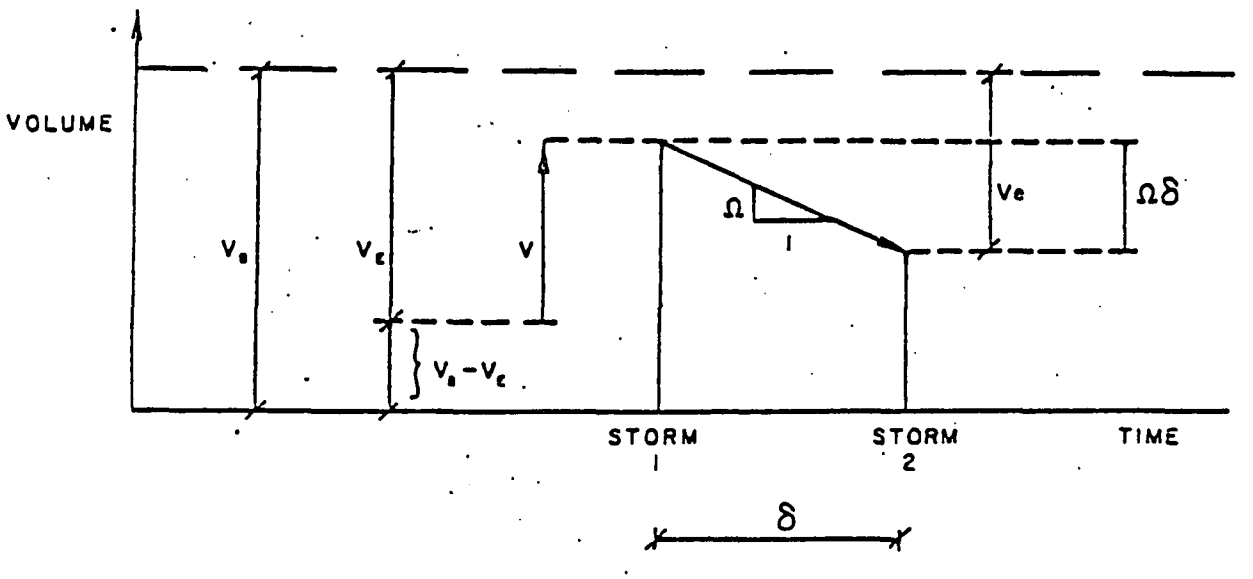
p_q (q) = probability distribution for runoff event flow, q,

Q_R = mean runoff flow for all events, volume/time, and

D_R = mean runoff event duration, time.

Equation I-E1 was numerically integrated to obtain the curves shown in Figure I-E3. The fraction not captured, f_V, is a function of the mean effective storage capacity, V_E, and the coefficient of variation of the runoff volumes, ν_{vR}. Again the mean effective storage capacity, V_E, is normalized over V_R to enhance the applicability of the curves. Note that the runoff concentration is assumed to be independent of runoff flow. This creates a situation in which the runoff concentration is a constant value, C, for all flows and, thus, first-flush effects are ignored. However, Hydroscience [17] developed a set of curves to account for the first-flush effect.

Unfortunately, this method only calculates the fraction of the pollutant load "captured" by the basin, i.e., the load that is not by-passed for some period of time. In order to account for the removal of pollutants a relationship between long-term efficiency and an indicator of detention ability is required. The long-term efficiency is multiplied by the fraction "captured" by the basin to determine the actual level of pollution control.



Legend

V_B = maximum storage capacity

V_E = mean effective storage capacity

V = storm 1 volume

Ω = drawdown rate between storms

V_e = available storage at the start of a storm

δ = time between storm midpoints

Figure I-E1. Conceptualization of Storage Operation (source: ref. 17)

An approach similar to that used by Howard et al.[14] can be used with this method to account for pollution reduction in storage, i.e.,

$$\bar{R} = a \log (DT) + b \qquad \text{(I-E2)}$$

where $\bar{R}$ = long-term pollutant removal efficiency, $0 \leq R \leq 1.0$

a, b = coefficients, and

DT = detention parameter, hr

The definition of DT is purposely left unspecified. Howard et al[14] recommend letting $DT = S/2\Omega$ where S is the basin volume in inches and Ω is the release or treatment rate in inches/hour. However, other indicators of detention ability are probably equally as valid (e.g., basin volume/average inflow, basin volume/total annual inflow, etc.). The coefficients a and b must be determined from an applicable data base such as a cross section of basin data, by calibration against on-site data, or by calibration to the results of a simulator that directly models pollutant removal (e.g. SWMM S/T Block[15]).

Pollutant removal equations need not be limited to the type given by equation I-E2. Other forms are equally permissible as long as they can be used to relate some indicator of detention time and long-term pollutant removal. One possible (and perhaps preferrable) alternative is

$$\bar{R} = \bar{R}_{max}(1 - e^{-K(DT)}) \qquad \text{(I-E3)}$$

where $\bar{R}$ = long-term pollutant removal efficiency, $0 \geq R \geq R_{max}$

$\bar{R}_{max}$ = maximum efficiency, $0 \geq R_{max} \geq 1$,

K = coefficient, 1/hr, and

DT = detention parameter, hr.

The reader is cautioned that the results from batch settling tests are not directly suitable to find values for the coefficients in equations I-E2 or I-E3. In these applications, the critical variable is the elapsed settling time, t_d. The parameter DT is only an indicator of the detention ability

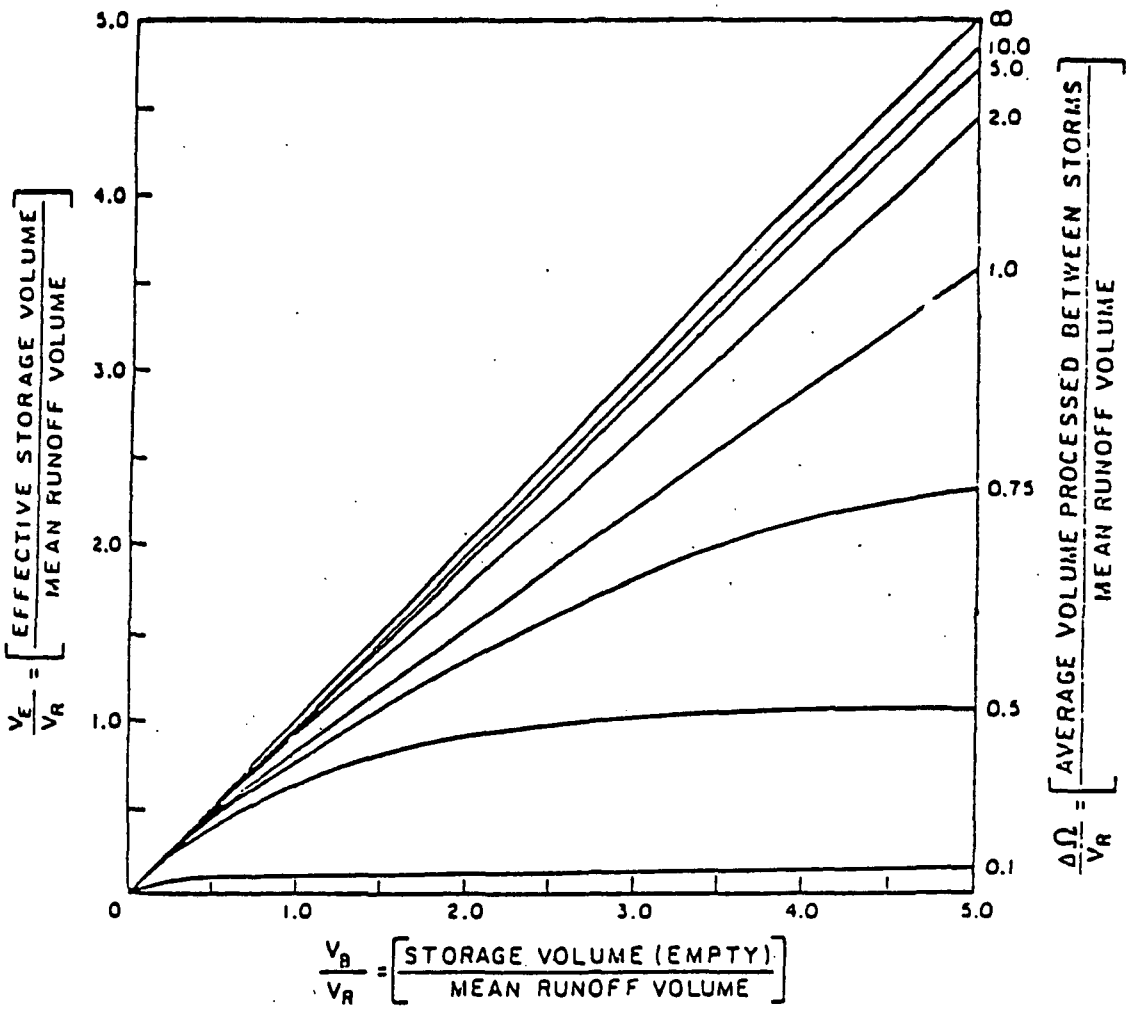


Figure I-E2. Determination of the Mean Effective Storage Capacity, V_E (source: ref. 17)

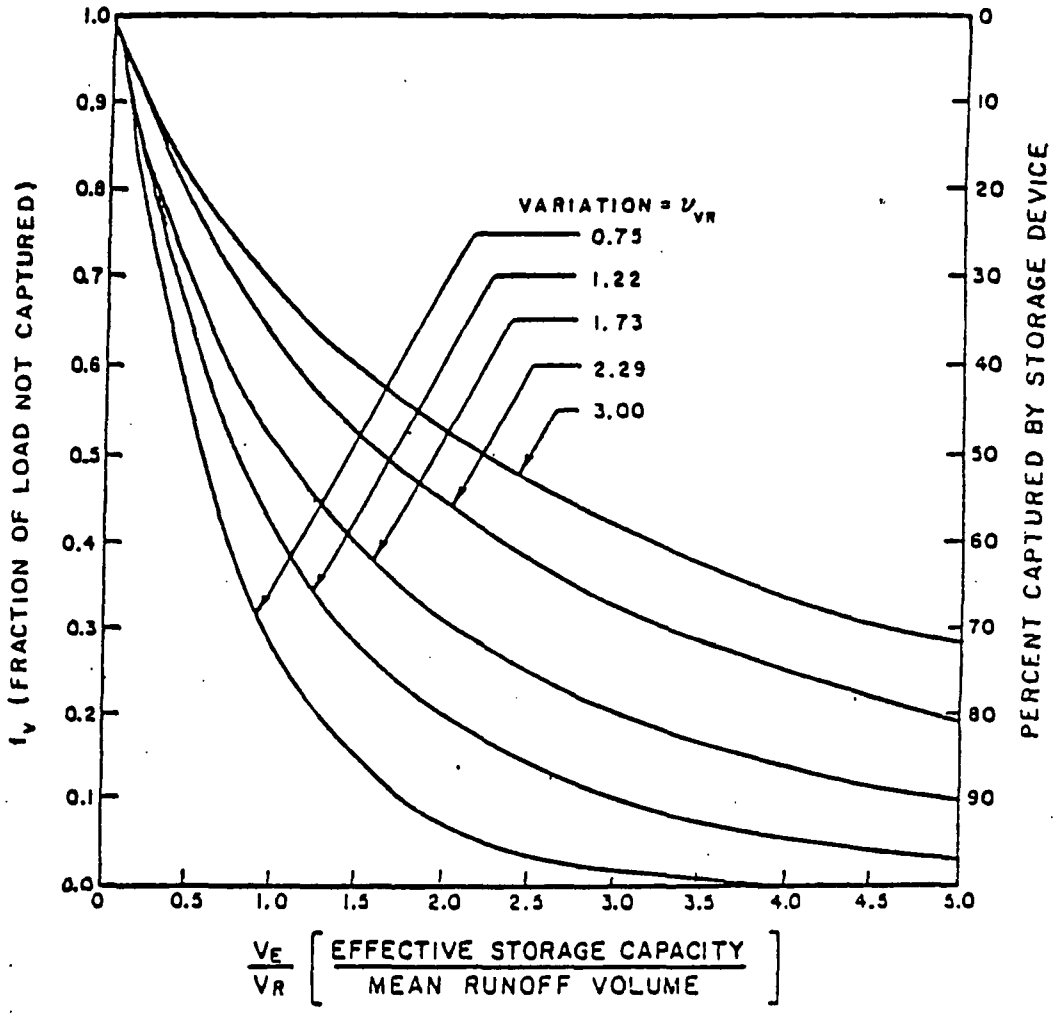


Figure I-E3. Determination of the Long-Term Fraction of the Pollutant Load Not Captured by Storage, f_V (source: ref. 17)

of the basin. On the other hand, t_d is a real-time measure limited to experimental work and simulators capable of tracking the detention time of each water parcel as it passes through a detention basin.

Example: None

Method: Statistical Analysis Method (Source: ref. 14)

Data Requirements: 1) Set of runoff statistics
2) Basin capacity
3) Treatment plant or release rate

Description: The purpose of the statistical analysis method is to obtain closed form expressions for the probability distributions of runoff, overflow and pollution events - expressions which reflect the natural physical processes in the watershed and the effect of man-made facilities and operations. These results can then be used in planning control strategies.

To accomplish this, the watershed has to be represented by a very simple model. Storm events are defined, and the rainfall data are analyzed to obtain the statistics of rainfall probability distributions. Using these distributions and a watershed model, probability distributions of runoff and pollution events are then derived. These distributions form the basis for determining the runoff and pollution control provided by combinations of storage and treatment capacities.

The watershed and facilities are shown schematically in Figure I-E1. Rainfall is the input to the watershed. This input is transformed into runoff, whose temporal behavior depends on that of the rainfall and on the storage and conveyance characteristics of the watershed. The runoff picks up pollution from the watershed and flows into the man-made reservoir. Water is released from the reservoir to the treatment plant, and the treated outflow is discharged into the receiving waters. When the reservoir cannot contain all the runoff, the remainder spills into the receiving waters without going through the treatment plant. Water can also be released after detention in storage into the receiving waters without passing through treatment. This allows the operator to prepare some empty storage when he expects the next storm, releasing into the receiving waters runoff which was already allowed to settle in the reservoir and trapping the first flush of the next storm.

The mathematical method is based on the following propositions and assumptions:

(1) Runoff is generated from the rainfall by first subtracting the depression storage, s_d, and then multiplying the remaining effective precipitation by the runoff coefficient, ϕ.

(2) The concentration of pollution in the runoff waters is constant, independent of the time between storms, rainfall intensity, or time during the storm. Any specified single pollutant (e.g. suspended solids) can be considered.

(3) The treatment plant operates at a constant rate, Ω (in inches/hr), as long as water is in the reservoir. This treatment rate is assigned to storm runoff only, i.e., it is the capacity of the sewage treatment plant above that needed to treat dry weather flows as it is a separate wet-weather plant.

(4) The efficiency of the treatment plant, η_Ω, is constant.

(5) The storage reservoir has a treatment efficiency, η_s, which is due to the residence time of water in it. This efficiency is estimated as

$$\eta_s = a \log (DT) + b, \qquad RT \leq RTMIN \qquad \text{(I-F1)}$$

where (a) and (b) are empirically determined coefficients and RTMIN is some reasonable minimum value of DT above which equation I-F1 is valid. The value of DT, the detention parameter, is estimated as $S/2\Omega$ where S is the basin capacity (in inches).

(6) The bypass overflow receives no treatment, and therefore enters into the receiving waters with the original pollutant concentration.

(7) Runoff enters the reservoir at a constant rate for the approxi-

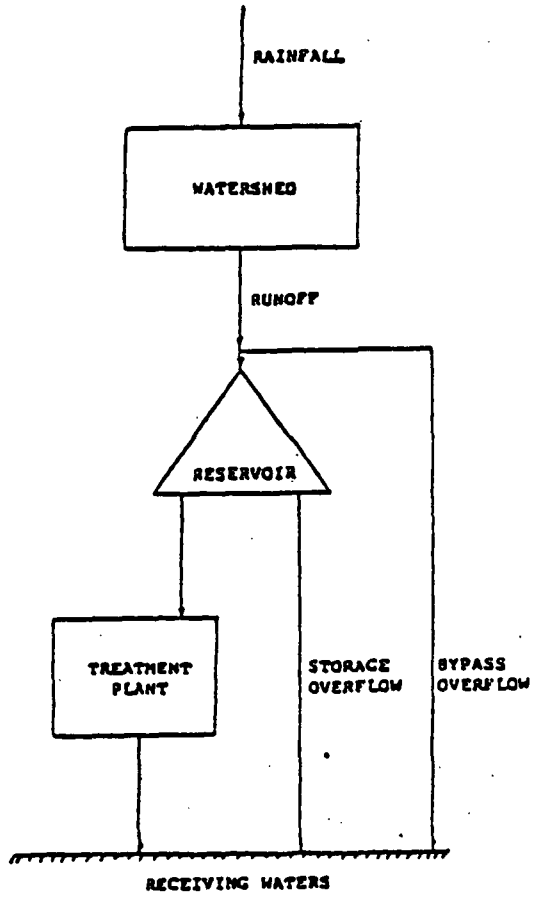


Figure I-F1. Schematic Representation of the System Used by the Statistical Analysis Method (source: ref. 14)

mate duration of the rainfall, i.e. the temporal distribution of inflow to the reservoir is not affected by routing on the watershed or in the pipes.

(8) The reservoir is assumed to be full at the end of the previous storm.

Example: None

Method: Corps of Engineer's STORM model (Source : ref. 16)

Data Requirements:
1) Long-term hourly rainfall record
2) Drainage area characteristics (imperviousness, depression storage)
3) Basin volume
4) Treatment plant or release rate

Description: Figure I-G1 shows a schematic representation of the seven storm water elements modeled by STORM. In this approach, rainfall washes dust and dirt and the associated pollutants off the watershed. The resulting runoff is routed to the treatment-storage facilities where runoff less than or equal to the treatment rate is treated and released. Runoff exceeding the capacity of the treatment plant is stored for treatment at a later time. If storage is exceeded, the untreated excess is wasted through overflow directly into the receiving waters. The magnitude and frequency of these overflows are often important in a storm water study. STORM provides statistical information on washoff, as well as overflows. The quantity, quality, and number of overflows are functions of hydrologic characteristics, land use, treatment rate, and storage capacity.

Computations of treatment, storage, and overflow are accomplished on an hourly basis throughout the rainfall/snowmelt record. Periods of no rain are skipped. The number of dry hours is used for various purposes including recovery of soil moisture storage capability. Every hour in which runoff (may include dry-weather flow) occurs, the treatment facilities are utilized to treat as much runoff as possible. When the runoff rate exceeds the treatment rate, storage is utilized to contain the runoff. When runoff is less than the treatment rate, the excess treatment rate is utilized to diminish the storage level. If the storage capacity is exceeded, all excess runoff is considered overflow and does not pass through the storage facility. This overflow is lost from the system and cannot be treated later. While the storm runoff is in storage its age is increasing.

Various methods of aging are used including average, first-in: last-out, first-in: first out, or others, depending on the inlet and outlet configurations of the storage reservoir. STORM does not compute the amount of pollutant reductions due to settlement of solids while in storage.

An approach similar to that used by Howard et al.[14] can be used with STORM to account for pollution reduction in storage, i.e.,

$$R = a \log (DT) + b \qquad \text{(I-G1)}$$

where R = long-term pollutant removal efficiency, $0 \geq R \geq 1.0$

a, b = coefficients, and

DT = detention parameter, hr

The definition of DT is purposely left unspecified. Howard et al.[14] recommend letting DT = S/2T where S is the basin volume in inches and T is the release or treatment rate in inches/hour. However, other indicators of detention ability are probably equally valid (e.g., basin volume/average inflow, basin volume/total annual inflow, etc.). The coefficients a and b must be determined from an applicable data base such as a cross section of basin data, by calibration against on-site data, or by calibration to the results of a simulator that directly models pollutant removal (e.g., SWMM S/T Block[15]).

Pollutant removal equations need not be limited to the type given by equation I-G1. Other forms are equally permissible as long as they can be used to relate some indicator of detention time to long-term pollutant removal. One possible (and perhaps preferable) alternative is

$$\overline{R} = \overline{R}_{max}(1 - e^{-k(DT)}) \qquad \text{(I-G2)}$$

where $\overline{R}$ = long-term pollutant removal efficiency, $0 \leq R \leq \overline{R}_{max}$

$\overline{R}_{max}$ = maximum efficiency, $0 \leq R_{max} \leq 1$,

K = coefficient, 1/hr, and

DT = detention parameter, hr.

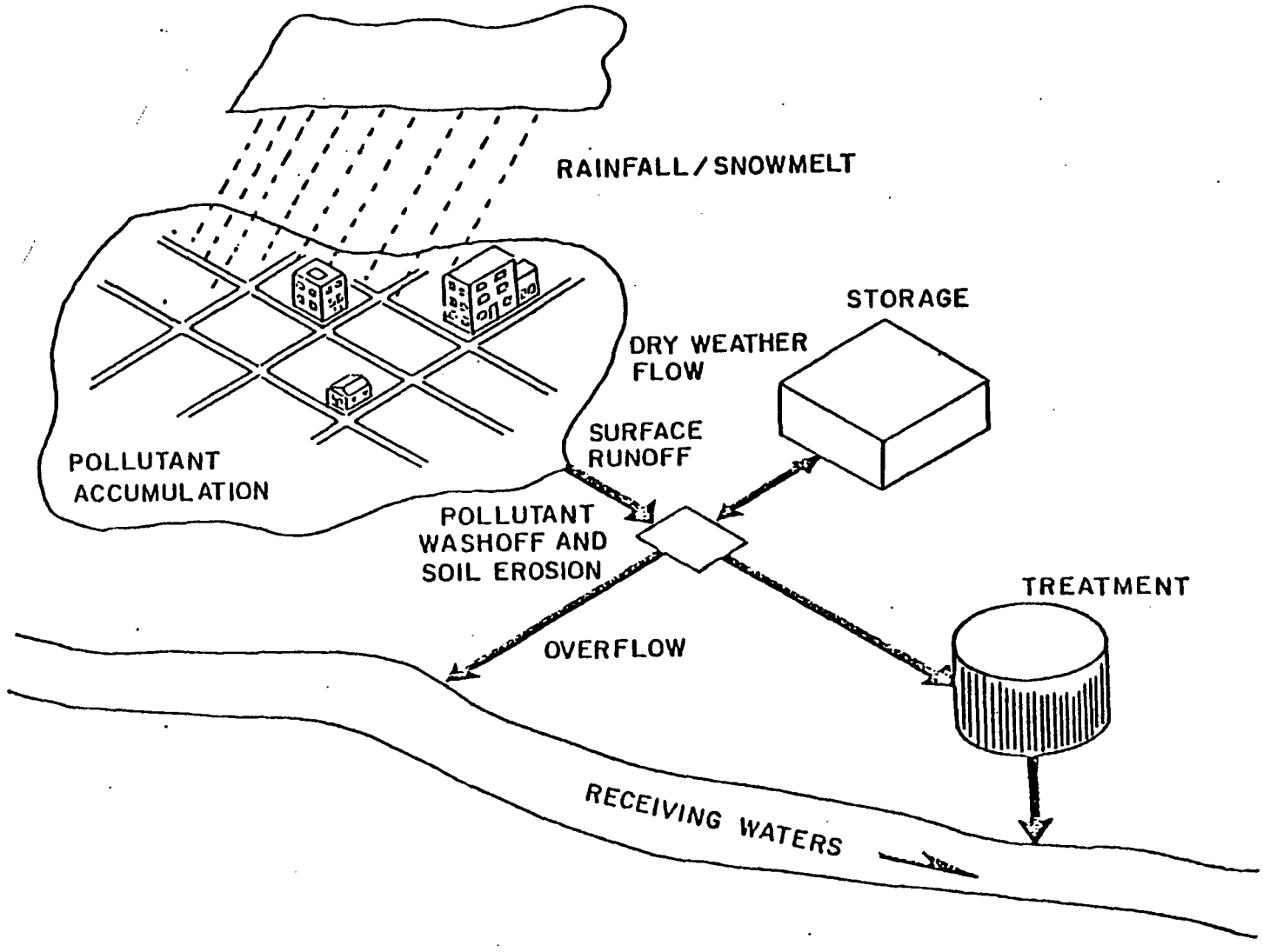


Figure I-G1. Major Processes Modeled by STORM (source: ref. 16)

The reader is cautioned that the results from batch settling tests are not directly suitable to find values for the coefficients in equations I-G1 and I-G2. In these applications, the critical variable is the elasped settling time, t_d. The parameter *DT* is only an indicator of the detention ability of the basin. On the other hand, t_d is a real-time measure limited to experimental work and simulators capable of tracking the detention time of each water parcel as it passes through a detention basin.

The long-term pollutant removal efficiency is multiplied by the estimate of pollutant "capture" provided by the model to determine the overall level of pollution control. Pollutant capture is defined as the fraction (on an annual basis) of the pollutant load passing through the storage-treatment system.

Example: None

Method: SWMM Storage/Treatment Block (Source: ref. 23 and ref. 15)

Data Requirements:
1) Basin geometry and outlet hydraulics
2) Pollutant removal equation or particle size distribution
3) Flow and pollutant concentration time series (from measurements and/or another simulator)
4) Evaporation rates

Description: The University of Florida[15] has developed the Storage/Treatment (S/T) Block as part of the extensive EPA Storm Water Management Model (SWMM). The S/T Block is a flexible simulator capable of modeling several storage/treatment units, including detention facilities. The model has several advantages, among them:

1) the ability to model a wide variety of detention facility geometries and outlet structures;
2) sludge accounting;
3) the capability for dry-weather drawdown;
4) it is readily interfaced with the other blocks of SWMM (which have the ability to simulate stormwater discharges from a variety of drainage areas);
5) pollutants may be characterized by particle size/specific gravity distributions;
6) a wide variety of time-varying pollutant removal equations may be used;
7) any pollutant may be simulated; and
8) it is the most versatile model available.

The model lacks the ability, however, to model the resuspension of settled particles. Basins may be modeled as completely-mixed or plug flow reactors: intermediate (arbitrary flow) modes are not available. A detailed description of the SWMM Storage/Treatment Block is given by Huber et al.[15].

For complete mixing, the concentration of the pollutant in the unit is assumed to be equal to the effluent concentration. The mass balance equation for the assumed well-mixed, variable-volume reservoir shown in Figure I-H1 is [22]:

$$\frac{d(VC)}{dt} = I(t)\ C^I(t) - O(t)\ C(t) - K\ C(t)\ V(t) \qquad \text{(I-H1)}$$

where V = reservoir volume, ft^3,

C^I = influent pollutant concentration, mg/l,

C = effluent and reservoir pollutant concentration, mg/l,

I = inflow rate, ft^3/sec,

O = outflow rate, ft^3/sec,

t = time, sec, and

K = decay coefficient, sec^{-1}.

Equation I-H1 is very difficult to work with directly. It may be approximated by writing the mass balance equation for the pollutant over the interval, Δt:

Change in mass in basin = Mass entering during Δt − Mass leaving during Δt − Decay during Δt

$$C_2V_2 - C_1V_1 = \frac{C_1^I\ I_1 + C_2^I\ I_2}{2}\ \Delta t - \frac{C_1O_1 + C_2O_2}{2}\ \Delta t - K\ \frac{C_1V_1 + C_2V_2}{2}\ \Delta t \qquad \text{(I-H2)}$$

where subscripts 1 and 2 refer to the beginning and end of the time step, respectively.

From a separate flow-routing procedure (the Puls method[27]), I_1, I_2, O_1, O_2, V_1, and V_2 are known. The concentration in the reservoir at the beginning of the time step, C_1, and the influent concentrations, C_1^I and C_2^I are also known as are the decay rate, K, and the time step, Δt. Thus, the only unknown, the concentration at the end of the time step, C_2, can be found di-

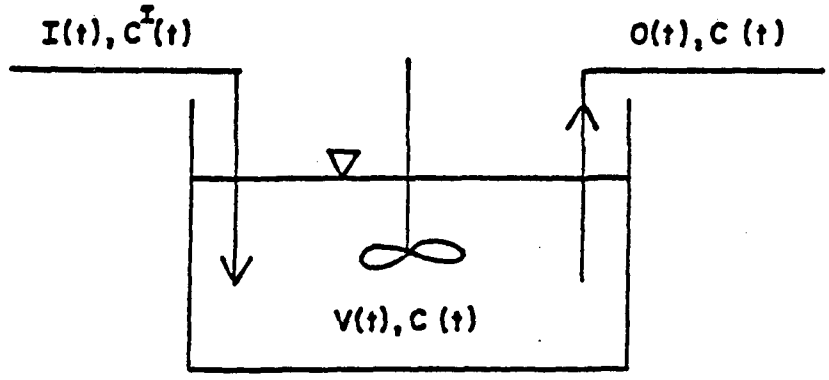


Figure I-H1. Well-Mixed, Variable-Volume Reservoir (source: ref. 24)

Table I-H1. Detention Facility Performance, S/T Block (source: ref. 23)

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******** SUMMARY FOR UNIT # 1, DETENTION BASIN ********

	FLOW (CF)	FLOW % TOT	FLOW % TRT	SUS. SOLIDS (LBS)	SUS. SOLIDS % TOT	SUS. SOLIDS % TRT	BOD (LBS)	BOD % TOT	BOD % TRT
INFLOW, TOT	0.1675E+08			0.3571E+06			0.5404E+05		
BYPASS	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	
INFLOW, TRT	0.1675E+08	100.0		0.3571E+06	100.0		0.5404E+05	100.0	
OUTFLOW	0.1650E+08	98.5	98.5	0.1475E+06	41.3	41.3	0.3600E+05	66.6	66.6
RESIDUALS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
REMAINING	0.2189E+06	1.3	1.3	0.2094E+06	58.6	58.6	0.1802E+05	33.3	33.3
EVAP. LOSS	0.3193E+05	0.2	0.2						

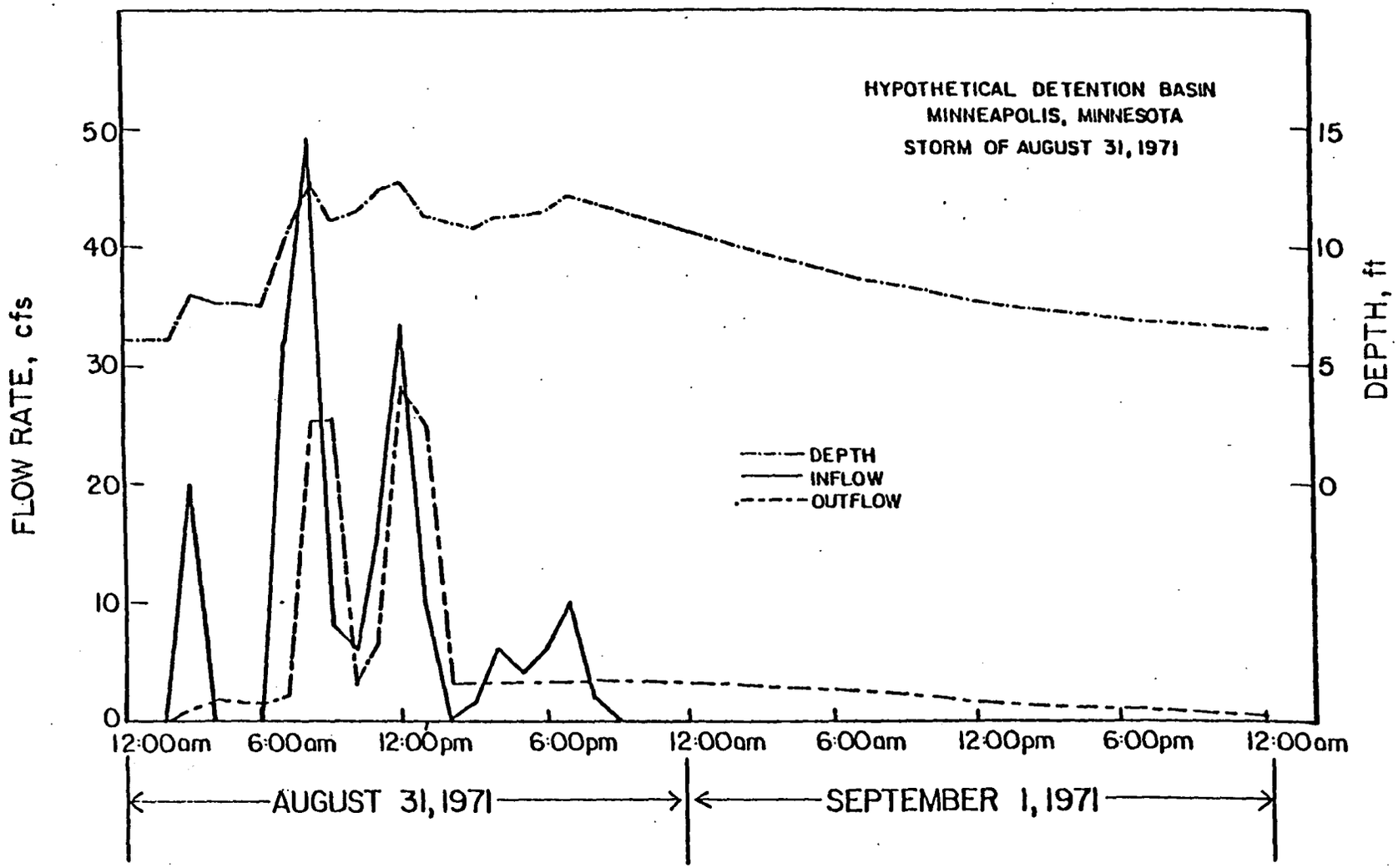

Figure I-112. Detention Facility Quantity Performance, Storm of August 31, 1971, S/T Block (source: ref. 23)

rectly by rearranging equation I-H2 to yield

$$C_2 = \frac{C_1V_1 + \frac{(C_1^I\ I_1 + C_2^I\ I_2)}{2}\ \Delta t - \frac{C_1O_1}{2}\ \Delta t - \frac{K\ C_1V_1}{2}\ \Delta t}{V_2(1 + \frac{K\ \Delta t}{2}) + \frac{O_2}{2}\ \Delta t} \qquad \text{(I-H3)}$$

Equation I-H3 is the basis for the complete mixing model of pollutant routing through a detention unit.

Equations I-H1, I-H2, and I-H3 assume that pollutants are removed at a rate proportional to the concentration present in the unit. In other words, a first-order reaction is assumed. The coefficient K is the rate constant — it represents the fraction of pollutant removed per unit of time. Thus, the product of K and Δt represents the fraction removed during a time step, R. The user controls the value of R through the use of a user-supplied removal equation (see Equation I-H6 and accompanying discussion).

Removed pollutant quantities are not allowed to accumulate in a completely-mixed detention unit. Strictly, pollutants cannot settle under such conditions. All pollutant removal is assumed to occur by other means, such as biological decomposition. Several processes such as flocculation and rapid-mix chlorination are essentially completely-mixed detention units.

If the user selects the plug flow option, the inflow during each time step, herein called a plug, is labeled and queued through the detention unit. Transfer of pollutants between plugs is not permitted. The outflow for any time step is comprised of the oldest plugs, and/or fractions thereof, present in the unit. This is accomplished by satisfying continuity for the present outflow volume (calculated by the Puls flow-routing procedure[27]):

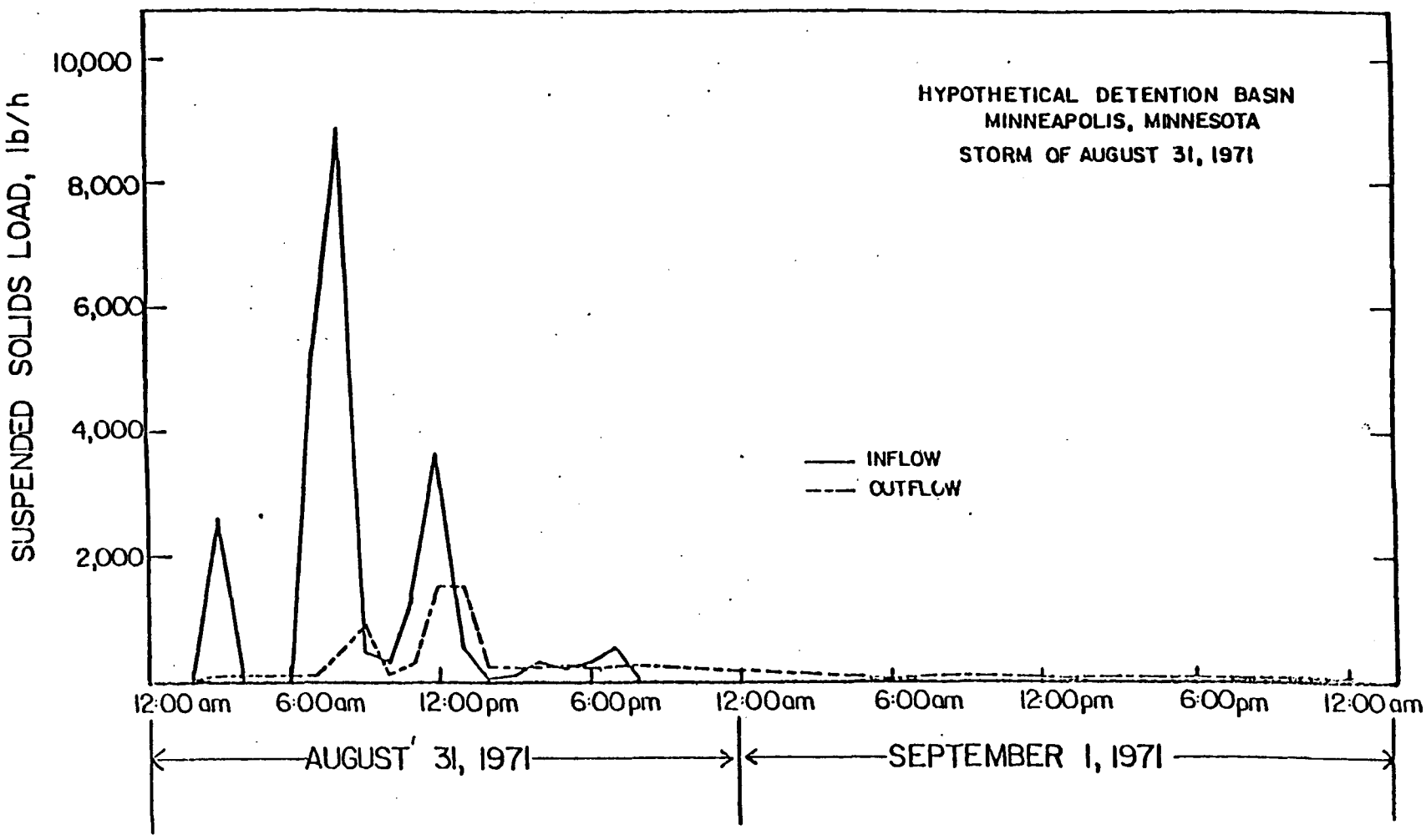

Figure I-H3. Detention Facility Quality Performance, Storm of August 31, 1971, S/T Block (source: ref. 23)

$$\sum_{j=JP}^{LP} V_j \div f_j = V_o \qquad \text{(I-H4)}$$

where V_o = volume leaving unit during the present time step, ft^3,

V_j = volume entering unit during the jth time step (plug j), ft^3,

f_j = fraction of plug k that must leave the unit to satisfy continuity with V_o, $0 \leq f_j \leq 1$,

JP = time step number of the oldest plug in the unit, and

LP = time step number of the youngest plug required to satisfy continuity with V_o.

Removal equations are specified by the user (see later discussion) and, in most cases, should be written as a function of detention time (along with other possible parameters). The detention time for each plug j is calculated as

$$(t_d)_j = (KKDT - j)\ \Delta t \qquad \text{(I-H5)}$$

where KKDT = present time step number.

Removal of any pollutant may be simulated as a function of detention time, the time step size, its influent concentration, the removal fractions of pollutants, and/or the influent concentrations of other pollutants. This selection is left to the user but there are some restrictions (depending on the basin type). A single, flexible equation is provided by the program to construct the desired removal equation:

$$R = \Big(a_{12}\exp[a_1x_1]x_2^{a_2} + a_{13}\exp[a_3x_3]x_4^{a_4} + a_{14}\exp[a_5x_5]x_6^{a_6} + a_{15}\exp[a_7x_7 + a_8x_8]x_9^{a_9}x_{10}^{a_{10}}x_{11}^{a_{11}}\Big)^{a_{16}} \qquad \text{(I-H6)}$$

where x_i = removal equation variables,

a_j = coefficients, and

R = removal fraction, $0 \leq R \leq 1.0$.

The user assigns the removal equation variables, x_i, to specific program variables (detention time, flow rate, etc.). If an equation variable is not assigned it is set equal to 1.0 for the duration of the simulation. The values of the coefficients, a_j, are directly specified by the users. There is considerable flexibility contained in equation I-H6 and, with a judicious selection of coefficients and assignment of variables, the user probably can create the desired equation. An example is given below.

An earlier version of the Storage/Treatment Block employed the following removal equation for suspended solids in a sedimentation tank[12]:

$$R_{SS} = R_{max}(1 - e^{-Kt_d}) \qquad \text{(I-H7)}$$

where R_{SS} = suspended solids removal fraction, $0 \leq R_{SS} \leq R_{max}$,

R_{max} = maximum removal fraction,

t_d = detention time, sec, and

K = decay coefficient, sec^{-1}.

This same equation could be built from equation I-H6 by setting $a_{12} = R_{max}$, $a_{13} = -R_{max}$, $a_3 = -K$, $a_{16} = 1.0$, and letting x_3 = detention time, t_d. All other coefficients, a_j, would equal zero.

Treatability studies can help determine the value of decay coefficients (See Appendix II). Ideally, there would also be some flow and pollutant concentration measurements (for the influent and effluent, concurrently) for an adequate calibration. However, if treatability data are the only source of performance data, the model could probably generate a reasonable estimate of long-term performance.

<u>Example</u>: The Storage/Treatment (S/T) Block of the Storm Water Management Model was used to simulate the hypothetical detention facility described earlier. A year of flow and pollutant concentration data were generated using the Corps of Engineers' STORM model and linked to the S/T

Block through an interfacing program. These data were generated from the land use information provided in the general example description and the Minneapolis precipitation record for 1971. Based on a frequency analysis of 25 years of precipitation records, Heaney et al.[11] selected 1971 as a fairly typical year for Minneapolis. The basin was modeled as a plug-flow unit and a relationship identical to equation I-H7 was used to remove suspended solids and BOD_5. The value of R_{max} was set at 0.65 and 0.35 for suspended solids and BOD_5, respectively, and the value of K equalled 0.0003 sec^{-1} in both cases. The results are summarized in Table I-H1. The suspended solids removal is 58.7 percent and the BOD_5 removal is 33.4 percent.

A simulator provides an extra benefit in that specific periods can be investigated in more detail. The behavior of the facility during the storm of August 31, 1971 is shown in Figure I-H2. The total rainfall for this storm was 1.19 in. (3.02 cm). A scan of the results shows the expected response. The peak flows are substantially reduced and discharged over a significantly longer period than that of the inflows. In this particular case, the discharges are very high when the water depth in the basin exceeds 12 ft (the depth at the bottom of the weir) and very low between 6 ft and 12 ft (orifice discharge). A substantial reduction in the suspended solids loading is also evident.

Method: Other Simulation Methods (Source: ref. 23)

Data Requirements: Variable; generally requires basin geometry, outlet structure, pollutant removal coefficients and inflow time series.

Description; In a report by the City of Milwaukee[8] concerning the design of the Humboldt Avenue detention basin, a simple model was developed to aid in the analysis. In this model, the basin is treated as a constant-volume, plug-flow reactor and pollutants are removed as a function of detention time (i.e., the length of time a plug of water remains in the basin). No provisions are made for solids characteristics (i.e., particle size distribution), resuspension of settled material, sludge build-up or varying outlet structures. Despite its simplicity, the model admirably performed the required tasks.

A more advanced model developed by Ward et al.[28] was given the acronym DEPOSITS. It is designed to simulate sediment detention basins but is readily adaptable to urban stormwater detention facilities. Again, the detention facility is modeled as a plug-flow reactor. In this case, sediment is removed by simulating the settling of particles and a particle size/specific gravity distribution is required. In contrast to the Milwaukee model, DEPOSITS is capable of simulating the facility as a variable surface area and volume unit. The model also accounts for the effects of sediment (sludge) build-up. It is not intended for long-term simulations.

Medina[22] constructed a detention facility model by solving the differential equations governing the movement of flow and pollutants through well-mixed detention basins. The solutions, containing complex integrals, are directly useable if simple forcing functions (inflow hydrographs and pollutographs) are assumed. However, these forcing functions are rarely simple and, in fact, contain a substantial random

element. Thus, direct solutions are nearly impossible to achieve. This difficulty is overcome by evaluating the solution at discrete intervals and assuming a constant forcing function over each interval. This method is applicable to constant and variable volume facilities. Unfortunately, the model is limited to a linear relationship between volume and outflow.

Appendix II: Treatability Studies for Detention Basins

Several NURP studies are evaluating the removal efficiencies of stormwater detention ponds. Data on the performance of these ponds are very scarce. Whipple and Hunter[29] have examined the settleability of urban runoff pollution. Their data will be used to describe a relatively general procedure for summarizing the results of a treatability study. Figure II-1 shows their settleability data for hydrocarbons. The usual assumption in environmental engineering is that pollutant removal follows first-order kinetics. If this is the case then the equation for hydrocarbon removal can be represented by

$$c/c_o = e^{-kt} \qquad \text{(II-1)}$$

where c = hydrocarbon concentration at any time t, mg/l,

c_o = initial hydrocarbon concentration, mg/l,

t = detention time, hr, and

k = rate constant, hr^{-1}.

Taking the logarithm of equation (1) yields

$$\ln(c/c_o) = -kt \qquad \text{(II-2)}$$

Thus, a plot of the data on semi-log paper should yield a straight line with a slope of -k. Unfortunately, the data do not plot as a straight line on semi-log paper (see Figure II-2) indicating that the assumption of first-order kinetics, in this case, is inappropriate. A primary reason for the popularity of assuming first-order kinetics is that the resulting solution is so simple. Removal efficiencies are independent of initial concentrations. However, first-order kinetics may provide a reasonable approximation if the range of times is relatively short. For example, first-order kinetics can be assumed to hold for the hydrocarbon data as long as the detention times are less than about eight hours (see Figure II-2). One could next try second-order kinetics, or third order, or zero order. Fortunately,

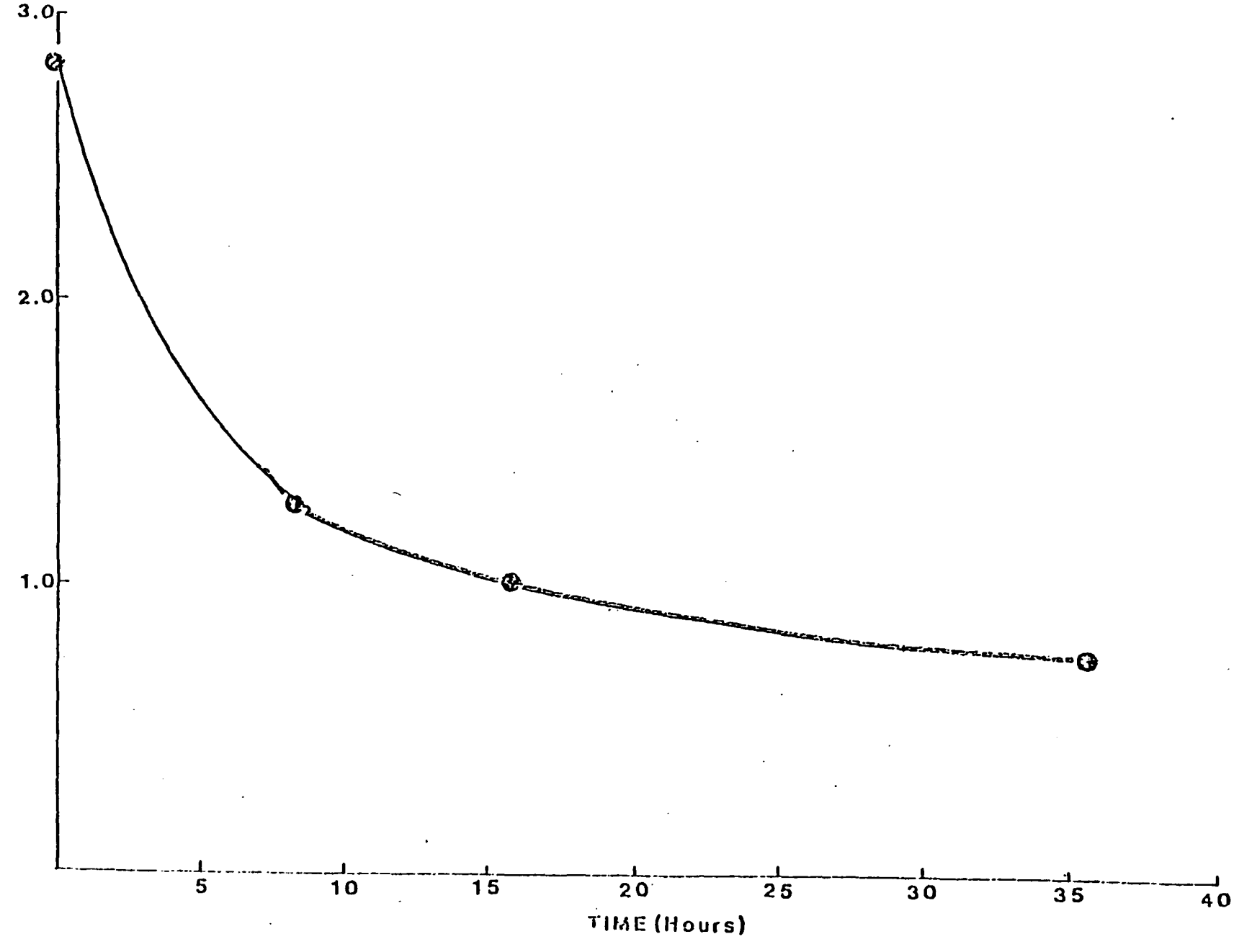

Figure II-1. Settleability of Hydrocarbons, Lawrenceville Shopping Center (source: ref. 28)

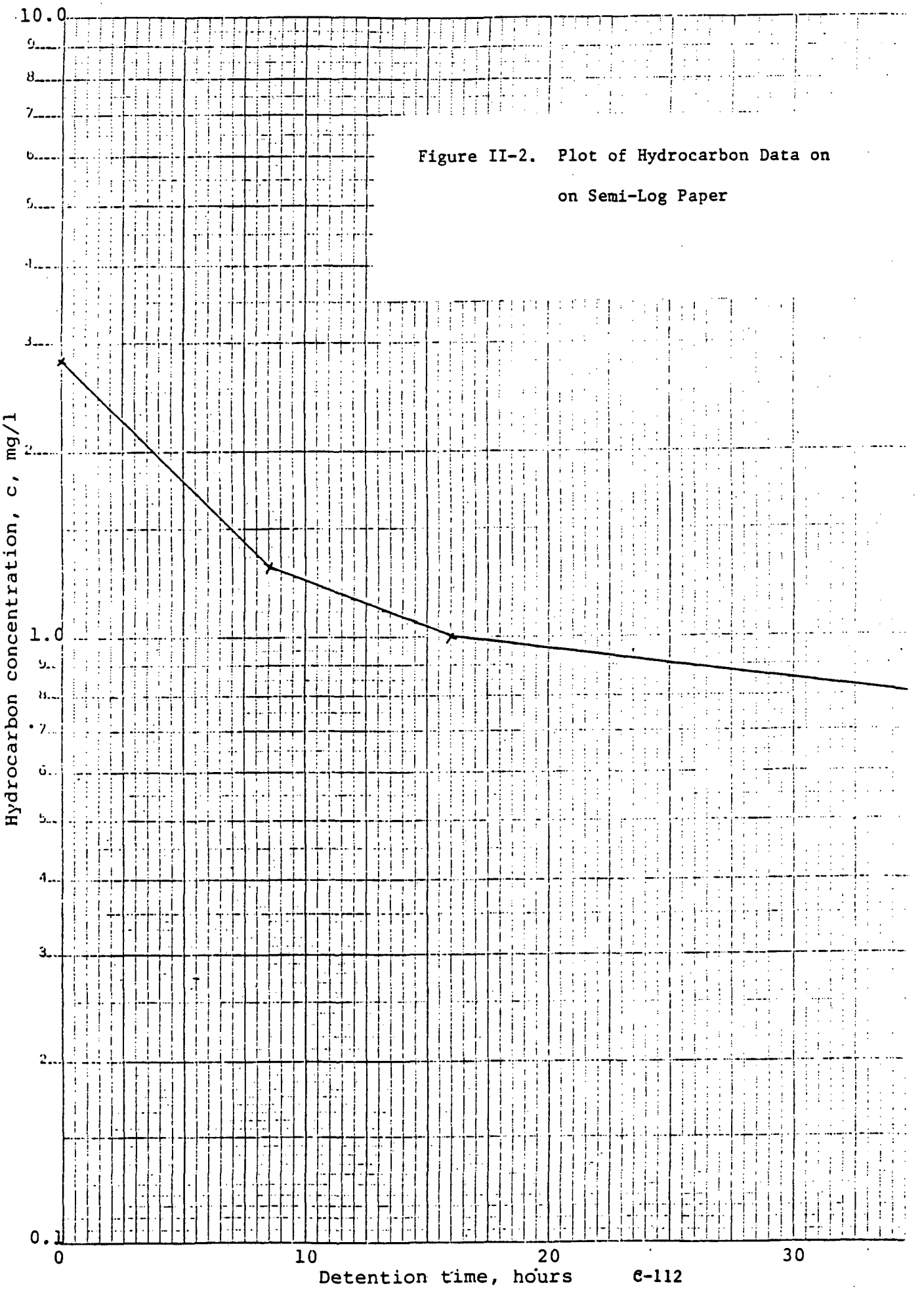

Figure II-2. Plot of Hydrocarbon Data on on Semi-Log Paper

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a more general approach exists wherein the order can assume non-integer values.

The rate of reaction and concentration of reactant can be related as follows:

$$-\frac{dc}{dt} = r = k\,c^n \qquad \text{(II-3)}$$

where r = reaction rate,

k = rate constant,

c = concentration of reactant, and

n = reaction order.

Using equation II-3, the reaction order can be found by plotting reaction rate, $r = dc/dt$, versus concentration, c, as shown in Figure II-3. Technically, the above procedure is called the differential method for determining the reaction order for isothermal irreversible reactions in a perfectly mixed, constant volume reactor (see Levenspiel[21], Hill[12], Holland and Anthony[13], and/or Butt[4] for details). The expression for the proportion remaining can be found for any n by solving

$$r = -dc/dt = k\,c^n \qquad \text{(II-4)}$$

Integrating equation II-4 yields

$$c/c_o = [1 + (n-1)c_o^{\,n-1}\,kt]^{\frac{1}{1-n}} \qquad n \neq -1 \qquad \text{(II-5)}$$

For the hydrocarbon data, $k = 0.037$, $n = 1.90$ (see Figure II-3), and c_o = 2.8 mg/l. Substituting into equation II-5 yields

$$c/c_o = [1 + (1.90-1)2.8^{(1.90-1)}\,(.037)t]^{\frac{1}{1-1.90}}, \text{ or}$$

simplifying,

$$c/c_o = [1 + .0842t]^{-1.11} \qquad \text{(II-6)}$$

Equation II-6 can be spot checked by trying a few trial values of t.

t, hr.	$(c/c_o)_{meas.}$	$(c/c_o)_{calc.}$
5	0.62	0.68
15	0.36	0.40
25	0.30	0.28

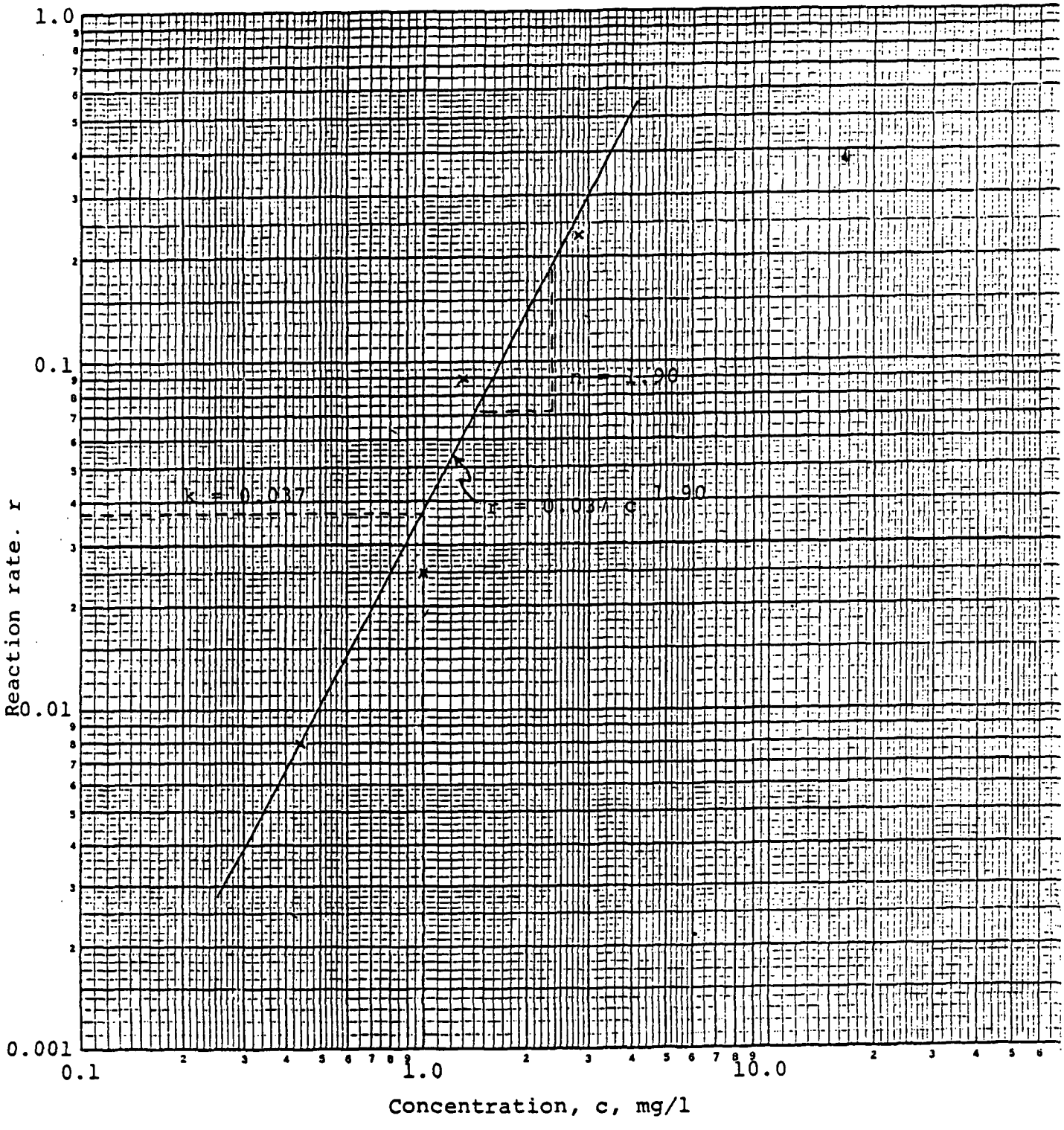

Figure II-3. Determination of Reaction Order for Hydrocarbons

The equation is on the high side in the lower range of time and is a little high for larger times.

Using equation II-5 as a general equation, the results from treatability studies can be expressed in terms of three parameters, initial concentration, c_o, the reaction order, n, and the reaction coefficient, k. Admittedly, equation II-5 only applies for a relatively restrictive case of a constant volume, isothermal, completely mixed batch reactor in which all constituents are assumed to react independently. Nevertheless, it is much better than making the potentially unrealistic assumption that first-order kinetics apply.

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Addendum I - Review of Basin Data - Met. Washington, D.C. COG

The use of event quantity and quality data for two basins in the Washington, D.C. area for the purposes of estimating basin performance proved fruitless. A quick review of the data reveals a lack of any relationship between inflow and outflow events. In many cases, the outflow volume is greater than the inflow volume. This is possible only if flows from earlier storms are also being released. Without more knowledge of the operation of these basins, a statement about performance is impossible. However, it may be possible to use these data, with complete knowledge of the basin design and operation, to calibrate a simulator such as the SWMM Storage/Treatment Block.

APPENDIX D

WET WEATHER WATER QUALITY CRITERIA

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WATER QUALITY CRITERIA FOR URBAN RUNOFF

The section that follows provides the information and methods developed to date for the selection of receiving water quality criteria appropriate for urban runoff. The issue here centers around the difference between the exposure regime used in toxicity tests to develop general water quality criteria (48 to 96 hours or longer) and the exposure regime organisms inhabiting runoff receiving waters could encounter (4.5 to 15 hours). The criteria based on 48 or 96 hour toxicity tests are postulated to be overly restrictive for urban runoff exposures. For the priority pollutants, the EPA published criteria are described; the limitations of the EPA criteria for urban runoff are discussed; and methods to adjust the EPA criteria for short-term urban runoff exposures are presented. Dissolved oxygen and suspended solids criteria are also considered.

PRIORITY POLLUTANTS CRITERIA

EPA Criteria.
In developing the proposed priority pollutant criteria, EPA performed three steps as follows: (1) guidelines were established for use in deriving the criteria, (2) criteria were computed for the protection of human health and aquatic life, and (3) a two-value criterion for each substance was considered for protection of aquatic life. The two values are a maximum, which protects against acute toxicity, and a 24-hour average, which protects against chronic toxicity.

Using their guidelines, EPA derived and published (in three issues of the Federal Register, the last being 28 November 1980) aquatic life and human health criteria for all of the priority pollutants. Criticism of the guidelines resulted in the development of a second set of guidelines which, unlike the first set, specified certain minimum data requirements for deriving aquatic life criteria. These minimum requirements severly limited the number of substances for which criteria could be developed. Hence, although criteria documents were published for all of the priority pollutants, aquatic life criteria were developed for only 20 of them. These are arsenic, cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, mercury, nickel, selenium, silver, zinc, aldrin, chlordane, cyanide, DDT and metabolites, dieldrin, endrin, heptachlor, lindane, polychlorinated biphenyls, and toxaphene.

To obtain the final acute value for protection of aquatic life the following procedure based on LC50 concentrations was used. Note that a LC50 is defined as the concentration that will kill 50 percent of the exposed population of organisms during a specific period of time.

1. The geometric means of LC50 toxicity tests for a pollutant were computed by species. The 48 hour exposure time was taken as

the end-point of the test for most invertebrates and 96 hours for fish and some invertebrates.

2. LC50's for the species were numerically ranked and the numbers transformed to cumulative probability values.

3. A least square regression line, defining the relationship between species-probability values and the mean LC50s was computed.

4. The mean LC50 corresponding to a probability of .05 was identified by interpolation or extrapolation.

The mean LC50 corresponding to a species probability of .05 was defined as the maximum criterion value. Computed in this fashion, the maximum value corresponds to the concentration above which lie the LC50s of 95 percent of the tested species. For pollutants whose toxicity was determined to be affected by some natural property of water, the final acute equation was specified as the means for computing the maximum criterion value. Hardness was the only natural property of water considered.

The final chronic values were computed by much the same method as described above; however, the important differences are:

1. The exposure times for chronic tests were at least 28 days.

2. The test end-point was not the LC50 concentration; rather the concentration values were the geometric means of the lowest tested concentration that caused a statistically significant adverse effect and the concentration immediately below it in the test series were used. When there were insufficient data to compute a final chronic value from chronic data alone, the final acute-chronic ratio (defined as the ratio between the LC50 and final chronic value) was employed.

Generally, the 24 hour average criterion corresponded to the final chronic value. In some cases, however, a final residue value, designed to prevent unacceptable tissue concentrations of pollutants determined the appropriate 24-hour criterion.

Application of the EPA Criteria to Urban Runoff.
A limitation of the EPA criteria centers around differences in the exposure regimen commonly used in toxicity tests (data from which the criteria were derived) and the exposure regimen that organisms inhabiting runoff receiving streams could encounter.

The temporal features of urban runoff events consist of relatively short duration exposures with relatively large time periods between episodes. For

sites located in much of the eastern portion of the country, rainstorm statistics (or average) are as follows:

	Storm Duration (hours)	Time Between Storm Midpoints (hours)
Median (50 percentile)	4.5	60
Mean	6.0	80
90 percentile	15.0	200

For the semi-arid region of the western part of the country, storm durations are generally the same as for the eastern U.S., but the period between storms is about twice as long. Runoff discharge times are somewhat longer but generally similar to storm duration times.

The above characteristic time scales are very different from those considered in developing the EPA water quality criteria. Therefore, a question exists as to: what are appropriate water quality criteria for highly time variable discharges such as urban runoff? That is, are the EPA criteria overly restrictive for urban runoff exposures?

It is well known that with the kinds of biological responses measured in toxicity tests (with aquatic organisms), the concentration of a chemical substance required to elicit a response of a given magnitude, be it some percentage of mortality, reduction in growth rate, reduction in fecundity, etc., is usually inversely proportional to the time of exposure. For the priority pollutants, data used to derive the maximum criterion value were chosen only from 48- and 96-hour tests. Data used to derive the 24-hour average criterion value were chosen from tests with exposure times of at least 28 days.

Because the duration of storms is much shorter than the exposure times used in toxicity tests, it is quite likely that use of the criteria to assess the hazard of urban runoff will overestimate the hazard.

Time is not the only factor of difference. In toxicity tests, the test organisms are exposed to constant concentrations and exposure is continuous throughout the test. In urban runoff receiving waters, the concentrations of potentially toxic constituents change continuously during events as well as from event to event. Runoff events are episodic, occurring on the average of every 60 hours. Although repeated exposure to chemical substances in the runoff could cause chronic effects in organisms, little is known about the effects of such repeated exposures. The occurence of adverse effects probably is greater when exposure to a given concentration is continuous rather than intermittent.

The maximum criteria values proposed by EPA are LC50s (EPA used 48 and 96 hour LC50s). Because of differences in individual sensitivity, it is not necessarily true that a population must be exposed to a 48 or 96 hour LC50 for 48 or 96 hours for 50 percent mortality to occur. Figure 1a, b and c show a set of hypothetical time-mortality curves for populations exposed to a 96-hour LC50 of a chemical.

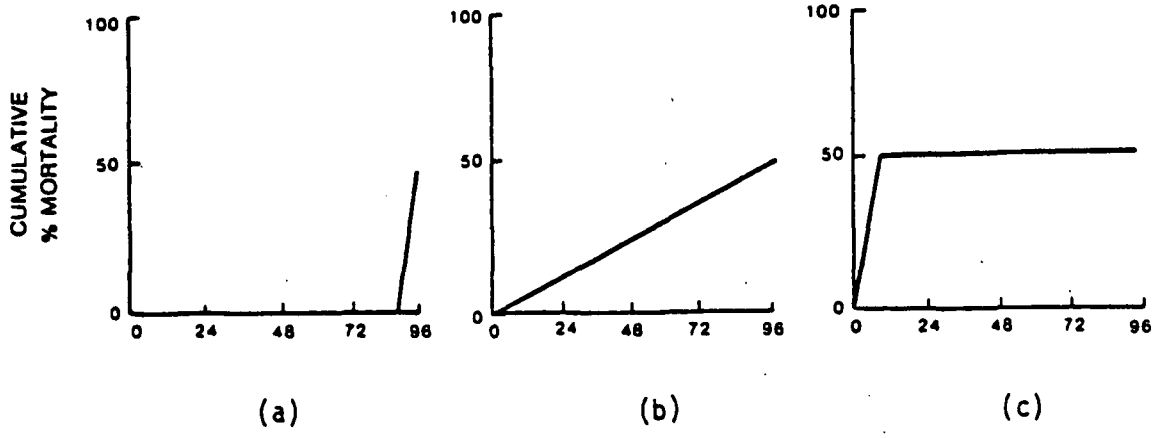

Figure 1. Time Mortality Curves

Figure 1a represents a case where only during the last few hours of the test does any mortality occur. During those hours, 50 percent of the organisms die. Such a time-mortality pattern is extremely rare. Figure 1b illustrates a case where mortality occurs gradually and reaches 50 percent around the 96th hour. Figure 1c shows a case where 50 percent of the population dies during the first 24 hours. Figures 1b and 1c represent the most commonly observed kinds of time-mortality patterns and indicate that exceedance of a maximum criterion value for very short periods could cause death or adverse sublethal effects in some sensitive species. These types of responses partially illustrate the complexity of the situation. The procedure presented below could be used to differentiate these types of responses and provide information directly usable to assess the impacts of urban runoff.

The runoff discharge duration may not always be an accurate measure of exposure time. In some instances, exposure time can be much longer than the storm duration. Certain kinds of organisms could be exposed to runoff constituents long after discharge ceases. Such organisms include phytoplankton and zooplankton (including fish eggs and larvae), each of which could become entrained in the runoff plume. The net effect is that a percentage of certain populations may experience longer exposure times.

Even for situations where the organism exposure time is longer than the actual discharge period, the differences in exposure regime for organisms in runoff receiving waters and for organisms in toxicity tests are very large. For example, to derive the 24 hour average criterion values, an exposure time of at least 28 days was used. It is quite possible that for urban runoff, a 24-hour criterion value is not appropriate. For the same reasons, the proposed maximum criterion values may also be inappropriate for urban runoff. For the NURP project, procedures to explicitly consider the short duration exposures characteristic of urban runoff were investigated as described below.

Impairment of Beneficial Use Criteria.
Impairment of beneficial use will, for the following discussion, be considered concentrations that result in mortality of 50 percent of the population

(i.e., LC50's). Other criteria, such as no mortality, could also be developed and employ similar calculation procedures. It is evident from the previous discussion that use of the EPA criteria will probably overestimate the hazard of urban runoff to aquatic life in terms of impairment of beneficial use. This section addresses modifications to the criteria that would make them more appropriate for assessing water quality problems associated with urban runoff defined in terms of beneficial use.

Two methods are presented to establish criterion levels. The first procedure involves adjusting the maximum criteria value to explicitly consider the expected exposure times (LIU, 1979).

The second approach employs the data on equivalent mortality dosage, detoxification rates, and expected mean concentrations in urban runoff (MANCINI, 1982).

The first procedure adjusts the maximum criterion values so that they relate more closely to expected exposure times in runoff receiving streams. This entails computing a value that when divided into the maximum criterion value of a pollutant will provide an estimate of the LC50 corresponding to the exposure time of interest. This LC50 is called the time-adjusted LC50, and is computed as described below. The assumption is that meeting the adjusted criteria for intermittent exposures, provides the same degree of protection implied by the base criteria value, that is, that a generally healthy aquatic life population will be maintained.

A set of factors for converting 24-, 48-, and 72-hour LC50's to 96-hour LC50's were presented in the 18 May 1979 issue of the Federal Register (40 FR 21506). The factors are 0.66, 0.81, and 0.92 and are the respective geometric means of all 96:24, 96:48, and 96:72 hour LC50 ratios computed for individual chemicals on a test-by-test basis using LC50 estimates available at that time. The relationship between the 24, 48, and 72 hour exposure times and the factors for converting the LC50's associated with these exposure times to 96-hour LC50's is described by the linear equation:

$$y = (0.563 \log_{10} x) - 0.123. \qquad (1)$$

Where x is the exposure time in hours and y^{-1} is the 96:x LC50 ratio. The correlation coefficient for this relationship is 0.998.

To extend the range below 24 hours, geometric means of the 96:1, 96:2, 96:4, 96:8, and 96:16 hour LC50 ratios were computed using experimental 1, 2, 4, 8 and 16 hour LC50 estimates for 10 chemicals (June, 1979). These short exposure means and the above values obtained by EPA were included in a least squares regression. The analysis indicated that the relationship can be described by the linear equation:

$$y = (0.35 \log_{10} x) + 0.27 \qquad (2)$$

The correlation coefficient for this relationship is 0.994. Clearly, Equation (2) can be used to convert a LC50 for an exposure time less than 96 hours to the 96 hour LC50 value, or to convert a 96 hour LC50 to a LC50 for a smaller exposure time.

Equation (2) was used to convert 96 hour LC50's obtained by Liu for the 10 chemicals considered to LC50's for exposure times of 1, 2, 4, 8, and 16 hours. The computed short exposure LC50's were compared to measured values with reasonably good agreement.

The time-adjusted maximum criterion value (CV_t) is computed from the maximum criterion value (MCV) using the equation:

$$CV_t = \frac{MCV}{y} \tag{3}$$

Applying the conversion method to the maximum criterion value instead of to some specific 96-hour LC50 is valid because the maximum criterion value could be considered a 96-hour LC50. It was derived from 48-hour LC50's from tests with certain invertebrates and 96-hour LC50's from tests with fish and certain invertebrates. The 48- and 96-hour LC50's were considered equivalent end-points. As indicated by Equation (3), the adjustment ratio y is assumed to be the same for all chemicals.

Table 1 presents the maximum criterion values and time-adjusted criterion values for all of the priority pollutants for which maximum criterion values are available. The time-adjusted values correspond to exposure times of 4.5, 6.0, 15 hours, which for at least the eastern portion of U.S. are the median, mean, and 90th percentile duration of storms.

The second approach which has been used to estimate concentration levels against which intermittent exposure concentrations due to urban runoff can be compared, and employs data on equivalent mortality dosage, detoxification rates, and mean concentrations in urban runoff.

The framework considers uptake and depuration of toxics by organisms and calculates an equivalent toxic dosage. The calculation results provide a method of obtaining a dose response relationship for organisms which are subjected to time variable toxic concentrations. The framework employs data collected from standard bioassay test procedures to evaluate the coefficients required in the analysis. The procedures have been tested under four sets of conditions which employed constant concentration bioassay results to predict organism mortality as a result of exposure to time variable concentrations.

A series of calculations were developed which considered exposure of the more sensitive fish (in a limited data base that had been analyzed) to a series of average duration storm events having the mean concentration of each contaminant. The interval between storms was 60 hours (the median). The calculated equivalent dosage was allowed to stabilize, and the concentration required to produce mortality at the 50 percent level of population sensitivity was calculated. The results are summarized in Table 2. These results include the effects of carryover between average storm conditions. The calculated concentrations for mortality are presented for 4.5 and 12-hour duration storms (the 50 and 85 percentile, respectively).

While the concentrations provided by the first procedure are essentially estimates of "safe" levels, those provided by the second procedure provide estimates of intermittent concentration levels which would result in a serious

TABLE 1. MAXIMUM AND TIME-ADJUSTED CRITERION VALUES FOR SELECTED PRIORITY POLLUTANTS

POLLUTANT	EPA MAXIMUM CRITERION VALUES (μg/ℓ)[1,2]	TIME-ADJUSTED MAXIMUM CRITERION VALUES (μg/ℓ)		
		4.5 HOURS	6.0 HOURS	15 HOURS
Arsenic	440	880	810	650
Cadmium	3.0	6	5.5	4.4
Chromium (+3)	4,700	9,400	8,650	6,900
Chromium (+6)	21	42	39	31
Copper	22	44	40	32
Lead	170	340	313	250
Mercury	4.1	8.4	7.7	6.2
Nickel	1,800	3,600	3,300	2,650
Selenium (Selenite)	260	520	480	380
Silver	4.1	8.2	7.5	6.0
Zinc	320	640	590	470
Aldrin	3.0	6.0	5.5	4.4
Chlordane	2.4	4.8	4.4	3.5
Cyanide	52.0	104	96	76
DDT (p,p)	1.1	2.2	2.0	1.6
Dieldrin	2.5	5.0	4.6	3.7
Endrin	0.18	0.36	0.33	0.26
Heptachlor	0.52	1.04	0.96	0.76
Lindane (gamma HCB)	2.0	4.0	3.7	2.9
Toxaphene	1.6	3.2	2.9	2.4

[1] Values specified for "total recoverable" metals

[2] Values based on a hardness of 100 mg/ℓ as $CaCO_3$

TABLE 2. CALCULATED CONCENTRATIONS REQUIRED FOR MORTALITY OF SOME FISH SPECIES AS A RESULT OF EXPOSURE TO URBAN RUNOFF

Event Mean Concentration[1] µg/l		Concentration (µg/l) for 50% Mortality[2] Urban Runoff Storm	
Chemical	Urban Runoff	4.5 HR	12 HR
Zinc	160	1800	800
Copper	30	600	200
Lead	330	11,000	4300
Cadmium	3	11	5

NOTES: (1) Event mean concentration was not obtained from the NURP data base.

(2) Effects of carry-over of expected mean concentrations and other average storm conditions are included.

adverse impact (50 percent kill of the selected species). The assumption utilized in the screening calculations which evaluate impact levels, is that such events, while they would, constitute a severe insult to the biological population, would not totally deny that use if they were to recur at sufficiently infrequent intervals.

A comparison of the "safe" concentrations in Table 1 and the calculated concentrations for 50 percent mortality in Table 2 indicate that there are substantial differences. In addition to the fact that they represent different levels of effect, these differences are in part a result of the differences in data base used to define sensitive species. Another equally important source of this difference, is the manner in which the duration of exposure has been included in the analysis.

Neither set of concentrations are completely satisfactory criteria for storm event related exposures. The published criteria do not explicitly account for the time scale of exposures associated with storm events. These criteria tend to be over protective of the environment by restricting allowable concentrations during the short exposure periods characteristic of runoff events. By contrast, the adjusted criteria presented in Tables 1 and 2 tend to overestimate allowable concentrations since the data base analyzed may not include representative sensitive species which require protection.

Assuming little or no exposure under non-storm ambient conditions, concentration criteria which are appropriate for storm related phenomena would be between the two sets of values. Methods have been developed which would employ the existing data base to calculate criteria which consider time

variable concentrations and exposure periods which are consistent with storm event exposure durations and the interval between storms.

Chronic Effects

The usual approach to establishment of water quality criteria considers acute effects such as mortality and chronic effects such as inhibited reproduction, etc.

The EPA criteria derive the maximum value from acute effects protection limits and the 24-hour value from chronic effects protection limits (as derived by an acute/chronic ratio times the maximum). A method is available to calculate the time history of stress on the organism ("equivalent exposure"). The equivalent mortality dose producing mortality of 50 percent of the population is obtained from the analysis of bioassay data. The calculated equivalent dose at any time which results from some sequence of exposures can be divided by the equivalent mortality dose. This ratio (as % of equivalent mortality dose) could be considered as a measure of the chronic stress to which the organism is subjected.

Table 3 presents the calculated percent equivalent mortality dose carried over (on average) from a sequence of storms. This is the calculated equivalent mortality dose at the start of a storm event. Table 3 also presents information on the calculated percent equivalent mortality dose at the end of 4.5 and 23 hour storms whose concentrations are at the mean expected value. These results suggest that, for some of the toxics analyzed, a variable but moderately high level of stress may result from exposure to the undiluted contaminants in urban runoff. Stresses on the order of 2 to 25 percent of the equivalent mortality dose could produce some chronic effects (and possibly some acute effects as well). The calculations presented in Table 3 are for undiluted urban runoff. Computations could be developed considering various dilutions of the runoff.

TABLE 3. CARRYOVER EFFECTS BETWEEN URBAN RUNOFF STORMS

Chemical	Expected Mean Concentration (mg/ℓ)	% Mortality Stress		
		Average Carryover	@ 4.5 hr. Storm	@ 12 hr. Storm
Zinc	.163	8.6	15.7	26.8
Arsenic	.05	-	-	-
Copper	.03	2.6	6.4	12.2
Lead	.325	8.3	8.8	9.7
Chromium	.018	-	-	-
Cadmium	.003	2.3	3.1	4.4

Dissolved Oxygen Criteria.
Water quality criteria for dissolved oxygen (D.O.), which are specifically designed for exposures associated with urban runoff, have not been examined in detail. EPA promulgated criteria set a minimum D.O. of 5 mg/ℓ. D.O. standards such as those proposed by the State of Ohio (Federal Register Vol. 45, 231, 11/28/80, 79054) for warm water fisheries on some water bodies specifying 5 mg/ℓ for 16 hours of any 24 hour period and not less than 4 mg/ℓ at any time were denied by EPA. There is strong historical precedence for maintaining D.O. standards on most water bodies at a minimum of 5 mg/ℓ. This is usually based on information similar to that summarized in Table 4.

An approach to dissolved oxygen water quality criteria similar to that used for priority pollutants can be considered. Based on the information summarized in Table 4, criteria for D.O. during storm event time scales could be set at 2.5 mg/ℓ.

TABLE 4. SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE EFFECTS OF DISSOLVED OXYGEN CONCENTRATION ON FISH

Dissolved Oxygen	Effects Reported	Reference
Saturation to 5 mg/ℓ	1. Generally considered adequate for a healty population.	USEPA (7)
5 mg/ℓ to 2.5 mg/ℓ	1. Sublethal effects on adults observed in laboratories.	(Abernathy) (28)
	2. Reduced growth rate associated with constant exposure of adults.	(Siefert et al.) (29) (Moss) (26) (Warren) (30)
	3. Some increased mortality of early life stages (no direct data on population effects).	
	4. Time variable exposures (8 to 12 hours every 24 hours) appeared to result in reduced growth rates.	(Whiteworth) (31)
2.5 mg/ℓ to 1.5 mg/ℓ	1. Possible mortality of adult and/or smaller fish due to combination of stresses with significant D.O. contribution to mortality.	(Moss) (26) (Abernathy) (28) (Warren) (30)
1.5 mg/ℓ to zero	1. Fish mortality (short exposure).	(Moss) (26) (Warren) (30)

Total Suspended Solids Criteria.
The link between total suspended solids (TSS) concentrations and impairment of beneficial use is not well defined. Except at very high levels, the primary aquatic life effects of TSS are indirect. These include such problems as benthic impacts due to deposition and scour which cause habitat damage, especially in areas subject to lower stream flow velocities. To estimate some measure of TSS levels for urban runoff, the findings of a 1965 study of suspended solids effect by the European Inland Fisheries Advisory Commission was adopted.

The Commission's study resulted in the following conclusions relating to inert solids concentrations and satisfactory water quality for fish life:

1. There is no evidence that concentrations of suspended solids less than 25 mg/ℓ have any harmful effects on fisheries.

2. It should usually be possible to maintain good or moderate fisheries in waters which normally contain 25 to 80 mg/ℓ suspended solids. Other factors being equal, however, the yield of fish from such waters might be somewhat lower than with less than 25 mg/ℓ.

3. Waters normally containing from 80 to 400 mg/ℓ suspended solids are unlikely to support good freshwater fisheries, although fisheries may sometimes be found at the lower concentrations within this range.

4. At best, only poor fisheries are likely to be found in waters which normally contain more than 400 mg/ℓ suspended solids.

The Commission report also stated that exposure to several thousand mg/ℓ for several hours or days may not kill fish and that other inert or organic solids may be substantially more toxic.

Summary of the Criteria Used.
There are clearly limitations and problems with the various criteria as discussed above. Considering this situation, the NURP project has adopted a number of criteria for use in the study. The EPA criterion values for priority pollutants were employed to represent water quality problems defined in terms of numerical standards. In addition, values based on the results of the procedures to establish criterion which explicitly consider the short-term exposures of urban runoff were selected to represent water quality problems defined in terms of beneficial use protection.

For beneficial use protection, two numerical criterion values representing "effects levels" were selected - one for mortality at approximately the 50 percent level of population sensitivity and a second which is the 50 percent mortality value reduced by a factor of two. This second value was taken to represent no substantial mortality which would effect the overall population and therefore beneficial water usage.

A summary of the water quality criterion values used in the screening analyses performed by NURP is presented in Table 5. For the heavy metals, the EPA criteria are specified for "total recoverable metals." The effects level criteria were developed from bioassay data in which the tests used soluble salts of the metal. The criteria thus reflect only the toxic species of the heavy metals. In applying these criteria, the solids content of the runoff and the tendency for metals and other priority pollutants to absorb to this material must be considered.

TABLE 5. SUMMARY OF WATER QUALITY CRITERION VALUES USED IN NURP STUDY CONCENTRATIONS - μg/ℓ

CONTAMINANT	EPA CRITERIA[1]		EFFECTS LEVELS[2]	
	24 HOUR	MAX	ESTIMATED[5] THRESHOLD	50%[6] MORTALITY
Zinc	47	320	600	1,600
Chromium (Total)	(40)[3]	4,700	8,650	—
Copper	5.6	22	40	500
Lead	3.8	170	313	4,500
Cadmium	.025	3	5.[5]	10
Arsenic	(40)[3]	440	810	—
TSS[4]	25	250	2,500	
BOD[4]	5	15	50	

[1] Based on a hardness of 100 mg/ℓ as $CaCO_3$.

[2] Hardness not explicitly considered, but values developed from data in relatively soft water.

[3] No criteria proposed - value shown is lowest observed chrome concentration reported in EPA documents.

[4] No criteria for these pollutants - values shown represent levels estimated to represent equivalent criteria effects (for use in screening analysis activities).

[5] Based on Procedure #1 estimates of "safe" levels for intermittent exposures (average duration 6 hr).

[6] Based on Procedure #2 estimates of serious impact from intermittent exposures (average duration 6 hr).

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APPENDIX E

INDIVIDUAL PROJECT SUMMARIES

Appendix E

Summaries of conclusions for selected NURP projects are presented in this appendix. The projects are presented in order by EPA Region number from I through X as follows:

Region I	Lake Quinsigamond, MA Durham, NH
Region II	Irondequoit Bay, NY Long Island, NY
Region III	Baltimore, MD
Region IV	Winston-Salem, NC
Region V	Lansing, MI Ann Arbor, MI Oakland County, MI Glenn Ellyn, IL Champaign, IL Milwaukee, WI
Region VI	Little Rock, AK Austin, TX
Region VIII	Denver, CO
Region IX	Castro Valley, CA
Region X	Bellevue, WA

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ENGINEERING

LAKE QUINSIGAMOND, MA

REGION I, EPA

Lake Quinsigamond NURP.

A major component of the work plan for the Lake Quinsigamond NURP project was to evaluate the response of the receiving water to stormwater inputs. A detailed evaluation of the response of Lake Quinsigamond and Flint Pond to pollutant loadings was conducted. The evaluation was based on intensive lake and tributary monitoring data collected under the 314 Clean Lakes Diagnostic study, together with tributary and stormwater sampling data collected by the NURP project. The analysis utilized a batch phosphorus model to simulate the most important interactions affecting dissolved oxygen and algal populations in the lake. Based on this analysis, the major findings can be summarized as follows:

- Water quality conditions in Lake Quinsigamond and Flint Pond have remained relatively stable between 1971 and 1980. This can be largely attributed to the lake's morphology and self-limiting chemical characteristics.

- Chlorophyll, transparency, and hypolimnetic oxygen depletion rated indicate that Lake Quinsigamond is in a late mesotrophic stage. Despite its similar water quality conditions, Flint Pond is classified as eutrophic due to its aquatic weed densities. The differences between Lake Quinsigamond and Flint Pond can be attributed to differences in morphological characteristics.

- Major water quality problems identified in the lake include hypolimnetic oxygen depletion, heavy metals build-up in sediments, near-shore solids deposition, and tributary bacterial levels. Reduction of cold-water fisheries habitat is the major use-related impairment identified in the lake. Bacterial levels in the tributaries have resulted in the closing of one secondary water supply well (Coalmine Brook). It is important to note that, in this case, urban runoff is not, per se, the source of the problem. Misconnections, leaky sewers, and direct discharges have been identified as the primary source of this problem.

- Excessive weed growth and heavy metals in sediments have been identified as the major water quality problems in Flint Pond. These have resulted in significant impairment of recreational use of the pond in terms of swimming, boating and fishing.

- Dissolved phosphorus has been identified as the major limiting nutrient and most important from a control standpoint. Lake mass balances and literature studies suggest that between 0 and 20 percent of the particulate phosphorus loads entering the lake are eventually able to support algal growth.

- Nutrient balance calculations indicate that surface runoff accounts for 87 percent of the total phosphorus, 67 percent of the dissolved phosphorus, 96 percent of the suspended solids, and 49 percent of the total nitrogen input to the lakes. Tributary base flow and atmospheric inputs account for the remaining loadings. Dissolved phosphorus inputs to Flint Pond from unsewered areas is nominally estimated at 18 percent.

Lake Quinsigamond (Cont'd)

- Analysis of lake data in relation to antecedent rainfall periods indicate significantly higher concentrations of total phosphorus, dissolved phosphorus, and coliform bacteria on wet days as compared with dry days. More intensive sampling is required to more adequately assess the extent and significance of short-term bacterial standards violations in specific areas of the lake.

- Future land uses are estimated to result in a 12-14 percent degradation in average water quality conditions, as measured by suspended solids, available phosphorus, and other eutrophication-related variables. Therefore, control of 12-14 percent of future available phosphorus and suspended solids loadings would be needed to maintain existing water quality.

- Reduction of phosphorus loadings to insure 200 days of hypolimnetic oxygen supply at spring turnover is suggested as a potential water quality management objective. This would reduce the potential for internal metals and nutrient cycling, improve fish habitat, and provide proportionate reductions in chlorophyll and increases in transparency.

- Under projected future land uses, the above objective would require about a 50 percent reduction in loadings of available phosphorus in surface runoff during an average hydrologic year. Control requirements during a wet hydrologic year would be more stringent (78%).

- Because of the importance of dissolved phosphorus loadings, watershed management strategies for reducing runoff volumes by encouraging water infiltration should be examined along with runoff treatment schemes as means of achieving water quality objectives.

Based on the findings enumerated above, a comprehensive water quality management plan is being developed of which the urban runoff component is a major element. Watershed management plans are being developed for each major tributary. Natural detention/storage mechanisms are being utilized as in-system filters for solids and nutrient controls to the maximum extent possible. Wherever possible, groundwater recharge options for stormwater are being considered. End-of-pipe and in-line solids treatment systems are being considered for major stormwater systems discharging directly to the lake (e.g., Route 9 drain, medical school drain, I-290 drainage system). Combinations of Best Management Practices, including street-sweeping and catch basin-cleaning, among others, are also being considered as appropriate in developing an overall stormwater management strategy for the watershed.

Finally, it is extremely important to recognize that stormwater management is one component of the water quality management plan under development. Other major components of this program are the control of sanitary sewage discharges via leaks, misconnections and other sources, and septic system leachate inputs from unsewered areas.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

NEW HAMPSHIRE WATER SUPPLY AND
POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISION

DURHAM, NH

REGION I, EPA

Durham, New Hampshire

Two streams were monitored at stations upstream of the urban area for background conditions, and at downstream locations where the effect of urban runoff could be observed. At one location; the Oyster River, monitoring results from three storm events show no detectable increase in concentrations at downstream stations compared with upstream boundary levels during storms. (Not surprising since "urban area" constitutes only about 6 percent of the contributing catchment, and 1/3 of this is Institutional giving a Drainage Area Ratio of 15.6.) Pette Brook, with 23 percent of the catchment above the downstream monitoring station (DAR 3.3) shows a "trend of increased concentration" observed during storms. Data are insufficient at this time for assessing whether the fishable/swimmable use classification is impaired.

Mass loads discharged into the estuary during storms appear to be significant in magnitude when all sources (urban and non-urban) are considered. The impact of such loads on important downstream water bodies (the estuary), whether a significant effect on beneficial use is probable, and whether the contaminant loads which originate from urban areas are an important contributor to any detrimental effect, have not yet been determined.

Control techniques for reducing urban runoff loads will be evaluated for their ability to control any potential problems that are anticipated and will provide important information for statewide programs.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

IRONDEQUOIT BAY, NY

REGION II, EPA

IBNURP

WATER QUALITY IMPACTS

Irondequoit Bay is the receiving water body for a 153-square-mile watershed in western New York. The Bay is a prime water resource for the urbanized area surrounding the City of Rochester. However, much of the recreational potential of the Bay is restricted by its advanced state of eutrophication. The problems associated with Irondequoit Bay - hypolimnetic oxygen depletion, turbidity, and adverse fishery impacts - all result from the phosphorus-enriched status of the Bay. Local government has implemented a plan to eliminate all point source discharges to the Bay and its watershed. It is the intent of the urban runoff project to examine the role of diffuse urban runoff pollution in the progressive eutrophication of Irondequoit Bay.

Seventy-five percent (75%), or 115 square miles, of the total watershed is being studied under the urban runoff project. The remaining twenty-five percent (25%), or 38 square miles, at the upstream end of the watershed will be part of a rural non-point source assessment study. Preliminary land use figures indicate that the NURP study area contains 36 square miles of residentially developed lands (i.e., 31%), 12 miles square miles of commercial/industrial development (11%) and 67 square miles of parkland/undeveloped land (52%). These figures typify the area which is undergoing intensive suburban development with a major shift from active and inactive agricultural use to residential use.

A scan of the water quality parameters monitored during 1980 shows that the event mean concentrations all fall within the range reported in the USEPA Preliminary Report dated 9/30/81. Detailed loadings from the individual land use monitoring sites and the watershed as a whole are being developed for phosphorous, lead and suspended solids. Preliminary results suggest that 55% of the total phosphorous load comes from the urban study area which comprises 75% of the total watershed area. Conversely, the agricultural area, which comprises only 25% of the land area, produces 45% of the total phosphorous load. The lead loading in the watershed appears to be directly proportional to the land area: the agricultural area produced 25% of the load and the urban area produced 75% of the load. A more detailed breakdown of loadings within the urban study area is underway.

The project is considering several treatment and management options to control urban runoff pollution including detention/retention facilities, street sweeping, porous pavement, and decreased road salting. One of the most promising proposals is to utilize an existing 100-acre wetland located at the south end of the Bay to remove nutrients and suspended solids. If managed properly, this wetland would renovate the runoff from both the urban and rural areas just prior to its entry into the Bay. Monitoring sites have been constructed at the influent and effluent ends of the wetlands and they will provide the basic information necessary for developing a phosphorous budget and estimating sediment loss within the wetland unit. The expected output from this study will include recommendations for developing a demonstration project in the wetland.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

LONG ISLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

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NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

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Long Island, N.Y.

December 10, 1981

PROJECT SUMMARY

Long Island Regional Planning Board

in cooperation with

U.S. Geological Survey
Nassau County Department of Health
Suffolk County Department of Health Services

I. PROJECT LOCATION

The Long Island component of the NURP deals with the urban runoff problems affecting the ground and surface waters of two New York Metropolitan Area Counties: Nassau and Suffolk. The receiving waters of principal interest to the counties of Nassau and Suffolk in the L.I. NURP program are the groundwater reservoir and the south shore marine embayments. The groundwater recharge basin project sites are located at Laurel Hollow, Syosset and Plainview in the Nassau Town of Oyster Bay and at South Huntington and Centereach, in the Suffolk Towns of Huntington and Brookhaven, respectively. The surface water project sites are located at Unqua Pond and Bayville in the Town of Oyster Bay; on the Carll's River in the Town of Babylon; and on Orowoc Creek in the Town of Islip.

II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Urban Runoff Related Problems

The quantity and quality of available groundwater and the quality of surface waters have long been concerns of Long Island officials and residents, who recognized their dependence on the groundwater for potable supplies and on the surface waters for recreation and for the economically important shellfish industry. The 208 Study, which addressed these concerns, found that stormwater runoff is a major, and in many cases, the major non-point source of pollution in the bi-county region. The 208 investigations indicated that runoff from highways, medium and high density residential areas, and commercial and industrial areas was contributing varying amounts of coliform bacteria, organic chemicals, sediment, heavy metals, and nitrogen to both ground and surface waters.

A question was raised as to whether the more than 3000 recharge basins or sumps used throughout the island as outlets for local drainage systems and as devices for replenishing the aquifers were contributing to the areawide contamination of the drinking water. Did the basins function as conduits facilitating the entry of water borne pollutants or did they function as control devices filtering out some or all of the pollutants?

Stormwater runoff was identified as the major source of bacterial loading to marine waters and, thus, the indirect cause of the denial of certification by the New York State Department of Conservation for about one fourth of the shellfishing area, an area containing an estimated one third of the clams. Much of this area is along the south shore, where the annual commercial shellfish harvest is valued at approximately $17.5 million. Figure 1 shows the location of areas closed to shellfishing as of June 1981. Deep embayments along the north shore provide an important recreational resource and, to a lesser extent, shellfish beds. Runoff-related closure of bathing beaches in response to elevated coliform counts is a minor problem since such incidents tend to be relatively infrequent and of short duration.

B. Legal/Political Implications, Public Attitudes

There are local legal implications of Long Island's runoff problems; however, they do not appear to be as significant as in many areas. Inasmuch as the drainage basins contributing runoff, and the receiving waters, are generally located within the same political jurisdiction

there is no question of municipal liability for the diminution of the rights of the downstream user as is often the case in a riverine situation. There is a legally established long term denial of a beneficial use —the taking of shellfish — in portions of the bay in response to the presence of coliform bacteria at levels in excess of the prescribed New York State standard 70mpn/100ml for the certification of shellfishing areas. In addition there is a similar relatively infrequent, short term denial of the beneficial use of certain beaches, based upon the existence of coliform levels that contravene the standards for bathing or contact recreation, 2400mpn/100ml.

The legal implications of the proposed control measures vary from measure to measure. In the case of stream corridor storage and stream bed infiltration legal difficulties appear unlikely so long as the area subject to inundation is not increased beyond the historical limits of the floodplain and so long as groundwater elevations and impoundment levels do not exceed those that prevailed during wet years prior to sewering and the consequent drop in water table elevations.

Any modification of the stream beds to provide stormwater flow to maintain freshwater wetlands or to improve percolation could involve questions of ownership and on occasion the need for temporary or permanent easements.

Police power intervention may be required to protect the beds of streams and ponds that are drying up from the type of encroachment that would impair their usefulness in retaining or detaining runoff.

In the case of pond modifications such as dredging, the construction of weirs, or the installation of baffles to avoid short circuiting and increase detention time, not only the ownership of the bottom, but also the rights of adjacent and nearby residents to recreational use of the waters would have to be considered.

The reliance on land use controls, such as zoning, subdivision regulations and the acquisition of the fee or lesser interests in land in order to preserve or protect stream corridor areas not already dedicated for open space or conservation purposes, raises political and fiscal rather than legal questions. Similarly, changes in drainage system requirements to foster use of the Bayville type leaching system; the prohibition of duck feeding; and the enforcement of existing wetlands protection and dog controls involves problems of costs and public acceptance rather than legal authority.

Both the problems and the proposed controls have political implications. There is political dissatisfaction resulting from the denial of beneficial uses of marine waters. This has been manifested in the growth of baymen's, sportsmen's and conservation organizations that have lobbied for improved water quality in nearshore areas and/or changes in the New York State standards for certification. seeding of open shellfishing areas and habitat creation or restoration.

As for the control measures, there appears to be little or no political opposition to storage and stream bed infiltration and freshwater wetlands preservation. In fact, to the extent that NURP control measures obviate the need for remedial action to offset groundwater losses attributable to sewering, they may generate considerable political support.

There is likely to be moderate to significant opposition to other proposed measures because of the (relatively minor) capital outlays required for pond modifications and the installation of leaching systems, the major capital outlays for the acquisition of lands or development rights, and the potential loss of rateables.

Opposition to the enactment of a ban on the feeding of waterfowl and to the enforcement of dog control and tidal wetlands laws arises not so much from fiscal concerns as from the view that such actions constitute an unwarranted infringement of personal and property rights.

Public attitudes affect both the perception of the problem and the willingness to support mitigating measures. Many Long Island residents have little understanding of causal relationships, particularly in the case of stormwater runoff. Public concerns in respect to recharge basins have focused on issues of safety and appearance rather than water quality. As for marine waters, the attitude has generally been one of annoyance with the inconvenience of beach closures and a tendency to regard them either as the result of an "act of God" or the fault of New York City. Recreational and commercial shellfishermen, although frequently at odds with one another, share a common desire for improvements in water quality and for changes in what they regard as unnecessarily stringent certification requirements.

The need for strong public support for proposed control measures, especially those such as a ban on waterfowl feeding and pooper-scooper laws that must rely on voluntary compliance, indicates the need for a well designed, well-funded public education program.

C. BMP's Investigated

1. Nassau County Department of Health

a. Natural Impoundment - Unqua Pond, Massapequa

1) Location: Southest corner of Nassau County, New York

2) Drainage Area: 298.5 acres, consisting of
253 acres (85%) medium density residential
15 acres (5%) commercial
30 acres (10%) open space

3) Description: 5.5 acres "natural" impoundment with a depth of 3-5 feet having a baseflow volume of approximately 900,000 cu. ft. Rectangular in shape, north, east, south shore lines - parklands; west shore - residential.

4) Effectiveness: 75-95% removal of bacteriological loading (total coliform, fecal coliform, fecal streptococci) from surface runoff to south shore embayments during low to medium storm events (i.e., 1 inch/24 hrs. or less). This type of storm event comprises the majority of the annual precipitation events.

Suspended solids removals by the impoundment are in the range of 43-75% for low/medium storm events and 40-56% for larger storm events (i.e., more than 1"/24 hrs.).

5) Cost: Negligible - possible dredging costs as impoundment becomes filled with sediment.

6) Problems: The impoundment does not appear to effect significant removals during larger storm events (i.e., more than 1"/24 hrs.). What appears to happen is a short circuiting of storm flow through the pond, allowing entering runoff to pass rapidly through or over the resident pond water. An example of such an occurrence was a storm event on September 15-16, 1981. A total rainfall of 2.44" was recorded during a 24-hour period. A comparison of EMC's of influent and effluent bacteriological parameters indicate no removal of total or fecal coliform bacteria. There was a corresponding 75% removal of fecal streptococci.

b. In-line stormwater storage drainage system

1) Location: Northeast Nassau County, Inc. Village of Bayville

2) Drainage Area: 65.6 acres of which 100% is medium density residential with 15% impervious land surface (9.8 acres).

3) Description: Separate storm sewer system consisting of a series of interconnected leaching pools (10' diameter reinforced concrete perforated rings - 3 rings deep - 18') located below the street right of way into which stormwater flows from 6' diameter leaching type catch basins (12' deep). Interconnecting piping is perforated to facilitate recharge to groundwater. Stormwater runoff first enters the leaching catch basins. Once these basins are full and the influent of runoff exceeds the leaching rate, the basins overflow to the larger leaching pools located in series along the main storm sewer line. As each pool fills to maximum capacity and if the rate of influent exceeds the leaching rate of the pool, the effluent will overflow to the next pool downstream. The entire system produces a discharge to the estuarine receiving water (Mill Neck Creek) only when the storage and leaching capacity of the system are exceeded.

4) Effectiveness: Since construction of the system was completed in the fall of 1979, there has been evidence of system overflow to the receiving water on two or three occasions. These occurrences were during storm events with rainfall intensities of five inches/hour or more (e.g., intense thunderstorm activity). The majority of storm events for this locale are much less intense and permit retention and recharge of the runoff to groundwater.

5) Cost: Construction costs for the installation of the Perry Avenue In-Line Storage Sewer System was $836,855 (1979). Cost covered all phases of construction including installation of leaching basins, pools and drainage pipe, sidewalk and curb reconstruction and roadway regrading and resurfacing.

The system includes 31 recharge-leaching pools, each consisting of 10' diameter reinforced concrete rings with concrete slab cover, 28 leaching catch basins, each consisting of 6' diameter reinforced concrete rings with concrete slab covers, curb inlets and road grates and interconnecting reinforced, perforated concrete pipes ranging from 15" to 42" diameter.

6) Problems: There have been some problems with subsidence of soils surrounding the mainline leaching pools. This problem is seen more as a problem with installation of the leaching rings and proper backfilling than with the design of the system.

The effectiveness of the system may decrease with age as clogging of soil pores continues. Sediment and leaf removal from the leaching catch basins is necessary on at least an annual basis to maintain proper functioning of structures.

2. Suffolk County Department of Health Services

a. Orowoc Creek - Dry stream channel, energy dissipation/wetlands

1) Location: South Brentwood, New York

2) Drainage Area: 190 acres, all medium density residential

3) Description: The site is at a trapezoidal shaped recharge basin just to the north of the Southern State Parkway in South Brentwood, Islip town, located on the service road to the parkway. The basin is approximately 450' long and 300' wide at its longest and widest points. There is a storm drain draining a small residential area that discharges into the east side of the basin, roughly 200' downstream from the stream influent point at the northern end of the basin. A low (8"-10" high) concrete wall at the end of the 10' long concrete apron to the storm drain, which has been in place for at least 15 years, acts as a working, effective energy dissipator. The basin and stream channel upstream are heavily overgrown with wetlands vegetation and, hence, provide an effective site for wetlands treatment. Upstream of the recharge basin, the channel is dry for much of the year and resembles the conditions predicted in the Suffolk County Flow Augmentation Needs Study (FANS) for streams without augmentation.

4) Effectiveness: Unknown (as yet untested). SCDHS has been looking for a site that may be monitored to assess the stormwater runoff treatment benefits that may be derived from the drying up of portions of streams due to the effect of sewering. SCDHS proposes to (a) establish a monitoring station at the basin influent to evaluate the treatment provided by the dry stream channel, (b) have a monitoring station at the storm drain discharge to the basin, to sample runoff from the small residential area and (c) sample at the basin effluent to evaluate the treatment provided by the wetlands vegetation and from recharge in the basin.

Because of the existence of heavy vegetation in the channel up-stream and also in the recharge basin, it is anticipated that there would be several storms for which there may not be any flow measured at the basin's influent or effluent points. If conditions of no flow do occur as expected, then a consequent total removal of pollutants to surface water will have been achieved as a result of energy, dissipation, retention, and percolation.

5) Cost: Negligible - no routine maintenance costs.

6) Note: SCDHS is dropping the energy dissipation construction at Westview from the study for three (3) reasons:

(1) the low bid for constructing the facility was $41,000, which was approximately $20,000 more than the LMS estimate;
(2) although SCDHS' field crew had identified 40 to 50 potential sites where energy dissipation could be implemented, the total contributory drainage area to these sites is not as significant as originally envisioned before the site inspections were done; and,
(3) energy dissipation/wetlands treatment can be evaluated at the storm drain discharge to the Orowoc Creek site.

The Westview Avenue site would be retained in the monitoring program as a control for evaluating the impact of modifying the street cleaning practices at Central Avenue. It is intended to sample both sites during the same storm events.

b. Carlls River - Street sweeping
1) Location: Deer Park, New York
2) Drainage Area: 73 acres, all medium density residential
3) Description: An area of 73 acres draining to Central Avenue is being used to investigate the impacts of varying frequencies of street sweeping on stormwater runoff quality. Sampling will be conducted at a manhole at Central Avenue and W. 42nd Street which discharges to a 45" x 72" oval drain.
4) Effectiveness: Unknown (as yet untested). Monitoring will be conducted from March 1982 through the Fall of 1982. This work should be done because street sweeping appears to be one of the few control options for addressing the contamination attributable to direct runoff to the bay.
5) Cost: Approximately $600 per sweep (both sides of street). Frequency of sweeping is anticipated to be weekly, thus the total cost (capital plus O & M) for the program is approximately $15,000-$20,000.

3. U. S. Geological Survey

a. Stormwater recharge basins
(All basins are approximately 1-3 acres in size and 14-40 feet deep).
(1) Basins:
(a) Plainview, N. Y.
-land use - major highway
-drainage area - 190 acres
-% impervious - 6.3
(b) Syosset, N. Y.
-land use - medium density residential (1/4-acre zoning)
-drainage area - 28.2 acres
-% impervious - 16

(c) Laurel Hollow, N. Y.
-land use - low density residential (2-acre zoning)
-drainage area - 100 acres
-% impervious - 4.7

(d) Huntington, N. Y.
-land use - parking lot and shopping mall
-drainage area - 39.2 acres
-% impervious - 100

(e) Centereach, N. Y. (N.Y.S. Dept. of Transportation Ecological Recharge Basin: lined with plastic; holds water permanently up to predetermined level, above which exfiltration occurs through basin walls)
-land use - strip commercial
-drainage area - 68 acres
-% impervious - 6

(2) Effectiveness:

(a) Bacteria: virtually 100% removal of total coliform, fecal coliform, and fecal streptococci after infiltration to the water table.

(b) Heavy metals: high concentrations in stormwater (up to 3 ppm Pb, for example) reduced by 1-2 orders of magnitude.

(c) Nitrogen: low concentrations of total nitrogen in stormwater (median values of 1-3 mg/l) indicate that stormwater is not a significant contributor of nitrogen to groundwater.

(d) Chlorides: these ions tend to be conservative and are not removed during infiltration. Median concentrations are low ($\leq$ 20 mg/l) except in the parking lot area, where the median concentration is 78 mg/l.

(e) Priority pollutants: an extremely limited number of analyses indicates that priority pollutants in stormwater and groundwater are below the recommended limit of 10 ug/l with two exceptions: 1,1,1 trichloroethane in Huntington groundwater is 23 ug/l, and 4,4-DDT in Plainview stormwater is 30 ug/l (based on one analysis only).

(3) Costs:

The only costs associated with recharge basins on Long Island are the initial costs of construction, implacement of security features such as fences, and landscaping. No maintenance is required due to the sandy, porous nature of the soil.

(4) Recharge basins located in shopping center areas tend to become clogged with oil debris, reducing their effectiveness and causing them to hold water at all times. However, all recharge basins on Long Island are large enough so that this does not present any serious problems.

III. PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS REACHED

A. SURFACE WATERS

1. The significance of urban runoff as a contributor of coliform loadings to surface waters, indicated in the L.I. 208 and ongoing monitoring studies, has been confirmed by extensive baseline sampling. When load contributions from point sources are factored out of the total loadings to the bays, it is found that coliform contamination levels remain high enough to keep shellfish beds closed.

2. Nassau and Suffolk Counties represent two entirely different situations in terms of runoff effects and control. The western south shore bays of Nassau are subject to much greater tidal flushing, which distributes loadings throughout the Nassau Bay System. The Suffolk portion of the bay is much more stable and, hence, tends to concentrate loadings close to their discharge points. To achieve load reductions in Nassau, controls must be instituted on a global scale, while in Suffolk reductions can be achieved using localized controls.

3. An extensive stormwater runoff modeling effort developed for the study has indicated that a reduction of total coliform loads of one to two orders of magnitude (90 - 99%) will lead to surface waters that meet current water quality standards in many areas.

4. Land uses within stream drainage basins have been disaggregated in an attempt to quantify the proportion of runoff from streams versus the proportion attributable to direct overland runoff to tidal waters. It appears that approximately 45% of the total coliform load from runoff in Nassau and 25% of the total in Suffolk can be attributed to overland runoff.

5. Coliform removals from runoff of 75 - 95% have been observed in Unqua Pond. This is probably attributable to natural processes (settling, filtration) acting on runoff. The removals observed appear to be inversely related to rainfall magnitude (volume and intensity). High removals have been observed for low volume, low intensity storms, which comprise the majority of Long Island precipitation events. Poorer removals have been observed for high volume, high intensity storms.

6. The in-line storage system with leaching pools performs very effectively, but appears to be hydraulically over-designed.

7. The use of stream corridors to replicate the natural processes observed in ponds (detention, settling, filtration) offers a promising means of achieving a significant degree of runoff control. However, to achieve the further reductions needed to meet bay water quality standards, overland runoff from shoreline areas draining directly to tidal waters must also be controlled.

8. Extensive sewering, with resultant lowering of water levels, and a reduction in the pace of development in Nassau County will tend to reduce runoff pollution without further planning and control, and may help to solve Nassau's runoff problems. However, active planning and control is needed in Suffolk, because increasing development in the eastern portion of the county will increase pollutant loadings to runoff and the bays.

9. Direct overland runoff, which appears to contribute approximately 40% of the bacterial loading to the bays in Nassau County and 25% in Suffolk County, is generally not amenable to the same type of control that is effective in a stream corridor.

10. The original 208 surveys and stormwater sampling implicates dogs as the primary contributors of coliform bacteria to surface waters. Preliminary examination of NURP fecal coliform-fecal streptococci ratios support this finding.

11. There is evidence that large waterfowl populations on ponds contribute a significant portion of the total coliform load to the ponds; small populations do not. Opportunities for control are limited.

12. With little remaining vacant land and, hence, few opportunities for additional development, changes in land use in Nassau County over the next twenty to thirty years will not have a significant impact on pollutant loadings in runoff. Similarly, there is expected to be little if any change in western Suffolk. Loadings from land in Brookhaven and points east, however, are expected to increase with projected increases in development.

B. GROUNDWATERS

1. The practice of collecting urban stormwater runoff in recharge basins and allowing it to infiltrate to the groundwater does not appear to constitute a threat to the quality of the groundwater resource on Long Island.

2. Bacteria carried by runoff do not seem to reach the water table via infiltration. Removal of total coliform, fecal coliform and fecal streptococci, during infiltration to the water table, is virtually 100%.

3. Heavy metals are reduced by infiltration by several orders of magnitude, down to detection limits.

4. There seems to be no adverse impact on groundwater from nitrogen in runoff, but it is difficult to tell since nitrogen from other sources is almost always found in groundwater.

5. Chlorides seem to be totally unaffected by filtration and seem to pass freely through the unsaturated zone. Low median concentrations were found at all sites except the Huntington parking lot.

6. A limited number of priority pollutant analyses indicates that priority pollutants in stormwater and groundwater are below the recommended limit of 10ug/l with 2 exceptions: 1,1,1-trichloroethane in Huntington, and 4.4-DDT in Plainview.

7. Most basins appear to be functioning satisfactorily, and in fact most seem to be over-designed. No special maintenance seems to be required.

IV. FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS

Useful further investigations would include the instrumentation and evaluation of recharge basins draining other land-use types, more extensive analysis of stormwater and groundwater for priority pollutants, and analysis of water and/or sediment in the unsaturated zone beneath the recharge basins to determine how and where the removal of certain stormwater constituents occurs. Additional computer modeling of rainfall-runoff relationships would be extremely useful in the prediction and evaluation of direct runoff constituent loadings to Great South Bay.

Investigations to permit the refinement of pond modification designs for increased detention of runoff and enhanced bacterial dieoff appear likely to yield significant benefits.

Continuation and possible expansion of the NURP salmonella study should be helpful in addressing the question of an appropriate standard for the certification of shellfishing areas. Inasmuch as Long Island runoff sampling suggests that a large part of the coliform loading is of non-human origin, it would seem useful to look for the presence of human pathogens rather than indicator organisms before closing shellfishing areas. The salmonella study is expected to complement an on-going Suffolk County study of the concentrations of bacteria and other pathogenic organisms in the water column and in the meat of shellfish.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

BALTIMORE REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMISSION

BALTIMORE, MD

REGION III, EPA

I. Project Location:

Baltimore City/County, Maryland

II. Project Description:

A. Urban Runoff-related Problems Observed

The Jones Falls Urban Runoff Project (JFURP) has observed a range of possible problems through both its receiving waters and small catchment sampling. If a water quality "problem" is described by EPA's three level definition, the observations may be interpreted as follows:

Violation of State Standards - During storm runoff, receiving waters stations have exhibited violations in turbidity and fecal coliform bacterial indicators. Dry weather, base-flow conditions have also shown periodic bacterial violations. Priority pollutant sampling has not been implemented for comparison with new state pesticide standards. Small homogeneous catchments as well as receiving water stations downstream of more urbanized areas have exhibited some heavy metals event mean concentration levels that exceed EPA criteria; lead concentrations, for example. No state standards presently exist for nutrients, although event mean concentration values for total phosphorus seem to be significant.

Denial or Impairment of Beneficial Use - Data collected to date (11/81) has not identified a direct denial or impairment of beneficial uses. For example, children are periodically seen playing and wading in the Stony Run stream, where fecal coliform levels have been documented at levels greater than 10^5 MPN/100 mL, with no apparent ill effects.

Public Perception of a Problem - Communications with various publics in the watershed have not yet revealed a true perception of a problem in the Jones Falls. However, two problems related to urban runoff have been identified by the public: localized flooding and rapidly eroding streambanks. In the past, private citizens have been sufficiently concerned about the aesthetics of the Jones Falls and its tributaries to sponsor massive one-day clean-up campaigns.

B. Where

Bacterial violations have been observed at all three receiving stream stations - both up and downstream of the urban area. The five small homogeneous catchments, ranging in land use from low to high density residential and mixed residential-commercial, have all exhibited violations.

Severe streambank erosion has occurred along both the Western Run and Stony Run tributaries and the Jones Falls mainstream. Most noticeable, however, is the Western Run which was subjected to intensive rainfall and resultant flooding in 1977 from Hurricane David.

C. How Often

Analysis of data is not complete at this time.

D. How Severe

Analysis of data is not complete at this time.

E. Under What Circumstances

Analysis of data is not complete at this time.

F. Local Legal and Political Implications and Public Attitudes

Through the past 208 Water Quality Management Planning process, member jurisdictions and the private sector have become more aware of problems in the region's waters and that nonpoint sources (including urban runoff) may be a major contributing factor. As the emphasis has shifted from planning to implementation, certain programs are being changed or initiated to better reflect water quality objectives. However, the earlier 208 studies only identified the presence of nonpoint sources and a possible relationship to resulting problems. A definitive quantification and description of urban runoff quality and its effects in receiving waters has not been determined. In the highly developed urban areas where urban housekeeping management practices seem to be more feasible then structural controls, local governments believe their present levels and types of practices are adequate. Also, with present economic limitations, an increase in practice applications may not be justified when compared to other governmental needs. Perhaps the "best" management strategy achievable will be one in which the application of current management practices will be optimized with some attendant positive results in water quality. JFURP results, both in pollutant contributions, effects and "best" methods of control, should better define the balance needed in water quality objectives achievement and increased or modified costs.

G. BMP's Investigated

During the JFURP Study, a range of BMPs are being investigated. These include an old water supply impoundment (60 acres), now a recreational lake, and a range of non-structural urban housekeeping practices. Inputs, outputs, and lake quality are being monitored to determine its effectiveness as a detention structure. Housekeeping practices under study include manual and mechanical street/alley cleaning, storm inlet maintenance, domestic animal litter control, and general sanitation practices.

1. Effectiveness of BMPs - not available at this time
2. Costs of BMPs - not available at this time

E. Problems - none so far

III. Preliminary Conclusions Reached, Trends Indicated

The level of data analysis completed at this time does not allow preliminary conclusions or trends to be reached.

IV. Further Investigations Indicated - none at this time. Additional data collection and analysis may reveal the need for further investigations.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

WINSTON-SALEM, NC

REGION IV, EPA

I. Project Location

The Winston-Salem NURP project is located in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, in the county of Forsyth.

II. Urban runoff related problems observed

There are two major tributaries draining the county, Muddy Creek and Abbott's Creek; both streams drain into the Yadkin River, a major source of drinking water for many communities downstream. Both Winston-Salem study watersheds are in headwater areas of Muddy Creek. A major portion of the urban area drains into Salem Creek, a tributary of Muddy Creek, upstream of High Rock Lake.

The Muddy Creek watershed was monitored to determine its importance to water quality in High Rock Lake, a lake downstream of the confluence of Muddy Creek and the Yakdin River (High Rock Lake Study, Weiss). Between October 1977, and September, 1978, seventeen (17) river sampling points, which defined fifteen (15) discrete subbasins and twelve (12) lake locations were systematically sampled at a three week interval. Thirty (30) different water quality parameters were analyzed and defined in each sample.

Utilizing the total area for each subbasin as derived from a land use analysis (GIRAS maps), the average daily yield of the principal water quality parameters was calculated for each of the Yadkin subbasins. The relative magnitude of these yields can be assessed by comparing the Upper Yadkin (Station 1) draining approximately 4900 Km^2 with that of Muddy Creek (Station 2) draining 684 Km^2. In the seasonal period of April-November the Kjel-Nitrogen yield of the Upper Yadkin was 2596 grams/day/Km^2 whereas 684 Km^2 of the Muddy Creek subbasin produced 10,610 grams/day/km^2. Maximum seasonal yields for phosphorus were generated from the Muddy Creek subbasin. Of the heavy metals zinc has the highest yield at stations 2 and 1 (320 and 209 g/d/Km^2, respectively). Mercury was highest (3.6 g/d/Km^2) at Abbotts Creek followed by Muddy Creek (2.1 g/d/Km^2). Chromium in Muddy Creek (484 g/d/Km^2) and the main river (238 g/d/Km^2), were highest as was arsenic (289 g/d/Km^2) in Muddy Creek and the main river (176 g/d/Km^2).

The effect of changes in river flow on yield was further examined by comparing the ratio between maximum and minimum mean yields at the same station for each of river flow categories. From further analysis it was clear that Muddy Creek was exporting water degrading parameters at a rate several times or even orders of magnitude greater than the next largest exporter.

III. How often and how severe

Information on how often and how severe urban runoff problems are has not been developed at this time.

IV. Under what circumstances

Although within the NURP project this has not yet been determined, some inferences can be made from the 208 Urban Water Quality Management Plan. The N.C. 208 Program collected and analyzed limited data in Winston-Salem. For instance, mercury concentrations considered "problematic" (problematic is defined here as a concentration above the state water quality standards) occured more during low flow conditions than high flow (45% of samples taken during low flow versus 13% of samples taken during high flow). Lead and iron "problem" concentrations occurred in 100% and 92% respectively of the samples taken during high flow and 13% and 15% respectively of the samples taken during low flow. Pollutant concentrations were generally higher in the CBD than in the residential watersheds monitored.

V. Local, legal and political implications and public attitudes

Public attitudes toward urban runoff and/or the NURP project have been mixed. The project has received quite a bit of support from a segment of the area public; however, it has been a controversial issue also. It seems, even though there have been numerous efforts at public involvement, the general public remains unaware of stormwater runoff's environmental impacts.

VI. BMP's investigated

Street sweeping and catch basin cleaning are the BMP's being tested in the Winston-Salem study. Much of the data is still to be collected or stored on computer, therefore, the following BMP discussion is preliminary.

Effectiveness of BMPs

Street sweeping activities have been monitored in both residential and CBD land uses for sweeper efficiency as well as water quality. Also, street solids accumulation studies and sweeping program effectiveness have been investigated. One preliminary observation is that the sweeper can actually add solids to an area being swept if the initial street solids loading is small enough. This may be by breaking up larger particles into smaller ones, or by brush wear or by dropping solids picked up elsewhere. The trend that seems to be developing is the larger the initial load the better the removal of total street solids. Removals have been seen up to 40%. As expected, sweeping seems to be less efficient at the smaller particle sizes.

Cost of BMP's

Cost documentation is being prepared for both BMP's tested. During the cost document formulation we found various factors that influence cost and should be acknowledged in street sweeping program review. Among these are: (1) distance to dump area, (2) age and type of equipment, (3) age and type of road surface, (4) seasonal influences (leaf, snow, etc.), (5) distance to site. These and other factors (unless adequately identified) can make cost and program comparisons extremely difficult. Average total

costs for residential street sweeping were determined to be $10.30/curb mile, and for CBD total cost was $6.41/curb mile (MRI Document, K. Rife). Average operating speed for the CBD is 4.7 curb miles/hour. For the residential average speed is 3.00 curb miles/hour. Cost effectiveness analyses will be included in the final report.

Problems

A complete problem description concerning street sweeping will be included in the final report. Presently the only problems noticed are: (1) initial data indicates that sweepers are not that effective on the small particle sizes, (2) regenerative air vacuum sweepers use water sprayers to control dust; however, vacuum sweepers freeze up when air temperature falls below 40°F. Catch basin cleaning has not proven to be an effective BMP for several reasons. First, most cities in N.C. have no catch basins they have drop inlets or junction boxes. This eliminates the detention treatment techniques. Since the outlet pipe is at the bottom of the tank, no settling occurs. These devices serve the purpose the city needs by eliminating clogging of drainage pipe. Quite a bit of manpower and resources go into cleaning of catch basins in Winston-Salem. They are cleaned on two schedules once per year and/or emergency stoppage. Therefore, problem catch basins are cleaned more frequently than the average ones.

Problems occur when the catch basins are cleaned and the cleaning equipment takes a lot of water into a holding tank which has to be emptied periodically. Emptying it in a sanitary sewer instead of a storm drain or creek bed would be more suitable.

Analysis of actual catch basin data has not begun.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

LANSING, MI

REGION V, EPA

I. Project Location

Michigan, Ingham County, Lansing

II. Project Description

Recent monitoring efforts along the Grand River have documented the existing water quality, and identified nonpoint source pollution as a major contributor to biochemical oxygen demand, nitrogen and suspended solids. Fish ladders have been installed downstream at barriers which now permit salmon migration upstream into the Lansing area. With this potential recreational opportunity being realized presently, the public attitude, and that of the local governing bodies is strongly in favor of reducing pollution from urban nonpoint sources.

The Bogus Swamp Drain Drainage District was selected as a location where three alternative types of best management practices could be implemented, and their effectiveness evaluated. They include an in-line wet retention basin, two in-line up-sized (increased volume) lengths of storm drain, and an in-line dry detention basin.

Estimated cost of the wet retention basin with a runoff storage capacity above normal level of 83,000 cubic feet, is approximately $173,000.

The incremental costs for the increased diameter sections of storm drains (above that of the normally sized drains) totalled approximately $36,000. Pipes were 96 inch diameter, instead of 54 inch (needed for flow), and were 144 ft. and 85 ft. in length.

The remaining BMP is an existing depression comprised of several back yards, which floods on occasions when the existing drains prove inadequate to handle the total flow, which subsequently discharges the excess back into the storm drains, as the flows decrease. No costs have been developed for this existing condition.

Problems were encountered in scheduling the project in conjunction with the construction efforts required. Also, when sampling and monitoring were initiated, sanitary flows from illicit connections had to be corrected, along with improperly discharged industrial wastes.

III. Preliminary Conclusions Reached; Trends Indicated

Evaluation of the in-line wet retention basin has proved that it is very effective in retaining suspended sediment, total phosphorus, total Kjeldahl nitrogen, biochemical oxygen demand and lead. Efficiency of retention increases with an increase in storm size, based on data for the sizes of storm evaluated.

Results of evaluation of the in-line upsized storm drain sections have shown highly variable performance. One tentative conclusion is that the shorter section is probably too short for suitable settling times, given the small particle sizes encountered. The longer section has proved to be more effective in reducing sediment loads, and pollutants associated with them, although less effective than the wet retention basin.

The results obtained from the normally dry detention basin are still being evaluated, as event sampling was initiated later for this BMP. A very preliminary look at early results indicates that while it operates effectively for flood control, its effectiveness in reducing pollutants is poor.

IV. Further Investigations Indicated, In Pursuit of Answers to Original Questions and Concerns

Given the difficulty of locating space in urban settings for in-line wet retention basins like that investigated, the use of up-sized in-line storm drains to serve a similar purpose needs further evaluation. A longer length than either of those evaluated, and locations providing opportunities to evaluate different loading conditions, and over a range of storm events for all seasons, is suggested by evaluation to date.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

REGION V, EPA

I. Project Location

Michigan, Washtenaw County, Ann Arbor

II. Brief Project Description

A. Urban Runoff Related Problems Observed

Earlier water quality surveys disclosed relatively good water quality conditions during dry weather flow, with dramatic increases in pollutant levels being experienced during stormwater runoff periods. Water quality standards violations have resulted.

B. Where, etc.

Studies identified the reach of the Huron River between the Argo and Geddes Dams as one of three problem areas. Nonpoint sources would be the primary source, since point source discharges do not exist in this reach.

Both the community and the State consider the river to be a recreational resource. Many past studies have been conducted by the University of Michigan, located in Ann Arbor. As a result, there has been considerable public awareness concerning the quality of water in the Huron River.

C. BMP's Investigated

Three BMP's have been investigated in this project. One was the Swift Run wetlands. This BMP has proved to be very effective for the range of storm event sizes sampled, for removal of solids and heavy metals. The effectiveness of nutrients removal appears to vary, depending on seasonal conditions.

The second BMP evaluated was the existing Pittsfield-Ann Arbor retention basin, designed to function as a flood control structure. It has proven to be quite effective in removal of solids, and pollutants associated with them. Appropriate modifications of the basin outlet structure, oriented towards water pollution control, would be expected to improve the functioning of this BMP in control of runoff pollutants.

The third BMP was an on-line detention basin constructed adjacent to Traver Creek. Although it will function as an off-line basin, while it was being monitored, it was operating as an on-line BMP. It demonstrated only minimal removal of pollutants, as tested. Construction delayed monitoring this project, and not as many events were sampled, as a result.

Costs are being developed for these BMP's, to be extent possible, but are not yet available.

III. Preliminary Conclusions Reached and Trends Indicated

The flood control wet retention basin in the Pittsfield-Ann Arbor Drain has demonstrated, for the range of events sampled and the seasonal coverage included, that water quality benefits are produced, also. The Swift Run Wetlands are also effective in the removal of pollutants, subject (in the case of nutrients) to seasonal variations. The Traver Creek Drain BMP has proven less effective, in part, it seems, due to the upstream sources of contributions (from a largely agricultural, less intensively developed area).

IV. Further Investigations Indicated in Pursuit of Answers to Original Concerns

Areas where further investigations would appear to be fruitful include the following:

1. For Traver Creek Drain, the BMP needs to be evaluated as an off-line structure, with further testing as urban-development occurs.

2. For Pittsfield-Ann Arbor Drain, the BMP should be evaluated after specific outlet structure modifications designed to improve pollution control, are implemented.

3. The results obtained during the evaluations described above should cover a wider range of storm events, and be conducted during all seasons to better understand the effectiveness variability that may result from different levels of runoff, during the different seasons.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

DETROIT, MI

REGION V, EPA

I. Project Location

Michigan, Oakland County, Troy

II. Brief Project Description

The project was located in a relatively flat, poorly drained and highly urbanized area in southeast Michigan. Experience had demonstrated evidence of poor storm-induced water quality. In addition, a network of rain gages was in place in close proximity. Southeast Michigan Council of Governments studies have identified urban stormwater as an important factor in water quality degradation. This has become increasingly obvious as treatment of municipal and industrial sources has been implemented in the area. Given the poor drainage conditions, developers have been required to provide normally dry detention basins adequate for flood control purposes. Their design is such that they do not reduce pollutants included in urban storm runoff.

Three of these on-line basins have been selected for modification to provide pollutant removal. The project to date, has evaluated the pollutants and concentrations prior to actual modifications to determine a base against which to compare results following the basin modifications. Sampling for this purpose will be accomplished in the spring of 1982, now that modifications have been accomplished. A problem of keeping all the monitoring and sampling equipment operating during any given event has limited the usable data obtained during the initial phase.

Legal and institutional aspects of an implementation program are under review as well, and recommendations concerning needs in these areas will be another end product of this project.

III. Preliminary conclusions reached

Until the event monitoring and sampling of the modified basins has been completed, and evaluation of results obtained can be done, no conclusions can be drawn.

IV. Further Investigations Indicated in Pursuit of the Answer to the Original Question

Other than a need to establish a much larger data base, followed by a much increased sampling and monitoring program of modified structures, to include a wide range of storm events for all seasons, it is too soon to determine other potential investigative needs.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS PLANNING COMMISSION

CHICAGO, IL

REGION V, EPA

I. Project Location:

Glen Ellyn, DuPage County, Illinois

II. Project Description:

A. Urban runoff-related problem observed

Algal blooms and low dissolved oxygen (DO) levels.

B. Where

Detention Basin

C. How Often

Algae - Spring, Summer and Fall.

Low dissolved oxygen - Summer, occasionally.

D. How Severe

Algae - blooms quite visible.

DO - < 5 near the lake bottom.

E. Under What Circumstances

Algae - almost any time.

DO - quiet days, warm temperatures.

F. Local, Legal and Political Implications and Public Attitudes.

No legal or political implications at present. Public unconcerned, since principal recreational uses (ice skating, aesthetics and fishing) are not yet seriously impaired.

G. BMP's Investigated

Wet bottom detention - effectiveness not yet calculated but thought to be about 90% for suspended constituents. No costs have been assembled yet. No problems related to the evaluation have been experienced.

III. Preliminary conclusions reached, trends indicated

Wet bottom detention is very effective in removing suspended constituents for this particular case. There have been no conclusions drawn yet concerning pollutant sources. It appears that about 75% of the load to the detention basin is less than 63 microns in size. Little or no material is being retained in most catchbasins.

IV. Further investigations indicated in pursuit of answer to original questions/concerns.

Further investigation is needed on the availability of constituent pollutants for uptake by benthic organisms. There is concern that pollutant constituents in detention basin sediments may become mobile and available to the water column under changing conditions of pH, DO or chloride, as well as uptake by lake bottom benthic organisms, and the potential for bio-accumulation in fish. An additional concern relates to the question of habitat, and whether the limiting constraint on aquatic organisms is pollutant related or habitat related.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND
ILLINOIS STATE WATER SURVEY DIVISION

CHAMPAIGN, IL

REGION V, EPA

Illinois, Champaign County, City of Champaign.

Project Description

History of Urban Runoff Related Problems

Champaign was one of eight SMA's studied in the 1978 208 urban stormwater assessment. The urban assessment for Champaign indicated that general water use standards are exceeded between 20-30 times a year for lead, copper and iron. The once a year maximum for these concentrations could be 15-20 times higher than the standard. Mercury was regularly observed in stormwater samples and could be expected to exceed the standard 10 times a year. Total suspended solids and total dissolved solids were also frequently high.

Public Attitudes

During the 208 urban stormwater assessment an Urban Stormwater Task Force composed of 8 local steering committees assessed the IEPA's study. The Champaign local steering committee concurred that there was an urban runoff pollution problem but felt additional data was necessary to determine whether urban stormwater runoff was a detriment to fishable and swimable water quality, whether current general use standards were applicable to urban stormwater pollution, and the relative impact of urban runoff in relation to other pollution sources.

The local steering committee strongly supported intensive monitoring of a local basin to clarify the above issues. In addition, the committee supported less expensive BMP's such as optimized street sweeping, monitored road salting and on-site runoff control ordinances.

Project Description

The Illinois NURP is evaluating the use of municipal street sweeping as a BMP for the improvement of urban stormwater quality. Eight major project objectives are:

1. To relate the accumulation of street dirt to land use, traffic count, time, and type and conditions of street surface.

2. To define the washoff of street dirt in terms of rainfall rate, flow rate, available material, particle size, slope and surface roughness.

3. To determine what fraction of pollutants occurring in stormwater runoff may be attributed to atmospheric fallout.

4. Modify the ILLUDAS model (1) to permit examination of the functions determined in objectives 1 through 3.

5. To calibrate the modified model on all instrumented basins.

6. To identify sources of pollutants in the urban environment.

7. To determine, if possible, the influence of deposition and scour in the pipe system on runoff quality.

8. To develop accurate production functions and corresponding cost functions for various levels of municipal street sweeping. (Bender et al. 1981)

Four basins have been monitored since 1979: 2 paired single family residential land use basins and 2 paired commercial land use basins. In addition, a microbasin with a single curb inlet and no pipe flow is being examined for the washout characteristics of surface flow.

All four basins are being measured for rainfall and runoff quantity and quality, contribution by atmospheric deposition, street dirt load, accumulation rates and particle distribution. Concentration analysis is being completed for lead, iron, copper, total suspended solids, chemical oxygen demand, phosphorous, K-Nitrogen, nitrite, ammonia, chloride and sulfate. Eighty-three events have been monitored and 1663 samples collected between November 1979 and July 1981.

BMP Investigated

Street sweeping in one of each paired basin occurred while the other remained unswept. In the summer of 1980 each experimental basin was swept twice weekly. As the study progressed, the frequency was switched to once a week and the basin treatments were reversed so the original control basins were swept and sweeping in the original experimental basins terminated. A three wheel mechanical sweeper was used for sweeping. Preliminary results for sweeper efficiency are presented below.

Removal Efficiency by Particle Size

Portion of Load	PERCENT REMOVED Mattis South (Commercial)	John North (Residential)
TOTAL	23	36
>3350 microns	24	61
3350-2000 microns	24	36
2000-1000 microns	25	39
1000-500 microns	26	36
500-250 microns	25	25
250-125 microns	18	15
125-63 microns	6	10
<63 microns	6	-5

(Table from Bender et al. 1981)

Based on 1980 figures, it has been estimated that sweeping costs $13.89 per curb mile. Proper percentages for parts replacement, major repairs, fringe benefits and overhead were not calculated into the cost per curb mile which has resulted in a curb mile cost which may be lower than actual cost. This information is currently being analyzed and a new estimate of cost per curb mile is being calculated. In a survey of 15 Illinois Municipalities, Public Work Departments estimated sweeping costs of between $4.98 - 220.60 per curb mile.

Preliminary Conclusions and Trends

An analysis of the 1980 basin load data indicates that sweeping twice a week has a large impact on measured street load. Load was reduced approximately 63% in the residential basin and 24% in the commercial basin.

Limited analysis has been made on water quality data so no conclusions about sweeper effect on pollution concentration can be made. However, there is an indication that sweeping in the residential basin may have a negative effect on water quality because more material is washed off the swept basin versus an unswept basin. Additional analysis on the other basins must be made before conclusions can be made.

Future Investigations

Further analysis will be made to determine the effect of sweeping on water qulaity by: additional comparisons of runoff quality from swept and unswept basins, from experimental basins before and after the sweeping program was initiated and simulation with the Q-Illudas water quality model.

The next phase of NURP will examine the effects of urban runoff on receiving streams. Water quality upstream and downstream of the City of Champaign will be monitored.

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NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND
SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

MADISON, WI

REGION V, EPA

SUMMARY OF MILWAUKEE COUNTY NURP PROJECT

I. Project Location

Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin

II. Summary of Findings:

The purpose of this project is to characterize urban runoff, to identify urban runoff contaminant problems, and to evaluate street sweeping as an urban runoff control practice.

A. Urban Runoff Water Quality:

Several urban runoff contaminants have been observed at concentrations above that considered to be serious. These include metals (lead, zinc, cadmium and copper), suspended solids, and fecal coliform. Nutrients and BOD were not found at excessive concentrations and were generally much lower than Wisconsin's guidelines for sewage treatment plants.

The determination of 'problem' metal concentrations is based on the proposed 'White Book' criteria published in the Federal Register (V45, N231, November, 1980). 'Problem' concentrations were deemed to be the acute toxicity concentrations for freshwater aquatic life, "not to be exceeded at any time." These maxima concentrations are locally dependent upon the hardness of the receiving waters (for the Milwaukee area, 250 mg/l is a representative value for average event flow hardness concentration). The analyses to date have been able to identify the location, frequency and extent of urban runoff problems. Circumstances under which these problems occur, however, have not been identified, i.e., the effects of antecedent conditions and rainfall characteristics on concentrations remains unknown.

Lead:

Acute toxicity concentration: 526 ug/l. Thirty-six (36) and eighteen (18) percent of the event mean concentrations at the commercial and high density residential areas respectively exceeded this concentration. Small percentages (one (1) and four (4)) of the events at the medium density residential areas and the parking lots also exceeded this concentration.

Zinc:

Acute toxicity concentration: 687 ug/l. Sixteen (16) percent of the events at the commercial areas exceeded this concentration, as did one (1) and two (2) percent of the medium density residential areas and the parking lots respectively. There is presently insufficient data at the high density residential areas to make an evaluation of this contaminant.

Cadmium:

Acute toxicity concentration: 8 ug/l. This concentration is frequently exceeded at the commercial areas and at Rustler (a parking lot), but not at the other areas.

Copper:

Acute toxicity concentration: 52 ug/l. This concentration is frequently exceeded at Wood Center (a commercial area) but not at the other areas.

Suspended Solids:

Wisconsin does not have an ambient stream standard for suspended solids. The State's guidelines for sewage treatment plant effluent however specify a maximum 30 day average of 30 mg/l, and a maximum 7 day average of 45 mg/l. Seventy-five percent of all suspended solids event mean concentrations exceeded 30 mg/l, 50 percent exceeded 67 mg/l, 25 percent exceeded 150 mg/l, and 10 percent exceeded 300 mg/l. Concentrations at the commercial areas and at Lincoln Creek (a high density residential area) greatly exceeded concentrations at the other areas.

Fecal Coliform:

Wisconsin has a fecal coliform ambient stream standard such that not more than 10 percent of the samples taken over a 30 day period can have fecal coliform counts that exceed 400 mpn/100 ml. Ninety percent of all of the urban runoff samples collected exceeded this level, and twenty (20) percent exceeded 50,000 mpn/100 ml.

Based on a recent survey of 1,000 people in the Milwaukee area, 95 percent of the respondents believe that there are significant water quality problems, but only 23 percent believe that urban runoff is a significant pollutant source. Less than 10 percent of the respondents objected to increased expenditures for nonpoint source pollution control.

B. Street sweeping as an urban runoff control practice:

The experimental design of the project incorporated traditional test and control design concepts, i.e., test areas, where the sweeping frequencies varied between baseline and accelerated levels, and control areas where the frequencies were held constant at baseline levels. There is considerable unexplained variability in urban runoff concentrations however. Even under the control situation there exists extreme fluctuations in the data base, i.e., when paired test and control areas were swept at the same frequency,

there were very inconsistent relationships between their respective event mean concentrations. Given this poor signal to noise ratio, it is very difficult to extract meaningful information. There was found to be no demonstrable, statistically significant impact of accelerated street sweeping on any water quality parameter. Whether there was in fact no impact, or the impact was minor relative to the noise, is indeterminable.

III. Preliminary Conclusion Reached:

The degraded condition of urban runoff poses serious threats to freshwater aquatic life and to human body contact recreation. These threats arise from high levels of suspended solids and fecal coliform draining from most urban areas, and of toxic metals from heavily developed commercial and (to a lessor degree) high density residential areas. Frequent street sweeping was not found to be effective in reducing these contaminants.

IV. Further Investigations Indicated:

A major weakness in interpreting the impacts of high concentrations of contaminants lies in the inadequate understanding of on-site and synergistic impacts of high event-flow concentrations on aquatic organisms. Although event concentrations can be compared to established or promulgated criteria, (generally set for low-flow conditions), extrapolating from those criteria to actual in-stream impacts is a far more nebulous and uncertain affair. Further research is needed to ascertain the actual in-stream impacts of high event-flow concentrations.

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NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

METROPLAN

LITTLE ROCK, AR

REGION VI, EPA

I. Project Location:

Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas

II. Project Description:

A. Urban runoff-related problems observed

Pollutants identified as contributing to water quality problems are excessive coliform concentration, low pH and dissolved oxygen levels, high phosphorous and heavy metals concentrations, and violation of the water quality standards for BOD and suspended solids.

B. Where, etc.

Water quality problems related to urban runoff were observed in the Fourche drainage system, which includes a proposed public use area in Fourche Bottoms, where present poor water quality (high bacterial counts) precludes water based recreation. The city, the county, the health department and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock are actively cooperating to control flooding and upgrade water quality in the Fourche system.

Water quality problems were identified during the first year sampling program, conducted to discover background conditions. The second phase of the investigation will include sampling to evaluate the effectiveness of BMP's that are now in place or being installed. The BMP's being checked are sodding and rip rap along stream banks, gabions, channel clearing, vegetation, and low water check dams.

III. Preliminary conclusions reached, trends indicated

BMP evaluation has not resulted in any conclusions being reached or trends indicated, at this early time in the project.

IV. Further investigations indicated, etc.

The project has not yet progressed to the stage where further investigations can be identified.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES AND
CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

REGION VI, EPA

I. Project Location:

Austin, Travis County, Texas

II. Project Description:

A. Urban runoff-related problems observed

The results obtained so far indicate that high fecal coliform counts were the most distinct characteristic of the runoff loadings from both stormwater runoff and receiving water stations. Other runoff-related receiving water impacts were elevated levels of alkalinity, TSS, ammonia, total phosphorus, BOD, and bacteria in the lake waters. Ammonia concentrations were found to exceed .5 mg/L during several runoff events. There was an increase in water treatment cost for the production of drinking water which correlated with run-off events when the cumulative rainfall volume was greater than one inch. Town Lake (the most urbanized receiving water) generally has bacteria levels 5 to 6 times greater than that of Lake Austin. During storm events, this variation is greater. Also, some heavy metals (lead, zinc) and pesticides (DDT and metabolites) have been found in significant levels in the sediments.

B. Where - N/A

C. How Often - N/A

D. How Severe - N/A

E. Under What Circumstances - N/A

F. Local Legal and Political Implications and Public Attitudes

The local populace is very concerned with environmental issues. These attitudes are concerned with aesthetic and environmental issues relating to development in the Austin area. Accordingly, the results of this NURP project will receive close scrutiny from the Council, economic interests, and the populace as a whole.

G. BMP's Investigated

As part of the local NURP study we have investigated a stormwater detention basin as well as non-structural controls in the form of three levels of impervious cover.

1. Effectiveness of BMP's

a. Stormwater Detention Basin - The basin under investigation seems to be somewhat effective in removing TSS (67%), and marginally effective in removing ammonia (27%) and TKN (26%). It is felt at this time that insufficient data exists to draw broad conclusions.

b. Non-structural controls. At the present time data indicate that the storm average concentrations of most pollutants seem to be about the same for each of the two test watersheds given similar physical conditions. However, data has shown that the total runoff volume (on a per acre basis) is significantly lower for the Rollingwood (low impervious cover -- 21%) watershed than for the Northwest Austin (high impervious cover -- 39%) watershed, hence the Rollingwood watershed contributes significantly less pollutant mass (lbs/acre) than does the Northwest Austin watershed under similar physical conditions.

2. Cost of BMP's - not available at this time

3. Problems - The study ran for only 7 months of data gathering (March-September), due to unexpected flood damage and equipment malfunctions, where it was originally designed to collect one year's data. As a result, seasonal variations cannot be accurately shown. Also, inflow/outflow data at Woodhollow Dam is rather sparse.

III. Preliminary Conclusions Reached, Trends Indicated

Characteristic runoff-related receiving water impacts were elevated levels of alkalinity, TSS, ammonia, total phosphorous, BOD and bacteria in the lake waters. During the course of the receiving water study, it has been observed that the short-term impact of the "conventional" pollutants on the Town Lake-Lake Austin receiving waters has been limited both spatially and temporally. The impact of the discharge plume from the tributaries to the lakes has been limited to those areas immediately downstream of the tributary confluence with the receiving water and in near-shore areas of the lake nearest the tributary. These effects also are limited from only a few hours to several days after the storm event, depending on the parameter being examined and the strength of the storm (intensity and duration). Unfortunately, comparison with upstream dam releases is not complete. Native biota do not seem to be negatively impacted by these discharge plumes. Long term effects of runoff on the receiving waters are still under investigation, and trends and conclusions cannot be meaningfully determined at this time.

Conclusions may be reached regarding the stormwater monitoring program from the data now available to the project. It has been seen that the storm-averaged concentration of most pollutants may be correlated rather well with dry days between runoff events, as well as total volume of runoff and storm intensity, in addition to other parameters. In many cases this correlation is quite good. Equations are presently being developed to describe the storm-averaged concentrations in terms of some of these parameters. In addition, runoff co-efficients also correlate very well with dry days between storm events. Peak fluxes (lbs/hour) of COD, TOC, NH_3-N, and Total P correlate well with peak flows at the monitoring sites and the flux curves for most pollutants tend to closely follow the general shape of their associated hydrographs. There is a definite trend toward higher runoff coefficients with an increase in impervious cover. Medium density residential land use (39% impervious) does produce a larger runoff pollutant load than a low-density residential

land use (21% impervious). Neither developed watershed demonstrated significantly higher concentrations of detected parameters upon comparison, but were significantly higher than the undeveloped control watershed at Turkey Creek.

IV. Further Investigations Indicated -

A. Continuation of sampling at the Woodhollow Dam site to get sufficient data for a statistically significant determination of its efficiency in removal of pollutants.

B. A seasonal study of the lake that takes in fall and winter conditions.

C. A study of the bacterial levels from the tributaries and the sources and types of contamination.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUN-OFF PROGRAM

DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

DENVER, CO

REGION VIII, EPA

DENVER REGIONAL URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties

The Denver region, situated at the foot of the Rocky Mountains, receives only about 14 to 15 inches of precipitation each year. About one-third of this total occurs as snowfall in the winter months. The snows usually melt rapidly within three to four days. However, there may be one or two periods where the snow remains on the ground for more than a week at a time. Lead and other airborne particulate matter will accumulate in this pack but generally the snowfall will be of significant water equivalent to provide enough water during snowmelt runoff to dilute the concentrations of most chemical constituents so as not to pose a problem in the receiving waters. Salt loadings are higher during these periods, as one might expect from street sanding and salting operations, but measured chloride concentrations are considered not to approach problem levels for aquatic life in the streams.

During the remainder of the year approximately eight or nine inches of rain will fall. Two rainfall regimes are apparent: 1) frontal systems in early spring and fall which produce long, gradual, light rains; and 2) convectional systems, summer thunderstorms characterized by localized heavy rainfall of short duration. It is these high intensity rains in the late summer during low flow conditions that produce the greatest loads of contaminants. Atmospheric deposition during long intervals between rains, oftentimes for weeks at a time, has a chance to build up large loads on the land surface. This is exacerbated by dry soil conditions, general windy conditions, and the agricultural and construction-related activities occurring at the outskirts of the Denver region.

When the thunderstorms do occur, the high kinetic energy associated with raindrop impact and overland flow carry the accumulated loads to the receiving waters Data collected to date have shown that quantifiable relationships exist between the total amounts of rainfall, effective impervious areas, and storm loads for selected constituents. Unit area loading rates are greater for basins with a large extent of imperviousness which in general is related to more intense urban land use activities. The Cherry Creek basin, which encompasses the greater part of the rapidly developing downtown central business district, produces the most nonpoint pollution compared to other tributary basins on a per area basis. A good part of this basin is storm-sewered with direct hydraulic connections to the creek, which has a minimal base flow to begin with. The Cherry Creek basin can produce up to 25 percent of the total storm loads measured at a downstream location on the Platte even though it encompasses only 13 percent of the entire monitored area.

During late summer when streamflows are low and temperatures are high, there is not enough base flow in the South Platte to dilute the incoming storm loads. An order of magnitude increase, from around 300 to 3,000 cfs, will occur in the Platte and the runoff response of the basin to rainfall is rapid. It takes about

two-tenths of an inch of rain to wet all the street and vegetated surfaces before runoff will occur. This is important because a large proportion of the total annual rainfall occurs as a number of these small rainfall amounts, or cloudbursts, added up together over the course of a year. Another consideration occurs during the month of May when the heaviest rainfall occurs (two to three inches of rain). This coincides with high streamflow in the South Platte River due to the snowpack in the mountains which is melting at this time of the year. A dilution effect can occur during this period. This does not occur during drought conditions as are prone to occur from time to time and which the region is now experiencing. Most of the urban runoff related problems can be considered to occur under conditions of low flow, high temperature and low dissolved oxygen observed during late summer which are critical periods for the survival of fish.

When discussing the urban runoff "problem" it is important to define what actually is meant by this term. It is not difficult to describe the "effect": that quantifiable loads of chemical constituents are generated during runoff events and that they move to receiving waters. Defining the "impact" is a much more difficult task. Intuitively the word impact refers to a condition adversely affecting public health or the health of aquatic biota, if the latter is determined to be a desirable amenity to preserve. Another consideration is that the magnitude of a water quality problem is defined in terms of how "clean" we choose a desirable level of water quality to be. Clearly, a "problem" occurs only when the criteria we have established has been exceeded more often than a predetermined "acceptable" number of times in a given period.

The duration of the exceedance is also important. The potential exists for a problem to occur when considering the fishery potential of a stream. The major contaminants of concern are potentially toxic substances. Besides the synthetic organic compounds, the dissolved forms of certain heavy metals, such as lead, zinc, and cadmium could pose a problem for stream life and also public water supply. This is because the dissolved metals are the biologically available form of the metal, the one which is easily incorporated into body tissues. Shock loading of water supply intakes from urban runoff is a potential concern and a management strategy designed to avoid using intake water with high dissolved metals would be advisable. At this point in our investigation, it would be difficult to assess the impact on stream organisms without an extensive literature review of toxicity levels impacting sensitive endemic fish species present. As the dissolved metal loads occur during the first part of storms and move as slug loads downstream, and considering durations on the order of a few hours of exposure and the tendency for fish to avoid plumes of toxic concentrations of dissolved substances, no conclusions can be drawn from the available data at this time on the extent or severity of the urban runoff impact on the South Platte River.

Even though it cannot be specified at this time if there is a chemical pollutant problem associated with urban runoff in Denver, another interpretation might connote that there is a physical problem. The effect of sedimentation in the stream channel must also be considered. Much of the sediment transported during runoff periods is clay-sized and remains suspended in the flow. This component

merely moves through the system, whereas sand and silt are deposited in the river channel during storm periods, although scour of the bottom materials is also occurring. The impervious areas accumulate dry depositional materials which eventually are worked into the streams. Since major flood control structures have been built on the mainstem of the Platte and also on its major tributaries at the periphery of the urbanized Denver area, no large events are allowed to really scour the channel and both point source and nonpoint source sediments accumulate over time. These sediments have the potential to continually interact with the overlying water column depending on physical conditions of temperature, p^H and redox which control mobilization of heavy metals, for instance. Current thoughts are that keeping these materials out of the river might be beneficial in that the channel substrate would be improved, and thus, fish habitat. If the sediments are inactive then no chemical problem can be ascertained, however, a physical problem might still exist.

Other potential problems are evident from the storm data collected to date. Relatively high nutrient loads, mainly phosphorus and nitrogen compounds, have been observed to occur. The interpretation is that accelerated eutrophication of reservoirs, and other impoundments characteristic of water supply management in the semi-arid west, can and will occur in waterbodies receiving this nutrient-laden runoff. If the reservoir is used for agricultural irrigation purposes, then the nutrients might be considered beneficial, although the water-borne metals could be detrimental, especially when they accumulate in the soil over the years. If the reservoir is used for recreational purposes, then bacterial pollution might pose a problem as fecal material usually associated with the suspended matter can reach into the hundreds of thousands of colonies per 100 milliliters, far in excess of the suggested maximum of 2000 colonies/100 ml for secondary contact recreation. However, duration of exposure by humans could be effectively managed to minimize recreational disturbances.

The Best Management Practices, or BMPs, which were investigated in the Denver project include detention ponds and runoff ordinances. Although street sweeping with vacuum-type sweepers is a possible BMP, it was considered that this management practice would be very expensive. Other studies have shown negligible effect, negative effect, or beneficial effects from street sweeping. High sweeping frequency would probably preclude a cost-effective, energy-efficient approach. Sediment control, by detaining storm flows, has promise although maintenance of facilities is a continuing cost. Detention ponds built from scratch, retrofitted flood retention ponds already in place, and rock-filled percolation pits seem to hold promise as BMPs for the Denver region. Another alternative is the creation of wetlands in low-lying areas. The wildlife and aesthetic amenities, as well as natural high contaminant-removal efficiencies of wetlands should be seriously considered as well as negative impacts such as pest control. Results from monitoring a detention pond's effect on water quality are still being evaluated at the present time. As the water quality problem is merely changed into a solid waste problem, disposal of pond sediments in an appropriate manner must also be considered. Other considerations are the possible injuries which could be associated with these structures, and the delegation of maintenance responsibilities.

This brings us to the final considerations, those being the political and legal implications. There exists an intrinsic value to having a waterbody close by that people can enjoy, but assessing the dollar value ascribed to this is a difficult matter. Fish in the river are desirable, but at what replacement cost? What are the relative point and nonpoint effects on water quality, how can these be differentiated, how can available funding for control measure spending be determined on a cost-benefit basis? What flexibility exists for local governments to spend federal funds on nonpoint control? How is local financing generated? What political entities should be responsible for implementing a control program should one be established? Ultimately, what are the benefits to be accrued at what costs? Unfortunately, answers to these questions cannot be determined at this time for the Denver region, although they are being pursued and will be addressed in further analyses and deliberations on the matter.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

CASTRO VALLEY, CA

REGION IX, EPA

SUMMARY
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA
NATIONAL URBAN RUNOFF PROJECT

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I. PROJECT LOCATION

Castro Valley is a small, unincorporated community in Alameda County, California, within the metropolitan San Francisco Bay region. It is located on the east side of San Francisco Bay, south of Oakland and north of San Jose. The project's primary test area is a natural, 2.4 square mile watershed which is considered typical of residential basins in the San Francisco Bay region.

II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Runoff Related Problems

The San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary is the single, most important water body in California. More than half of California's fishery resources either live in or directly depend on the estuary for their survival. It also provides recreation to over five million people who live near its shore.

Stormwater-borne pollutants are thought to adversely effect the water quality of San Francisco Bay, but a formal assessment of impacts is difficult because the Bay drainage area is so large (about 3200 square miles). Although runoff contributes large amounts of pollutants, its relationship to observed water quality problems remains uncertain. The primary use of many creeks in the Bay area is to convey stormwater runoff to the Bay. Castro Valley's creek's contribution of toxic pollutants into the Bay is seen as a potential water quality problem.

To determine whether improvements in water quality are necessary, requires one to consider the beneficial uses of the receiving water. In Castro Valley Creek, the support of aquatic habitat is an established beneficial use. Table 1 compares EPA's aquatic life criteria with the observed conditions in Castro Valley Creek for selected total and dissolved metals. The table reports concentrations but does not consider the annual loads delivered to the Bay. Note that the maximum dissolved concentrations are higher than the standards and that the total concentrations also exceed the maximum allowable concentrations.

TABLE 1

Concentrations* of Selected Metals in Castro Valley Creek Stormwater Compared to Water Quality Criteria for Aquatic Life

Constituent	Aquatic Life Criteria		Castro Valley Creek			
			Total		Dissolved	
	Maximum	Average	Max.	Average	Max.	Average
Copper	0.04	0.006	0.7	0.1	0.35	0.05
Lead	0.04	0.02	3.3	0.5	0.7	0.01
Zinc	0.6	0.05	2.2	0.3	0.7	0.1

*Units are mg/1, Castro Valley Creek water hardness = about 200 mg/l

Two additional problems in the Bay are thought to be linked to stormwater runoff:

- o Commercial and recreational shellfish harvesting is prohibited because of contamination from bacteria and heavy metals
- o Fish kill incidents can be traced to specific pollution causes (although many fish kills in the Bay occur for unknown reasons).

The state is investigating the causes of death of striped bass. The state may also initiate an aquatic habitat institute which will monitor the effects of point and non-point discharges on the bay biota.

The public's awareness of and concern for Castro Valley Creek's water quality is not high because its primary use (and that of most other creeks in the Bay area) is to convey stormwater runoff into San Francisco Bay. To the extent that it exists, public perception of a water quality problem focuses on the Bay as a scenic, recreational and commercial water resource for all communities within the Bay Area. There is widespread (and at times vocal) citizen concern over water quality of the Bay itself. The Bay area 208 Study drew heavily upon public support and active citizen participation in carrying out its problem identification tasks. However, the magnitude and technical/institutional complexity of Bay water quality problems tend to discourage remedial action by any one community.

B. Best Management Practice Investigated

This project was conducted to develop information on the control of urban stormwater runoff and the potential impacts on water quality. This was the first project to be part of EPA's Nationwide Urban Runoff Program (NURP) and was designed to develop an understanding of the relationship between street cleaning and urban stormwater runoff quality, using Castro Valley Creek as the focus. The scope of this project did not include an investigation of the effects of street cleaning on the water quality of San Francisco Bay. However, the project was based on the assumption that, if street cleaning would improve water quality in Castro Valley Creek, then street cleaning on a larger scale might improve water quality in the Bay.

1. Effectiveness

Information on the urban runoff mass loading was compared to the initial street surface loading values for each constituent. This analysis showed that up to 20 percent of the total solids and about 35 percent of the lead could have been prevented from reaching the creek. Figure 1 illustrates this relationship and further shows that, after about three passes per week, additional street cleaning effort is unproductive. If maximum urban stormwater runoff improvements are to result from street cleaning, then the streets should be cleaned during the winter months between adjacent storm periods in the Bay area.

2. Costs

Figure 2 shows that, after an initial steep rise in unit cost (i.e., from zero to twice-a-month street cleaning), the unit costs actually decrease. That is, the cost required to prevent a pound of material from reaching the receiving water decreases. After the frequency exceeds about three times per week, however, the unit costs increase again. If the program costs can be justified in terms of water quality, then cleaning three times a week between the winter storms may give the best return for the money for total solids.

3. Special Asbestos Study

As part of this project, a special study of asbestos was conducted and it yielded some interesting results. It was confirmed that optical techniques are inadequate to identify asbestos in small quantities, especially for small fiber sizes. Also, about 10 percent of the runoff monitored had detectable asbestos. The asbestos fiber concentration in urban runoff was about 30 million fibers per liter. This corresponds to 3×10^{13} fibers per acre per year for an area without asbestos in the natural soils. Eighty percent of the street surface samples had detectable asbestos fibers. Street cleaning was found capable of removing 10% of the asbestos on street surfaces with weekly cleaning and up to 50% with cleaning three times per week.

III. DESIGN OF STREET CLEANING PROGRAMS FOR WATER QUALITY

Procedures were developed to calculate the effectiveness of street cleaning operations in improving urban runoff quality. Simple tables and figures were prepared in the project report to supplement this discussion. These procedures can be used to develop street cleaning programs necessary to meet runoff allocation goals, the most cost-effective unit removal costs or just the appropriation of available street cleaning dollars in the service area. They can also be used to determine when and where service reductions should be made as decreasing budgets warrant.

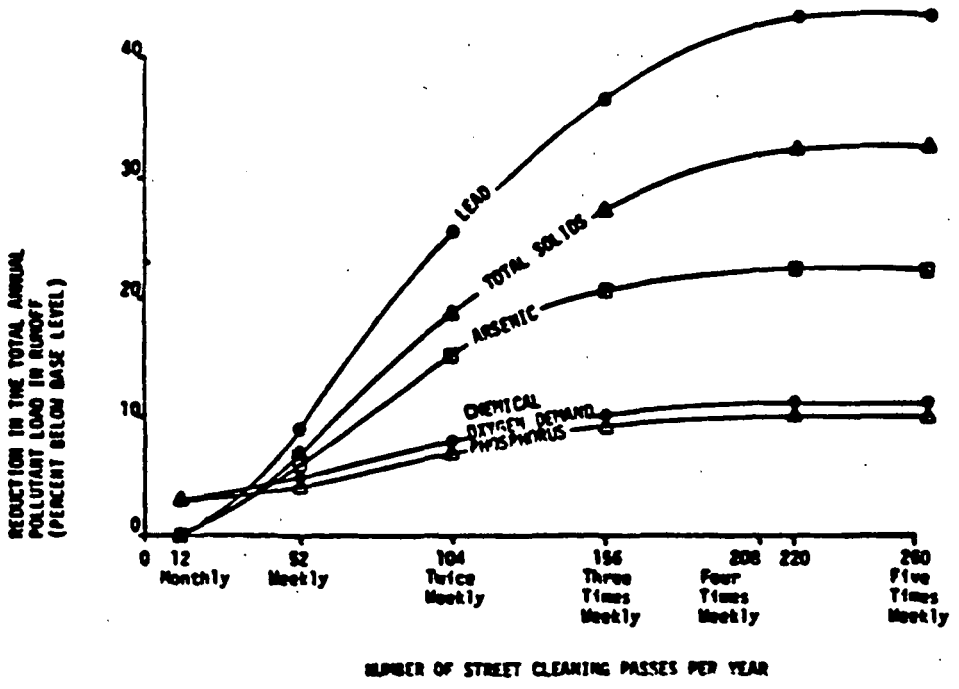

FIGURE 1. IMPROVEMENT IN URBAN RUNOFF QUALITY AS A FUNCTION OF STREET CLEANING EFFORT

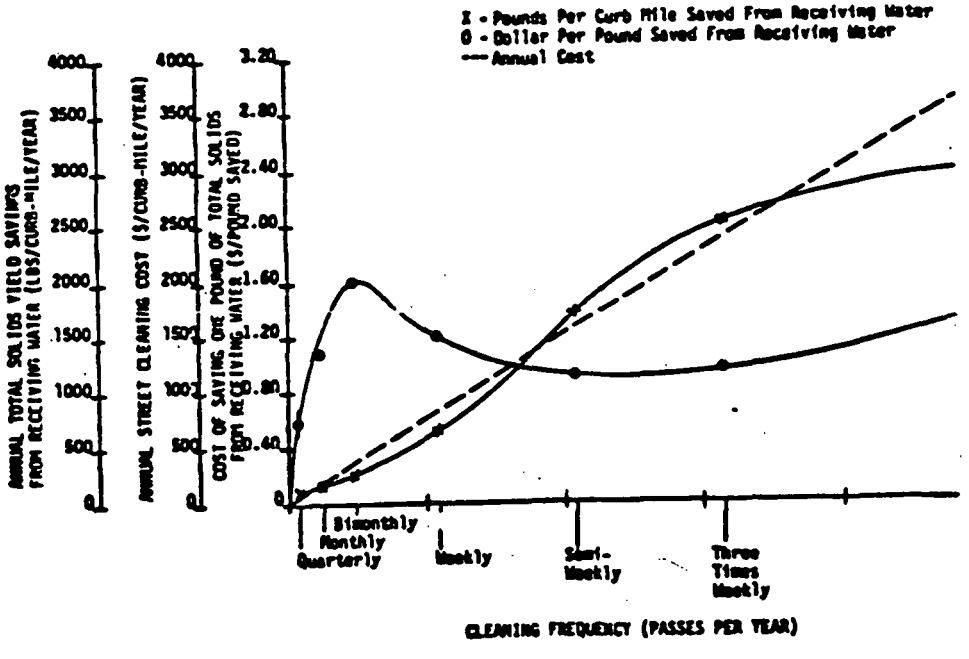

FIGURE 2. UNIT COST EFFECTIVENESS OF CONTROLLING URBAN RUNOFF TOTAL SOLIDS BY STREET CLEANING

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

BELLEVUE, WA

REGION X, EPA

The Bellevue NURP project is located totally within the limits of the City of Bellevue, King County, Washington.

Project Description

The Bellevue drainage system relies on an extensive network of small streams as a "trunk system" to convey Storm and Surface Water to the two large lakes, Lake Washington and Lake Sammamish, bordering Bellevue to the west and east respectively. Major problems are solids and pollutant delivery into this natural conveyance system and erosion and flooding within the conveyance system. These problems occur at some level almost continuously during our seven-month winter rain season, with as many as half-a-dozen serious, significantly damaging events per year. There also have been sporadic fish kills due to accidental spills and some indiscriminant dumping. These problems have been documented as largely responsible for serious deterioration in fish habitat in the stream system.

Since the City's objective to manage the Storm and Surface Water System to operate naturally (according to natural principles), the City relies on pollutant source controls and regional and on-site detention as major controls. The management practices being evaluated in Bellevue are street sweeping, catchbasins and line maintenance, and detention. Surrey Downs and Lake Hills are two residential basins under study for street sweeping and conveyance maintenance. An urban arterial basin is being studied for detention as a water quality control.

Since the 1960's Bellevue has been very interested in water quantity and quality controls for its Storm and Surface Water System. Several public referenda have been held which resulted in the foundation of a Drainage Utility in the mid-1970's and the sale of $10 million in revenue bonds in the 1980's for major capital improvements. Strong public support has also resulted in stringent erosion control regulations and enforcement, a salmon enhancement program for Bellevue's streams, and participation in NURP. Bellevue volunteered, as part of a pilot program, to receive the first general NPDES permit in the State for stormwater discharges. Strong public and political backing have been an essential part of Bellevue's progress in stormwater management. Bellevue plans to develop a comprehensive storm water quality management program based on information generated through NURP.

Preliminary Results

Preliminary results indicate that street sweeping is not a effective measure for stormwater runoff pollution abatement in Bellevue. The best removals seen to date have been 30%-40% and these are rarely achieved. Even without street sweeping for a 5-7 month period, accumulation is usually no more than 500-800 lbs. solids/curb-mile in our experimental basins which is significantly cleaner than other areas monitored in the country. An intensive street sweeping program of three times a week using a standard mobil sweeper rarely reduces this load beyond 300-350 lbs. solids/curb-mile. During periods of low loading, negative removals have been frequently observed. This is probably due to erosion of the street surface and/or broom, or possibly to tracking in of material on the bottom of the sweeper from dirty areas.

One reason for the low loadings is probably climate. Rainfall in Bellevue occurs so frequently (approximately every two days in winter and every 4-7 days in summer) that before accumulation reaches a level where sweeping could be effective, rain effectively washes off the streets. In addition, the street sweepers do not operate well under continually damp street surface conditions.

Comparing street surface loads to storm loads, we have found that most of the sediment material is not coming from the streets. The only time street surface material contributes significantly to storm loads is for small storms (short duration, low intensity). For the larger storms, more off-street contribution and more conveyance-system bedload movement is indicated. We have also found that solids loads are seasonal, with up to 50% of the total annual solids loadings delivered in the months of November and December. These loads may be coming from erosion and/or washout of the systems bedload with the first heavy seasonal rains.

Investigation of catchbasins revealed sediment loads ranging from 0.5-2.5 $ft.^3$ catchbasin. This is greater than the street area contributary to these catchbasins but apparently little of this bedload moves once an "equilibrium" bedload has been established. It was also found that street surface and catchbasin sediment is comprised of similar constituents, possibly implying a similar source. The constituents observed in the runoff, however, are significantly different, possibly indicating different significant sources.

Preliminary Conclusions

In residential basins at least, street sweeping is probably of little value as a water quality control measure. Since this appears to be based primarily on area hydrology, street sweeping may be of little value in most areas (land uses) in Bellevue except where these are extremely high, instantaneous loads. We hope to evauate other land use areas to test this preliminary conclusion during the last phase of the project. If sweeping is useful at all, it probably would be in late summer and fall before the winter rains and before the salmon return to spawn in Bellevue's streams.

Catchbasin and sewer cleaning may have some impact but more data and modeling are needed. Specifically it's necessary to investigate whether, if bedloads were removed on a more frequent basis (just before when they reach equilibrium allowing re-accumulation), significant improvements in runoff quality would follow. The City hopes to test this hypothesis during the last phase of the project. The data to date have clearly shown that sediment should be target pollutant for control since most of the polluting material is associated with solids.

In the last stage of the study, Bellevue will be looking more closely for pollutant sources and controls not associated with streets. That portion of the study focussed on detention did not yield enough data to draw even preliminary conclusions at this time. However, detention has the potential for controlling both street and non-street pollutant sources, as well as water quantitiy problems. Several hundred of these systems are already installed in Bellevue. Therefore, Bellevue is very interested in the outcome of these studies.

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PRIORITY POLLUTANT REPORT

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FOREWORD

This appendix was prepared by the Monitoring and Data Support Division of the EPA Office of Water Regulations and Standards. Supporting contractors were Dalton-Dalton-Newport, Cleveland Ohio and Versar, Springfield, Virginia. Their preliminary findings of the NURP priority pollutant monitoring program and special metals sampling project are presented.

PRELIMINARY FINDINGS OF THE NURP PRIORITY POLLUTANT MONITORING PROGRAM

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PREFACE

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Water Regulations and Standards (OWRS), is conducting programs to evaluate the environmental hazards posed by priority pollutants in our nation's waters. The Monitoring and Data Support Division of OWRS is coordinating a program to determine the significance of urban runoff as one source of toxic pollutants to receiving waters. Specifically, the objective of this program, the Nationwide Urban Runoff Program (NURP) priority pollutant monitoring effort, is to make a preliminary assessment of which priority pollutants are found in urban stormwater runoff, how often, at what concentrations, and with what potential impacts.

The special metals sampling project is an additional effort designed to enhance the usefulness of the NURP priority pollutant data base for metals, which are the pollutants most frequently associated with urban stormwater runoff. The primary objective of the special metals project is to determine the relationships among dissolved, total, and total recoverable concentrations of selected metals in runoff waters.

The information developed through these efforts will permit identification of problem areas nationwide and the

subsequent development of the most effective mitigation strategies to correct urban runoff related problems where necessary. This report documents the preliminary findings and results of the NURP priority pollutant and special metals monitoring projects as of October 1981.

SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION

The Nationwide Urban Runoff Program (NURP) priority pollutant monitoring effort was initiated to evaluate the significance of priority pollutants in urban stormwater runoff. The principal objectives of the program are (1) to determine which priority pollutants are found in urban stormwater runoff, how frequently, and at what concentrations, and (2) to evaluate the potential impacts of priority pollutants carried by urban runoff on aquatic life and water supplies. The information generated by this program will allow the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Office of Water Regulation and Standards (OWRS) to assess the significance of urban runoff relative to other point and non-point sources of toxic pollutants, in order to develop the most efficient and cost-effective control strategies.

The priority pollutants are a group of toxic chemicals or classes of chemicals listed under Section 307(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL 95-217, U.S.C. 466 et seq.). There are ten major groups of priority pollutants including 129 specific compounds or classes of compounds.

The NURP priority pollutant monitoring program was developed by EPA's Water Planning Division which provided

grants to various urban localities for sample collection and laboratory analysis. EPA's Monitoring and Data Support Division (MDSD) is providing technical guidance concerning sampling and analysis procedures, quality assurance and quality control, processing of data, and interpretation of results. The NURP priority pollutant program was developed as a logical extension of the NURP conventional pollutant program, which is primarily concerned with measuring concentrations of conventional pollutants such as solids, phosphorus, nitrogen, and nitrates in urban runoff.

With priority pollutant sampling activities now well underway nationwide, this report presents preliminary results to date based on data which were available as of October 31, 1981, and offers some tentative conclusions regarding program objectives. Results are presented in such a way as to be usable by individuals whose concerns are national, regional, or local in scope. Obviously, these are not final conclusions, but observed trends in the data. Final conclusions must await completion, verification, and analysis of the final data base.

This report is organized as follows:

Section 2 - Methodology
Section 3 - Findings
Section 4 - Conclusions
Section 5 - Special metals project

SECTION 2

METHODOLOGY

Nineteen cities and metropolitan governmental councils (henceforth all will be referred to simply as "cities") are participating in the NURP priority pollutant monitoring program (Table 1). The geographical distribution of these cities includes 11 of the 18 major river basins in the continental United States (Figure 1), and ensures that a variety of climatic regimes and soil types are represented in the sample population. MDSD provided cities with the following general guidelines:

1. Use NURP sampling sites which are also being used for conventional pollutant sampling.

2. Use sites which have flow only when it rains.

3. Take a flow composite sample for the entire storm event. Discrete samples can also be taken to determine concentration variations during the storm event.

Early in the program, participating cities attended an MDSD-sponsored workshop in Springfield, Virginia. Using the sampling guidance manual as a guide ("Monitoring of

TABLE 1.

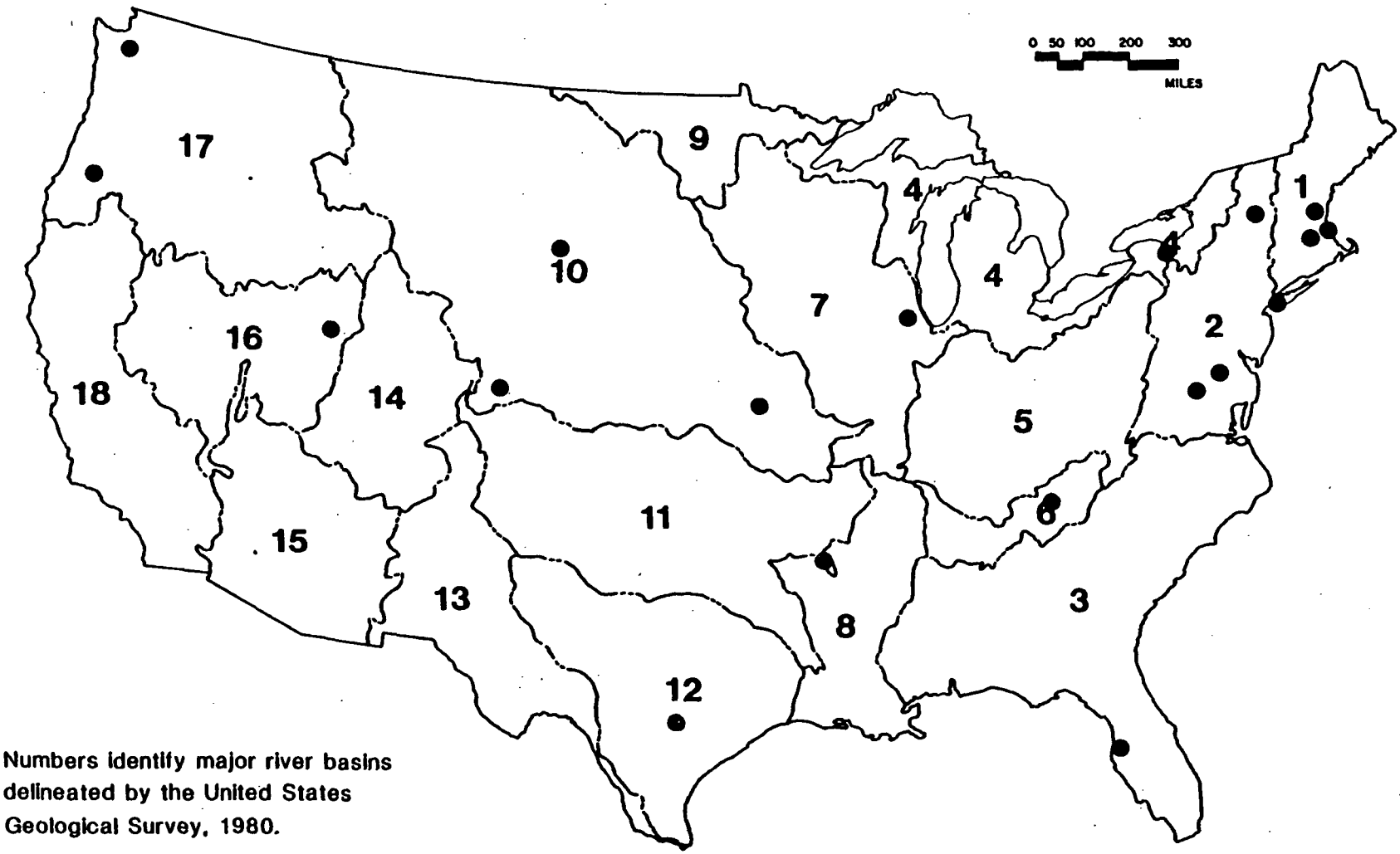
NURP CITIES
COLLECTING PRIORITY POLLUTANT SAMPLES[a]

1.	Durham, New Hampshire
*2.	Lake Quinsigamond, Massachusetts
3.	Mystic River, Massachusetts
*4.	Long Island, New York
5.	Lake George, New York
6.	Irondequoit Bay, New York
7.	Metro Washington, D.C.
8.	Baltimore, Maryland
11.	Tampa, Florida
12.	Knoxville, Tennessee
*17.	Glen Ellyn, Illinois
*19.	Austin, Texas
*20.	Little Rock, Arkansas
21.	Kansas City, Missouri
*22.	Denver, Colorado
23.	Salt Lake City, Utah
*24.	Rapid City, South Dakota
*27.	Bellevue, Washington
*28.	Eugene, Oregon

* Asterisk indicates cities from which priority pollutant analytical data were available as of 10/31/81 in time to be included in this report.

[a] Numbering system conforms to NURP convention; some numbers are omitted as not all NURP cities are collecting priority pollutant samples.

Toxic Pollutants in Urban Runoff: A Guidance Manual" [Versar, 1980a]), a number of issues were covered, e.g., sample collection procedures such as container selection, container preparation, sample preservation, and shipping procedures; and modification of conventional sampling equipment for the collection of priority pollutant samples. Extensive information on NURP guidance regarding these and other relevant topics can be obtained from the many sources which are listed in the References section of this report.



Numbers identify major river basins delineated by the United States Geological Survey, 1980.

● = Priority Pollutant City

Figure 1. NURP Priority Pollutant City Locations.

Samples are being collected from approximately 70 catchments which include a varied range of sizes, populations, and land use types (Appendix A). The largest catchment, for example, collects runoff from 33,544 acres, the smallest from but a single acre. The most common land use types are low-density residential, medium-density residential, and commercial. Land use characteristics of the sampling sites were obtained and recorded for use in future analyses, which will attempt to relate toxics concentrations and loadings to site-specific land use and topographic characteristics.

Each participating city has made appropriate laboratory contracts for analytical services. Six cities arranged for such services through a central EPA office, while the remaining 13 cities contracted directly with independent laboratories. Quality assurance (QA) procedures were established to ensure that the data developed from these many cities and laboratories would be of high quality. QA procedures are detailed in "Quality Assurance for Laboratory Analysis of 129 Priority Pollutants," (Versar, 1980b), and other NURP program documents. Inasmuch as final QA/QC activities have not been completed, all data reported here must be considered preliminary.

At the time of preparation of this report, priority pollutant analytical data were available from nine cities: Lake Quinsigamond, Massachusetts; Long Island, New York; Glen Ellyn, Illinois; Austin, Texas; Little Rock, Arkansas; Denver, Colorado; Rapid City, South Dakota; Bellevue, Washington; and Eugene, Oregon. A maximum of 68 sample results were available for the organic priority pollutants and 46 sample results for the inorganics. For some pollutants, the number of samples is less than the maximum because a pollutant may not have been

analyzed for in a particular sample or because some results were withdrawn for quality control reasons. The data available for this report represent approximately one half of the final data base expected.

For the purposes of this program, asbestos was not analyzed due to high associated costs. Dioxin was not specifically analyzed for because of the health risk to laboratory personnel involved. Gas chromatograms were scanned for the possible presence of dioxin, however.

The approach used to summarize and analyze the NURP priority pollutant data is outlined below:

1. A complete listing of the data was compiled for each pollutant which was detected, and identifies city, site, date of sample collection, whether the sample was discrete or composite, pH, and measured pollutant concentration (Appendix C). Important qualifying information concerning the analytical results was also noted.

2. Summaries of the data were prepared for each detected pollutant including range of detected concentrations, mean, number of samples, frequency of detection, and concentrations of that pollutant reported in other urban runoff studies.

3. For those priority pollutants detected in 10 percent or more of the samples, pollutant concentrations in each undiluted runoff sample were compared to EPA water quality criteria and drinking water standards (Appendix B). Such a comparison provided an initial identification of pollutants whose

concentrations in runoff could lead to potential violations of criteria or standards or adversely impact aquatic life or water supplies.

4. In a limited number of NURP samples, non-priority pollutants were also analyzed for and these results are reported. These non-priority pollutants are somewhat similar to priority pollutants in chemical form and should be considered for future work; however, specific analysis is beyond the scope of the current program.

With reference to the above, some clarification is worth noting. In Step 2, the geometric mean rather than the arithmetic mean is used, as this is the appropriate measure of central tendency when data are log-normally distributed. Such a distribution of NURP and similar data has been demonstrated in the draft EPA Water Planning Division report "Preliminary Results of the NURP Program" (Athayde et al., 1981), and other runoff studies.

Calculating an exact value for the mean (geometric or arithmetic) is impossible, however, when some results are "not detected" and therefore unquantified. What can be done in this case is to calculate two geometric means, which determine a range within which the actual mean should fall. The upper end of this range is calculated by substituting the reported (or nominal) detection limit in the case of an "undetected" result. The lower end is calculated by substituting one tenth of the detection limit (although in no case a value less than 0.001) for an undetectable result as a substitute for zero, which cannot be accommodated in geometric mean calculations. This range bracketing the geometric mean was not calculated if more

than 85 percent of the sample results were "not detected," due to the preponderance of unknown values.

With regard to Step 3, several EPA water quality criteria were used. Criteria for the protection of aquatic life are of two types: (1) the freshwater "acute" criterion, the maximum concentration of a pollutant permitted at any time; and (2) the freshwater "chronic" criterion, the maximum 24-hour average concentration allowed. If either the acute or chronic criterion has not been established for a pollutant, then the lowest reported freshwater acute concentration or the lowest reported freshwater chronic concentration was substituted. Human health criteria include both a non-carcinogenic health criterion for the ingestion of contaminated water and organisms, and a carcinogenic effects criterion at the 10^{-5}, 10^{-6}, and 10^{-7} risk levels for ingestion of contaminated water and organisms. Human health criteria based on the ingestion of contaminated organisms only were not used, in order to apply the more stringent water and organisms standards. EPA also has criteria associated with taste and odor problems (organoleptic criteria) as well as drinking water standards under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

SECTION 3

FINDINGS

Detailed NURP priority pollutant analytical results including city and site where sample was collected, date of collection, discrete or composite sample, pH, and pollutant concentration can be found in Appendix C. Appendix C also lists, for each detected pollutant, the range of concentrations, geometric mean (if calculated), number of samples, frequency of detection, and reported concentrations in other studies. A concise summary of the currently available data base is presented in Table 2.

The findings derived from this preliminary NURP priority pollutant data base are:

1. Sixty-two priority pollutants were detected in urban runoff (Table 2); 65 were not found in any urban runoff samples (Table 3). (Asbestos is not included in the NURP program and results for dichloromethane are not yet available.)

2. Thirteen of the 14 inorganic priority pollutants were found in urban runoff. Most frequently detected were zinc, lead, copper, and arsenic which were found in 100, 93, 91, and 58 percent of the

TABLE 2.

SUMMARY OF ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY FINDINGS
FROM NURP PRIORITY POLLUTANT SAMPLES[a]
(includes information received through 10/31/81)

Pollutant	Cities where detected[b]	Frequency of detection (%)	Range of detected concentrations (µg/l
I. PESTICIDES			
1. Acrolein	Not detected		
2. Aldrin	Not detected		
3. α-Hexachlorocyclohexane (α-BHC) (Alpha)	22, 27	25	0.0027-0.9
4. β-Hexachlorocyclohexane (β-BHC) (Beta)	Not detected		
5. γ-Hexachlorocyclohexane (γ-BHC) (Gamma) (Lindane)	22,27	11	0.002-0.9
6. δ-Hexachlorocyclohexane (δ-BHC) (Delta)	27	3	0.006-0.007
7. Chlordane	2	2	0.01
8. DDD	Not detected		
9. DDE	Not detected		
10. DDT	27	2	0.35
11. Dieldrin	27	3	0.008-0.1
12. α-Endosulfan (Alpha)	27	2	0.2
13. β-Endosulfan (Beta)	Not detected		
14. Endosulfan sulfate	Not detected		
15. Endrin	Not detected		
16. Endrin aldehyde	Not detected		
17. Heptachlor	Not detected		
18. Heptachlor epoxide	Not detected		
19. Isophorone	Not detected		
20. TCDD (2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin)	Not detected		
21. Toxaphene	Not detected		
II. METALS AND INORGANICS			
22. Antimony	22	2	2
23. Arsenic	2,19,20,22,27	58	2-35
24. Asbestos	Not included in NURP program		
25. Beryllium	20	9	1-4
26. Cadmium	2,20,22,27	38	0.2-17
27. Chromium	2,17,20,27,28	45	2-61
28. Copper	2,17,19,20,22,27,28	91	11-110
29. Cyanides	4,19,22,27	31	2-33
30. Lead	2,17,19,20,22,27,28	93	37.6-445
31. Mercury	20,28	7	0.6-1.2
32. Nickel	2,20,22,27	44	5-270
33. Selenium	19,22	20	2-25
34. Silver	17,27	4	0.6-0.8
35. Thallium	Not detected		
36. Zinc	2,17,19,20,22,27,28	100	10-546
III. PCBs AND RELATED COMPOUNDS			
37. PCB-1016 (Aroclor 1016)	Not detected		
38. PCB-1221 (Aroclor 1221)	Not detected		
39. PCB-1232 (Aroclor 1232)	Not detected		
40. PCB-1242 (Aroclor 1242)	Not detected		
41. PCB-1248 (Aroclor 1248)	Not detected		
42. PCB-1254 (Aroclor 1254)	Not detected		
43. PCB-1260 (Aroclor 1260)	2	2	0.03
44. 2-Chloronaphthalene	Not detected		
IV. HALOGENATED ALIPHATICS			
45. Methane, bromo- (methyl bromide)	Not detected		
46. Methane, chloro- (methyl chloride)	Not detected		
47. Methane, dichloro- (methylene chloride)	Data not available		

d)

TABLE 2. (Continued)

Pollutant	Cities where detected[b]	Frequency of detection (%)	Range of detected concentrations (µg/l)
IV. HALOGENATED ALIPHATICS (Continued)			
48. Methane, chlorodibromo-	28	1	2
49. Methane, dichlorobromo-	28	1	2
50. Methane, tribromo- (bromoform)	28	1	1
51. Methane, trichloro- (chloroform)	4,17,20,27,28	24	0.2-8
52. Methane, tetrachloro- (carbon tetrachloride)	4,20,28	6	1-2
53. Methane, trichlorofluoro-[c]	2,4,24,28	9	0.58-27
54. Methane, dichlorodifluoro-[c] (Freon-12)	Not detected		
55. Ethane, chloro-	Not detected		
56. Ethane, 1,1-dichloro-	4,20,28	9	1-5
57. Ethane, 1,2-dichloro-	28	2	4
58. Ethane, 1,1,1-trichloro-	4,17,20,22,24,28	35	1-23
59. Ethane, 1,1,2-trichloro-	4,20,28	8	1-3
60. Ethane, 1,1,2,2-tetrachloro-	4,20	9	1-3
61. Ethane, hexachloro-	Not detected		
62. Ethene, chloro- (vinyl chloride)	Not detected		
63. Ethene, 1,1-dichloro-	28	3	1.5-4
64. Ethene, 1,2-trans-dichloro-	20,28	12	1-3
65. Ethene, trichloro-	4,20,28	12	1-3
66. Ethene, tetrachloro-	4,17,20,22,28	10	1-43
67. Propane, 1,2-dichloro-	28	1	3
68. Propene, 1,3-dichloro-	28	3	1-2
69. Butadiene, hexachloro-	Not detected		
70. Cyclopentadiene, hexachloro-	Not detected		
V. ETHERS			
71. Ether, bis(choromethyl)	Not detected		
72. Ether, bis(2-chloroethyl)	Not detected		
73. Ether, bis(2-chloroisopropyl)	Not detected		
74. Ether, 2-chloroethyl vinyl	Not detected		
75. Ether, 4-bromophenyl phenyl	Not detected		
76. Ether, 4-chlorophenyl phenyl	Not detected		
77. Bis(2-chloroethoxy) methane	Not detected		
VI. MONOCYCLIC AROMATICS (EXCLUDING PHENOLS, CRESOLS, PHTHALATES)			
78. Benzene	4,17,20,27,28	34	1-13
79. Benzene, chloro-	20,28	7	1-3
80. Benzene, 1,2-dichloro-	Not detected		
81. Benzene, 1,3-dichloro-	Not detected		
82. Benzene, 1,4-dichloro-	Not detected		
83. Benzene, 1,2,4-trichloro-	Not detected		
84. Benzene, hexachloro-	Not detected		
85. Benzene, ethyl-	4,17,20,28	12	1-3
86. Benzene, nitro-	Not detected		
87. Toluene	4,17,20,	24	3-9
88. Toluene, 2,4-dinitro-	Not detected		
89. Toluene, 2,6-dinitro	Not detected		
VII. PHENOLS AND CRESOLS			
90. Phenol	20,27	3	2-3
91. Phenol, 2-chloro-	20,28	3	2-22
92. Phenol, 2,4-dichloro-	22	1	10
93. Phenol, 2,4,6-trichloro-	Not detected		
94. Phenol, pentachloro-	4,19,20,22,27,28	18	1-115

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TABLE 2. (Continued)

Pollutant	Cities where detected[b]	Frequency of detection (%)	Range of detected concentrations (µg/l)
VII. PHENOLS AND CRESOLS (Continued)			
95. Phenol, 2-nitro-	Not detected		
96. Phenol, 4-nitro-	4,20,28	10	1-19
97. Phenol, 2,4-dinitro-	Not detected		
98. Phenol, 2,4-dimethyl-	Not detected		
99. m-Cresol, p-chloro-	4	4	1-2
100. o-Cresol, 4,6-dinitro-	Not detected		
VIII. PHTHALATE ESTERS			
101. Phthalate, dimethyl	Not detected		
102. Phthalate, diethyl	17,20	5	1-5
103. Phthalate, di-n-butyl	4,20,22,24,28	11	2.8-11
104. Phthalate, di-n-octyl	20	2	1
105. Phthalate, bis(2-ethylhexyl)	4,17,19,20,22,28	24	1-41.5
106. Phthalate, butyl benzyl	Not detected		
IX. POLYCYCLIC AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS			
107. Acenaphthene	Not detected		
108. Acenaphthylene	Not detected		
109. Anthracene	17,20,27	6	1-5
110. Benzo(a)anthracene	27	3	1-3
111. Benzo(b)fluoranthene	27	1	2
112. Benzo(k)fluoranthene	27	1	4
113. Benzo(g,h,i)perylene	Not detected		
114. Benzo(a)pyrene	27	3	1-2
115. Chrysene	17,27	6	0.6-4.5
116. Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	Not detected		
117. Fluoranthene	17,27	7	0.3-12
118. Fluorene	Not detected		
119. Indeno(1,2,3-c,d)pyrene	Not detected		
120. Naphthalene	4,20,28	6	1-13
121. Phenanthrene	17,20,27	10	0.3-7
122. Pyrene	17,27	7	0.3-10
X. NITROSAMINES AND OTHER NITROGEN-CONTAINING COMPOUNDS			
123. Nitrosamine, dimethyl (DMN)	Not detected		
124. Nitrosamine, diphenyl	Not detected		
125. Nitrosamine, di-n-propyl	Not detected		
126. Benzidine	Not detected		
127. Benzidine, 3,3'-dichloro-	Not detected		
128. Hydrazine, 1,2-diphenyl-	Not detected		
129. Acrylonitrile	Not detected		

[a] Based on 68 organic and 46 inorganic sample results received as of 10/31/81, adjusted for preliminary quality control review. Nine cities reporting.

[b] Cities from which data are available:
2. Lake Quinsigamond, MA
4. Long Island, NY
17. Glen Ellyn, IL
19. Austin, TX
20. Little Rock, AR
22. Denver, CO
24. Rapid City, SD
27. Bellevue, WA
28. Eugene, OR

Numbering of cities conforms to NURP convention.

[c] Recently removed from priority pollutant list.

TABLE 3.

PRIORITY POLLUTANTS NOT DETECTED
IN NURP URBAN RUNOFF SAMPLES[a]
(includes information received through 10/31/81)

Pollutant	Reported limits of detection[b] (µg/l)
I. PESTICIDES	
1. Acrolein	100
2. Aldrin	0.003-10
4. β-Hexachlorocyclohexane	0.004-10
8. DDD	0.012-10
9. DDE	0.006-10
13. β-Endosulfan	0.01-10
14. Endosulfan sulfate	0.03-10
15. Endrin	0.009-10
16. Endrin aldehyde	0.023-10
17. Heptachlor	0.002-10
18. Heptachlor epoxide	0.004-10
19. Isophorone	10
20. TCDD	0.5
21. Toxaphene	0.4-10
II. METALS AND INORGANICS	
35. Thallium	1-63
III. PCBs AND RELATED COMPOUNDS	
37. PCB-1016	0.04-10
38. PCB-1221	0.04-10
39. PCB-1232	0.04-10
40. PCB-1242	0.04-10
41. PCB-1248	0.05-10
42. PCB-1254	0.5-10
44. 2-Chloronaphthalene	10
IV. HALOGENATED ALIPHATICS	
45. Bromomethane	10
46. Chloromethane	10
54. Dichlorodifluoromethane[c]	10
55. Chloroethane	10
61. Hexachloroethane	10
62. Chloroethene	10
69. Hexachlorobutadiene	10
70. Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	10
V. ETHERS	
71. Bis(chloromethyl) ether	10
72. Bis(2-chloroethyl) ether	10
73. Bis(2-chloroisopropyl) ether	10
74. 2-Chloroethyl vinyl ether	1-10
75. 4-Bromophenyl phenyl ether	10
76. 4-Chlorophenyl phenyl ether	10
77. Bis(2-chloroethoxy) methane	10
VI. MONOCYCLIC AROMATICS (EXCLUDING PHENOLS, CRESOLS, PHTHALATES)	
80. 1,2-Dichlorobenzene	10
81. 1,3-Dichlorobenzene	10
82. 1,4-Dichlorobenzene	10
83. 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	10

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TABLE 3. (Continued)

Pollutant	Reported limits of detection[b] (µg/l)
VI. MONOCYCLIC AROMATICS (EXCLUDING PHENOLS, CRESOLS, PHTHALATES) (Continued)	
84. Hexachlorobenzene	10
86. Nitrobenzene	10
88. 2,4-Dinitrotoluene	10
89. 2,6-Dinitrotoluene	10
VII. PHENOLS AND CRESOLS	
93. 2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	10-25
95. 2-Nitrophenol	10-25
97. 2,4-Dinitrophenol	25-250
98. 2,4-Dimethylphenol	10-25
100. 4,6-Dinitro-o-cresol	25-250
VII. PHTHALATE ESTERS	
101. Dimethyl phthalate	10
106. Butyl benzyl phthalate	10
IX. POLYCYCLIC AROMATICS	
107. Acenaphthene	10
108. Acenaphthylene	10
113. Benzo(g,h,i)perylene	10-25
116. Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	10-25
118. Fluorene	10
119. Indeno(1,2,3-c,d)pyrene	10-25
X. NITROSAMINES AND OTHER NITROGEN-CONTAINING COMPOUNDS	
123. Dimethyl nitrosamine	10
124. Diphenyl nitrosamine	10
125. Di-n-propyl nitrosamine	10
126. Benzidine	100
127. 3,3'-Dichlorobenzidine	10
128. 1,2-Diphenylhydrazine	10
129. Acrylonitrile	100

[a] Based on 68 organic and 46 inorganic sample results received as of 10/31/81, adjusted for preliminary quality control review. Nine cities reporting.

[b] Where more than one detection limit is applicable because laboratory methodologies differed, a range is given.

[c] Recently removed from the priority pollutant list.

samples, respectively (Table 4). The maximum zinc concentration was 540 ug/l and the maximum lead concentration was 445 ug/l. Cadmium, chromium, cyanides, nickel, and selenium were detected in from 20 to 50 percent of the samples. Four metals (antimony, beryllium, mercury, and silver) were found in less than 10 percent of the samples. Thallium was the only priority pollutant metal never found.

3. Of the 113 priority pollutant organics (dichloromethane excluded), 49 were found in urban runoff. Of these, six were found in 20 percent or more of the NURP samples: α-hexachlorocyclohexane; trichloromethane (chloroform); 1,1,1-trichloroethane; benzene; toluene; and bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate. The maximum reported concentrations among these pollutants are 41.5 ug/l for bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate, 23 ug/l for 1,1,1-trichloroethane, and 13 ug/l for benzene. An additional nine organics were found in 10 to 19 percent of the samples (Table 4).

4. A comparison of individual sample pollutant concentrations undiluted by stream flow with EPA water quality criteria and drinking water standards reveals numerous exceedances of these levels, as shown in Tables 5 and 5a. Table 5 displays the exceedances on a number of samples basis, while Table 5a converts this information to a percentage basis. This analysis was conducted only for those pollutants detected in at least 10 percent of the samples. Among the metals, copper exceeded its freshwater acute criterion in 69 percent of the samples, while cadmium and lead each exceeded this criterion at least

TABLE 4.

MOST FREQUENTLY DETECTED POLLUTANTS
IN NURP URBAN RUNOFF SAMPLES[a]
(includes information received through 10/31/81)

Pollutants Detected in 50% or More of the NURP Samples

Inorganics	Organics
23. Arsenic (58%)	None
28. Copper (91%)	
30. Lead (93%)	
36. Zinc (100%)	

Pollutants Detected in 20% to 49% of the NURP Samples

Inorganics	Organics
26. Cadmium (38%)	3. α-Hexachlorocyclohexane (25%)
27. Chromium (45%)	51. Trichloromethane (Chloroform) (24%)
29. Cyanides (31%)	58. 1,1,1-Trichloroethane (35%)
32. Nickel (44%)	78. Benzene (34%)
33. Selenium (20%)	87. Toluene (24%)
	105. Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (24%)

Pollutants Detected in 10% to 19% of the NURP Samples

Inorganics	Organics
None	5. γ-Hexachlorocyclohexane (Lindane) (11%)
	64. 1,2-*trans*-Dichloroethene (12%)
	65. Trichloroethene (12%)
	66. Tetrachloroethene (10%)
	85. Ethylbenzene (12%)
	94. Pentachlorophenol (18%)
	96. 4-Nitrophenol (10%)
	103. Di-n-butyl phthalate (11%)
	121. Phenanthrene (10%)

[a] Based on 68 organic and 46 inorganic sample results received as of 10/31/81, adjusted for preliminary quality control review. Nine cities reporting. Does not include special metals samples.

TABLE 5.

SUMMARY OF WATER QUALITY CRITERIA EXCEEDANCES FOR POLLUTANTS DETECTED IN AT LEAST 10 PERCENT OF NURP SAMPLES: NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL SAMPLES IN WHICH POLLUTANT CONCENTRATIONS EXCEED CRITERIA[a]

Pollutant	Number of times detected/Number of samples	Criteria exceedances[b]						
		None	FA	FC	OL	HH	HC[c]	DW
I. PESTICIDES								
3. α-Hexachlorocyclohexane	16/64						1,13,16	
5. γ-Hexachlorocyclohexane (Lindane)	7/64			1			1,2,7	
II. METALS AND INORGANICS								
23. Arsenic	26/45						26,26,26	
26. Cadmium[d]	17/45		9	17		2		2
27. Chromium[d,e]	20/44			1*				1
28. Copper[d]	41/45		31	41				
29. Cyanides	10/32			9				
30. Lead[d]	40/43		16	40		37		37
32. Nickel[d]	20/45			8		18		
33. Selenium	9/45					7		7
36. Zinc[d]	45/45		6	40				
IV. HALOGENATED ALIPHATICS								
51. Methane, trichloro- (chloroform)	16/66						8,16,16	
58. Ethane, 1,1,1-trichloro-	23/66	X						
64. Ethene, 1,2-trans-dichloro-	8/66	X						
65. Ethene, trichloro-	8/68						0,1,8	
66. Ethene, tetrachloro-	7/68						4,7,7	
VI. MONOCYCLIC AROMATICS (EXCLUDING PHENOLS, CRESOLS, PHTHALATES)								
78. Benzene	22/65						2,22,22	
85. Benzene, ethyl-	8/67	X						
87. Toluene	13/55	X						
VII. PHENOLS AND CRESOLS								
94. Phenol, pentachloro-	12/67		1*	7*	1			
96. Phenol, 4-nitro-	7/67	X						
VIII. PHTHALATE ESTERS								
103. Phthalate, di-n-butyl	7/61			6*				
105. Phthalate, bis(2-ethylhexyl)	14/59			13*				
IX. POLYCYCLIC AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS								
121. Phenanthrene	7/67						7,7,7	

* Indicates FTA or FTC value substituted where FA or FC criterion not available (see below).

[a] Based on 68 organic and 46 inorganic sample results received as of 10/31/81, adjusted for preliminary quality control review. Nine cities reporting.

[b] FA = Freshwater ambient 24-hour instantaneous maximum criterion ("acute" criterion).
FC = Freshwater ambient 24-hour average criterion ("chronic" criterion).
FTA = Lowest reported freshwater acute toxic concentration. (Used only when FA is not available.)
FTC = Lowest reported freshwater chronic toxic concentration. (Used only when FC is not available.)
OL = Taste and odor (organoleptic) criterion.
HH = Non-carcinogenic human health criterion for ingestion of contaminated water and organisms.
HC = Protection of human health from carcinogenic effects for ingestion of contaminated water and organisms.
DW = Primary drinking water criterion.

[c] Entries in this column indicate exceedances of the human carcinogen value at the 10^{-5}, 10^{-6}, and 10^{-7} risk level, respectively. The numbers are cumulative, i.e., all 10^{-5} exceedances are included in 10^{-6} exceedances, and all 10^{-6} exceedances are included in 10^{-7} exceedances.

[d] Where hardness dependent, hardness of 100 mg/l $CaCO_3$ equivalent assumed.

[e] Different sets of criteria are written for the trivalent and hexavalent forms of chromium. For purposes of this analysis, all chromium is assumed to be in the trivalent form.

TABLE 5a.

SUMMARY OF WATER QUALITY CRITERIA EXCEEDANCES FOR POLLUTANTS DETECTED IN AT LEAST 10 PERCENT OF NURP SAMPLES: PERCENTAGE OF SAMPLES IN WHICH POLLUTANT CONCENTRATIONS EXCEED CRITERIA[a]

Pollutant	Frequency of detection (%)	Criteria exceedances (%)[b]						
		None	FA	FC	OL	HH	HC[c]	DW
I. PESTICIDES								
3. α-Hexachlorocyclohexane	25						2,20,25	
5. γ-Hexachlorocyclohexane (Lindane)	11			2			2,3,11	
II. METALS AND INORGANICS								
23. Arsenic	58						58,58,58	
26. Cadmium[d]	38		20	38		4		4
27. Chromium[d,e]	45			2*				2
28. Copper[d]	91		69	91				
29. Cyanides	31			28				
30. Lead[d]	93		37	93		86		86
32. Nickel[d]	44			18		40		
33. Selenium	20					16		16
36. Zinc[d]	100		13	89				
IV. HALOGENATED ALIPHATICS								
51. Methane, trichloro- (chloroform)	24						12,24,24	
58. Ethane, 1,1,1-trichloro-	35	X						
64. Ethene, 1,2-trans-dichloro-	12	X						
65. Ethene, trichloro-	12						0,1,12	
66. Ethene, tetrachloro-	22						6,22,22	
VI. MONOCYCLIC AROMATICS (EXCLUDING PHENOLS, CRESOLS, PHTHALATES)								
78. Benzene	34	X					3,34,34	
85. Benzene, ethyl-	12	X						
87. Toluene	24	X						
VII. PHENOLS AND CRESOLS								
94. Phenol, pentachloro-	18		1*	10*	1			
96. Phenol, 4-nitro-	10	X						
VIII. PHTHALATE ESTERS								
103. Phthalate, di-n-butyl	11			10*				
105. Phthalate, bis(2-ethylhexyl)	24			22*				
IX. POLYCYCLIC AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS								
121. Phenanthrene	10						10,10,10	

* Indicates FTA or FTC value substituted where FA or FC criterion not available (see below).

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[d] Where hardness dependent, hardness of 100 mg/l $CaCO_3$ equivalent assumed.

[e] Different sets of criteria are written for the trivalent and hexavalent forms of chromium. For purposes of this analysis, all chromium is assumed to be in the trivalent form.

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20 percent of the time. Freshwater chronic criteria exceedances were observed for lead, copper, and zinc in at least 89 percent of the samples. Drinking water criteria exceedances were significant for lead (86 percent of the time). For the non-carcinogenic human health criterion, lead (86 percent) and nickel (40 percent) exceedances were most frequent. Arsenic human carcinogenic criteria (at all risk levels) were exceeded 58 percent of the time; however, drinking water standards of 50 ug/l for this pollutant were not exceeded. (In cases where inorganic criteria values are water hardness dependent, a value of 100 mg/l $CaCO_3$ equivalent was assumed.)

5. Among the organics, criteria exceedances occurred most frequently in the freshwater chronic and human carcinogenic categories. Freshwater chronic exceedances (utilizing the lowest reported freshwater chronic toxic concentration) were observed most often for pentachlorophenol (10 percent), di-n-butyl phthalate (10 percent), and bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (22 percent). Carcinogenic criteria exceedances at the 10^{-5} risk level were observed for α-BHC (2 percent), trichloromethane (12 percent), tetrachloroethene (6 percent), and benzene (3 percent). However, at the 10^{-7} risk level these exceedances increase to 25, 24, 22, and 34 percent, respectively. These exceedances at the 10^{-7} level occurred for every sample in which the pollutant was detected, a result of the fact that the carcinogenic criteria levels are less than the limits of detection which were used. For organics, the freshwater acute and organoleptic criteria were exceeded only by a single pentachlorophenol sample.

Whenever a criteria exceedance is noted above, this does not necessarily imply that actual violations of criteria did or will take place in receiving waters. Rather, the technique used is an initial screening procedure, to make a preliminary identification of those pollutants whose presence in urban runoff requires further study. Exceedances of freshwater chronic criteria levels may not persist for a full 24-hour period, for example. However, many small urban streams probably carry only slightly diluted runoff following storms, and acute criteria or other exceedances may in fact be real for such streams.

While the 65 priority pollutants not detected are of less immediate concern than those pollutants found often, they cannot safely be eliminated from all future consideration. Many of the pollutants not detected have criteria which are below the detection limits of routine analytical methods. More sensitive analytical methodologies must be used and dilution effects considered before it can be said with assurance that these pollutants are not found in urban stormwater runoff at levels which pose a threat to human health or aquatic life.

Several non-priority pollutants were reported by the laboratory analyzing the Denver runoff samples (Table 6). For example, the herbicide 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D) was found at a concentration of 180 ug/l, a level which violates its drinking water standard of 100 ug/l. The Denver results indicate that many toxic compounds which are not priority pollutants may be found in runoff, and that such compounds may require further investigation and control at some time in the future.

TABLE 6.

NON-PRIORITY POLLUTANTS REPORTED IN NURP URBAN RUNOFF SAMPLES

Pollutant	Estimated concentration (µg/l)	Number of times detected/Number of samples
6-Methoxy-N,N'-bis(1-methylethyl)-1,3,5-triazine-2,4-dione	64	1/7
4-Propoxyphenol	8	1/7
Methylheptanol	12	1/7
3-Methyl-2-cyclohexen-1-one	6-9	4/7
1-(2-Butoxyethoxy)ethanol	5-23	2/7
2,2,4-Trimethyl-1,3-pentanediol	17	1/7
Tributylphosphate	6	1/7
9,10-Anthracenedione or 9,10-Phenanthrenedione	20-29	2/7
2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid or 2,4-D	180	1/7
(1,1'-biphenyl)-carboxaldehyde	17	1/7
Unidentified substituted alkyl hydrocarbon	5-37	3/7
Unidentified substituted alkyl hydrocarbon	12-390	2/7
Unidentified substituted alkyl hydrocarbon oil	10-500	2/7
Unidentified substituted polycyclic aromatic	22	1/7
2,/2-(2-Butoxyethoxy)ethoxy/ethanol	8	1/7

Note: Results reported by the Denver NURP program.

SECTION 4

CONCLUSIONS

Section 3 identified the inorganic and organic priority pollutants which were most frequently detected in urban runoff and which were found at undiluted concentrations exceeding applicable water quality criteria and standards.* The 24 pollutants (9 inorganics and 15 organics) detected in greater than 10 percent of the urban runoff samples have been selected for further evaluation and discussion in this section. A cutoff point of 10 percent was used because the data are preliminary and the cutoff tends to minimize unusual runoff conditions. More pollutants will be analyzed in future reports.

The 24 priority pollutants found in 10 percent or more of the NURP samples, and their predominant sources, are shown in Table 7. In general, priority pollutant inorganics were found more frequently and at higher concentrations than the priority pollutant organics. The inorganics found most frequently and at the highest concentrations were arsenic, cadmium, chromium, copper, cyanide, lead, nickel, and zinc. Predominant sources of these metals in runoff are thought to be fossil fuel and gasoline consumption, metal alloy corrosion, and automobile tire wear. Lindane (γ-BHC), α-BHC, chloroform, 1,1,1-

*All findings and conclusions are considered tentative until completion of thorough quality assurance review.

TABLE 7.

PREDOMINANT SOURCES OF PRIORITY POLLUTANTS WHICH HAVE BEEN DETECTED IN AT LEAST 10 PERCENT OF URBAN RUNOFF SAMPLES

Pollutant	Predominant sources
	a. Fossil Fuels Combustion
121. Phenanthrene	Product of the incomplete combustion of fossil fuels, especially wood and coal burned in residential home heating units.
23. Arsenic 32. Nickel	Products of fossil fuel combustion.
	b. Gasoline Consumption
30. Lead 78. Benzene 85. Ethylbenzene 87. Toluene 96. 4-Nitrophenol	Components of gasoline
29. Cyanide	Product of gasoline combustion
	c. Metal Alloy Corrosion
26. Cadmium 27. Chromium	Metals released from the corrosion of alloys and from electroplating wastes.
28. Copper	Metal released from the corrosion of copper plumbing and from electroplating wastes. Copper is also commonly used in algicides.
	d. Automobile Related Activities
29. Cyanide	Anti-caking ingredient in road salts.
36. Zinc	Component of automobile tires and a common ingredient in road salt.
51. Chloroform	Product of a chemical interaction among road salt, gasoline, and asphalt.

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TABLE 7. (Continued)

Pollutant	Predominant Sources
	e. Pesticide Use
3. α-BHC 5. γ-BHC (Lindane)	Compounds commonly used in soil treatment to eliminate nematodes and other pests.
94. Pentachlorophenol	Primarily used to protect wood products from microbial and fungal decay. Telephone poles are commonly treated with pentachlorophenol, for example.
	f. Solvent Use by Light Industry
58. 1,1,1-Trichloroethane 64. 1,2-trans-Dichloroethene 65. Trichloroethene 66. Tetrachloroethene	Products used in solvents by light industries (e.g., dry cleaning, auto repair, paint contractors, metal finishing and degreasing) to dissolve grease and clean parts. The "spent" solvent typically finds its way into drains, open storm drains, and surface runoff due to careless disposal practices.
	g. Plastic Product Consumption
103. Di-n-butyl phthalate 105. Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	Two of the most widely used plasticizers (components which make plastic flexible). They find their way into urban runoff because, through time, they "leach" from numerous plastic products (e.g., garden hose, floor tile, plastic containers, food packaging) in which they are found.
	h. Natural Erosion
33. Selenium	Element which occurs naturally in rocks and soil.
	i. Chlorination of Drinking Water and Municipal Wastewater
51. Chloroform	Chemical compound formed as a result of the chlorination of drinking water and wastewater.

trichloroethane, benzene, toluene, bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate, phenanthrene, and pentachlorophenol were the priority pollutant organics found most frequently and at highest concentrations. Their predominant sources are believed to be pesticides, solvents, plastic products, and water chlorination practices.

POTENTIAL RISK TO HUMAN HEALTH

A comparison of undiluted NURP priority pollutant concentrations with EPA's human health criteria for water revealed that the organic priority pollutants found most frequently pose little risk to humans at detected levels, except possibly for phenanthrene and chloroform. Ten percent of the urban runoff samples for these two pollutants contained concentrations greater than the EPA criteria for protection of health from carcinogenesis at a 10^{-5} risk level. Pentachlorophenol (PCP) exceeded the organoleptic criterion in one sample, although it was found in 18 percent of the samples. PCP does not appear to be a carcinogen, but tests with rats have shown it to be teratogenic and fetotoxic.

Additional dilution during storm events may reduce the concentrations of the organic pollutants found from the levels measured in runoff. This, in addition to known fates and pathways of these organic pollutants, suggests a minimal risk to humans due to urban runoff-borne priority pollutants. Chloroform, solvents, and gasoline-related organics found in urban runoff are rather volatile (half-life 30 minutes) and are not expected to persist in surface waters. These compounds can be expected to persist in groundwater, however, where they are not able to volatilize.

PCP has a short lifetime in water because photolysis degrades it in streams within approximately one week. However, where conditions such as turbidity limit photolysis, degradation may take as long as several months. PCP also sorbs to sediments where it can persist for months and eventually recontaminate the water column, which can be a problem in streams that are attempting to recover from intermittent or continuous discharges. Phenanthrene is also readily adsorbed to sediments where it can persist and recontaminate the water column. The effect of remobilization of these pollutants from sediments must be further evaluated before a conclusion regarding potential risk to human health can be fully stated. If PCP and phenanthrene are found in additional NURP samples at concentrations of concern, monitoring may be recommended at nearby water supplies.

The predominant pathway for human exposure for the organics associated with gasoline is through ingested food and inhalation. Contaminated surface water should therefore pose little risk at the levels measured in NURP samples. The plasticizers and pesticides should also pose a minimal threat to humans as contaminated surface water is an insignificant exposure pathway for these chemicals. The plasticizer values in urban runoff are orders of magnitude below toxic levels. However, bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate has been shown to accumulate in aquatic life and sediments. The effects of exposure to humans due to these pathways at measured concentrations are currently unknown.

Some of the priority pollutant metals found in urban runoff could represent a potential risk to human health. Exceedances of the non-carcinogenic human health, drinking water, and human carcinogenic criteria were observed. Detected lead concentrations in undiluted runoff ranged

from 38 to 445 ug/l and exceeded the drinking water standard and human health criterion of 50 ug/l (total lead) in 86 percent of the samples. Selenium concentrations in undiluted runoff of from 2 to 25 ug/l exceeded the drinking water standard and human health criterion of 10 ug/l (total selenium) in 16 percent of the samples. Although dilution in receiving streams and subsequent treatment in drinking water treatment facilities would likely reduce these observed concentrations, drinking water standard violations are still possible under worst case conditions. Such conditions would include cases where: (1) the runoff generated during a storm event represented a large portion of the total receiving water flow, resulting in a dilution of less than 1 to 10; (2) the preliminary sampling results are representative of lead and selenium concentrations above drinking water supply intakes; and (3) lead and selenium removal by public drinking water treatment facilities is minimal. Specific risks to drinking water supplies could be evaluated by confirmatory sampling during storm events.

Nickel concentrations in undiluted runoff were found to exceed the human health criterion of 13.4 ug/l (total nickel) in 40 percent of the samples with detected total nickel concentrations ranging from 5 to 270 ug/l. Violations are expected to be less than the 40 percent figure after dilution by receiving streams. Moreover, nickel is not considered a significant human health problem in water because it is poorly absorbed by the body when ingested. Inhalation of nickel, especially nickel carbonyl, poses the greatest risk to human health. However, nickel compounds are suspected of acting synergistically with some carcinogens to increase mutagenic effects (Sunderman, 1981).

Arsenic concentrations in undiluted runoff frequently exceeded the EPA human carcinogenic criteria (10^{-5} risk level) of .022 ug/l. There is, however, presently a debate on the carcinogenic potency of arsenic, and this precludes a meaningful assessment of the risk to humans at this time. The arsenic levels in the undiluted runoff were all below the 50 ug/l EPA drinking water standard.

POTENTIAL RISK TO AQUATIC LIFE

Only one organic priority pollutant, pentachlorophenol, was found to exceed freshwater acute aquatic life criteria. This occurred only once, although the compound was detected in 12 out of 67 NURP samples.

Four priority pollutant metals, cadmium, copper, lead, and zinc, exceeded acute criteria in 13 to 68 percent of the samples. The highest detected values for these pollutants were two to five times higher than their appropriate criteria. Consequently, these pollutants could cause harm to aquatic life, depending upon receiving stream dilution.

These same four priority pollutant metals, plus nickel and cyanide, also exceeded 24-hour freshwater chronic criteria in 18 to 93 percent of the samples. The highest detected values for these pollutants ranged from 3 to 680 times higher than their appropriate criteria. However, attenuating circumstances such as dilution and storm duration must be taken into account in order to fully evaluate the significance of these exceedances. Since most storms last between 2 and 16 hours, violations of chronic criteria levels appear to be unlikely. The long-term effects on aquatic life of these pollutants bound to sediments, however, are unknown. These six pollutants may accumulate to some degree in sediments.

One final observation can be made regarding toxic metal problems in runoff and receiving stream waters. Many metals appear to be bound to organic matter or mineral particulates in water or bottom sediments. Through desorbtion they are potentially available for movement in a soluble form into the water column. In many cases desorbtion is governed by the physical-chemical parameters of pH, oxidation-reduction potential (EH), and dissolved oxygen (DO). Low (acid) pH, EH, and DO favor solubility. Current research on acid precipitation suggests that the pH and possibly the EH of stormwater in many locations is decreasing. Consequently, an increase in the concentration of soluble metals and therefore the toxicity of these pollutants in the water might be expected.

SECTION 5

SPECIAL METALS SAMPLING PROJECT

INTRODUCTION

The Special Metals Project was initiated to enhance the usefulness of the NURP priority pollutant metals data base and to provide additional perspective on the potential toxicity of priority pollutant metals in urban runoff. The primary objective of this project was to determine the relationship among dissolved, total, and total recoverable concentrations of 29 metals (Table 8), including both priority and non-priority pollutant metals, and to evaluate the potential impact of priority pollutant metals in urban runoff on aquatic life and water supplies. A secondary objective was to ensure a high level of quality in the generated data by having all the metal analysis conducted at a single laboratory. This project, therefore, expands the NURP priority pollutant metals data base which provides results for only one form (or fraction) of each metal's concentration, and which uses numerous laboratories.

Definitions of the three metal fractions analyzed in this project are given below:

- Dissolved metals - those constituents (metals) which will pass through a 0.45 micron membrane filter. Occasionally referred to as "soluble" metal content.
- Total recoverable metals - the concentration of metals in an unfiltered sample following treatment with hot dilute mineral acid. Occasionally referred to as "extractable" metal content.
- Total metals - the concentration of metals determined in an unfiltered sample following vigorous digestion with concentrated nitric acid.

Table 8

Special Metals Project: Parameter List

Priority Pollutant Metals	Non-Priority Pollutant Metals
Arsenic (As)	Aluminum (Al)
Beryllium (Be)	Barium (Ba)
Cadmium (Cd)	Boron (B)
Chromium (Cr)	Calcium (Ca)
Copper (Cu)	Cobalt (Co)
Lead (Pb)	Iron (Fe)
Mercury (Hg)	Lithium (Li)
Nickel (Ni)	Magnesium (Mg)
Selenium (Se)	Manganese (Mn)
Silver (Ag)	Molybdenum (Mo)
Thallium (Tl)	Potassium (K)
Zinc (Zn)	Sodium (Na)
	Strontium (Sr)
	Tin (Sn)
	Titanium (Ti)
	Vanadium (V)
	Yttrium (Y)

The three forms of metal are identified and quantified because: (1) in most cases, aquatic life toxicity is believed to be directly related to the amount of dissolved metal available, and (2) total recoverable and total metals results are directly comparable to EPA water quality criteria and drinking water standards, respectively (Appendix D). Although the dissolved metal fraction is most directly related to toxicity, criteria and standards are based on total metals fractions because they provide an indication of the amount of metal available for dissolution. EPA's 1980 water quality criteria for priority pollutant metals are based on laboratory toxicity tests in which the actual form of the metal as measured in concentration may not be known with certainty; most of these tests were probably conducted using metals in the more toxic, dissolved form. The criteria for metals, however, are expressed in terms of total recoverable metal in an effort to provide adequate protection of aquatic life. This fraction was selected as the basis for the criteria because: (1) the actual form of the metal reported in laboratory toxicity tests may not be known, and (2) metals in the aquatic environment may undergo reactions which convert various forms of the metal into the dissolved fraction. EPA's drinking water standards, however, are based on the total metals fraction. Consequently, to identify potential effects of urban runoff on aquatic life and on water supplies, a comparison of both total recoverable and total metal concentrations against respective criteria and standards is needed.

As part of this project, 17 non-priority pollutant metals were also measured in the three fractions since the analytical procedures provide this information at no additional cost. These data are available to all NURP cities and may be analyzed for potential water quality impacts in future EPA NURP assessments. The concentrations of three of

these metals (Ca, Mg, and Sr) were used to calculate hardness for each sample. These hardness values were then used to calculate the applicable EPA water quality criteria for selected priority pollutant metals with hardness-dependent criteria.

METHODOLOGY

Twenty-five NURP cities (Table 9 and Figure 2) are participating in this project. These cities have been supplied sampling kits with sufficient supplies to collect eight runoff samples for each of the three fractions. Consequently, a maximum of 200 samples can be analyzed for each of the three fractions. Along with the sampling kit, a sampling manual and recommendations on sampling were provided. These recommendations are as follows:

1. The samples collected should be either flow-composited or a series of discrete samples for a runoff event.

2. The special metals sample may be split out of the sample collected for priority pollutant analysis, or for those cities not participating in the toxic sampling program, the sample may be split out of a sample collected for conventional pollutant analysis.

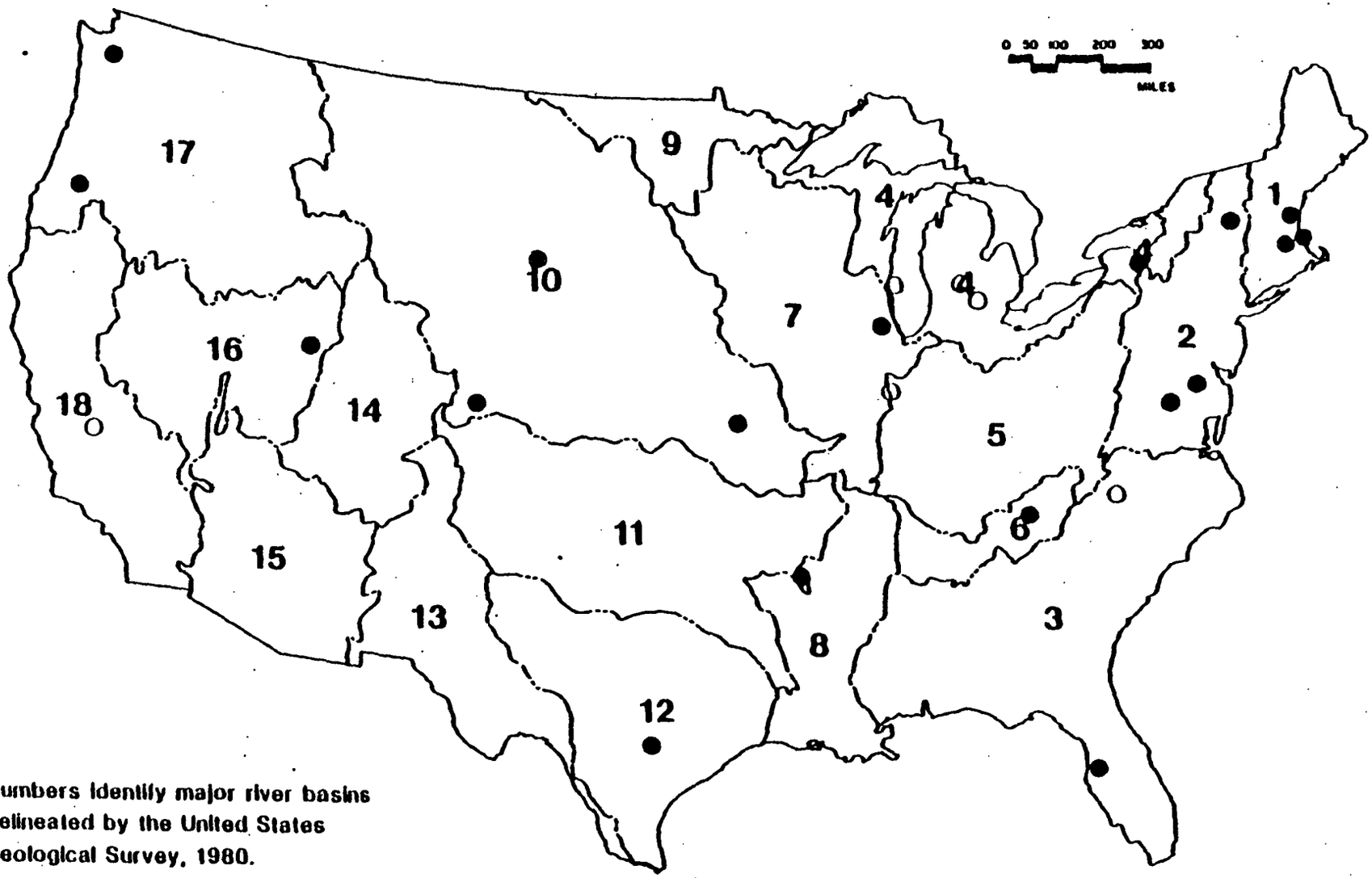
The analytical methods followed by the contracted laboratory are in accordance with the EPA approved procedures published in Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes (USEPA, 1979), and Inductively Coupled Plasma - Atomic Emission Spectrometric Method for Trace Element Analysis of Water and Wastes (USEPA, 1980). Table 10 summarizes the analysis procedures used and references the EPA methods and detection limits for each metal. The use of the Inductively Coupled Plasma-Atomic Emission Spectrometric Method (ICP) for trace element analysis of runoff samples provides a multi-element analysis at no additional cost.

Table 9

NURP Cities Participating in the Special Metals Sampling Project

Durham, NH*
Lake Quinsigamond, MA*
Mystic River, MA*
Irondequoit Bay, NY*
Lake George, NY*
Long Island, NY*
Baltimore, MD*
Washington, DC*
Knoxville, TN*
Tampa, FL*
Winston-Salem, NC
Champaign-Urbana, IL
Milwaukee, WI
Chicago, IL*
Tri-County, MI
Washtenaw, MI
Austin, TX*
Little Rock, AR*
Kansas City, MO*
Denver, CO*
Rapid City, SD*
Salt Lake City, UT*
Fresno, CA
Bellevue, WA*
Eugene, OR*

*Also participating in the NURP priority pollutant sampling program.



Numbers identify major river basins delineated by the United States Geological Survey, 1980.

● : Priority Pollutant City
O : Non-Priority Pollutant City

Figure 2 NURP Special Metals City Locations

Table 10

Summary of Analytical Procedures Used in the Special Metals Sampling Program

Metal	Method Analysis	Reference No.	Detection Limit ug/l
Arsenic (As)	Furnace AA (1)	206.2 (2)	10
Beryllium (Be)	ICP (3)	200.7 (4)	2
Cadmium (Cd)	ICP (3)	200.7 (4)	5
Chromium (Cr)	ICP (3)	200.7 (4)	10
Copper (Cu)	ICP (3)	200.7 (4)	20
Lead (Pb)	ICP (3)	200.7 (4)	40
Mercury (Hg)	Cold Vapor AA (5)	245.1 (2)	1
Nickel (Ni)	ICP (3)	200.7 (4)	20
Selenium (Se)	Furnace AA (2)	270.2 (2)	10
Silver (Ag)	ICP (3)	200.7 (4)	10
Thallium (Tl)	Furnace AA (2)	279.2 (2)	10
Zinc (Zn)	ICP (3)	200.7 (4)	10
Aluminum (Al)	ICP (3)	200.7 (4)	50
Barium (Ba)	ICP (3)	200.7 (4)	10
Boron (B)	ICP (3)	200.7 (4)	10
Calcium (Ca)	ICP (3)	200.7 (4)	100
Cobalt (Co)	ICP (3)	200.7 (4)	10
Iron (Fe)	ICP (3)	200.7 (4)	20
Lithium (Li)	ICP (3)	200.7 (4)	10
Magnesium (Mg)	ICP (3)	200.7 (4)	100
Manganese (Mn)	ICP (3)	200.7 (4)	10
Molybdenum (Mo)	ICP (3)	200.7 (4)	10
Potassium (K)	ICP (3)	200.7 (4)	200
Sodium (Na)	ICP (3)	200.7 (4)	100
Strontium (Sr)	ICP (3)	200.7 (4)	10
Tin (Sn)	ICP (3)	200.7 (4)	50
Titanium (Ti)	ICP (3)	200.7 (4)	10
Vanadium (V)	ICP (3)	200.7 (4)	10
Yttrium (Y)	ICP (3)	200.7 (4)	10

Footnotes:

[1]Atomic Absorption, Furnace Technique.

[2]U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. 1979. Methods for the Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes. Environmental Monitoring and Support Laboratory. Office of Research and Development. Cincinnati, Ohio.

[3]Inductively Coupled Plasma-Atomic Emission Spectrometric Method.

[4]U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. 1980. Inductively Coupled Plasma-Atomic Emission Spectrometric Method for Trace Element Analysis of Water and Wastes. Environmental Monitoring and Support Laboratory. Office of Research and Development. Cincinnati, Ohio.

[5]Manual Cold Vapor Atomic Absorption Technique.

Therefore, besides data on the priority pollutant metals, which are of primary concern, data on 17 additional metal elements are provided.

Four data analysis approaches are used to summarize preliminary results:

1. Metals are identified by frequency of detection, including calculations of geometric mean concentrations of each fraction (total, total recoverable, and dissolved).

2. Comparisons are made of priority pollutant metals concentrations (total recoverable and total metal) of undiluted urban runoff with EPA's water quality criteria and drinking water standards, respectively. These comparisons identify exceeded criteria and standards in an effort to evaluate the potential downstream effects on aquatic life as well as the potential impacts on water supplies.

   EPA water quality criteria for the protection of aquatic life are of two types: (1) "acute" represent the maximum concentration of a pollutant at any time; (2) "chronic" represents the maximum 24-hour average concentration allowed.

   Those criteria that are hardness dependent were adjusted using the hardness values calculated for each water sample using Ca, Mg and Sr concentrations. (Hardness values ranged from 11.2 to 452 with the arithmetic mean being 113 mg/l.)

3. Comparisons are made of dissolved metals concentrations with total and total recoverable concentrations to identify the relative importance of each fraction for each metal.

4. Comparisons are made of special metal concentrations with results of metals analyzed in the NURP priority pollutant monitoring effort when samples were sampled simultaneously for both programs.

5. Comparisons are made of non-priority pollutant metal concentrations (total metal) found in undiluted urban runoff with EPA's "Red Book" Criteria.

At this time, the focus of the data analysis is on the priority pollutant metals. A range of the geometric mean was calculated for each parameter, based on assumptions made in the EPA-Water Planning Division report "Preliminary Results of the NURP Program." Since it is not appropriate to calculate a mean if most of the values are undetected, only metals found in at least 10 percent of the samples are included in this analysis. Two geometric means were computed to identify a range within which the actual mean falls. The upper end of the range was calculated using the actual detection limit when the pollutant was undetected. The lower end was calculated using a very small number (0.1 times the detection limit) for the undetectable (remarked) result in order to avoid zero, which cannot be accommodated in geometric mean calculations. Mean concentrations were also only calculated on composite samples; therefore, the total sample size was 46. The 14 discrete samples were excluded because they do not provide an adequate representation of the runoff event concentration.

The data analysis used event mean concentration which is calculated by dividing the mass discharge, whether it be total, total recoverable, or dissolved, by the total runoff volume. If a flow-weighted composite was collected, the metal concentration was used to represent the event mean concentration. No flow data were reported for discrete samples and, consequently, event mean concentrations could not be calculated. These discrete samples did provide data on the instantaneous metal content of various periods in a runoff event and were used in determining the percent of total metal in the various metal fractions.

FINDINGS

Raw sampling data for all pollutants are given in Appendix E and summarized in Table 11. Appendix F contains preliminary laboratory quality control (QC) data. In general this QC data meets established laboratory control limits (except for aluminum, boron, and iron), including control limits specified in "Quality Assurance for Laboratory Analysis of 129 Priority Pollutants" (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Monitoring and Data Support Division, February 4, 1980). Recoveries for spiked samples, method standards, and reference standards are within 90 to 110 percent for most metals, and replicate standard deviations (RSD's) for duplicate samples are generally less than 10 percent.

Specific results and findings are summarized below:

1. Eight priority pollutant metals were detected in the total fraction. Their frequency of detection and range of values are shown below. The range surrounding the geometric mean is also provided for the metals found in at least 10% of the samples.

	Frequency Found Above Detection Limit (%)	Range of Detected Values (ug/l)	Range of Geometric Mean* (ug/l)
Zinc	92	10-730	103-133
Lead	70	40-740	43-106
Copper	53	20-120	7-27
Chromium	45	10-80	4-14
Nickel	27	20-60	4-21
Cadmium	8	5	-
Beryllium	8	2	-
Arsenic	3	10-20	-

*Based on "total metal" values calculated in Appendix E and presented in Table 11.

Table 11

Summary of Number of Detections, Mean Concentrations, Range and Detection Limits for Special Metals Data Collected as of October 1981

(Composite Samples Only - 46 Samples: concentrations in ug/l)

Pollutant	Form	Number of Detected Values	Geometric Mean RMK = 0.10 RMK*	Geometric Mean RMK = RMK*	Range of Detected Values	Detection Limit
Arsenic	Total	1	-	-	20	10
	Total Recoverable	0	-	-	-	10
	Dissolved	0	-	-	-	10
Beryllium	Total	4	-	-	2	2
	Total Recoverable	0	-	-	-	2
	Dissolved	1	-	-	2	2
Cadmium	Total	4	-	-	5	5
	Total Recoverable	1	-	-	5	5
	Dissolved	2	-	-	5 - 10	5
Chromium	Total	20	4	14	10 - 80	10
	Total Recoverable	13	2	12	10 - 60	10
	Dissolved	0	-	-	-	10
Copper	Total	20	7	27	20 - 120	20
	Total Recoverable	21	8	27	20 - 110	20
	Dissolved	4	-	-	20 - 80	20
Lead	Total	28	43	106	40 - 740	40
	Total Recoverable	28	42	103	40 - 740	40
	Dissolved	0	-	-	-	40
Mercury	Total	0	-	-	-	1
	Total Recoverable	0	-	-	-	1
	Dissolved	1	-	-	1	1
Nickel**	Total	12	4	21	20 - 60	20
	Total Recoverable	4	-	-	20 - 40	20
	Dissolved	1	-	-	140	20
Selenium	Total	0	-	-	-	10
	Total Recoverable	0	-	-	-	10
	Dissolved	0	-	-	-	10
Silver	Total	0	-	-	-	10
	Total Recoverable	0	-	-	-	10
	Dissolved	0	-	-	-	10

*RMK = REMARK and indicates non-detection.

**Contamination suspected in dissolved fraction.

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Table 11 (Cont.)

Summary of Number of Detections, Mean Concentrations, Range and Detection Limits for Special Metals Data Collected as of October 1981 (Composite Samples Only - 46 Samples: concentrations in ug/l)

Pollutant	Form	Number of Detected Values	Geometric Mean RMK = 0.10 RMK*	Geometric Mean RMK = RMK*	Range of Detected Values	Detection Limit
	Total	0	-	-	-	10
Thallium	Total Recoverable	0	-	-	-	10
	Dissolved	0	-	-	-	10
	Total	41	103	133	10 - 730	10
Zinc	Total Recoverable	43	118	137	20 - 690	10
	Dissolved	37	28	43	10 - 550	10
	Total	45	2,305	2,423	200 - 74,400	50
Aluminum	Total Recoverable	46	1,487	1,487	50 - 44,900	50
	Dissolved	12	11	58	50 - 500	50
	Total	43	43	50	10 - 600	10
Barium	Total Recoverable	42	34	41	10 - 570	10
	Dissolved	38	28	42	10 - 190	10
	Total	32	13	27	10 - 180	10
Boron**	Total Recoverable	43	27	32	10 - 160	10
	Dissolved	38	22	33	10 - 230	10
	Total	46	20,220	20,220	3,100 - 121,000	100
Calcium	Total Recoverable	46	19,289	19,289	3,000 - 121,000	100
	Dissolved	46	13,925	13,925	2,500 - 153,000	100
	Total	2	-	-	20 - 30	10
Cobalt	Total Recoverable	4	-	-	10 - 20	10
	Dissolved	0	-	-	-	10
	Total	46	3,531	3,531	300 - 69,900	20
Iron	Total Recoverable	46	2,668	2,668	280 - 48,600	20
	Dissolved	37	31	49	20 - 470	20
	Total	11	2	14	10 - 1,140	10
Lithium	Total Recoverable	10	2	13	10 - 1,200	10
	Dissolved	9	2	12	10 - 1,300	10
	Total	46	5,339	5,339	900 - 26,800	100
Magnesium	Total Recoverable	46	5,200	5,200	900 - 25,100	100
	Dissolved	46	2,745	2,745	300 - 28,500	100

*RMK = REMARK and indicates non-detection.

**Contamination suspected in dissolved fraction.

Table 11 (Cont.)

Summary of Number of Detections, Mean Concentrations, Range and Detection Limits for Special Metals Data Collected as of October 1981

(Composite Samples Only - 46 Samples: concentrations in ug/l)

Pollutant	Form	Number of Detected Values	Geometric Mean RMK = 0.10 RMK*	Geometric Mean RMK = RMK*	Range of Detected Values	Detection Limit
	Total	45	124	130	10 - 1,620	10
Manganese	Total Recoverable	45	124	130	10 - 1,550	10
	Dissolved	30	11	25	10 - 290	10
	Total	4	-	-	10 - 20	10
Molybdenum	Total Recoverable	0	-	-	-	10
	Dissolved	1	-	-	10	10
	Total	46	2,941	2,941	700 - 16,900	200
Potassium	Total Recoverable	46	2,825	2,825	400 - 14,600	200
	Dissolved	46	3,130	3,130	800 - 6,300	200
	Total	46	5,992	5,992	700 - 142,000	100
Sodium	Total Recoverable	46	6,158	6,158	900 - 148,000	100
	Dissolved	46	6,913	6,913	900 - 160,000	100
	Total	46	86	86	20 - 4,490	10
Strontium	Total Recoverable	46	86	86	20 - 4,290	10
	Dissolved	46	66	66	10 - 5,200	10
	Total	3	-	-	50	50
Tin	Total Recoverable	0	-	-	-	50
	Dissolved	0	-	-	-	50
	Total	36	36	59	20 - 2,490	10
Titanium	Total Recoverable	40	39	53	10 - 890	10
	Dissolved	1	-	-	20	10
	Total	14	3	13	10 - 160	10
Vanadium	Total Recoverable	13	2	12	10 - 90	10
	Dissolved	0	-	-	-	10
	Total	3	-	-	20 - 40	10
Yttrium	Total Recoverable	5	1	11	10 - 40	10
	Dissolved	0	-	-	-	10

*RMK = REMARK and indicates non-detection.

2. Comparisons of total recoverable and total metal concentrations (undiluted by stream flow) with EPA water quality criteria and drinking water standards, respectively, reveal that lead, copper, and zinc exceed acute criteria in greater than 37 percent of the samples while they exceed chronic criteria in greater than 53 percent of the samples (Table 12). Lead concentrations were found to exceed EPA's drinking water standards in 63 percent of the samples.

3. A comparison of the priority pollutant metal fractions (Table 13a) revealed that, in general, most of the metals are in the particulate form; most of the metals associated with particulates are in the total recoverable fraction. However, copper, and zinc both are present at 27 percent in the dissolved form. For non- priority metals (Table 13b), a larger percent of the metal concentration is in the dissolved fraction. More than 90 percent of potassium, sodium, lithium, and boron are present in the dissolved fraction, as expected due to the high solubility of these metal salts.

4. Four of the non-priority metals (barium, boron, iron and manganese) have criteria available in EPA's "Red Book" (Table 14). In undiluted runoff, barium and boron did not exceed criteria; iron and manganese exceeded the criteria for domestic water supplies (welfare) in 98% and 77% of the respective samples. These criteria are established to prevent brownish staining of laundry and plumbing fixtures and objectional taste in beverages.

CONCLUSIONS

For this preliminary screening analysis, the results indicate that zinc, lead, copper and chromium are the metals found most frequently and at the highest concentration.

Lead concentrations in undiluted runoff were found to exceed the drinking water standard and human health criterion of 50 ug/l (total lead) in 63 percent of the samples, with detected total lead concentrations ranging

Table 12

Summary of Water Quality Criteria Violations
(Analyses of data uses detected values only)

Metal	# of Samples	Percentage of Samples in Violation			
		Freshwater Acute	Freshwater Chronic	Human Health	Drinking Water Standard
Arsenic	60	0	0	0[c]	0
Beryllium	60	0	0	0[c]	NS
Cadmium	60	3[c]	3[c]	2	2
Chromium	60	0	2	2	2
Copper	60	42[b,c]	53[b,c]	NCA	0
Lead	60	43[b]	68[b,c]	63[b]	63[b]
Mercury	60	0	0	0[c]	0
Nickel	60	0	0	12[c]	NS
Selenium	60	0	0	0	0
Silver	60	0[c]	0[c]	0	0
Thallium	60	0	0	0	0
Zinc	60	37[b]	85[b]	NCA	0

Footnotes:

[a]Violations based on total recoverable fraction only.

[b]Five violations as a result of 5 discrete samples collected for a single runoff event in Long Island, NY., May 11, 1981.

[c]Detection limit is higher than criteria for the metal; therefore, the violation incidence could be higher than shown.

Table 13a

Total Recoverable and Dissolved Metals Concentration as a Percent of Total Metals Concentration:[1] Priority Pollutant Metals (Based on 60 samples)

		Percent Total Recoverable	Percent Dissolved	Frequency of Detection in Total Fraction (%)
Arsenic[2]	RMK[3] = 0	-	-	2
	RMK = RMK	-	-	
Beryllium[2]	RMK = 0	-	-	7
	RMK = RMK	-	-	
Cadmium[2]	RMK = 0	-	-	7
	RMK = RMK	-	-	
Chromium	RMK = 0	61	0	33
	RMK = RMK	77	41	
Copper	RMK = 0	93	27	33
	RMK = RMK	94	53	
Lead	RMK = 0	94	4	47
	RMK = RMK	95	18	
Mercury[2]	RMK = 0	-	-	0
	RMK = RMK	-	-	
Nickel[4]	RMK = 0	35	-	20
	RMK = RMK	85	-	
Selenium[2]	RMK = 0	-	-	0
	RMK = RMK	-	-	
Silver[2]	RMK = 0	-	-	0
	RMK = RMK	-	-	
Thallium[2]	RMK = 0	-	-	0
	RMK = RMK	-	-	
Zinc	RMK = 0	64	27	68
	RMK = RMK	65	28	

[1]Determined using only those samples with a detectable level of metal in the total fraction for greater than 10% of the samples analyzed.

[2]Fewer than 10% of the samples had detectable levels of metal in the total fraction.

[3]RMK = 0: Percentages have been calculated substituting zero for less than detectable values in the dissolved and total recoverable fractions.

RMK = RMK: Percentages have been calculated substituting the detectable limit for less than detectable values in the dissolved and total recoverable fractions.

[4]One data point eliminated from data set due to field contamination.

Table 13b

Total Recoverable and Dissolved Metals Concentration as a Percent of Total Metals Concentration:[1] Non-Priority Pollutant Metals (Based on 60 samples)

		Percent Total Recoverable	Percent Dissolved	Frequency of Detection in Total Fraction (%)
Aluminum	RMK[3] = 0	64	1	75
	RMK = RMK	64	1	
Barium	RMK = 0	85	87	72
	RMK = RMK	86	89	
Boron[4]	RMK = 0	100+	100+	53
	RMK = RMK	100+	100+	
Calcium	RMK = 0	95	61	77
	RMK = RMK	95	61	
Cobalt[2]	RMK = 0	-	-	3
	RMK = RMK	-	-	
Iron	RMK = 0	75	1	77
	RMK = RMK	75	1	
Lithium	RMK = 0	97	100	18
	RMK = RMK	99	100+	
Magnesium	RMK = 0	97	66	77
	RMK = RMK	97	66	
Manganese	RMK = 0	97	18	75
	RMK = RMK	97	19	
Molybdenum[2]	RMK = 0	-	-	7
	RMK = RMK	-	-	
Potassium	RMK = 0	90	92	77
	RMK = RMK	90	92	
Sodium	RMK = 0	99	100+	77
	RMK = RMK	99	100+	

Table 13b (Cont.)
Total Recoverable and Dissolved Metals Concentration
as a Percent of Total Metals Concentration:[1]
Non-Priority Pollutant Metals
(Based on 60 samples)

		Percent Total Recoverable	Percent Dissolved	Frequency of Detection in Total Fraction (%)
Strontium	RMK = 0	96	93	77
	RMK = RMK	96	93	
Tin[2]	RMK = 0	-	-	5
	RMK = RMK	-	-	
Titanium	RMK = 0	59	0	60
	RMK = RMK	59	5	
Vanadium	RMK = 0	63	0	23
	RMK = RMK	71	32	
Yttrium[2]	RMK = 0	-	-	5
	RMK = RMK	-	-	

[1]Determined using only those samples with a detectable level of metal in the total fraction for greater than 10% of the samples analyzed.

[2]Fewer than 10% of the samples had detectable levels of metal in the total fraction.

[3]RMK = 0: Percentages have been calculated substituting zero for less than detectable values in the dissolved and total recoverable fractions.

RMK = RMK: Percentages have been calculated substituting the detectable limit for less than detectable values in the dissolved and total recoverable fractions.

[4]Contamination suspected in the dissolved fraction.

Table 14

Summary of Violations of EPA's
"Red Book" Criteria for
Non-Priority Pollutant Metals (1)
(in undiluted Urban Runoff)

Metal	Criteria (ug/l)	Number of Samples	Range of Detected Values (ug/l)	% of Samples in Violation	Detection Limit (ug/l)
Barium	1000 (2)	60	10-320	0	10
Boron	750 (3)	60	10-180	0	10
Iron	300 (4)	60	300-69900	98	20
Manganese	50 (4)	60	10-1620	77	10

[1] Violations based on total metal fraction only.

[2] Domestic water supply (health)

[3] Long term irrigation on sensitive crops

[4] Domestic water supplies (welfare)

from 40-740 ug/l. Although dilution by receiving streams and subsequent treatment of river water by drinking water facilities would likely reduce these levels (particularly since it is in the suspended form), drinking water standard violations are still possible under worst case conditions. Such conditions would include cases where: (1) the runoff during a storm event was a large portion of the receiving water flow, resulting in a dilution of less than 1 to 15; (2) the preliminary sampling results were representative of lead concentrations above drinking water supply intakes; and (3) lead removal by public drinking water treatment facilities was minimal. Specific risks to drinking water supplies could be evaluated by confirmatory sampling during storm events.

In undiluted urban runoff, nickel concentrations exceed the human health criterion of 13.4 ug/l (total nickel) in 12 percent of the samples, with total detected nickel concentrations ranging from 20-60 ug/l. Violations are expected to be less than the 12 percent figure after dilution by receiving streams. Moreover, nickel is notconsidered a significant human health problem in water because it is poorly adsorbed by the body when ingested. Inhalation of nickel, especially nickel carbonyl, poses the greatest risk to human health.

Lead, copper and zinc concentrations in undiluted runoff exceed freshwater acute criteria in greater than 37 percent of the samples, with the largest observed concentration being less than 10 times the respective criteria. Depending upon receiving stream dilution, these pollutants could cause harm to aquatic life.

Lead, copper and zinc concentrations in undiluted runoff also exceed freshwater chronic criteria in greater than 53 percent of the samples. These criteria are allowable levels for 24 hours. Consequently, duration of the storm event and receiving stream flow are both important factors needed to fully evaluate the significance of these violations. Since most storms last between 2 and 16 hours, problems due to chronic criteria violations appear to be unlikely. The violations of acute criteria, however, could be significant in longer term storms with low dilutions in receiving waters.

Only two priority pollutant metals (copper and zinc) were present in dissolved forms, to any great extent.

This screening approach does not account for the long-term water quality impacts that might occur as a result of the depositon of sediment and accumulation of toxic metals in stream bottoms. The sediments deposited as a result of urban runoff may be a source of toxic metal pollution due to deposition and resuspension.

In undiluted urban runoff, two non-priority pollutant metals (iron and manganese) exceed EPA's "Red Book" criteria established to prevent brownish staining of laundry and plumbing fixtures, and objectional taste in beverages. The high levels of these elements found in urban runoff is not unusual since the metals are ubiquitous in nature, and iron is the fourth most abundant element in the earth's crust.

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APPENDIX G

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

APPENDIX G

FOREWORD

Descriptions for each of the twenty-eight NURP projects are presented in this appendix. The projects are presented in order by EPA Region number from I through X. There is at least one project in each region.

Descriptions are organized in a uniform format.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

NEW HAMPSHIRE WATER SUPPLY AND
POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISION

DURHAM, NH

REGION I, EPA

Introduction

The town of Durham, situated in Strafford County, is located in southeastern New Hamshire, approximately twelve miles inland from the Atlantic seacoast. Durham's topography consists of gently rolling hills and streams with these streams draining into the Oyster River and Oyster River estuary.

The Oyster River has been classified "Class A" west of Mill Road and "Class B" east of Mill Road. The water quality standards require that Class A waters be acceptable for public water supply after disinfection with no discharge of wastewater allowed, and that "Class B" waters be suitable for water supply after adequate treatment with no wastewater to be discharged unless adequately treated to maintain other classification parameters. Beneficial uses of the Oyster River include freshwater fishing, boating, and extensive shellfishing in the tidal flats.

The present water quality of the Oyster River and Oyster River estuary is good. However, it is important to note the high growth rate of coastal New Hamphire. Strafford and Rockingham counties, which encompass the entire coastal region of New Hampshire have increased in total population from 209,000 in 1970 to 259,000 in 1977. This represents an increase of 24 precent over seven years. Recent economic conditions have continued or even spurred the present development rate of the area.

Of concern to local and state agencies is the impacts that this rapid development will have upon the entire coastal area, including water quality resources.

Also, on a statewide level, under statute RSA 149:8 the staff is currently developing regulations for construction operations involving earth changing; including road building and repair, site development and hydrologic modifications. Under these proposed requlations a permit would require the use, as applicable, of best management practices to control erosion and sedimentation. Included in the recommendations for new developments is a requirement that the peak rate of runoff during and after site development should not exceed that occuring before the undertaking by more than about ten percent. The Durham study will aide developers, as well as regulatory agencies, in determining the best control alternatives and management practices.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

A. Area

The town of Durham, situated in Strafford County, is located in Southeastern New Hampshire, approximately twelve miles inland from the Atlantic Seacoast. The total area of the Town comprises about 23.3 square miles of land and about 2.2 square miles of water. Land use within the town is characterized as institutional with associated residential and commercial development.

B. Population

In the northwesterly section of Durham, adjacent to the upper end of the Oyster River estuary, are situated the grounds and buildings of the University of New Hampshire. The most dense residential and commercial development has taken place in the area near the University. Present population including University enrollment is 15,100 and has been projected to increase to 22,500 in the year 2000.

C. Drainage

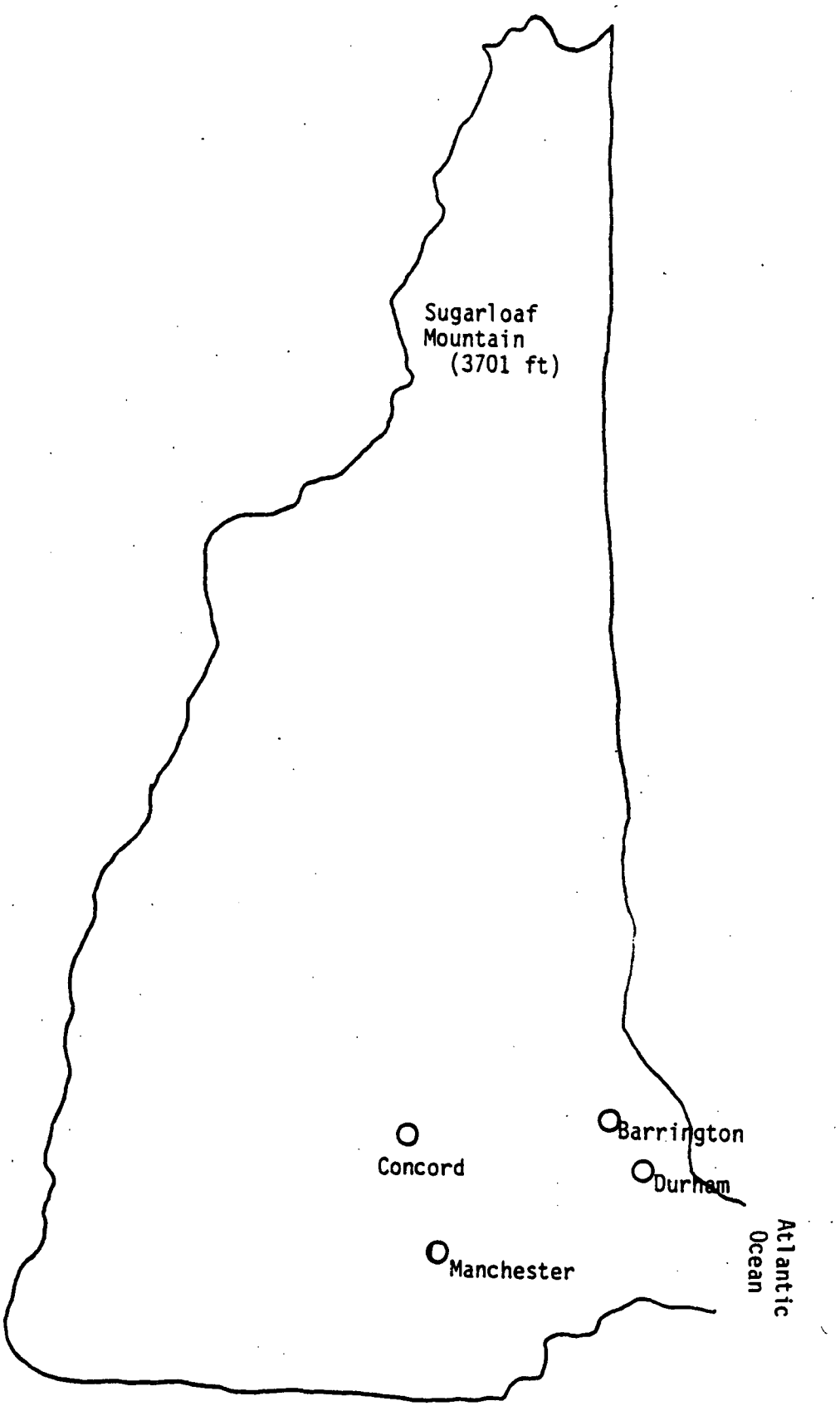
Durham's topography is typically New England with gently rolling hills and streams. These streams drain to the Oyster River and Oyster River Estuary.

The Oyster River originates in the southern portion of Barrington, New Hampshire. The river flows southeasterly through the Lee-Durham town borders and continues east through the north central portion of Durham. The river empties into the Great Bay at Durham Point, and is tidal up to the tide head dam in Durham at Route 108. It drains an area of 32 square miles. (see map)

D. Sewerage System

The existing sewage system serving the town of Durham and the University of New Hampshire is completely separated and consists of lateral sewers, intercepting sewers, the Dover Road pumping Station and force main, and a primary wastewater treatment plant. The sewage system contains a total of approximately 13.5 miles of gravity sewers serving a tributary area of about 800 acres and approximately 3,000 feet of 18 inch force main.

The primary wastewater treatment plant is currently being upgraded to secondary treatment. The construction phase is approximately 15% complete. The wastewater treatment plant discharges into the low reaches of the Oyster River estuary.



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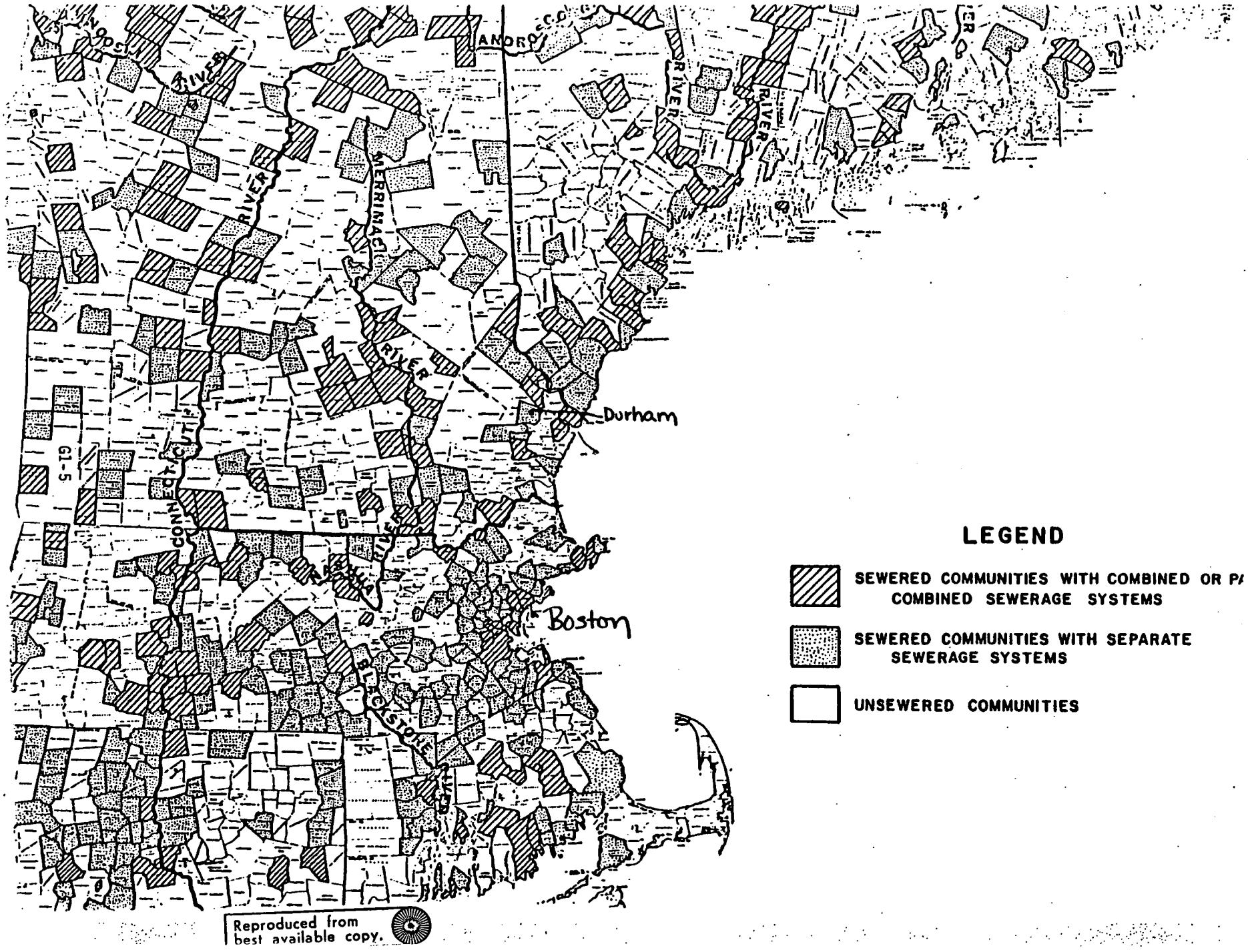

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PROJECT AREA

I. Catchment Name - 2 Pte (Pettee Brook at Madbury Road)

A. Area - 106 acres

B. Population - 2600 persons

C. Drainage - Pettee Brook is a tributary draining into the Oyster River. Main channel is 2800 ft. at approximately 37 ft/mile slope in the channel.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of catchment is 100% separate storm sewers. All of area is served by swales and ditches.

Streets consist of 100 lane miles of asphalt in good condition.

E. Land Use

20 acres (19%) is .5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential.
2.4 acres (12%) is impervious.

16 acres (15%) is >8 dwelling units per acre urban residential.
1.76 acres (11%) is impervious.

9 acres (8%) is Central Business District.
8.55 acres (95%) is impervious.

6 acres (6%) is Shopping Center Area.
6 acres (100%) is impervious.

55 acres (52%) is Urban Institution (Univ. of NH).
5.5 acres (10%) is impervious.

≈ 23% imperviousness in entire drainage area.

II. Catchment Name - 3 Pte (Pettee Brook at Alumni Cntr.)

A. Area - 615 acres

B. Population - 100 persons

C. Drainage - Pettee Brook is tributary draining into the Oyster River. Main channel is 15,800 ft. long at approximately 42 ft/mile slope in the channel.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of catchment is 15% separate storm sewers and 85% no sewers. All of area is served by swales and ditches.

Street consist of 4.83 lane miles of asphalt and other materials.

E. Land Use

30 acres (5%) is .5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential.
1.38 acres (5%) is impervious.

10 acres (2%) is Central Business District.
9.5 acres (95%) is impervious.

135 acres (22%) is Urban Parkland.
.54 acres (<1%) is impervious.

18.5 acres (3%) is Urban Institutional.
3.09 acres (17%) is impervious

90 acres (15%) is Agriculture.
.84 acres (<1%) is impervious.

320 acres (52%) is Forest.
.96 acres (<1%) is impervious

11.5 acres (2%) is Water, Lakes.
0% impervious.

$\simeq$ 3% imperviousness in entire drainage area

III. Catchment Name - 5 Oys (Oyster River at Tidehead Dam)

A. Area - 2181 acres

B. Population - 3600 persons

C. Drainage - Drainage into site consists of 20% separate storm sewers and 80% no sewers. All of area is served by swales and ditches.

Streets consist of 31 lane miles of asphalt in good condition.

D. Sewerage - See above. 80% of drainage is through subsurface systems.

E. Land Use

430 acres (20%) .5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential.
25.8 acres (6%) is impervious.

5 acres (.2%) >8 dwelling units per acre urban residential.
.5 acres (10%) is impervious.

2 acres (.09%) Central Business District.
1.9 acres (95%) is impervious.

8 acres (.4%) Shopping Center.
8 acres (100%) is impervious.

380 acres (17%) is Urban Parkland.
15 acres (4%) is impervious.

865 acres (40%) is Forest.
0% impervious.

21 acres (1%) is Water, Lakes.
0% impervious.

200 acres (9%) is Urban Institutional.
20 acres (10%) is impervious.

270 acres (12%) is Agriculture.
<5% is impervious.

≈3% of entire drainage area is impervious.

IV. Catchment Name - 7 Oys (Oyster River at Reservoir)

A. Area - 10,560 acres

B. Population - 300 persons

C. Drainage - 100% of area has no sewers.

Streets consist of 78 lane-miles with 62 lane-miles being asphalt in good condition.

D. Sewerage - No sewers. Drainage is all through subsurface systems.

E. Land Use

75 acres (1%) is .5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential.
3.75 acres (5%) is impervious.

2 acres (<1%) is Central Business District.
1.9 acres (95%) is impervious.

11 acres (.1%) is Urban Industrial.
8.25 acres (75%) is impervious.

110 acres (1%) is Urban Parkland.
2.2 acres (2%) is impervious.

5 acres (<1%) is Urban Institutional.
.5 acres (10%) is impervious.

26 acres (.2%) is Agriculture.
.52 acres (2%) is impervious.

10326 acres (98%) is Forest.
5 acres is impervious.

≈ .2% of entire drainage area is impervious

V. Catchment Name - 1 Pkg (Shop and Save Parking Lot)

A. Area - .90 acres

B. Population - 0

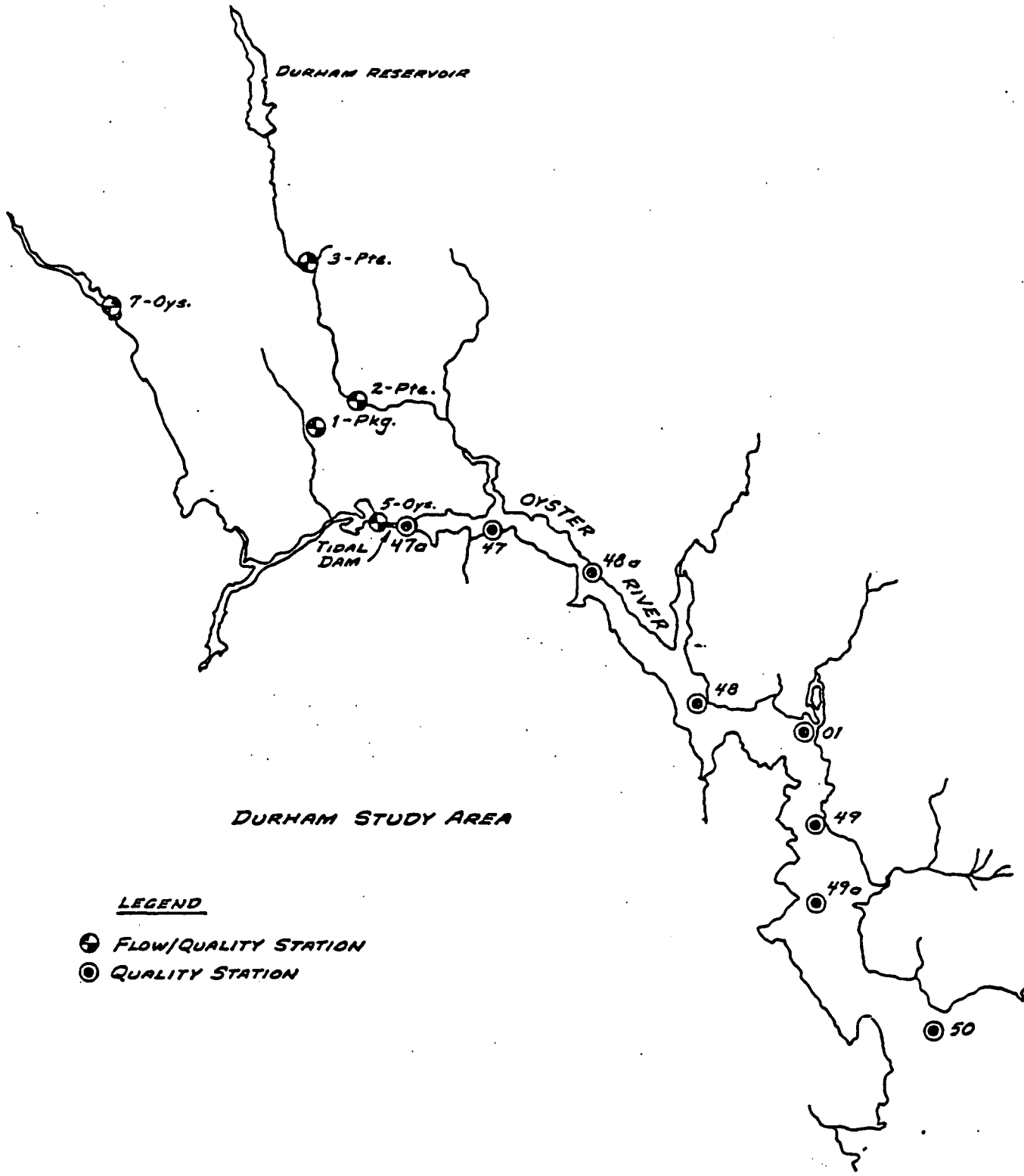
C. Drainage - 1 Pkg is a parking lot site drained entirely by separate storm sewers.

Drainage area of the parking lot is 100% asphalt streets.

D. See above

E. Land Use

40,000 ft^2 is Commercial Shopping Center of which 36,000 ft^2 (90%) is impervious



SCHEMATIC OF SAMPLING SITES

PROBLEM

A. Local definition (government)

The present water quality of the Oyster River and Oyster River estuary is is good. The area is slated to expanded in the next decade and the State is interested in seeing if this expansion will affect the water quality.

The state had recently completed an urban runoff investigation in Concord, NH which showed that loads to the receiving water increased during a wet weather event. The State was interested in comparing the results of the Concord study with the Durham study.

The beneficial uses of the Oyster River include freshwater fishing, boating and extensive shellfishing in the tidal flats. A statement made by the New Hampshire Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission in their proposal to EPA hinted that possibly some of these beneficial uses were being denied by urban runoff. The proposal stated that "The largest oyster bed in the estuary is no longer considered a significant shellfish resource. It may be possible to demonstrate that this potential resource could flourish once again with appropriate upstream controls, which would limit the water quality impact associated with significant rainfall events."

After one year of data collection under NURP, the State has identified coliform violations during wet weather events. There are not numerical values established by the State for heavy metal standards. Generally, however, the heavy metals were below Red Book values.

Analysis is continuing to determine the relationship between these standard violations and any affect on the uses of the receiving water.

B. Local Perception (Public awareness)

In an effort to define the significant non-point sources of pollution throughout the State, 400 select individuals representing various local, regional and statewide water quality agencies, groups and concerns were requested by New Hampshire Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission to evaluate 22 non-point sources of pollution. The basis of the evaluation was the perceived frequency of the occurrence of the pollution, as well as its socio-economic and health impacts. The summary of the perceptions of the evaluators indicated that none of the 22 non-point sources evaluated were perceived to have a "high" Statewide significance. However, 6 of the 22 non-point sources were preceived to have a "moderate" Statewide significance. One of the 6 sources singled out was stormwater runoff. In fact, in the individual non-point source summaries within the Section 208 report, stormwater runoff was perceived as a "moderate" to "high" significance problem in urbanized areas; especially when located near waterbodies.

Project Description

A. Major objective

The final State of New Hampshire detailed 208 Water Quality Management Plan stated that the major emphasis of the 208 statewide effort is to control "existing and potential nonpoint source pollutions" as necessary to "meet the water quality goals of the state and the Fishable, Swimmable goal of the Act."

The Durham NURP study is a continuation of the earlier 208 effort and was structured to meet the objectives outlined in the final 208 plan. The project was broken into two phases; Phase I - Base Line Study and Phase II - Control Measures Study.

Phases I had several specific objectives. These were to 1) measure the mass loadings of urban runoff constituents during individual storm events, 2) measure the impact of urban runoff upon the receiving stream and relate this impact to possible violations of State Water Quality Standards and 3) model the impact of urban runoff upon the receiving estuary stream and relate this impact to possible violations of State Water Quality Standards.

One full year's data base, encompassing any seasonal variations which may exist, was obtained for Phase I.

Phase II of the study will begin with the cessation of the Phase I data base collection. The specific objectives of Phase II are to 1) measure the effectiveness of urban runoff degradation control measures in terms of cost versus mass loading reduction, 2) assess the impact of urban runoff degradation control measures upon the receiving stream and its State Water Quality Standards classification and 3) model the impact of urban runoff degradation control measures upon the receiving estuary and its State Water Quality Standards classification.

Phase II will also be one year in duration in order to encompass any seasonal influences upon the implemented control measures. In the study area the State felt that efforts to prevent or reduce storm water pollution would be best applied to developed areas in the Oyster River headwaters, since the Durham/Tidal Oyster River area is to a large extent developed. The study will concentrate on maintenance and operation practices that will attenuate or eliminate the degree of upset to the natural hydrologic balance of the watershed caused by urbanization in the lower Oyster River basin.

After the quantitative impact of the storm water pollution from the developed area has been estimated, the State feels that effective planning could be instituted by limiting the amount of stream degradation that could be tolerated during wet weather. The town of Durham could then determine what development options are available based on the residuals emitted from the remaining undeveloped Town area.

B. Methodologies

Presently there is little urban data base for the Town of Durham. Basically, this NURP study initiated the investigation of this phenomenon in the New Hampshire coastal area.

In the data collection effort, the quantity, as well as the quality, of urban runoff was examined. The hydrological causal factors of storm water runoff were recorded in order to ascertain their role and importance in the phenomenon of urban runoff. These factors include storm intensity, duration and frequency.

Land use within the study areas will also be characterized. These parameters are to be developed in relation to pollutant loadings results and compared with those of other studies in order to determine whether or not a correlating factor exists between land use and the amount of pollution associated with urban runoff.

Phase I consisted of gathering base line urban runoff data for the selected sub-catchments and the receiving stream. Phase II will consist of examining these sub-catchments after the implementation of control measures. In this way, the effectiveness of the control measures will be evaluated by calculating the difference in pollutant loads of the sub-catchments before and after the implementation of the selected control measures.

The cost-effectiveness of implementing control measures will be assessed in terms of total costs versus pollutant removal amount or percent. The relationship examined will be unique to the land use characteristics of the sub-catchments examined and to the hydrological stormwater conditions surrounding the storm events monitored.

Dry weather data was collected weekly for one year in the freshwater portion of the receiving stream. Receiving water stream data was also collected during storm events for comparisons with dry weather, as well as State Water Quality Standards. The purpose of these comparisons is, first, to determine how urban runoff and urban runoff control measures affect stream quality and, second, to evaluate these changes with respect to possible State Water Quality Standard Violations.

Estuary monitoring is also conducted on a periodic basis. The purpose of this monitoring is to collect data in order to calibrate and verify the estuary flushing model. The flushing model will be used to assess the effects of urban runoff and control measures upon estuary water quality.

C. Monitoring

The study area consists of a section of the Oyster River drainage basin encompassing the downtown area of Durham, NH. The monitoring program covers three in-town sub-catchments, the Oyster River and the Oyster River estuary.

One sub-catchment examined is a commercial parking lot in downtown Durham (1 Pkg). The second sub-catchment is larger and drains on institutional-commercial area of town (2 Pte). A third sub-catchment drains an area that

is largely forest and agricultural land (3 Pte). This station is necessary to separate the upstream drainage from the downstream drainage. In addition, there are five stations to be monitored in the Oyster River and Oyster River estuary. The two upstream stations are located at impoundment sites in the River, the lower of which separates the freshwater and tidal portions of the River. The remaining three stations are located in the Estuary.

There is one rain gage operated on the University of New Hamsphire campus. The gage is a Fisher-Porter model registering 0.1 inch increments of rainfall. An additional rain gage was installed at the parking lot site.

The list of parameters examined in each sample includes: Biochemical Oyygen Demand (BOD), Chemical Oyxgen Demand (COD), Nitrogen (NO_2 and NO_3), Total Phosphorus (P) and Chlorides (CL). Metals analyzed for include Cadmium, Lead, Chromium, Copper, Iron, Manganese, Nickel and Zinc. This dissolved and suspended nature of each of the parameters was tested. Temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen and aklalinity were also included.

Equipment

All monitoring sites, except those located in the estuary, have automatic sampling equipment. Following is a brief summary of the types of flow monitoring and automatic sampling equipment located at each site:

1 Pkg

ISCO model 1870 Flow meter and ISCO model 1680 sampler. Flow is measured by a flume located at the outflow of the catch basin.

2 Pte

ISCO model 1870 Flow meter and ISCO model 1680 sampler. Flow is measured using a weir located in the culvert.

3 Pte

ISCO model 1870 Flow meter and ISCO model 1680 sampler. Flow is measured using a weir located at the upstream end of the culvert.

5 Oys

ISCO model 1870 Flow meter and ISCO model 1680 sampler with model 1640 actuater. A rating curve was establisned at this site. The equipment is suspended in the fish ladder with a bubbler located at the dam.

7 Oys

ISCO model 1870 Flow meter and ISCO model 1680 sampler with model 1640 actuater. Equipment is located in gate house for the reservoir with bubbler located at the dam.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ENGINEERING

LAKE QUINSIGAMOND, MA

REGION I, EPA

INTRODUCTION

Lake Quinsigamond is located in the heart of Worcester County, Massachusetts and lies between the City of Worcester and the Town of Shrewsbury. The lake's drainage basin encompasses portions of Worcester, Shrewsbury, Boylton, and West Boylton, plus corners of Grafton and Millbury.

Lake Quinsigamond lies in a north-south direction and is crossed by three major highways: Interstate I-290, Route 9 and U.S. Route 20. Being situated in a highly urban area, the lake supports multiple recreational uses including fishing, boating, water skiing and bathing. The entire periphery of the lake is densely settled with many private homes and some commercial establishments.

The objectives of the Lake Quinsigamond NURP program are to assess the magnitude and severity of storm water runoff pollution in the lake and its tributaries; assess the cost, impacts and benefits of appropriate control techniques; recommend a comprehensive pollution abatement program for the watershed in order to protect, preserve, enhance and recover portions of the lake and its watershed for recreation, and propagation of fish and other aquatic life; and provide data on the character of urban runoff, its impacts on a major recreational lake as a receiving water, and on the effectiveness of various runoff control alternatives.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

A. Area

Lake Quinsigamond is located in the heart of Worcester County, Massachusetts, between the city of Worcester and the town of Shrewsbury. Worcester and Shrewsbury are the two most populous municipalities in central Massachusetts. The lake's drainage basin also encompasses portions of the towns of Boylston, West Boylston, Grafton and Millbury. The entire periphery of the lake is densely settled with many private homes and some commercial establishments. Two state parks, several private beaches and marinas are located along the shorefront. The central part of the drainage basin is highly developed and considerable construction is occurring or is planned in the basin as a whole.

Being situated in a highly urban area with convenient access, the lake supports intensive, multiple recreational uses. These uses include fishing, swimming, boating, waterskiing, and aesthetic enjoyment. In addition, the lake recharges an aquifer providing water supply for Shrewsbury's lakeside wells.

Lake Quinsigamond is separated into two distinct sections: the deep narrow northern basin and the shallow southern basin known as Flint Pond.

The total area of the lake is 772 acres comprised of 475 acres in the northern basin and 297 acres in Flint Pond. The Lake Quinsigamond drainage basin occupies a total area of about 25 square miles (16,000 acres). The lake has a maximum depth of 92 feet and an average depth of 20.7 feet. The lake is approximately 5 miles long, with the width varying from 250 feet to nearly a mile. The lake volume is estimated at 688 million cubic feet.

The single outlet of the lake is located at Irish Dam with the outflow creating the Blackstone River. The major inlet to the lake is from a series of ponds north of the main body of the lake. Approximately 14 small tributaries also feed the lake. These tributaries drain sub-basins varying in size from less than one square mile to over 5 square miles.

B. Population

Worcester and Shrewsbury, which occupy the majority of the Lake Quinsigamond Basin, are the two most populous of the 27 municipalities in the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission 208 Planning Area. In terms of generalized economic and demographic trends, Shrewsbury is characterized as an area of moderate to high population growth and industrial/commercial expansion. Boylston and West Boylston are characterized as areas of moderate to high population growth but slow industrial commercial expansion. Worcester, Grafton and Millbury are characterized as areas of slight decline or very slow

population and industrial/commerical growth. Existing and projected populations or these areas are as follows:

	1975	1985
Worcester	171,859	169,400
Shrewsbury	21,858	24,200
Boylston	3,318	4,200
West Boylston	6,257	6,750
Grafton	10,584	11,000
Millbury	12,103	13,200

The entire periphery of the lake is densely settled with many private homes and some commercial establishments.

C. Drainage

The Lake Quinsigamond drainage basin is a headwater basin of the Blackstone River, rising immediately to the east of that river's origin. The Quinsigamond River is the lake's outlet and flows to its juncture with the Blackstone at Fisherville pond in the town of Grafton, MA.

The Blackstone River than carries the combined flows southeast into Rhode Island and the Seekonk River, which is tidal and flows into the Providence River and thence into Narragansett Bay.

Lake Quinsigamond lies in a region in which approximately half of the average annual precipitation eventually becomes streamflow, the remainder being lost to evapotranspiration. The most thorough study of the surface hydrology of Lake Quinsigamond and its tributary streams was carried out as part of the 1971 Water Quality study done by Massachusetts Division of Water Pollution Control. The discharge of the major tributaries was measured by current meter on three occasions. Of the fifteen feeder streams contributing flow to Lake Quinsigamond, six contributed over 90 percent of the surface flow: Tilly Brook, Newton Pond Overflow, Bonnie Brook, South Meadow Brook, Poor Farm Brook, and Coal Mine Brook.

A partial water balance was derived for the lake using data points which may be summarized as follows:

	4/26/71	6/30/71	12/17/71
Outflow (O)	38cfs	9cfs	47.2cfs
Evaporation (E)	3	6.4	1.5
Tributary Inflow (I)	30.37	9.94	39.63
O + E - I	10.63	5.46	9.07

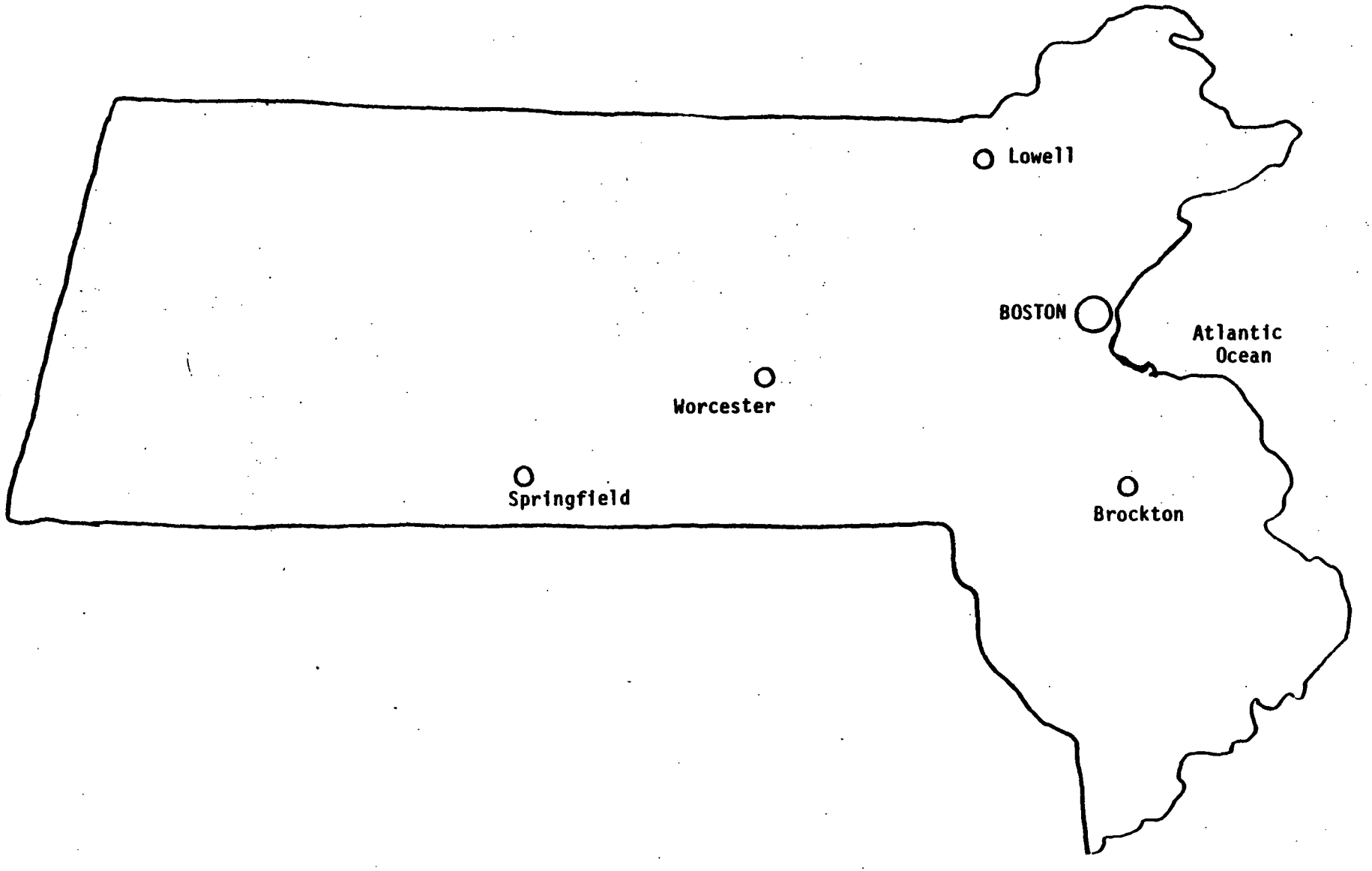
The outflow plus evaporation exceeds the inflow by the amount given in the last row. That amount approximately equals the release from storage plus roundwater inflow. Pumping from the Shrewsbury wells near the lake intercepts some of the groundwater inflow to the lake and may, if their zones of influence intersect the lake boundaries, cause a groundwater withdrawal from the lake.

The amount of stormwater runoff reaching Lake Quinsigamond is important since it is believed to have a significant pollutional impact. Using the measured outflow for the lake and the dry weather flow data gathered by MDWPC, an estimate of the total stormwater runoff was made. That estimate suggested that during the four month 1971 survey period, about 25 percent of the lake inflow was due to stormwater which entered the lake from the storm drains and feeder streams.

Lake Quinsigamond is stratified from May through November, during which time the water below the thermocline becomes trapped and remains in place until the lake becomes completely mixed during fall overturn. The surface inflow generally mixes with the epilimnion during stratification. The detention time of water in the epilimnion has been estimated to be between 125 and 150 days.

D. Sewerage System

The Lake Quinsigamond watershed is mixture of separate storm sewers and septic tank systems. Within recent years elimination of point sources has been attempted by the construction of interceptor sewers and transmission lines which convey the wastewater out of the basin and southward to a regional treatment facility. However, there is evidence that sewage contamination is still occurring. The sources of the sewage contamination could be numerous. In areas without sanitary sewers, house connections have been identified as a source of sewage contamination. In general storm drains are constructed without a great deal of care to avoid infiltration and renegade sewage leaking from house connections has no difficulty reaching the storm drains. Additionally there may still be direct sewage connections draining to storm drains or major points of leakage between neighboring sanitary and storm lines. Common manholes were a problem in the past and may still be allowing some leakage.



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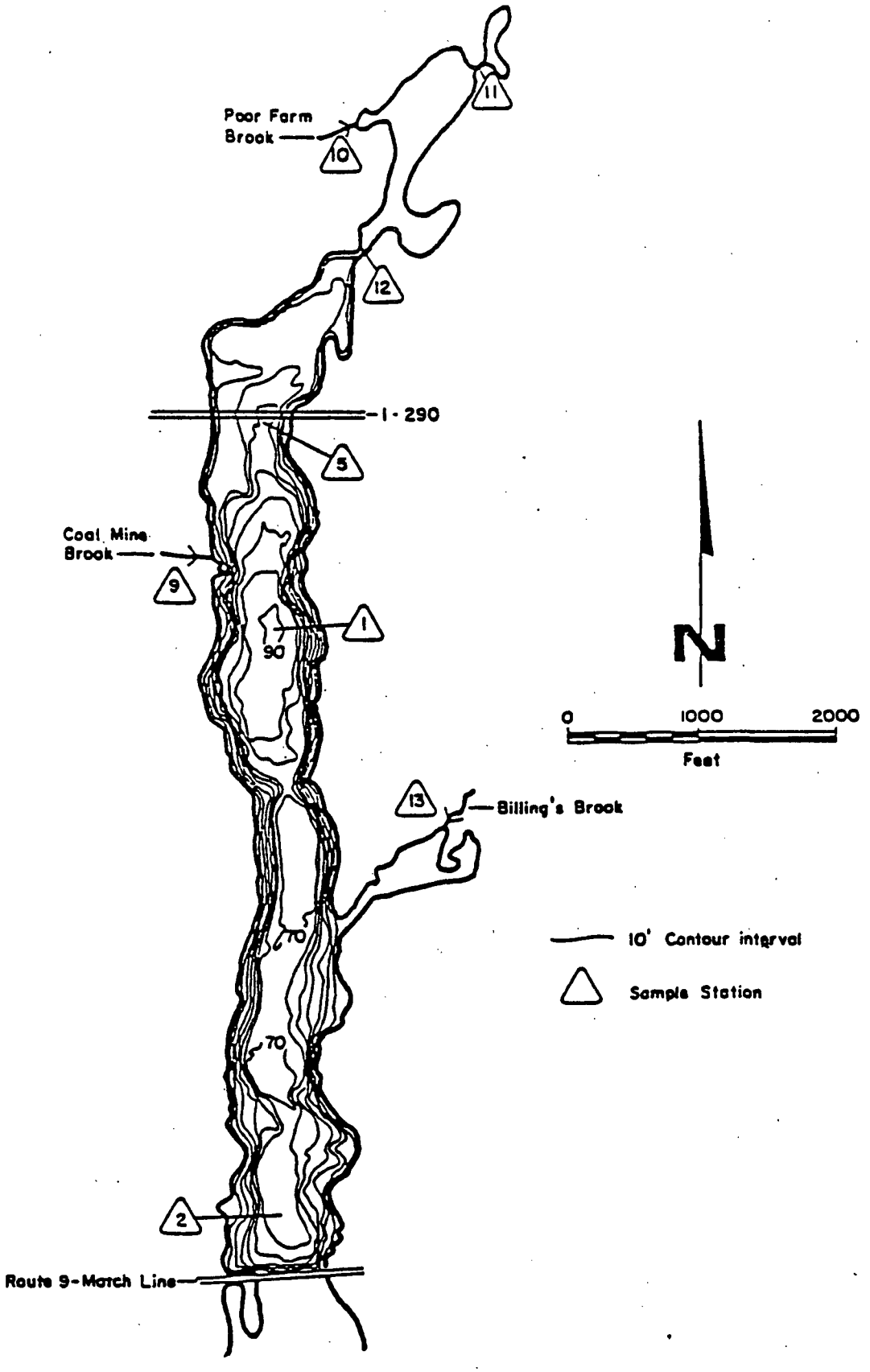
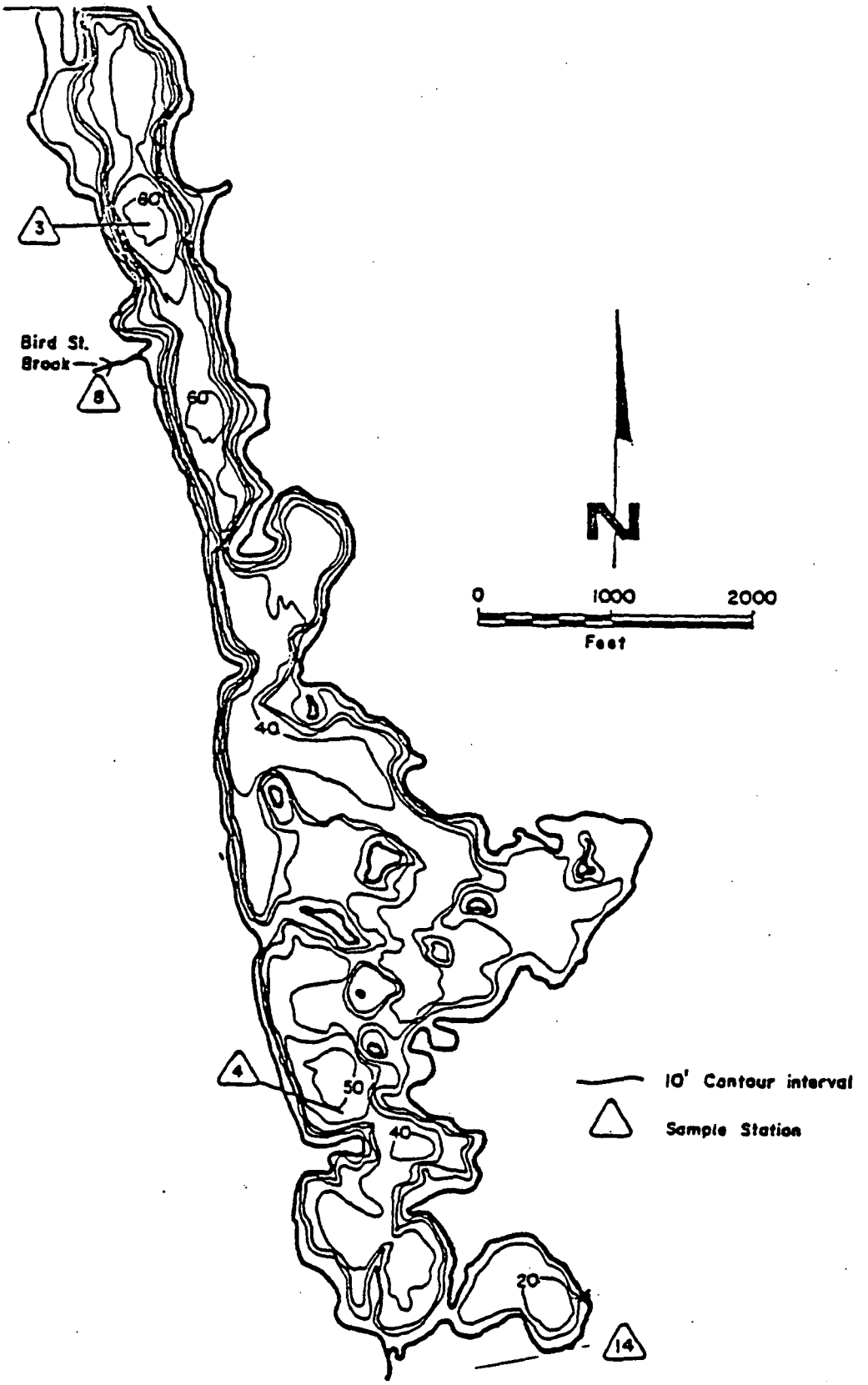


Lake Quinsigamond North of Route 9



Lake Quinsigamond South of Route 9

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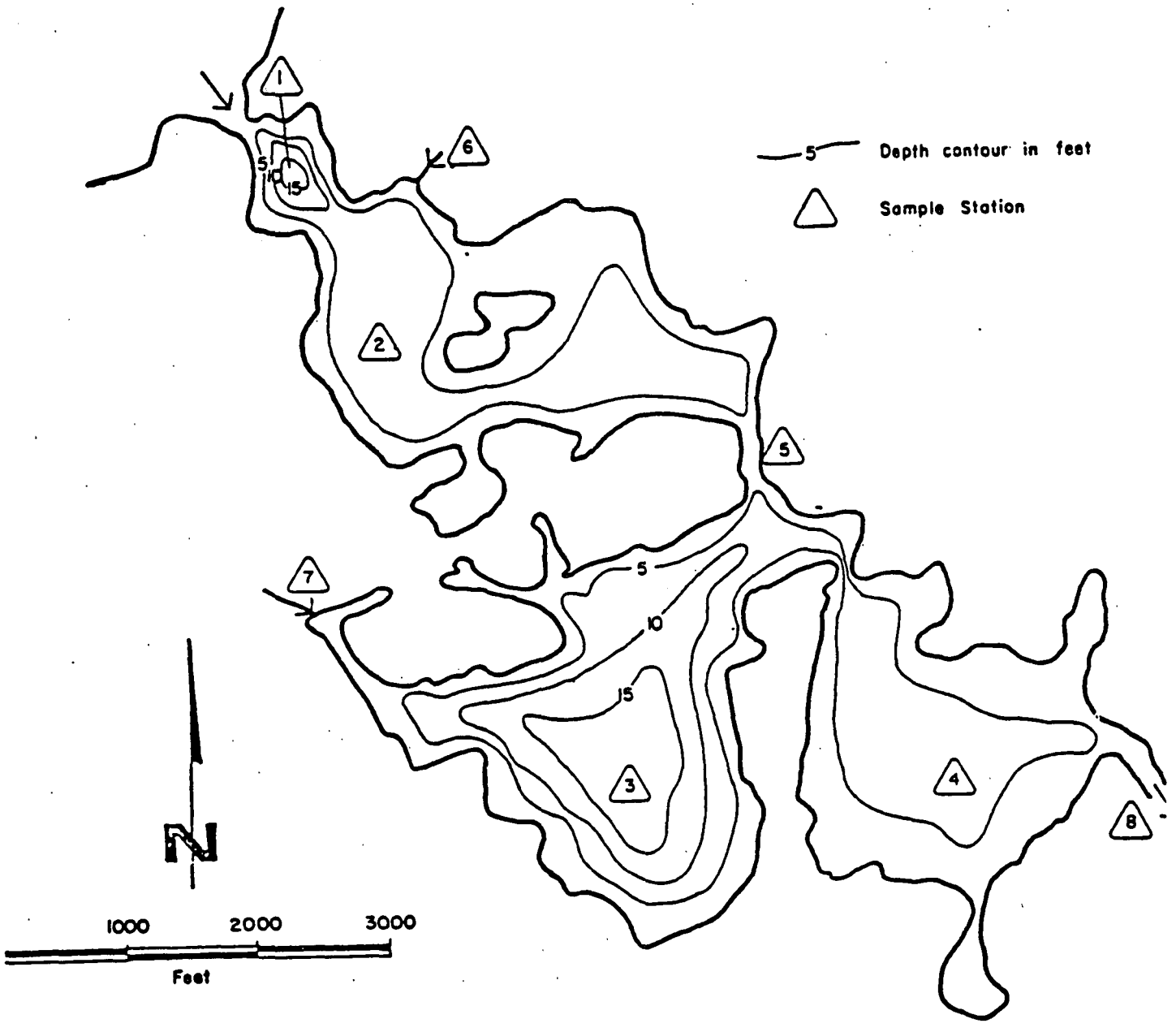


(c) Flint Pond

PROJECT AREA

I. Catchment Name - Jordan Pond (P1)

A. Area - 110 acres

B. Population - 1042 persons

C. Land Use

13 acres (12%) is 1/2 - 2 dwelling units per acre residential

74 acres (66%) is 2 - 8 dwelling units per acre residential

18 acres (16%) is commercial

4 acres (4%) is Industrial

2 acres (2%) is Parkland

II. Catchment Name - Route 9 Manhole, within Regatta Point fence at Police Station (P2)

A. Area - 338 acres

B. Population - 2285 persons

C. Land Use

138 acres (41%) is 2 -8 dwelling units per acre residential

21 acres (6%) is 9 + dwelling units per acre residential

82 acres (24%) is Commercial

36 acres (11%) is Industrial

40 acres (12%) is Parkland

22 acres (7%) is Open Land

III. Catchment Name - Manhole on Locust Ave (P3)

A. Area - 154 acres

B. Population - 1703 persons

C. Land Use

131 acres (85%) is 2 - 8 dwelling units per acre residential

2 acres (2%) is Commercial

12 acres (8%) is Industrial

7 acres (5%) is Parkland

IV. Catchment Name - Fitgerald Brook discharge to the Lake (P4)

A. Area - 601 acres

B. Population - 5491 persons

C. Land Use

363 acres (60%) is 2 - 8 dwelling units per acre residential

33 acres (5%) is 9 + dwelling units per acre residential

13 acres (3%) is Commercial

8 acres (2%) is Industrial

92 acres (15%) is Parkland

92 acres (15%) is Open Land

V. Catchment Name - Coal Mine Brook at Notre Dame Convent (P5)

A. Area - 100 acres

B. Population - 104 persons

C. Land Use

8 acres (8%) is 2 - 8 dwelling units per acre residential

63 acres (63%) is Commercial

9 acres (9%) is Parkland

20 acres (20%) is Open Land

VI. Catchment Name - Tilly Brook at Harvey Place Manhole (P6)

A. Area - 1690 acres

B. Population - 2845 persons

C. Land Use

171 acres (10%) is 1/2 - 2 dwelling units per acre residential

168 acres (10%) is 2 - 8 dwelling units per acre residential

112 acres (7%) is Commercial

27 acres (2%) is Industrial

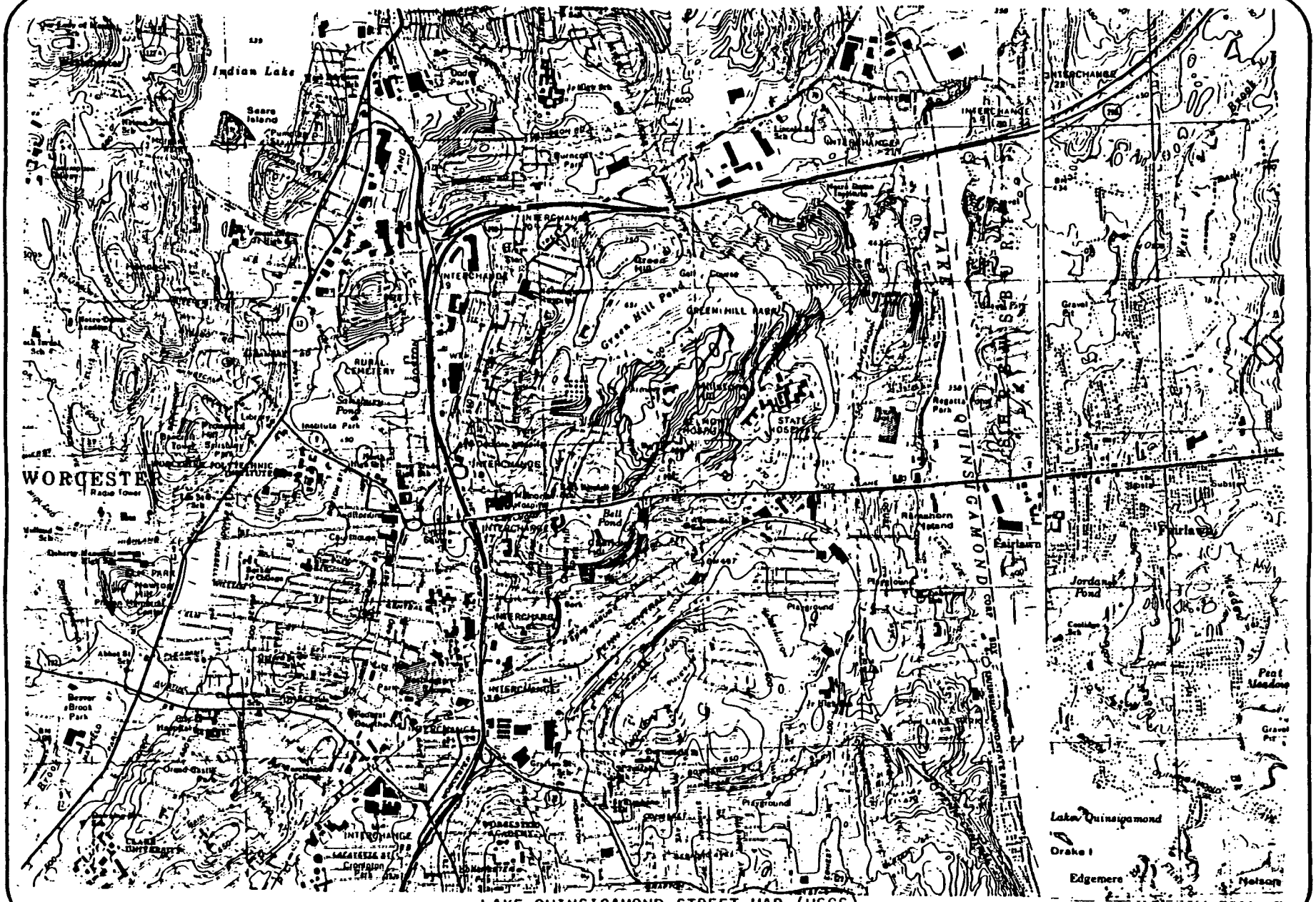
893 acres (53%) is Parkland

99 acres (6%) is Open Land

210 acres (12%) is Wetlands

10 acres (>1%) is Lakes

Note: Drainage and Sewerage Information for the Individual sites was not provided in time for inclusion in Report.



LAKE QUINSIGAMOND STREET MAP (USGS)

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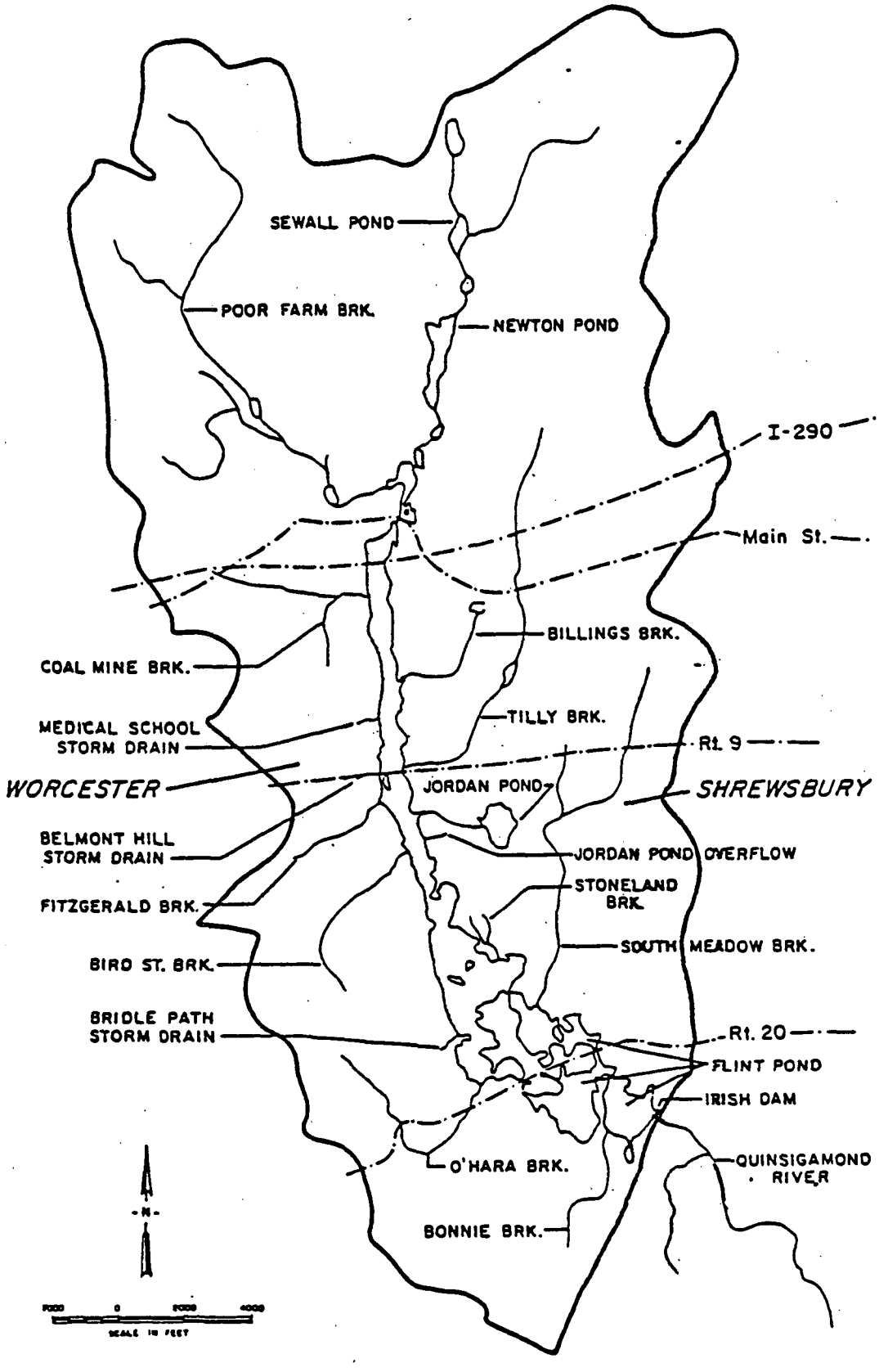
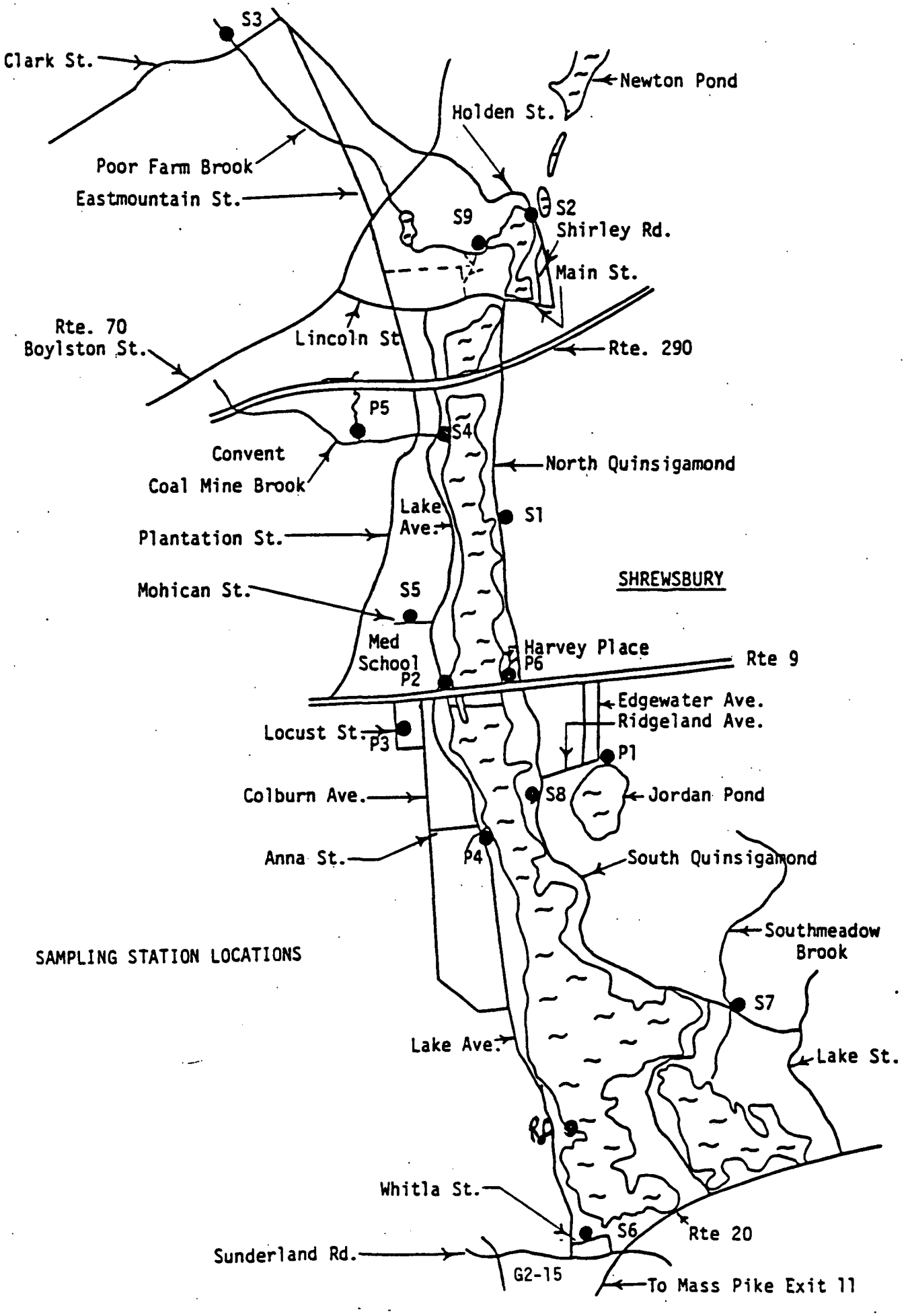


Lake Quinsigamond Drainage Basin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Lincoln St
Rte. 290
P5
S4
Convent
Coal Mine Brook
North Quinsigamond
Lake Ave.
S1
Plantation St.
SHREWSBURY
Mohican St.
S5
Med School
P2
Harvey Place
P6
Rte 9
Edgewater Ave.
Ridgeland Ave.
Locust St.
P3
P1
Colburn Ave.
S8
Jordan Pond
Anna St.
P4
South Quinsigamond
Southmeadow Brook
SAMPLING STATION LOCATIONS
S7
Lake Ave.
Lake St.
Whitla St.
S6
Rte 20
Sunderland Rd.
G2-15
To Mass Pike Exit 11

LAKE QUINSIGAMOND

SAMPLING STATIONS

Lake Quinsigamond

STA #1 - Lake - 90'
STA #2 - Lake - 60'
STA #3 - Lake - 80'
STA #4 - Lake - 50'
STA #5 - Lake - Surface @ 290 Bridge
STA #6 - Lake - Surface @ Rte. 9 Bridge
STA #8 - Fitzgerald Brook
STA #9 - Coalmine Brook
STA #10 - Poor Farm Brook
STA #11- Newton Pond Outlet
STA #12- Lake @ Lincoln St.
STA #13- Billings Brook
STA #15- O'Hara Brook
STA #16- Medical School Drain
STA #17- Tilly Brook
STA #18- Jordan Pond Outlet
STA #19- Belmont Street Drain
STA #20- Channel below Belmont Street Drain

Flint Pond

STA #1 - Pond - 3m, 1.5m
STA #2 - Pond - @ surface
STA #3 - Pond - 4m, 2m
STA #4 - Pond - @ surface
STA #5 - Pond - @ surface
STA #6 - South Meadow Brook
STA #7 - Inlet from Lake Quinsigamond
STA #8 - Outlet of Pond @ Irish Dam
STA #9 - Bonnie Brock

LAKE QUINSIGAMOND NURP PROJECT
TRIBUTARY WATERSHED SURVEYS
SAMPLING STATIONS

Poor Farm Brook

STA #1 : at staff gage behind Shrewsbury Industrial Park
STA #2 : at Route 70 bridge
STA #3 : at staff gage below Clark Street
STA #4 : at East Mountain Street, below golf course
STA #5 : at Hospital Drive (West Boylston)

Coalmine Brook

STA #6 : at Lake Avenue at gage
STA #7 : at Plantation Street
STA #8 : below culvert at Notre Dame convent entrance
STA #9 : confluence with I-290/Lincoln Plaza drain - Notre Dame property
STA #10: at culvert below I-290

Fitzgerald Brook

STA #11: at staff gage on Lake Avenue
STA #12: below Coburn Avenue

O'Hara Brook

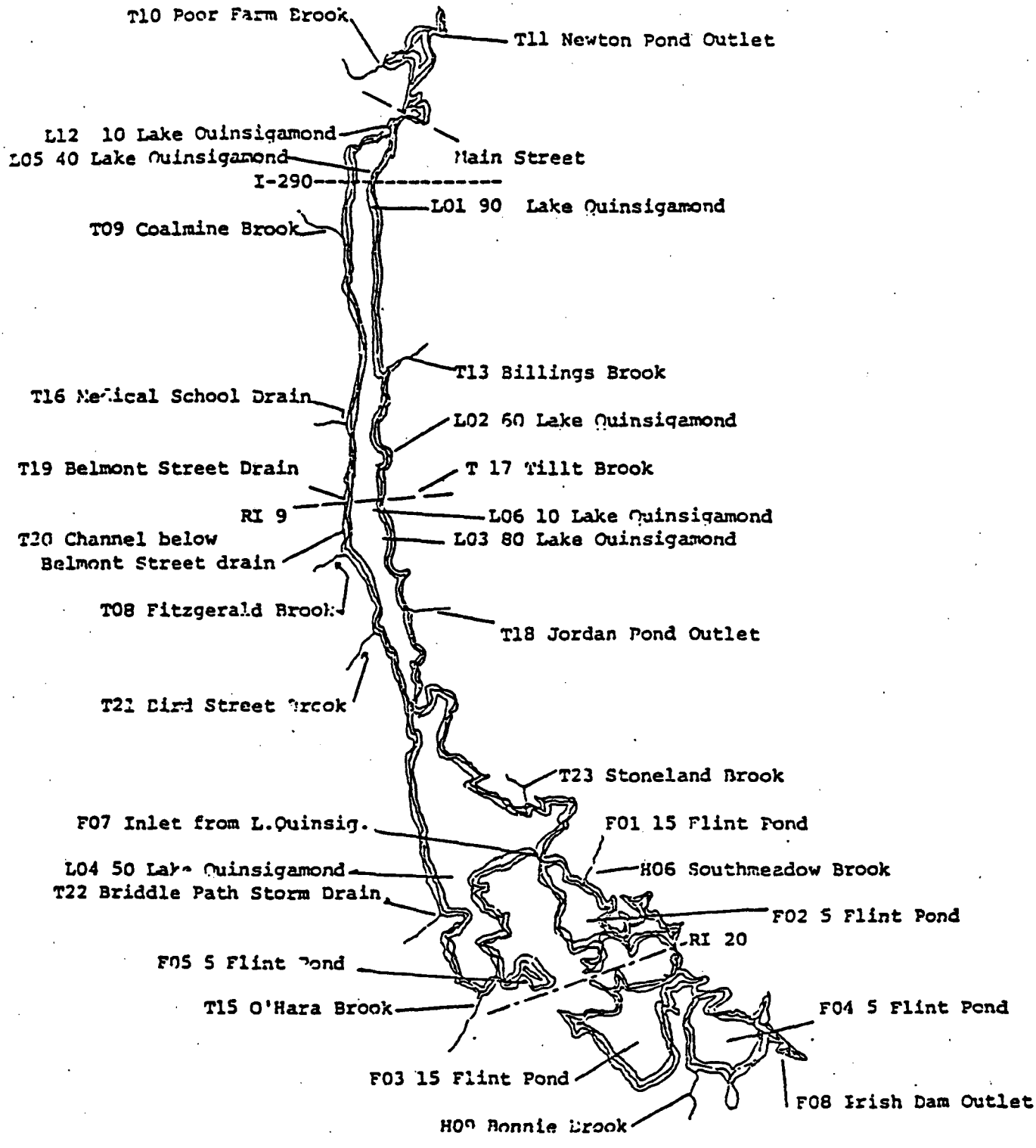
STA #13: at staff gage on culvert behind 17 Whitla Drive

Tilly Brook

STA #14: West Brook at Main Street
STA #15: Outlet of Mill Pond
STA #16: at culvert above Spag's parking lot
STA #17: at staff gage on Harvey Place drain

South Meadow Brook

STA #18: at Route 9
STA #19: at Oak Street between Dalphen Rd. and Judick St.
STA #20: at staff gage at South Quinsigamond Avenue



LAKE AND TRIBUTARY SAMPLING STATION LOCATIONS

LAKE QUINSIGAMOND SEDIMENT SAMPLING STATIONS

Lake Quinsigamond at Deep Station #1

Lake Quinsigamond at Deep Station #2

Lake Quinsigamond at Deep Station #3

Lake Quinsigamond at Deep Station #4

Lake Quinsigamond above Lincoln Street

Medical School Drain

Channel below Belmont Street Drain

Mouth of Fitzgerald Brook

Mouth of Coalmine Brook

Confluence of Coalmine Brook and NDA culvert

Mouth of Poor Farm Brook

Flint Pond at Station #1

Flint Pond at Station #3

Flint Pond at Station #4

Open water in pond below South Meadow Brook

Bonnie Brook above railroad tracks, below railroad tracks, and at Creeper Hill Road

PROBLEM

A. Local Definition

During the 1950's, Lake Quinsigamond was by far the most heavily fished body of water in Massachusetts. During the average opening weekend of the fishing season the lake supported considerably more angling trips than that which the majority of Massachusetts' waters supported during the entire season. The tremendous fishing use of the lake was as a result of its good water quality and heavy stockings of rainbow, brown and brook trout by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Game, supplemented by trout purchased with contributions from interested parties.

The urbanization of the lake basin resulted in a variety of water pollution problems becoming apparent during the 1960's. Fishing use of Lake Quinsigamond dropped off dramatically as a result of the reduced water quality and concomitant drastic reduction in the stocking program. Concern about the deteriorating water quality combined with the tremendous desire to utilize the recreational assets of the lake produced widespread concern for the future of Lake Quinsigamond. Consequently, over a several year period in the late 1960's and early 1970's, investigations of the water quality of the lake and its feeder streams were undertaken by state and local agencies, conservation groups, university departments and private citizens. These efforts were successful in defining the more conspicuous pollution sources and in providing water quality data.

The point sources of municipal and industrial pollution were recognized, and effective abatement measures implemented. Most significant among these was the establishment of the Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District and construction of its regional treatment plants at Millbury, discharging to the Blackstone River. This resulted in connection of most point sources in the Lake Quinsigamond Basin to a system which conveys the wastes southward and out of the basin. A major point source in the basin will be eliminated with the completion of a relief sewer by the City of Worcester.

As a result of the public's continuing concern over Lake Quinsigamond's water quality, and for the purposes of determining the magnitude of the nonpoint sources on lake quality in a Massachusetts lake, the Massachusetts Division of Water Pollution Control (MDWPC) selected Lake Quinsigamond for a comprehensive study during 1971. The eight month study included a regular sampling program of 30 lake and tributary stations, flow measurements of the tributaries, and special studies of photosynthesis, fish populations and lake sediments.

The 1971 study concluded that significant impact was being caused by urban runoff entering Lake Quinsigamond. Specific problems cited were the large quantities of nutrients and suspended solids carried in by urban runoff plus runoff-induced degradation of the lake's bacteriological quality. It was further concluded that intensive development of the drainage basin had accelerated the lake's natural aging process, and could limit the lake's future recreational value.

The findings of the 1971 Lake Study, plus the increasing conspiciousness of urban runoff as point sources were eliminated, provided the impetus for additional actions. Beach closures at Regatta Point on the lakeshore resulted in the construction of an earthen dam by the City of Worcester to reroute stormwater from Belmont Hill. Worcester also instituted an ongoing program, including television inspections, to detect illegal connections to storm sewers, which the City regards as a major problem. A baseline survey was also conducted in 1977 by MDWPC which indicated that there were some improvements in lake water quality. It is believed that these improvements are a result of the elimination of various point sources of pollution in the basin.

However, in spite of the abatement of point sources, survey data indicates that certain pollutional indices have shown little improvement over the abatement period. In particular, the trophic status of the lake has, by certain measures, shown little change. This is thought to be a result of the urban runoff nutrient and BOD loads, which have replaced the point source loads as the urbanization and point-source abatement have proceeded simultaneously. Substantial growth is projected for the basin, and the question of what the ultimate impact will be on the lake is one of extreme importance. Planning for recreational and aesthetic amenities in the region and public water supply is highly contingent on the answer.

B. Local Perception

The similarity of Lake Quinsigamond to other lakes in Massachusetts, from a technical standpoint, was a primary consideration in the State's selection of the project. Massachusetts can be divided into four major physiographic regions based on limnological factors. Lake Quinsigamond is centrally located in the largest of these regions, termed the acidic facies of the central and coastal areas. By far the most common type in the State, this facies is characterized by low pH, low total hardness, high iron, and high manganese. The general cause for these characteristics is the near absence of $CaCO_3$ in the rocks and sediments. Considering that the majority of the state's 2,859 lakes and ponds lie in these facies, the regional significance of knowledge gained on lakes of the general limnological type of Lake Quinsigamond is considerable.

Strong local commitment to Lake Quinsigamond has already been demonstrated by local expenditures of time and money in efforts to identify and abate pollution affecting the lake. In addition, the Lake Quinsigamond Commission, the Lake Quinsigamond Action Force of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, and the Regional Environmental Council have all been involved in local and state efforts to clean up the lake.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Major Objective

The principle objective of the study is to develop a basin management program, in conjunction with the ongoing Clean Lakes project, which will result in the preservation and restoration of Lake Quinsigamond and its tributary streams, stressing in particular the water quality impacts of urban stormwater runoff.

Secondary objectives of the study are to develop information on the nature of urban runoff affecting a major urbanized lake basin. This information is to be transferred to other areas with similar problems and to those areas where it is still possible to avoid those problems. An additional objective is to develop information on stormwater pollution controls which can transferred to other areas.

In developing information on the nature of urban runoff affecting an urbanized basin, the State feels it's necessary to define the full range of existing and potential water quality problems caused by stormwater runoff and to understand the land use/beneficial use interrelations mediated by stormwater runoff. A full range of viable stormwater control alternatives will be defined to develop a sound basin management program.

B. Methodologies

The Lake Quinsigamond NURP project has been divided into two distinct phases, the first of which took place during the first year. The first year effort was intended to define the full range of existing and potential water quality problems in the Lake Quinsigamond basin and to gain a clear understanding of the pollutant contibutions from different land uses.

Before a sampling methodology was developed, a preliminary assessment of stormwater loads was performed using models.

The purpose of the screening was twofold. First, it provided a basis for evaluating the average annual stormwater pollutant load to the lake and what percentage of the total annual pollutant load to the lake might be attributed to urban runoff. The screening also assisted in the selection of stormwater sampling stations.

Using the information developed through the screening methods, a stormwater sampling program was identified. This program was designed to provide sufficient information on the quality and mass loadings of pollutants discharged to Lake Quinsigamond to allow correlations to be made between land use, storm events, and resultant short and long term impacts on lake water quality.

The data collected in the monitoring effort will be input into the same models used for that screening effort to come up with a refined set of land use-based pollutant generation coefficients and an analysis of the impacts of stormwater runoff on lake water quality.

This information on the impacts of stormwater runoff will be combined with the criteria associated with the water quality goals for the lake to determine the level of pollutant reduction required of stormwater runoff that will allow the Lake to meet its assigned water quality classification.

Using other information on historical rainfall, hydrologic design criteria such as design storm volume, washoff depth, etc. will be established. A range of control alternatives including structural, non-structural and management controls capable of meeting the design criteria will be defined. This range of control alternatives will be used in the development of a stormwater management plan for the watershed.

C. Monitoring

In order to augment the existing data base and to more clearly establish cause - effect relationships between wet weather events and in-lake water quality impacts on both a short and long-term basis, and expanded sampling program for the lake and its tributaries was jointly developed by the Massachusetts Division of Water Pollution Control 314 staff and DEQE/NURP staff. Biweekly sampling was conducted at all in-lake stations and natural tributaries from the months of April to November 1980. For the in-lake stations, chemical samples were collected at the surface, thermocline, 50 feet and bottom intervals. Dissolved oxygen and temperature measurements were made at 10 foot intervals in order to determine the rate of oxygen depletion in the hypolimnion and further define chemical transformations and trends during the lake's period of stratification. Stage/rating curves were developed for the major tributaries to the lake. A survey of selected major tributaries was conducted by the Worcester Department of Public Health and NURP staff. This program is to aid in characterizing and defining trends in water quality as they relate to land use and other tributary watershed characteristics and in establishing water quality baselines for the tributaries. Sampling at these tributaries was conducted on a monthly basis from September 1980 to July 1981. Sediment samples were also collected to determine the nutrient and heavy metals content.

Primary and Secondary Stormwater Sampling Program

Stormwater sampling sites were located at six primary sites (P1-P6) and nine secondary sites (S1-S9). Automatic water quality sampling devices and continuous flow recording devices were located at the primary locations. The secondary locations were selected for manual sampling and gaging with the exception of Poor Farm Brook (S-9) which had a continuous flow recording device for part of the sampling period.

The following is a list of sampling stations. Primary sites are designated by "P".

Designation	Location
P1	Storm drain discharge to Jordan Pond (Shrewsbury at Lakewood Drive and Edgewood Avenue)

P2	Rt. 9 manhole (within Regatta Point fence at Police Station upstream of Belmont St. outfalls to the lake, Worcester side).
P3	Manhole on Locust Ave. (Worcester).
P4	Fitzgerald Brook discharge to the Lake across from Anna St. (Worcester).
P5	Coal Mine Brook at Notre Dame Convent (Worcester).
P6	Tilly Brook at Harvey Place Manhole (Shrewsbury).

There are ten secondary stormwater sampling stations

A.	Poor Farm Brook at Rt. 70	F.	South Meadow Brook at Oak St.
B.	Poor Farm Brook at Mouth	G.	South Meadow Brook at Mouth
C.	Coalmine Brook at NDC	H.	O'Hara Brook at Whitla Ave.
D.	Coalmine Brook at Plantation St.	I.	Billings Brook at N. Quinsigamond
E.	Coalmine Brook at Mouth	J.	Bonnie Brook at Creeper Hill Rd.

Catchment divisions were determined for all sampling locations and for the model cells which cover the entire watershed. Land uses were assessed for each catchment division.

Water quality, flow and rainfall records were collected over a period from June to December, 1980. Specific collection schemes were designed to cover various types of composite and discrete samples.

Equipment

Each primary station was equipped with continuous automatic flow (liquid level) recording devices. Each site designated as a secondary station had sampling and flow gaging conducted by manual means.

Water quality samples were taken at the primary stations using Manning automatic samplers collecting discrete and sequential samples over a specified period of time. The sampler used a vacuum pump to minimize agitation of the sample. It was driven by standard 12 volt batteries. Samplers were set to initiate sampling at the first significant increase in flow caused by storm runoff.

D. Controls

Several alternative control strategies will be evaluated using modeling techniques.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ENGINEERING

MYSTIC RIVER, WATERSHED, MA

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INTRODUCTION

The Aberjona River Basin is located to the north of Boston, Massachusetts and comprises the largest tributary area to the Mystic River watershed. Aberjona River empties into the Upper Mystic Lake which in turn becomes the headwaters of the Mystic River. During the two decades from 1950 to 1970 this area underwent a tremendous urban expansion. Population increased by approximately sixty percent and the total acreage under some form of urban land use climbed to nearly fifty percent of the available land area. Although the pace of urbanization and population growth has slackened somewhat, it is estimated that nearly sixty percent of the drainage area to the Upper Mystic Lake will be developed by the mid 1990's.

At present the water quality conditions throughout the Aberjona River system and in the Upper Mystic Lake are generally below the standards assigned by the Massachusetts Division of Water Pollution Control and fall short of the quality desired by the local populace. As the level of urbanization and the area population increase, the demand for improved water quality conditions and expanded recreational opportunities will continue to grow. Recent and on-going efforts at the state and local level have been directed towards eliminating the adverse impacts of point source discharges and past waste dispoal practices. The effects of urban runoff on water quality in the study area have not yet been addressed and remain a major factor prohibiting the full realization of recreational opportunities within the urban watershed.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

A. Area

The Mystic River basin is located to the north of Boston and covers approximately 62 square miles. The Upper Mystic Lake Watershed, the study area, covers 28 square miles in the upper basin. Most of this area, 25 square miles, is drained by the Aberjona River and its tributaries; the remaining area drains directly into the Upper Mystic Lake.

The Upper Mystic Lake itself has two shallow forebays, 6 to 8 feet in depth, with a joint surface area of 40 acres, which flow into the main body which has a surface area of 126 acres and a maximum depth of approximately 90 feet. The lake is a major recreational area serving residents within the watershed and from nearby communities. The Metropolitan District Commission maintains a swimming facility - "Sandy Beach" - in the northeastern corner of the main body. There is also a private swimming facility at the Medford Boat Club near the outlet. Boating is also a popular activity. Fishing was enjoyed in the past but the lake quality is no longer suitable for game fish.

The Mystic River basin in characterized by long, cold winters and short to medium length summers with rainy, humid, warm periods. Average annual precipitation is about forty-three inches and is distributed through the four seasons in approximately equal increments.

Historical information indicates that storms with relatively long duration and moderate intensity have more pronounced effects on the Mystic basin than short duration, high intensity storms.

B. Population

In 1975, the population of the Upper Mystic Lake Watershed was 640,000. During the two decades from 1950 to 1970 this area underwent a tremendous uran expansion. Population increased by approximately sixty percent and the total acreage under some form of urban land use climbed to nearly fifty percent of the available land area. Although the pace of urbanization and population growth has slackened somewhat, it is estimated that nearly sixty percent of the drainage area to the upper Mystic Lake will be developed by the mid 1990's.

C. Drainage

The Mystic River Basin extends northeast from Boston Harbor and is bordered on the west by the Shawsheen River Basin, on the north by the Ipswich River Basin, and on the south by the Charles River Basin. The topography of the basin, which was formed by the east glacier about ten thousand years ago, is predominately rolling hills and flat lands containing swamps, but includes some steep and rocky areas. Elevations range from sea level to a few hundred feet. Above the Amelia Earhart Dam, the basin encompasses a drainage area of 61.9 square miles, including 25 square miles which is drained by the Aberjona River.

Upper Mystic Basin

The Aberjona River Basin covers the northern half of the Mystic Basin and includes the true source of the Mystic river, although the name "Mystic" is not applied to these waters until they pass through the Mystic Lakes. The Aberjona River has its origins in a marshy area to the north of Reading Center and then flows in a southerly direction towards Woburn. After crossing Route 129 in Reading the stream enters a swampy area and emerges as two separate branches. These two branches are re-united when the Aberjona is channelized through the commercial/industrial area currently undergoing re-development in the vicinity of the Old Mishawum Lake just north of Route 128.

Halls Brook and its tributary, Willow Brook, rise in marsh land west of the Aberjona. Halls Brook first flows north until its confluence with Willow Brook. It then turns east-northeast until it reaches New Boston Street in Woburn, where it again turns and flows southeast until its confluence with the Aberjona River. The drainage area of Halls Brook is 2.9 square miles of generally mild topography with some swampy areas in the upper reaches.

Halls Brook and the Aberjona River formerly flowed into the Mishawum Lake but the recent construction in that area has altered that drainage pattern. Mishawum Lake has been largely filled and replaced by Halls Brook holding pond; Halls Brook empties into this pond. The Aberjona has been routed around this pond and now joins Halls Brook at the pond outlet immediately north of Mishawum Road.

Below Halls Brook the Aberjona flows south, passes under Route 128 and Olympia Avenue and then enters a marshy area extending through Cedar Street and down to Mill Street. This marshy area was formerly a large cranberry bog. The marsh gives way to a well-defined stream channel and flows past Washington Street and Montvale Avenue, shortly after which Sweetwater Brook joins the river from the east.

Sweetwater Brook, which has a predominantly urban drainage area of 2.3 square miles, rises in a marshy area adjacent to Main Street in Stoneham. It flows south for a short distance and then through an underground pipe for about 2000 feet. After leaving the pipe Sweetwater Brook flows southwest in an open channel until just east of Interstate Route 93, from there the brook is channeled through a manufacturing area and into the Aberjona River.

Below Sweetwater Brook the Aberjona River continues to the south and enters Winchester. Throughout the upper part of Winchester, the river flows through a relatively natural channel past Cross Street, Washington Street, the B&M railroad and Swanton Street. There is a small pond immediately upstream from Cross Street. Downstream of Swanton Street the river travels in an open channel for a few hundred feet until reaching Winchester High School's athletic field. Aberjona pond once existed where the athletic field is now. The pond has been filled and the river flows through three 7-foot diameter pipes beneath the field. Horn Pond Brook joins the Aberjona River below the athletic field. Horn Pond Brook has a total drainage area, above Wedge Pond, of 10 square miles. The outer parts of the Horn Pond Brook watershed are drained by Shaker Glen, Cummings and Sucker Brooks. Cummings Brook and Shaker Glen Brook rise in

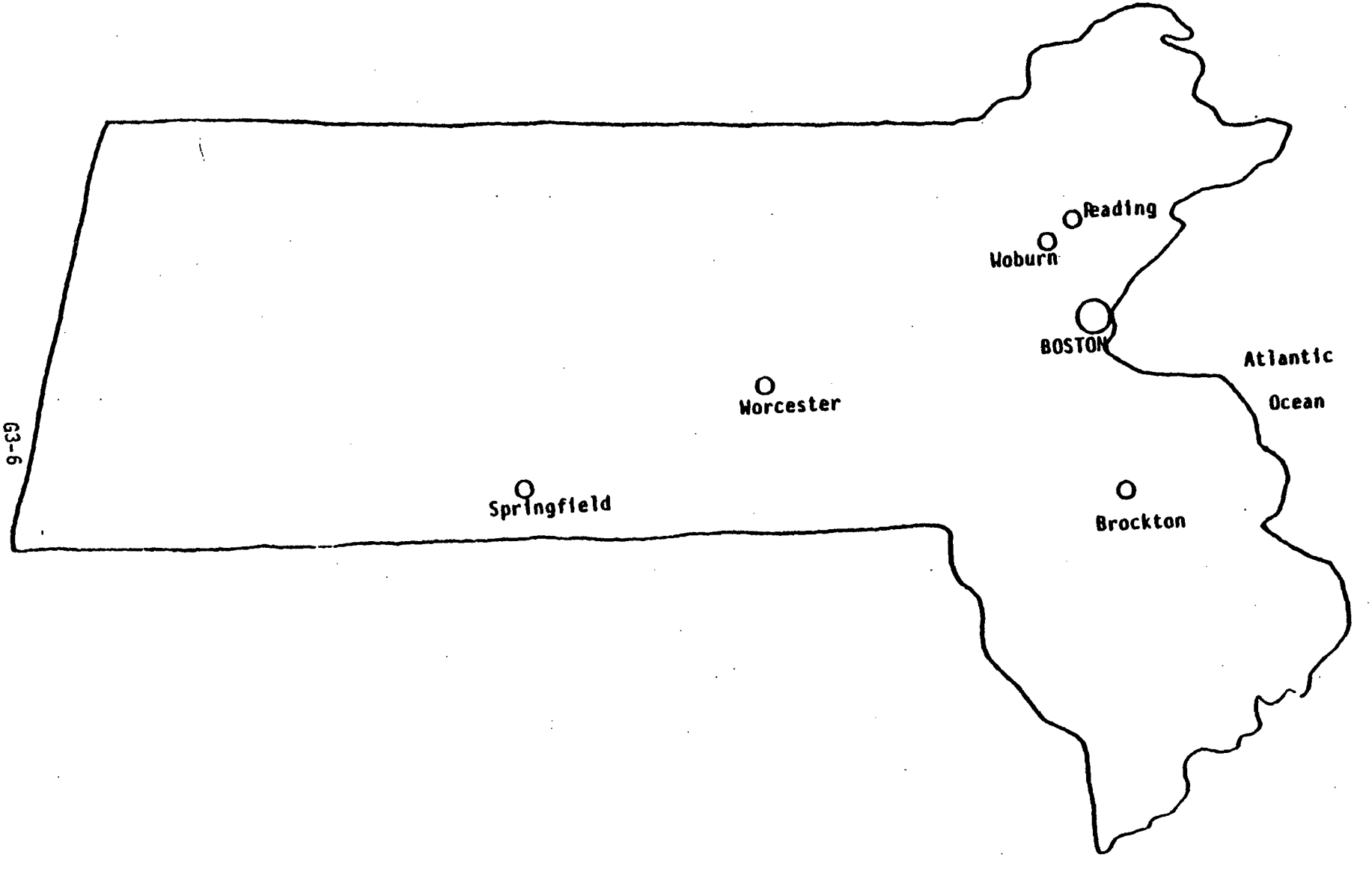
marshy areas to the north and west of Horn Pond, respectively. Cumming's Brook meanders in a southerly direction, while Shaker Glen Brook generally flows northwest until its confluence with Cummings Brook to form Fowle Brook. Fowle Brook flows due east where it empties into Horn Pond. Sucker Brook rises to the south and flows northeast to Horn Pond.

Horn Pond covers a surface area of roughly 120 acres and is used for limited recreational purposes and as a water supply source for the Town of Woburn. In the recent past its capacity was increased by raising its normal water surface approximately six feet. Horn Pond discharges through a weir structure into Horn Pond Brook, which then flows in a southeasterly direction through Wedge Pond to the Aberjona River.

Below its confluence with Horn Pond Brook, the Aberjona enters Judkins Pond and Mill Pond in Winchester Center. The outlet of Mill Pond is configured as a semi-circle step spillway that falls approximately six feet. The river continues to travel in a southerly direction to the United States Geological Survey guage located a short distance downstream. An elevation change of approximately ninety feet is recorded over a distance slightly more than eight miles from the headwaters in Reading to Upper Mystic Lake in Winchester. As the Aberjona River nears the end of its length it makes a final bend to the west, gaining depth and width as it enters the Upper Mystic Lake.

D. Sewerage System

The upper Mystic Lake watershed is served entirely by separate storm sewers.



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PROJECT AREA

I. Catchment Name - EOPA (36" storm drain outfall draining a 50 acre residential area).

A. Area - 50 acres.

B. Population - 240 persons.

C. Drainage - Station is located at end of 36 inch reinforced concrete pipe. The area drained is low density residential. There are sidewalks, well-groomed lawns, and trees. The land is moderately sloped towards the monitoring station and the streets are relatively clean.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of catchment is 70% separate storm sewers and 20% curbs and gutters. 80% of this area has swales and ditches. 30% is not separately sewered. There are no combined sewers in the area. Streets consist of 2.5 miles of asphalt.

E. Land Use

50 acres (100%) is .5 to 2 dwelling units/acre.

8 acres (16%) is impervious.

II. Catchment Name - EOPB (manhole installation in 30" pipe draining an 18 acre office park).

A. Area - 18 acres

B. Population - 0 persons live in the catchment

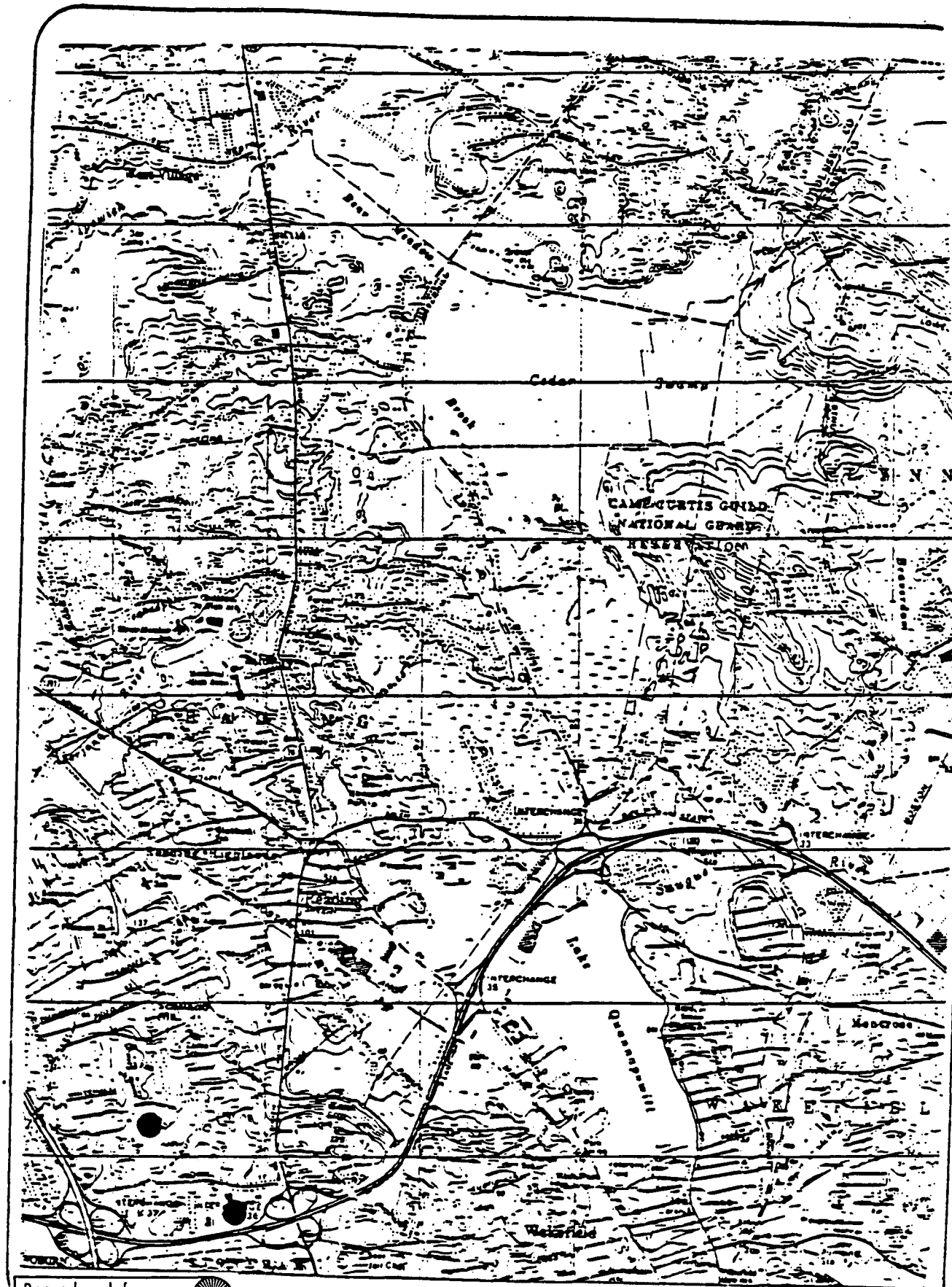
C. Drainage - Station is located at end of 30 inch reinforced concrete pipe draining an 18 acre office park. There are well-groomed lawns, shrubs, and trees throughout the park. Basin has relatively steep slope towards station.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of catchment is 70% separate storm sewers and 30% with no sewers. There are no combined sewers in the area. Streets consist of 2.5 miles of asphalt.

E. Land Use

18 acres (100%) is light industrial.

12.5 acres (69%) is impervious.



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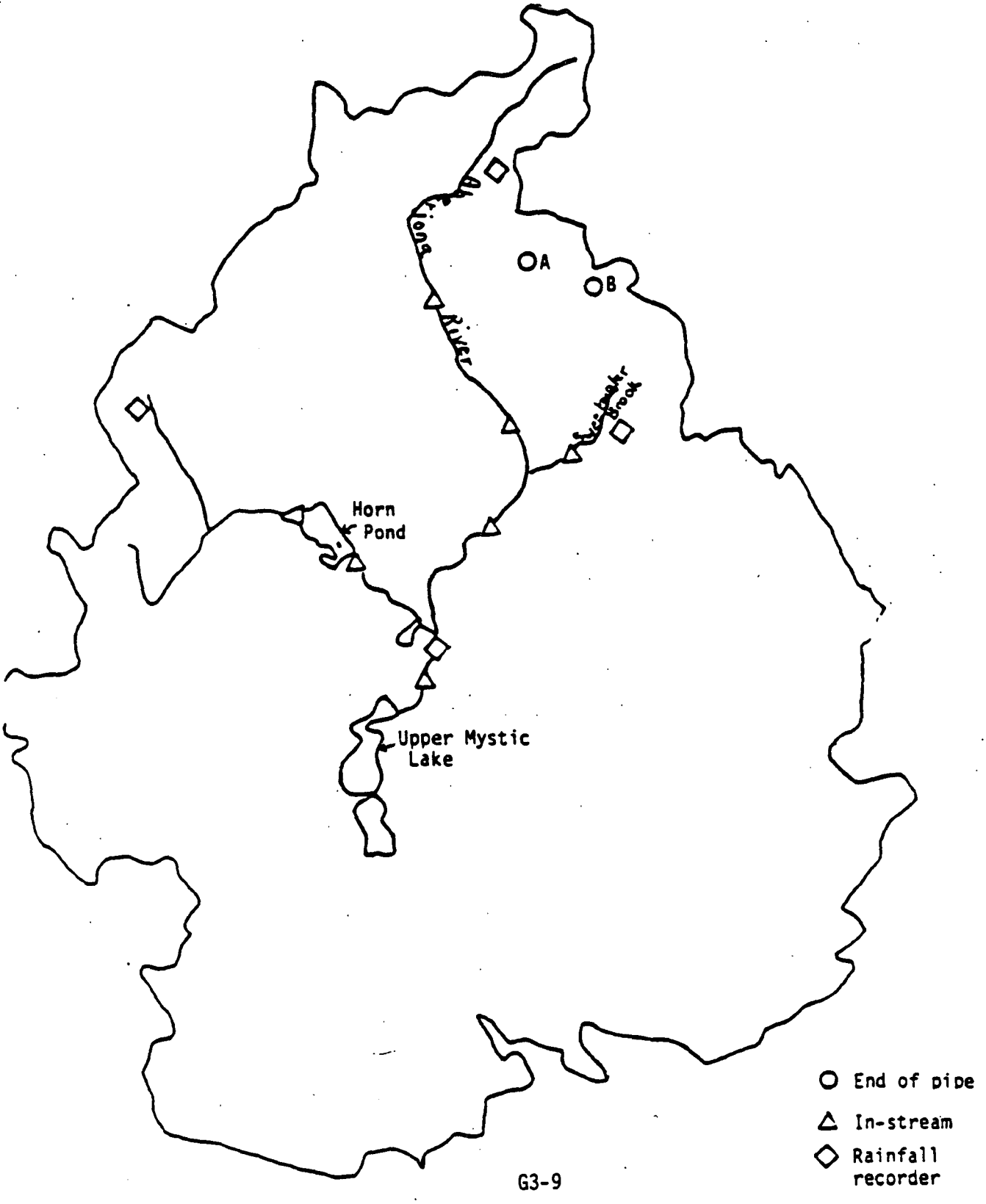

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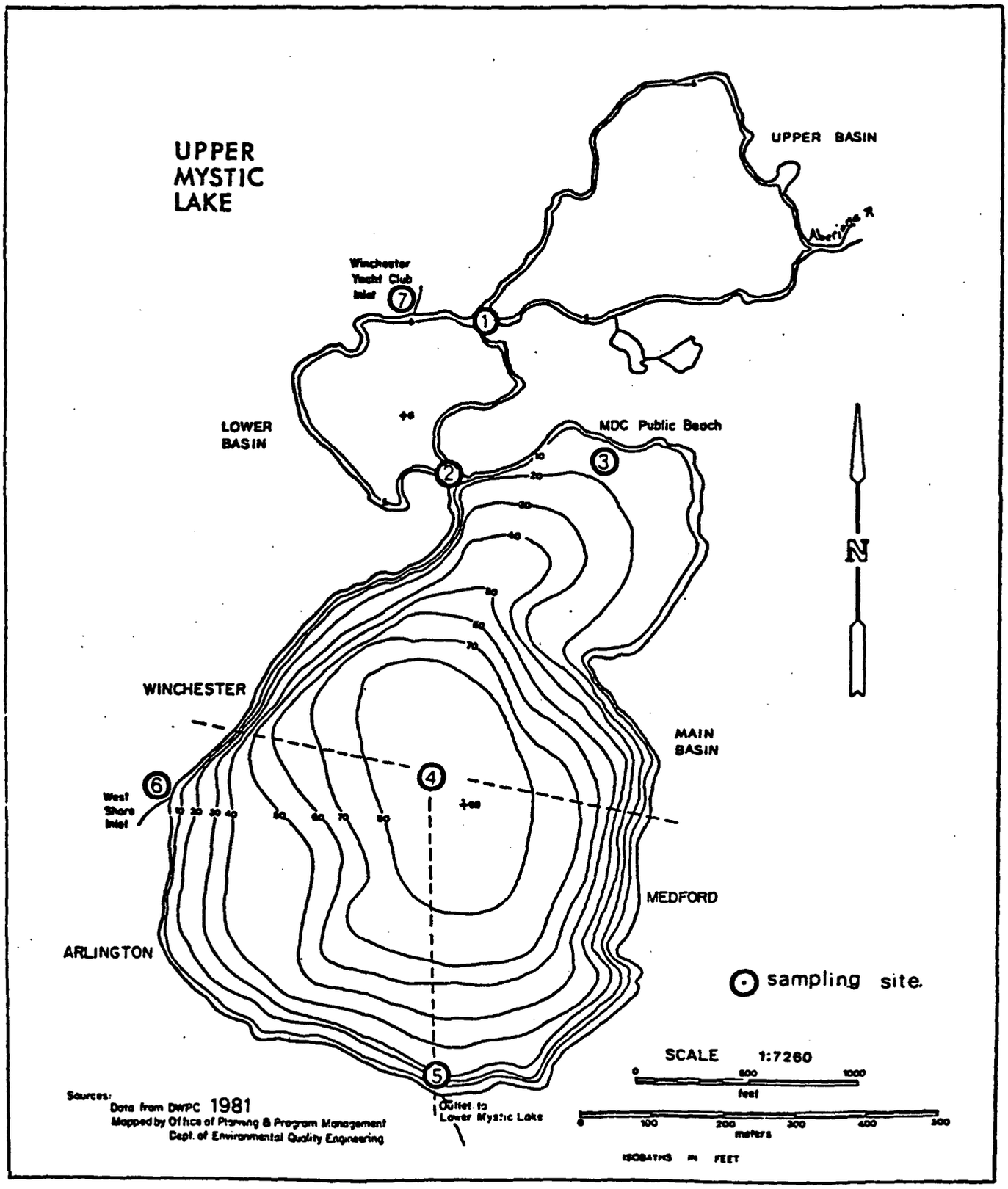
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Major Objectives

The project was designed to build upon the existing data base to fully define the urban runoff problem in the Mystic River Basin and work towards its solution.

The major objectives are to identify the characteristics of urban runoff and their impacts on receiving water quality in the Aberjona River and Upper Mystic Lake and to recommend control strategies and management practices needed for restoration of the Upper Mystic Lake.

There are several intermediate objectives. These are to assess the relative importance of pollutants carried by urban runoff in relation to other pollution sources, to evaluate the costs, effectiveness and practicality of various procedures suggested as a means of improving the receiving water quality, and to illustrate how the data collected and the knowledge gained in this effort can be applied to urban runoff problems in other areas of the region and nation.

B. Methodologies

To fulfill the goals outlined for the program, the hydrologic system was broken down into several similar subsystems for analysis, namely: precipitation, pollutant generation, stream transport, and lake processes.

Precipitation is the basic driving for runoff, infiltration and streamflow. The statistical characteristics of the long-term observed precipitation at local gauges were determined describing storm depth duration and intensity and the interval between storms, using a rainfall simulation logarithm. This information is used as rainfall input data for the runoff simulation model discussed below.

The pollutant generation subsystem uses the STORM model to represent the accumulation, washoff, and transport of pollutant species from the land surface of the study area to the Aberjona River and its major tributaries. The Upper Mystic Lake watershed was divided into eight sub-basins for analysis with the contibuting acreage defined in terms of five land use categories. The results of the STORM simulation give a long-term record of flow and pollutant load into the Aberjona River from the various sub-basins.

During the stream transport component of the analysis the existing and potential wet weather pollution problems are identified with the urban runoff contribution to these problems separated from other factors. To accomplish this the RWQM is being applied to the Aberjona River with the 6 mile system divided into 12 reaches. A number of pollutants are being simulated, including BOD, NBOD, D.O., phosphorus and coliform. The results of this simulation can be expressed as loadings to the Upper Mystic Lake. RWQM will also be used to evauate a number of control options.

The objectives of the lake processes component are:

1) to increase understanding of the chemical, physical and biological processes which control water quality conditions in the Upper Mystic Lake (UML), relating those conditions to water uses of concern;

2) to assess the contribution of urban runoff relative to other sources; and

3) to predict lake quality response to various control options.

The analysis includes a number of key factors including: hydraulic flushing rates and retention time; in-lake circulation patterns; relative thermal resistence to mixing; oxygen distribution and depletion; in-lake pollutant cycling; trophic state; buffering capacity; population dynamics, and; bacteriology.

The analysis will compare wet-weather response conditions to baseline or dry-weather conditions. Lake conditions that can be controlled through application of urban runoff and lake restoration practices are being determined.

C. Monitoring

Wet-weather sampling at end of pipe and instream stations was conducted by the selected consultant. The existing sampling programs of the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering and the Metropolitan District Commission were modified to meet the project needs.

The end of pipes sites represent major land use types in the watershed. The instream sites segment the Aberjona into subbasins for the runoff model and reaches for the river quality. The sites for in-lake sampling are shown on Figure 2. Precipitation is being monitored at four sites.

The sampling program on the lake includes wet weather physical/chemical sampling 24, 48 and 72 hours after the end of the storm event, dry weather physical/chemical sampling, circulation studies, benthic sampling, phytoplankton and zooplankton surveys, fish population surveys, and fish flesh.

The lake sampling program includes 5 inlake stations and two tributary stations. The inlake sites are located between the forebays and main basin, at the beach, at the deephole and at the outlet and are designed to track water quality conditions throughout the system.

The data collection strategy for the end of pipe and instream sites is presented in Table 2.

Equipment

Precipitation is being monitored using Weather Measure, Inc. P521 event recorders, P501-I tipping ticket bucket rain gauges and Balfour gauges. At the end of pipe and instream stations, permanent installations are maintained consisting of Manning S4040-2 discrete samplers and Manning

UTL 2102A ultrasonic level recorders. Lake samples were taken manually at various time intervals using a Kemmerer sampler. In the shallow upper portions of the Upper Mystic Lake where maximum depths are less than 15 feet, samples were taken from two depths. In the main body of the lake, where depths up to 82 feet may be encountered, samples were taken at three depths in five locations.

D. Control

Evaluation of control technologies and management strategies will be carried out using the same package of simulation models as described above.

TABLE 2: Sampling Strategy Summary - End-of-Pipe/Instream

Site	Description	Equipment	Sampling	Composition (Chemistry)
EOP A	36" storm drain outfall draining a 50 acre residential area	flow: automatic liquid level sonic sensor quality: modified Manning automatic sampler: Field measurement of bacteria, D.O., and temperature.	chemistry duration - 5 hours frequency - 5 min. bacteria/D.O./temp. 5 samples-3 on rising limb, 2 on recession limb.	baseline and 3 flow weighted composites based on total runoff volume - first 25%, second 25%, last 50%.
EOP B	outfall installation in 30" pipe draining an 18 acre office park	same as above	same as above	
IS 1	Aberjona River at Mishawum Rd. with an upstream drainage area of 4,157 acres which isolates the impacts of past industrial waste disposal practices in the upper basin	same as above	chemistry duration-24 hours frequency-15 min. bacteria/D.O./temp. 5 samples-3 on ris-limb, 2 on recession limb.	baseline on 4 flow weighted composites based on total river volume-first, second, third and fourth 25%.
IS 2	Aberjona River at Mill Street, approximately 2 1/2 miles downstream of IS 1 with the intervening reach characterized by a shallow swampy area.			
IS 3	Sweetwater Brook at Maple Street which drains 1490 acres and is the most heavily urbanized sub-basin within the study area.			
IS 4	Aberjona River at Washington Street 2 1/2 miles above IS 6.			
IS 5	Outlet of Horn Pond approximately 1.1 miles above the confluence of Horn Pond Brook (6272 acre sub-basin) and the Aberjona.			
IS 6	Aberjona River at the USGS gauge located approximately 1/2 mile above the Upper Mystic Lake.	quality: same as above flow: 15 minute stage readings are recorded at the USGS gauge.		

PROBLEM

A. Local Definition

The extensive residential development and ever-increasing business and industrial growth which have occured in the basin, have given rise to many water quality problems which have totally or partially impaired water related recreational opportunities in the basin.

The Upper Mystic Lake was used for public water supply until 1895 and supports game fish and outdoor recreational activities such as swimming, sailing and boating. Although there is no present need to utilize the lake for water supply purposes, the importance of its recreational potential has grown tremendously. Sail-boating is very popular and the Metropolitan District Commission maintains a park and beach/swimming area. Unfortunately, the water quality conditions in the Mystic Lakes have deteriorated and game fish can no longer be supported. At present the Upper Mystic Lake suffers from a variety of water quality problems. Nitrogen concentrations are approaching toxicity levels for fish and other aquatic organisms; this may have contributed to the failure of previous attempts to stock the lake with trout. Phosphorus is far less abundant but concentrations are still in the range of those suggested as sufficient for eutrophication. Low transparency may be a cause for the present absence of severe algal blooms. Although water quality improves somewhat from influent to effluent, the Upper Mystic Lake is still in violation of its Class B standard.

The Aberjona River is considered to be the major source of nitrogen and zinc, and mainly responsible for existing eutrophic conditions in the Upper Mystic Lake. Stormwater discharges, industrial discharges, combined sewer overflows of raw sewage, landfill leachate and wetlands alteration, combined with low flow problems, have prevented the use of the river for any form of contact recreation.

B. Local Perception

Because of these water quality problems and a recognition of the value of the Basin's waterbodies, many resources have been expended at the local, regional, state, and federal levels for the study and control of the various water pollution sources. A brief summary of the efforts pertaining to the Aberjona River Basin and the Upper Mystic Lake are presented in the following paragraphs.

The Massachusetts Division of Water Pollution Control had conductd 1 week long intensive surveys in 1967-1973, of the Aberjona River, Mystic River, and tributaries. These were in-stream, usually dry-weather surveys.

The MDC also has in-stream water quality data for the Basin from 1975 to 1978, bi-monthly in spring/summer months; monthly in winter months. These surveys basically offer dry-weather data but some wet-weather in-stream data are available from these surveys.

The 208 program, undertaken by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), investigated storm-related (combined sewer overlfows and urban runoff) water quality problems in the Mystic River Basin. Under this effort, the stormwater collection systems in the Mystic Basin communities were inventoried and mapped. An attempt was then made to quantify the water quality impacts of these collection systems in order to identify the most significant systems and discharges.

The DWPC completed wet-weather surveys in the fall of 1977. Data were collected on six stations in the basin, 5 of which were storm drains and 1 was a combined sewer overflow, for the first four hours of a storm.

The Upper Mystic Lake has also been studied in detail. In 1974-1975, the DWPC conducted a one-year intensive study of the Upper Mystic Lake with monthly samplings at its inlets, deep hole, and outlet. The study focused on the limnology of the lake and the causes of its eutrophic state.

The above survey is indicative of the importance of this urban watershed and of the attention that has been directed towards various water resource problems in the Aberjona River and Upper Mystic Lake watersheds.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

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INTRODUCTION

Groundwater is the sole source of fresh water for the more than 2.7 million residents of Nassau and Suffolk Counties on Long Island, N.Y. (Figure 1). Under natural conditions, the groundwater reservior is recharged only by local precipitation seeping from the land surface to the water table. Since the 1920's, when Nassau County began to experience rapid urbanization, the construction of highways and parkways, houses, shopping centers, industrial parks, and street and sidewalks in areas that had been farmland has continuously reduced the amount of land surface through which precipitation can infiltrate to the water table. After urbanization, storm runoff from the paved surfaces was carried to coastal waters through storm sewers, which resulted in a substantial loss of recharge to the groundwater resevoir.

When Nassau County recognized that natural recharge was being lost, it began, in 1935, to excavate large basins to impound stormwater so that the water could infiltrate to the groundwater reservoir through the permeable sand and gravel beds that underlie Long Island. The use of stormwater basins not only helped to conserve storm runoff and to augment the groundwater supply, but also eliminated the need for long, costly trunk storm sewers to carry runoff to coastal waters. The concept was adopted throughout Suffolk County some years later. In spite of these efforts, there remain significant areas not served by recharge basins, and, therefore, relatively large quantities of runoff are still discharged to bays.

Investigations of the results of stormwater runoff management practices conducted during the Long Island 208 Study identified major deleterious effects of runoff upon surface waters and possible significant impacts upon groundwater. With respect to surface waters, the major concerns are the potential impacts upon use of the embayments for contact recreation, a use presently widespread, and both existing and future closures of shellfish areas for health reasons. With respect to groundwater, a major concern is the suspected organic chemical contamination of the drinking water supply from runoff.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

A. Area

Long Island, the eastern-most part of New York State, extends east-northeastward roughly parallel to the coastline. The study area, Nassau and Suffolk Counties, is bounded on the narth by Long Island sound, on the east and south by the Atlantic Ocean, and on the west by Queens County which is one of the five boroughs of New York City (Figure 1). The primary land use is residential but significant portions of the two counties is given to industrial and commercial uses. Farming is also a major land use, particularly in the central and eastern sections of Suffolk County. The inland fresh waters, particularly in Suffolk County, have an abundance of trout and other important sport fish. Estuarine marshes and the off-shore waters abound in a variety of shell- and finfish.

B. Population

Nassau and Suffolk Counties occupy one-sixth of the land area of the New York Metropolitan Region, and have been two of the fastest growing counties in the United States since the end of World War II. In 1960, the combined Nassau and Suffolk population of two million persons was one-eighth of the total Regional population of sixteen million. The present population of the bi-county area is in excess of 2.7 million people.

C. Drainage

Long Island is underlain by a thick southward-dipping wedge of rock materials that consist mainly of sand, silt, clay, and gravel. These loose materials are underlain by dense crystalline bedrock that does not store or transmit significant quantities of water. The groundwater reservoir is within the loose (unconsolidated) materials above bedrock and ranges in thickness from zero to northern Queens County, were bedrock is exposed to more than 2,000 feet in south-central Suffolk County. Of the total precipitation on the island (which averages about 44 inches per year), approximately half or 600 million gallons per day recharges the groundwater reservoir in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Natural runoff discharged to surface waters accounts for only 5-10 percent of the precipitation, but in urbanized areas of the two counties runoff is much greater. As a result of the topography, all the southward flowing streams have gentle gradients that average about 10 feet per mile throughout most of their reaches. The northward flowing streams generally have steeper gradients that average about 20-40 feet per mile.

D. Sewerage System

Because of differences in the degree of development in the two counties, and the inherently fixed nature of the existing Nassau system, treatment emphasis differs not only by the hydrogeologic zone but also by administrative area. In Nassau, the major options concern treatment plant locations and effluent disposal; in Suffolk, the major options concern an identification of those

areas that should be sewered as well as the siting of treatment facilities and effluent discharges.

In addition, Nassau and Suffolk are discussed separately because their municipal wastewater treatment needs differ. Nassau County is highly developed; according to the 208 population estimates, the county population is approximately 96 percent of saturation or zoned capacity, and is projected to reach 98 percent by the year 1995. Suffolk's population, on the other hand, is currently at 52 percent of saturation and is expected to increase to 71 percent by 1995. Nassau County has 23 existing domestic wastewater treatment facilities, and major new construction is not anticipated except where expansion and upgrading of existing facilities is necessary. Suffolk County has 105 small domestic treatment facilities in operation, and one major facility (30 MGD) under construction. Nassau's domestic treatment facilities are generally large scale, treating up to 60 million gallons per day (MGD), but a typical Suffolk County domestic wastewater treatment plant treats less than one MGD, with the largest treating only approximately two MGD.

Surface water quality considerations also dictate different approaches in the Bi-county Region. Marine water quality in Nassau County and western Suffolk is influenced by the effects of New York City discharge. In eastern Suffolk, agricultural uses impact river and bay quality. A final reason for separate consideration of the two counties concerns their degree of urbanization: Nassau and western Suffolk Counties are highly urbanized, while eastern Suffolk is essentially rural and agricultural in nature.

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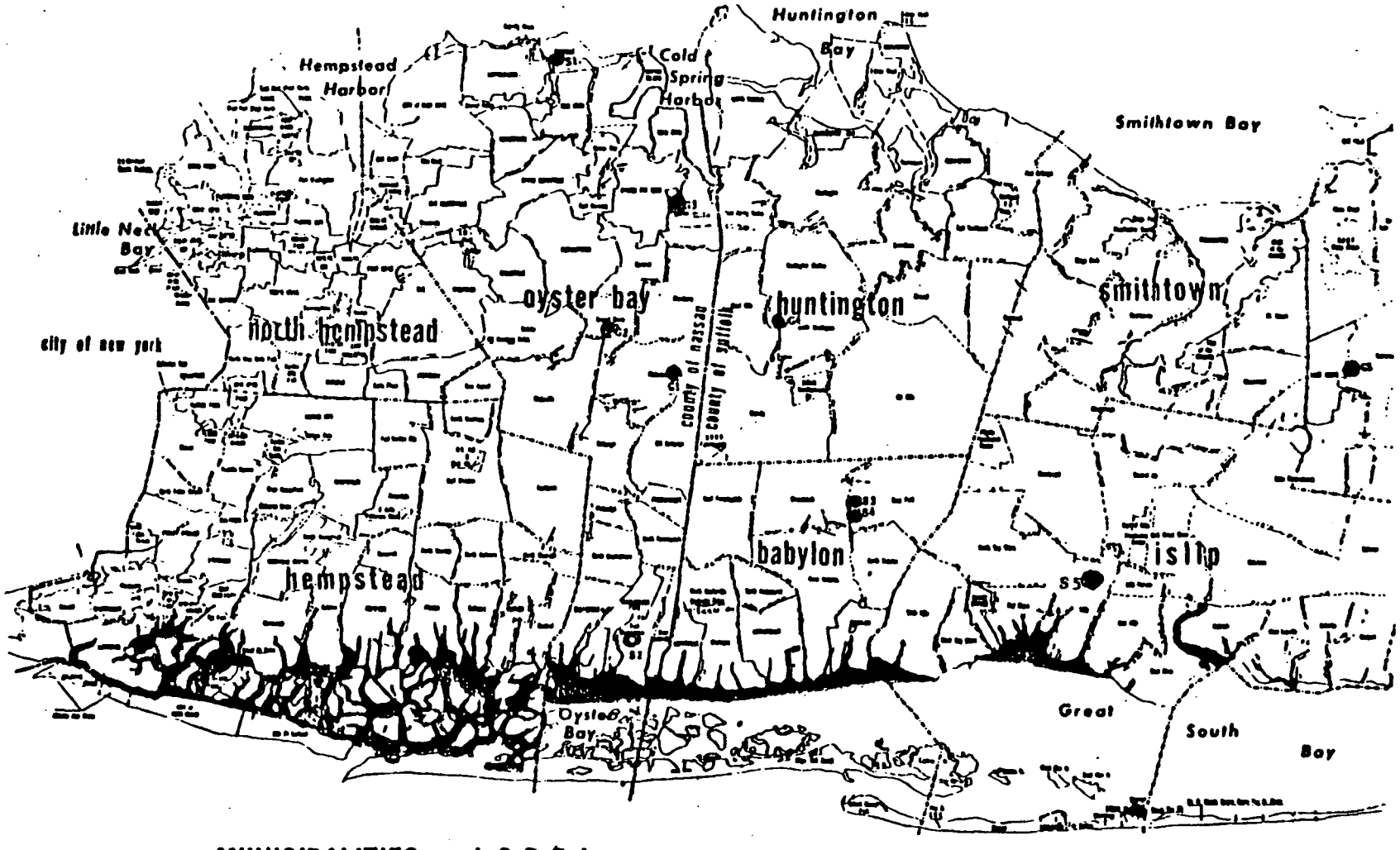

MUNICIPALITIES and C.D.P.'s
(Census Designated Places) -1980

NASSAU COUNTY
SUFFOLK COUNTY

long island
new york

Surface Water Sites

B1. Bayville (Perry Ave.)
B2. Unqua Pond
B3. Carlls R. (Central Ave.)
B4. Carlls R. (Westview Ave.)
B5. Orowoc Creek

Groundwater Sites

G1. Plainview (LIR)
G2. Syosset (Cary St.)
G3. Laurel Hollow
G4. Walt Whitman Mall
G5. Centereach (DOT)

■ = Areas closed to shellfishing

Figure 1 - Project Area and Sampling Sites

PROJECT AREA

I. Catchment Name - Bayville (Perry Ave.)

A. Area - 65.6 acres.

B. Population - 612 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 40 feet/mile, 50% served with curbs and gutters. The storm sewers approximate a 40 feet/mile slope and extend 3500 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 3.9 lane-miles of asphalt, 60% of which is in good condition and 40% of which is in fair condition.

E. Land Use

65.6 acres (100%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential of which 9.8 acres (15%) is impervious.

II. Catchment Name - Unqua Pond (Massapequa)

A. Area - 298.5 acres.

B. Population - 9492 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 20 feet/mile, 100% served with curbs and gutters. The storm sewers approximate a 20 feet/mile slope and extend 2800 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 46.6 lane-miles of asphalt, 100% of which is in good condition, and 3 lane-miles of concrete, of which 100% is in good condition.

E. Land Use

253 acres (85%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 40 acres (16%) is impervious.

15 acres (5%) is Shopping Center of which 14 acres (93%) is impervious.

30 acres (10%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space of which 4 acres (13%) is impervious.

III. Catchment Name - Carlls River Street Sweeping

A. Area - 73 acres.

B. Population - 939 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 1.7 feet/mile, 81% served with curbs and gutters. The channel approximates a 1.7 feet/mile slope and extends 4725 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 9.5 lane-miles of asphalt, 90% of which is in good condition, 7% of which is in fair condition, and 3% of which is in poor condition.

E. Land Use

73 acres (100%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 14.5 acres (20%) is impervious.

IV. Catchment Name - Carlls River Street Sweeping Control

A. Area - 64 acres.

B. Population - 925 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 1.7 feet/mile, 93% served with curbs and gutters. The channel approximates a 1.9 feet/mile slope and extends 2775 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 7.98 lane-miles of asphalt, 90% of which is in good condition, 7% of which is in fair condition, and 3% of which is in poor condition.

E. Land Use

64 acres (100%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 13 acres (20%) is impervious.

V. Catchment Name -- Orowoc Creek

A. Area - 188 acres.

B. Population - 2,260 persons

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 22 feet/mile, 85% served with curbs and gutters. The channel approximates a 22 feet/mile slope and extends 1,700 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 16.45 lane-miles of asphalt, 86% of which is in good condition, 10% of which is fair condition, and 4% of which is in poor condition.

E. Land Use - 154 acres (82%) is 2.5 to e dwelling units per acre urban residential, 14 acres (8%) is urban institutional, and 18 acres (10%) is the stream channel. 26.3 acres (14%) is impervious.

VI. Catchment Name - Huntington (Parking Lot)

A. Area - 39.19 acres.

B. Population - 0 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 84.5 feet/mile, 100% served with curbs and gutters. The storm sewers approximate a 58 feet/mile slope and extend 1400 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 27 lane-miles of asphalt of which 100% is in good condition.

E. Land Use

39.19 acres (100%) is Shopping Center, of which 39.19 acres (100%) is impervious.

VII. Catchment Name - Plainview (Highway)

A. Area - 190 acres.

B. Population - 0 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 119 feet/mile, 85% served with curbs and gutters and 15% served with swales and ditches. The channel approximates a 206 feet/mile slope and extends 2500 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Street consist of .9 lane-miles of asphalt, 100% of which is in good condition, and 1.5 lane-miles of concrete, of which 100% is in good condition.

E. Land Use

178.1 acres (94%) is urban parkland or open space.

11.9 acres (6%) is Urban (other), of which 11.9 acres (100%) is impervious.

VIII. Catchment Name - Syosset (Medium Density Residential)

A. Area - 28.2 acres.

B. Population - 238 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 42.6 feet/mile, 100% served with curbs and gutters. The storm sewers approximate a 42 feet/mile slope and extend 2100 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 2.45 lane-miles of asphalt, 100% of which is in good condition.

E. Land Use

28.2 acres (100%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 4.5 acres (15%) is impervious.

IX. Catchment Name - Laurel Hollow (Low Density Residential)

A. Area - 100 acres.

B. Population - 117 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 519 feet/mile, 56% served with curbs and gutters and 44% served with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate a 275 feet/mile slope and extend 2300 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 3.2 lane/miles of asphalt, 100% of which is in good condition.

E. Land Use

100 acres (100%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 4.7 acres (4.7%) is impervious.

X. Catchment Name - Centereach

A. Area - 553 acres (But <u>actual</u> drainage area = 3.2 acres - see attached note.)

B. Population - 0 in actual drainage area (see attached note.)

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 53 feet/mile, 100% served with curbs and gutters. The storm

sewers (main drainage channel) approximates a 74 feet/mile slope and extend 2400 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 2.2 lane-miles of asphalt, 100% of which is in good condition.

E. Land Use

543 acres (98.2%) is medium-density residential.

10 acres (1.8%) is urban commercial (linear strip commercial development), of which 3.2 acres (0.6%) is impervious.

Note: Centereach Basin

The topographic drainage area surrounding the Centereach Basin is 553 acres, most of which is medium-density residnetial. The actual area draining into the basin, however, is only a portion of the state road (Route 25 - Middle Country Road) that passes through the strip commercial portion of the area. The shopping areas on both sides of the highways have their own individual drainage systems and the residential areas drain into other basins. The basin being tested is a state-owned basin that <u>only</u> drains that portion of the state-owned highway passing through the area (3.2 acres). Thus, some of the data presented in part (X) might appear somewhat confusing.

PROBLEM

A. Local Definition (Government)

The Long Island 208 Study indicated that stormwater runoff is the major source of bacterial loading to the marine waters of the area, and may contribute significant quantities of pollutants to the groundwater reservoir through stormwater recharge basins.

The groundwater reservoir has been designated the "sole-source aquifer" for water supply in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, and the embayments of the area are used for contact recreation, and are the major source of hard-shell clams (Mercenaria mercenaria) in the United States.

In most areas of the region, runoff was found to contribute greater than 95 percent of the annual bacterial loading to the bays. Since it is the predominant source of coliform bacteria, stormwater runoff is very likely responsible for much of the shellfish area closures on Long Island, and also threatens many bathing beaches. Surface water quality standards for several bays cannot be consistently attained until the pollutant loading from stormwater runoff is controlled.

Large quantities of pollutants in runoff are known to enter stormwater basins,* which recharge an estimated 10% of all runoff on Long Island. Little is known, however, about the composition and quantity of pollutants that reach the water table after basin storage and exfiltration, or the effect of the soil cover of a basin on the quality of percolate. The 208 study seemed to indicate that urban runoff is a significant source of inorganic chemicals, organic matter and sediment, and may also be a significant source of organic chemcials.

New York State's concern was clearly indicated in its New York State Water Quality Management Plan, which identified urban stormwater management problems. In particular, runoff problems on Long Island were identified as requiring special attention. The State plan recommended additional monitoring, research, and assessment in order to provide a better understanding of nonpoint pollution generation and transport, and a stronger technical basis for identifying and solving runoff problems.

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* Stormwater recharge basins on Long Island are open pits of various shapes and sizes excavated in moderately to highly permeable sand and gravel deposites of glacial origin. Basins range from 0.1 to 30 acres in area and average 1 acre. Basin depth average 10 feet, but some are deep as 40 feet. More of the water delivered to the basins consists of storm runoff from residential, industrial, and commercial areas and from highways. In 1978, more than 3,000 stormwater basins were in use in Nassau and Suffolk counties.

B. Local Perception (Public Awareness)

The forced closing of shellfish beds and occasional beach closings for health reasons have caused storms of protest at the time the actions were taken. There is contining concern about shellfish bed closures among both commercial and recreational fishermen, and among all citizens who regularly use the embayments for contact recreation - boating, water skiing and swimming - as well, for they rightfully see the shellfish restrictions as a sign of declining water quality which, if allowed to continue, will sooner or later interfere with other uses of the waters. However, these protests tend to be triggered by specific events and ebb and flow with particular crisis in water quality. The relationship of stormwater runoff to these highly visible crisis is complex and requires a technical sophistication only a few random citizens-in-the-street possess. The connection between pollutants in stormwater runoff and contamination via recharge basins of the aquifers which provide drinking water supply is even less visible and more complex technically.

As a result, the problem of controlling pollution from stormwater runoff is not one which has received a lot of independent, self-generated action, or even attention, from the public. However, public participation and education efforts under the original 208 Study were quite effective in alerting both community leaders and interested members of the general publich to the potential dangers of stormwater runoff. Consequently there is growing concern for the need to control stormwater, resulting in a very active publich advisory group for NURP and a high degree of citizen interest in the results.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Major Objectives

This project comprises sampling programs conducted at nine representative sites to monitor the impact of different land uses upon stormwater runoff loads, and to evaluate the effects of management practices on receiving water quality. Specifically, the project was designed to accomplish the following objectives:

1. Groundwater:

   - to determine the types and quantities of pollutants in runoff entering recharge basins (5 sites) and in percolating runoff entering the groundwater reservoir beneath basins;

   - to evaluate the effects, if any, of the soil cover of recharge basins and basin management practices on the quality of precolating runoff;

2. Surface Waters:

   - to identify the sources, concentrations and loadings for other pollutants in addition to coliform bacteria and nutrients;

   - to determine the practicality and cost-effectiveness of measures proposed for the control and/or treatment of urban runoff;

   - to develop a stormwater management plan incorporating these measures to guide local municipalities.

B. Methodologies

The overall program is being coordinated through the local 208 Agency (LIRPB) as a cooperative effort of the local office of the United States Geological Survey and the staffs of agencies represented on the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The TAC is comprised of the Nassau Departments of Health, Publich Works and Planning, and the Suffolk County Water Authority and Department of Health Services.

Nassau County is evaluating control measures at two sites. The runoff generated along Perry Avenue, Bayville was previously uncontrolled and flowed overland, south along Perry Avenue, directly into Mill Neck Creek, contiguous to a bathing beach. The majority of Mill Neck Creek had been closed to shell fishing due primarily to stormwater runoff bacteria loadings. The method of control being evaluated in this drainage basin utilizes an inline storage and leaching system, consisting of a series of perforated catch basins, overflow leaching pools and perforated pipe. Flow measurement data and samples will be collected from three locations: (1) in-flow into a catch basin, (2) in-flow into overflow leaching pool (effluent of catch basin), and (3) over-flow from whole sewerage system into a discharge outfall.

At Unqua Pond, Massapequa, the control measure to be evaluated is settling and sedimentation in a natural impoundment. Samples and flow measurements will be obtained immediately upstream of the pond and at the spillway discharging to the marine waters.

The Suffolk County Department of Health Services is sampling stormwater runoff pollution mitigation measures: (1) street cleaning; (2) energy dissipation at the discharge of a storm sewer to maximize overland runoff and the pollutant removal capabilities of wetlands; and, (3) the pollutant filtering potential of dried up portions of stream beds. Two of the sites are located on Carlls River, which is the freshwater stream with the greatest base flow discharging to western Great South Bay. The third site is located on Orowoc Creek in South Brentwood, Town of Islip. Baseline data has been collected at the Carlls River sites to establish pre-control pollutant levels. Sampling at the Orowoc Creek site will begin in the spring.

The five remaining sites are all recharge basins draining various land uses and will be monitored by the U.S. Geological Survey. At all sites there will be monitoring of the inflow pipe, precipitation and a water-table well to measure water-level changes and the quality of percolating runoff. In one basin there is no existing vegetal cover on the basin floor. In three basins no maintenance is carried out. The fifth basin has an impervious liner and, therefore, contains standing water at all times.

Using the data generated at the nine control sites, the regional effectiveness of the various control schemes will be evaluated by means of the dynamic mathematical models which were developed during the initial 208 study.

Using information derived from the evaluation phase, and land-use information from the 208 program, suggested stormwater runoff control procedures will be developed for use by local agencies. The procedures will incorporate the most cost-effective structural and non-structural controls for the area. They will be developed as a regional approach to urban runoff control and will have implementation geared to various localities on Long Island and to similar areas of the country elsewhere with specific instructions for management, operation and maintenance of the proposed systems. Requirements for implementation will also be included. The legislative, institutional, fiscal, and administration needs will be addressed.

C. Monitoring

The Bayville site (Figure 3), which is located along Perry Avenue between Bayville Avenue and Creek Road, is in part situated on a steep grade which is topographically representative of the north shore of Long Island. The land use in this drainage basin is essentially all medium density residential, consisting primarily of single family dwellings on 60' x 100' plots, which is typical of development in Nassau County. Automatic sampling and flow measuring devices will be used for sample collection and flow measurement at each of the three sampling points with the equipment located either in the catch basin or overflow leaching pool structures. Bacteriological samples will be collected manually. Precipitation is measured by a recording gauge, installed on the roof of the Bayville Village Hall. Unqua Pond, (Figure 4) is located between Sunrise Highway and Merrick Road, adjacent to Marjorie Post Park. The drainage area contiguous to Unqua Pond is gently sloped and topographically representative of the south shore of Long Island. The land use in this drainage basin is primarily medium density residential, but the pond also receives runoff from Sunrise Highway, which is a major east-west thoroughfare, from a commercial shopping center and from the adjacent park land. Most of the stormwater discharge in this basin is diverted into Unqua Pond and subsequently into South Oyster Bay. Portions of South Oyster Bay adjacent to the shoreline are presently closed to shellfishing, primarily due to the bacteria loadings from stormwater runoff. Although there are a number of ponds located along the south shore of Nassau County, Unqua was selected for three reasons: (1) relatively deep (3 to 5 ft) as compared to most ponds, which are shallow (1 to 3 ft), (2) only one direct discharge into the pond in addition to the primary stream inflow, (3) easy accessibility to the inflow and outflow sampling locations. Essentially all sampling will be conducted manually since the pond system is unsecured and subject to vandalism. Automatic samplers may be used once on site, but bacteriological samples must be collected manually. Precipitation is measured by a recording gauge set up on the roof of the Marjorie Post Park Administration building, located at the southern end of the drainage area.

Suffolk County Department of Health Services is studying three surface water sites, as follows: Two sites are located on the Carlls River and are being used to test the effectiveness of street sweeping. The sweeping is being conducted at site (1) Central Avenue, which has a drainage area of approximately 73 acres medium-density residential land use. Streamflow gauging and water quality sampling are carried out at a location in the stream channel downstream of the discharge points of the two 48" diameter and one 24" diameter storm sewers.

Site (2), located on the west branch of the Carlls River, and a few thousand feet north of Belmont Lake, will be used as a control on the street sweeping evaluation at Central Avenue. The site has a 48" diameter storm sewer collecting runoff from a drainage area of approximately 64 acres of medium density residential land use along Westview Avenue and West 24th Street. Flow measurement and water quality sampling are done at the pipe discharge, and in the stream channel upstream and downstream from the pipe. Precipitation is measured by a recording gage located at Belmont Park Headquarters and by manual gages set up at the sites by sampling crews.

IN-LINE STORAGE SYSTEM
PERRY AVE. BAYVILLE

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Site (3) is at a trapezoidal shaped recharge basin just to the north of the Southern State Parkway in South Brentwood, Islip town, located on the service road to the parkway. The basin is approximately 450' long and 300' wide at its longest and widest points. There is a storm drain draining a small residential area that discharges into the east side of the basin, roughly 200' downstream from the stream influent point at the northern end of the basin. A low (8"-10" high) concrete wall at the end of the 10' long concrete apron to the storm drain, which has been in place for at least 15 years, acts as a working, effective energy dissipator. The basin and stream channel upstream are heavily overgrown with wetlands vegetation and, hence, provide an effective site for wetlands treatment. Upstream of the recharge basin, the channel is dry for much of the year and resembles the conditions predicted in the Suffolk County Flow Augmentation Needs Study (FANS) for streams without augmentation.

The parameters analyzed in samples from the above sites include: TKN, NH_3-N, NO_2-N, TOC, COD, TSS, Chloride, BOD, Total Coliforms, Fecal Coliforms, Fecal Strep, lead, chromium, cadimium, zinc, copper, iron, and mangenese.

The five recharge basins being monitored by U.S.G.S. are as follows: (Sample site shown in Figure 6):

- Laurel Hollow is located at the intersection of Cove Road and Moore's Hill Road in Laurel Hollow, N.Y. This basin drains a 100-acre area of recently-constructed, medium-density housing. Some construction was still going on in 1979. The basin is three acres in area and trapezoidal in shape. The basin floor is approximately 14 feet below land surface.

- The Plain view basin, also known as New York State Department of Transportation Highway Basin 66, is located at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Executive Drive in Plainview, N.Y. This basin receives runoff from the Long Island Expressway, its service road, and a small number of local streets - a total of 7,000 feet of roads, or approximately eight acres of impervious surface area. The basin is approximately two acres in size and square in shape. The basin floor is 40 feet below land surface.

- The Syosset stormwater recharge basin is located at Cary Street in Syosset, N.Y. This basin is also known as Nassau County Storm Water Basin 377. This basin drains a 28.2-acre high-density residential area. Housing construction in this area was completed in 1957. The basin itself is one acre in size and triangular in shape; its bottom is 14 feet below land surface.

- The Huntington stormwater recharge basin is located at Walt Whitman Shopping Center on Route 110 at South Huntington, N.Y. This basin

drains the north half of the shopping center which includes approximately 39 acres of paved parking and roof area. This basin is clogged, but storm water can exfiltrate the walls above the clogging layer. The number of shopping center basins is small (less than 50), but the large volume of man-made organic compounds that enter these basins may have a disproportionately large impact on the quality of ground water.

The Centereach stormwater recharge basin is located near the northwest corner of the intersection of Oak Street and Middle Country Road (N.Y. Route 25) in Centereach. This basin drains Middle Country Road and the commercial areas on both sides of the road. This basin is different from the other four in that it has a liner, which causes it to retain a pre-determined volume of water. Excess stormwater is recharged to the ground water via an overflow pipe connected to a leaching field.

In all five basins, flow measurement data, water-quality samples and microbiological samples will be collected at the inflow pipes. A watertable well will be placed in each basin to monitor water-level changes and the quality of percolating runoff. A rain gage will be placed in each basin to record rainfall input.

Equipment

Equipment	# of Pieces	Manufacturer	Model #	Site
I. NASSAU COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH				
Automatic Recording Rain gauge	2	Weather Measure	P501-I	Bayville, Massapequa
Manual Rain Guage (dipstick type)	2	Belfort	U.S. Weather Bureau Specification #4502301	Bayville, Massapequa
Flow Meter	3	Marsh-McBirney	VMFM 265	Bayville, Massapequa
Portable Flow Meter	1	Marsh-McBirney	201	Bayville, Massapequa
Manual Flow Gauge-Staff Gauges	2	--	--	Massapequa
Automatic Water Sampler	3	ISCO	2100	Bayville, Massapequa

Equipment	# of Pieces	Manufacturer	Model #	Site
II. SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES				
Flow Meter	3	Marsh-McBirney	VMFS 265	Carlls River-Energy Dissipation
Conductivity Meter	1	Horizon Ecology Company	1484-10	Sampling Vehicle
Cone Sample Splitter	1	Leonard Mold & Die	-	Sampling Vehicle
pH Meter	1	Horizon Ecology Company	5995	Sampling Vehicle
or				
pH Meter	1	Leeds & Northrup	7417-L2	Sampling Vehicle
D. O. Meter Temperature	1	Yellow Springs Instruments	57	Carlls River-Energy Dissipation
Standard 8" Diameter Manual Rain Gage*	1	Science Associates		Level area at Sampling site
Tipping Bucket Rain Gage*	1	Weather Measure Corporation		Belmont Lake State Park Headquarters
III. U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY				
Automatic Sampler	4	Manning	S-6000	Five basins, four instrumented at any given time
Velocity Modified Flow Meter	5	March-McBirney	250	Five basins, four instrumented at any given time
Minigraph Event Recorder	4	Esterline Angus	none	Five basins, four instrumented at any given time
Tipping Bucket Rain Gage w/Recorder	4	Leupold & Stevens	7012	On-site at Huntington Laurel Hollow, Plainview Syosset - rear of USGS off.
Atmospheric Deposition	2	N-Con	none	Huntington Basin Plainview Health Center
Water-Level Recorder	4	Leupold & Stevens	Type F	Five basins, four instrumented at any given time

Controls

The in-line storage system in Bayville, New York, consists of a series of leaching-type catch basins and leaching pools connected with perforated reinforced concrete pipe. The catch basins are located strategically along Perry Avenue for collection of runoff from storm event. Any overflow from the basins enter perforated pipes (where some leaching also occurs) that allow the stormwater to flow from one leaching pool to the next as each fills. If the storm runoff is of sufficient volume to fill all the leaching catch basins and pools, then the excess volume will flow into Mill Neck Creek. Figure 7 shows cross sectional views of a typical leaching pool, leaching-type catch basin, and perforated pipe. The design capacity of this stream will theoretically retain a one-in./24-hour storm before there is any overflow and discharge to the marine waters. This design is intended to capture and retain the stormwater generated from approximately 85% of the rainfall events in the Long Island area.

Unqua Pond is located in the Village of Massapequa between Sunrise Highway and Merrick Road adjacent to Marjorie Post Park. The pond is relatively deep (3 to 5 ft) compared to most ponds on Long Island, which are shallow (1 to 3 ft) Unqua Pond has one stream influent and effluent, but it also receives urban runoff from a small stormwater drainage system discharge. Natural sedimentation on detention are the processes that are being evaluated by this control measure. The site is currently a control measure as it exists, and the only changes that will occur are the installation of monitoring equipment. Ducks and geese located on and around the pond contribute significant quantities of nutrients, biochemical oxygen demand, and bacteria to the pond. Feeding of the ducks and geese by people in the area tends to increase their population around the pond, thus contributing to more pollution.

For the Carlls River street cleaning site, existing Elgin Pelican street cleaning equipment will be used. This equipment will be operated in accordance with a predetermined operation schedule. At present, this area has a typical street cleaning frequency of five times per year. During the NURP study, the same mode of operation and piece of equipment should be used to control the number of variables to be considered when evaluating the results of street cleaning. Frequency of sweeping and antecedent rain will be the only major variables.

The dry stream channel energy dissipation/wetlands treatment at Orowoc Creek involves a recharge basin through which the stream channel passes. Up stream of the recharge basin, the channel is dry for much of the year, which would resemble the conditions predicted in the Suffolk County Flow Augmentation Needs Study for several of the streams without augmentation. In addition, there is a storm drain which discharges into the basin from a small residential area. The stream channel and the recharge basin are heavily overgrown, the latter with typical wetlands species.

Suffolk County Department of Health Services will be assessing the stormwater runoff treatment benefits that may result from the drying up of portions of streams due to the effect of sewering. The department is in the process of establishing a monitoring station at the basin influent to evaluate the treatment provided by the dry stream channel; a monitoring station at the storm

drain discharge to the basin, to sample runoff from the small residential area; and a sampling point at the basin effluent to evaluate the treatment provided by the wetlands vegetation and from recharge in the basin.

Because of the existence of heavy vegetation in the channel up stream and also in the recharge basin, it is anticipated that there will be several storms for which there may not be measurable flow at the basin's influent or effluent points.

The originally proposed energy dissipation construction at the Westview Avenue site, on the Carll's River, has been dropped from the study for the following reasons:

the low bid for constructing the facility was $41,000, which was approximately $20,000 more than the consultant's estimate.

although the SCDHS' field crew had identified 40 to 50 potential sites where energy dissipation could be implemented, the total contributory drainage area to these sites has been found to be less significant than envisioned prior to the site inspections.

energy dissipation/wetlands treatment will be better evaluated at the storm drain discharge to the Orowoc Creek Site, where an existing energy dissipator and wetland has been operating for many years.

The Westview Avenue site is being retained in the monitoring program to facilitate evaluation of the impact of varying street cleaning practices at Central Avenue. Both Carll's River sites will be sampled during the same storm events.

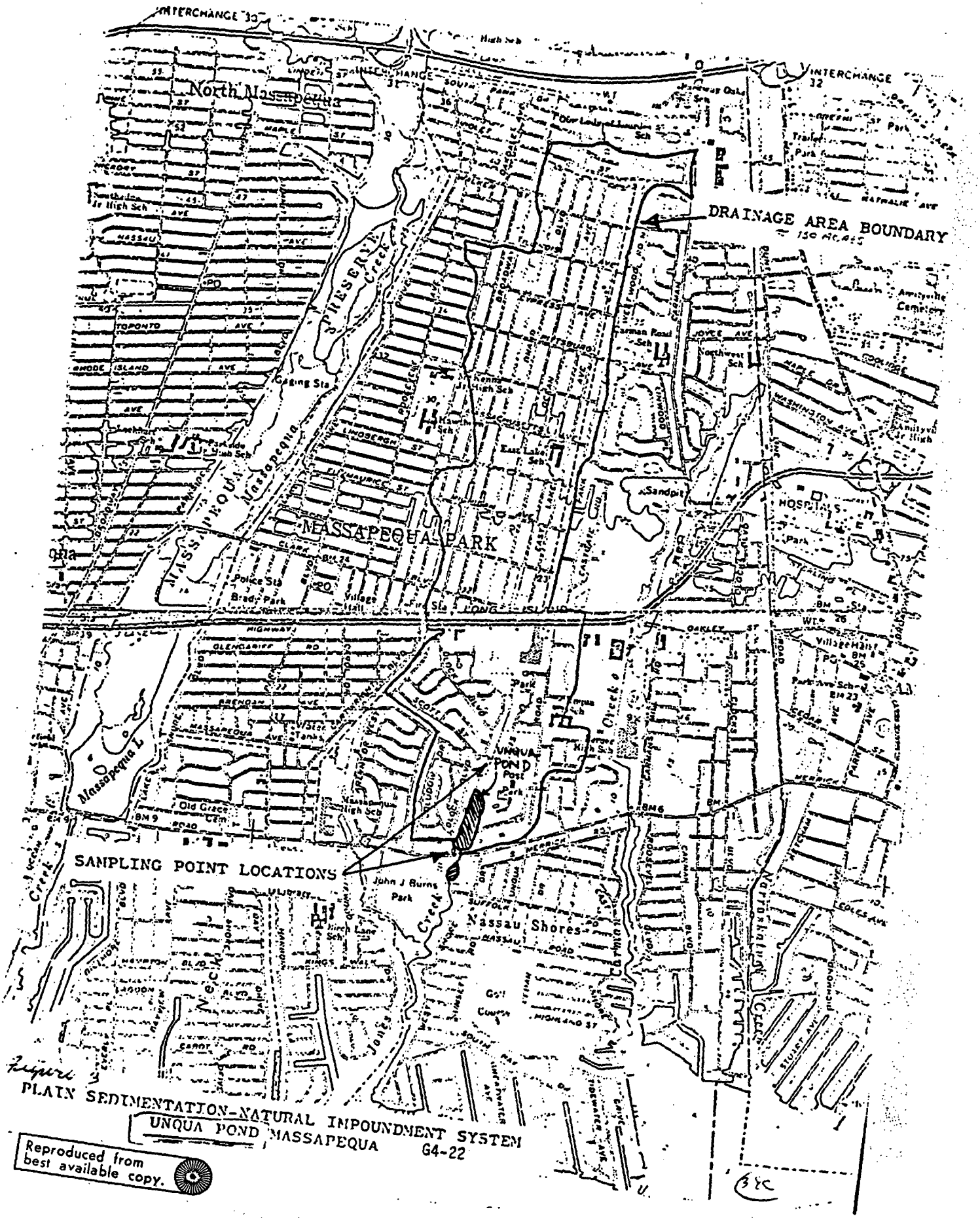

Figure
PLAIN SEDIMENTATION-NATURAL IMPOUNDMENT SYSTEM
UNQUA POND MASSAPEQUA

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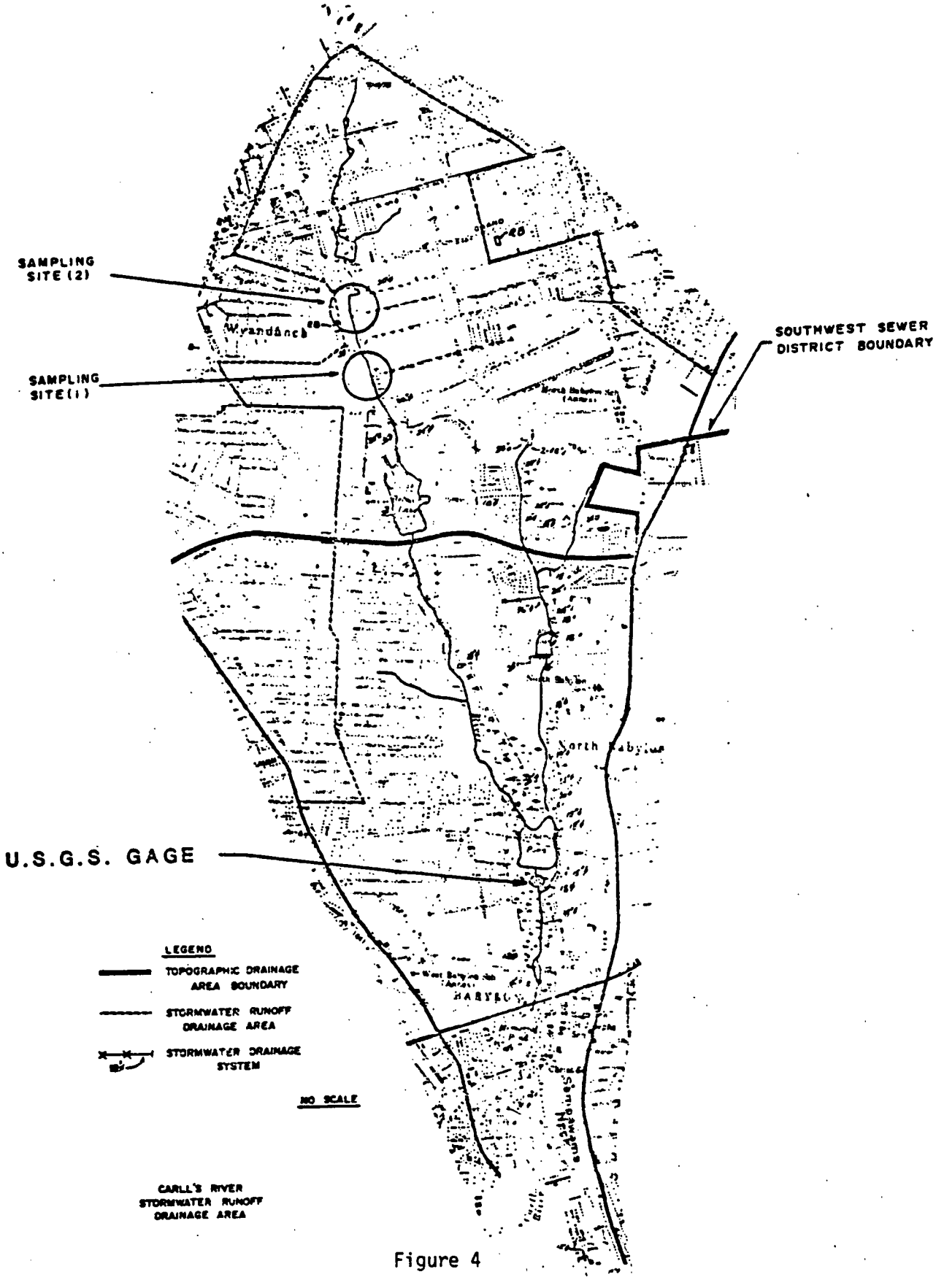
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CARLL'S RIVER STORMWATER RUNOFF DRAINAGE AREA

Figure 4

NOTE: The following section is excerpted from the Long Island Regional Planning Board's 208 Comprehensive Waste Treatment Management Plan, published in 1978.

2.2 GROUND WATER POLLUTION SOURCES

2.2.1 Background

An evaluation of ground water pollution sources is one of the products of the Long Island 208 areawide waste management study. A full report, presented to the 208 Technical Advisory Committee by Geraghty & Miller, Inc. in September 1977, describes eighteen different activities which have or may impair ground water quality in the study area. This section has been prepared to provide easy access to the salient facts contained in the longer, more technical version. The potential impact of the various contamination sources discussed may be subject to reassessment at a later date as more data are made available, or as legal requirements initiate a change in practices.

Although the ground water contamination contribution of several of the sources described may not appear to be significant, it should be borne in mind that the quality of the regional ground water supply is susceptible to the adverse effects of the sum total of man's activities on land. This understanding is particularly crucial to Long Island where activities are diverse, and where a water supply alternative to ground water is not readily or economically available.

There are many sources and causes of ground water contamination in the 208 area. Basically, they can be divided into four categories (Table 2–1). The first two categories represent discharges of contaminants that are derived from solid and liquid wastes. The third category concerns discharges of contaminants that are not wastes, and the fourth category lists those causes of ground water contamination that are not discharges at all.

The variety and type of management options available for each category differ. For example, some Category I sources may require a discharge permit whereas others can be controlled by restrictions on land use. Sources under Category II may require satisfaction of specified construction standards, such as the lining of landfills and the installation of leachate collection systems. Guidelines and manuals (*e.g.*, tons/land-mile limits on highway deicing salts) may be the only type of management option available for Category III. Special regulatory controls are available for the causes of ground water contamination listed under Category IV. An example is the current system of ground water diversion applications and hearings employed to minimize salt water encroachment. Another is the licensing of drilling contractors in order to upgrade water well construction practices.

2.2.2 Domestic On-Site Waste Disposal Systems

Cesspools, septic tanks and leaching fields are a source of ground water contamination on Long Island that has been of great concern to many investigators and regulatory agencies. "The Final Report of the Long Island Ground Water Pollution Study" stated that 800,000 persons in Nassau and 950,000 persons in Suffolk reside in unsewered areas (Nassau-Suffolk Research Task Group, 1969). In addition, facilities serving 24,000 people residing in Nassau

Table 2–1

CLASSIFICATION OF SOURCES AND CAUSES OF GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION USED IN DETERMINING LEVEL AND TYPE OF CONTROL

Category I Systems, facilities or sources designed to discharge waste or waste waters to the land and ground waters.	Category II Systems, facilities, or sources not specifically designed to discharge wastes or waste waters to the land and ground waters.	Category III Systems, facilities, or sources which may discharge or cause a discharge of contaminants that are not wastes to the land and ground waters.	Category IV Causes of ground water contamination which are not discharges.
Domestic on-site waste disposal systems	Sanitary sewers	Highway deicing and salt storage	Airborne pollution
Sewage treatment plant effluent	Landfills	Fertilizers and pesticides	Water well construction and abandonment
Industrial waste discharges	Animal wastes	Product storage tanks and pipelines	Salt water intrustion
Storm water basin recharge	Cemeteries	Spills and incidental discharges	
Incinerator quench water		Sand and gravel mining	
Diffusion wells			
Scavenger waste disposal			

Sewer District No. 2 were reported as not being hooked up to the sewer system. Other reports give different estimates for the number of cesspools and septic tanks in Nassau County (Nassau Environmental Management Council, 1974 and Padar, 1968). The U. S. Geological Survey has estimated that in 1966, 120 million gallons per day of sewage were returned to the ground through cesspools and septic tanks on Long Island (Parker, 1967). A more recent paper from the Nassau County Department of Health reports that 150,000 cesspools in Nassau alone discharge 60 million gallons per day (Smith, 1975).

In on-site disposal systems, bacterial action digests the solid materials, and the liquid effluent is discharged to the ground. In theory, filtration by earth materials provides additional treatment so that the liquid, when it arrives at the water table, is relatively clean. However, many constituents carried by the effluent are introduced to the ground water system. Those which present the greatest threat to ground water quality are excessive concentrations of nitrate, organic chemicals, detergent, metals, bacteria and viruses. Other constituents—previously ignored, but now recognized as a

threat—are halogenated hydrocarbons. Compounds such as chloroform, carbon tetrachloride, trichloroethylene, and others are in common use in industry as degreasers and solvents or are incorporated in plastic products. It has only recently been recognized that these and similar compounds regularly occur in discharges from households. Many products common in the home, such as fabric and rug cleaners, workshop cleaners and solvents, and solutions to clean pipes find their way into on-site disposal systems. Septic tank cleaners are composed almost entirely of active ingredients which are frequently halogenated hydrocarbons. For example, one common cesspool cleaner contains more than 99 percent trichloroethylene. One gallon of this compound could raise the trichloroethylene concentrations of 29 million gallons of water to the State recommended maximum of 0.05 parts per million.

Cesspools and septic tanks are viewed by regulatory agencies as low-cost systems which eliminate surface discharges of raw sewage. There are areas where low housing density and favorable soil conditions make such systems satisfactory alternatives to expensive trunk sewers and treatment plants. However, government agencies have been leaning more and more toward the latter in recent years. Sewer districts have been delineated in both counties and plans for construction are well underway. Figure 2—14 is a nitrogen-loading map, showing the areas in which more than 40 pounds of nitrogen are added annually to each acre by cesspools and septic tanks (Weston, July 1976). This map does not include the nitrogen loading that results from agricultural and domestic fertilizer applications.

2.2.3 Sewage Treatment Plant Effluent

At present, sewage treatment plant effluent is only a minor threat to ground water quality in the bi-county area, as most of the effluent is discharged directly to the sea. According to a study made by Weston in 1976, 23 plants in Nassau County discharge an average of 105.63 million gallons per day, and in Suffolk County 101 plants have an average discharge of 14.26 million gallons per day (Weston, July 1976). These are the total flows of the NPDES and SPDES permitted sewage treatment systems and are believed to include all plants in both counties. Figure 2—15 shows the locations of plants that discharge to the ground.

In Nassau County, only one percent of the total daily flow of treated

LEGEND

GREATER THAN 40 LBS OF NITROGEN/ACRE/YEAR FROM CESSPOOLS AND SEPTIC TANKS

FIGURE 2—14 *Areas of Major Concentrations of On-Site Domestic Waste Disposal Systems.*

effluent (1.2 million gallons per day) and in Suffolk County 50 percent of the total daily flow of treated effluent (7.39 million gallons per day) are discharged to the ground. Thus, a total of 8.59 million gallons per day enters the ground compared to about 800 million gallons per day total recharge of fresh water from precipitation in the bi-county area. Although small, this discharge of effluent to the ground may have a significant effect when concentrated at a few sites. In Nassau County, effluent is discharged at five sites: Meadowbrook Hospital (0.77 million gallons per day), Farmingdale Sanitorium (0.07 million gallons per day), C. W. Post College (0.12 million gallons per day), New York Institute of Technology (0.003 million gallons per day), and Grumman Aerospace Corp. (0.25 million gallons per day).

In Suffolk County, the 85 facilities which discharge treated sewage effluent to the ground are predominantly small residential facilities and some special health and elderly care facilities (Weston, July 1976). Suffolk County is undergoing rapid development and many small sewage treatment plants are being installed to serve areas of 100 or more homes. In developments of less than 100 homes where no sewer system is available, builders are required to install sewers, which will be placed into service after future construction of a nearby interceptor. These homes are permitted to temporarily discharge to cesspools and septic tanks (Pim, 1977).

Some systems receive domestic wastes exclusively; others accept some industrial wastes. Regulatory authorities make every effort to exclude constituents harmful to the treatment plant process or employees, but incidental discharges are not easily controlled. Some chemicals, such as solvents, do not appear to be harmful over the short term, but may damage either the plant or sewer system over a long period of time.

According to a NYSDEC law, effective secondary treatment is the minimum required before effluent can be discharged to surface water. Although this law does not apply to plants discharging to the ground, secondary treatment also is common. Only Farmingdale Sanitorium in Nassau discharges primary treated effluent to the ground (0.07 million gallons per day). In Suffolk, of the 85 plants discharging to the ground, only six do not provide at least secondary treatment. Denitrification of sewage effluent is now required of all new sewage treatment plants which discharge to ground water in Suffolk County.

A recently released report by Roy Gilbert of the SCDEC states that

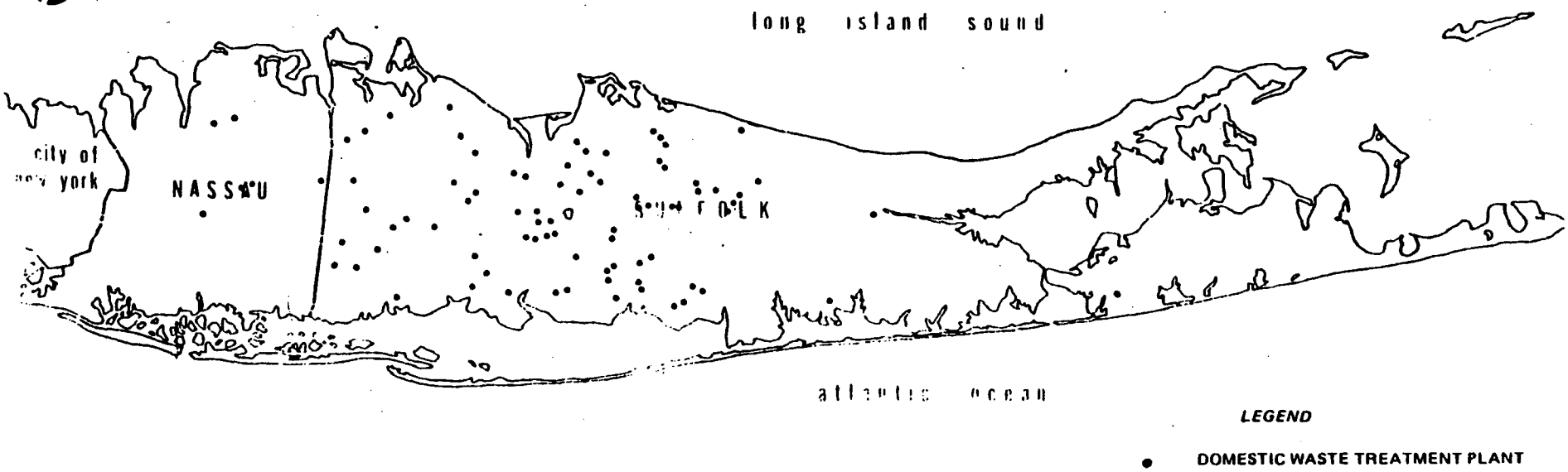


FIGURE 2–15 *Domestic Waste Treatment Plants Discharging to Ground Water,* 1978

a number of organic compounds present in treated sewage are refractory products (not affected by the treatment process) of the biological treatment of the plant, or new compounds formed during chlorination (Gilbert, 1977). It is possible that these products may move through the unsaturated soil to contaminate ground water in places where the effluent is discharged to the ground.

The New York State Environmental Conservation Law of 1967 empowers agencies to regulate sewage treatment plants. This law provides for the classification of state ground water and establishment of quality standards. Violators are assessed penalties under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (PL 92–500). The NPDES program was established in 1973 and the SPDES program in January 1975; the SCDEC and the NCDH derive their enforcement powers from these.

2.2.4 Sanitary Sewers

Approximately 120 million gallons per day of raw sewage flow through thousands of miles of sewers in the bi-county area. The flow in Nassau averages 105.63 million gallons per day and in Suffolk, 14.26 million gallons per day (Weston, July 1976). Figure 2–16 shows the locations of sewered areas. Sewers frequently leak, and depending upon the type of sewer and its altitude relative to the water table, ground water can infiltrate or sewage can exfiltrate. The contamination that takes place in the latter case is normal domestic sewage, plus those constituents in industrial effluent discharged to sewers.

Since the enactment of the SPDES permit program, the direct discharge of industrial wastes to septic systems has been severely curtailed. Restrictions on industrial discharges to sewers are much less stringent than those covering such discharges to septic systems. Concern over the constituents in industrial effluent is primarily due to their effects on the sewer system, the treatment plant processes, and treatment plant personnel—not their effects on ground water.

Permissible maximum infiltration rates are usually written into sewer specifications and commonly vary from 200 to 500 gallons per day per mile per inch of pipe diameter. Where ground water pollution is of concern, exfiltration rates are also specified. In Suffolk County's Southwest Sewer District, for example, 200 gallons per day per mile per inch of pipe diameter has been

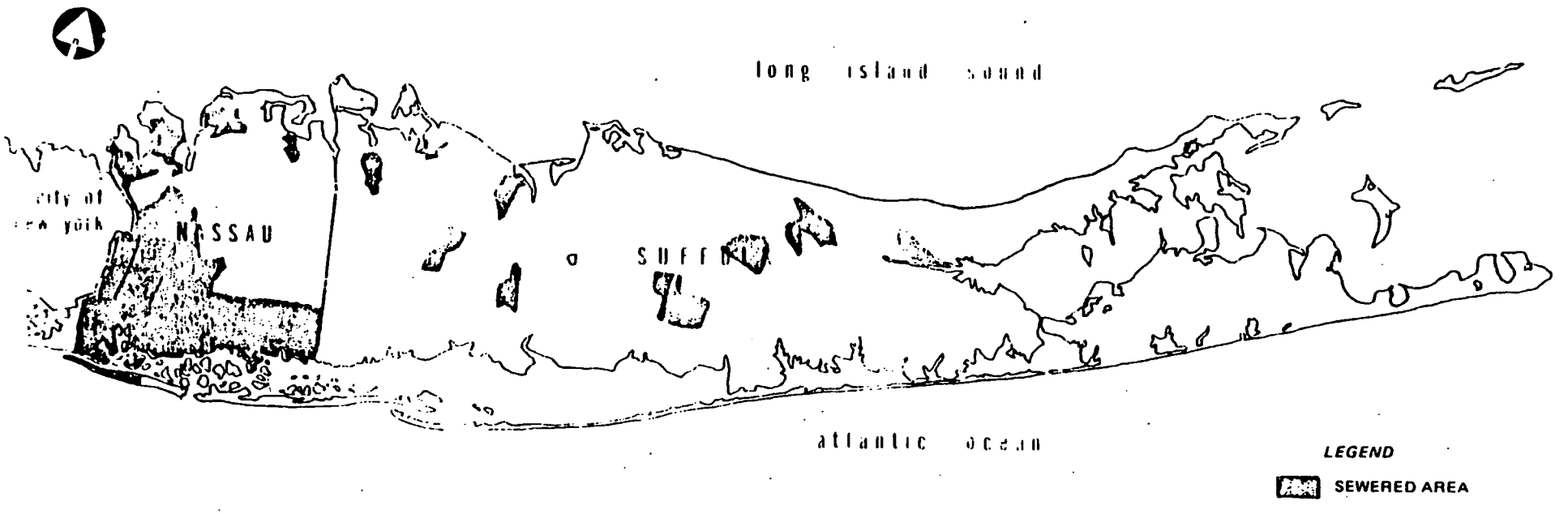


FIGURE 2–16 *Presently Sewered Areas*, 1978

specified as the maximum rate for exfiltration. Projections from tests carried out on existing sewer lines show that leakage has been considerably less than this figure (Graner, 1977).

The potential volume of exfiltration is small when compared to the nearly 100 percent discharge that occurs from cesspools and septic tanks. However, exfiltration may increase over the years as loading produces breaks in the pipes and joints, and as chemical action deteriorates the joints. Exfiltration may also increase if the ground water level was originally above the sewer, but has declined to a point below the sewer.

With present materials and construction techniques, a 50 year sewer life is used as a minimum design estimate. However, a 100 year life may be a more reasonable estimate (Graner, 1977). Some of the older systems in Nassau County are receiving large volumes of ground water (Long Beach, Glen Cove, Oyster Bay and Freeport) (Cameron, 1977). If these systems are infiltrating additional water where the pipes are below the water table, it is reasonable to assume they are also exfiltrating additional sewage where the pipes are above the water table. Similar problems may be occurring in older Suffolk systems, such as Port Jefferson, Huntington, Northport and Patchogue.

Except for monitoring volumes, and to some extent, chemical quality of incoming waste at sewage treatment plants, little control is exerted on sewers once the construction specifications are satisfied. Severe problems involving exfiltration, infiltration or clogging are remedied where they interfere with the operation of the system or cause a public nuisance.

2.2.5 Industrial Waste Discharge

Industrial development and zoning are extensive on Long Island. In 1972, five percent of the Nassau-Suffolk area was zoned for industry. Most of this acreage is inland and includes such heavily industrialized areas as Syosset, Hicksville, Bethpage-Plainview, Melville-Farmingdale, Hauppauge and Deer Park. Except for a small part of the Melville-Farmingdale area, all of these zones and a number of smaller ones in Suffolk County are located in the recharge area of the Magothy aquifer. Areas of known industrial discharge to the ground are shown on Figure 2–17.

Although there are discrepancies in the number of industries reported to have permitted discharges, the nature and volume of NPDES and SPDES discharges are documented in a 1976 report prepared by Roy F. Weston

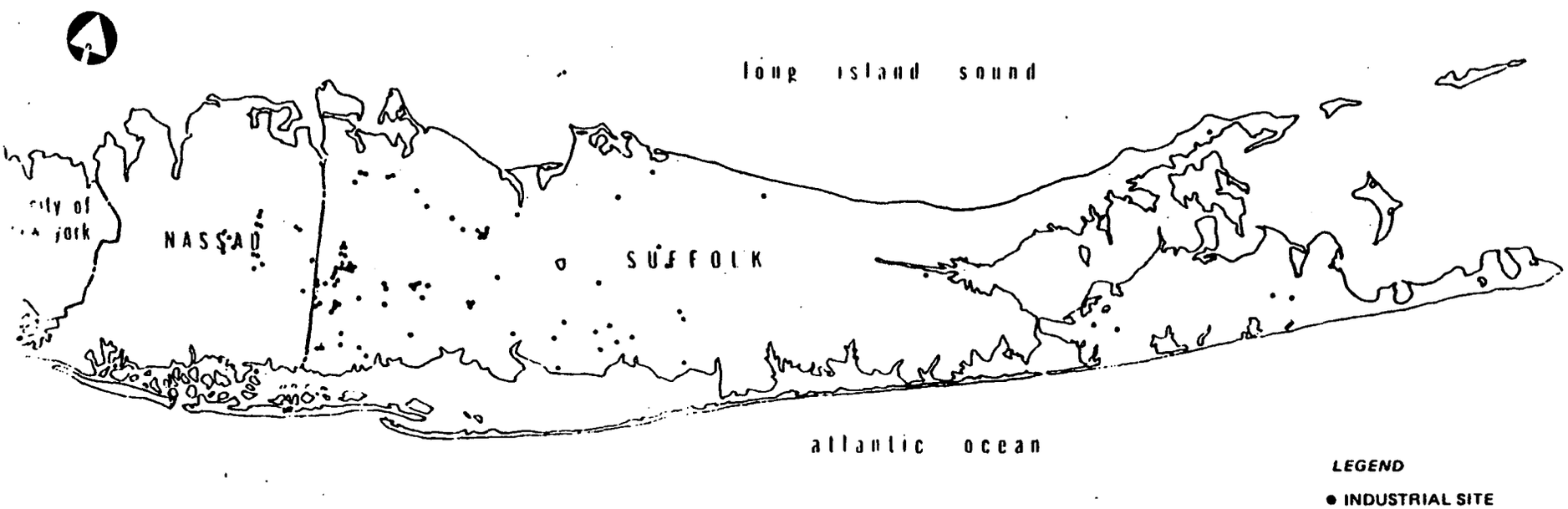


FIGURE 2–17 *Major Industrial Sites Discharging to Ground Water*, 1978

(Weston, July 1976). According to the report, in Nassau 1.2 million gallons per day of waste water are discharged by industry. About 800,000 gallons per day of this amount are discharged to the ground. In Suffolk County, 88 industries discharge a total of 1,325,000 gallons per day, of which 1,278,900 gallons per day are discharged to the ground. Thus, in the bi-county area, about 2.1 million gallons per day of industrial wastes are discharged to the ground in a few industrialized areas.

There are also commercial and industrial discharges in both counties, not included in the permitted inventory. These include car washes, coin-operated laundries and industries discharging waste water with constituents not covered by permitting regulations.

In an attempt to control industrial waste discharges, Nassau County has recently instituted a program to inventory all industries, according to the nature of and receiving body for their discharges. The inventory has revealed a number of industries that are discharging untreated liquid wastes to cesspools (Burger, 1977). Abatement actions have been initiated in these cases. Suffolk County has been conducting industrial surveys for several years.

In Suffolk County, a list of car washes and coin-operated laundries has been compiled. Ten car washes presently discharge to ground water; these predate the State DEC regulation requiring closed systems. There are 135 coin-operated laundries discharging to the ground water; two of these have once-through waste treatment and four others have partial treatment (Gilbert, 1977). Twenty-five percent of Suffolk's coin-operated laundries discharge to sewers and require no pre-treatment (Pim, 1972). Forty-five of the laundries discharging to the ground are in the Southwest Sewer District and will be sewered in the future. Nearly 500,000 gallons per day discharges to ground water from 75 of these laundries.

In Nassau County, permitted discharges to the ground amount to about 800,000 gallons per day. Fourteen metal processing firms discharge 726,000 gallons per day, which is 90 percent of the total. The bottling industry produces an additional 32,000 gallons per day, and the food industry, 24,000 gallons per day. Very small discharges are from metal powder mixing and paper processing industries (Weston, July 1977).

In Suffolk County, 1,278,900 gallons per day of industrial wastes are discharged to the ground. This includes 470,989 gallons per day from metal processing, 356,813 gallons per day from commercial laundries, 164,978 gallons per day from dairies and 152,189 gallons per day from bakeries.

Prior to the passage of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law in 1967, there was no effective law limiting the types of waste water discharged to the land surface. With the enactment of the NPDES and subsequent enactment of the SPDES, a NYSDEC permit is required for non-sewered industrial effluent discharges. The industry must produce treated effluent which meets state water standards. Compliance is monitored by the NCDH and the SCDEC. These agencies also enforce sludge disposal rules.

2.2.6 Storm Water Basins

Investigators have determined that on Long Island approximately half the annual precipitation finds its way to the ground water reservoir as recharge. This averages roughly one million gallons per day per square mile in a 760 square mile recharge area. As the western part of the region has become increasingly urbanized, however, permeable soil areas have been replaced by impermeable roofs and paved areas. The water cannot seep into these surfaces, so it accumulates and runs off.

As a water conservation alternative to offset reductions in ground water recharge and to eliminate the need for expensive trunk sewers leading to the sea, a system of small storm sewers draining to unlined recharge basins was implemented in Nassau County in 1935. At the present time, there are more than 2,000 basins on Long Island, the locations of which are shown on Figure 2–18 (Seaburn, 1973). The basins range from less than one to more than 30 acres in size but most are about one acre. They average ten to twenty feet in depth.

Recharge basins have been considered to be highly beneficial to the overall water conservation program on Long Island, since they account for approximately twenty percent of all recharge to the underlying aquifers (Aronson, 1974). Although the basins restore potentially lost recharge, they are also sources of contamination. Inflow into the basins is a combination of precipitation plus constituents that are dissolved and suspended by the water as it runs over the ground. Typical sources of contaminants are fertilizers, pesticides, deicing salts, organic debris, grease and road oil, rubber, asphaltic materials, hydrocarbons, animal feces and food wastes. Many of the contaminants are not biodegradable and persist in ground water.

As part of the 208 investigation, a number of studies were conducted which have bearing on the amount and types of pollutants that may be entering the ground water system via storm water basins. The Weston non-point source analysis included sampling runoff from small drainage areas and correlation of the runoff quantity and quality with the prevailing land uses. The data and analyses indicated that annual loads of pollutants from non-point sources can be as large as loadings from traditional point sources (Weston, April 1977).

In their program of storm water runoff and ground water sampling at two recharge basins along the Long Island Expressway, the SCDEC detected significant intermittent concentrations of selected heavy metals (*e.g.*, zinc and lead) and total organic carbon (TOC) in discrete samples of storm water runoff during the sampled storm events. Chloride and zinc were observed in elevated concentrations in the ground water samples obtained from wells located in the two recharge basins receiving storm runoff from the Expressway. The SCDEC concluded that further investigation is obviously necessary to determine if runoff quality from the Long Island Expressway is comparable to the often reported major waste load attributed to heavy metals in runoff (Minei, 1977).

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

LAKE GEORGE, NY

REGION II, EPA

INTRODUCTION

Lake George is located in the eastern Adirondack Mountains of New York State and the southeastern portion of the Adirondack State Park not far from the Vermont State border (Figure 1). Sometimes called the Queen of American Lakes, its clarity is nearly unsurpassed in the United States.

Lake George lies mostly within Warren and Washington Counties; the northern tip of Lake George, at Ticonderoga, is within Essex County. Most of Lake George's commerce is located along the southwestern shores of the Lake, which are within Warren County. The commercial district is concentrated mainly at the southern tip of the Lake at Lake George Village.

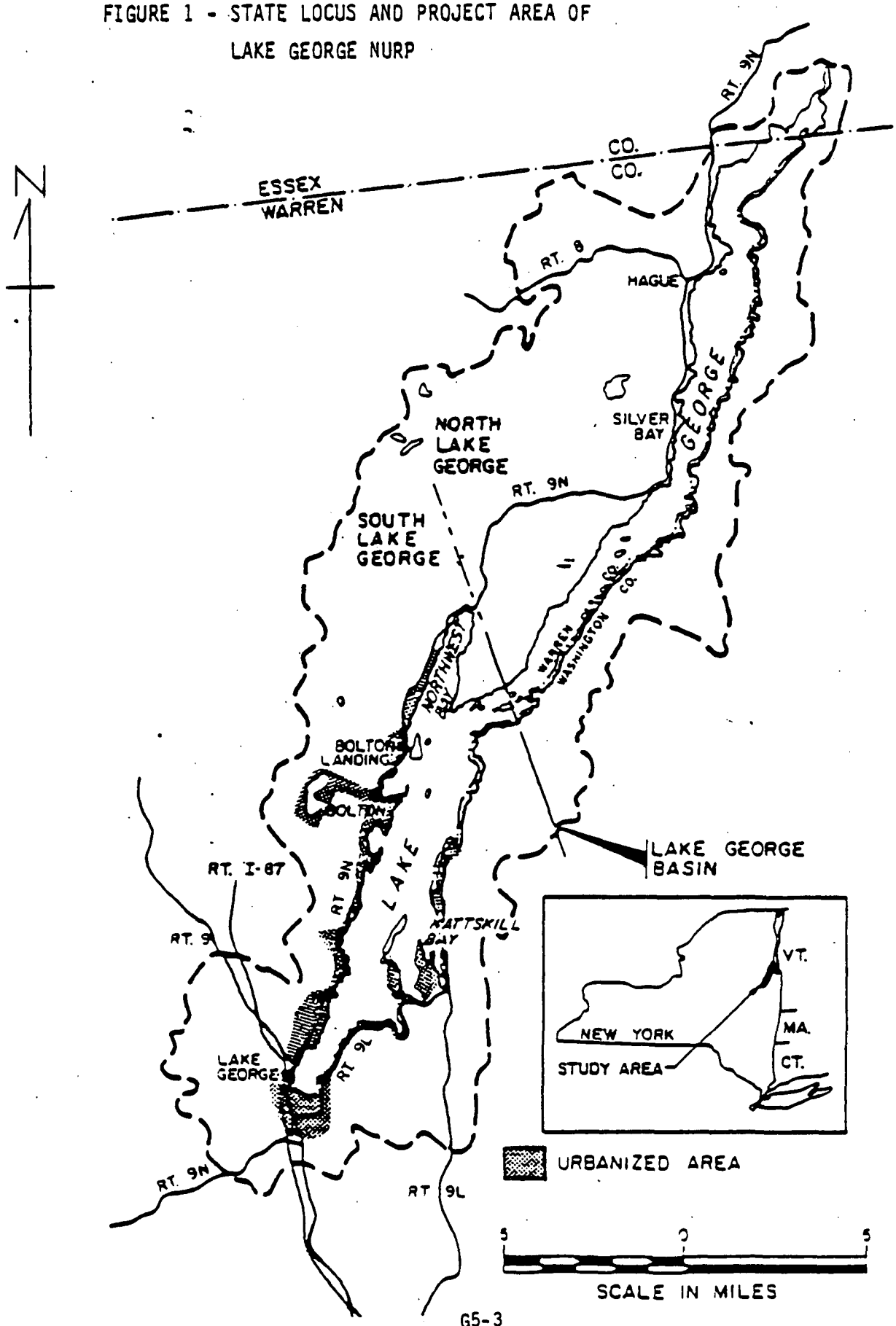
The major use of the waters of Lake George has been for recreation. It also provides a potable water supply for its peripheral inhabitants. In order to maintain the integrity of the waters, the State has designated it as a "Class AA-Special" water body. In addition, Title 17-1709 of the New York State (NYS) Enviromental Conservation Law prohibits the discharge of sewage into waters of the Lake.

The population in Lake George is dominated by seasonal variations, since this lake is a popular resort area. The year round population in Bolton and Lake George Village, the two largest communities of south Lake George, is approximately 5000 persons. In the summer, this increases about tenfold to 50,000 persons. New York State projections for these two communities show the populations increasing to 6,000 permanent residents and 66,000 summer residents by the year 2000.

The recreational-based economies of communities in the Lake George region are heavily dependent upon maintaining a high level of water quality in the Lake. In recognition of the Lake as a unique resource, there has been a strong, long-term State and local commitment to protect and enhance the water quality of Lake George. This has resulted in a number of detailed studies of the Lake and in a long history of spirited public debate over the Lake's present and future quality.

Although the water quality of Lake George has been studied for over fifty years, most of the emphasis has been placed on the physical and chemical nature of the open water. Only in the last decade has the lake's watershed been the object of scientific investigations, and almost all of this work has been in determining the water chemistry at the mouths of the ten or so major tributaries.

FIGURE 1 - STATE LOCUS AND PROJECT AREA OF LAKE GEORGE NURP



PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

A. Area

Lake George is long and narrow; its major axis extends in a north, northeasterly direction. The Lake may be considered as two basins, commonly referred to as North and South Lake George, respectively. The South Lake is further divided into two basins, South and Central, on a morphometric and circulation basis; each contains a very deep section and several shallower areas. The deep South basin is also called Caldwell Basin.

Lake George has a lake surface which stands at 97 m above sea level and encompassess 71 km^2. The drainage basin surface area is 492 km^2. The lake averages 18.3 m in depth and varies in width from 1.6 km to 4.8 km along its 51.5 km length.

Most of the drainage basin is covered with shallow soil from glacial debris, with numerous outcroppings present. The lake shore is irregular, steep and rocky, with the lake at a rather low level, amid elevations of considerable height, creating a steep and fjord-like appearance. About 16 km^2 of a total of 492 km^2 is developed urban land, concentrated in the towns of Lake George, Bolton, Fort Ann, Hague, Queensbury, Dresdan, Putnam, Ticonderoga, and strip/shore developments along approximately half of the lake shoreline. (Figure 1) The rest of the area is sparsely-populated, deciduously-forested land, with numerous conifers also present.

B. Population

According to Hetling (1974), the population of the Lake George watershed in 1970 was 32,484, of which 16,138 resided in sewered areas. The Town and Village of Lake George accounted for 50.5% of the total and 90.9% of the sewered population in 1970. However, of the total watershed population of 32,484, only 17.2% or 5,575 were year-round residents. Ferris et al., (1980) estimated a slightly smaller population for the watershed (30,160).

C. Drainage

Surface runoff into the lake is greatly affected by the physical characteristics of the basin, vegetation cover, areal variations and distribution of precipitation, soil moisture and groundwater, and development of the area by man. The shallow soil cover, abrupt topography, steepness of slopes, and short travel of runoff make storm runoff very rapid and tumultuous. The shape of the basin is elongated and this, coupled with the steep topography, creates a large number of streams with small drainage areas relative to the size of the lake. Of the 80 streams flowing into the lake, about one-fourth are intermittent. The water volumes in the North and South basins are equal at 2.11 billion cubic meters (1,689,600 acre-ft) for each. The average water retention time in the lake is 7.98 years.

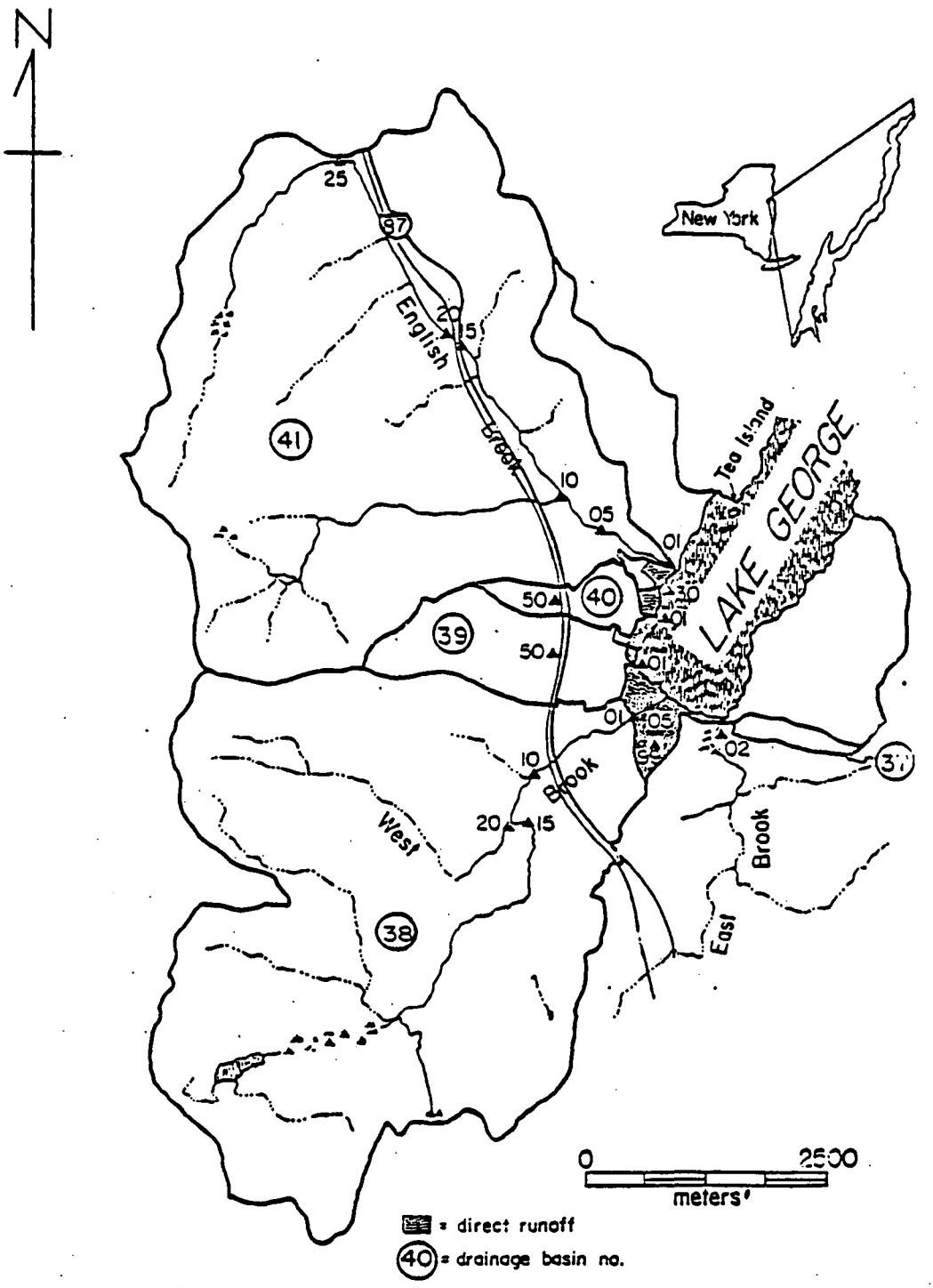
D. Sewerage System

The Village of Lake George is totally sewered with separate sewers and is served by a secondary sewage treatment plant utilizing trickling filters and sand beds. Phosphorus is removed by passage of the sewage through the sand beds whereupon the effluent is released as a subsurface discharge.

The Village of Bolton Landing, the other major concentration of population on the South Lake, is about 75% sewered with a separated system. Secondary treatment is provided by the same type of tricking filter and sand-bed system employed at Lake George Village.

The remainder of the homes and small commercial establishments scattered around the perimeter of the Lake are served by individual, on-lot disposal systems usually consisting of septic tanks and drainfields.

FIGURE 2 - LAKE GEORGE MONITORING BASINS AND SAMPLING SITES



PROJECT AREA

I. Catchment Name - Cedar Lane Storm Sewer (37)

A. Area - 76.2 acres.

B. Population - persons.

C. Drainage - The Cedar Lane storm sewer drains into East Brook approximately 10 feet south of a culvert carrying the Brook under Beach Road and into the Lake. The main channel is 1650 feet at a slope of approximately 996 ft/mile and for the last 328 feet flows through corrugated pipe.

D. Sewerage - 9.64% of the drainage area is served by separate storm sewers; 90.36% has no sewers.

Streets consist of .74 lane-miles of asphalt in good condition and .48 lane-miles of other materials in poor condition.

E. Land Use

4.48 acres (6%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which .62 acres (14%) is impervious.

27.52 acres (36%) is Linear Strip Development, of which 3.38 acres (12%) is impervious.

44.16 acres (58%) is Forest.

5% imperviousness in entire drainage area.

II. Catchment Name - West Brook (38)

A. Area - 5337.6 acres.

B. Population - persons.

C. Drainage - West Brook, with several tributaries, flows northeasterly and enters the Lake at the south end. The main channel is 26400 ft. with a slope of approximately 433 ft/mile.

D. Sewerage - 0.27% of the drainage area is served by separate storm sewers; 99.73% of the catchment has no sewers.

15.29 lane-miles of streets are asphalt (92% in good condition, 5% in fair condition and 3% in poor condition); 18.7 lane-miles of streets are concrete (100% in good condition); .36 lane-miles are of other materials (53% in good condition and 47% in poor condition).

E. Land Use

22.04 acres (< 1%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 2.91 acres (13%) is impervious.

119.37 acres (2%) is Linear Strip Development, of which 18.43 acres (15%) is impervious.

15.60 acres (< 1%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space, of which .33 acres (2%) is impervious.

166.20 acres (3%) is Urban Inactive, of which 0.62 acres (< 1%) is impervious.

75.29 acres (1%) is Urban (other), of which 23.57 acres (31%) is impervious.

2.75 acres (< 1%) is Agriculture.

4894.17 acres (92%) is Forest, of which 19.50 acres (< 1%) is impervious.

42.24 acres (1%) is Water, Lakes.

III. Catchment Name - Sheriff's Dock Storm Sewer (39)

A. Area - 552.3 acres.

B. Population - persons.

C. Drainage - Sheriff's Dock storm sewer discharges directly into the lake on the western shore at the south end through a 117 cm concrete pipe. The main channel is 5280 feet with a slope of approximately 610 ft/mile. The last 600 feet of the main channel and 1198 feet of a triburtary flow through metal pipe.

D. Sewerage - 3.66% of the drainage area is served by separate storm sewers; 96.34% of the drainage area has no sewers.

9.75 lane-miles of streets are asphalt (74% in good condition, 24% in fair condition, 2% in poor condition); 5.11 lane-miles of streets are concrete (100% in good condition).

E. Land Use

71.32 acres (13%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential. of which 18.10 acres (25%) is impervious.

32 acres (6%) is Linear Strip Development, of which 12.23 acres (38%) is impervious.

7.04 acres (1%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space, of which 0 acres (0%) is impervious.

14.08 acres (3%) is Urban Inactive, of which 0 acres (0%) is impervious.

26.60 acres (5%) is Urban (other),
of which 4.63 acres (17%) is impervious.

401.28 acres (73%) is Forest,
of which 2.07 acres (1%) is impervious.

IV. Catchment Name - Marine Village Storm Sewer (40)

A. Area - 163.2 acres.

B. Population - persons.

C. Drainage - Originally an above-ground stream, reconstruction prior to 1926 channelized the stream and filled a wetland of considerable size. Presently Marine Village Storm Sewer originates in a farm pond (from which water discharges all year) and flows easterly, discharging through a metal pipe directly into the lake on the western shore approximately 2000 ft. from the south end. An intermittent tributary collects drainage from Interchange 22 of Interstate I-87. The main channel is 1980 ft. with a slope of approximately 887 ft/mile; approximately 1312 ft. of the main channel flow through corrugated metal pipe.

D. Sewerage - 7.31% of the drainage area is served by separate sewers; 92.69% has no sewers.

6.78 lane-miles of streets are asphalt (60% in good condition, 40% in fair condition); 3.31 lane-miles are concrete (100% in good condition); .26 lane-miles are of other materials (100% in fair condition).

E. Land Use

35.84 acres (22%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential,
of which 12.38 acres (35%) is impervious.

17.28 acres (11%) is Linear Strip Development,
of which 6.55% acres (38%) is impervious.

15.36 acres (9%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space,
of which 0.42 acres (3%) is impervious.

14.72 acres (9%) is Urban Inactive,
of which 0.14 acres (1%) is impervious.

42.24 acres (26%) is Urban (other),
of which 25.99 acres (62%) is impervious.

37.76 acres (23%) is Forest,
of which 0.48 acres (1%) is impervious.

V. Catchment Name - English Brook (41)

A. Area - 5248 acres.

B. Population - persons.

C. Drainage - English Brook flows in a southeasterly direction, entering the lake on the western shore approximately 4000 ft. from the south end of the lake. The main channel is 36,630 ft. with a slope of approximately 2072 ft/mile. Highway, commercial and residential development adjoin the brook within 11,000 feet of the mouth.

D. Sewerage - .1% of the drainage area is served by separate sewers; 99.9% of the area has no sewers.

24.4 lane-miles of streets or highway are asphalt (100% in good condition); 35.03 lane-miles of streets or highway are concrete (100% in good condition).

E. Land Use

32 acres (1%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 3.96 acres (12%) is impervious.

62.28 acres (1%) is Linear Strip Development, of which 7.29 acres (12%) is impervious.

8.96 acres (< 1%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space, of which 0 acres (0%) is impervious.

11.52 acres is Urban Inactive, of which 2.09 acres (18%) is impervious.

135.68 acres (3%) is Urban (other), of which 39.89 acres (29%) is impervious.

23.68 acres (< 1%) is Agriculture.

4956.77 acres (94%) is Forest, of which 20.56 acres (< 1%) is impervious.

1.84 acres (< 1%) is Water, Reservoirs.

14.69 acres (< 1%) is Wetlands.

PROBLEM

A. Local Definition (Government)

Every summer, inhabitants of New York City, Albany, Schenectady, Utica, Syracuse, Springfield, Hartford, New Haven, Montreal, and other northeastern cities concentrate in a narrow strip around the southern basin of Lake George. The population increases tenfold from about 5000 people to about 50,000 people, renewing annually, if temporarily, urban pressures upon the area. The reason for this migration is the quality of the environmental experience available. Central to that experience is the water quality of Lake George.

From 1974 to 1978, the algae population in South Lake George has increased logarithmically. The Lake is not eutrophic but the condition is incipient as reflected in the chlorophyll a data reported by Wood and Fuhs for 1978. The residence, or flushing, time in the southern basin of Lake George is eight years. Therefore, anything wrong with the Lake will take years to correct. If corrective actions are not taken in the next decade, an invaluable water resource impacting thousands of people may be lost. Reductions in recreational use caused by declines in water quality have been documented for a number of Lakes in New York State. Candarago Lake and Saratoga Lake are examples.

The water quality problem in Lake George appears to be related to phosphorus in the water body. Since anoxic conditions have not been observed, it is unlikely that the bottom sediment of the Lake is the source of the troublesome phosphorus. Rather, the phosphorus very likely is dissolved in the water discharges,such as urban runoff, coming from the land surrounding the Lake.

Incipient eutrophication is not the only problem facing the Lake. Dr. C.R. Goldman in his review of Lake George in 1978 presents the following account:

> "Mr. C.G. Suits of the Lake George Association has noted that bacterial pollution was the major problem in the Lake; total coliform counts for 1977 were 11,500, while the maximum allowable for water contact recreation is 2,400. Hazen and Sawyer (1975) also noted occasional high coliform counts ... the southern basin of Lake George has supported a noticeable growth of planktonic blue-green algae during the summer months. In addition, there have been more frequent complaints by residents about near-shore growth of other types of algae (Hazen and Sawyer 1977).
>
> The difference in limnological characteristics between the north and south basins provides the most substantial evidence that human impacts are causing changes in water quality. It is not likely mere coincidence that the south basin is much more populated and also more productive that the north basin (Aulenbach and Clesceri 1977; Ferris and Clesceri 1977a)."

Other existing problems include bacteriological levels that exceed water quality standards and sediment deposition which is impairing stream usage and contributing to lakeshore silting. Perhaps the most dramatic example of sedimentation is the emergence of deltas at the mouth of feeder streams. Sediments deposited

in the streams and in the Lake are adversely affecting the food-producing, spawning and nursery potential of the Lake.

It appears that a significant part of any program to preserve the Lake's high water quality must be land-based control of urban runoff.

B. Local Perception (Public Awareness)

Widespread public concern for the water quality of Lake George is evident in the number of studies of the Lake conducted over the last dozen years, many of them sponsored by citizen organizations of one kind or another. Six studies of stream chemistry have been conducted and nine nutrient budgets have been prepared for the Lake since 1971 and the Lake George Park Commission has sampled storm sewers tributary to the Lake for bacterial quality since 1973. Much of this study was triggered by public alarm over extensive algal blooms which have occurred from time to time during the summer months. The Lake George Association, with a current membership of 3000 residents of the Lake George area, has been working since 1885 solely to preserve the quality of the Lake. A Lake George NURP Advisory Group comprised of 15 members representing the Lake George Park Commission, the Lake George Association, public officials, other public interest groups and the citizens at large regularly meets with project staff to review progress and provide comments and has conducted several public meetings to inform the communities about project-goals and accomplishments. Articles on urban runoff, its probable impact on the Lake and the need to control it regularly appear in the six local newspapers serving the communities surrounding the Lake.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Major Objectives

The major technical activities taking place in the Lake George study are:

1. Identification of all major stormwater sources in the highly developed southern portion of the Lake George Basin;

2. Quantification (in terms of concentration and load) of the major stormwater contaminants discharged to the Lake;

3. Assessment of the contribution of phosphorus and fecal bacteria to south Lake George; and

4. Baseline monitoring of selected tributaries.

Essentially these activities are intended to provide an assessment of the temporal and spatial generation of the various stormwater contaminants, their delivery to south Lake George, and the loadings attributable to stormwater, especially those for phosphorus. The findings will be used in the formulation of an overall urban runoff management strategy for the Lake to be funded at a later date from other sources.

Stormwater inputs to Lake George are generated by two major sources: 1) the densely populated residential/commercial area from Lake George Village to Bolton landing and, 2) the major highways (Interstate 87 - the Adirondack Northway - and New York State routes 9, 9L and 9N), that cross the watershed. Specific sources and impacted tributaries have been sampled and measured on an event basis to determine concentration and load of the several pollutants including complete scans for priority pollutants on a limited number of samples. The storm drains and streams designated for study give spatial distribution over the area such that major source zones can be identified.

The contribution of pollutants from both dry and wet atmospheric fallout is being determined in addition to the contributions from stormwater and septic systems.

B. Methodologies

An historical data review was completed and submitted to USEPA on December 1, 1980.

A storm sewer map was developed for the Village and Town of Lake George. This was essential to delineate the drainage of each catchment within the study area. Field surveys established the storm sewer system and the catchment boundaries.

Land use estimate have been updated using aerial photographs from 1948, 1958, and 1968, LUNR series maps (Shelton et al., 1973) and 1976 aerial photographs.

Verification of the land uses within the study area was carried out by NYSDEC personnel. Estimates for impervious areas have been calculated for all catchments within the study area.

The developed areas consist of private residences and commercial establishments related primarily to tourism and recreation. All travel, which is quite heavy, is essentially by automobile. There is no significant industry within the basin. The following land uses occur within the five basins chosen for runoff sampling and measurements:

- mixed residential/commerical;
- transportation (roads);
- urban open space; and
- forested, brush and open land.

The relatively large amount of undeveloped land which surrounds the urban areas constitutes a major part of most of the monitored basins. For this reason an additional monitoring site was established during the summer of 1981 upstream of the urban area in one of the basins to determine background runoff loadings for comparison with the loadings generated within the urban areas.

A total of forty atmospheric deposition samples were submitted for chemical analysis during the first year of the study. These include twenty-five wetfall samples, six dryfall samples and nine samples from the bulk collector.

The monitoring of priority pollutants was not carried out during the first year, but is scheduled for completion by June, 1982. Sample collection will be carried out by NYSDEC personnel and sample analysis will be conducted by laboratories at the NYS Department of Health.

A review of historical data for the near-shore area of Lake George was completed during the first year. Water quality in the near-shore area has received little previous attention. Most of the sampling programs have been carried out in the deeper waters. Therefore, a limited sampling program for near-shore areas of the Lake was established to determine baseline water quality and the response of Lake water quality to storm events. To determine the impact of stormwater runoff on the Lake, the phytoplankton community response was analyzed. Algal assays were conducted to determine the availability of nutrients in the open waters. Lake sampling was conducted only during the first year of the project.

C. Monitoring

The study area consists of two stream watersheds (West Brook and English Brook) and three storm sewer catchments (Cedar Lane, Sheriff's Dock and Marine Village) located at the extreme southern end of Lake George. A sampling station recently established to determine runoff loadings from undeveloped open land is located in the Sheiff's Dock catchment west of the Village of Lake George and Interstate I-87.

The major land use within the West Brook watershed is forests. Urban areas constitute a small part of the area (7.5%), all located immediately adjacent to the Lake. The predominant land use in the English Brook watershed is forest (91.7%).

All development is located adjacent to the Brook, is highway, commercial or residential in nature and is within two miles of the mouth. The predominant land uses within the Cedar Lane storm sewer drainage are forest (58.0%) and urban (42.0%), approximately 86% of the latter being commercial. In the Sheriff's Dock drainage basin, forests constitute the greatest proportion of land use (72.6%). Urban areas, although only 27.4% of the total basin, are concentrated east of Interstate I-87 within the Village of Lake George and are 44.6% impervious. Urban areas constitute the predominant land use (76.9%) within the Marine Village basin, approximately 60% of which falls within the boundaries of the Village of Lake George. The total impervious area for this portion of the drainage basin is 25.45%. The remaining land area is forested (23.1%).

Atmospheric sampling, including wetfall/dryfall and bulk, was conducted originally at a point within the West Brook drainage basin near the Lake but has been shifted to a location within the Cedar Lane Storm Sewer basin for the remainder of the project due to interference from trees at the first location.

Collected samples are analyzed for the following constitutents: nitrogen, phosphorus, suspended solids, chloride, sodium, lead, bacteria, pH, conductivity, alkalinity and temperature. In addition, other parameters listed in the USGS/EPA Urban Hydrology Studies Program will be analyzed for as necessary.

Equipment

Location	Type	Equipment
Lake George V. Village	Atmospheric Fallout	Aerochemetrics, Inc., wet/dry deposition collector, bulk precipitation collector and weighing bucket recording precipitation collector.
West Brook English Brook	Streams	Manning S-4050 automatic sampler, liquid-level actuated STACOM-7735 gas purge servo manometer, Fisher-Porter ADR-35D, and Stevens chart recorder type A35.
Cedar Lane	Stormsewer	ISCO 2100 automatic flow proportional sampler, ISCO 170 flow meter with ISCO 1710 printer, 53 cm Palmer-Bowlus Flume.
Sheriff's Dock	Stormsewer	Manning S-4050-2 automatic sampler, liquid-level actuated or flow proportional, Marsh-McBirney Flowmeter Model 250.
Marine Village	Stormsewer	Manning S-4050 automatic sampler, liquid-level actuated or flow propotional, Marsh-McBirney Flowmeter Model 250.

D. Controls

The original work plan for this project provided for the evaluation of control measures and development of a stormwater control management plan in the second and third years of the project if the sources of phosphorus and other nutrients entering the southern portion of the Lake could be pinpointed as a result of the first year's monitoring and analysis efforts. Because isolation of those sources proved to be more difficult than originally anticipated, it was decided to drop evaluation of controls and development of a management plan in favor of modifying and continuing the monitoring and analysis tasks.

IRONDEQUOIT BAY, NEW YORK

INTRODUCTION

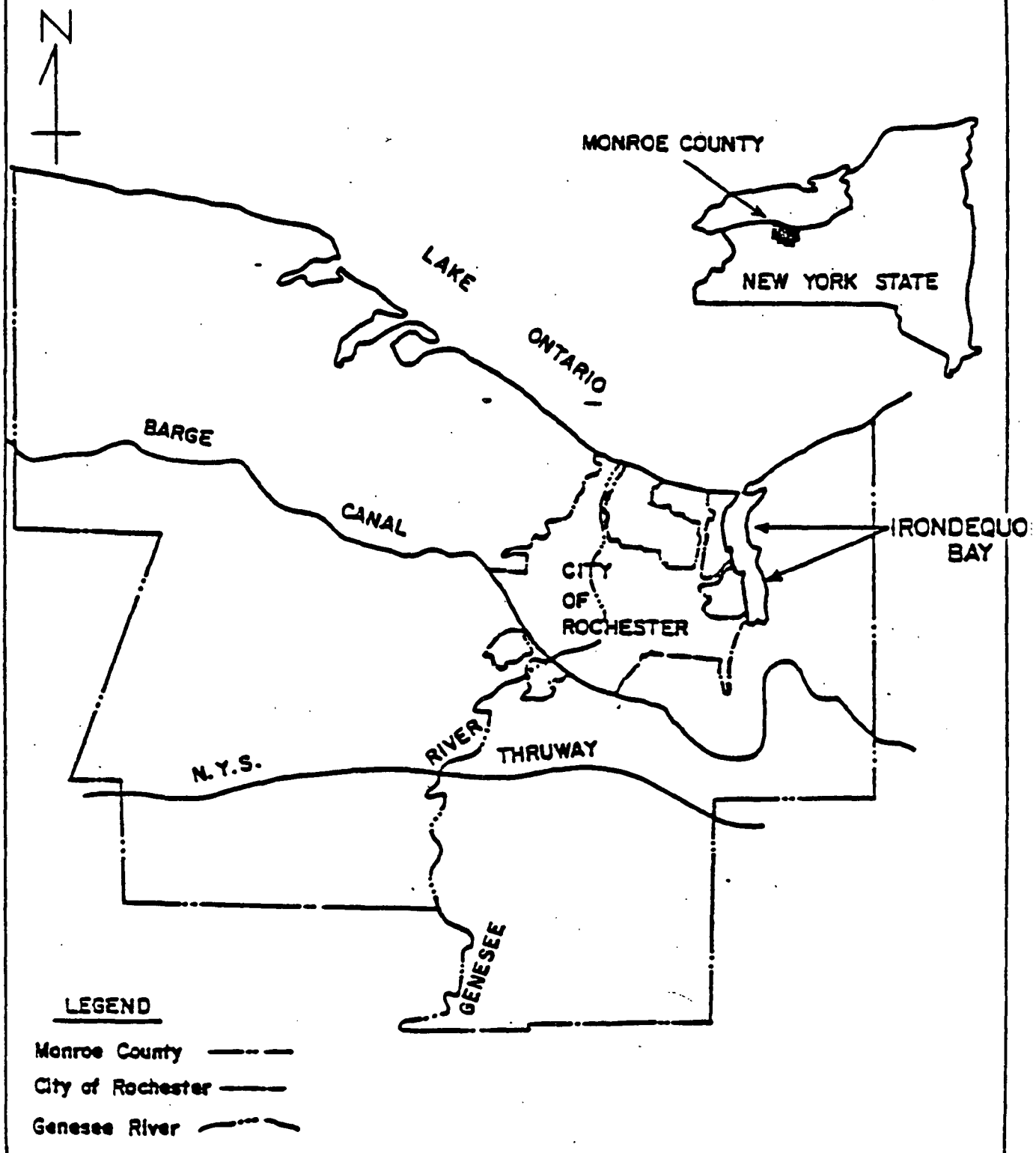
Irondequoit Bay is one of many bays of Lake Ontario located within New York State. It is a prime water resource for Monroe County in terms of recreational potential. Figure 1 shows the general location of the Bay within Monroe County. A quarter of a million people presently inhabit the area tributary to Irondequoit Bay. It is truly an urban receiving water body, being completely surrounded by rapidly expanding urban development.

The Bay is a relatively shallow body of water bordered by low-lying areas. The stormwater generated from the eastern portion of the City of Rochester and much of the southeastern portion of Monroe County drains to Irondequoit Bay. Combined sewer overflow (CSO) discharges also enter the Bay from the City of Rochester. These factors have led to a progressive eutrophication of the Bay which has seriously restricted its recreational potential.

The degraded water quality of Irondequoit Bay and the condition of the benthos severely interfere with its use for bathing, boating, and fishing. Presently, the Bay is classified as Class "B" waters by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). Public surveys, however, have indicated widespread support for restoring the Bay sufficiently to support earlier uses such as contact recreation.

A comprehensive sewer study conducted during the late 1960s recommended a water quality management program requiring complete diversion from the Bay of all sewage treatment plant (STP) discharges and CSOs from the City of Rochester. The diversion of STP discharges has now been fully completed and a program to reduce drastically CSO discharges to the Bay is well underway. The expected improvement in water quality should move the Bay a long way toward restoration of its identified best uses - fishing and swimming. However, there is concern by local officials that urban stormwater runoff, if allowed to continue to enter the Bay uncontrolled, will deter the full restoration process.

FIGURE 1 - STATE AND COUNTY LOCUS OF IRONDEQUOIT BAY
NURP PROJECT



PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

A. Area

Irondequoit Bay is an impoundment 4 miles in length and between 0.25 and 1.25 miles in width located 3.7 miles northeast of the center of the City of Rochester. At the north end, it is separated from Lake Ontario by a sandbar. Its scenic value enhances neighboring real estate, its hillsides have great potential as public parks and, despite large stormwater and CSO inputs, it is heavily used for various recreational purposes. The urban area of the basin generally comprises that portion north of the NYS Barge Canal (cf. Figure 2). Suburban tract development is rapidly advancing into former agricultural areas in the portion of the basin immediately south of the Canal and extending to Interstate 90. Farming dominates in the eastern portions of Penfield and Perinton, the southern half of Pittsford, and essentially all of Mendon, Victor, and West Bloomfield.

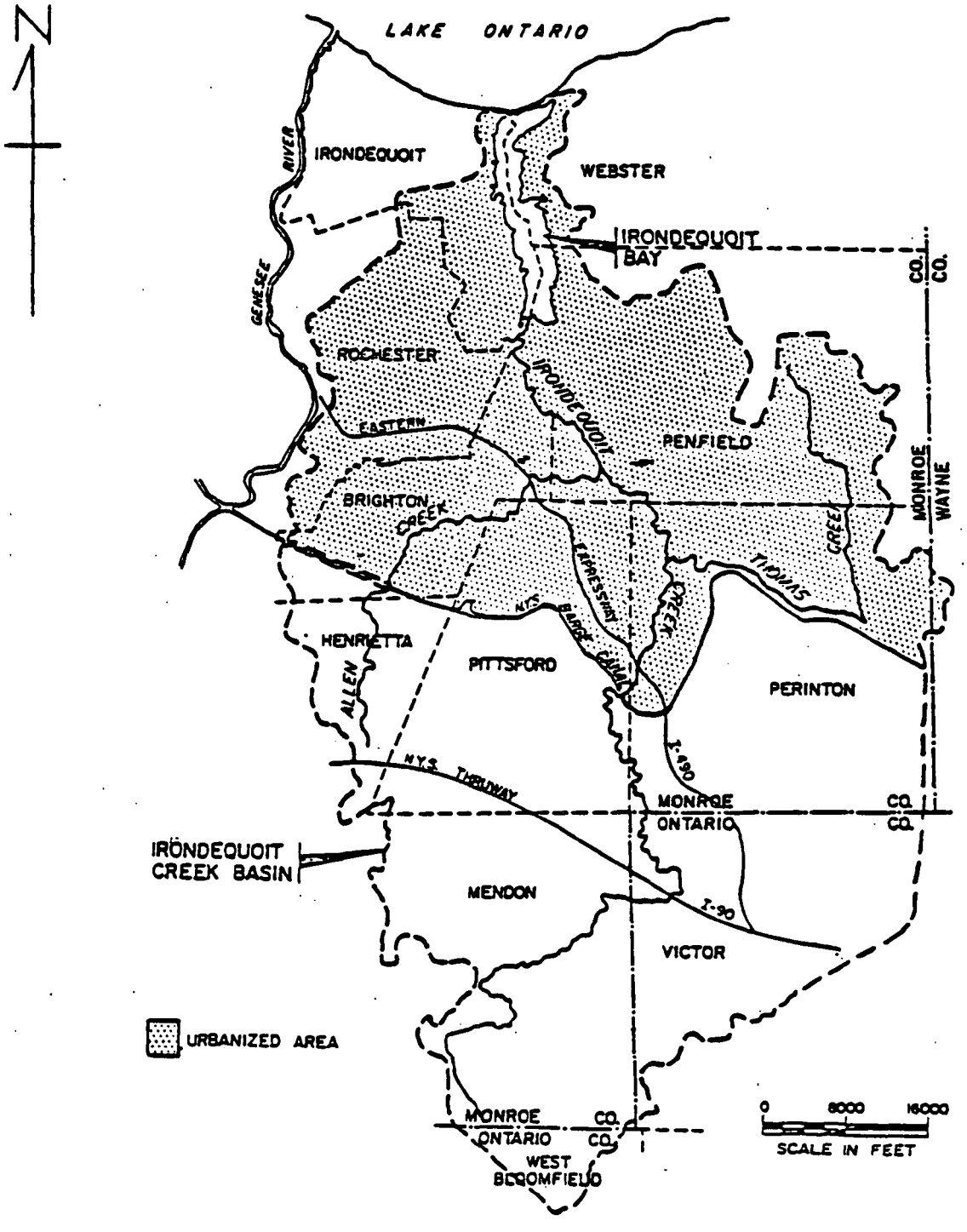
B. Population

The southeast portion of the City of Rochester and nine Monroe County townships lie in the Irondequoit Bay (IB) drainage basin. The population of the basin is difficult to determine accurately because: (1) boundaries of the watershed and of the census districts never coincide, and (2) the East Side Trunk Sewer (within the City of Rochester) diverts a portion of the sanitary and storm runoff towards the Genesee River away from the Bay, which reduces the IB drainage basin population. Based on 1970 U.S. census data, total basin population was estimated at 240,000. Assuming complete diversion of Rochester sewerage, the effective population would be about 140,000.

C. Drainage

The drainage area is characterized by gently rolling countryside laced with streams of various sizes, all of which feed into Irondequoit Creek. The Bay itself is bordered by steep, wooded hillsides. The Irondequoit Bay Drainage Basin (Figure 2) measures 22 miles on the north-south axis and 13 miles in width, with a total drainage area of about 168 square miles in Monroe, Ontario and Wayne Counties. The major hydrologic features of the basin are 1800-acre Irondequoit Bay and its tributary, Irondequoit Creek. The Creek is about 37 miles long, drains an area of 136 square miles, and flows from 770 feet to 246 feet elevations with gradients of about 20 feet/miles above the Barge Canal and about 11 feet/miles below. The lower 2-1/2 miles of the Creek pass through a narrow, marshy valley. Some 40 streams are tributary to Irondequoit Creek, the largest being Allen Creek and Thomas Creek. Continuous records for stream flow in Irondequoit Creek are not available, but a stage gauge has existed on Allen Creek about 1 mile upstream from Irondequoit Creek since 1959. An average discharge rate of 168 cubic feet per second near the mouth of the Irondequoit Creek may be calculated based on the ratio of the Allen Creek and Irondequoit Creek drainage areas.

FIGURE 2 - PROJECT AREA



Irondequoit Bay is about 4 miles long and varies between 1/4 and 1-1/4 miles in width. The Bay lies at the mouth of a pre-glacial river valley with slopes rising on either side to about 150 feet over the present water level. Depths vary between very shallow marshes at the northern and southern extremities and 75 feet in the central basin. Approximately 50% of its area lies over shallows less than 10 feet deep. The outlet to Lake Ontario passes under railway and highway bridges and is restricted by a sand spit to an opening 50 feet wide and 200 feet long. The depths at the outlet range between a few inches and 4 feet. Flow at the outlet is variable and restricted, depending on oscillations in Lake levels due to wind direction and barometric pressure differences as well as on variations in the discharge of Irondequoit Creek. Mixing between the Bay and Lake Ontario is limited.

D. Sewerage System

The area within the Rochester city limits (figure 2) in the northwestern corner of the drainage area is served by combined sewers which are part of the $80 million program to reduce CSOs to a once-in-five-year frequency. The urbanized areas outside the City of Rochester and excluding the township of Mendon and Victor are served by separate storm sewers which discharge into the creek system and by sanitary sewers which, along with the combined sewers within the City limits, flow to the Van Lare treatment plant, Rochester's 250 MGD secondary treatment facility which discharges directly into Lake Ontario. The areas of Mendon and Victor townships lying within the Irondequoit Creek watershed are rural and unsewered.

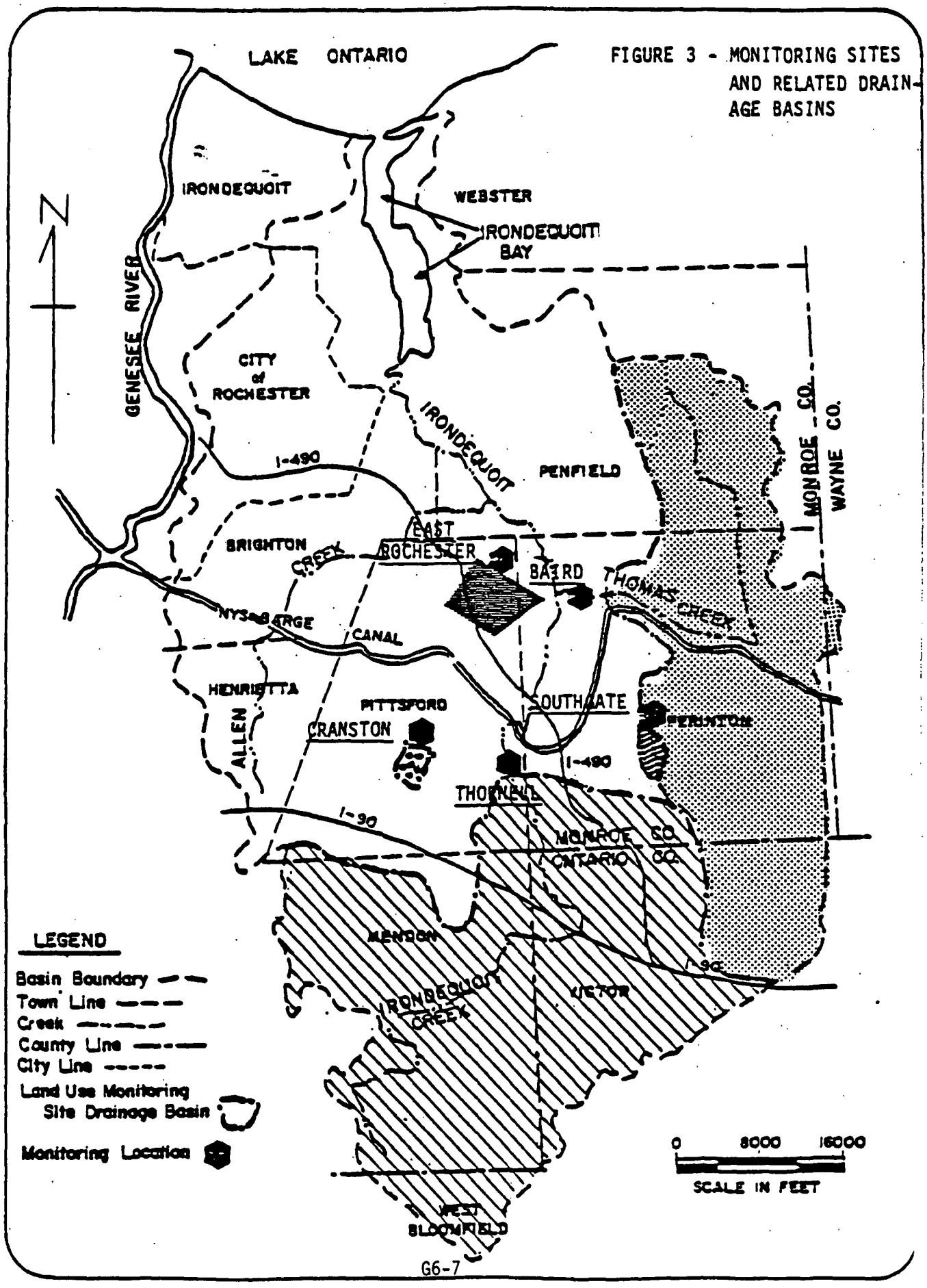


FIGURE 3 - MONITORING SITES AND RELATED DRAINAGE BASINS

PROJECT AREA

I. Catchment Name - East Rochester.

A. Area - 384 acres.

B. Population - 6836 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 58.08 feet/mile, 90% served with curbs and gutters and 10% served with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate a 15.84 feet/mile slope and extend 7600 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 25.09 lane miles of asphalt, 75% of which is in good condition, 20% of which is in fair condition, and 5% of which is in poor condition. There is no concrete or other roadway in the catchment.

E. Land Use

384 acres (100%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 146 acres (38%) is impervious.

II. Catchment Name - Baird Road (Thomas Creek)

A. Area - 18,240 acres.

B. Population - 24,618 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 232.32 feet/mile, 8% served with curbs and gutters and 2% served with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate a 15.84 feet/mile slope and extend 56,496 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 10% separate storm sewers and 90% unsewered.

Streets consist of 186.37 lane miles of asphalt, 90% of which is in good condition and 10% of which is in fair condition, and 19.03 lane miles of other material, 90% of which is in good condition and 10% of which is in fair condition.

E. Land Use

18,240 acres (100%) is < 0.5 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 1920 acres (11%) is impervious.

III. Catchment Name - Southgate

A. Area - 177.2 acres.

B. Population - 260 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 300.96 feet/mile, 58% served with curbs and gutters and 3% served with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate a 36.96 feet/mile slope and extend 2150 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 60% separate storm sewers and 40% no sewers.

Streets consist of 2.75 lane miles of asphalt, 95% of which is in good condition and 5% of which is in fair condition.

E. Land Use

177.2 acres (100%) is Shopping Center
of which 37.7 acres (21%) is impervious.

IV. Catchment Name - Thornell Road

A. Area - 28,416 acres.

B. Population - 5950 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 279.84 feet/mile, .25% served with curbs and gutters and 4.75% served with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate a 15.84 feet/mile slope and extend 82,360 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 5% separate storm sewers and 95% no sewers.

Streets consist of 255.75 lane miles of asphalt, 90% of which is in good condition and 10% of which is in fair condition. In addition there are about 13.62 lane miles of concrete, of which 90% is in good condition and 10% is in fair condition, and 25 lane miles of other material, of which 90% is in good condition and 10% is in fair condition.

E. Land Use

28,416 acres (100%) is Agriculture, of which
1051 acres (4%) is impervious.

V. Catchment Name - Cranston Road

A. Area - 167.6 acres.

B. Population - 900 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 174.24 feet/mile, 68% served with curbs and gutters and 22% served with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate a 84.48 feet/mile slope and extend 2850 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 89.6% separate storm sewers and 10.4% no sewers.

Streets consist of 8.67 lane miles of asphalt, 100% of which is in good condition.

E. Land Use

167.6 acres (100%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 36.3 acres (22%) is impervious.

PROBLEM

A. Local Definition (Government)

A dense algal crop occupies the surface waters of the Bay continuously from early May to mid-October. Deep sediments (characterized by citizens as "black muck") underlie the Bay waters. Spring mixing in the Bay is often incomplete and in the fall is often delayed. These conditions have been related to the accumulation of roadway de-icing salts in the deeper waters. Algae and other organic matter sink to the bottom of the Bay, where decomposition during winter and summer stratification consume all of the dissolved oxygen in the bottom waters and generate high concentrations of ammonia, phosphate, and hydrogen sulfide.

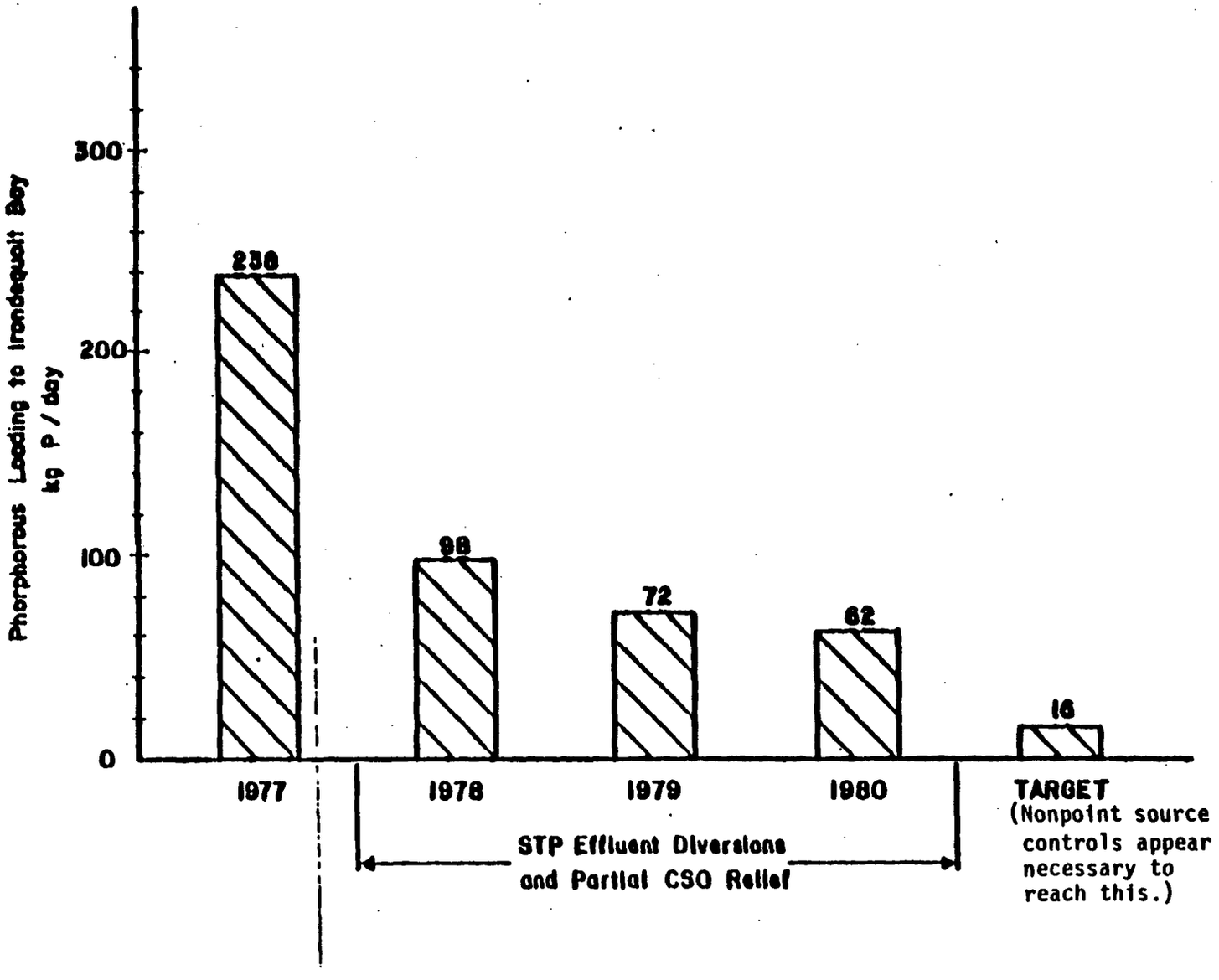
A comprehensive sewer study conducted during the late 1960s recommended a water quality management program to enhance water quality in the Bay. The program, which was eventually adopted, required complete diversion from the Bay of all sewage treatment plant (STP) discharges and CSOs from the City of Rochester. Extensive limnological studies of the Bay ecosystems were also conducted. These studies provided the data base to properly evaluate the impact of the proposed wastewater diversion program. All of these studies indicated that Irondequoit Bay was beginning to approach a nutrient limiting condition and that a significant reduction in phosphorous loadings would be necessary to arrest and reverse the water quality degradation of the Bay.

Figure 4 indicates the dramatic reduction in phosphorus loadings to the Bay which has been accomplished by the STP effluent diversions and partial CSO relief. The average daily phosphorous loading to the Bay has decreased from 238 kg P/day to 62 kg P/day since 1977 as the discharges from 16 STPs have been diverted. Additional reduction will be realized when an ongoing Rochester CSO pollution abatement program is completed. This program involves construction of the Culver-Goodman Tunnel complex on the east side of the city. While completion of this program is expected to reduce phosphorous loadings further, it will not lower them to the 16 kg/day level required to control the algal productivity of the Bay. Consequently nonpoint source controls are essential to restore, and maintain acceptable water quality in the Bay.

Specifically, there is concern by local officials that urban stormwater runoff, if it continues to enter the Bay uncontrolled, will deter the full restoration process and may even reverse it.

While much is known about Irondequoit Bay from previous studies, the impact of further pollutant loading reductions by the control of urban stormwater runoff has yet to be adequately demonstrated. The relative magnitude of the remaining urban runoff pollutant loading and the cost-effectiveness of further reductions require further study. Furthermore, if it appears cost-effective to reduce the urban stormwater runoff component of the Bay's pollutant inputs, evaluations must continue in order to formulate control strategies for dealing with the urban runoff problem.

FIGURE 4 - REDUCTIONS IN PHOSPHORUS LOADINGS TO IRONDEQUOIT BAY FOLLOWING STP EFFLUENT DIVERSIONS AND PARTIAL CSO RELIEF



B. Local Perception (Public Awareness)

Clear indication of the extent of citizen concern for water quality in the Bay has been shown by public support of the $130 million already spent to divert STP effluents from the Bay and of the $80 million presently being spent to reduce CSOs. Newspapers, radio and television consider efforts to clean up the Bay newsworthy and generally give such efforts excellent coverage, another indicator of widespread citizen interest in the water quality of the Bay. To some extent, public concern for the Bay is a matter of re-education as water quality in the Bay has been on the decline for many years and its widespread use for contact recreation is beyond the personal memories of most of its current citizens. As word of the NURP study has spread, however, citizen interest in the future improvement of the Bay has grown markedly.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Major Objective

Simply stated, the primary objective of the Irondequoit Bay National Urban Runoff Program (IBNURP) is to establish the significance of the impact of urban runoff upon the water quality of Irondequoit Bay and to put it into perspective with other nonpoint sources. The problems associated with Irondequoit Bay - hypolimnetic oxygen depletion, turbidity, and adverse fishery impacts - result from the grossly over-productive status of the Bay and have been well documented. The problems are very clear; the causes of the problems are not clear. Controls for diverting all point source discharges involved the expenditure of $130 million and are presently operating. Controls for reducing CSOs to a once-in-five-year frequency have been designed and are presently under construction. The amount of reversal in Bay eutrophication that will result from these controls, however, has yet to be fully determined. The missing element now is assessment of the significance of urban stormwater runoff as a contributor to eutrophication.

A second, and equally important objective, is to determine the effectiveness of primarily non-structional controls in reducing the impact of urban runoff. Accordingly, various management options involving Best Management Practices (BMPs) which are currently being evaluated by a USEPA Great Lakes Initiative Grant Program for the City of Rochester will be reviewed for applicability to the Irondequoit Bay drainage basin. The effectiveness of control measures will be evaluated separately, and in various combinations. Since commitments have already been made to both point source and CSO control, the merits of urban runoff control can be more definitively specified and understood more pragmatically.

B. Methodologies

The sources and magnitude of the pollutants must be determined before specific control measures can be formulated to abate the present storm-induced contamination in runoff entering the Bay. The Irondequoit Bay drainage basin is comprised of urban, suburban, and rural or agricultural areas. Therefore, one major task of the overall program is to determine the magnitude and frequency of specific pollutant loadings from typical urban land uses, including highways and roads, and to differentiate these loadings from those originating from undeveloped land.

To determine the pollutant loadings associated with different land uses, five monitoring sites were established. Each site has an associated tributary drainage area that is relatively small in relation to the entire Irondequoit Bay basin. Because of this, boundaries for each area can be accurately established and the runoff measurements and sampling easily conducted. Monitoring of small, well-defined watersheds will allow for reliable and accurate pollutant runoff determinations and easy identification of the sources of these contaminants. Estimates of present and future runoff loads to the Bay will be based on transferring and extrapolating the data collected from these five different land use sites.

At present, a full year's monitoring program, incorporating both dry weather and storm samples and seasonal variations, has been conducted at all five land use sites. Less frequent monitoring has also been conducted at two "junction" sites draining larger sections of the overall Irondequoit Bay basin and at a wetlands site a few hundred yards from the point where Irondequoit Creek discharges into the Bay and which effectively drains the entire basin. The same monitoring program will be continued for a second year.

In conducting this project, the Vallenweider eutrophication model will be adapted so that the contribution of urban runoff to Bay eutrophication can be evaluated. The model will also be used to evaluate the effectiveness of overall runoff management schemes on the water quality of the Bay. A watershed model will be used to establish the relationship of rainfall to stormwater runoff and pollutant loadings. Watershed response, which transfers precipitation input into runoff output, is determined by land use and other physical characteristics which can be estimated during model calibration. One-demensional tributary models that address advective and dispersive process components will be used to simulate the transport of loads by the tributaries to the Bay. Constraints will be imposed on the models to simulate the action of control measures and thereby establish their relative effectiveness.

C. Monitoring

Sample collection and analysis for the Irondequoit Bay NURP are being performed by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and the Monroe County Health Department (MCHD).

Table 1 summarizes the land uses and relative sizes of the five primary sampling sites:

TABLE 1. LAND USE MONITORING SITES

Monitoring Location	Basin Tributary	Drainage Area mi^2	Land Use
Thornell Road	Irondequoit Creek	44.4	Rural
Baird Road (BOCES)	Thomas Creek	28.5	Mixed
Cranston Road	Irondequoit Creek	0.31	Middle density residentia
Southgate Road	White Brook	0.36	Commercial
East Rochester	Storm sewer to Irondequoit Creek	0.61	High density residential

Baseflow samples are collected at all sites using methods described by Guy and Norman to define non-storm or background concentrations at gaged sites.

Precipitation quality is determined at three sites using an Aerochemetrics Inc. Model 301 wet/dry fall collector. A minimum of one continuous precipitation quantity gage is located in each watershed sampled. Because of the large basin area, a network of daily gages for rainfall quantity are operated in the Irondequoit Bay NURP to supplement continuous precipitation data.

The constituents analyzed in each sample are:

Suspended solids,
Particle size analysis,
Specific conductance,
pH,
Dissolved Solids,
Dissolved NO_2, NO_3-N,
Dissolved Kjeldahl-N,
Total Kjeldahl-N,
Dissolved Phosphorus-P,
Total Phosphorus-P,
Dissolved Sodium-Na,
Dissolved Calcium-Ca,
Dissolved Magnesium-Mg,
Dissolved Potassium-K,
Dissolved Chloride-Cl
Dissolved So_4
Alkalinity as $CaCo_3$,
Dissolved Organic Carbon,
Suspended Organic Carbon,
Chemical Oxygen Demand,
5-Day BOD,
Ultimate BOD, and
Fecal Coliform.

Sampling and streamflow equipment at the Irondequoit Bay collection sites are maintained by USGS and Monroe County personnel. All samples are returned as soon as possible after collection to the Monroe County Health Department Laboratories for further processing, i.e., filtering, splitting, preservation, etc. The use of this lab provides a nearby well equipped facility with well trained personnel for sampling processing.

Equipment

Flow monitoring at four of the five land use sites is accomplished by converting a stage or depth of flow, the primary measurement, into a flowrate according to a calibrated and verified stage/discharge relationship. At the East Rochester site, flow is computed directly by a Marsh-McBirney electronic head and velocity meter. Depth is computed by a pressure sensor, whereas, velocity is determined by an ultrasonic meter. All water quality sampling is accomplished by the use of Manning Corporation flow proportional samplers. Each of the five monitoring sites also measures precipitation by a recording tipping-bucket rain gauge. A summary of the type of sampler and recording procedure used for runoff flow monitoring and water quality sampling is presented in Table 2.

TABLE 2. FLOW MONITORING AND SAMPLING METHODS

Monitoring Location	Flow Monitoring	Sampling	Rainfall
Thornell Road	Mercury manometer bubbler gage-records in graphical and 15-min digital form.	Manning Sampler stage-activated or flow-proportional samples.	Volumetric 5 min digital output
Baird Road (BOCES)	Stilling well-float method-records in graphical and 15 min digital form	← Same as Thornell Road	
Cranston Road	Same as Thornell Road - except records in 5 min digital form	← Same as Thornell Road	
Southgate	Same as Cranston Road	→	
East Rochester	Marsh-McBirney flowmeter	Same as Thornell Road	

Controls

A wide variety of control measures have been investigated for possible use in the Irondequoit Bay basin. Probable candidates include increased use of porous pavement in developing areas, improved solid waste management procedures, erosion and sedimentation control regulations, chemical use ordinances and related public information programs, modification of highway deicing practices, industrial spill control ordinances, miscroscreening and swirl concentrators (depending upon monitoring results with regard to particles size and associated nutrients), detention and retention basins and swale drainage. Because of the presence of a large wetlands area near the mouth of Irondequoit Creek, this technology offers great promise in this watershed. Considerable discussion has already addressed the possibility of installing a control structure on the outflow from the wetlands to maximize detention time and, presumably, nutrient uptake. However, this would have to be done carefully as, according to some of the available literature, microbial activity is the most important mechanism for phosphorus removal and this activity decreases if the soil is submerged and becomes anaerobic. In any case, because of the length of time required for adequate evaluation it is highly unlikely that significant results can be obtained by the end of the NURP project period and therefore wetlands evaluation would have to be conducted as a separate project.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Water Resources Planning Board

In Association With

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INTRODUCTION

The metropolitan Washington area extends for approximately 2400 square miles centered on the District of Columbia. The major receiving waters include the Potomac River and Estuary, the Patuxent River and the Occoquan Creek and River. These rivers and estuary systems provide important freshwater and low salinity spawning aras for anadromous fish populations off the Atlantic coast from Maine to Florida. Further these river systems provide the source of a valuable product, drinking water, for the entire metropolitan Washington area.

The water quality problems include destruction of spawning areas, reduction in storage capacity of the Occoquan reservoir from excessive upstream erosion, and eutrophic levels of algae production.

The project is (1) evaluating BMP effectiveness of source, volume and detention controls, (2) determining capital and operation, maintenance and repair costs of BMP's, (3) scanning 128 priority pollutants, (4) refining runoff data in central business district areas, (5) monitoring and analyzing the contribution of atmospheric sources to urban nonpoint source loads, (6) conducting critical watershed studies to apply runoff relationships, refine data transferability and identify nonpoint source management options, and (7) conducting a public participation program.

The Washington NURP project participation represents a unique cooperative ventures of government and the business community. The project is being coordinated and administrated by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) and its Water Resources Planning Board (WRPB).

Since 1975, the WRPB has been responsible for areawide wastewater management planning for the metropolitan region under provisions of Section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972. The WRPB is composed of representatives of the executive and legislative branches of COG's 16 member jurisdictions. Members also include representatives from the State of Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia (through its responsibility for state certification of the 208 areawide water quality management plan); the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin (ICPRB), and the Northern Virginia Planning District Commission (NVPDC).

Technical staff assistance of the WRPB is provided by the COG Department of Environmental Programs (DEP). DEP is responsible for all of the project's program management activities. Other COG participating departments include its Office of Computer Services and Office of Public Participation.

The project was developed and is being carried out in association with the Northern Virginia Planning District Commission (NVPDC) and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (VPI). VPI is responsible for all sample collection and analysis, with the exception of priority pollutant scan analysis, which has been subcontracted to a private research/engineering firm. NVPDC is responsible, in conjunction with VPI and COG, for evaluating lab data from specified BMP monitoring activities and land use/runoff correlation studies. VPI and NVPDC are generally recognized as national leaders in research and data applications involving nonpoint source assessments.

Both agencies were associated with COG in earlier 208-related studies and planning efforts.

The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and the Northern Virginia Builder's Association (NVBA) are also providing financial support and periodic technical input to this project. To date, the associations have provided assistance in site selection and development of unit cost survey information for the BMP pollutant removal efficiency and cost studies. The NAHB and NVBA have also participated on the WRPB Nonpoint Source Task Force (NPSTF), a group which includes engineers and planner from area local and state governments as well as business and citizen group interests.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

A. Area

The Washington, D.C. metropolitan region is an area of approximately 2,400 square miles, located within the Potomac River Basin and a major portion of the Patuxent River Basins (See Figure 1). Its principal urban areas are situated at the head of the Potomac Estuary. Free-flowing sections of the Potomac River provide 60 percent of the region's drinking water, with one of the estuary's major tributaries, Occoquan Creek, supplying an additional thirteen percent. The upper Potomac Estuary and its tributaries constitute an important freshwater low salinity spawning area for anadromous fish of the Potomac and Chesapeake Bay.

A majority of the region falls within the piedmont and coastal plain geologic formations. The region's clay/sandy silt loam soils, found on both formations, are considered severely erosion prone. Figure 2 depicts the region's generalized soil groupings.

B. Population.

The Washington, D.C. region has a current population of approximately 3 million persons. Population growth has traditionally been greatest in area suburbs and recent growth trend assessments predict this trend will continue, with the suburbs projected to show over a 40 percent increase in population by the year 2000 as compared to an 11 percent rate of growth in the inner urban core (District of Columbia, Arlington County).

Table 1 shows the current (1977) distribution of land use throughout the region, and provides a general indication of future development and land use patterns.

C. Drainage.

There are several hundred streams of varying flow in the region, tributary to both the free-flowing and estuary portions of the Potomac and Patuxent rivers. A large number of these streams are located in older residential or newlydeveloping areas. Figure 3 shows the metropolitan region, its streams, basins and some of its major jurisdictional boundaries.

D. Sewerage.

The urban area is served by a separate sanitary sewer system with the exception of 14,000 acres in the District of Columbia and 650 acres in Alexandria which are served by combined sewer systems. Further, approximately 7 to 8 percent of the population of the metropolitan Washington area is served by on-site (e.g., septic tank) systems.

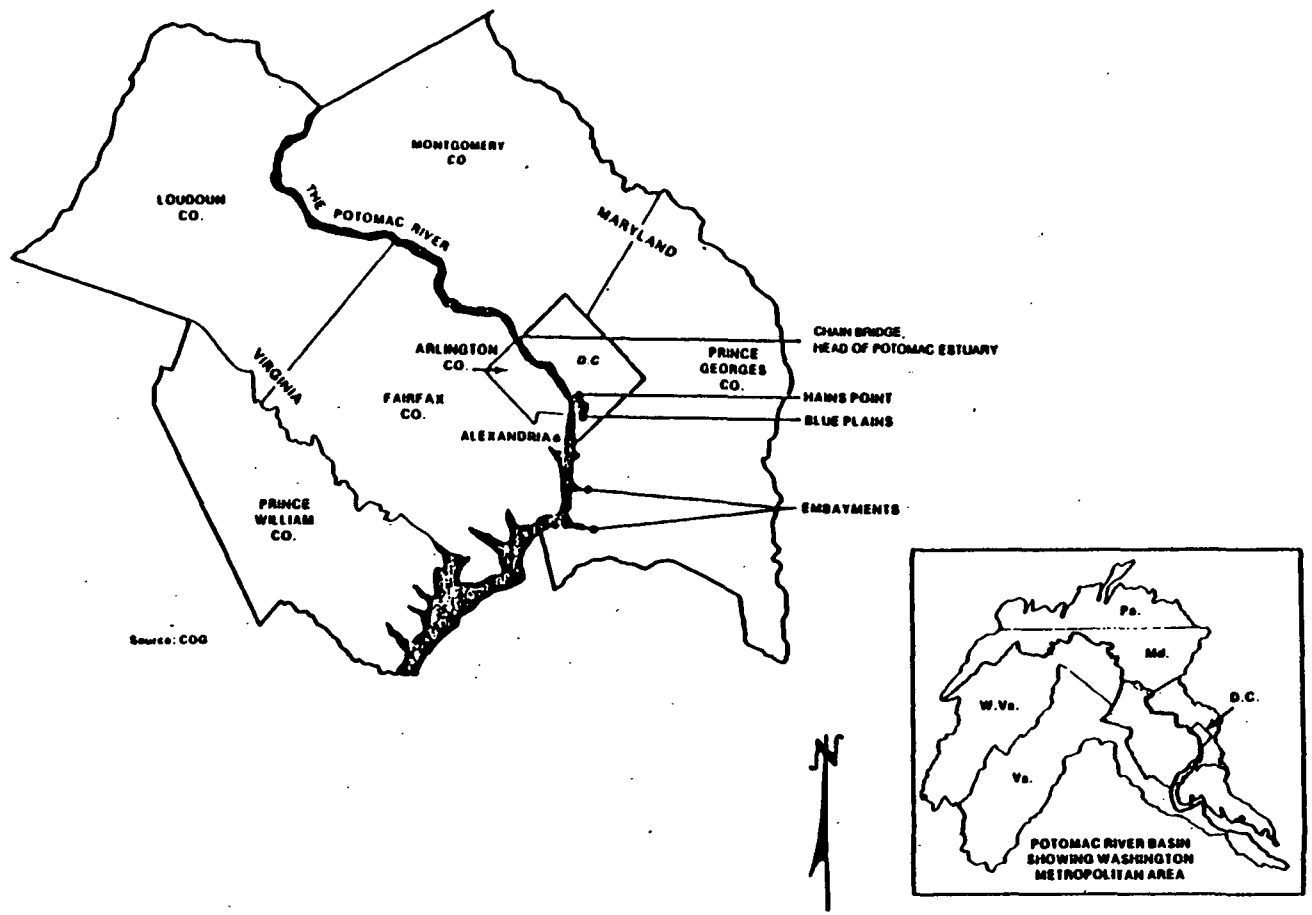


Figure 1. The Washington Metropolitan Area and Potomac River Basin

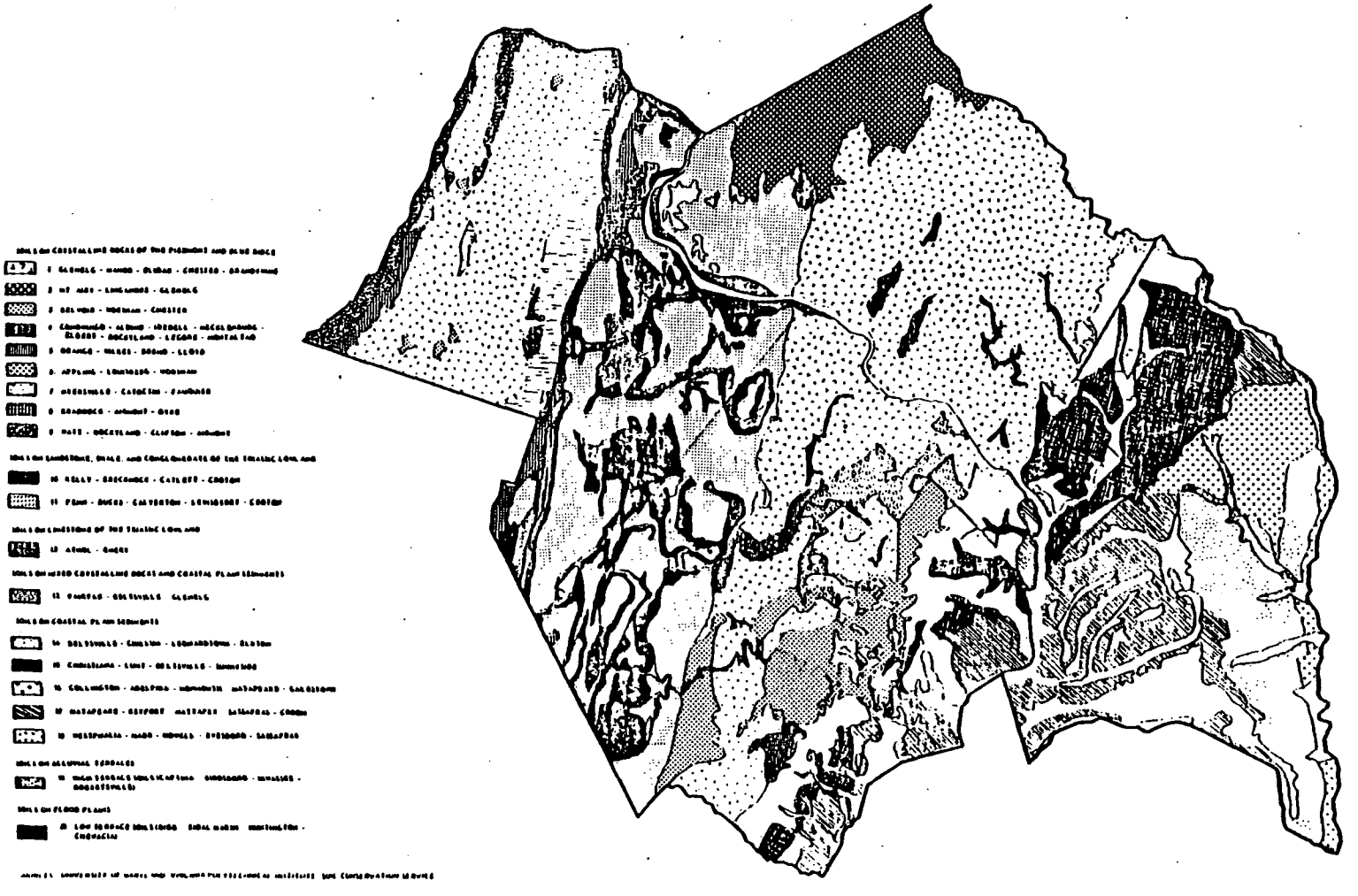


Figure 2. Generalized Soils of Metropolitan Washington

TABLE 1. LAND COVER IN THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA

	Estimated Total Percent Imperviousness	Existing (1977) Land Cover in Acres	Projected (200) Land Cover in Acres
Urban/Suburban Areas			
Low-density single family	6%	37,615	100,885
Medium-density single family	25%	137,643	206,880
Townhouse/garden apartment	40%	14,689	17,905
Hi-Rise Residential	70%	28,316	30,391
Institutional	60%	43,580	48,332
Industrial	70%	15,011	23,642
Suburban Commercial	90%	39,671	48,029
Central Business District	95%	3,575	6,133
Rural Areas			
Forest	1%	512,585	436,935
Idle	1%	311,263	271,982
Cropland (Min. till)	1%	61,732	54,323
Cropland (Conv. till)	1%	25,933	22,743
Pasture	1%	206,442	185,176
Tended Areas	1%	68,583	53,083
		1,506,641	1,506,641

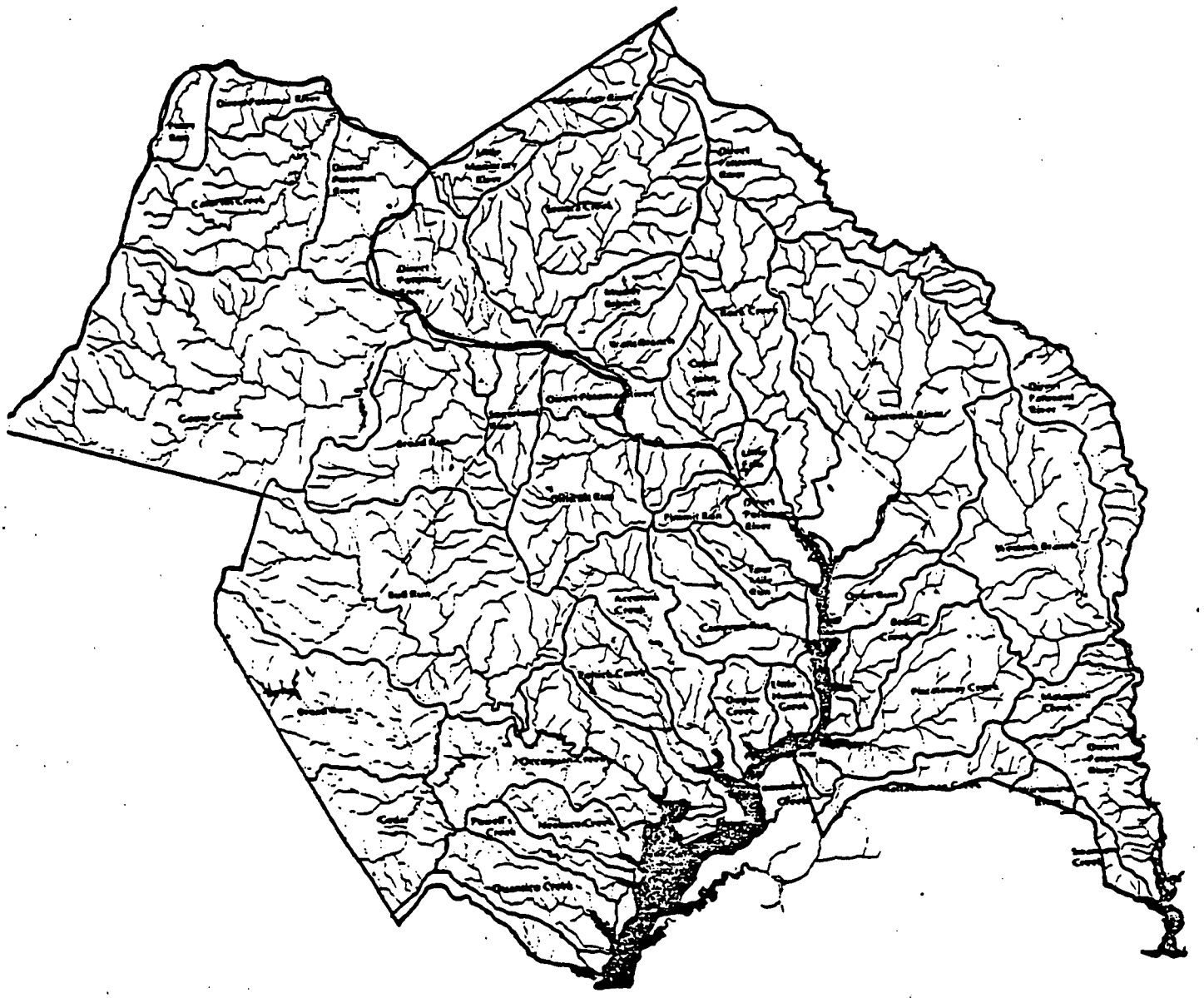


Figure 3. Major Washington Area Watersheds

STORET AGENCY CODE FOR RETRIEVAL (A) = 22 DC CITY

STORET STATION CODES FOR RETRIEVAL (S) = shown below for each catchment

PROJECT AREA

I. Catchment Name - DC1, Catchment 001, Stratton Woods, Roadside Swale BMP (S= DC151UR06)

A. Area - 8,461 acres.

B. Population - No data.

C. Drainage - This catchment has a representative slope of 84.5 feet/mile, 100% served with swales and ditches. The drainage channels approximate a 95.0 feet/mile slope, and extend 1890 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

E. Land Use

8.46 acres is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential

II. Catchment Name - DC1, Catchment 002, Dufief, Roadside Swale BMP (S= DC151UR18)

A. Area - 11.84 acres.

B. Population - No data.

C. Drainage - This catchment has a representative slope of 449.8 feet/mile, 100% served with swales and ditches. The drainage channels approximate a 343.2 feet/mile slope, and extend 450 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 0.78 lane miles of 12 foot wide equivalent lanes.

E. Land Use

11.84 acres of 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential

III. Catchment Name - DC1, Catchment 103, Westleigh Retention Pond (wet) Inflow BMP

(Inlet S =DC151UR15; Outlet S = DC151UR16)

A. Area - 40.952 acres (Inlet); Outlet Area - 47.9 acres

B. Population - No data

C. Drainage - This catchment has a representative slope of 195.4 feet/mile, 83.7% served with curbs and gutters and 16.30% served by no sewers. The drainage channels approximate a 127.25 feet/mile slope, and extend 1800 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 83.7% separate storm sewers and 16.30% no sewers.

Streets considt of 3.26 lane miles of 12 foot wide equivalent lanes. Curbs consist of 2.58 curb miles.

E. Land Use

37.96 acrs is 0.5 o 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential.

2.94 acres is Urban Parkland or Open Space.

IV. Catchment Name - DC1, Catchment 004, Fairidge Roadside Swale BMP (S= DC151UR09)

A. Area - 18.77 acres

B. Population - No data

C. Drainage - This catchment has a representative slope of 227 feet/mile, 49.7% served with curbs and gutters and 50.83% served with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate a 190 feet/mile slope, and extend 375 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 2.24 lane miles of 12 foot wide equivalent lanes.

E. Land Use

16.54 acres is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential

2.24 acres is Urban Institutional

V. Catchment Name - DC1, Catchment , Burke Ponds (Inlet S = DC151UR03; Outlet S = DC151UR04)

A. Area - 18.3 acres.

B. Population - persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment has a representative slope of 238 feet/mile, 100% served with curbs and gutters. The drainage channel approximate a 220 feet/mile slope, and extend 1260 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Curbs consist of 1.52 curb miles.

E. Land Use

18.3 acres is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential

VI. Catchment Name - DC1, Catchment 106, Stedwick Detention (dry) BMP (Inlet S = 151UR10; Outlet S = 151UR11)

A. Area - 27.44 acres (Inlet); Outlet Area - 34.4 acres.

B. Population - No data

C. Drainage - This catchment has a representative slope of 248.2 feet/mile, 79.67% served with curbs and gutters and 20.33% served by no sewers. The drainage channels approximate a 227 feet/mile slope, and extend 1000 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 79.67% separate storm sewers, and 20.33% no sewers.

Streets consist of 2.96 lane miles of 12 foot wide equivalent lanes. Curbs consist of 1.99 curb miles.

E. Land Use

0.57 acres is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential

20.70 acres is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential

6.17 acres is Urban Institutional

VII. Catchment Name - DC1, Catchment 107, Lake Ridge Detention Pond (dry) BMP (Inlet S = DC151UR07; Outlet S = DC151UR08)

A. Area - Inlet - 77.69 acres; Outlet - 97.8 acres.

B. Population - No data

C. Drainage - This catchment has a representative slope of 420 feet/mile, 68.26% served with curbs and gutters and 31.74% served with no sewers. The storm sewers approximate a 164 feet/mile slope, and extend 2220 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 68.26% separate storm sewers, and 31.74% no sewers.

Streets consist of 11.56 lane miles of 12 foot wide equivalent lanes. Curbs consist of 6.10 curb miles.

E. Land Use

Not available

VIII. Catchment Name - DC1, Catchment 008, Dandridge Infiltration Trench BMP (S= DC151UR05)

A. Area - 1.96 acres

B. Population - No data

C. Drainage - This catchment has a representative slope of 190.1 feet/mile, 93.87% served with curbs and gutters and 6.12% served with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate a 113 feet/mile slope, and extend 540 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 0.27 lane miles of 12 foot wide equivalent lanes. Curbs consist of 0.13 curb miles.

E. Land Use

1.96 acres is greater than 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential

IX. Catchment Name - DC1, Catchment 009, Rockville City Center Porous Pavement BMP (S= DC151UR19)

A. Area - 4.2 acres

B. Population - No data

C. Drainage - This catchment has a representative slope of 135 feet/mile, 74.3% served with curbs and gutters and 25.7% served with no sewers. The storm sewers approximate a 135 feet/mile slope, and extend 390 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 74.3% separate storm sewers, and 25.7% is no sewers.

Streets consist o 1.82 lane miles of 12 foot wide equivalent lanes. Curbs consist of 0.25 curb miles.

E. Land Use

3.12 acres is urban institutional

1.08 acres is urban parkland or open space.

X. Catchment Name - DC1, Catchment 011, Burke Village Shopping Center Infiltration Trench BMP
(S= DC151UR17)

A. Area - 4.5 acres

B. Population - No data

C. Drainage - This catchment has a representative slope of 85 feet/mile, 82% served with curbs and gutters and 18% served with no sewers. The storm sewers approximate a 30.6 feet/mile slope, and extend 585 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 82% separate storm sewers, and 18% no sewers.

Streets consist of 2.14 lane miles of 12 foot wide equivalent lanes. Curbs consist of 0.36 curb miles.

E. Land Use

3.69 acres is urban commerical shopping center

0.81 acres is urban parkland or open space.

PROBLEM

A. Local definition (government)

In 1975, the Water Resources Planning Board (WRPB) of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) was given broad responsibilities and funding support to conduct areawide waste treatment management planning in the Washington metropolitan area pursuant to Section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972. In accordance with its mandated responsibilities, the WRPB adopted an initial 208 Waste Treatment Management Plan for the Washington area in June 1978. The Plan was subsequently approved by Washington area jurisdictions and is currently under review by State certifying agencies.

As a starting point for developing an understanding of pollutant sources and impacts affecting Washington area waterways, a water quality assessment was conducted as part of the initial 208 plan. This assessment identified the following general conditions.

- The Potomac estuary experiences periodically excessive algal concentrations and occasional contraventions of dissolved oxygen standards during summer periods of low fresh water inflow and high water temperature.

- Ther is no longer a diversified system of bottom life in the upper Potomac estuary. Nearly all rooted aquatic plants are gone from the estuarial shallows of the Potomac and Anacostia rivers.

- The recreational and commercial value of acquatic life within or dependent upon Potomac and Patuxent River waters has generally declined due to habitat descruction and water quality degradation.

- Few streams in the more urbanized portions of the Washington metropolitan area consistently meet bacterial standards for safe water contact recreation.

- The recreational and aesthetic value of many of the region's stream valleys has decreased due to stream channel destruction resulting from uncontrolled storm runoff in urbanizing areas. This has also resulted in declines in the diversity and range of acquatic and water associated species inhabiting these small streams.

- Sedimentation from excessive upstream erosion is reducing the storage capacity of the Occoquan reservoir -- a major water supply source for Northern Virginia. Periodically high suspended solids loads in the Potomac River has also resulted in higher water treatment costs for the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission at its Potomac filtration plant.

- As the Washington area has developed, related increases in the amount of land surface made impervious to rainfall have increased stormwater runoff pollutant loads and freshwater flows to downstream areas in periods immediately following storm events. The combination of increased freshwater flows from runoff, and increased sediment, nutrient, and bacterial loads being swept down into the Potomac and Patuxent estuaries appear to have reduced available commercial seafood harvesting areas, reduced fish spawning and nursery grounds and stimulated excessive plant and algal growth. Eutrophic levels of algae production is an especially visible problem at the Occoquan Reservoir.

B. Local perception (public awareness)

The public participation program will provide the opportunity to determine the public perception of water resources problems.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Major Objective.

The Washington Metropolitan Area's Urban Runoff Demonstration Project is being undertaken as one of 28 projects sponsored by EPA in various urban areas throughout the country as part of its Nationwide Urban Runoff Program (NURP). The project will provide information on urban nonpoint source loadings and potential control measure effectiveness needed by EPA in its national assessment or urban runoff problems and potential controls. It will also develop local field data needed to help assess the impacts of nonpoint loadings in Washington area waters and to quantify the costs and effectiveness of potential control measures. This work is critical to the identification and implementation of water quality management strategies that are based on a full understanding of interactive point/nonpoint source loading impacts on the region's waters and the potential control tradeoffs available for meeting clean water goals in the most cost-effective manner.

Individual tasks being executed under this project have been designed to build upon the land use/runoff relationships and Best Management Practice (BMP) pollutant trap efficiency and cost information originally developed for the Washington, D.C. region as part of the Metropolitan Washington Water Resources Planning Board's (WRPB) initial 208 planning effort.

The specific and interrelated tasks being carried out in this project will:

- Document, through monitoring and analysis, the costs and effectiveness of alternative Best Management Practices (BMPs) for nonpoint pollution control.

  Related tasks will associate BMP effectiveness with sediment particle size (for detention controls) and soil absorption characteristics (for infiltration controls).

- Refine atmospheric loading estimates and identify air/water quality management interfaces and possible regional variations in air quality that should be accounted for in the local application of runoff data to specific geographic areas.

- Demonstrate the detailed application of land use/runoff relationships to identify nonpoint source management program alternatives in two prototype local watersheds selected for further study in the region's initial 208 planning effort.

- Refine existing land use/runoff loading estimates in central business district areas which have very high levels of imperviousness and on-site activity.

- Identify the bioavailability of phosphorus loads in urban runoff and the presence of other toxic substances specified in EPA's list of pollutants.

- Identify maintenance and captured pollutant disposal guidelines for urban BMPs having potential application in the Washington area.

In addition, local technical liaison and public participation activities, undertaken as part of overall project execution, are being used to further refine and develop local understandings of nonpoint pollution problems, demonstrate the types of measures currently available to control these problems, and otherwise encourage the participation of local jurisdictions and affected interest groups in the implementation of detailed planning and nonpoint source management activities that may be needed to meet area water quality goals and standards.

All of these activties are needed to develop an adequate understanding of the overall significance of nonpoint loadings and the most cost-effective means available for their control. Without these analyses and associated demonstration of local data applications, it would be most difficult to gain any meaningful degree of local support and participation in implementing those nonpoint management programs that may be needed to protect certain area waters. Final task outputs will also provide EPA with state-of-the-art planning and management tools that will be helpful in the evaluation of other urban nonpoint pollution problems and solutions from the broader perspective of national needs that EPA is addressing through its Nationwide Urban Runoff Program.

B. Methodologies.

The Washington, D.C. NURP project will substantially refine and expand upon the preliminary nonpoint source data base collected during the region's initial 208 water quality planning effort. As part of its initial activities as the designated agency for areawide waste treatment planning in the Washington region -- the Metropolitan Washington Water Resources Planning Board (WRPB) sponsored several field studies to develop basic data needed to identify the major sources and magnitude of area nonpoint pollution contributions and to evaluate the need and options available for nonpoint control. These studies produced estimates of land use/runoff relationships from 11 representative land uses (7 of which were urban/suburban in nature), and Best Management Practices (BMP) pollutant removal efficiency and cost information primarily directed toward BMP applications in urban and developing land uses areas.

Conducted for COG by the Northern Virginia Planning District Commission (NVDPDC) and VPI & SU's Department of Engineering, the land use/runoff study analyzed rainfall and runoff data from over 300 site/storms collected between June 1976 and May 1977 at 21 small watersheds in Northern Virginia. Each composite, the monitored sites represented a mix of the residential, urban and rural land uses typically found in the Washington, D.C. area.

More recent studies by the Council of Governments have been directed at assessing the total annual pollutant loading (BOD, N, P) reaching the upper 50 miles of the

Potomac Estuary, by source, and considering both loads delivered by watersheds within the metropolitan region and pollutant loadings originating from the Upper Potomac Basin above the Washington, D.C. area. Using the NVPDC land/runoff relationships previously cited, nonpoint loadings from the region's 42 major watersheds were assessed based on simulations of current (1977) and forecasted (2000) average annual total and unit area nonpoint loads for average rainfall year and according to existing and forecasted land use patterns. Regional versus upper Potomac Basin loading comparisons were developed based on an analysis of US EPA and USGS data taken at Chain Bridge (at the head of the Potomac Estuary) during the late 1970's. Point source loadings were considered based on all permitted discharges to the Upper Estuary and its direct tributaries below Chain Bridge. Projected point source discharges were calculated to reflect implementation, over time, of NPDES discharge permits.

Study Findings

These initial 208-related studies resulted in the following conclusions regarding urban nonpoint pollution, its impact and control in the Washington, D.C. area:

1. The concentration of pollutant loads in runoff from urban sites was significantly higher than runoff from rural/agricultural sites on a per acre basis.

2. Urban runoff contained significant loadings of BOD, nitrogen and phosphorus on a per acre loading basis. Runoff rate, volume and pollutant loadings increased as land area increased in impervious cover (see Table 2).

3. Urban areas with a high percentage of impervious land cover generally shows significant "first flush" effects for certain pollutants.

4. Local stormwater runoff loadings represented roughly one-half the current total annual pollutant loading of BOD, N and P, particularly as point source discharges are brought under control.

5. Local runoff represented approximately 20 percent of the total pollution load at Chain Bridge. A majority of the load originated from sources (primarily nonpoint) upstream of the Washington, D.C. area.

6. Local runoff and upstream nonpoint loadings, if controlled, would far exceed future nonpoint source loadings on an average annual basis (Figure 4).

7. Nonpoint loads from stormwater runoff and combined sewer overflow loads are extremely transient and variable. Both respond directly to runoff produced by precipitation and snow-melt. The generation of nonpoint pollutants ranges from nearly no contributions at all during dry periods to the largest and most important source of pollutants during major runoff events. Similarly, combined sewer overflows typically do not occur unless some type of runoff is generated, but overflows represent the most severe form of localized pollution when they do occur.

TABLE 2. AVERAGE ANNUAL SURFACE RUNOFF SIMULATED FOR URBAN AND RURAL LANS BY SOIL TEXTURE

Land Use	Percent Impervious	Clay Loam	Clay Loam With Pan	Silt Loam	Silt Loam With Pan	Sandy Loam	Sandy Loam With Pan	Loam	Undiffer-entiated Soil
Estate Single Family	3	6.1	9.1	4.0	6.0	1.3	1.9	3.6	
Low Density Single Family	12	9.2	11.8	7.2	9.0	4.4	5.0	6.7	
Medium Density Single Family	25	12.9	15.1	11.0	12.7	8.8	9.3	10.7	
Townhouse/Garden	45	18.5	20.2	17.7	18.4	15.5	15.9	16.9	
Hi-Rise Residential	70	25.8	27.0	25.3	25.7	24.0	24.2	24.8	
Institutional	35	15.7	17.2	15.7	15.5	12.2	12.6	13.8	
Forest	1	4.4	7.0	2.7	4.2	0.5	0.9	2.3	
Idle	1	6.0	8.9	3.8	5.8	0.7	1.3	3.2	
Minimum Tillage	1	6.6	9.4	4.1	6.2	0.8	1.5	3.6	
Conventional Tillage	1	6.9	9.8	4.4	6.6	0.9	1.6	3.8	
Pasture	1	7.3	10.1	4.7	6.9	1.0	1.6	4.1	
Tended Grass	7	6.1	9.1	4.0	6.0	1.3	1.9	3.6	
Industrial	75								20.0
Suburban Commercial	90								32.7
CBD	95								34.2

NOTE: Surface Runoff was simulted with EPA's Nonpoint Sources (NPS) Model using a continuous rainfall record (NWS raingage at National Airport) for calendar year 1967. Total rainfall for the year was 38.14 inches. Includes only surface runoff from pervious and impervious areas and does not include interflow and baseflow.

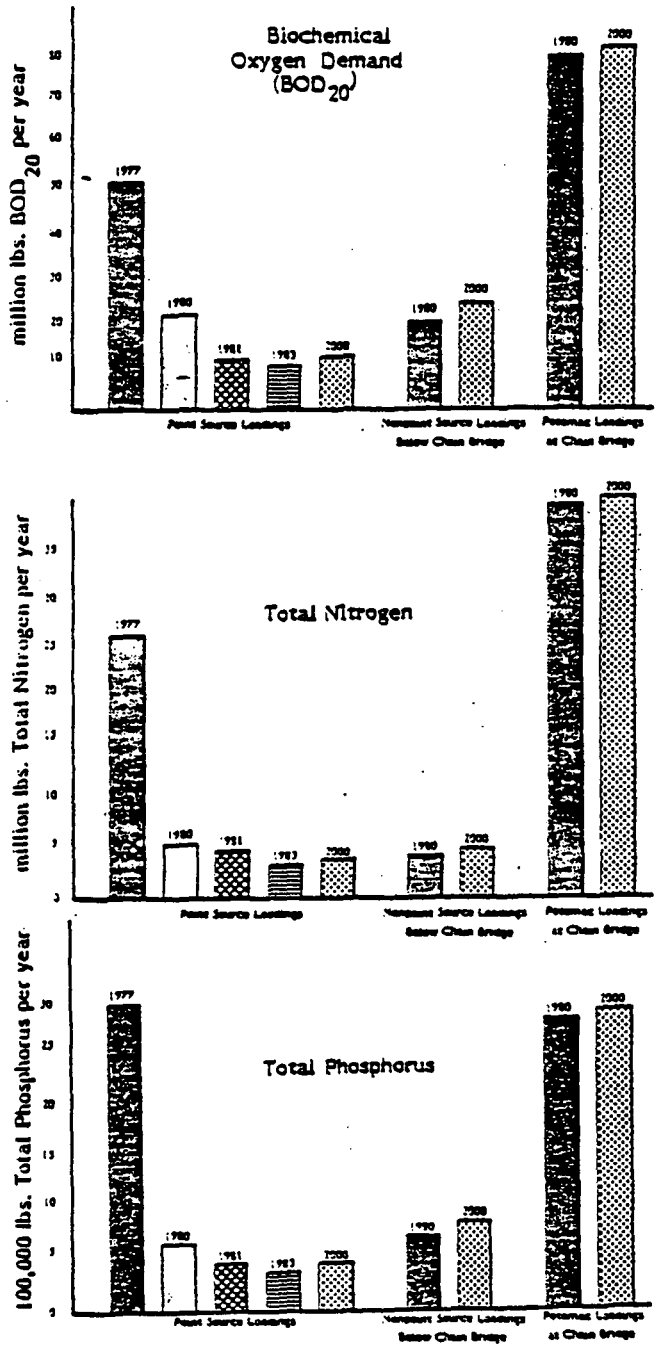


Figure 4. Average Annual Pollutant Loads

8. Uncontrolled urban stormwater runoff volumes posed a threat to stable streambed habitats.

9. Application of certain BMPs appeared to be feasible methods of reducing urban runoff loads, particularly in developing areas of the region. Of these, modification of stormwater management structures to achieve added water quality benefits appeared particularly cost-effective. Habitat protection and trapping of heavy metals were identified as additional benefits provided by certain BMPs. Available data were incorporated into the 1980 Supplement to the region's 208 Water Quality Management Plan.

The following is a summary of task objectives and methodologies:

Task 1. BMP EFFECTIVENESS STUDIES

Runoff inflows and outflows of certain BMPs are being monitored to determine mine pollutant removal efficiencies for different BMPs having potential application in the Washington metropolitan area. BMP efficiency data will be used by local and regional agencies to:

- Address local technical and politcal concerns about the effectiveness of typical nonpoint pollution control measures specified in the initial 208 plan and develop information on the efficiency of local BMPs that is equivalent in detail to the "urban land use-nonpoint pollution" relationships produced by the initial 208 planning study. The BMP efficiency data will be used by local and regional agencies to evaluate nonpoint pollution management strategies for the region's watersheds.

- Refine the region's "urban land use/nonpoint pollution" relationships, produced in the initial 208 planning effort, by collecting and analyzing nonpoint pollution loading data from new monitoring sites under various meteorologic conditions.

- Refine the region's 208 "desktop" nonpoint source and BMP assessment models to enhance applications by local public works and land use planning staffs using the BMP efficiency and nonpoint pollution loading relationships cited above.

- Refine the region's 208 "computer-based" planning models to enhance applications by regional planning agencies involved in water quality management using the BMP efficiency and nonpoint pollution loading relationships.

- Actively involve representatives from the home building industry in the evaluation of BMPs that are being considered for the region's urban areas.

Task 2. AMORTIZED/UNIT COST DATA ON BMP CAPITAL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING COSTS

Itemized unit cost information is being developed for BMPs used throughout the Metropolitan Washington area. This information will allow for projection of

anticipated capital costs of BMPs as well as projections of manpower and equipment expenditures required to maintain BMPs in proper operating condition. Data will be amortized and reviewed with other BMP test results in determining cost-effectiveness of the various BMP alternatives. Operating, maintenance, and pollutant disposal guidelines that are necessary to insure the continued effective operation of these structures will also be developed.

Task 3. SCAN OF 128 PRIORITY POLLUTANTS

While there is strong evidence indicating that storm runoff represents a major contribution of contaminants to acquatic systems, the majority of work in this area has concentrated on traditional sanitary and chemical parameters. To assist in its nationwide assessment of the presence, severity, and sources of 128 priority pollutants, EPA has requested that a limited scan of priority pollutants in runoff be included as part of the NURP project.

Runoff from representative urban land uses (including a central business district, an industrial site, suburban shopping center, and a medium density residential area is being sampled for the 128 priority pollutants identified by EPA.

Task 4. REFINEMENTS OF RUNOFF DATA IN CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD) AREAS

Several years ago, as part of its overall Combined Sewer Overflow Study, the D.C. Department of Environmental Services installed and monitored the quality of storm runoff from two sampling stations in the Washington area's CBD. At COG's suggestion, the samples collected and sampling methodology were patterned after the NVPDC/VPI&SU study to provide comparable data. Under this task, NVPDC is analyzing the sampling data collected to refine the original NVPDC land use/runoff relationships to specifically reflect CBD areas. (NVPDC's original runoff studies for the WRPB developed relationships for highly impervious areas, but they were more suburban in nature than the CBD.)

Task 5. MONITORING AND ANAYLSIS OF ATMOSPHERIC SOURCE CONTRIBUTION TO URBAN NONPOINT SOURCE LOADS

Initial 208 field work indicated that significant percentages of total nutrient and COD loadings and lesser proportions of other constituents observed in runoff are delivered by precipitation rather than washed off the land surface. More extensive analysis of locational differences in air quality was needed to determine if they were substantial enough to necessitate further refinements of the land use/runoff relationships when they are applied to specific parts of the Washington area. Similarly, a better understanding of the components and sources of atmospheric loads was thought necessary to identify the most appropriate control techniques and interfaces between air and water quality management strategies. As an example, data was lacking on the composition of airborne particulates, their source, dispersion characteristics, and the ultimate manner in which they became entrained in runoff (through wetfall or dustfall accumulation on the land).

This task is attempting to quantify the contribution of atmospheric sources to runoff pollutant loads; consider how air-related sources should be factored into existing land use/runoff quality relationships; assess the relative importance of

atmospheric loads delivered by rainout, washout and dryfall; determine the influence of seasonal and rainfall variations on atmospheric loads; assist in identifying and quantifying possible multiple water and air quality benefits and limitations associated with certain control techniques such as street sweeping; and assist COG's air quality management efforts by providing a greater understanding of fugitive dust sources and possible controls.

The task involves the analysis of hi-vol filter data from eight selected state and local air quality monitoring stations and the establishment and analysis of other data from four wetfall/dryfall sampling sites that were constructed with NURP funding.

Task 6. CONDUCT CRITICAL WATERSHED SAMPLING AND MODEL RUNS TO APPLY RUNOFF RELATIONSHIPS, REFINE DATA TRANSFERABILITY, AND IDENTIFY NPS MANAGEMENT OPTIONS

The land use/runoff relationships developed in initial 208 planning activities were based upon intensive sampling of small watersheds of homogeneous land use in Northern Virginia. Land uses monitored were typical of those found in other parts of the Washington area in terms of kinds of site activity, ranges of imperviousness, and underlying soil conditions. As such, they are quite suitable for developing preliminary estimates of overall regional nonpoint pollutant loads and relative watershed contributions to these loads. However, concerns have been expressed that more detailed demonstrations of runoff data transferability are needed before such relationships are applied to more precisely defined water quality management options and programs that may be needed for specific watersheds.

A transferability analysis of this nature was conducted as part of the Occoquan comprehensive watershed study for the WRPB. In this study, a hydrologic and water quality model was set up and runoff pollutant loads were estimated for large mixed use drainage areas using the described land use/ runoff relationships. These model outputs favorably compared with observed monitoring data once appropriate refinements were made to reflect in-stream process effects on runoff loads. However, additional activity involving hydrologic modeling in conjunction with water quality sampling and analysis was believed needed in other watersheds of the metropolitan area to further demonstrate runoff data applications in different areas having some variation in physiographic and land use characteristics.

The Seneca Creek and Piscataway Creek Watersheds in Maryland were selected as prototype watersheds to further demonstrate to area local jurisdictions the application of metropolitan area land use/runoff relationships in the investigation of nonpoint pollution problems. The watersheds selected have mixed land uses and differing physiographic characteristics, and were selected because of their relative significance for nonpoint source load contributions as determined through the WRPB's critical watershed identification process.

Task 7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

This task contains a broad range of public participation activities geared to informing and involving the public in urban runoff evaluations. The objectives of composite subtasks are as follows:

- To inform the public about the problems of urban runoff, the objectives of the NURP project and the nature of the research conducted under NURP.
- To encourage the involvement of a broad range of interested and affected constituencies in BMP evaluation and in the formulation of regional urban runoff policies that may be prompted by NURP project results.

Activities include:

- publication of newsletters and other literature to educate the public on the issues related to urban runoff and NURP studies and objectives.
- preparation of urban runoff exhibits, slides and other audiovisual material
- BMP site tours
- presentations to outside citizen and professional organizations
- COG Public Advisory Committee involvement
- media education
- conference sponsorship

These activities are being timed to parallel the NURP project's technical work and management activities. The initial focus has been on providing information about the urban runoff situation in the Washington area and the objectives and methodology of the NURP project. As the project progresses and data becomes available, more attention will be devoted to surveying the public on issues of BMP acceptability, costs, effectiveness and willingness to pay. A concluding conference in FY '82 is to be sponsored to facilitate discussion between citizens, development interests and public officials on possible policy and implementation approaches to urban runoff control.

C. Monitoring

1. The BMP sites devised in Table 3 and located in Figure 5 monitored, consist of three types of BMP practices as follows:

Source Controls

Programs that are designed to minimize the accumulation of pollutants on the land surface during dry periods between rainfall events, and subdivision site design

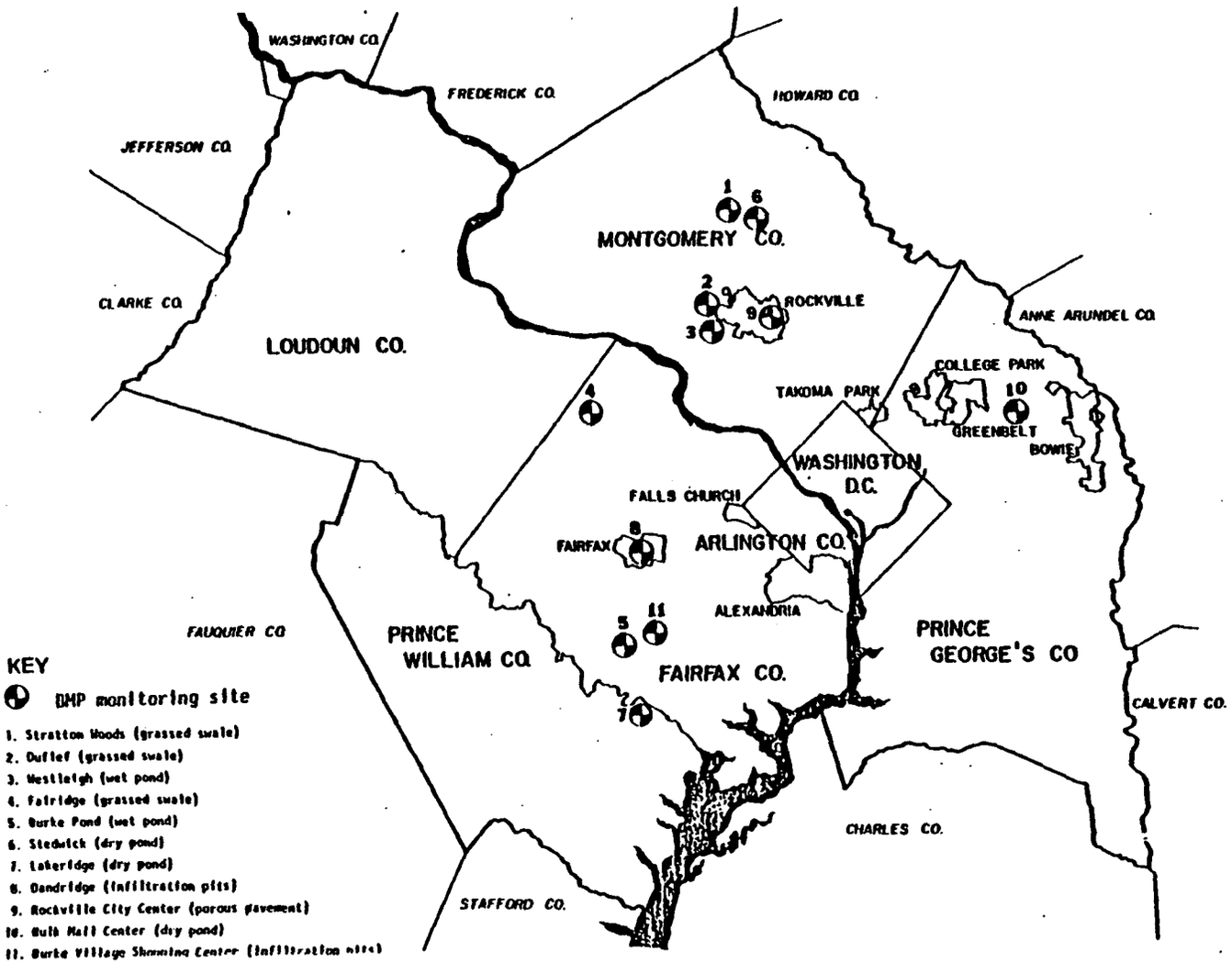


Figure 5. Location of BMP Monitoring Sites

policies that are directed at reducing the potential for generating nonpoint pollutants during storm events. These programs can range from policies that encourage the use of roadside swales and other natural drainage systems in lieu of conventional connected storm drain systems, to reducing roadway pavement widths in order to decrease the total amount of impervious surfaces created through development.

This type of control is being tested at the following NURP sites established during 1980.

- Fairidge (Swale Drainage and Reducted Pavement Width)
- Stratton Woods (Swale Drainage)
- Dufief (Swale Drainage and Reduced Pavement Widths)

Volume Controls

Volume Control BMPs obtain their pollutant removal effectiveness through channeling a specific volume of runoff, containing both dissolved and suspended pollutants, into the soil profile where pollutants are trapped or otherwise degraded by the natural checmical and biological processes that take place in the soil. This type of control is being evaluated at the following sites during this NURP project.

- Dandridge Apartment Complex (Infiltration Pits)
- Burke Village Center Shopping Center (Infiltration Trenches)
- City Center Building (Porous Pavement with underlying stone storage area)

Detention Controls

Detention controls obtains their pollutant removal effectiveness through detaining captured storn runoff for a sufficient period of time to allow suspended pollutants to settle out through the natural sedimentation process. The pollutant removal effectiveness of both "wet ponds" and "dry ponds" were evaluated during 1980. The dry ponds that were evaluated were equipped with modified outlet structures designed to detain storm runoff for a period of 24 hours prior to its release to the receiving waters. The sites being monitored that are equipped with detention controls are:

- Westleigh (Wet Pond)
- Burke Village (Wet Pond)
- Stedwick (Dry Pond)

2. The priority pollutant scan sites are divided into two sets. The first set consists of three paired stations:

1. Fairidge/Stedwick;

2. Dufief/Westleigh; and

3. Burketown Center/Burke Pond.

The close arrangement of these stations allows for sampling to take place at both of the pairs during a single storm event.

The second set of sites consist of a series of individual sampling stations. These sites include:

1. Rockville City Center;

2. Stratton Woods;

3. Dandridge; and

4. Lakeridge.

3. Four wetfall/dryfall (WD) sampling stations have been established as shown in Figure 6 within the COG area as part of this NURP program. These sites are located at the Burke Village Shopping Center in Burke, Virginia, adjacent to the BMP volume control monitoring site, with the other being located at the U.S. Park Service Administrative Building in Southwest Washington, D.C.

4. The eight (8) hi-vol sampling stations established as part of this NURP project represent the widely diversified conditions found within this region. Their spatial distribution throughout the metropolitan area also insures that information gained through this work will contribute to a greater understanding of the impact air quality has on nonpoint source pollution problems.

Five of the stations have been located in the more suburban portions of the region. These sites will collect total suspended particulate (TSP) data from the following surburban business districts:

Maryland

Rockville, Montgomery County

Laurel (Laurel Junior H.S.), Prince George's County

Hall (C&P Telephone Co.), Prince George's County

Virginia

Massey Building (Police Station), Fairfax County

Fort Belvoir (South Post Bldge. #247), Fairfax County

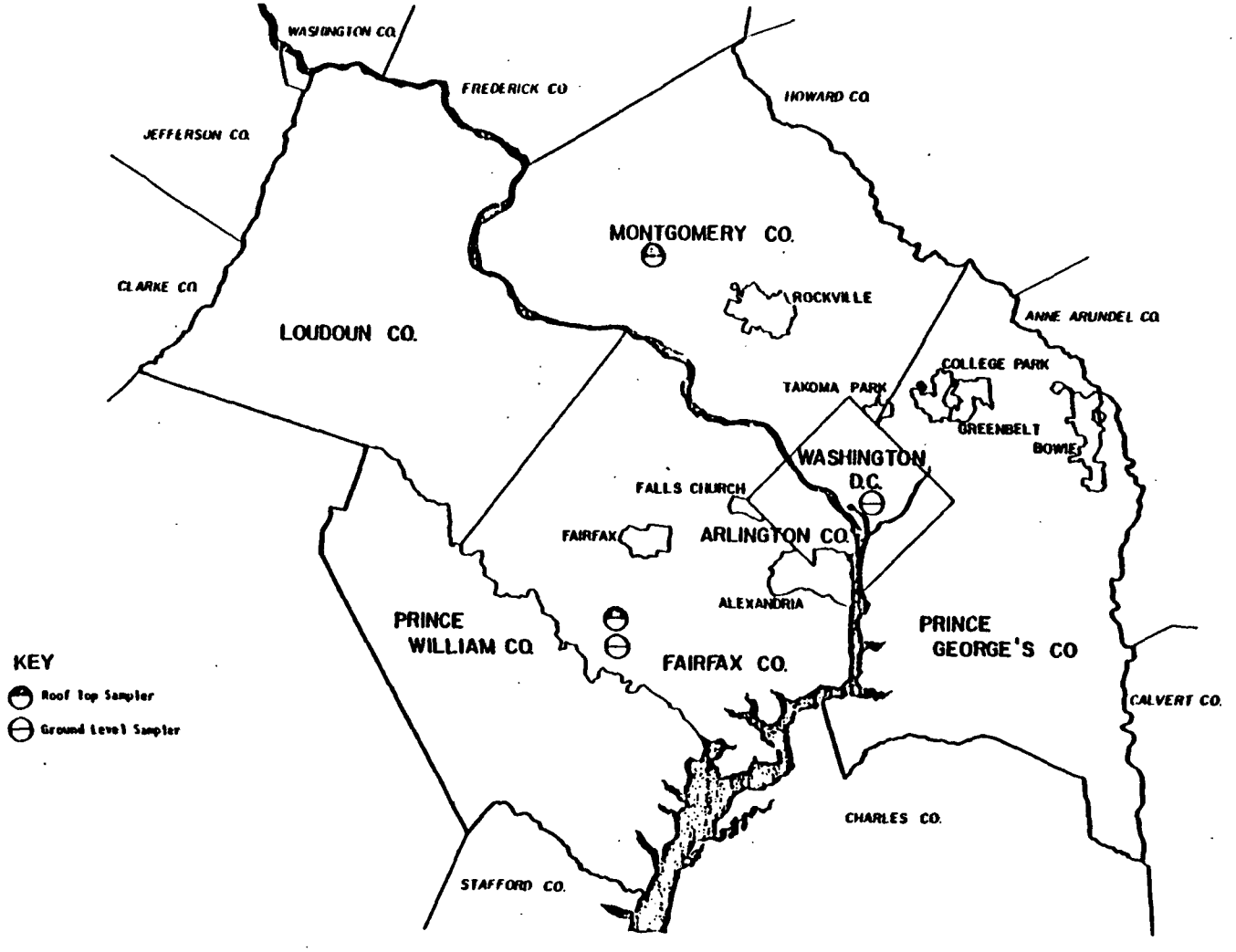


Figure 6. Location of Wetfall/Dryfall Monitoring Sites

The remaining three sites are located in more dense urban areas of the metropolitan region. They are located as follows:

District of Columbia

Catholic University, Northeast D.C.

Hadley Hospital, Southeast D.C.

Virginia

Aurora Hills Community Center, Arlington County

The distribution of these TSP sampling station allows for conclusions to be drawn regarding the variations in air quality that exist betwen the high density business districts and lower density suburban developments. Figure 7 illustrates this regional distribution of TSP Hi-Vol sampling equipment.

5. Two watersheds are being monitored as shown in Figure 8.

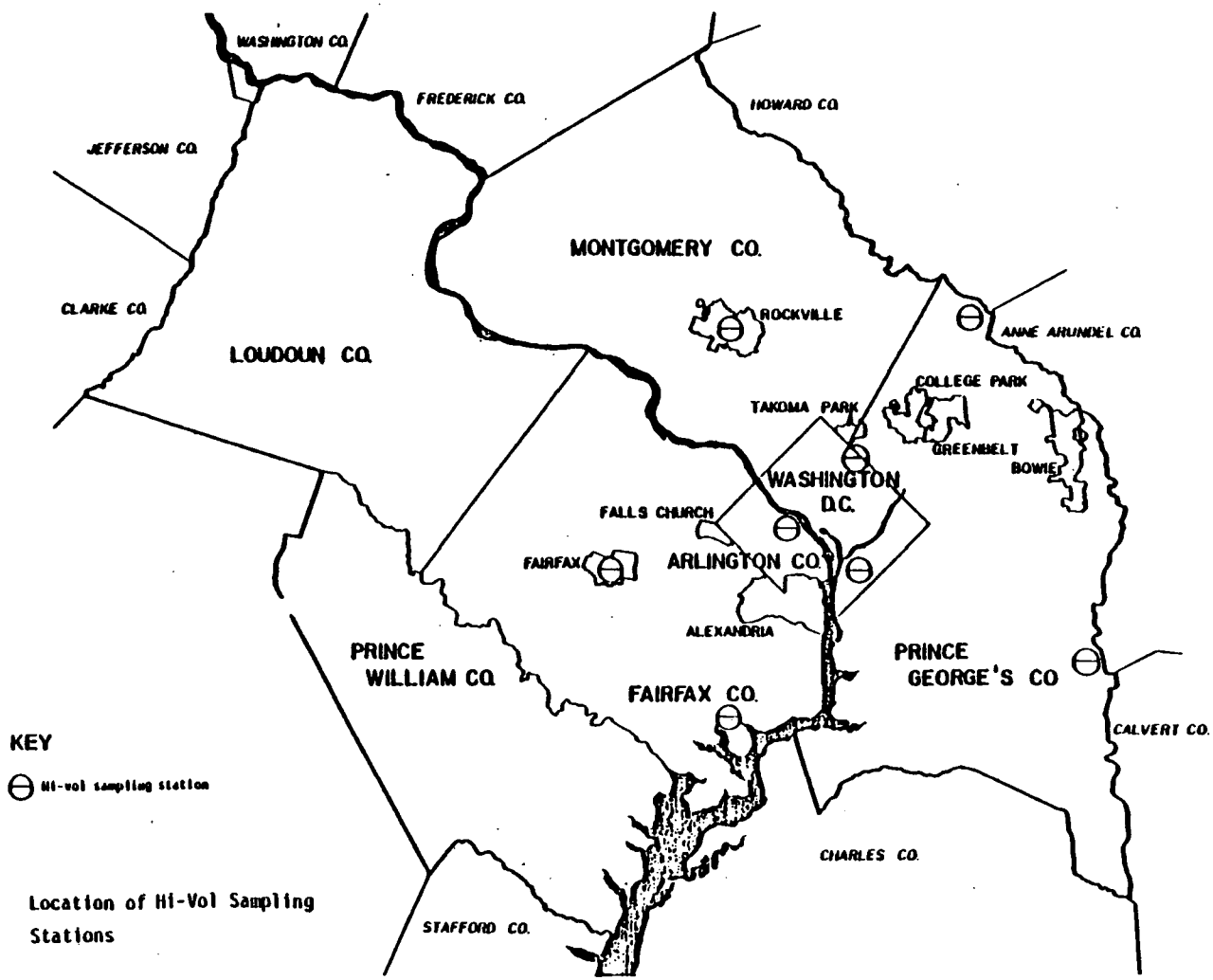
Seneca Creek

The Seneca Creek watershed is located in Central Montgomery County, Maryland and drains an area of approximately 82,440 acres. This watershed is located almost completely within the Piedmont Plateau, an area characterized by gently to steeply rolling topography. Elevations within this area range from 850 ft, Mean Sea Level Datum (MSL) in the northeastern section to 180 ft MSL at the mouth of Seneca Creek at its confluence with the Potomoac River.

Soils found within the Seneca drainage area are typical of those common to the Piedmont Plateau, having been derived, in part, from the underlying igneous, metamorphic and older sedimentary bedrock. Approximately 45 percent of these soils belong to the Glenelg-Manor and Chester associations. These are well drained silt loam soils that produce moerate to low amounts of runoff in their undisturbed condition. The next largest group of soils (30 percent) are from the Manor-Linganore-Glenelg association. These are also silt loam soils that produce moderate to low amounts of runoff. The last major type of soils (20 percent) found within the area are the Penn and Lewisberry Association that developed from the Triassic sandstone common to the area. These are silt loam (Penn) and sandy loam (Lewisberry) soils that generate moderate to high amounts of runoff in their undisturbed condition.

At the present time, the Seneca Creek Watershed is primarily rural in character. This situation is expected to change considerably during the next 20 years, however. This transformation will include conversion of extensive areas into single family and other types of residential housing, as well as the more intensive commercial uses. This activity is summarized in Table 4.3.

The results of the NURP critical watershed monitoring will be used to establish and calibrate the Hydrologic Simulation Program-Fortran (HSP-F) continuous simulation water quality model under existing land use conditions. Following the calibration of this model, the project land use changes will be inputed. From



Location of Hi-Vol Sampling Stations

Figure 7, Location of Hi-Vol Sampling Stations

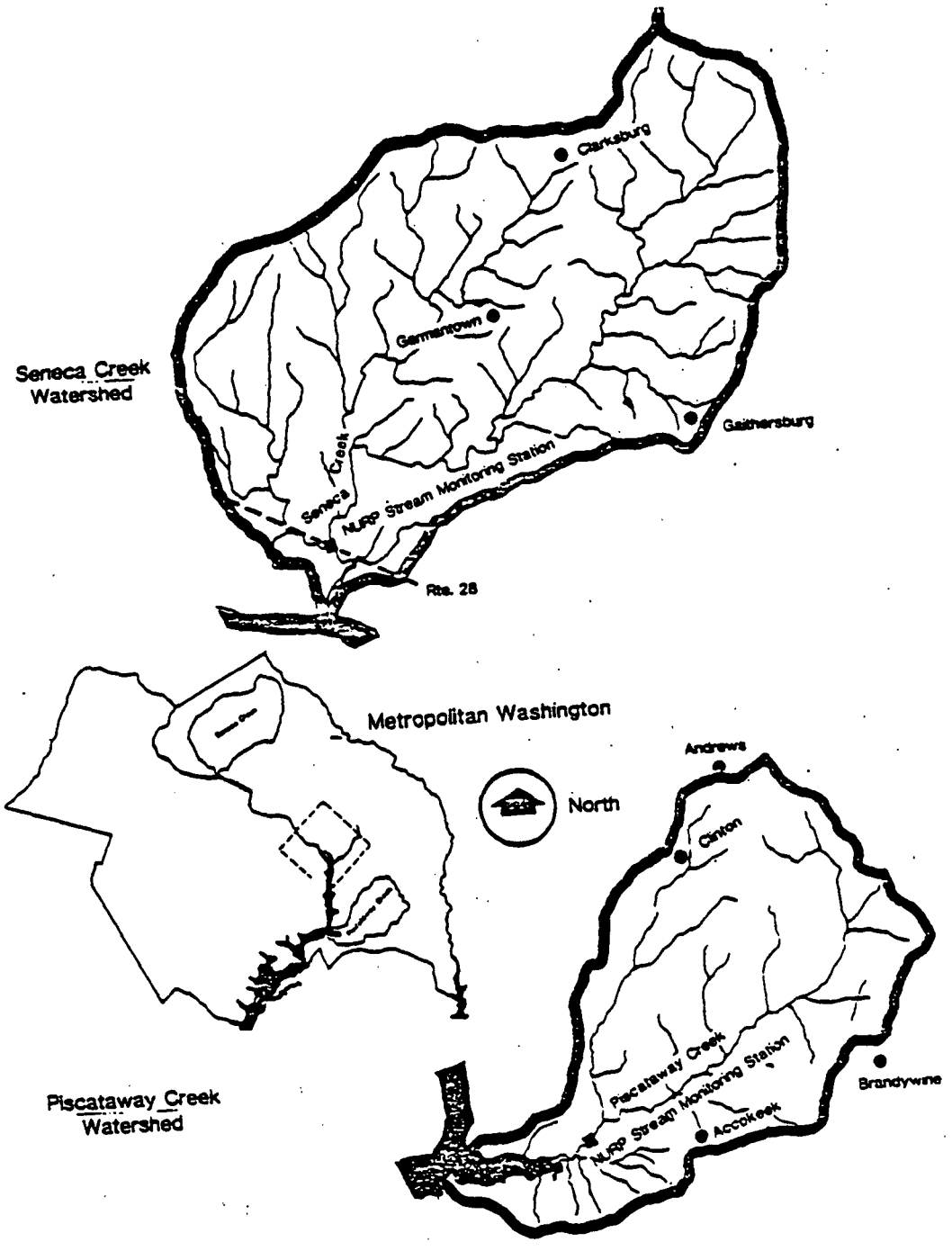


Figure 8. NURP Watershed Study Areas and Monitoring Sites

these changes, the impact of development on water quality within the basin can be evaluated. The results from this study will also allow other jurisdictions with similar physiographic situations to better estimate the impact that extensive changes in land use will have on water quality within their area. In addition this study will provide EPA with a documented working water quality/ land use planning tool.

Piscataway Creek

The Piscataway Creek Watershed is located within the southwestern portion of Prince George's County, Maryland. In contrast to the Seneca area, the Piscataway Watershed is located within the Atlantic Coastal Plain physiographic province. This area is underlain by the unconsolidated deposits of gravel, sand, silt and clay and characterized by gently rolling hills dissected by broad shallow valleys. Elevations within the watershed range from approximately 280 ft MSL in the northeast portion to sea level at the entrance of Piscataway Creek on the Potomac Estuary.

The majority (53 percent) of the soils found within the drainage area are from the Sassafras Croom Association. These are gravelly loam and sandy loam soils that produce low to moderately high amount of runoff in response to rainfall. The second largest group of soils found within the watershed (33 percent) consist of the Beltsville-Leonardtown-Chillum Association. These are silt loam soils that are generally found in the upland portions of the watershed, which because of compact subsoils and substratum layers, generally produce moderately high to high amounts of runnoff. The last major group of soils found within the watershed (13 percent) consist of those formed within the tidal marsh and floodplain areas adjacent to the major stream channels of the watershed and the Potomac Estuary. These soils are extremely variable in their characteristics, due to their location, and range from poorly drained to well drained with all subject to some degree of periodic inundation due to flooding.

Even though the Piscataway watershed will not undergo the dramatic changes in urbanization that are expected in the Seneca Watershed, available information indicates that the area will undergo a significant amount of growth during the next 20 years.

D. Equipment

All of the monitoring stations have been designed with equipment being selected to allow maximum flexibility in installation. See Figure 9 for schematic. A brief explanation of the function of each piece of station equipment and its role in the overall station operation follows.

Rain Gaging Equipment

A tipping bucket rain gage with a sensitivity of 0.01" of rainfall was selected for use with voltage accumulator devices. The voltage accumulators count the number of bucket tips (and therefore the amount of rain) and convert the number into a voltage. The voltage created varies from 0-5 vdc. Each increase of 5 mv signifies 0.01" of rainfall. The voltage is constantly maintained, so that whenever a recording device (such as a data logger) queries the accumulator, the total precipitation to the moment may be determined.

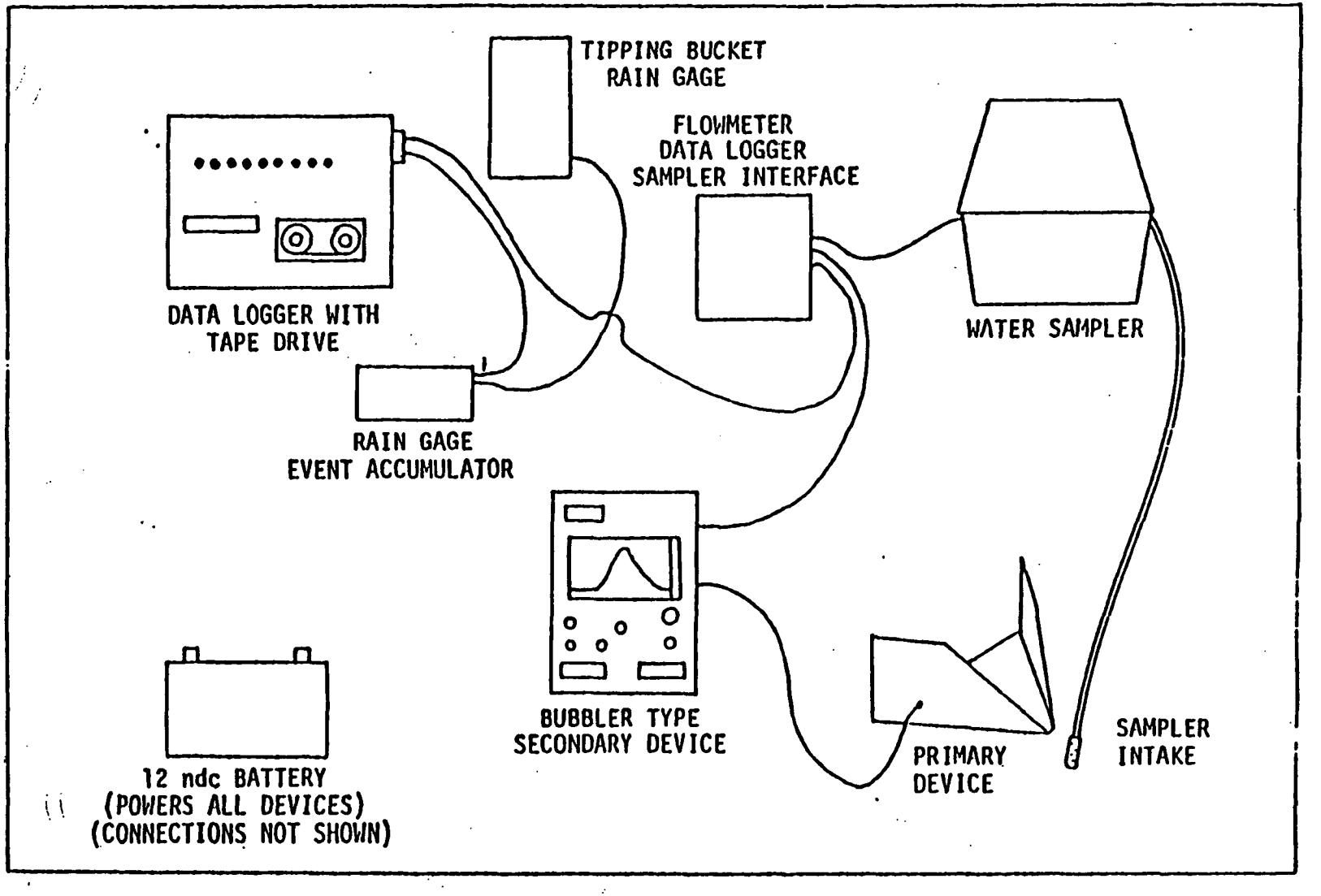


Figure 9. Schematic of NURP Monitoring Station

Primary Flow Measuring Devices

In most cases, a primary flow measuring device was installed at each monitoring location. This primary device is used to facilitate the development of a stage-discharge relationship and consists of some type of flume. The two types of flumes utilized are "Palmer-Bowlus" and Type H." Where possible, the "H" type flume was perferred because of its wide range of flow measurement, ability to function while submerged, and ease of installation.

Secondary Flow Measuring Device

A bubbler-type secondary device was selected for use during this study. The instrument makes use of pressurized gas and a transducer arrangement to measure static head. A microprocessor arrangement then allows for the conversion of static head data directly into flow rate by using the stage-discharge relationship of the primary measuring device. This flowmeter is also the basic controller of the station in that it activates the sampling device at predetermined equal increments of total flow. In addition, the device outputs a 4-20 ma analog signal proportional to the flowrate. At times of sampler activation, the flowmeter also momentarily activates the data logger, which then scans all the appropriate data channels.

Automatic Samplers

The sampling units utilized in this study are all portable, automatically activated 12 vdc battery powered devices. These units are activated by the secondary flow measuring device during periods of flow and are capable of retrieving a 500 ml. sample against a suction lift of 20 feet using a 3/8" hose of 25 ft. long. Each sample is withdrawn at a velocity of 3 feet per second up to 15 ft. of suction head. Each unit has the capability of collecting either discrete of composite samples. These samples are then collected in either a 24 1.0 liter capacity container or a single 15.0 liter polyproplyene bottle depending on the needs of the site.

When discrete samplers are collected, each unit can collect up to four (4) samples of equal volume per bottle and distribute a single sample among as many as four (4) bottles. Upon activation, the sample collection unit purges the sample line to prevent contamination both before and after the collection cycle.

Data Logger

A cassette type data logger is attached to the rain gage accumulator and flowmeter. An internal quartz crystal clock allows data from all associated instruments to be recorded on the same time base, thus eliminating the timing error problems that plague the acquisition of synoptic hydrologic data. The logger scans flowmeter and rain gage channels at regularly selected switch intervals and when the sampler is activated.

Power Unit

Each station is powered by a single deep-cycle 12 vdc battery. This unit is changed at a minimum interval of one week, or whenever station power demands make it imperative.

Wetfall/Dryfall Sampling Station Instrumentation

The wetfall/dryfall (WD) sampling stations have been equipped with table mounted, 12 vdc battery operated units that collect material that is deposited under both dry and wet meteorological conditions. This is accomplished by having one of the two sample collection units of equal cross sectional area exposed to the atmosphere. Upon sensing the onset of precipitation, the device automatically closes the dryfall collector to the atmosphere and exposes the wetfall side. Upon sensing the end of precipitation, the sequence is reversed. Samples are then removed to the lab for analysis.

Watershed Monitoring Site Instrumentation

With the exception of the primary flow measuring gages, the equipment deployed at the two critical watershed monitoring sites are identical to those used at the BMP sites. Since both of the critical watershed stations are located at existing USGS flow recording gage sites, it was decided to utilize the inplace controlled stream cross sections as the primary measuring device. While USGS had no objection to allowing installation of this equipment in their gage houses (space permitting), they were unwilling to provide nonagency personnel with direct access to their irreplaceable flow records. This required that the procedure described below be implemented at each site.

Seneca Creek

The secondary recording device is connected directly to the existing USGS stage recording "stilling well." A magnetic reed switch arrangement was then installed on the "Stevens" recorder that allows the water quality sampler to be triggered at each 0.25 ft. interval of rising or falling stage. This procedure produces sequentially collected discrete samples which may then be flow-composited by hand. The actual sampler intake hoses are placed in the main stream channel.

Piscataway Creek

Due to space limitations in the existing gage housing, the monitoring equipment at this site is contained in a pad mounted fibergalss protective enclosure adjacent to the USGS structure. The flowmeter bubbler tube is then anchored inside the existing gage house near the USGS datum. The sample uptake probe was then established within the main stream. An Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory (EPROPM) is then used to store data from the flowmeter used at the station. Flow weighted composite samples are then collected using this arrangement.

D. Controls

The BMP controls evaluated are source controls, volume controls, and determination controls as described in Table 3.

TABLE 3. FIXED SITE CHARACTERISTICS OF BMP MONITORING SITES

MONITORING SITE	WATERSHED AREA (acres)	AVERAGE DENSITY (DU/ACRE)	IMPERVIOUS GROUND COVER (%)	EFFECTIVE IMPERVIOUS GROUND COVER (%)	BMP CHARACTERISTICS: BMP TYPE	BMP CHARACTERISTICS: STORAGE (CU FT)	BMP CHARACTERISTICS: OTHER	% OF CATCHMENT AREA WITH SEPARATE STORM SEWERS	% OF CATCHMENT AREA WITH CURB & GUTTERS	% OF CATCHMENT AREA WITH NO SEWERS
I. LARGE-LOT SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL										
A. Stratton Woods	8.5	1.8	22.2	16.5	grassed swale	—	—	100	0	0
B. Duflef	11.8	2.2	18.5	11.1	grassed swale	—	—	100	0	0
C. Westleigh Inflow:	40.9	1.2	21.2	14.0	wet pond	191,400	Surface Area: 35,500 sq. ft.	100	83.70	16.30
Outflow:	47.9		21.7	13.7						
II. MEDIUM DENSITY SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL										
A. Fairidge	18.8	2.8	14.1	21.0	grassed swale	—	—	100	0	0
B. Burke Ponds Inflow:	18.3	3.0	32.7	25.1	wet pond	135,000	Surface Area: 41,400 sq. ft.	100	100	0
Outflow:	27.1		30.1	21.1						
III. TOWNHOUSE/GARDEN APARTMENTS										
A. Stedwick* Inflow:	27.4	6.1	33.8	22.1	dry pond	38,000 (NPS)	5.5' 36" riser	100	79.67	20.33
Outflow:	34.4		30.5	19.2						
B. Lakeridge Inflow:	68.3	9.0	32.6	27.2	dry pond	210,000 (10 yr/2hr)	7.5' riser	100	68.26	31.74
Outflow:	88.4		30.0	24.0						
C. Dandridge	2.0	56.0	54.4	34.0	infiltration pits	4,060 (void space)	Perforated 6" tile drains	100	100	0
IV. OFFICE										
A. Rockville City Center	4.2	N/A	69.5	69.5	porous pavement	27,400 (void space)	Perforated 6" drains	100	74.30	25.70
V. INDUSTRIAL										
A. Bulk Mail Center Inflow:	19.0	N/A	83.0	83.0	dry pond	68,000 (NPS)	1.5' 8' diam. riser	100	*	*
Outflow:	20.1	N/A	78.5	78.5						
VI. SHOPPING CENTER										
A. Burke Village Shopping Center	4.5	N/A	79.2	79.2	infiltration pits	11,240 (void space)	—			

*Stedwick has been modified to function as a BMP dry pond (see features affecting the monitoring sites at the end of Section IV for a complete discussion of modifications).

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INTRODUCTION

In over 375 years, the Baltimore metropolitan area has developed into one of the nation's largest urban centers. This growth, spawned primarily by commercial and industrial interests centered upon maritime activities, has been a major factor of the degradation in quality of the surrounding waters. The region's seven major watersheds provide rapidly flowing freshwater to numerous estuarine embayments which drain into the Chesapeake Bay, the nation's largest estuary. The Bay supports an abundance of finfish and shellfish populations which represent a considerable economic resource to the states of Maryland and Virginia. This delicate ecosystem also represents a major artery of water-borne transportation and a recreational resource of virtually unlimited potential.

Historically, local streams have enjoyed a multitude of uses including drinking water supply, commercial and public fishing, spawning grounds for certain species, boating, swimming, agricultural support, industrial consumption, and the transportation of wastewater discharges. Many of these uses have suffered due to the severe degradation of water quality. Numerous problems have been identified, including the following: extensive land surface and streambank erosion resulting in sediment which fills water supply impoundments and adversely affects aquatic species; enhanced algal propagation with resulting eutrophication in freshwater impoundments and estuarine embayments; and, potentially adverse health effects due to bacterial contamination.

Although less than one-third of the region is considered to be urbanized, urban stormwater runoff has been identified as a significant factor in the degradation of local receiving waters. The Jones Falls Watershed, selected because of its representative urban/urbanizing characteristics, provides an excellent case study of urban runoff - its sources, causes, impacts, and cost-effective control measures. More specifically, the Jones Falls Urban Runoff Project (JFURP) is designed to identify and quantify all significant sources of pollutants in the watershed, define the existing water problem(s), and examine selected management practices capable of "cost-effectively" controlling the identified problem(s).

Cooperation among the region's six local jurisdictions in successfully formulating and implementing the Areawide Water Quality Management Program has provided a unique framework for JFURP. Project coordination and technical guidance is vested in the regional forum - the Regional Planning Council (RPC). In light of the fact that the study watershed is located in both Baltimore City and Baltimore County, the participation of these jurisdictions was desirable and has been guaranteed. Past successes in water quality management within the Baltimore Region have been assisted by direct involvement of this nature. The U. S. Geological Survey, an agency with a solid foundation of knowledge in local and national hydrology, was asked to provide technical expertise and resources to the Project; this assistance is provided nationally through a formal coordination plan with the U. S. EPA and locally by cooperative agreement. This cooperative effort has greatly eased the identification of critical issues and priorities through an effective planning and management structure.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

A. Area

The Baltimore metropolitan region is an area of approximately 2,200 square miles. The area is situated in east central Maryland to the west of the Chesapeake Bay and approximately 40 miles northeast of Washington, D. C. The urbanized portion of the region is 589 square miles (26% of total area). The principal, highly developed urban areas are located near the Bay in five of the region's seven major river basins. Much of the older, more intensive urban land use is located in the Patapsco River Basin which also includes the Jones Falls Watershed with an area of approximately 54 square miles. Figure 1 illustrates the Baltimore metropolitan area and the Jones Falls Watershed.

The area lies within the Piedmont and Coastal Plain geologic formations. The region receives, on the average, 45 inches of precipitation a year occurring primarily as rainfall. Precipitation volumes are distributed evenly throughout the year but generally follow a well-defined seasonal pattern: extended, low intensity frontal storms during winter and spring months and short duration, high intensity convective storms.

B. Population

The Baltimore region has a current population of approximately 2.2 million (1980). Two-thirds of the total are located in Baltimore City and County. Development in recent decades denotes a trend from the more established urban areas toward the rural countryside. This trend continues although some reinvestment and relocation back to older urban areas has begun. Of the total developed land in the region, 44% is residential, indicating the level of land consumption for living.

C. Drainage

There are seven major river basins in the region, comprised of hundreds of tributaries. These streams are generally small, shallow, and rapidly flowing, draining a few miles into estuarine embayments. Developed areas of the region include a mixture of natural and man-made storm drainage systems.

D. Sewerage

The urban area is primarily served by separate sanitary and storm sewer systems. Typical storm sewer systems include curbs, gutters, and inlets. A few isolated areas of Baltimore City were developed privately and have a combined sewer system; these were later assumed by the City. Due to the age of the system and rapid growth in the upstream sections, some sanitary sewers have been found to leak and capacity-exceeded problems such as sanitary overflows now occur. There is also evidence of illegal sanitary connections to the storm sewer system. Present 201 studies are directed at correcting these problems.

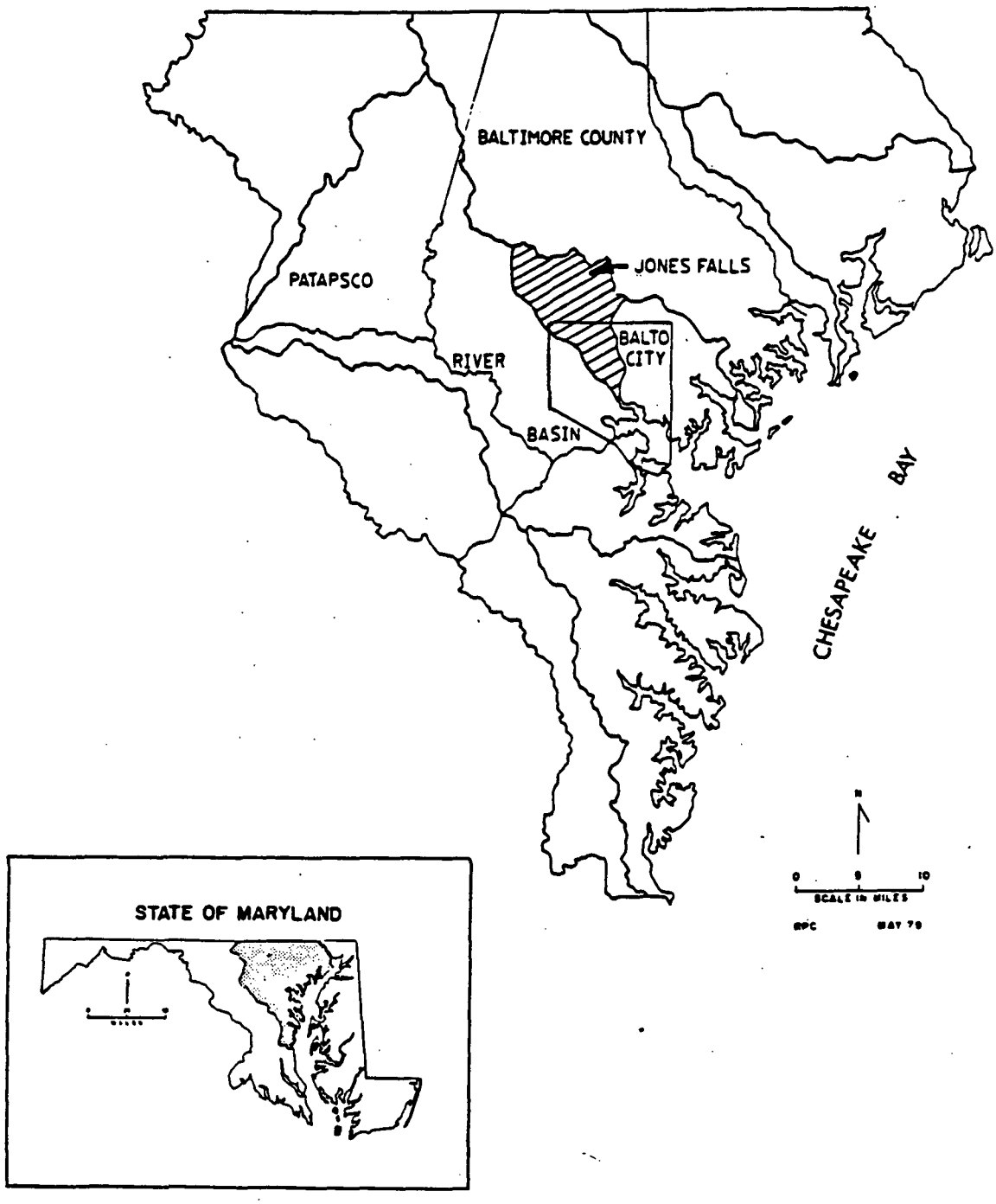


FIGURE 1 - THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA
AND JONES FALLS WATERSHED

PROJECT AREA

I. Catchment Name - MD1, Jones Falls Watershed

The Jones Falls Watershed is approximately 54 square miles, and includes all of the listed catchments. Figure 2 provides detailed illustration of the study area.

A. Area - 34,581 acres

B. Population - Not yet compiled

C. Drainage - Subsurface and surface conveyance to the Jones Falls. More specific hydrologic information to be provided later.

D. Sewerage - Not compiled

E.

Land Use	Total Acreage	% of Total Drainage Area
Urban		
- Residential	15,082	44
- Commercial	1,586	5
- Industrial	825	2
- Institutional	1,452	4
- Expressways	461	1
- Cemetary/Recreational	1,955	6
+ Total Urban	21,361	62
Non-urban		
- Agriculture	4,192	12
- Brush/Grass	1,059	3
- Woodlands	7,672	22
- Reservoir	155	.4
- Quarry/Landfill	142	.4
+ Total Non-urban	13,220	38

II. Catchment Name - MD 1, 008, Lake Roland

The Lake Roland catchment area comprises the upper Jones Falls Watershed and is approximately 35 square miles.

A. Area - 22,142 areas

B. Population - Not yet compiled

C. Drainage - Subsurface and surface conveyance to the Jones Falls and Lake Roland. Representative slope of overall drainage basin is 63.32 feet per mile.

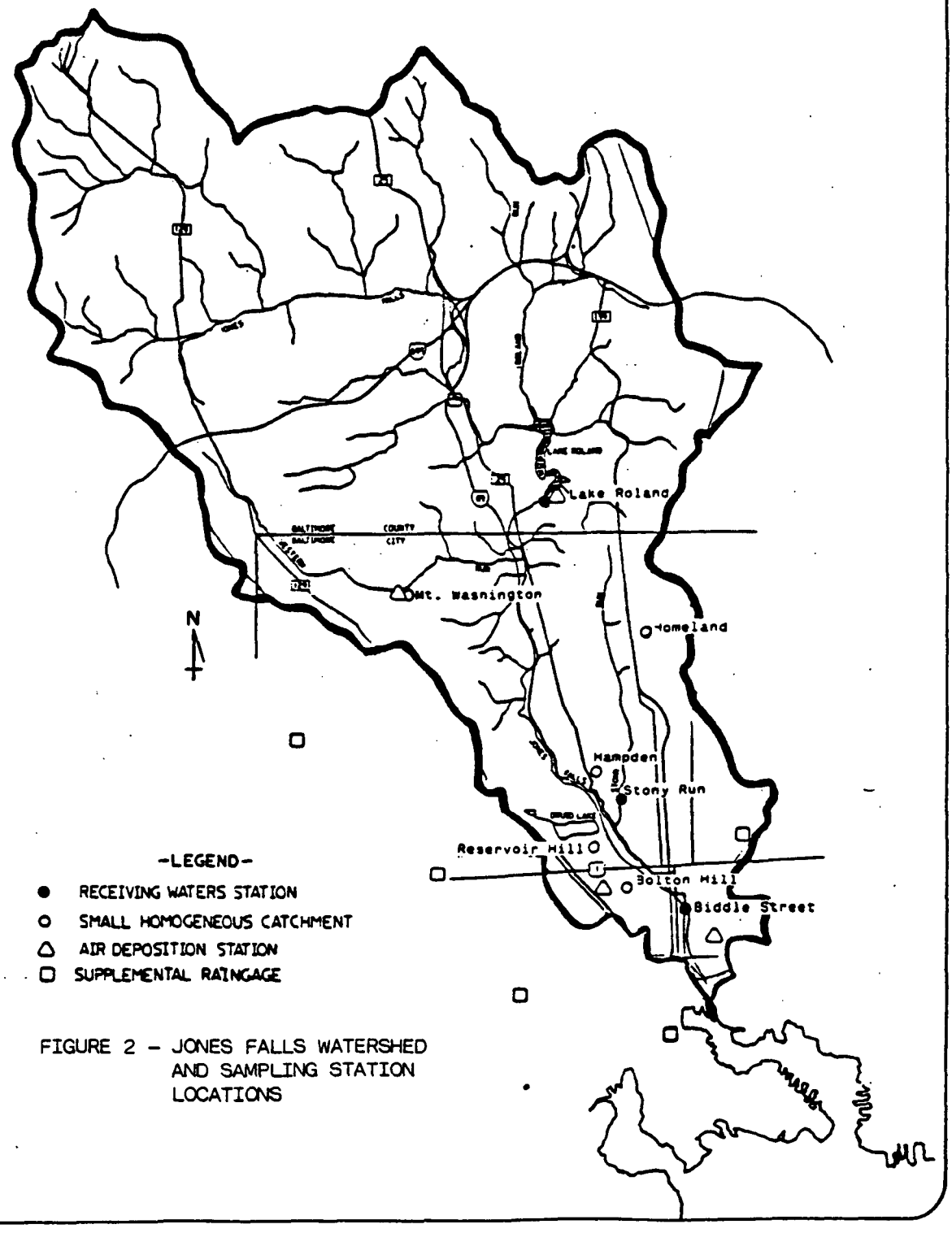


FIGURE 2 - JONES FALLS WATERSHED AND SAMPLING STATION LOCATIONS

D. Sewerage - Not yet compiled

E.

Land Use	Total Acreage	% of Total Drainage Area
Urban		
- Residential	7,846	36
- Commercial	428	2
- Industrial	212	1
- Institutional	831	4
- Expressways	276	1
- Cemetary/Recreational	843	4
Total urban	10,436	47
Non-urban		
- Agriculture	4,192	119
- Brush/Grass	732	3
- Woodlands	6,575	30
- Reservoir	92	.4
- Quarry/Landfill	115	.5
Total Non-urban	11,706	53

Percent of impervious area not compiled.

III. Catchment Name - MD1, 007, Stony Run

The Stony Run catchment area is a subwatershed within the Jones Falls Watershed and is approximately 3.2 square miles. Two of the small homogeneous catchments, Homeland and Hampden, are located within this area.

A. Area - 2,047 acres

B. Population - Estimate: 51,151 persons based on 12 persons per acre

C. Drainage - Subsurface conveyance to Stony Run, a tributary of the Jones Falls. Representative slope of overall drainage basin is 130.38 feet per mile.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of catchment is 100% separate storm sewer.

E.

Land Use	Total Acreage	% of Total Drainage Area
Urban		
- Residential	1,472	72
- Commercial	95	5
- Industrial	0	0
- Institutional	172	8
- Expressways	0	0
- Cemetary/Recreational	118	6
Total Urban	1,857	91
Non-urban		
- Agriculture	0	0
- Brush/Grass	83	4
- Woodlands	101	5
- Reservoir	6	.3
- Quarry/Landfill	0	0
Total Non-urban	190	9

Percent of impervious area not compiled.

IV. Catchment Name - MD1, 006, Biddle Street

The Biddle Street catchment area includes all of the listed catchment areas and is approximately 53 square miles. This is the lowest point of sample collection in the Jones Falls Watershed.

A. Area - 33,978 acres

B. Population - Not yet compiled

C. Drainage - Subsurface conveyance to the Jones Falls. Representative slope of overall drainage basin is 62.4 feet per mile.

D. Sewerage - Percent of drainage area served by separate storm sewers is not yet compiled.

E.

Land Use	Total Acreage	% of Total Drainage Area
Urban		
- Residential	14,797	44
- Commercial	1,425	4
- Industrial	744	2
- Institutional	1,407	4
- Expressways	442	1
- Cemetary/Recreational	1,943	6
Total Urban	20,758	61
Non-urban		
- Agriculture	4,192	12
- Brush/Grass	1,059	3
- Woodlands	7,672	23
- Reservoir	155	.5
- Quarry/Landfill	142	.4
Total Non-urban	13,220	39

Percent of impervious area not compiled.

There are five small homogeneous catchments: Reservoir Hill, Hampden, Mt. Washington, Bolton Hill, and Homeland. These areas are located within the Jones Falls Watershed and range in size from 10 to 23 acres. The areas are predominantly residential.

V. Catchment Name - MD1, 001, Reservoir Hill

A. Area - 10.42 acres

B. Population - 577 persons

C. Drainage - Subsurface conveyance to the Jones Falls. Main channel is 437 feet at a slope of approximately 102.7 feet per mile.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of catchment is 100% separate storm sewers. 100% is served by curbs and gutters.

E. Land Use

- Residential
  + High (9 more more du/ac) ≐ 10.42 acres, 100% of total drainage area.

VI. Catchment Name - MD1, 002, Hampden

A. Area - 17.02 acres

B. Population - 681 persons

C. Drainage - Subsurface conveyance to the Jones Falls. Main channel is 875 feet at a slope of approximately 274.56 feet per mile.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of catchment is 100% separate storm sewer. 100% is served by curbs and gutters.

E. Land Use

- Residential
  + High (9 or more du/ac) = 12.27 acres, 72% of total drainage area.
- Commercial = 4.75 acres, 28% of total drainage area

VII. Catchment Name - MD1, 003, Mt. Washington

A. Area - 16.58 acres

B. Population - 195 persons

C. Drainage - Subsurface conveyance to Western Run a tributary of the Jones Falls. Main channel is 825 feet at a slope of approximately 355.2 feet per mile.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of catchment is 100% separate storm sewers. 87% is served by curbs and gutters and 13% is served by swales and ditches.

E. Land Use

- Residential
  + Medium (3 to 8 du/ac) = 13.91 acres, 84% of total drainage area.
- Recreational = 2.67 acres, 16% of total drainage area.

VIII. Catchment Name - MD1, 004, Bolton Hill

A. Area - 14.02 acres

B. Population - 415 persons

C. Drainage - Subsurface conveyance to the Jones Falls. Main channel is 688 feet at a slope of approximately 53.72 feet per mile.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of catchment is 100% separate storm sewers. 100% is served by curb and gutter.

E. Land Use

- Residential

  + High (more than 9 du/ac) = 13.28 acres, 95% of total drainage area

- Recreational = .73 acres, 5% of total drainage area.

IX. Catchment Name - MD1, 005, Homeland

A. Area - 23.03 acres

B. Population - 204 persons

C. Drainage - Subsurface conveyance to Stony Run a tributary of the Jones Falls. Main channel is 350 feet at a slope of approximately 181.02 feet per mile.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of catchment is 100% separate storm sewers. 100% is served by curb and gutter.

E. Land Use

- Residential

  + Low (½ to 2 du/ac) = 23.03 acres, 100% of total drainage area.

PROBLEM

A. Local Definition (Government)

Section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 addressed areawide waste treatment management planning, designating certain local and regional government agencies to plan for improved water quality while concurrently reviewing environmental, land use and organizational issues related to solving water quality problems in their respective areas. The six member jurisdictions of the Regional Planning Council (RPC), through the Baltimore Region's Areawide Water Quality Management Process, reported that urban runoff was a major contributor of pollutants to local receiving waters. Following Federal guidelines, a water quality management plan was adopted by the six member jurisdictions, establishing an implementation process to prevent, reduce, and eliminate sources of contamination of regional waters.

The 208 Plan identified the Jones Falls as one of the most severely degraded streams in the region. This stream is representative of the variety of water quality conditions found throughout the region. Emanating from springs in Baltimore County, the Jones Falls meanders toward the south into an old, man-made water supply impoundment located near the City/County jurisdictional boundary. Upper watershed streams have been designated by the State of Maryland as suitable for the support of trout population growth and propagation and related food sources. This designation represents the most stringent of the State's four receiving waters classifications, which include the following: contact recreation and aquatic life waters, shellfish harvesting waters; natural trout waters; and, recreational trout waters. In spite of the encroachment of the urban area, slowed somewhat by local government intervention, local fishermen report that certain upper Jones Falls tributaries do indeed support a trout population.

Lake Roland is an almost 60-acre impoundment completed in 1861 to serve as Baltimore's first major water supply reservoir. This lake suffers from a variety of problems, which include the following: exponential sedimentation and the resulting loss of storage capacity; eutrophication; and, violations of state bacterial standards. The Lake Roland Clean Lakes Project, sponsored under Section 314 of the Act, is currently investigating the lake's problems and attempting to identify potential solutions to restore and maintain beneficial uses associated with recreation.

After exiting Lake Roland, the Jones Falls continues to flow southward, passing through Baltimore City into a large conveyance tunnel and finally emptying into Baltimore Harbor, the estuarine section of the Patapsco River. The State has recently reclassified this section of the stream to a Class III receiving water, capable of supporting adult trout for put-and-take fishing. Since 1979, rainbow trout have been stocked in the upper reaches of this section of the stream; results of this effort are not yet apparent.

The section of the Jones Falls below Lake Roland is also the most influenced by urbanization and the associated pollutant sources. These include NPDES discharges from industrial/commercial users, sanitary sewer overflows, illegal connections, and increased runoff volumes due to impervious areas.

To recover and maintain designated beneficial uses, the State has promulgated water quality standards including a range of physical chemical parameters. The two parameters with major violations of state standards are turbidity and bacteria - turbidity being storm-related and bacteria in a range of stream conditions.

Storm wash-off results from selected land uses indicate signficant levels of nonpoint pollution entering the receiving streams in the watershed. The direct impacts upon receiving streams and relative magnitude comparisons to other pollutant sources have not been established. Also, the existing levels of urban housekeeping management practices being implemented by local governments focus upon aesthetic and primary public health objectives rather than water quality. The effectiveness of these non-structural controls aimed at reducing the magnitude of source-related pollutants is not known. The primary question is how effective are current levels of urban housekeeping in pollutant removal in comparison to alternative strategies, and what is the relative cost-effectiveness of the control applications for achievement of water quality objectives.

B. Public Perception (Public Awareness)

The assessment of public perception of water quality benefits and problems in a stream or lake requires careful investigation. In the planning of JFURP, a vigorous public participation strategy was developed in recognition of the fact that there is a wide range of diversity in the "public" and perhaps many perceptions of benefits and problems. JFURP intends to provide guidelines to determine how the public perceives of local water quality problems. In each of the land use categories being examined, public lifestyles and, therefore, public perception and expectations of water quality will be different. For example, citizens in heavily urbanized downtown Baltimore probably will not have an interest in, or awareness of, their impact upon downstream estuaries. Inhabitants of rural areas, on the other hand, may be seriously concerned about their impact upon local bodies of water and interested in assuming an aggressive posture when addressing water quality issues.

In reviewing water quality management strategies, these and other differences must be taken into account. A first step will include citizen surveys in each of the land use areas under scrutiny to determine how they perceive local water quality management programs and what level of control they consider necessary. Moreover, citizens must be informed of the significant economic realities associated with specific management strategies. In the end, public value judgements will be balanced against realities of economics, politics, and technical decisions and limitations.

Examples of efforts inspired by individuals and public and private organizations to revitalize areas in Baltimore adjacent to the Jones Falls and other receiving waters include the following:

1. A massive urban renewal campaign encouraged by the City and private groups to rebuild local communities and the Inner Harbor in the vicinity of the Jones Falls outflow.

2. Strong local community interest in neighborhood "cleanliness" and nearby streams via clean-up campaigns, stream "watchdogs", and other actions.

3. Independent stream monitoring and revitalization programs sponsored by organizations staffed primarily by volunteers.

4. Increased use of various streams and surrounding valleys by community children, joggers, hikers, and other public groups.

5. The development of far-reaching water quality public advisory committees operating in local jurisdictions and at the regional level to encourage citizen awareness and education, and provide for forums for the elucidation of various viewpoints.

In brief, the public awareness of JFURP and the existence of urban runoff is not only desirable, but essential. The public response to questions posed about water quality "problems" in the Jones Falls will be encouraged.

Project findings, conclusions, and resulting technology gained from monitoring and data analysis will be disseminated by reports and a series of technical transfer sessions. These and other actions should provide the basis for future inclusion of urban runoff problem assessment and development of control strategies in the Baltimore region's water quality management activities.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Major Objectives

There is abundant evidence that the Jones Falls Watershed is plagued by the ravages of nature and the myriad degradations exercised by anthropogenic activities. Identified sources of water quality impairment include the following: urban runoff, sanitary sewer overflows, sediment releases, streambank erosion, upstream pollutant loadings, unsewered areas and illegal storm sewer connections. The review of specific problems, as identified in the "PROBLEM" section of this summary, resulted in the development of JFURP objectives based upon local concerns and the primary objectives stated by EPA. In brief, the JFURP objectives are as follows:

1. Investigate and define water quality contaminants, sources, transport mechanisms, and receiving water impacts in the urbanized Jones Falls Watershed.

2. Quantitatively define the total pollutant contributions of the Jones Falls Watershed to the Baltimore Harbor.

3. Identify and assess the sources and transport mechanisms from a variety of small, relatively homogeneous land uses in a stable urban watershed and determine their comparability with similar areas in the Eastern United States.

4. Determine the efficacy of existing source control management practices and operational implementation strategies in the reduction and/or prevention of water quality degradation.

5. Determine the efficacy of Lake Roland as a water quality/quantity management practice and its role in water resources management, especially for downstream control.

6. Provide information supporting the development of an integrated, cost-effective water quality management program for the urbanized Jones Falls Watershed through the "208" Program.

7. Provide a basis for transfer of project findings to the related technical public and private communities for future stormwater runoff management planning and implementation.

Additional work will include local technical liaison and public participation activities. The combination of efforts should result in a mechanism for balanced decision-making. Data collected throughout the Project should provide an illumination of choices which rest upon scientific evidence. Subsequent clarification of the cost-effectiveness of the control techniques and strategies becomes an input necessary to provide a management structure which includes the considerable realities of economic limitations.

B. Methodology and Associated Monitoring

Deficiencies in knowledge demand that a methodology be developed providing a structure for obtaining the information required to explain the issues confronting decision-makers. With problems and objectives now defined, a range of techniques is selected, designed to reduce the existing state of scientific uncertainty within resource limitations.

Briefly stated, the Project intends to quantify the various inputs to the lower Jones Falls Watershed and assess their impact upon the water quality of the stream and its subsequent output into the Baltimore Harbor. Specific attention will be focused upon the development of an urban nonpoint source data base suitable for use as a planning and management tool in the evaluation of local, regional and national problems and solutions.

Monitoring is a critical facet of the Project, with requirements defined by data needs. JFURP Monitoring is summarized in the following components:

1. The monitoring of quantity and quality of the Jones Falls stream during base-flow (dry weather) conditions.

2. The monitoring of quantity and quality of the Jones Falls during high flow (storm events).

3. The monitoring of quantity and quality of rainfall and runoff during storm events at five selected small homogeneous catchments of predominant land covers in the watershed.

4. Atmospheric deposition quantity and quality monitoring: dryfall and precipitation.

5. The quantity and quality monitoring of sanitary sewer overflows and direct sewer discharges during base-flow and storm conditions.

6. Industrial/commercial NPDES discharge monitoring for load assessment.

7. Collection of stream bottom sediment samples throughout the year to define seasonal conditions.

8. The collection and analysis of street dust and dirt to assist in the evaluation of pollutant source accumulation and non-structural housekeeping management practices.

9. Supplemental rainfall monitoring throughout the watershed.

10. A range of miscellaneous activities designed to support the primary components.

There are varying degrees of dependence between these facets of monitoring: the ultimate goal is, of course, to complement the knowledge gained with a perspective which recognizes the effects of one element upon another. This approach is calculated to provide the input necessary for the definition and implementation of a practicable water quality management strategy.

The monitoring of base-flow and storm conditions in the Jones Falls and of urban runoff at the five small homogeneous catchments relies upon automatic samplers and flowmeters. Base-flow samples are collected biweekly. Storm sampling depends upon the activation of the automated sampling equipment by an associated pressure transducer type recording flowmeter to permit the collection of discrete samples at a number of points along the runoff hydrograph. The flowmeter places an event mark on its strip chart in order to record the time at which each sample is taken.

Flow rates for each monitoring station are derived from the stage measurements recorded by the flowmeters. Natural controls were used to develop stage-discharge relationships wherever possible; artificial controls were installed at other locations. In addition, chemical gaging techniques are being used to verify rating curves in storm events.

The collection of dryfall and wetfall samples is also being performed with automatic equipment. In addition, a continuous recording, tipping-bucket raingage with a sensitivity of 0.01 in. was installed near or within each study area to provide the required rainfall information. Supplemental rainfall data are being supplied by the National Weather Service long-term gages and eight supplemental gages maintained by USGS; these are being used to enhance the data base as well as to check data collected by JFURP equipment.

A combination of automated and manual techniques is being used for other monitoring elements associated with discharges to the Jones Falls. These methods have been outlined by several publications, including the NPDES Compliance Sampling Inspection Manual.

Street dust and dirt samples are collected during daylight hours by a field crew using an industrial wet/dry vacuum cleaner. Subsamples are collected within the small homogeneous catchments by running the vacuum cleaner intake along the street surface from curb-to-curb.

The collection, handling, preservation and analysis of all samples resulting from JFURP activities follow procedures which have been outlined by the U. S. EPA and supplemented by project-developed methodologies.

C. Controls

An important facet of JFURP is the evaluation of certain pollutant control or management practices for removal efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and feasibility of application. The following two practices have been identified for evaluation:

1. An assessment of the efficacy of a total watershed "best urban housekeeping practices" strategy and its comparison to existing practices employed by Baltimore City.

2. Study the efficacy of Lake Roland as a water quality/quantity detention control structure.

The study of urban housekeeping practices (including street, alley, and stormdrain cleaning; animal litter control; and general sanitation) will examine the feasibility of applying these methods in low to high density commercial and residential areas within the Jones Falls Watershed. This element of JFURP is significantly affected by a number of items, including economic restraints and the existing drive toward urban revitalization within Baltimore City. Communities within the city are, for the most part, well-organized and vocal in the protection of local interests. The socio-political aspect of this cannot be neglected: uniformity of solution may not generally apply. Management strategies should attempt to satisfy the needs of the communities with their multiplicity of competing objectives.

The study of Lake Roland and its efficacy as a management practice is being performed in the following manner: the Lake Roland Clean Lake Study, supported by the U. S. EPA Section 314 funds, will gather one year of base-flow and storm event water quality and quantity data. In a co-operative effort, JFURP and the Clean Lakes Study will examine the current condition of Lake Roland and its efficacy as a management practice. JFURP has assumed a secondary posture in the collection and evaluation of information gathered.

D. Progress to Date

The progress of the various aspects of the Project is summarized below:

1. The collection of base-flow and storm event samples occurs regularly at the stream monitoring stations; activities were initiated in October, 1980.

2. The collection of storm event samples occurs regularly at the five small homogeneous catchments; activities were initiated in early 1981.

3. Flow rating curves for all sites are being developed. This task is approximately 75% complete.

4. Dryfall and wetfall samples are collected regularly at JFURP atmospheric deposition stations. This includes the compilation of rainfall data as provided by the continuous recording, tipping-bucket raingages.

5. The monitoring of sanitary sewer overflows occurs regularly in conjunction with stream monitoring events.

6. A strategy for the monitoring of direct sewer discharges awaits field implementation.

7. A strategy for industrial/commercial discharge monitoring awaits implementation.

8. Instream bottom sediment sampling is underway.

9. A strategy for the collection and analysis of street dust and dirt samples has been developed and sampling was initiated in October, 1981.

10. Field sampling associated with the Lake Roland Clean Lakes Project has been completed and a draft final report is nearing completion. JFURP has received raw data collected throughout the study: its review is forthcoming.

As might be expected in any project of this scope, numerous problems were encountered during the first months of work. Base-flow monitoring has proceeded smoothly; the sampling of rainfall events, however, has been less successful. Automated equipment must be used because of the capricious nature of rainfall patterns and limitations in budgeted resources. Unfortunately, experience has proven that automatic equipment is capable of mischief.

The overall project plan of action attempts to correlate all facets of the study in a systematic fashion and, in doing so, admit for the probability of mechanical and operator error. Experience results in the introduction of proper control techniques to assure system reliability and collection of accurate data through a rigid quality assurance program. JFURP has reached a stage where the most prominent work elements continue in an orderly manner toward the achievement of objectives with high quality data results. Analysis of project data proceeds toward the achievement of stated objectives.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

WACCAMAW REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMISSION

MYRTLE BEACH, SC

REGION IV, EPA

INTRODUCTION

The 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan for Waccamaw Regional Planning and Development Council (WRPDC) was based upon a comprehensive inventory, analysis and quantification of water pollutant sources within the region. Water quality problems were prioritized and addressed in the 208 plan reports.

One of the recognized water quality problem areas involved stormwater from the City of Myrtle Beach. Stormwater from Myrtle Beach is discharged directly onto the beach or into various swashes which flow across the beach into the Atlantic Ocean. There are more than 280 direct pipe discharges onto the beach within the Myrtle Beach city limits. While some of the small pipe discharges are from swimming pool drains and pool filter backwashes, more than 160 are direct stormwater discharges from streets and property drains. The city of Myrtle Beach felt that these beach discharges adversely affect water quality, beach erosion and beach appearance.

Preliminary sampling of these beach discharges indicated they had high bacterial counts. Based on this sampling, a detailed stormwater runoff study was proposed that would develop the solutions necessary to correct the existing water quality problems which resulted from the urban stormwater runoff. This runoff study was accepted by EPA Headquarters as part of the Nationwide Urban Runoff Program.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

A. Area

The area being studied includes the commercial strip and bathing beaches along the "Grand Strand" area of Myrtle Beach.

B. Population

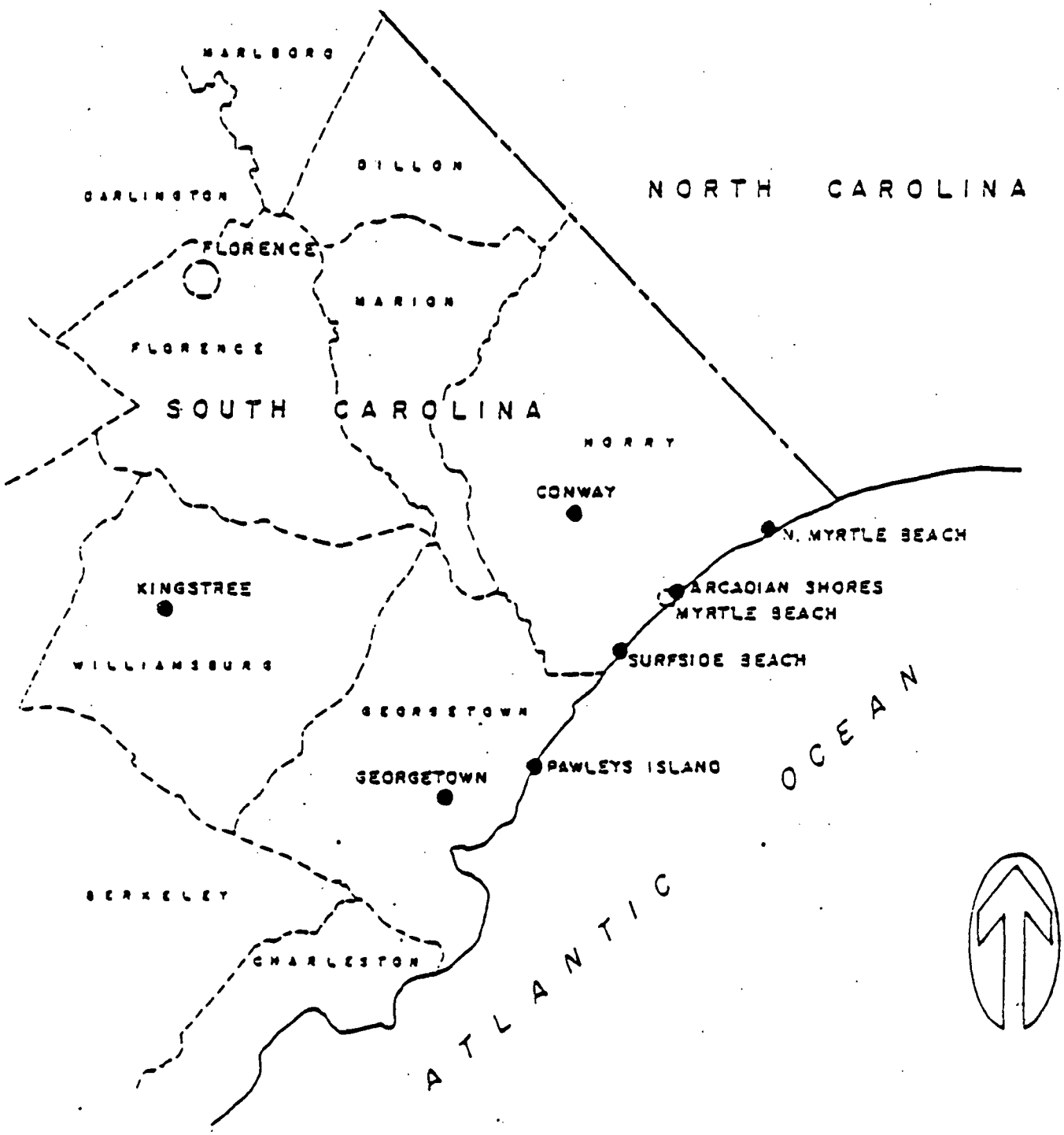
Myrtle Beach and the Grand Strand area entertain over 6,000,000 visitors per year. Myrtle Beach alone hosts up to 250,000 visitors on major holiday weekends. The area's largest industry of course is tourism.

C. Drainage

The drainage consists of pipe systems draining directly to the beach area.

D. Sewerage System

The Myrtle Beach area is served entirely by separate sewer systems.



LOCATION MAP

● COMPARATIVE TOWN LOCATION

PROBLEM

A. Local Definition (Government)

The Waccamaw Regional Planning and Development Council received a grant from the USEPA in June 1975 to prepare an areawide water quality management plan for the Waccamaw region. The Waccamaw Regional 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan, completed in 1978, contained strategies for local water quality improvement through integration of various federal pollution abatement requirements-municipal, industrial, residual wastes, stormwater runoff, groundwater pollution abatement-and placed the responsibility for planning and implementing these requirements with regional and local agencies.

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A 1972 study by EPA indicated that many of the Myrtle Beach stormwater discharges had high bacterial counts. The discharges were cited by the study as posing a potential health hazard along the extensively developed and utilized beach.

Two stormwater pipes discharging onto the beach were also monitored, sampled and analyzed during the 208 study. The sampling occurred in October 1976. The bacteriological results of the sampling confirmed the initial EPA findings as to the seriousness of bacterial concentrations in the stormwater being discharged onto the beach.

Based on this work, Waccamaw RPDC and South Carolina Department of Health and Environment Control concurred that the Myrtle Beach stormwater runoff was a high priority state problem.

The two levels of government felt that Myrtle Beach's stormwater problem required attention because large quantities of materials contained in the urban runoff enter Withers Swash or flow directly onto the beach and into the ocean waters. They felt that the seriously degraded water quality in the surf has the potential for containing disease causing bacteria that could affect anyone swimming in, using, or eating food obtained from those waters.

The Myrtle Beach area provides the attraction for very extensive tourist trade, which is the prime revenue producing "industry" of the Grand Strand. The local decision makers felt that the water quality problems that they felt existed potentially threatened the source of tourist expenditures in South Carolina.

In addition to the water quality problem, another major area of concern to the local government was the beach erosion. Stormwater runoff from the city of Myrtle Beach causes extensive beach erosion after every significant rainfall. Runoff is collected in the stormwater system and transported to the over 160 pipes discharging directly onto the beach. As the runoff flows from the discharge pipes, it erodes the beach sand and creates pools and gullies across the beach.

These pools and gullies are usually smoothed out to the high tide line by the erosion and deposition action of the tidal cycles. The gullies enable the tides to reach further up the beach to the pipe discharge points. As the sand bank around the discharge pipe dries out after rain storms, the tidal action in the gullies creates further collapse and erosion of the drain line. This erosive action continues as long as stormwater flows across the beach or until the tides have filled in the gullies.

Runoff from the numerous paved parking and terrace areas between the beach and Ocean Boulevard often is not collected by the stormwater system. It flows as sheet runoff across the paved areas and falls directly onto the beach. This sheet runoff contributes to erosion along the remnant of the dune line that still exists so that structural retaining walls are necessary to prevent further loss of soil and property.

The appearance of the beach is also something the local government is concerned about. Over 280 pipes, many corroded, chipped, and supported on make shift wooden braces that extend further across the beach each year as beach erosion continues, are a current feature of Myrtle Beach's prime tourist attraction. Unsightly, stagnant runoff pools on the beach also detract from its appearance.

The local officials are interested in correcting both the stormwater quantity and quality problem that exists in Myrtle Beach.

B. Local Perception

The local population is of course concerned about the stormwater problem if it means losing some of the tourist industry. The local resident population however, is very small compared to the number of tourists that visit the area. The tax base generated by local taxes is nowhere near that needed to finance any cleanup of the problem, if in fact it is determined that one is needed.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Major Objective

The Myrtle Beach stormwater study was designed to provide Myrtle Beach, Waccamaw RPDC, EPA and South Carolina DHEC with specific information that will enable decisions to be made regarding stormwater runoff related water quality problems. First, the seriousness of water quality problems was to be determined through a sampling program. The second objective of the study was to identify, screen and recommend solutions that would reduce the amount of pollutants entering the surf from stormwater runoff. Preliminary engineering design and cost estimates for the best runoff control alternatives were to be developed and presented. A third objective was to identify, examine the applicability of, and recommend non-structural runoff control measures for implementation by Myrtle Beach and Horry County.

To provide a gauge against which to compare the costs of runoff controls, the study had a fourth element which involved examination of the economic costs to the city and region of taking no action to control runoff. This "no action" alternative projects the impacts to the local economy of a decline in tourist numbers if continued water quality degradation reaches a magnitude where closing the beach after storms might be necessary.

B. Methodologies

Extensive bacterial sampling was performed to gather information on the quality of recreational and other waters within the commercial section of town during dry and wet conditions.

In the beginning of the project all existing direct discharges to the beach were inventoried in an attempt to select primary and secondary sampling sites. It was decided upon that 120 of 160 discharges to the beaches and swashes were to be selected for initial sampling.

The sources of the coliforms were to also be defined. The ratios of fecal coliform to fecal strep were used to determine if the sources were primarily of human or animal origin.

In order to evaluate the water quality of direct beach discharges, pipe streams flowing across the beach, and natural beach pools, established South Carolina water classification standards were used for comparison. However, there are no South Carolina water classifications standards which are applicable to direct beach discharges, pipe streams, or natural beach pools.

C. Monitoring

A total of 289 separate and distinct stormwater pipes discharging directly to the beach inside the Myrtle Beach City limits were identified, located, and inventoried. Based on the inventory, 120 pipes were selected for more intensive sampling. The location of these selected pipes and random sampling stations are shown in the following maps.

The City of Myrtle Beach was divided into six contigious sections according to predominant land use. A brief description of each section is shown in the following table:

Section	Location	Predominate Land Use	Direct Beach Discharge No.
1	North Myrtle Beach City Limits to 69th Ave. North	Open Space	1-12
	69th Ave. North To Sunset Trail	Mixed Residential and Commercial	13-15
3	Sunset Trail to Hampton Circle	Residential	16-20
4	Hampton Circle to 29th Ave. North	Mixed Residential and Commercial	21-33
5	29th Ave. North to 20th Ave. South	Commercial	34-111
6	20th Ave. South to South Myrtle Beach City Limits	Mixture of Commercial, Residential, and Open Space	112-120

After initial sampling, it was decided that Section 5 would be intensively sampled since this section contained the majority of the commercial section of the city and this was where the tourist population was centered.

Samples were collected from 4 places during wet and dry periods: direct beach discharges, swashes, surf, natural pools. Samples were collected during the storm, 4 hours after a rainfall event and 24 hours after a rainfall event. Samples were also collected during dry weather as a means of comparison. The samples were analyzed for fecal coliform and a selected group of metals.

D. Controls

Alternative control methods, structural and nonstructural, were identified and screened in an effort to select three to five alternatives having cost-effective potential.

The structural and nonstructural control alternatives considered included ocean outfalls, disinfection, collection, transport, and release at selected locations, collection and discharge to the Intracoastal Water Way, use of porous paving and any combination of these measures.

The four basic structural alternatives considered for controlling Myrtle Beach's runoff were: ocean discharges, collection and diversion, disinfection and infiltration.

The evaluation procedures for the alternatives considered hydrology, storm frequency, and engineering economics. A detailed analysis was performed to establish the hydrologic characteristics of each of 25 areas or subbasins that contribute storm runoff to the section 5 portion of Myrtle Beach. This analysis established a methodology for determining peak and total storm flows for rainfall frequencies that would recur on an average of 3 month, 6 months, and 1, 5, 10, and 25 years.

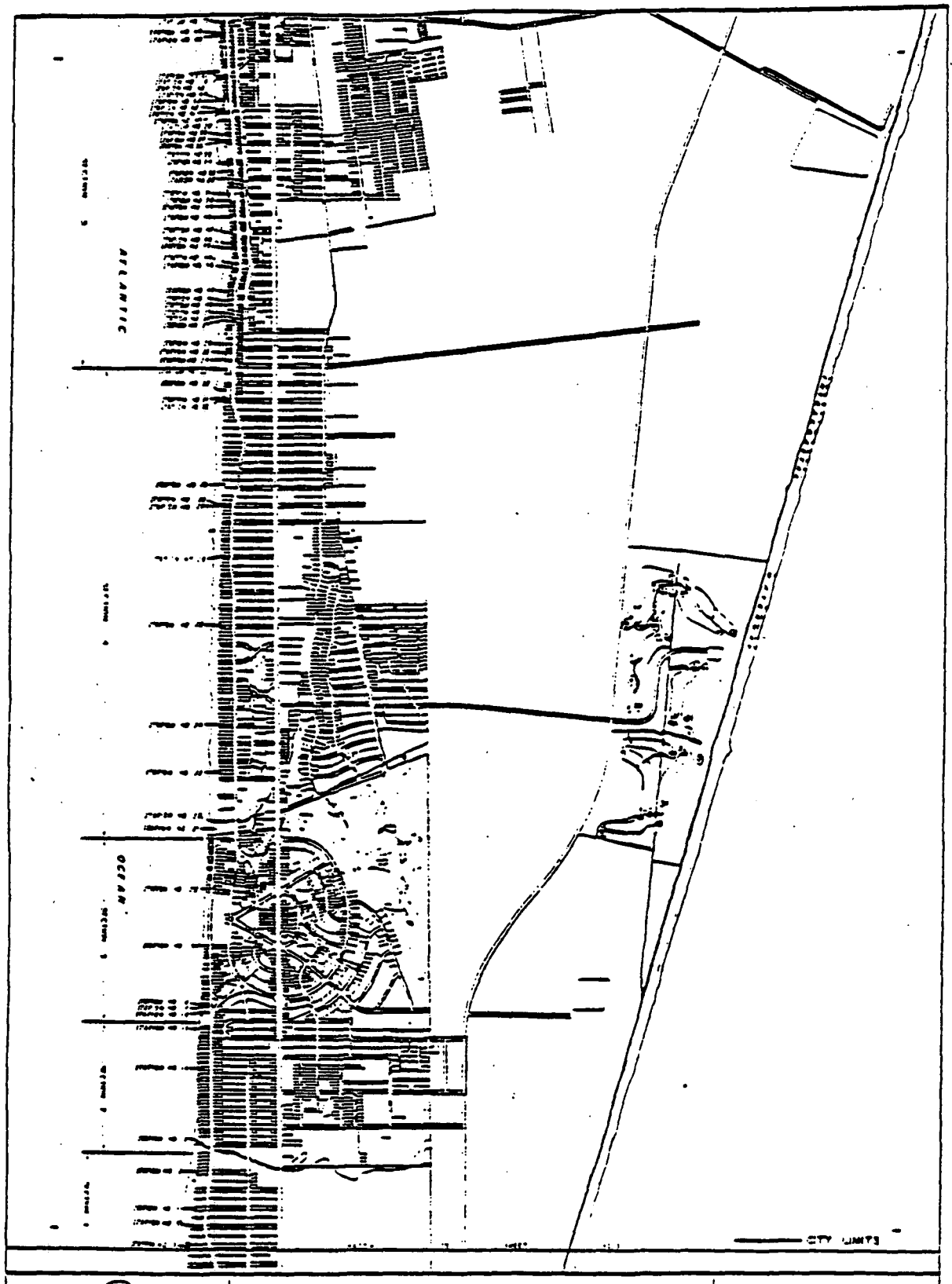
The frequency of the storms was considered. The cost evaluation prepared show that the rankings of alternatives for controlling both the one-year and the 25 year storms are identical.

Cost evaluations of alternatives were made using a discount rate of 6 7/8%, an evaluation period of 20 years, service life of the pumping facilities of 30 years, and service life of structures and piping of 50 years.

The alternatives were evaluated in terms of initial costs, capital and O&M costs.

Several reports were submitted by Waccamaw RPDC which included evaluations of the selected alternatives. The final list with costs was the following:

Alternative	Construction Cost with Interception Sewer in Beach
Ocean Discharge from one outfall pipe with disinfection	32,800,000
Ocean discharge from four outfall pipes with disinfection	37,700,000
Ocean discharge from four diffusers	40,000,000
Intracoastal Waterway discharge	41,300,000
Ocean discharge from one diffuser	44,500,000



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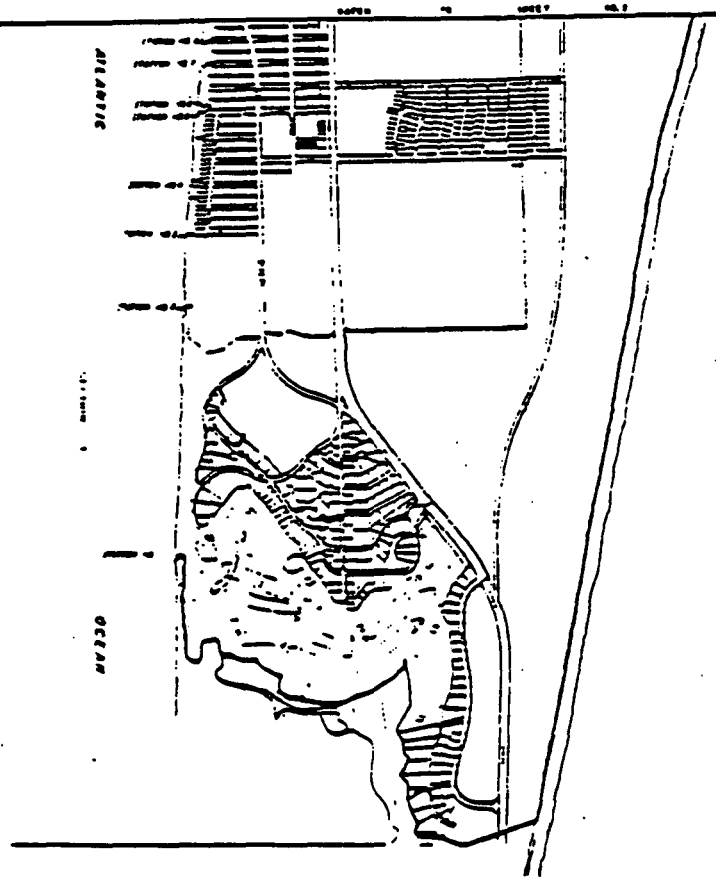

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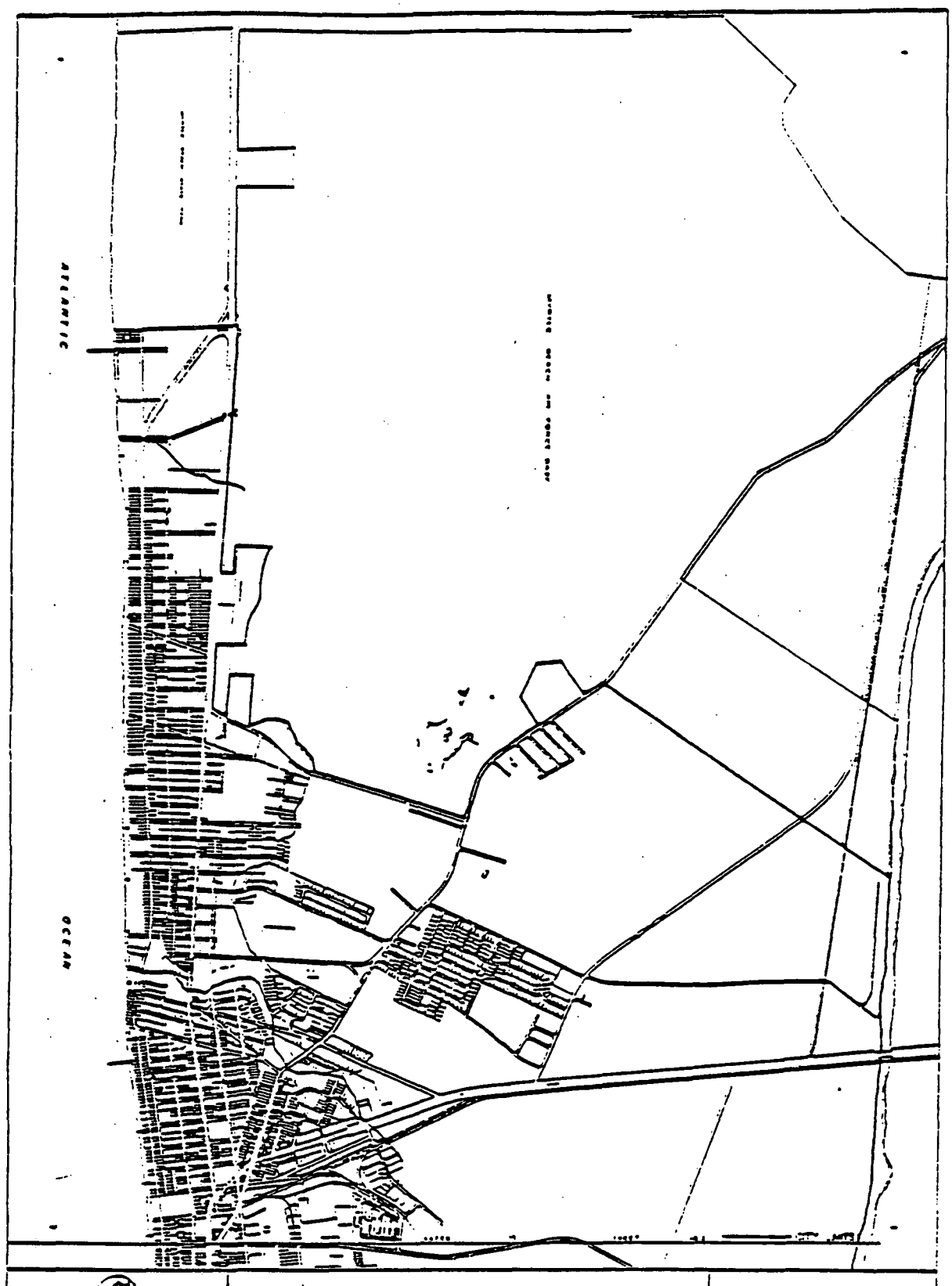

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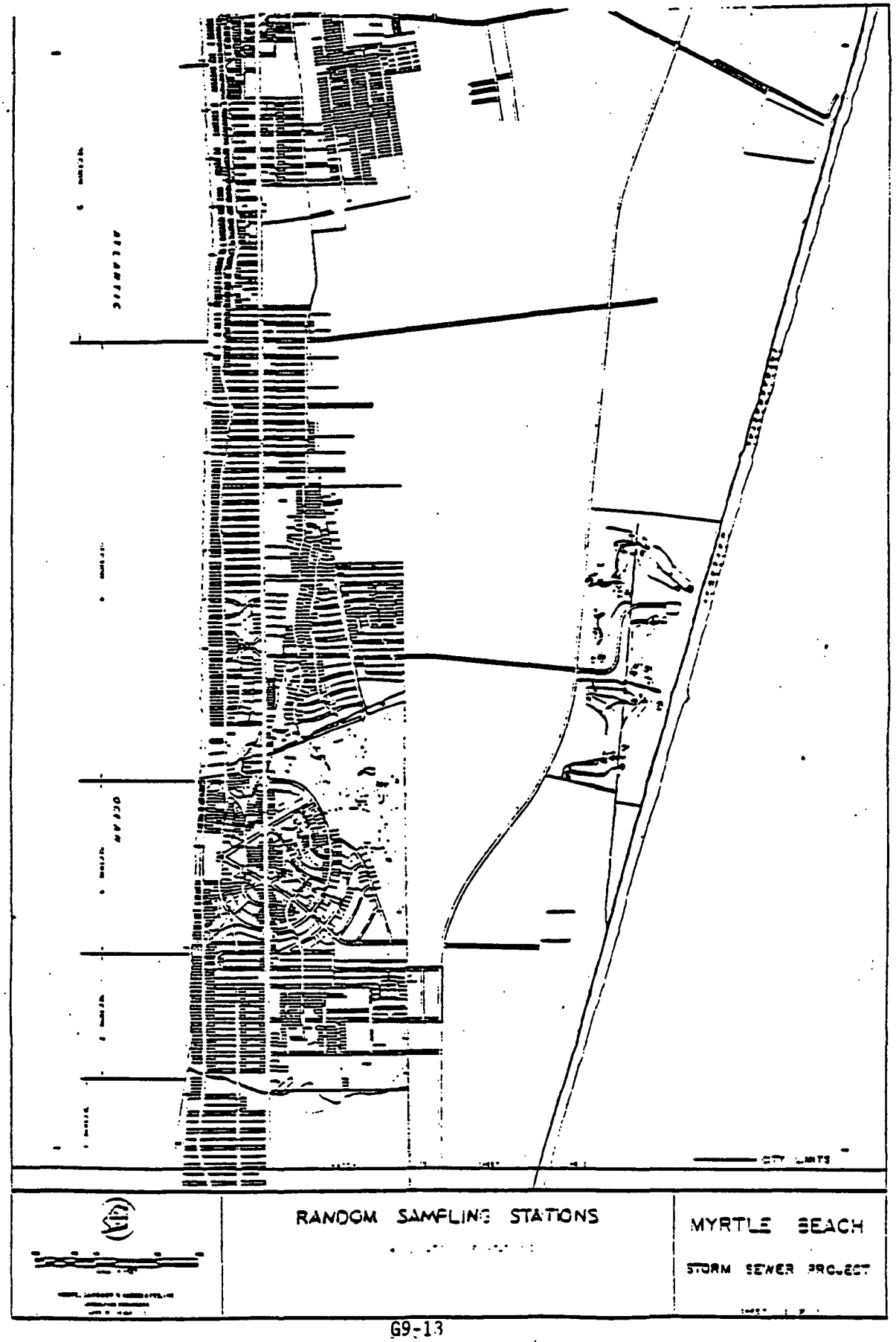
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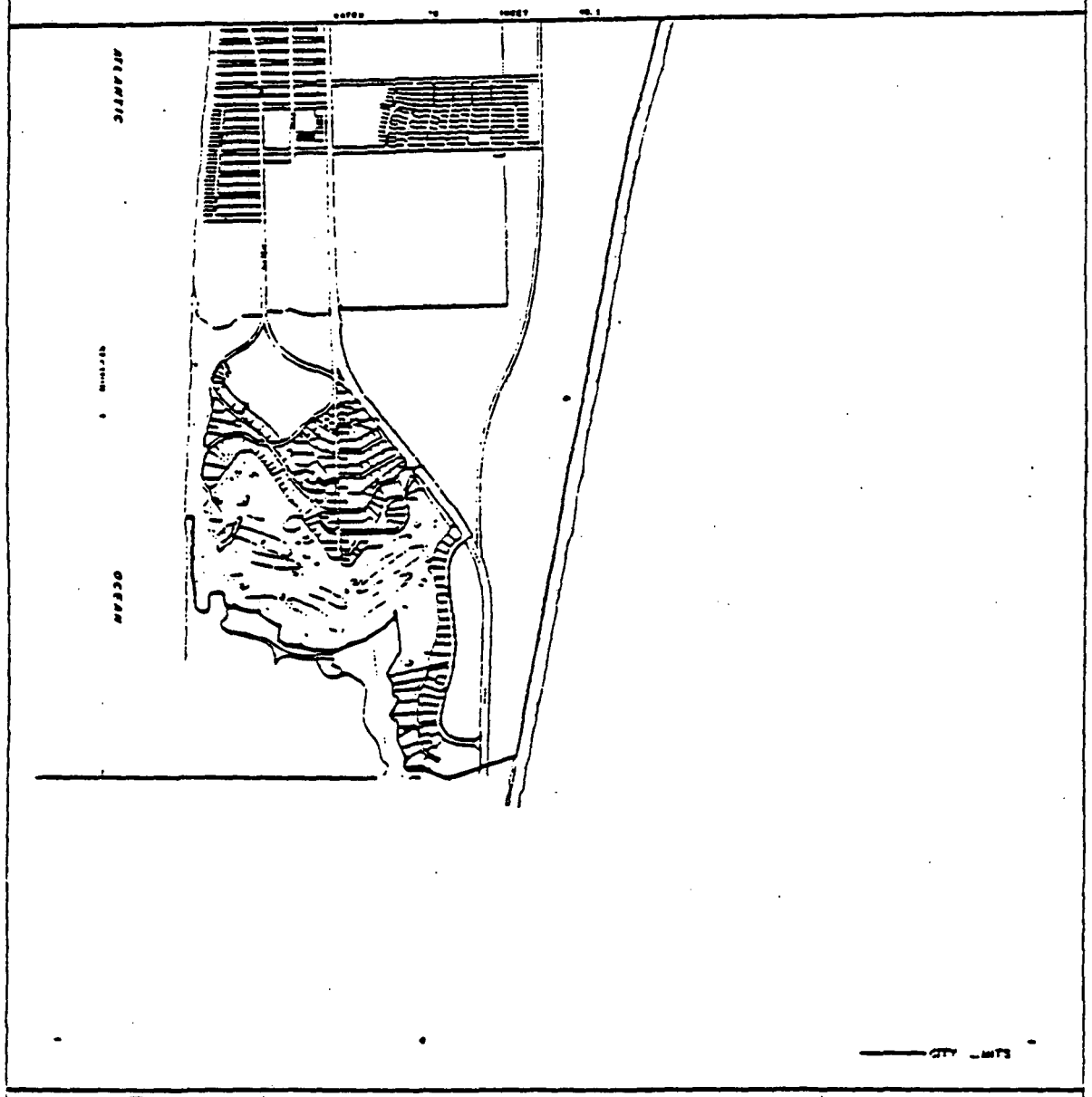

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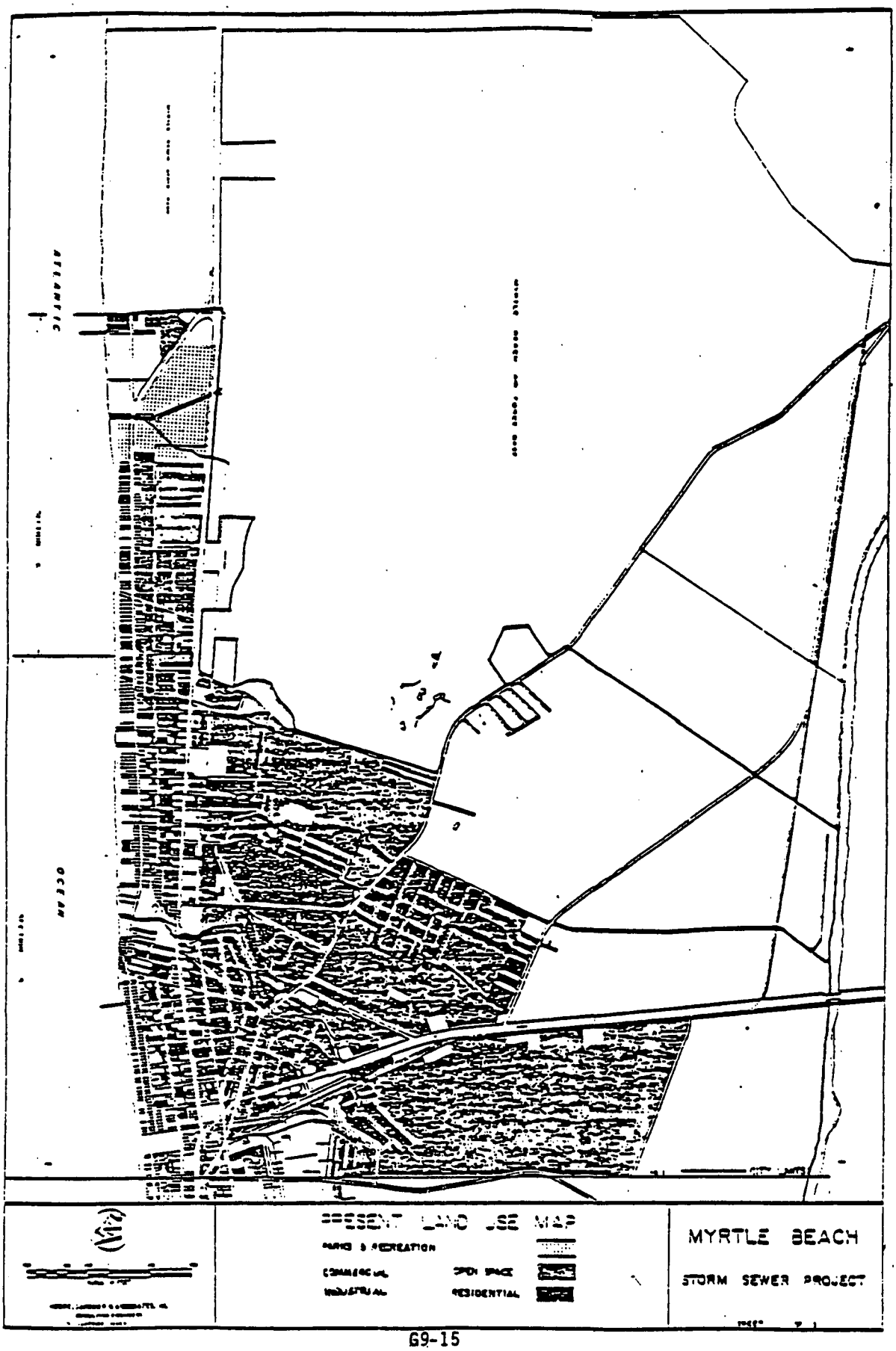
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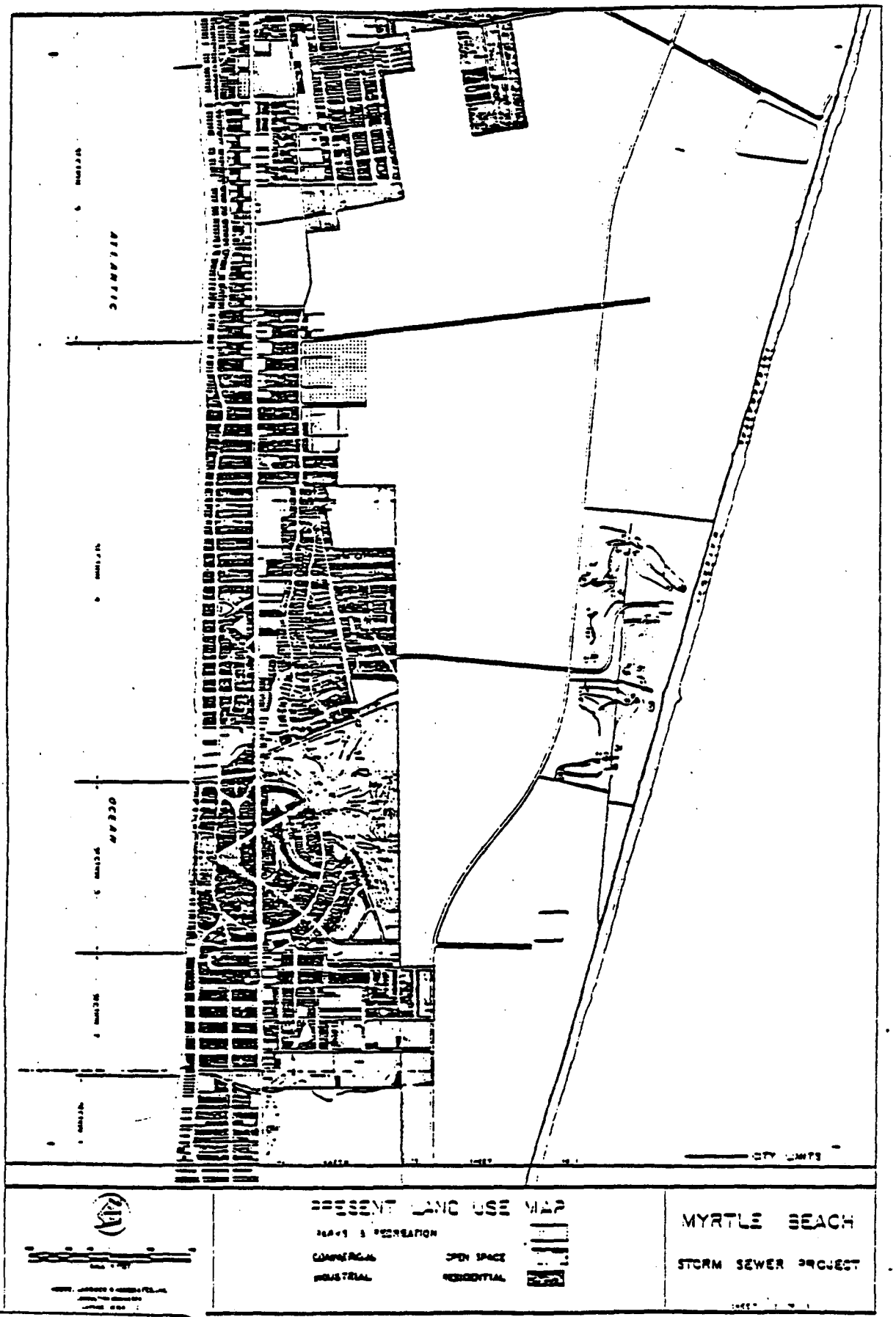

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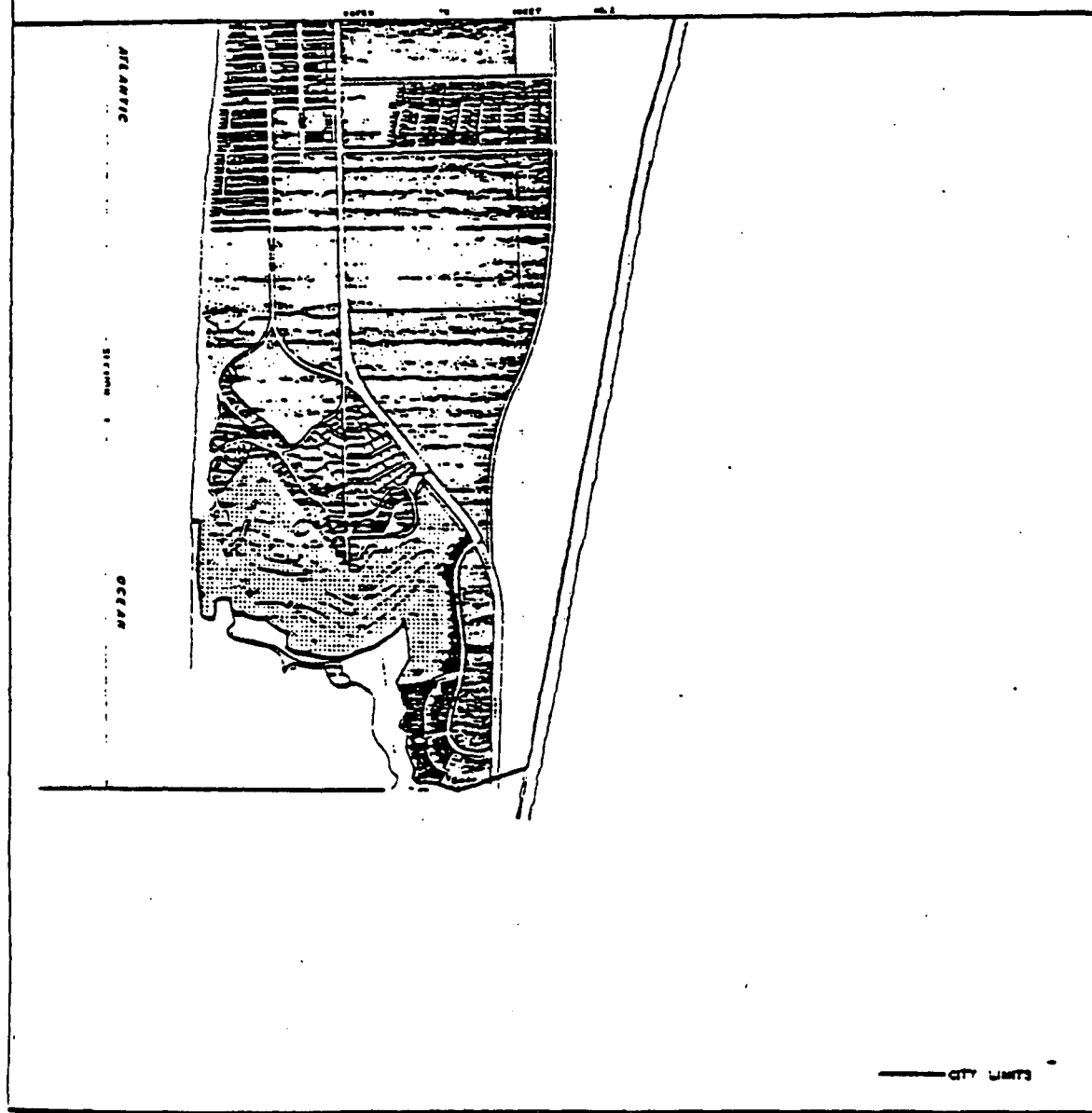

PRESENT LAND USE MAP

PARKS & RECREATION
COMMERCIAL
INDUSTRIAL
OPEN SPACE
RESIDENTIAL

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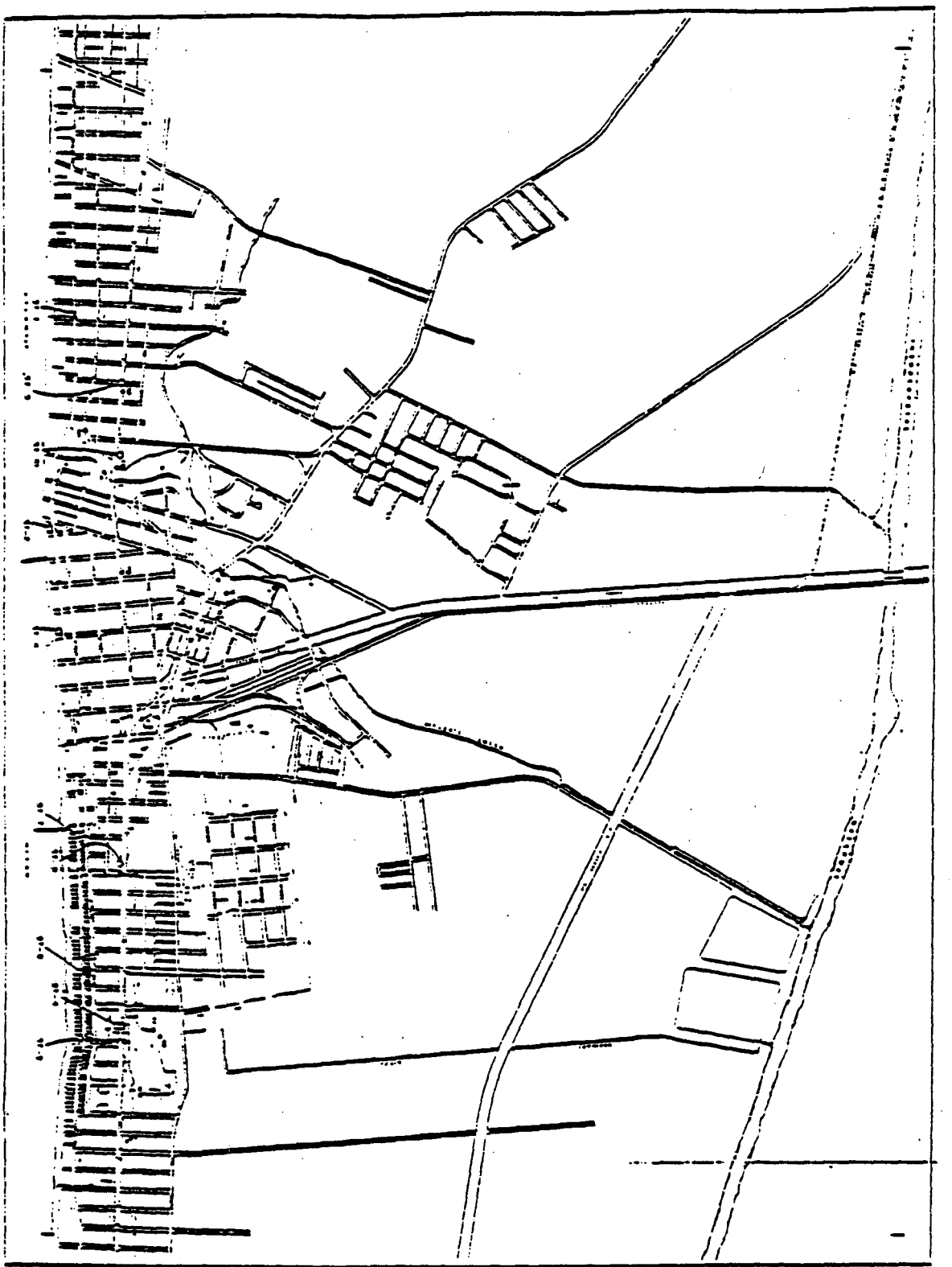

STREET AND SOURCE SAMPLING LOCATIONS

SOURCE SAMPLE LOCATION

ST- STREET SAMPLE LOCATION

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STORMWATER STUDY

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NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

WINSTON-SALEM, NC

REGION IV, EPA

INTRODUCTION

In North Carolina, the industries and overall population are relatively dispersed. Consequently, water pollution effects characteristic of large urban cities in other parts of the nation are not pronounced. Only 37.3 percent of North Carolina's 1970 population of 5,082,059 lived in standard metropolitan statistical areas (SMSA's) Nationally, 68.5 percent of the population is centered in SMSA populations.

Seven SMSA's are designated in North Carolina: Asheville, Burlington, Charlotte-Gastonia, Fayetteville, Greensboro-Winston-Salem-High Point, Raleigh-Durham, and Wilmington.

The Piedmont, where 54.1 percent of the population is in urban areas, is the most urbanized region in the State.

A large portion of the state's urban population is located in a string of cities from Gastonia and Charlotte, through Greensboro to Raleigh. Similarly, a large portion of the manufacturing industry is concentrated in this area termed the "Piedmont Crescent." The Cresent is a dispersed urban region; no single city dominates. The development of this clustered cresent was originally influenced by a railroad line and has since been reinforced by the construction of Interstate 85. Three district clusters make up the Crescent: the Metrolina area (centered in Charlotte), the Triad (Greensboro-Winston-Salem-High Point), and the Research Triangle (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill).

In North Carolina, several studies have been carried out to determine the magnitude of water quality problems associated with urban runoff. Many of these studies were conducted in the urbanized Piedmont Crescent. The results of the studies showed that the Central Business District and other commercial land use areas were found to generate the highest pollutant loadings for most of the pollutant parameters monitored. Additionally, work conducted by the Division of Environmental Management found urban streams in Asheville to be severely biologically degraded.

The Winston-Salem area was designated by DEM as a priority area in the first phase of statewide 208 planning process, due to the concentration of urban and industrial activities. Additional significance in choosing Winston-Salem as a study area lies in the fact that the city is the first major urban center (fourth largest city in NC) below the headwaters of the Yadkin River. Runoff from from almost all of this urban area is received ultimately by the Yadkin River, the major potable surface water supply for many communities downstream.

In conjunction with the Forsyth County Environmental Affairs Department, sampling in Winston-Salem was initiated in January, 1978, to examine the water quality impacts of both Central Business District (CBD) and residential land uses. Each stream station was sampled during low flow and several during stormflow conditions for nutrients, heavy metals, dissolved oxygen, BOD, and fecal coliforms. Biological sampling was also conducted on a quarterly basis in Tar Branch, the stream the Central Business District discharges into.

The results of this study were consistent with earlier studies. That is, concentrations of most pollutants were higher in the Central Business District during the period sampled.

In addition to monitoring for physical/chemical parameters, biological sampling was conducted which showed the urban streams to have "poor water quality conditions."

The urban stormwater section of the North Carolina Water Quality Management Plan identified various techniques that could be used to reduce urban runoff pollution. The purpose of the Winston-Salem urban runoff project was to evaluate some of the techniques mentioned in this plan under a variety of real world conditions.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

A. Area

The Winston-Salem NURP project encompasses several jurisdictions including Forsyth County and the city of Winston-Salem.

Located in north central North Carolina in the middle Piedmont Plateau, Forsyth County is characterized by a foothill terrain. Elevations range from a low of about 700 feet along the Yadkin River to points of about 1100 feet along the divide between the Dan-Roanoke Basin and the Yadkin River Basin, with an average elevation of about 870 feet.

The soils of the county are extremely varied and highly intermingled. The soils present a wide range of percolation characteristics, depth to water table, depth to bedrock, erodability, and other factors.

The quality of the groundwater for Forsyth County is good and the mineral content is low. The dissolved solids content ranges from about 30 to 160 mg/l, but is generally between 50 and 100 mg/l.

Winston-Salem is the major urban area in Forsyth County and is located in the central part of the county. The city has a total land area of 61.6 square miles.

Approximately 81% of the land area in Winston-Salem is in residential and related uses. Industry accounts for about 7% of the area. Commercial use accounts for another 7%, and the remaining 5% is in vacant lots.

The average annual temperature is 50.5°F, with an average monthly temperature of 41°F in December to 78°F in July. Precipitation averages about 44.2 inches per year.

Summer rainfall is characterized by thunderstorms with occasional hail. Winter rainfall results mainly from low-pressure storms and is less variable than summer rainfall. The total snowfall in Forsyth County every winter ranges from one inch to two feet with an average total amount of nine inches.

B. Population

The 1978 population estimate for Forsyth County is 233,600. Future projections done in 1976 were 238,200 by 1980 and 260,900 by 1990.

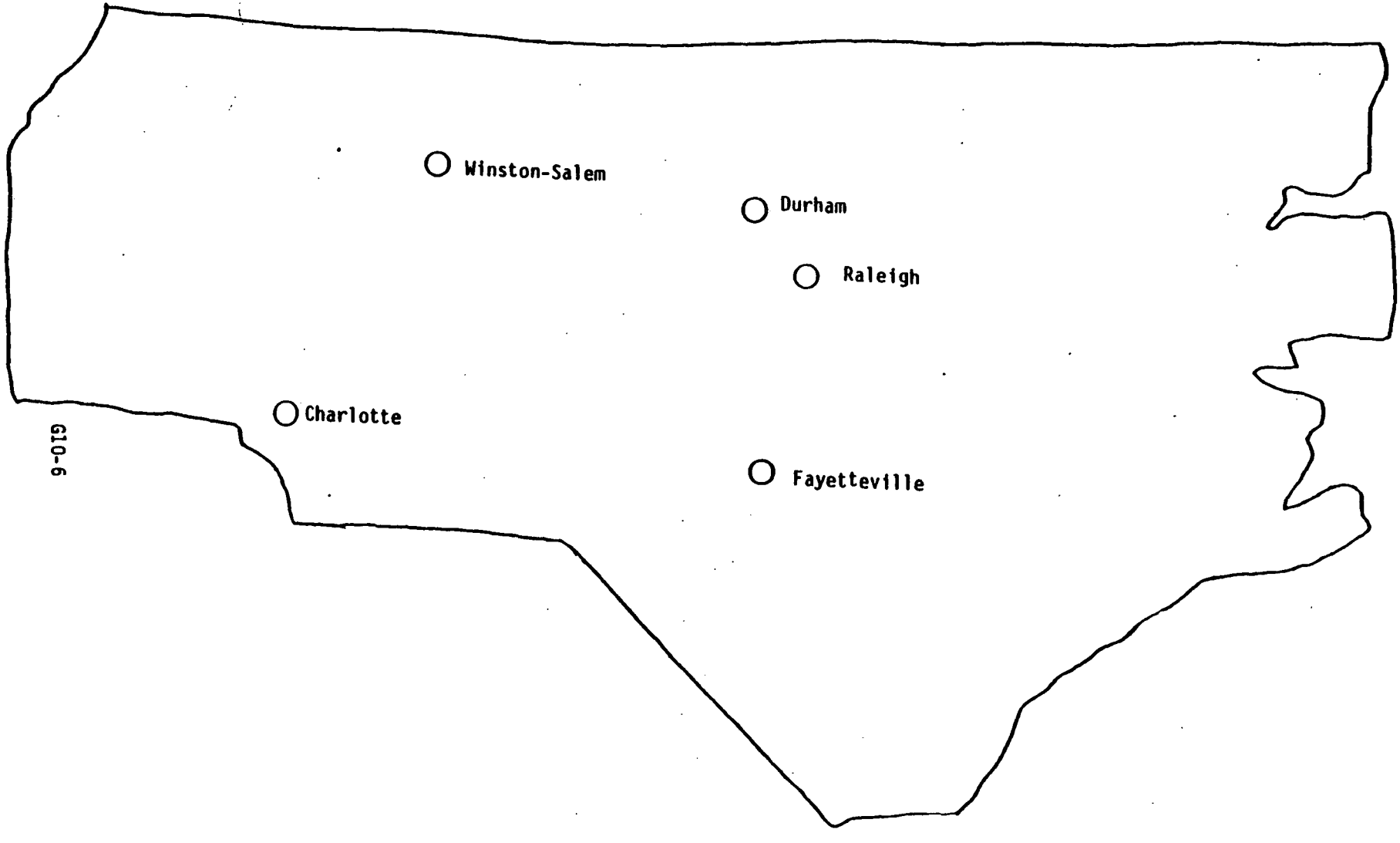
C. Drainage

Drainage patterns in Forsyth County follow three main directions. A very small fraction flows eastward and is received by the Cape Fear River. Approximately 22% of the county's drainage flows north and is contained within the Dan-Roanoke River basin. Southwestward flow into the Yadkin River accounts for approximately 78% of the drainage.

The Yadkin River is located on the western boundary of the county. The two major tributaries flowing into the Yadkin River from Forsyth County are Abbott's Creek (drainage 25.3 square miles in Forsyth County), and Muddy Creek (drainage 159.2 square miles in Forsyth County). The Muddy Creek basin drains a major portion of urban Forsyth County, including all of Winston-Salem, portions of the municipalities of Kernersville and Rural Hall, and portions of the unincorporated communities of Walkertown and Clemmons. Muddy Creek tributaries and their drainage areas from north to south include Mill Creek (32.2 square miles), Silas Creek and Little Creek (18.9 square miles,) Salem Lake and Salem Creek (69.6 square miles), and the Forsyth County portion of South Fork Creek (36.8 square miles). The Abbott's Creek watershed drains southward into High Rock Lake. The remaining of the county is westard directly into the Yadkin River, eastward into the Haw and Deep Rivers, and northeastward into the Dan-Roanoke River Basin. These drainage areas are shown in Figure 111.A.

D. Sewerage System

The entire area of Winston-Salem is served by separate storm sewers.



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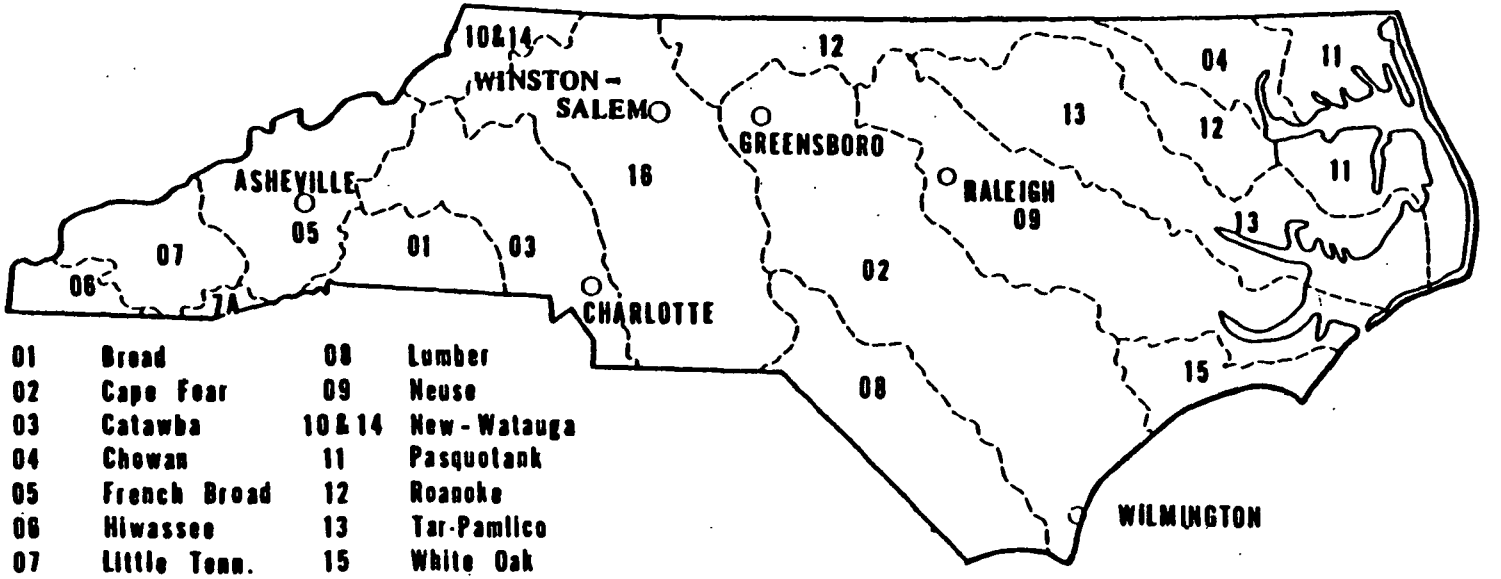

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05	French Broad	12	Roanoke
06	Hiwassee	13	Tar-Pamlico
07	Little Tenn.	15	White Oak
07A	Savannah	16	Yadkin-Pee Dee

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PROJECT AREA

I. Catchment Name - NC 1023 Ardmore

A. Area - 324 acres.

B. Population - 1846 persons.

C. Drainage - Burke Branch is a tributary draining the Ardmore residential district.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of catchment is 97.7% separate storm sewers. 2.3% is served by on-site systems. All of the separate storm sewered area has curbs and gutters. Streets consist of 26 miles of asphalt.

E. Land Use

38.9 acres (12%) Urban Parkland.

5.73 acres (2%) is Light Industrial.

6.28 acres (2%) is Linear Strip Development.

.95 acres (< 1%) is 78 dwelling units per acre residential.

269.36 (83%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre.

II. Catchment Name - NC 1013 Central Business District

A. Area - 22.7 acres.

B. Population - 0 persons.

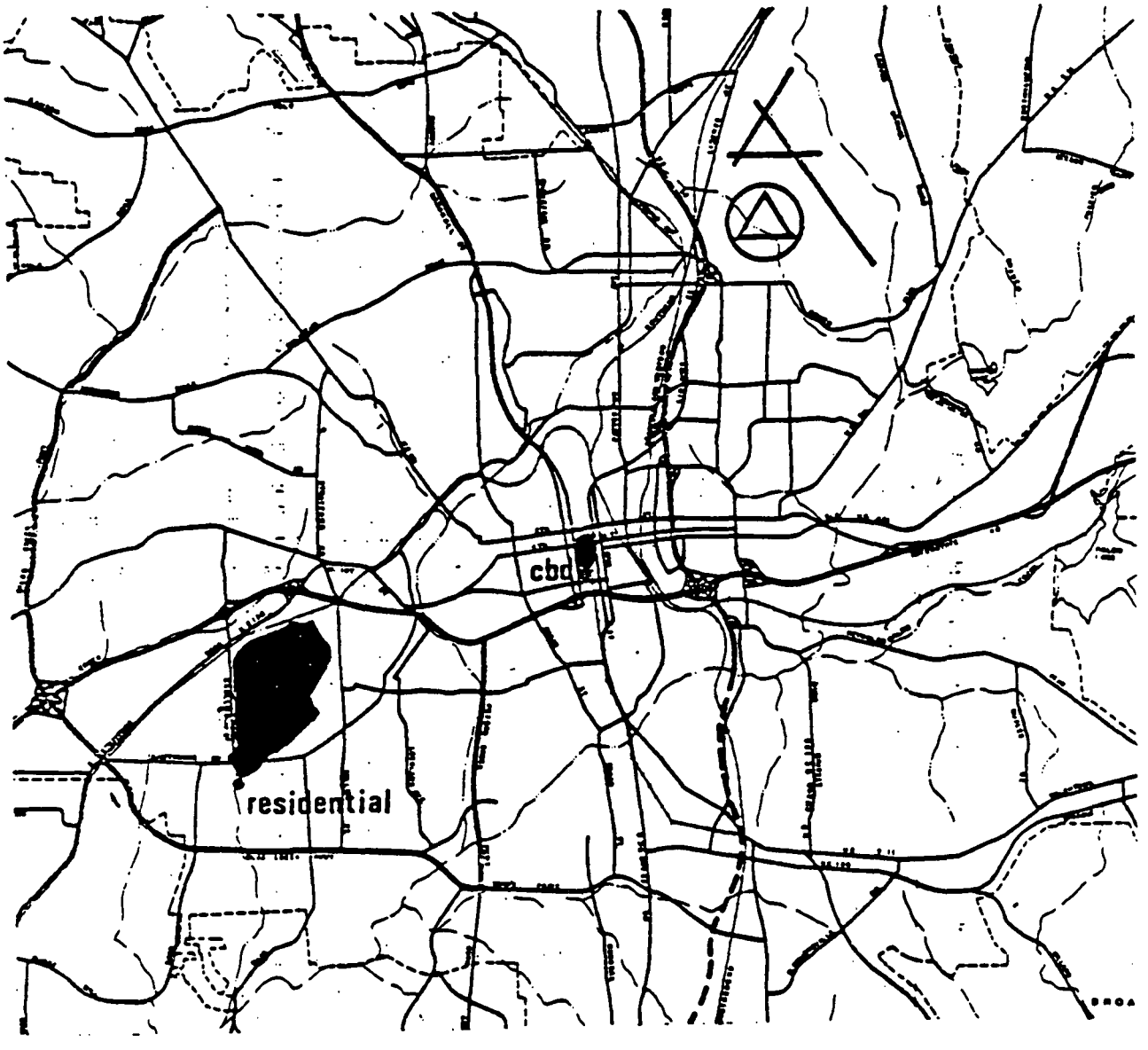
C. Drainage - Site is a storm sewer draining into Tar Branch Tributary to Muddy Creek.

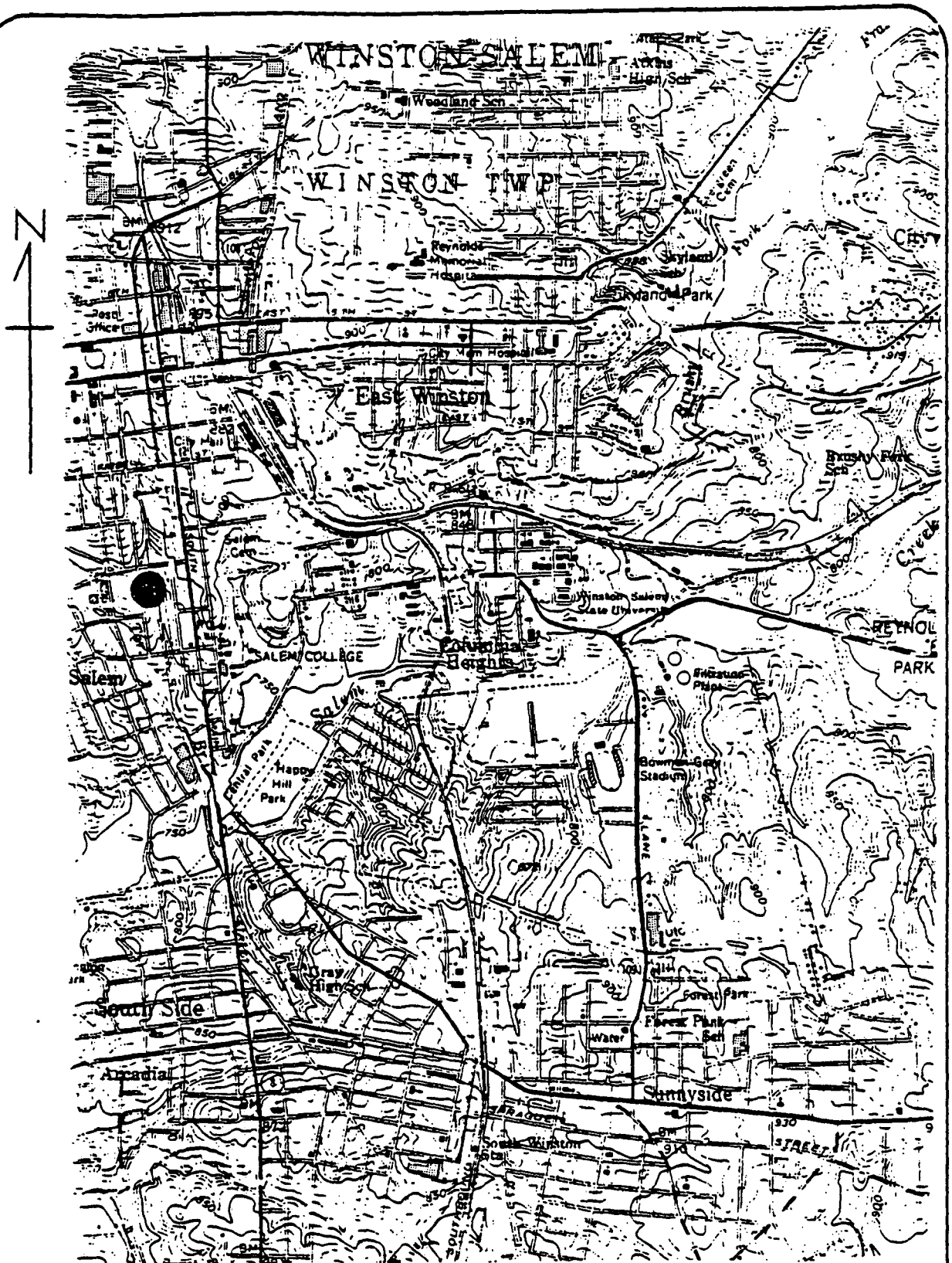
D. Sewerage - Drainage area of catchment is 100% separate storm sewers. All of the separate storm sewered area has curbs and gutters. Streets consist of 3.68 miles of asphalt.

E. Land Use

22.7 acres (100%) is Central Business District

LOCATION OF WATERSHEDS TO BE MONITORED





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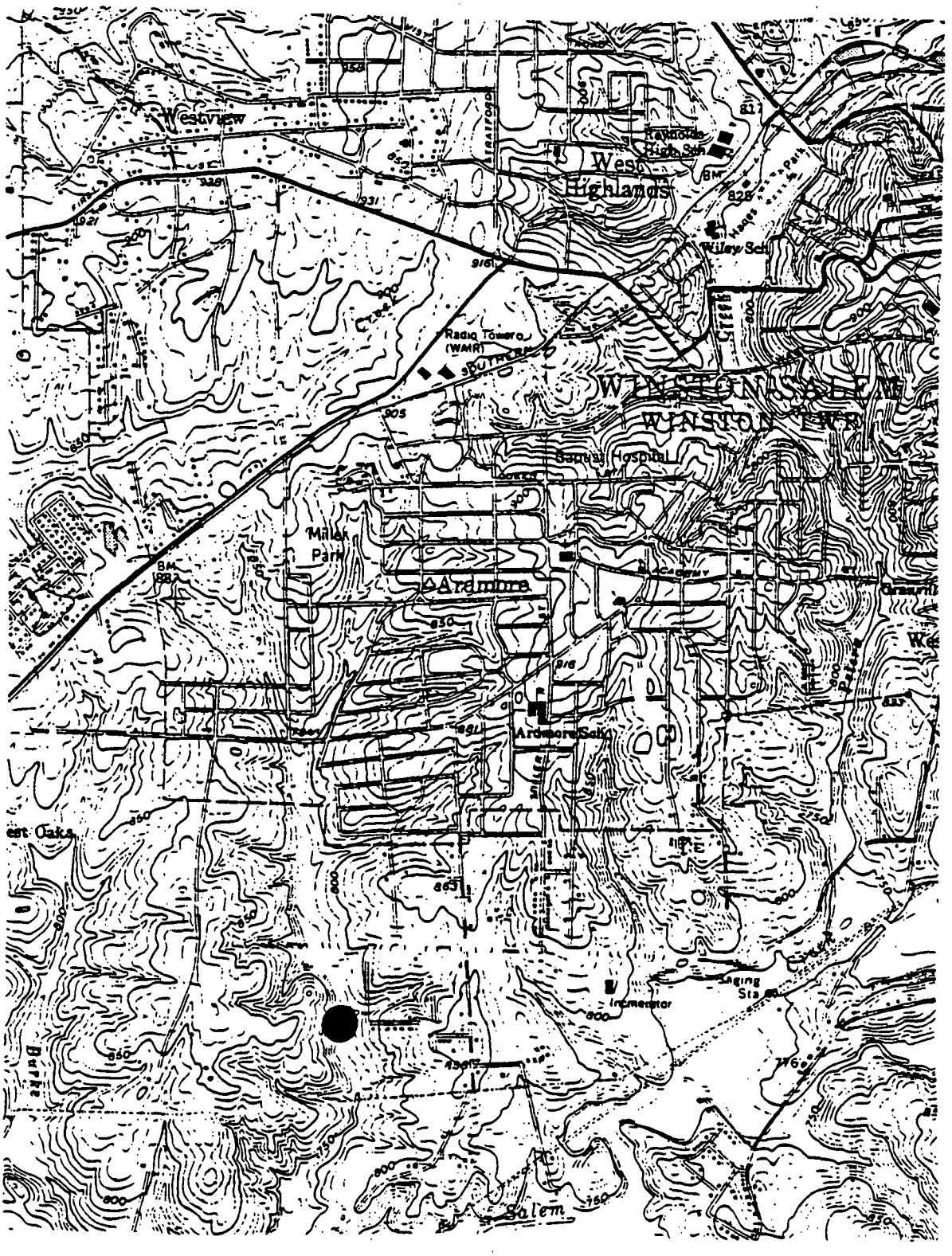
Winston-Salem, N.C.
Central Business District Site



Winston-Salem, N.C.
Ardmore Residential Site

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Major Objective

The primary objective of the Winston-Salem NURP project is to evaluate street-related, non-structural practices for relative pollutant removal cost and effectiveness potentials under a variety of real world conditions. Street cleaning and catch-basin cleaning activities in already developed urban areas were evaluated. Tymco Regenerative Air Sweepers and various cleaning frequencies were investigated in small-scale field tests and large-scale program tests in selected watershed. Small-scale tests included determination of accumulation rates of street surface solids by weight and particle size distributions and associated, attached contaminants.

Larger scale programmatic tests included cost determinations, as well as benefits to water quality, leading to the development of an optimal cost-effective program.

Determination of the seasonal atmospheric fallout contribution which can accumulate on streets and other impervious surfaces and subsequently be washed off and a determination of the pollutant contributions washed out of the atmosphere by precipitation were made.

The watersheds monitored are representative of about 88% of the land area of Winston-Salem, and a large percentage of most urban areas in North Carolina. The CBD watershed was studied because of the associated high concentration of pollutants and potential efficiency of management for this type of land use. The residential area, although having relatively lower pollutant concentration in runoff accounts for a large majority of the city area and thus a large overall pollution potential.

B. Methodologies

The full scale tests of Best Management Practices was divided into four subtasks. These four subtasks included 1) accumulation rate determinations 2) pollutant/particle size determinations, 3) street cleaning equipment performance determinations, and 4) catch basin cleaning performance determinations. Each of these tasks were necessary to accomplish the main objective of the study.

1. Accumulation Rate Determinations

A knowledge of the accumulation rates of solids on street surfaces and surrounding impervious surfaces is important in determining the amounts of associated pollutants that accumulate on these surfaces. Past studies had shown that accumulation rates vary widely between areas due to street surface characteristics, land use patterns, traffic conditions and other local factors.

Solids accumulations within each watershed were studied by collecting representative samples from the streets and sidewalks. An experimental design was carried out in each watershed to determine the number of subsamples needed to statistically represent the variation found in the watershed. Due to cost constraints however, only 50 strips were chosen randomly throughout the watershed. This number is less than the number needed to adequately represent the variation.

The experimental design study was carried out in each season, in both watersheds, to determine the required number of subsamples for a representative watershed sample.

Accumulated solids on strips of street were then collected with a small-scale, hand-held, vacuum cleaner capable of removing and retaining particles as small as five microns.

Watershed accumulation studies were carried out in essentially the same manner as the experimental design studies. The exception was that larger capacity vacuum cleaners were used in the full scale tests to accomodate the collection and retention of the larger watershed representative "sample". Solids accumulation within each watershed was determined by taking weekly samples within each watershed for a period of 12 months.

Collected solids in each sample were analyzed for wet and dry weight, particle size distribution and median paticle size class based on the weight fractions of size classes. All particle size fractions were retained for each watershed. Size fractions from each weekly sample were composited on a monthly basis by watershed and analyzed for several pollutants.

Because of the possibility of across the street variation in solids loading on streets and sidewalks, seasonal studies were carried out to evaluate this possiblity. Street lengths of 10 feet considered to be representative of the test areas were chosen. A number of pavement strips of dfferent width were vacuumed, solids collected, removed, and retained for particle sizing and pollutant analysis.

2. Pollutant/Particle Size Determinations

Many of the accumulation rate determination studies have associated particle sizing of solids collected, and pollutant analyses for each separated particle size class. These pollutant analyses are important in determining the relationship between particle size and associated pollutants and in drawing conclusions from these analyses.

The weekly samples collected in the watershed accumulation studies were separated into particle size fractions which were weighed and retained. These size fractions from weekly samples were composited by size class on a monthly basis. The composited, monthly size fractions were analyzed for eight pollutants of interest.

3. Street Cleaning Equipment Performance Determinations

Vacuum cleaners were investigated under a variety of real-world operating conditions to determine the pounds of solids removed per curb-mile and the particle size distributions in samples taken from street surface tests strips before and after cleaning operations.

Particle size determinations provided for estimates of associated pollutants removed based on information determined in the pollutant/particle size association studies. Calculations were also made to determine the median particle size in each of the samples to allow for determinations of equipment performances to be made as a function of particle size.

4. Catch-Basin Cleaning Performance

The purpose of this subtask was to determine the accumulation rates of solids in test catch basin structures. Three test structures were chosen to represent different siting positions. The pollution abatement potential of cleaning these structures at various intervals was investigated. Accumulation periods of two weeks, one month, and two months were studied.

Practice effectiveness was evaluated for different accumulation periods by determining dry weight amounts (pounds) of solids removed per structure cleaned. Representative solid samples were removed from the catch/basins being studied after cleaning.

Precipitation events and other activities influencing accumulation were closely documented.

Water quality samples were taken at the two selected watersheds before and after implementation of the BMP's. Total loads washed off and concentrations were compared to before and after BMP implementation as well as to water quality standards promulgated by the state of North Carolina.

Two sites were also constructed in the Central Business District to supply source input for background deposition, and street and curb deposition from atmospheric sources.

C. Monitoring

Automatic samples were taken at both monitoring locations. ISCO model 1870 flow meters and ISCO model 1680 high speed sequential samplers were used. Discrete samples were taken at both sites.

Aerochemetrics Model 301 wetfall/dryfall samplers were used to collect the atmospheric deposition samples. Wetfall samples were collected on an event basis. Dryfall samplers were collected on a monthly basis.

D. Controls

As described in the Methodologies section, both street sweeping practices and catch-basin cleaning practices were evaluated. The methods used for these evaluations are described in Section B.

PROBLEM

A. Local Definition

Several studies have been conducted in North Carolina to determine the extent of degradation of urban streams. These studies in Durham, Raleigh, Asheville, and Winston-Salem have shown that, under present conditions, almost all urban streams will be unable to meet the 1983 water quality goals.

Many of these studies were conducted in the urbanized Piedmont Crescent. The results of the studies showed that the Central Business District and other commercial land use areas were found to generate the highest pollutant loadings for most of the pollutant parameters monitored. Significantly high concentrations of nutrients and heavy metals, notably phosphorus and lead, respectively were observed. Additionally, work conducted by the North Carolina Division of Environmental Management (DEM) in conjunction with the Land of Sky Regional Council of Governments found urban streams in Asheville to be severely biologically degraded.

The Winston-Salem area was designated by DEM as a priority area in the first phase of the statewide 208 planning process, due to the concentration of urban and industrial activities. Additional significance in choosing Winston-Salem as a study area lies in the fact that the city is the first major urban center below the headwaters of the Yadkin River. Runoff from almost all of this urban area is received ultimately by the Yadkin River, the major potable surface water supply for many communities downstream.

In conjunction with the Forsyth County Environmental Affairs Department, sampling was initiated in January 1978 to examine the water quality impacts of both Central Business District (CBD) and residential land uses. Each stream station was sampled during low flow and several during stormflow conditions for nutrients, heavy metals, dissolved oxygen, BOD and fecal coliforms. Biological sampling was also conducted on a quarterly basis in Tar Branch, the stream the Central Business District discharges into. The data from these studies showed distinct differences in pollutant concentrations from the residential areas and the CBD for several parameters. Concentrations of most pollutants were higher in the CBD during the period sampled.

The monitoring also showed that some water quality problems also exist during dry weather (low flow) conditions. During high flow conditions, concentrations exceeding proposed North Carolina standards were demonstrated for lead, mercury, iron, and fecal coliform bacteria. Elevated levels associated with high flows, but not exceeding proposed standards were shown for zinc, several nutrient parameters, BOD_5 and COD. However, high concentrations of several of the heavy metals, particularly mercury, were found during low flow conditions. High fecal coliform concentrations were also found during low flow conditions.

In addition to the monitoring for physical/chemical parameters, biological sampling was conducted which showed the urban streams to have "poor water quality conditions".

The urban stormwater section of the North Carolina Water Quality Management Plan identified various techniques that possibly could be used to reduce urban runoff pollution. These techniques include both structural and non-structural practices. The objective of the Winston-Salem study is to evaluate some of the non-structrual techniques for relative pollutant removal effectiveness potentials under a variety of real world conditions.

B. Local Perception

The "North Carolina Stormwater Manager" is a publication put out bi-monthly by the Water Resources Research Intstitute at North Carolina State University. The purpose of the newsletter is to help consultants, city engineers and public works directors in North Carolina who are concerned with stormwater management communicate with each other. The state has always been a leader in the field of stormwater management.

Because of the local interest in environmental problems, Forsyth County formed an Environmental Affairs Board in 1976. The purpose of the board is to encourage the wise and beneficial use of the natural environment and minimize the adverse effects of environmental contaminants on human health. The Forsyth County Environmental Affairs Board has played a very active part in the Winston-Salem NURP project.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

TAMPA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

TAMPA, FLORIDA

REGION IV, EPA

INTRODUCTION

The City of Tampa Department of Public Works is charged with solving the, at times, conflicting problems of urban flood control and runoff generated water quality deterioration. Large portions of Tampa have been developed with little, if any, drainage provisions and the consequent flooding is of primary concern to the citizens. At the same time, urban runoff has been identified as a significant source of pollution to several important local water bodies (the Hillsborough River including a reservoir, and portions of Hillsborough Bay). The areawide Water Quality Management Plan recently completed by the Tampa Bay RPC classified all land areas within the City limits as segments with serious water quality problems. The Florida Department of Environmental Regulation (DER) has designated all stream segments within the Tampa Bay Region as water quality limited, i.e., point source treatment is expected to be insufficient to achieve acceptable water quality and thus nonpoint sources must be considered a significant portion of the problem. The DER also recently enacted stormwater runoff permitting rules which call for a reduction of pollution to comply with water quality standards.

To help find a solution to all of these problems, the Tampa Department of Public Works is participating in the Nationwide Urban Runoff Program. Tampa DPW hopes to use the data collected in the NURP program and develop a plan for the management of stormwater runoff in the Tampa area.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

A. Area

The City of Tampa lies at the northeast corner of Tampa Bay and partially encompasses the Hillsborough Bay System (Figure 1). Hillsborough Bay covers approximately sixty-five square miles and surrounded by a large metropolitan complex which supports extensive industrial activity and serves as a major shipping port. The Bay is highly eutrophic, and anoxic conditions have been reported. The city of Tampa is bisected by the Hillsborough River. The Bay and the River serve as the primary ultimate recipients of stormwater discharge. The Hillsborough River originates some 55 miles northeast of Tampa in the Green Swamp.

Approximately ten miles from its mouth, the river has been dammed to create the Hillsborough River reservoir. The predominantly forested and agricultural (but increasingly urban) drainage basin above the dam is estimated at 630 square miles. Below the spillway, approximately sixty square miles of largely urban area drain into the river.

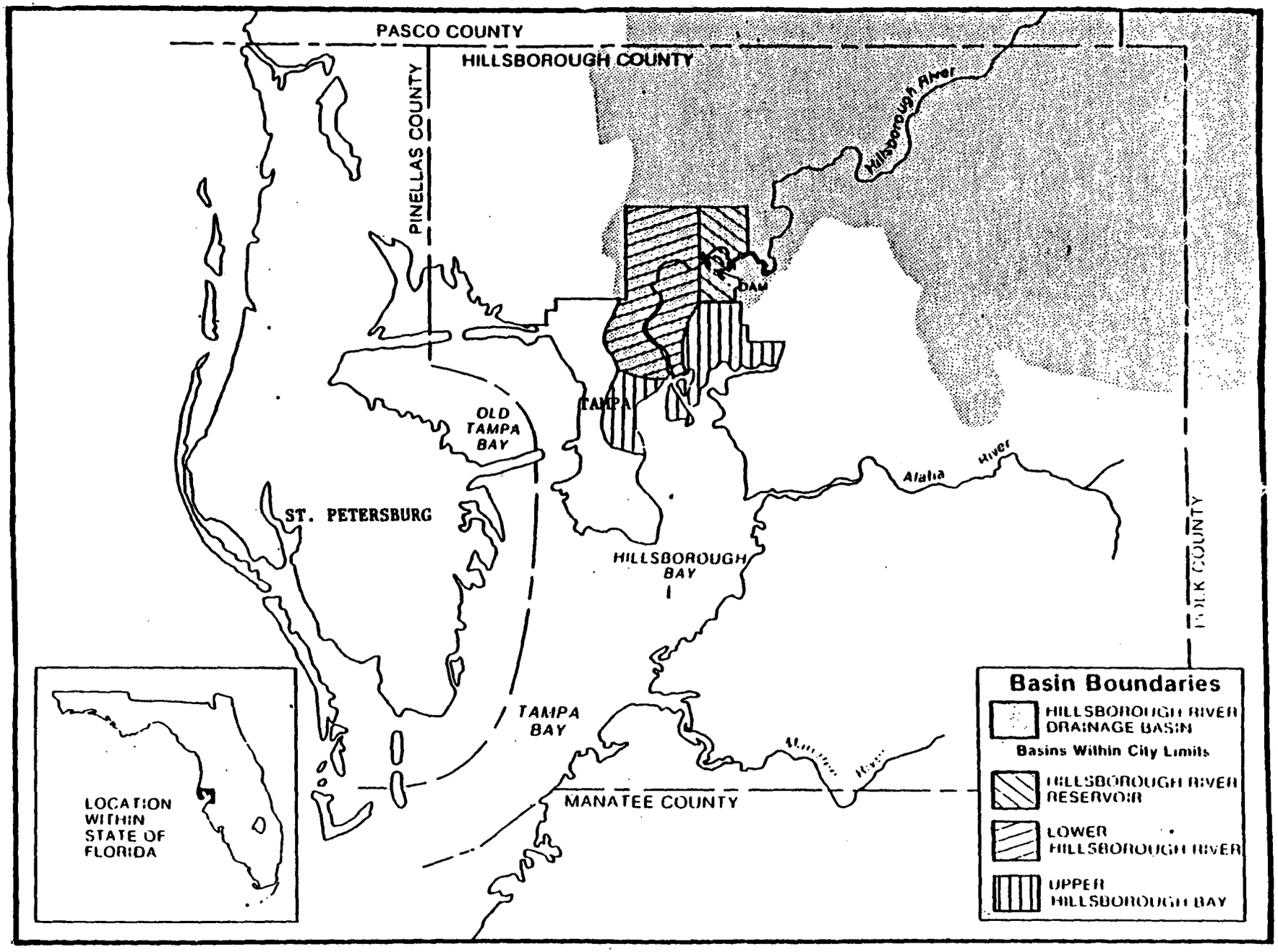
The Tampa Bay area is a humid sub-tropical area. Average annual rainfall is 48.9 inches, 60% of which falls between June and September (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration). The rainfall is associated with seasonal thunderstorms and frontal activity.

Easterly winds prevail during the summer and northerly winds during the winter. Mean monthly temperatures range from 16.2°C (61.2°F) in January to 27.8°C (82°F) in August.

Tampa exhibits flat to gently undulating terrain, typically characteristic of the Gulf Coastal Lowlands in which it is included. Elevations range from sea level along Hillsborough and Tampa Bay, to 87 feet above mean sea level (MSL) in the extreme northeastern parts of the City. The remnants of three shorelines and four marine terraces, attributed to the rise and fall of the sea during the periods of continental glaciation, have been identified.

A close examination of a topographic map of the City reveals that the majority of the City is less than 25 feet above mean sea level (MSL). This low coastal area, which originates at the Bay margin, varies considerably in configuration and is extremely susceptible to adverse weather conditions, specifically, high tides and tropical storms. Historical evidence confirms the assumption that a significant portion of the City is subject to frequent and recurrent flooding due to adverse weather conditions, low and flat topography, and a lack of drainage facilities.

Flooding is a serious natural hazard that should be avoided. Because Florida is prone to periods of drought or long periods of less than average rainfall, many areas which are subject to flooding appear to be high and dry. Especially deceptive to many people is the extent of the floodplain associated with tropical storms. The low-lying areas surrounding the Bay are extremely attractive for residential neighborhoods, and consequently, are well developed. Since the last major hurricane (1960), extensive development in the coastal floodplain has occured. Realistically, the next hurricane can inflict massive and catastrophic damages upon the low-lying areas within the City.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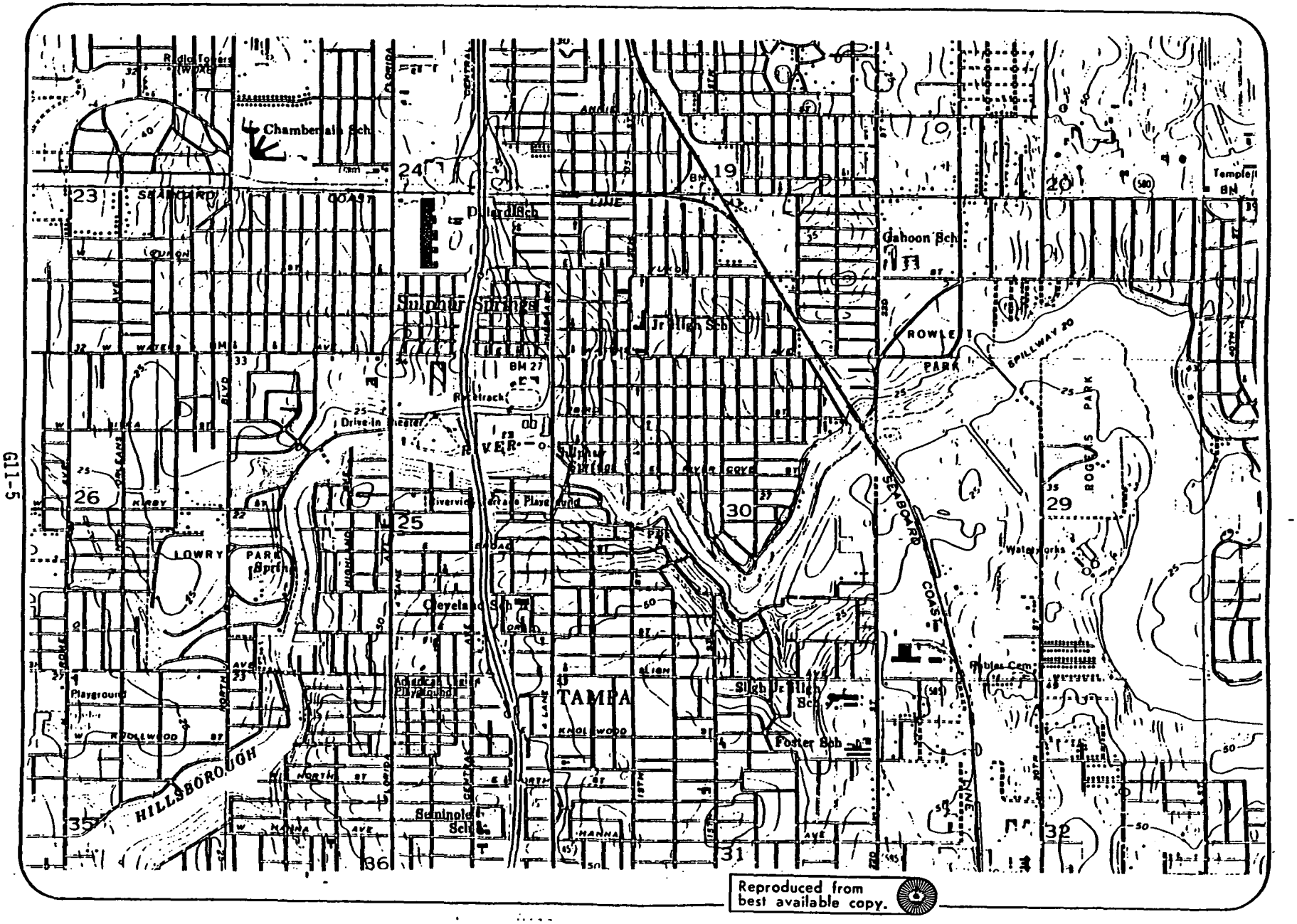

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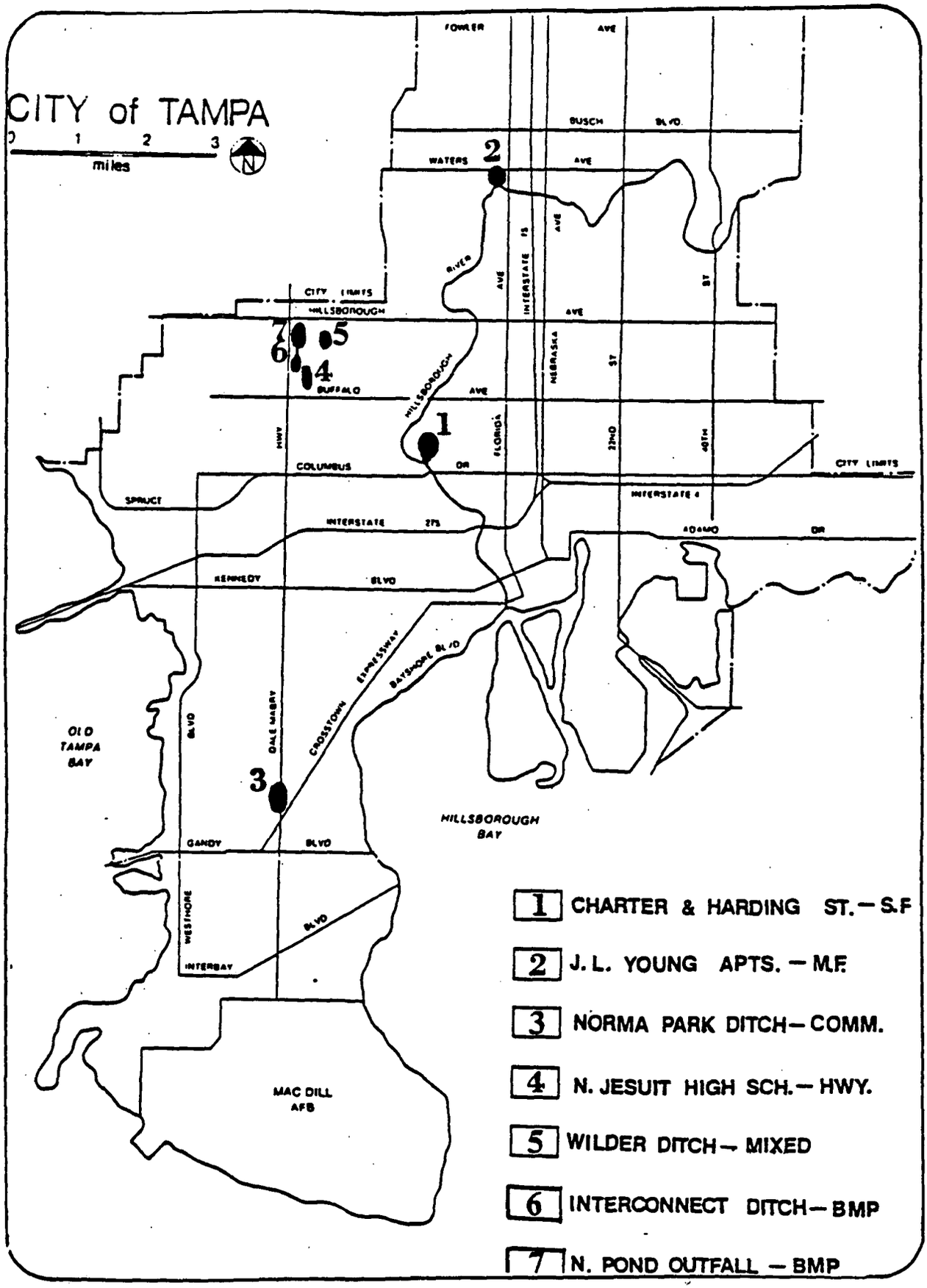
FIGURE 2 - TAMPA NURP PROJECT MONITORING SITES.



Beyond the low-lying areas subject to flooding, extensive areas within the City are representative of karst topography. Evidenced primarily in the northern extent of the City, karst topography is characterized by springs, disappearing streams, depressions, water-filled depressions, subterranean cavities, and sinkholes.

Tampa may be considered as being almost entirely developed, with few large tracts of open land remaining. This state of development is significant in that the development process has altered existing vegetation patterns, drainage, soils and groundwater characteristics. For example, development of roads, sidewalks, and roof tops increases the amount of water that "runs off" a site; this extra runoff, above the natural rate, necessitates the construction of a storm sewer system. This modification of drainage, from a natural to an artificial urban stystem, is essentially complete within the City although construction of storm sewer systems is not yet complete.

Within the incorporated city limits of Tampa, a relatively small amount of land remains vacant for development. The majority of vacant land exists near MacDill Air Force Base and south of Tampa Airport -- undeveloped land is also available around McKay Bay and on Seddon Island.

Industrial land uses in the City are heavily concentrated in the areas around the port facilities, with the greatest percentage located along the north side of Adamo Drive from the Palm River area on the east to 13th Street on the west. From this location, industrial usage extends southward to Hooker's Point. Another large concentration of industrial usage which exists apart from the port facilities is located just north of Busch Boulevard and east of 30th Street. This area is the Tampa Industrial Park which includes the well-known tourist attraction, Busch Gardens. Smaller concentrations of industry exist at the Port of Tampa and west of Westshore Blvd. in the vicinity of the Westinghouse Plant.

Commercial development in Tampa has in many cases developed in the traditional strip commercial fashion along the length of major traffic arterials. The primary commercial strips are found on Hillsborough Avenue, Kennedy Boulevard, East Broadway, Busch Boulevard, Dale Mabry Highway, Armenia Avenue, Florida Avenue, and Nebraska Avenue.

The majority of land in the City is in residential usage, primarily single family, with multi-family the second largest category, but representative of a significantly smaller amount of acreage. Mobile home parks are a much smaller residential use in the City.

B. Population

The City of Tampa is located in west central Florida. The corporate limits encompass 84.45 square miles (8.12%) of Hillsborough County; approximately half of the total population of Hillsborough County resides within Tampa. Gross population density per square mile is 3,351; total population (1978) is 282,741. This figure represents a 4 percent increase since the 1970 Census. The minor population increase is not characteristic of the Tampa Bay region; compared to most other jurisdictions, Tampa's population is increasing at a very slow rate. The level of population concentration generally increases as one moves from the downtown Central Business District (CBD) to the corporate limits. As a result, large portions of the population are located in the North Tampa and Interbay areas.

C. Drainage

The City of Tampa is divided into three major drainage areas: the Hillsborough River, Hillsborough Bay, and Old Tampa Bay. Old Tampa Bay is not addressed at all in this study. (see map)

Hillsborough River

The Hillsborough River originates approximately 50 miles northeast of the City of Tampa in the Green Swamp. The Green Swamp is a large, ill-defined, wetland area situated in Sumter, Polk, Pasco, and Lake counties. The swamp has been determined to be situated directly over a recharge subsurface aquifer. The swamp is also the origin of two other major central Florida rivers, the Withlacoochee and Oklawaha. The watershed for the Hillsborough River is generally considered to be approximately 630 square miles; however, exact delineation of the basin's area is difficult due to the lace of readily defined interfluves in the Green Swamp headwaters. Under certain high water conditions, the Hillsborough River receives drainage that would normally be considered as being part of the Withlacoochee basin. The Army Corps of Engineers estimates that intermittent overflows as high as 35,000 cfs have occurred in the past (1934) but that the annual average overflow is about 30 cfs.

Proceeding downstream from the Withlacoochee "overflow channel", the river shows a relatively steep gradient; however, the floodplain remains quite expansive, with widths varying between 2,000 to 6,000 feet. Fox Branch enters the Hillsborough at this point. Fox Branch extends roughly 8 miles to the southeast, to its origin near the settlement of Socrum. Most of Fox Branch extends through unimproved pasture, but some citrus and improved pastures are apparent. Flows range from 0 to 100 cfs. Downstream, Crystal Springs discharges to the Hillsborough through a half mile run. The springs flow year-around and assure a base flow in the river. Discharges vary from 20 to 150 cfs. Big Ditch is a 3-mile long tributary flowing due west into the river. The headwaters of Big Ditch originate in an area of surface mining and phosphate production.

Downsteam, an unnamed tributary flows south 5 miles through areas of improved pasture, citrus, and at least 20 confined feeding operations around the outskirts of the City of Zephyrhills.

Blackwater Creek is the first major tributary to the Hillsborough downstream from Big Ditch. This watershed is characterized by extensive channelization that has been developed to manage improved pasture and citrus groves within the watershed. Furthermore, the headwaters of Blackwater Creek and its major tributary, Itchepackesassa Creek, drain urban and suburban development in and around Plant City. Discharges from Blackwater range from 0 to 5,500 cfs. As many as 15 confined feeding operations have been identified within the Blackwater watershed.

Proceeding downstream, an intermittent stream known as Two-hole Branch discharges into the Hillsborough. Two-hole Branch drains primarily unimproved pasture. At this point, the Hillsborough River is associated with a vast hardwood swamp. Two tributaries, the New River and an unnamed tributary, also enter at this point. The New River drains an extensive area of improved pastures and rangeland, and has been channelized over much of its length. The unnamed tributary to the west of New River has similar characteristics.

The Hillsborough River, at this point, is ill-defined as it flows through the massive hardwood swamp. This swamp is the location of the lower Hillsborough River Detention Area, and encompasses approximately 15 square miles. The detention area, coupled with the nearly complete Tampa Bypass Canal, is intended to alleviate downstream flooding along the uranized portions of the Hillsborough River.

Several other tributaries also drain into this hardwood swamp, including Holloman's Branch, Flint Creek, Cow House Creek, Clay Gully and Trout Creek. Holloman's Branch is an intermittent stream that is largely channelized. It drains rangeland, improved pasture, and several confined feeding operations. Flint Creek originates at Lake Thonotosassa, which in turn is fed by Baker Creek and Pemberton Creek. Baker Creek and Pemberton Creek drain areas of mixed land-uses, including hardwood swamp, improved pasture, rangeland, suburban areas, and a small industrial area. Lake Thonotosassa is the largest lake in Hillsborough County at 830 acres. Its stage is regulated by a weir at the outfall to Flint Creek. Varying over a range of 2 feet, maximum lake depth is 14 feet with the deeper areas being covered with benthic muck, a result of phytoplankton fallout and organic wastes (citrus pulp) from industrial sources tributary to Baker Creek. Lake Thonotosassa experienced the largest fish kill in the U.S. in 1969. Flint Creek discharges into the Hillsborough via an unchannelized section of hardwood swamp. Average discharge is 20 cfs, with a range from 0 to 350 cfs.

Cow House Creek is a natural meandering channel of the Hillsborough and is undergoing substantial modification due to the construction of the Tampa Bypass Canal. Trout Creek and Clay Gully drain predominately land uses north of the Hillsborough. Both creeks drain into the river through a series of swamplands which probably reduces water quality problems.

Cypress Creek is the last major tributary in the rural segment of the Hillsborough River. Indeed, several portions of the lower reaches of Cypress Creek contain suburban residential land-uses, including a small airport and several minor commercial establishments. The upper reaches of Cypress Creek basin lies within a trough (50-70 feet) in the potentiometric surface of the Floridan Aquifer. Thus, the potentiometric level results in the discharge of considerable ground water into Cypress Creek.

The Hillsborough River segment downstream from the tributary Cypress Creek to its mouth at Hillsborough Bay is highly urbanized. Houses are located immediately on the river and in some cases are located in the ten-year flood plain. Urban stormwater drainage from the cities of Temple Terrace and Tampa is generally routed directly to the river, with little or no retention or quality control provided.

Water quality sampling efforts indicate that as the river passes through the urban areas, the water quality is degraded. Particularly important to the City of Tampa is the utilization of the Hillsborough River as a surface reservoir of raw water for potable uses. The Tampa water system pumps approximately 65 mgd of water from the reservoir and has a plant capacity of 94 mgd. The City of Tampa reservoir is formed by the City dam, located approximately at 30th Street. The reservoir water storage currently covers approximately 950 acres. The water treatment facility is located directly upstream from the dam.

The majority of the annual low flow of the river is diverted through the waterworks and consumed by the residents of the City. During the wet season, some water passes over the dam; however, the reservoir pool is usually maintained at approximately 22 m.s.l., resulting in the river segment below the dam being primarily tidal in nature.

Ten storm sewers of 60" or larger drain directly into the Tampa reservoir; numerous smaller storm sewers and urban sheet flows also enter the reservoir. Two industrial sources dicharge into the river at this point; McGraw Edison and Anheuser Busch both discharge cooling water. Several residential areas directly adjacent to the reservoir utilize onsite waste disposal systems (septic tanks), which in times of high ground water levels, may be discharging into the river.

The segment of the river below the dam exhibits characteristcs of a tidal stream, varying in width from about 50 feet near the dam to approximately 300 feet in downtown Tampa. Depth varies from a few inches to nineteen feet. Urban residential, commercial, and industrial uses border most of the river along this segment. The watershed below the dam consists of approximately 45 square miles, with urban land uses predominating. This river segment has the environmental characteristics of a low salinity estuary. Two river-miles downstream from Tampa dam is Sulphur Springs, with an average annual flow of 31 mgd. Usually the springs discharge directly into the river; however, during periods of low river flow, up to 20 mgd can be diverted upstream to the reservoir to be utilized as a potable supply augmentation. Several other small springs also discharge into the river in this segment.

This segment is also impacted by urban storm water runoff. At least 106 stormwater outfalls (24" and above the diameter) discharge into the river, draining almost one-third of the City. Because of the age of these systems and the urban development intensity, little or no structural quality control measures are incorporated. Both open ditch and closed systems are utilized. The river finally empties into Hillsborough Bay at downtown Tampa; the last 1.5 miles are maintained for commercial navigation.

Hillsborough Bay

The Hillsborough/McKay Bay systems are part of the larger Tampa Bay system, a complex series of estuaries on the west central coast of Florida. Hillsborough Bay is a natural arm of Tampa Bay, approximately eight miles long and four miles wide. McKay Bay is an extension of Hillsborough Bay. Hillsborough Bay has three major freshwater tributaries, the Hillsborough River, the Palm River, and the Alafia River. Improved channels are maintained at 34 foot depths. The surface area of Hillsborough Bay, including the harbor area, Port Sutton, and McKay Bay, is 39.6 square miles and the total volume is 8.3×10^9 cubic feet at mean low water. Shoreline slopes are gentle except at bulkheads, with the 6-foot depth contour extending some 400 yards off the western shore and about 1200 yards off the eastern shore. Bottom configuration has been altered markely by channel dredging and placement of spoil.

Tides are of the mixed type, having one strong flood and ebb per day with an intermediate phase which may be either flood or ebb. The diurnal tidal ranges is 2.8 feet and the mean level is 1.4 feet.

Several major dredge and fill projects have dramatically altered natural configuration of the Hillsborough/McKay Bay system. Davis Islands, situated in northern Hillsborough Bay, were dredged in the Florida land boom of the 1920's. Land use on Davis Islands is primarily residential, with a small commercial strip, a general aviation airport, and Tampa General Hospital. Seddon Island, directly east of Davis Islands, is currently undeveloped. Hooker's Point, a natural pensinsula, has been enlarged by dredging, and is the site of most of Tampa heavy industry and port terminals. Connecting Hooker Point with the eastern shore, and bisecting McKay Bay, is the 22nd Street Causeway. Port Sutton, on the eastern shore of Hillsborough Bay, is the site of several shipping terminals and an electrical generating plant.

McKay Bay, named after former Tampa Mayor D.B. McKay, is a small shallow bay located at the northeast corner of Hillsborough Bay. Before extensive dredging and filling took place in Hillsborough Bay, there was no distinct dividing line separating it from the rest of Hillsborough Bay. However, after the construction of the 22nd Street Causeway and bridge in 1926-1927 and more recently the dredging and filling of Hooker Point and Port Sutton, McKay has become a distinct, isolated body of water.

The present shoreline is 7.5 miles long and covers 977.8 acres. The deepest natural depth for the bay is only 5 feet. However, a number of old borrow areas and the dredging of the Tampa Bypass Canal left areas as deep as 12-15 feet.

Freshwater discharges into the Hillsborough/McKay Bay systems originate from the three rivers, stormwater runoff from urban and rural sources, and point discharges from sewerage treatment plants. The Hillsborough River's mean annual discharge is 397 mgd in a natural state (bear in mind the diversion to the municipal waterworks). The maximum recorded natural flows have been significantly modified by the construction of the Tampa Bypass Canal. The canal, designed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is being constructed to prevent the flooding of the Hillsborough River. Flood surges can be diverted from the Hillsborough River to the bypass through a series of canals and control structures. The canal extends partially into the Floridan aquifer, and acts as a collector for groundwater discharges. Estimates vary as to the amount of groundwater entering the canal, the most recent estimate is between 15 to 25 mgd. The figure for groundwater discharges, added to the natural flow of the Palm River, yields an estimate of 90 mgd mean annual discharge.

The Alafia River drains approximately 460 square miles of Hillsborough and Polk Counties. No significant man-induced changes are present to modify natural flows. The average annual discharge is 264 mgd, with a maximum of 1,118 mgd and a minimum of 4.3 .[7]

Stormwater runoff enters the Bay through closed urban systems, open urban systems, open rural systems, and natural sheet flow.

PROJECT AREA

I. Catchment Name - J.L. Young Apartments

A. Area - 8.76 acres

B. Population - 26,000

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 124 feet/mile, 100% curbs and gutters. The complex is extensively sewered and has a direct pipe outfall to the Hillsborough River.

D. Sewerage - Drainage from roadway surfaces is collected through inverted crown roadway sections draining to roadway inlets. Stormwater generated by the impervious roof surfaces in the complex is collected in roof drains and piped directly to the stormwater system. Additionally, some yard drains collect runoff from small swales in the landscaped areas and is directed into the stormwater system.

The asphalt surface in the street section is approximately .99 lane miles and is in good condition.

E. Land Use

8.76 acres (100%) is High-Density Residential of which Effective Impervious area is 5.32 acres (60.7%).

II. Catchment Name - Wilder Ditch System

A. Area - 193.8 acres

B. Population - 19,361

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 19 feet/mile. 44.8% is served by curbs and gutters, 44.8% grass gutters and 11.2% ditches and swales. The ditch flows into the Horizon Park System.

D. Sewerage - The area is 100% served by stormwater sewers. Streets in the basin are generally asphalt.

E. Land Use

105.65 acres (54.5%) is Low-Density Residential.

48.01 acres (24.8%) is Commercial.

14.41 acres (7.4%) is Institutional.

25.82 acres (13.3%) is Open.

Effective Impervious Area is 55.35 acres (28.5%).

III. Catchment Name - N. Jesuit High School

A. Area - 29.52 acres.

B. Population - 19,361

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 15 feet/mile. 100% is curbs and gutters. The basin drains through a large diameter park and flows into the South Pond in the Horizon Park System.

D. Sewerage - The basin is 100% served by storm sewers. The streets are asphalt and comprise approximately 2.3 lane miles. Roadway sections are traditional crowns with street runoff collected along curbs and gutters.

E. Land Use

14.1 acres (47.8%) is Low-Density Residential.

15.42 acres (52.2%) is Institutional.

Effective Impervious area is 8.2 acres (28%).

IV. Catchment Name - Charter and Harding Streets

A. Area - 42.16 acres.

B. Population - 9,331

C. Draiange - This catchment area has a representative slope of 16 feet/mile. Stormwater collected in the basin is transported directly to the Hillsborough River through the storm sewer system.

D. Sewerage - The basin is 100% served by a storm sewer system. 13.3% is served by ditches and swales, 11.4% is served by curbs and gutters and 75.3% is served by streets having grass gutters.

E. Land Use

37.55 acres (89.1%) is Low-Density Residential.

4.6 acres (10.9%) is Open

Effective Impervious Area is 5.95 acres (14.1%).

V. Catchment Name - Norma Park System

A. Area - 46.59 acres.

B. Population - 23,343

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 7 feet/mile. Runoff generated is primarily derived from highway surfaces and parking lots. The collection system consists of standard inlets in the parking lots and catch basins along the highway system. 21.7% is served by curbs and gutters, 5.8% by grass gutters and 72.5% by ditches and swales.

D. Sewerage - The conveyance system combines open ditches and culverts for conveying the water generated to the basin outlet.

E. Land Use

4.34% acres (9.3%) is Medium-Density Residential.

42.25% acres (90.7%) is Commercial.

Effective Impervious Area is 42.07 acres (90.3%).

PROBLEM

A. Local Definition

The Hillsborough River/Hillsborough Bay System quality has declined to the extent that many of its beneficial uses are now impossible. The most recent general water quality index for body contact by the Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission rated Hillsborough Bay as undesirable for any form of body contact. A once significant shellfish industry estimated in 1969 to be valued at $1.5 million, is now gone. Aesthetically, enjoyment of the river and bay led to the development of desirable residential areas along the waterfront. Odor, color, turbidity, and bacterial contamination have reduced the benefits of the Bay. Sporadic fish kills compound the problem.

Several incidents and low water quality in general, have resulted in water quality below minimum state standards. Point sources, urban and rural runoff, natural background, and the dredge and fill activities all contribute to the problem.

The City of Tampa utilizes the Hillsborough River as a potable water supply. State water quality standards are the highest for such potable water bodies. Urbanization has, however, extensively impacted this segment of the Hillsborough River. Two cities, Tampa and Temple Terrace route urban stormwater into the reservoir segment. The City of Tampa alone has eleven outfalls, 24 inches or larger, discharging into the Reservoir. Water quality problems are further compounded by upstream rural runoff from agricultural lands, and large blooms of water hyacinths in the reservoir. Runoff adds nutrients, suspended solids, and coliform bacteria to the water supply; water hyacinths add to the nutrient problem, and upon their death, contribute to a low dissolved oxygen problem. Runoff from a large development bordering on the Hillsborough River north of Temple Terrace will probably have to be treated to at least maintain present water quality of the reservoir.

B. Local Perception

Several studies were undertaken over the past few years to evaluate the conditions of the Hillsborough River and Bay. There is a tremendous interest on the part of local professors, local USGS offices and the Public Works Department to define the problem.

The USGS established a stormwater evaluation program in 1974. That project established 10 streamflow gaging stations, 12 recording rain gages and tabulated watershed land uses. Runoff and rainfall data, and water quality data, has been collected since 1975.

The University of South Florida, College of Engineering, has performed several hydraulic and hydrologic studies in an attempt to develop models to simulate the hydraulics of the Bay.

The Public Works Department is concerned with the quantity as well as quality problems. Tampa's relative lack of significant topographical relief, coupled with a high average annual rainfall, has necessitated the construction of numerous storm sewer systems. The majority of the systems were constructed well before urban runoff was considered to be a possible source of water quality problems. The City of Tampa has identified over 300 drainage problem areas and is concerned with taking care of these yet satisfying the State standards.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Major Objective

Goals of the Tampa urban runoff study are to characterize the stormwater flows and loads from urban drainage basins, analyze the effectiveness of selected stormwater controls, determine the impact of storm generated loads on the lower Hillsborough River and develop a stormwater management plan for the City of Tampa. The stormwater management plan will address receiving water quality, the quantity and quality aspects of stormwater runoff, and support the cities efforts to deal with flooding problems in an environmentally sound manner.

B. Methodologies

Rainfall quantity and quality data will be collected and analyzed to develop design storms and storm sequences, and characterize the direct load input to the drainage basins from rainfall. Basins were selected for detailed monitoring during storm events to assess rainfall-runoff relationships and stormwater flows and loads. Stormwater controls were selected and are being monitored during storm events to assess their effectiveness in reducing stormwater loadings. Stormwater flows and loads will be determined for the entire study area under design conditions and used in development of the city-wide stormwater management plan.

A receiving water study is ongoing currently, funded by the city of Tampa. This study consists of a data collection effort intended to better characterize water quality in the lower Hillsborough River and analysis of these data to determine the impact of stormwater runoff. Specifically, the data collection effort consists of continuous monitoring of stage, temperature, conductivity and dissolved oxygen in the lower river, synoptic sampling conducted during distinct hydrologic conditions, continued collection of long-term background data, collection of sediment oxygen demand, sediment chemistry data, and biological sampling.

C. Monitoring

Five basins were selected for runoff characterization in the city of Tampa. Following is a brief summary of each basin and the type of equipment installed at each site.

J.L. Young Apartments

The J.L. Young Apartments complex comprises an entire basin draining directly to the Hillsborough River. This basin represents high-density residential development in Tampa. The complex is extensively sewered and has a direct piped outfall to the river.

The primary control device at this site is a 36 inch diameter Palmer-Bowlus flume located in the basin discharge pipe. A Sigmamotor flow meter, Sigmamotor automatic sampler and a Belfort Universal rain gage are located in an instrument shelter approximately 75 feet due west of the monitoring point.

Wilder Ditch System

This basin contains predominantly residential areas and a mixture of commercial and institutional areas draining into the Wilder Ditch system. A storm sewer system has been constructed in the area to alleviate flooding traditionally associated with low spots in this area of the city. The area is 100% served by stormwater sewers.

The monitoring site for the Wilder Ditch Basin is located on the western side of the drainage area where the ditch basin flows into the Horizon Park System. The primary control section is a ten-foot long sharp crested weir immediately downstream from a double 3' by 10' box culvert. Instrumentation at the site includes a Sigmamotor flow meter interfaced with a Sigmamotor automatic sampler. Precipitation measurements are accomplished with a rain gage in Horizon Park.

North Jesuit High School

This basin contains some low-density residential areas and arterial highway but consists predominantly of the northern portion of Jesuit High School. The basin is located adjacent to Horizon Park and south of the Wilder Ditch System. The basin is 100% served by storm sewers due to the relatively flat terrain and previous flooding problems.

The basin drains under Himes Avenue through a large diameter pipe and flows into the South Pond in the Horizon Park system. The primary control section is a 6 foot sharp crested weir located in a weir bay at the end of the pipe. A Sigmamotor flow meter is interfaced with a Sigmamotor automatic sampler. Both pieces of equipment are located in an instrument shelter approximately 15 feet east of the control section. Precipitation measurements are obtained with a Belfort Universal Rain Gage located approximately 700 feet north of the site.

Charter and Harding Streets

Low-density residential housing is contained within this basin with drainage directly to the Hillsborough River. The basin is 100% served by a storm sewer system. Stormwater collected in the basin is transported directly to the river through the storm sewer system. Monitoring activities are conducted at the basin outlet prior to direct discharge to the Hillsborough River. The primary control section is a 36-inch Palmer-Bowlus flume located in a 36-inch diameter pipe at the intersection of Charter and Harding Streets. Instrumentation includes a Sigmamotor automatic flow meter interfaced to a Signamotor automatic sampler. A Belfort Universal rain gage is installed on the instrument shelter located adjacent to the primary control section.

Norma Park System

Runoff generated in the Norma Park Basin is primarily derived from highway surfaces and parking lots. Highway sections are concrete with a standard crown construction and parking lots are typically asphalt cement surface coarse construction. The collection system consists of

standard inlets in the parking lots and catch basins along the highway section. The conveyance system combines open ditches and culverts for conveying the water generated by both highway and commercial areas to the basin outlet.

Flow monitoring and sampling is conducted at the basin outlet located on the western side of the drainage area. The primary control section combines an 8-foot low head, sharp-crested weir and 2 rip-rapped trapezoidal sections. Instrumentation consists of a Sigmamotor flow meter interfaced to a Sigmamotor automatic sampler. A Belfort Universal rain gage is located on the instrument shelter.

D. Controls

Two detention ponds have been selected to evaluate the mitigation of hydraulic impacts and reducing pollutant loads. The ponds are located in Horizon Park, a recreational facility owned and operated by the city.

The two ponds in Horizon Park (designated North Pond and South Pond) are located in an area which was poorly drained and seasonally wet. When the Tampa Sports Authority began building Tampa Stadium, the need for fill was solved by excavating the North and South Ponds. Coincidentally, the resultant ponds provided a means for solving drainage problems in the low-lying areas immediately east of the park. This drainage area has been divided into three distinct basins that are each tributary to the Horizon Park pond system. Two basins drain into the South Pond and subsequently flow into the North Pond. The other area discharges directly to the North Pond which, in turn, discharges to a major ditch system along the eastern right-of-way of Dale Mabry Highway, eventually flowing into the north end of Old Tampa Bay.

The South Pond is located in the southern one-third of the 126 acre Horizon Park area. This pond has a surface area of approximately 2.4 acres, relatively large by comparison to other detention/retention ponds in the City which generally are one acre or less in surface area size.

Hydraulically, the south pond operation is analogous to a surge tank. Sheet flow enters the pond directly from a 32.5 acre sub-basin surrounding the pond and two basins located to the east have storm sewer outfalls to the south pond.

The south pond discharges to the north pond through a 1,125 foot ditch having an approximately trapezodial shape with a bottom width of approximately ten feet.

Water quality monitoring in the pond is conducted at two sites. The first site is on the storm sewer outfall from the north Jesuit High School basin. A corrugated metal sheet pipe structure has been constructed around the pipe which serves as a weir bay. Flow from the North Jesuit basin enters the weir bay and discharges across a six foot long sharp-crested aluminum weir with end contractions into the South Pond. A corrugated sheet pile dam has been constructed across the existing channel and this structure forms a second weir bay. Flow from the South Pond enters the bay and discharges across the weir of the North Pond.

Instrumentation at each monitoring site consists of a Sigmamotor automatic flow meter interfaced to a Sigmamotor automatic sampler. Precipitation is measured by a Belfort Universal rain gage located on top of an instrument shelter approximately 15 feet northwest of the South Pond discharge control structure. Additionally, water levels in the South Pond are monitored by a Stevens ADR punch tape recorder equipped with a 15 minute cam and a quartz clock.

The North Pond in Horizon Park, is substantially larger than the South Pond and is located in the central portion of the northern two-thirds of Horizon Park. The surface is approximately 9.12 acres (0.014 square miles), approximately four times larger than the South Pond. Therefore, the North Pond is also substantially larger than the majority of ponds in the City.

Flow enters the north pond from three areas. Indirect sheet flow enters all portions of the pond from the 36.9 acre sub-basin surrounding the lake. Significant flows enter the North Pond from the Wilder Ditch Basin stormwater system discharge and the South Pond discharge. The Wilder Ditch basin is located east and North of Horizon Park pond across Himes Avenue.

The North Pond discharges through a ditch connecting the west bank of the pond to the FDOT ditch along the eastern right-of-way of Dale Mabry Highway.

Water quality sampling for flow passing into and out of the north pond is by automatic monitoring equipment located at each inflow and outflow point. Inflow from the Wilder Ditch basin is measured at a monitoring site located immediately downstream from the double 3' x 10' box culverts. The primary device was constructed in the downstream concrete spillway, it consists of an 18 inch by 18 inch sill section with an attached 29'-4" aluminum plate dam section, which creates a weir bay. The dam section was fabricated in seven sections, attached to the sill section with lag bolts and anchors, and supported by eight aluminum struts. A ten foot long, sharp-crested weir with end contractions was milled into the center of the plate.

Discharge from the Wilder Ditch system flows over the weir and, immediately downstream, strikes the concrete spillway, enters Wilder Ditch and flows to the North Pond.

The control section for measuring discharge from the North Pond to the Dale Mabry ditch system was constructed with corrugated sheet piles.

Instrumentation at both sites involves a Sigmamotor automatic flow meter electrically interfaced to a Sigmamotor automatic sampler. Precipitation measurements for the north pond utilize a Belfort Universal rain gage located adjacent to the south pond discharge control structure. Additionally, water levels in the north pond are measured and recorded by a Stevens ADR punch tape recorder equipped with a 15 minute punch cam and quartz clock.

There are two stormwater management practices being evaluated for attenuation of hydraulic load associated with runoff only. The quantity only type of management practices include drainfall/trench systems and open bottom inlet systems. The approach involves simulating inflow to the basin from a specific precipitation event and evaluating the ability of an individual management practice to reduce and/or attenuate the simulated stormwater inflow. Measured flow from city fire hydrants will be utilized to simulate stormwater inflow. Schematics of the two practices are shown in the following figures.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

KNOXVILLE/KNOX COUNTY METROPOLITAN
PLANNING COMMISSION

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INTRODUCTION

Knoxville, Tennessee is a growing metropolitan area with a population of some 182,000 persons living within the present city limits. Total Knox County population is approximately 335,000, while some 483,000 persons live within the SMSA.

An earlier study of some urban streams in Knoxville revealed that urbanization has a greater than expected effect on the hydrological regimes of streams with large amounts of carbonate rocks in the basin. Under rural conditions much of the streamflow is lost to the carbonate rocks and solution channels and is not measured as surface runoff. Land cover alterations, along with sewers and channel modifications in the study watersheds, resulted in an increase in the peak of the unit hydrograph of from 1.9 to 3.6 times and a decrease in time to peak ranging from .86 to .36.

An important conclusion of the previous study was the recognized need for additional water quality monitoring across the flow regime. Building on this original data base, the Second Creek basin is being studied. Second Creek while typical of other urban streams in the area, is well recognized for its poor water quality. The Knoxville Metropolitan Commission and Tennessee Valley Authority hope to identify the cause of these water quality problems and the solutions.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

A. Area

Knox County, located in eastern Tennessee, lies wholly within the Ridge and Valley physiographic province of the southern Appalachian region, extending from 35°47'30"N. to 36°10'30"N. latitude, and 83°39'W. to 84°16'W. longitude.

The topography of the county consists of alternating ridges and valleys which cut into the steeply dipping, folded and faulted calcareous rocks. The rocks include limestone, dolomite, calcareous shale, sandstone, and sandy shale.

Most soils have textures ranging from loam to silty clay loam. Depth to bedrock ranges from zero to more that 20 feet. Fifty-seven percent of the county has a soil depth of more than five feet.

The study area is located in a broad valley between the Cumberland mountains and the Great Smoky Mountains. These two mountain ranges have a significant influence upon the climate of the valley. Topography has a pronounced effect upon the prevailing wind direction. Winds usually have a southwesterly component during day time, while night time winds usually move from the northeast.

Rainfall is distributed throughout the year with a normal annual total of 47.98 inches.

B. Population

The population of Knox County has grown significantly in the past 15 years. Between 1960 and 1970 the county grew 10.3%, while between 1970 and 1975 it grew 9.8%. Between 1975 and 1990 the county is projected to grow an additional 23.7%. The following table shows the population of the county.

Year	Population
1960	250,523
1970	276,293
1975	303,900
1980	335,400

C. Drainage

There are five drainage basins within the Knoxville-Knox County study area which, by nature of their land use, may be considered urban. These include First Creek, Second Creek, Third Creek, Fourth Creek, and Ten Mile Creek. The two most intensely developed drainage basins, First Creek and Second Creek, were chosen for this study. In combination, these two creeks drain the entire Knoxville central business district.

First Creek Drainage Basin

The First Creek drainage basin encompasses an area of 22.04 square miles, the largest in the Knoxville metropolitan area. Seventeen percent of the area (3.78 square miles) drains into sinkholes. These sinkhole areas are primarily in the north and northwest parts of the basin. The average drainage density of the First Creek basin is nine miles of channel per square mile, with the highest drainage density on steep slopes and less soluble geographic formations, and lowest drainage density on gentle slopes and more soluble rocks.

Groundwater elevation and permanent streams in the First Creek drainage basin are shown on Figures 1 and 2. The major trunk of First Creek runs from northwest to southeast and intercepts northeast - southwest surface and groundwater flows. Inter - basin water transfer may occur where abundant sinkholes are present and the surface drainage divide is not prominent.

In the First Creek drainage basin, commercial land use is concentrated on the lower (downstream) portions of the basin and along the Broadway strip commercial development. Open and forest lands predominate in the northeastern portions of the basin. Although industrial and multi-family land uses cover small portions of the basin, single family residential land use is important. Table 1 shows the percentage of different land uses in the basin.

Areas of potentially high water yield are associated with steep slopes, high elevations, shallow and less permeable soils (low soil moisture capacity), shale bedrock, faults acting as groundwater barriers, and densely developed residential and commercial land uses which have a large percentage of impervious surfaces. Areas of potentially low water yield are related to deep and more permeable soils, gentle slopes, and carbonate rocks where bypass losses of groundwater occur, especially in summer and fall when soil moisture is depleted. In general low water yield occurs in summer and fall on relatively low elevations, deep and more permeable soils, carbonate rocks, and open and forested areas.

Second Creek Drainage Basin

The Second Creek watershed is adjoined on the east by the First Creek basin and on the west by Third Creek basin. Second Creek basin is elongated in shape and is the smallest major drainage basin in the Knoxville urban area. The creek originates on Blackoak Ridge north of Inskip and Norwood communities and drains into a gently rolling area. It has no major tributaries unlike the other principal streams in Knoxville. The creek flows into central Knoxville through the gap in Sharps Ridge where I-75 (U.S. Highway 25W) and the Southern Railway pass through. Below the gap it passes the Southern Railway's Coster Yards and is repeatedly crossed by the railway before reaching downtown Knoxville. The creek enters the Tennessee River at the eastern edge of the campus of the University of Tennessee.

The basin has a drainage area of 7.1 square miles (4,544 acres) including an area 0.5 square miles (320 acres) that drains into sinkholes and has no surface channels. The complete drainage basin is shown on Figure 3. Drainage density is high on steep slopes and high-elevation areas, while low drainage density is associated

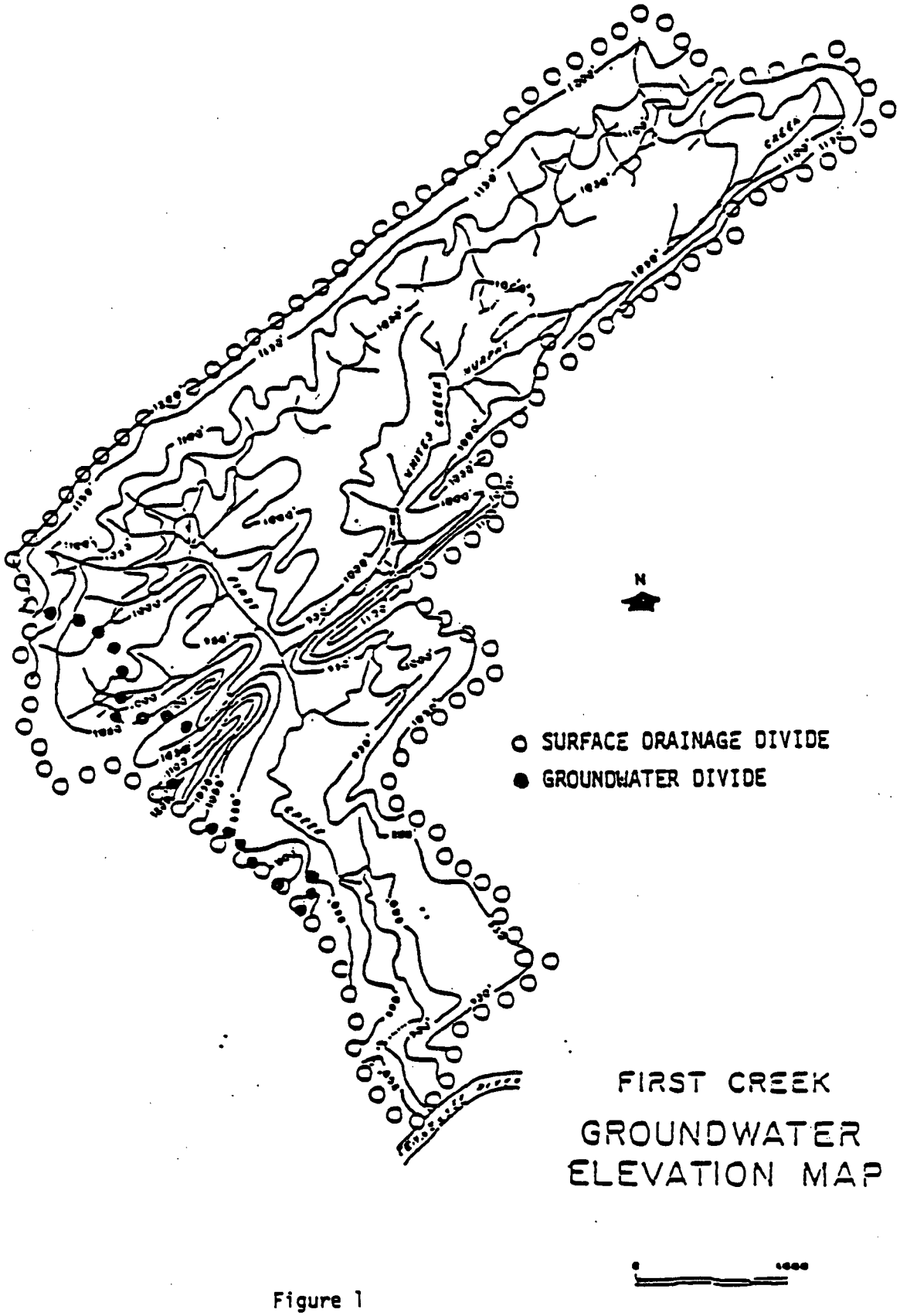
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Figure 1

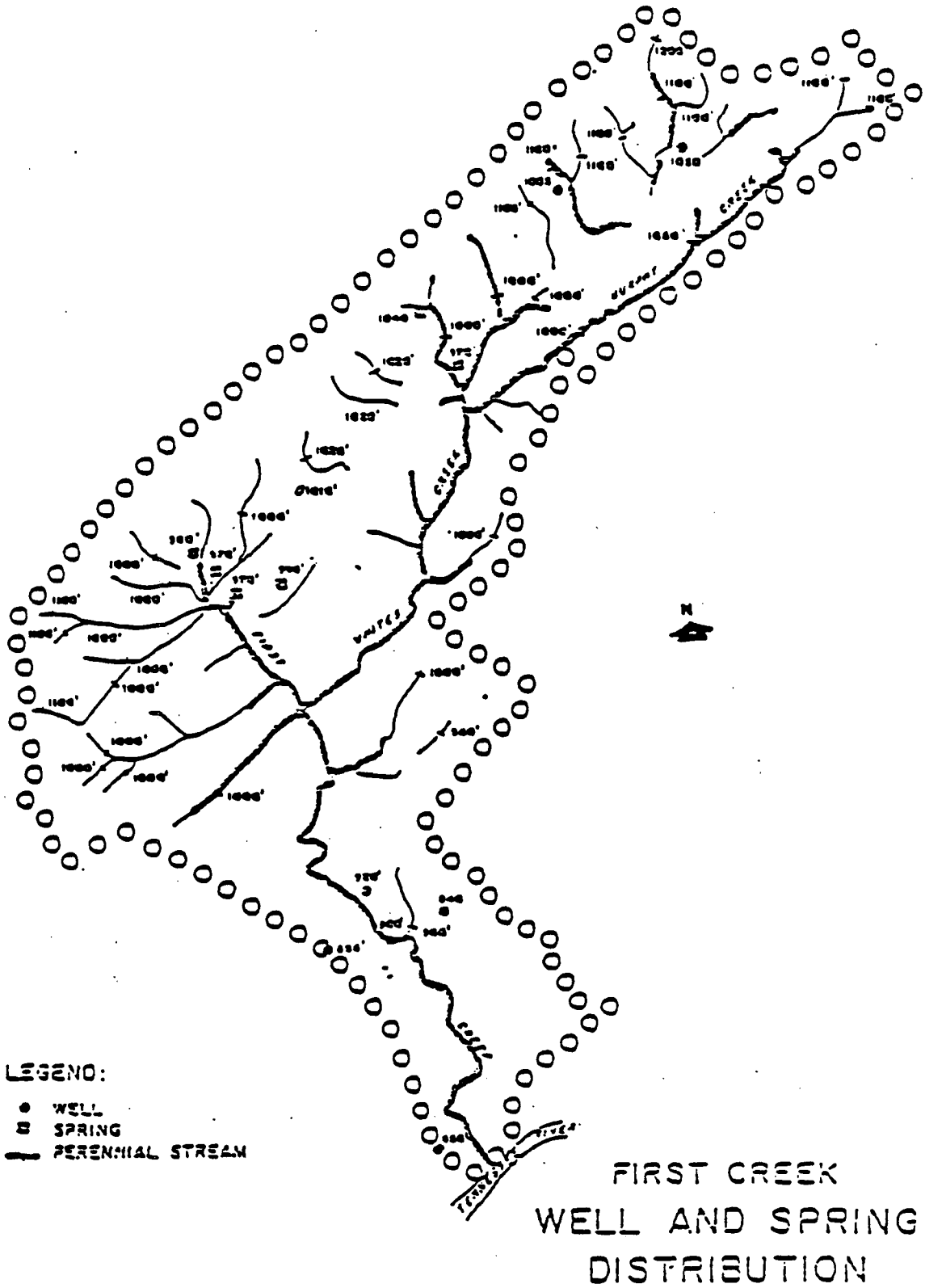
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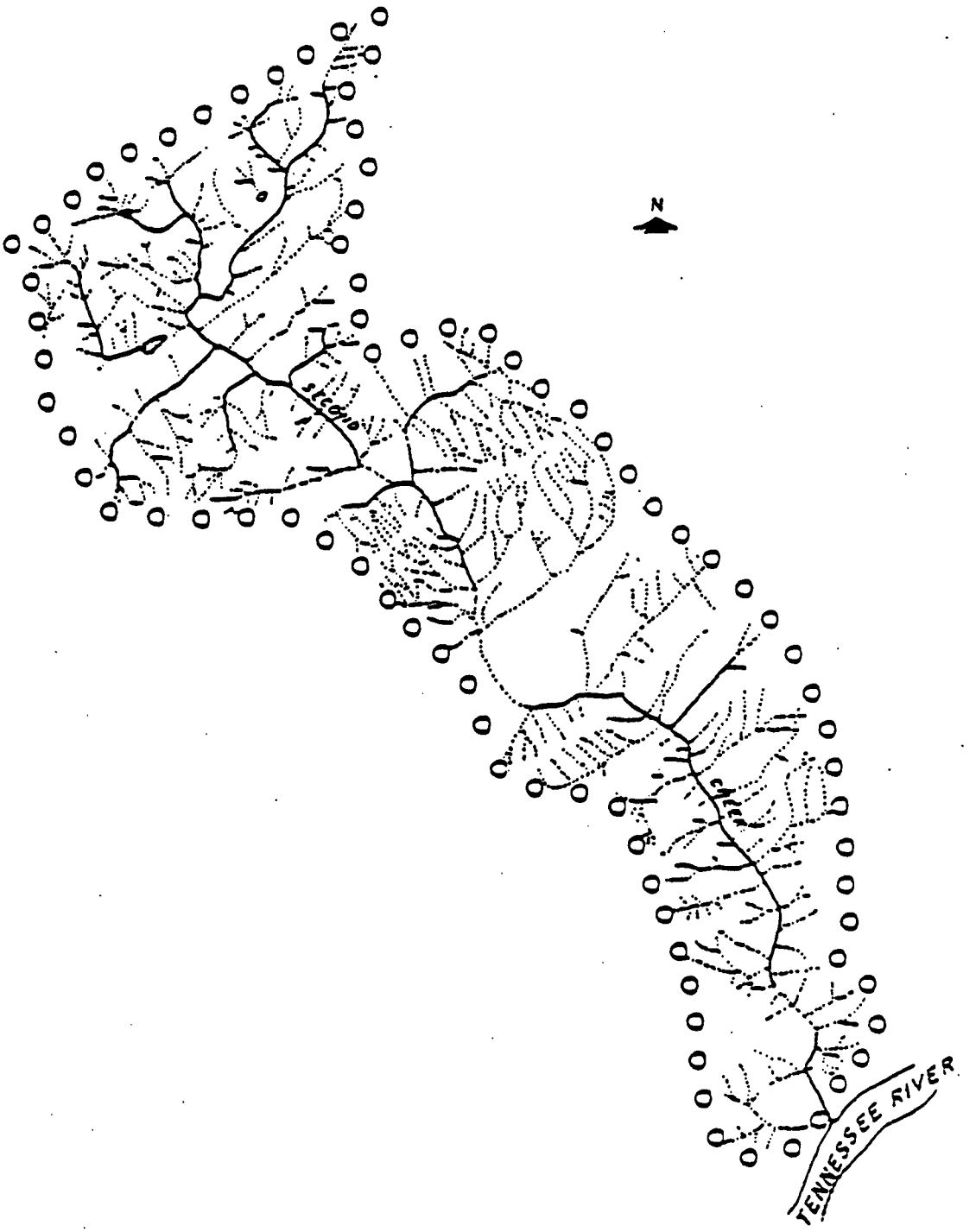
Figure 2

TABLE 1

LAND USE IN FIRST CREEK DRAINAGE BASIN

	Single Family	Multi-Family	Commercial	Industrial	Open	Forest	Total	Total Imperviou
Percent of total area (%)	45	6	6	1	28	14	100	17.5
Extent (Acres)	6,347	846	846	141	3,949	1,975	14,104	2,468



SECOND CREEK

DRAINAGE NETWORK

Figure 3

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with gentle slopes and low-elevation areas such as the Coster railway yard. The highest drainage density ocurs on Sharps Ridge, where the geologic structure is complex, rocks are impermeable and not highly soluble, elevation is high, and slopes are steep.

Elevations in Second Creek basin range mostly between 900 and 1,100 feet. The maxim elevations are 1,360 feet on Blackoak Ridge and 1,400 feet on Sharps Ridge, both on the divide between First and Second Creeks. Along the divide between Second and Third Creeks, the maximum elevations are 1,180 feet on Blackoak Ridge and 1,340 feet on Sharps Ridge. The lowest elevation in the basin at the mouth of Second Creek is 810 feet. The local relief is 590 feet.

Second Creek basin is more urbanized than First Creek. Commercial developments are located downtown, along Central Avenue, and along Clinton Highway. Industrial use is extensive from Western Avenue to the Coster yards of the Southern Railway. Because of the greater extent of industrial land and less open and forested lands than in the First Creek basin, a higher percentage of impervious surfaces and higher water yield occurs. Table 2 indicates the percentage of different land uses in the basin.

D. Sewerage System

Storm sewers are used primarily to convey water to the nearest surface stream. A few older homes have septic tanks, the remainder are served by sanitary sewers.

TABLE 2

PERCENTAGE OF LAND USE IN SECOND CREEK DRAINAGE BASIN

	Single Family	Multi-Family	Commercial	Industrial	Open	Forest	Total	Total Impervious
Percent (%)	54	8	12	8	11	7	100	26
Size (Acres)	2,454	364	545	364	499	318	4,544	1,181

PROJECT AREA

I. Catchment Name - R1 (Residential Site One)

A. Area - 54.24 acres.

B. Population - 578 persons.

C. Drainage - End-of-pipe site draining residential land use. Main channel is 1600 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of catchment is 89.92% separate storm sewers. 81.92% of this area has curbs and gutters and 18.06% has swales and ditches. 10.08% is not served by separate storm sewers.

E. Land Use

46.17 acres (85%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre residential.

4.04 acres (7%) is urban institutional.

1.41 acres (3%) is urban parkland.

2.62 acres (5%) is linear strip development.

II. Catchment Name - SC (Strip Commercial Site)

A. Area - 187.04 acres.

B. Population - 464 persons.

C. Drainage - Drainage ditch draining strip commercial site. Main channel is 1330 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of catchment is 23.47% separate storm sewers. 100% of this area has curbs and gutters. 76.53% of the area does not have separate storm sewers.

E. Land Use

1.08 acres (1%) is urban institutional.

65.40 acres (35%) is linear strip development.

101.02 acres (54%) is .5 to 2 dwelling units per acre residential.

18.8 acres (10%) is < 5 dwelling units per acre.

.70 acres (<1%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre.

III. Catchment Name - RS2 (Residential Site Two)

A. Area - 89.34 acres.

B. Population - 333 persons.

C. Drainage - End-of-pipe site draining residential land use. Main channel is 1600 feet.

D. Sewerage - 100% of the area has no separate storm sewers.

E. Land Use

66.40 acres (74%) is .5 to 2 dwelling units per acre.

3.40 acres (4%) is linear strip development.

.70 acres (1%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre residential.

18.8 acres (21%) is < .5 to dwelling units per acre residential.

IV. Catchment Name - CBD (Central Business District)

A. Area - 25.8 acres.

B. Population - 0 persons.

C. Drainage - End-of-pipe site draining central business district.

D. Sewerage - 100% of the area is served by separate storm sewers. 100% of that area has curbs and gutters.

E. Land Use

25.8 acres (100%) is Central Business District.

PROBLEM

A. Local Definition

An earlier study of some urban streams in Knoxville revealed that urbanization has a greater than expected effect on the hydrological regimes of streams with large amounts of carbonate rocks in the basin. Under rural conditions much of the streamflow is lost to the carbonate rocks and solution channels and is not measured as surface runoff. Land cover alterations, along with sewers and channel modifications in the study watersheds, resulted in an increase in the peak of the unit hydrograph of from 1.9 to 3.6 times and a decrease in time to peak ranging from 0.86 to 0.36. From a water quality standpoint, material transport of most constituents from the basins was not significantly greater than that which has been previously reported for some rural watersheds.

This Knoxville, Tennessee urban study was conducted at four watersheds located in Karst terrain - - areas overlying soluble carbonate rock. Storm sewers are used in these study watersheds to convey stormwaters to the nearest channel. As a consequence, the hydrology of these study catchments proved to be quite complex which served to provide some contrasts for evaluating and quantifying these urban systems.

Mathematical streamflow models which had been developed earlier using data from typical rural areas were modified to handle urban watersheds and used in this study to quantify the impact of urbanization upon the hydrology of the study watersheds. The models were regionalized so that necessary parameters could be predicted from watershed and climatic measures.

Based upon the model studies, urbanization was found to have a particularly marked effect on water yield from catchments where, under rural conditions, most of the potential streamflow is lost to the carbonate rock drainage system. Increases in yield up to 270 percent were found in a watershed where development is extensive. Most of this increase results from storm runoff that under rural conditions would have drained into the carbonate rock system and therefore bypassed the gage site. At one watershed where bypass losses were not a factor, modest increases in stormwater runoff resulted in a near-corresponding decrease in groundwater runoff.

In the study, it was found that urbanization can affect the storm hydrograph in two ways. Through land cover alternations along with sewers and channel changes, the peak of the unit hydrograph was found to have been increased at the study watersheds by factors ranging from 1.9 to 3.6. The times to peak were decreased by factors ranging from .86 to .36. Increased storm runoff from urbanization, it was found, could further modify the unit hydrograph.

Bulk precipitation and water quality data collected at the project were compared with data collected at other studies. It was found that because much of the potential runoff at two of the project watersheds was lost to the carbonate rock drainage system these watersheds act as filters. For most constituents the loadings into the watersheds from the atmosphere exceeded the streamflow loadings.

The concentrations and loadings of some metals were found to be well in excess of recommended water quality criteria in two of the project watersheds. High values for iron and manganese that were found appeared to be associated with erosion problems. Relatively high concentrations of lead were also found and the source appeared to be the atmosphere.

The streamflow loadings of organics and the concentrations of pathogenic indicators were found to be high from the study areas and reasonably comparable with urban data collected elsewhere.

The most important conclusions from this study were the following:

1) The impact of urbanization upon the storm hydrograph results from a combination of land use/channel drainage changes and storm runoff changes

2) Atmospheric sources may account for most of the loadings for many water quality constituents, at least in watersheds with separate sewer systems

3) There is a need for monitoring of water quality. Water quality in rural and urban areas should be monitored across the flow regime in order to be used in the development of operational nonpoint source water quality models and identify pollution source information so that pollution control money will be spent effectively and result in the greatest improvement in water quality.

B. Local perception

The water quality problems typically found in Knoxville's urban streams can be appreciated by the following general observation of conditions in Second Creek. Portions of Second Creek are highly eutrophic -- there are stream reaches measured in hundreds of yards where the water surface is totally obscured by rooted vegetation. In other areas the stream is replete with filamentations and other types of algae and a host of slimes. Evidence of streambank erosion due to increased runoff rates is abundant. During storm events, the stream may turn absolutely black as it passes through the lower central business district, and it produces a visible plume at its confluence point with the Tennesse River that can last for many hours after a storm event and extend downstream for a considerable distance.

The harshest indictment of Second Creek's present water quality has arisen in conjunction with the planned 1982 International Energy Exposition which Knoxville will host. The six-month long event will occupy a site at the lower end of the Second Creek basin, and initial plans were to integrate the creek into the site design. Residual plans for the Exposition site include a public park with a flow through pond on Second Creek to serve as a focal point. The degraded water quality of Second Creek is so poor (including such aesthetically important considerations for a park as color and odor) that Expo planners are considering ways to hide the creek from attenders and are drilling wells as a source for water to maintain the pond during the course of the Exposition. Such an energy and other resource intensive alternative can hardly be considered as a BMP or long-term

solution to park maintenance. Of even greater concern is the fact that the creek constitutes such a public health menace due to the bacterial contamination (State standards can be exceeded by many orders of magnitude during and after a storm) that unless some remedial action is taken, it will be necessary to exert physical barriers to prevent even partial body contact.

The Tennessee River is actually the backwater of Fort Loudoun Reservoir as it passes through Knoxville and is used as a drinking water source by downstream communities (as well as Knoxville) in addition to such recreational activities as swimming, boating, fishing, etc. Although a single urban stream such as Second Creek probably does not exert a severe impact on the river in and of itself, the accumulated discharges of all of Knoxville's urban streams may well exert considerable stress on the assimilative capacity of the river and contribute to its degrading water quality. Although it will remain for the NURP project to provide firm quantification of these urban runoff loads, it is conjectured that their combined loading might well be an order of magnitude greater than that of the sewage treatment plant when its upgrading is finished in 1982. Should this prove to be the case, the need for better water quality management practices will be even more acute since the affected receiving water will include the reservoir as well as the urban streams themselves.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Major Objective

The purpose of the proposed project in Knoxville is to examine the water quality problems which result from man's urban activities and to determine what management practices might be implemented to mitigate the present water quality problems and prevent others from occurring as the area of urban development expands. The major objectives are the following:

1) Determine sources of pollutants in urban streams that result from storm events and threaten, impact or deny their designated beneficial uses.

2) To further characterize the urban stream systems.

3) To provide increased confidence in the transfer of data from gaged to ungaged catchments at the local, State, Regional, and National levels.

4) To provide a better understanding of the influence of the geological features (karst terrain, carbonate rock) on urban runoff.

5) To provide preliminary data on BMP effectiveness at a pilot scale level.

The primary emphasis of the project is on the Second Creek basin, although a small catchment located in the First Creek basin is included to help establish the transferability of the data.

B. Methodologies

An intense data collection effort will take place over a two year period to further characterize the urban runoff loads and the impact on the stream. The source of the pollutants, their concentrations, and transport, and their relationship to the runoff process will be described.

C. Monitoring

Six sampling sites are included in the study. These sites cover different land uses as well as attempt to characterize the karst terrain. Following is a brief description of the equipment available at each of the sites listed.

Central Business District Site
Residential (Woodland Ave.)
Upper Sink
Lower Sink
Residential (Orchid Drive)
Strip Commercial

Central Business District Site

The CBD sampling site is located at the intersection of Central Street and Union Avenue. Water sampling and flow measurement is performed in the outflow pipe of a manhole. A 30 inch Palmer-Bowlus flume is installed in the outflow pipe. An ISCO model 1870 flow meter is used in conjunction with the flume to measure and record flow. Flow proportional water samples are collected during rain events with an ISCO model 2100 automatic water sampler. A wet/dry atmospheric collector as well as a recording raingage are located at the site.

Woodland Avenue Residential Site

This sampling site is located near Woodland Avenue and Central Street. The sampling is done in a drainage ditch tributary to Second Creek. A 48 inch Palmer-Bowlus flume has been installed in the ditch. An ISCO model 1700 flow meter will be used to measure the flow going through the flume. The totalized flow values are recorded by an ISCO model 1710 digital printer. A Friez water level recorder will be used to obtain a continuous strip chart record of the flow. Flow proportional water samples are collected by an ISCO model 2100 automatic water sampler. A recording raingage and wet/dry atmospheric collector are located at a residence adjacent to the sampling location.

Lower Sink Site

The lower sink site is located just off Rowan Drive in a drainage ditch tributary to Second Creek. The data collected at this site is limited to flow data. The primary flow measuring device is a concrete control structure plus a weir plate. A rating curve is being developed for the control structure. A Friez water level recorder is used to acquire a complete set of flow data. The site, which is in a sink area, will be studied (using tracers) in conjunction with the upper sink site to accumulate data regarding subsurface drainage in the area of karst-terrain. A raingage is located within the drainage area.

Upper Sink Site

The upper sink site is located on Sanford Road, approximately two blocks north of the lower sink site. The data collection at this site is also limited to flow data. The data collected at this site will be used in conjunction with the data collected at the lower sink site to study subsurface drainage. The equipment is the same at the two sites.

Orchid Drive Residential Site

The Orchid Drive site is located in a culvert next to the Midas Muffler Shop. The primary flow measuring device is a 30 inch Palmer-Bowlus flume. An ISCO model 1700 flow meter is used to measure flow. The total flow values are recorded by an ISCO model 1710 digital printer. A modified Friez water level recorder is used to obtain a continuous strip chart record of the flow. Flow proportional water samples are collected with an ISCO model 2100 automatic water sampler. A recording raingage and wet/dry atomospheric collector are located in the upper part of this drainage area.

Strip Commercial Site

The strip commercial site is located in a drainage ditch behind the Clinton Plaza Shopping Center.

A 54 inch Palmer-Bowlus flume is installed in the ditch. An ISCO model 1700 flow meter is used to measure the flow going through the flume. An ISCO model 1710 digital printer records total flow values and a modified Friez water level recorder provides a continuous strip chart record of the flow. A recording raingage and wet/dry atmospheric collector is located in the drainage area. Flow proportional water samples are collected by an ISCO model 2100 automatic water sampler.

Tennessee Valley Authority is responsible for most of the technical work, including sampling equipment installation and calibration, data collection, and sample and data analysis. Both composite and discrete samples will be taken. It is hoped that composite samples will be collected from 16 storm and discrete samples from 8 storms.

D. Controls

The Best Management Practices which will be evaluated have not yet been determined. After preliminary sampling results are obtained, BMP's will be selected and implemented at the various sites in order to evaluate their effectiveness.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

LANSING, MI

REGION V, EPA

INTRODUCTION

This project, with investigation conducted under the direction of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, is located in the City of Lansing state capital of Michigan. Urban stormwater pollution impacts are being evaluated in the Bogus Swamp Drainage District, Ingham County, which is drained by storm sewers into the Grand River. The Grand River and its major tributaries in the vicinity of Lansing, the Red Cedar and Sycamore River, flow eventually into Lake Michigan.

The Grand River has been classified for total body contact recreation in the reach into which the Bogus Swamp stormdrain network flows. Future planning for the Grand River includes fish ladders to allow fish migration, and development of linear parks, some of which already exist along the river, which is now used for boating and fishing, with other recreation activities conducted primarily at lake Lansing.

The existing water quality of the Grand River was documented in recent monitoring efforts. Problems were identified as the result of (1) point source discharges; (2) combined sewer overflows; and (3) stormwater drainage. Nonpoint source pollution has been identified as a major contributor to biochemical oxygen demand, nitrogen and suspended solids.

Of concern to the local and regional agencies is the need to evaluate the effectiveness of best management practices that may be applied to reduce pollution of the Grand River. This information will be utilized in future planning for the most cost-effective total effort to reduce pollution from the three identified sources. Such future planning will also utilize similar data developed by other urban runoff projects underway nationwide to the extent it proves both transferrable and applicable. The project has the major objective of evaluating an in-line wet storage basin, a normally-dry detention basin, and two sections of increased diameter storm drains, for both costs and stormwater quality enhancement.

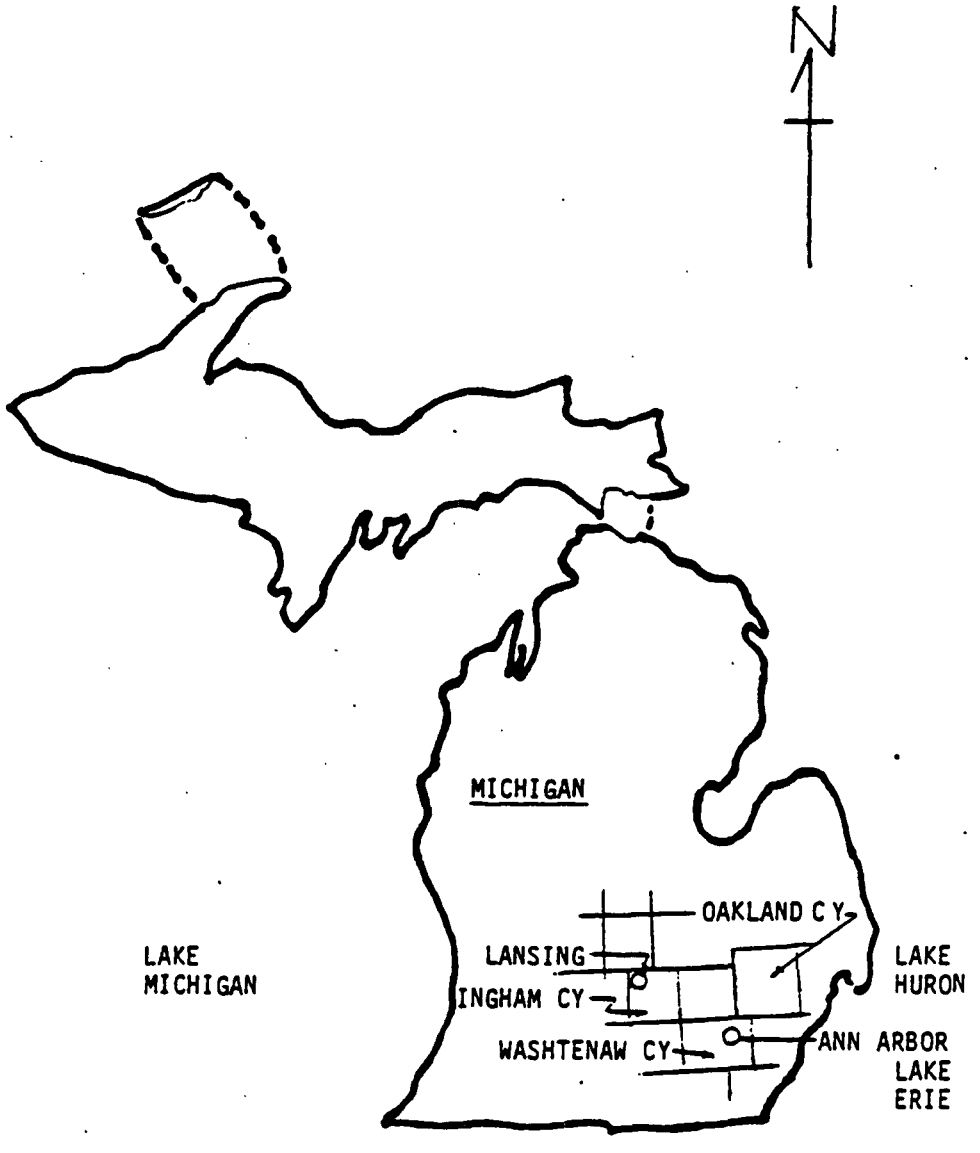

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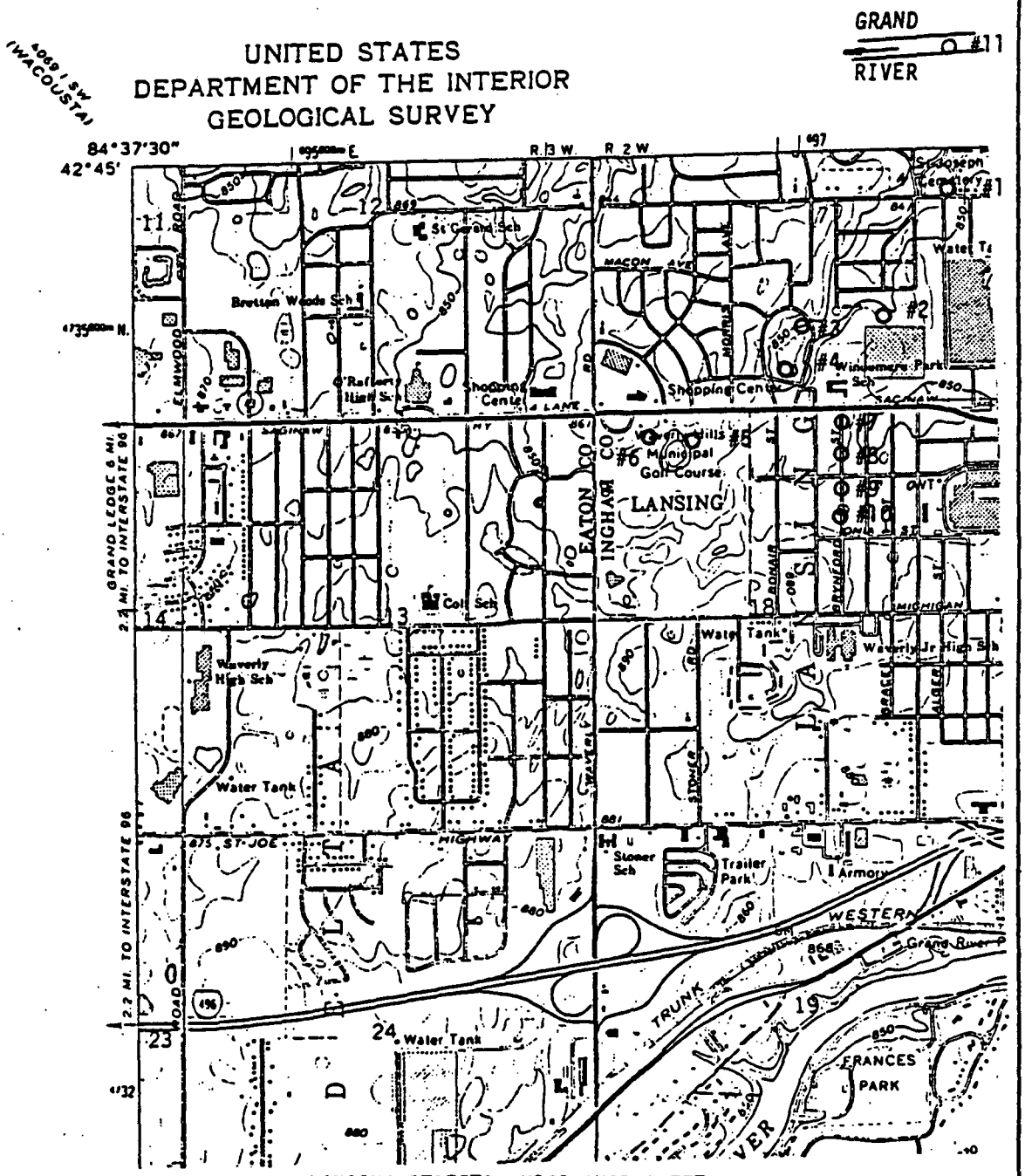
FIGURE 1



LANSING STREETS, USGS QUAD SHEET
SAMPLING AND MONITORING POINTS

FIGURE 2

Station Description and Schedule

Located in the Bogus Swamp Drain District are three types of Best Management Practices (BMP's) for the control of stormwater pollution. These are (a) two in-line upsized tiles, (b) an in-line retention basin, and (c) an off-line detention basin. Figure 1 illustrates monitoring stations and the "Best Management Practices" (BMP's) being studied and includes all station locations and designations in Table I. Each will be monitored for flow and stormwater constituents to determine the efficiency and cost effectiveness for the reduction of various pollutants. Sampling at the inlet and outlet of each BMP will require a total of ten stations, each consisting of flow recorders and samplers.

TABLE I. STATION DESCRIPTION

Station No.	and Location	BMP Type
1	Main Outlet	
2	West Subdistrict Drain	
	Dryer Farms	Detention Pond
3	- outlet	
4	- inlet	
	Golf Course Pond	Retention Pond
5	- outlet	
6	- inlet	
	Upsized tile	96" Sump
7	- outlet	
8	- inlet	
	Upsized tile	96" Sump
9	- outlet	
10	- inlet	
11	River	

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

A. Area

The City of Lansing Michigan, in Ingham County, is located in the north central lower peninsula. The Bogus Swamp Drain Drainage District, in which the best management pratices are installed, is west of, contiguous to, and representative of developed urban conditions in Lansing. The drainage district contains 450 acres. Land uses and land covers in this district are separated into more or less homogeneous covers which correspond to drainage subdistricts. Uses include single and multi-family residential, commercial, and industrial, as well as open space-recreation.

B. Population

The 1971 population of Lansing-East Lansing was 385,694, with a projected 1980 population (Series E, 1972 OBERS) of 434,000. The 1980 census for the Lansing SMSA reported an actual population of 468,482, and 130,414 within the Lansing city limits. The 1972 OBERS projection shows that the 1980 SMSA population was not anticipated to be reached until 1985, which is an indication of the rate of urbanization in the area.

C. Drainage

The drainage district terrain is typical Michigan glacial landscape with gently rolling topography and relatively low slopes. The surface elevation drops 20 feet, from 890 feet at the headwaters to 870 feet at the Grand River outlet. Urbanization has increased the impervious cover to the extent that the capacity of many storm sewers is routinely exceeded by stormwater flows.

The Grand River headwaters are located south of Lansing, and with its tributaries drains approximately 2/3 -3/4 of Jackson County, most of Ingham County, and a small part of Eaton County on its way north through Lansing. From there it flows generally West-northwest until it enters Lake Michigan in Ottawa County.

D. Sewerage System

Within the drainage district, the storm and sanitary sewers are separate, except for possible illegal connections not yet detected. Within the City of Lansing, there are areas served by combined sewers which result in high levels of coliform in the Grand River, preventing body contact recreational uses. Correction of the combined sewer overflow problem will be incorporated into a combined total pollution reduction effort that includes application of best management practices to control urban stormwater pollution, and control of point source discharges, in the most effective manner. Such planning will be accomplished when results of the Nationwide Urban Runoff Program projects become available.

PROJECT AREA

I. Catchment Name - MI 1,001, Bogus Swamp Drain

A. Area - 452.6 acres

B. Population - 2250 persons.

C. Drainage - Subsurface conveyance to the Grand River. Main channel is 49,500 feet at a slope of approximately 32 feet per mile.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of catchment is 100% separate storm sewers. Forty-nine percent is served by curbs and gutters, and 51% is served by swales and ditches.

E. Land Use

126.5 acres (28%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 37.4 acres (30%) is impervious.

76.9 acres (17%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 23.4 acres (30%) is impervious.

14.3 acres (3%) is > 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 8.3 acres (58%) is impervious.

13.2 acres (2.9%) is Linear Strip Development, of which 10.1 acres (78%) is impervious.

10.1 acres (2.2%) is Shopping Center, of which 10.1 acres (100%) is impervious.

3.3 acres (0.7%) is Urban Industrial (light), of which 2.2 acres (67%) is impervious.

83.2 acres (18.4%) is Urban Industrial (heavy), of wich 52.7 (63%) is impervious.

91 acres (20.1%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space, of which 5.6 acres (6%) is impervious.

Approximately 37% imperviousness in entire catchment area.

II. Catchment Name - MI 1,002, Bogus Swamp Drain

A. Area - 63 acres.

B. Population - 0 persons (industrial).

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative catchment slope of 132 feet/mile, and 100% curbs and gutters. The storm sewers approximate a 31 feet/mile slope, and extend 9,450 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers, and is completely provided with curbs and gutters.

Streets consist of 17 lane miles of asphalt all in fair condition and 2.2 lane miles of concrete, all in good condition.

E. Land Use

63 acres (100%) is Urban Industrial (heavy), of which 40.4 (64%) is impervious.

III. Catchment Name - MI 1,DRO, Bogus Swamp Drain

A. Area - 127.6 acres.

B. Population - 550 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 121 feet/mile, 37% served with curbs and gutters and 63% served with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate a 27 feet/mile slope, and extend 10,650 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Street consist of 10.6 lane mile of asphalt, 59% of which is in good condition and 41% of which is in fair condition, and 6 lane miles of concrete, 54% of which is in good condition, and 46% of which is in fair condition.

E. Land Use

52.9 acres (41.5%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 16.1 acres (30%) is impervious.

5.2 acres (4.1%) is > 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 3.1 acres (60%) is impervious.

8.4 acres (6.6%) is Linear Strip Development, of which 4.9 acres (58%) is impervious.

10.1 acres (7.9%) is Shopping Center, of which 10.1 acres (100%) is impervious.

49.2 acres (38.6%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space, of which 1.2 acres (2%) is impervious.

1.8 acres (1.4%) is Urban Institutional, of which 1.7 acres (94%) is impervious.

Approximately 29% imperviousness in entire catchment area.

IV. Catchment Name - MI 1,DRF, Bogus Swamp Drain

A. Area - 112.7 acres.

B. Population - 480 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 233 feet/mile, 42% served with curbs and gutters and 58% served with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate a 32 feet/mile slope, extending 9,980 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist 10.1 lane miles of asphalt, of which 62% is in good condition and 385 is in fair condition, and 5.8 lane miles of concrete, 54% of which is in good condition, and 46% of which is in fair condition.

E. Land Use

38.0 acres 33.7% is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 13.4 acres (35%) is impervious.

5.2 acres (4.6%) is 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 3.1 acres (60%) is impervious.

8.4 acres (7.4%) is Linear Strip Development, of which 4.9 acres (58%) is impervious.

10.1 acres (9%) is Shopping Center, of which 10.1 acres (100%) is impervious.

49.2 acres (43.7%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space, of which 1.2 acres (2%) is impervious.

1.8 acres (1.6%) is Urban Institutional, of which 1.7 acres (94%) is impervious.

Approximately 31% imperviousness in the entire catchment area.

V. Catchment Name - MI 1,GCO, Bogus Swamp Drain

A. Area - 67 acres.

B. Population - 340 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 200 feet/mile, 48% sered with curbs and gutters, and 52% served with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate 29 feet/mile slope, extending 5,480 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of this catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 6.6 lane miles of asphalt, all in good condition, and 3.0 lane miles of concrete, 37% in good condition and 63% fair condition.

E. Land Use

15.0 acres (22.4%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 7.3% acres (49%) is impervious.

5.2 acres (7.8%) is > 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 3.1 acres (60%) is impervious.

10.1 acres (15.1%) is Shopping Center, of which 10.1 acres (100%) is impervious.

36.7 acres (54.8%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space, of which 0.6 acres (2%) is impervious.

Approximately 31% imperviousness in the entire catchment area.

VI. Catchment Name - MI 1,GCI, Bogus Swamp Drain

A. Area - 30.3 acres.

B. Population - 340 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 121 feet/mile, completely served with curbs and gutters. The storm sewers approximate 22 feet/mile slope, extending 4800 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of this catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 6.1 lane miles of asphalt, all in good condition, and 3 lane miles of concrete, of which 37% in good condition and 63% is in fair condition.

E. Land Use

15.0 acres (47.5%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 7.3 acres (49%) is impervious.

5.2 acres (17.2%) is > 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 3.1 acres (60%) is impervious.

10.1 acres (33.3%) is Shopping Center, of which 10.1 acres (100%) is impervious.

Approximately 68% imperviousness in the entire catchment area.

VII. Catchment Name - MI 1,UP1, Bogus Swamp Drain

A. Area - 163.9 acres.

B. Population - 850 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 226 feet/mile, with 21.0% curbs and gutters, and 79.0% having swales and ditches, the total extending 15,530 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 14 lane miles of asphalt which are all in fair condition, and 1.7 lane miles of concrete roadways, all in good condition.

E. Land Use

29.3 acres (17.9%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 6.5 acres (22%) is impervious.

61.6 acres (37.6%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 16.1 acres (26%) is impervious.

0.6 acres (0.4%) is Linear Strip Development, of which 0.6 acres (100%) is impervious.

16.4 acre (10%) is Urban Industrial (heavy) of which 12.3 acres (75%) is impervious.

33.2 acres (20.3%) in Urban Parkland or Open Space, of which 0.6 acres (2%) is impervious.

22.8 acres (13.9%) is Urban Institutional, of which 8.7 acres (38%) is impervious.

Approximately 26% imperviousness in the entire catchment area.

VIII. Catchment Name - MI 1,UP2, Bogus Swamp Drain

A. Area - 74.9 acres.

B. Population - 370 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 194 feet/mile, with 47% having curbs and gutters, and 53% having ditches and swales, the total extending 9,230 feet at a representative slope of 63 feet/mile.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 8.9 lane miles of asphalt, all in fair condition, and 1.7 lane miles of concrete, all in good condition.

E. Land Use

1.8 acres (2.4%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units acre urban residential, of which 1.3 acres (72%) is impervious.

33.9 acres (45.3%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 5.5 acres (16%) is impervious.

16.4 acres (21.9%) is Urban Industrial (heavy) of which 12.3 acres (75%) is impervious.

22.8 acres (30.4%) is Urban Institutional, of which 8.7 acres (38%) is impervious.

Approximately 37% imperviousness in the entire catchment area.

PROBLEM

A. Local definition (government)

The present water quality of the Grand River is capable of supporting a fishery in pike, bass, catfish and bluegill. Contact recreation use is denied primarly due to the high levels of coliform in the river, which come from the combined sewer overflows in the area, although none are included in the catchment areas being evaluated in this project.

Water quality problems have been identified as also resulting from agricultural runoff, benthal demand, and urban runoff. The problems experienced include high nutrient levels and eutrophication and low dissolved oxygen. The principal water supply source is ground water, causing concern of possible contamination from urban runoff, or the feasibility of using stormwater for recharge, from the Red Cedar River, which is underlain by sand/gravel.

B. Local Perception (public awareness)

With the exception of boating and fishing, most residents travel to Lake Lansing, which is used as the principle local recreational water body in the area. They are aware of the current unsuitability of the Grand River for body contact recreation. As the linear parks along the river continue to be developed, increased interest in the utilization of the river for recreation may be expected.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Major objectives

Previous studies conducted in the Lansing, MI, area have resulted in the conclusion that water quality problems do exist in the Grand River which impair desired beneficial use. Further, urban nonpoint source pollution has been identified as a major contributor to biochemical oxygen demand, nitrogen, and suspended solids. This study is designed to determine the efficiency of three best management practice to enhance storm water quality from urban runoff. The three best management practices consist of an in-line wet storage basin, a dry detention basin, and two up-sized sections of underground storm drain pipe.

Specific study objectives include:

1. Determination of pollutant loads transported in the stormwater, as it enters and leaves each best management practice structure, and related land use;

2. Assessment of the impact these practices can have on the receiving water quality in the project area and regionally;

3. Identification of the financial requirements for capital and operating and maintenance costs for these types of controls, and;

4. Transfer of the information developed to other agencies in the region, for their use in implementation of pollution control plans.

B. Methodology

Atmospheric deposition sampling is providing information on the atmospheric input of pollutants under both wet and dry conditions. The quantity and quality of flow into and out of the best management practices control features are being determined during storm event conditions through appropriate measuring and analytical procedure Sediments collected in the wet retention basin and the up-sized stormdrain sections are also scheduled for analysis.

The two up-sized pipe sections were installed with crown elevations at the same elevation as the smaller diameter inlet and outlet pipes. This resulted in standing water depth above the pipe inverts of 36 and 42 inches. This design will provide conditions favorable to sedimentation for storms which occur frequently during the year. To prevent flushing of deposited solids during high peak flows, periodic removal of the accumulated sediment will be evaluated with respect to timing and cost.

C. Monitoring

Field sampling of runoff water quality, flow and precipitation, initiated in April, 1980, at some of the monitoring stations, has gradually been extended to all the stations, as construction activites were completed, and other problems encountered were eliminated.

Monitoring locations are identified in Figure 2. Water quality and flow data for inlet and outlet flows and in the Grand River are being obtained from ENCOTEC, a consulting firm located in Ann Arbor, MI. In addition to the 11 locations identified, a monthly grab sample is obtained at each of the two stations (one located upstream and one located downstream of Lansing) sampled by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. These particular samples are needed for analysis of those parameters not being evaluated by the state which are of interest in this program. Two sampling locations have been established for bulk fallout, and dryfall/wetfall sampling, with respect to evaluating the atmospheric pollutant contribution.

The list of parameters and constituents examined in the sample collected includes: total solids, total suspended solids, pH, total alkalinity, specific conductance, choride, turbidity, total organic carbon, ammonia nitrogen, nitrate plus nitrite nitrogen, soluble and total Kjeldahl nitrogen, soluble and total organic carbon, soluble total phosphorus, orthophosphate, grease and oil, biochemical oxygen demand, chemical oxygen demand, total metals-to include lead, iron, zinc, chromium, copper, nickel, cadmium, mercury and arsenic, PCB, total fluoride, orthophosphate, phenolics, sulfide, a pesticide scan, and particle distribution.

Equipment

The sites will be monitored using automatic flow recording devices of a type suitable for specific installation, and automatic discrete/composite water samplers, except for grab sample points in the Grand River. Wetfall and dryfall sampling is also done using automatic sampling equipment. Sediments removed from the best management practice control structures will be subjected to particle size analysis.

Control

The four best management practices structures will be evaluated to determine their effectiveness as control measures to reduce the pollutant effect of urban stormwater runoff.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

DETROIT, MI

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INTRODUCTION

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments project is centered in the City of Troy, in Southeast Michigan, about 15 miles northwest of Detroit. Topography in the area is very flat, with poor drainage. Drains carry runoff to the Clinton River and then to Lake St. Clair.

The Clinton River, not specifically assigned a classification by name, must, as a minimum, be protected for agricultural uses, navigation, industrial water supply, public water supply at the point of intake, warmwater fish, and partial body contact recreation. As one of the site selection criteria, the sub-drainage area identified as the Red Run sub-basin, which exhibited poor known stormwater-induced quality, was chosen.

Other siting criteria used in selecting Troy were, the requirement for an area of poor drainage, yet highly urbanized and within close proximity to a concentration of raingages. The extreme southeast corner of Oakland County is very flat, and has experienced rapid urbanization, both factors exacerbating the problem that flat terrain causes for stormwater runoff. This area has also become highly urbanized during the past 20 years, and Southeast Michigan Council of Governments has a raingage network in the area. Troy's population has increased approximately 350% since 1960.

As municipal and industrial wastewater treatment has reduced the degree or level of pollution attributable to point source pollution, an increasing awareness has developed regarding the significant contribution from nonpoint sources, especially in southeast Michigan. SEMCOG studies have identified urban stormwater runoff as an important factor in water quality degradation.

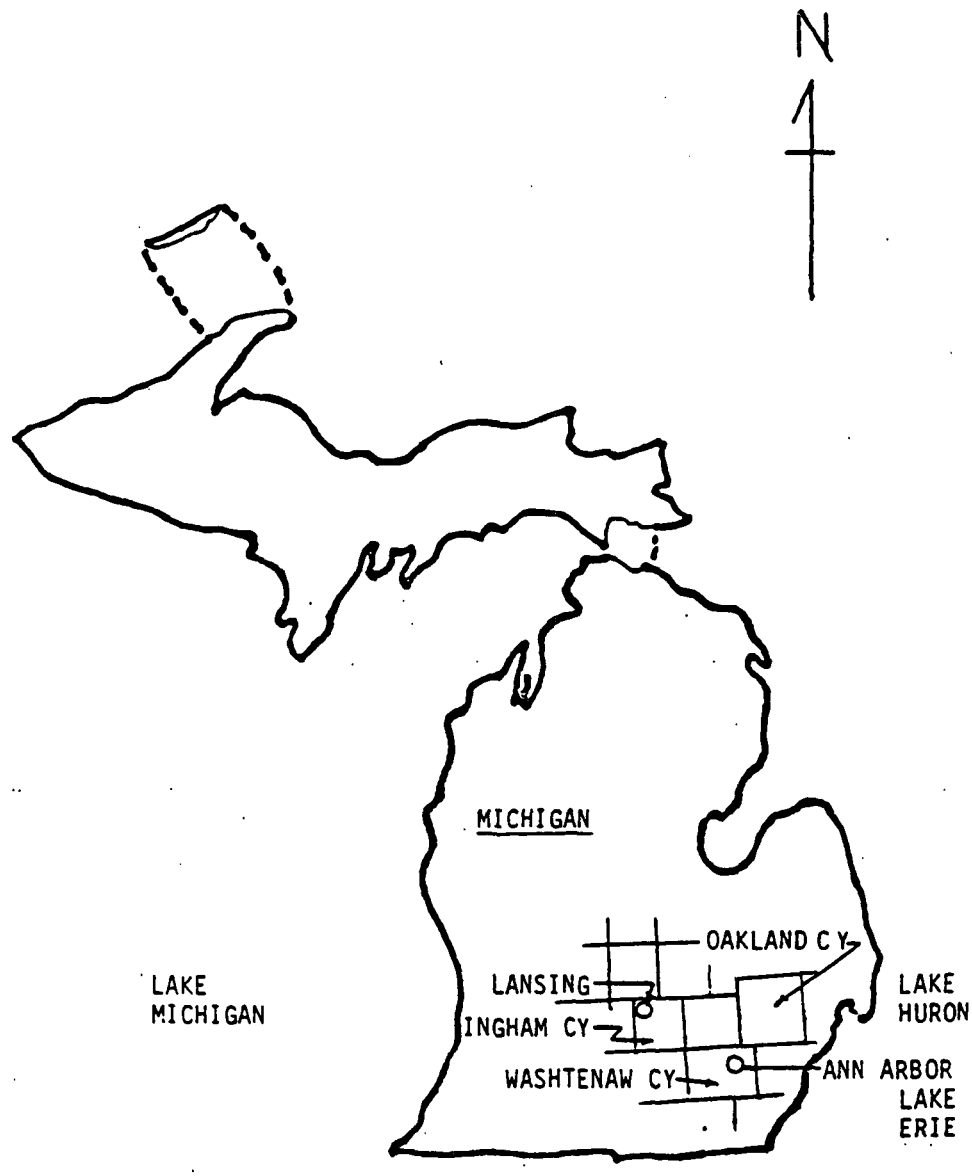
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FIGURE 1

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

A. Area

The City of Troy, located in Oakland County, is about 15 miles to the northwest of Detroit, or about 5 miles southeast of Pontiac, Michigan. The total area of the city comprises about 31 square miles. Land use within the city is best characterized as residential and commercial development.

B. Population

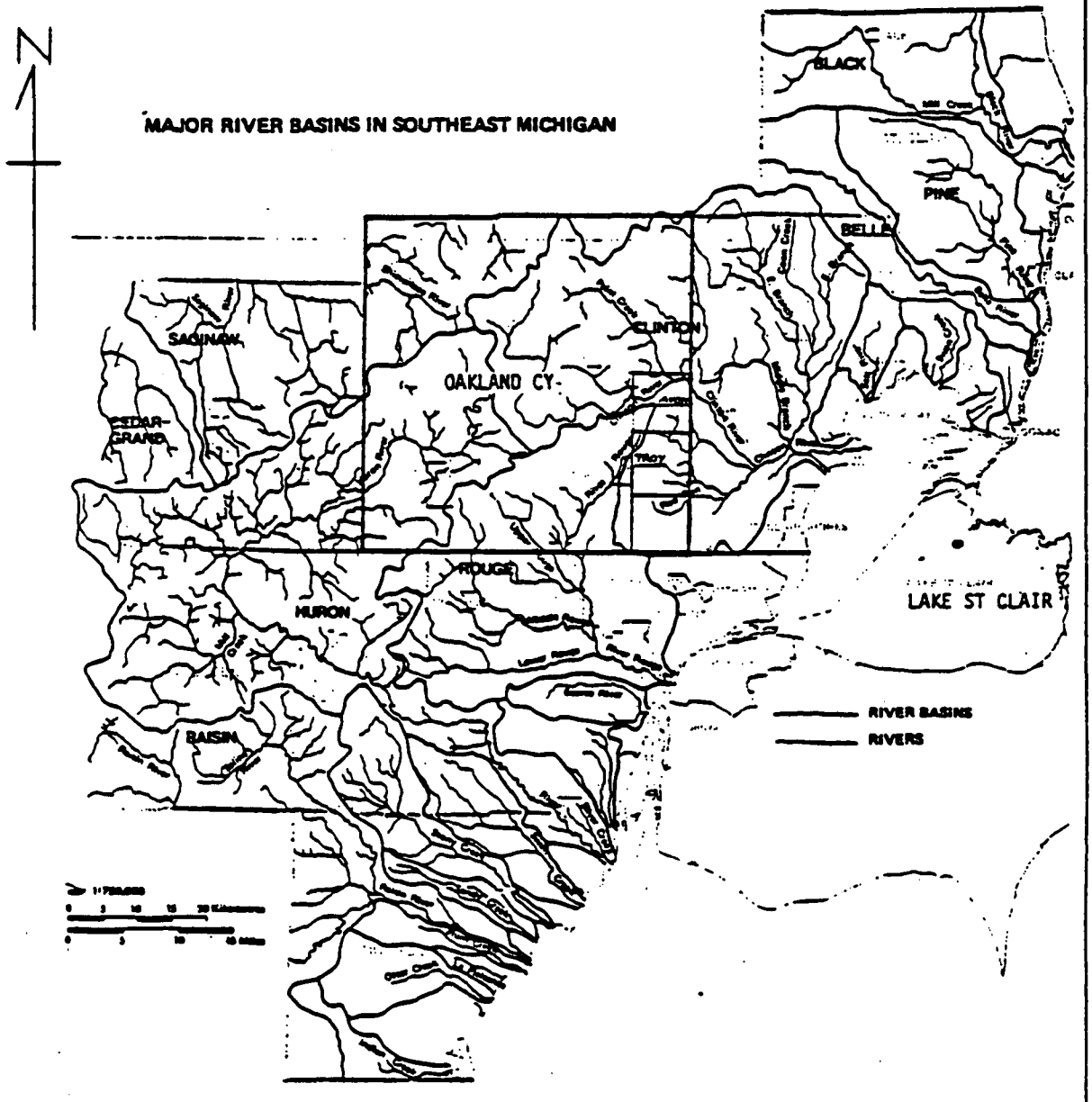
Troy has experienced very large increases in population over the last twenty years from about 19,100 in 1960 to about 67,100 in 1980. During this same period, Oakland County has increased from about 668,800 to 1,011,793, a 51.3 percent increase. The rate of increase in population for Troy was 106.8% from 1960 to 1970, and 70.2% from 1970 to 1980. Although the rate of increase has slowed, it is reasonable to expect that the population will continue to grow in the future. The year 2,000 projected population is 70,800.

C. Drainage

The southeastern area of Michigan, including the City of Troy, is very flat. As a result it is poorly drained. Drainage is accomplished through storm drains which connect to the Clinton River and its tributaries, which flows into Lake St. Clair. Developments are required to include detention basins to slow storm runoff and prevent downstream flooding.

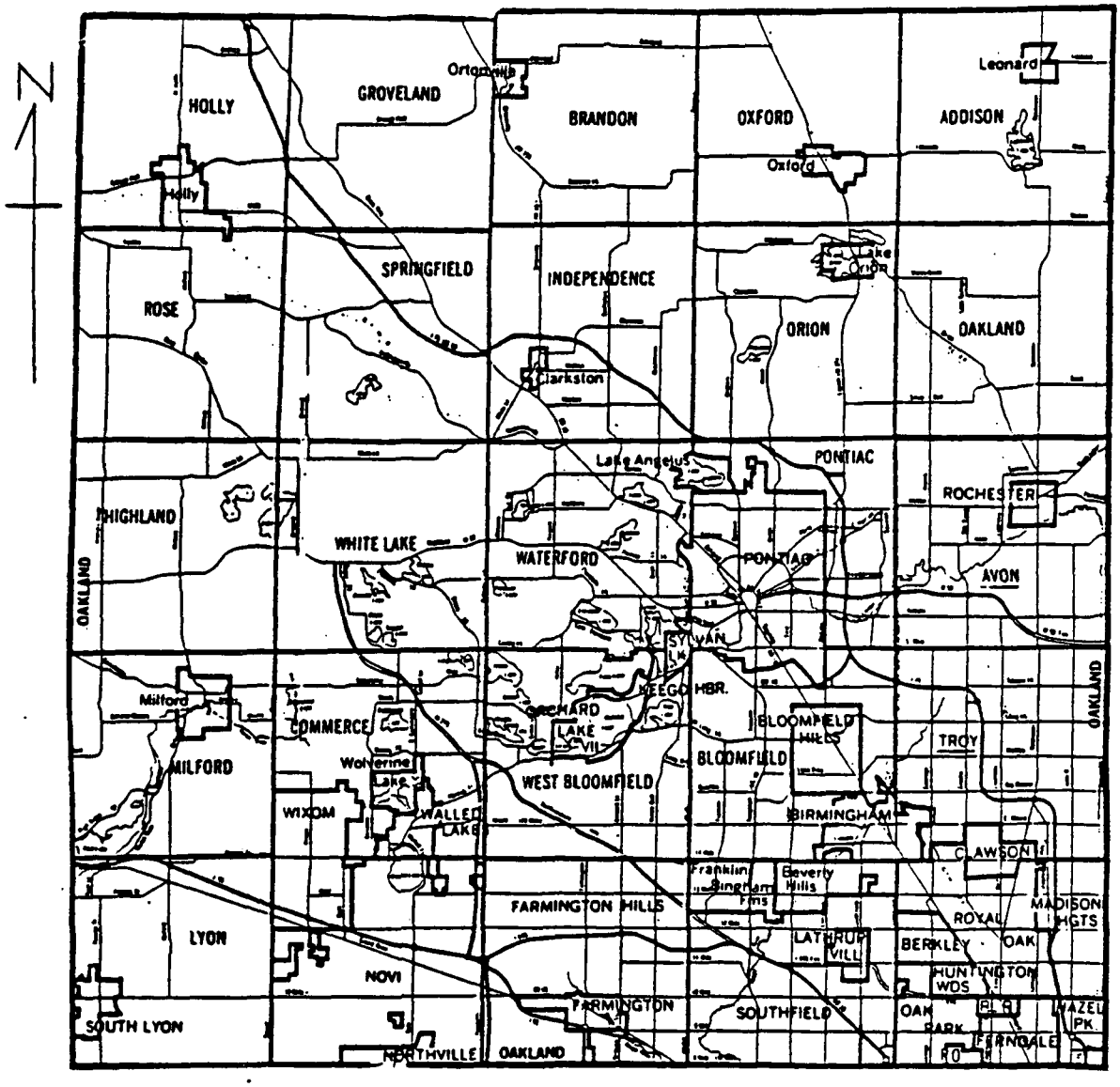
D. Sewerage System

The existing sewerage system is completely separate, with suitable treatment of the collected sanitary sewage, and discharge of the effluent.



CLINTON RIVER BASIN

FIGURE 2



OAKLAND COUNTY COMMUNITIES

FIGURE 3

PROJECT AREA

I. Catchment Name - MI 2, Catchment 100, VILLAGE GREEN

A. Area - 55.1 acres.

B. Population - 275 persons.

C. Drainge - This catchment area has a representative slope of 53.0 feet/mile, 3.8% served with curbs and gutters. The storm sewers approximate a 25 feet/mile slope and extend 2675 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 75% separate storm sewers and 28% with no sewers.

Streets consist of 1.05 lane-miles of asphalt, 100% of which is in good condition.

E. Land Use

2.8 acres (5.1%) is > 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 1.8% acres (64.3%) is impervious.

II. Catchment Name - MI, 200, BEAVER TRAIL

A. Area - 127.3 acres.

B. Population - 1,053 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 53 feet/mile, 100% served with curbs and gutters. The storm sewers approximate a 13 feet/mile slope and extend 3,300 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 7.74 lane-miles of concrete, 100% of which is in good condition.

E. Land Use

106.9 acres (84%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 12.3 acres (9.7%) is impervious.

20.4 acres (16%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space.

III. Catchment Name - MI 2, 300, SYLVAN GLEN

A. Area - 97 acres.

B. Population - 459 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 53 feet/mile, 100% served with curbs and gutters. The storm sewers approximate a 29% feet/mile slope and extend 3,910 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 81.2% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 4.96 lane-miles of concrete, 100% of which is in good condition.

E. Land Use

78.8 acres (81.2%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 9.5 acres (12%) is impervious.

18.2 acres (18.8%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space.

IV. Catchment Name - MI 2, 400, CITY OF TROY, RECORDING RAINGAGE

A. Area - 279.4 acres.

B. Population - 1,787 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 53 feet/mile, 100% served with curbs and gutters. The storm sewers approximate a 22.3 feet/mile slope and extend 9,885 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 79% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 1.05 lane-miles of asphalt, 100% of which is in good condition. In addition there are about 12.6 lane-miles of concrete, of which 100% is in good condition.

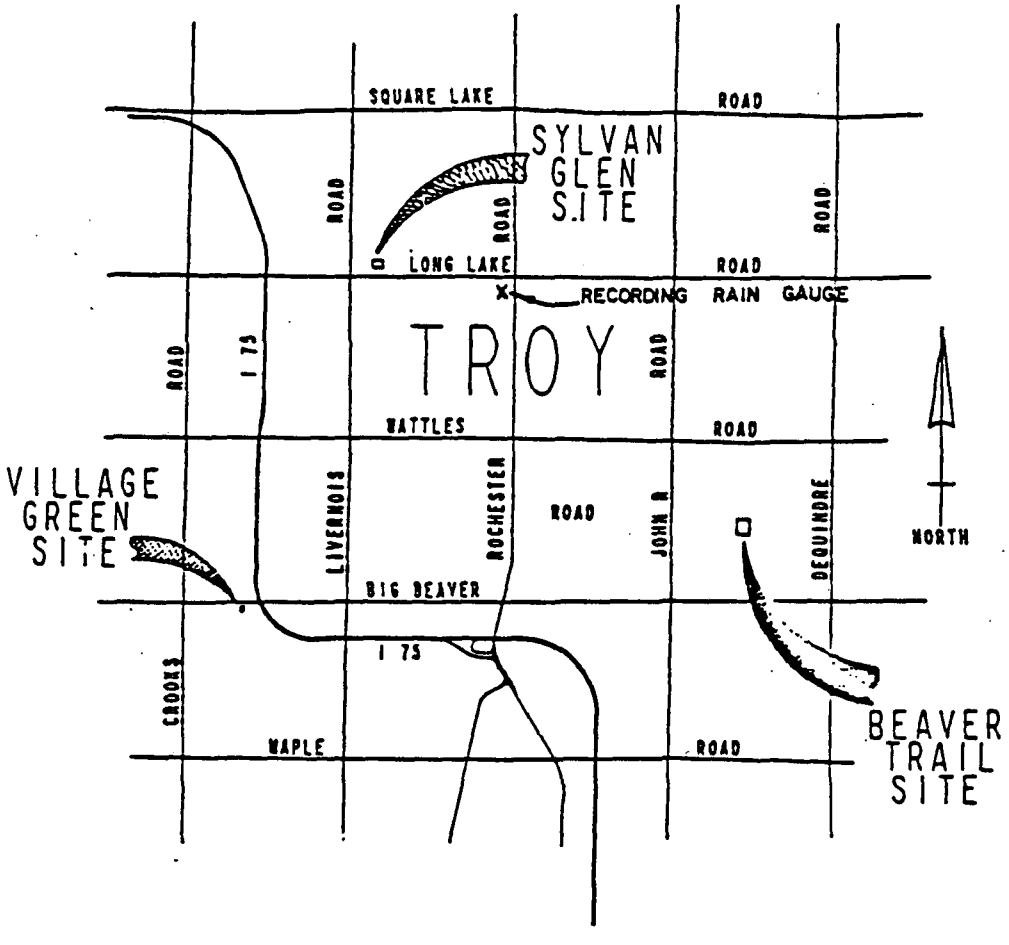
PROBLEM

A. Local Definition (Government)

SEMCOG identified stormwater generated pollution as a problem within their area of jurisdiction during the initial Section 208 planning work. Earlier, stormwater quantity problems had resulted in requirements for runoff control in subdivision developments to prevent downstream damage. In the rapidly urbanizing areas in southeastern Michigan, the topography is relatively flat, and poorly drained. Many stormwater detention basins have been constructed in compliance with quantity control requirements. Such basins might be suitably adapted through minor modifications to incorporate water quality control. This would eliminate potential water quality standards violations to the Clinton River drainage network, and denial of beneficial uses, if it proved cost-effective.

B. Local Perception (Public Awareness)

Public participation during the initial planning effort which identified urban stormwater runoff as a source of pollutants alerted the public to the problem. Continued communications with local elected officials and citizen leaders during the conduct of the NURP study has been a requirement, and scheduled task in the work plan. In addition, there is a public education program task included in the detailed plan, designed to educate the public before management recommendations are formulated.



TROY, MICHIGAN

GENERAL LOCATION MAP

FIGURE 4

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Major Objective

The Oakland County project, as a continuation and follow-up Section 208 study, has been designed to evaluate the effectiveness of modified stormwater quantity control structures for use in event runoff quality control. In addition to this technical evaluation, the costs involved for the modifications, and subsequent maintenance costs and responsibilities will be reported. Legal and institutional aspects of an implementation program will be reviewed and recommendations presented concerning needs in these areas.

The project will extend over three years, with initial sampling and monitoring designed to determine the level of pollution existing in the selected drainage areas. Subsequent sampling will demonstrate the effectiveness of detention basin modifications in controlling the identified pollutants.

B. Methodology

The hypothesis being tested is that stormwater pollution control in newly developing areas can be achieved with relatively inexpensive modifications over present practices, specifically retention systems, used in control of stormwater quantity.

Consultant testing and evaluation require sampling of rainfall and urban runoff quantity and quality and engineering analysis of data. The engineering analysis is being performed to determine mass emissions of pollutants and the degree to which various retention structures and modifications to these structures reduce pollutant discharges. General pollutants of concern are suspended solids, oxygen demanding materials, toxics, and plant nutrients.

Studies concerning operation and maintenance requirements, both institutional and legal constraints and alternatives for implementation, and evaluation of overall costs and benefits are being conducted by SEMCOG, running concurrently with the sampling/engineering effort. Thus, the feasibility of using retention structures as a best management practice (BMP) for controlling stormwater runoff pollution in urban areas will be based on technical, legal, institutional, and economic considerations.

Information generated will be used by SEMCOG in conjunction with relevant work products from SEMCOG's 208 water quality management planning efforts to determine the relative costs and benefits and the institutional constraints involved in modifying existing stormwater quantity control systems for incorporation of permanent in-place stormwater quality control. In particular, design criteria and guidelines will be prepared by the consultant for use by local and nationwide site planners, engineers, and review agencies to incorporate and implement preventive control measures for urban nonpoint pollution. Results will also aid SEMCOG in the development of future basin-wide alternatives for controlling total urban pollutant loadings to the region's rivers.

The proposed effort in Southeast Michigan has been organized in conjunction with the Oakland County Drain Commissioner in order to incorporate the experience gained by the Commssioner through his successful administration of programs to enforce the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Act (PA 347) and the Plat Act (PA 288), both of which often require stormwater retention basins. The Drain Commissioner's function is especially important to the long-term development of sound and comprehensive water resources management since it is the policy of SEMCOG to integrate a system of controls for urban nonpoint pollution into the present framework of laws and practices, wherever possible.

The retention control measures to be assessed in this project are those required under Michigan PA 288 of 1967. These controls are required in order to reduce excess runoff from development sites which are tributary to county drains with little additional hydraulic capacity. Retention structures are designed to protect against the ten-year storm event. Should these structures provide significant improvement in water quality, it may be possible to implement a comprehensive storm drainage program which provides both flood protection and water quality benefits.

Many variables affect the treatment efficiency of retention basins. For instance, three major variables affect the efficiency of a basin for settling out particulates; these are: (1) influent particle size distribution, (2) magnitudes and timing of water flow, and (3) basin configuration. In turn, these first two variables are a function of rainstorm intensity, antecedent dry periods, drainage area land cover/use characteristics (e.g., soil types, percent impermeable area, seasonal activities, slope), and the design and efficiency of the stormwater conveyance system.

Previous SEMCOG studies have focused on the problem of characterizing runoff pollutant loads from different land uses. From these efforts, it has been concluded that pollutant load characteristics of runoff from commercial and residential areas differ significantly. Hence, the kinds of control measures necessary to abate stormwater-associated water pollution may vary according to the land use in the storm drainage district. Accordingly, this project considers two categories of land use: residential and commercial.

Seventeen runoff events are projected to be sampled over the course of the project. Ideally, two of these events will be snowmelts with one sampled early each Spring. The remaining events will be rainfall events.

C. Monitoring

Three test sites have been selected for the purposes of this project. Two of the sites are residential and one is commercial. All are less than 135 acres, have curbs and gutters, and exemplify typical development in many areas of the nation. Their descriptions follow:

The Beaver Trail Sub. No. 2 and 3 retention basin is located off Pasadena near Traverse. The basin is in good condition with some weed growth at the northerly end due to wet conditions at the two 54-inch inlets. Existing manholes on the 54-inch inlets can be utilized as monitoring manholes for inflow.

The Beaver Trail retention basin has a capacity of 1,292,000 ft^3 (cubic feet). Based on current design requirements of the Oakland County Drain Commission, required capacity of the retention basin is 405,628 ft^3. The design area is 135 acres with a runoff "c" factor 0.42. The time from start of rainfall to peak storage is approximately 118 minutes for the design storm. The time of concentration for the drainage area is approximately 31 minutes. The base rainfall of 0.5 inches would generate approximately 103,000 ft^3 of runoff to the retention basin. This volume would cause a depth of water at the 16 inch outlet of approximately 2.7 feet, assuming no outflow. The contributing area of this retention basin is entirely residential with the exception of some open space immediately east of the retention basin.

The Sylvan Glen Sub. No. 2 retention basin is located adjacent to the northeast corner of Long Lake Road and Berwyck. This basin is in excellent condition, well maintained with no excessive weed or cat-tail growth. There is no outlet structure visible which could serve as a monitoring manhole. The Sylvan Glen retention basin has a capacity of 220,000 ft^3. The design area is 75 acres with a runoff "c" factor of 0.42. The time from start of rainfall to peak storage is approximately 100 minutes. The time of concentration for the drainage area is approximately 37 minutes.

The base rainfall of 0.5 inches would generate approximately 40,837 ft^3 of runoff to the retention basin. This volume would cause a depth of water of 4 feet at the 12-inch outlet, assuming no outflow.

The contributing area to this retention basin is entirely residential.

The Village Green of Troy retention basin is located southwest of the Big Beaver Road (16 Mile Road)/I-75 interchange. This basin is in generally excellent condition with short grasses over a majority of the site. Some erosion and standing water is present near the inlet. Manholes exist on the inlet off-site and on the outlet on-site. These existing structures show promise for use as sampling stations.

The Village Green of Troy retention basin has a capacity of 1,466,000 ft^3. Based on current design requirements of the Oakland County Drain Commission, required capacity of the retention basin is 776,480 ft^3. The design area is 60 acres with a runoff "c" factor of 0.6. The time from start of rainfall to peak storage is 148 minutes for a design storm. The time of concentration of the drainage area is approximately 26 minutes.

The base rainfall of 0.5 inches would generate approximately 65,300 ft^3 of runoff to the retention basin. This would cause a depth of water at the 10-inch outlet of approximately 4 feet, assuming no outflow.

The contributing area to this retention basin is multiple dwellings and commercial use. The high ratio of land used for parking and building increases the imperviousness of the area, resulting in runoff factors higher than those for the residential areas.

Stormwater runoff from the three basin catchments for 17 events planned to be collected at the inlet and outlet of each of the three stormwater retention basins will be analyzed and evaluated.

The three basins described have been selected for study. Two have one inlet and one outlet, and one has two inlets and one outlet for a total of seven stations. The flow recording instrument is a continuous flow recorder. One will be installed at each inlet and outlet. This instrument is required in order to overcome the prevailing site conditions which would cause errors in flow measurement if other methods were employed. The units will provide accurate flow measurements even though surcharge conditions do or can exist at each station; low flows will lead to open channel flow, and peak flows will result in fullpipe flows. Influent and effluent hydrographs will be produced for each event.

Automatic water sampling equipment will be coupled to and be paced by the flow recorders. Regardless of the flow regime at any point in the storm event, this combination of equipment will produce a representative flow weighted composite sample for analysis at the basin inlets and outlets.

At least two members of the sampling team will be on call during periods when the designated weather service indicates a reasonable probability of an appropriate storm event occurring. The data gathering team will mobilize to the retention basins immediately upon the onset of the precipitation event. Precipitation and flow measurements will then be performed on a time related basis to enable correlation with rain gauge data from the SEMCOG network and gauges added at the retention basin site.

Loadings at each influent and effluent for each event will be determined/estimated for each parameter in the following list:

Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)
Total Organic Carbon (TOC)
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)
Total Phosphorus
Orthophosphate
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN)
Ammonia Nitrogen
Nitrate and Nitrite Nitrogen
Metal Ions (Pb, Fe, Zn, Cr, Cd, Cu, Ni, As, Hg)
Pesticides (8, chlorinated)
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)
Particle Size Analysis (1u, 4u, 10u, 62.5u, 125u)
Fecal Coliform
ph
Chloride

Precipitation data is also needed with respect to events. Quantity - A rain event history including the rain duration, intensity and quantity will be determined for each event and basin which is monitored. The primary source of rainfall quantity information will be the recording rain gauge located near the junction of Long Lake River and Rochester Roads in Troy. This gauge

is within approximately two miles of the retention basins which have been selected for study and is part of SEMCOG's raingauge network. Hyetographs will be constructed from this data to assist in characterization of the storm event. In addition, manually read rain gauges will be placed adjacent to each test basin to verify the uniformity of precipitation or to allow for adjustments in the rainfall volumes for a given basin should the precipitation event prove to be non-uniform.

Quality - The chemical characteristics of the rainfall will also be sampled as a part of this program. It is presently projected to perform such sampling at one of the three test basins during each storm event monitored. This task will require locating a relatively large rainfall collector pan in the immediate vincinity of one of the test basins. This approach will provide information not only as to the potential for pollutants to be contributed by atmospheric washout in general, but also to the determination of whether any localized situation alters the rainfall chemical characteristics between the basins being studied.

At least initially, the parameters to be evaluated on the collected precipitation samples will include the majority of those to be investigated with respect to the retention basins.

Precipitation Parameters

Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)
Total Organic Carbon (TOC)
Total Phosphorus
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen
Ammonia Nitrogen
Nitrate plus Nitrite Nitrogen
Metal Ions (Pb, Fe, Zn, Cr, Cd, Cu, Ni, As, Hg)
pH
Chloride

D. Controls

As previously described, this project is evaluating existing stormwater detention basins installed for quantity control, and modified for quality control, for effectiveness and costs.

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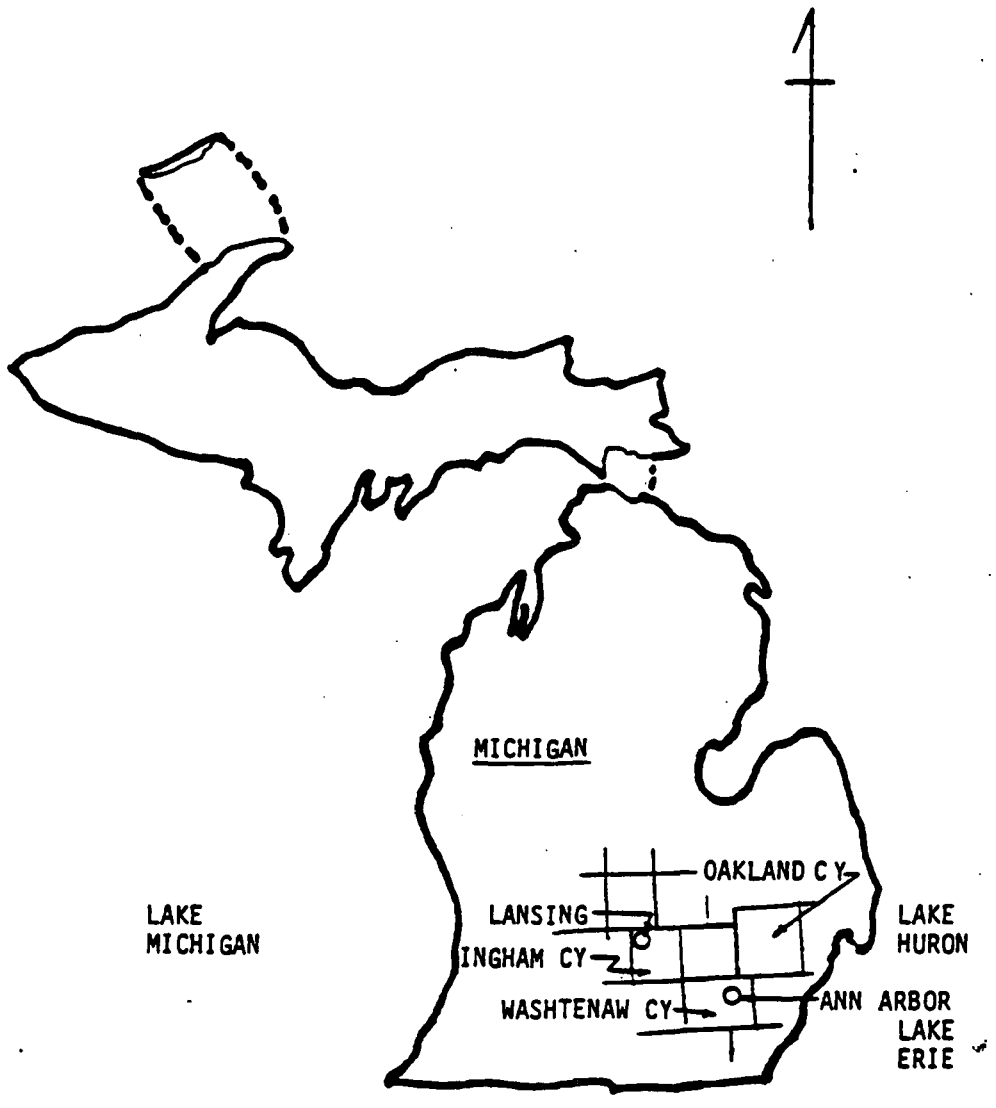
INTRODUCTION

The City of Ann Arbor, situated in Washtenaw County is located in southeastern Michigan, approximately 60 miles west of Detroit. Ann Arbor's surface topography was determined largely by glacial processes. Rolling hills predominate with some interspersed flat areas, pothole lakes, and wetlands. Occasional steep slopes will be found. The area includes an extensive system of stormdrains consisting of both open and enclosed channels. Main lines tend to follow the course of former natural streams, and outlet to the Huron River which passes through Ann Arbor in a series of run-of-the-river impoundments. The Huron river flows directly into the western basin of Lake Erie.

The impoundment above Geddes Dam in Ann Arbor, which reaches about one-half the distance upstream to Argo Dam, is identified as Geddes Pond. This water body is identified in the Michigan State Water Quality Standards as protected for partial body contact recreational use with a goal for total body contact recreational use in the future. The free-flowing stretch of the Huron River would come under the general classification of being protected for agricultural uses, navigation, industrial water supply, public water supply at the point of water intake, warmwater fish, and partial body contact recreation. There have been water quality standards violations.

Water quality surveys conducted in the 1970's generally disclosed water quality conditions during dry weather flow to be reasonably good, while pollutant levels increased dramatically during stormwater runoff periods. The population in the area has shown considerable growth, increasing from about 67,000 in 1960 to about 107,000 in 1980, a rate of 60% in 20 years. The rate has slowed down during ten years from 1970 to 1980, with a gain of only about 7.5%. This still would result in a projection of further growth during the next twenty years. Population may easily reach 115,000 with continued urbanization, since the growth rate in the urbanized area was 16.7% between 1970 and 1980.

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, in the development of the Section 208 Management Plan, identified the reach of the Huron River between the Argo and Geddes Dams as one of three problem areas. With no point source discharges, the focus is on nonpoint sources in this stretch of the river. The SEMCOG Section 208 program included an overall approach for managing pollution from urban nonpoint sources of pollution. The area in which this project is located had the highest priority of the three identified problem areas.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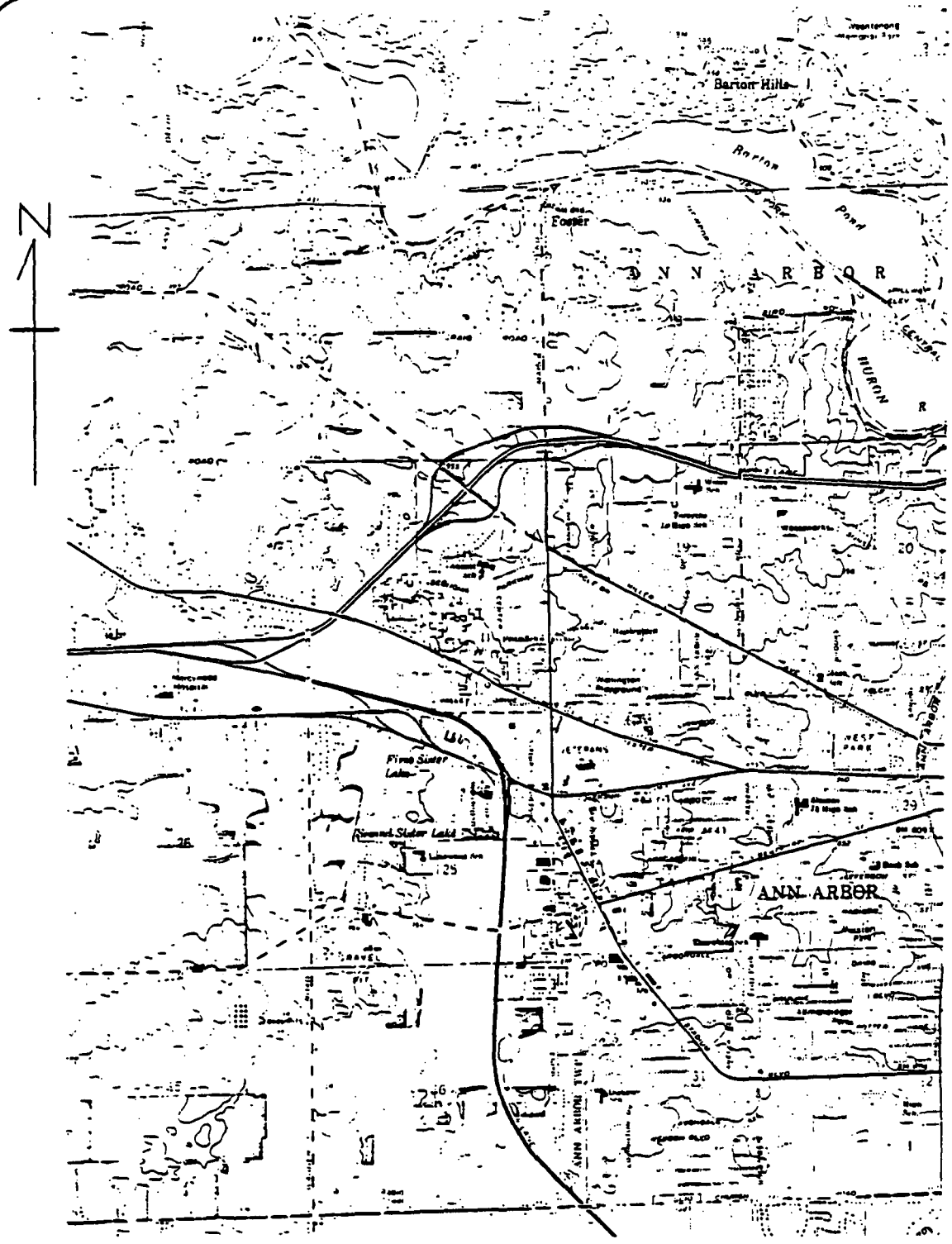

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USGS QUAD SHEET

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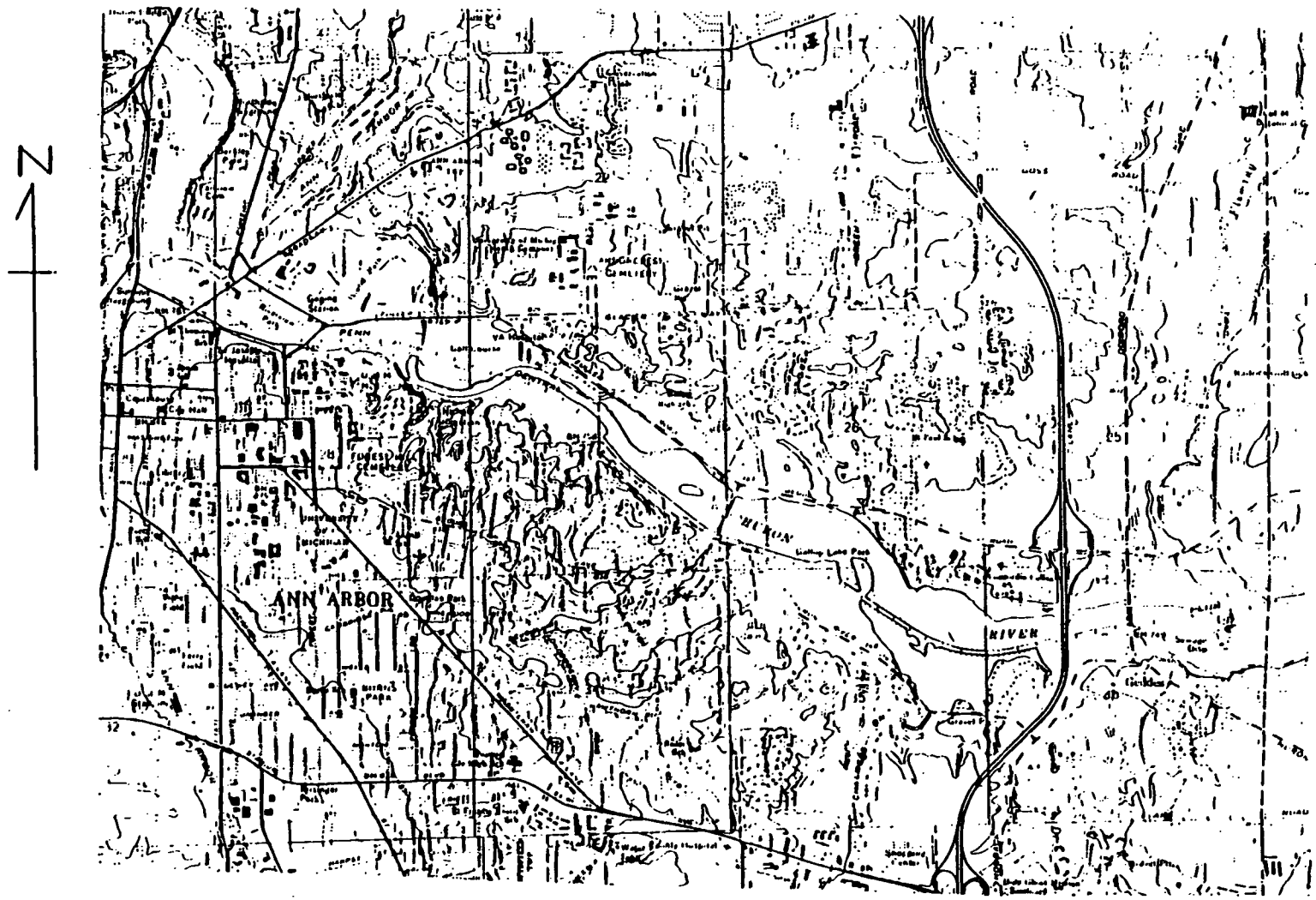


ANN ARBOR STREETS, USGS QUAD SHEET

FIGURE 2B

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

A. Area

The City of Ann Arbor, situated in Washtenaw County, is located in southeastern Michigan, approximately 60 miles west of Detroit. The total area of the city comprises 26.5 square miles. Land use within the town is characterized as institutional and residential, with associated commercial development, and some industrial use.

B. Population

Ann Arbor is the home of the University of Michigan, with parts of the campus on either side of the Huron River. The census population figure for the City of Ann Arbor for 1970 was 99,797, representing a 48.2 precent increase from the 1960 census population. The 1980 Census population figure was reported as 107,316, a much lower 7% increase. The Washtenaw County standard metropolitan statistical area population was reported as increasing by 35.8% from 1960 to 1970, when it was 234,103. By 1980, it had become 264,103, a 14 percent increase. City population is projected to continue to grow, although not as rapidly as in the last twenty years, and is projected to increase to about 115,00 by the year 2000.

C. Drainage

Ann Arbor's topography is predominately rolling hills, with some flat areas, potholes and wetlands. The Huron River flows through the city from the northwest to the southeast, through both free flowing and impounded reaches. The drainage in sub-watersheds is divided into five specific drainage districts (Figures 3-6), identified as follows:

a. Traver Creek Drainage District, rural and with a relatively flat grade away from the urbanizing area, it becomes steeper and with more development downstream. Much flood damage has been experienced in this area due to the nature of the watershed shape, streambed slope and development.

b. Swift Run Drainage District, also agricultural in the upper portion, includes a wetland preserved by the Drain Commission to provide storage and water quality improvements. Below the wetland, to the Huron River, there has been a high level of urbanization, reducing pervious areas and increasing runoff rates through stormdrains.

c. Allen Creek Drain Drainage District is located in the urban areas of Ann Arbor and is extensively served with an enclosed storm drainage network. The configuration and intense development result in a very short time requirement to concentrate peak flows.

d. North Campus Drain Drainage District is located adjacent to the Traver Creek Drain onthe north side of the Huron River. There is less development along this open natural watercourse, which outlets into the Geddes Pond impoundment of the Huron River.

e. The Pittsfield-Ann Arbor Drain Drainage District comprised the sub-watershed lying between the Allen Creek and Swift Run Drain Drainage Districts. This drain has been modified by straightening, deeping, widening and enclosing some portions. In addition, on-line retention basins have been constructed. The Pittsfield-Ann Arbor Drain Drainage District can be divided into 3 sub-districts. The South arm district comprises approximately 31% of the total area and has the least impervious area. The North arm district includes part of the University with attendant high density residences and some commercial development. The remaining sub-district is highly urbanized and contains the most impervious surface area.

D. Sewerage System

The sanitary wastes are carried through a separate collection system to treatment facilities, with the treated effluent discharged to the Huron River below Geddes Dam. Although a separate sanitary sewer system was developed, in the Allen Creek Drain prior studies suggest that crossconnections exist within certain sub-districts.

The following station codes and descriptors identify the locations of the monitoring stations:

Descriptor	Station Code
Pittsfield-Ann Arbor Drain	
South Inlet	PITAARETBNSINLT
North Inlet	PITAARETBNNINLT
Basin Outlet	PITAA RET BN OT
Outlet to River	PITTS-AA DR OT
Swift Run Drain	
Inlet	SR WETLANDS INT
Outlet	SR WETLANDS OT
Outlet to River	SWIFT RUN DR OT
Traver Creek Drain	
Outlet to River	TRAV CK DR OT
Basin Inlet	TRAV CK RT BN I
Basin Outlet	TRAV CK RT BN O
North Campus Drain	
Outlet to River	N CAMPUS DR OT
Allen Drain	
Outlet to River	ALLEN DR OUTLET

PROJECT AREA

I. Catchment Name - MI3, PITAARETBNSINLT

A. Area - 2001 acres.

B. Population - 3800 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 33.8 feet/mile, 30% served with curbs and gutters and 70% served with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate a 17.6 feet/mile slope and extend 10,000 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 35 lane miles of asphalt, 54% of which is in good condition and 46% of which is in fair condition. In addition there are about 15 lane miles of concrete, all of which is in good condition, and 2 lane miles of other materials, all of which is in good condition.

E. Land Use

345 acres (17.2%) is < 0.5 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 4 acres (1.2%) is impervious.

117 acres (5.8%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 5 acres (4.3%) is impervious.

62 acres (3.1%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 30 acres (48.4%) is impervious.

92 acres (4.6%) is > 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 64 acres (69.6%) is impervious.

457 acres (22.8%) is Commercial, of which 264 acres (57.8%) is impervious.

138 acres (6.9%) is Industrial, of which 12 acres (8.7%) is impervious.

485 acres (24.2%) is Parkland, of which 42 acres (8.7%) is impervious.

305 acres (15.2%) is Agriculture, of which 4 acres (1.3%) is impervious.

II. Catchment Name - MI3, PITAARETBNNINLT

A. Area - 2871 acres.

B. Population - 18,800 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 60.7 feet/mile, 68% served with curbs and gutters and 32% served with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate a 10.6 feet/mile slope and extend 10,200 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 89 lane miles of asphalt, 58% of which is in good condition, 40% of which is in fair condition, and 2% of which is in poor condition. In addition there are about 9 lane miles of concrete, all in good condition, and 4 lane miles of other materials, all of which is in good condition.

E. Land Use

11 acres (0.4%) is < 0.5 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 1 acre (9.1%) is impervious.

241 acres (8.4%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 17 acres (7%) is impervious.

938 acres (32.7%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 293 acres (31.2%) is impervious.

378 acres (13.2%) is > 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 220 acres (58.2%) is impervious.

293 acres (10.2%) is Commercial, of which 150 acres (51.2%) is impervious.

80 acres (2.8%) is Industrial, of which 40 acres (50%) is impervious.

618 acres (21.5%) is Parkland, of which 26 acres (4.2%) is impervious.

312 acres (10.9%) is Agriculture, of which 6 acres (1.9%) is impervious.

III. Catchment Name - MI3, PITAA RET BN OT

A. Area - 4872 acres.

B. Population - 22,600 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 45.5 feet/mile, 52% served with curbs and gutters and 48% served with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate a 14.1 feet/mile slope and extend 20,000 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 124 lane miles of asphalt, 57% of which is in good condition, 41% of which is in fair condition, and 2% of which is in poor condition. In addition there are about 6 lane miles of concrete, all in good condition, and 6 lane miles of other materials, all of which is good condition.

E. Land Use

356 acres (7.3%) is < 0.5 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 5 acres (1.4%) is impervious.

358 acres (7.4%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 22 acres (6.2%) is impervious.

1000 acres (20.5%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 323 acres (32.3%) is impervious.

470 acres (9.6%) is > 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 284 acres (60.4%) is impervious.

750 acres (15.4%) is Commercial, of which 414 acres (55.2%) is impervious.

218 acres (4.5%) is Industrial, of which 52 acres (23.8%) is impervious.

1103 acres (22.6%) is Parkland, of which 68 acres (6.2%) is impervious.

617 acres (12.7%) is Agriculture, of which 10 acres (1.6%) is impervious.

IV. Catchment Name - MI3, PITTS-AA DR OT

A. Area - 6,363 acres.

B. Population - 27,700 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 61.6 feet/mile, 75% served with curbs and gutters and 25% served with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate a 15.4 feet/mile slope and extend 33,900 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 209 lane miles of asphalt, 49% is in good condition, 50% of which is in fair condition, and 1% of which is in poor condition. In addition, there are about 26 lane miles of concrete, all in good condition, and 8 lane miles of other materials, all in good condition.

E. Land Use

356 acres (5.6%) is < 0.5 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 5 acres (1.4%) is impervious.

483 acres (7.6%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 29 acres (6%) is impervious.

1714 acres (26.9%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential of which 462 acres (27%) is impervious.

510 acres (8%) is > 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 314 acres (61.6%) is impervious.

861 acres (13.5%) is Commercial, of which 499 acres (58%) is impervious.

218 acres (3.4%) is Industrial, of which 52 acres (23.8%) is impervious.

1604 acres (25.2%) is Parkland, of which 88 acres (5.5%) is impervious.

617 acres (9.7%) is Agriculture, of which 10 acres (1.6%) is impervious.

V. Catchment Name - MI3, SR WETLANDS INT

A. Area - 1207 acres.

B. Population - 2700 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 32.1 feet/mile, 13% served with curbs and gutters and 87% served with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate a 6.9 feet/mile slope and extend 8,000 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 5 lane miles of asphalt, 20% of which is in good condition and 80% of which is in fair condition. In addition there area about 3 lane miles of concrete, all in good condition, and 5 lane miles of other materials, all in good condition.

E. Land Use

509 acres (42.2%) is < 0.5 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 5 acres (1%) is impervious.

30 acres (2.5%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 3 acres (10%) is impervious.

13 acres (1.1%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 3 acres (23.1%) is impervious.

90 acres (7.5%) is > 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 23 acres (25.6%) is impervious.

4 acres (0.3%) is Commercial, of which 1 acre (25%) is impervious.

14 acres (1.2%) is Industrial, of which 3 acres (21.4%) is impervious.

187 acres (15.5%) is Parkland, of which 2 acres (1.1%) is impervious.

360 acres (29.8%) is Agriculture, of which 3 acres (0.8%) is impervious.

VI. Catchment Name - MI3, SR WETLANDS OT

A. Area - 1227 acres.

B. Population - 2,700 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 32.1 feet/mile, 13% served with curbs and gutters and 87% served with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate a 6.9 feet/mile slope and extend 8,000 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 5 lane miles of asphalt, 20% of which is in good condition and 80% of which is in fair condition. In addition there are about 3 lane miles of concrete, all in good condition, and 5 lane miles of other material, all in good condition.

E. Land Use

509 acres (41.5%) is < 0.5 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 5 acres (1%) is impervious.

30 acres (2.4%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 3 acres (10%) is impervious.

13 acres (1.1%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 3 acres (23.1%) is impervious.

90 acres (7.3%) is > 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 23 acres (25.6%) is impervious.

4 acres (0.3%) is Commercial, of which 1 acre (25%) is impervious.

14 acres (1.1%) is Industrial, of which
3 acres (21.4%) is impervious.

187 acres (15.2%) is Parkland, of which
2 acres (1.1%) is impervious.

360 acres (29.3%) is Agriculture, of which
3 acres (0.8%) is impervious.

20 acres (1.6%) is Wetlands.

VII. Catchment Name - MI3, SWIFT RUN DR OT

A. Area - 3075 acres.

B. Population - 10,800 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 39.6 feet/mile, 42% served with curbs and gutters and 58% served with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate 17.8 feet/mile slope and extend 24,000 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 63 lane miles of asphalt, 38% of which is in good condition and 62% of which is in fair condition. In addition there are about 15 lane miles of concrete, all of which is in good condition, and 9 lane miles of other material, all in good condition.

E. Land Use

509 acres (16.6%) is < 0.5 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 5 acres (1%) is impervious.

151 acres (4.9%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 10 acres (6.6%) is impervious.

574 acres (18.7%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 103 acres (17.9%) is impervious.

319 acres (10.4%) is > 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 140 acres (43.9%) is impervious.

123 acres (4%) is Commercial, of which
97 acres (78.9%) is impervious.

14 acres (0.5%) is Industrial, of which
3 acres (21.4%) is impervious.

1005 acres (32.7%) is Parkland, of which
63 acres (6.3%) is impervious.

360 acres (11.7%) is Agriculture, of which
3 acres (0.8%) is impervious.

20 acres (1.6%) is Wetlands.

VIII. Catchment Name - MI3, TRAV CK DR OT

A. Area - 4402 acres.

B. Population - 8400 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 68.6 feet/mile, 18% served with curbs and gutters and 82% served with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate a 37.8 feet/mile slope and extend 25,700 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 41 lane miles of asphalt, 15% of which is in good condition and 85% of which is in fair condition. In addition there are about 17 lane miles of concrete, of which 100% is in good condition, and 18 lane miles of other materials, all in good condition.

E. Land Use

125 acres (2.8%) is < 0.5 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 6 acres (4.8%) is impervious.

161 acres (3.7%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acres urban residential, of which 7 acres (4.4%) is impervious.

174 acres (4%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 32 acres (18.4%) is impervious.

192 acres (4.4%) is > 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 114 acres (59.8%) is impervious.

49 acres (1.1%) is Commercial, of which
38 acres (77.6%) is impervious.

96 acres (2.2%) is Industrial, of which
3 acres (3.1%) is impervious.

1530 acres (34.8%) is Parkland, of which
70 acres (4.6%) is impervious.

1862 acres (42.3%) is Agriculture, of which
130 acres (7%) is impervious.

213 acres (4.8%) is Forest.

IX. Catchment Name - MI3, TRAV CK RT BN I

A. Area - 2303 acres.

B. Population - 160 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 33.2 feet/mile, 100% served with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate a 28.5 feet/mile slope and extend 9,500 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 17 lane miles of asphalt, 100% of which is in good condition. In addition there are about 15 lane miles of concrete, of which 100% is in good condition, and 10 lane miles of other materials, all in good condition.

E. Land Use

125 acres (5.4%) is < 0.5 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 6 acres (4.8%) is impervious.

52 acres (2.3%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 2 acres (3.8%) is impervious.

10 acres (0.4%) is Commercial, of which 3 acres (30%) is impervious.

37 acres (1.6%) is Industrial, of which 1 acre (2.7%) is impervious.

4 acres (0.2%) is Parkland, of which 1 acre (25%) is impervious.

1862 acres (80.8%) is Agriculture, of which 130 acres (7%) is impervious.

213 acres (9.2%) is Forest.

X. Catchment Name - MI3, TRAV CK RT BN OT

A. Area - 2327 acres.

B. Population - 160 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 33.2 feet/mile, 100% served with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate a 28.5 feet/mile slope and extend 9,500 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 17 lane miles of asphalt, 100% of which is in fair condition. In addition there are about 15 lane miles of concrete, of which 100% is in good condition, and 10 lanes miles of other materials, all in good condition.

E. Land Use

125 acres (5.4%) is < 0.5 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 6 acres (4.8%) is impervious.

52 acres (2.2%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 2 acres (3.8%) is impervious.

10 acres (0.4%) is Commercial, of which 3 acres (30%) is impervious.

37 acres (1.6%) is Industrial, of which 1 acre (2.7%) is impervious.

28 acres (1.2%) is Parkland, of which 1 acre ((3.6%) is impervious.

1862 acres (80%) is Agriculture, of which 130 acres (7%) is impervious.

213 acres (9.2%) is Forest.

XI. Catchment Name - MI3, N CAMPUS DR OT

A. Area - 1541 acres.

B. Population - 2800 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 89.8 feet/mile, 46% served with curbs and gutters and 54% served with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate a 53.3 feet/mile slope and extend 15,500 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 29 lane miles of asphalt, 7% of which is in good condition, 93% of which is in fair condition, and 1 lane mile of other material, all in good condition.

E. Land Use

255 acres (16.6%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 7 acres (2.7%) is impervious.

395 acres (25.6%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 53 acres (13.4%) is impervious.

61 acres (4%) is > 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 32 acres (52.5%) is impervious.

250 acres (16.2%) is Commercial, of which 167 acres (66.8%) is impervious.

580 acres (37.6%) is Parkland, of which 34 acres (5.9%) is impervious.

XII. Catchment Name - MI3, ALLEN DR OUTLET

A. Area - 3,800 acres.

B. Population - 35,700 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 82.0 feet/mile, 79% served with curbs and gutters and 21% served with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate a 57.9 feet/mile slope and extend 11,200 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 123 lane miles of asphalt, 20% of which is in good condition and 80% of which is in fair condition. In addition there are about 11 lane miles of concrete, of which 100% is in good condition, and 9 lane miles of other material, all in good condition.

139 acres (3.7%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 5 acres (3.6%) is impervious.

1682 acres (44.3%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 318 acres (18.9%) is impervious.

390 acres (10.3%) is > 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 300 acres (76.9%) is impervious.

344 acres (9%) is Commercial, of which
300 acres (87.2%) is impervious.

65 acres (1.7%) is Industrial, of which
45 acres (69.2%) is impervious.

1180 acres (31%) is Parkland, of which
345 acres (29.2%) is impervious.

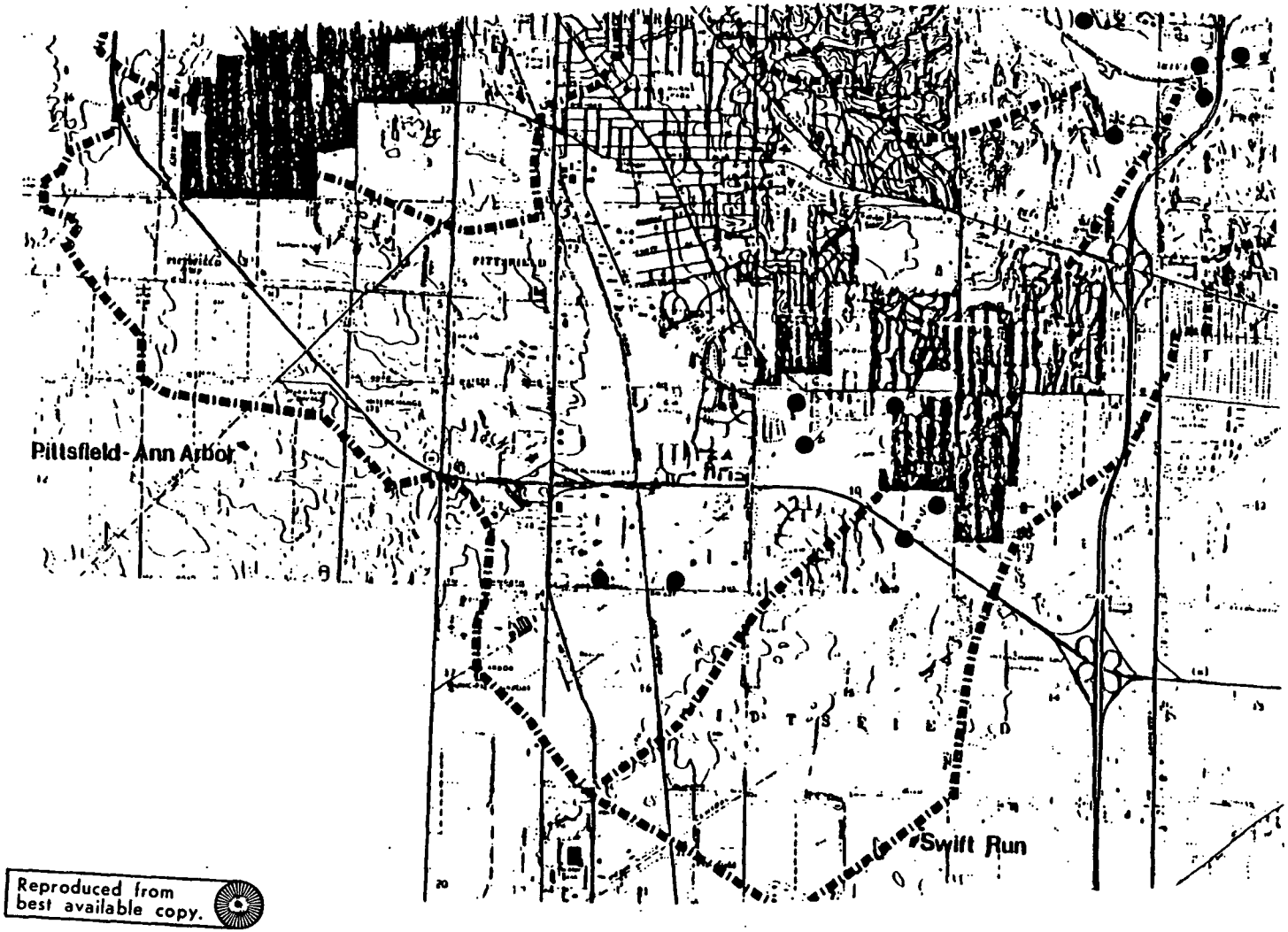
PROBLEM

A. Local Definition (Government)

The prior Section 208 study conducted in the Ann Arbor area by SEMCOG resulted in the determination that urban storm runoff introduced a significant amount of pollution into the receiving waters. Of three areas identified as needing additional monitoring and evaluation the specific reach covered under this project had the highest priority. The water quality background study on the Huron River Basin concluded that the most significant cause of poor quality water in the Huron in the Ann-Arbor-Ypsilanti reach was point sources and urban stormwater runoff. This reach has no point source discharges, and five major urban stormdrain discharges. State standards for ammonia and phosphorus concentrations and fecal coliform densities are exceeded.

B. Local Perception (Public Awareness)

With the University of Michigan campus located adjacent to this reach of the Huron River, studies have been conducted at various times, and by various agencies of the water quality, primarily during dry weather flows. While this provides a good historical data base, as far as it may be applicable, it is not sufficient or of suitable types and quality to be used to evaluate wet weather conditions. However, such past studies have provided the public with information concerning the quality of the water in the Huron River. Both the community and the state consider the river to be a recreational resource. Boating on the Huron is popular, and city parks abut the river. State attempts at re-stocking to improve fishing have not resulted in the presence of popular game fish in the Ann-Arbor reach.



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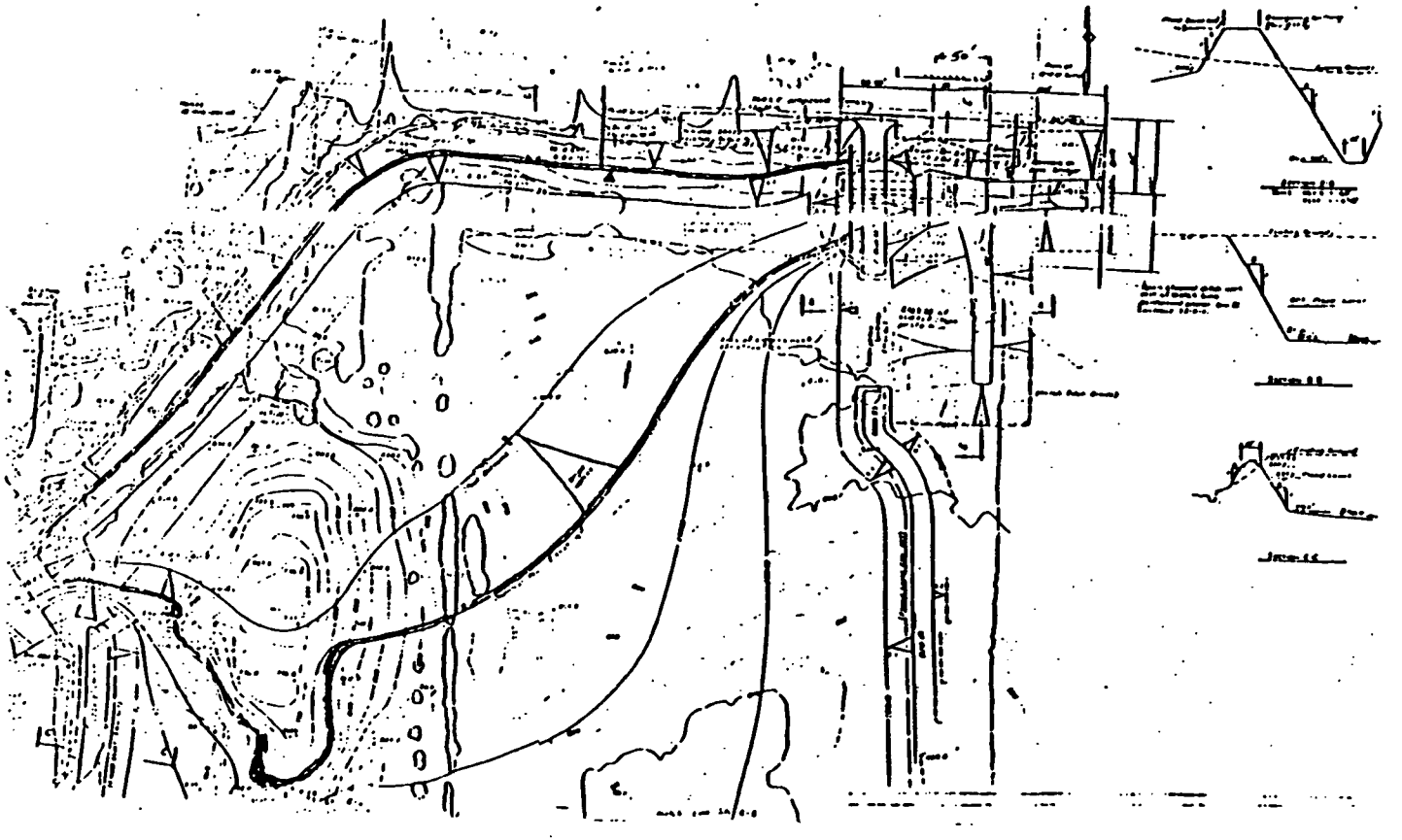
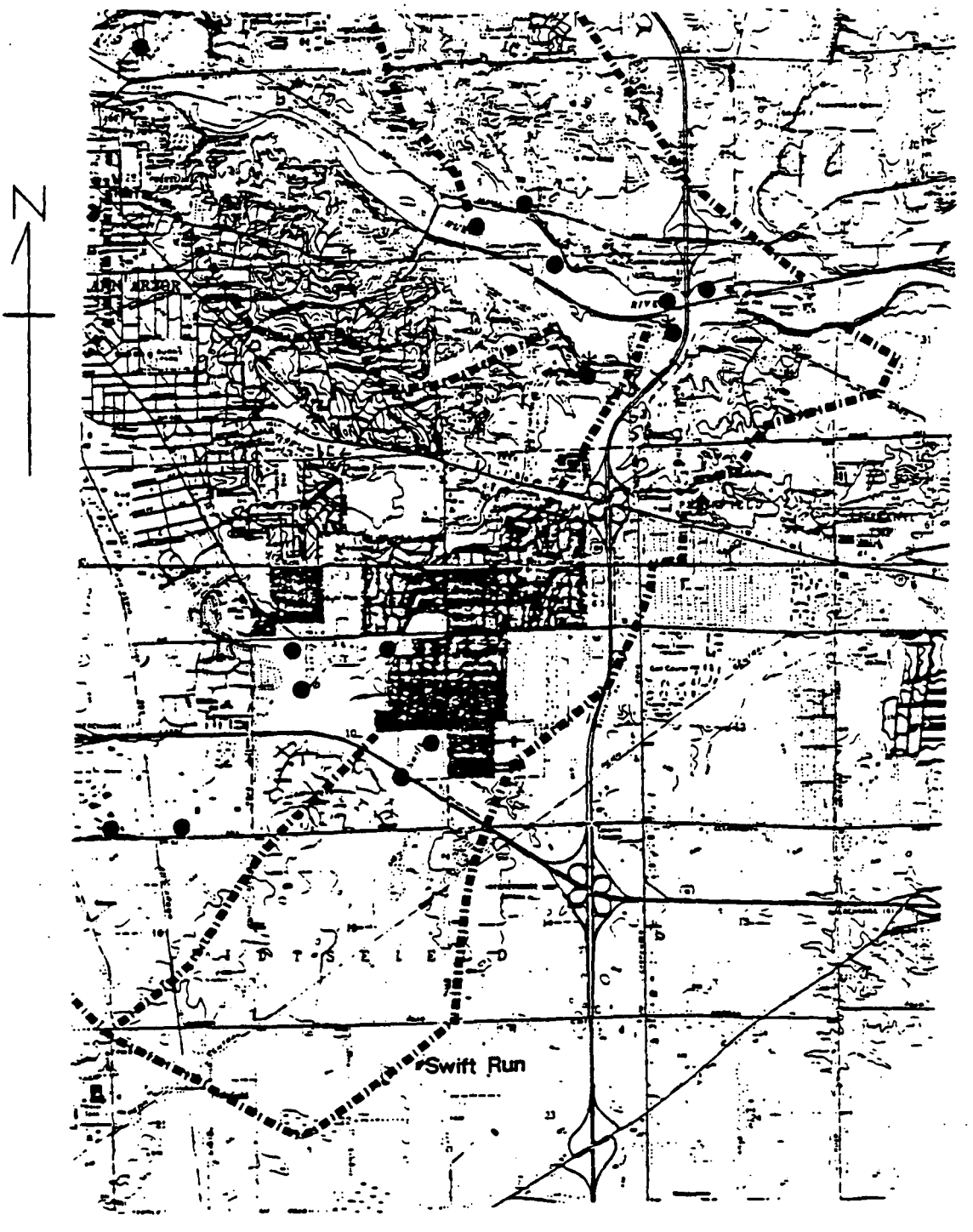
PITTSFIELD - ANN ARBOR DRAIN
SAMPLING POINT LOCATIONS
FIGURE 3



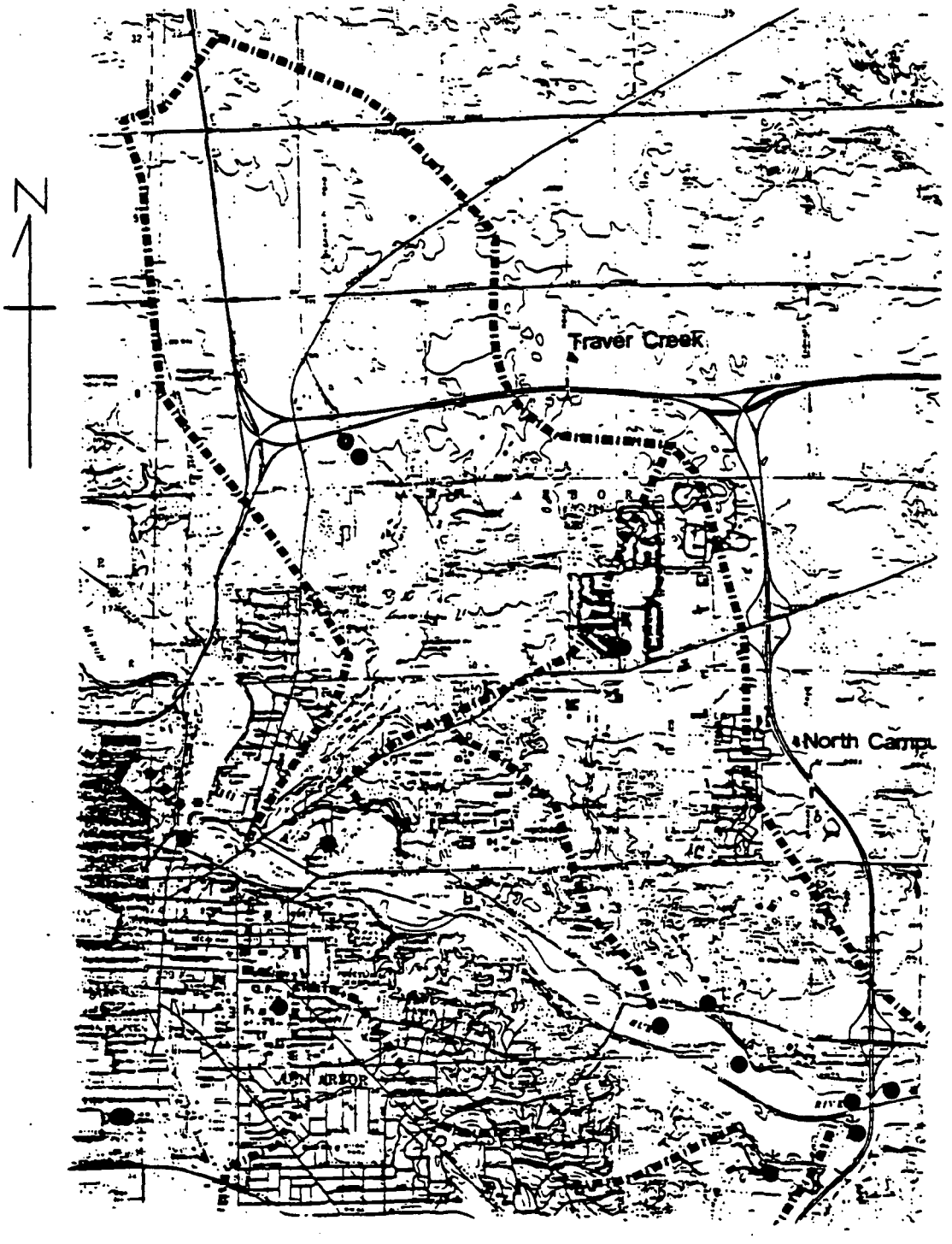
PITTSFIELD - ANN ARBOR DRAIN
RETENTION BASIN

FIGURE 4



SWIFT RUN DRAIN
SAMPLING POINT LOCATIONS

FIGURE 5



TRAVER CREEK DRAIN
SAMPLING POINT LOCATIONS

FIGURE 6

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Major Objective

Following the determination that the reach of the Huron River in Ann-Arbor was in need of pollution abatement, primarily from urban nonpoint stormwater runoff, an approach was developed to manage that source. Highlights included:

a. Preventing pollution from new development, accomplished through on and off-site retention and detention techniques.

b. Developing guidelines for the design and implementation of techniques for stormwater pollution abatement.

c. Subjecting major regional development projects to a review of stormwater pollution abatement.

d. For existing, builtup urban areas, developing guidelines for local units of government's uses. It is recognized that data on the cost-effectiveness of the measures to be considered does not presently exist, but that such data will be forthcoming from the Nationwide Urban Runoff Program.

e. Undertaking additional investigation and evaluation of stormwater pollution in Problem Areas. As mentioned above, this reach of the Huron River (Ann-Arbor-Ypsilanti) is the Problem Area requiring first attention. The focus of the additional work recommended is to quantify the costs and effects of the various control measures.

As part of the total NURP effort, this project has been planned to evaluate the utilization of selected best management practices for their effectiveness in reducing or preventing pollutant loads from urban runoff. This will at the same time improve the water quality of the Huron River to the degree that such techniques prove effective. This evaluation will require a sampling and monitoring effort during rainfall events, since most prior studies have been during dry weather.

B. Methodology

Major findings, reports, and presentations in the urban stormwater runoff area will guide project personnel, and their meaning in conjunction with project results will be summarized in the final project report. Additionally, data on the existing background conditions of the receiving streams and the Huron River, must be evaluated for the stormwater discharges for the purposes of this project. Much data has been developed on this reach of the Huron, which is a water quality limited reach, by many public agencies, universities and private contractors. An excellent historical data base exists therefore for selected aspects of the chemical, biological, and physical characteristics, but the data was collected for different purposes, by different geographic locations in the reach. Most all of the existing data has also been focused on conditions at selected locations during dry-weather, low flows for the purpose of establishing minimum stream flows neded to achieve water quality standards during such events. Attention to conditions during wet-weather high

flows is a new concern and little if any data has been collected specifically for that purpose. It will be necessary therefore to acquire, condense, render and evaluate existing data on the Huron River in this reach in order to extract information reflective of wet-weather conditions. Developing such a profile using existing data will strengthen our analysis of the effect of BMP's under investigation on the receiving water.

Studies conducted within the last five years by a variety of agencies have with varying degree of sophistication examined stormdrainage flows from selected outfalls in the study reach. A brief survey of the available literature in journals will be made in order to determine relative loadings being observed elsewhere. Data existing on runoff entering this reach must be compiled and evaluated, compared with regional data from similar areas, and eventually compared with the results obtained in the monitoring which will be conducted in this project.

Essential land use/cover information must be compiled in order to compare the monitoring data from wet-weather events to the land features generating such runoff. One important objective of the research will be to observe the relationships, if any, between land use/cover and stormwater runoff. Existing land use data will be collected and evaluated and supplemented as needed to assure that a fine-scale of analysis will be possible. The result will be a land use/cover delineating within each Drainage District where a BMP is being investigated.

In addition to the sampling and monitoring program in the five drainage districts and the specific best management practices, precipitation data has been collected in the area. All sampling and monitoring for this project, which was scheduled to be completed in two years, has been completed. A final report will be completed during October 1981, and should be available about January, 1982.

C. Monitoring

The year one monitoring program included a sampling and analyses program to monitor water quality at the five storm drain outlets along the Huron River in the Geddes Pond area, in the river itself, and at inlet and outlet points at the BMP's. In addition precipitation quantity and quality information was measured as part of the program. Sediment chambers were placed in the river to obtain estimates of sedimentation rates in the study section of the Huron River. The second year monitoring program focused primarily on measuring water quality conditions at inlet and outlet locations at each BMP. Precipitation information was collected throughout the project period. Sediment chambers could not be located after two years in the river.

Monitoring stations were established during the first year's work at the inlets and outlets at the Pittsfield-Ann Arbor retention basin (wet, on-line basin) and the Swift Run Wetland. Monitoring stations at the inlet and outlet of the Traver Creek Retention Basin were established in the spring of 1981. However, due to construction delays in building the by-pass structure, the retention basin acted as an on-line retention basin during the study period. The by-pass structure was finished during the end of the summer of 1981.

Construction activities on the by-pass structure did not occur until after the completion of the monitoring program. Each station consisted of an automatic level recorder and automatic water sampler. Flow was determined by using the continuous level recordings in conjunction with site calibrated stage-discharge relationships. Water samples were collected individually at preset time intervals and then composited according to flow.

In addition to event monitoring, snow melt surveys were performed on the Pittsfield-Ann Arbor retention basin and the Swift Run Wetland. Second year rainfall event monitoring was conducted at the BMP's, including the Traver Creek on-line retention basin. This effect included collection of water quality samples and flow data for the inlet or (for Pittsfield-Ann Arbor), inlets and the outlet of each BMP.

During each runoff event flow was measured on a continuous basis by use of water level recording equipment and the use of a stage-discharge curve. The stage-discharge relationship was developed by measuring depth and velocity at several points to determine the curve. Once established, periodic checks of velocity-depth measurements were made during the survey work.

Flow proportionate composite samples were collected for chemical analyses. Individual grab samples using the automatic sampling equipment were composited manually into the flow weighted samples using the recorded level data and calculated flow rates. It has been our experience that two flow proportionate samples are generally required for inlet stations and three to five samples for outlet stations to adequately represent the inlet and outlet hydrographs and pollutant loadings. The outlet stations require additional samples due to the travel time required for the runoff waters entering the retention areas to pass through and exit the pond or wetland. Sampling of the initial discharge water represents the water quality, in the pond areas and during the heavy hydraulic loads, while post storm sampling at the outlet reflects inlet water reaching and passing the outlet structure.

During the first year of the study a continuous recording rain gauge at the University of Michigan provided rainfall information which was augmented by three manual rain gauges located in or near the districts being studied. A second recording rain gauge now in use was utilized during the second year of this study. This rain gauge is located at ENCOTEC's office which is in the Pittsfield - Ann Arbor Drain District and within one mile of the Swift Run Drain District. These two recording rain guages were utilized to document rainfall during the second year of this project.

Sediment chambers placed in the Huron River (Geddes Pond) during the first year of this program could not be found after two years in the river. Numerous attempts were made to locate the chambers but proved to be unsuccessful.

The first year analytical program showed that most of the parameters in the initial list should be retained for the second year program. The parameters to be monitored on all samples included:

pH
Alkalinity
Total Suspended Solids
Total Dissolved Solids
BOD_5 (Biochemical Oxygen Demand)
COD(sol, snol, Chemical Oxygen Demand)

Total Kjeldhal Nitrogen (sol, insol)
Nitrate
Phosphorus (sol, insol)
Iron (sol, insol)
Lead (sol, insol)
Particle Size

One half of the samples

Grease and Oil
Cadmium
Zinc
Chromium
Fecal Coliform

The main changes in the analytical program from year one included the addition of chemical oxygen demand, and the elimination of nickel and copper from the list. COD was added because of the seemingly highly variable nature of the BOD levels monitored in the various drains. The COD test added another determination for organic type materials in the water to use along with BOD data. Nickel and copper were dropped from the program for the second year as the level of these metals was low in the first year surveys.

Equipment

Sampling was accomplished with automatic sampling equipment taking discrete samples which were subsequently composited manually as desired for specific analytical work. Precipitation was measured with continuous recording rain gages. Sampling and analysis was done by consultant contractor personnel.

Controls

The controls evaluated included the runoff ordinance, a detention/retention basin, and a naturally-occurring wetland. The description of these controls, and the Drains where they were located follows:

a. Traver Creek Drain - 1,513 acres are drained by this drain. Urban development is concentrated in the 200 acres surrounding the mouth of this watercourse. The stormdrains are located in this area and are physically separate from the sanitary lines. The flood plain of the drain is developed with multiple family structures and the drain is open its entire length. Rural and agricultural cover predominate in the balance of the district. Wet and dry weather surveys were conducted by the Drainage District in 1977-78.

   The BMP investigated in this district was the runoff ordinance. Data on land cover and wet and dry weather stormwater runoff were collected during 1978 and can be used with the river mass balance data to compile the estimated effectiveness of a stormwater runoff ordinance enacted by the City of Ann-Arbor in 1977. Estimates of the existing and projected quantity of pollutants associated with future development can be determined and the reduction in loadings calculated. The impact on the river can be forecast thereafter.

An additional aspect to be documented will be the reasons for the ordinance's being rescinded by the City Council in early 1978. In this district both technical and political-economic data can be used to document and evaluate the reductions and costs associated with this BMP. Using relationships to be developed in this District it would also be possible to suggest the pollutant loadings which could be achieved throughout the City if the BMP were applied. A discussion and analysis of the institutions and technical constraints will also be prepared.

b. Pittsfield-Ann Arbor Drain - Open and agricultural cover in the upper portion of this district contribute runoff which passes through a regional shopping center and airport, a major commercial area and finally through sub-divisions containing single family dwellings. The confluence with the river is in Geddes Pond. Recently completed drainage improvements (1978) included enclosing some reaches and the creation of a major detention basin for hydrological purposes.

c. Swift Run Drain - This 1,716 acre tributary to the Huron River also joins the river at Geddes Pond which is a major recreation area developed by the City of Ann Arbor. Urban land cover is concentrated in the lower third of the district which is also below the naturally occurring wetland. The City's landfill is sited 1,000 feet upstream of this area. An analysis of the water quality impacts of the landfill was performed in 1975, and wet and dry weather conditions of the drain were documented for the district in 1978.

The BMP investigated was the capability of natural wetlands to reduce TSS, BOD and nutrients contained in stormwater runoff from urban cover. An initial data base was developed on this capability during the 1977 evaluation but only on one wet-weather event. This investigation determined the performance of the wetland during major seasons of the year. Net annual as well as seasonal impact of the wetland on pollutant loadings released to the river was determined. Other data collected on this district were pollutants introduced by precipitation patterns during selected storm events, and wet-weather samples at the mouth during spring melt and late summer 1978.

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INTRODUCTION

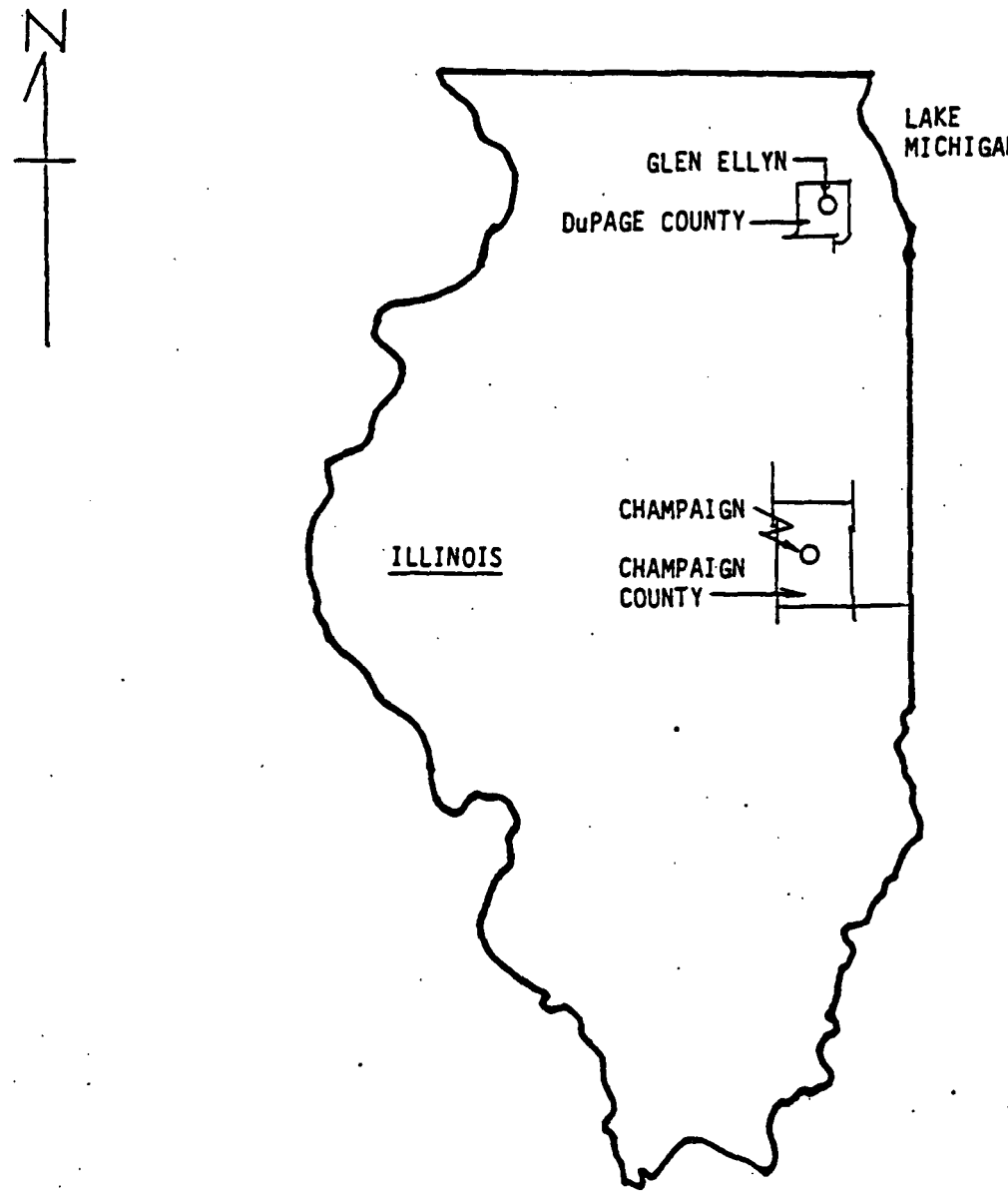
The City of Champaign, situated in Champaign County, is located in mideastern Illinois, about 120 miles south of Chicago, and about 40 miles west of the Indiana state line. Topography in the study area consists of gentle slopes, served by urban feeder creeks.

The major urban drainage basin in the study area is Boneyard Creek, and the other area drainage basin is Copper Slough and the Finny Branch of the Kaskaskia River. Both of these drainages are included in the category of Illinois rivers and streams designated for general use. The alternate category, to which certain named rivers and streams are assigned and which is not applicable in the project area, is designated for secondary contact and indigenous aquatic life waters.

Central Illinois agricultural development included substantial tile drainage installation due to the existing swampy conditions. The center of Champaign-Urbana is located on a small hill and drainage is away from the downtown area. Boneyard Creek, which carries flow from the downtown area and tile drains, flows into Saline Ditch, at which point sanitary treatment plant discharges are located. Saline Ditch flows into the Saline Branch of the South Fork of the Vermillion River. Flow continues into the Wabash River, the Ohio River, and finally into the Mississippi River. Flow from Copper Slough and Finny Branch enter the Kaskaskia River, and eventually the Mississippi River.

Historically, the Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, standard metropolitan statistical area (SMSA) population has grown from 106,414 in 1950 to a figure of 168,392 obtained in the 1980 census, an increase of 58% in thirty years. During the 10 years from 1970 to 1980, census figures show an increase from 163,281 which is only 3.1%. The 1970 census population of Champaign was 56,532, reported as an increase of 14% from 1960. The comparable 1980 figure is 58,133, which is an increase of 3% during the past ten years. The Department of Commerce 1972 Series E OBERS projection for the SMSA for 1980 was 177,400, 9,000 more than was actually experienced. The difference in rate of growth projected and experienced indicates a slowing down in the increase in both the SMSA and the Champaign urban area to approximately 3%.

Public concern about the pollution effect of urban stormwater runoff relates to costs of control, and the possibility that agricultural runoff may be an equally important source of pollution to the feeder creeks. Determination of the cost and effectiveness of the street sweeping control will be followed up by a study of receiving water impacts in the last year of the project.



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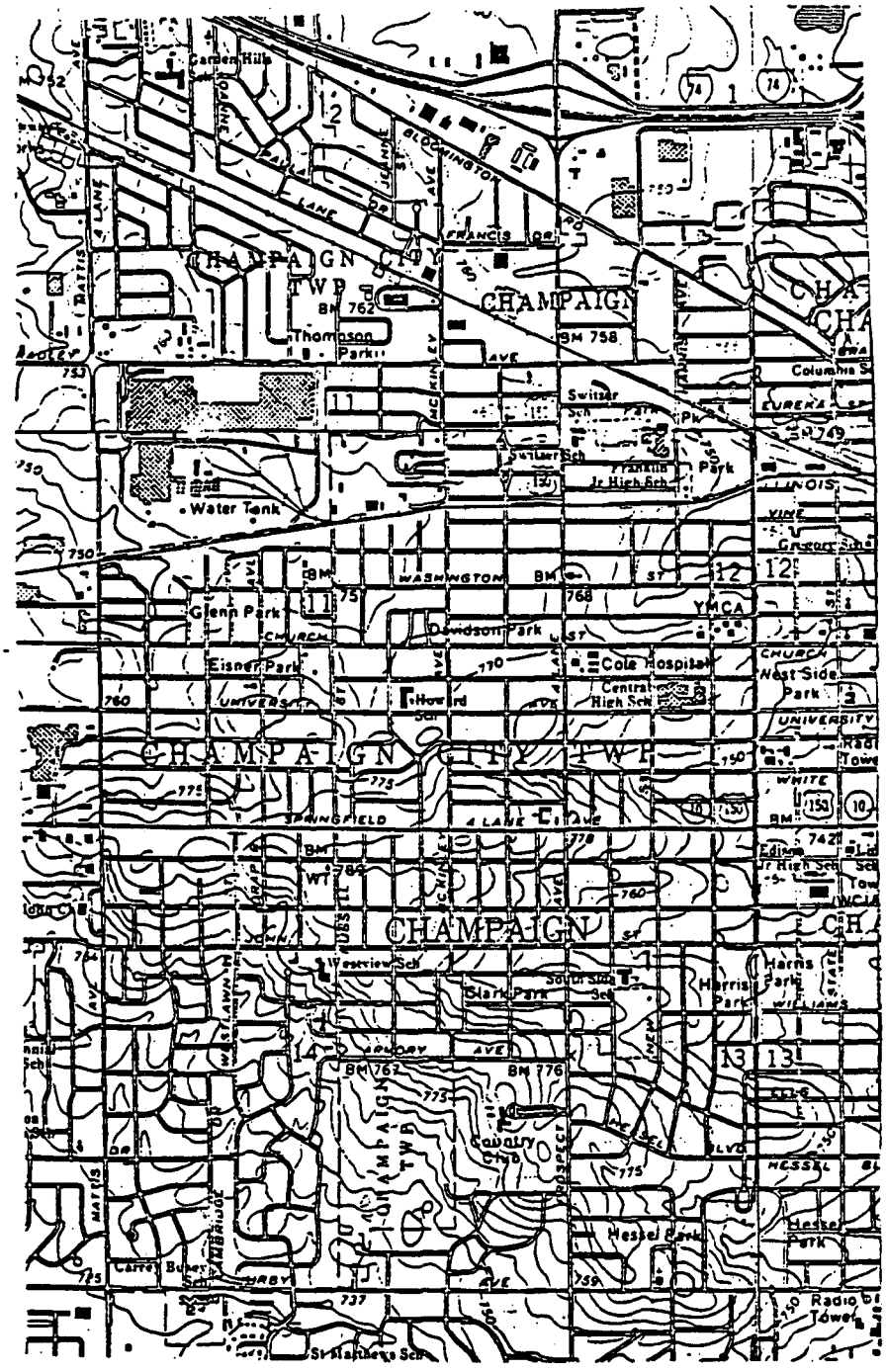

CHAMPAIGN STREETS
USGS QUAD SHEET
FIGURE 2

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

A. Area

The City of Champaign situated in Champaign County, is located just West of and contiguous to the City of Urbana, in the mid-east part of the state of Illinois approximately 40 miles West of the State of Indiana on interstate route 74, as shown in Figure 1. The total area of the city comprises about 11.4 square miles. Land use within the city is characterized as residential and commercial, with some agricultural areas. Figure 2 shows street layout in the vicinity of the monitored streetsweeping areas.

B. Population

The rate of growth of population in the Champaign-Urbana Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area, and in Champaign, itself, has approximated 3% between the 1970 and 1980 census polls. Projecting this rate of growth to the years 1990 and 2000, the 1980 figure of 58,133 will become 59,000, and then 61,670 respectively. This is a lower rate of growth then experienced during the last 30 years, when SMSA population grew by 58%, but is more realistic than applying the larger percentage figure.

C. Drainage

The topography in Champaign-Urbana is best described as gently rolling, with the urban center located on a small hill, and with drainage away from the downtown area. As noted in the introduction, drainge is conducted by local streams to regional rivers, eventually being carried to the Misissippi River.

D. Sewerage System

The City is 100% served with a separate sanitary sewer system with the treatment plant discharge to Saline Ditch. The urban area is served by curbs, gutters, storm drains and the local streams.

PROJECT AREA

I. Catchment Name - B 01, Mattis Avenue No. Basin 1

A. Area - 16.66 acres.

B. Population - 50 persons.

C. Drainage - The representative slope of the catchment is 18.7 feet/mile, with a representative storm sewer slope of 28.4 feet/mile, extending a total of 3,255 feet.

D. Sewerage - The catchment area is completely served with separate storm sewers with curbs and gutters.

There is approximately 0.3 lane miles of asphalt roads, all in fair condition, and approximately 2.4 lane miles of concrete road, all in fair condition.

E. Land Use

7.15 acres (100%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 2.25 acres (31%) is impervious.

9.51 acres (100%) is Linear Strip Development, of which 7.44 acres (78%) is impervious.

Approximately 58% imperviousness in entire catchment area.

II. Catchment Name - B 02, Mattis Avenue South Basin 2

A. Area - 27.6 acres.

B. Population - 600 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative catchment slope of 54.9 feet/mile, and 57.6% with curbs and gutters and 42.4% with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate a 63 feet/mile slope and extend 2,480 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 0.23 lane miles of asphalt in good condition, and 2.10 lane miles of concrete - 80% in good condition and 20% in fair condition.

E. Land Use

19.26 acres (78%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 4.8 acres (25%) is impervious.

5.59 acres (22%) is > 8 dwelling units per acure urban residential of which 2.78 acres (68%) is impervious.

2.78 acres (100%) is Linear Strip Development, of which 2.5 acres (90%) is impervious.

Approximately 40% is imperviousness in entire catchment area.

III. Catchment Name - B 03, James and Daniel Basin 3

A. Area - 1.38 acres.

B. Population - 30 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative catchment slope of 90 feet/mile and 100% curbs and guttes. The storm sewers approximate a 90 feet/mile slope and extend 350 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

This micro-basin includes 0.11 lane miles of concrete streets, all classified in fair condition.

E. Land Use

1.38 acres (100%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 0.19 acres (14%) is impervious.

IV. Catchment Name - B 04, John Street South Basin 4

A. Area - 39.2 acres.

B. Population - 720 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative catchment slope of 62 feet/mile, and 91% curbs and gutters and 9% swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate a 69 feet/mile slope, and extend 2,530 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Street consist of 0.23 lane miles of asphalt in good condition, and 3.1 lane miles of concrete, 20% in good condition and 80% in fair condition.

E. Land Use

35.6 acres (90.9%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 6.84 acres (19%) is impervious.

3.6 acres (9.1%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space, all pervious.

V. Catchment Name - B 05, John Street North, Basin 5

A. Area - 54.4 acres.

B. Population - 1,000 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 30.6 feet/mile, and 100% curbs and gutters. The storm approximate sewers a 35.5 feet/mile slope, and extend 3,260 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 1.7 lane miles of asphalt in good condition, and 3.0 lane miles of concrete, of which 10% is in good condition, 80% is in fair condition, and 10% is in poor condition.

E. Land Use

54.4 acres (100%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 10 acres (18%) is impervious.

PROBLEM

A. Local Definition (Government)

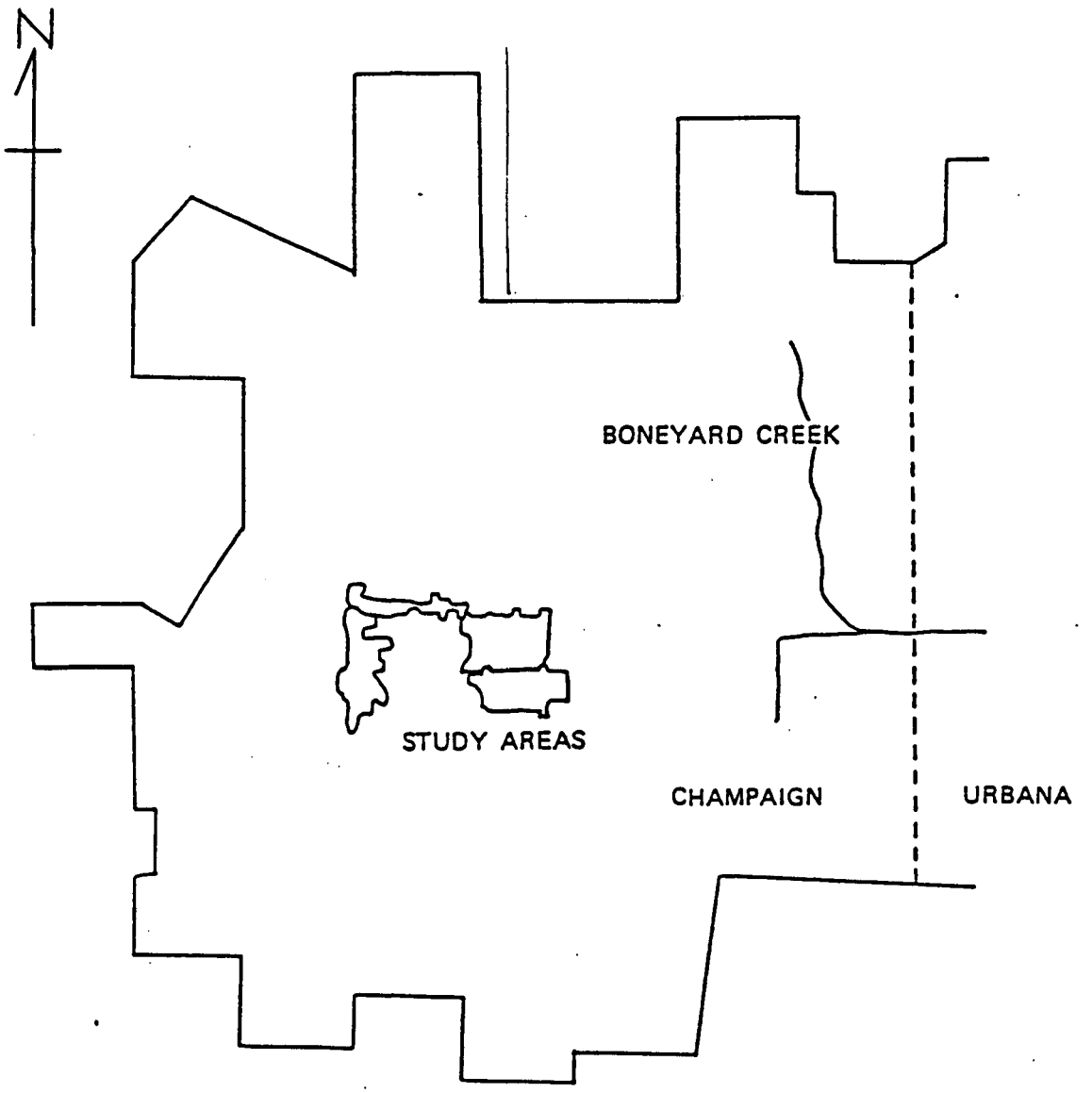
Previous studies conducted by the Illinois State Water Survey focussed on water quality standards violations. Conclusions reached included evidence of frequent and excessive standards violations occurring during stormwater runoff, which were for short periods of time.

The problem is that there is only very limited data on (1) the effectiveness of streetsweeping in controlling pollution from urban stormwater runoff, (2) the most cost-effective streetsweeping program to adopt, and (3) what happens to pollutants transported into the receiving water body. A plan of development of a creekside park is coupled with a major area redevelopment.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is planning to examine urban receiving stream point source discharges versus nonpoint sources. The study area feeder creeks discharge into larger waterways which collect runoff from, primarily, agricultural areas. A better understanding of the interrelationships of these sources of pollutants is expected as one result of the study.

B. Local Perception (Public Awareness)

Local residents have expressed varied concerns about stream pollution from urban runoff. Generally, while some would like to see opportunities for fishing and water contact, there is not a large concern expressed to up-grade the quality of feeder creeks. Concern does not exist with respect to cost of control measures, and the feeling is that agricultural runoff may be an even more important pollutant contributor. The public interest in the area is centered on maintaining acceptable water quality in the recreational lakes, rather than the urban drainage streams, where concerns related basically to flood control.



GENERAL STUDY AREA LOCATION
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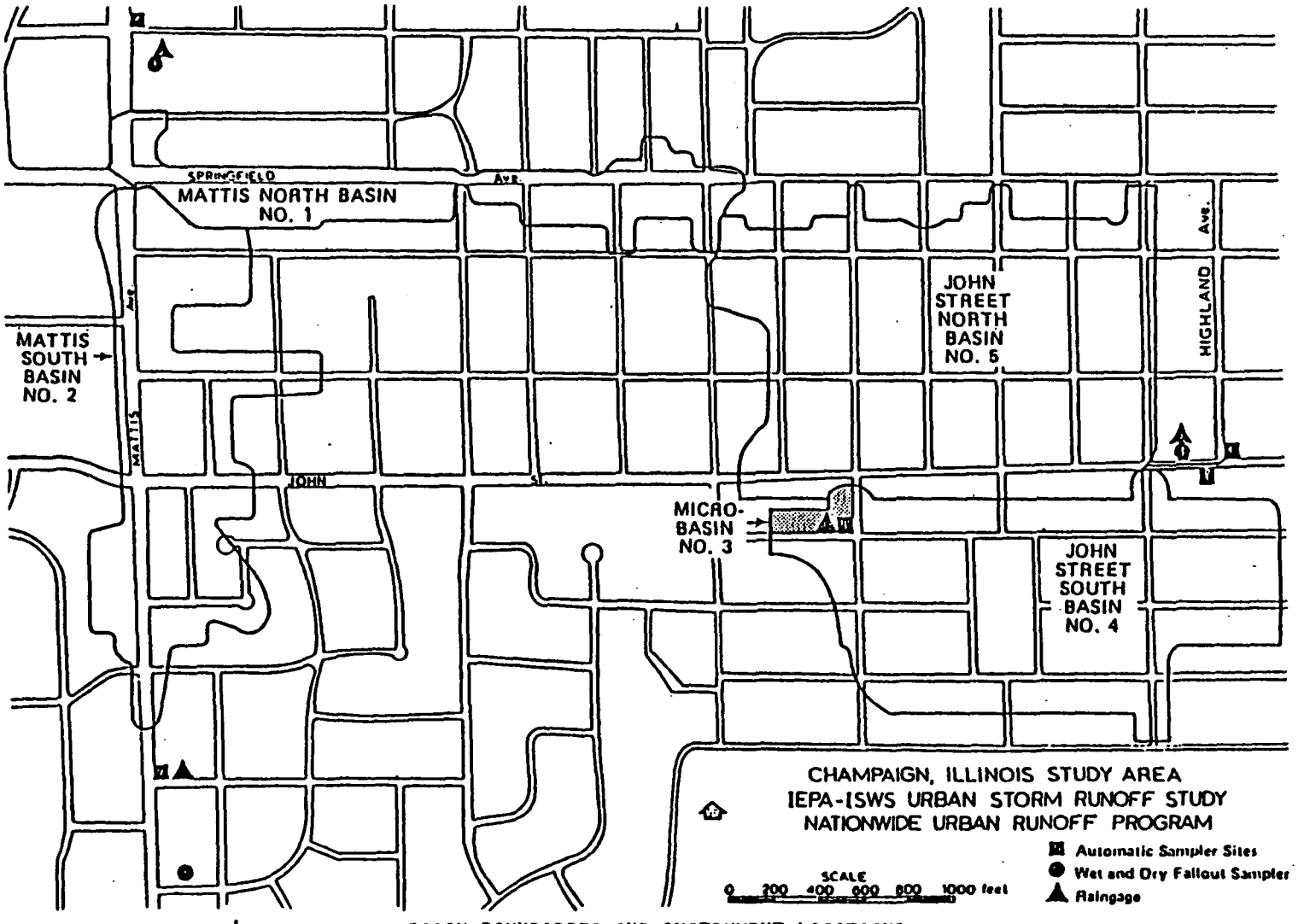

BASIN BOUNDARIES AND INSTRUMENT LOCATIONS
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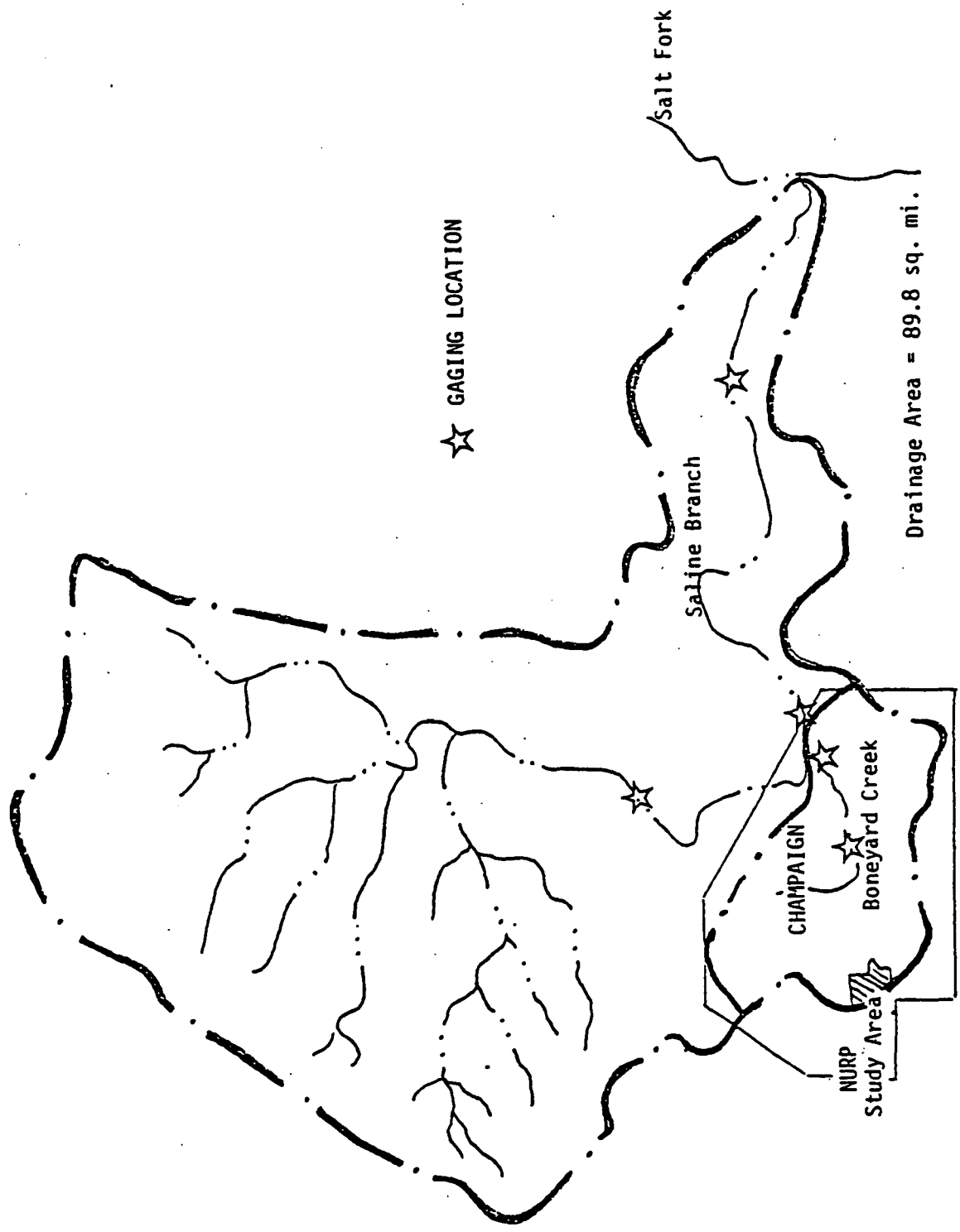


BASIN BOUNDARY AND GAGING LOCATIONS
FIGURE 5

Project Description

A. Major Objective

One of the problems identified in previous 208 urban area studies was that of pollution from stormwater runoff causing water quality standards violations. This project was designed to evaluate municipal street sweeping as a potential best management practice to control urban stormwater pollution of the receiving streams.

The first year effort resulted in site selection, selection, purchasing and installation of monitoring equipment, and initiating a streetsweeping and monitoring and sampling program. Computer model modification, also was initiated during the first year. The second year of the project included a continuation of the monitoring and sampling program, model modification, and initiation of data analysis, which is still underway. Over 6,000 samples have been collected and analyzed. Third year sampling will focus on receiving waters. Simulations using the modified model will be correlated with actual results at monitoring stations. Modeling is being applied as an economic way of evaluating the urban impact, for which an adequate monitoring and sampling program would be prohibitively expensive.

The goals anticipated to be met include:

1. Relating the accumulation of street dirt to such factors as land use, traffic count, time, type and condition of surface;

2. Defining street dirt washoff in terms of rainfall rate, flow rate, available material, particle size, slope and surface roughness;

3. Determining what fraction of pollutants occurring in stormwater runoff come from atmospheric fallout;

4. Modifying the Q-ILLUDAS model to permit examination of the functions determined above; and

5. Evaluation of the runoff impact from urban nonpoint sources on the receiving waters.

B. Methodologies

The streetsweeping studies are being conducted in the five small urban basins identified in Figure 4. Data collected include continuous measurement of rainfall and runoff, chemical analysis of rainfall and runoff, chemical analysis of dry atmospheric fallout, accumulation rate of street dirt, particle size distribution of street dirt and chemical analysis of street dirt.

One of the five basins consists of about 0.1 acre of street area contributing to a single inlet and will be referred to as the micro-basin. Since no pipe flow is involved in this basin, data from it will be used to examine the washoff characteristics of surface flow. The exponential washoff functions used in most current models have been shown to be inadequate for accurate simulation of the washoff function (2). Two of the remaining four basins are similar in

size and have a uniform land use consisting of single family residential. The final two basins are similar in size and consist primarily of heavy traveled 4-lane streets serving a commerical area.

After an initial clean up by the city including sweeping and flushing of the streets and cleaning of catch basins, all basins were allowed to accumulate dirt without municipal sweeping while data collection took place. This accumulation period consisted of about 9 weeks in the fall and winter of 1979 and 15 weeks in the spring and summer of 1980. The data collected during this period allowed for calibration of the QUAL-ILLUDAS model on all 5 basins without the complication of street sweeping.

In July 1980, the municipal street sweeping program began on one of the residential and one of the commercial basins. These two basins were designated as the experimental basins and were cleaned twice weekly by the municipal sweeper. The other residential and commercial basins were maintained without sweeping as the control basins. The micro-basin lies within the residential control basin and was not swept. Throughout the 24 week control period and the municipal sweeping period street dirt sampling continued on all basins to monitor the accumulation of street dirt.

A concurrent activity during the data collection period was the modification of the ILLUDAS model to simulate washoff by particle size and runoff quality on a continuous basis. This version of the model will be known as Q-ILLUDAS.

The actual evaluation of municipal street sweeping is accomplished by three independent techniques:

1. Street dirt sampling before and after municipal sweeping provides a basin wide sweep or removal efficiency. Knowledge of the chemical composition of this street dirt permits calculation of the amount of pollutant removed.

2. Continuous simulation of the accumulation, sweeping, and washoff functions using a calibrated model. This is the most flexible method of evaluating sweeper performance in terms of water quality improvements. Specific pollutants can be considered as well as specific sweeping frequencies and efficiencies.

3. Comparison of the chemical analyses of runoff from control versus experimental basins. This is the most direct method of relating sweeper performance to water quality. The validity of this method is improved by demonstrating the degree of similarity between the experimental and control basins with a model.

Evaluation of the pollutant impacts of the urban stormwater runoff on the receiving water, to be accomplished during the third year of the project, will include both sampling and modelling. The proposed study site is shown in Figure 5. The receiving water associated with this study is a small agricultural stream with a watershed area above the urban input of about 68 square miles. Much of the basin is tiled and the stream channelized. The stream bed at sampling locations is only 20 to 30 feet in width. This configuration will allow the

use of single point automatic samplers with only occasional vertically and horizontally integrated samples for calibration. The small size of the stream will further simplify measurement of sediment oxygen demand, the collection of representative sediment cores, and the conducting of bio-assays. All water sampling can be done from small bridges reducting required personnel, increasing their response time, and eliminating the need for special equipment such as boats.

The agricultural watershed is about ten times the size of the urban watershed contributing to it. The response time of the agricultural watershed is nearly 20 times that of the urban contributions. This is a desirable ratio since the impact of the urban runoff will be significantly different for a thunderstorm than it would be for a frontal type rainfall. One of the goals of the project will be to relate urban impact to type of rainfall and season.

The problems inherent in mathematical modeling for urban impact analysis will be overcome in two ways. First, a comprehensive sampling program on the receiving water will eliminate the need for instream simulation. All results will be based on hard data and observed event. Secondly, simulation within the urban area will be limited to changes in loading related to hypothetical municipal street sweeping intensities. Further, the Q-ILLDAS model to be used for this simulation was developed on data from this basin and will be calibrated for each observed event used in the analysis of data. The proposed combination of data collection and simulation takes advantage of the strongest aspects of each and will lead to the most reliable results possible from such a study.

A comprehensive data collection program will be used to establish the quantity and quality of dry weather and wet weather flow for a small agricultural basin upstream from and downstream from a significant urban contribution. The impact of the urban contribution on measurable water quality parameters will be the difference between these upstream and downstream observations. Loading of the stream from the urban portion of the watershed will be measured as part of the data collection program and simulated using the Q-ILLUDAS model. The effect of municipal street sweeping upon the quality of urban runoff and the impact of that runoff on the receiving stream will be demonstrated by simulating the reduction of loading from the urban area as a result of various intensities of municipal sweeping.

Existing conditions in the stream, upstream and downstream from the urban contribution will also be documented. In addition to the actual measured water quality parameters, these conditions will include: the diversity of micro-organisms and fish, the sediment oxygen demand of the stream bed, the biological and chemical composition of the stream bed, public use and perception of the stream, mathematical relationships between various stream dimensions known as stream geometry, bank stability and condition, and vegetative cover of the banks.

C. Monitoring

The monitoring program covers five in-town sub-catchment areas and the larger drainage catchment that includes Saline Branch and its tributaries. The catchments have been described in proceeding sections and are outline in Figures 4 and 5, which also indicate the monitoring equipment locations.

Following is the maximum list of constituents. Water samples will average 15 analyses per sample, rainfall samples will receive an average of 10 analyses, and sediment samples will average about 12 routine analyses.

Total Dissolved Solids	
Total Volatile Suspended Solids	
Total Solids	
pH	
Specific Conductance	
Nitrate plus Nitrite (as N)	Dissolved, Total
Ammonia Nitrogen (as N)	Dissolved, Total
Kjeldahl Nitrogen (as N)	Dissolved, Total
Phosphorus (as P)	Dissolved, Total
Lead	Dissolved, Total
Copper	Dissolved, Total
Iron	Dissolved, Total
Zinc	Dissolved, Total
Mercury	Dissolved, Total
Chromium	Dissolved, Total
Cadmium	Dissolved, Total
Manganese	Dissolved, Total
Chloride	
Sulfate	
Organic Carbon (as C)	Dissolved, Total
Chemical Oxygen Demand	
Biochemical Oxygen Demand	5-day, Ultimate
Fecal Coliform Bacteria	
Fecal Streptococcal Bacteria	
Temperature	
Dissolved Oxygen	
Color	
Turbidity	
Hardness	
Particle Size Determination	

Occasional special constituents: PCB's, Pesticide, Herbicide Scans.

Rainfall and sediment samples will be limited to metals and nutrients.

Equipment

This discussion is in two parts, covering the streetsweeping portion conducted during the first two years first, followed by the receiving water impact assessment effort. In general, flow measurement and sampler control at all five basins and raingages at three locations are tied into a telemetry system. In addition to the equipment purchased for this project, three wet-dry samplers and one recording raingage are on loan from ISWS. Other equipment described is for use in the street dirt sampling and sieving process.

A decision was made at the time that the original proposal was written to utilize telemetry in the data collection network. The heart of a telemetry network is a mini-computer with a typewriter style keyboard for input, a printer for output, and magnetic storage on cassette tape or floppy disk. These items

can all be placed on a desk top in a convenient location and are referred to as the central or central station. The central station is connected by leased phone lines to one or more remote stations. A remote station is an electrical device that can receive signals from raingages, depth sensors or temperature sensors and communicate these signals back to the central. The remote station can also start up electrical devises such as pumps or motors on command from the central. The remote station must be wired directly to the devices with which it communicates or which it controls. For this reason the remote station is usually located within a few hundred feet of these various devices.

Some advantages of a telemetry system in this kind of a project are:

1. All raingages, depth sensors and samplers operate on a single clock located in the central station. Synchronization of data is automatic and precise.

2. Data is recorded directly into magnetic storage eliminating the chart reading operation.

3. Status checks of the instruments are made automatically every 60 minutes, 24 hours a day. The system can also be checked or operated from the office. This helps to avoid instrumentation being down when an event occurs.

4. Event simulations can be compared with observed values after an event has occurred.

5. Additional cost of equipment is offset by reduction in manpower.

Disadvantages include the reliance upon a number of manufacturers for pieces of equipment that must interface electrically with each other. A further disadvantage is the necessity for a highly skilled individual to set up, program, and trouble-shoot the system. In addition, equipment breakdown/malfunction and power outages may occur during a significant storm event, which will consequently not be monitored.

Central Station --

1. Computer - Heath H-11A with 32K RAM, a real time clock, and BASIC language compiler.

2. Input/Output - A Texas Instruments model 745 hard copy data terminal.

3. Storage - Heath dual floopy disk system with controller and operating system. Each standard 8 inch disk contains 256 K bytes of storages.

4. Interface - EMR Recon II Number 3283 from Sangamo Weston. This is a device capable of receiving phone line signals from and transmitting signals to a remote station.

Remote Station --

Recon II remote Sangamo Weston, a device capable of receiving hard wire signals with at least 8 separate addresses of the following types:

1. Status/Alarm: 8 Status/Alarm inputs for relay closure.

2. Analog: 6 points, 0 to 5V, 0-4ma, and 4-20ma, 8 bit coding accuracy through the central station ± 0.5% or better.

3. Control: 4 two-state or 8 unitary controls, contact closure rated at least 200ma and 30 volts for 200ma.

4. Pulse Accumulator: accepts on tipping bucket raingage signal and provides accumulation of up to 255 pulses before reset-capable of interrogation at anytime without affecting count - two registers to prevent overflow.

Four of these remote stations were required to provide communication with all of the raingages, depth sensors and samplers in the network.

Bubbler (Flow Measurement) --

Flow measurement is accomplished by measuring depth of flow approaching a control section. The control section can be created by installation of a partial restriction to flow in the pipes or can occur at a free overfall section. Both of these methods are utilized. The device selected to measure depth is the Sigma-motor LMS-300 level recorder. It operates on 110 volt AC, has its own compressor and has an accuracy of ± 1% or better in an operating range of 0 to 3 feet of head. The bubbler outputs a 4-20ma signal to the telemetry remote. The signal is proportional to the pressure required to force a bubble of air through an orifice located at the invert of the storm sewer. That pressure is in turn proportional to the depth of flow over the orifice. The LMS-300 is also equipped with a small chart recorder which is used for backup and to check the instrument's performance in the field.

Automatic Sampler --

The automatic sampler must be able to withdraw a sample of water from the storm sewer on command from the remote station and store this sample of water in a refrigerator until it can be picked up and transported to the laboratory. The unit used in this study is the Sigma-motor 6301 refrigerated sampler. Upon receiving a signal to take a sample the 3/8 inch suction line is air purged, a sample is pumped, the line is purged again, and the sampler positions itself for the next sample. Samples are limited to 24 500ml bottles. A peristaltic pump is used so that the sample only contacts the Tygon tubing and the latex tubing used in the suction line.

Equipment Shelter --

At each of the sampling points the remote station, one or more bubblers, and the automatic sampling device are housed in a two-door fiberglass shelter approximately 4 feet square and 4.5 feet tall. The shelter is a Western Power Model 42-2. It has one inch of from insulation and a thermostatically controlled exhaust fan for temperture control in the summer.

Raingages --

Three Weather Measure P-501 tipping bucket raingages are part of the telemetry network. The 8 inch diameter collector funnels the rainwater to a dual cup device that holds 0.01 inch of water. As one of these cups fill the device tips to empty one cup and begin filling the other cup. The tip causes a switch closure which is transmitted to an accumulator in the remote as 0.01 inch of rain.

Wet-Dry Fallout --

These devices were produced by and are on loan from the ISWS. Similar devices are available commercially. Two plastic buckets are installed on a frame about one meter above the ground. A lid covers one of these buckets and exposes the other to dry fallout. A sensor on the lid detects rain and the lid moves to cover the dry fallout bucket and expose the other bucket to catch a rainfall sample. After rainfall ceases the lid again moves and exposes the dry fallout bucket.

Street Dirt Sampling Equipment

Samples of street dirt are collected by running a shop type vacuum cleaner over selected strips of pavement from curb to curb. This procedure requires a vacuum, a generator, and a vehicle to move this equipment from site to site. Additional equipment is required for sieve analysis of the sample upon returning to the lab.

Vaccumm --

A Hild Model 730 Industrial Vacuum consisting of a 30 gallon stainless steel tank, a 2.3 hp motor, 20 ft of 2 inch vinyl hose, a 4 foot aluminum wand with a 12 inch floor tool and a dynel cloth filter (cotton/nylon blend).

Generator --

A Lincoln Model K-1282 Welder-Generator with a Kohler Model K-241P 10hp engine rated at 4500 watts AC.

Truck --

The Vacuum and Generator are mounted in a 1980 Dodge Van equipped with a yellow strobe light for safety.

Sieving --

Stainless Steel sieves by W.S. Tyler were used on a Combs Type HL Gyratory Sifting Machine. It is made by Great Western Manufacturing Co. and is equipped with a 1/6 hp motor.

The receiving water impact study equipment, and its purposes are described as follows:

1. Flow Measurement -- Flow measurement at all sites except the UCSD outfall will be determined by continuously monitoring depth of flow at a rated section. Depth of flow will be determined with a float, bubbler, or ultrasonic device depending on available equipment. On the Boneyard Creek sites these devices will be tied to the telemetry system. On the Saline Branch sites the devices will record on independent clock driven charts. Rating curves will be established or checked by current meter measurements throughout the period of study.

2. Rainfall -- Three tipping bucket rain gauges in the urban watershed will be supplemented by two weighing bucket recording gauges in the agricultural watershed.

3. Atmospheric Sampling -- Automatic wet/dry fallout samplers will be operated at two locations, one in the urban area and one in the agricultural area. Rainfall will be analyzed for nutrients and metals for each event.

4. Present Stream Conditions -- Biological assays, measurement of sediment oxygen demand, and sediment core sampling will be done on a seasonal basis. This information along with documentation of bank stability and vegetative cover will provide an up-to-date evaluation of the receiving stream condition during the year of the study.

5. Water Samples -- Dry weather samples will be collected monthly at all six sampling points and analyzed for the constituents indicated below. Each of the sampling points except the UCSD outfall will be equipped with automatic samplers. Samplers on the Boneyard will be on the telemetry network and will sample on a 5 minute interval. Samplers on the Saline will be triggered on a rise in stage and will sample on a 15 to 30 minute interval. An attempt will be made to collect discrete samples on 15 to 20 storm events during the 8 month sampling period.

In addition to the automatic sampling, augmentation will be by manual sampling. This will consist of horizontally and vertically integrated samples collected with a DH59 sampler equipped with a glass bottle.

Controls

As previously described, this project will be evaluating streetsweeping as an effective best management practice for control of urban stormwater runoff pollution of receiving waters.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS PLANNING COMMISSION

CHICAGO, IL

REGION V, EPA

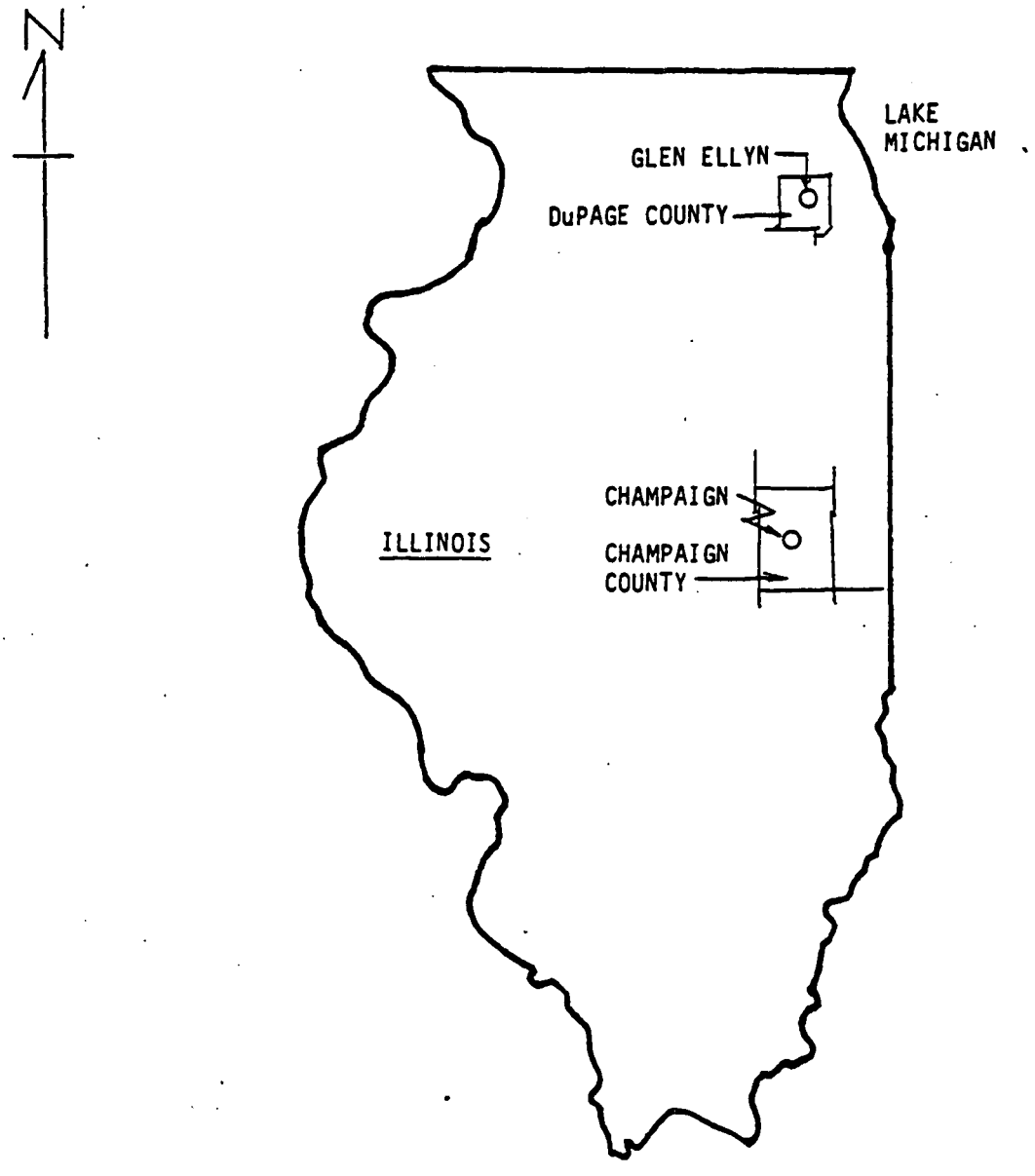
INTRODUCTION

This project is located in the community of Glen Ellyn, DuPage County, approximately 25 miles west of Chicago, Illinois. Area topography consists of gentle slopes, with drainage through Lake Ellyn into the East Branch of DuPage River.

The DuPage River, including the East Branch, is grouped in the category of Illinois rivers and streams designated for general use. The alternate category, to which certain named rivers and streams are assigned is designated for secondary contact and indigenous aquatic life waters.

The East Branch of the DuPage River, into which Lake Ellyn discharges, receives wastewater treatment plant point source discharges at sixteen points. Maintenance dredging of Lake Ellyn has been accomplished to attempt to retain its use as a popular recreation area for boating, fishing (primarily for carp) and outdoor activities. Lakes in the system, including Lake Ellyn, are subject to rapid eutrophication unless routine maintenance dredging is performed, experiencing water quality problems in both the water column and sediments. The actual drainage area for Lake Ellyn is 534 acres, located in an area with a population of 5,000/mi^2, resulting in an approximate population of 4,200 in the watershed. DuPage County is extremely fast growing in population, and ranks close to the top nationwide in this respect.

This study will determine the accumulation and fate of pollutants from various sources, such as roof runoff, street surfaces, catchbasin/storm sewers, and Lake Ellyn, serving as a detention basin. These sources are being evaluated as control points along the flow path where control strategies may be effectively employed. Evaluation will be directed towards determining if controls can be applied to effectively alter lake conditions, or whether Lake Ellyn should be utilized as a detention basin, and provide for periodic maintenance dredging.



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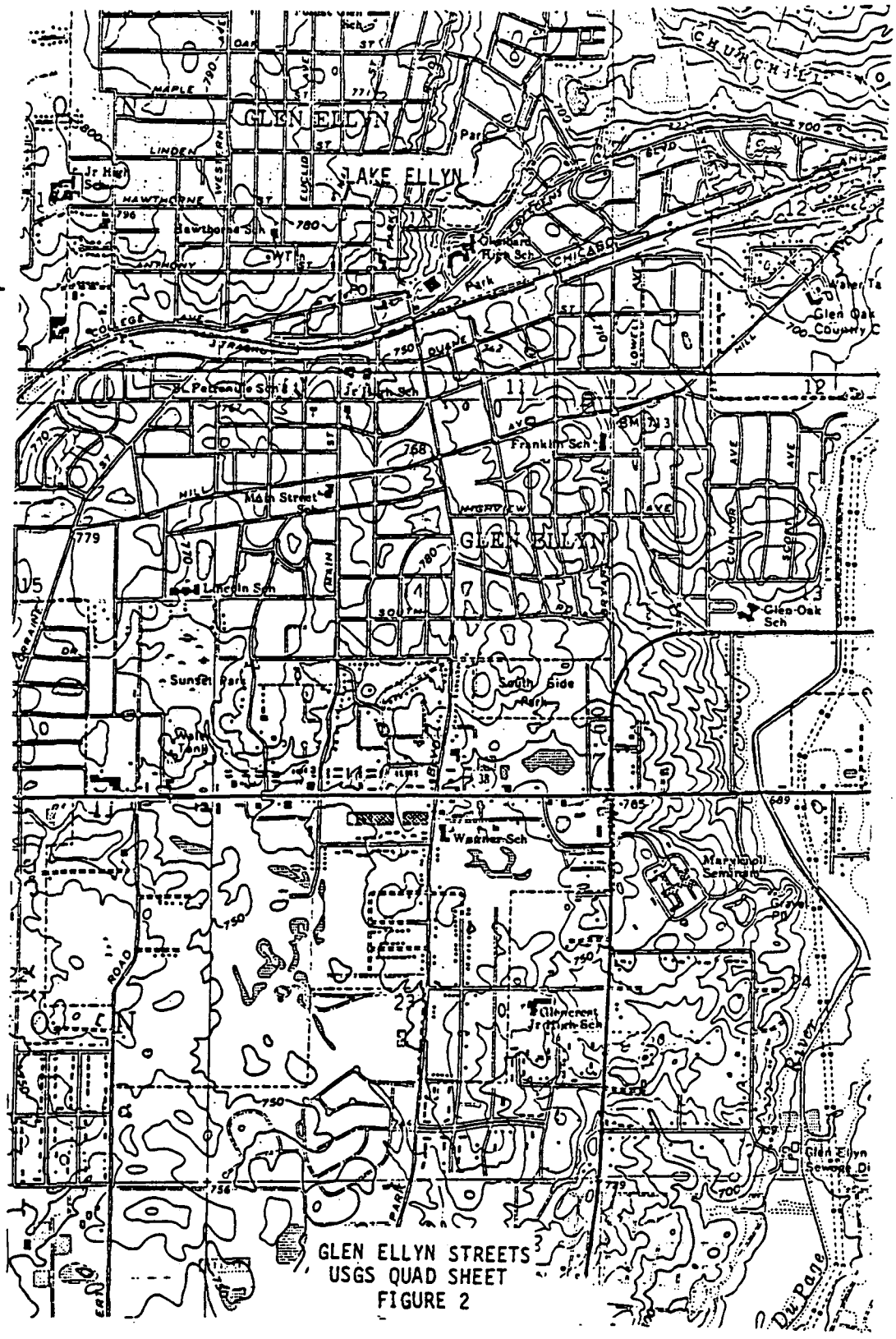

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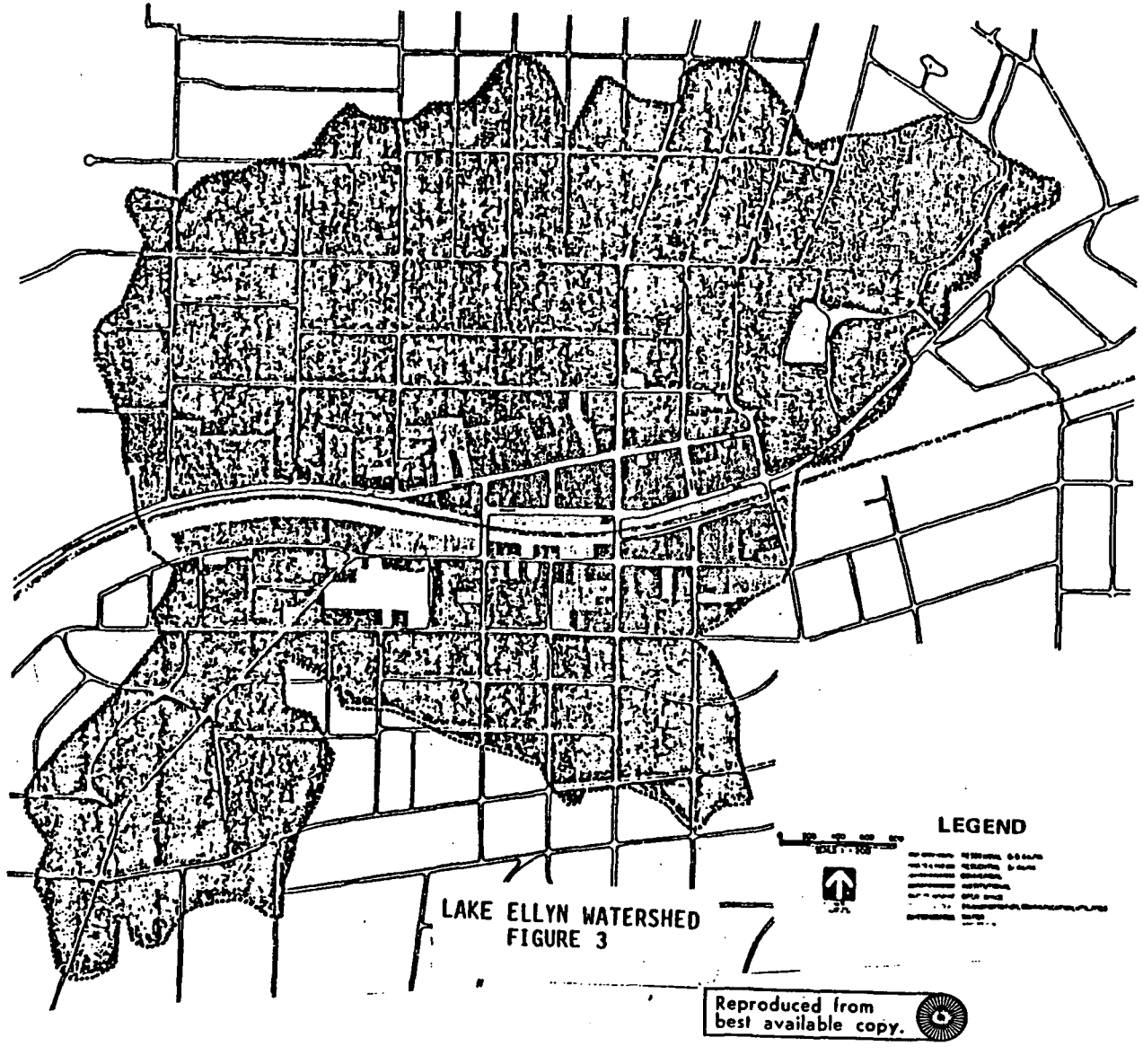

LAKE ELLYN WATERSHED
FIGURE 3

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

A. Area

The City of Glen Ellyn, situated in DuPage County, is located in northeastern Illinois, approximately 25 miles west of Chicago, which borders the southwestern end of Lake Michigan. The area of the Glen Ellyn watershed totals 534 acres, and the total area of Glen Ellyn is 4,096 acres. Land use is 80 percent low density residential, with the remaining 20 percent made up of high density residential, wetland, commercial, parkland, and institutional uses.

B. Population

The total city population is 23,649, with approximately 4,200 located within the Lake Ellyn watershed. DuPage County is included in the Chicago Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area.

C. Drainage

Glen Ellyn's topography consists of gentle slopes, with the watershed average 220 feet per mile.

The East Branch DuPage River originates in DuPage County. Glen Ellyn is in the headwater of a tributary, about 1/4 mile east of the East Branch. Drainage from most of Glen Ellyn is conveyed to Lake Ellyn, from which it flows through a feeder stream into the East Branch, DuPage River. The East and West Branches join to form the DuPage River which then flows into the DesPlaines River and then into the Kankakee and the Illinois Rivers, on the way to the Mississippi River. Artesian springs supplied by the St. Peters aquifer, which originally gave Glen Ellyn its reputation as a resort, are no longer productive due to the lowering of the aquifer by about 100 feet. A large part of the base flow in the East Branch DuPage River is now the effluent of several waste treatment facilities, and contains high bacteria levels.

D. Sewerage System

The existing watershed is served by an extensive network of paved streets with curbs and gutters and underground storm sewers. A separate sanitary system serves to convey the sanitary wastes to the wastewater treatment plant, with outfall to the East Branch DuPage River.

PROJECT AREA

I. Catchment Name - Lake Ellyn watershed

A. Area - 534 acres

B. Population - approximately 4,200

C. Drainage - Lake Ellyn drains through a 1/4 mile long tributary to the East Branch DuPage River, with a slope of 49 feet/mile.

D. Sewerage - Lake Ellyn watershed is 95% served by separate storm sewers; 98% of the streets have curb and gutter drainage, and 2% have ditch and swale drainage.

Street density is 21.6 miles/square mile.

E. Land Use

427 acres (80%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential.

16 acres (3%) is 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential.

27 acres (5%) is central business district urban commercial.

10 acres (2%) is wetlands.

27 acres (5%) is urban parkland.

27 acres (5%) is urban institutional.

PROBLEM

A. Local definition (government)

The present water quality of Lake Ellyn is only capable of supporting carp, and has required periodic maintenance dredging to remove the accumulated polluted sediments. Due to its park setting and recreational uses the condition of the water in Lake Ellyn is of concern to the local populace; much less concern has been expressed about the East Branch DuPage River, where base flow is primarily sanitary effluent from several wastewater treatment plants, and major uses of this River are for flood control and waste transport.

B. Local Perception (Public awareness)

Due to the location of Lake Ellyn within the major recreational park of the City of Glen Ellyn, the public is aware of the condition of the water in the lake. From that point downstream, including the East Branch DuPage river there is little concern about the water quality issue.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Major objectives

Previous evaluations have stated that the watershed contributary to Lake Ellyn has so great an impact that a continuing maintenance program is essential to its survival as an attractive lake. This study is designed to assess the control potential of wet-bottom detention facilities, represented by Lake Ellyn, in removing pollutants from stormwater runoff, and identifying the pollutant sources and transport mechanisms.

Specific study objectives are:

1. Identify the originating sources of sediment, BOD, ammonia, nutrients, and metals and construct their respective material balances, (i.e., output = input $\pm$ storage $\pm$ transformations).

2. Quantify and qualify the effects of urban stormwater detention on water quality and, where possible, on bottom materials in the detention basin.

3. Identify the design factors necessary for siting, sizing, and operating storage facilities, based on the analysis of runoff variables such as magnitude and duration, pollutant settling characteristics and reocurrence of flow and pollutant loads.

4. Evaluate the relative importance of wet and dry periods and seasonal variation in terms of pollutant load movement, bottom material characteristics and water quality.

5. Investigate the lag effect in the movement of sediments through the drainage system by determining the time delay between the input of the constituent to the drainage pathways and its output to Lake Ellyn.

6. Identify the measurable physical and anthropogenic characteristics of the watershed and attempt to relate these to urban runoff quantity and quality to determine whether these characteristics are sufficient to define water quality problems and design solutions.

The second year project report included the water year ending September 30, 1980. For the purpose of accomplishing the listed objectives, second year work tasks included atmospheric deposition sampling, source surveys, control point sampling, runoff water quality monitoring, and detention basin bottom material and water column sampling. The report is for the period April 1, 1980 through March 31, 1981.

B. Methodology

Atmospheric deposition sampling is providing information on the atmospheric

input of pollutants by rain and dry fallout. To date forty-two weeks of wet, dry and bulk samples have been collected from two locations in the watershed by the Illinois State Water Survey.

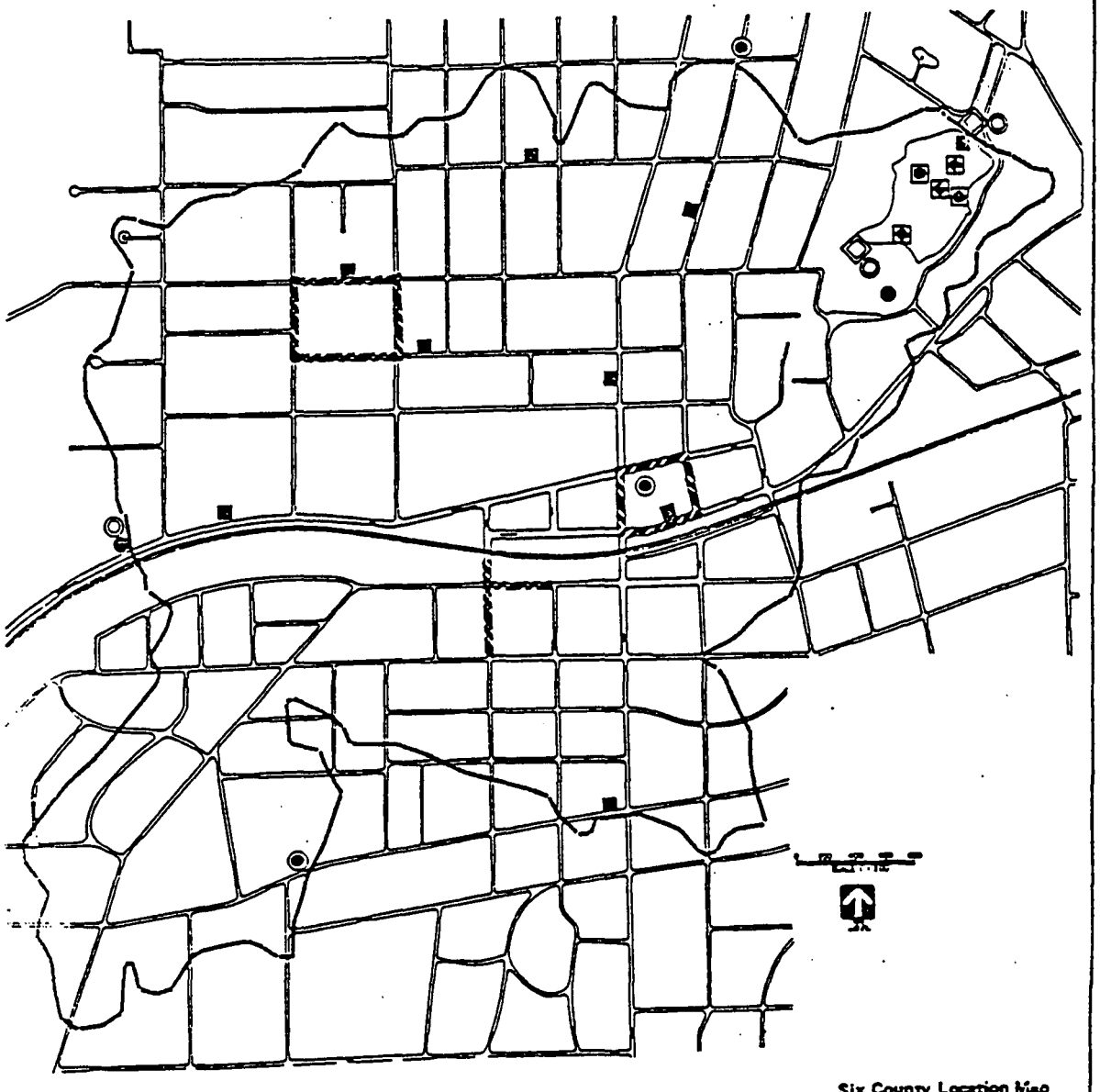
Field surveys have examined six sources of pollutants; soil, vegetation, animals, vehicular traffic, decomposition of impervious surfaces, and home and public works use of chemicals. Constituent concentrations in parkway soils have been determined for three traffic classifications and varying distances from the roadway. The quality of leachate from watershed soils has also been analyzed in the laboratory. Surficial geology information has been assembled from recent borings undertaken near Lake Ellyn.

Constituent concentrations in the predominant forms of vegetation in the watershed have been determined. The Illinois Department of Conservation undertook a fish survey of Lake Ellyn and a count of migratory birds was made at Lake Ellyn.

The results of the questionnaire prepared in the first project year have been tabulated. This has produced valuable information on home use of fertilizers and pesticides.

Estimates of peak and average daily traffic volume have been prepared and mapped. The quantity, type and condition of impervious surfaces in the watershed, including streets, driveways, parking lots and roofs, have been tabulated and mapped. In addition to these items, the environmental practices of the Glen Ellyn Public Works Department have been monitored. Data collected to date include street sweeping schedules, deicing application dates and quantities and points of most frequent salt application.

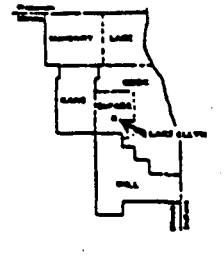
The accumulation and fate of pollutants from the above sources also have been examined at four control points in the basin. These control points represent positions along the flow path from source to receiving water body where control strategies might be employed. The points are: rooftops; street surfaces; catch basin/storm sewers; and the detention basin. Samples of roof runoff for as many as six storm events have been collected and analyzed for roofs representing different pitch, vegetal influences and land use. An inventory of catch basin characteristics has been completed and samples from clean and dirty catch basins have been analyzed. Road dirt samples were collected during the spring and fall from sites representing different traffic and road surface conditions. Thirty snow samples also have been analyzed from snow lying in the gutters, on parkways and on lawns. The snow sample sites also represented various road conditions, traffic and land use. Five sets of three samples each of bottom material from Lake Ellyn have been analysed by the ISWS to determine the characteristics of material which has settled out of runoff to the lake. Sediment depths and current bottom topography for the detention basin have also been mapped. Three sets of detention basin water column quality data have been collected.



LEGEND

- Atmospheric Deposition
- Roof Runoff
- Snow
- Bottom Material
- Water Column
- Runoff Flow
- Precipitation
- Road Dirt Sampling Streets

Six County Location Map



SAMPLING AND MONITORING POINTS
FIGURE 4

C. Monitoring

Sampling of runoff water quality, flow and precipitation began in March of 1980. Through September, 1980 nine storm events were monitored along with one low flow event and one snowmelt runoff event. Five minute flow data were gathered for all storms during the water year at the main inlet and both outlets. Five minute precipitation values were collected at two stations and fifteen-minute rainfall data were collected at a third.

Monitoring locations are identified in Figure 4. Water quality and flow data for inlet and outlet flows at Lake Ellyn are being obtained by the U.S. Geological Survey, using automatic monitoring equipment. Precipitation data is also being obtained at the same locations by the Survey.

Also indicated in Figure 4 are the locations of the other sampling efforts, including additional precipitation, atmospheric deposition, roof runoff, snow, lake bottom material, water column and street dirt.

The list of parameters and constituents examined in the samples collected includes: Sodium, Magnesium, Potassium, Calcium, Ammonia, Nitrate, Chlorides, Sulphate, Zinc, Iron, Copper, Cadmium, Lead, Chromium, Phosphate, Mercury, total suspended solids, total dissolved solids, chemical oxygen demand, 5 day biochemical oxygen demand, specific conductance, sediment oxygen demand, chlorophyll a, cell count, algal species, temperature, dissolved oxygen, organic nitrogen (total and dissolved) calcium carbonate alkalinity, hardness.

Equipment

The sites monitored by the Geological Survey have automatic sampling and flow recording samplers. Wetfall and dryfall sampling is also done by automatically controlled sampling equipment. Street dirt samples were obtained by use of an appropriate portable wet/dry vacuum. Lake Ellyn water samples were composited automatically, as determined necessary by the automatic flow recording devices.

Control

In addition to evaluating Lake Ellyn as a wet detention basin, other control measures will be considered that would affect the source and transport mechanisms disclosed during the investigation, which lend themselves to improvements that are cost-effective.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND
SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

MADISON, WI

REGION V, EPA

INTRODUCTION

The City of Milwaukee, situated in Milwaukee County, is located in southeastern Wisconsin on the western shore of Lake Michigan. The topography consists of gentle rolling hills drained by tributaries to, and the Menomonee, Milwaukee and Kinnickinnic Rivers, which flow into Milwaukee Bay in Lake Michigan. Other shoreline drainage enters the lake directly.

The Menomonee River is used for hydropower production, waste assimilation, and industrial water supply. Fishing, recreation, aesthestic values and stock and wildlife watering are common. Water quality requirements and standards shall meet the standards for recreational use and fish and aquatic life. Lake Michigan waters shall meet the standards for public water supplies and the standards for recreational use and fish and aquatic life. The intrastate rivers also are classified to meet these same standards, although not identified by name. Previous studies have shown that surface waters are severely polluted, and a large proportion can be attributed to urban pollution.

This city has had a decline in population during the last 10 years. The census of populations for the city, the urbanized area and the standard metropolitan statistical area have been recorded for 1970 and 1980; they show a population declining faster in the city than in the urbanized area or the SMSA. The recorded census population for the city in 1980 was 636,200, which represented an 11.3% decline from 717,100 in 1960. The 1980 urbanized area population declined 3.6%, and the SMSA declined 0.5% during the same period.

As these changes indicate, the increasing population of the past within the urban and standard metropolitan statistical areas changed to a decreasing population during the last 10 years. The city population had started decreaseing during the 10 year period beginning in 1960. Its quite likely that much of the initial city population decline represented relocation away from the urbanized area into the urbanizing areas of the SMSA. This is the only project area in Region V to show a decline in population trend.

Previous evaluation of the water quality of the local drainage system identified urban stormwater runoff as a major concern. As a result, the Areawide Water Quality Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin has recommended reduction of pollutants from urban runoff through implementation of appropriate practices and control measures. This project is designed to evaluate the effectiveness of alternative streetsweeping schedules in varying land use conditions.

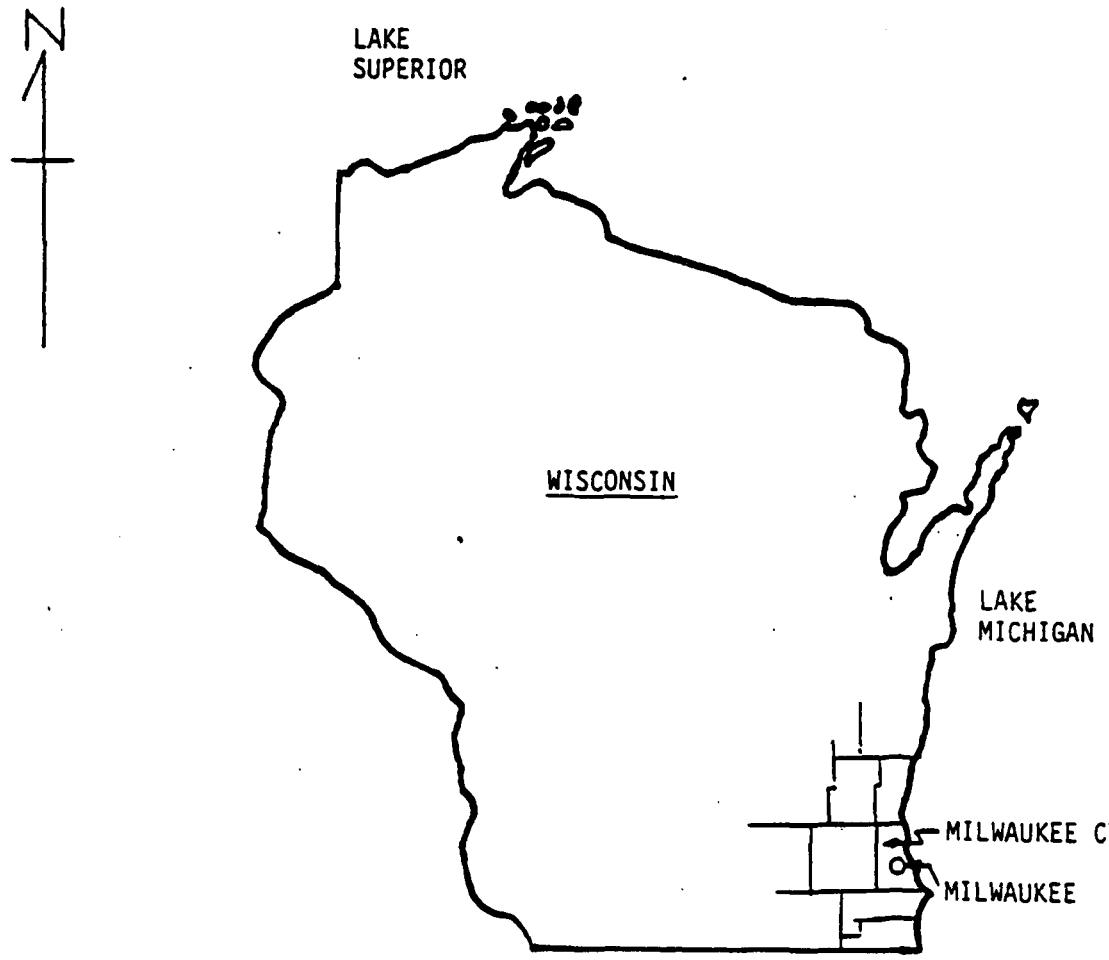


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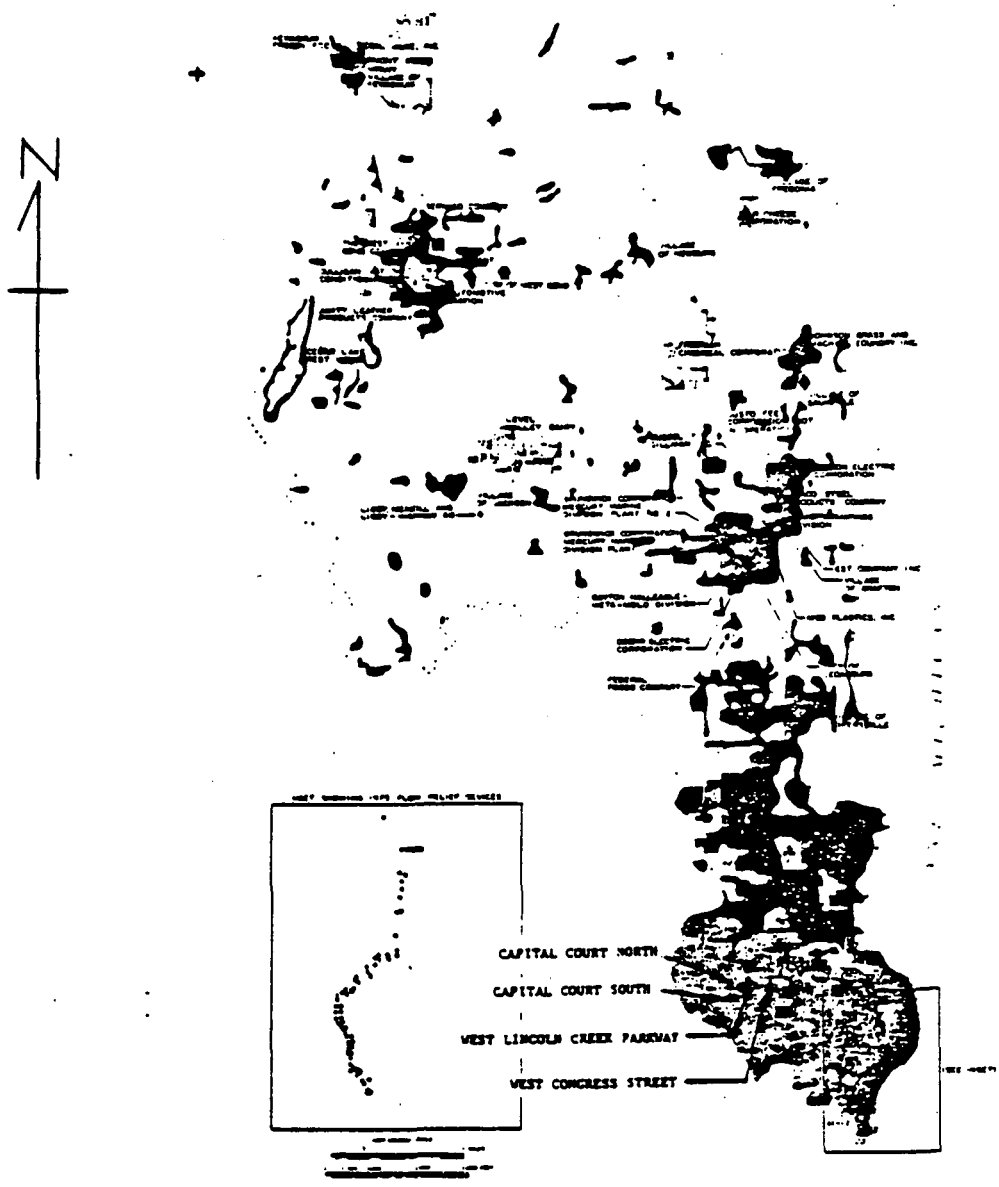
FIGURE 1



NURP STUDY SITES IN THE

MILWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED

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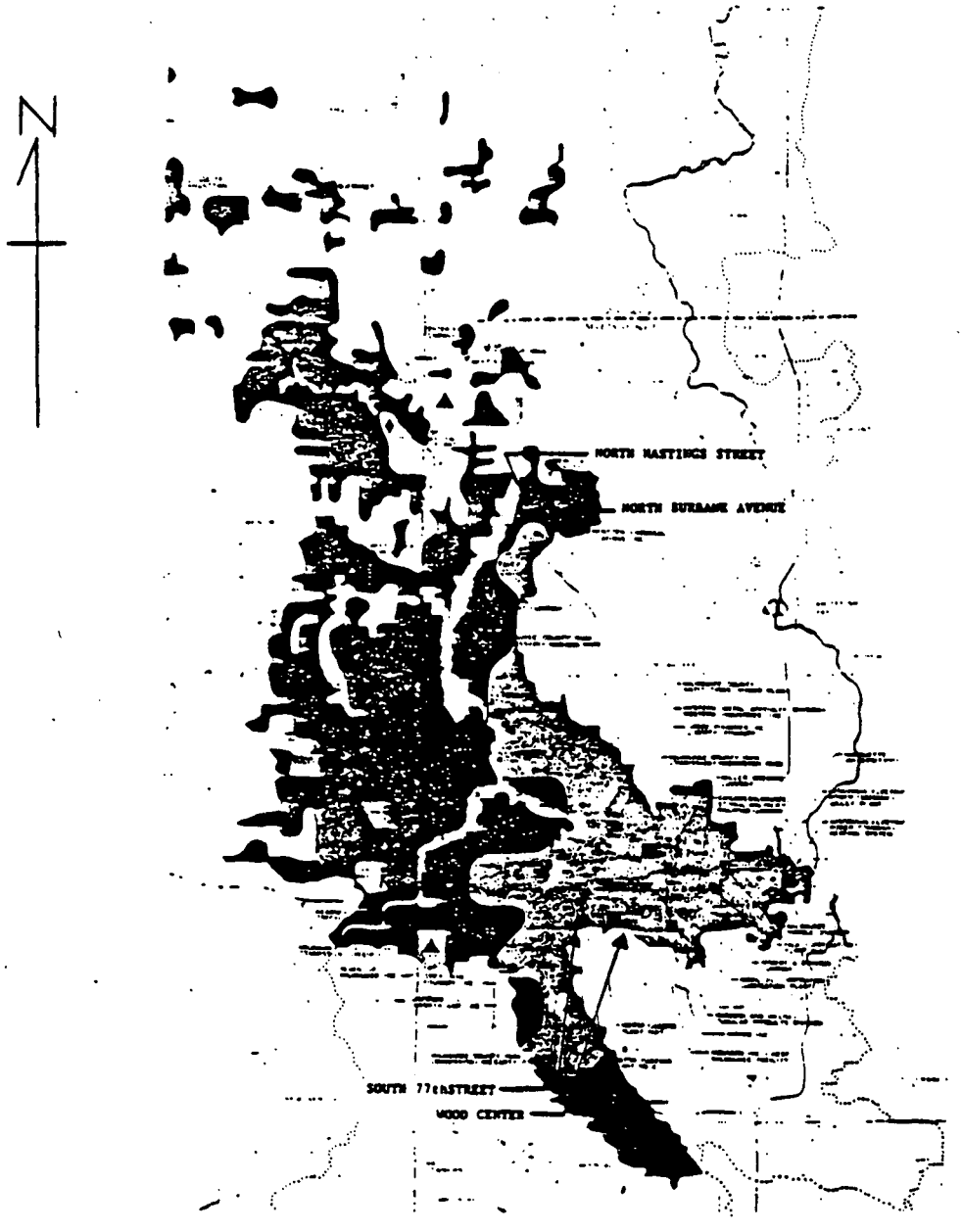

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NURP STUDY SITES IN THE

MENOMONEE RIER WATERSHED

FIGURE 3

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

A. Area

The City of Milwaukee, situated in Milwaukee County, is located on the western shore of Lake Michigan, in southeastern Wisconsin. The total area of city comprises about 95 square miles of land. Land use within the city is characterized as institutional, residential, commercial and industrial.

B. Population

As noted in the introduction, and in Table 1, below, city population has declined from about 741,500 in 1960 to about 636,200 in 1980. During ths same period the urbanized area and SMSA show a net increase, although over the last ten years both show declines. If these trends continue, projected year 2000 population could be down another 100,000 or more to around 510,000. It is much more reasonable to expect the rate of decline to be damped and the city population to not drop much lower than 600,000 over the next twenty years. This is based on the assumption that a lot of the decline represented movement out of the urban areas to the urbanizing suburbs, as percentage changes for those areas seem to indicate. A reverse trend already seems to be starting in metropolitan areas which will balance in part the initial move outward.

TABLE I

DECENNIAL CENSUS OF POPULATIONS

MILWAUKEE, URBANIZED AREA, SMSA

	1960 (APPROX)	1970	% Change	1980	% Change
Milwaukee	741,570	717,099	-3.3	636,212	-11.3
Urban Area	1,150,100	1,252,457	+8.9	1,207,008	- 3.6
SMSA	11,278,400	1,403,688	+9.8	1,397,143	- 0.5

C. Drainage

The gently rolling terrain of the City of Milwaukee is drained by the Milwaukee, Menomonee and Kinnickinnic Rivers and their tributaries into Milwaukee Bay in Lake Michigan. Shoreline drainage is directly into Lake Michigan.

D. Sewerage

The City of Milwaukee sanitary sewerage system consists of both public and private sewage treatment facilities, and combined sewer outfalls, by passes, crossovers and relief pumping stations. This type of system produces point source pollution at the various discharge points throughout the system whenever excessive flows occur or hydraulic characteristics prove inadequate.

PROJECT AREA

I. Catchment Name WI 1, 630, State Fair

A. Area - 29 acres.

B. Population - 290 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 160 feet/mile, 100% served with curbs and gutters. The storm sewers approximate a 160 feet/mile slope.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 2.9 lane miles of asphalt, 31% of which is in good condition, and 69% of which is in poor condition. In addition, there are about 0.6 lane miles of concrete, of which 83% is in good condition and 17% of which is in poor condition.

E. Land Use

7.54 acres (26%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 5.9 acres (78.2%) is impervious.

21.46 acres (74%) is Linear Development, of which 16.4 acres (76.4%) is impervious.

II. Catchment Name - WI 1, 631, WOOD CENTER

A. Area - 44.9 acres.

B. Population - 540 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 160 feet/mile, 100% served with curbs and gutters. The storm sewers approximate a 160 feet/mile slope.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 4.2 lane miles of asphalt, 14% of which is in good condition, and 86% of which is in poor condition. In addition there is about 1 lane mile of concrete, of which 80% is in good condition and 20% of which is in poor condition.

E. Land Use

13.84 acres (30.8%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 11.22 acres (81.1%) is impervious.

25.28 acres (56.3%) is Linear Strip Development, of which 20.5 acres (81.1%) is impervious.

5.6 acres (12.5%) is Urban Industrial (heavy), of which 4.54 acres (81.1%) is impervious.

III. Catchment Name - WI 1, 632, N. Hastings

A. Area - 32.84 acres.

B. Population - 560 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 160 feet/mile, 100% served with curbs and gutters. The storm sewers approximate a 160 feet/mile slope.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 2.2 lane miles of concrete, all of which is in good condition.

E. Land Use

32.84 acres (100%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential of which 16.86 acres (51.3%) is impervious.

IV. Catchment Name - WI 1, 633, N. Burbank

A. Area - 62.6 acres.

B. Population - 915 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 160 feet/mile, 100% served with curbs and gutters. The storm sewers approximate a 160 feet/mile slope.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Street consist of 4.1 lane miles of concrete, 97% of which is in good condition, and 3% of which is in poor condition.

E. Land Use

62.6 acres (100%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 31.27 acres (50%) is impervious.

V. Catchment Name - WI 1, 634, Rustler

A. Area - 12.44 acres.

B. Population - 0 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 160 feet/mile, 100% served with curbs and gutters. The storm sewers approximate a 160 feet/mile slope.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 0.6 lane miles of asphalt, 100% of which is in good condition.

E. Land Use

12.44 acres (100%) is Shopping Center, of which 12.39 acres (99.6%) is impervious.

VI. Catchment Name - WI 1, 635, Post Office

A. Area - 12.08 acres.

B. Population - 0 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 160 feet/mile, 100% served with curbs and gutters. The storm sewers approximate a 160 feet/mile slope.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

E. Land Use

12.39 acres (100%) is Shopping Center, of which 12.12 acres (97.8%) is impervious.

VII. Catchment Name - WI 1, 636, Lincoln Creek

A. Area - 36.1 acres.

B. Population - 650 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 160 feet/mile, 100% served with curbs and gutters. The storm sewers approximate 160 feet/mile slope.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 0.1 lane miles of asphalt, 100% of which is in poor condition. In addition there are about 4.4 lane miles of concrete, of which 62% is in good condition and 38% of which is in poor condition.

E. Land Use

34.91 acres (96.7%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acres urban residential, of which 20.0 acres (5.73%) is impervious.

1.11 acres (2.5%) is Linear Strip Development, of which 0.64 acres (57.7%) is impervious.

VIII. Catchment Name - WI 1, 637, W. Congress

A. Area - 33.04 acres.

B. Population - 540 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 160 feet/mile, 100% served with curbs and gutters. The storm sewers approximate a 160 feet/mile slope.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 100 lane miles of concrete, 54% of which is in good condition and 46% of which is in poor condition.

E. Land Use

30.1 acres (91.1%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 15.19 acres (50.5%) is impervious.

2.32 acres (7.0%) is Linear Strip Development, of which 1.17 acres (50.4%) is impervious.

PROBLEM

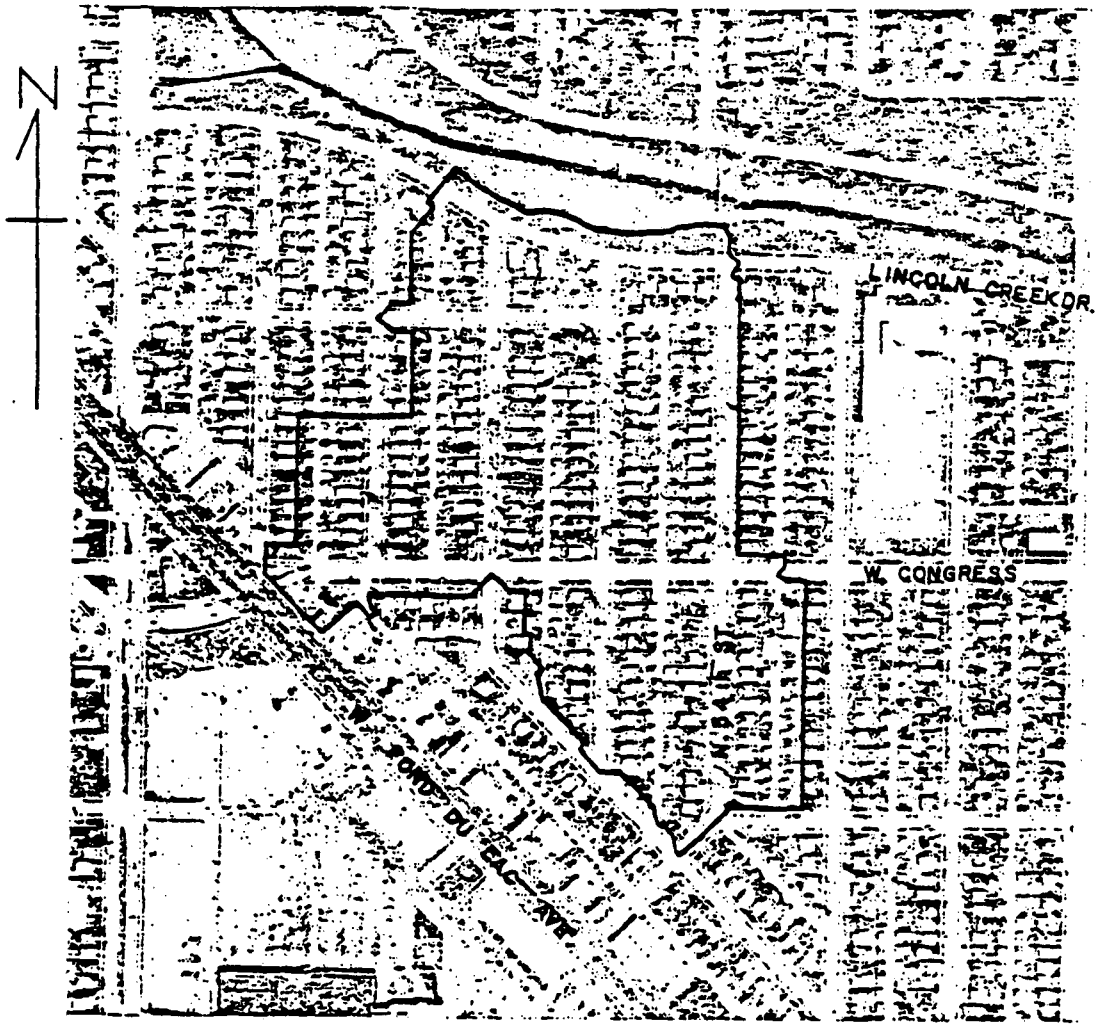
A. Local Definition (Government)

Considerable effort has been expended on the assessment of urban stormwater problems in Milwaukee County. The assessments have been made for the Milwaukee, Kinnikinnic and Menomonee River Watersheds. Most of the study areas for the proposed project are in the Menomonee River Watershed. A large amount of water quality data was collected for the evaluation of urban pollution in the Menomonee River Watershed. The sources of water quality data include: The SEWRPC-DNR 1968-1974 continuing water quality monitoring program, a 1968-1969 watershed-wide phosphorus study, three 24-hour synoptic surveys conducted under the Menomonee River Watershed planning program and the Menomonee River Pilot Watershed Study. An examination of the water quality data from previous studies reveals the surface waters are severely polluted. The categories of pollutants included are toxic, organic, nutrient, pathogenic, sediment and aesthetic. The specific pollutants are lead, BOD, phosphorus, fecal coliform and suspended solids. The results of the Menomonee River Pilot Watershed Study revealed a significant portion of these pollutants transported in the stream can be attributed to urban runoff. The concentration of these pollutants are above stream quality standards during runoff events. Over 60 percent of the annual loading of phosphorus, lead and suspended solids is from nonpoint sources. The Southeastern Wisconsin Areawide Water Quality Management Planning Program is recommending nonpoint source control of the above pollutants in the proposed study areas. The practical consequence of these polluted conditions is to severely restrict the use of the watershed stream system for recreational pursuits and propagation of fish and aquatic life.

Literature values of the effectiveness of street sweeping are variable and are specific to locality of the study. Recent evaluation of improved street sweeping practices have observed up to 50 percent reduction in the amounts of phosphorus, lead and suspended solids coming from urban watersheds. A street sweeping study using two small watersheds in Minneapolis-St. Paul observed a reduction of 50 percent in phosphorus loading for the watershed with higher sweeping frequencies. A similar comparison between watersheds in Sweden produced reduction in suspended solids concentrations of 57 percent and 30 to 60 percent in lead concentration. A study in San Jose, California evaluating reduction of street surface loading by street sweeping observed between 13 and 60 percent of the street solids loading was removed. If street sweeping is shown to reduce the urban nonpoint source pollutant loading by as much as 50 percent in the SEWRPC area, street sweeping could be an important part for realizing a 25 percent reduction in urban nonpoint source pollution.

B. Local Perception (Public Awareness)

The limitations placed on the use of the watershed stream system for recreational pursuits has assured that members of the general public with an interest in that direction are aware of the problem. Community interest has resulted in the preparation of comprehensive watershed plans for both the Menomonee and the Milwaukee River watersheds.



WEST LINCOLN CREEK PARKWAY
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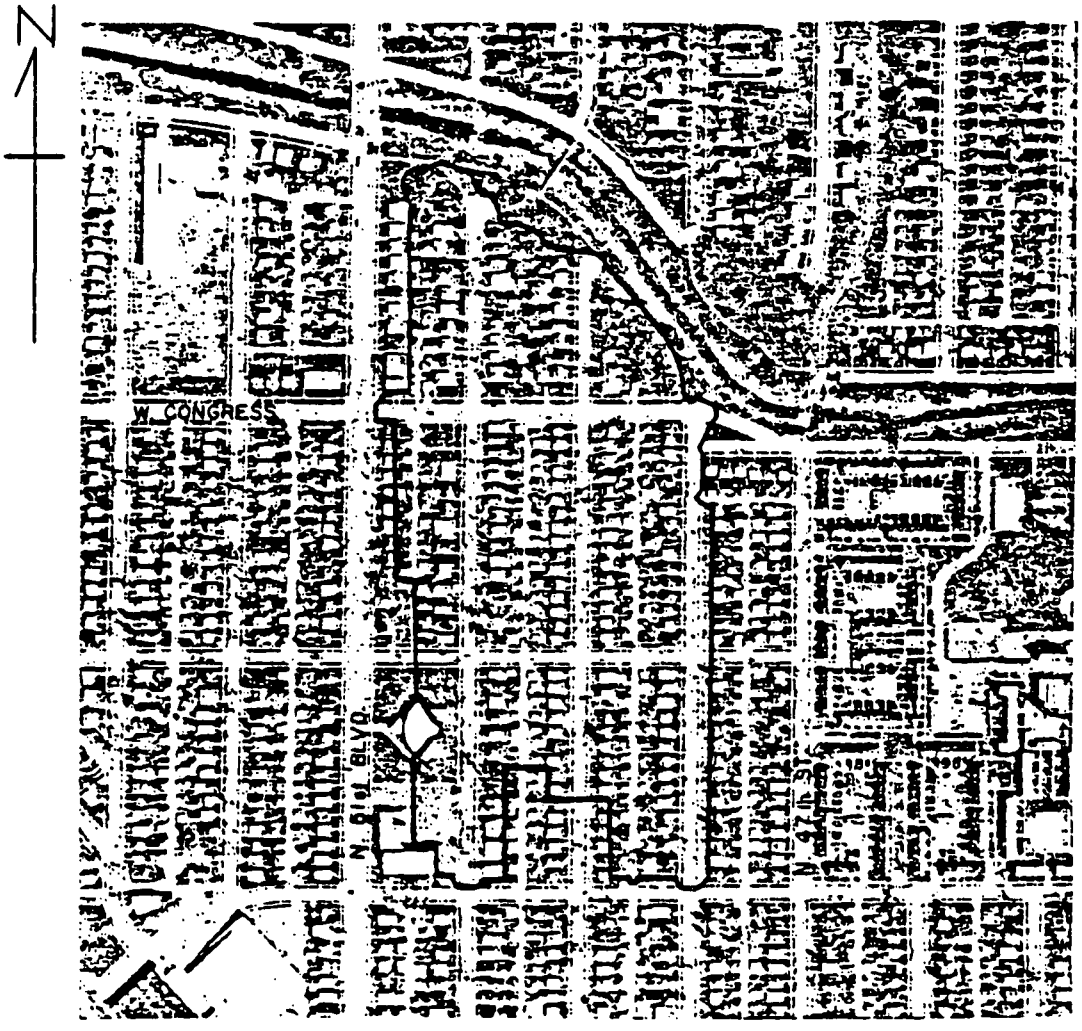

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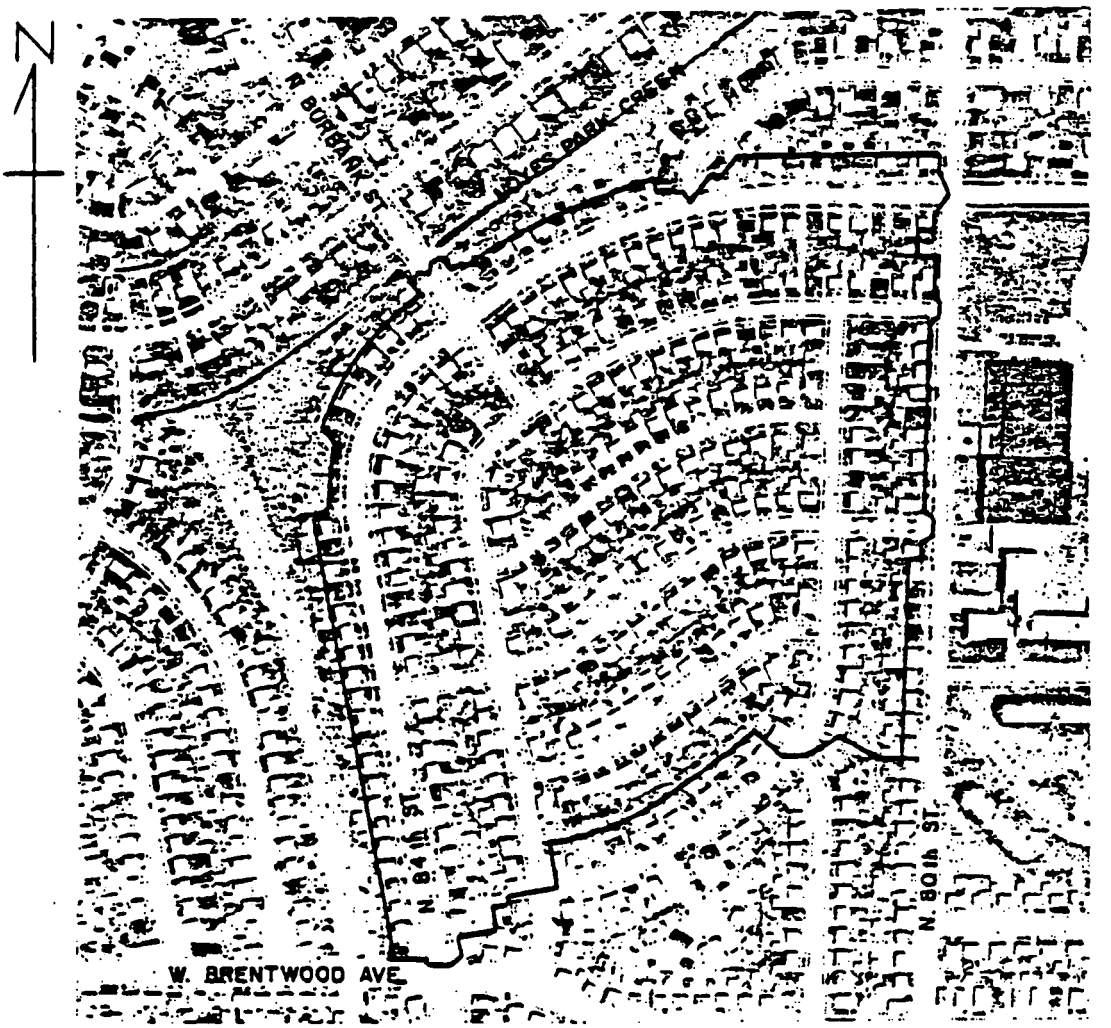

NORTH BURBANK STREET STUDY SITE

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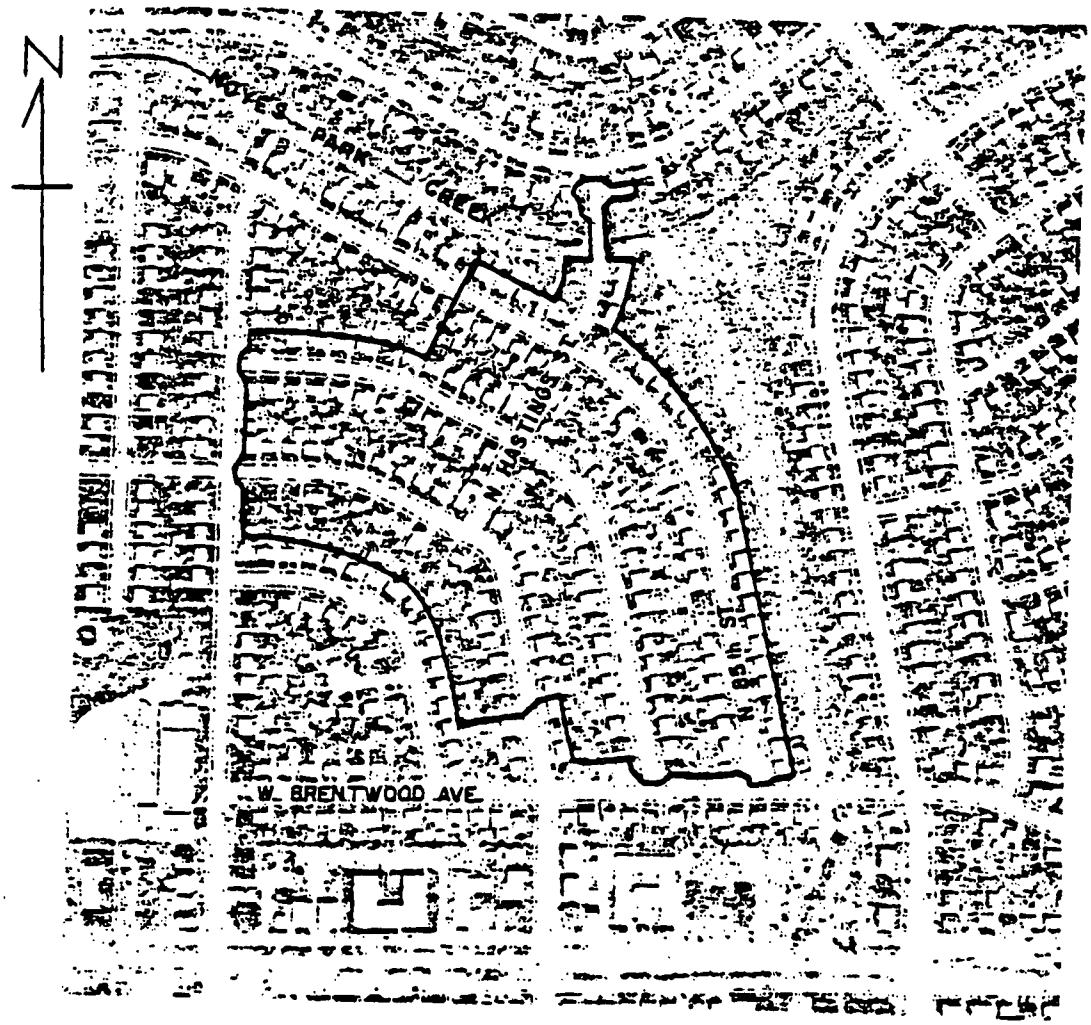

NORTH HASTINGS STREET STUDY SITE

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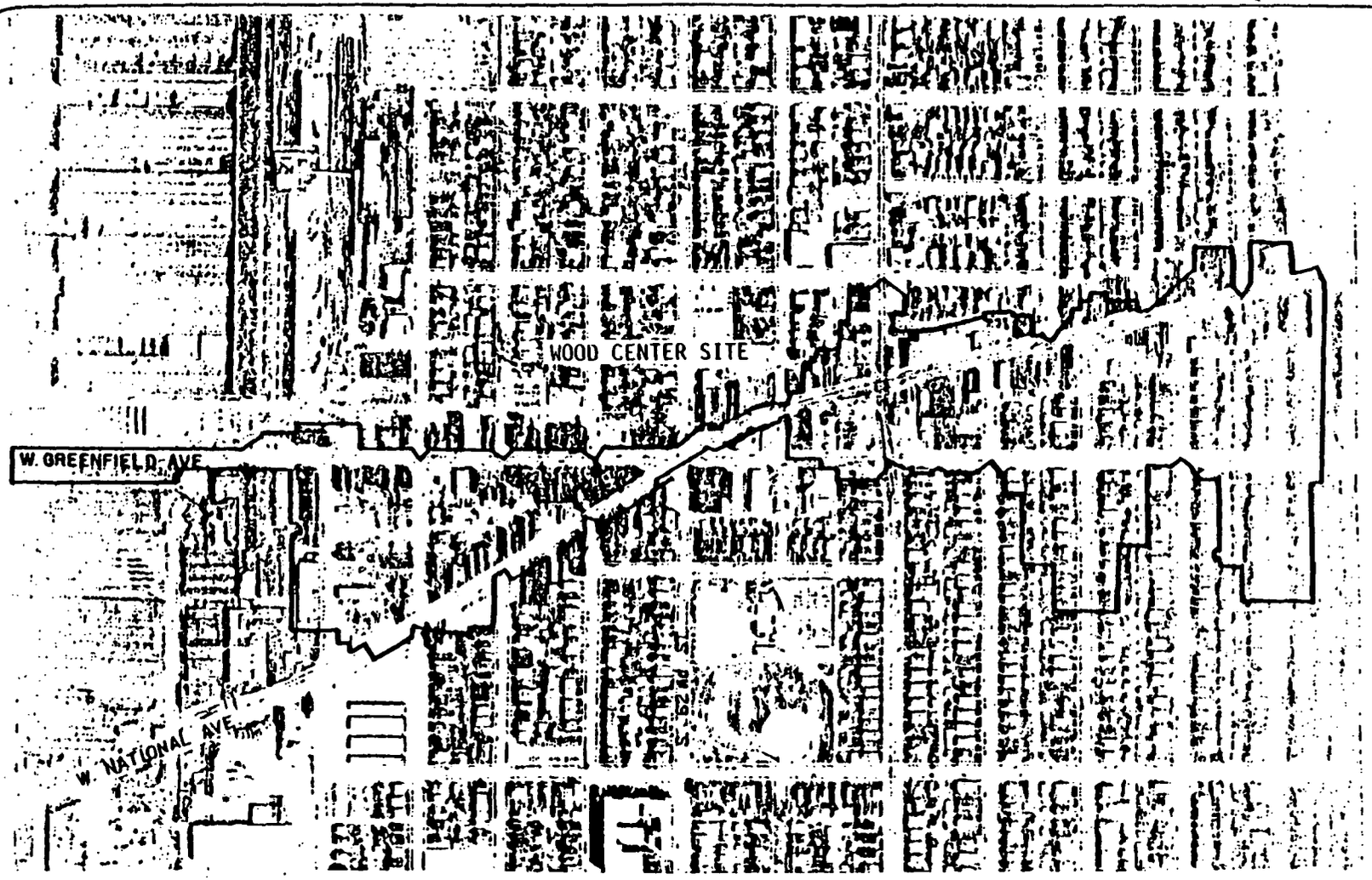

WOOD CENTER STUDY SITE

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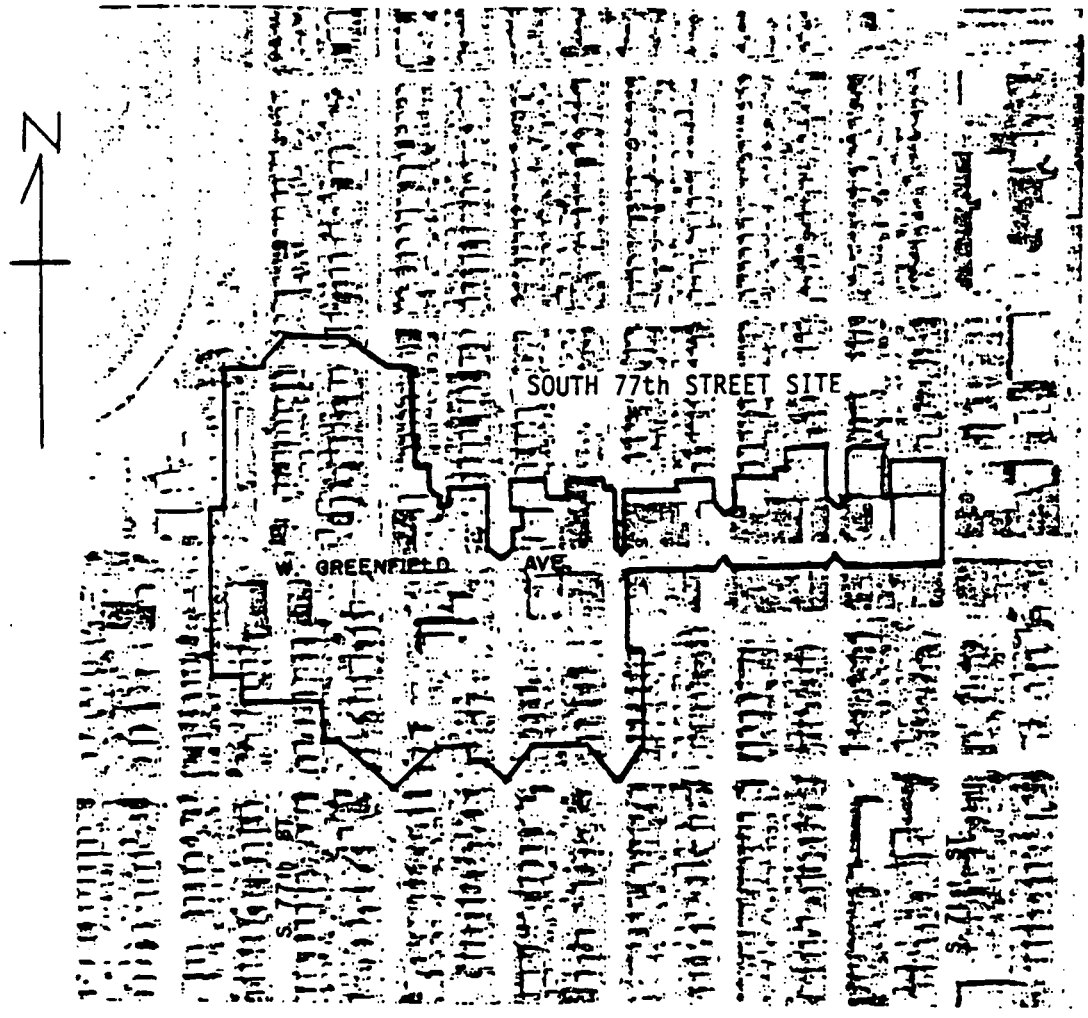

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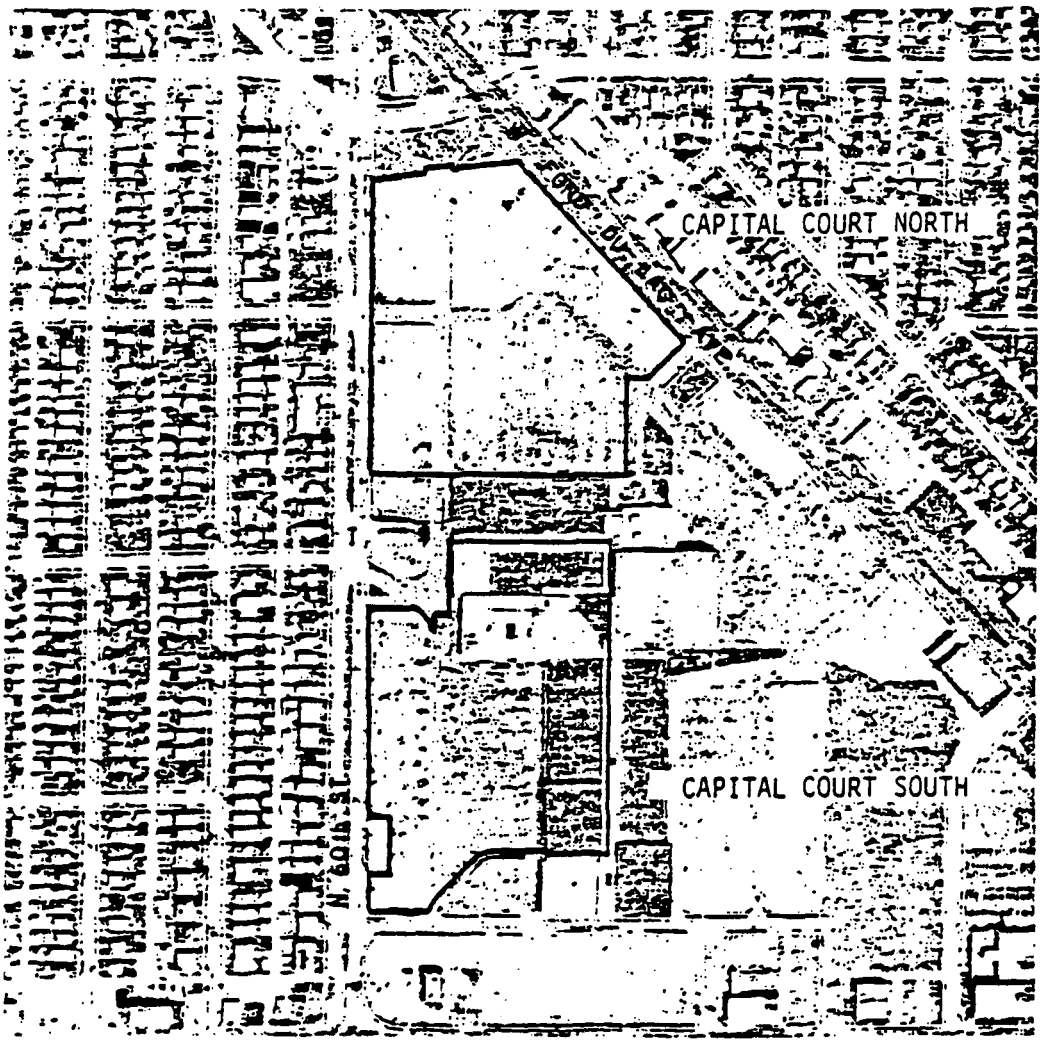

CAPITAL COURT NORTH
AND
CAPITAL COURT SOUTH
PAIRED STUDY SITES

FIGURE 10

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Major Objective

The Areawide Water Quality Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin contains the recommendation that a 25 percent reduction in urban nonpoint source pollution be achieved for 84 percent of the urban area within the region. The recommendation for the remaining 16 percent of the area is a 50 percent reduction through implementation of appropriate practices.

Among practices that may be implemented to achieve the 25% reduction is street sweeping. The need to know the effectiveness of improved street-sweeping programs in the region will become critical if regulatory mechanisms for urban nonpoint source controls are to be considered seriously. At the time this project was developed, the percent reduction in urban nonpoint source pollution reduced by improved street sweeping programs was unknown for the Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission area.

One of the objectives of this project is to evaluate the effectiveness of the timing and frequency of street sweeping in Milwaukee County. A second objective is to develop a methodology usable by municipalities to design urban nonpoint source control programs to meet water quality objectives. In addition, this project will evaluate the contribution of pollutants from rooftops, atmospheric dry and wet deposition, and winter accumulation to urban watersheds.

B. Methodologies

Street sweeping as a practice has most often been used for the aesthetic improvements resulting, and in coordination with stormdrain catchbasins cleaning programs to prolong the time between required cleanings.

The primary purpose of this project is to evaluate the potential improvement in stormwater quality caused by an accelerated street sweeping program. To evaluate this management technique, a test and control study design was selected. To assess the impacts of street sweeping on various land uses, pairs of small, homogeneous watersheds were selected for study. The selected land uses include pairs of medium density residential, high density residential, commercial strip and parking lot areas. One of the watersheds of each pair was designated the test area, and the other the control area.

Each control area is regularly swept using the same baseline frequency at which it has customarily been swept. For the residential control areas the baseline frequency is once per month, for the commercial strip control area it is once per week, and for the parking lot control area it is every two months.

Conversely the test areas have alternating sweeping frequencies. For some periods, the sweeping frequencies in the test areas are identical to the sweeping frequencies in the corresponding control areas. These periods are called control periods. At other times the sweeping frequencies in the test areas are higher than in the control areas. These are called test periods. The accelerated sweeping frequencies were selected to represent the possible range of sweeping frequencies that might be socially and economically acceptable.

The increased frequencies in the residential areas are once and twice per week, in the commerical area they are twice and three times per week, and in the parking lot they are biweekly and weekly. The street sweeping schedule for 1980, 1981 and 1982 is given in Table 2.

During control periods, when the street sweeping frequencies in both the test and control watersheds are identical, the individual event and seasonal stormwater pollutant load will be compared to determine intrinsic pollutant loading differences between the areas. During test periods, the differences between the test and control area's seasonal pollutant load, after adjusting for intrinsic differences found during control periods, will be deemed attributable to the increased street sweeping. Test and control periods and test and control watersheds are necessary to calculate the theoretical pollutant load that a test area would have had during a test period, had it been swept at the control frequency.

Some simple hypothetical numbers will help illustrate the study design. If during a control period a control area discharges 100 kg of suspended solids, and the corresponding test area discharges 120 kg, the test area intrinsically discharges 20% more suspended solids than the control area. If in the next test period, with perhaps less rainfall, the control area discharges 80 kg of suspended solids, the theoretical test area pollutant load, under normal street sweeping frequency, would have been 96 kg. If instead the observed test area suspended solids load was 67 kg, the difference due to street sweeping would be considered 29 kg, or 30% of the potential suspended solids load.

The length of the test and control periods are each approximately eight weeks long. By long term averages there are 12 to 16 events of greater than 0.1 inch precipitation per eight week period. There are three test periods per annual street sweeping season (spring, summer and fall), separated by two control periods.

Ideally there should be 12 to 16 sampled events per period from which to derive seasonal pollutant loads. Seasonal loading differences are desired for comparison because they will be more representative of the overall effect of an accelerated street sweeping program than will be individual differences observed from singular events.

Composite sampling is being used to monitor stormwater quality. Composite sampling allows for excellent analysis of monitored events, but because of the relatively small number of events per sampling period, there is not likely to be enough analyses to make statistically good pollutant loading estimates of unmonitored events. Initially only those events, wherein the samplers at both the test and control areas functioned properly, were to be included in the seasonal loading comparison of each pair. However, there has been a much higher incidence of sampler failure than had been anticipated. Within each pair of sites, there has been more events wherein a sampler at either one or both the test and control sites failed, than there has been when both samplers operated properly. Consequently, by the above criterion, most events would not be included in the seasonal loading comparison.

TABLE 2

STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

INCLUSIVE DATES	PERIOD	SWEEPING FREQUENCY (TIMES/MONTHS)					
		Residential		Commercial		Parking Lots	
		Test Areas	Control Areas	Test Area	Control Area	Test Area	Control Area
5/18/80-7/5/80	CONTROL	1	1	4	4	.5	.5
7/6/80-8/23/80	TEST	4	1	12	4	4	.5
8/24/80-10/11/80	CONTROL	1	1	4	4	.5	.5
10/12/80-11/29/80	TEST	4	1	12	4	4	.5
3/15/81-5/2/81	TEST	8	1	8	4	2	.5
5/3/81-6/20/81	CONTROL	1	1	1	4	.5	.5
6/21/81-8/15/81	TEST	8	1	8	4	2	.5
8/16/81-10/3/81	CONTROL	1	1	1	4	.5	.5
10/4/81-11/28/81	TEST	8	1	8	4	2	.5
3/7/82-4/17/82	TEST	4	1	12	4	4	.5
4/18/82-5/22/82	CONTROL	1	1	4	4	.5	.5
5/23/82-7/3/82	TEST	4	1	12	4	4	.5

One analytical alternative is to compare seasonal flow weighted average concentration for all monitored events at each station. This would allow for the inclusion of many more events in the seasonal comparison. On the other hand, different events at the test and control sites would be included in the overall analyses, which raises different concerns. Hopefully, the incidence of sample failure will be reduced as some of the initial sampling problems are resolved.

In addition to the water quality monitoring, further analyses of street sweeping will be based on the monitoring and analysis of contaminants on the street surfaces of the test areas. Street surface contaminants will be collected in a manner as to analyze for three functions: the accumulation of materials on streets over time, street sweeper removal efficiencies and rainfall-washoff processes. This information will be useful for modeling purposes, in order to extrapolate to various street sweeping frequencies and rainfall regimes.

A private street cleaning contractor is sweeping all of the study areas. A private contractor was chosen to do the sweeping, rather than the respective municipalities, in order to maximize our control over, and consistency within, the street sweeping operation, and to facilitate coordination and communication with the operators.

A contractor uses a 1969 four wheel, rear end brush, Mobil street sweeper. The sweeper operates at five miles per hour, spraying dust suppressing water on the street as it travels. The strike of the broom is maintained at six inches. There is one principal operator of the sweeper, with an occasional stand-in operator. The principal operator has had more than 30 years of street sweeping experience with the City of Milwaukee.

The streets are being swept in accordance with the schedule given in Table 4. The control areas are swept at their usual and customary sweeping frequency. The sweeping in the test areas alternates between the control frequencies and accelerated frequencies. The alleys in the study areas are considered another pollutant source as are rooftops, sidewalks and driveways. These alleys are normally swept three to four times per year. We are maintaining the normal sweeping frequency in the alleys of both test and control study areas.

The usual leaf pick-up program in Milwaukee and West Allis is to, on designated dates at preselected intervals, ask the residents to rake all of their leaves into the gutters. Jeeps equipped with leaf rakes then push the leaves to the corners of the blocks, where Vac-Alls or front end loaders and dump trucks pick up the leaves. Our street cleaning contractor does not have the equipment to handle a large leaf pick-up program. Nor are there funds to contract the leaf pick-up to another party. Therefore the municipalities will maintain their usual leaf pick-up program in the study areas.

Stormwater pollutant loads are determined through the use of composite sampling techniques. The decision to use composite rather than stratified random sampling followed an analysis of the latter, which indicated that, based upon available urban stormwater concentrations, as many as 100 samples per station per test period could be required to achieve a $\pm$ 20% error term on the pollutant loading estimate. By contrast, as few as 12 to 16 composite analyses will be

required to get a good seasonal loading estimate, but the resultant loading estimates will not have associated error terms. A report of this analysis, with a description and comparison of integration, composite and stratified random sampling, is being reviewed prior to publishing by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

The sampling stations are equipped with Manning S-4050 samplers. Samples are collected flow proportionally during events. Either one, one liter or two, half liter samples are placed in each sample bottle. The samples are refrigerated to 4°C. When the event has ended, the samples are removed from the stations and transported on ice to the Department of Natural Resources Southeast District Headquarters in Milwaukee for processing.

At the district lab the samples are split using a USGS cone splitter and recombined to get a single one to two liter flow weighted composite sample. Each composite is then further split into five separate samples for filtering and/or fixing as needed for the various parameters. The samples are then transported to Madison on ice and refrigerated at the State Lab of Hygiene until analyzed. The State Lab is performing all of the sample analyses. A listing of water quality parameters is given in Table 3.

In addition to the composite sampling, for five events per station per year when more than ten sample bottles have been filled, discreet analyses will be done on six of the samples per event. To do so, one-tenth of each sample (0.1 liters) will be split off and combined to get a single composite sample. The remaining nine-tenths (0.9 liters) of each of the six discreet samples will then be analyzed separately.

Finally, on large events, the suspended sediment will be separated from the collected samples, divided into particle sizes, and analyzed for contaminants. Analysis of particle sizes will occur whenever 14 or more sample bottles have been filled. After a one to two liter composite sample is split off of the total sample volume, the remaining sample (twelve or more liters) is sent to the USGS Hydraulics Lab for analysis.

C. Monitoring

The project provides for monitoring four pairs of study sites, each pair consisting of a control site and an experimental site. The pairs were selected to be of matched and uniform land use types, in close proximity to each other. Figures 2 and 3 depict the locations of these paired sites, and Figures 4 through 10 provide street layouts of the individual or paired sites.

Table 3 includes general characteristics of the study sites, including the primary land use designations.

TABLE 3

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF STUDY SITES
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Study Site	Major Civil Divisions	Area (Acres)	Primary Land Use
W. Lincoln Creek Parkway	City of Milwaukee	37	High Density Residential
W. Congress Street	City of Milwaukee	33	High Density Residential
N. Burbank Avenue	City of Milwaukee	71	Medium Density Residential
N. Hastings Street	City of Milwaukee	43	Medium Density Residential
Wood Center	City of West Allis	45	Commercial/High Density Residential
S. 77th Street	City of West Allis	30	Commercial/High Density Residential
Capital Court North	City of Milwaukee	13	Commercial/ Parking Lot
Capital Court South	City of Milwaukee	12	Commercial/ Parking Lot

The stormwater quality constituents and parameters scheduled, and their frequency, are indicated in Table 4.

TABLE 4

STORMWATER QUALITY PARAMETERS

Frequency of Analysis	Paramters
Every event, all stations	Primaries*
	Total Solids
	Suspended Solids
	Volatile Suspended Solids
	Total Phosphorus
	Soluable Phosphorus
	Total Lead
	Chlorides
Every event during 1980, all stations	Secondaries
	Nitrate + Nitrite
	Ammonia
	Kjeldahl Nitrogen
	Soluble Lead
Every other event, all stations	Chemical Oxygen Demand
Every other event, all stations	Biological Oxygen Demand, Five Day
Every fourth event, all stations	Biological Oxygen Demand, Thirty Day
Every other event during 1980, test sites only	Multi-element Scan
One grab sample per event, all stations	Fecal Coliform
One grab sample per event, all stations	Fecal Streptococcus
Whenever 14 or more sample bottles have been collected, all stations	Particle Size
	Total Phosphorus
	Available Phosphorus
	Total Lead

*All samples are composite samples except for the fecals.

Equipment

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has provided automatic water quality sampling devices to the U.S. Geological Survey, and USGS has provided the automatic flow meters. Rainfall is also determined with automatic equipment. An automatic rainfall sensor initiates startup of the automatic recorders, and the automatic flow meters, which in turn activate the automatic samplers. In addition to the volumetric rainfall gage, there are automatic atmospheric wet fall/dry fall samplers.

Street surface sampling is accomplished in one of the paired sites (4 of 8, total), using a 1/2 ton van towing a trailer-mounted generator connected to two vacuum cleaners. The vacuums operate in tandum through a vacuum hose, wand and nozzle.

Water quality sampling was accomplished by composite sampling except during winter, when discrete sampling at 5 minute intervals was initiated.

Quality and flow monitoring is being accomplished by USGS, and streetsweeping sampling is being done by Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commisssion.

Controls

This project is evaluating the effectiveness of streetsweeping as a practice for controlling pollution from urban stormwater runoff. Various land uses are being tested for different streetsweeping frequencies. Transferrability of results will be evaluated by modelling.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES AND
CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

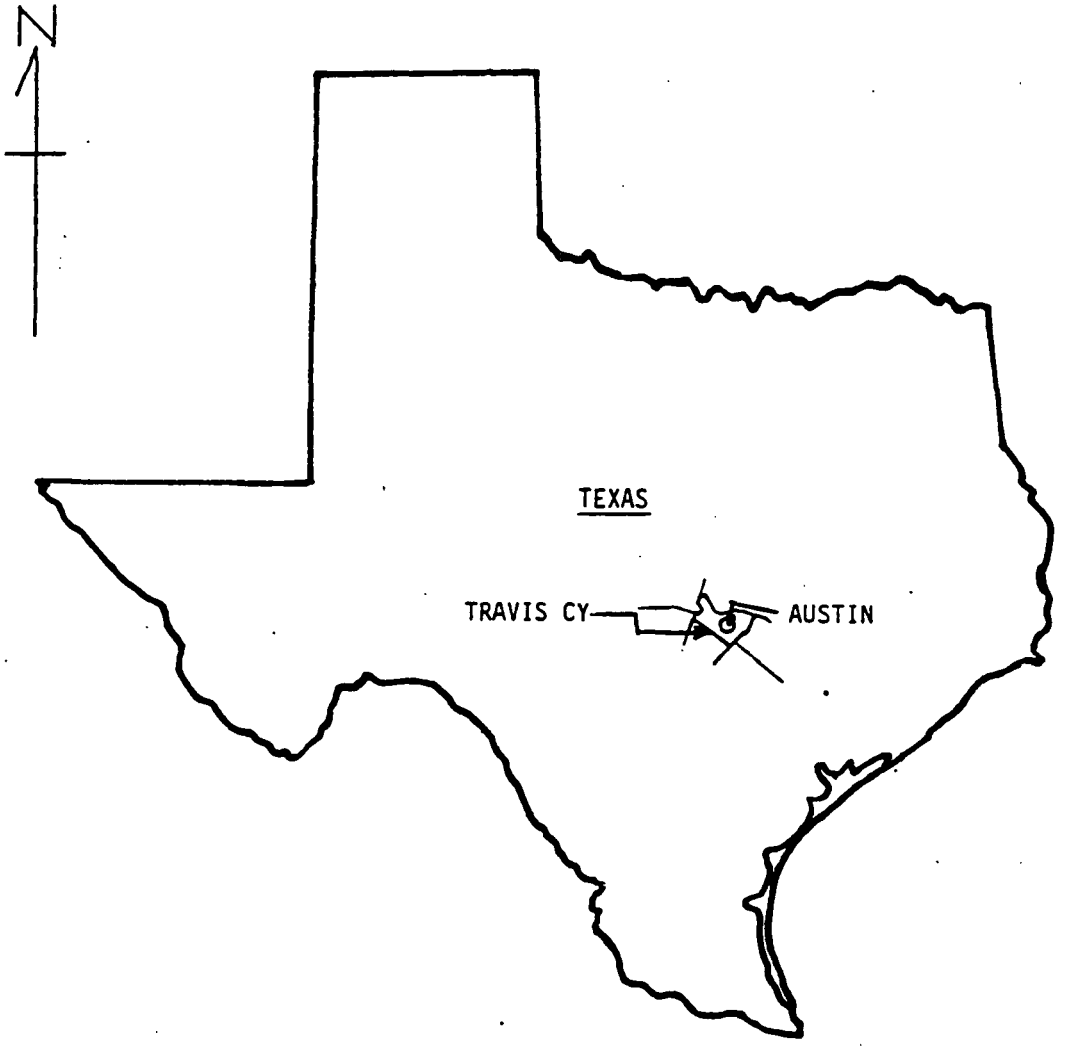
REGION VI, EPA

INTRODUCTION

The City of Austin, located in Travis County, lies along the Colorado River, in the central part of the State of Texas. The Colorado River empties into Matagorda Bay approximately 175 miles to the Southeast. The topography consists of gentle rolling hills, and the urban area is drained by streams flowing into the Colorado River.

The Colorado River, in the vicinity of Austin, is comprised of run of the river impoundments named Town Lake, Lake Austin and Lake Travis. Currently, Lake Austin serves as the primary drinking water supply for the city, with the original source, Town Lake, used as a supplemental source. Increasing urban density is encountered downstream from Lake Travis toward Town Lake. Urban stormwater runoff into Town Lake results in highly visible evidence of aesthetic degradation, and water from this source is not utilized for water supply during times. While this decision may be the result of the increased costs for treatment, rather than because of the concentration of pollutants, this study will clarify this. Water quality standards for all three lakes have been established as adequate to support contact and noncontact recreation, propagation of fish and wildlife, and for use as domestic raw water supply.

A major concern is to control urbanization in the Lake Austin area to prevent urban stormwater runoff problems similar to those experienced in Town Lake. The population of the Austin standard metropolitan statistical area in 1950 was 162,336; this increased to 295,516 in 1970, an increase of 82% in 20 years. By 1980, the SMSA population was 536,450, a 10 year change of 81.2%. The city population, itself, went from 186,524 in 1960 to 251,808 in 1970, an increase of 35%. In the next decade it further increased to 345,496, or an increase of 37.2%. Much of the increase is occurring in the Lake Austin watershed. The 1960 urbanized area increased from 264,499 in 1970 to 379,322 in 1980, a jump of 43.4%, following a 41.3% increase between 1960 and 1970.



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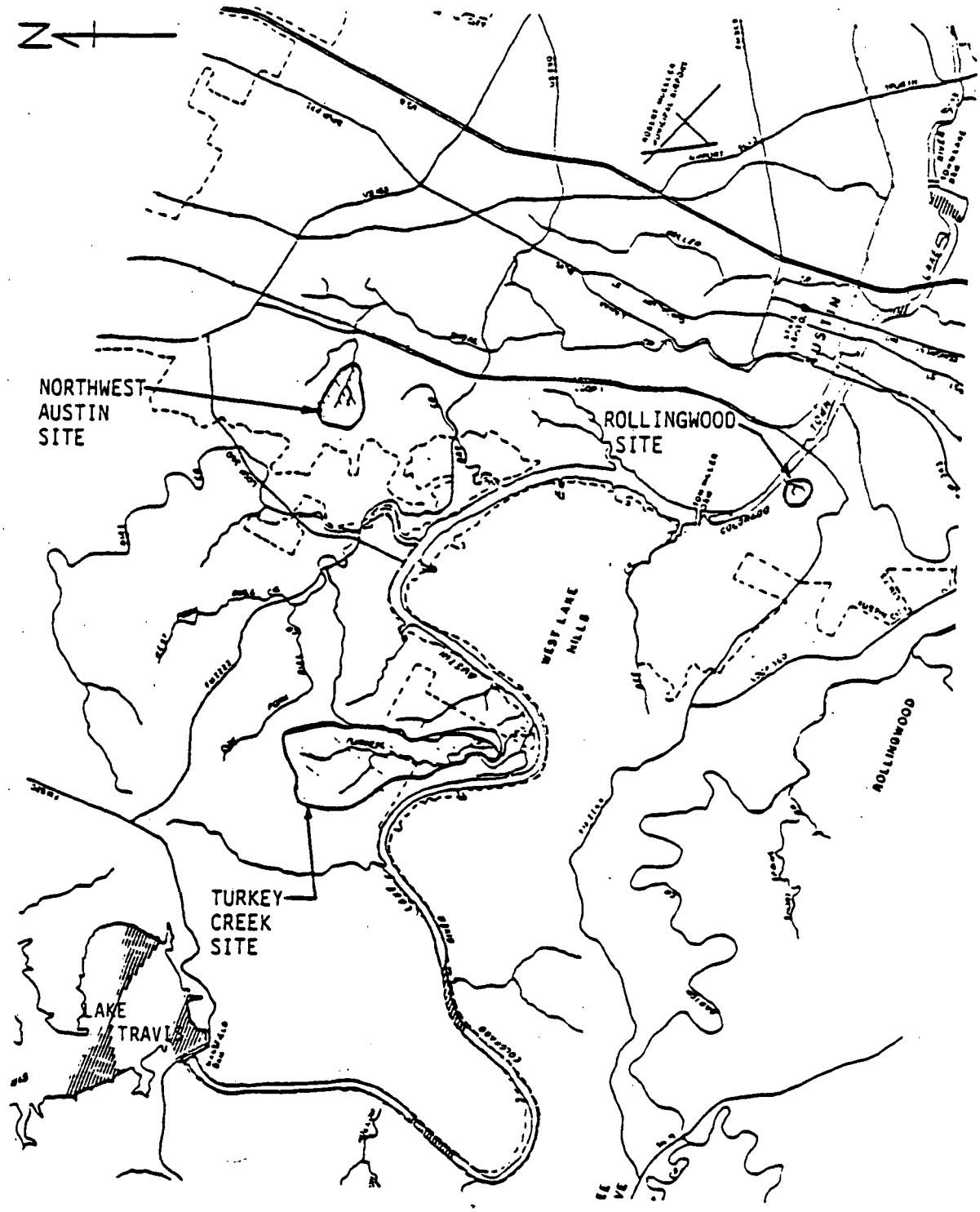
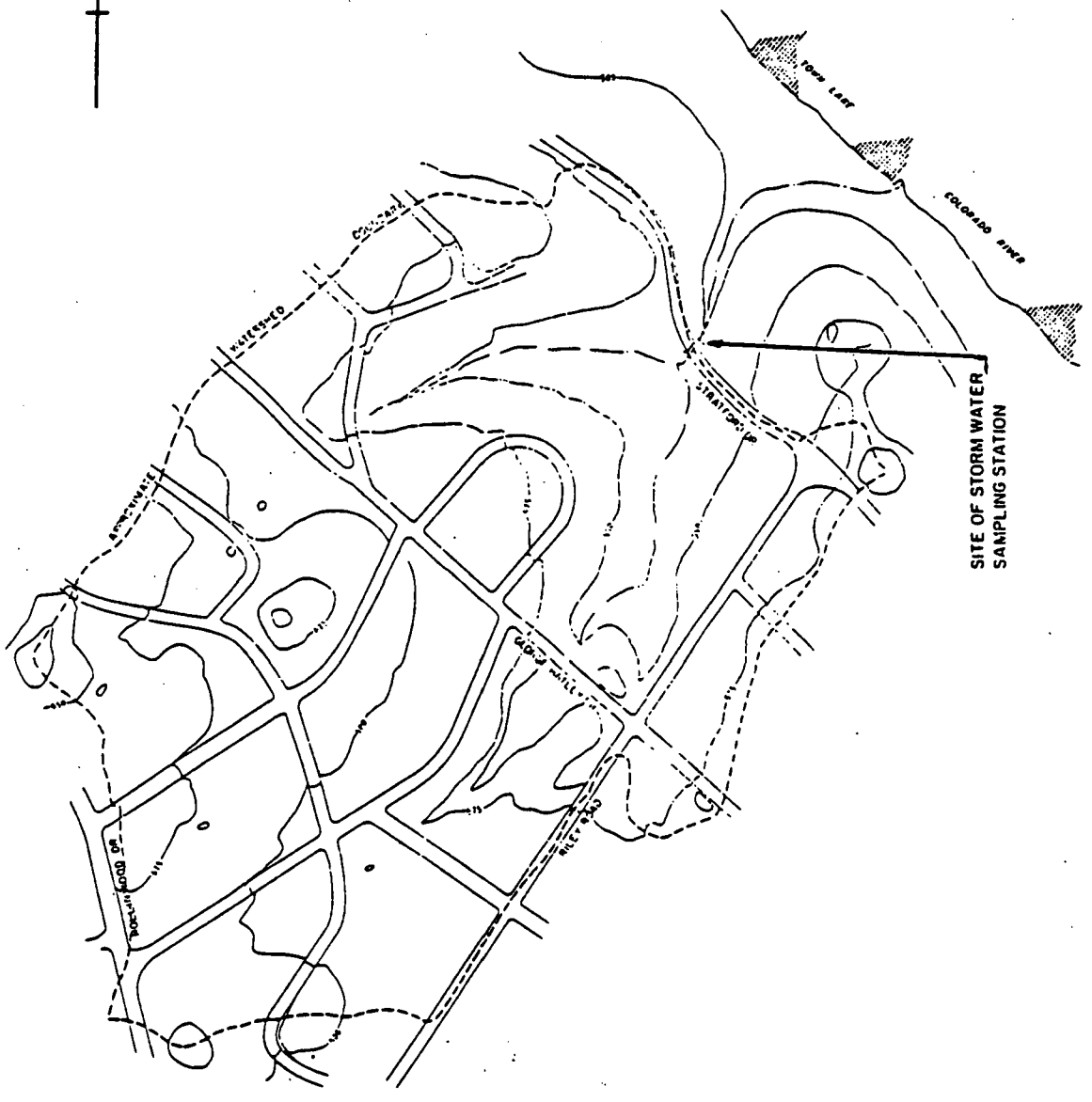
TEXAS NURP PROJECT

FIGURE 1



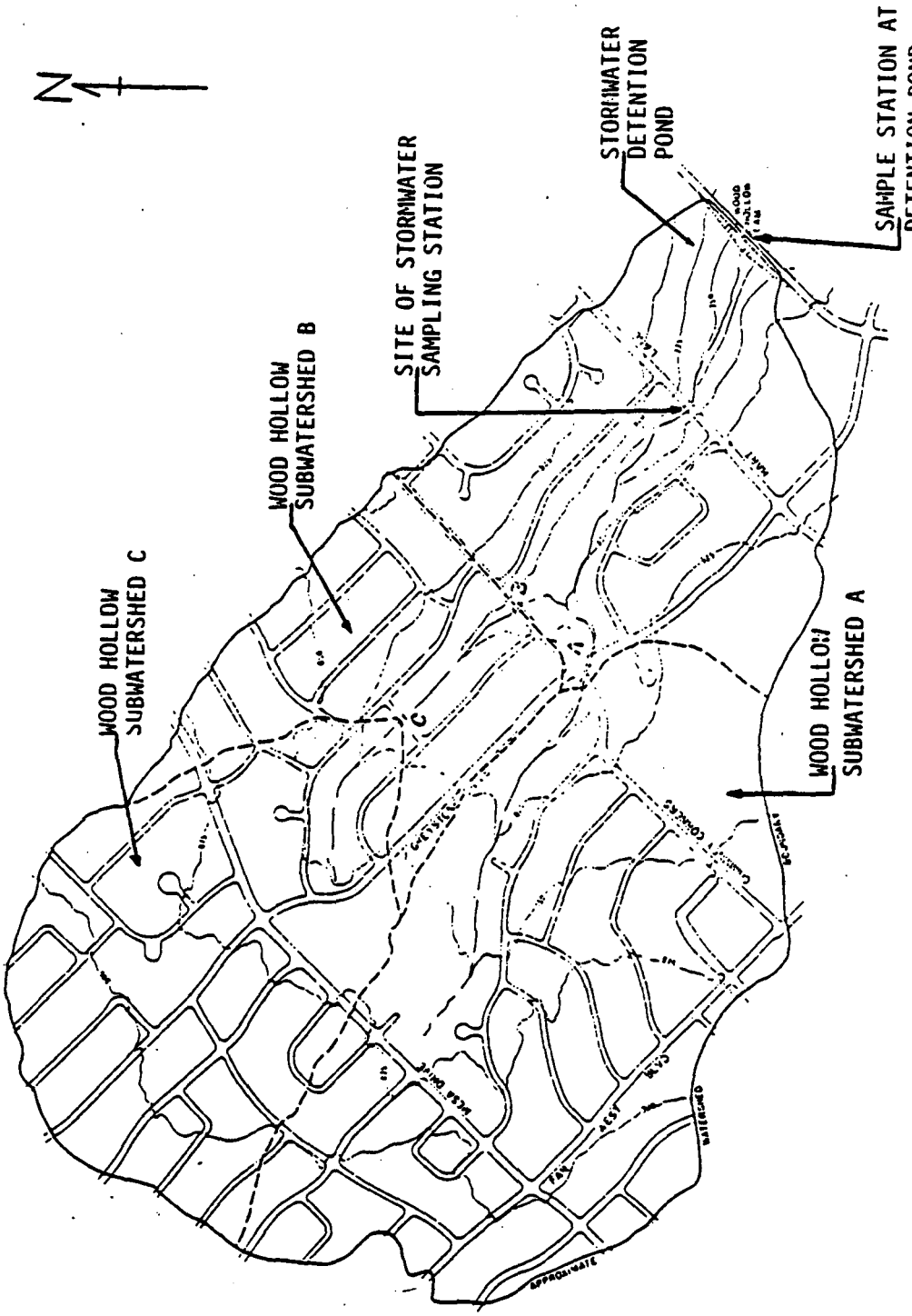
RECEIVING WATER STUDY AREA

FIGURE 2



THE ROLLINGWOOD SITE

FIGURE 3



THE NORTHWEST AUSTIN SITE

FIGURE 4

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

A. Area

The City of Austin, situated in Travis County on the Colorado River, is centrally located in the State of Texas. From the Gulf coast, Austin is inland in a Northwesterly direction approximately 175 miles. The total area of the city comprises about 120.6 square miles of land, and about 8.3 square miles of water. Land use within the city is characterized as institutional with associated residential and commercial development.

B. Population

The entire metropolitan area of the City of Austin, comprising the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area, the urbanized area and the City of Austin, itself, has been increasing rapidly in the last twenty to thirty years. City population, according to the 1980 census, is now 345,500, while it was 186,500 just 20 years ago, an 85% increase. Even if this rate slows down considerably over the next twenty years, urbanization of the Lake Austin watershed, as a desirable area of expansion, will take place.

C. Drainage

Austin's topography consists of gentle rolling hills. The urban area is drained by streams flowing into the Colorado River, which passes through the city and the steeper hills in the Western margin.

The headwaters of the Colorado River are located in Dawson County, near the New Mexico border in midwestern Texas. Some tributaries extend beyond the border, into New Mexico, such as Sulphur Springs Creek, and Wordswell, Seminole and Monument Draw. The river flows in a southeasterly direction across Texas, passing through Austin on its way to the Gulf of Mexico in Matagorda County. The Lake Austin watershed area currently being developed is more hilly, and therefore subject to faster stormwater runoff and the attendant pollution problems, unless adequately controlled by appropriate measures as development in the watershed proceeds.

D. Sewerage System

The existing sewerage system serving the city is separated, with treatment facilities located downstream of the urbanized area and Town Lake.

PROJECT AREA

I. Catchment Name - TX1, 001, Northwest Austin (Hart Lane and Woodhollow Dam sampling stations)

A. Area - 377.7 acres.

B. Population - 3,500 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 237.6 feet/mile, 100% served with curbs and gutters. The storm sewers approximate a 137.3 feet/mile slope and extend 3700 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 31.8 lane miles of asphalt, 100% of which is in good condition. There is no concrete roadway in the catchment.

E. Land Use

365.2 acres (97.3%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 144.4 acres (39.5%) is impervious.

10.0 acres (2.7%) is > 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 6.0 acres (60%) is impervious.

2.5 acres (100%) is Shopping Center, of which 1.5 acres (60%) is impervious.

Approximately 40.2% imperviousness in the entire catchment.

II. Catchment Name - TX 1, 003, Turkey Creek

A. Area - 1297 acres.

B. Population - 70 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 396 feet/mile. There are no curbs and gutters, or swales and ditches. The drainage channel slope approximates 100.3 feet/mile and extends 17,688 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is not served with either separate or combined sewers.

Streets consist of 1.0 lane miles of asphalt, 100% of which is in good condition. In addition there are about 10 lane miles of other material of which 100% is in good condition.

E. Land Use

47.0 acres (3.6%) is < 0.5 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 0.9 acres (1.9%) is impervious.

400 acres (30.8%) is Rangeland.

850 acres (65%) is Forest.

III. Catchment Name - TX1, 002, Rollingwood

A. Area - 60.2 acres.

B. Population - 200 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 260 feet/mile, 100% served with curbs and gutters. The storm sewers approximate a 190 feet/mile slope and extend 1270 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 4.5 lane miles of asphalt, 100% of which is in good condition.

E. Land Use

60.2 acres (100%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 12.9 acres (21.4%) is impervious.

PROBLEM

A. Local Definition (Government)

Lake Austin serves as the primary water supply source for the city; the old water treatment plant on Town Lake is used to supplement the capabilities of the two Lake Austin plants during periods of excessive urban runoff. The Colorado River in the vicinity of the City of Austin has been controlled by dams that result in three consecutive run of the river impoundments. Much of the urbanized area in Austin is in the watershed of Town Lake. As a result, the quality of water reflects to an extent the conditions of urban stormwater runoff.

While the Town Lake watershed is highly urbanized, with high-density residential and commercial development, The Lake Austin watershed has only low-density residential development, and that only in the lower portion. However, the expanding population is forcing development in this watershed, which drains into the primary water supply source. The City of Austin has implemented the Lake Austin ordinance to protect the city's drinking water source. Development must meet minimum standards and/or incorporate adequate runoff control measures. Lake Austin, in addition to being the water supply reservoir, is a popular recreation area.

Data collected by both TDWR and USGS will be used to supplement that collected in this project.

Although preliminary results of the investigation have not demonstrated that urban stormwater runoff is reducing the quality of Town Lake water below a level where it can continue to be used as a drinking water source, added treatment costs have discouraged such use.

B. Local Perception (Public Awareness)

The location of Town Lake, passing through the urbanized area of Austin as it does, makes it highly visible to the general public. Its appearance, attributed to stormwater runoff following rainfall in the watershed of one inch or more, has many people convinced that it should be considered an unacceptable water supply source. The limited results of a public awareness survey also emphasize an awareness of water pollution as an area that needs addressing.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Major Objective

The City of Austin expects, by quantifying the stormwater quality with respect to the degree of urbanization and specific control measure, it can better understand how to prevent urban stormwater from causing further impairment of the current uses of Lake Austin water. Census figures have shown the rapid rate of urbanization in Austin, which is anticipated to continue, and which will modify the largely undeveloped Lake Austin watershed considerably by the year 2000.

In attaining this objective, the answers to two specific questions are being sought, as follows:

1. How significant are the impacts of the urbanization on stormwater quality?

2. How effective are the control measures for minimizing the impacts?

To determine these answers, a receiving water study and a stormwater sampling program are being conducted.

B. Methodologies

Data on water quality in both Lake Austin and Town Lake have been obtained in the past as part of several city, State and Federal programs. Such data should only be considered to be representative of baseline conditions. Previous sampling efforts have collected very little storm event water quality data in the two watersheds. With respect to hydrology and ambient water quality, these two riverine impoundments function similarly to river systems at times rather than acting as true limnological systems. The almost total dependence on hypolimnetic releases from Lake Travis as the influent waters into the Lake Austin-Town Lake systems ensures that the ambient water quality in these lakes will be a function of the prevailing conditions in the larger lake's hypolimnion as well as on-going limnological processes within the lakes themselves. This close relationship is particularly relevant during the spring and summer months when irrigation demands downstream are greatest and large-scale releases of lake water are commonplace. During the wintertime when flood control considerations predominate, releases through Mansfield Dam are minimal and the ambient water quality conditions throughout the Lake Austin-Town Lake system, particularly for nonconservative constituents, are more variable due to the much longer lake retention times.

Because the waterbodies under study are essentially free from the influences of point source discharges, any observed deterioration in limnological water quality is probably due to nonpoint sources, including storm water runoff from an urbanizing watershed. Even though both riverine lakes are dominated by the water releases from Lake Travis, these lakes offer a contrasting view in terms of the magnitude of urban runoff pollutant loadings. Town Lake is contigous to the major urban area of the city, and runoff events have directly affected water treatment plant operation, bacteriological water quality, and aesthetic

considerations. Lake Austin has not undergone such runoff-related impacts to any major extent, although the value of the lake as a water-oriented recreational resource, and as the primary source of drinking water for the Austin metropolitan area, means that similar effects should be carefully avoided.

The primary data sets utilized in the analysis of historical water quality in Lake Austin and Town Lake include: (1) the City of Austin weekly lake samples, (2) the periodic USGS lake sampling program, and (3) daily raw water data on water treatment plant withdrawals from the lakes. All of these monitoring programs will be continuing throughout the NURP study and the data will be utilized to construct the water quality baseline for Lake Austin and Town Lake. For sampling station locations, refer to Figures 5 and 6.

In contrasting the background water quality data in the two lakes, observable differences occurred for water quality parameters such as turbidity, total alkalinity, hardness, total coliforms, and fecal coliforms. Total and fecal coliform differences were attributable to the larger urban runoff loadings in Town Lake; however, hardness and total alkalinity differences, especially during the winter months, were due to the influence of Barton Springs flow contributions into Town Lake. Turbidity measurements exhibited transient increases after storm events, but the magnitude of runoff-generated turbidity is more pronounced in Town Lake than Austin Lake. The limited data on toxic materials, such as pesticides and heavy metals, indicate that few of these materials are detectable in the waters of Lake Austin and Town Lake, and those that do occur are not found in concentrations that might be harmful to aquatic life or the beneficial uses of the water supply. It is possible, however, that the historic sampling for toxic pollutants did not coincide with runoff events, and that these materials are rapidly attenuated within the water column by dilution with Lake Travis waters. Moreover, since most of these pollutants are associated with suspended materials in the water column, there is a distinct possibility that they have accumulated in the sediments.

The receiving water sampling program is being conducted based on the following premises:

(1) The on-going water quality sampling program will be used to provide baseline information on Lake Austin and Town Lake for the more conventional water quality parameters, rather than expending the limited field sampling resources on duplication of effort.

(2) A program for toxics which endanger biota and/or drinking water supplies will be implemented in a stepwise fashion - a preliminary screening at sites where a high potential for occurrence exists, followed by sediment and water sampling to verify the spatial distribution in the lakes. Toxic materials identified during actual runoff sampling in the lake tributaries will have the highest priorities for toxics testing.

(3) The best time for water quality sampling in Lake Austin and Town Lake to determine toxics or other constituents that appear in low concentrations would be during the winter months when the impact of releases from Lake Travis is minimal and lake retention times are longest.

(4) Water quality results from the initial runoff events should be used in defining the parameters of concern for receiving waters, especially when event-oriented sampling is undertaken. The list can be updated if subsequent sampling indicates that other relevant constituents appear on a seasonal basis or exhibit highly variable ambient levels.

(5) Baseline biological samples will be curtailed (i.e., seasonal samples) and the biological sampling program reoriented to "problem" areas where toxics and other water quality parameters might have a biological impact. Pre-event and post event monitoring might still be warranted at sites experiencing significant water quality changes due to urban runoff; however, such monitoring may produce inconclusive information.

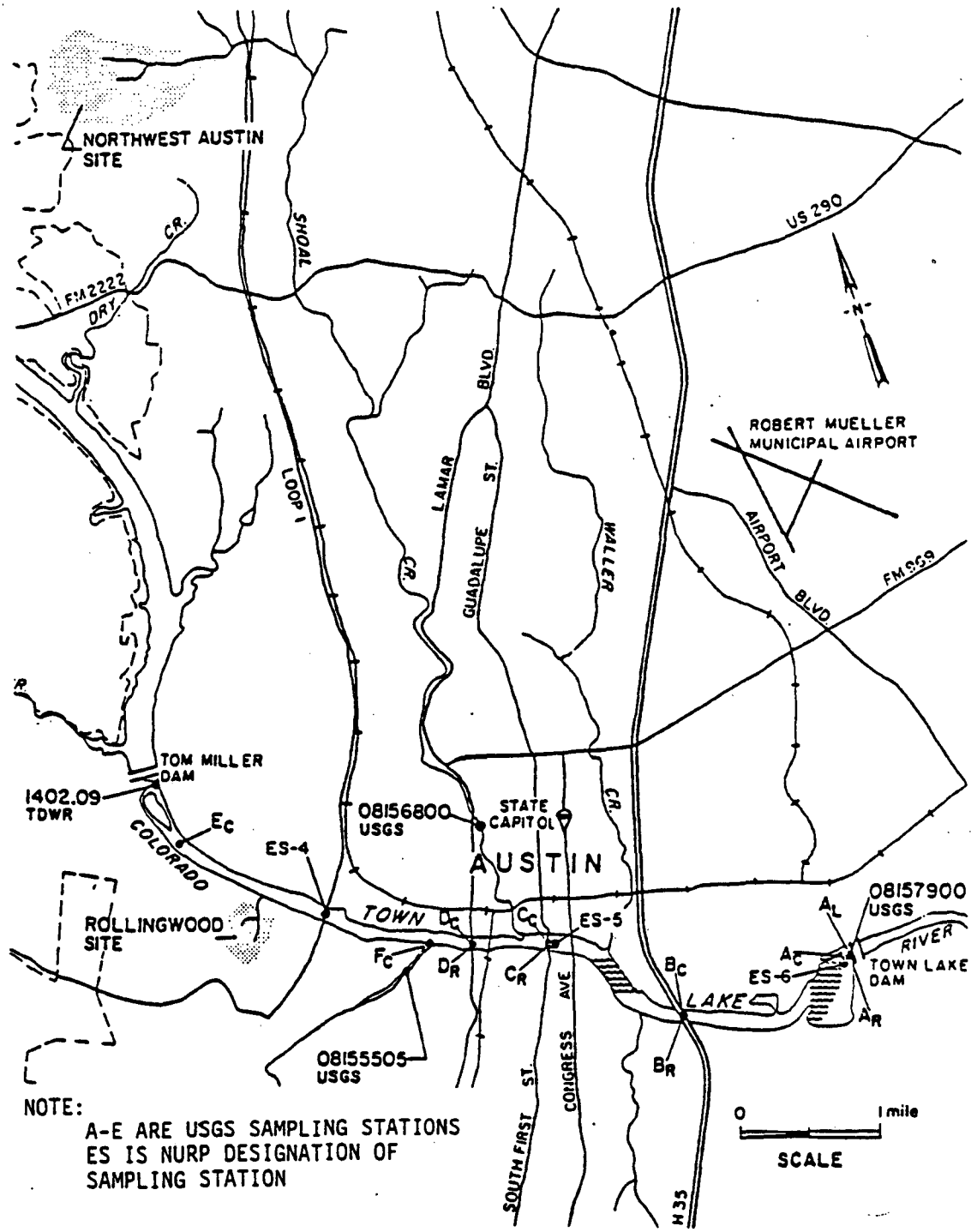
The rationale for sampling site locations is as follows:

(1) In Lake Austin, control stations where the influence of nonpoint source pollution is minimal will continue to be monitored through the existing water quality network, rather than establishing a NURP site there. Hypolimnetic releases from Lake Travis which tend to dictate the overall flow and water quality regimes in the downstream riverine lakes are likely to remain fairly constant on the short-term basis, although the significant seasonal differences in the magnitude of these releases are well documented. On-going water quality monitoring programs below Mansfield Dam will be used since good long-term data records are available and monitoring continues on a frequent basis.

(2) The new station alignment will have sampling points located where they are likely to be influenced by urban-related runoff or septic tank drainage. Since the effects of runoff events are likely to be short-lived in lakes dominated by upstream releases, it is important to locate the sampling sites where the best information can be obtained. With this in mind, the stations will be located at the confluence of major tributaries with both Lake Austin and Town Lake since these are the best sites for nonpoint event-oriented sampling.

(3) Each station will include all relevant vertical dimensions at the sampling site to ensure that samples represent ambient conditions throughout the water column, even when thermal stratification and tributary mixing zones are involved.

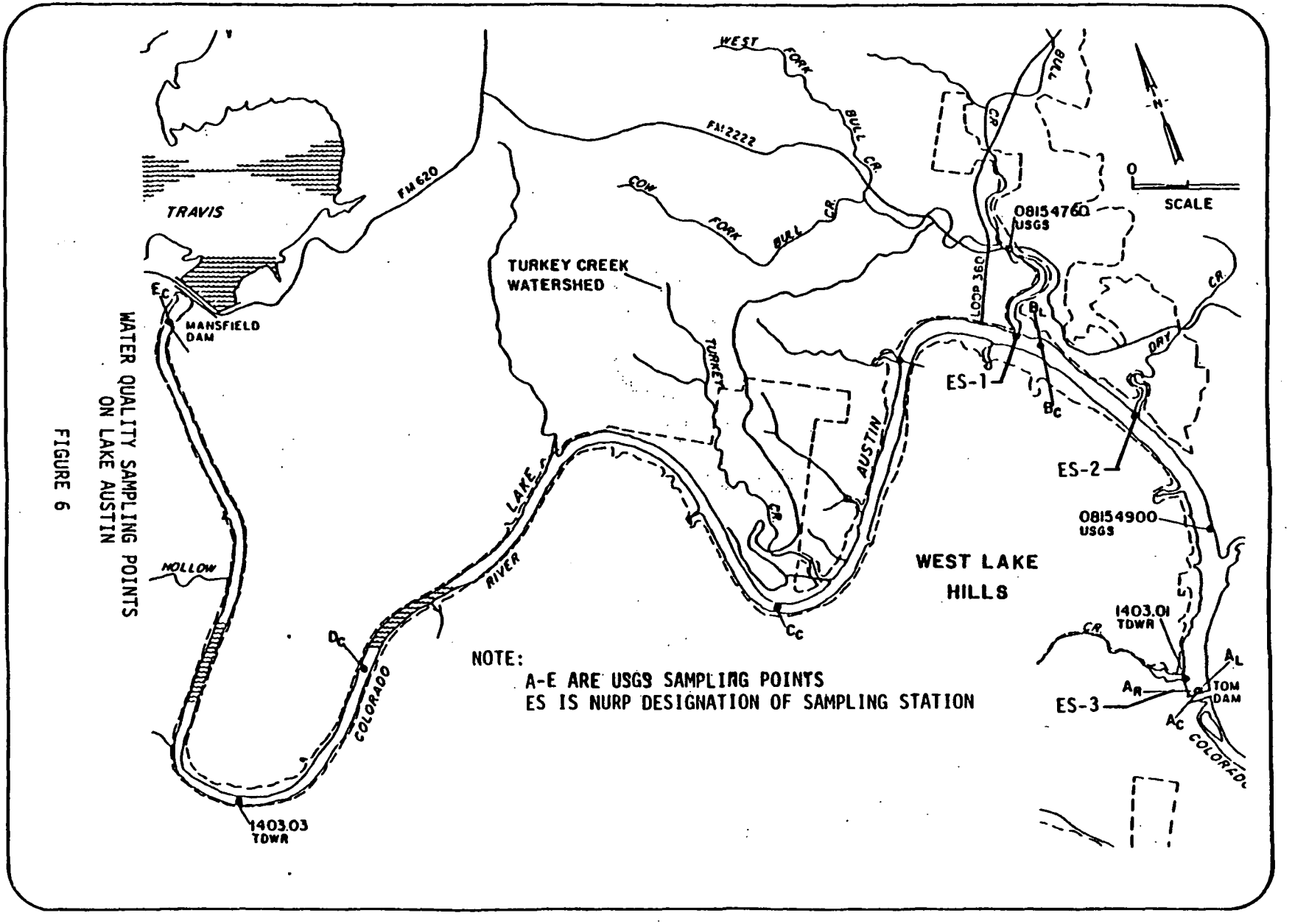
The nonevent sampling is limited to a screening function in order to indicate the presence of toxic materials and other constituents which are likely to affect the beneficial uses of lake water. It is imperative that the sampling activities be closely oriented to those environmental areas where the maximum useful information on runoff-related conditions can be obtained. For instance, it would be unwise to enter directly into detailed phytoplankton and macroinvertebrate collection and identification on a lake-wide basis and expect to distinguish between runoff-induced effects and natural environmental variation, given the limited sampling resources available. Although changes in abundance and diversity of these biological indicators has been a useful tool in assessing the effects of point souce loadings on a waterbody, their value as biological measures of runoff-related impacts has yet to be evaluated.



NOTE:
A-E ARE USGS SAMPLING STATIONS
ES IS NURP DESIGNATION OF SAMPLING STATION

WATER QUALITY SAMPLING POINTS
ON TOWN LAKE

FIGURE 5



WATER QUALITY SAMPLING POINTS ON LAKE AUSTIN

FIGURE 6

The initial nonevent sampling in the receiving waters include water, sediment, and fish tissue sampling from stations in both Town Lake and Lake Austin. Samples are being collected from three stations located in each lake in order to detect the presence of any constituent(s) which may represent potential environmental hazards. Such sampling should provide data on the relative magnitude of ambient pollutant concentrations in these three environmental media. Regardless of whether or not the water samples show significant levels of a given constituent, the long-term accumulations of potentially toxic constituents in the sediments and biomass in the lakes are likely to be revealed by this initial screening, so that appropriate resources can be applied to the assessment of those critical constituents in later stages of the receiving water program.

A single water sample per station (composited from various depths) is being collected to describe the current status of many aqueous constituents within the lake waters, while sediment and fish tissue samples provide data on long-term interactions between certain persistent constituents and the other major environmental media. Two sediment grabs and two adult fish samples are being taken at each of the six field stations for subsequent laboratory analyses. Additional sediment samples are scheduled at two other Lake Austin stations to expand the available baseline on long-term accumulations. Sediments at some major tributaries (primarily in Town Lake) may also be included in this initial screening based on prior monitoring results. The list of those constituents and parameters to be initially investigated in the water, sediment, and tissue samples taken from the lakes is presented in Table 1.

Although the constituent list does not include a majority of the 129 priority toxic pollutants. it does contain the ones whose presence in the lakes have been documented by the ongoing U.S.G.S. lake quality sampling program. A complete priority pollutant analysis will not be included at all in the receiving water study program. Priority pollutant sampling of storm water runoff in tributary watersheds will be used to identify additional substances of concern and to update the analysis list as necessary.

The ultimate direction of the receiving water program for water quality constituents will be related to whether or not toxic materials are encountered in the water, sediment, or biomass samples taken during the screening phase. This flexibility in reorienting the later stages of the receiving water study based upon the results of an initial screening is crucial to the proper conduct of an investigation which will emphasize the effect of runoff pollutant loadings on the ecology of the receiving waters, especially when only minimal ambient levels or sublethal biota responses to the pollutants are expected. Only a small number of toxics have been found in the lakes during previous monitoring efforts, and their ambient concentrations have been very low, so this initial screening process is important to verify the current status with regard to the presence of any toxic materials in the receiving bodies that may threaten Austin's water supply or the other beneficial uses of these lakes. When high environmental levels of a toxic substance(s) are detected, additional sampling to determine the extent of its spatial and temporal distribution in the receiving water bodies may be required, including the use of additional field stations and increased sampling frequency. Similarly, additional biological samples can be taken to determine body burden of the pollutant constituents present in the tissue of different biota groups, or to examine the prevailing resident community structure and diversity for signs of pollutant-related stress.

If the initial screening showed a pattern of toxic material deposited in the sediments, the second phase of the receiving water program would require an expansion of the sediment analysis activities. Sediment samples taken in the deltaic deposits located at the mouths of tributaries would indicate the extent of the toxics distribution in the coarse-grained sediments, while mud samples from the deepest portions of the lakes near the dams reflect the slow accumulations of fine-grained sediments and associated materials. Sediment collection sites would generally be limited to those locations where suspicious levels of one or more toxics previously have been detected.

Storm Event Monitoring

If ambient levels of toxic materials are not sufficient to warrant concern on a long-term basis in areas known to already receive substantial inputs of storm water runoff, then the monitoring of limnological effects from specific rainfall events would gain in importance. During the initial phases, this event-oriented sampling program will receive inputs directly from the storm water runoff analysis efforts to define the probable constituents of concern that are being discharged from local watersheds including both toxics (predominately common pesticides and heavy metals) and nontoxic constituents which are likely to affect the lakes in an observable manner. The available resources of the receiving water program can be placed on event-oriented activities on the lakes which focus on short-term effects by the more conventional constituents present in runoff (i.e., suspended solids, oil and grease, etc.). Rather than representing direct health threats to humans or aquatic biota, as one might expect with toxic materials, the conventional pollutant component of runoff produces secondary environmental effects, such as increasing the treatment cost of drinking water or slightly altering the aesthetic desirability of a recreational water body.

Three or more separate runoff events will be monitored in Lake Austin and Town Lake, primarily from the mouth of major tributaries. It is not practical to sample at the confluence of the same tributaries which have runoff flow and quality monitoring stations in place, because of their relatively small contribution to the lake. Larger tributaries, such as Bull Creek and Dry Creek on Lake Austin or Shoal Creek and Waller Creek on Town Lake are better candidate stations because of the greater magnitude of change that their discharges can introduce into the subject receiving waters. Water quality sampling stations may be located along the midchannel axis of the lake or along the middle of the prevailing discharge plume, whichever spatial pattern best describes the changing pattern of water quality. Furthermore, rather than be composited as in the inital screening samples, water quality samples are to be taken at distinct depths during storm water discharge from tributaries, so that the vertical dimensions of the discharge plume can be represented properly. The initial phase of the biological program will involve laboratory analyses of fish tissue to identify those toxic materials which are found to bioconcentrate in the lake fishes. This approach utilizes the resident fishes as long-term indicators of chronic exposure to low levels of toxic substances that may be present in storm water runoff. When used in conjunction with water and sediment quality data collected during the preliminary sampling effort, this information provides the basis for a comprehensive ecological evaluation of the impacts associated with urban storm water pollution.

TABLE 1

CONSTITUENT ANALYSES TO BE PERFORMED
DURING INITIAL LAKE SAMPLING

Parameter	Environmental Media		
	Water	Sediment	Tissue
General			
Specific conductance, in situ	x		
pH, in situ	x		
Temperature, in situ	x		
Dissolved oxygen (DO), in situ	x		
Sediment volatile fraction		x	
Sediment particle size distribution		x	
Light-Intensity-Related			
Transparency (Secchi disk), in situ	x		
Color	x		
Filter photometer - light extinction, in situ	x		
Organic Pollution			
Five-day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD_5), total	x		
Fecal coliforms	x		
Total chemical oxygen demand (COD)	x		
Total suspended solids (TSS)/turbidity	x		
Total dissolved solids (TDS)	x		
Total organic carbon (TOC)	x	x	
Nutrients			
Nitrate-nitrogen	x		
Nitrite-nitrogen	x		
Ammonia-nitrogen	x		
Total Kjeldahl-nitrogen (TKN)	x	x	
Alkalinity (HCO_3^-, CO_3^-)	x		
Total phosphorus	x		
Dissolved orthophosphate	x		
Metals			
Arsenic	x	x	x
Copper	x	x	x
Lead	x	x	x
Mercury	x	x	x
Zinc	x	x	x
Cadmium	x	x	x
Total Organics			
Total hydrocarbons	x		x
Defoliants			
Total 2,4-D (2,4-dischlorophenoxyacetic acid)	x		x
Total 2,4,5-T (2,4,5-trichlorophenoxyacetic acid)	x	x	x
Total diazinon	x	x	x
DDD		x	
DDE		x	
DDT		x	
Polychlorinated biphenyls		x	x

One of the reasons for limiting the scope of the biological activities is the lack of evidence for biological degradation in the lakes due to pollutant loadings. A multifaceted biological sampling program that includes bacteriological, plankton and macroinvertebrate sampling, primary productively estimates, and fish tissue analyses would be ideal when assessing easily observable environmental problems. However, it would have to be done on a massive scale for the purpose of verifying the more subtle environmental effects. Therefore, the extent of their use in either dry-weather or storm event-oriented sampling will be based on the capacity of these biological parameters to indicate change due to gross runoff loadings or specific constituents in a given nonpoint source discharge.

In order to meet objectives with regard to identifying and assessing those environmental effects induced by urban runoff loadings, it will be necessary to reduce the number of baseline samples aimed at illustrating natural seasonal differences in biota composition and diversity. Also, it may be necessary to conduct some collections without simultaneous detailed water quality analyses (except for the more conventional parameters that are measured in situ) to conserve resources. Biological field samples may be collected initially at each lake station to familiarize the field team with the typical composition and distribution of the biota; however, it would be impractical to develop a systemwide, long-term biological baseline for evaluation of urban storm water effects. An assessment of the more probable short-term limnological phenomena regarding changes in ambient hydrology and water quality conditions following a storm water runoff event in the watershed will often necessitate sampling near the point of maximum effect (i.e., the mouths of major lake tributaries) by implementing component activities of one or more of the original biological work elements. For example, bacteriological quality samples and primary production estimates via experimental setups may be taken in the runoff plume that enters the lake. Plankton and macroinvertebrate collections would likely be omitted during heavy runoff discharge because of the disruptive effect on distribution patterns due to the increased flow velocities.

C. Monitoring

In addition to the receiving water sampling program just described, a storm water runoff sampling program will be conducted. There are 4 sampling sites, for the subwatersheds indicated in Figure 2, and in greater detail for the Northwest Austin and Rollingwood Sites in Figures 3 and 4. The storm rainfall, time-varying flow and water quality data are collected at each of the four r stations for a series of storms. The Turkey Creek site drains directly to Lake Austin, typifying an undeveloped condition. The Rollingwood and Northwest Austin sites are located within Town Lake Watershed, representing low and high impervious cover developments, respectively. The Woodhollow site is below the dam at the outlet of Woodhollow detention pond. The inlet of the pond coincides with the northwest sampling site, (identified as the Hart Lane site.) Under the City of Austin/USGS data collection cooperative program, the USGS has installed automatic water quality samplers in Bull Creek and Shoal Creek basins. Storm event data are being collected at the two stations. These data will also be incorporated into this study.

Storm load will be calculated for each pollutant of significance which was measured during the monitoring. The calculation will permit an evaluation of the relative magnitude of nonpoint source pollutant loads from each of the study areas. The average annual load is to be evaluated from the storm load information and rainfall characteristics, coupling the information developed from the storm sampling with the data obtained from the receiving water study; the existing and potential impacts on Lake Austin/Town Lake water quality and aquatic ecology can be estimated and described.

The cost/benefit of control measures for minimizing the impacts will also be analyzed. The changes in benefits and costs resulting from a given urban runoff control measure determine the merit of the implementation.

Equipment

The instrumentation for storm water quality and quantity sampling is of the automatic type. In addition, for the purpose of measuring runoff event volume, suitable hydraulic control devices were installed at the mouth of each sub-watershed being monitored. An HL flume was selected for the Rollingwood site, a triangular broadcrested weir for the Turkey Creek site, and a critical depth meter for the Northwest Austin site.

Controls

The storm water runoff is being monitored at the three subwatersheds, described above. One of the three, Northwest Austin, includes a detention basin which has been incorporated into the study. The other two sub-basins are representative of differing levels of development which will provide information on runoff impacts.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

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LITTLE ROCK, AR

REGION VI, EPA

INTRODUCTION

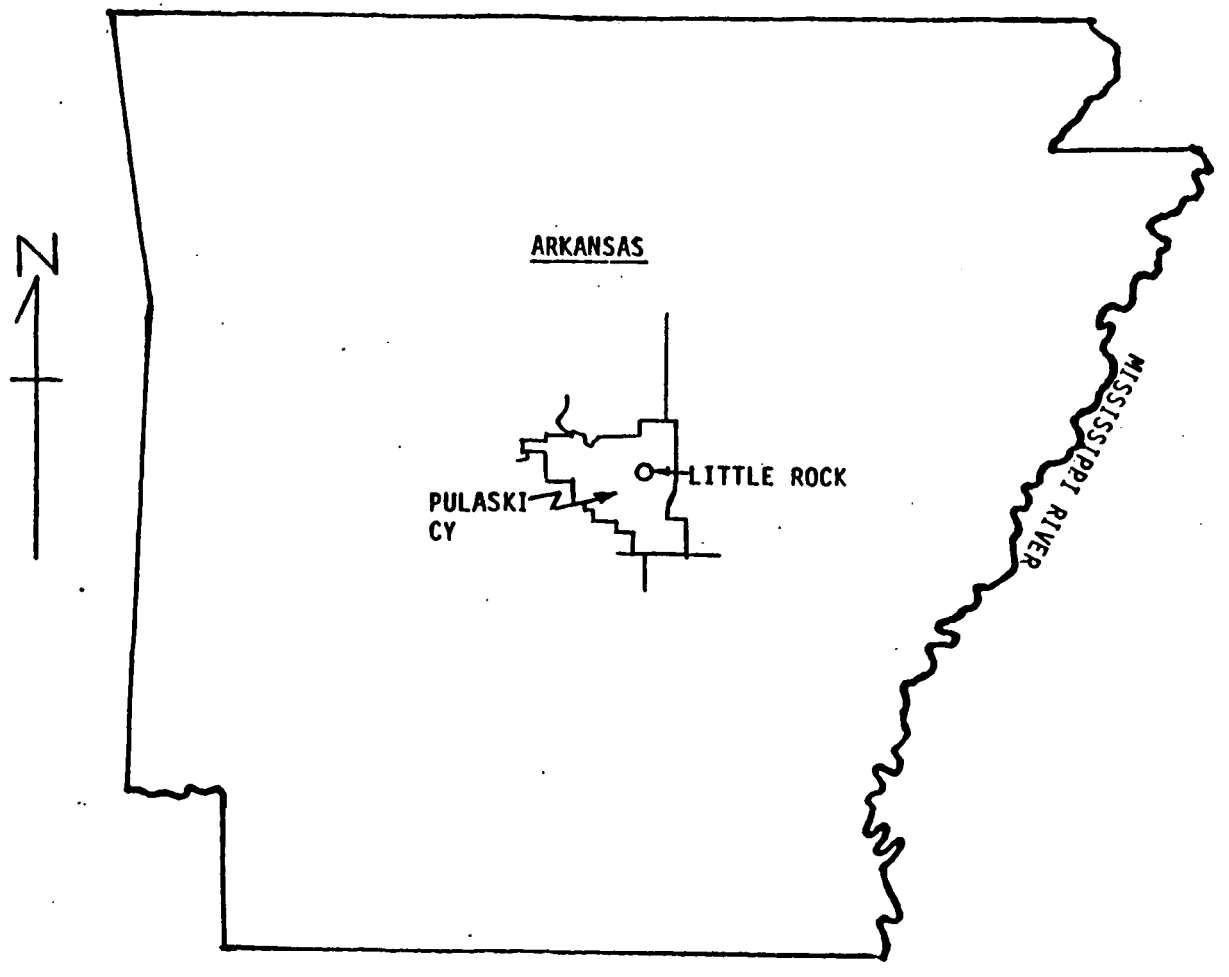
The City of Little Rock, situated in Pulaski County is located in the approximate center of the State of Arkansas. The local topography consists of gentle hills and wetlands, drained by the mainstem of the Fourche Creek, crossing from west to east and entering the Arkansas River, east of the city. The Fourche Creek and its major tributaries drain ninety percent of the urban area.

Upstream of the urban area, Fourche Creek is dominated by rural runoff. Within the urban area the water quality of Fourche Creek has been classified in Use Class B, Fishery Class W. The definition is "suitable for desirable species of fish, wildlife and other aquatic and semi-aquatic life, raw water source for public water supplies, secondary contact recreation and other uses." It will support a warm water fishery. The Fourche, where it passes through the urban area, has been classified as water quality limited.

Areas to the west of the urbanized center of Little Rock are becoming developed. Census figures for 1960, 1970 and 1980 are respectively, 107,800, 132,483 and 158,461. These increases occurred at the rate of 22.9 percent from 1960 to 1970, and 19.6 percent from 1970 to 1980. The rate of increase in population in the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area between 1970 and 1980 was 21.7 percent. Between 1950 and 1980, this rate was approximately 80%, growing from 220,327 to 393,494. Although growth has slowed down, it appears to be going up close to 20 percent in ten years in both the SMSA and in the City of Little Rock.

Such growth will continue to increase urbanization during the coming decades. Of concern to local and state agencies are the impacts such continued growth will have on the runoff pollution of Fourche Creek and its tributaries above that already being experienced.

Local agencies are cooperating on this project expecting that evaluation of BMP's will provide information on the most cost-effective, acceptable ways of improving water quality in the Fourche drainage network.



STATE LOCUS
ARKANSAS NURP PROJECT

FIGURE 1

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LITTLE ROCK STREETS
USGS QUAD SHEET

FIGURE 2

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

A. Area

The City of Little Rock, situated in Pulaski County, is located in approximately the middle of the State of Arkansas. The Arkansas River, following South-Southwest through the area forms a boundary between Little Rock and North Little Rock. The total area to the city comprises about 87.8square miles. Little Rock is the location of the state capitol, and includes forests, agricultural, residential, commercial and some industrial development, along with the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

B. Population

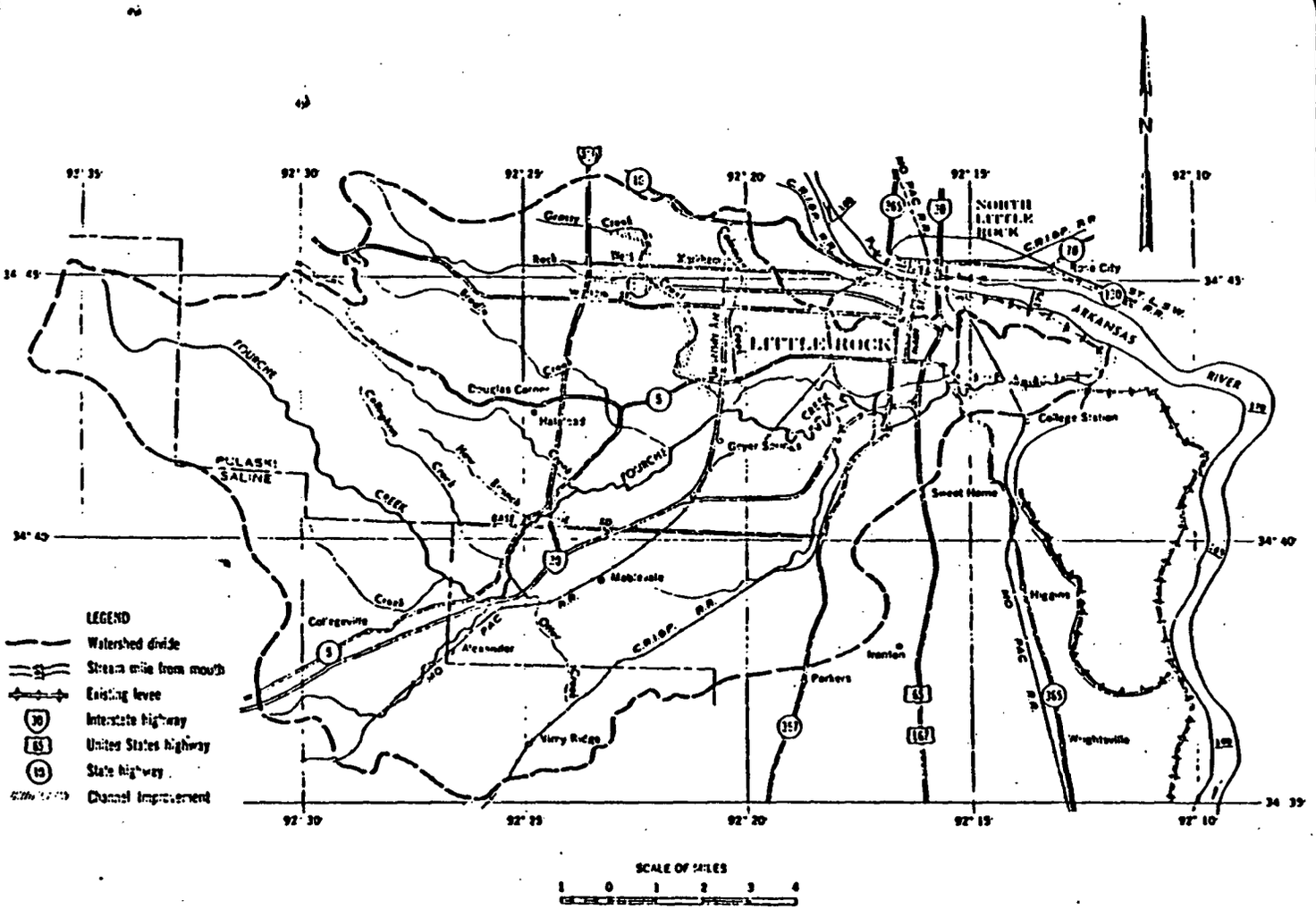
The City of Little Rock population of 158,461, based on the 1980 decennial federal census, is projected to grow about 20% every 10 years. The population in the year 2000 will reach about 190,000, much of the growth accomodated in the upper reaches of the Fourche Creek system.

C. Drainage

The Fourche Creek system flowing generally from west to east, drains 90% of urbanized Little Rock to the Arkansas River. Most of the urbanized area (90-95%) is served with storm drains and curbs and gutters with the remainder served by drainage ditches and swales. In the less developed areas, this percentage drops to about one-third served with curbs, gutter and storms drains. The Arkansas River eventually flows into the Mississippi River.

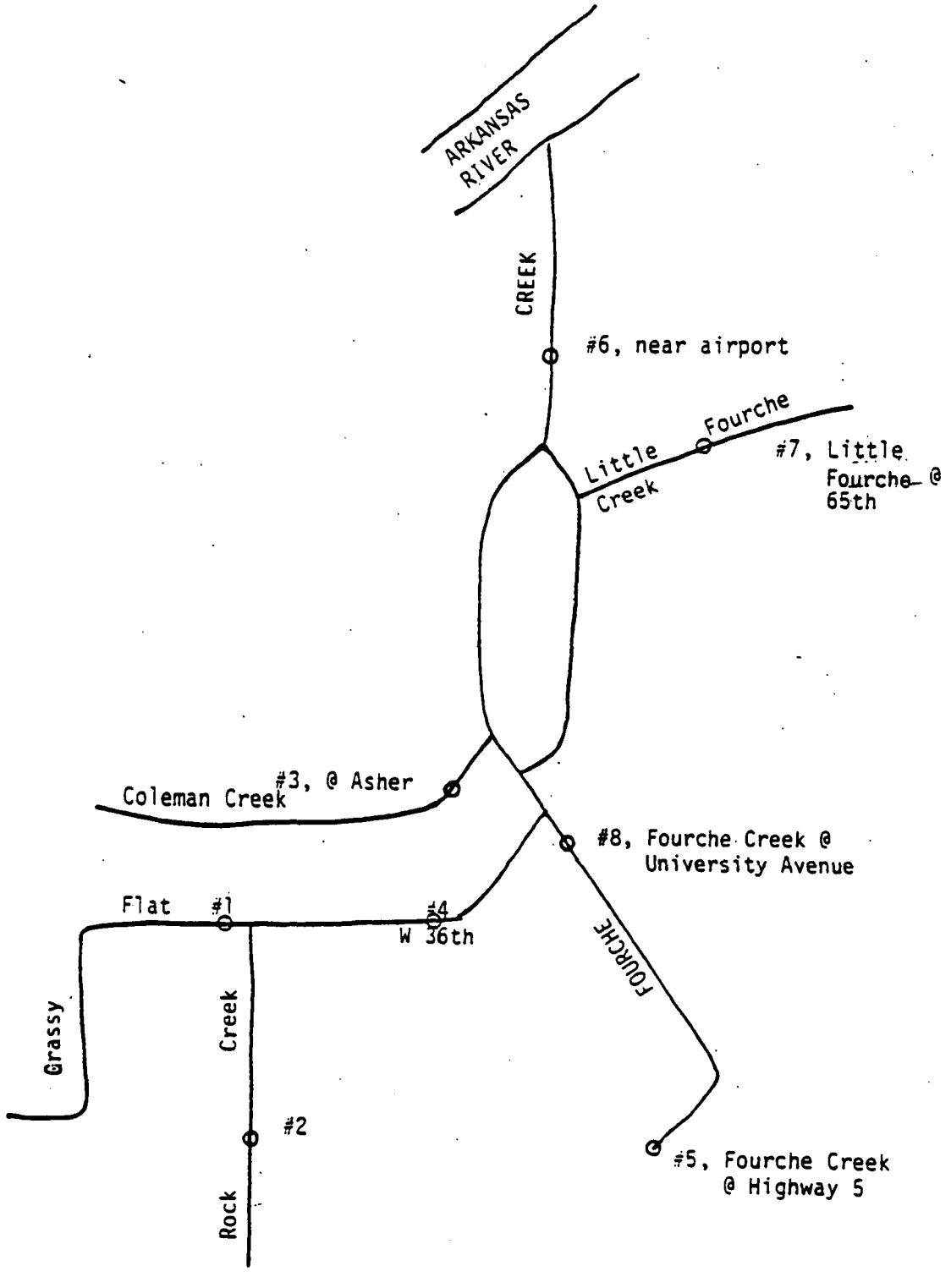
D. Sewerage

The urban area is 100 percent served with a separate sanitary sewer system, or with on-site septic tank systems. Evidence has been uncovered in past studies that some pollutants are entering the drainage network from improperly installed and/or maintained septic tanks. Also, surcharging manholes cause high fecal coliform counts in the streams.



FOURCHE CREEK WATERSHED

FIGURE 3



SAMPLING SITES SCHEMATIC LOCATIONS
FIGURE 4

PROJECT AREA

I. Catchment Name - ARI, Catchment 011, Rock Creek

A. Area - 5,265.4 acres.

B. Population - 537 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 24.7 feet/mile, 35% served with curbs and gutters and 65% served with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate a 24.7 feet/mile slope, and extend 60,720 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 53.5 lane miles of asphalt, 90% of which is in good condition, and the remaining 10% is evenly split between fair and poor condition. In addition there are about 6 lane miles of concrete, also classified percentage-wise the same way.

E. Land Use

444.8 acres (8.4%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 164.6 acres (37%) is impervious.

19.8 acres (0.4%) is Shopping Center, of which 16.2 acres (82%) is impervious.

12.3 acres (6.2%) is Urban Industrial (light), of which 1.5 acres (12%) is impervious.

175.4 acres (3.3%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space, of which 3.5 acres (2%) is impervious.

405.2 acres is Agriculture.

4,081.9 acres is Forest.

14.8 acres (0.3%) is Water, Reservoirs.

111.2 acres (2.1%) is Barrens.

II. Catchment Name - ARI Catchment 012, Rock Creek

A. Area - 4808.3 acres.

B. Population - 22,875 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 24.7 feet/mile, 35% served with curbs and gutters and 65% served with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate a 24.7 feet/mile slope, and extend 60,720 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 53.5 lane miles of asphalt, 90% of which is in good condition, 5% of which is in fair condition, and 5% of which is in poor condition. In addition, there are about 6 lane miles of concrete, of which 90% is in good condition, 5% is in fair condition, and 5% is in poor condition.

E. Land Use

2629.0 acres (54.7%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 972.7 acres (37%) is impervious.

605.4 acres (12.6%) is Central Business District, of which 363.2 acres (60%) is impervious.

291.6 acres (6.1%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space, of which 14.6 acres (5%) is impervious.

1,210.7 acres (25.2%) is Forest.

7.4 acres (0.2%) is Water, Lakes.

7.4 acres (0.2%) is Water, Reservoirs.

56.8 acres (1.2%) is Barrens.

III. Catchment Name - ARI Catchment 013, Rock Creek

A. Area - 706.7 acres.

B. Population - 2789 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 24.7 feet/mile, 35% served with curbs and gutters and 65% served with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate a 24.7 feet/mile slope and extend 60,720 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 53.5 lane miles of asphalt, 90% of which is in good condition, 5% is fair condition, and 5% is in poor condition. In addition there are about 6 lane miles of concrete, of which 90% is in good condition 5% is in fair condition, and 5% is in poor condition.

E. Land Use

264.4 acres (37.4%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 66.1 acres (25%) is impervious.

259.4 acres (36.7%) is Central Business District, of which 220.5 acres (85%) is impervious.

49.4 acres (7%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space, of which 0.5 acre (1%) is impervious.

111.2 acres (15.7%) is Forest.

22.2 acres (3.1%) is Wetlands.

IV. Catchment Name - AR1 Catchment 021, Grassy Flat Creek

A. Area - 2433.8 acres.

B. Population - 12,840 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 32 feet/mile, 90% served with curbs and gutters and 10% served with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate a 32 feet/mile slope and extend 21,120 feet.

D. Sewerage - Draiange area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 70.9 lane miles of asphalt, 90% of which is in good condition, 5% is in fair condition, and 5% is in poor condition. In addition ther are about 17.7 lane miles of concrete, of which 90% is in good condition, 5% is in fair condition, and 5% is in poor condition.

E. Land Use

1571.5 acres (64.6%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 581.5 acres (37%) is impervious.

276.4 acres (11.4%) is Shopping Center, of which 226.5 acres (82%) is impervious.

306.4 acres (12.6%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space, of which 15.3 acres (5%) is impervious.

185.3 acres (7.6%) is Forest.

17.3 acres (0.7) is Water, Reservoirs.

76.6 acres (3.1%) is Barrens.

V. Catchment Name - AR1 Catchment 022, Grassy Flat Creek

A. Area - 677 acres.

B. Population - 3,516 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 32 feet/mile, 90% served with curbs and gutters and 10% served with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate a 32 feet/mile slope and extend 21,120 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 70.9 lane miles of asphalt, 90% of which is in good condition, 5% is in fair condition, and 5% is in poor condition. In addition there are about 17.7 lane miles of concrete, of which 90% is in good condition, 5% is in fair condition, and 5% is in poor condition.

E. Land Use

410.2 acres (60.6%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 151.8 acres (37%) is impervious.

54.4 acres (8.2%) is Shopping Center, of which 44.6 acres (82%) is impervious.

66.7 acres (9.8%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space, of which 3.3 acres (5%) is impervious.

123.5 acres (18.2%) is Forest.

22.2 acres (3.3%) is Water, Reservoirs.

VI. Catchment Name - AR1 Catchment 031, Coleman Creek

A. Area - 2124.9 acres.

B. Population - 10,624 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 44.8 feet/mile, 95% served with curbs and gutters and 5% served with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate a 44.8 feet/mile slope and extend 22,986 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 19.4 lane miles of asphalt, 90% of which is in good condition, 5% is in fair condition, and 5% is in poor condition. In addition there are about 4.8 lane miles of concrete, of which 90% is in good condition, 5% is in fair condition, and 5% is in poor condition.

E. Land Use

1166.2 acres (54.9%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 431.5 acres (37%) is impervious.

593.0 acres (27.9%) is Shopping Center, of which
486.3 acres (82%) is impervious.

227.3 acres (10.7%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space, of which
22.7 acres (10%) is impervious.

117.6 acres is Forest

12.4 acres is Water, Reservoirs.

7.4 acres is Barrens.

VII. Catchment Name - AR1 Catchment 032, Coleman Creek

A. Area - 128.5 acres.

B. Population - 89 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 44.8 feet/mile, 95% served with curbs and gutters and 5% served with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate a 44.8 feet/mile slope and extend 22,968 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 19.4 lane miles of asphalt, 90% of which is in good condition, 5% is in fair condition, and 5% is in poor condition. In addition there are about 4.8 lane miles of concrete, of which 90% is in good condition, 5% is in fair conditions, and 5% is in poor condition.

E. Land Use

56.8 acres (44.2%) is Shopping Center, of which
48.3 acres (85%) is impervious.

71.7 acres (55.8%) is Wetlands.

PROBLEM

A. Local definition (government)

The Corps of Engineers is currently developing a local stormwater control project to control flooding in the Fourche drainage system. The study included comments on the necessity for improving Fourche water quality if full benefits to the communtiy are to be realized from that project. The 208 plan identifies urban runoff into the Fourche as the most significant nonpoint water quality problem in the metropolitan area.

Pollutants identified as contributing to water quality problems include excessive fecal and total coliform concentrations, low pH, phosphorus, heavy metals concentrations, low dissolved oxygen levels, and violations of BOD and suspended solids standards.

The flood management program with the Corps of Engineers proposes a 1,750 acre public use area in the Fourche Bottoms in the south part of the city, oriented toward water related activities not supportable given present poor water quality.

B. Local perception (public awareness)

The Fourche system improvement will benefit a large number of residents in less affluent neighborhoods, and minority groups through whose neighborhoods the main stem and its major tributaries flow. Because of recent flood experiences and subsequent increased public awareness of Fourche Creek, proposals have been made to coordinate development to accommodate flood protection and water quality improvement goals. The city, the county, the health department and the local University of Arkansas are all actively participating in various projects dealing with Fourche Creek. Warning signs have been posted on several of the streams, and the public is aware that water quality problems deny some beneficial uses of Fourche Creek.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Major Objective

Water quality of the Fourche Creek system was identified previously in the 208 plan, and by the Corps of Engineers in the flood protection plan as an area where improvement was needed. The urban runoff contribution to the pollution problem has been identified as a major source.

The Little Rock NURP project, being conducted by Metroplan, a Council of Local Governments, is a continuation of the prior 208 study. In brief, this project will evaluate specific best management practices for effectiveness and cost, and determine the beneficial impacts of implementation of those best management practices determined most cost effective, throughout the drainage system.

During the period from October 1980 to June 1981, the sampling program has collected information during dry weather periods 17 times, producing 891 data points. Rainfall event sampling during the same period was conducted during 13 events, with a total of 2,258 data points obtained. In addition to further sampling, and data analysis, the remaining project efforts will be evaluation of selected best management practices

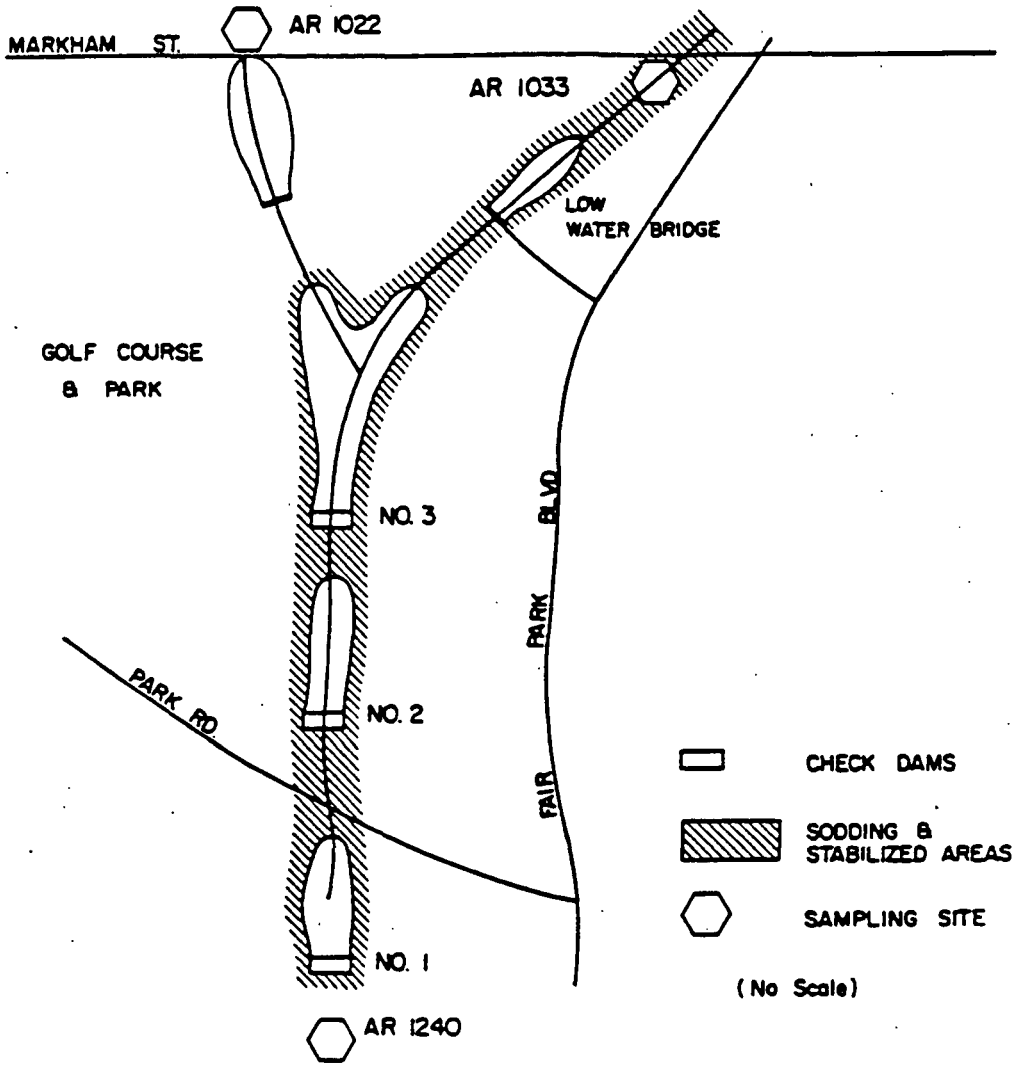
The first year sampling program will be directed at determining background conditions present in the Fourche Creek system. Pollutant loads which are generated by urban stormwater runoff will be developed. Runoff from an isolated watershed with a predominant land use pattern will be sampled to calibrate an urban runoff model storm. After water quality problems have been identified, their sources will be located. Best management practices will be evaluated for effectiveness, the presence of priority pollutants will be determined, and pollutant contributions from the Fourche tributaries to the main stem will be identified.

B. Methodologies

Sampling sites have been selected by the joint efforts of Metroplan and the University of Arkansas, Little Rock (UALR), taking into account accessibility, ability to sample during events, how well runoff represented basin water quality, and ability to determine instantaneouos discharge. Sites selected along the mainstream and on the major tributaries are depicted in the schematic shown as Figure 4. At least seven flow proportional samples will be taken to make up the composite sample, three on the rising leg and four after the peak. The university, utilizing students, is obtaining the samples and performing analyses in compliance with quality assurance and control requirements.

C. Monitoring

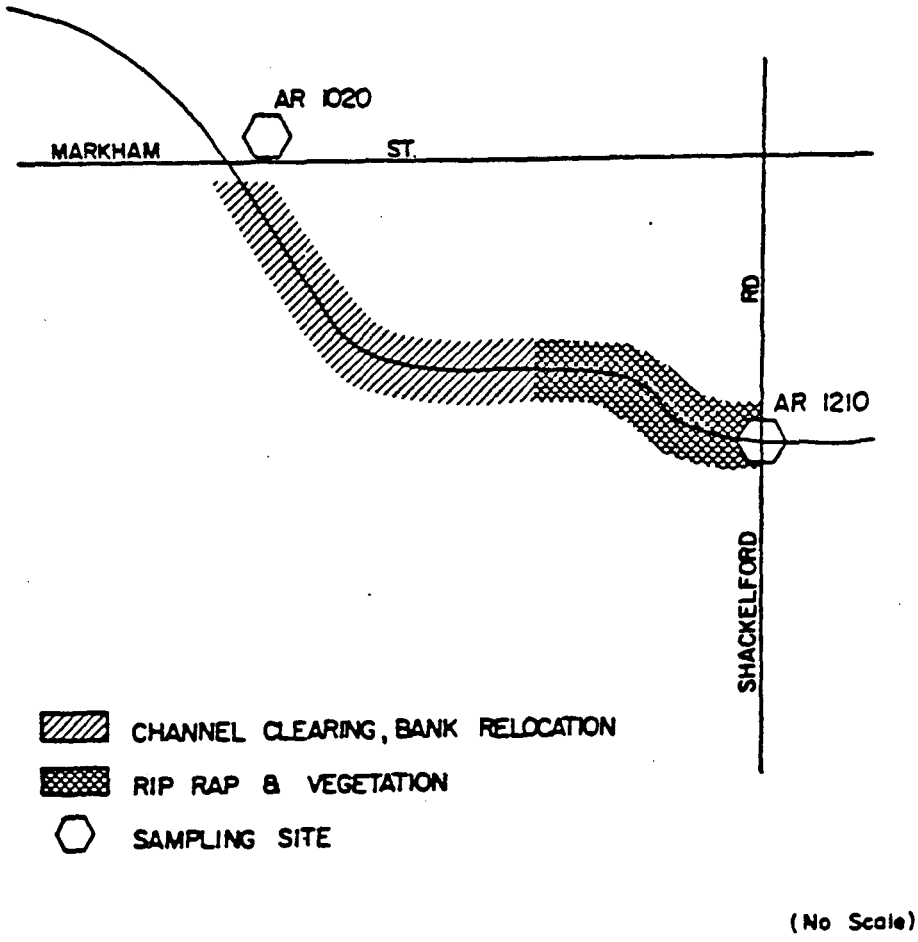
The study area consists of a portion of the Fourche Creek drainage system in Little Rock. In addition to the mainstem, Grassy Flat Creek, Rock Creek, Coleman Creek and Little Fourche Creek are part of the study.



SODDING AND CATCH BASINS

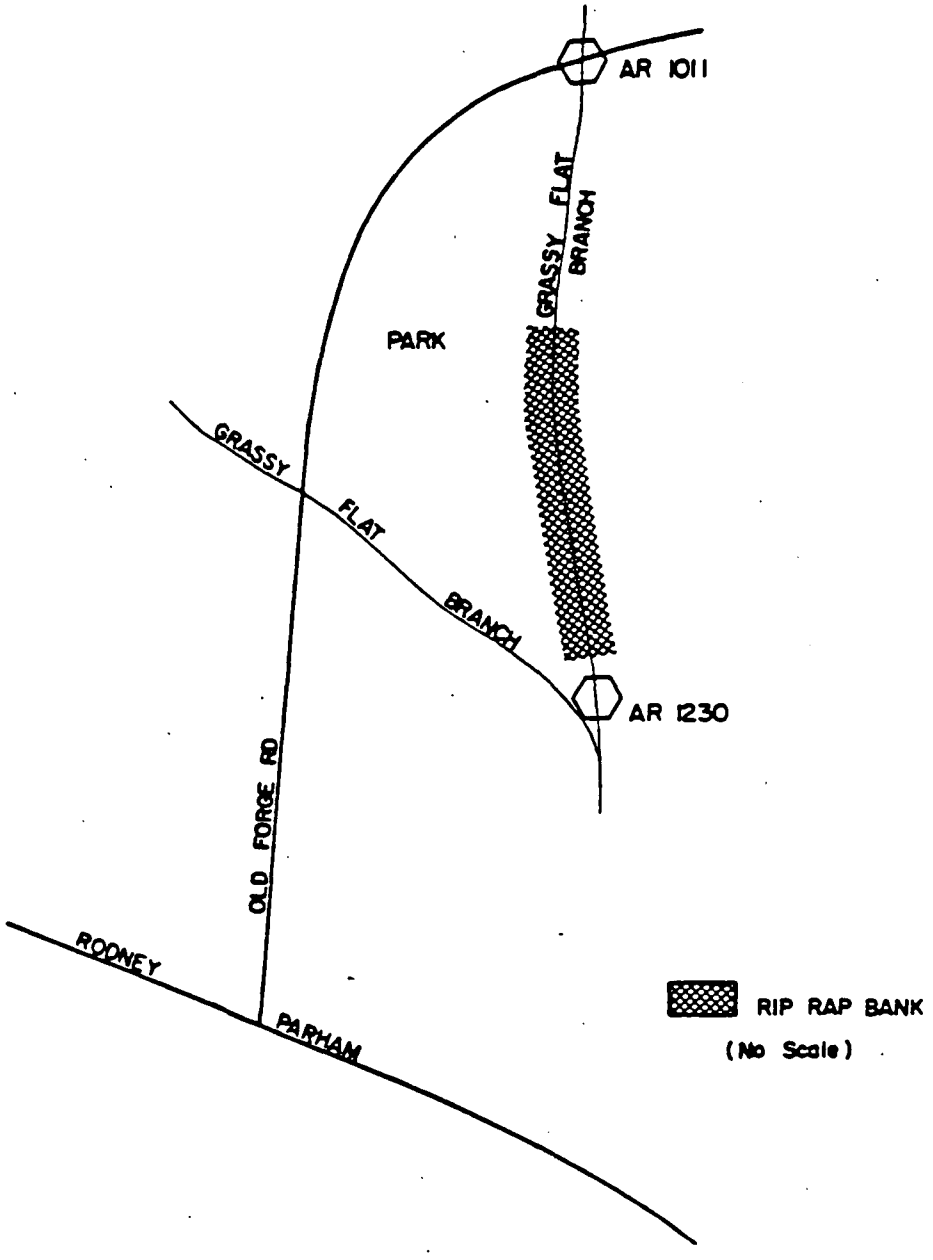
WAR MEMORIAL PARK

FIGURE 5



STABILIZATION OF ROCK CREEK

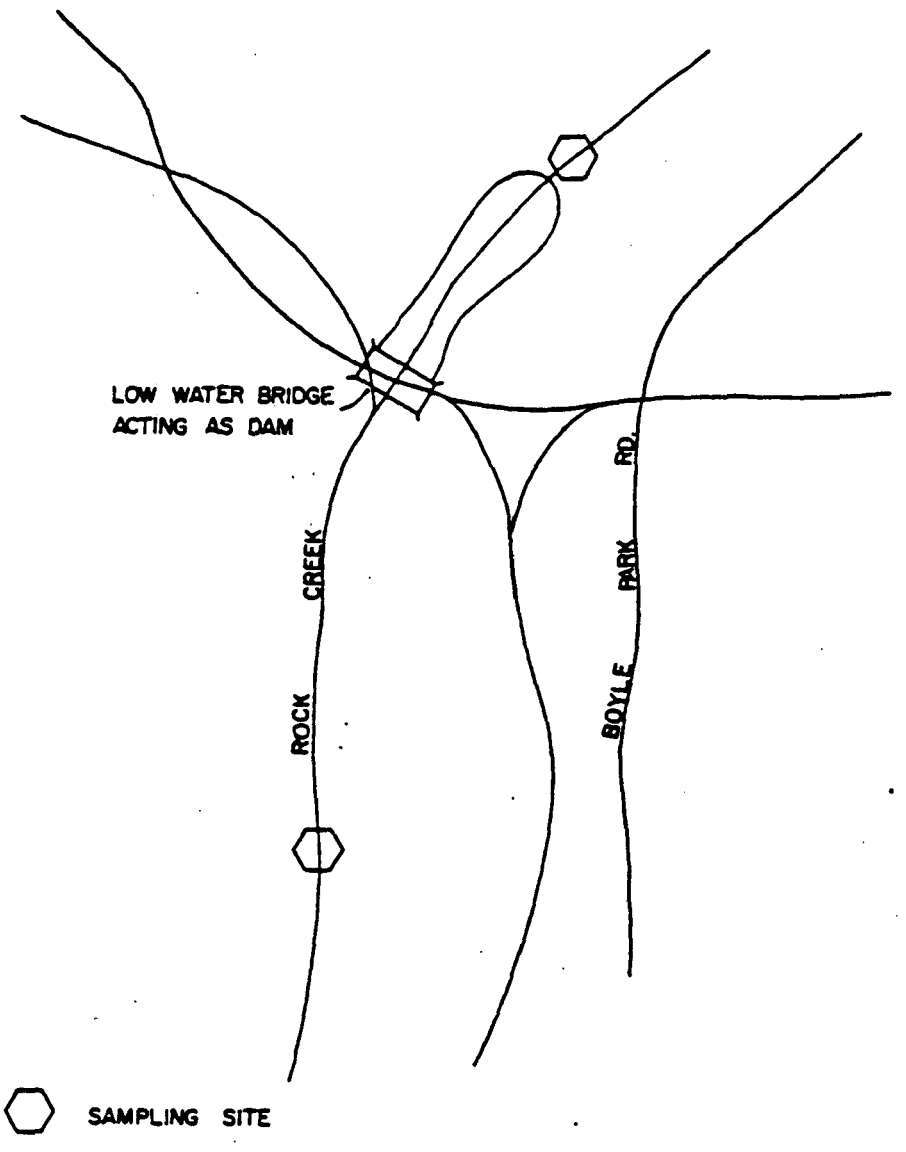
FIGURE 6



RIP RAP BANK

GRASSY FLAT BRANCH

FIGURE 7



LOW WATER BRIDGE ACTING AS DAM

ROCK CREEK, BOYLE PARK

FIGURE 8

The list of parameters and consituents examined in each sample includes: BOD_5, total suspended solids, total phosphorus, total nitrogen, fecal coli, lead, zinc, chromium, aluminum, chemcial oxygen demand, dissolved oxygen, rainfall, flow, and temperature. For a few samples, the presense of priority pollutants will be analysed.

D. Equipment

For this project no automatic water sampling equipment was installed. Rather, students at the university were utilized to obtain the grab samples and record field conditions in accordance with the established schedule.

Controls

Following completion of the first year program of background sampling, a determination was made with regard to which types of best management practices would be used. The decision was made to evaluate the benefits gained by seeding, sodding, retention basins, and bank stabilization with rip rap and gabions. Their locations are shown schematically in Figures 5-8.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

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INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

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INTRODUCTION

The Water Quality Management 208 Final Plan for the Kansas City Metropolitan Region concluded that "specific sources of nonpoint source pollution in the 208 area have not yet been identified" and that additional information must be collected to identify the nonpoint sources, determine their impact on water quality, and develop control measures. Because of the large size of the Kansas City Metropolitan Region (4000 square miles), nonpoint source monitoring was not performed in the original 208 program. Instead, nonpoint source loadings were calculated using loading functions.

The impact of urban runoff on water quality in the Kansas City Metropolitan Region has not been intensively studied. However, both Indian Creek and Rock Creek appear to have water quality problems. Results of several years of macroinvertebrate study on Indian Creek indicate that stressed conditions exist in stream reaches receiving urban runoff. There are no existing water quality or biological data for Rock Creek, but visual observations indicate that water quality in Rock Creek is adversely affected by urban runoff. Large amounts of debris, transported by stormwater runoff and high stream flow conditions, is present in Rock Creek.

The primary objective of the Kansas City NURP Study is to document the magnitude and sources of urban runoff loadings to Indian Creek and Rock Creek and to determine their impact on water quality and biota.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

A. Area

The Kansas City metropolitan region, located at the confluence of the Missouri and Kansas rivers, has grown from a small fur-trading settlement to a sprawling metropolitan region that is home to more than 1.3 million people. The area covers nearly 4,000 square miles.

Until the end of World War II, most development in the metropolitan area occured in a semi-circular core area south of the Missouri River that includes the central business districts of the two Kansas Citys. At this time, the core area was the most dominant sector. In recent decades, however, most development has occured outward from the core and along major transportation corridors. Freeway access and annexations by local governments, which provide urban services and facilities, have encouraged such suburban development. This suburban growth has occured primarily in Johnson, Platte, and Clay counties.

Residential development occupies more than 54% of the acres in urban use in 1973. The predominant residential use is the single family dwelling.

The topography, soils and water resources of the region are the most significant aspects of the region's physical environment. A large portion of the region is composed of gently rolling hills with elevations ranging from 690 feet to 1200 feet. There are numerous areas of steeps slopes and low-lying flood plains, where care must be taken if development is to occur.

The surface water resources of the region are various. Within the region, numerou creeks and streams drain into the Missouri and Kansas Rivers. In addition, there are eleven major man-made lakes of fifty surface acres or larger.

B. Population

According to population projections adopted by Mid-America Regional Council, future growth is expected to occur in surburban areas, primarily in Johnson, Clay, Platte, and eastern Jackson counties. Urban land use is projected to increase by more than 30 percent by the year 2000.

C. Drainage

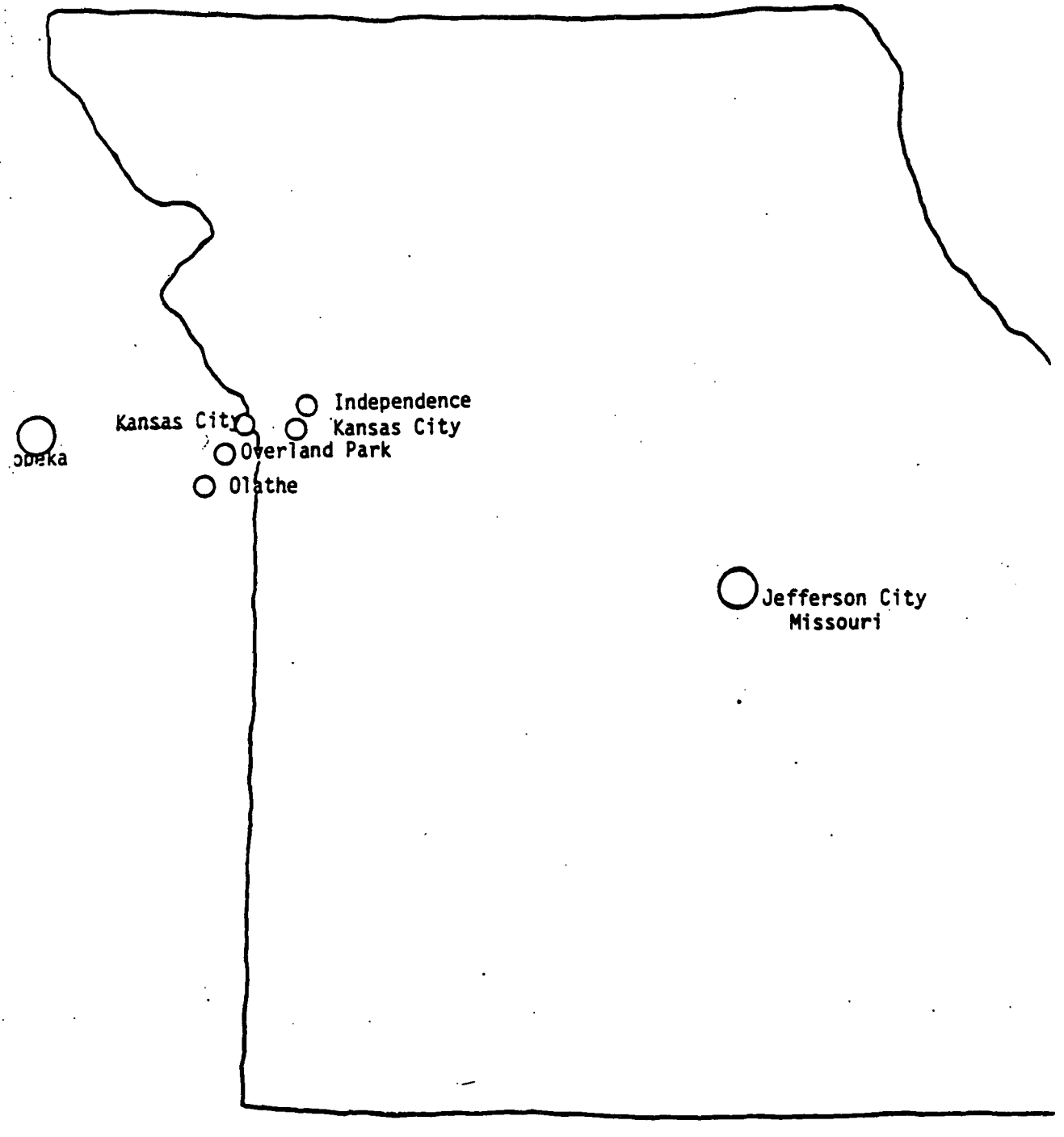
The study is taking place in two separate drainage areas in two different states.

Indian Creek, in Johnson County, Kansas orginates near Olathe and flows pass the urbanizing area of Lenexa and Overland Park into the Blue River. Indian Creek drains one of the most rapidly developing areas in the Region. Slopes range from mild to moderate. Land use ranges from low to medium density residential, shopping centers and light industrial. The average number of rain events for the period 1960 to 1976 is over 100 per year, with a mean annual rainfall of 38.8 inches.

Rock Creek, in the city of Independence, Missouri forms its headwaters in southwest Independence and flows north into the Missouri River just below the mouth of the Blue River. Rock Creek drains an area of 9.2 square miles in the southwest and west parts of the city. Rock Creek has many small tributaries. It has an average channel width of 30 feet, and an average slope of 40 feet per mile. The watershed contains moderate to steep sloes, resulting in frequent flooding of urban areas adjacent to the creek. The study area has a mean annual rainfall of 40.64 inches. Land use is primarily old low to medium density residential and strip commercial.

D. Sewerage System

There are some combined sewers in the Mid-America Regional Council's planning area. However, both areas being studied have separate sewer systems. (see Figure 2.16)



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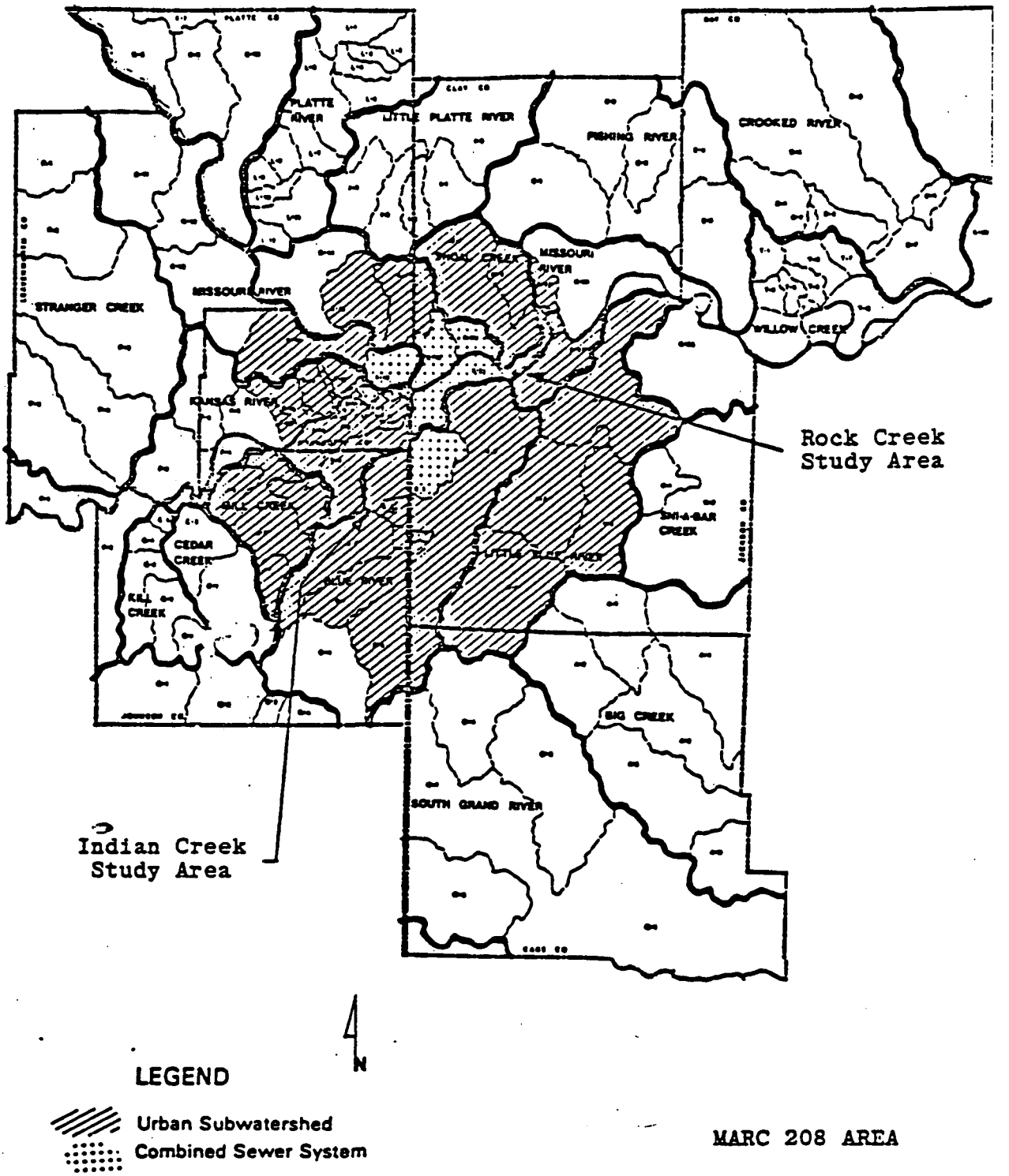


LEGEND

Urban Subwatershed

Combined Sewer System

MARC 208 AREA

PROJECT AREA

Rock Creek Study Area

I. Catchment Name - Rock Creek Residential Site (RR)

A. Area - 58 acres.

B. Population - 457 persons.

C. Land Use

58 acres (100%) is Medium Density Residential.

II. Catchment Name - Rock Creek Commercial (RC)

A. Area - 36 acres.

B. Population - 122 persons.

C. Land Use

18 acres (50%) is Medium Density Residential
18 acres (50%) is Commercial

III. Catchment Name - RS 1 (In-stream Site)

A. Area - 3045 acres.

B. Population - 25,197 persons.

C. Land Use

18,797 acres (74.6%) is Medium Density Residential
1,260 acres (5%) is Commercial
806 acres (3.2%) is Industrial
957 acres (3.8%) is Parkland
3,276 acres (13%) is Vacant Land
100 acres (.4%) is Urban Area Under Construction

IV. Catchment Name - RS 2 (In-stream Site)

A. Area - 4624 acres.

B. Population - 40,190 persons.

C. Land Use

3436 acres (74.3%) is Medium Density Residential
203 acres (4.4%) is Commercial
102 acres (2.2%) is Industrial
305 acres (6.6%) is Parkland
569 acres (12.3%) is Vacant Land
9 acres (.2%) is Urban Area Under Construction

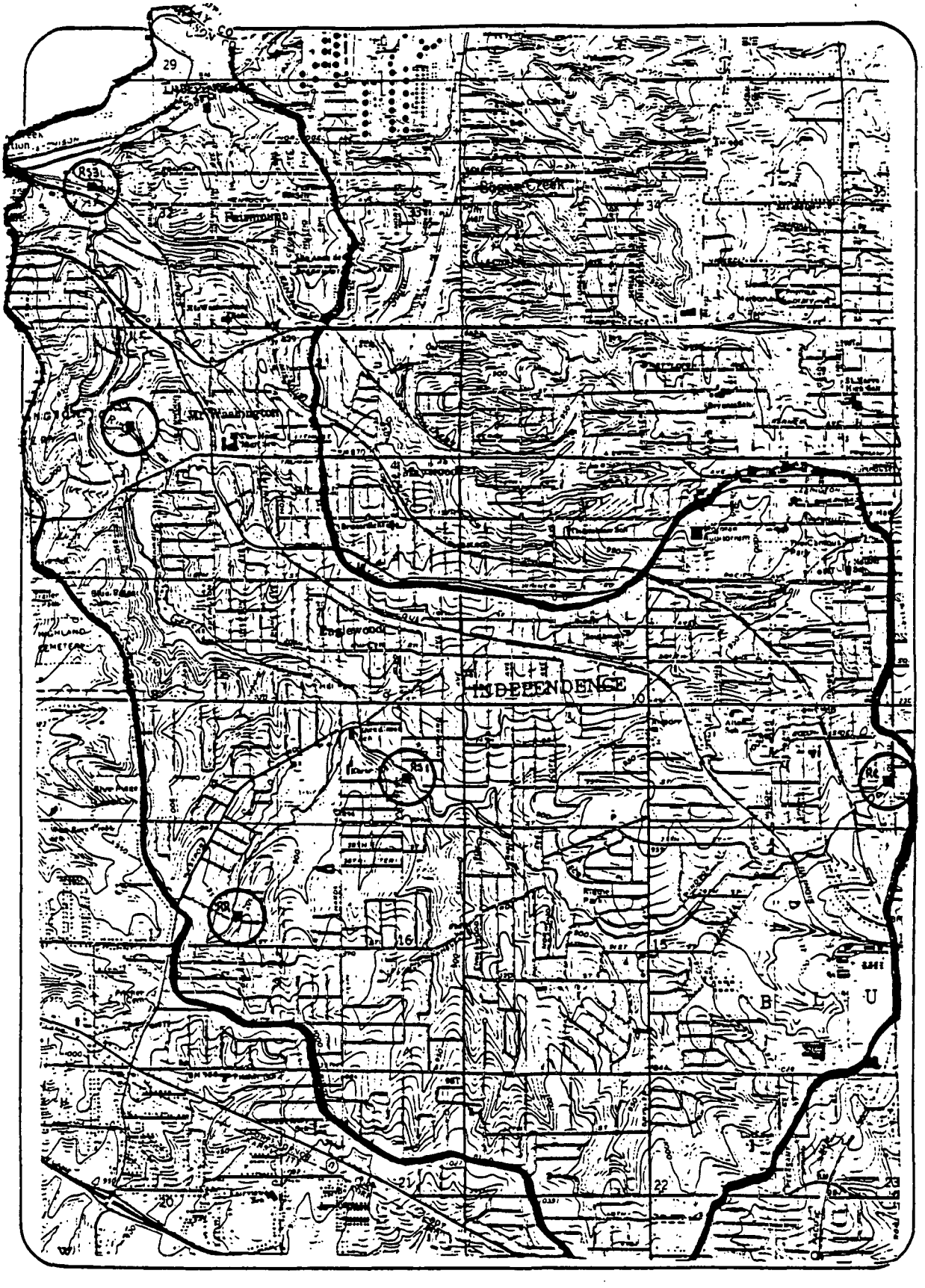
V. Catchment Name - RS 3 (In-stream Site)

A. Area - 5566 acres.

B. Population - 51,237 persons.

C. Land Use

4,035 (72.5%) is Medium Density Residential
245 acres (4.4%) is Commercial
100 acres (1.8%) is Industrial
412 acres (7.4%) is Parkland
763 acres (13.7%) is Vacant Land
11 acres (.2%) is Urban Area Under Construction



INDEPENDENCE, MO STUDY SITES
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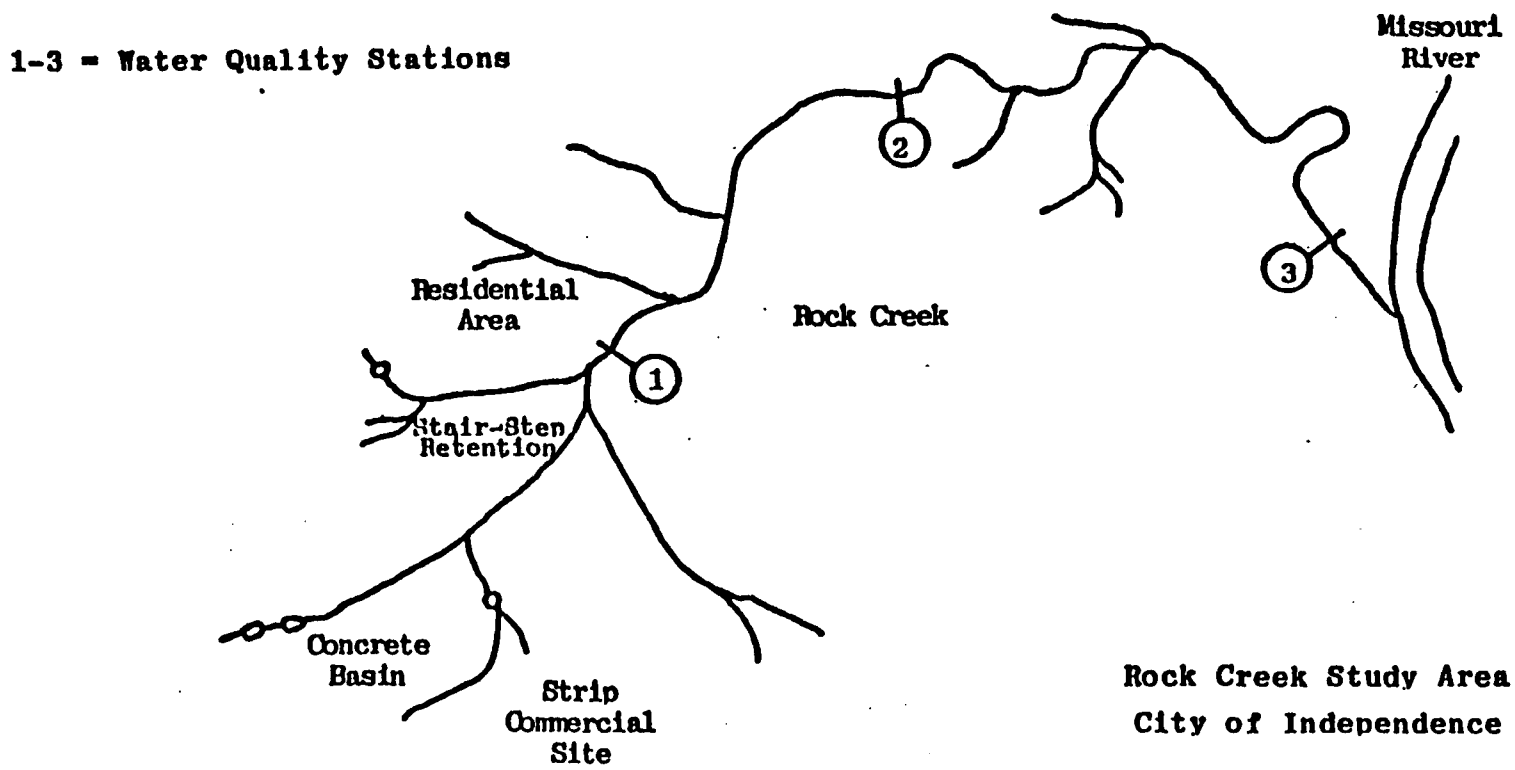


Rock Creek Study Area
City of Independence

Indian Creek Study Area

I. Catchment Name - Indian Creek Commercial Site (IC)

A. Area - 58 acres.

B. Land Use

55.7 acres (96%) is Commercial
2.3 acres (4%) is Vacant Land

II. Catchment Name - Indian Creek Light Industrial Site (II)

A. Area - 72 acres.

B. Land Use

40.3 acres (56%) is Industrial
31.7 acres (44%) is Vacant Land

III. Catchment Name - Indian Creek Residential (IR)

A. Area - 63 acres.

B. Land Use

56 acres (89%) is Medium Density Residential
2 acres (3%) is High Density Residential
5 acres (8%) is Parkland

IV. Catchment Name - IS 1 (In-stream Site)

A. Area - 11,005 acres.

V. Catchment Name - IS 2 (In-stream Site)

This site is currently being moved.

VI. Catchment Name - IS 3 (In-stream Site)

A. Area - 16,862 acres.

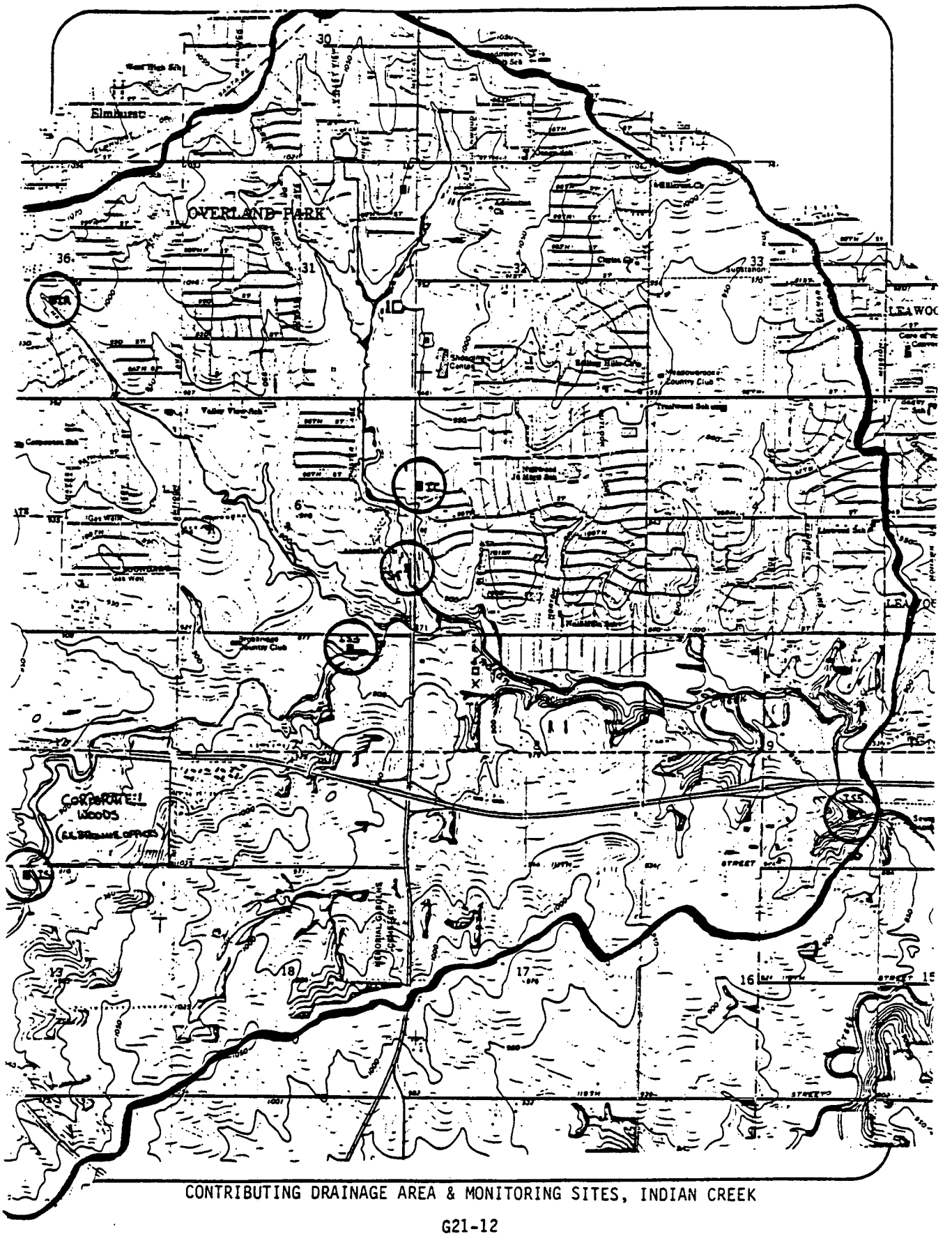
VII. Catchment Name - IS 4 (In-stream Site)

A. Area - 1372 acres.

VIII. Catchment Name - IS 5 (In-stream Site)

A. Area - 23,941 acres.

Note: All fixed site data was not submitted in time for inclusion in this report.



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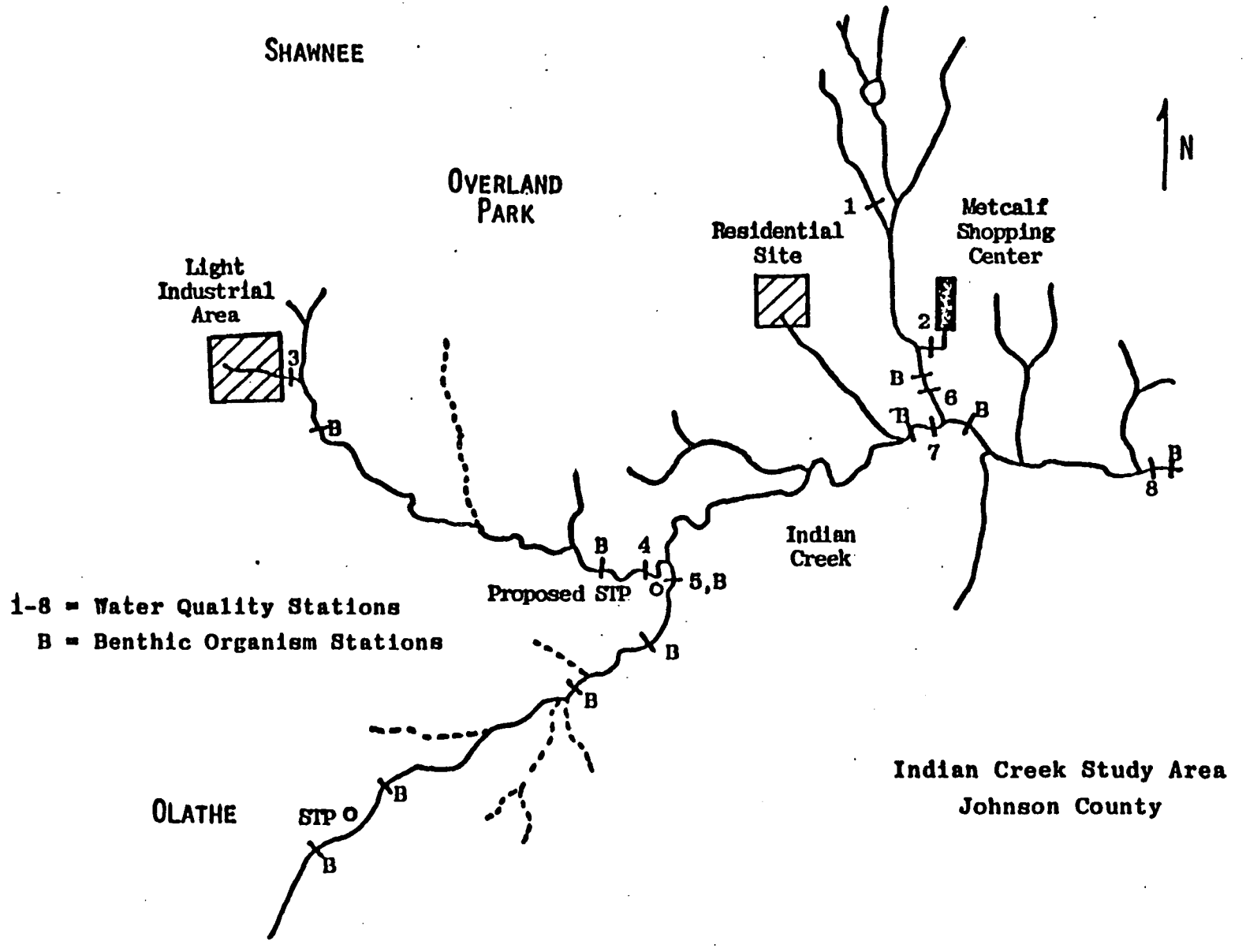

Indian Creek Study Area
Johnson County

PROBLEM

A. Local definition

The impact of urban runoff on water quality in the Kansas City metropolitan region has not been intensively studied and, thus quantitative water quality data are not available to assess the impact of water quality problems. Results of several years of macroinvertebrate study on Indian Creek indicate that stressed conditions exist in stream reaches receiving urban runoff. The macroinvertebrate data indicate that the only point source discharge to the Indian Creek study area does not adversely affect the macroinvertebrate population in the urbanized area.

There are no existing water quality or biological data for Rock Creek, but visual observations indicate that water quality in Rock Creek is adversely affected by urban runoff. Throughout the study area there is evidence of sewer streambank erosion and sediment deposition. Large amounts of debris, transported by stormwater runoff and high stream flow conditions is present in Rock Creek.

Johnson County is also interested in collecting urban runoff data for input into the 201 facilities plan for the Indian Creek watershed. A wastewater treatment plant is proposed and the urban runoff data may have a significant impact on the degree of treatment required at the proposed plant.

The city of Independence also has some very specific objectives for the NURP study. The city will be performing their own stormwater management study encompassing the entire 78 square mile area. However, their study will last only 16 months versus 36 months for the NURP study. The city is interested in transferring the results of the NURP study to help calculate the hydrological characteristics of Independence and develop stormwater control methods.

B. Local perception

Indian Creek in Johnson County is highly visible to the residents. The stream is classified as a class B stream. This means the waters must be protected for secondary contact recreation, the preservation and propagation of desirable species of fresh warm water aquatic biota, public water supply, industrial water suppy and agricultural purposes. In Johnson County the citizens seem to be interested in the water quality of the creek.

Rock Creek is not classified by Missouri since it is considered an ephemeral stream. The creek does seem to be affected by stormwater runoff as evidenced by the areas of severe erosion and sedimentation, and from the large amounts of debris found in the stream. The main concern with the citizens of Independence seems to be flooding.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Major Objective

The principal objectives of the study are to characterize urban runoff loadings by land use and define the sources of the pollutants, to determine the impacts of urban runoff on stream water quality and biota and to evaluate the effectiveness of sedimentation basins and ponds in reducing urban runoff pollutants.

The project objectives are being accomplished by monitoring specific land uses in the two study areas and by in-stream monitoring of water quality during both dry and wet weather conditions.

B. Methodologies

Automatic flow measurement and sampling equipment was installed at eight stations in the Indian Creek Watershed. Three of the stations are to measure runoff from three land uses. Five of the stations are in-stream stations to measure the impact of urban runoff on water quality.

In the Rock Creek Watershed two stations were installed to measure stormwater runoff from different land uses and three stations were installed on Rock Creek to measure the impact of urban runoff on water quality.

Dry weather data is also being collected once a month and analyzed for the same parameters as the wet weather samples.

Base or "low flow" pollutant loads will be calculated for each stream station in order to determine the relative magnitude of loads generated during low flow and during rain events.

The wet weather data (rainfall, flow and mean event concentrations) will be used to develop load-runoff relationships that characterize the resulting water quality from different types of storms and different land uses.

The land use runoff data will be analyzed using a method developed by Browne and Bedient. Graphs of areal pollutant loadings in pounds per acre versus runoff in inches over the land use area will be developed for various parameters. The slope of a straight line through a plot of total pollutant loading versus runoff will yield a pollutant concentration in pounds per acre-inch. The slope of the line can be expressed in units of concentration. Mean concentrations developed using this method can be applied to runoff from other areas of similar land use to calculate runoff loadings based on a knowledge of the runoff volume. An attempt will be made to correlate the data to other characteristics such as soil type, average slope, rain intensity, rain duration and peak storm flow.

Post-storm sampling data will be used to study the recovery mechanics in action as the stream returns to base flow. Processes such as sedimentation, nutrient transport, and precipitation will be emphasized during analysis of this data.

The stormwater quality results from the in-stream data will be analyzed in two ways. First, concentration distributions will be constructed with the composite concentrations from each storm to search for any temporal or spatial trends.

Particular attention will be paid to the difference between land uses. The second analysis to be performed will calculate a total storm load (in lbs.) from each storm. This calculation will be performed by multiplying the composite concentrations and the total discharge of direct runoff. The amount of direct runoff will be determined by using a base flow separation technique on the hydrograph from the flow meters. The actual procedure for calculating the amount of direct runoff will consist of counting the marks made on the strip chart that represent a sample being taken. These marks represent a pre-set volume of runoff and will be used to calculate total flows. Annual loads from the catchments above each station will be calculated for each parameter.

Relationships from the load-runoff relationships and the statistical analysis of the data will be used to predict urban stormwater quality in other areas of the Midwest Region. Key parameters in these relationships will be catchment size, type of land use and basic geomorphic data such as slope and soils. Using these basic factors from a small subdivision or small industrial catchment to a large urban watershed, the annual pollutant loads for different parameters can be predicted.

The model will also be used in the City of Independence stormwater study.

C. Monitoring

Automatic flow recording and sampling equipment was installed at each station. The sampler is programmed to collect an equal volume sample for every programmed volume of water that flows by the station. The resulting composite sample is analyzed in the laboratory. The sampling system is activated during a storm event by a mercury float switch set at a predetermined water level for each site. The method will produce a volume-proportioned composite sample.

Dry-wet fallout samplers are being used to measure bulk precipitation.

Following is a list of the monitoring sites and the equipment available at each site (see maps).

Indian Creek

Indian Creek Residential Site (IR) - The catchment being monitored contains a trapezoidal concrete channel that receives direct runoff from back yards. An H-flume was installed to calculate flow. A Sigma-Motor automatic sampler and ISCO flow meter are installed.

Indian Creek Commercial Site (IC) - This site contains 3 pipes draining a commercial parking lot into a concrete channel. A cutthroat flume is installed to calculate flow. A Sigma-Motor automatic sampler and ISCO flow meter are installed.

Indian Creek Light Industrial Site (II) - This monitoring station is located at the outfall of a 66 inch reinforced concrete pipe which discharges to a rough concrete apron. A Palmer-Bowlus flume was installed to calculate flow. A Sigma-Motor automatic sampler and ISCO flow meter are installed.

Indian Creek In-Stream Sites (IS 1-IS 5) - The instream sites all have Sigma-Motor automatic samplers and ISCO flow meters installed. Rating curves were developed for the sites.

Rock Creek

Rock Creek Residential Site (RR) - This site is located at a road crossing of a 42 inch reinforced concrete pipe. There is a free discharge point off an apron at the downstream end of the culvert. An H-flume was installed at this point. A Sigma-Motor automatic sampler and ISCO flow meter were installed.

Rock Creek Commercial Site (RC) - This site is a 27 inch pipe draining into a 30 inch pipe, accessible only thru a manhole. A flume was installed to measure flow. A Sigma-Motor automatic sampler and ISCO flow meter were installed.

Rock Creek In-Stream Sites (RS 1-RS 3) - RS 1 has a USGS float type flow gage with a five minute punched paper tape recorder. A broad crested weir is used to provide a suitable control section. RS 2 has a rating curve available also. RS 3, located at the wastewater treatment plant pumping station, has a rating curve also. All instream sites are equipped with Sigma-Motor automatic samplers and ISCO flow meters.

D. Controls

The Best Management Practice Monitoring program will be designed after preliminary results from the problem assessment phase are analyzed. It is planned that one detention basin or similar BMP will be monitored to evaluate pollutant removal efficiencies.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUN-OFF PROGRAM

DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

DENVER, CO

REGION VIII, EPA

INTRODUCTION

The Denver Regional Council of Governments Clean Water Plan completed under Section 208 of the Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 (P.L. 92-500, Section 208) identified nonpoint source loadings as a significant contribution to receiving water pollution through computer simulations of the South Platte River basin and its major tributaries as it passes through the Denver Metropolitan Region.

The Denver urban runoff project is a relatively unique project as the climatic and water use/reuse conditions imposed by a semi-arid climate and highly erodible soils combined with significant irrigation withdrawals and return flows, make the study area highly complex. Additionally, the historic flows in the river channel have been highly modified by the construction of flood control and water supply reservoirs on the mainstem and tributaries. As a result of these constraints, the relationship between urban nonpoint sources loadings and receiving water quality are much different than more humid areas.

Nonpoint sources of pollution occurring as urban runoff are a significant source of receiving water quality pollution in the Denver region. However, due to the uncertainties of the effectiveness of control measures on nonpoint sources, the benefits to be accrued by local governments, and the cost and institutional difficulties surrounding an implementation program, the 208 Clean Water Plan recommended that additional studies and data were needed. The Denver NURP project was initiated to fill in these data gaps.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

A. Area

The Denver area is typical of many communities and areas of the nation that are located in a semi-arid climate. In such areas, the rainfall is sporadic both in time and in intensity. The Denver area receives approximately 16 inches of precipitation per year with over 300 days per year of sunshine. Because of meteorological conditions in the Denver are, there are periods of many weeks during a year when precipitation is negligible or zero.

The Denver area streams are greatly affected by urban runoff. While precipitation occurs on only about 15% of the days of the year, individual storms are typically of short duration and high intensity. Many of the urban drainage areas in the region have steep slopes which, in combination with intense rainfalls of short duration, yield low times of concentration and high overland and gutter flow velocity heads.

Streams provide little dilution of urban runoff events occuring during the low flow periods of the year. During dry periods, runoff from various urban land uses when storms do occur appear to be causing instream water quality problems due to the extreme low flows experienced at these times.

B. Population

The Denver regional area presently has a population of approximately 1.6 million people. It is forecasted that the population in the year 2000 will 2.35 million. This growth will be occurring to a great extent in response to the nation's commitment to become energy independent. Denver is the focal point for major development of energy resources such as coal, oil, gas and oil shale during the foreseeable future.

C. Drainage

The South Platte River originates in the continental divide and flows through the South Park area of the Rocky Mountains. It funnels through hard bedrock to the foothills of the mountains. When it breaks out of the foothills onto the plains, it enters Denver proper. The actual natural boundaries of the South Platte includes about 3000 square miles of land.

The South Platte River basin study area, as defined, is approximately 120,000 acres (187 square miles). Elevation ranges from 5,140 feet to 7,965 feet above mean sea level. The downstream reach of the South Platte River is characterized by a broad alluvial flood plain with a gravel channel. This condition also characterizes the furthest upstream reach at Littleton. Between these points, the stream channel of the South Platte River varies from a hard bedrock to depositional areas with much accumulated sediment.

The study area lies in a piedmont basin, with high plains to the east and foothills to the west. The topography is gently rolling with drainage and ridgelines trending generally between east-northeast and west-northwest. The predominant weather patterns and winds are from the west, however, frontal storms approach from the southeast or northeast. The climate is semi-arid with 14-15 inches of precipitation annually.

Figure I is a map of the Denver area showing the location of the study area within the South Platte River basin. That portion of the main stream channel sampled is 14.5 miles long and drains generally in a northerly direction. Three dams built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers exert a control over the river flow and define boundaries of the surface runoff basin area. Chatfield Dam is located on the South Platte River approximately 20 miles south of Denver. It is operated as a flood control and recreational reservoir by the Corps of Engineers and normally releases water in an amount equal to its flow, although sometimes abrupt changes are made in release from day to day. Mt. Carbon Dam is located in the southwest part of the region on Bear Creek and is operated similarly by the Corps of Engineers. Cherry Creek Dam impounds a reservoir on Cherry Creek which has released water downstream only two times in the past ten years.

D. Sewerage System

The Denver area did have combined sewers until approximately 20 years age. These have since been separated and the area is served entirely by separate storm sewers.

There are storm sewers only in the downtown area. In the residential areas the drainage is all through curbs and gutters and street drainage.

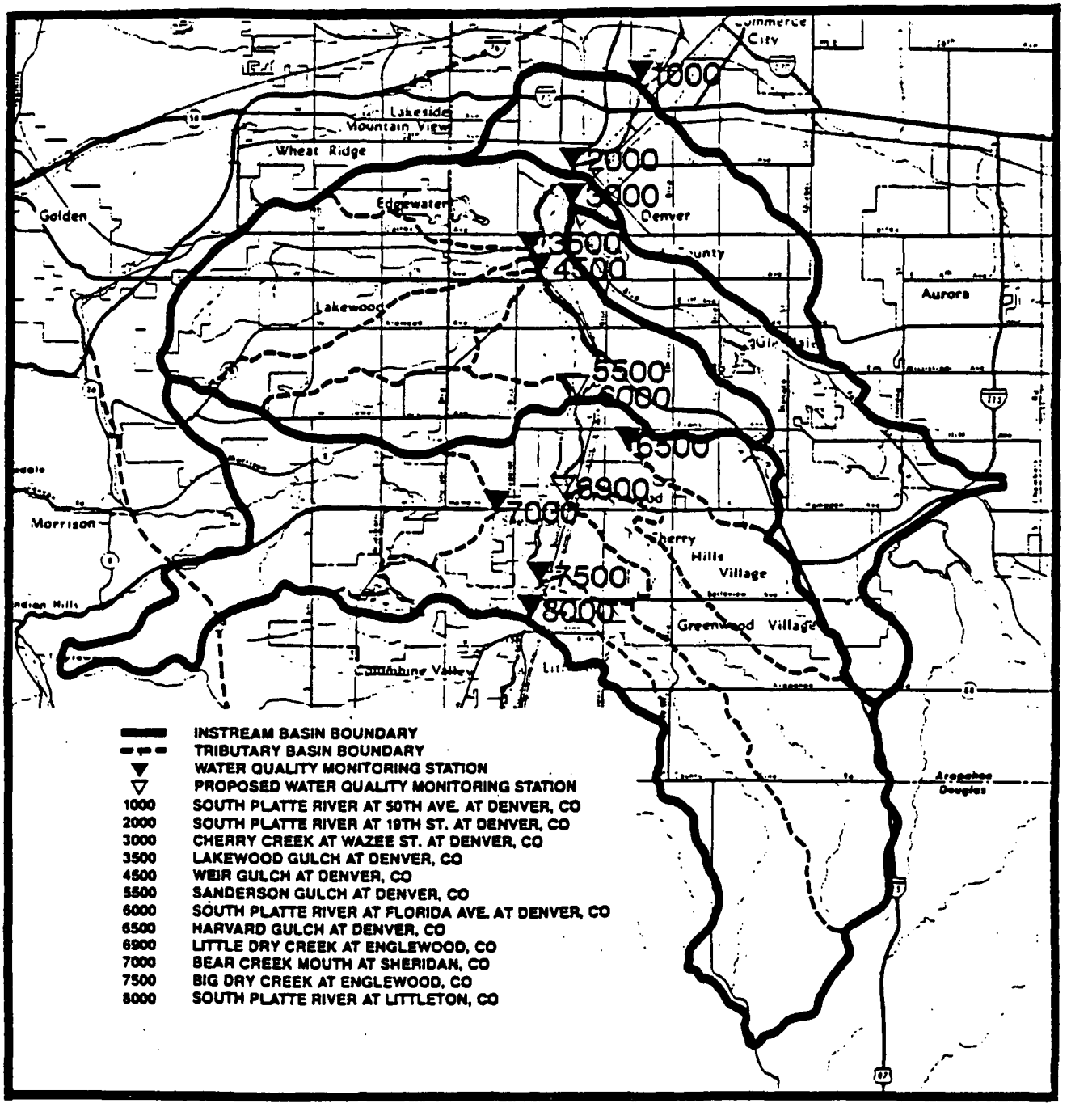

Figure I

MAP OF DRURP STUDY AREA SHOWING INSTREAM AND TRIBUTARY BASINS.

B. Instream Sites

I. Catchment Name - South Platte River at 50th Avenue at Denver.

A. Area - 119,900 acres.

B. Population - 581,882 persons.

C. Land Use

45,628 acres (38%) is Single-Family Residential.

6,409 acres (5%) is Multi-Family Residential.

15,403 acres (13%) is Commercial.

7,181 acres (6%) is Industrial.

8,725 acres (7%) is Parkland.

29,846 acres (25%) is Vacant Land.

6,708 acres (6%) is Agricultural.

II. Catchment Name - South Platte River at 19th Street at Denver.

A. Area - 108,329 acres.

B. Population - 464,942 persons.

C. Land Use

40,398 (38%) is Single-Family Residential.

5,299 acres (5%) is Multi-Family Residential.

13,341 acres (12%) is Commercial.

5,596 acres (5%) is Industrial.

7,775 acres (7%) is Parkland.

29,212 acres (27%) is Vacant Land.

6,708 acres (6%) is Agricultural.

III. Catchment Name - Cherry Creek at Denver.

A. Area - 15,817 acres.

B. Population - 98,397 persons.

C. Land Use

4,629 acres (29%) is Single-Family Residential.

1,929 acres (12%) is Multi-Family Residential.

2,509 acres (16%) is Commercial.

772 acres (5%) is Industrial.

2,314 acres (15%) is Parkland.

3,664 acres (23%) is Agricultural.

IV. Catchment Name - Lakewood Gulch at Denver

A. Area - 10,440 acres.

B. Population - 50,461 persons.

C. Land Use

5,070 acres (49%) is Single-Family Residential.

628 acres (6%) is Multi-Family Residential.

2,402 acres (23%) is Commercial.

211 acres (2%) is Industrial.

457 acres (4%) is Parkland.

1,672 acres (16%) is Vacant Land.

V. Catchment Name - Weir Gulch at Denver

A. Area - 4,789 acres.

B. Population - 36,547 persons.

C. Land Use

2,781 acres (58%) is Single-Family Residential.

321 acres (7%) is Multi-Family Residential.

455 acres (10%) is Commercial.

54 acres (1%) is Industrial.

587 acres (12%) is Parkland.

534 acres (11%) is Vacant Land.

54 acres (1%) is Agricultural.

VI. Catchment Name - Sanderson Gulch at Denver

A. Area - 4,715 acres.

B. Population - 45,116 persons.

C. Land Use

2,947 acres (62%) is Single-Family Residential.

160 acres (3%) is Multi-Family Residential.

590 acres (13%) is Commercial.

107 acres (2%) is Industrial.

322 acres (7%) is Parkland.

589 acres (13%) is Vacant Land.

VII. Catchment Name - Harvard Gulch at Denver

A. Area - 2,833 acres.

B. Population - 21,873 persons.

C. Land Use

1,838 acres (65%) is Single-Family Residential.

192 acres (7%) is Multi-Family Residential.

459 acres (16%) is Commercial.

38 acres (1%) is Industrial.

267 acres (9%) is Parkland.

39 acres (2%) is Vacant Land.

VII. Catchment Name - Bear Creek at Mouth

A. Area - 14,603 acres.

B. Population - 42,534 persons.

C. Land Use

4,444 acres (30%) is Single-Family Residential.

477 acres (3%) is Multi-Family Residential.

1,317 acres (9%) is Commercial.

318 acres (2%) is Industrial.

1,428 acres (10%) is Parkland.

6,507 acres (45%) is Vacant Land.

112 acres (1%) is Agricultural.

IX. Catchment Name - South Platte River at Littleton, CO.

This station is the upstream control station.

NOTE: Description of Drainage and Sewerage was not included as it is not applicable for instream sites.

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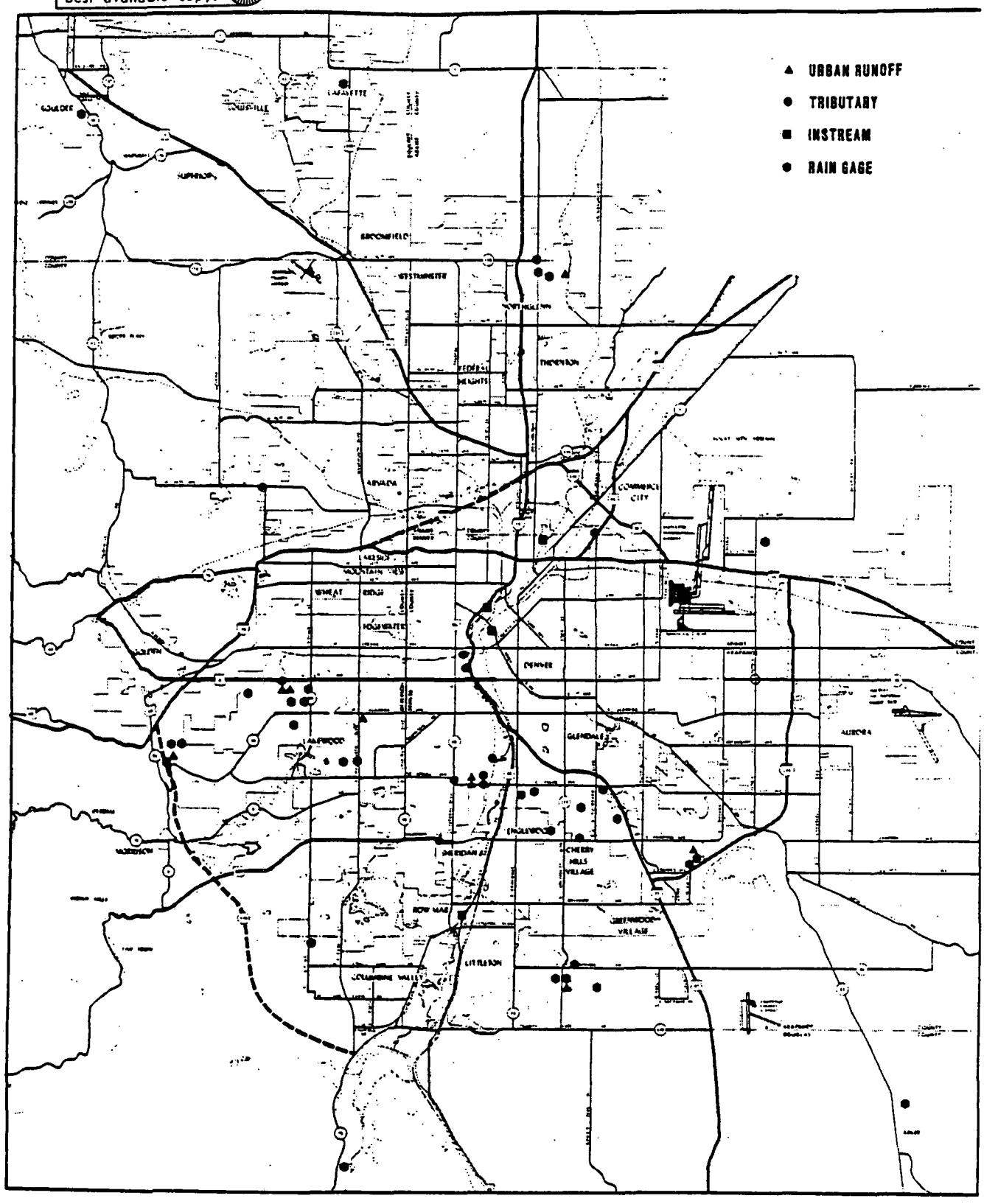

LOCATIONS OF URBAN, INSTREAM AND TRIBUTARY MONITORING SITES, AND RAINGAUGE NETWORK IN DRURP STUDY AREA.

PROJECT AREA

A. End-of-Pipe Sites

I. Catchment Name - Big Dry Creek Tributary at Easter Street, near Littelton, CO.

A. Area - 33 acres

B. Population - 637

C. Land Use -

33 acres (100%) is Multi-Family Residential

13.6 acres (41.3%) is impervious

II. Catchment Name - Rooney Gulch at Rooney Ranch near Morrison, CO.

A. Area - 405 acres

B. Population - 0

C. Land Use

405 acres (100%) is Open Land

2.43 acres (.6%) is impervious

III. Catchment Name - Asbury Park Storm Drain at Denver (inflow to detention basin)

A. Area - 121 acres

B. Population - 1,115

C. Land Use

104 acres (86%) is Single-Family Residential

16.9 acres (14%) is Commercial

IV. Catchment Name - Asbury Park Storm Drain at Asbury Avenue (outflow to detention basin)

A. Area - 127 acres

B. Population - 1,177

C. Land Use

109 acres (86%) is Single-Family Residential

17.8 acres (14%) is Commercial

V. Catchment Name - North Avenue Storm Drain at Denver Federal Center, at Lakewood, CO.
(inflow to detention basin)

A. Area - 68.7 acres

B. Population - 631

C. Land Use

22.7 acres (33%) is Multi-Family Residential

20.6 acres (30%) is Commercial

25.4 acres (37%) is Open Land

VI. Catchment Name - North Avenue Storm Drain at Denver Federal Center North Avenue, at Lakewood, CO.
(outflow to detention basin)

A. Area - 79.7 acres

B. Population - 631

C. Land Use

26.3 acres (33%) is Multi-Family Residential

23.9 acres (30%) is Commercial

29.5 acres (37%) is Open Land

VII. Catchment Name - Cherry Knolls Storm Drain at Denver

A. Area - 57.1 acres

B. Population - 1,388

C. Land Use

57.1 acres (100%) is Multi-Family Residential
21.4 acres (37.5%) is impervious

VIII. Catchment Name - Storm Drain at 116th Avenue and Claude Court, at Northglenn, CO.

A. Area - 167 acres

B. Population - 2,406

C. Land Use

167 acres (100%) is Single Family Residential
39.9 acres (23.9%) is impervious

IX. Catchment Name - Villa Italia Storm Drain at Lakewood, CO

A. Area - 73.5 acres

B. Population - 0

C. Land Use

73.5 acres (100%) is Commercial
67 acres (91.2%) is impervious

Note: Drainage and Sewerage information was not provided by project in time to be included in report.

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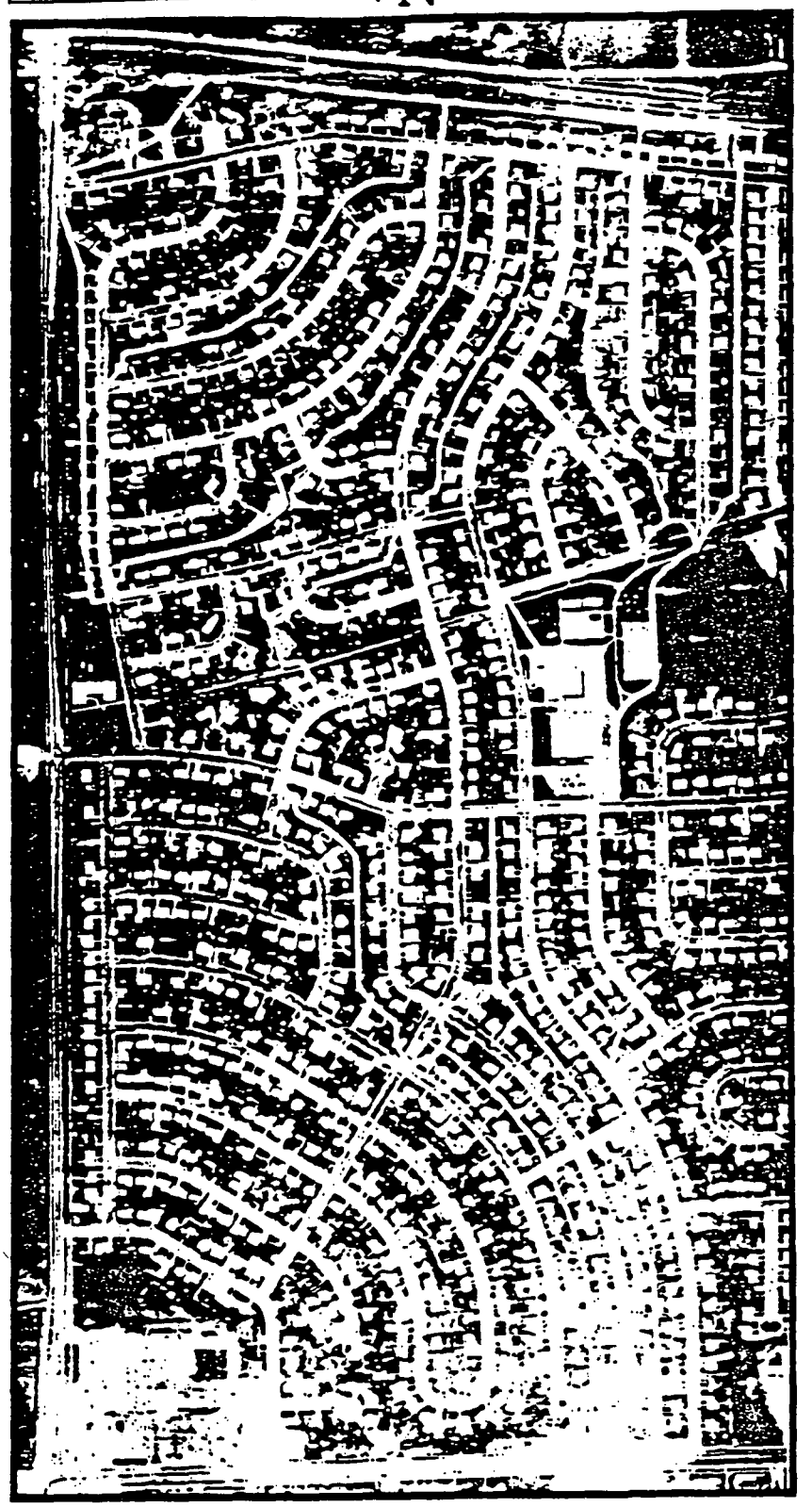
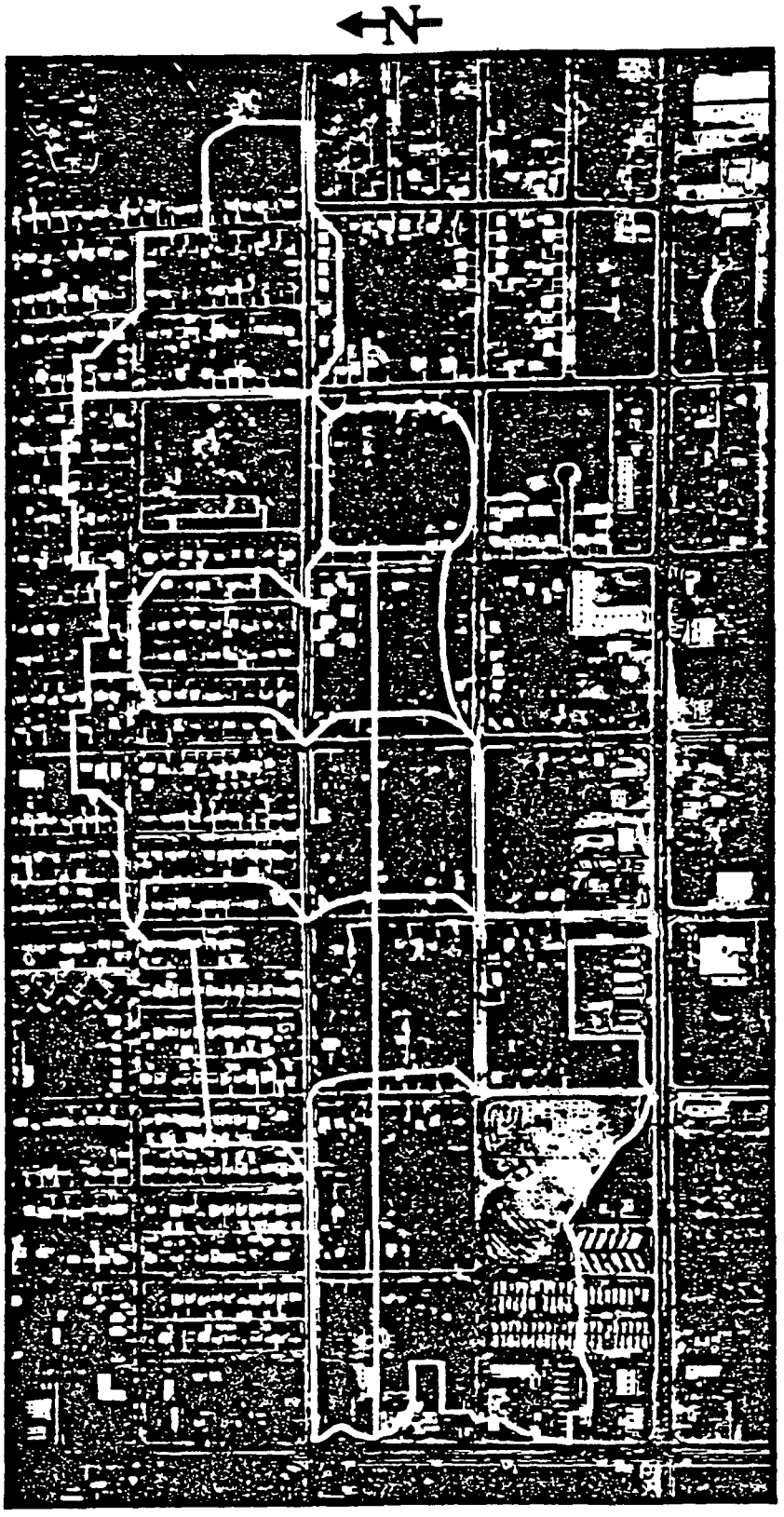


SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL BASIN AT 116TH AND CLAUDE CT. (NORTHGLENN). **AREA = 167 ACRES.**



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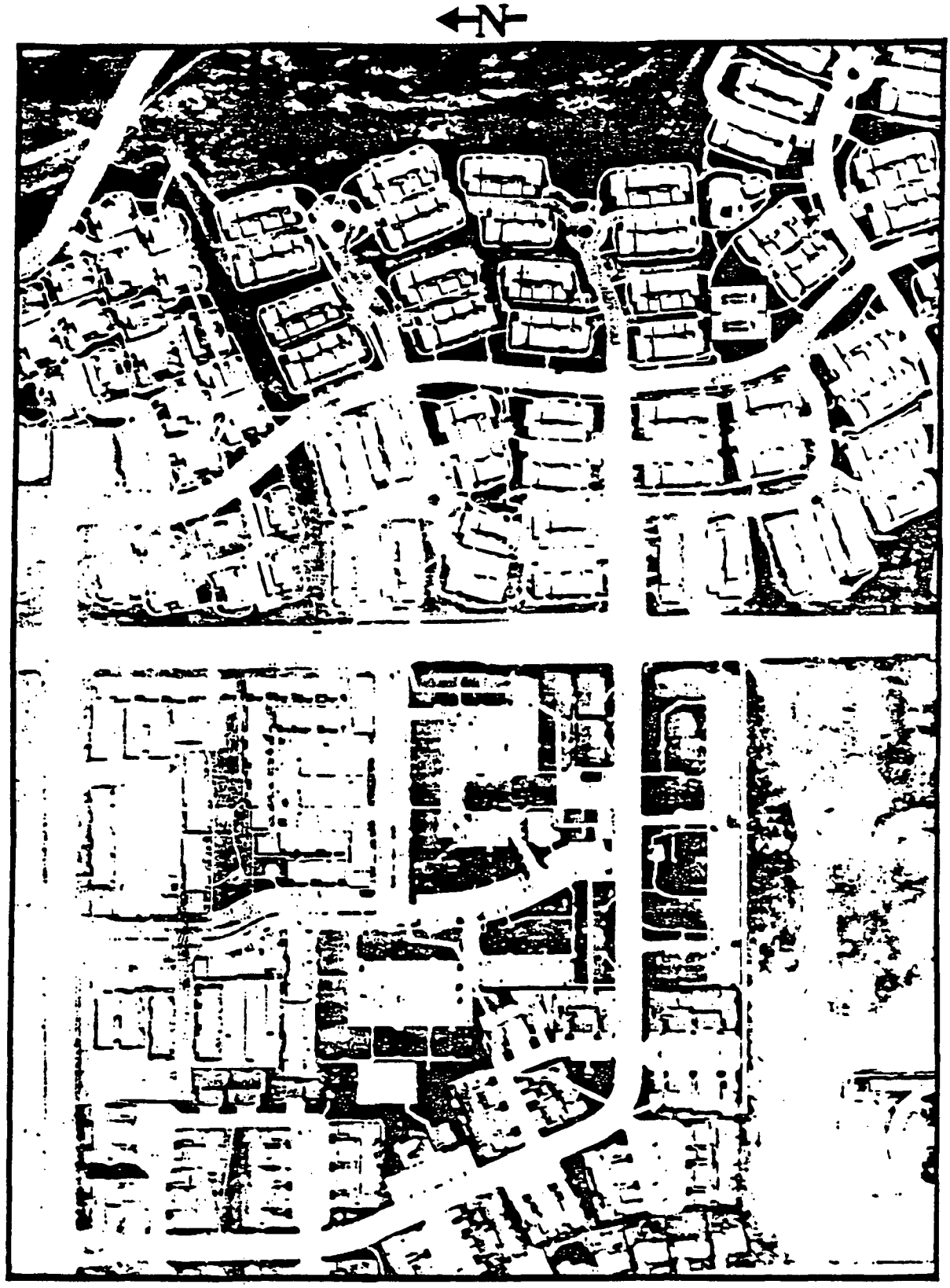

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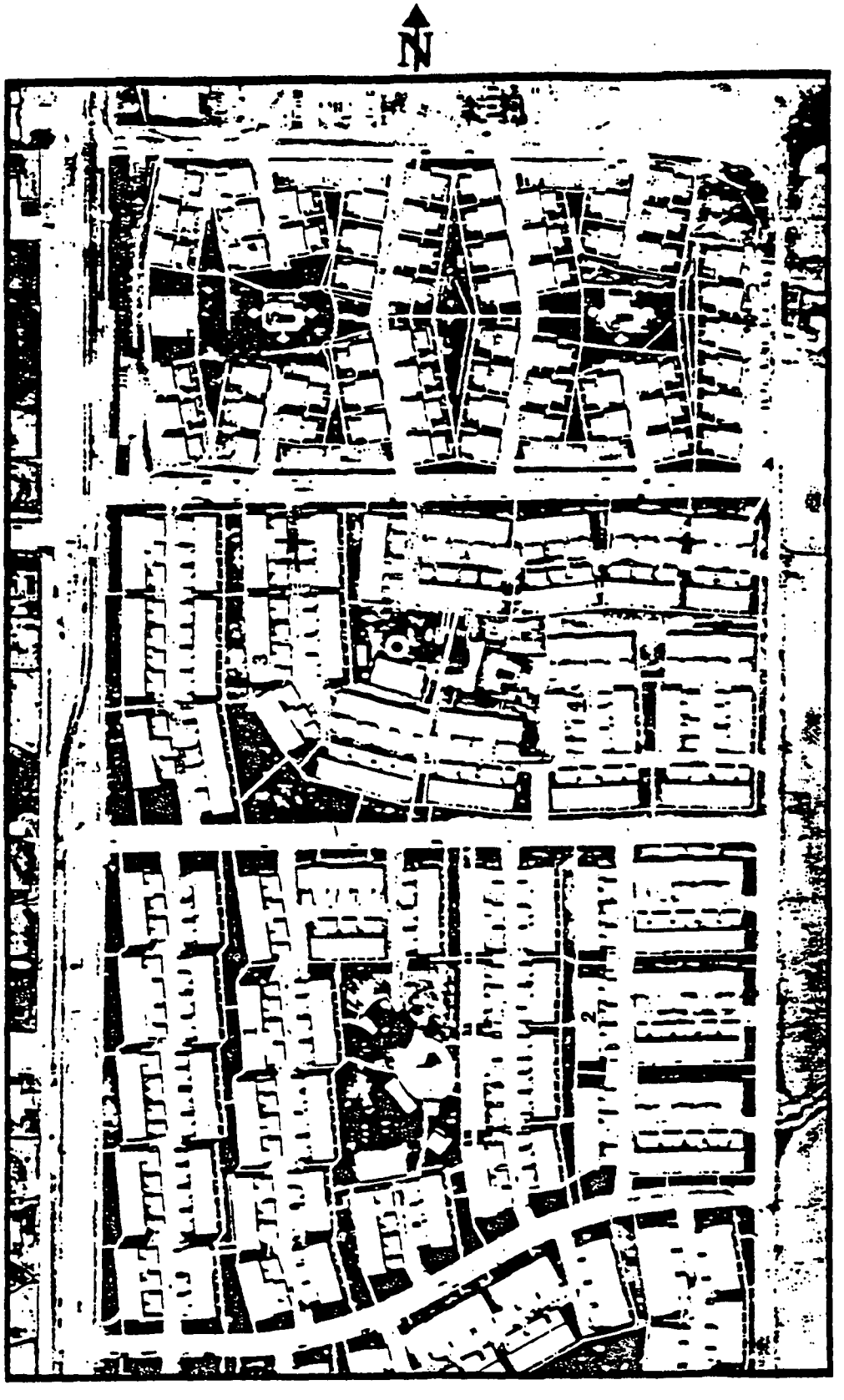

MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL BASIN AT CHERRY KNOLLS STORM DRAIN.
AREA = 57.1 ACRES.

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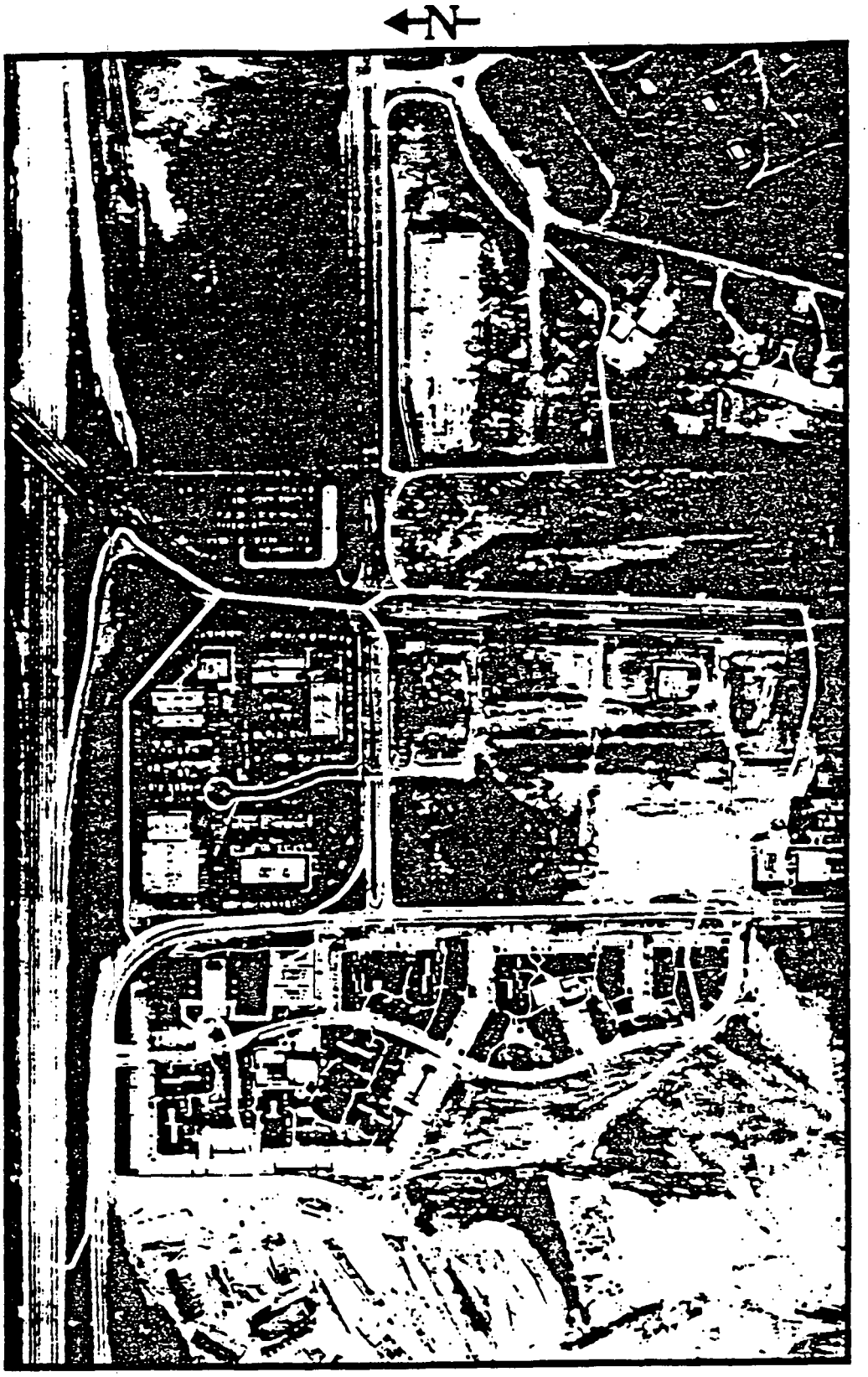

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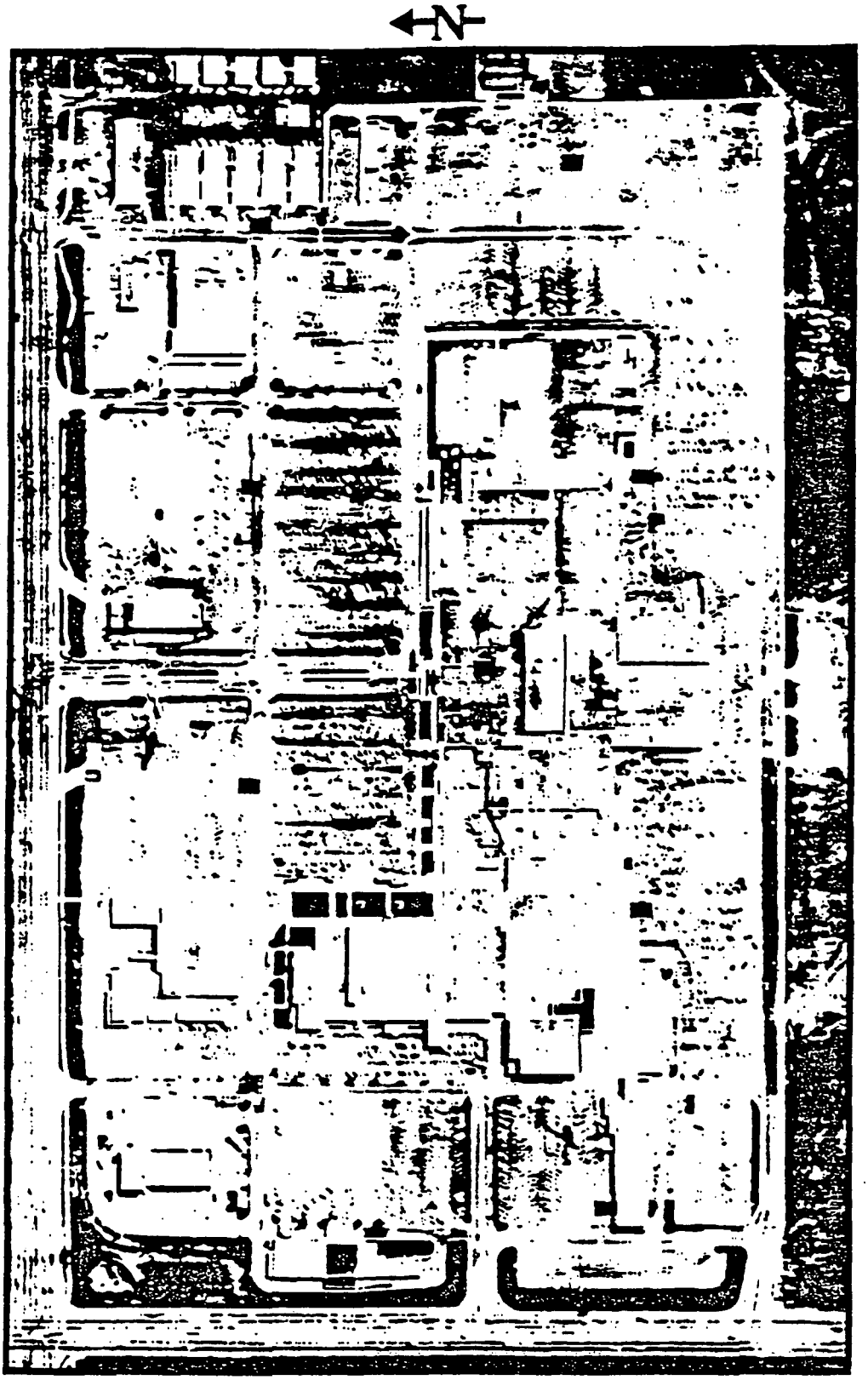
AREA = 148.4 ACRES. G22-18



COMMERCIAL BASIN AT VILLA ITALIA SHOPPING CENTER STORM DRAIN.
AREA = 73.5 ACRES.

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NATURAL GRASSLAND BASIN AT ROONEY GULCH. AREA = 405 ACRES.

PROBLEM

A. Local Definition (government)

A report by the Colorado Department of Health has concluded that the major receiving waters in the Denver region are heavily impacted by nonpoint sources of pollution. Bacterial, plant nutrient and heavy metal pollution problems have all been attributed in part to nonpoint sources. The receiving waters have been described by the Health Department as being unsuitable for beneficial uses such as recreation, agriculture and water supply, based upon the 1978 Water Quality Standards of Colorado.

Two flood control and recreational reservoirs, each located on the mainstem of a major Denver area river, are rapidly approaching advance stages of cultural eutrophication. No major point source discharges and little irrigated agriculture presently exist upstream of these two water bodies. Yet, high annual nutrient loads enter these lakes each year, causing accelerated algae productivity evidenced by observed high chlorophll - A concentrations. It is felt by Denver COG that the nutrient loads originate in large part from nonpoint sources. These watersheds are presently less than 5% developed. Projected land development in one upstream Denver area county alone may result in a population increase of over 4 fold, or 85,000, by the year 2000. It is felt that the increase in runoff volumes resulting from urban development will more than offset the differences in nutrient concentrations in runoff from idle/agricultural lands and the slightly lower values from urban uses.

Results of earlier Denver area nonpoint source pollution studies indicate that large pollutant loads are delivered to area streams from diffuse sources each year. Past studies showed that pollutant loading rates during storm events appear to be within the same order of magnitude as those from point sources. Because of the sparse amount of data avaliable, however, only qualitative assessments of the storm water runoff pollution problems could be made. Before the Denver NURP program it was not possible to quantify the nature of the urban runoff problem.

B. Local Perception (Public Awareness)

The Denver program received funding from many sources - USEPA, Denver Regional Council of Governments, Urban Drainage and Flood Control District, U S Geological Survey and several local jurisdictions.

There is very much interest on the parts of the local governments and citizen groups to gather more information on the extent of the urban runoff problem in Denver.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Major Objective

The basic objectives of the urban runoff program are to assess the nature, causes, severity and opportunities for the control of urban runoff problems in the Denver region.

The specific principal objectives are:

1) to characterize runoff pollution loadings by land use type
2) identify the specific land surface sources of pollutant
3) determine, to the extent possible, the effect of nonpoint source pollution loads on receiving waters
4) determine the technical and institutional opportunities for the control of nonpoint source loads
5) determine, through computer model calibration efforts, dry weather land surface accumulation rates appropriate for the Denver region.

B. Methodologies

Urban runoff monitoring sites were selected that represent the specific urban land use classifications that generate significant runoff pollution loadings. Land use types selected include single-family residential, multi-family residential, commercial, industrial, parkland and idle/native land. Several sites were also chosen on the South Platte River to monitor the effect of urban runoff on the receiving water. Several detention ponds are being monitored.

The field data collected includes rainfall and runoff at the mouth of each tributary, ambient flow at the mouth of each tributary, quality data at tributaries major point sources, instream stations, and irrigation return flows, precitation data for all basins, and weather records.

There are nine urban runoff monitoring sites in seven basins representing discrete land use types. There are eight instream stations being monitored. There are two detention basins being monitored at both the inlet and outlet.

The analysis procedures consist of the following steps:

1) quantify runoff and pollutant concentrations from each of the nine urban runoff sites for selected numbers of quality constituents
2) determine any difference in loadings of pollutants, if any, by land use type. Determine correlation coefficients through linear or non-linear statistical techniques.
3) apportion each tributary basin that has been measured for flow and quality parameters by land use type, % imperviousness, etc.
4) apply conversion factors for each land use type to the total basin area and sum. Compare predicted loads vs. measured loads

5) analyze comparisons for each major constituent in each tributary and determine a correction factor if needed to apply to the larger instream basins
6) apply loading factors to large basins. Compare predicted loads with measured loads
7) evaluate BMP's by using empirical detention pond data as the best estimate of water quality improvement. Apply a factor of pollutant loads vs. detention time to determine gross improvements, if any

There are several special pollution studies being carried out in the following area: characterization of the relationships between total and soluble pollutant loads of several land uses, determination of possible relationships between the fractions of pollutant load associated with discrete particle sizes in the Denver region with those found in studies across the country, and determination of the relationship between flow-proportioned composite sampling and discrete sampling.

C. Monitoring

U. S. Geological Survey is performing the sampling at the runoff sites. The equipment installed at each site consists of Manning automatic water quality samplers, stage recorders, system control units, recording rain gages and wetfall/dryfall samplers. Automatic samples are taken at each site.

At the instream sites, a sample will be taken and composited in the field. The equal transit rate method of depth-and-width-integrating the flow will be the sampling technique. A USDH-59 sampler equipped with teflon nozzles is used to collect the samples. The sampler is lowered into the water at a number of equally spaced intervals marked across the stream. The individual depth integrated sample volumes collected will be placed into an eight liter churn splitter to make up the six liter composite sample volume required.

Water quality sampling of the South Platte is carried out on a weekly basis in the same manner.

Initiation of sampling activities is determined by early storm warning services provided by a private weather service.

D. Controls

Adams County is developing a concise manual that may be utilized by local government planning departments and developers in evaluating and controlling runoff pollution from transitional and newly stabilized urban areas.

To test the feasibility of implementing the control measure requirements at the local government level, Adams County is participating as a prototype for the Model Implementation Program. The purpose of the program is to assess the effectiveness of the nonpoint source pollution ordinance in identifying institutional implementation opportunities and problems.

In addition to this, two detention basins have been instrumented in order to determine the best structural arrangement to control sedimentaion. Samples are collected at both the inlet and outlet of the detention ponds to determine the effectiveness of the control measures.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

SALT LAKE COUNTY DIVISION OF FLOOD CONTROL
AND
WATER QUALITY

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

REGIÓN VIII, EPA

INTRODUCTION

The Jordan River is the ultimate receiving water for essentially all urban runoff generated in Salt Lake City. The river is designated as water quality limited for the entire length in the county which means that water quality criteria for designated beneficial uses is not presently being met nor will it be met even with application of stringent effluent limitations for point source discharges.

As discussed in the Salt Lake County Area-Wide Water Quality Management Plan, a principal reason for non-attainment of beneficial uses is the adverse impacts from urban runoff pollution. These impacts are not localized-they occur county wide and because of the complexity of the surface hydrologic system in the county, all urban runoff impacts are transferred from one segment to another. Urban runoff pollution generation in one area causes direct impairment of beneficial uses up to 25 miles away.

The purpose of the Salt Lake County NURP project is to build on this early 208 data base and also to demonstrate the effectiveness of control strategies for mitigation of urban runoff pollution of the surface waters of Salt Lake County.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

A. Area

Salt Lake County is bounded on the east by the Wasatch Mountains, on the West by the Oquirrh Mountains and on the south by the Traverse range. The Great Salt Lake is the final receiving water for the north flowing Jordan River and essentially all waters in the county. Streams originating from the Wasatch Front flow westward into the Jordan River, the only natural outlet from Utah Lake in Utah County to the south. No major streams originate from the western side of the valley. The three mountain ranges along with the Great Salt Lake create a virtually enclosed hydrologic basin in the county.

The elevation of the Great Salt Lake is approximately 4200 feet above mean sea level. The Wasatch Front reaches elevations of over 11,000 feet above sea level while the Oquirrh Mountains to the west reach elevations of over 9200 feet. The land surface between these ranges of mountains consists of a series of benches, each of which slopes gradually from the mountains and drops sharply to the next bench.

The Salt Lake Valley has a maximum length of 31 miles and an approximate width of 23 miles. Roughly 65 percent of the 764-square mile County lies within the valley itself with the remaining 35 percent in the surrounding mountainous areas. Approximately half of the mountainous areas are under the management of the U.S. Forest Service.

Figure 2 summarizes the topography of the basin.

Valley geology is largely a product of ancient Lake Bonneville, which through centuries of rising and falling, carved a linear north-south corridor of steep shorelines and associated shore facies. These facies and lacustrine deposits range from cobbly, well drained formations to sandy, silty formations.

The historic drainage of the Jordan River through the valley floor together with its intercepted mountain tributaries carved several fairly deep chasms through layer-upon-layer of deposited floodplain and alluvial formations.

The Jordan River has formed a massive saline delta at the southeastern end of the Great Salt Lake where it deposits eroded material over a large area referred to as "Salt Marsh."

Geologic formations in the valley significantly influence hydrology, particularly with regard to the movement of subsurface water. Artesian pressure is common along fault scarps throughout the valley with numerous springs providing significant gains to both natural and artificial channels. Artesian pressure is prevalent in the Salt Marsh area where seepage from both confined and unconfined aquifer reservoirs surfaces.

The geologic elements of combined alluvium, talus, and till form a well drained association of highly permeable rocks which provide recharge to the aquifer. Municipal and private wells are common in proximity to this recharge area.

Figure 3 provides a summary of geologic conditions in Salt Lake County.

B. Population

Presently, Salt Lake Valley accomodates about 620,000 people, living in approximately 200,000 homes. These homes occupy a total area of about 37,000 acres.

Since 1847, the population of the County has steadily grown until it now serves the intermountain region as a center of commence, industry, communication, medicine, education and finance.

The past and present figures concerning population and land use are shown below:

Year	1960	1970	1980
Population	383,035	458,607	620,000
Household Size	3.5	3.4	3.1
Occupied Dwelling Units	108,007	134,926	200,000
% Population Increase		19.7	35.2

C. Drainage

The major hydrologic features in Salt Lake County consist of surface water and groundwater systems. Surface systems are comprised of a natural tributary drainage system which is intercepted repeatedly by an irrigation canal system constructed after initial settlement of the valley. Natural segments of major tributaries generally flow east to west to the Jordan River while the canal segments generally flow south to north. Subsurface systems consist of confined, unconfined and perched aquifers recharged in areas along the Wasatch Front.

Figure 4 illustrates the major surface water system components of Salt Lake County. Figure 5 shows the extent of the subsurface hydrological regime.

Jordan River & Tributaries

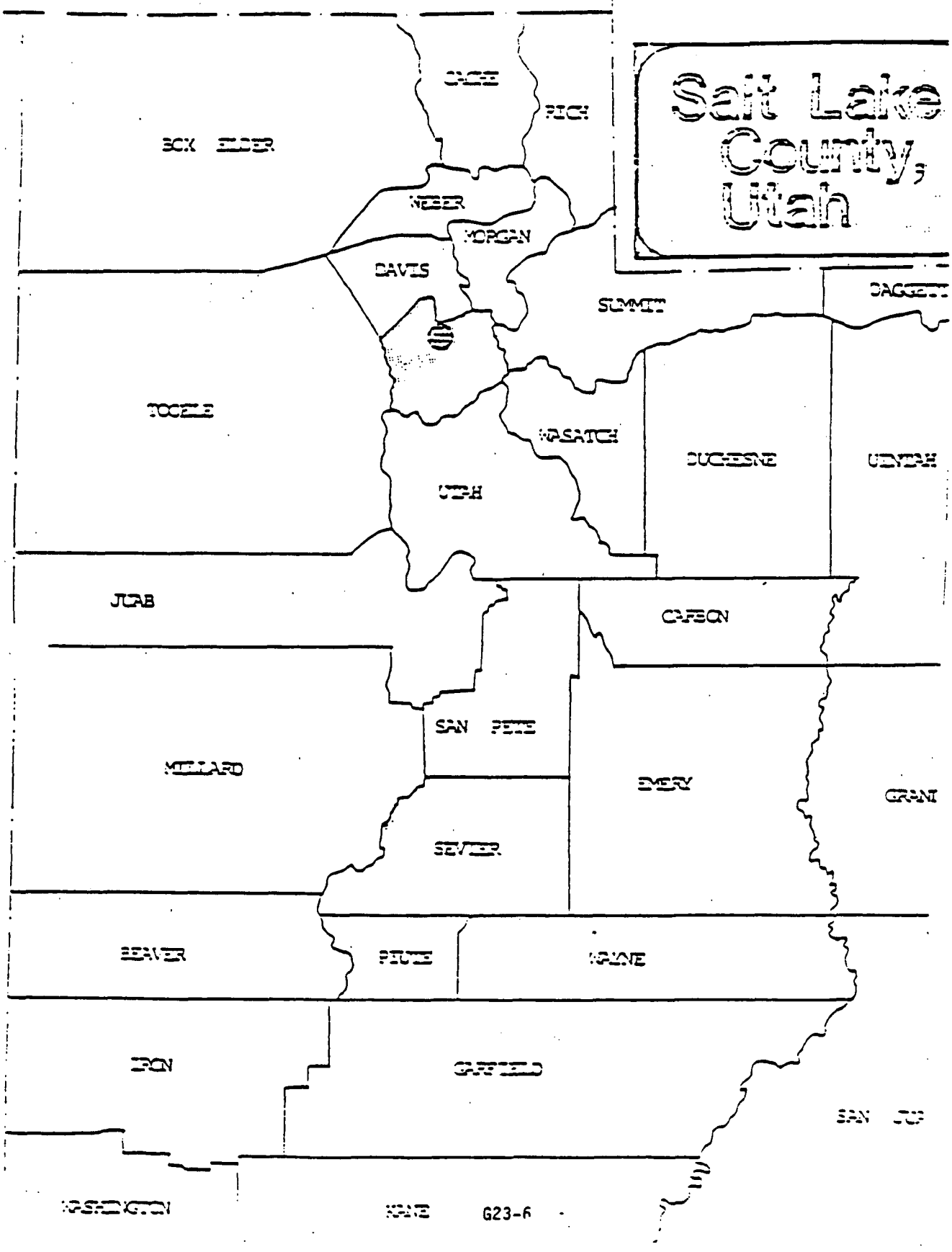
From Utah Lake, the Jordan River meanders approximately 55 river miles northward to the Great Salt Lake. The river gradient is slight, averaging only 5.2 feet per mile. The river flow is supplemented by tributaries entering the river from the east and groundwater flows depleted during the summer by diversions into irrigation canals.

At the Jordan Narrows, ten miles north of Utah Lake (Salt Lake County-Utah County line) the bulk of the river flow is diverted into irrigation canals during the irrigation season (May-September). Flow immediately below the diversion varies from 1400 cfs during spring runoff to no flow during summer months. North of the diversions, the Jordan River meanders through a broad flood plain, gaining flow from groundwater, irrigation returns, URO, and several small area waste-water treatment plants. The 20-mile reach of the river that passes through the Salt Lake City metropolitan area is the receiving water for a large amount of urban runoff. At 2100 South Street, much of the river flow is diverted into the Surplus Canal. This canal was designed to provide for a direct access to Great Salt Lake for flood control purposes protecting downstream areas on the Jordan River. North of Salt Lake City, the river and Surplus Canal flow into marshland areas that feed the Great Salt Lake.

D. Sewerage System

There are no combined sewers in the Salt Lake study area. The drainage is all through storm sewers and canals.

Figure 1



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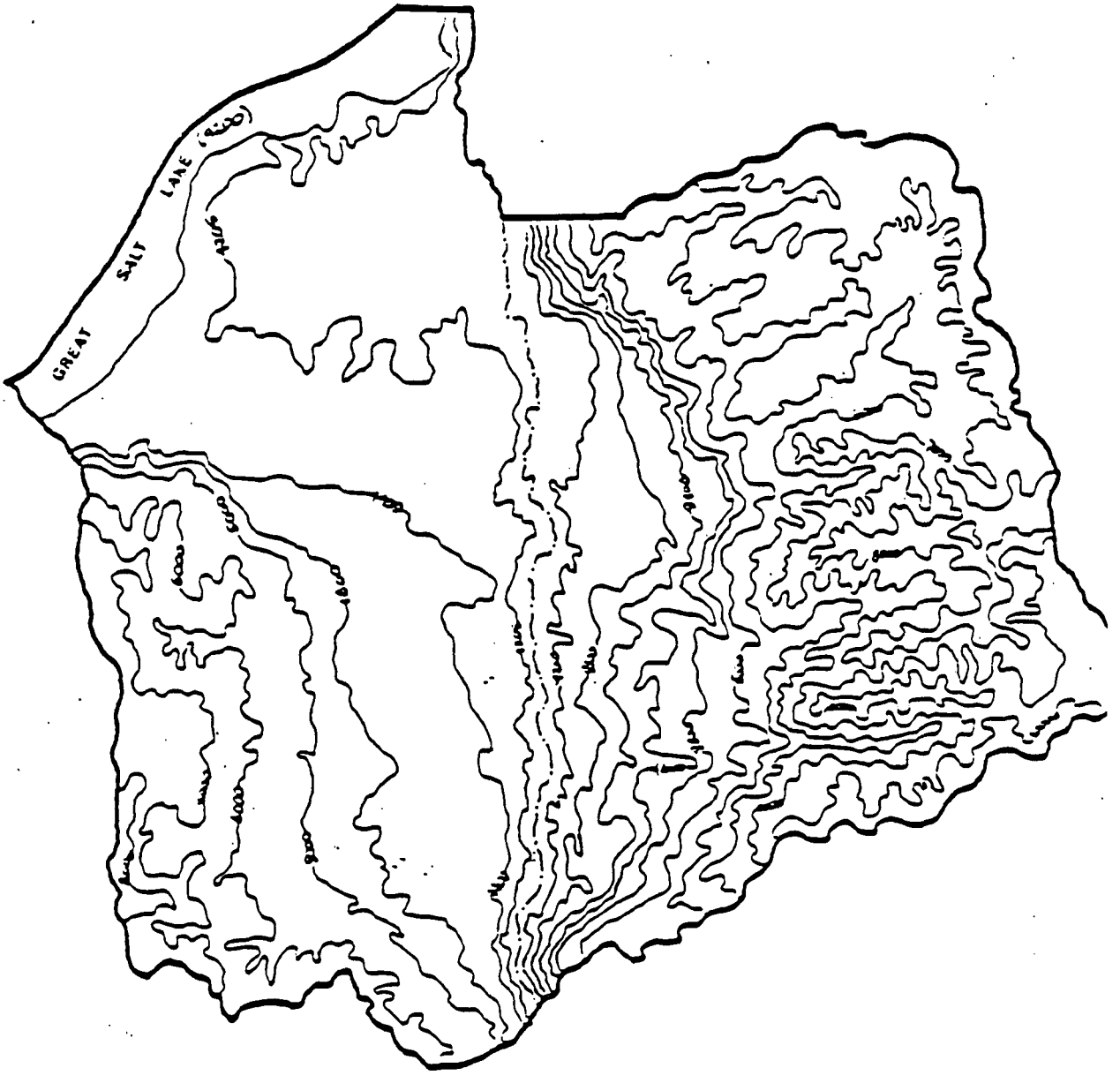

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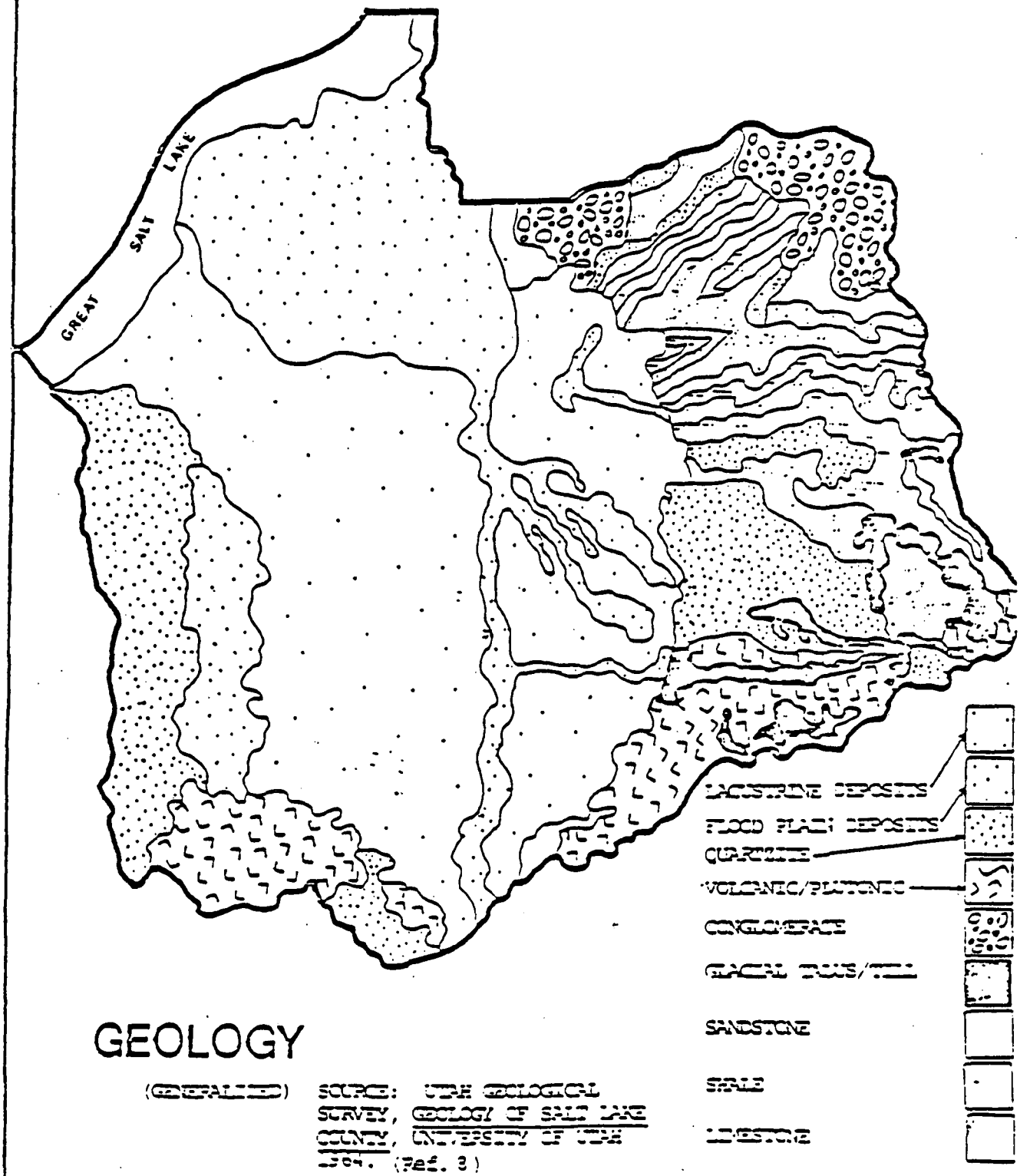
Figure III



GEOLOGY

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Figure IV

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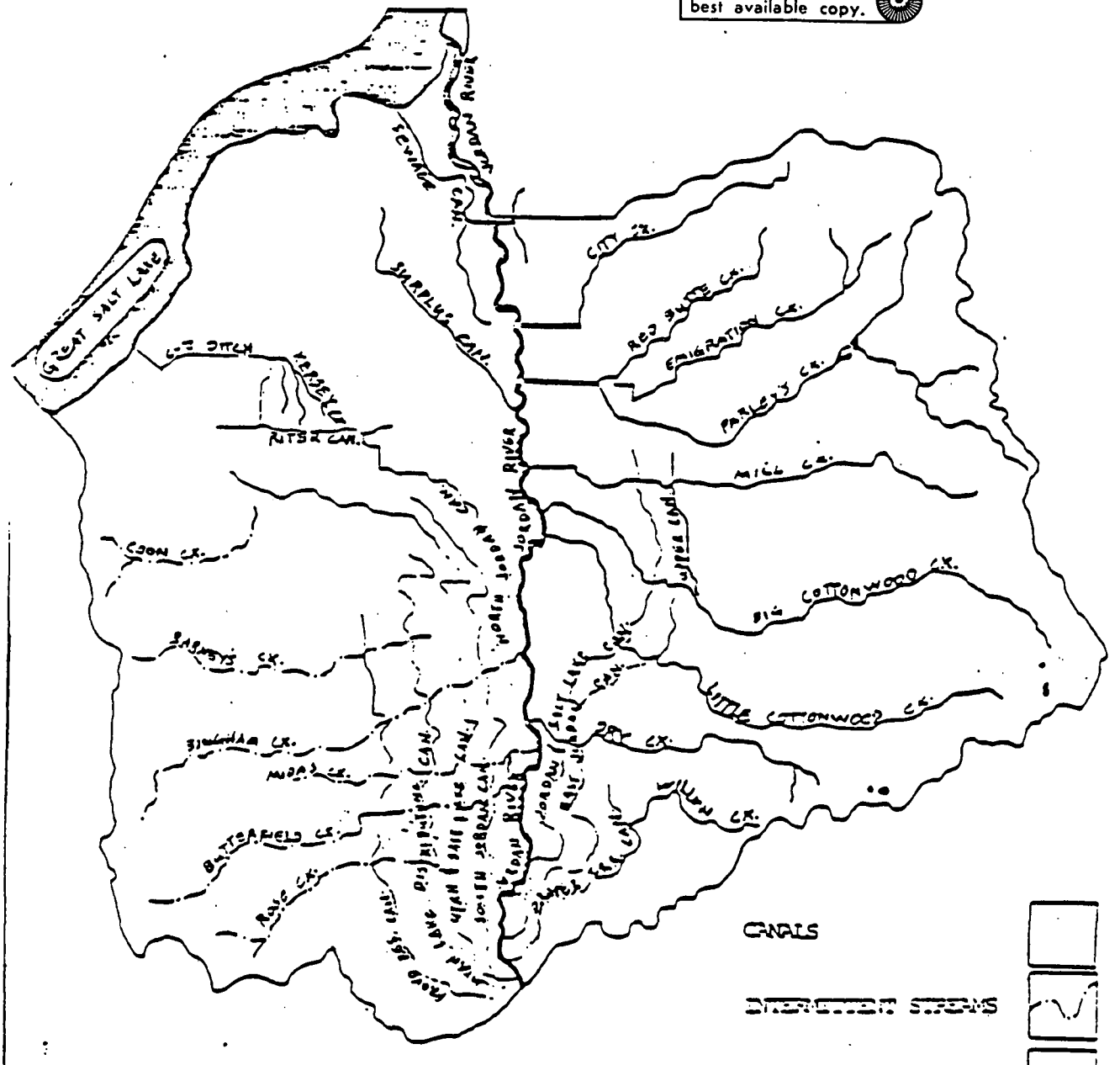

SURFACE HYDROLOGY

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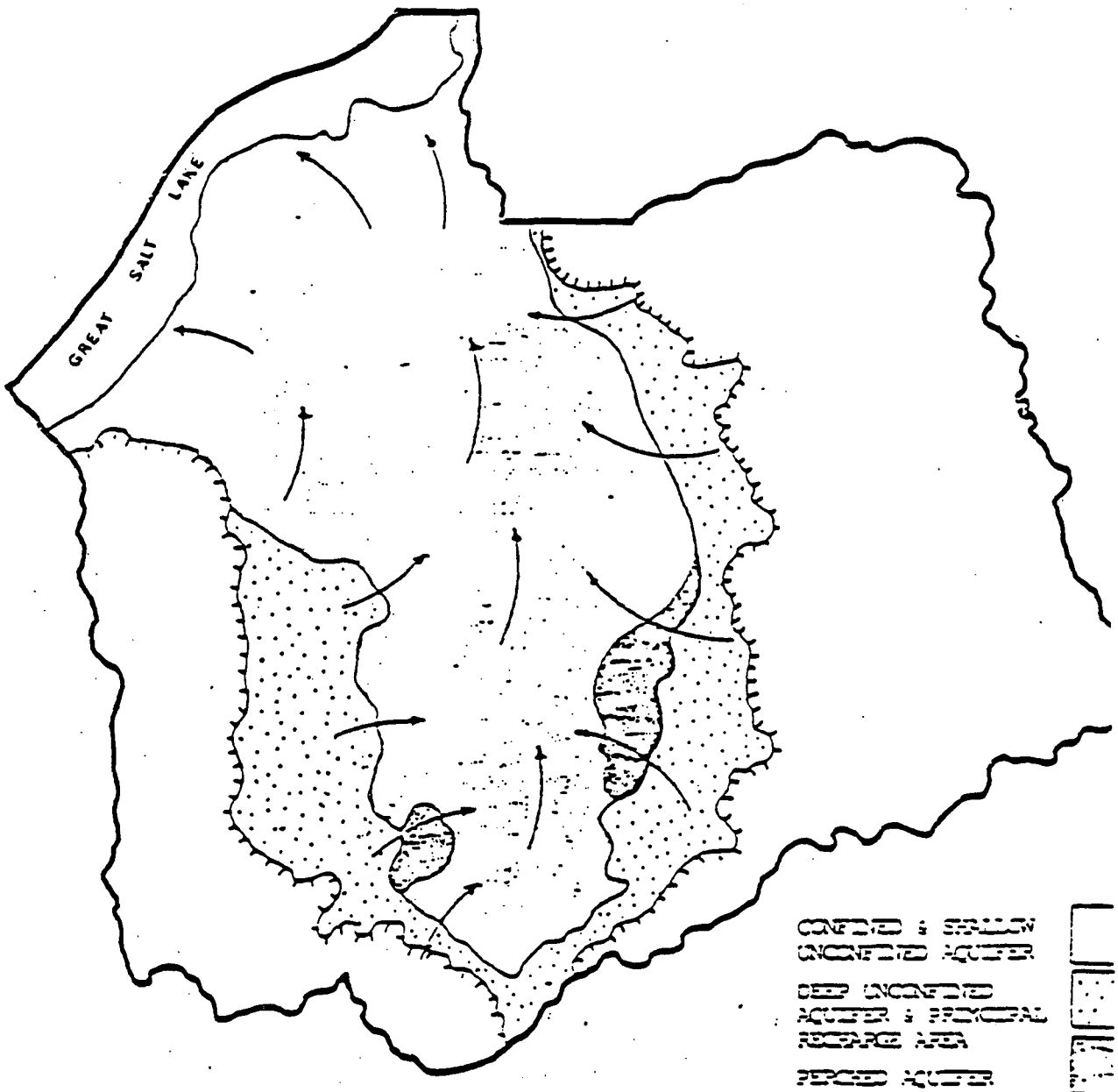

CONFINED & SHALLOW UNCONFINED AQUIFER

DEEP UNCONFINED AQUIFER & PRINCIPAL RECHARGE AREA

PERCHED AQUIFER

DIRECTION OF GROUND-WATER MOVEMENT

APPROXIMATE VALLEY FLOOR - MOUNTAIN BOUNDARY

UNSURVEYED MOUNTAINOUS AREA

SUBSURFACE HYDROLOGY

SOURCE: HEIN, WATER RESOURCES OF SALT LAKE COUNTY. UTAH STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, 1971. (Ref. 12)

PROJECT AREA

There are forty-four (44) assessment sites for the Salt Lake County NURP project. A listing of these sites is included on Table 1.

A map showing the location of the assessment sites is shown in Figure VI.

A description of the atmospheric sampling stations is shown on Table 2. A map showing the location of the atmospheric sampling sites is shown in Figure VII.

The fixed site data information for these sites was not submitted in time for inclusion in the Report.

There are eight (8) actual sampling sites for BMP evaluation. A listing of thes sites is shown on Table 3. Figure VIII locates these sites.

TABLE 1

ASSESMENT SITES AND TYPE OF SAMPLING

STATION NUMBER	STATION LOCATION	STATION IDENTIFICATION	STATION TYPE
1	East Jordan Canal @ Little Cottonwood Creek (upstream)	10167105	WG
2	East Jordan Canal @ Little Cottonwood Creek (downstream)	10167106	WG
3	East Jordan Canal @ Pump House	10167115	PR
4	East Jordan Canal @ Tanner Ditch	10167118	WG
5	Upper Canal @ Tolcate Lane	10167122	WG, AS
6	Upper Canal @ Holladay Drain		
7	Upper Canal @ Wild Rose Lane	10167125	WG, AS
8	Upper Canal @ Mill Creek (upstream)	10167127	SG
9	Upper Canal @ Mill Creek (downstream)	10167128	SG
10	Jordan & Salt Lake Canal @ Little Cottonwood Creek (upstream)	10167141	WG
11	Jordan & Salt Lake Canal @ Little Cottonwood Creek (downstream)	10167142	WG
12	Jordan & Salt Lake Canal @ Big Cottonwood Creek (upstream)	10167145	WG
13	Jordan & Salt Lake Canal @ Big Cottonwood Creek (downstream)	10167146	WG
14	Jordan & Salt Lake Canal @ Mill Creek (upstream)	10167147	WG
15	Jordan & Salt Lake Canal @ Mill Creek (downstream)	10167148	WG
16	Jordan & Salt Lake Canal @ Zenith Ave.	10167149	CG, AS
17	90th South Conduit @ Jordan River	10167240	WG, AS

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ASSESSMENT SITES AND TYPE OF SAMPLING

STATION NUMBER	STATION LOCATION	STATION IDENTIFICATION	STATION TYPE
18	Little Cottonwood Creek @ Canyon Mouth	10167500	WG
19	Little Cottonwood Creek @ 2050 East	10167700	WG
20	Little Cottonwood Creek @ Jordan River	10168000	WG, AS
21	Big Cottonwood Creek @ Canyon Mouth	10168500	WG
22	Big Cottonwood Creek @ Cottonwood Lane	10168800	WG
23	Holladay Drain @ Big Cottonwood Creek	10168840	CG, AS
24	Big Cottonwood Creek @ Jordan River	10169500	WG, AS
25	Mill Creek @ Canyon Mounth	10170000	WG
26	Mill Creek @ Jordan River	10170250	WG, AS
27	2100 South Conduit @ Jordan River	10170900	CG, AS
28	Parley's Creek @ Canyon Mouth	10171600	WG
29	13th South Conduit @ Jordan River	10171801 Pre-1981 1017235L Post-1981	WG CG, AS
	(SOUTH CONDUIT)		
30	13th South Conduit @ Jordan River	10171802 Pre-1981 10172352 Post-1982	CG, AS
	(NORTH CONDUIT)		
31	Emigration Creek @ Canyon Mouth	10172000	WG
32	Red Butte Creek @ Fort Douglas (below reservoir)	10172220	WG

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ASSESSMENT SITES AND TYPE OF SAMPLING

STATION NUMBER	STATION LOCATION	STATION IDENTIFICATION	STATION TYPE
33	City Creek @ Canyon Mouth	10172500	WG
34	8th South Conduit @ Jordan River	10172511 Pre-1981 10172371 Post-1981	CG, AS
	(SOUTH CONDUIT)		
35	8th South Conduit @ Jordan River	10172512 Pre-1981 10172372 Post-1981	CG, AS
	(MIDDLE CONDUIT)		
36	8th South Conduit @ Jordan River	10172513 Pre-1981 10172373 Post-1981	CG, AS
	(NORTH CONDUIT)		
37	North Temple Conduit @ Jordan River	10172520	CG, AS
38	Neff Creek @ Canyon Mouth		SG
39	Jordan River @ Narrows	10167001	WG, AS
40	Jordan River @ 90th South	10167230	WG, AS
41	Jordan River @ 58th South	10167300	WG, AS
42	Jordan River @ 17th South	10171000	WG, AS
43	Jordan River @ 5th North	10172550	WG, AS
44	Decker Lake Outfall	10170350	SG

*STATION TYPE

WG = well gage, recording
PR = pump records, intermittent records
AS = automatic sampler
SG = staff gage, non-recording
CG = conduit gage (Marsh-McBirney type), recording

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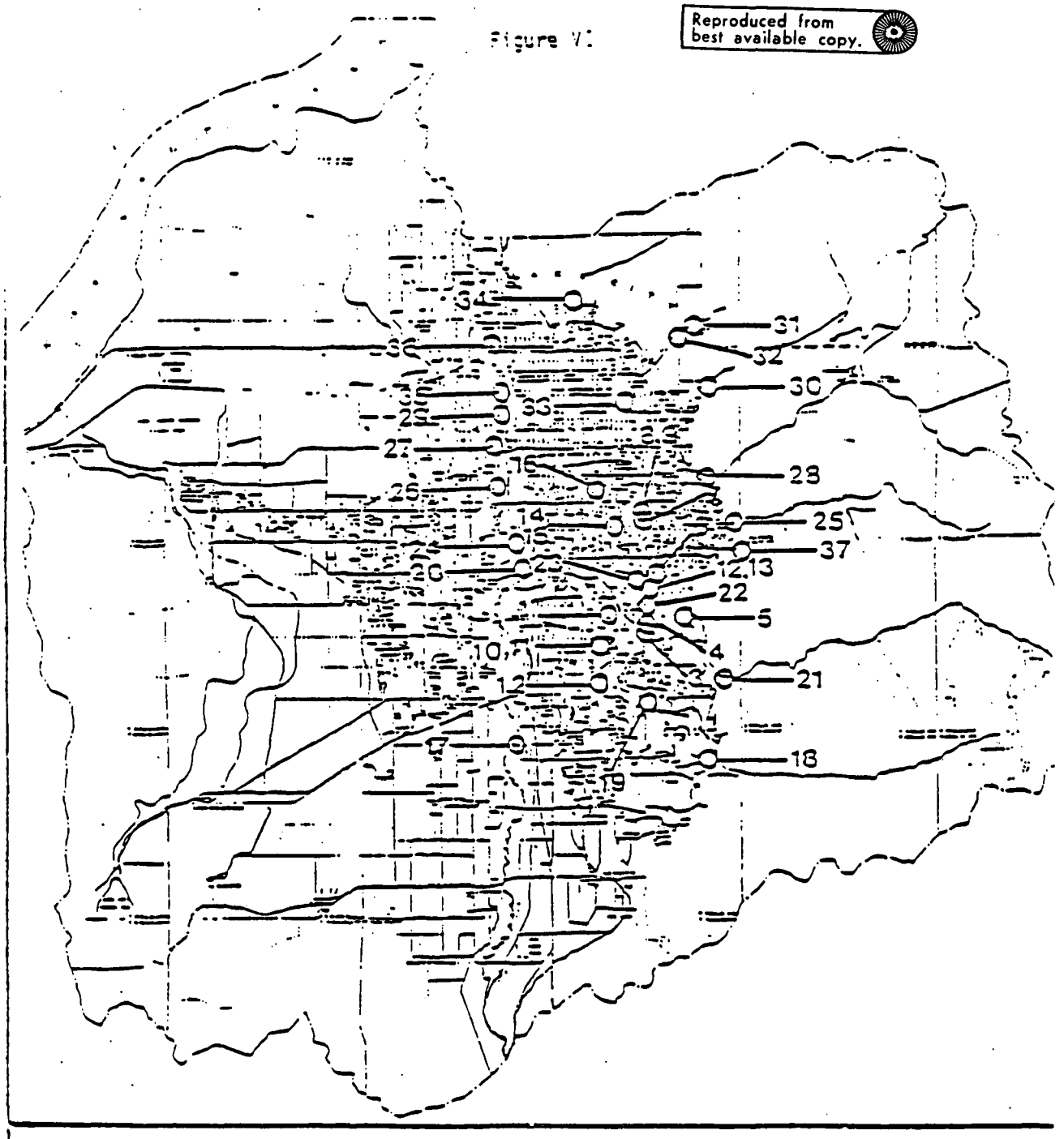
Figure VI



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LOCATION OF NURP ASSESSMENT SITES.

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Proposed under Section 208 of the 1977 Clean Water Act, as amended.

TABLE 2

DESCRIPTION OF ATMOSPHERIC SAMPLING STATIONS

STATION NUMBER	STATION LOCATION	STATION IDENTIFICATION	STATION TYPE
A-1	Dixie Valley Atmospheric	403758111585501	RR, AD (#49)
A-2	Bell Canyon Atmospheric	40330611514201	RR, AD
A-3	Fire Station #7 Atmospheric	40463211551001	RR, AD
A-4	USGS Administration Bldg Atmospheric	404356111562400	RR, AD
A-5	Sandy Public Works Atmospheric	403538111543101	RR, AD
A-6	Fort Douglas Atmospheric	404600111493801	RR, AD
A-7	Liberty Park Atmospheric	404442111523000	RR
A-8	Suburban Sanitary District No. 1 Atmospheric	404220111544300	RR
A-9	Murray Sewage Treatment Plant Atmospheric	404024111541300	RR
A-10	Murray Vine Street Atmospheric	403829111514500	RR
A-11	Salt Lake Airport Atmospheric	404636111572800	RR
A-12	Salt Lake Downtown Atmospheric	404607111530700	RR
A-13	University of Utah Atmospheric	404600111505000	RN
A-14	Eighth South Atmospheric	10172510	RR
A-15	Foothill Post Office Atmospheric	404355111500100	RN
A-16	Salt Lake City #42 Atmospheric	404205111500600	RN
A-17	I-215 @ Mill Creek Atmospheric	404138111474300	RR
A-18	Olympus Cove Atmospheric	404034111463700	RR
A-19	Holladay Drain Atmospheric	10168840	RR (#2)
A-20	I-215 @ 1050 West Atmospheric	403818111551000	RR

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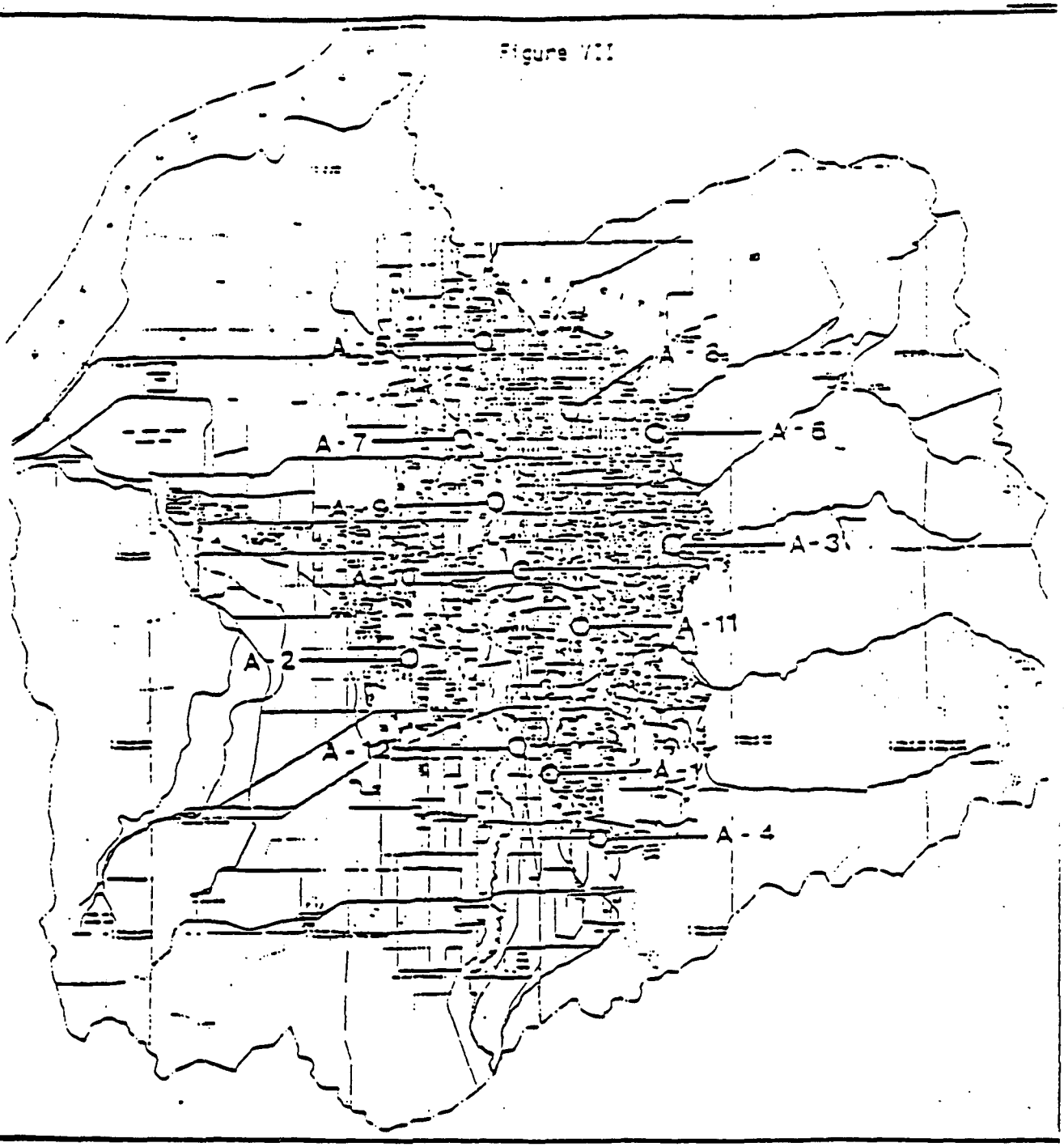
STATION NUMBER	STATION LOCATION	STATION IDENTIFICATION	STATION TYPE
A-21	Cottonwood Weir Atmospheric	403708111465800	RN
A-22	Union Atmospheric	403602111510600	RN
A-23	Little Cottonwood Plant Atmospheric	403512111475600	RN

*RR = Rainfall, recording
RN = Rainfall, non-recording
AD = Atmospheric wet-and dry-fall deposition

Figure VII



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LOCATION OF ATMOSPHERIC SAMPLING STATIONS.

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TABLE 3

SAMPLING SITES AT BMP LOCATIONS

STATION NUMBER	STATION LOCATION	STATION IDENTIFICATION	STATION* TYPE
B-1 **	Overland flow BMP Inlet @ Jordan River (90th South)	10167240	WG, AS
B-2	Overland flow BMP Outlet @ Jordan (Bell Canyon)	10167244	WG, AS
B-3	Public Education/Information BMP (Jackson Comm)	10167220	WG, AS
B-4	Catch Basin Modification BMP (Dixie Valley)	10172552	CG, AS
B-5 to	Detention Basin Modification BMP		CG. AS
B-7	(COMBINED INLETS (3) (Dixie Valley)		
B-8	Detention Basin Modification BMP (Outlet)	10167184	CG, AS

*Station Type
WG = well gage, recording
AS = Automatic sampler
CG = Conduit gage, recording (Marsh-McBirney type)

** Also listed as Assessment Site

PROBLEM

A. Local Definition

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The valley segments of Jordan River tributaries are also designated water quality limited. These stream segments are intermediate receiving waters for urban runoff and could account for the water quality limited designation.

The 208 Area-Wide Water Quality Management Plan states that a principal reason for non-attainment of beneficial uses are the adverse impacts from urban runoff pollution. These impacts are not localized, they occur county-wide. Because of the complexity of the surface hydrologic system in the county, all urban runoff impacts are transferred from one segment to another. Urban runoff pollution generation in one area causes direct impairment of beneficial uses up to 25 miles away.

There are four major sources of urban runoff data in the Salt Lake County area, prior to NURP. The most complete investigation of urban runoff pollution was presented by Jou in 1974 Master's thesis. Four important conclusions from this study are 1) urban runoff from storms has a more detrimental impact on the Jordan River than do daily loads from secondary wastewater treatment plants, 2) BOD and suspended solid concentrations are greater than those from "typical" urban areas, 3) average coliform numbers increase exponentially with population density, and 4) suspended solid loads in Salt Lake City storm sewer discharges are much greater than discharges from San Francisco's combined sewers.

Other studies also showed that urban runoff from the Salt Lake City area contributes to the already high pollutant loads in the Jordan River. Flow values were not recorded in the other studies.

B. Local Perception

The U.S. Geological Survey and the Salt Lake County Public Works Department-Division of Flood Control and Water Quality have taken a big interest in this project. Funds were committed by both agencies in an effort to define the urban runoff problem as well as understand the hydrologic system in Salt Lake County.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Major Objective

The Salt Lake City NURP program can conceptually be broken down into three phases: problem assessment, control facility design, and control facility evaluation. Problem assessment consisted of monitoring flow and quality of urban runoff, monitoring the Jordan River and irrigation canals. These sites were monitored during dry and wet weather conditions. Additionally, several control facility sites are being monitored for determination of design criteria and evaluation of effectiveness. Atmospheric contribution to urban runoff, both quantity and quality, is being monitored at various stations within and/or adjacent to control facility drainage boundaries. Discharge is continuously monitored at forty stations. Atmospheric quantity is continuously monitored at twenty-three atmospheric sites. Atmospheric quality is monitored on a specific storm basis at six sites. Eight thunderstorm events and including snowfall-snowmelt events were monitored at twenty-eight quality sites (including USGS Jordan River Stations).

Four control strategies were evaluated for effectiveness in abating urban runoff pollution. These BMP's are 1) Modification of existing detention basin, 2) Modification of storm drain catch basins, 3) Public information/education, and 4) Overland flow. Control effectiveness evaluation parameters include reduction in pollutants, cost of control, transferrability to other parts of the county and implementability.

The USGS also has a river quality assessment study ongoing in Salt Lake County. This study is concentrating on groundwater and surface hydrology systems of the county to the extent that they are not duplicated but thay they are in concert with the NURP project.

B. Methodologies

The assessment portion of the project was run for approximately one and one-half years. In addition, low flow winter and summer conditions were monitored for background conditions. A very detailed and complete list of constituents was monitored for as shown below. After initial assessment sampling, a reduced list was agreed upon:

PARAMETER LIST

Particle Size Analysis*
TS*
TDS
TSS
pH
Temperature

COD
Fecal Coliform*
Fecal Streptococcus*
Hardness
Non-Carbonate Hardness

Ca (d)
Mg (d)
Na (d) (%)
SAR
K (d)

Alkalinity
SO_4 (d)
Cl (d)
F (d)
SiO_2 (d)

NO_3 (t) (d)
NO_2 (td)
$NO_2 + NO_3$ (t)
NH_3 (t) (d)
Organic N (d)
N (T)
P (t) (d)
O-PO_4 (d)*

Ba (d)
Be (d)
Cd (tr) (sr) (d)
Cr (tr) (d)
Co (d)
Cu (tr) (d)
Fe (d)
Pb (tr) (d)
Li (d)
Mn (d)
Mo (d)
Ag (tr)
Sr (d)
V (d)
Zn (tr) (sr) (d)

NOTES: * = Not run for all stations and all sample dates. Most of other analyses run for all sites at least for 1/2 the samples collected.

(d) = dissolved
(t) = total
(tr) = total recoverable
(sr) = suspended recoverable

All stream gaging sites were continuously monitored for quantity. All storm drain gaging sites were continuously monitored for quantity and quality to the extent possible.

There are eight actual sampling sites for BMP's. These include the influent and effluent for the overland flow site, 3 influent and 1 effluent sites at a detention basin, a public education BMP, and catchbasin modification, (see Table 3). Following is a brief discussion of each of these sites.

1) Overland Flow - 90th South

This BMP, at the outlet of the 90th South storm drain conduit the Jordan River, will also be monitored for assessment purposes. The concept is to divert runoff onto a spreading area, allow natural processes to treat runoff much the same as in overland flow treatment of wastewater, and to monitor quality of the runoff before discharge to the Jordan River.

Atmospheric contribution of both wet and dryfall quality and quantity is monitored at a location adjacent to the drainage area.

2) Detention Basin Modification - Dixie Valley

The relatively large detention basin located in the Dixie Valley Subdivision in West Jordan City was modified to make essentially all flows pass through the basin. As the basin was designed only flows greater than the capacity of an underground pipe system flowed through the basin. Modification included the blockage of three pipes in the system and forcing runoff up through a grated "bubble-up" box. Monitoring includes quality and quantity instrumentation at three inlets and at one outlet location before discharge to an open ditch. Atmospheric contribution of both wet and dry fall quality and quantity is measured at a location within the basin.

3) Public Education/Information - Bell Canyon

The strategy for this BMP is to monitor runoff quality for two one year periods, one pre-BMP period and one post-BMP period. Atmospheric quantity and quality is monitored at a station located within the basin.

The public education program will mainly take place via personal contact, literature distribution, neighborhood meetings and workshops. These are to be held where intensive information exchange will be the target approach.

4) Catchbasin Modification - Jackson Community

Salt Lake City constructed a drainage system on 900 West Street in the Jackson Community area of the city. Sixteen catchbasins in the system have been designed to include a three foot sump below the flow line of the pipe system. These sumps are filled with sand and capped with asphalt to affect a depth of flow at 0.0 feet below the

flow line of the pipe system. After one year of monitoring, the sand and asphalt will be removed, baffles and floatable traps installed, and another one year period of monitoring undertaken. Atmospheric contributions of both wet and dryfall quantity and quality will be monitored by an instrument station near the drainage area.

The results of the BMP analysis will be presented as 1) urban runoff quantity and quality without control, 2) urban runoff quantity and quality after implementation of controls, 3) total and percent reduction of pollutant constituents, 4) costs of implementation of controls, 5) cost per total and percent reduction of pollutant constituents, and 6) cost-effectiveness of each of the controls. The results of the evaluation of control strategies will ultimately be incorporated into an update of the Area-Wide Water Quality Management Plan to be used county-wide.

C. Monitoring

Nineteen of the twenty-eight quality sites are equipped with automatic sampling equipment. These stations have the standard USGS setup which consists of well/float or Marsh-McBirney flow monitors and Manning Samplers. Six Marsh-McBirne units are used in conjunction with 3 System Control Units. Atmospheric stations consist of tipping bucket or weighing bucket rain gages and atmospheric fallout collection buckets if so noted.

BMP evaluation sites are also equipped with Marsh-McBirney or well/float meters, Manning Samplers, System Control Units and rain gages. A control structure for measuring flow is also available at each site. The U.S. Geological Survey is performing the sampling. Discrete samples were taken for the first year of monitoring at the assessment sites. Due to budget constraints it was decided that composite samples would be collected for the remainder of the project.

D. Controls

For a detailed description of the Best Management Practices to be monitored, see Section B.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

SIXTH DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

RAPID CITY, SD

REGION VIII, EPA

INTRODUCTION

Urban runoff from the Rapid City area has been recognized as a problem for many years, and serious quantitative efforts to better define the problem began in 1975. Data have been generated through both the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and the Sixth District Council of Local Governments.

Past studies in the Rapid City area evaluated the runoff from the Meade St. drainage basin, a developed area which has a contributing drainage area of 1,723 acres. The da showed that the runoff from the watershed contained a high concentration of solids and organic material. According to the data, the runoff from the this one area contribute about half as much COD to the receiving stream during June of 1975 as the continuous effluent from the Rapid City municipal wastewater treatment plant. The city felt that this could be a serious water quality problem considering that Rapid Creek is a high-quality, cold-water trout fishery.

Additional data collected under the 208 work showed that water quality in Rapid Creek met the strict water quality standards for a trout fishery during normal low flow conditions, but the water quality standards are violated during runoff events.

The Rapid City NURP project was proposed to better define the impact of urban discharges and determine if it is necessary to meet in-stream water quality standards during runoff events.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

A. Area

Rapid City is located in Pennington County in western South Dakota, in the center of the Sixth District. It is situated approximately 400 miles north of Denver and 650 miles west of Minneapolis. Rapid City contains the majority of the economic activity of the District. One third of Sixth District's population resides in Rapid City proper.

Rapid City is surrounded by contrasting landforms, with the forested Black Hills rising immediately west of the City and rolling prairies extending out in the other three directions. From 40 to 70 miles southeast lie the eroded Badlands. The Black Hills, many of which are more than 5,000 feet above sea level, with a number of peaks above 7,000 feet, exert a pronounced influence on the climate.

Rapid City experiences wide temperature fluctuations, both daily and seasonal, that are typical of semi-arid continental climates.

Rapid City contains about 18.7 square miles of land of which approximately 67 percent is developed. Development is relatively compact and is generally concentrated east of the ridge running north-south; more recent growth has extended the developed area west of the ridge and also to the southeast. Although there is growth occurring within the City limits, growth adjacent to the City limits is greater.

B. Population

The population of Rapid City was 13,844 persons in 1940. The following two decades were periods of great growth for the City. In 1950, the population was 25,310; and by 1960, it grew to 42,399. During the decade of 1960-1970, population growth rate in the City declined to 3.4 percent, resulting in a population of 43,836 in 1970. A 1973 estimate by the Bureau of Census calculated Rapid City's population to be 47,210. The final 1980 census data shows the Rapid City population to be 46,492.

C. Drainage

Rapid Creek originates within the Black Hills from snowmelt, springs, and forest land runoff. A large reservoir (Pactola) located 20 miles upstream from Rapid City provides flood control and a municipal water supply. Rapid Creek has the characteristics of a relatively large mountain stream, normally flowing at a rapid rate as it meanders over a rocky bottom. There are no known point sources of pollution on Rapid Creek upstream from Rapid City. Activity along the creek, housing developments, construction activities, and storn water discharges all contribute to diminished water quality as the stream progresses.

The Meade Street drainage is one of the major contributors of pollutants to Rapid Creek. The drainage area is in a developed urban area in southeast Rapid City. The Meade Street drainage channel drains more than 20% of the Rapid City area.

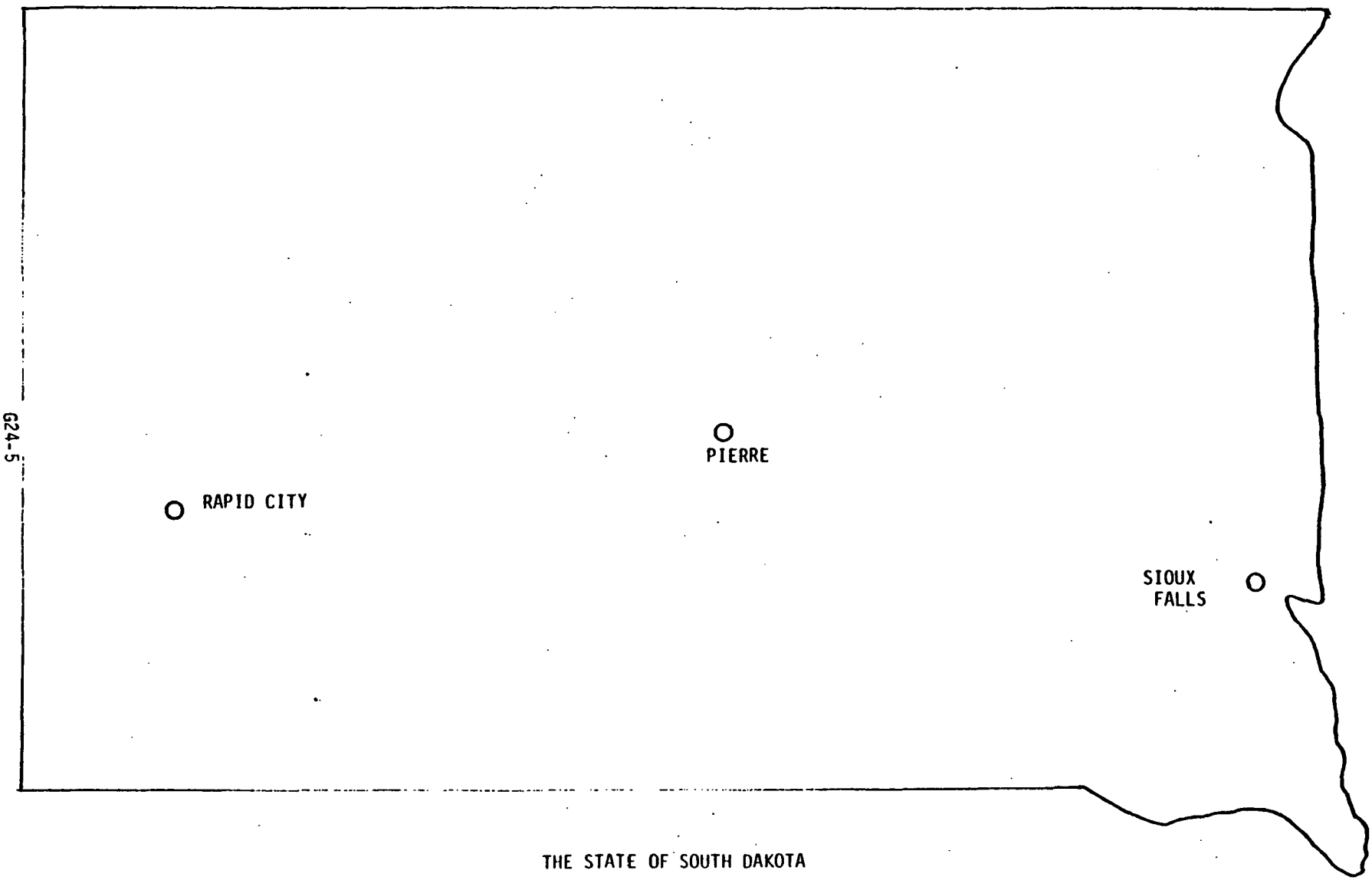
Below Rapid City, extending out onto the prairie, Rapid Creek becomes a more sluggish stream as its slope and velocity decrease. The major point discharge in the area occurs approximately 13 stream miles below Rapid City and consists of treated effluent from the Rapid City Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant. This plant employs a trickling filter for biological treatment, but does not provide for the removal of phosphorus from the wastewater.

Several non-point discharges occur downstream from agriculture areas and numerous septic systems have been identified adjacent to the Creek.

Extreme variations in flow have been recorded in Rapid Creek. Normal dry weather flows in the summer are of the 20 to 40 cfs magnitude. Runoff events, with flows exceeding 1,000 cfs, can be expected during the study. Flows in excess of 10,000 cfs have been documented.

D. Sewerage

The major system in the urban area of Rapid City is a separate sewer system. There are no combined sewers in the area. In some of the trailer parks outside of town, septic tanks are widely used.



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PROJECT AREA

I. Catchment Name - Rapid Creek above Canyon Lake (06412500)

A. Area - 33,574 acres.

B. Land Use

1,340 acres (4%) is Residential
32,234 acres (96%) is Forest
<.01% is impervious

II. Catchment Name - Rapid Creek above Water Treatment Plant at Rapid City (06413700)

A. Area - 20,877 acres.

B. Land Use

3,340 acres (16%) is Residential
1,043 acres (5%) is urban parkland, open space, institutional, etc.
16,494 acres (85%) is Natural Grassland
1% imperviousness in entire drainage area

III. Catchment Name - Rapid Creek at Rapid Creek, South (06414000)

A. Area - 3,872 acres

B. Land Use

77 acres (2%) is Residential
503 acres (13%) is urban, commercial
194 acres (5%) is Industrial
774 acres (20%) is urban parkland, open space, institutional, etc.
2,324 acres (6%) is Natural Grassland
2% imperviousness in entire drainage area

IV. Catchment Name - Rapid Creek at East Main Street (06414700)

A. Area - 3,540 acres

B. Land Use

1,274 acres (36%) is Residential
496 acres (14%) is Commercial
531 acres (15%) is urban parkland, open space, institutional, etc.
1,239 acres (35%) is Natural Grassland
18% imperviousness in entire drainage area

V. Catchment Name - Rapid Creek below Hawthorn Ditch (0641600)

A. Area - 1,606 acres

B. Land Use

418 acres (26%) is Commercial
321 acres (20%) is Residential
562 acres (35%) is urban parkland, open space, institutional, etc.
305 acres (19%) is Grassland and Agricultural
10% imperviousness in entire drainage area

VI. Catchment Name - Meade Street Drain at Rapid City (06416300)

A. Area - 1,760 acres

B. Land Use

968 acres (55%) is Residential
123 acres (7%) is Commercial
423 acres (24%) is Natural Grassland and Forest
246 acres (14%) is Urban Under Construction
19% imperviousness in entire drainage area

Note: The entire fixed site data base was not submitted in time for inclusion in this report.

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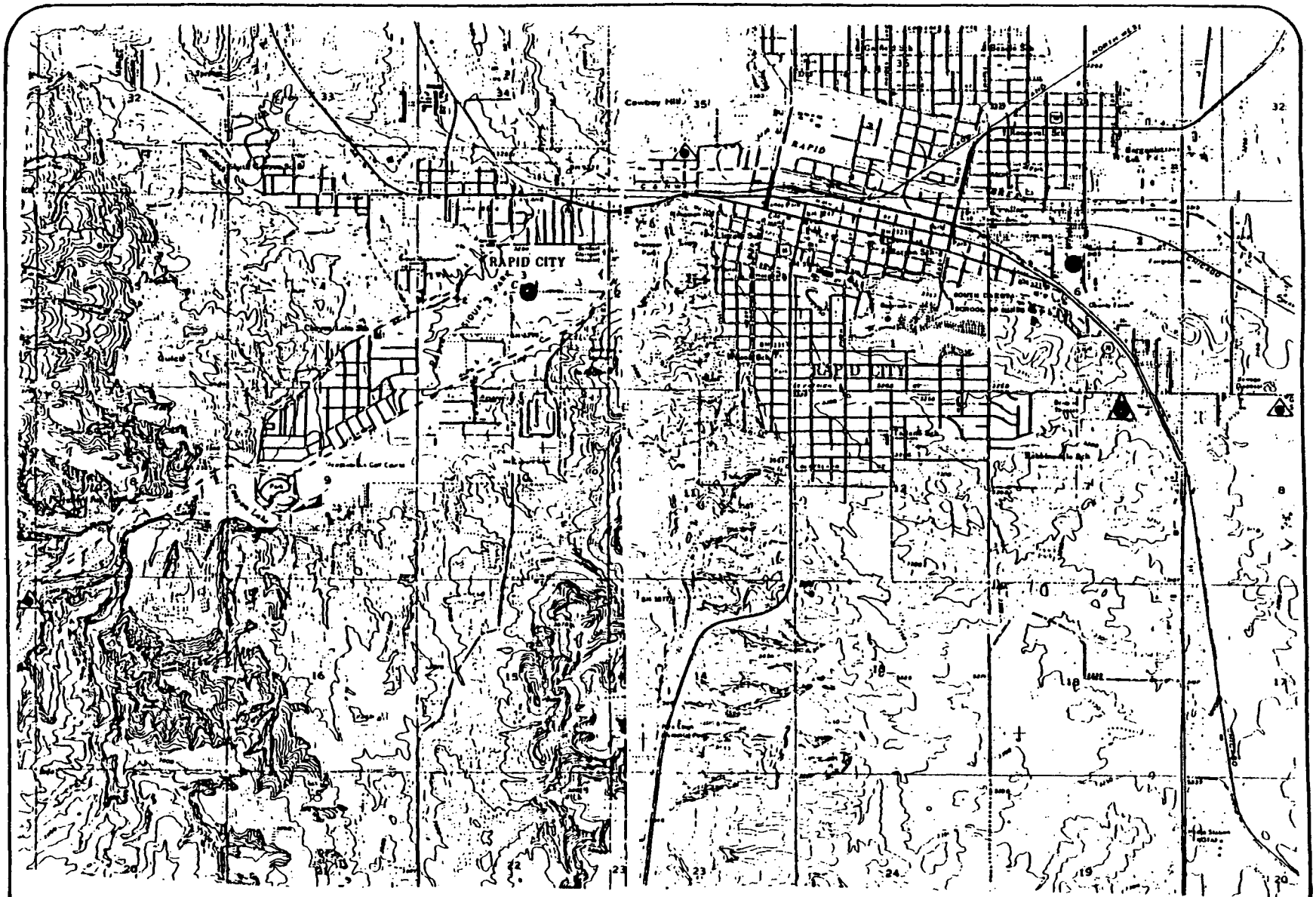


RAPID CITY, S.D. MONITORING SITES

PROBLEM

A. Local Definition

From past work done under 208, the Sixth District Council of Governments feels that urban runoff from the Rapid City area into Rapid Creek causes a water pollution problem. The stream water quality standards are not met during storm events. The significance of these standard violations, however, is not clear. Also, the extent that urban runoff affects the trout fishery, the food chain, and species migration is undefined.

The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks is trying to maintain a trout fishery in Rapid Creek and needs to know the effects of urban runoff. The city of Rapid City is interested in knowing what is now being flushed into the stream. They also need to know what effects, if any, certain structural practices such as metering dams and storm sewer discharges, have with respect to water quality changes. The city is looking for management options for potential implementation measures.

B. Local Perception

The State of South Dakota had recommended that the immersion recreation classification for Rapid Creek be deleted - but that the present fishery classification remain - warm water semi-permanent. The City has requested that the fishery classification be lowered to warm water marginal and the immersion recreation classification be deleted.

Hearings were held on the reclassification which generated much public awareness and interest. A brief history will help clarify the city's interest in the problem.

Rapid Creek is classified as a warm water semi-permanent fish life propagation, immersion recreation, limited contact recreation, irrigation, wildlife propagation and stock watering stream. Since Rapid City received their discharge permit on January 30, 1979, extensive research and evaluation have determined that it will require quite a large expenditure to meet the requirements which exist in the discharge permit. The city is concerned that if millions of dollars are required to meet the discharge permit then measurable benefits should be obtained downstream for the money spent.

The Sixth District Council of Governments is interested in finding out the significance of non-point sources in relation to the point sources (the wastewater treatment plant). Sixth District feels that if they are going to ask the City to clean the wastewater treatment plant to the ultimate degree they better be sure that they are going to have a clean stream afterwards. If non-point sources are a major contributor of pollutants, then maybe a tradeoff could be made.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Major Objective

From past work under 208 it is felt by the local people that urban runoff from the Rapid City area into Rapid Creek causes a water pollution problem. The stream water quality standards are not met during storm events. The Rapid City NURP project was proposed to better define the impact of urban discharges. The city is interested in knowing if it is necessary to meet in-stream water quality standards during runoff events.

The major objectives of the project are to characterize the impacts of urban runoff into Rapid Creek from rainfall and snowmelt runoff and to evaluate the effects of the runoff on a high quality, cold water fishery. Secondary objectives are to assess the value of in-stream water quality standards as related to water quality during storm events and to assess the impact of urban runoff on downstream beneficial uses.

B. Methodologies

The data collected in the NURP study will undergo analysis by various statistical and modeling techniques. Two levels will be used: regression analysis to determine relationships between a dependent and one or more independent variables, and modeling to determine and define the processes responsible for the volume and characteristics of precipitation runoff.

Three forms of regression analysis will be applied. First, relationships between discrete observations will be observed and correlation coefficients will be developed (ex: ammonia concentration and stream discharge). Second, storm event multiple linear regression will be used to relate storm yields to selected basin and storm characteristics. This will identify the most important independent variables and indicate how they relate to storm yields. Third, long term multiple linear regression will be used to relate annual precipitation to annual loading of Rapid Creek. Regression analysis will be accomplished by using the Statistical Analysis System (SAS).

Detailed modeling will be limited to the Meade Street basin. The two models to be used are 1) Distributed Routing Rainfall-Runoff Model (DR_3M) and 2) DR_3M-QUAL. The DR_3M provides detailed simulation of a storm runoff hydrograph from short time interval rainfall data. DR_3M-QUAL is an urban runoff quality model which is linked with DR_3M. Both models were developed by USGS.

C. Monitoring

Six monitoring stations have been selected, with 5 of them actually being in the creek. Following is a short description of each monitoring site selected:

Station #1 This station is located at the USGS gaging station on Rapid Creek at the west edge of the city. This station was selected as a background water quality station on the creek before significant urbanization occurs.

Station #2 This station is located on Rapid Creek, in the western part of town below some major urban discharges.

Station #3 A station on Rapid Creek near the center of Rapid City. This site will catch all the drainage from western Rapid City plus any drainage from the Cement Plant and limestone quarries.

Station #4 This station is also on the creek and will catch the drainage from both the downtown area and north Rapid City. The stream is a little flatter in this part of town and meanders are more frequent.

Station #5 This station is on Rapid Creek to help determine the stream water quality as Rapid Creek exits the community.

Station #6 This is the only end of pipe site in the project. (Station is located on the Meade Street drainage channel). The Meade Street drainage channel drains over 20 percent of the Rapid City land area.

See the enclosed map for location of these sites.

Stations 1, 3, 5 and 6 are fully equipped with automatic flow measuring and sampling equipment. Stations 2 and 4 have flow measuring devices but manual sampling will be done. At the stations with automatic sampling equipment, the standard USGS setup is used. This setup includes a System Control Unit which controls the functioning of the system and processes data received from rain gages, stage sensor and pump sampler, a digital recorder, a Manning water sampler, and a freezer for cooling samples.

Atmospheric deposition samples will be collected at two sites using Aerochem Metrics Model 301 samplers.

Water quality samples will be composited according to flow and sent to the lab for anlaysis.

D. Controls

Best Management Practices may be evaluated but this will not be done until later on in the project.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

CASTRO, CALIFORNIA

REGION IX, EPA

INTRODUCTION

The San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary is the single most important water body in the State of California. More than one-half of all of California's fishery resources either live in or directly depend on the Bay Delta Estuary for their survival. San Francisco Bay also provides scenic beauty and recreation to over 5 million people who live near its shore (California State Water Resources Control Board, 1980).

San Francisco Bay is the dominant feature and primary receiving water of the Bay-Delta system. Assessment of the water quality impact on San Francisco Bay from stormwater runoff is difficult because of the drainage from its vast tributary area. The Bay-Delta system receives runoff from about 40% of the land area of California, or about 63,000 sq. mi. About 3200 sq. mi. of the region drains directly to San Francisco Bay.

Castro Valley Creek and many other Bay Area creeks with similar flow volumes can be considered "urban feeder creeks". These may be characterized as having low summer flows and large winter flow variations and providing some natural habitats. It probably is not economically feasible to improve these creeks to a fishable/swimmable status.

Castro Valley, the study area for this project, is a small watershed considered typical of residential basins in the San Francisco Bay Delta Region (Sylvester, 1978). The U.S. Geological Survey and the Corps of Engineers (which initially began monitoring runoff in Castro Valley in 1971) considered Castro Valley a typical residential basin because of the general geology, soils, topography, hydrology, climate, vegetation and human activities in the basin. Assessment of the impact from stormwater runoff on the water quality of Castro Valley Creek shows that the runoff water quality commonly fails to meet beneficial use criteria for several toxic heavy metals.

Although it was beyond the scope of this project to investigate the effects of street cleaning on Bay water quality, the project was based on the assumption that, if street cleaning would improve water quality in Castro Valley Creek, then street cleaning on a larger scale may improve water quality in the Bay.

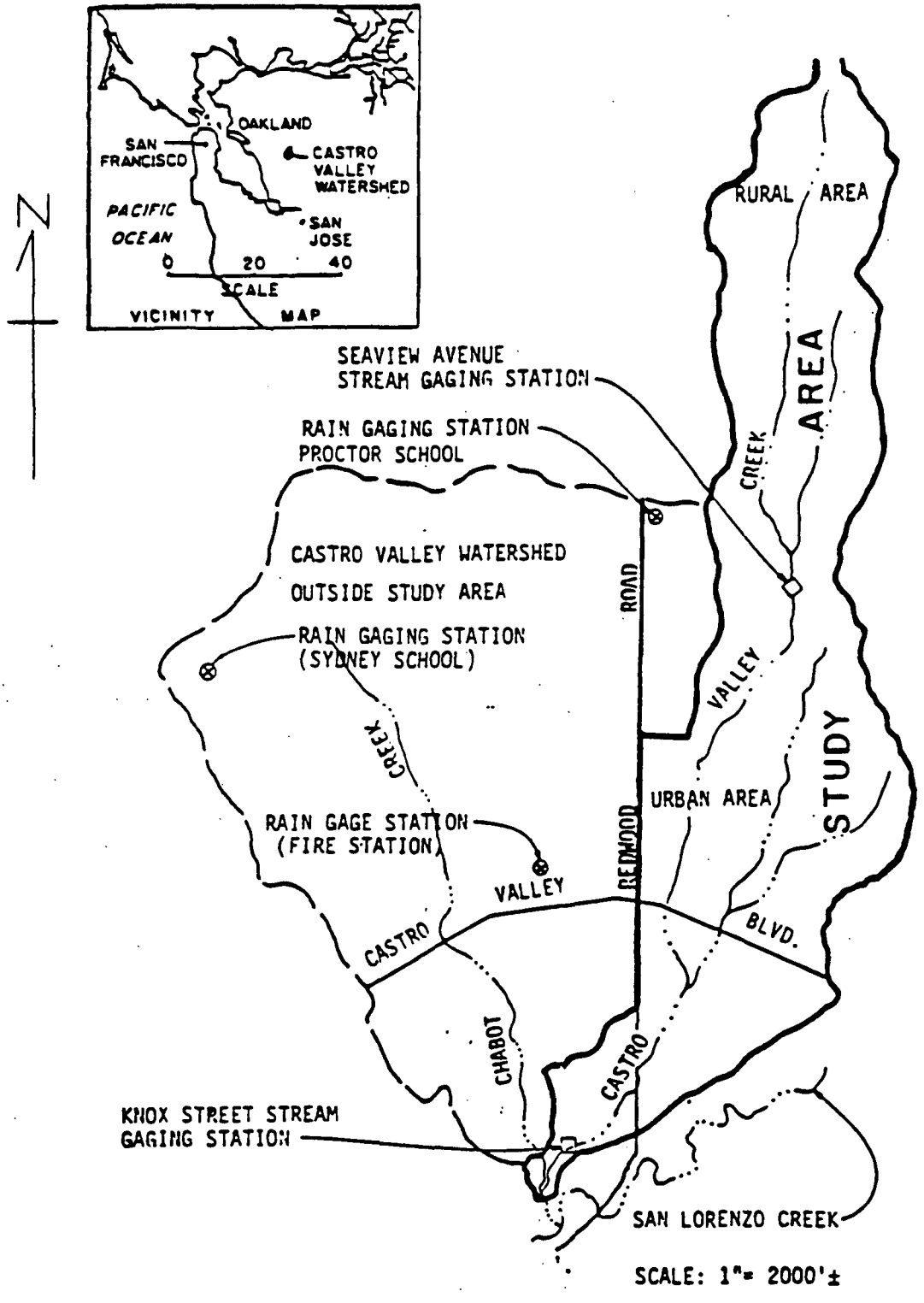


FIGURE 1 - STATE LOCUS, PROJECT AREA AND SAMPLING SITES FOR CASTRO VALLEY NURP PROJECT

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

A. Area

Castro Valley is an unincorporated community within Alameda County. The project's study area was a 2.4 sq. mi. portion of this unincorporated area. The Castro Valley Creek branch of the Castro Valley Watershed was selected as the study area because it was a manageable size.

The study area is 1,542 acres and is predominantly residential, with urban, suburban and rural terrain in the flats and hills bordering San Francisco Bay south of Oakland and north of San Jose. The uppermost portion of the study area is rural with about 633 acres of grass and woodlands that is slowly being replaced by suburban development. The Seaview station monitors water quality and quantity from this essentially rural area. Below this station is the urban test area of about 909 acres. Length of the main creek channel between the rural station (Seaview) and the urban station (Knox) is 2.4 miles.

The majority of the residential land use in the urban area consists of single family housing with lot sizes varying from 5,000 square feet to 10,000 square feet. Residential land use of the 909-acre urban study area occupies about 636 acres (70 percent), commercial land use occupies about 64 acres (7 percent), and the remaining land is about 209 acres (23 percent) of open space and institutional land use. Development along the stream banks in Castro Valley is intense and houses are frequently constructed directly over the existing streambed. Some light commercial areas, more than six schools, and a short portion of Interstate Highway 580 are also in the area.

B. Population

Present population is estimated to be 15,000, located principally in the urban area of the watershed, but population in the upper rural area is steadily increasing.

C. Drainage

Topography within the drainage basin is highly variable, and the land slopes range from 10 percent to 70 percent in the upper end of the basin to slopes as low as 1 percent in the valley portion near San Lorenzo Creek. The Castro Valley Creek streambed in the lower portions of the drainage basin ranges from 20 to 50 feet in width and 8 feet to 10 feet in depth. The streambed is often strewn with litter and debris.

Most of the streets in the urban area are asphalt and in fair condition. The gutters are mainly concrete, and the curbs are mostly vertical (rather than rolled).

D. Sewerage System

100% of the drainage area is served by separate storm sewers.

PROBLEM

A. Local Definition (Government)

As a result of P.L. 92-500, many regions of the nation undertook areawide planning studies (supported by 208 grants) to identify and define existing water quality problems. In the Bay Area, the problems investigated included fish kills, shellfish contamination, toxic pollutants, eutrophication, dredging and disposal, oil and chemical spills, and freshwater outflow from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The following is a brief description of three of these problems and their probable causes in the San Francisco Bay Area:

- Shellfish beds are widespread, well-populated, and represent a presently under-utilized resource in San Francisco Bay. Commercial and recreational shellfish harvesting is prohibited because of contamination by bacteria, viruses and, in some cases, heavy metals. Storm runoff, sewage discharge and waste from boats are sources of contamination (Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), 1978.)

- Many fish kill incidents can be traced to specific pollution causes; however, the fish kills occur in the Bay for unknown reasons. The State is investigating the causes of death of striped bass and has also initiated a study of the aquatic habitat of the Bay.

- There is evidence that the Bay's aquatic life may be adversely affected by toxic materials, e.g., heavy metals, pesticides and organic compounds, which are showing up in analyses of Bay waters. The evidence points to pollutants that occur at low concentrations whose effects are cumulative and/or long-term (ABAG, 1978).

The primary use of many creeks in the Bay area is to convey stormwater runoff into San Francisco Bay. Although runoff contains large amounts of pollutants, its relationship to observed water quality problems in San Francisco Bay remains uncertain. However, Castro Valley Creek's contribution of large quantities of toxic pollutants into San Francisco Bay is seen as a significant water quality problem.

B. Local Perception (Public Awareness)

Because the primary use of Castro Valley Creek is to convey stormwater runoff into San Francisco Bay, public concern for the water quality of the Creek itself is not high. To the extent that it exists, public perception of a water quality problem focuses on the Bay as a scenic, recreational and commercial water resource for all communities within the Bay area. There is widespread and at times vocal citizen concern over Bay water quality. The Bay area 208 Study drew heavily upon public support and active citizen participation in carrying out its problem identification and prioritization tasks. However, the magnitude and technical/institutional complexity of Bay water quality problems tend to discourage remedial action by any one community.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Major Objectives

The Castro Valley study was directed towards developing information on three subjects which were of particular concern to local decision makers. The objectives were to:

- demonstrate the effectiveness of street cleaning in improving water quality;
- provide information to local Public Works agencies on how to incorporate water quality as a factor into their street cleaning programs; and
- investigate the quantities of asbestos on urban streets and in urban runoff.

Again, the primary purpose of the project was to demonstrate whether removing the pollution load from the street surfaces by street cleaning has an effect on the quality of runoff from street surfaces. The project collected data to compare the monitored mass pollutant flows of the storms with the total pollutant removal of street cleaning programs. The project also investigated a related subject: comparison of the performance of regenerative air (RA) and mechanical street cleaning equipment.

B. Methodology

Project field activities began in October, 1978, and ended in April, 1980. In order to demonstrate the relationship between street cleaning and runoff water quality, the project measured:

(1) street cleaning effectiveness, to identify the quantity of pollutants removed and the initial and residual loadings before and after cleaning for a variety of street cleaning programs; (The street surface particulate sample was obtained by vacuuming portions of the street surfaces immediately before and after the area was cleaned. The two loadings were then compared to obtain measures of street cleaning effectiveness. These samples were then divided into eight discrete particle sizes, weighed, and finally composited over selected time periods by particle size and test area for chemical analyses.)

(2) street surface pollutant accumulation rates to identify the loading on the street at any time;

(3) precipitation, to know the quantity of rainfall; and

(4) runoff water quantity and quality, to identify the quantity of pollutants washed off the watershed for various types of rainstorms. Two monitoring stations were located on Castro Valley Creek. The upper station (Seaview) measured the runoff from the rural area, and the lower station (Knox) measured the runoff from

both the urban area and the rural area. The contribution from only the urban test area was determined by subtracting the contribution of the rural station from that of the urban station.

Curve fitting analysis was used to correlate street surface pollutant loadings before rain events with changes in runoff water mass yields.

C. Monitoring

The Alameda County Flood Control District entered into an agreement with the United States Geological Survey to establish two water quality monitoring stations on Castro Valley Creek. The USGS was responsible for gathering flow and stage data and developing a rating curve for these stations. The Alameda County Flood Control District was responsible for collection of samples for chemical parameters and measurement of field parameters. The samples were sent to the USGS Laboratory in Denver, Colorado, for analysis.

The watershed has two distinct parts - the urban and non-urban areas. The rural area's contributions of sediments and pollutants were subtracted from the rest of the watershed to give an accurate accounting of pollutant and sediment loading in the urban study area. To accomplish this, a gaging and water quality monitoring station was established on Castro Valley Creek near the intersections of Seaview Avenue and Madison Avenue, the boundary line between the urban and rural areas of the watershed. Another gaging and monitoring station was established near the intersection of Knox Street and North 4th Street. This station was at the lower end of the watershed and measured the total flow and total pollutant loading of the watershed. In this way it was possible to separate the contributions of each portion of the watershed. Separation was critical since the study was concerned with the urban area.

Three rain gages were used to monitor precipitation in the project area (Figure 1). One was located near the intersection of Redwood Road and Proctor Road at Proctor School. This gage measured the rainfall in the upper watershed. Another was located at the Sydney School outside the study area and was used as a check against the Proctor gage. The third one was located at the Castro Valley Fire Station on San Miguel Avenue in central Castro Valley. From these stations, the rainfall record correlated well with the water quality and street surface data collected during the project.

For the street surface particulate sampling portion of the study, each subsample included all of the street surface materials that would be removed during a severe rain (including loose materials and caked-on mud in the gutter and street areas). The location of the subsample strip was carefully selected to ensure that it had no unusual loading conditions. For example, a subsample was not collected through the middle of a pile of leaves, but where the leaves were lying on the street in their normal distribution pattern. When possible, wet areas were also avoided. If a sample were wet and the particles caked around the intake nozzle, the caked mud from the gobbler was carefully scraped into the vacuum hose while the vacuum units were running at the end of the sampling period.

Each subsample was collected in a narrow strip about 6 in. wide (the width of the gobbler) from one side of the street to the other (curb to curb). In heavily traveled streets where traffic was a problem, some subsamples consisted of two separate one-half street strips (curb to crown). On busy roadways with no parking and good street surfaces, most particulates were found within a few feet of the curb, and a good subsample was collected by vacuuming two adjacent strips from the curb as far into the traffic lanes as possible. Subsamples taken in areas of heavy parking were collected between vehicles along the curbs. Subsamples were collected, composited and submitted to a laboratory for chemical analysis.

To carry out the street cleaning task, several frequencies were evaluated during the first project year. The second project year, however, used a constant street cleaning frequency of 5 times per week for one month followed by two months with no street cleaning operations at all. This enabled the streets to become as dirty as they were likely to become during the first month and then remain at that level during the second month of no cleaning.

Equipment

At both runoff monitoring sites, stream level was monitored by a manometer-servo water level sensor and recorded on a Stevens digital tape recorder. The water quality samples were taken by a modified ISCO automatic wastewater sampler initiated by a continuous-recording modified ISCO Flowmeter with printer. The limited capacity of the samplers' sample holders was expanded during the record year by placing samplers on top of 55-gallon stainless steel drums. This allowed project personnel to monitor completely even the storms of longest duration. All of the water quality sampling equipment was powered by a 90 amp hr. 12 volt car battery. Field parameters were measured by an EXTECH ph meter and a YSI conductivity meter with thermometer.

For the collection of street surface particulate samples, a light-duty (half-ton capacity) trailer was used to carry the generator, tools, fire extinguisher, vacuum hose and wand, and two wet-dry vacuum units. A truck with a suitable hitch and signal light connections was used to pull the trailer. Two-horsepower (hp) industrial vacuum cleaners with one secondary filter and a primary dacron filter bag were selected. The vacuum units were heavy duty and made of stainless steel to prevent contamination of the samples. Both 2-hp vacuums were used together by using a wye connector. This combination extended the useful length of the 1.5-inch vacuum hose to 35 feet and increased the suction so that it was adequate to remove all particles of interest. A wand and gobbler (triangular in shape and about 6 inches across) are also needed. The generator which was used produced about 5000 watts of electrical power.

Most of the street cleaning tests were conducted using a modern, mechnical, four-wheel brush-type street cleaner that had dual gasoline engines and hydraulic controls. The speed during the cleaning program was about five to eight m.p.h. Broom replacement and other maintenance were conducted on a scheduled basis. Operating conditions were held constant during the study program and were not varied. A regenerative air street cleaner was tested for part of the project period and its performance compared with that of the conventional mechanical cleaner in order to provide information to public works officials concerned about replacing their street cleaners. Too little performance difference was observed under the test conditions to justify purchase of one type versus others.

Controls

Project results showed that, when the streets were dirtiest (initial loadings of about 1000 or more pounds per curb mile), the cleaning efficiency was about 40%. Even though the range of percentage removal values varies appreciably, the residual (after street cleaning) loading values were no lower than about 200 pounds per curb mile, even with very intensive cleaning.

After about two or three passes per week, there is very little improvement in either initial or residual street surface loadings. Under these cases, the streets are about as clean as they are likely to get by street cleaning operations and any more frequent street cleaning is unproductive. It is much more cost effective to decrease the street cleaning effort in areas having frequent cleaning and to increase street cleaning efforts in areas with appreciably dirtier streets such as industrial areas.

When the urban runoff yield information was compared to the specific street surface initial loading values for each constituent, this analysis showed that a maximum of about 20 percent of the total solids and about 35 percent of the lead could have been prevented from reaching the receiving water. If maximum urban runoff improvements are going to be realized by street cleaning, then the streets should be cleaned during the winter months between adjacent storm periods. As expected, lead shows the greatest potential for control by street cleaning equipment, followed by total solids and then arsenic. Figure 2 illustrates this relationship and further shows that after about three passes per week, any more street cleaning is unproductive.

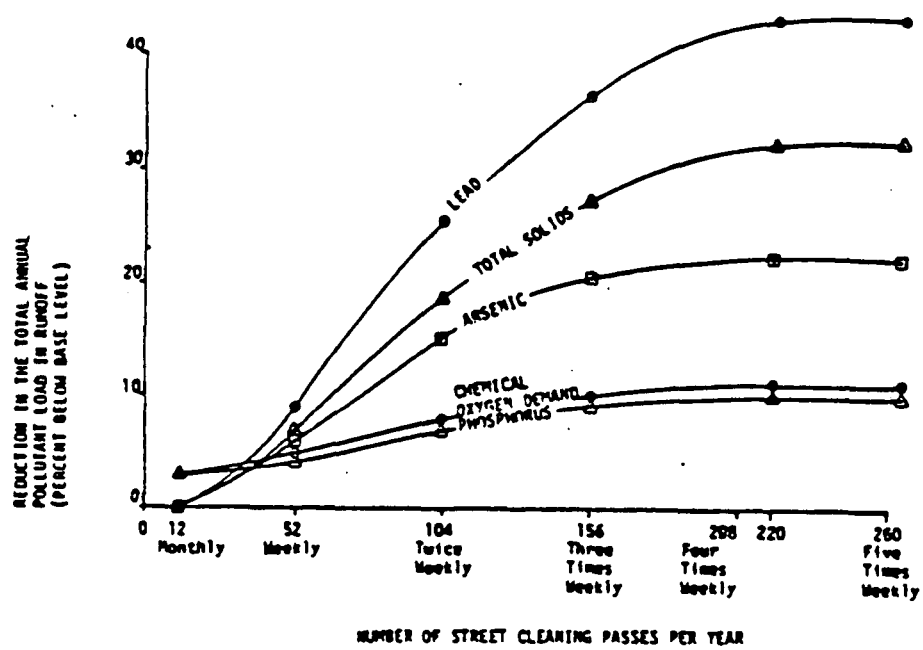


FIGURE 2 - IMPROVEMENT IN URBAN RUNOFF QUALITY AS A FUNCTION OF STREET CLEANING EFFORT.

Results of the special asbestos study yielded some interesting results. In this case current optical techniques provided inadequate to identify asbestos in small quantities, especially for small fiber sizes. About 10% of the runoff which was monitored had detectable asbestos. The annual average asbestos fiber concentration in urban runoff in Castro Valley was about thirty million fibers per liter. This concentration is roughly equivalent to 3×10^{13} fibers per acre per year for an area without any known asbestos in the natural soils. Eighty per cent (80%) of the street surface samples contained detectable asbestos fibers. Street cleaning was found capable of achieving 10% removal of asbestos during weekly street cleaning and up to 50% removal when street cleaning was carried out three times per week.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

FRESNO METROPOLITAN FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

REGION IX, EPA

INTRODUCTION

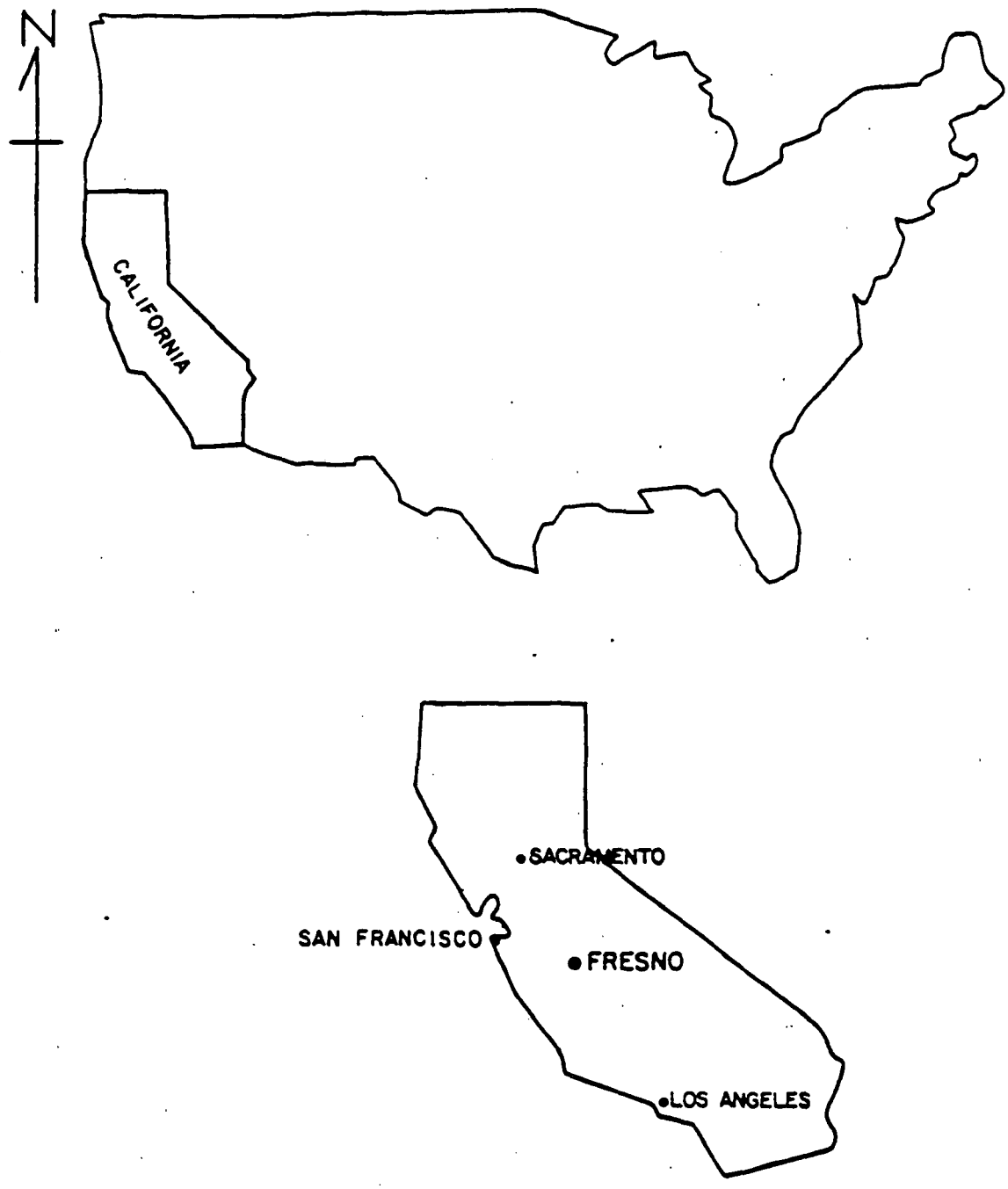
The Fresno NURP Project is being conducted in the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area of Fresno County, California. The study area, containing approximately 166 square miles and an estimated population of 330,000 persons, lies within a small, virtually closed drainage basin which has no significant water courses available to carry off storm water runoff. This fact, together with the extremely flat terrain characteristic of the San Joaquin Valley floor, has necessitated virtually total retention of local storm water runoff generated by the urban development of the metropolitan area.

Such retention is accomplished through the use of the retention/recharge basins into which all urban runoff is directed. Once impounded within the basins, the storm water runoff waters are allowed to percolate into the groundwater reservoir. Because the area's annual rainfall is concentrated in the months from November to April, with little or no summer rainfall, the basins are available for multiple off-season uses. These uses include recreation and the importation of surface water to recharge the groundwater reservoir. The recharge of both storm water runoff and imported surface water is an extremely important function due to the fact that the groundwater reservoir, recently determined to be a "sole-source acquifer", has dropped to an average distance of some 100 feet below ground level.

At the present time some 67 retention/recharge basins are either completed or are being developed by the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District. These basins total approximately 810 acres and receive annual urban storm water runoff estimated to be in excess of 7,000 acre-feet. An additional 58 basins are proposed to meet future urban runoff needs associated with the anticipated continuation of the area's growth. When the system is fully completed, it is estimated that the total runoff received from the subject basins will exceed 13,000 acre-feet.

The questions which will be addressed by the project relate to the degree of filtering accomplished by the soils and/or turf within the basins, the types of contaminants which may reach the acquifer, the speed with which such contaminants reach the acquifer, the impact upon the quality of the receiving groundwater and to the mitigation measures which would be effective in controlling potential contamination.

FIGURE 1 - NATIONAL AND STATE LOCUS OF THE FRESNO NURP PROJECT.



PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

A. Area

The study area is located in the north central portion of Fresno County, California. Fresno County, with an area of about 3,840,000 acres or 6,000 square miles, is the largest county in the San Joaquin Valley and embraces a wide range of climatic and topograhic conditions. The county is situated in the geographical center of the state between the metropolitan regions of San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The San Joaquin Valley and the Sacramento Valley to the north combine to form the great Central Valley, an elongated trough between the Coast Range and the Sierra Nevada which is over 500 miles long and 55 miles wide. The valley is enclosed by mountain ranges except for one opening into San Francisco Bay. The major drainage for the Central Valley is provided by the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers.

The study area contains approximately 166 square miles and is characterized by a tremendous variety of land uses within the general headings of urban, rural, residential, and agricultural. It includes the cities of Fresno and Clovis and contigous unincorporated lands. The City of Fresno is divided into seven Community Plan Areas which comprise 152.3 square miles (97,469 acres). The City of Clovis Plan Area contains 14.5 square miles (9,263 acres). Table 1 indicates the approximate number of acres devoted to various land uses in the two cities.

TABLE 1

LAND USE ACREAGES IN CLOVIS AND FRESNO

LAND USE TYPE	CLOVIS (acres)	FRESNO (acres)
Agriculture		33,883
Vacant		7,372
Residential	7,675	26,728
Open Space		6,561
Industrial	970	5,516
Commercial	618	3,660
Public Facilities		7,038
Transportation		6,711
TOTALS	9,263	97,469

B. Population

Population in the Clovis/Fresno Metropolitan Area in 1970 stood at 218,400 persons. The 1980 population is estimated to have been slightly more than 300,000 persons. The 1990 population is expected to rise to more than 400,000 with most of the gains taking place in the northern and eastern fringe areas, the latter of which includes Clovis.

C. Drainage

The topography of the study area is similar to that of the rest of the San Joaquin Valley, essentially flat with no distinguishable land forms. Only slight changes in elevations occur across the entire study area. Older alluvial terraces east of Fresno develop an undulating relief of rounded hills, while the granitic and metamorphic rocks of the Sierra Nevada foothills develop moderate to steep slopes. Elevations across the area range from 370 feet above sea level at Herndon Avenue on the northeastern extremity of the project area to 260 feet at Church Avenue on the southwestern extremity of the area, indicating an average southwesterly surface slope of approximately 8 feet per mile.

The study area is traversed by several low-elevation streams draining a part of the western slope of the Sierra Nevada. The drainage basins of these streams all lie between the San Joaquin and Kings Rivers. The combined drainages have an area of approximately 175 square mile s, or 112,000 acres, and elevations range from 300 feet to approximately 4,700 feet. All of the streams are either intermittent, i.e., they flow for a portion of the year, or ephemeral, i.e., they flow only during and immediately following a precipitation event. Streamflow is at a very low level during the summer months and increases in late fall in response to precipitation. Annual peaks are typically reached during January and February but storm peaks may occur at any time during the winter. The streamflow of these low elevation streams is in contrast to that of snowmelt streams, such as the Kings River and San Joaquin River, where most of the runoff occurs during the period April through July.

D. Sewerage System

The 166-square-mile area managed by the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District is divided into discrete watersheds, each with its own, self-contained stormwater sewerage system. Each watershed averages approximately one square mile and all but a few utilize a retention/recharge basin for ultimate storm runoff disposal. The basins average 10 to 15 acres in size and are designed to encourage percolation of the captured runoff into the groundwater reservoir. The basins are designed to hold runoff from the 100-year event while the pipeline systems conveying runoff into the basins are sized to carry the runoff from a 2-year event.

Stormwater runoff is introduced into the basins by means of an underground pipeline network with pipes ranging in size from 18" to 96" in diameter. Each basin has an average of 3 incoming pipes. Each incoming pipe averages approximately 36" to 48" in diameter. Basin depths range from 10 to 15 feet in residential areas and 25 to 30 feet in industrial areas. Similarly, side slopes range from 6:1 to 8:1 in residential areas and from 3:1 to 4:1 in industrial areas. The shallower basins with gentler side slopes, many of them turfed, allow off-season recreational use. Many other basins are used for the intentional recharge of the groundwater reservoirs using off-season imported surface water. Some basins are equipped with pumps to remove excess storm water to canal systems or other basins if desired.

Virtually the entire metropolitan area is served by a single sanitary sewer system which is composed of a gravity flow collection network and two interconnected treatment plants located half a mile apart, southwest of the city. The plants provide primary and secondary treatment and dispose of effluent through percolation to the groundwater reservoir. The current capacity of the system is 60 million gallons per day.

PROJECT AREA

I. Catchment Name - Barton Avenue (001)

A. Area - 94 acres.

B. Population - 1000 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 7.9 feet/mile, 100% served with curbs and gutters. The storm sewers approximate a 28.6 feet/mile slope and extend 645 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 9.66 lane-miles of asphalt, 90% of which is in good condition and 10% of which is in fair condition.

E. Land Use

87 acres (93%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential.

II. Catchment Name - Maple Avenue (002)

A. Area - 46 acres.

B. Population - 1180 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 7 feet/mile, 96.3% served with curbs and gutters and 3.7% served with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate 10 feet/mile slope and extend 1440 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 2.79 lane-miles of asphalt, 100% of which is in good condition.

E. Land Use

40 acres (87%) is > 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential of which 26.3 acres (66%) is impervious.

FIGURE 2 - FRESNO NURP MONITORING SITES

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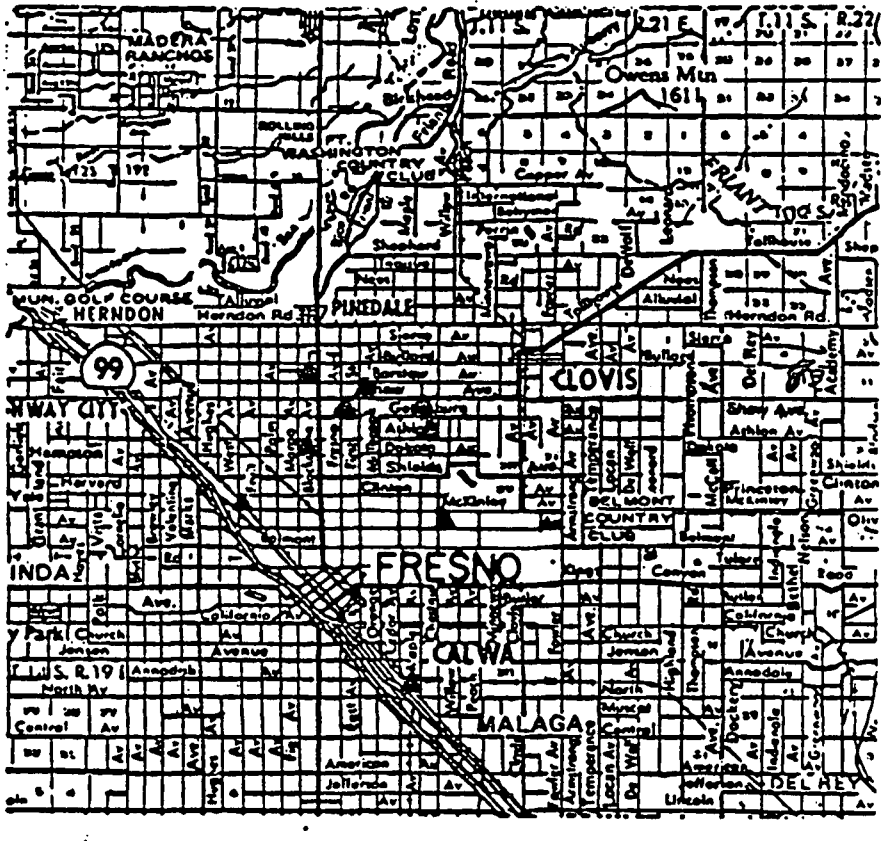

▲ NURP MONITORING SITE

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III. Catchment Name - North Fresno Street (003)

A. Area - 56.6 acres.

B. Population - 0 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 13.2 feet/mile, 100% served with curbs and gutters. The storm sewers approximate a 11.3 feet/mile slope and extend 620 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 1 lane-mile of asphalt, 95% of which is in good condition and 5% of which is in fair condition.

E. Land Use

54.6 acres (96%) is Shopping Center, of which 54.6 acres (100%) is impervious.

IV. Catchment Name - Commerce Avenue (004)

A. Area - 278 acres.

B. Population - 0 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 8.4 feet/mile, 40% served with curbs and gutters and 60% served with swales and ditches. The storm sewers approximate a 11 feet/mile slope and extend 3470 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 7 lane-miles of asphalt, 85% of which is in good condition and 15% of which is in fair condition.

E. Land Use

184 acres (66%) is Urban Industrial (moderate), of which 147 acres (80%) is impervious.

PROBLEM

A. Local Definition (Government)

The design of Fresno's urban drainage system causes the area's high quality groundwater reservoir to be the receiving waters for stormwater runoff from the entire metropolitan area. Previous studies have identified the presence of certain contaminants in the stormwater runoff. Studies have also shown relatively high rates of percolation within many of the area's retention/recharge basins. Still further research has shown that filtering of portions of the identified contaminants is achieved by the soils under such basins.

The previous studies, however, have not been closely coordinated and for the most part have been conducted by different groups at different times for varying purposes. As a result, there is a clear need to evaluate previous data, to fill in data gaps and to subject both old and new data to rigorous, carefully designed analysis in order to obtain an up-to-date, thorough and reliable assessment of whether or not and to what extent recharging the aquifer with stormwater runoff poses a threat to the quality of the groundwater reservoir.

The groundwater reservoir underlying the Fresno-Clovis area has been disignated by EPA as a "sole-source acquifer" and is presently of such quality that treatment prior to consumption is not necessary. Obviously, the potential for degradation of such a reservoir is a matter of significant importance to the local community. Further, because the underlying groundwater reservoir is common to virtually the entire Central Valley of California and because many other communities are proposing similar urban runoff disposal systems, the potential for contamination by urban runoff is of importance to the entire State. The importance of such a study is also magnified by the difficulty of correcting underground contamination once it has occurred and by the need to develop management practices which can be implemented at acceptable levels of cost.

Additionally, Section 1421 of Public Law 93-523 requires EPA to promulgate regulations to control underground injections so as to protect drinking water sources. This project will provide EPA with critical data indicating both the potential threat to groundwater represented by recharged surface runoff and selected ways to design control measures to reduce and/or eliminate that threat.

B. Local Perception (Public View)

The unique stormwater drainage system employed in the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area, i.e., diverting all runoff to recharge basins, creates a unique problem with regard to public awareness. The stormwater runoff is carried off into recharge basins which are not used for other water-related purposes, e.g. fishing, swimming, boating, although some are used for ballfields or playgrounds during the dry season. In most cases, the runoff "disappears" from sight into the ground, with no impact upon water quality which is obvious and highly visible to the average man-on-the-street as would be the case were the runoff flowing into a lake, embayment or stream which was heavily used for contact recreation. Coupled with the fact that the dynamics of recharge, soil filtration and the movement of water within the sole-source aquifer itself are

technically complex and therefore difficult for the layman to appreciate fully the lack of a visible problem has resulted in little, if any, public awareness of a threat to the quality of the underground water supply. At this point in time, concern for the problem remains primarily the province of the professionals - city planners, engineers, water resource specialists and the elected officials who have been "educated" about the potential threat.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Major Objective

The Fresno NURP Project involves, first, the analysis of runoff from four (4) urban watersheds of approximately one (1) square mile each. The areas were selected to identify variables affecting urban runoff quantity and quality from four different and distinct land uses. In addition, air pollutant fallout will be analyzed to assist in the identification of the types, sources, and concentrations of contaminants.

The second major task of the Project will focus on analysis of the soils within the receiving retention/recharge basins to determine the accumulation of contaminants (the ability of the soils to act as a filter), the rate of accumulation relative to land use factors (contaminant loadings), and the depth of penetration of the filtered contaminants into the recharge zone beneath the basin floor. Also to be examined are any observed differences between basins which have been covered by turf and landscaping and those with surface areas of bare earth.

The third major task of the Project will be to identify those contaminants which are not immediately filtered by basin soils and to trace their movement into the groundwater reservoir. This task will attempt to measure the quantities of contaminants reaching the groundwater, the rate of accumulation within the groundwater and the ultimate uptake of the contaminants by users of the groundwater. Lastly, this task will attempt to determine, if contamination is occurring, what type or degree of risk is being created for users of the groundwater.

The final major task of the Project will be to identify those management practices which will mitigate or alleviate any observed degradation resulting from the retention and recharge of urban runoff.

B. Methodologies

The individual steps to be taken in carrying out the overall project workplan are as follows.

Task 1, determining the characteristics of urban stormwater runoff from four land uses and the air, requires activities to:

- determine the basic urban hydrology for various land uses, i.e., residential (single-family and multi-family), industrial, and commercial;

- identify the differences in types and concentrations of contaminants produced by the various land uses and carried from them by runoff;

- determine the types and concentrations of storm runoff contaminants which are directly attributable to air-borne pollutant fallout; and

- determine runoff quantity-quality-time relationships.

Tasks 2 and 3, determining the effects of retention and recharge of urban stormwater runoff on the soils and receiving groundwater, require activities to:

- identify background (natural) levels of the contaminants found in urban storm runoff which naturally occur within the soils of the recharge zones of the various basins;

- identify the degree to which the contaminants within urban runoff are settled out during the retention of the storm runoff within the retention/recharge basins;

- identify the rate at which such settled contaminants accumulate and reach levels determined to be harmful or hazardous;

- determine and describe, both qualitatively and quantitatively, if possible, the physio-chemical processes relating to tasks 1, 2, and 3;

- identify the types and concentrations of contaminants which penetrate the immediate surface soils of the retention/recharge basin, entering the recharge zone thereof;

- determine the degree to which those contaminants entering the recharge zone are leached downward to the receiving groundwater; and

- determine the rates at which leached contaminants accumulate within the receiving groundwater and reach levels determined to be harmful or hazardous.

Task 4, identifying management practices which allow safe, controlled disposal of urban stormwater runoff into the groundwater aquifer by means of retention/recharge basins, requires activities to:

- identify retention/recharge basin design features which reduce to acceptable levels the types and volumes of contaminants which might penetrate the basin's recharge zone and enter the receiving groundwater;

- identify alternative urban storm runoff system designs which would minimize the introduction of runoff-related pollutants to receiving waters;

- identify techniques and/or methodologies which would result in the introduction of reduced levels of contaminants into urban storm runoff;

- identify urban storm runoff system operations and maintenance techniques which would reduce the level of contaminants reaching the retention/recharge basin, penetrating the recharge zone and entering the receiving groundwater; and

- determine effectiveness of turf and turf management in attenuating the build-up of contaminants in the soils of the basin or in reducing the penetration of contaminants into the recharge zone.

C. Monitoring

Much of the sample gathering, particularly with respect to street sweeping accumulations, soil and groundwater, are being done manually. There is constant monitoring of automatic equipment used in sampling stormwater discharges to the basins. The most concentrated efforts are directed at wet samples during the rainy season, with lesser activity during summer months.

A minimum of four but a goal of eight storms per year are sampled. Storm events spaced throughout the storm year, beginning with the first event of the season, are included.

Prior to the beginning of the 1981-82 rain year, soil samples, both shallow and deep, have been taken to identify existing or background levels of contaminants. These were taken in areas adjacent to basins, close enough to the sites to indicate background levels prior to each site's becoming a stormwater retention basin, but far enough away not to be influenced by contaminants brought to the sites by stormwater runoff from previous years.

In addition to the background samples, samples of soil within each site are taken at eight depths below the ground surface. Most samples are at shallow depths. At least one is taken from the saturated zone. These tests are conducted before and after each rain season, to determine the effectiveness of the soil medium in filtering out contaminants.

In addition to soil samples, samples of percolating water are obtained when possible at 3 or 4 depths below the basin surface, including the saturated zone. These tests are used with the soil tests to determine filtering qualities of the soil and to determine more precisely the existing groundwater quality.

In an attempt to define gutter build-up of contaminants in the non-rainy season and during periods between storms, dry samples are taken during the summer and during dry periods between storms by vacuum.

Atmospheric samples, both wet and dry, are collected by automatic samplers placed at several representative points within the study area.

The constituents for which samples are being analyzed are those set out in the USGS/USEPA Urban Hydrology Studies Program Technical Coordination Plan as well as nitrite, orthophosphorus, turbidity and additional metals. Some constituents may be eliminated in the second year of sampling if first - year results indicate concentrations to be so low as to present no possible environmental impact. Sampling for priority toxic pollutants will occur in the first year only.

D. Equipment

Storm water sampling is occurring at four sites, each of which consists of a small equipment building constructed above a storm drain manhole. A velocity probe which operates on the principle of Faraday's Law and a bubble which determines head are situated in the pipe invert. Output from these devices feeds an Marsh McBirney Model 250 which computes and plots discharge. A Schneider Model UHMS control unit receives input from the Marsh McBirney and an electronic rain gage and outputs to a digital punch. The control unit is set to trip at a certain discharge level to begin output to the punch and initiate sampling of the discharge which is accomplished by a Manning Sampler capable of taking 24 one-gallon samples automatically.

Groundwater samples are obtained by means of plastic tubing which runs from ground level to the sampling level within a two-inch PVC pipe which is mounted with a ceramic trip.

E. Controls

As indicated earlier, part of the soils analysis has been designed to try to discover whether or not turf or other landscaping cover filters out contaminants to a significant degree. Apart from that particular management practice and general maintenance procedures of a housekeeping nature, no specific controls will actually be evaluated by the project. As more data on the presence, quantity and behavior of specific contaminants becomes available, however, current literature on nonpoint source best management practices (BMPs) will be reviewed to try to identify those with the most promise of mitigating or alleviating any water quality problems uncovered by the Fresno NURP study.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

REGION X, EPA

BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

INTRODUCTION

One of the most significant outgrowths of the P.L. 92-500 "208 Water Quality Planning" effort was the recognition of urban storm water quality as a principal contributor to water quality problems in communities throughout the country. Local government agencies have long been involved in the management of urban storm water for the purposes of flow control (quantity) to relieve and reduce local flooding, property damage, and public hazard and inconvenience. A variety of jurisdictional entities have developed throughout the country to perform this function at a local level, including flood control districts, drainage districts, diking districts, soil conservation districts and municipal and regional flood control management departments and agencies. Until recently, however, only a few of these jurisdictions have involved themselves in water quality pursuits as well. Most 208 Water Quality Management agencies, however, after reviewing existing institutional arrangements in their area, recommended that urban storm water quality management should be closely coordinated or combined with control of water quantity.

The City of Bellevue, located in the metropolitan area of Seattle, Washington, between Lakes Washington and Sammamish, (Figure 1) has already moved in that direction. The City embarked on a program of urban storm water quantity and quality management in 1970, well before the passage of P.L. 92-500, by establishing a Storm and Surface Water Utility within its Department of Public Works to administer the design and implementation of an effective storm drainage/stream system in the City. The Utility has a variety of functions related to the operation of the city-wide drainage system, including planning, design, construction, maintenance and operation of the physical system, acquisition and preservation of wetlands, design review of all new developments in the City (with requirements for on-site detention of storm water), field inspection of development and construction practices, water quality and flow quantity monitoring, and land use and flood plain development policy. Fortuitously, Bellevue had three characteristics which made the City especially well suited for implementation of an effective, centralized stormwater management system:

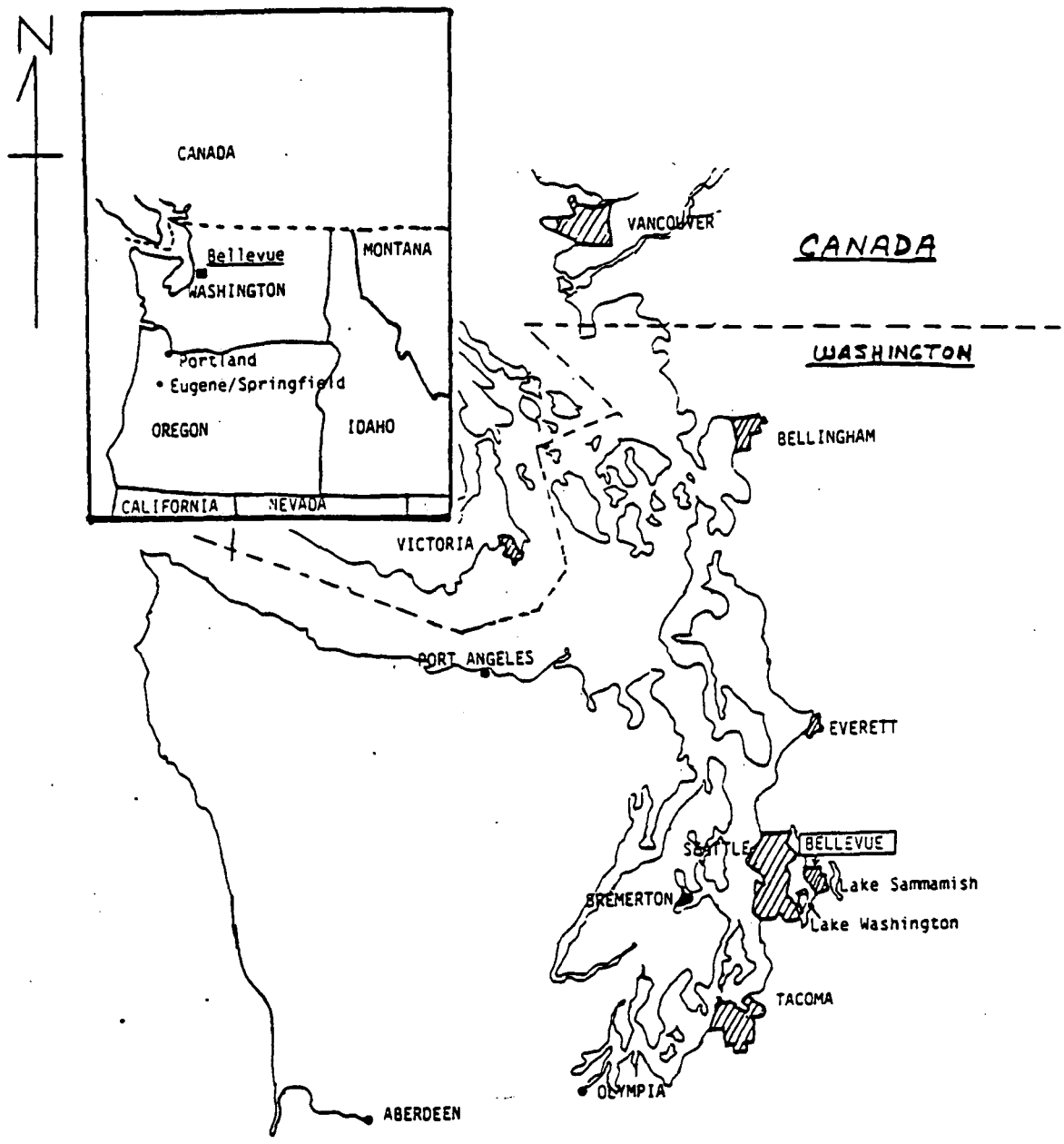
a) an even, continuous supply of rainfall (42 inches/year average);

b) no combined sewer systems in operation within the City limits; and

c) ninety percent of the area's drainage systems located within the Bellevue city limits (the City of Bellevue and Mercer Island are probably the only cities in the Pacific Northwest that will be able to manage their storm water problems from within their respective city limits.

Results of the Bellevue NURP study will be helpful to other agencies contemplating, or already initiating, innovative stormwater management systems, not only in the Pacific Northwest but throughout the nation.

FIGURE 1 - STATE LOCUS OF BELLEVUE NURP



PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

A. Area

Bellevue, Washington is located in the Puget Sound lowlands on the west side of the Cascade Mountains and immediately east of Lake Washington. It has a land area of 25 square miles. The community is primarily a bedroom community for middle and upper level employees of the aerospace industry located in nearby Seattle. The principal land use is residential with associated commercial development. The mean annual precipitation is about 42 inches, which occurs mainly as rain.

B. Population

Bellevue currently has a population of over 75,000 people. As part of the Bellevue Urban Runoff Project, a demographic survey was conducted in the Lake Hills and Surrey Downs catchments, the two primary catchments monitored during the Project. These results indicate that the population in Lake Hills is approximately 44% higher than that in Surrey Downs. These differences are due in large amounts to the higher housing density in Lake Hills (3.51 houses/acre) as compared to Surrey Downs (2.99 houses/acre).

C. Drainage

The land surface in Bellevue is mostly hilly with very few flat areas. Slopes are generally moderate with the exception of some steep slopes on the east side of the city. Altitudes range from 40 feet on the western boundary to over 400 feet at points on the eastern boundary. Drainage is carried by a system of separate storm sewers, open channels and streams largely to the west into Lake Washington through Mercer Slough although Phantom Lake and one other stream flow east into Lake Sammamish (Figure 2). The surficial geology is typically relatively shallow, sandy soil overlying glacial-till hardpan.

D. Sewerage System

The existing sewerage system serving the City of Bellevue is totally separated. The structural storm drainage system - streets, curbs and gutters, storm inlets, swales, catchbasins and culverts-are in good condition.

The City is served by the Renton wastewater treatment plant which has a current capacity of 36 MGD, provides a secondary level of treatment and discharges into the Duwamish River. Construction to expand the plant's capacity to 72 MGD is nearing completion. A second expansion will then be initiated to carry the plant to its ultimate capacity, 105 MGD.

FIGURE 2 - BELLEVUE STREAM SYSTEMS

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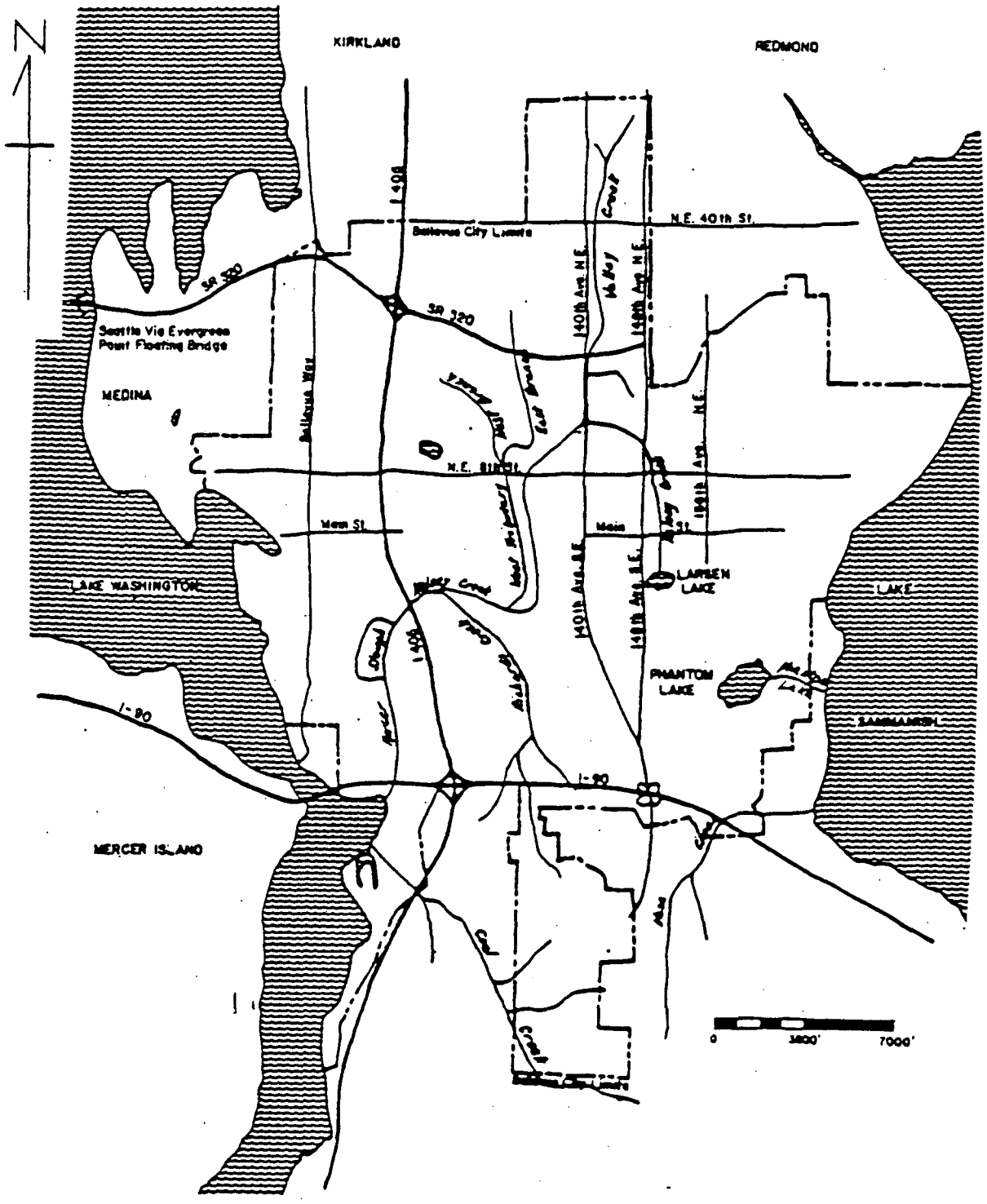
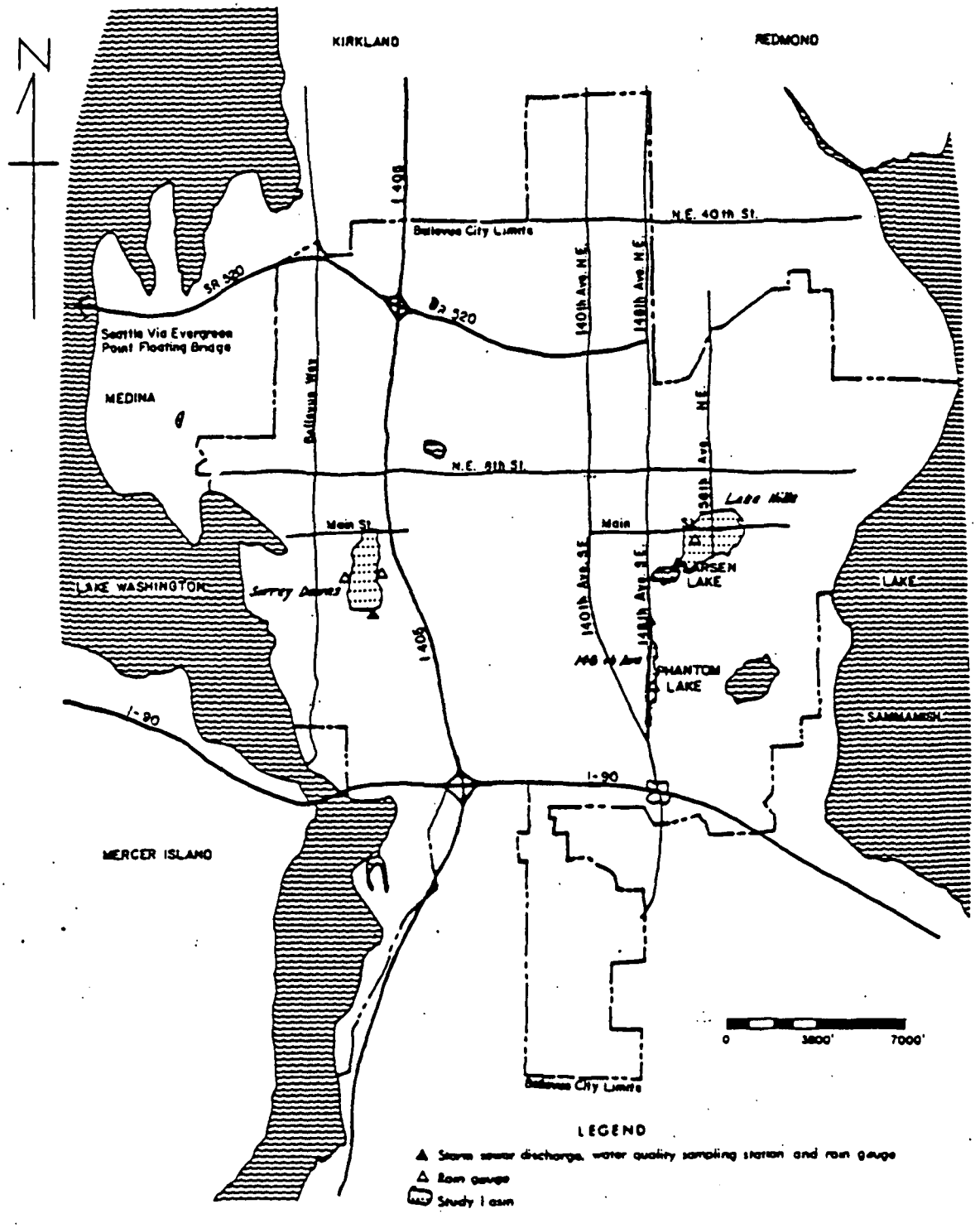


FIGURE 3 - BELLEVUE SAMPLING SITES



PROJECT AREA

I. Catchment Name - Lake Hills: 208 Bell 0586/12119725 - (Both the City of Bellevue (COB) and USGS are monitoring runoff at this site: COB collects flow proportional composites and enters data under station code "208 Bell 0586"; USGS collects selected discrete samples and enters data under "12119725".

A. Area - 101.7 acres.

B. Population - 1185 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representatie slope of 317 feet/mile, 100% served with curbs and gutters. The storm sewers approximate a 211 feet/mile slope and extend 3400 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 9.683 lane miles of asphalt, 94% of which is in good condition and 6% of which is in fair condition.

E. Land Use

92 acres (90%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban residential, of which 33.8 acres (37%) is impervious.

9.7 acres (10%) is Urban Institutional, of which 3.6 acres(37%) is impervious.

II. Catchment Name - Surrey Downs: 208 Bell 0588/12120005 - (Both COB and USGS are monitoring runoff at this site: COB collects flow proportional composites and enters the data under station code "208 Bell 0588"; USGS collects selected discrete samples and enters data under station code "12120005".)

A. Area - 95.1 acres.

B. Population - 822 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 475 feet/mile, 84% served with curbs and gutters. The storm sewers approximate a 106 feet/mile slope and extend 3600 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% separate storm sewers.

Streets consist of 6.18 lane miles of asphalt, 65% of which is in good condition, 33% of which is in fair condition, and 2% of which is in poor condition.

E. Land Use

95.1 acres (100%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre residential, of which 27.7 acres (29%) is impervious.

III. Catchment Name - 148th Avenue SE: 12119730 (only USGS monitors runoff at this site: selected discrete samples with data entered under station code "12119730".)

IV. Catchment Name - Lake Hills: 208 Bell 0580 - (Particulate data from selected catchbasins within Lake Hills catchment.)

V. Catchment Name - Surrey Downs: 208 Bell 0581 - (Particulate data from selected catchbasins within Surrey Downs catchment.)

VI. Catchment Name - Lake Hills: 208 Bell 0582 - (Street surface particulate loadings from street sweeping within Lake Hills catchment.)

VII. Catchment Name - Surrey Downs - Main Basin: 208 Bell 0583 (Street surface particulate data from the major sub-basin of Surrey Downs catchment.)

Streets consist of 4.787 lane miles of asphalt, 77% of which is in good condition and 23% of which is in fair condition.

VIII. Catchment Name - Surrey Downs - 108th Avenue SE: 208 Bell 0584 (Street surface particulate data from minor sub-basin of Surrey Downs catchment.)

This street, an arterial, is in poor-to-fair condition, has a bumpy surface, has a rolled asphalt curb only on downhill side and is bordered for most its length by vacant land (grass, woods, brush).

IX. Catchment Name - Surrey Downs - Westwood Homes Road: 208 Bell 0585 (Street surface particulate data from minor sub-basin of Surrey Downs catchment.)

This street is a private lane in good-to-excellent condition with a rolled asphalt curb on the downhill side only.

X. Catchment Name - 148th Avenue SE: 208 Bell 0589 (Street surface particulate data from the major portion of a drainage basin sampled only by USGS (12119730)).

This street is a divided arterial in fair-to-good condition.

PROBLEM

A. Local Definition (Government)

As noted in the Introduction, the City of Bellevue, through its Storm and Surface Water Utility. has established an innovative organizational approach to stormwater control. From its inception, the Utility has been under constant pressure from citizens' groups and the general public (details below) to focus its efforts heavily upon improving water quality as well as upon resolving water quality and problems. All waters in and surrounding Bellevue are classified "AA" to support use as fisheries (including salmon) and for contact recreation - swimming, boating and canoeing. But while there has been widespread concern that these standards are being violated or at least are threatened by the rapid development that has characterized Bellevue's recent past, the problem has not been documented with hard data. In part, the Bellevue NURP study is directed at identifying the pollutant loadings from urban runoff.

Additionally, while best management practices (BMPs) were tentatively identified in many Areawide 208 plans and preliminary studies of selected BMPs were conducted, the effectiveness and costs associated with the practices for the most part were only estimated. An urgent need exists to apply and test, under actual field conditions, many of the BMPs identified through the 208 Program. To accurately assess the practices and their cost-effectiveness and to provide "real-world" assessment of the requirements for effective implementation, such analysis should be conducted by an operating local agency in the course of its normal work program.

Bellevue's need for up-to-date, reliable data on pollutant loadings from urban runoff and on the effectiveness and workability of control measures has recently become more urgent as a result of its selection as a test site for a new State stormwater discharge permit program. Under a court order arising from a suit brought against the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE), the DOE has developed a State general permit program similar to the NPDES General Permit Program which grew out of similar litigation at the national level. Bellevue will be issued the first such permit for a set term and then monitored for permit compliance. Development of a realistic and effective permit will require realistic, reliable data on both existing pollutant levels in runoff discharges and the performance which can reasonably be expected from control measures.

B. Local Perception (Public)

In part due to the presence of a large number of citizens of Scandanavian descent, the City of Bellevue has always treasured its water resources, particularly for fishing. Established at the same time as the Utility itself, the Storm and Surface Water Advisory Commission (SSWAC) functions in an advisory role to the City Council, reviewing the Utility's functions and providing recommendations on policies and ordinances. It is composed of citizens-at-large, many with professional interests and expertise in the water quality area as well (e.g., engineers, professors), and representatives of business and community organizations within the City.

More recently the Bellevue Creeks Committee, which meets monthly, has developed from a cluster of concerned citizens into a working committee identifying water quality goals and stimulating programs aimed at water quality and fisheries enhancement and at wildlife habitat preservation to achieve them. In association with Seattle Metro's Salmon Enhancement Program (SEP), sockeye salmon eggs were incubated in Kelsey Creek from January until March of 1980. Problems with siltation reduced the survival of salmon eggs by approximately 50% but incubation will continue at this and two other sites less vulnerable to siltation. Community support for SEP has been overwhelming. Three local high schools (Bellevue Christian, Bellevue High, and Interlake High) have assisted with construction and box installation. Local sports and service organizations (Eastside Steelwheelers, Overlake Fly Fishing, and Bellevue Kiwanis) have assisted with site preparation, box installation and stream clean-ups. Elementary school groups (Somerset, Wilburton, Three Points, Clyde Hill and Cherry Crest) have seen the eggs taken from Cedar River adult salmon or have seen the slide presentation on SEP. Private citizens and interested groups (Seattle Audubon) assisted in a gruelling silt removal project on Valley Creek. Over forty cubic yards of silt and debris were hand-shovelled onto a conveyor belt to a waiting dump truck in order to clear out a dam which will act as a sediment trap upstream of the new egg box. The popularity of SEP is evidenced by the many news articles published about it and by the television coverage it has received in the past year. However, the significance and value of the Salmon Enhancement Project is far greater than just improving the odds for future salmon runs. It has also served as a high visible, readily understandable and attention-gettin vehicle for educating citizens and local officials about the impacts of stormwater runoff upon water quality and for rallying their support for programs to improve and protect stream quality. It has been a key factor in the passage of ordinances to control discharge of pollutants to the drainage system and in the establishment of related stream management programs.

Public awareness is also generated through programs like Bellevue's Oil Recycling Program. In the summer of 1980 over one-half of the City's service stations agreed to receive used crankcase oil from the public and to publicly identify their stations by posting a sign. Another poster was distributed by local Boy and Girl Scout troops to merchants that sell oil. One of the most significant accomplishments of the Creeks Committee, however, was the recent passage of the storm drainage advisory ballot for the sale of $10 million of revenue bonds for urban runoff capital improvements.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Major Objectives

This study provides a well documented assessment of the application, cost and effectiveness of BMP's for urban storm water quality control within an operating local agency of government. In cooperation with the United States Geological Survey, the City has applied a variety of structural, non-structural and operational management practices in several small watersheds and monitored the cost of such practices and their effect upon quality conditions. Specifically, the study seeks:

- To apply uniformly, in selected drainage basins, a variety of management practices which are availabe to and achievable by local units of government;
- To improve standard practices and operations by varying the frequency and manner of application, developing management programming methods and altering monitoring and inspection practices for greater responsiveness to water quality needs;
- To test, analyze and document the impact of local management practices on storm water quality, isolating causal factors and their impacts on water quality and evaluating and developing functional relationships between the quantity and quality of runoff and the hydrologic and cultural characteristics of the basins involved;
- To develop, test and document methods of source control of common urban storm water pollutants;
- To document temporal changes in storm runoff and constituent concentrations within several drainage basins of differing land use;
- To develop and document means of incorporating best management practices into the institutional and operational framework of local government agencies;
- To expand the toxic metals, sediment, herbicides and pesticides, and other data base for various land use categories, contributing to the data base of storm water quality modeling efforts nationally;
- To develop methods for estimating storm and annual loads of water-quality constituents from unsampled watersheds in each urban-study area; and
- To evaluate methods of transfering the data to ungaged watersheds in other regions.

8. Methodologies

As its part of the cooperative study, USGS is carrying out continuous monitoring of precipitation on three urban catchments, and the resultant discharge from these catchments; the collection and chemical analysis of rainfall and dry deposition samples, both of which are composited over periods of time varying from fractions of a day to a month; and the collection of discrete samples of runoff to define pollutant hydrographs for each of the catchments during approximately 12 storms per year.

For its part, the City of Bellevue is gathering composite samples of stormwater runoff from two urban catchments (Surrey Downs and Lake Hills) as well as catchbasins and street particulate samples from the same two catchments. Street sweeping evaluation is accomplished by using one of the basins as a control, with no sweeping, while the other is swept intensively. A period of no sweeping in either basin follows. Then the swept basin and control basin are reversed. The major objective of this part of the study is to determine the effectiveness of street cleaning equipment for various levels of effort under the actual conditions encountered. The most important measure of street cleaning effectiveness is "pounds per curb-mile removed" for a specific program condition. This removal value, in conjunction with the unit curb-mile costs, allows the cost for removing a pound of pollutant for a specific street cleaning program to be calculated.

An important element of the Bellevue urban runoff project is the study of sewerage system particulate deposition and scour. The objective of this portion of the program is to describe the quantities and characteristics of sewerage system particulates in the study area. The sewer system particulate studies involve both observation and sampling of catchbasin particulates and particulates accumulated in the pipes throughout the Lake Hills and Surrey Downs study areas. Data obtained from these studies will be compared to monitored street surface loadings and total runoff yields measured at the outfalls of the two study areas. Analysis procedures will attempt to obtain a continuous mass balance relationship between total runoff yields and all the sources of urban runoff pollution. These mass relationships will define the importance of sewerage solids to the total runoff yield. It will also provide an insight to the residence time of particulates within the sewage system and how these times are affected by runoff from adjacent storms.

The municipality of Metropolitan Seattle (Metro) is participating in the Bellevue Urban Runoff Project under a grant entitled the "Toxicant Inventory." This grant allows Metro to have samples that are collected in the Bellevue Project analyzed for the 129 EPA toxic or "priority" pollutants. All except asbestos are being looked for at the part per billion range in these samples. Sampling through the summer and fall of 1980 resulted in the collection of seventeen samples. Decisions on the remaining samples were made based on careful review of the results of those samples. The stormwater runoff and street dust samples for priority pollutant analyses are all split samples from the Bellevue Project collected by Bellevue staff and handled in such a way as to minimize sample contamination.

C. Monitoring

Two of the three study catchments, Surrey Downs and Lake Hills, are single-family residential areas of similar size. These two basins are used to investigate the effectiveness of street sweeping for reducing the amount of pollutants in storm runoff. The third catchment, 148th Avenue, consists mainly of a divided 4-lane arterial street. The data from this site are used to investigate the effects of detention basins on the quality of runoff.

The area comprising the Surrey Downs catchment consists of single family homes and the Bellevue Senior High School. Slopes in the basin are generally moderate, with the exception of the steep slopes on the west side. Surrey Downs is relatively isolated from neighboring communities by the general lack of easy vehicular access and convenient "short cuts" through this residential neighborhood.

The Lake Hills catchment contains single family residences and the St. Louise Parish Church and School. Although there are relatively isolated residential areas within the catchment, two through-streets, which carry more traffic than a typical residential street, cross the area.

The 148th Avenue catchment contains 4,960 feet of 148th Avenue, a four-lane, divided arterial street, and some adjacent land with sidewalks, apartments, parking lots, office buildings, and grassy swales that can be used as detention basins. A little over one-fourth of the catchment area is taken up by the 148th Avenue street surface.

USGS sample collection and management procedures are essentially the same at all three sites. A digital paper punch recorder records: (1) clock time, (2) a number code which indicates if a sample was taken by the automatic sampler, (3) accumulated precipitation in up to three rain gages, and (4) up to two stages for computing discharge. Data are recorded at 5-minute intervals whenever the gage exceeds a present threshold or whenever there is measurable precipitation. In addition, data are recorded at 1:00 a.m. every day regardless of stage or precipitation. Precipitation is measured with tipping-bucket rain gages. Three gages are operated for the Surrey Downs catchment and two each are operated for the Lake Hills and 148th Avenue catchments. Rainfall and dry deposition quality samples are collected at one location in each catchment. Discrete runoff samples are taken during storms for defining the temporal variation of water quality during storm hydrographs. Samples are taken at a preset time interval (5 to 50 minutes) once the stage exceeds a preset threshold.

The procedures and techniques used by Bellevue for collecting composite flow and proportional stormwater runoff samples are as follows. The sampler is triggered at pre-determined increments of flow by the flowmeter (300 and 500 cubic feet the former to obtain more subsamples when small events were expected). The flowmeters use an ultrasonic transducer to sense relative stage. Stage is converted to discharge by a programmed microprocessor in the flowmeter and presented on a circular flow chart as a percentage of maximum rated flow. The microprocessor is programmed from a stage/discharge rating developed by the USGS. Storm samples are removed from the samplers as soon as possible after storms, typically within two or three hours. Samples are kept on ice until pH, conductivity and turbidity are measured in-house. Subsamples are preserved and sent to a contract lab in Seattle for the remaining chemical analysis.

To obtain street surface particulate samples the City of Bellevue used the following procudures. Because the street surfaces were more likely to be dry during daylight hours (necessary for good sample collection), collection did not begin before sunrise nor continue after sunset, unless additional personnel were available for traffic control. Subsamples were collected in a narrow strip about six inches wide (the width of the gulper) from one side of the street to the other (curb-to-curb). In heavily traveled streets where traffice was a probelm, some subsamples consisted of two separate half-street strips (curb-to-crown).

To carry out the catch basin sampling tasks, all catch basins in each study area were surveyed for location, length, size and slope of pipes, and depth of catchment. Another survey was done to record the dimensions of each catch basin. Sediment volume could then be calculated from a measurement of sediment depth.

Some experimental design work was done in 1979 and early 1980 to determine the concentrations of some pollutant constituents. Grab samples of supernatant and sediment were taken from selected catch basins in each study area and submitted to a contract lab for chemical analysis. During 1980, two complete catch basin inventories were made; recording sediment depth, and thus mass loading in the system. Monthly inventories are scheduled for 1981. Since December, 1980, spot checks of fifteen to twenty-five selected catch basins in each study area have been made after each significant storm event. This information, along with storm and street loading data should allow characterization of flushing and deposition within the sewerage system.

For the toxicant inventory portion of the study, stormwater runoff samples are collected as flow proportioned composites using Manning S3000T automated samplers -- all teflon and glass contact surfaces -- activated by ultrasonic flowmeters, except for the volatile samples which are collected as grabs early in the storm events. Samplers and containers are cleaned between events according to USEPA protocols using "Micro" brand soap and nitric acid; the hyrochloric acid and methylene chloride rinses are not used. Deionized distilled water blanks are taken through each sampler before use and have proven to be completely clean of organic and metal contaminants. Street surface dust samples are collected as described above using a stainless steel vacuum and PVC flexible hose. No special cleaning protocol has been applied to the vacuum. Some sample contamination could occur from the PVC hose, but no functional alternatives has been found for collecting the dust samples. Interstitial water samples from the stream-bed in Kelsey Creek are collected through aluminum standpipes set in the stream gravel, using a Manning S3000T sampler to draw the water up from the perforated base of the standpipe. This sampling is in conjunction with the "Ecological Impacts of Stormwater Runoff in Urban Streams" project of the University of Washington.

D. Equipment

The equipment used by the City of Bellevue at the Lake Hills and Surrey Downs sites for flow-weighted composite stormwater monitoring consists of a Manning composite sampler (S-3000), a Manning flowmeter with an ultrasonic stage sensor (UF-1100) and a 12 volt power converter. The samplers were factory modified for priority pollutant sampling. All surfaces contacting the sampler are either glass or teflon.

For the USGS sampling effort at Lake Hills, Surrey Downs and 148th St., at walk-in instrument shelter was constructed near the mouth of each catchment for housing a data recording system and sample control and collection system. A digital paper punch recorder records: (1) clock time, (2) a number code which indicates if a sample was taken by the automatic sampler, (3) accumulated precipitation in up to the three rain gages, and (4) up to two stages for computing discharge.

For the City's street sampling task various vacuum, hose and gulper attachment combinations were tested. Relative air flows and suction pressures in the hose were monitored for different test set-ups. Both one-and two-vacuum configurations and 1.5 inch hoses in lengths varying from 10 to 35 feet were tested, along with a Vacu-Max unit. The standard "reference" system was two vacuums and a 35-foot hose. The best suction and higher air velocities were observed with two vacuums and short hose lengths (10 feet), but the short hose length would require that the vacuums be dismounted from the truck at each subsampling location. The longer hose, with the two vacuums, was judged adequate, and resulted in great cost and time savings.

A pick-up truck was used to carry the equipment components, consisting of a generator, tools, fire extinguisher, vacuum hose and wand, and two wet-dry vacuum units during sample collection. The truck had warning lights, including a roof-top flasher unit.

Two industrial vacuum cleaners (2-hp) with one secondary filter and a primary dacron filter bag were used. The vacuum units were heavy duty and made of stainless steel to reduce contamination of the samples. the two 2-hp vacuums were used together by using a wye connector at the end of the hose. This combination extended the useful length of the 1.5 inch hose to 35 feet and increased the suction. A wand and a gulper attachment were also used.

E. Controls

Alternate streetsweeping in the Lake Hills and Surrey Downs basins, using the unswept basin as a control, was described earlier. The other control being evaluated is a unique, small, short-term detention basin at 148th St. The storm sewer system consists of a main trunk line parallel to the street, which is fed by short laterals that connect to catchbasins in 148th Avenue and in adjacent lands. The sewer has a complex system of gates and valves in five junction boxes that permit the storm water to be backed up into five grassy swales which serve as detention basins.

NATIONWIDE URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM

EUGENE/SPRINGFIELD, OREGON

REGION X, EPA

INTRODUCTION

The Eugene/Springfield Metropolitan Area has a population of just over 200,000 people and has been experiencing moderately rapid growth. Much of the storm runoff for the area is collected in open channels that serve multiple-use function including open space, flood control, drainage, recreation and irrigation. Significant portions of the runoff so collected discharge secondarily to the Willamette River inside the metro area. Eugene and Springfiled are at points in their development where recent growth is outstripping the existing drainage capacity. At the same time, more and more growth is occurring in hill areas where problems are erosion and peak flow are being exacerbated. Complicating these developments is the general desire to concentrate growth in the central urban areas and the increasingly strongly felt need to preserve water-oriented open spaces and parks. Hence, a timely reconsideration of the physical demands of runoff control coincides with the increasing need to control runoff quality, and if solutions to both of these problems are not developed in the next several years, serious service cost escalations and compromises in beneficial uses are to be expected.

Urban stormwater runoff pollution from the Eugene/Springfield Metropolitan Area has been identified as a significant source of contamination to local streams and water bodies on an annual average as well as during peak storm events. Of particular concern are spills and accidental discharges of oil, grease and industrial chemicals during high runoff periods. This contamination causes a variety of problems ranging from specific and localized health hazards in water recreation areas to a more general degradation of streams and chronic interference with downstream beneficial uses. In-stream water quality standard violations have been observed as a regular result of this contamination. Under an intitial 208 Grant problems were identified and potential control options developed. The NURP grant is being used to complete this process by identifying and developing specific and adoptable management programs.

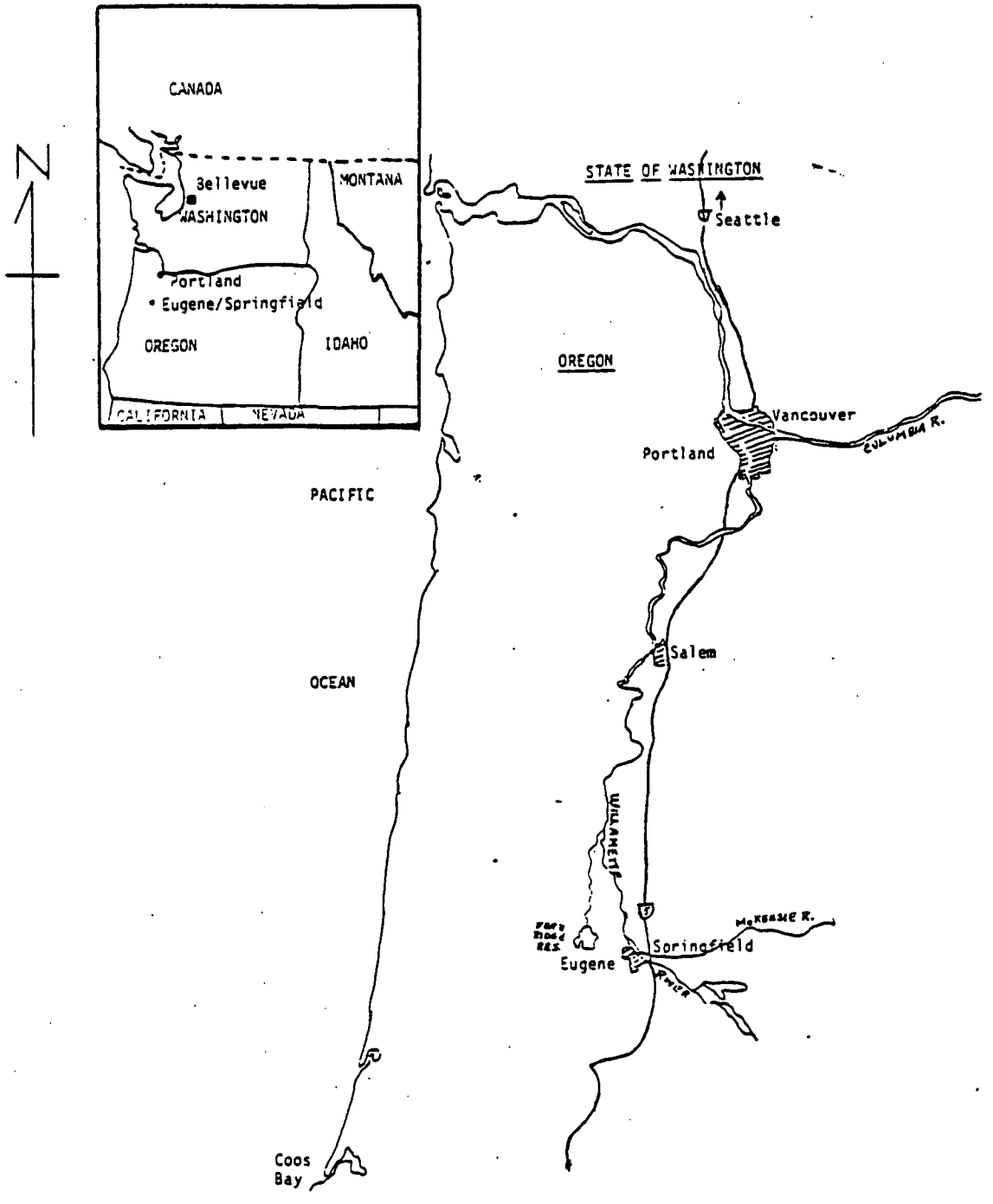


FIGURE 1 - STATE LOCUS OF EUGENE/SPRINGFIELD NURP PROJECT

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

A. Area

The Eugene/Springfield Metropolitan Area is located in western Oregon approximately 55 miles inland from the Pacific coastline and 100 miles south of Portland. The total land area of the two jurisdictions totals just over 29,000 acres.

B. Population

Eugene/Springfield is a growing metropolitan center whose current population of 190,000 is expected to reach 300,000 by the year 2000. The City of Eugene has 102,000 people, Springfield has 43,000 and 45,000 people reside in the semi-urban unincorporated areas of River Road and Santa Clara.

C. Drainage

Much of the area is of flat topography with occasional prominences above the 130-meter valley elevation. The southern portion of both cities are bordered by hills rising 100-250 meters above the surrounding flatlands. Natural drainages in this area are of basically two types - intermittent and semi-permanent small-hill drainages, and long flood channels that drain the alluvial flats. Some streams, such as Amazon Creek, are combinations of hill drainages and extended flood channels. An exception is Spring Creek, which is fed from groundwater springs. Nearly all of the channels have been at least partially altered by man. In particular, Amazon Creek has been deepened, channelized in most lower reaches, concrete lined in the city center and diverted from its flood swale west of Eugene towards Fern Ridge Reservoir. The "Q" Channel is a channelized flood swale to which a McKenzie River connection was added for irrigation and to which side channels have been attached for runoff drainage. Near its lower end a park pond has been created and Willamette River waters diverted via a canoe way to increase the flow.

The drainages are highly variable in their flow volumes with summer flows running 0-1 cfs. and winter maxima reaching 100 to 1000 times that volume. The Amazon Creek has been known to exceed 1000 cfs. west of Eugene. In the south hills and in western sections of Eugene where heavy, clay soils predominate, runoff response to rainfall is rapid, while in the central and northern areas of Eugene and Springfield, the presence of pervious soils means that stream flow will often not increase until soils are saturated and the shallow water table has risen to the stream bottom level.

D. Sewerage System

A piped stormwater drainage system directs runoff into open channels which carry the waters north and west to receiving waters such as Fern Ridge Reservoir or the Willamette River. The stormwater drainage systems in both cities are generally separated from the sanitary sewer systems but storm overflow connections do exist. Eugene and Springfield are currently each served by wastewater treatment plants providing a secondary level of treatment. A 50-MGD advanced secondary wastewater treatment facility to serve the whole Metropolitan Area will be completed in 1983.

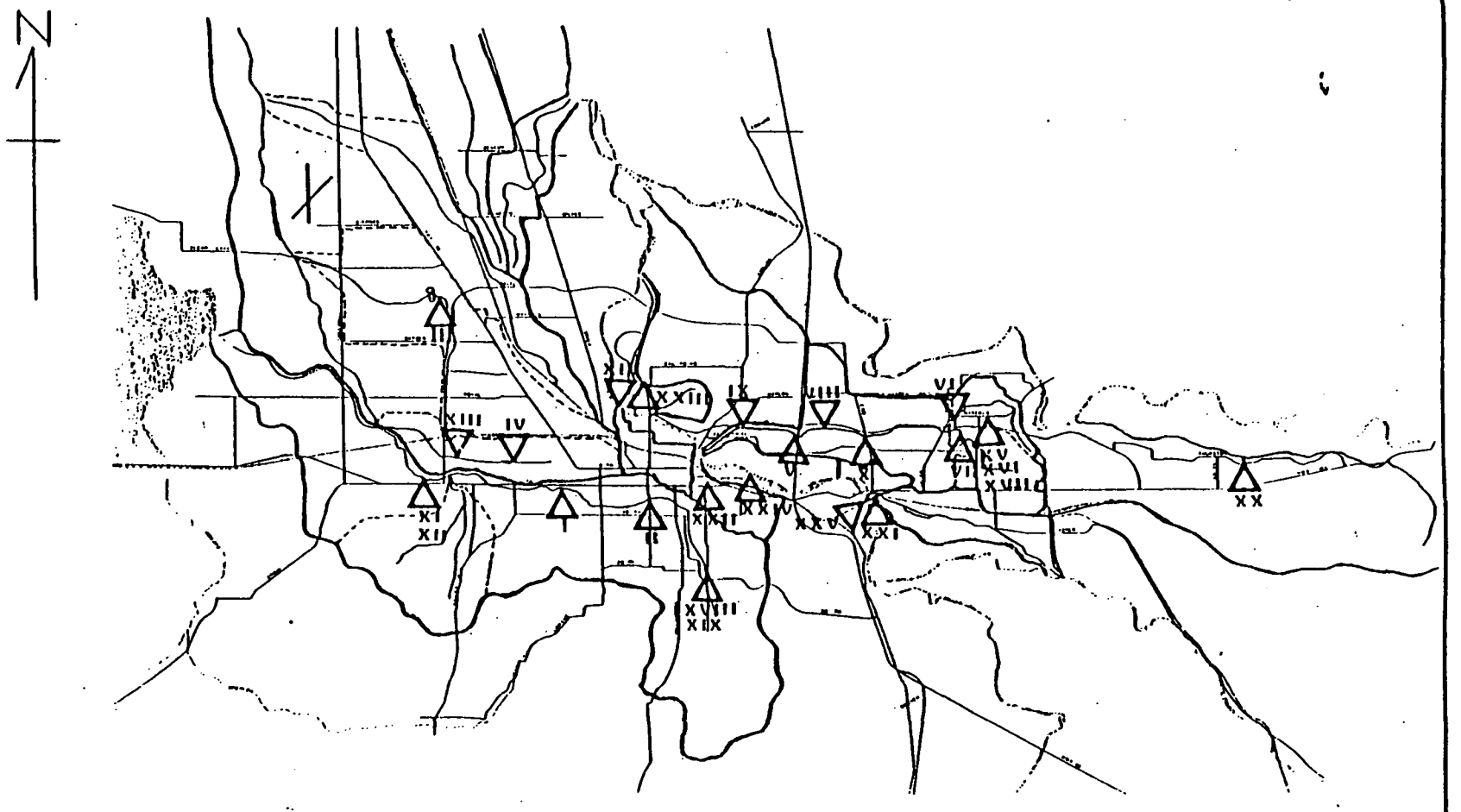


FIGURE 2 - MONITORING BASINS AND SAMPLING SITES FOR EUGENE/SPRINGFIELD NURP PROJECT

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MONITORING STATIONS, CATCHMENTS, AND RECEIVING WATERS

I. Catchment Name - Amazon at Oakpatch (limited data)

A. Area - 6951 acres.

B. Population - 45,210 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slopeof 320 feet/mile. The storm sewers approximate a 19.6% feet/mile slope and extend 30,140 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 60% separate storm sewers and 40% with no sewers.

E. Land Use

2000 acres (29%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

1500 acres (22%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

300 acres (4%) is > 8 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

200 acres (3%) is Linear Strip Development.

41 acres (<1%) is Urban Industrial (moderate).

400 acres (16%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space.

460 acres (7%) is Urban Institutional.

550 acres (8%) is Agriculture.

1500 acres (22%) is Forest.

II. Catchment Name - Amazon at Washington

A. Area - 4745 acres.

B. Population - 28,830 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 355 feet/mile. The storm sewers approximate a 26.1% feet/mile slope and extend 19,730 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 55% separate storm sewers and 45% without sewers.

E. Land Use

1400 acres (30%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

810 acres (17%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

280 acres (6%) is > 8 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

125 acres (3%) is Linear Strip Development.

270 acres (6%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space.

260 acres (5%) is Urban Institutional.

400 acres (8%) is Agriculture.

1200 acres (25%) is Forest.

III. Catchment Name - A-2 at Golden Garden

A. Area - 1655 acres.

B. Population - 7,570 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 8.8 feet/mile. The storm sewers approximate a 7.6 feet/mile slope and extend 14,400 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 40% separate storm sewers and 60% without sewers.

E. Land Use

730 acres (44%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre urban Residential.

115 acres (7%) is Linear Strip Development.

30 acres (2%) is Urban Industrial (moderate).

250 acres (15%) is Urban Industrial (heavy).

280 acres (17%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space.

100 acres (6%) is Urban Institutional.

150 acres (9%) is Agriculture.

IV. Catchment Name - A-3 at Wallis

A. Area - 565 acres.

B. Population - 190 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 9.2 feet/mile. The storm sewers approximate a 2.4 feet/mile slope and extend 3700 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 30% separate storm sewers and 70% without sewers.

E. Land Use

4 acres (1%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

2 acres (<1%) is > 8 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

74 acres (13%) is Linear Strip Development.

127 acres (22%) is Urban Industrial (light).

85 acres (15%) is Urban Industrial (moderate).

190 acres (34%) is Urban Industrial (heavy).

85 acres (15%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space.

V. Catchment Name - Q Street at Garden Way

A. Area - 4428 acres.

B. Population - 27,300 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 14 feet/mile. The storm sewers approximate a 9.8 feet/mile slope and extend 27,000 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 50% separate storm sewers and 50% without sewers.

E. Land Use

670 acres (15%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

1305 acres (29%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

219 acres (5%) is > 8 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

180 aces (4%) is Linear Strip Development.

45 acres (1%) is Shopping Center.

110 acres (2%) is Urban Industrial (moderate).

240 acres (6%) is Urban Industrial (heavy).

810 acres (18%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space.

199 acres (5%) is Urban Institutional.

650 acres (15%) is Agriculture.

VI. Catchment Name - Q Street North Branch

A. Area - 576 acres.

B. Population - 550 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 12 feet/mile. The storm sewers approximate a 10.5 feet/mile slope and extend 8500 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 100% without sewers.

E. Land Use

40 acres (7%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

5 acres (1%) is > 8 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

70 acres (12%) is Urban Industrial (heavy).

135 acres (23%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space.

26 acres (5%) is Urban Institutional.

300 acres (52%) is Agriculture.

VII. Catchment Name - Q Street South Branch

A. Area - 1170 acres.

B. Population - 6670 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 14 feet/mile. The storm sewers approximate a 10.5 feet/mile slope and extend 10,500 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 80% separate storm sewers and 20% without sewers.

E. Land Use

450 acres (38%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

95 acres (8%) is > 8 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

95 acres (8%) is Linear Strip Development.

25 acres (2%) is Shopping Center.

100 acres (9%) is Urban Industrial (heavy).

80 acres (7%) is Urban Industrial (moderate).

300 acres (26%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space.

25 acres (2%) is Urban Institutional.

VIII. Catchment Name - Q Street at Quinalt (monitored under previous 208 Study)

A. Area - 2985 acres.

B. Population - Approximately 23,000 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of a 15 feet/mile. The storm sewers approximate a 10 feet/mile slope and extend 23,800 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 90% separate storm sewers and 10% without sewers.

E. Land Use

230 acres (8%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

1105 acres (37%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

139 acres (5%) is > 8 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

145 acres (5%) is Linear Strip Development.

45 acres (2%) is Shopping Center.

100 acres (3%) is Urban Industrial (moderate).

190 acres (6%) is Urban Industrial (heavy).

610 acres (20%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space.

121 acres (4%) is Urban Institutional.

300 acres (10%) Agriculture.

IX. Catchment Name - Q Street at Centennial

A. Area - 4736 acres.

B. Population - 28,030 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 14 feet/mile. The storm sewers approximate a 9.8 feet/mile slope and extend 34,500 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 50% separate storm sewers and 50% without sewers.

E. Land Use

670 acres (14%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

1305 acres (28%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

219 acres (5%) is > 8 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

215 acres (5%) is Linear Strip Development.

45 acres (1%) is Shopping Center.

110 acres (2%) is Urban Industrial (moderate).

240 acres (5%) is Urban Industrial (heavy).

885 acres (19%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space.

250 acres (5%) is Urban Institutional.

787 acres (17%) is Agriculture.

X. Catchment Name - Q Street at Second

A. Area - 2793 acres.

B. Population - 14,840 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 13 feet/mile. The storm sewers approximate an 8.6 feet/mile slope and extend 18,500 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 95% separate storm sewers and 5% is without sewers.

E. Land Use

190 acres (7%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

1020 acres (37%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

137 acres (5%) is > 8 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

140 acres (5%) is Linear Strip Development.

45 acres (2%) is Shopping Center.

100 acres (4%) is Urban Industrial (moderate).

190 acres (7%) is Urban Industrial (heavy).

550 acres (20%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space.

121 acres (4%) is Urban Institutional.

300 acres (11%) is Agriculture.

XI-XII. Catchment Name - Amazon Vegetation 1,2,3 - Downstream, Mid-Site and Upstream

A. Area - 11,321 acres.

B. Population - 52,310 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 270 feet/mile. The storm sewers approximate a 15.6 feet/mile slope and extend 43,077 feet.

D. Sewerage- Drainage area of the catchment is 60% separate storm sewer and 40% without sewers.

E. Land Use

2800 acres (25%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

1860 acres (16%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

420 acres (4%) is > 8 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

350 acres (3%) is Linear Strip Development.

81 acres (1%) is Urban Industrial (moderate).

60 acres (1%) is Urban Industrial (heavy).

650 acres (6%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space.

600 acres (5%) is Urban Institutional.

2400 acres (21%) is Agriculture.

2100 acres (19%) is Forest.

XIII. Catchment Name - A-3 at Bertelsen

A. Area - 1056 acres.

B. Population - 200 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 8.4 feet/mile. The storm sewers approximate a 4.2 feet/mile slope and extend 6,000 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 25% separate storm sewers and 75% without sewers.

E. Land Use

2 acres (<1%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

4 acres (<1%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

2 acres (<1%) is > 8 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

93 acres (9%) is Linear Strip Development.

165 acres (16%) is Urban Industrial (light).

116 acres (11%) is Urban Industrial (moderate).

239 acres (23%) is Industrial (heavy).

435 acres (41%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space.

XIV. Catchment Name - Polk Stormsewer

A. Area - 771 acres.

B. Population - 6600 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 5.3 feet/mile.

E. Land Use

254 acres (33%) is 2.5 to 8 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

50 acres (6%) is > 8 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

227 acres (29%) is Central Business District.

114 acres (15%) is Linear Strip Development.

32 acres (5%) is Urban Industrial (light).

34 acres (5%) is Urban Industrial (moderate).

50 acres (6%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space.

10 acres (1%) is Urban Institutional.

XV. Catchment Name - Marcola Ditch 2 - Above E. Bale

A. Area - 16 acres.

B. Population - 0 persons.

E. Land Use

16 acres (100%) is Urban Industrial (heavy).

XVI. Catchment Name - Marcola Ditch 3 - Above W. Bale

A. Area - 4 acres.

B. Population - 0 persons.

E. Land Use

4 acres (100%) is Urban Industrial (heavy).

XVII. Catchment Name - Marcola Ditch 1 - Below Oil Trap

A. Area - 20 acres.

B. Population - 0 persons.

E. Land Use

20 acres (100%) is Urban Industrial (heavy).

XVIII. Catchment Name - Amazon above 29th Sed. Trap

A. Area - 3066 acres.

B. Population - 13,640 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 4.50 feet/mile. The storm sewers approximate a 39 feet/mile slope and extend 10,750 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 40% separate storm sewers and 60% without sewers.

E. Land Use

1120 acres (37%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

160 acres (5%) is > 8 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

33 acres (1%) is Linear Strip Development.

38 acres (1%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space.

145 acres (5%) is Urban Institutional.

400 acres (13%) is Agriculture.

1170 acres (38%) is Forest.

XIX. Catchment Name - Amazon at 29th - Below Sed. Trap

A. Area - 3066 acres.

B. Population - 13,640 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has a representative slope of 450 feet/mile. The storm sewers approximate a 41 feet/mile slope and extend 10,800 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 40% separate storm sewers and 60% without sewers.

E. Land Use

1120 acres (37%) is 0.5 to 2 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

160 acres (5%) is > 8 dwelling units per acre Urban Residential.

33 acres (1%) is Linear Strip Development.

38 acres (1%) is Urban Parkland or Open Space.

145 acres (5%) is Urban Institutional.

400 acres (13%) is Agriculture.

1170 acres (38%) is Forest.

XX. Catchment Name - 72nd at Thurston (discharge to McKensie River)

A. Area - Approximately 700 acres.

B. Population - 870 persons.

C. Drainage - This catchment area has representative slope of 720 feet/mile. The storm sewers approximate a 30 feet/mile slope and extend 2500 feet.

D. Sewerage - Drainage area of the catchment is 15% separate storm sewers and 85% without sewers.

XXI. Receiving Waters - Springfield Mill Race near Willamette River.

XXII. Receiving Waters - Eugene Mill Race at Mill Street (limited data).

XXIII. Receiving Waters - Willamette River at Valler River Footbridge.

XXIV. Receiving Waters - Williamette River at Autzen Footbridge.

XXV. Receiving Waters - Williamette River at Highway 126 Bridge.

PROBLEM

A. Local Definition (Government)

Past studies in the Eugene/Springfield Metropolitan Area have included an industrial survey, a data-supported STORM II modeling of major basin hydroland pollutograph predictions, development of lists of problem areas and potential abatement techniques, compilations of existing ordinances and charter powers, and considerable public involvement effort. The local jurisdictions have been convinced by these studies that a general problem exists and that certain areas, such as Amazon Creek, Springfield and Eugene Millraces, the A-3 Channel, and the "Q" Street Channel, are of special concern because of their existing and potential uses.

Local data is presently insufficient, however, to support specific program findings such as, for example, that lead in a problem in the Millraces but organics and oil are the major concern in the "Q" Street Channel. Similarly, although national data provides a guide for preliminary controls selection, the data is presently insufficient to determine that, for example, under the conditions which exist in Eugene/Springfield, vaccum sweeping rather than catch basin cleaning will provide the needed 60% reduction in sediment loads at the same cost factor. Until morespecific answers to these questions can be provided, the jurisdictions are unlikely to adopt effective and implementable ordinances or plans or actually to commit their public works efforts to a comprehensive program of controls.

As a result of earlier studies, especially the Lane COG 208 Plan, matrices were prepared to identify the relationships between critical problem areas, potential management options, pollution impacts and the present state of knowledge. These matrices pointed out large gaps in the existing knowledge of certain pollutant problems and physical management options. In addition they showed that the most thoroughly researched options (ordinances) also have the lowest level of benefits for many of the local priority areas. The problem therefore, is one of gathering selected additional data on known local areas of concern, using this data to evaluate the costs and local utility of various stormwater runoff control measures, choosing from among a range of control options, and then developing schema for the implementation of this option. The goal will be to find control methods sufficient to protect beneficial uses in areas of concern (25-75% pollution reduction) and to provide a lesser degree of abatement (10-40% reduction) in other major drainages.

B. Local Perception (Public Awareness)

Local officials, citizen groups and the public at large have shown an increased awareness of, and a desire to support, storm runoff control efforts and have provided strong support, administratively and financially, for past efforts. From the inception of the multi-year L-COG "208" planning effort, a broadly representative Citizens Advisory Committee was closely and actively involved in the identification and assessment of stormwater runoff problems in the Eugene/Springfield area and possible solutions to them. In addition to providing frequent advice and comments to local elected and appointed officials throughout all stages of the L-COG 208 planning project, the Citizens Advisory Committee regularly communicated the findings of the 208 study to the public as a whole and stimulated discussions of the leading issues through newsletters, workshops and public meetings. As the planning process moved closer to the implementation phase, the CAC was replaced by a 208 Areawide Advisory Committee which is more oriented to policy formulation.

Two documents in particular received wide distribution and attention. The "Urban Stream or Open Sewer" newsletter, distributed in 1977, discussed general problems with runoff potential impacts upon the beneficial uses of urban waters and the future of runoff management. A mailout brochure relating "Urban Water Pollution and Hazardous Wastes" was developed and mailed out in utility billing in 1978 to over 55,000 residences. The focus of this information was to the proper disposal of hazardous wastes that might otherwise end up in storm drains. Recycling was emphasized.

As a result of the activities of the Citizen Advisory Committe and other environmentally oriented citizen organizations, there is a high degree of sensitivity to actual and potential stormwater runoff problems among both public officials and the public as a whole. In addition, several accidents and oil spills resulting in fish kills have highlighted the need for spill prevention and toxic chemical control measures. There is widespread support, in principle, for protecting and improving the urban drainage ways for recreational and other beneficial uses. The specific economic and social costs which will be required to assure such protection were not clearly and fully identified prior to the NURP study, however, and the final level of public support will only be known after those costs have been determined and a final management plan proposed.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Major Objectives

The overall objective of NURP project activities is to complete the technical, institutional, and financial groundwork necessary for effective implementation of the ordinances, policies, plans and specific programs developed in conceptual form during the earlier 208 assessment of urban runoff problems in the Eugene/Springfield area. The specific objectives are:

1. To complete inventories of beneficial uses, problems and development potentials for all urban storm drainages, provide maps and develop basin goals and plans, and assure protection of critical areas through adoption of appropriate Comprehensive Metropolitan Plans by appropriate planning agencies and public works departments;

2. To refine potential Best Management Practices (including analysis of costs and effectiveness of alternative strategies), and provide each jurisdiction with general basin, and problem-specific strategies suitable for adoption (including strategies for critical problem areas or significant runoff hazards);

3. To conduct pilot studies to adapt BMP's operationally to local situations, and explore innovative, passive, low energy or low cost control alternatives (street and site maintenance modifications, control ordinances, and instream treatment systems);

4. To perform financing studies to develop a funding base for runoff management programs (with a major focus on exploration of a "user charge" financial base for support of a management plan);

5. To develop plans for coordination of existing ordinances for the control of industrial, construction, commercial and residential site runoff, provide brief cost-benefit analysis on effective ordinance enforcement and develop guidance to assist appropriate jurisdictions in enlarging funding for ordinance enforcement;

6. To conduct data gathering programs to define more accurately the following concerns: toxic chemicals runoff (heavy metals) chronic receiving stream impacts, the relationships between specific beneficial uses and quality constraints, winter peak and spring flow quality and loading, effectiveness of natural treatment systems, and pilot study evaluations;

7. To recalibrate the previously used STORM II or SAM model of runoff/rainfall relationships on key channels, use it to predict problems associated with peak flow and spring runoffs, and assess costs of structural flow management options;

8. To provide accurate and up-to-date information on runoff control problems and strategies to public works and planning departments, public interest groups, and special interest (e.g., industrial concerns) groups so as to involve them all in the development of goals and plans for the preservation of beneficial uses of urban waters;

9. To evaluate the impacts of storm runoff pollution on existing and proposed beneficial uses of the Amazon Creek and "Q" Street Channel systems and the quality impacts of proposed diversions on source and receiving streams.

B. Methodologies

To accomplish the above objectives, a broad spectrum of activities were planned and are now nearing completion. All urban drainage basins were inventoried, and mapped on the basis of currently availalbe information. Maps include land use, vegetation, zoning and planning designations, soils, hydrologic control points, major impervious zones, benefical uses and problem areas. The maps are in a format suitable for Comprehensive Metropolitan Plans.

SNYOP was combined with sub-basin rain gage data to analyze storm trends but found not to be effective as a defining tool in the Northwest due to the length of storms and their lack of intensity. Wetfall/dryfall and rainfall samples from stations located strategically around the metropolitan area, are regularly collected and analyzed. Background and storm sampling for flow and numerous water quality parameters have been conducted for more than a year at both control and loading sites.

Pilot studies of sediment traps, vegetation management, industrial site runoff management (straw bale oil/grease trap) and street sweeping/street maintenance have been conducted to determine their effectiveness and feasibility as relatively low-cost, easy-maintenance control measures. Priority pollutant sampling has been carried out at two sites. In-stream water quality impacts were assessed by means of an invertebrate and periphyton analysis at the vegetation site.

Analysis of land development ordinances in both Eugene and Springfield is aimed at evaluating the effectiveness of existing ordinances in controlling pollution from erosion, track-out and increased runoff, the enforceability of such ordinances and the extent to which they allow fixing the responsibility for such problems on the land developers. Major emphasis has been given to preparation of a detailed financial management plan by a financial consultant which includes cost/budget breakdowns for both cities in terms of current revenues and sources, cost projections for various runoff management programs and recommended program funding options for each city specifically designed to incorporate water quality enhancement and protection costs.

C. Monitoring

Twenty-six (26) sampling sites were established throughout the Eugene/Springfield Metropolitan area and for the most part have been sampled under both storm and base flow conditions for flow and various water quality parameters. Water quality samples were taken manually and flows were measured for the most part by the use of stream gages.

Sixteen (16) of the sampling sites were used to collect in-stream water quality data for one or more of several purposes: to provide additional data needed to refine the STORM II or SAM Model, to assess the impact of urban runoff upon Willamette River water quality, to assess the impact of street cleaning frequency and to assess the impact of industrial/commercial/construction activity upon run-off quality.

Three (3) of the sampling sites have been used to evaluate the straw bale oil/grease trap installed in an open ditch draining a wood products industrial site, with two sites located above the control site and one below it. Two (2) of the sites were used in the spring of 1981 for priority pollutant sampling. Two (2) sites have been utilized to evaluate the performance of a sediment trap in a relatively newly developed part of Eugene upstream from the commercial/industrial section of the city. Three (3) sites have been used to assess the impacts of natural vegetation and alternative vegetation management techniques upon water quality.

The parameters for which the samples were analyzed included total and suspended solids, pH, conductance, turbidity, hardness, alkalinity, temperature, BOD, COD, Nitrogen, Phosphorus, lead, zinc, chromium, mercury, copper, iron, arsenic, coliforms, bio-indicators (periphyton and invertebrates), flow and pesticides (as needed).

Controls

The controls which were evaluated as part of the Eugene/Springfield NURP were vegetation treatment and management, sedimentation traps, street sweeping, land development ordinances and straw bale oil/grease traps.

APPENDIX H

THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT'S STORM AND COMBINED SEWER PROGRAM

APPENDIX H
INTRODUCTION

Over the past 15 years, much research effort has been expended and a large amount of data has been generated on the characterization and control of stormwater discharges and combined sewer overflows (CSO), primarily through the actions and support of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Storm and Combined Sewer Control Research and Development (SCS) Program.

The program originated in 1964 under the EPA predecessor organization, the U.S. Public Health Service, and has been supported by U.S. Public Laws (PL) since 1965 (presently by the "Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972," PL 92-500 and the "Clean Water Act of 1977," PL 95-217).

The purposes of the program are to quantify urban storm and CSO pollution problems and develop countermeasure controls.

These urban wet-weather pollution control advancements are and can be used by those municipal and consulting engineers and planners concerned with area-wide/city-wide pollution control plans, strategies, and facilities required for the management and control of urban stormwater runoff.

Because it is nearly impossible to segregate benefits and strategies of urban stormwater runoff pollution control from drainage, flood, and erosion control, multipurpose analyses and control are stressed.

There have been over 250 projects under the program on urban stormwater runoff and CSO, but only urban stormwater runoff projects, the CSO projects which directly relate to urban stormwater runoff, and the basic program direction will be highlighted. The products will be divided into the following areas: (1) Problem Definition, (2) User Assistance Tools (instrumentation and models), and (3) Management Alternatives.

PROBLEM DEFINITION

Characterization

Urban stormwater runoff is a significant source of pollution, having suspended solids concentrations equal to or greater than untreated sanitary wastewater, and 5-day Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD_5) approximately equal to secondary effluent. Under certain conditions, urban stormwater runoff can govern the quality of receiving waters, regardless of the level of treatment of dry-weather flow provided (1).

Table 1 shows average pollutant concentrations in urban stormwater runoff. The samples were taken in various parts of the country, from diverse land use, during different seasons, and during dissimilar rainfall events. The average pollutant concentrations shown in the the table indicate an order of magnitude of the stormwater runoff problem and the ranges indicate the wide variations in concentrations that may be anticipated.

TABLE 1. POLLUTANT CONCENTRATIONS IN URBAN STORMWATER RUNOFF (2)

	Average pollutant concentrations, mg/L									
City	TSS	VSS	BOD5	COD	Kjeldahl nitrogen	Total nitrogen	Phosphorus	OPO_4-P	Lead	Fecal coliforms
Atlanta, Georgia	227	---	9	48	0.57	0.82	0.33	----	0.15	6 200
Des Moines, Iowa	619	704	56	---	2.09	3.19	0.55	0.15	----	------
Durham, North Carolina	1 223	722	--	170	0.35	----	0.82	----	0.46	200
Knoxville, Tennessee	420	---	7	93	1.9	2.5	0.62	0.30	0.17	29 300
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	147	---	22	116	2.08	3.22	1.00	1.00	0.24	48 000
Tulsa, Oklahoma	357	---	12	88	0.85	----	----	0.38	----	400
Santa Clara, California	224	73	23	147	----	5.8	0.23	----	0.75	------
Pullach, Germany	158	53	11	125	----	---	----	----	----	------
Average (not weighted)	415	88	20	113	1.41	3.11	0.62	0.46	0.35	13 500
Range	147-1 223	53-722	7-56	48-170	0.57-2.09	0.82-5.8	0.23-1.00	0.15-1.00	0.15-0.75	200-43 000

a. Organisms/100 mL.

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From 40-80 percent of the total annual organic loading entering receiving waters from a city is caused by sources other than the treatment plant (3). During a single storm event, 95 percent of the organic load is attributed to wet-weather flow sources which include urban stormwater runoff and CSO. About 70 lb/ac/yr (75 kg/ha/yr) of BOD in urban stormwater runoff discharges contribute 45 percent of the annual BOD load if secondary treatment is provided for the dry-weather flow (4). Heavy metals in urban stormwater runoff have been investigated at numerous sites across the United States. The data have been condensed and are shown in Table 2.

TABLE 2. HEAVY METAL CONCENTRATIONS IN URBAN STORMWATER RUNOFF (4, 5)

Metal	Concentration Ranges in Urban Stormwater Runoff, µg/l*
Antimony	20 - 60
Arsenic	0.2 - 100
Beryllium	1.0 - 4.0
Cadmium	0.6 - 9000
Chromium	4 - 10000
Copper	2 - 700
Lead	3 - 5000
Mercury	0.1 - 60
Nickel	9 - 400
Selenium	0.8 - 10
Silver	2 - 10
Thallium	0.2 - 10
Zinc	10 - 780

*Includes grab and flow-weighted samples

Bacterial contamination of separate stormwater is two to four orders greater than concentrations considered safe for water contact. Excess concentrations of pathogenic organisms in urban stormwater runoff will hinder water supply use, recreational use and fishing/shell fishing use of the receiving water (6,7,8). The frequency of occurrence of human pathogenic organisms in storm flow was found to relate to cross contaminations from sanitary sewage (9).

Characterization: Products

Past characterization studies for storm flow provide a data base for pollutant source accumulation, and hydraulic and quality loads. A computerized data base and retrieval system, especially useful for urban stormwater runoff pollution problem assessment efforts, containing screened data for model verification and study area data synthesis, has been developed (10).

Receiving Water Impacts

Approximately 50 percent of the stream miles in this country are water quality-limited and 30 percent of these stream lengths are polluted to a certain degree with urban stormwater runoff (3), which contributes oxygen demanding material, toxic organics, and metals to the water and sediment (11, 12, 13, 14, 15).

Dissolved Oxygen Depletion. The SCS Program has had only partial success in finding direct urban storm flow generated receiving water impacts employing the conventional dissolved oxygen (DO) parameter. The problem appears to be in the application of conventional dry-weather monitoring in unsteady-state flow regimes caused by storms. Based on a comparative analysis of wet vs. dry-weather oxygen demanding substance loads as shown in Table 3, there remains a high potential for adverse impacts to occur in receiving waters (1, 11). The Program has been more successful in sediment analysis than in water column analysis for DO depletions. Direct evidence has been obtained from the Milwaukee River project (16) of how a distrubed benthos depletes DO from the overlying waters.

Nutrients. The discharge of materials, such as phosphorous, which fertilize or stimulate excessive or undesirable forms of aquatic growth can create significant problems in some receiving water systems. Overstimulation of aquatic weeds or algae (eutrophication) can be aesthetically objectionable, cause dissolved oxygen problems, and in extreme cases, can interfere with recreational use and create odors and heavy mats of floating material at shorelines (1,2).

TABLE 3. NATIONAL ANNUAL URBAN WET- AND DRY- WEATHER FLOW BOD_5 AND COD LOAD COMPARISONS* (4)

TYPE	PERCENT OF DEVELOPED AREA	ANNUAL DWF**		ANNUAL WWF**		PERCENT WWF	
		BOD_5 MIL LB.	COD MIL LB.	BOD_5 MIL LB.	COD MIL LB.	BOD_5	COD
COMBINED	14.3	340	910	880	2640	72	74
STORM	38.3	710	1890	440	2500	38	57
UNSEWERED	47.4	310	830	360	2250	54	73
TOTALS	100	1330	3630	1640	7390	55	67

*ASSUMING

	BOD_5 (MG/L)	COD (MG/L)
CSO	100	300
URBAN STORMWATER	20	125
DRY-WEATHER	30	80

**LB = 0.454 KG

In Lake Eola, Florida, urban stormwater runoff was found to be the sole source of lake degradation (17). Urban stormwater runoff is the only flow entering the lake. Phosphorous concentrations in the runoff were found to significantly increase algal productivity.

Biota Impacts. An assessment of the environmental impact of urban stormwater runoff requires a comprehensive in-depth analysis of water quality and the biological community in the receiving stream.

In San Jose, California (15), sampling showed that the nonurbanized section of Coyote Creek supported a diverse population of fish and benthic macroinvertebrates as compared to the urbanized portion which was completely dominated by pollution tolerant algae, mosquito fish, and tubificid worms. Figure 1 shows this point. Similar results were found in the Lake Washington Project (18) where bottom organisms (aquatic earthworms) near storm outfalls were more pollutation tolerant relative to those at a distance from these outfalls.

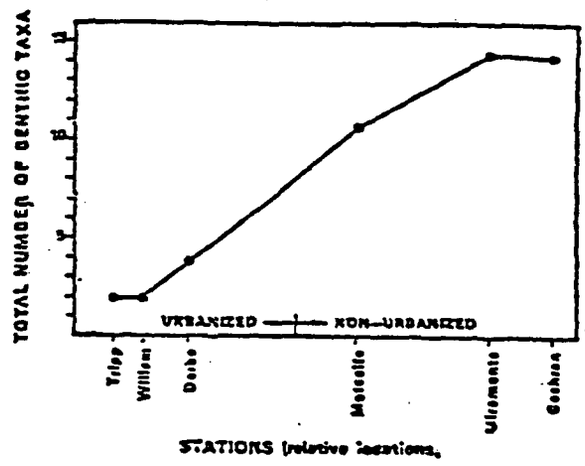

Figure 1. Abundance of Benthic Taxa: Coyote Creek, San Jose, California

Toxicity. Over the years, the SCS Program has compiled data which have shown that a significant amount of toxic substances, including priority pollutant heavy metals, and organics (most of petroleum origin) exist in urban stormwater runoff (1, 2).

Typically, heavy metal concentrations in urban stormwater runoff are in excess of the proposed EPA water quality criteria for aquatic life protection even with many receiving water dilutions (4). Many of these metals and other toxics are associated in varying degrees with particulates.

Sediment samples in Lake Washington (18) were analyzed for metals, organics, phosphorus, chlorinated hydrocarbons and PCB's. Composite indices, to assess wet-weather impacts, were up to 16 times the minimum background control value. Also, pesticide levels in sediments along the Seattle shoreline of Lake Washington were up to 37 times background concentrations.

In Coyote Creek (15), urban sediment compared to non-urban sediment contained higher concentrations of lead, arsenic, BOD_5 and orthophosphates. Significantly greater concentrations of high molecular weight hydrocarbons and oxygenated compounds were also found in the urban samples. Lead and zinc concentrations in urban samples of algae, crawfish and cattails were two to three times greater than in non-urban samples.

In fiscal year 1981, the SCS Program entered into a wet-weather priority pollutant study with the EPA Office of Water Regulations and Standards. The objectives of this project are to determine the magnitude of toxic pollutants in urban stormwater runoff, CSO, and combined sewer sediment.

An ongoing project involves screening urban stormwater runoff and CSO for bacterial mutagens using the Ames test. Positive results have been obtained from a number of samples (19).

It is strongly suspected that for many of these contaminants, treatment or control will be needed in order to satisfy effluent guidelines and water quality standards.

Erosion/Sediment Impacts. Urbanization causes accelerated erosion and raises sediment yields two to three orders of magnitude. At the national urbanization rate of 4,000 acres/day, erosion and sedimentation are major environmental problems (20, 21, 22, 23).

Solution Methodology Products

The state-of-the-art (SOTA) text (24) on urban stormwater technology is an excellent guide for planners and engineers. It organizes and presents more than 100 completed program projects. Also published are reports on stormwater management planning (25, 26), an updated SOTA, which includes guidelines for city-wide wet-weather pollution control (2), case histories report on urban stormwater management and technology (20), and a soon to be published design manual on storage/sedimentation for control of urban stormwater runoff and CSO (27).

A Program film on full-scale control technologies is available. Program seminar proceedings with themes of planning, design, operation, and costs have been published (28). Separate engineering manuals are available for storm flowrate determination, storm flow sampling, storm sewer design, and for conducting stormwater studies (29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34). All of these documents are valuable for planning, design, evaluation, control and enforcement.

A cost estimating manual has been published for construction and operation of storage and treatment devices (35). Other manuals are available for deicing pollution (36, 37, 38, 39) and erosion control (40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45). The SOTA document on particle size and settling velocity (46) offers significant information for solids treatability and their settlement in receiving waters, an important area always overlooked during planning and design. Endeavors to study direct receiving water impacts, along with model verification, will lend credence to the implementation of storm flow impacts.

USER ASSISTANCE TOOLS

Instrumentation

Storm flow measurement is essential for process planning, design, control, evaluation, and enforcement. Sampling devices do not provide representative aliquots, and in-line pollutant monitoring capabilities are needed. Conventional flow meters apply to steady-state flows and not to the highly varying storm flows.

Instrumentation: Products. Flowmeters, including nonintrusive, electromagnetic, ultrasound, and passive sound types, have been developed to overcome adverse storm conditions (33, 48, 49, 50, 51). A prototype sampler for capturing representative solids in storm flow has also been developed and a design manual is available (52). This manual lead to design changes by sampler manufacturers. Instantaneous in situ monitoring devices for determination of suspehded and total organic carbon have been developed and demonstrated (53, 54). Because storm flow conditions are extremely adverse, these manuals and instruments are useful for monitoring all types of flow (32).

Models

Simulation Models. Models are needed to predict complex dynamic response to variable runoff phenomena. Models are categorized into: (1) simplified, for preliminary planning, (2) detailed, for planning and design, and (3) operational, for supervisory control.

The Storm Water Management Model (SWMM) provides a detailed simulation of stormwater quantity and quality during a storm event. Its benefits for detailed planning and design are widely accepted, but for certain users it may be too detailed. Consequently, four levels of evaluation techniques (from simple to complex) that can be worked together have been developed.

Planning/Design Models. There are four levels of Planning/Design Models.

Level I. The Level I procedure was derived from a nationwide assessment (55). The nationwide assessment contains data on: (1) land use, (2) drainage system types, (3) runoff volumes and pollutant quantities, and (4) costs and cost-effective control strategies for urban areas, state and EPA Regions. The information can be used for preliminary assessment and planning, and determining national cost requirements.

In Level I, the "desktop" procedure (56) estimates the quantity and quality of urban runoff. Equations have been developed to estimate pollutant loads as functions of land use, sewer system type, precipitation, population density, and street sweeping. Equations are also provided for dry and wet-weather flow quantification.

A method for evaluating the optimal storage-treatment mix and associated costs has also been developed in Level I. Procedures for comparing tertiary with stormwater treatment and savings from integrated dry and wet-weather flow management from combined and separate areas (56) and from integrated nonstructural management practices (57) are included.

Level II. Level II involves a flexible and inexpensive simplified continuous model for planning and preliminary sizing of facilities. The model can screen an entire history of rainfall records and is especially valuable in sizing storage facilities based on storm return periods and available in-line capacity. A user's manual is available (58). Other Level II models are ABMAC (59), and EPAMAN (60).

Level III. Level III is a more refined continuous model using Storage, Treatment, Overflow Runoff Model (STORM) and continuous SWMMM (61) for providing flow time routing and allowing for continuous receiving water impact analyses (62). A few thousand statements are involved as compared to a few hundred for Level II. The continuous SWMM user's instructions are available in draft form (62), and the computer program is available. Another Level III (and IV) model is QQS (63, 64).

Level IV. The first three levels relate to planning and involve relatively large time steps and long stimulation time. Data requirements and mathematical complexity are relatively low.

Design models require short time steps and simulation times for detailed prediction of a single storm event, and their data needs are extensive. They provide complete flow and pollutant routing and prediction through the runoff system and into receiving waters, and can show the exact manner in which abatement procedures affect hydraulic and pollutant loads. These models and user's manuals are available (62, 63, 64, 65, 66). The program has expanded SWMM into an Urban Water Management Model which integrates both dry and wet-weather flow analyses including sludge handling (62).

Operational Models. Operational models produce control decisions during a storm. Rainfall is entered from telemetered stations and the model predicts system response a short time into the future and augments control settings. We have demonstrated supervisory control models, in combined sewer systems, in Detroit (30), Minneapolis (67), and Seattle (68, 69).

Other Products. Othe simulation model products include a dissemination and user's assistance capability (70), and a short course and course manual (71, 72). Of particular note is the SOTA assessment document on 18 models for urban runoff management (73). The document presents advantages and limitations of each model and a comparison to aid in model selection.

MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES

Wet-weather flow control is grouped into three management alternatives. First, the decision must be made where to attach the problem: (1) at the source by land management, (2) in the collection system, or (3) with separate storage basisn. We can remove pollutants by treatment and by employing integrated systems combining control and treatment. Second, there is the decision of the degree of control necessary. Third, there is the need for assessing impacts, and ranking the problem with other needs. Proper management alternatives can only be made after conducting a cost-effective analysis involving goals, values, and hydrologic-physical system evaluations.

Land Management

Land management includes all measures for reducing urban and construction site stormwater runoff and pollutants before they enter the downstream drainage system.

Structural/Semistructural Control

On-Site (Upstream) Storage. On-site or upstream refers to short term detention or long term retention of stormwater runoff prior to entry into the drainage system. Design can provide for benefits in aesthetics, recreation, recharge, irrigation, or other uses (27).

Successful low-cost dual-use variations of detention are ponding on parking lots, plazas, recreation and park areas, and rooftops. Apparent economic benefits are derived from surface ponding for flood protection over a conventional sewer project. Additional benefits are realized when the multipurpose benefits of erosion and pollution control from these basins are considered.

Porous Pavements. The use of an open graded asphalt-concrete pavement during pilot tests has allowed over 70 in./hr of stormwater to flow through. The cost is comparable to conventional pavement. Clogging resistance and filtered water quality evaluations have been made. Porous pavement can be important in preserving natural drainage and decreasing downstream drainage and pollution control facility requirements. A feasibility report is available (74) and the program has recently completed evaluating a porous pavement parking lot north of Houston at the new planned community--The Woodlands (8, 75). Porous pavement was recently demonstrated for CSO control in Rochester, New York (76).

Results of the Rochester study indicated:

1. Peak runoff rates were reduced by as much as 84 percent.

2. The pavement, which was subject to 100 freeze/thaw cycles in the laboratory, showed no observable structural degradation. In addition, the water drained through the pavement without problems during the winter.

3. Through observations and flow monitoring, it was determined that the structural integrity of the porous pavement installed, where heavy load vehicles were parked, was not impaired.

4. Clogging did result from runoff carrying a heavy sediment load. Clogging during the test study was relieved through cleaning.

A project in Austin, Texas is comparing the runoff and water quality characteristics of porous asphalt cement pavement to other kinds of conventional (concrete, gravel, grass, conventional asphalt with a drainage system, conventional asphalt with a peripheral drainage trench), and experimental (grass and concrete lattice-type pavement) porous paving materials. The overall objective is to develop design criteria for potential porous pavement construction. Phase I of this project has been completed (77). It consisted of accumulating and condensing all available design, construction, and operational data for existing porous pavement areas to develop preliminary design and operational criteria.

Solids Separation. Sediment basins trap and store sediment to conserve land and prevent excessive siltation. If designed properly, these basins remain after construction for on-site storage.

Because a significant portion of solids remain suspended and cannot be treated by sedimentation, special devices for fine-particle removal are required. A project developed a SOTA on fine-particle removal (78), and also evaluated a tube settler and a disc screen (79).

The swirl concentrator has been developed to control the impacts of erosion and to remove settleable solids at much higher rates than sedimentation (80, 81, 82, 83).

Nonstructural

Surface Sanitation. Reduction of litter and debris, and both street repair and street sweeping can minimize pollutants washed off by stormwater (84, 85, 86). It may well be cheaper to remove solids by street sweeping than from the sewer system.

Street sweeping results are highly variable. Therefore, a street sweeping program for one city cannot be applied to other cities, unless the program is shown to be applicable through experimental testing. This may be seen when comparing street sweeping test results from San Jose, California, and an ongoing project in Bellevue, Washington (87, 88).

Street cleaning not only affects water quality; but has multiple benefits including improving air quality, aesthetic conditions, and public health. Since street cleaning alone will probably not ensure that water quality objectives are met, a street cleaning program would have to be incorporated into a larger program of "best management practices," and/or downstream treatment. A user's manual on cost-effective comparisons of street cleaning and sewer flushing with downstream treatment is available (57).

Chemical Use Control. Reduction in the indiscriminate use of chemicals such as fertilizers and pesticides, and the mishandling of oil, gasoline, and highway deicing chemicals will reduce stormwater runoff pollution (36, 37, 38, 39).

Urban Development Resource Planning. The goal of urban development resources planning is a macroscopic management concept to prevent problems from shortsighted planning. A new breed of planner is required to consider the new variables of land usage, population density and total wet and dry-weather runoff control as they integrate to affect water pollution. A simple land planning model has been developed to encompass the new variables and control options (21).

Use of Natural Drainage. Traditional urbanization upsets the water balance by replacing natural infiltration areas and drainage with impervious areas. The impact is increased stormwater runoff, decreased infiltration to the ground water and increased channel erosion and transport of pollutants to the stream. Promoting natural drainage will reduce drainage costs and pollution, and enhance aesthetics, ground-water supplies, and flood protection.

A project in Houston, Texas focused on how a "natural drainage system" integrates into a reuse scheme for recreation and aesthetics (8, 75). Runoff flows through vegetative swales and into a network of wet-weather ponds, strategically located in areas of porous soils. This system retards the flow of water downstream preventing floods by development, and enhances pollution abatement.

The ability of marsh/wetlands to remove pollutants from stormwater has been demonstrated in Wayzata, Minnesota and Palo Alto, California (89, 90). A SOTA manual was developed on best vegetative practices and wetlands utilization for removing pollutants from urban stormwater runoff (91). It involves the review and analysis of scientific investigations and other basic literature sources concerning biochemical processes, pollutant uptake properties and tolerances of various marsh and upland vegetation types. Additionally, a detailed review and analysis was made of vegetative and hydraulic/hydrologic practices relative to the management of wetland and upland ecosystems for treatment of urban stormwater runoff.

Nonstructural Erosion/Sedimentation Control

Nonstructural soil conservation practices such as cropping, mulching, chemical soil stabilization, and berming may be relatively inexpensive (22,23).

Erosion/Sediment Control: Products

An audiovisual training program with workbook and instructor's manual (41,42) has been developed for the local land developer, inspector, and job foreman, and is designed to directly support the State of Maryland's published "Standards and Specifications for Erosion and Sediment Control." As state and local agencies move toward setting standards for control, the need for this type of training program becomes urgent. Several erosion control techniques were evaluated in the Piedmont Region of the United States and in the Lake Tahoe Region of California (22, 23).

Drainage System Controls

Drainage system control pertains to management alternatives concerned with urban stormwater runoff collection, interception, and transport. This includes improved maintenance and design of catchbasins, elimination of sanitary and industrial wastewater cross connections, in-pipe and in-channel storage, and remote flow monitoring and control. The emphasis is on optimum use of existing facilities. Because use of the existing system is employed, the concepts generally involve cost-effective, low structurally intensive control.

Catchbasins. A catchbasin is defined as a chamber or well, usually built at the curbline of a street, for the admission of surface water to a sewer or subdrain, having at its base a sediment sump designed to retain grit and detritus below the point of overflow. An optimized catchbasin configuration and geometry has been developed by hydraulic modeling (92).

In a project conducted in the West roxbury section of Boston (93), three catchbasins were cleaned, and subsequently, four runoff events were monitored at each catchbasin. Average pollutant removals per storm are shown in Table 4.

TABLE 4. POLLUTANTS RETAINED IN CATCHBASINS

Constituent	% Retained
Suspended Solids	60-97
Volatile Suspended Solids	48-97
COD	10-56
BOD_5	54-88

Catchbasins must be cleaned often enough to prevent sediment and debris from accumulating to such a depth that the outlet to the sewer might become blocked. The sump must be kept clean to provide storage capacity for sediment, and to prevent resuspension of sediment (92). It is also important to clean catchbasins to provide liquid storage capacity.

Sewer System Cross Connections. Sanitary and industrial wastewater cross connections are a significant reality, which, in effect, make the separate storm sewer a combined sewer. Where cross connections are suspected, investigations should be made of the drainage network, using screening/mass balance techniques, to determine the sources of sanitary or industrial contamination. Once the sources have been isolated, an analysis will bave to be made to determine whether corrective action at the sources, or downstream treatment, is most feasible.

Flow Routing. Another drainage system control method is in-pipe, and in-channel storage and routing to maximize use of existing drainage system capacity (94). The general approach uses remote monitoring of rainfall, flow levels, and sometimes quality, at selected locations in the network, together with a centrally computerized console for positive regulation. As previously mentioned, this concept has proved effective for combined sewers in Detroit, Minneapolis, and Seattle (30, 67, 68, 69), and the technology is transferable to storm sewers.

Regulators-Regulators/Concentrators. To protect receiving water from the effects of stormwater discharges, conventional static regulators used for CSO control (95) can be installed in separate storm sewers to divert stormwater to either a sanitary interceptor, or to a storage tank.

The dual functioning swirl flow regulator/solids separator has shown outstanding potential for simultaneous quality and quantity control. At present, there is a strong need to develop and have a reserve of control hardware for urban runoff control and to effectively reduce the associated high cost implications for conventional storage tanks, etc. It is felt that the swirl/helical type regulators, previously applied only to CSO, can also be installed on separate storm drains before discharge and the resultant concentrate flow can be stored in relatively small tanks, since concentrate flow is only a few percent of the total flow. Stored concentrate can later be directed to the sanitary sewer for subsequent treatment during low flow or dry-weather periods, or if capacity is available in the sanitary interceptor/treatment system, the concentrate may be diverted to it without storage.

These methods of stormwater control (illustrated in Figure 2) may be more economical than building huge holding reservoirs for untreated runoff, and offer a feasible approach to the treatment of separately sewered urban stormwater (96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102).

A project in West Roxbury, Massachusetts represents the first trial on storm water (102). This project is receiving joint sponsorship from the Nationwide Urban Runoff Program (NURP), the State and the SCS Program. Full-scale field demonstrations of the swirl and helical bend devices have been, or are currently being conducted. Since non-point control may soon move into the implementation phase, it is important to demonstrate these units on a comparative basis.

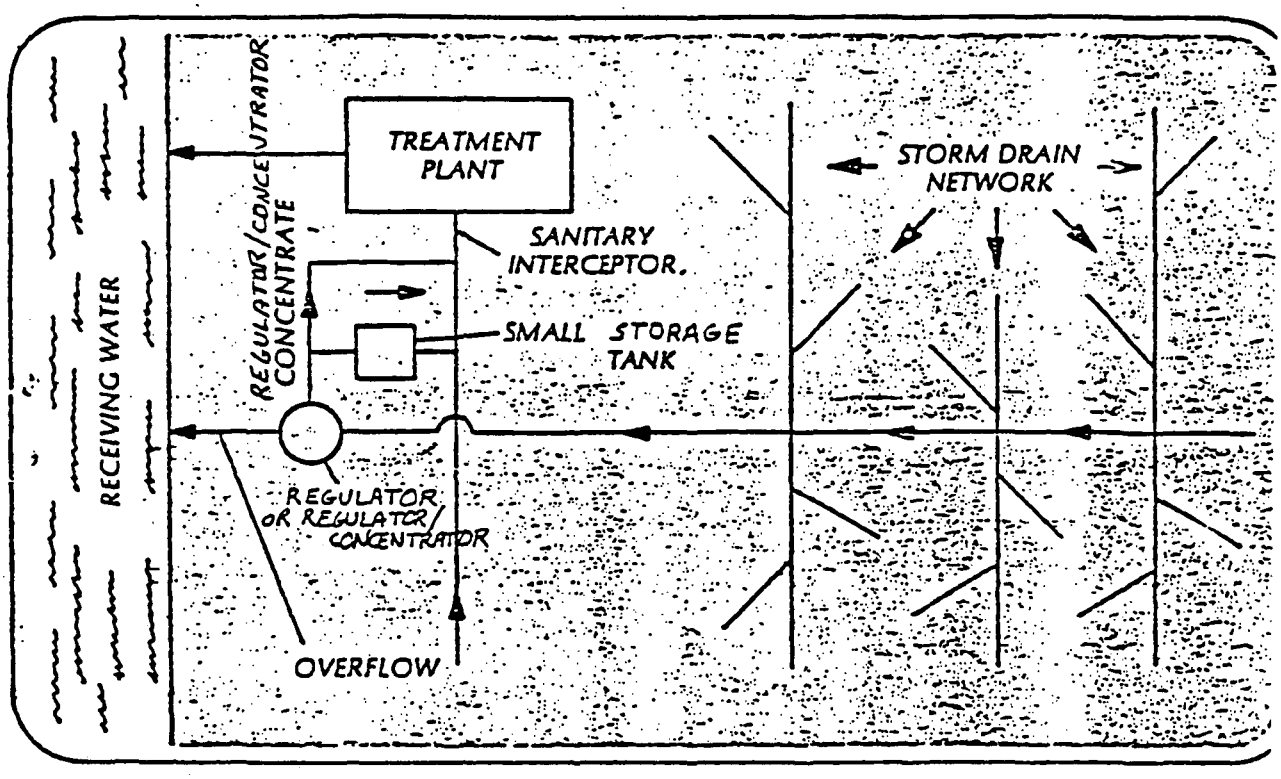

Figure 2. Regulator-Regulator/Concentrator Urban Stormwater Control Devices

Storage

Because of the high volume and variability associated with urban stormwater runoff, storage is considered a necessary control alternative. Storage must be considered at all times in system planning, because it allows for maximum use of the existing dry-weather treatment plant and drainage facilities, optimum economic sizing of new stormwater treatment facilities, and results in the lowest cost control system, for all cases. The runoff is stored until the downstream system can accept the extra volume. At that time, it is discharged.

Storage basins can provide the following advantages: (1) they respond without difficulty to intermittent and random storm behavior, (2) they are not upset by water quality changes, and (3) they are simple in structural design and operation.

Storage concepts that have been investigated for CSO, but can be used for urban stormwater runoff, include the conventional concrete holding tanks and earthen basins (103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108), underwater containers (109, 110, 111), gravel packed beds (112), natural and mined underground formations (113, 114, 115), and existing sewer lines (30, 67, 68, 69).

Treatment

Due to considerable hydraulic variation, and unpredictable shock loading effects during storm events, it has been difficult to adapt existing treatment methods to storm-generated flows, especially the microorganism-dependent biological processes. The newer physical/chemical treatment techniques have shown more promise in overcoming these adversities. To reduce capital investments, projects have been directed towards high-rate operations approaching maximum loading.

Wet-weather flow treatment methods that have been investigated, and that can be adapted to treat urban stormwater runoff, are mainly physical/chemical treatment (116-128).

Disinfection

Because disinfectant and contact demands are great for storm flows, research has concentrated on high-rate applications by mixing and more rapid oxidants, i.e., chlorine dioxide, ozone and ultraviolet, and on-site generation (6, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133). Although research has centered around CSO disinfection, similar high-rate systems may be necessary for certain urban stormwater runoff applications where runoff is impacting high-value contact recreation waters.

System Integration

Dual-Use Treatment. A process designed to treat only wet-weather flow may not be in operation for long stretches of time. This is less cost-effective than a process designed to treat both dry and wet-weather flows. Therefore, it is important to pursue the investigation of dual-use treatment technologies.

The Program has demonstrated the dual use of high-rate trickling filters (134), and high-rate filtration (124). On a pilot scale, powdered activated carbon absorption/alum coagulation has been evaluated (128).

Urban Stormwater Reuse. Previous projects have evaluated the reuse of urban stormwater runoff for aesthetic, recreational, and subpotable and potable water supply purposes (137, 138, 139). In Mount Clemens, Michigan, a series of three "lakelets" have been incorporated into a CSO treatment-park development. Treatment is being provided so that these lakes are aesthetically pleasing and allow for recreation and reuse for irrigation (140).

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

Technology transfer covers the formal dissemination of program findings. To date, the SCS Program has published over 250 reports (141), concentrating on "user" type documents.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

Receiving Water Impacts

Ties between receiving water quality and stormwater discharges must be clearly established and delineated. Quantification of the impairment of beneficial uses and water quality by such discharges is a major goal. Project results indicate the potential for significant impact to receiving waters of wet-weather flows. Control of runoff pollution can be a viable alternative for maintaining receiving water quality standards. However, the problems found seem to be site specific in nature. Therefore, site specific surveys are required. Based on results from these surveys, control may be warranted.

Toxics Characterization and Control/Treatment

Results from a limited in-house effort indicate that urban stormwater runoff contains significant quantities of some priority pollutants.

An important area requiring further work is the comparison of priority pollutant concentrations and quantities in wet-weather flow and their respective dry-weather flow values. Additional investigation of the significance of concentrations and quantities of toxic pollutants with regard to their health effects is required. A need exists to evaluate the removal capacity of alternative treatment technologies for these toxics and to compare their effectiveness with estimated removal needs to meet water quality goals.

Sewer System Cross Connections

Investigations have shown that sanitary and industrial contamination of separate storm sewers is an extensive nationwide problem. In other words, a significant number of separate stormwater drainage systems function as combined sewer systems. Therefore, a nationwide effort on both Federal and local levels, to alleviate the pollution impacts from discharges of these systems is required. It is better to classify such bastardized drainage systems as combined systems for pollution control priorities.

Integrated Stormwater Management

The most effective solution methodology for wet-weather pollution problems must consider: (1) Wet-weather pollution impacts in lieu of blindly upgrading existing municipal plants, (2) structural versus non-structural techniques, (3) integrating dry and wet-weather flow systems to make maximum use of the existing drainage system during wet conditions and maximum use of wet-weather control/treatment facilities during dry-weather, and (4) the segment or bend on the percent pollutant control versus cost curve in which cost differences accelerate at much higher rates than pollutant control increases, although load discharge or receiving water requirements will dictate, ultimately, the degree of control/treatment required.

Flood and erosion control technology must be integrated with pollution control, so that the retention and drainage facilities required for flood and erosion control can be simultaneously designed for pollution control. If land management and

non-structural techniques are maximized and integrated, there will be less to pay for the extraction of pollutants from storm flows in the potentially more costly downstream plants.

The optimal solution is going to come from multi-use, multi-purpose facilities offering multi-benefits. Up to now, sotrmwater management has usually meant flood and drainage control. In order to make wet-weather pollution control economical, ways have to be initiated to utilize flood control techniques for multi-purpose benefits such as pollution control, erosion control and reuse (irrigation, fire fighting, ground-water, recharge, etc.). When ground-water recharge is an objective, pollutant removal properties of the soil profile must be taken into account.

A modification to the CSO philisophy can be utilized by older and/or built-up cities with so-called separate stormwater drainage systems. In effect, they probably have CSO because of the proximity to sanitary and industrial sources and the potential for cross connections. Generally, they also have a lot of sanitary lines, in close proximity to stormwater lines, going to sewage treatment plants. A solution is to try to establish the types of control used for CSO which allow bleed-ins and/or underflow to the sewage treatment plant during low flow.

Another topic is the integrated approach to new development planning and stormwater management. The following questions have to be answered: Should a separate or combined sewer system be built? Under what conditions should we opt for either one? New design concepts need to be employed for integrated stormwater management as per above. Zoning and land use distributions need to be considered so that buffer zones which will lessen stormwater runoff quantity and quality impacts can be developed. Other topics which need to be considered include:

1. Chemical use criteria (such as fertilizer, deicing salt, and chemical stockpiling restrictions).

2. Fines for dumping oil in drains.

3. A more immediate ban on leaded gasoline.

4. Further considerations on highway salt misuse.

Institutional Socio/Economic Conflicts

Some of the most promising opportunities for cost effective environmental control are multi-purpose in nature. However, there are institutional problems that hinder their implementation. First, the autonomous Federal and local agencies and professions involved in flood and erosion control, pollution control, and land management and environmental planning must be integrated at both the planning and operation levels. Multi-agency grant coverage must be adequate to stimulate such an approach. For example, EPA would have to join with the Corps of Engineers, Soil Conservation Service, Department of Transportation, and perhaps other Federal agencies as well as departments of pollution control, sanitation, planning, and flood control at the local level.

Another problem is that construction grant incentives are geared towards structurally intensive projects which may counter research findings in the area of optimal solutions.

Optimized wet-weather pollution control usually involves a city-wide approach including the integration of structural as well as low-structural controls. The low-structural measures more labor intensive. Construction grant funding does not presently address this expense and accordingly muncipalities are discouraged from using them. An example of this is the Boston Metropolitan District Commission's reluctance to incorporate sewer flushing technology for the very reasons mentioned.

CONCLUSIONS

In general, on a mass basis toxics, bacteria, and oxygen demanding, suspended, and visual matter in urban stormwater runoff are significant. Ignoring the problem because it seems to be too costly to solve by conventional methods, such as separate facilities for dry-weather flows, flood, and wet-weather pollution control is the only way which is going to be feasible, economical and, therefore, acceptable. Potentially tremendous "bangs for the bucks" can be derived from wet-weather pollution control research fostering integrated solutions. Consequently, funding allocations should be commensurate with achievable benefits. Only through the combined efforts of concerned citizens, planners, engineers and legislators will we be able to abate the pollution that is impairing our nation's receiving waters.

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