

Large-Scale Green Infrastructure & Stormwater BMPs

Regulatory Standards, Design Principles, and Best Management Practices in New Jersey

Based on NJDEP Stormwater Management Rules (N.J.A.C. 7:8) and Rutgers University Case Studies.

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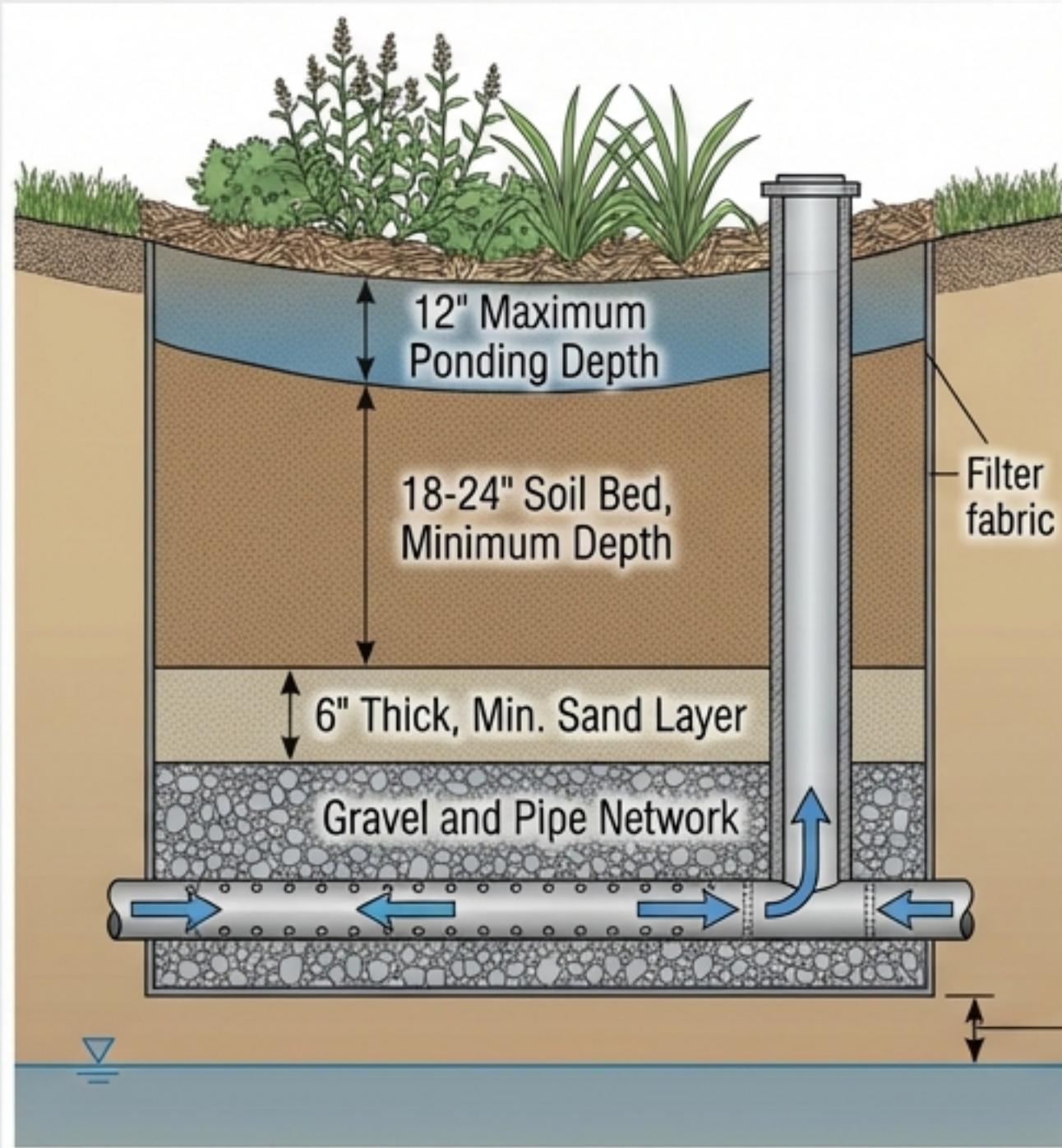
→ = Direction of Runoff



The NJDEP Regulatory Hierarchy: Selecting the Right BMP

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE (Table 5-1)	GI WITH WAIVER (Table 5-2)	NON-GI / WAIVER REQUIRED (Table 5-3)	Design Constraints
Cisterns	Bioretention Systems (> 2.5 acres)	Blue Roofs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dry Well: Max 1 acre drainage
Small-Scale Bioretention Basin	Infiltration Basins	Extended Detention Basins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">MTDs: Max 2.5 acres drainage
Small-Scale Infiltration Basin	Standard Constructed Wetlands	Manufactured Treatment Devices (Non-GI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Small-Scale GI: Max 2.5 acres drainage
Small-Scale Sand Filter	Wet Ponds		
Pervious Paving System			

Small-Scale GI: Bioretention System Configurations



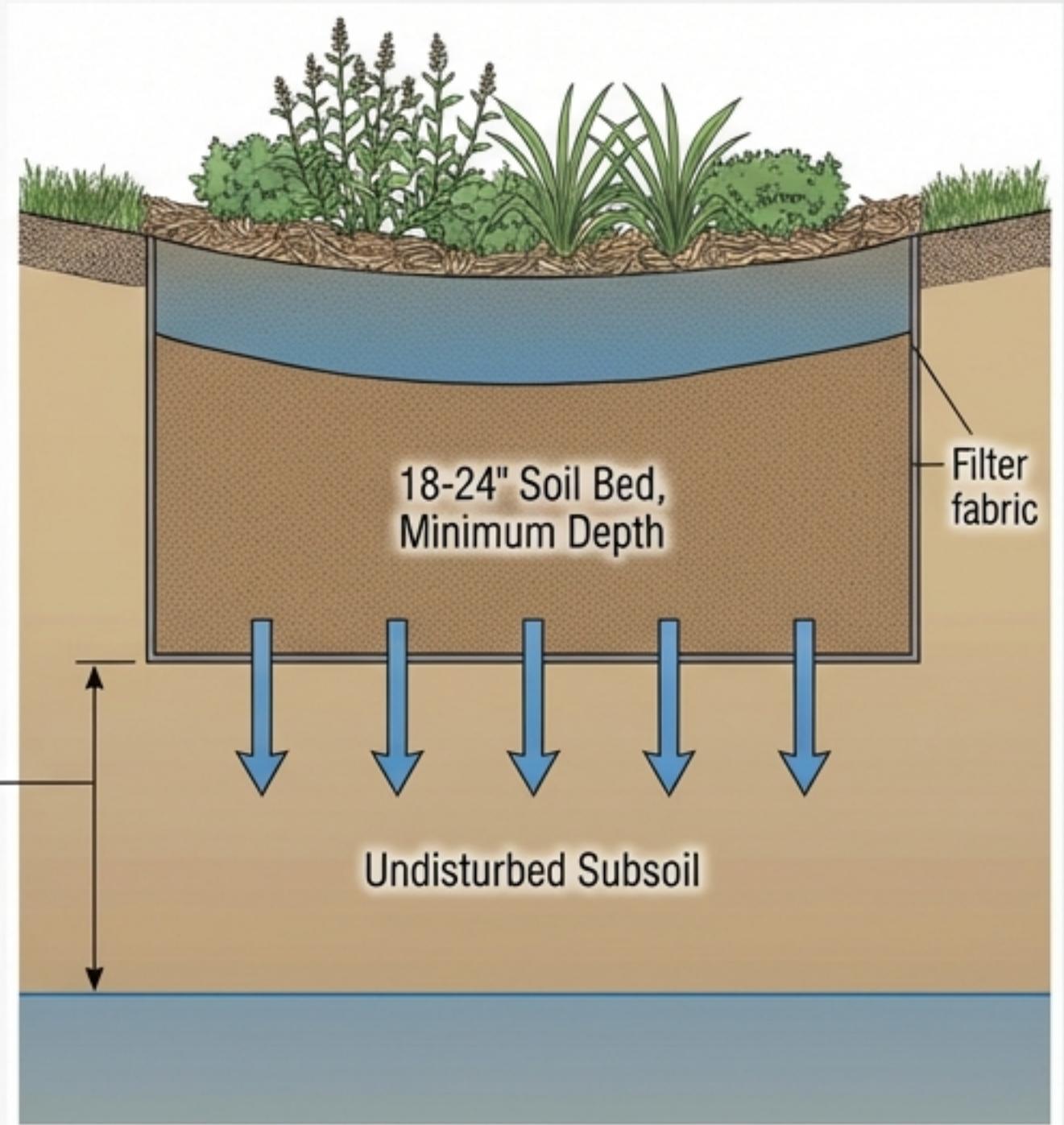
Bioretention System with Underdrain

Common Specs:

- Planting Soil Bed: 18-24 inches deep
- Max Ponding Depth: 12 inches
- TSS Removal Rate: 80-90%

Minimum Separation from Seasonal High Water Table (SHWT):
2 Feet

Minimum Separation from Seasonal High Water Table (SHWT):
1 Foot



Bioretention System with Infiltration

Engineering Design: Sizing a Bioretention Basin

 1. Input

Drainage Area (1.2 ac)
× Runoff Coeff (1.0) ×
Rainfall (1.25 in)

 2. Runoff Volume (V)

5,450 cubic ft

 3. Basin Area (A)

Volume ÷ Max Depth
(0.5 ft) = 10,900 sq ft
(0.25 acres)

Safety Check: Ponding Time calculation (Darcy's Law)

Formula: $T = \text{Max Depth} / (\text{Permeability} / \text{Safety Factor})$

Calculation: 6 inches / (4 inches/hr / 2) = 3 Hours

Result: 3 Hours < 72 Hours Max Limit (ACCEPTABLE)

From Plan to Ground: Bioretention Reality



**Concrete Outlet Structure
with Trash Rack**



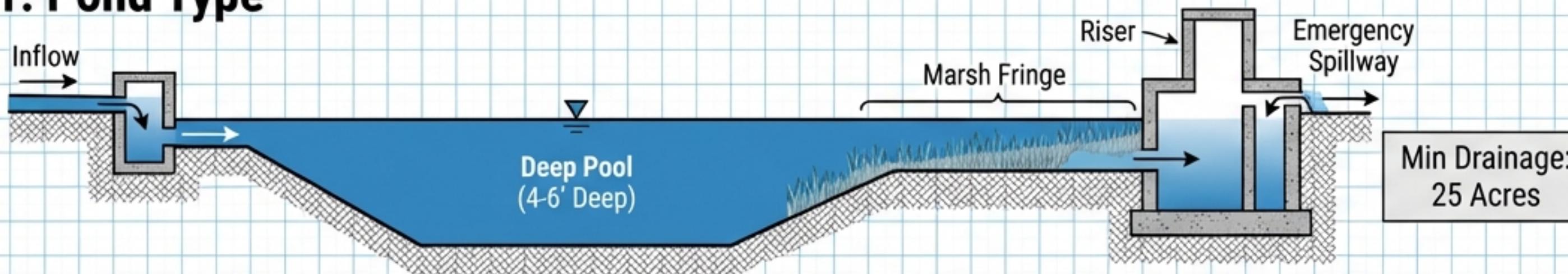
Underdrain Cleanout Port



**Established Vegetation
(Chemistry Building)**

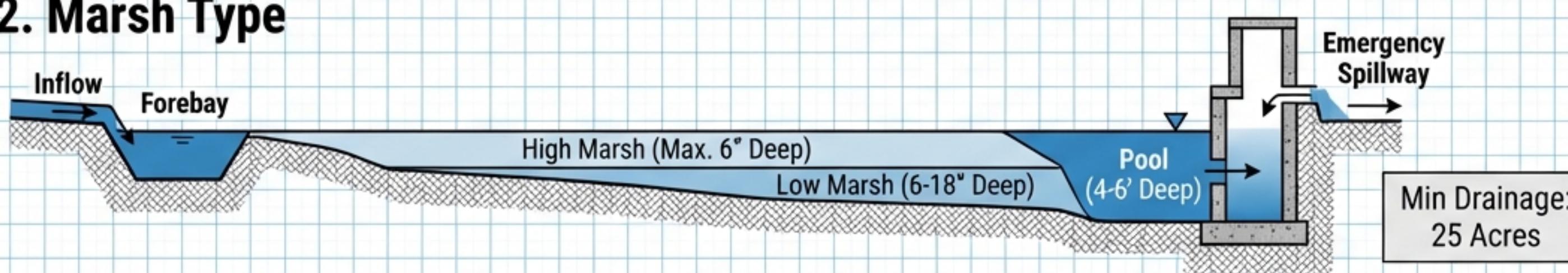
Large-Scale GI: Constructed Wetlands

1. Pond Type

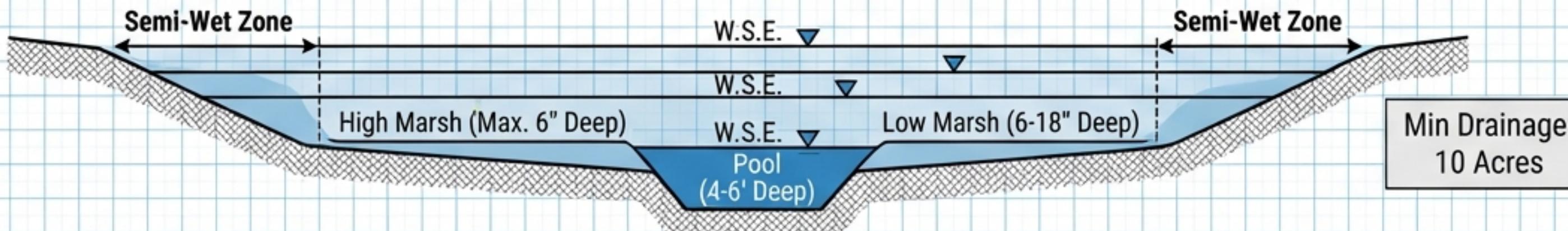


Key
Deep Pool: 4-6 ft
Low Marsh: 6-18 in
High Marsh: Max 6 in

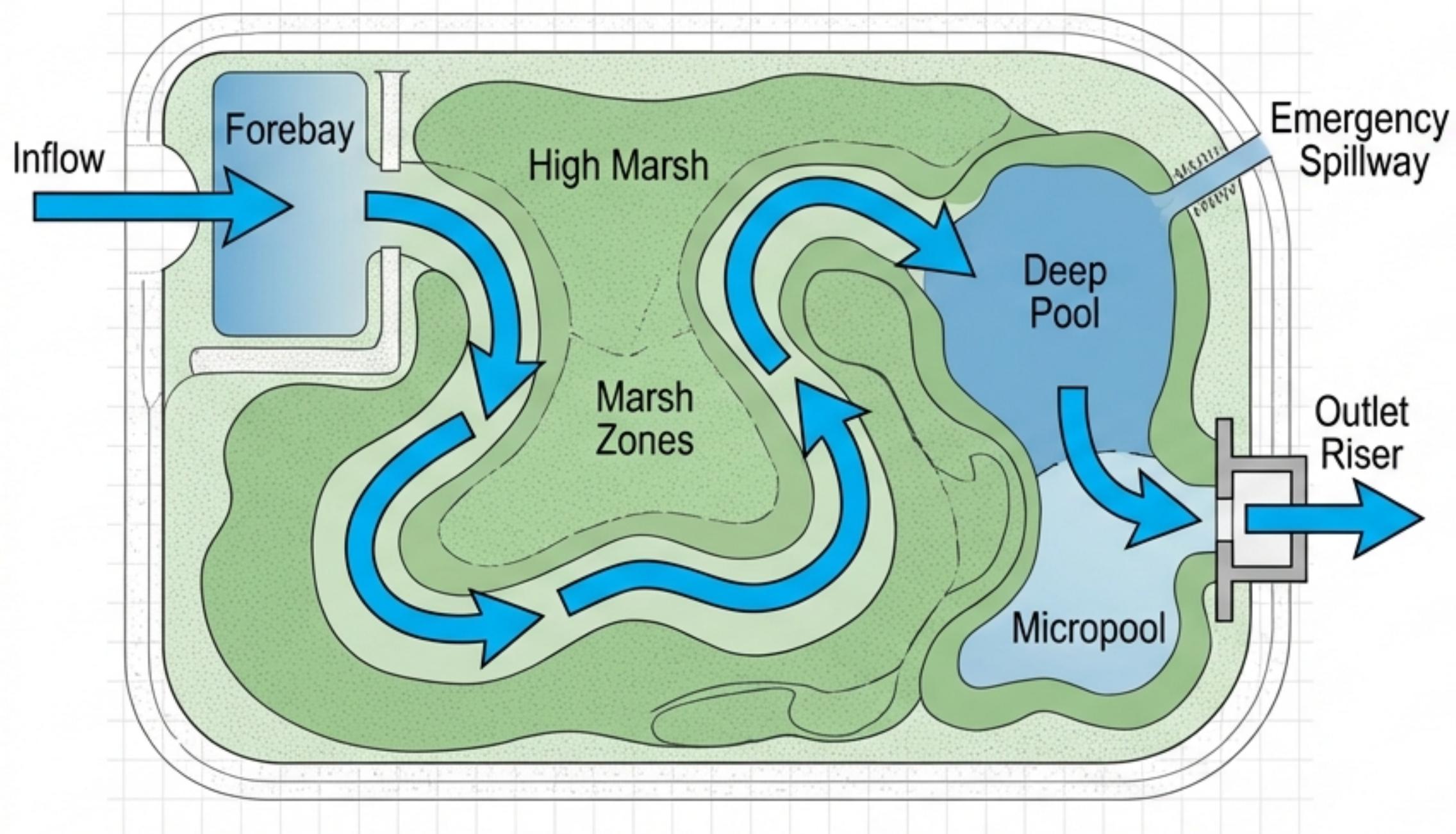
2. Marsh Type



3. Extended Detention Type



Wetland Design Criteria & Configuration

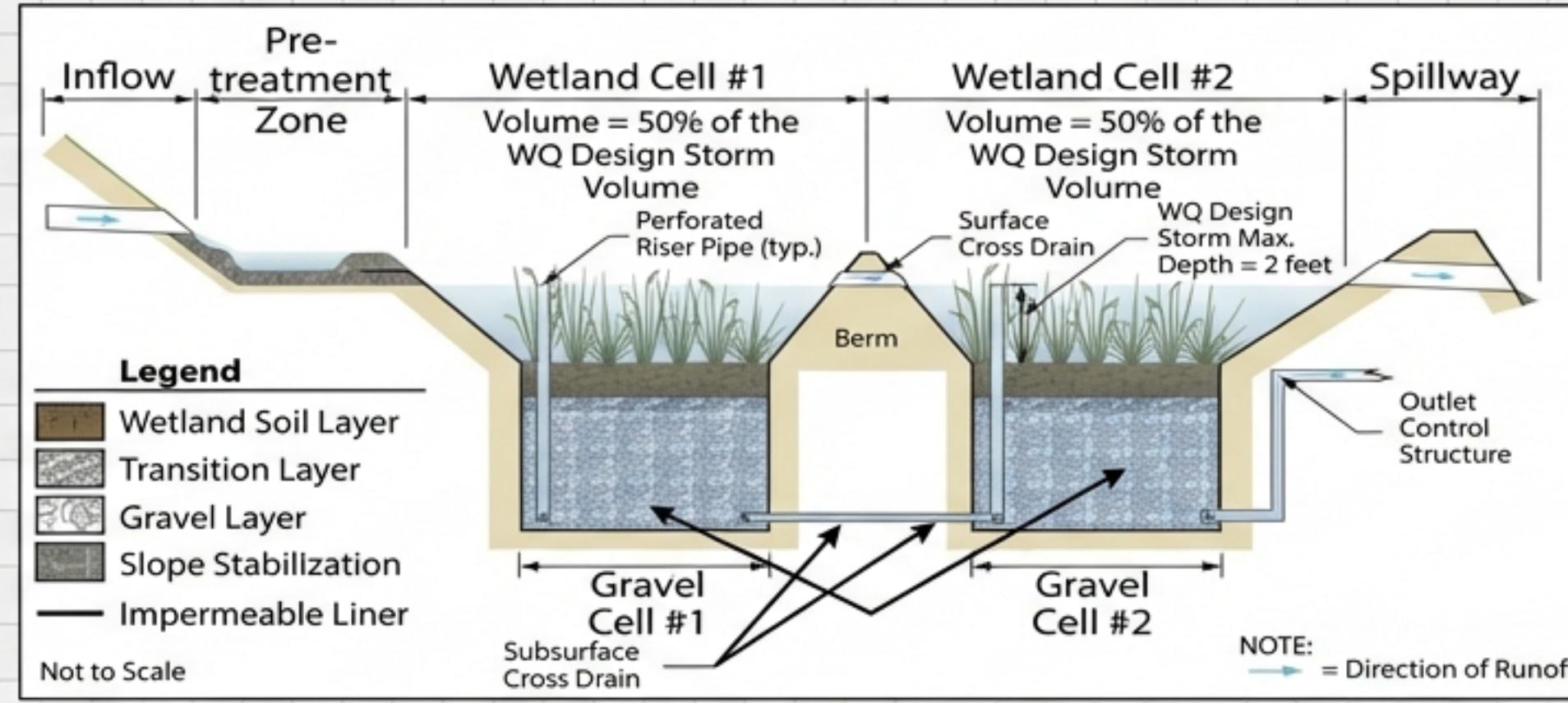


Plan view: Marsh Constructed Wetland

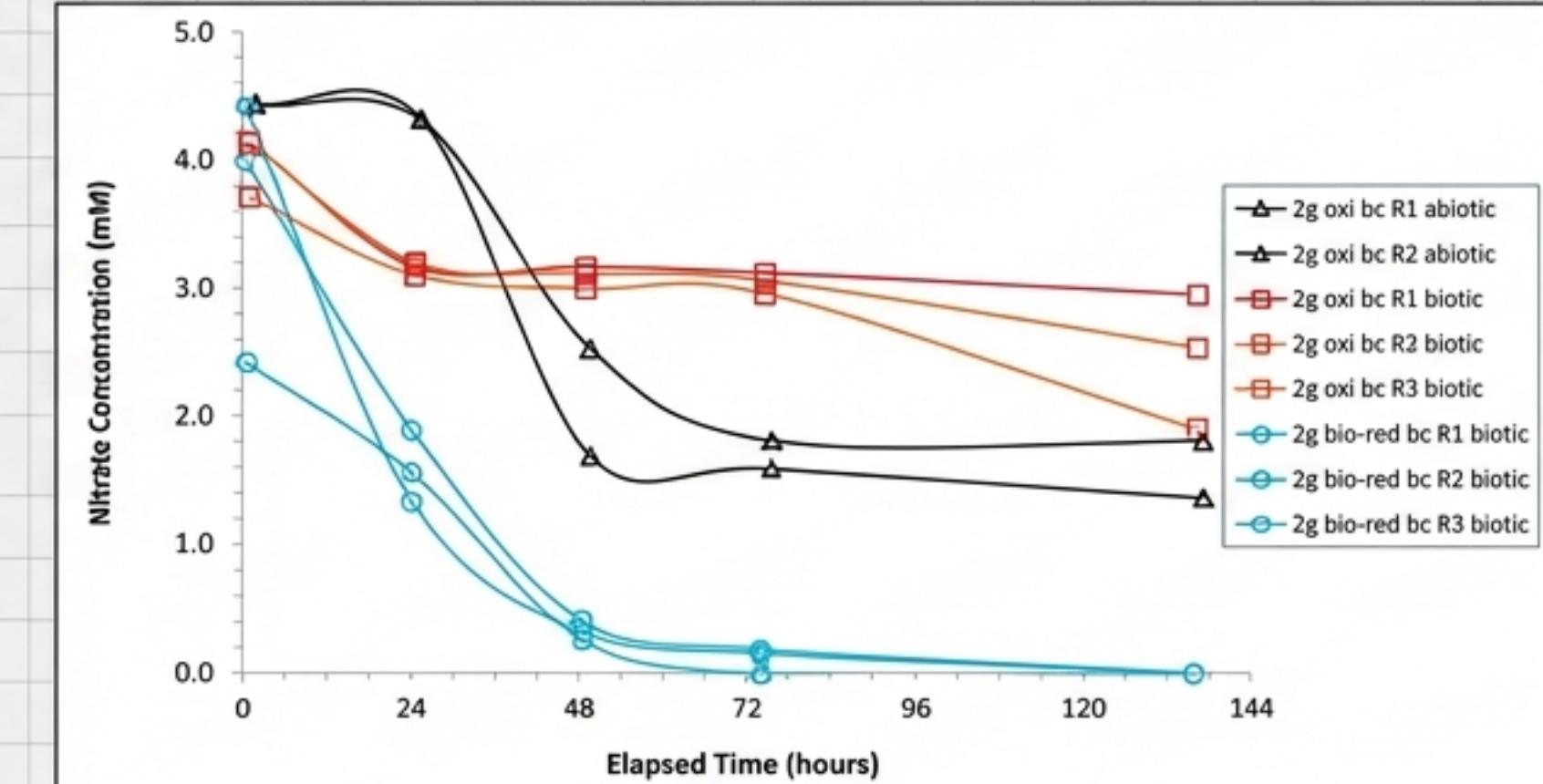
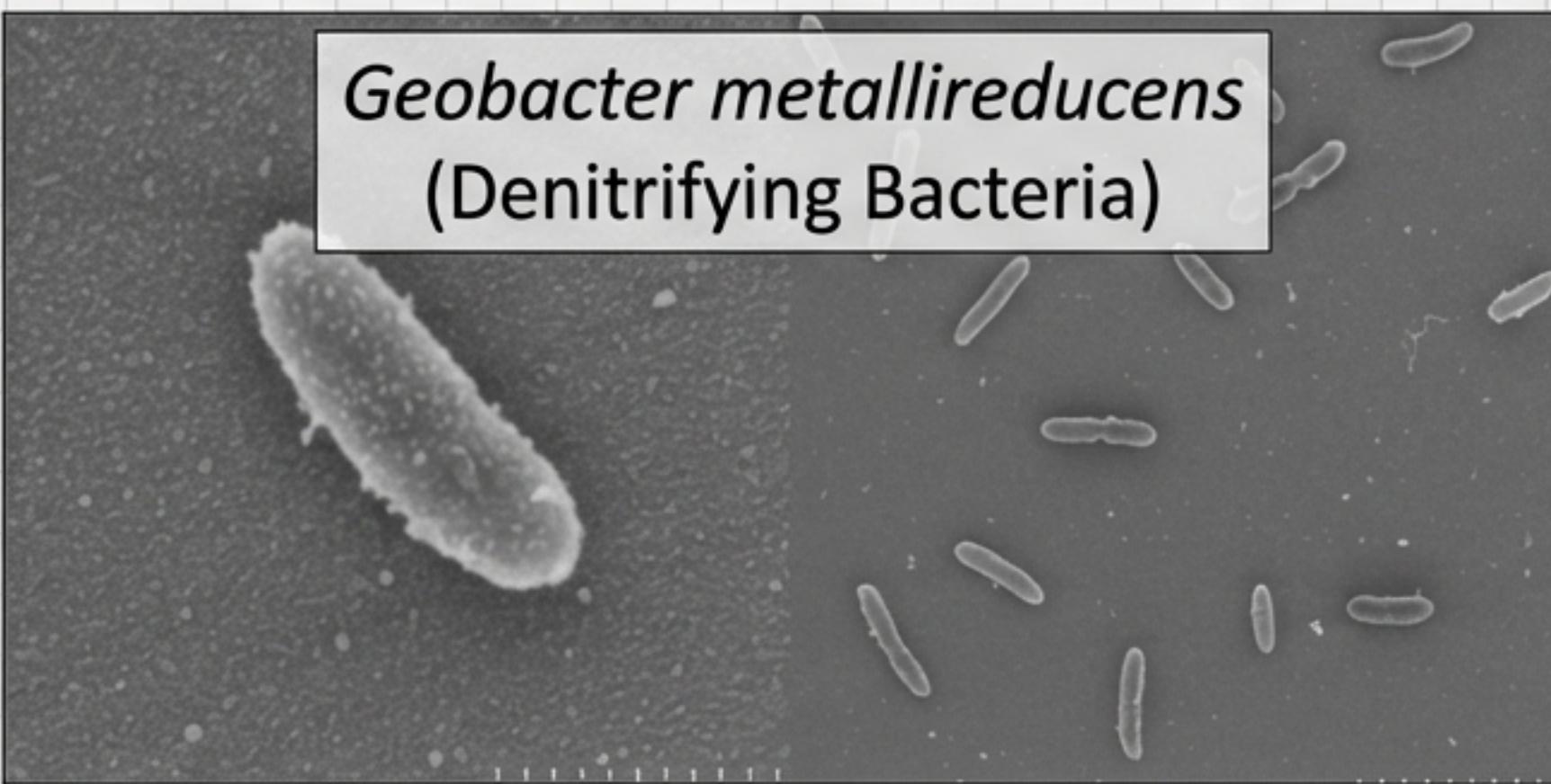
Configuration Rules

- Length-to-Width Ratio: 1:1 Minimum
- Pretreatment: Forebay Required
- High Marsh Depth: Max 6 inches
- Low Marsh Depth: 6 - 18 inches
- Deep Pool Depth: 4 - 6 feet

Innovation: Subsurface Gravel Wetlands & Nitrogen Removal

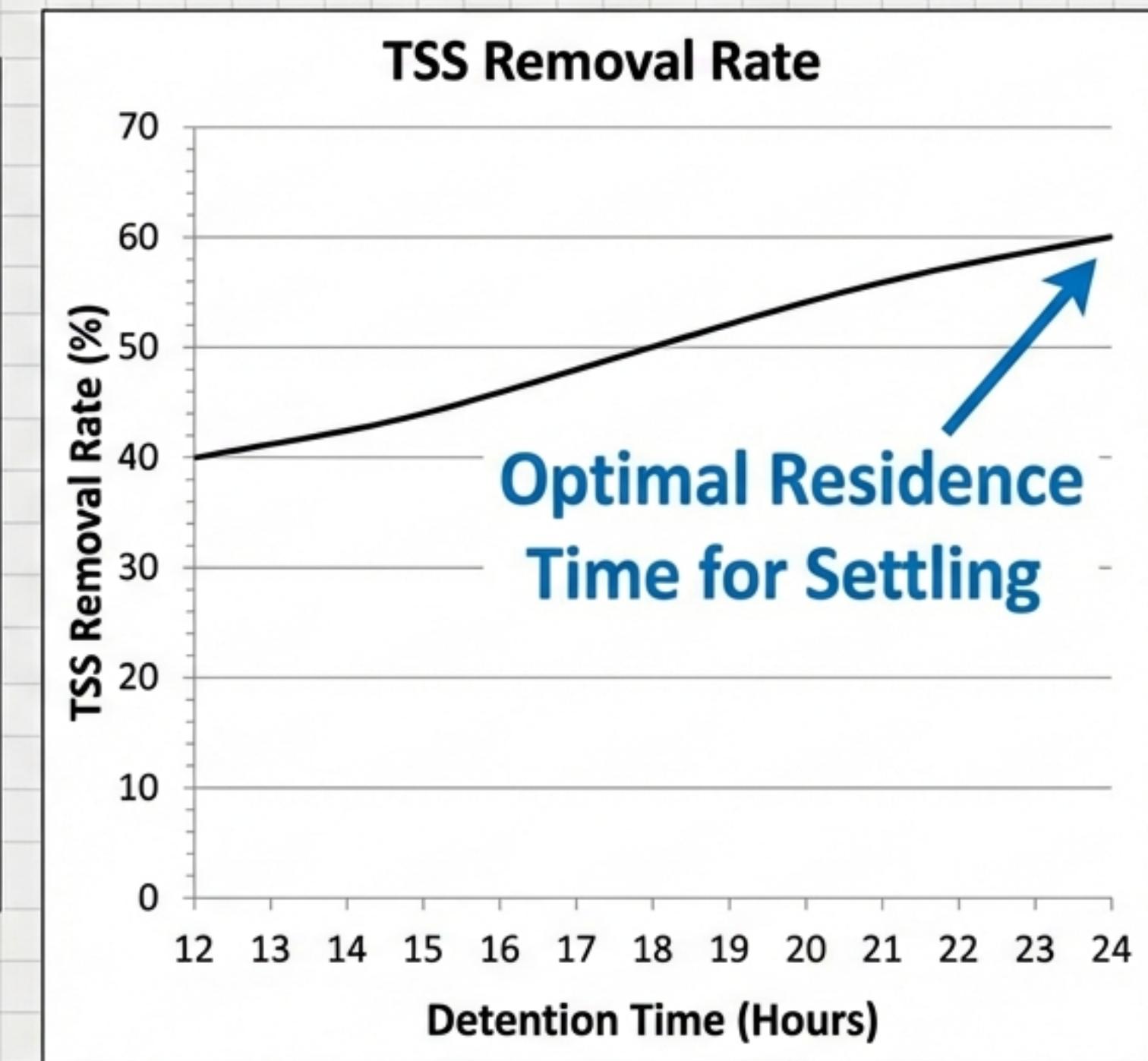
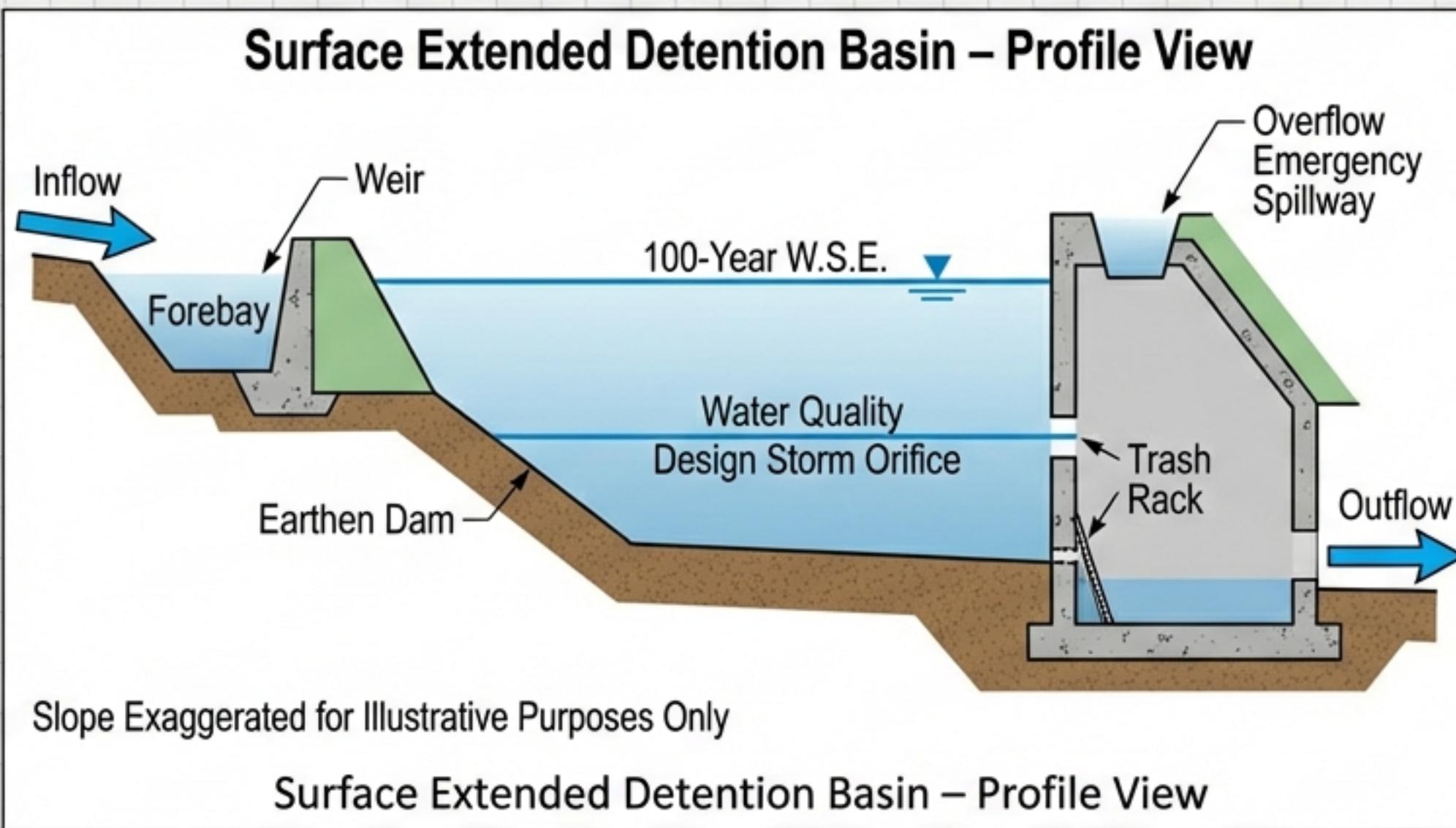


Geobacter metallireducens
(Denitrifying Bacteria)



Nitrate reduction over 48 hours with Biochar

Traditional Quantity Control: Extended Detention Basins



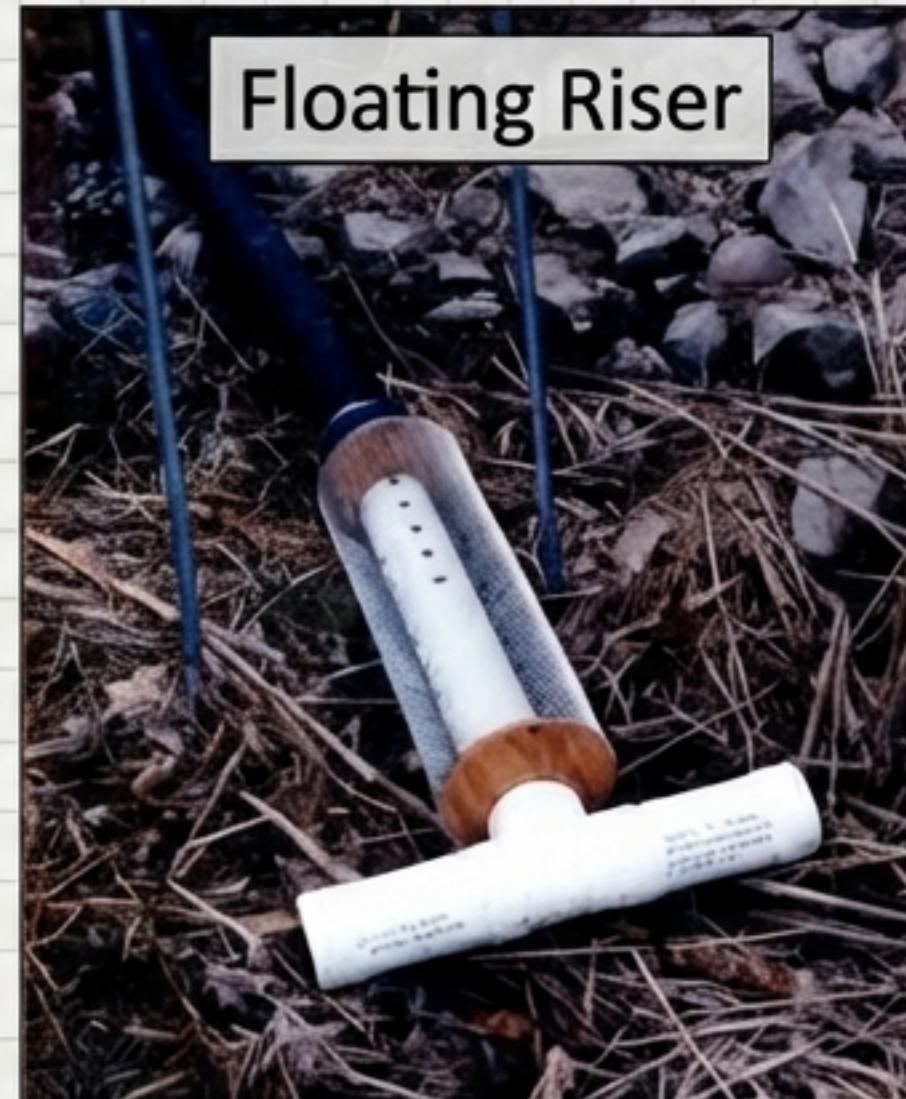
Retrofitting Legacy Infrastructure

Upgrading Dry Detention Basins for Water Quality

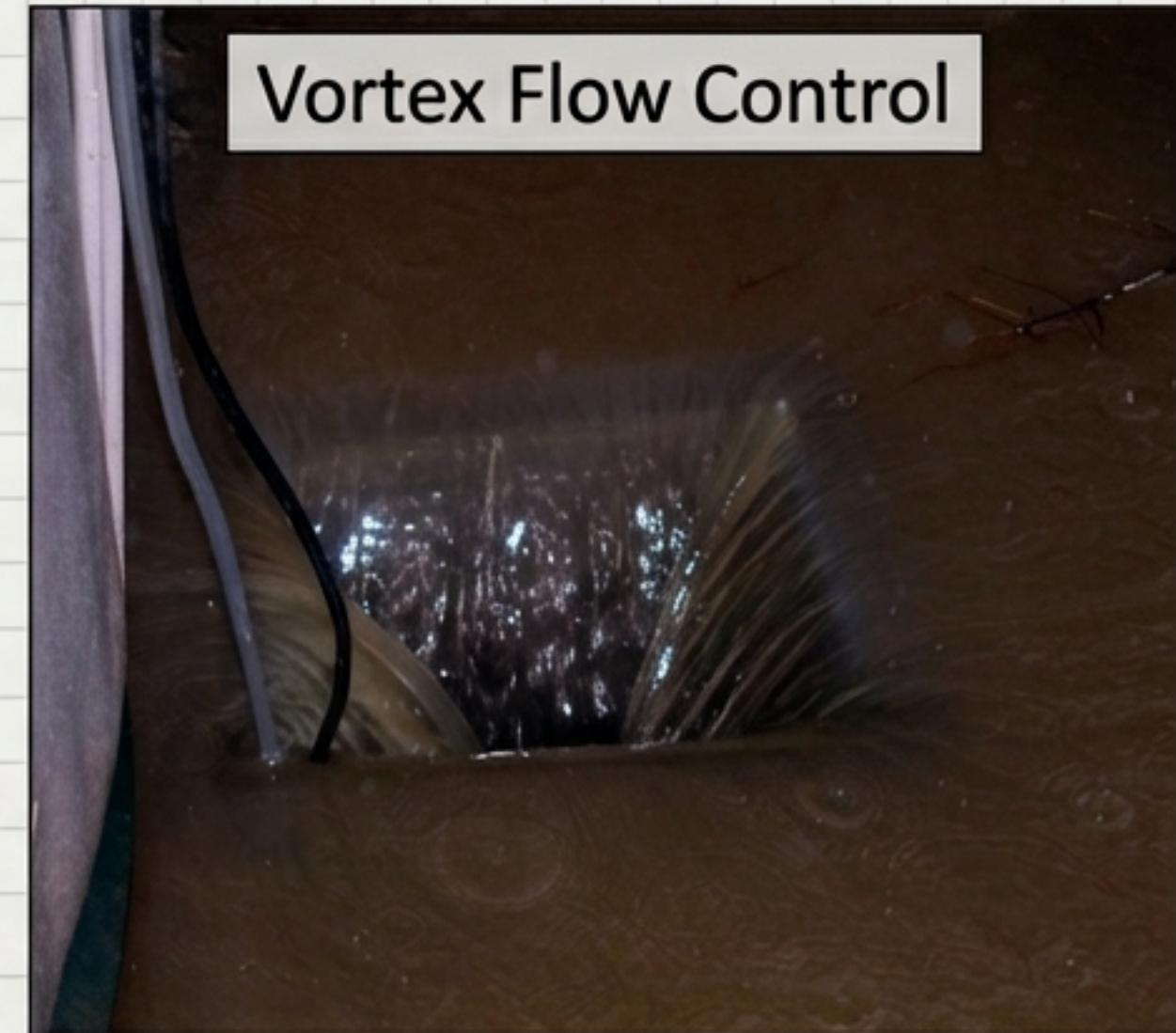
Concrete Box Retrofit



Floating Riser

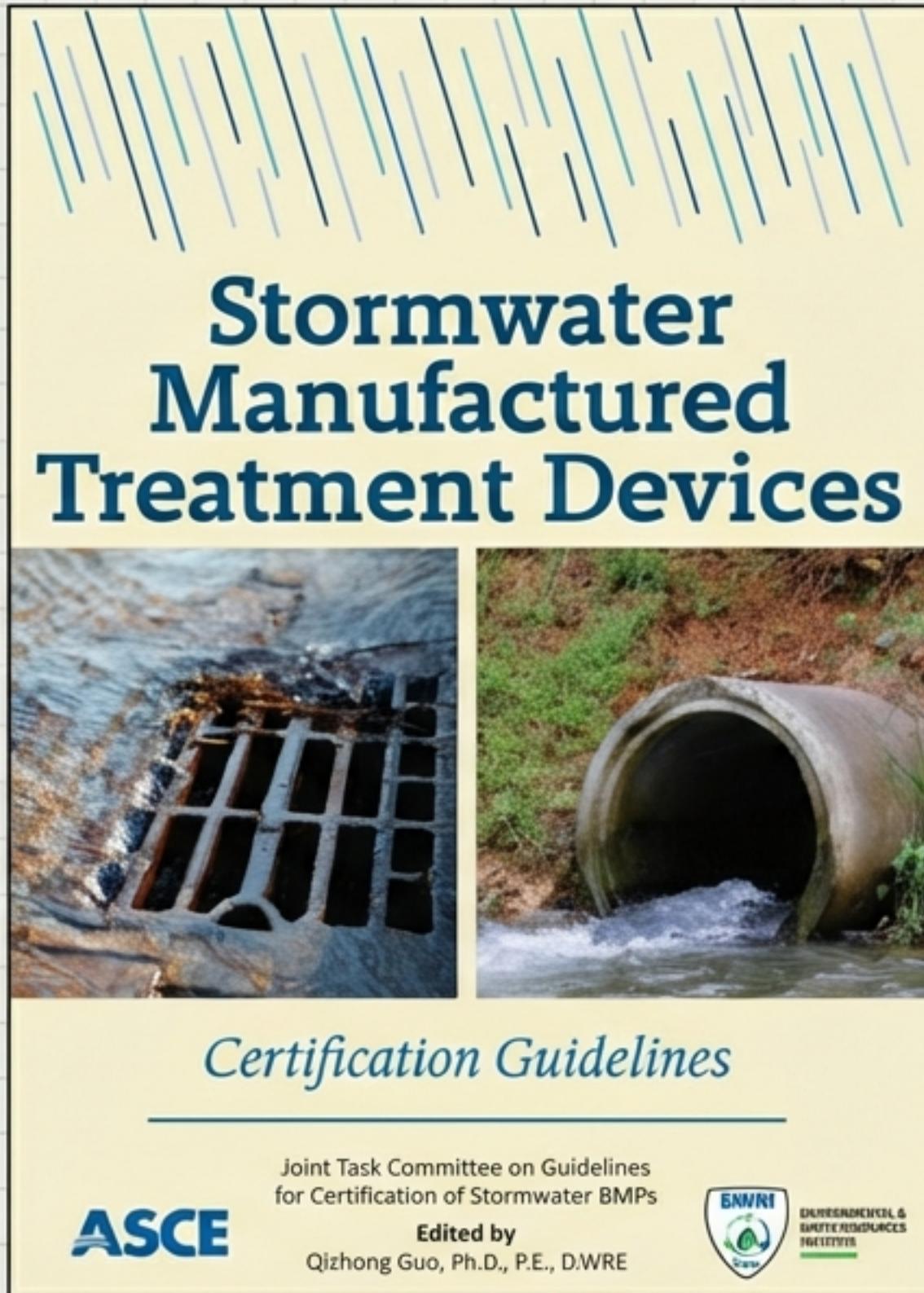


Vortex Flow Control



Technique: Constricting the outlet to increase **residence time** and **settling** without full reconstruction.

Manufactured Treatment Devices (MTDs): Solutions for Constraints



Use Case:

High-density urban redevelopment and highway expansion where space is limited.

Certification Process:

1. NJCAT Verification (Laboratory Testing)
2. NJDEP Certification (Regulatory Approval)

Critical Constraint:

- Maximum Drainage Area: 2.5 Acres per device.

Classifying MTDs: Green vs. Non-Green

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE (GI) MTDs

Must infiltrate into subsoil OR treat runoff via bio-filtration with vegetation.

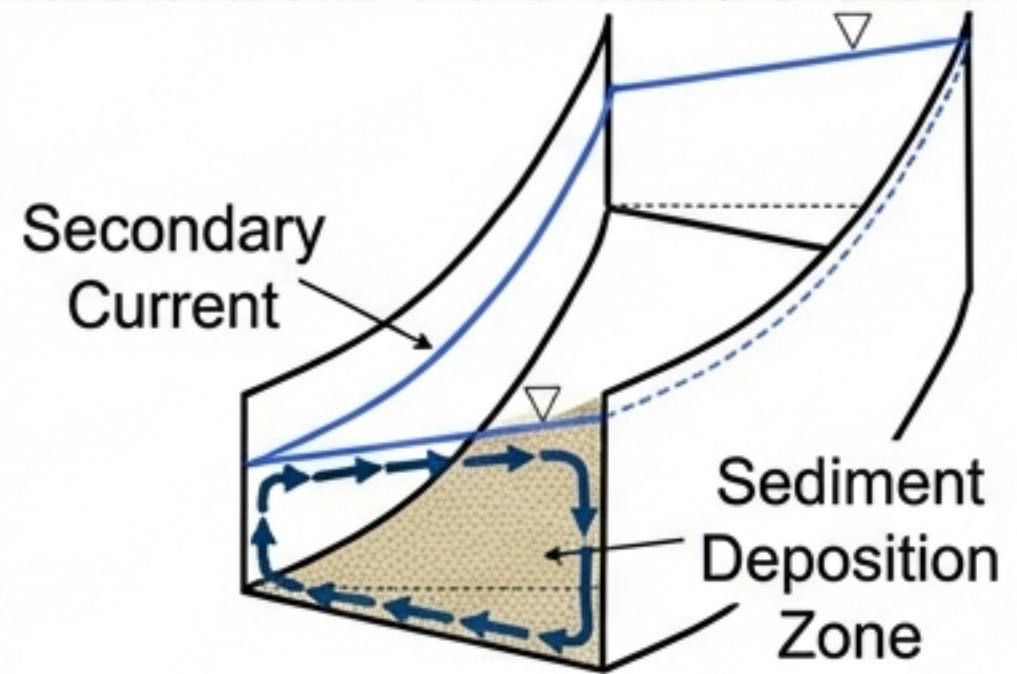
- Filterra Bioretention System
- BioPod with StormMix
- StormGarden Bio-Filter
- Modular Wetlands 360

NON-GI MTDs

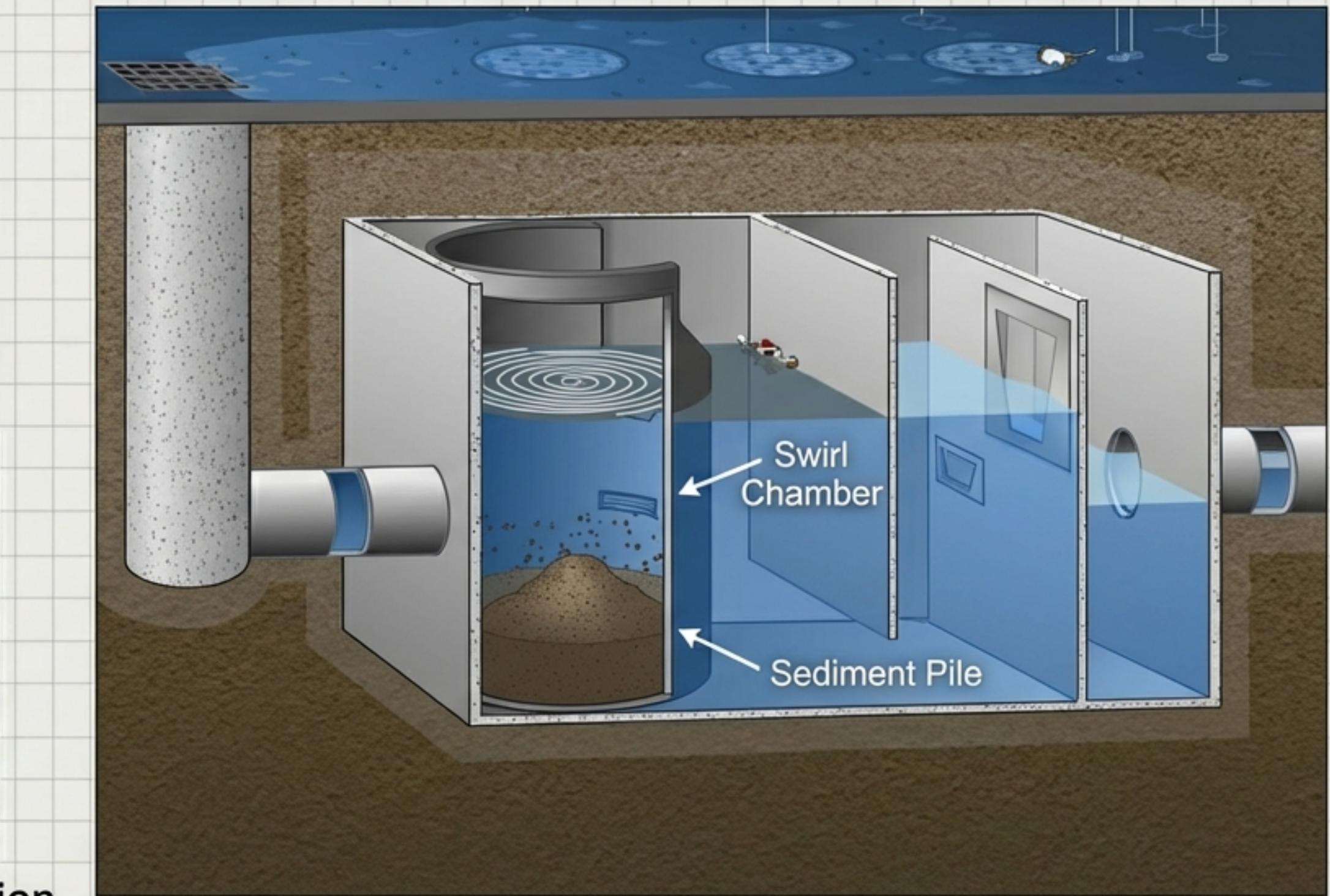
Hydrodynamic separators or media filters without biological processes.

- Vortechs
- StormFilter
- Aqua-Filter
- Kraken Filter
- StormTrap

Mechanisms of Action: Hydrodynamic Separation

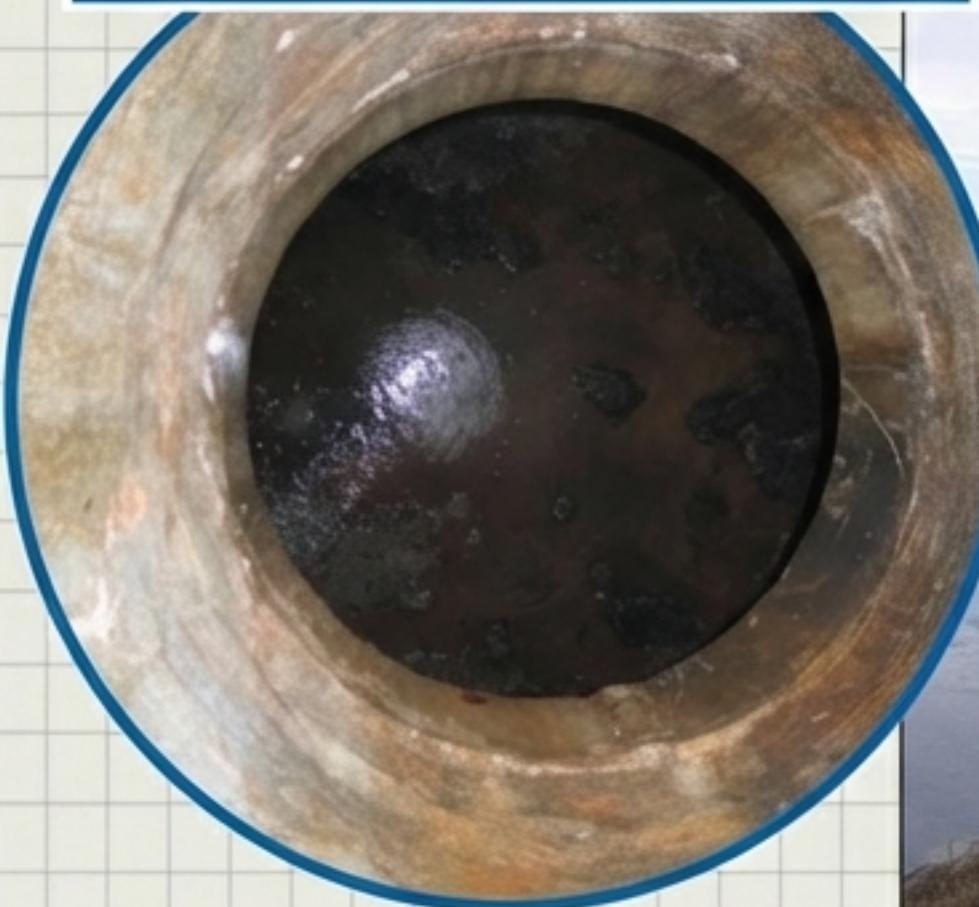


Historical Precedent: River separation
physics used for >2000 years.



Operations & Maintenance: The MTD Reality

Before Maintenance

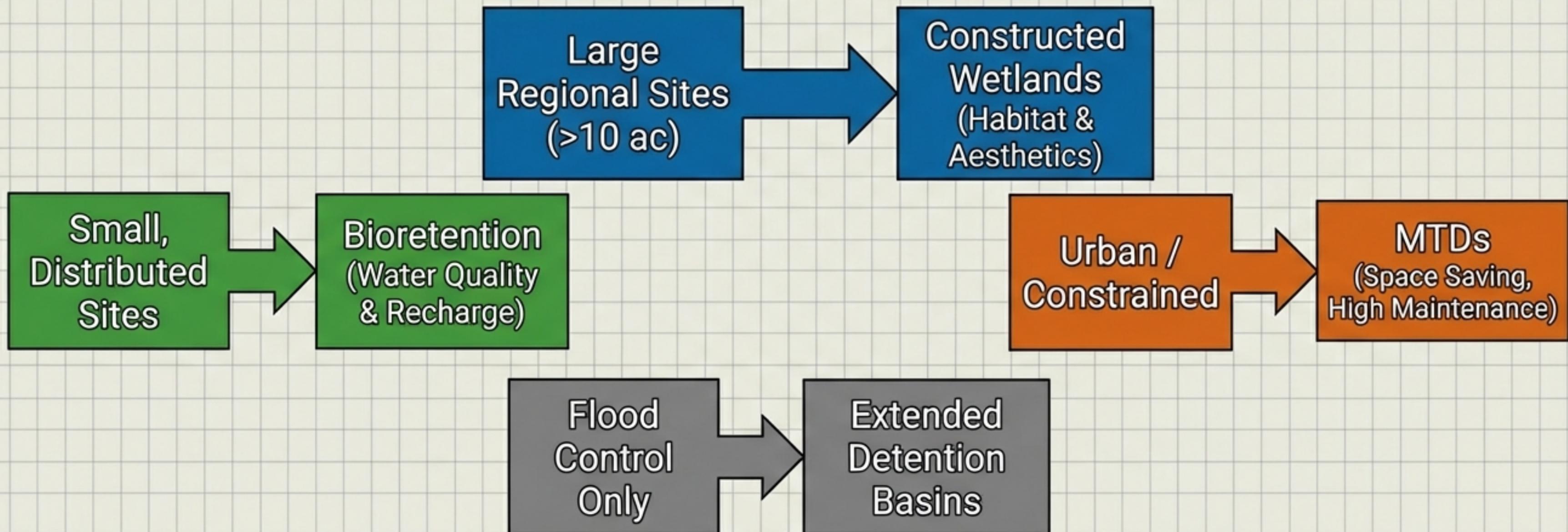


After Maintenance



Requirement: Specialized vacuum trucks are mandatory for removing accumulated solids. Neglected MTDs bypass treatment.

Summary: The Spectrum of Intervention



Successful stormwater management balances the Regulatory Hierarchy (Green first) with Site Constraints (Space/Water Table) and Long-Term Maintenance capabilities.