

**HYDROLOGY  
OVERVIEW  
and  
PRECIPITATION  
Unit IV**

***Stormwater Management***

- **Works hand in hand with Erosion and Sediment Control**
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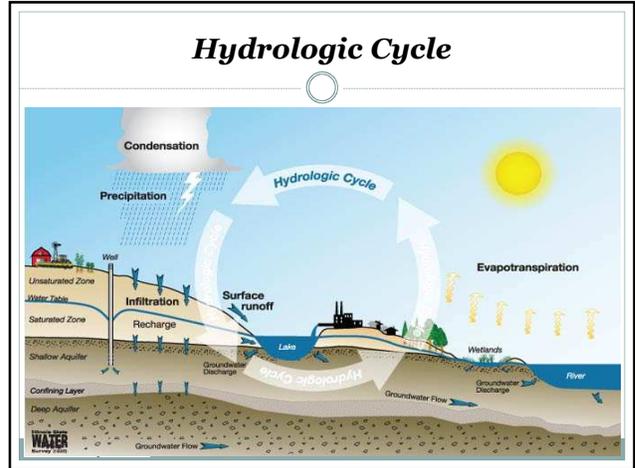
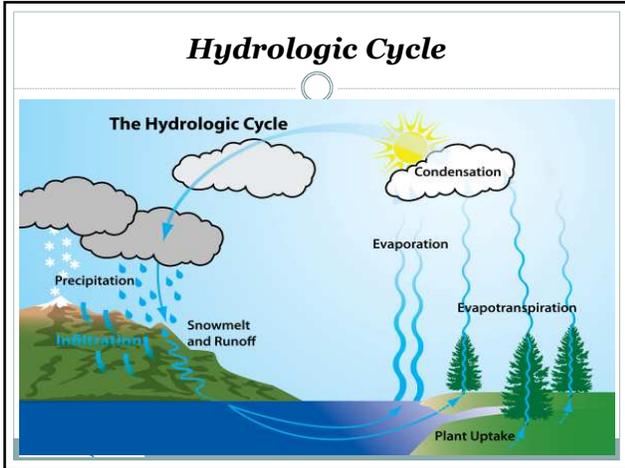


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Look at:

- Hydrologic/Water Cycle
- Precipitation
- Runoff

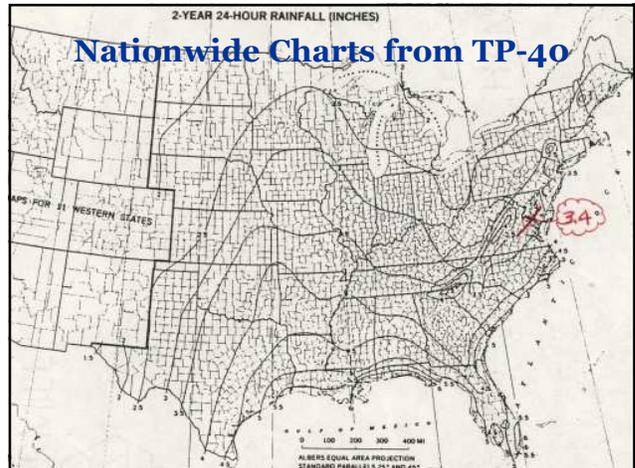


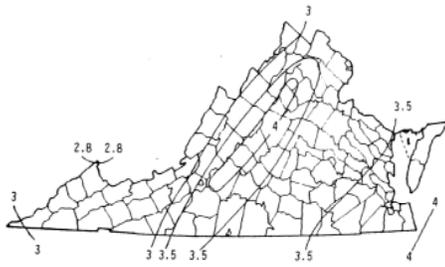
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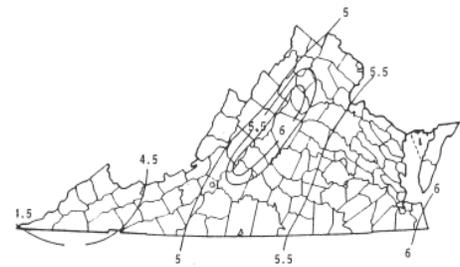
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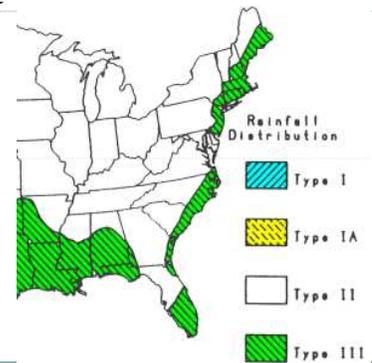


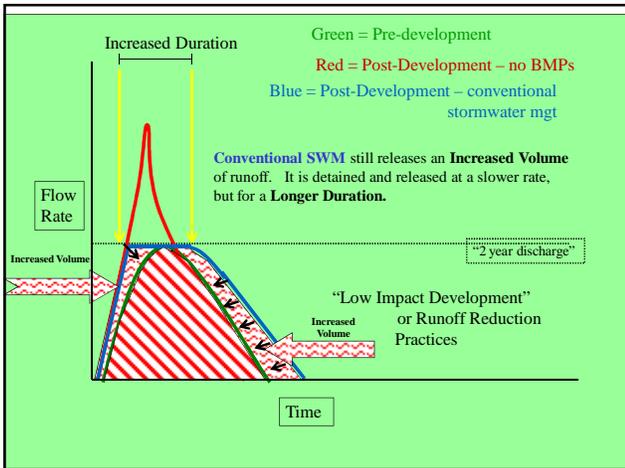
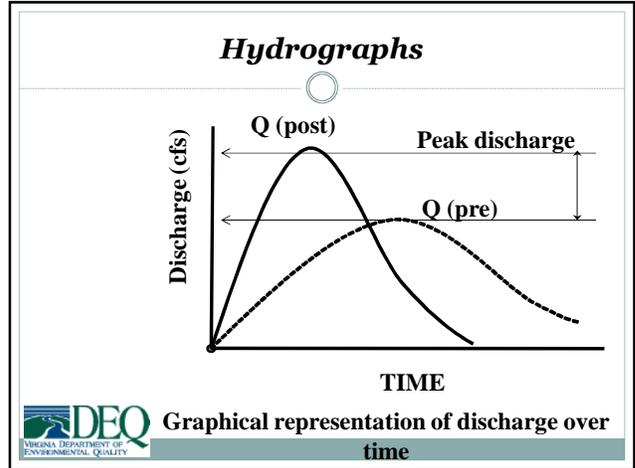
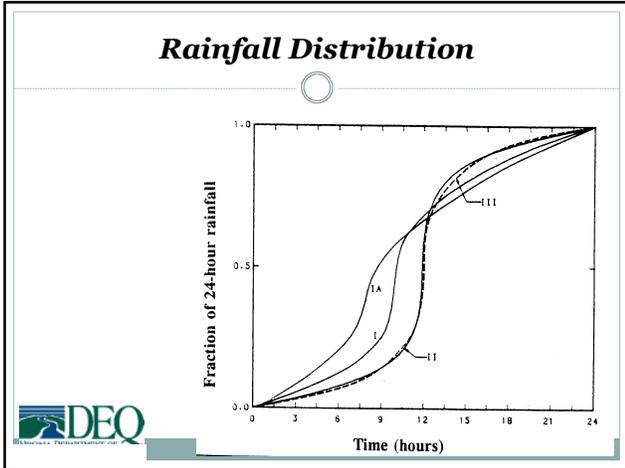
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- ◆ Storm duration (units of time)
- ◆ Storm depth (units of length)
- ◆ Storm intensity ( $I = \text{depth}(d) / \text{time}(t)$ )
- ◆ Distribution



### Rainfall Distribution



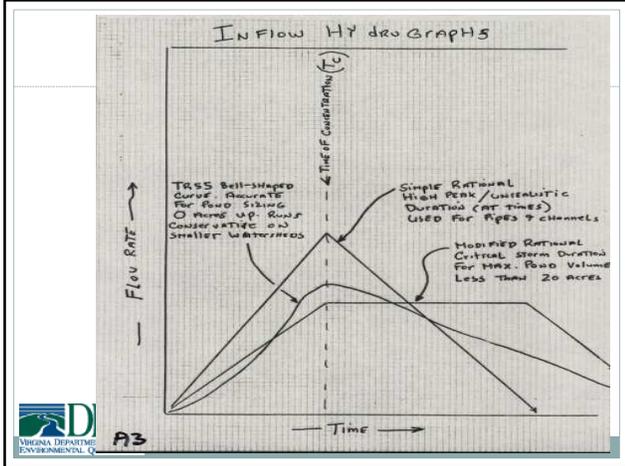


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**Modeled from watershed parameters and storm characteristics:**

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- Modified Rational
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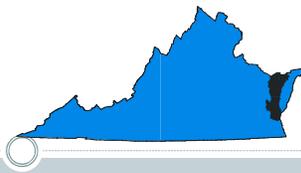
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## UNIT IX – TIME OF CONCENTRATION

### Time of Concentration ( $T_c$ )

- Time of concentration ( $T_c$ ) is the time it takes for runoff to flow along a path from the most hydraulically distant point in the watershed to the analysis point (slowest path)
- One of the principal inputs for calculating peak runoff from a watershed

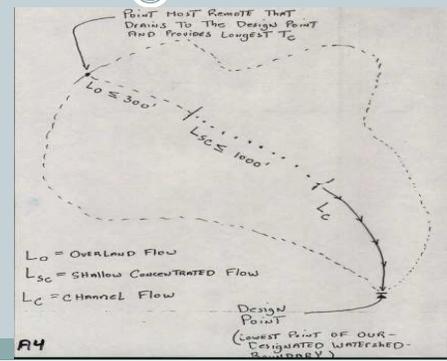


### Time of Concentration

- Flow path consists of three types of flow:
  - Overland Flow
  - Shallow Concentrated Flow
  - Channel Flow
- The travel time ( $T_t$ ) for each type of flow is measured or calculated
- The time of concentration ( $T_c$ ) is the sum of the travel times ( $T_t$ ) for each type of flow



### Time of Concentration



## Time of Concentration Overland Flow

- **Shallow sheet flow occurring in the upper reaches of a watershed**
- **Maximum length of flow up to 300 feet (some prefer 200 feet – will vary based on watershed characteristics)**
- **Calculating overland flow travel time is the most crucial for small watersheds-usually largest time component of calculation.**



## Time of Concentration Methods for Computing Overland Flow

- **Seelye Method**
- **Kinematic Wave Method**
- **NRCS Technical Release 55 (TR-55) Method**



## Overland Flow: Seelye Method

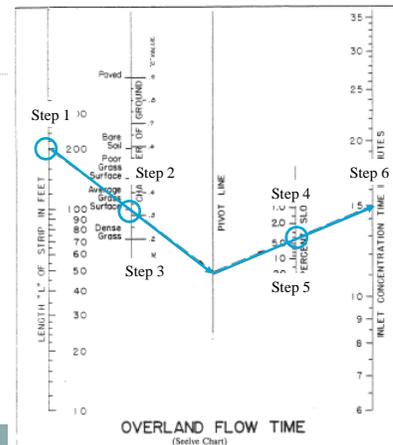
- **Seelye Chart, Plate 5-1, VESCH page V-11**
- **Simplest method - commonly used for small developments**
  - Step 1: Find flow LENGTH on the first axis
  - Step 2: Find CHARACTER OF GROUND on the second axis
  - Step 3: Draw a straight line between the points identified in Steps 1 and 2 and extend line to the PIVOT LINE
  - Step 4: Find PERCENT SLOPE on fourth axis
  - Step 5: Draw straight line connecting point where first line crosses PIVOT LINE through the PERCENT SLOPE and extend to the fifth axis
  - Step 6: Read INLET CONCENTRATION TIME where second line meets the fifth axis

### Example:

- **200 ft flow path**
- **Average Grass Surface ("C" value 0.32)**
- **4% slope**

### Answer:

**$T_t = 15$  minutes**



### Overland Flow: Kinematic Wave Method

- Allows for input of rainfall intensity values, providing overland flow travel time for a selected design storm
- Requires a “trial and error” approach, as the equation includes two unknown variables: rainfall intensity (*i*) and travel time (*Tt*)



### Overland Flow: Kinematic Wave Method

$$Tt = 0.93 \times \frac{L^{0.6} \times n^{0.6}}{i^{0.4} \times S^{0.3}}$$

- L* = length of overland flow (feet)
- n* = Manning’s roughness coefficient (Table 5-7)
- i* = rainfall intensity (inches/hour) (Plates 5-4 to 5-18)
- S* = slope (feet/feet)



TABLE 5-7  
ROUGHNESS COEFFICIENTS  
(MANNING’S “n”) FOR SHEET FLOW

Surface Description	n <sup>1</sup>
Smooth surfaces (concrete, asphalt, gravel, or bare soil) . . . . .	0.011
Fallow (no residue) . . . . .	0.05
Cultivated soils:	
Residue cover ≤ 20% . . . . .	0.06
Residue cover > 20% . . . . .	0.17
Grass:	
Short grass prairie . . . . .	0.15
Dense grasses <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	0.24
Bermudagrass . . . . .	0.41
Range (natural) . . . . .	0.13
Woods <sup>3</sup> :	
Light underbrush . . . . .	0.40
Dense underbrush . . . . .	0.80

<sup>1</sup> The “n” values are a composite of information compiled by Engman (1986).  
<sup>2</sup> Includes species such as weeping lovegrass, bluegrass, buffalo grass, blue grama grass, and native grass mixtures.  
<sup>3</sup> When selecting n, consider cover to a height of about 0.1 ft. This is the only part of the plant cover that will obstruct sheet flow.

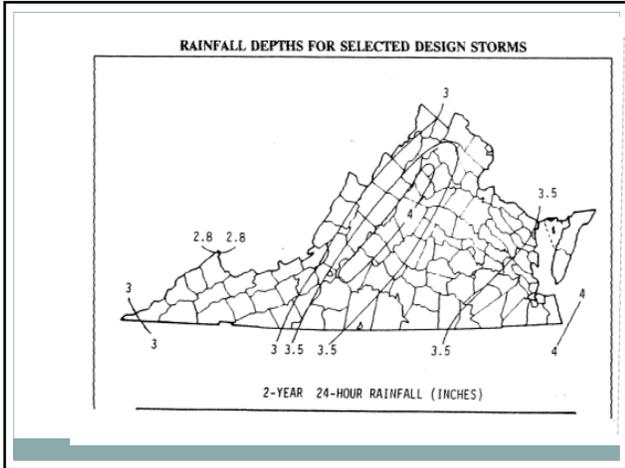
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### Overland Flow: NRCS TR-55 Method

$$Tt = 0.007 \times \frac{(nL)^{0.8}}{P_2^{0.5} \times S^{0.4}}$$

- L* = length of overland flow (feet)
- n* = Manning’s roughness coefficient (Table 5-7)
- P*<sub>2</sub> = 2 year, 24-hour rainfall in inches (Plate 5-19, page V-49)
- s* = slope (feet/feet)





### **Shallow Concentrated Flow: NRCS TR-55 Method**

- Occurs where overland flow converges to form small rills, gullies, and swales
- Flow length 0 to 1000 feet maximum
- Refer to Plate 5-2 (page V-12) or Plate 5-23 (page V-53) to determine average velocity



### **Shallow Concentrated Flow: NRCS TR-55 Method**

$$Tt = \left( \frac{L}{V \times t} \right)$$

- $L$  = flow length (feet)
- $V$  = average velocity (feet/second)
- $t$  = conversion factor (60 to convert to minutes, 3600 to convert to hours)

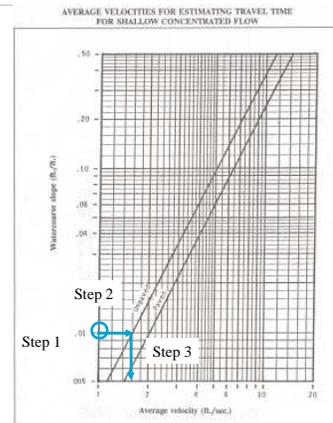


**Example:**

- 1% slope (0.01 ft/ft)
- Unpaved
- Length = 200 ft

**Answer:**

- $V = 1.6$  ft/second
- $Tt = 200 / (1.6 \times 60) = 2.1$  minutes



Source: USDA-SCS

Plate 5-2

## Channel Flow

- Occurs where concentrated flow occurs in channels with well-defined cross-section (streams, ditches, gutters, pipes, etc.)
- Use velocity from Manning's equation for open channel flow



## Channel Flow Manning's Equation

$$Tt = \left( \frac{L}{V \times t} \right)$$

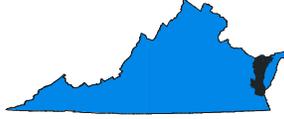
- $L$  = channel flow length (feet)
- $V$  = average velocity from Manning's equation (feet/second)
- $t$  = conversion factor (use 60 to convert to minutes, 3600 to convert to hours)

## Time of Concentration

- Sum overland flow travel time, shallow concentrated flow travel time, and channel flow travel time to the design point:

$$Tc = \sum Tt$$



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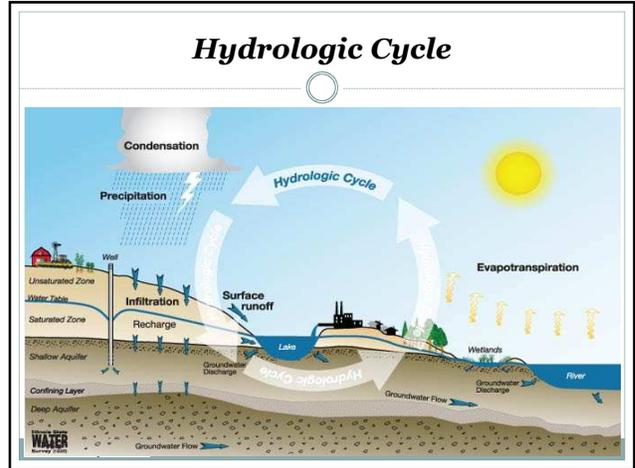
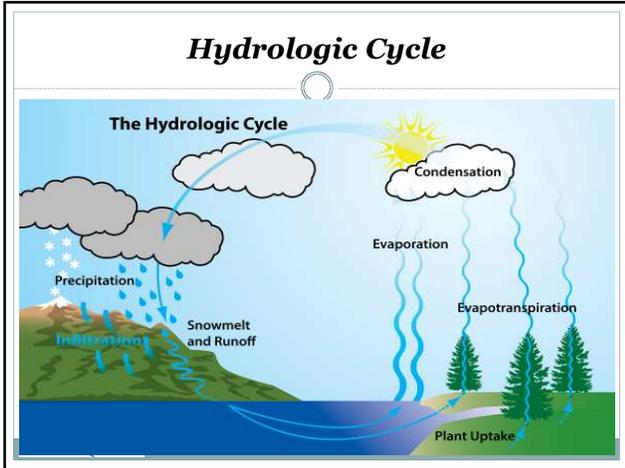


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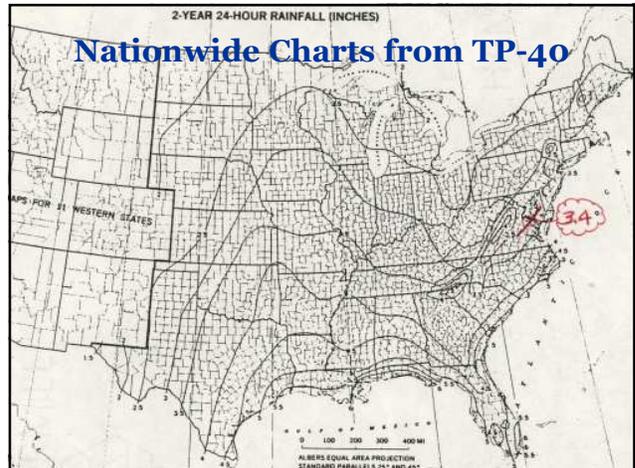



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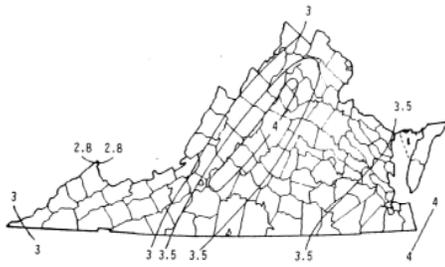
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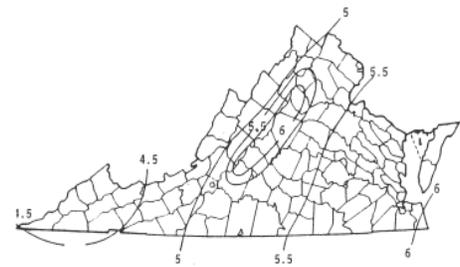
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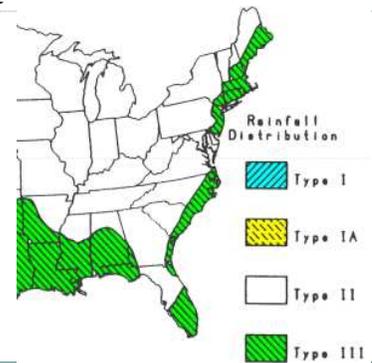


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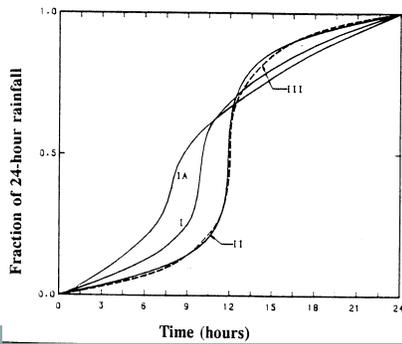
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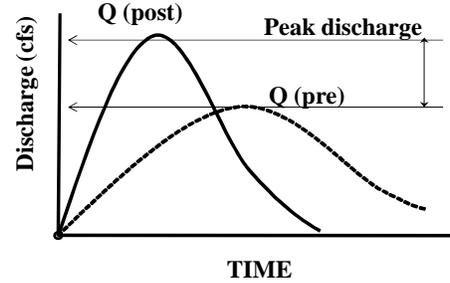
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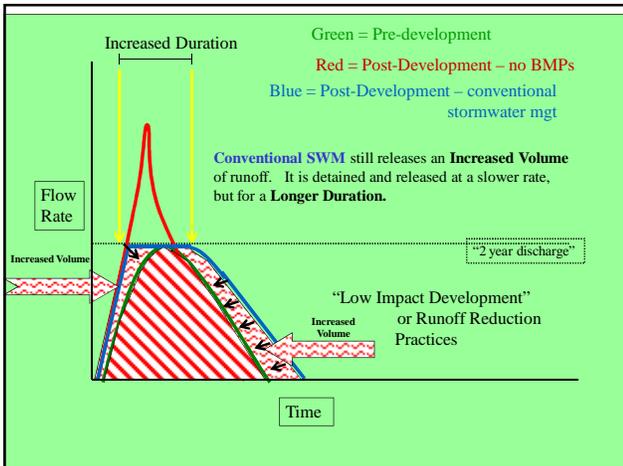
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## Hydrographs



Graphical representation of discharge over time

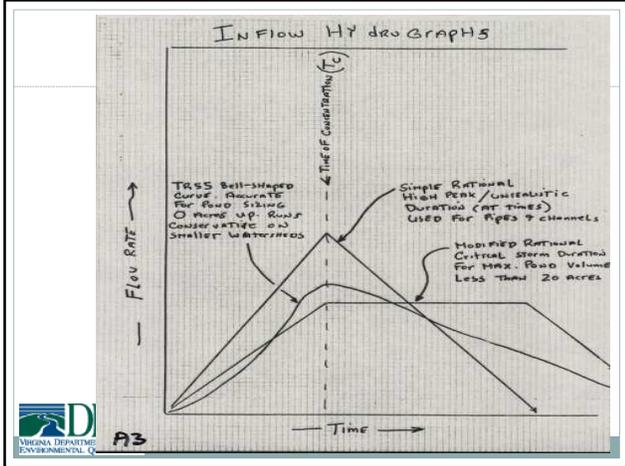


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**UNIT X –  
RATIONAL METHOD**

### ***Rational Method***

- **Method used to calculate peak discharge from a drainage area**
- **Most accurate when used on small, impervious, and homogenous watersheds (<200 acres)**
- **Assumes that a rainfall duration equal to the Time of Concentration (*T<sub>c</sub>*) results in the greatest peak discharge**



### ***Rational Method***

$$Q = CiA$$

**Q = peak discharge/rate of runoff (cfs)**  
**C = runoff coefficient**  
**i = average rainfall intensity (inches/hour)**  
**A = drainage area (acres)**



### ***Rational Method: Runoff Coefficient (C)***

- **Number relating the amount of runoff to the amount of rainfall (Table 5-2, page V-29)**
- **As the imperviousness of a drainage area increases, the value of C increases**
- **A C value of 1.0 would represent a complete runoff of all rainfall**



TABLE 5-2  
VALUES OF RUNOFF COEFFICIENT (C) FOR RATIONAL FORMULA

Land Use	C	Land Use	C
<b>Business:</b>		<b>Lawn:</b>	
Downtown areas	0.70-0.95	Sandy soil, flat, 2%	0.05-0.10
Neighborhood areas	0.50-0.70	Sandy soil, average, 2-7%	0.10-0.15
		Sandy soil, steep, 7%	0.15-0.20
		Heavy soil, flat, 2%	0.15-0.17
		Heavy soil, average, 2-7%	0.15-0.22
		Heavy soil, steep, 7%	0.25-0.35
<b>Residential:</b>		<b>Agricultural land:</b>	
Single-family areas	0.30-0.50	Bare tilled soil	
Multi units, detached	0.40-0.60	* Smooth	0.30-0.60
Multi units, attached	0.60-0.75	* Rough	0.20-0.50
Suburban	0.25-0.40	Cultivated rows	
		* Heavy soil, no crop	0.30-0.60
		* Heavy soil, with crop	0.20-0.50
		* Sandy soil, no crop	0.20-0.40
		* Sandy soil, with crop	0.10-0.25
		Pasture	
		* Heavy soil	0.15-0.45
		* Sandy soil	0.05-0.25
		Woodlands	0.05-0.25
<b>Industrial:</b>		<b>Streets:</b>	
Light areas	0.50-0.80	Asphaltic	0.70-0.95
Heavy areas	0.60-0.90	Concrete	0.80-0.95
		Brick	0.70-0.85
<b>Parks, recreation:</b>		<b>Unimproved areas:</b>	
		Unimproved areas	0.10-0.30
<b>Playgrounds:</b>		Ditches and walks	0.75-0.85
<b>Railroad yard areas:</b>		Roads	0.75-0.85

Note: The designer must use judgment to select the appropriate "C" value within the range. Generally, larger areas with permeable soils, flat slopes and dense vegetation should have the lowest C values. Smaller areas with dense soils moderate to steep slopes, and sparse vegetation should be assigned the highest C values.

### Rational Method: Weighted Runoff Coefficient

- If a drainage area has multiple land uses with different C values, then a weighted C value can be calculated
- **Example:** A 10.0 acre drainage area with 2 different land uses: 2 acres of parking lot (C = 0.95) and 8 acres of park (C = 0.25)



### Rational Method: Weighted Runoff Coefficient

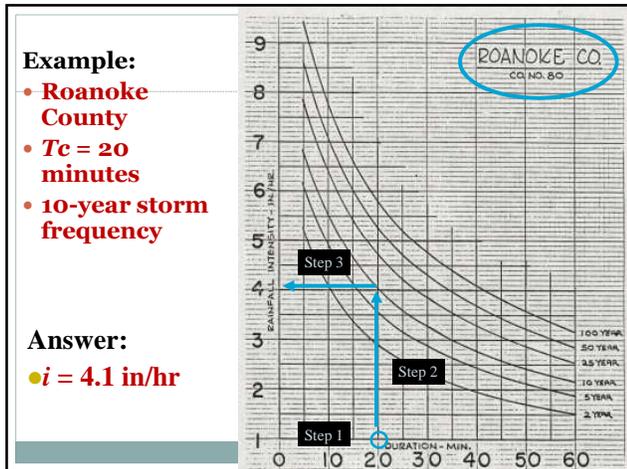
- Calculate a CA value for each land use:  
 $C_1 \times A_1 = 0.95 \times 2 = 1.9$   
 $C_2 \times A_2 = 0.25 \times 8 = 2.0$
- Add the CA values together and divide the sum by the total area:  
 $(1.9 + 2.0) / 10 = 3.9 / 10 = 0.39 = \text{weighted C value}$



### Rational Method: Average Rainfall Intensity (i)

- In the Rational Method, the storm duration is assumed to be equal to the Time of Concentration ( $T_c$ )
- Select the proper Intensity-Duration-Frequency (IDF) curve from Plates 5-4 to 5-18, VESCH, pages V-14 to V-28
  - Step 1: Start with storm duration =  $T_c$  (minutes)
  - Step 2: Read up until you cross the storm frequency curve (2-year, 10-year, etc.)
  - Step 3: Read to the left and determine intensity (in/hr)





**Rational Method**

$$Q = CiA$$

$$Q = 0.39 \times 4.1 \times 10$$

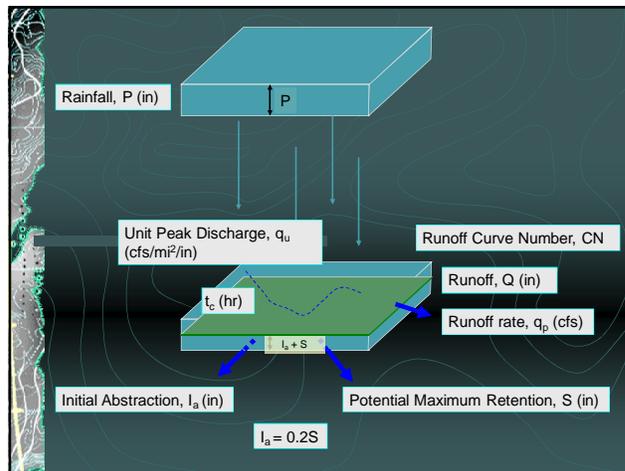
$$Q = 15.99 \text{ cfs}$$

**Rational Method: Assumptions and Limitations**

- **Frequency of rainfall and runoff events similar**
- **Rainfall occurs at uniform intensity for a duration equal to  $T_c$  and over the entire area of a watershed.**
- **More accurate as imperviousness increases**
- **Less accurate as size of watershed increases**
- **Not suitable for basin design**

# TR-55

## GRAPHICAL PEAK DISCHARGE METHOD



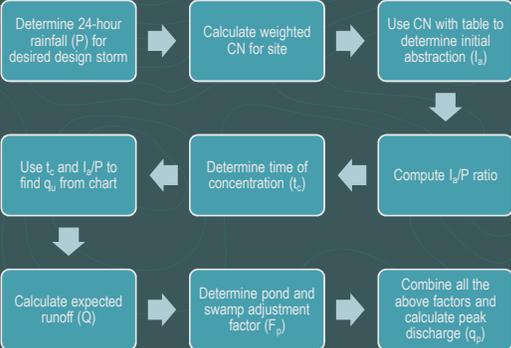
- ### Information you will need -
- Rainfall distribution (i.e., Type I, IA, II or III)
  - Rainfall amount (P), in inches
  - Weighted runoff curve number (CN)
  - Initial abstraction ( $I_a$ )
  - Ratio of  $I_a/P$
  - Total runoff (Q), in inches
  - Time of concentration ( $t_c$ ), in hours
  - Drainage area, in square miles ( $A_m$ )

### Peak Discharge Equation -

$$q_p = q_u A_m Q F_p$$

- Where:
  - $q_p$  = peak discharge (cfs)
  - $q_u$  = unit peak discharge (cfs/mi<sup>2</sup>-in; csm/in)
  - $A_m$  = drainage area (mi<sup>2</sup>)
  - Q = runoff (in)
  - $F_p$  = pond and swamp adjustment factor
- An example calculation is given starting on page V-31 of the DCR VESCH

### Flowchart of computation activities -



### Typical worksheet -

Worksheet 8 Graphical Peak Discharge method

Site: [Blank] Date: 8/15/2013  
 User: [Blank] Date: 8/15/2013

1. Data  
 1.1 Design storm:  $P_{24} = 0.39$  in (4.00 in) (from Appendix 4B, Figure 2.8)  
 1.2 Weighted CN:  $CN = 30$  (from Appendix 4B, Figure 2.8)  
 1.3 Time of concentration:  $t_c = 1.0$  hr (from Appendix 4B, Figure 2.7)  
 1.4 Initial abstraction:  $I_a = 0.2$  in (5.08 mm)  
 1.5 Pond and swamp adjustment factor:  $F_p = 1.0$  (from Appendix 4B, Figure 2.7)

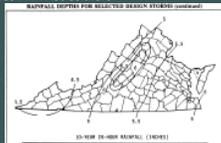
2. Parameters  
 2.1 Peak discharge:  $q_p = 0.007$  cfs  
 2.2 Time of concentration:  $t_c = 1.0$  hr  
 2.3 Initial abstraction:  $I_a = 0.2$  in  
 2.4 Weighted CN:  $CN = 30$   
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 2.7 Time of concentration:  $t_c = 1.0$  hr  
 2.8 Initial abstraction:  $I_a = 0.2$  in  
 2.9 Weighted CN:  $CN = 30$   
 2.10 Pond and swamp adjustment factor:  $F_p = 1.0$

This, other worksheets and instructions can be found in the TR55 manual, which can be obtained on the Internet at [http://www.wsi.nrcs.usda.gov/products/w2q/H&H/Tools\\_Models/other/TR55.html](http://www.wsi.nrcs.usda.gov/products/w2q/H&H/Tools_Models/other/TR55.html). It can also be found on page V-48 of the DCR VESCH.

A Windows computer program that performs TR55 calculations can be obtained at [http://www.wsi.nrcs.usda.gov/products/W2Q/H&H/Tools\\_Models/WinTR55.html](http://www.wsi.nrcs.usda.gov/products/W2Q/H&H/Tools_Models/WinTR55.html).

### Step 1: Determine rainfall -

- Several ways
- NOAA Atlas 14
  - Plates 5-19 through 5-21 on pages V-49 through V-51 of the VESCH
  - Tabular listing in Appendix 4B of the DCR Stormwater Manual
  - Figures B-3 through B-8 of the TR55 manual
  - Use WinTR55 software



Storm Data

Return Period (years): 1, 2, 5, 10, 25, 50, 100

Return Period (years)	1	2	5	10	25	50	100
15 min	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
30 min	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
1 hr	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
24 hr	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

Part of Appendix 4B

### Step 2: Calculate weighted CN -

- Need to know the Hydrologic Soil Group (HSG) for each of the soils at the site as well as the area of each soil type.
- Get soils information from:
  - Site drawings or E&S report
  - NRCS Web Soil Survey (<http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/>)
  - Appendix 6C of the DCR VESCH
  - Appendix 4A of the DCR Stormwater Manual



### Step 5: Determine Time of Concentration (tc) -

- Example worksheet on page V-42 of VESCH

Worksheet 2: Time of concentration (tc) or travel time (Tt) 1902

Project:                      No.            Date:           

Location:                      Station:            Mile:           

Circle over (CN)                      

Circle over (S)                      

NOTE: Same for or used as the separate per line type can be used for each method.

Include a map, sketch, or description of line segment.

Segment ID:           

1. Surface description (Table 5-7)           

2. Manning's roughness coeff., n (Table 5-7)           

3. Flow length, L (Table 5-7)           

4. Slope (ft/ft), S (Table 5-7)           

5. Land cover, n           

6.  $T_c = \frac{L}{V}$                       

7.  $T_c = \frac{L}{V}$                       

8.  $T_c = \frac{L}{V}$                       

9.  $T_c = \frac{L}{V}$                       

10.  $T_c = \frac{L}{V}$                       

11.  $T_c = \frac{L}{V}$                       

12.  $T_c = \frac{L}{V}$                       

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17.  $T_c = \frac{L}{V}$                       

18.  $T_c = \frac{L}{V}$                       

19.  $T_c = \frac{L}{V}$                       

20.  $T_c = \frac{L}{V}$                       

### Step 7: Determine expected runoff -

- Two methods:
  - Use CN value to find expected runoff from Table 5-6 on page V-60 of VESCH
  - Calculate runoff using NRCS TR55 equation:

$$Q = \frac{(P - I_a)^2}{(P - I_a) + S}$$

where

$$S = \frac{1000}{CN} - 10$$

TABLE 5-6  
RUNOFF DEPTH FOR SELECTED CNs AND RAINFALL AMOUNTS<sup>1</sup>

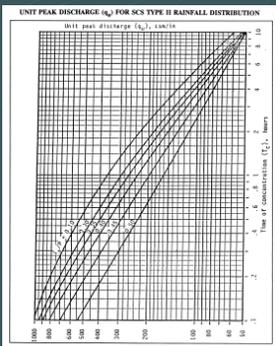
Runoff depth for curve number of \_\_\_\_\_

Runoff	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	98
1.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1.2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1.4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1.6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1.8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2.5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4.5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6.5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7.5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8.5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9.5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

<sup>1</sup> Interpolate the values shown to obtain runoff depths for CN's or rainfall amounts not shown.

### Step 6: Find q<sub>u</sub> on chart -

- Use I<sub>a</sub>/P ratio calculated in Step 4 and t<sub>c</sub> value found in Step 5 to find q<sub>u</sub> on chart provided as Plate 5-25 on page V-55 of DCR VESCH



### Step 8: Pond & Swamp Adjustment -

- Factor not always needed
- Needed if ponds and/or swamps are scattered throughout the watershed, but not on the path used to determine t<sub>c</sub>
- Determine percentage of the drainage area represented by swamps and/or ponds
- Look up F<sub>p</sub> in Table 5-10 on page V-65 of VESCH

TABLE 5-10  
ADJUSTMENT FACTOR (F<sub>p</sub>) FOR POND AND SWAMP AREAS SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE WATERSHED

Percentage of pond and swamp areas	F <sub>p</sub>
0	1.00
0.2	0.97
1.0	0.87
3.0	0.75
5.0	0.72

## Step 9: Complete calculation

- Now that all the background variable values have been determined, use the peak discharge equation to calculate the peak discharge

$$q_p = q_u A_m Q F_p$$

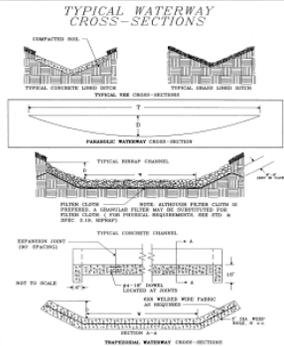
- $q_u$  from Step 6
- $A_m$  from site information provided with plans
- $Q$  from Step 7
- $F_p$  from Step 8

## Limitations

- Peak discharge method – no hydrograph generated, cannot be used for routing (basin design)
- Only one main stream in watershed. Can be applied to multiple stream branches with nearly equal  $t_c$
- Watershed must be hydrologically homogeneous (uniform distribution of land use, soils, and cover) – represented by one CN



## Stormwater Conveyance Channel-3.17

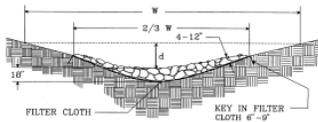
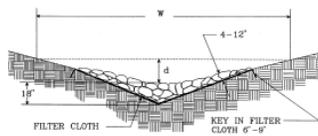


## Reviewing Channel Design

- **Top width of parabolic and v-shaped channels not to exceed 30'**
- **Bottom width of trapezoid and grass lined not to exceed 15'**
- **Outlet protection**
- **Grass lined channels stabilized by the permanent seeding and/or sodding specification**
- **Bermudagrass sprigging irrigate for 4 weeks**
- **Erosion netting**
- **Riprap use Std & Specs**



## STONE-LINED WATERWAYS



## Concrete lined channels

- **Must have moist subgrade**
- **Transverse joints at 20' intervals**
- **Expansion joints every 100'**



## Open Channel Flow: MS - 19 - Adequate Channel

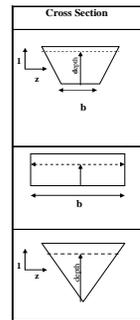
- **One-percent rule**
- **Man-made**
  - Capacity - 10-year discharge
  - Stability - 2-year discharge
- **Natural**
  - Capacity - 2-year discharge
  - Stability - 2-year discharge
- **Storm Sewer Systems - Capacity for 10-year storm**
- **Natural Channel Design ... Man-Made → Natural**



## Channel Analysis: MS - 19

### Channel capacity

- Based on channel geometry and lining (roughness)
- Compare to drainage area and design storm



## Channel Analysis: MS - 19

### Channel lining

- Permissible velocity of lining compared to velocity of design storm
- Permissible velocities in Table 5-14 (V – 120) or in manufacturer's specifications

Channel Slope	Lining	Velocity* (ft./sec.)
0 - 5%	Bermudagrass	6
	Reed canarygrass	5
	Tall fescue	
	Kentucky bluegrass	
	Grass-legume mixture	4
5 - 10%	Red fescue	2.5
	Redtop	
	Sericea lespedeza	
	Annual lespedeza	
	Small grains	
Greater than 10%	Temporary vegetation	2.5
	Bermudagrass	5
	Reed canarygrass	4
	Tall fescue	
	Kentucky bluegrass	
Grass-legume mixture	3	
Greater than 10%	Bermudagrass	4
	Reed canarygrass	3
	Tall fescue	
Greater than 10%	Kentucky bluegrass	3

\* For highly erodible soils, decrease permissible velocities by 25%.

### Manning's Equation

$$V = \frac{1.49}{n} \times R^{(2/3)} \times \sqrt{s}$$

- V = velocity (fps)**
- n = Manning's roughness coefficient (dimensionless)**
- R = hydraulic radius (A/P)**
- A = wetted cross sectional area**
- P = wetted perimeter(ft)**
- s = slope (in ft/ft - NOT percent slope)**



### Hydraulic radius



$A = 2 \times 3 = 6$   
 $P = 3 + 2 + 3 = 8$   
 $R = A/P = 6/8 = 0.75$



$A = 1 \times 6 = 6$   
 $P = 6 + 1 + 6 = 13$   
 $R = A/P = 6/13 = 0.46$



### Open Channel Flow: Roughness Coefficients - Manning's (n)

- Concrete Pipe .012 to .016
- Earthen Ditch .017 to .025
- Canal w/ stone bed & weeds on bank .025 to .04
- Earth bottom & rubble sides .028 to .035



Table 5-8 (p. V-62)

TABLE 5-8  
MANNING'S "n" VALUES

Surface	Best	Good	Fair	Bad
Uncoated cast-iron pipe	0.012	0.013	0.014	0.015
Coated cast-iron pipe	0.011	0.012*	0.013*	
Commercial wrought-iron pipe, black	0.012	0.013	0.014	0.015
Commercial wrought-iron pipe, galvanized	0.013	0.014	0.015	0.017
Riveted and spiral steel pipe	0.013	0.015*	0.017*	
Common clay drainage tile	0.011	0.012*	0.014*	0.017
Neat cement surfaces	0.010	0.011	0.012	0.013
Cement mortar surfaces	0.011	0.012	0.013*	0.015
Concrete pipe	0.012	0.013	0.015*	0.016
Concrete-lined channels	0.012	0.014*	0.016*	0.018
Cement-rubble surface	0.017	0.020	0.025	0.030
Dry-rubble surface	0.025	0.030	0.035	0.035
Canals and ditches:				
Earth, straight and uniform	0.017	0.020	0.0225*	0.025
Rock cuts, smooth and uniform	0.025	0.030	0.035	0.035
Rock cuts, jagged and irregular	0.035	0.040	0.045	
Winding sluggish canals	0.0225	0.025*	0.0275	0.030
Dredged earth channels	0.025	0.0275*	0.030	0.033
Canals with rough stony beds, weeds on earth banks	0.025	0.030	0.035*	0.040
Earth bottom, rubble sides	0.028	0.030*	0.035*	0.035

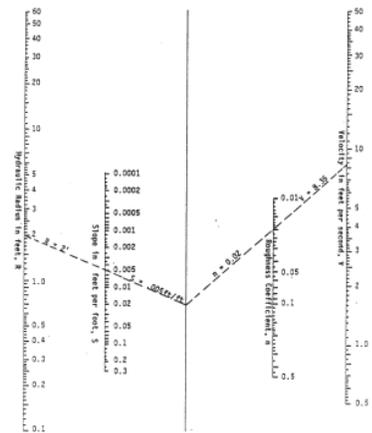
\* Values commonly used in designing.

## Open Channel Flow

Section	Area a	Wetted Perimeter P	Hydraulic Radius $R = a/P$	Top Width T
	$bd + zd^2$	$b + 2d(z^2+1)^{1/2}$	$\frac{bd + zd^2}{b + 2d(z^2+1)^{1/2}}$	$b + 2zd$
	$bd$	$b + 2d$	$\frac{bd}{b + 2d}$	$b$
	$zd^2$	$2d(z^2+1)^{1/2}$	$\frac{zd^2}{2d(z^2+1)^{1/2}}$	$2zd$



NOGRAPH FOR SOLUTION OF MANNING EQUATION



## Continuity Equation

$$Q = V * A$$

- **Q = discharge (cfs)**
- **V = velocity (from Manning's, fps)**
- **A = Cross sectional area (ft<sup>2</sup>)**

$$\text{cfs} = \text{fps} * \text{ft}^2$$



## Open Channel Flow

### Manning Equation

$$V = (1.49/n) * (R^{2/3}) * (S^{1/2})$$

### Continuity Equation

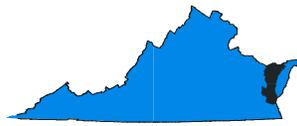
$$Q = V * A$$

by substitution,

### Discharge Equation:

$$Q = (1.49/n) * S^{1/2} * R^{2/3} * A$$





**Unit XIII**  
**Minimum Standard 19 (a**  
**Summary)**

***Erosion and Sediment Control For Plan***  
***Reviewers***

**Consisted of:**

- **A review of the structures (Day 1)**
- **Plan review for stormwater (Day 2)**

**But in essence they all related to MS-19**

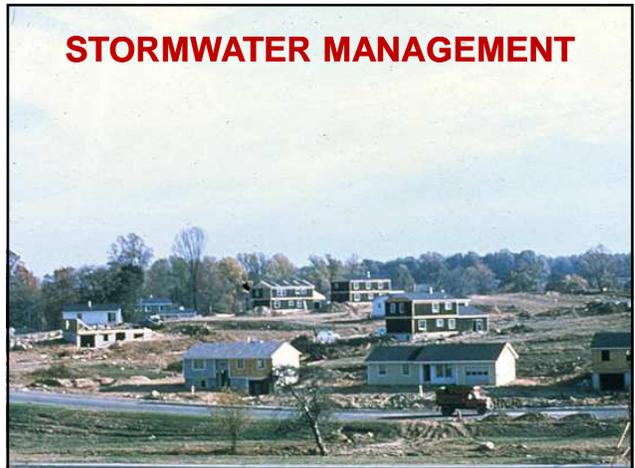


***MS-19***

**“Properties and receiving waterways downstream of any land development project shall be protected from sediment deposition, erosion, and damage due to increases in volume, velocity, and peak flow rate of stormwater runoff . . . “**



**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**





*Streams are in equilibrium with their watershed*

- **Greater imperviousness = greater runoff**
- **Issue: How will the change in the drainage area affect a given channel?**

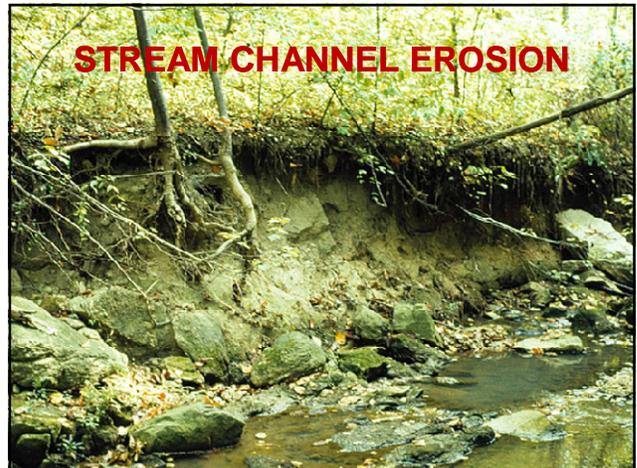




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**4VAC50-30-40.19.a :**

**Concentrated stormwater runoff leaving a development site shall be discharged directly into an adequate natural or man-made receiving channel, pipe or storm sewer system.**



**4VAC50-30-40.19.**

**a. For those sites where runoff is discharged into a pipe or pipe system (or any man-made conveyance), downstream stability analyses at the outfall of the pipe or pipe system shall be performed.**





**4VAC50-30-40.19.**

**b. Adequacy of all channels and pipes shall be verified in the following manner:**

- (1) 1% Rule; or
- (2) (a) Natural channels: 2-year storm will not overtop channel banks nor cause erosion of channel bed or banks; and



**4VAC50-30-40.19. (cont.) :**

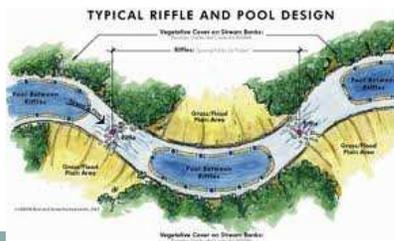
- (b) Man-made channels: 10-year storm will not overtop banks and 2-year storm will not cause erosion of channel bed or banks; and
- (c) Pipes and storm sewer systems: 10-year will be contained within the pipe or system.





### Stream Restoration and Relocation Projects (11/21/2012)

! Those that use natural channel design are not man-made channels and are exempt from any flow rate capacity and velocity requirements for natural or man-made channels:



### Channel Analysis:

- **Channel geometry - three cross sections 50' apart from discharge point.**
- **Channel lining**
- **Channel slope**
- **Energy slope - hydraulic grade line calculation of the existing or proposed pipe system**



### ***Channel Analysis (cont.):***

**Applicant should investigate the channel to verify that the cross sections provided are an accurate depiction of the channel and that there are no significant restrictions downstream.**



### ***Adequate channel?***

- **Velocity (rational Method)**
- **Volume (graphical Peak Discharge)**
- **Duration (Time of Concentration)**
- **Frequency**

**Note: this needs to be checked for onsite channels as well**



### ***Urban Stream Problems***

- **Subjective analysis of natural channels**
- **Impervious surfaces result in increased volume, velocity, frequency, and peak rates of flow.**
- **Detention practices address velocity and peak rates of flow, but do not address volume, frequency, and duration.**



## *Inadequate channels*

### **4VAC50-30-40.19.c. :**

**“If existing natural receiving channels or previously constructed man-made channels or pipes are not adequate, the applicant shall:**



## **4VAC50-30-40.19.c. (cont.) :**

- (1) Improve the channel to a condition where a 10-year storm will not overtop the banks and a 2-year storm will not cause erosion to the channel bed or banks;**





**4VAC50-30-40.19.c. (cont.) :**

**(2) Improve the pipe or pipe system to a condition where the 10-year storm is contained within the appurtenances;**



**4VAC50-30-40.19.c. (cont.) :**

**(3) *Develop a site design that will not cause the pre-development peak runoff rate from a two-year storm (natural receiving channel) or a ten-year storm (manmade) to increase.***



## Working with the Landscape...



## Design Principles:



**4VAC50-30-40.19.c. (cont.) :**

**(4) Provide a combination of channel improvement, stormwater detention or other measures which is *satisfactory to the plan-approving authority* to prevent downstream erosion.**



**SWM Regulations 4VAC3-20-81:**

***“Downstream properties shall be protected . . .”***

- **Compliance with MS-19**
- **1-year extended detention**
- **Localities may adopt more stringent criteria**



**2011 Stormwater Regulations**

$$Q_{\text{post}} \times RV_{\text{post}} \leq \text{I.F.} \times (Q_{\text{pre}} \times RV_{\text{pre}})$$

Where

- $Q_{\text{pre}}$  = Pre-development peak flow rate (cfs)
- $RV_{\text{pre}}$  = Pre-development runoff volume (in.)
- $Q_{\text{post}}$  = Post-development peak flow rate (cfs)
- $RV_{\text{post}}$  = Post development runoff volume (in.)
- I.F. = Improvement factor (0.8 for sites >1 acre, 0.9 for sites < 1 acre)



**MS-19 (11/21/2012)**



***(l.) For projects approved before July 1, 2014, if you can meet the energy balance equation in the stormwater regulations you satisfy MS-19***

***(m.) Projects approved after July 1, 2014, must comply with the Virginia Stormwater Management Act including the Grandfathering provisions***

***(n.) Meeting the requirements of the Virginia Stormwater Management Act satisfies MS-19.***

