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U.S. EPA National Stormwater Calculator Mobile Web Application

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Outline

U.S. EPA National Stormwater Calculator Mobile Web App

- Stormwater Calculator Background Information
- Development of Mobile Web Application
- Example Application: Chicago, IL
- Interpreting Results
- Next Steps
- Discussion & Questions



National Stormwater Calculator Website





National Stormwater Calculator

EPA's National Stormwater Calculator (SWC) is a desktop application that estimates the annual amount of rainwater and frequency of runoff from a specific site anywhere in the United States (including Puerto Rico). Estimates are based on local soil conditions, land cover, and historic rainfall records.



It is designed to be used by anyone interested in reducing runoff from a property, including

http://www2.epa.gov/water-research/national-stormwater-calculator



What Have We Created and Why?

- A Stormwater Management (Green Infrastructure/Low Impact Development (LID)) Design and Planning Tool
 - To model post-construction urban stormwater runoff discharges
 - —Screening-level stormwater runoff reduction and cost analyses of various green infrastructure/low impact development (LID) practices, including:
 - Green roofs, rain gardens, cisterns, etc. throughout the U.S.

—Allow non-technical professionals to conduct screening level stormwater runoff for small to medium sized (less than 1 - 12 acres) sites



Potential Applications

- State or MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) Post Construction Stormwater Design Standards
- Voluntary Stormwater Retrofits for private property owners
- Voluntary Programs: LEED (U.S. Green Building Council) and Sustainable Sites Initiative stormwater credits
- Climate Resiliency Planning: Rockefeller Foundation's 100 Resilient Cities
- LID/Green Infrastructure Design Competitions: Campus RainWorks Challenge, DC Water Green Infrastructure Challenge, etc.



Communities using the SWC

• Northeastern Regional Ohio Sewer District (Cleveland, OH):

Home > Stormwater > Green Infrastructure Grant Program

Green Infrastructure Grant Program



https://www.neorsd.org/stormwater-2/green-infrastructure-grant-program

- EPA's Green & Complete Streets Building Blocks Program Recipients
 - (2016-2017):
 - Manatee County, FL
 - Baltimore, MD
 - Central Falls, RI

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https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/building-blocks-sustainable-communities

Training and Outreach Materials: User's Guide & Fact Sheet



EPA/600/R-13/085d | Revised January 2017 | www.epa.gov/research

National Stormwater Calculator User's Guide



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prevent contamination of waterways. nfrastructure degradation, flooding, and verwhelming of treatment plants

science in ACTION

National Stormwater Calculator (SWC)

Tool that helps users control runoff to promote the natural movement of water

Stormwater discharges continue to cause impairment of our Nation's waterbodies. In order to reduce impairment, EPA has developed the National Stormwater Calculator (SWC) to help support local, state, and national stormwater management objectives and regulatory efforts to reduce runoff through infiltration and retention using green infrastructure practices as low impact development (LID) controls. The primary focus of the SWC is to inform site developers on how well they can meet a desired stormwater retention target with and without the use of green infrastructure. It can also be used by landscapers and homeowners.

Platform. The SWC is a Windows-based desktop program that requires an internet connection. A mobile web application version that will be compatible with all operating systems is currently being developed.

Cost Module. An LID cost estimation module within the application allows planners and managers to evaluate LID controls based on comparison of regional and national project planning level cost estimates (capital and average annual maintenance) and predicted LID control performance. Cost estimation is accomplished based on useridentified size configuration of the LID control infrastructure and other key project and site-specific variables. This includes whether the project is being applied as part of new development or redevelopment and if there are existing site constraints.

Climate Scenarios. The SWC allows users to consider how runoff may vary based both on historical weather and potential future climate conditions. To better inform decisions, it is recommended that the user develop a range of SWC results with various assumptions about model inputs such as percent of impervious surface, soil type, sizing of green infrastructure, as well as historical weather and future climate scenarios. Please check with local authorities about whether and how use of these tools may support local stormwater management goals.

The SWC is comprised of ten tabbed pages:

1-Location. This step has an address lookup feature that allows the user to easily navigate to a site selected anywhere within the United States.

2-Soil Type. In this step, soil type is identified and is used to infer infiltration properties. It can be selected based on local knowledge or from the online database.

3-Soil Drainage. This step identifies how quickly water drains into the soil. Conductivity can be selected based on local knowledge or retrieved from the online database.

4-Topography. Here, the site's surface topography is characterized, as measured by the surface slope. The user can rely on the slope data display as a guide or can use local knowledge to describe the site's tonography



Storm Water Management Model (SWMM)

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- Calculator is based on SWMM: Dynamic rainfall-runoff simulation model for long-term simulation of runoff quantity
- SWMM produces stormwater runoff estimates in the background of the Stormwater Calculator

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National Stormwater Calculator (SWC) Desktop Application



Select the Location tab to begin analyzing a new site.



Analyze a New Site Save Current Site Exit .

SWC Mobile Web App



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- Ability to function on any web browser
- Mobile friendly design (tablets and smartphones)
- Platform neutral: functions on Windows, Apple, and Linux computers
- Not found in an "app store" (Google Play or Apple Store)
 - Save it as a "favorite" website



<u>Requires a live Internet connection</u>



Gathered user information on existing desktop application of the SWC (Spring ۲ 2016) **User Persona Comparison**





Urban Planner

United States

Landscape Architect

Site Developer Homeowner

College Student

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Wireframe Development of web app user interface (Spring – Summer 2016)



Agile Development internal user testing (Winter – Spring 2017)

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 National Stormwater 	Calculator			Add a new task, #tag it, assign it to @user and !list					
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As a user, I want to see a home page. general	As a user, I want to see my progress.		Name new site general						
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Public Server staging and production testing (Summer 2017)



SEPA United States Environmental Protection Agency

SWC:

Site Parameters and Embedded GIS Data-sets

- Location: Bing Maps
- Soils: NRCS SSURGO (web service)
- Slope: NRCS SSURGO
- Hydraulic Conductivity: NRCS SSURGO
- Precipitation and Temperature: National Climate Center (NCDC)-NOAA (EPA's BASINS Model)
- Evaporation: Calculation based on meteorological data
- Climate Change Future Scenarios: Precipitation & evaporation (EPA's CREAT 2.0)
- Land-Cover/Use: User provided
- LID Practices (*new costing module available*): User provided



<u>Location:</u>



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<u>Soil Drainage:</u>



SEPA United States Environmental Protection Agency 18

<u>Topography:</u>





<u>Historical Weather:</u>



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https://swcweb.epa.gov/stormwatercalculator/calculator.html?siteName=Chicago+redevelopment+project#



Climate Change Scenarios & Extreme Storm Events:

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	<ul> <li>Near Term (2020 - 2049)</li> <li>Far Term (2045 - 2074)</li> <li>Save charts as PDF</li> </ul>		10 15 30 50 100
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#### <u>Land Cover:</u>



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#### LID Controls:

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		Continuous Permeable Pavement systems are excavated areas filled with gravel and paved over with	a porous concrete or asphalt mix.
6 ⁰	LID Controls	Modular Block systems are similar except that permeable block pavers are used instead.	
	Directions 🗸	Normally all rainfall will immediately pass through the pavement into the gravel storage layer below it into the site's native soil.	where it can infiltrate at natural rates
	Enter the perceptage of your site's	Pavement layers are usually 4 to 6 inches in height while the gravel storage layer is typically 6 to 18 in	nches high.
	impervious area would like to be treated by the listed LID Controls.	The Capture Ratio is the percent of the treated area (street or parking lot) that is replaced with permet Learn More	able pavement.
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hh .	Infiltration Basins 0 %	Uncompacted Subgrade Soil	
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Į		Size for Design Storm Sa	ve and Return Restore Defaults

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### Project Cost (Development Type):





## <u> Project Cost (Site Suitability):</u>





### Project Cost (Bureau of Labor Statistics Cost Region):





## <u>Results (Summary):</u>

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)			Average Annual Runoff (inches)			6.40	
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			Smallest Rainfall w/ Runoff (inches)			0.01	
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			Max Rainfall Retained (inches)			6.34	
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	Runoff Contribution by Rainfall Percentile						
	<ul> <li>Extreme Event Rainfall / Runoff</li> </ul>						
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### <u>Results (Cost Summary):</u>

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Actions:		Green Roofs	0	0	No	No	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
		Street Planters	0	0	No	No	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
		Infiltration Basins	0	0	No	No	\$0	S0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
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## **Interpreting the Results**

- Informing next steps for finalizing costs of stormwater projects and construction plans/designs
- Comparing the relative magnitude of planning level costs for different stormwater management solutions
  - —Finding least cost option(s) while meeting performance goals
- Comparisons may be made between national and regional cost estimates:

—Using local knowledge in selection of regional BLS cost multipliers



## SWC Analysis: Potential Next Steps

- Sharing planning results with decisionmakers
- Applying for funding
- Developing construction plans/designs
- Final construction costs
- Construction



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#### Over \$800,000 Announced to Support Local Green Infrastructure Projects to Improve Communities and Provide Jobs

June 29, 2017

Today the Chesapeake Bay Trust in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the City of Baltimore Office of Sustainability announce \$843,486 in funding for the Chesapeake Bay Green Streets-Green Jobs-Green Towns Grant Program.

The goal of the grants is to help communities develop and implement plans that reduce stormwater runoff, increase the number and amount of green spaces in urban areas.



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http://news.maryland.gov/dnr/2017/06/29/over-800000-announcedto-support-local-green-infrastructure-projects-to-improvecommunities-and-provide-jobs/



#### **SWC Next Steps**

- Training on using the mobile web app
- Updating historical weather data (web services)
- Improving mobile web app based on user feedback
- Phasing out of the SWC desktop application



## Discussion and Questions Thank You!

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