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U.S. EPA National Stormwater Calculator

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About The Presenter



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Meet EPA Scientist Jason Berner

Jason Berner likes that his science makes a difference on a local level by helping communities use green infrastructure to reduce stormwater runoff.

Tell us about your background.

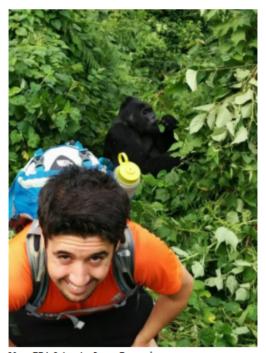
I have a BS in natural resources and environmental science, and a MLA (masters of landscape architecture) with a focus on ecological design from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. I started at EPA in 2007 working on wetlands protection in Region 2. I worked on watershed management in the New York City drinking watershed, based in the Catskills Mountains. From there, I started doing work on urban stormwater management and planning tools that communities and water utilities could use- such as the National Stormwater Calculator.

When did you first know you wanted to be a scientist?

I first knew sometime during the middle of undergraduate studies. I took a course on environmental science that was focused on how the University of Illinois campus could be more environmentally sustainable and how ecological restoration could be done on campus. It really helped me get a better understanding of how scientists could make an impact locally.

How does your science matter?

Green infrastructure looks at how urban environments can be designed and planned to mitigate and adapt to some of the impacts of climate change, such as increased flooding. My research helps communities implement green infrastructure practices and looks at how the





https://www.epa.gov/sciencematters/meet-epa-scientist-jason-berner

Outline

U.S. EPA National Stormwater Calculator

- Stormwater Calculator Background Information
- Potential Applications
- Using the Calculator: Baltimore, MD (Apr. 2017 Application)
- Example Application:
 - U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit (Mount Rainier, MD)
- Development of Mobile Web Application
- Discussion & Questions



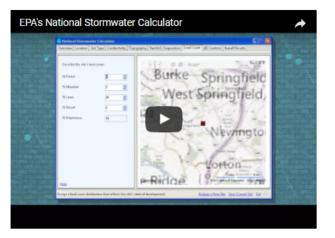
National Stormwater Calculator Website





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?

• Stormwater Management (Green Infrastructure/Low Impact Development (LID)) Design and Planning Tool

—Model post-construction urban stormwater runoff discharges

—Allow for screening-level analysis of various green infrastructure practices, including planning level costs (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.



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



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National Stormwater Calculator User's Guide



(1) Green Infrastructur



(2) Traditional Grey Infrastructure

The National Stormwater Calculator shows users how land use decisions and green infrastructure practices affect the amount of stormwater runoff produced. Green infrastructure, such as the street planter and porous pavers shown above (Image 1), are low impact development controls that promote the natural movement of water within an ecosystem or watershed, instead of allowing it to wash into streets and down storm drains, as it does with traditional grey infrastructure shown above (Image 2).

These practices allow the stormwater to be used as a resource rather than a waste product. Having less water runoff nto storm drains and roadways can help prevent contamination of waterways, nfrastructure degradation, flooding, and overwhelming of treatment plants.

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INNOVATIVE RESEARCH FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

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 topography.



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

National Stormwater Calculator Overview Location Soil Type Soil Drainage Topography Precipitation Evaporation Climate Change Land Cover LID Controls Results Welcome to the EPA National 🕀 | Road 🔻 Stormwater Calculator This calculator estimates the amount of stormwater runoff generated from a land parcel under different development and control scenarios over a long-term period Hudson Bay of historical rainfall. Bering Sea CANADA Alaska The analysis takes into account local soil conditions, topography, land cover and meteorology. Different types of low impact development (LID) practices can be employed to help capture and retain rainfall on-site. Localized climate change scenarios can also be analyzed. Site information is provided to the calculator using the tabbed pages listed UNITED above. The Results page is where the site's runoff is computed and displayed. This program was produced by the U.S. Sargasso Sea Environmental Protection Agency and was subject to both internal and external technical review. Please check with local authorities about whether and how it can Atlantic MEXICO be used to support local stormwater management goals and requirements. Ocean Pacific Ocean /ENEZUEL COLOMB 500 miles 1000 km ECHADO bing © 2017 Microsoft Corporation © 2017 HERE Release 1.2.0.0

Select the Location tab to begin analyzing a new site.



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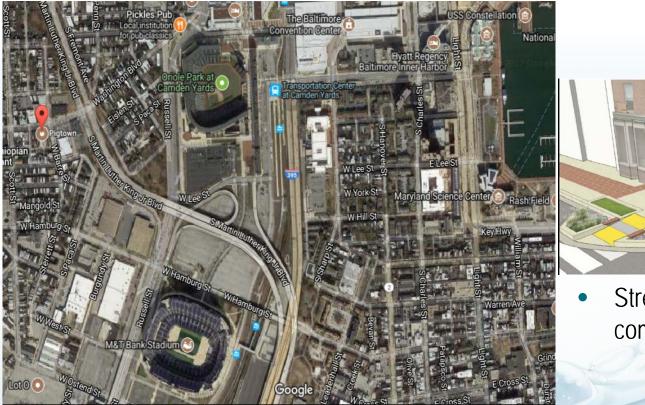
SWC:

Site Parameters and Embedded GIS Data-sets

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



SWC Application: Baltimore, MD (Pigtown Neighborhood) Green & Complete Streets Workshop (Apr. 2017)



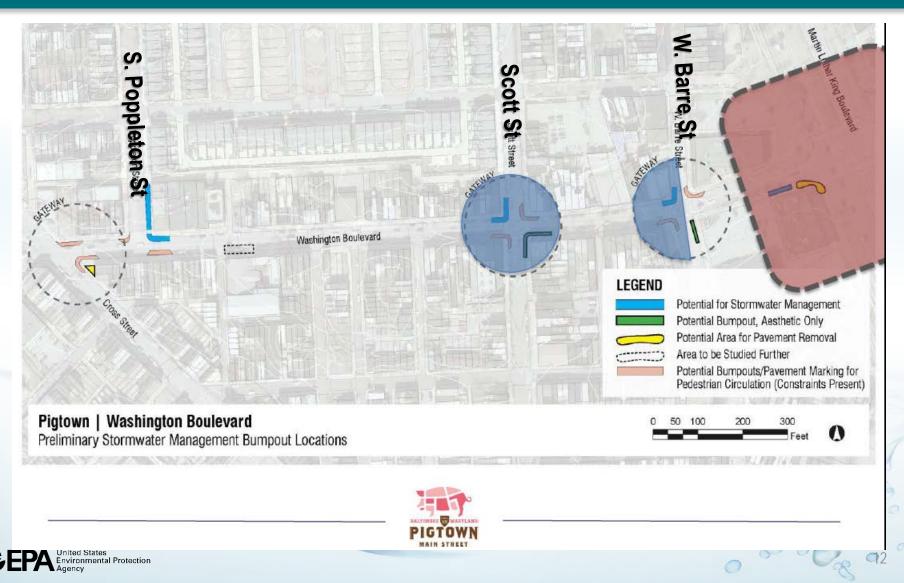


 Street planters as part of a complete street



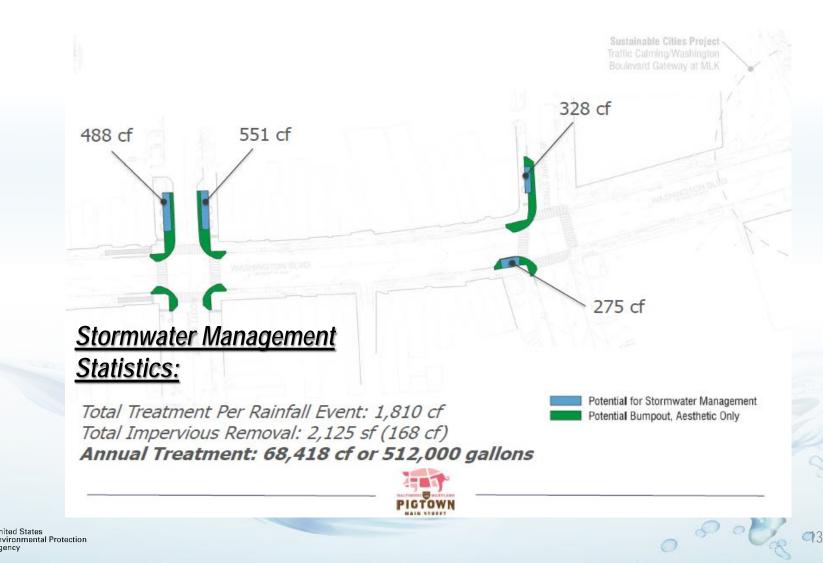
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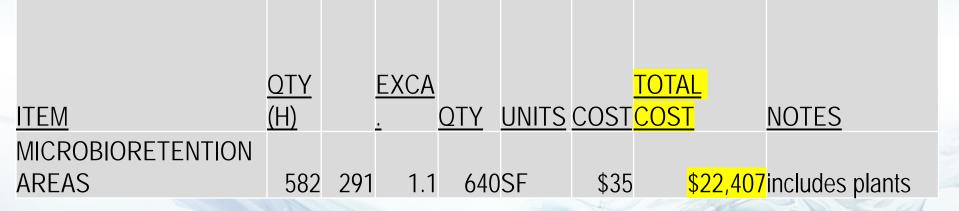
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Existing Planning Costs for Bio-retention at Scott Street (*Pigtown Mainstreet consultant team, 2017*)

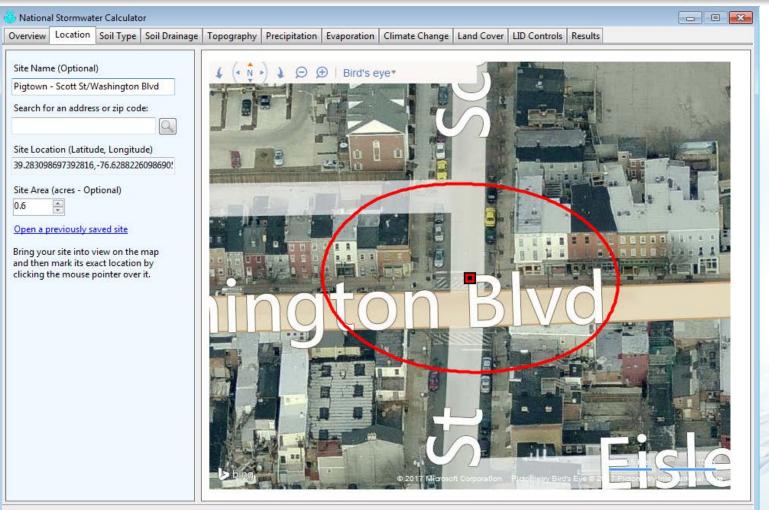




*Costs do not include annual maintenance and operations



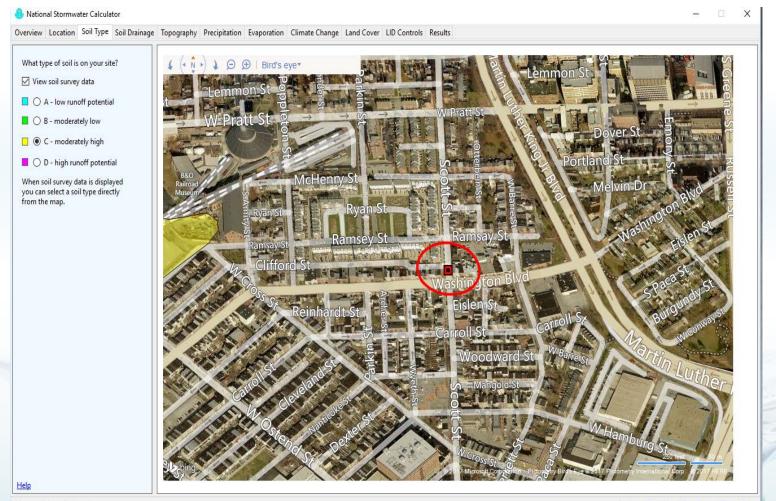
SWC Analysis: Scott Street Project Location



Locate the site on the map.



SWC Analysis: Scott Street Soil Rainfall Runoff Potential

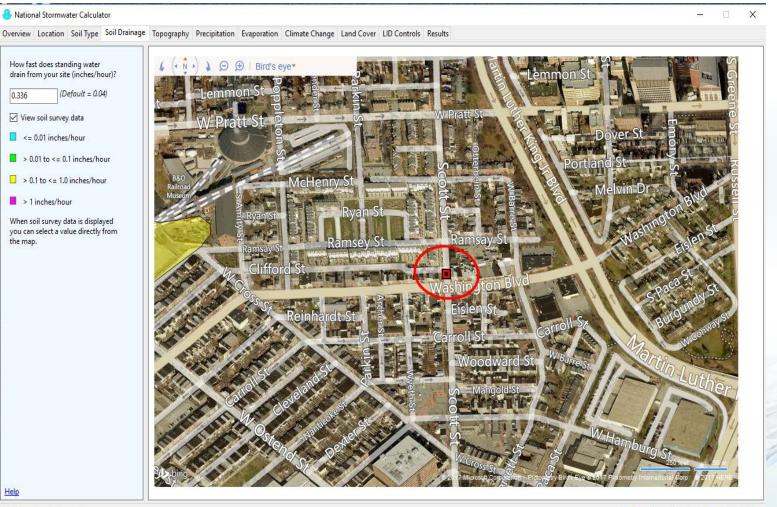


Select a soil type for the site.



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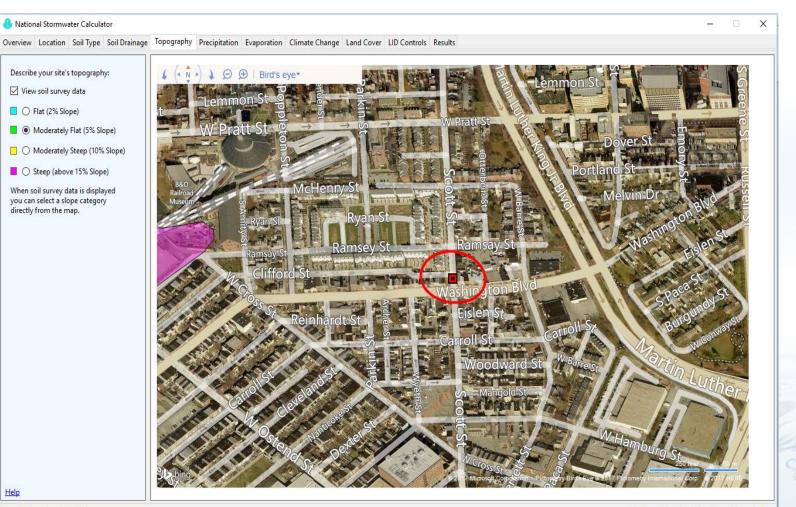
SWC Analysis: Scott Street Soil Drainage



Enter the soil's drainage rate.

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SWC Analysis: Scott Street Topography

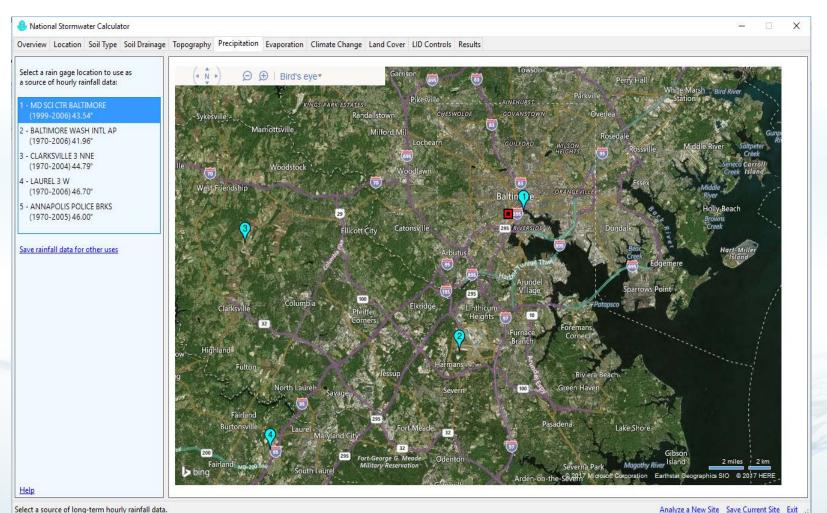


Describe how steep the site is.

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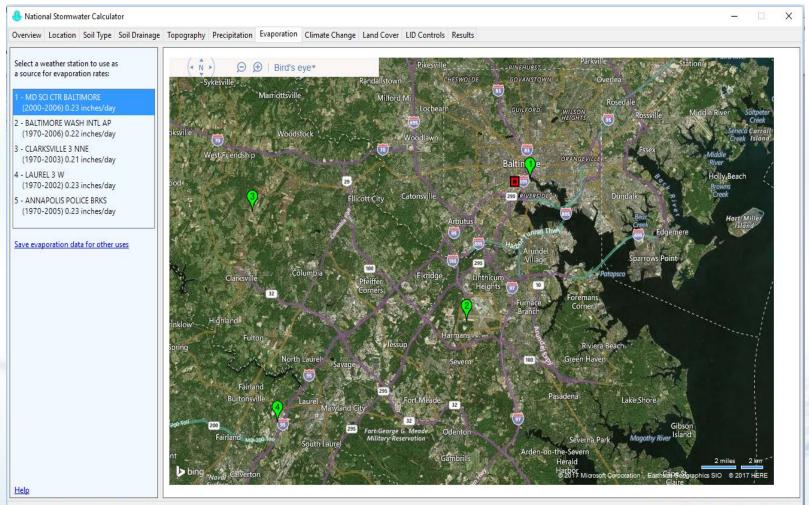


SWC Analysis: Scott Street Historical Precipitation



Select a source of long-term hourly rainfall data.

SWC Analysis: Scott Street *Historical Evaporation*

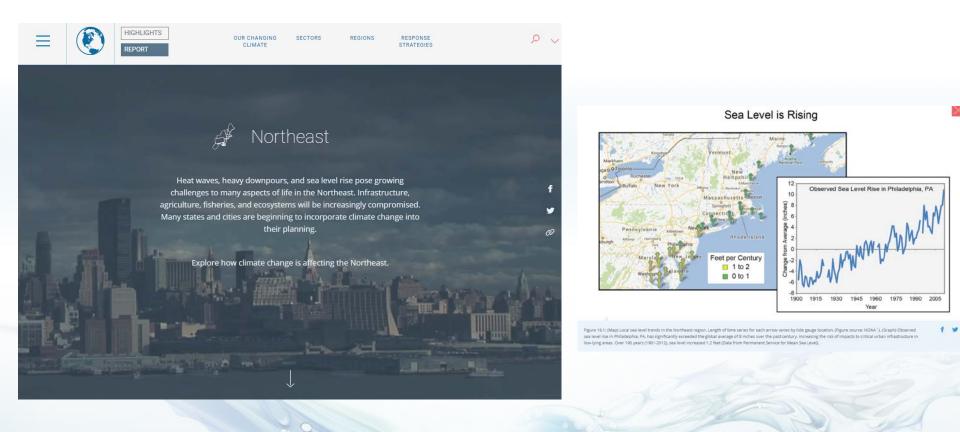


Select a source of monthly average evaporation rates.

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SWC Analysis: Scott Street <u>Climate Change Impacts for the Northeast</u>



SEPA United States Environmental Protection Agency

http://nca2014.globalchange.gov/report/regions/northeast

Climate Change Scenario Data: EPA's CREAT 2.0



Discover: Find out which extreme weather events pose significant challenges to your utility and build scenarios to identify potential impacts

Assess: Identify your critical assets and the actions you can take to protect them from the consequences of climate change on utility operations.

Share: Generate reports describing the costs and benefits of your risk reduction

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Climate Resilience Evaluation and Awareness Tool (CREAT) Welcome ... 🌧



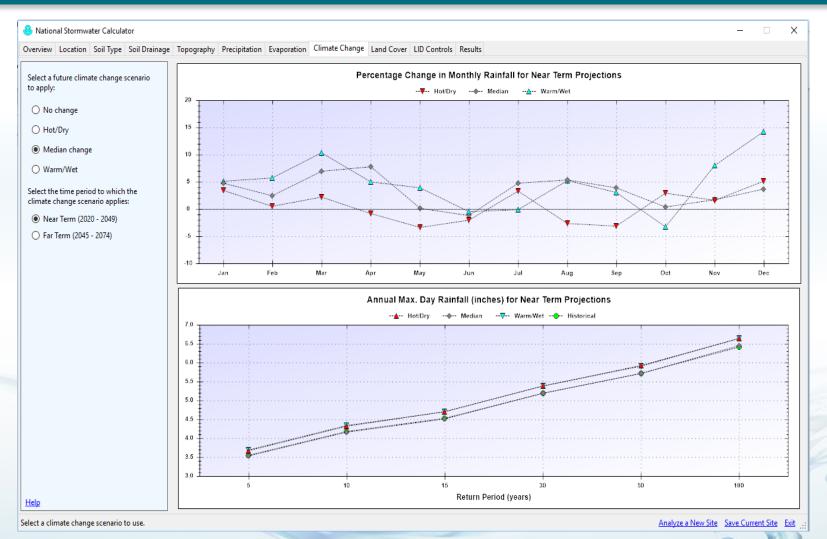
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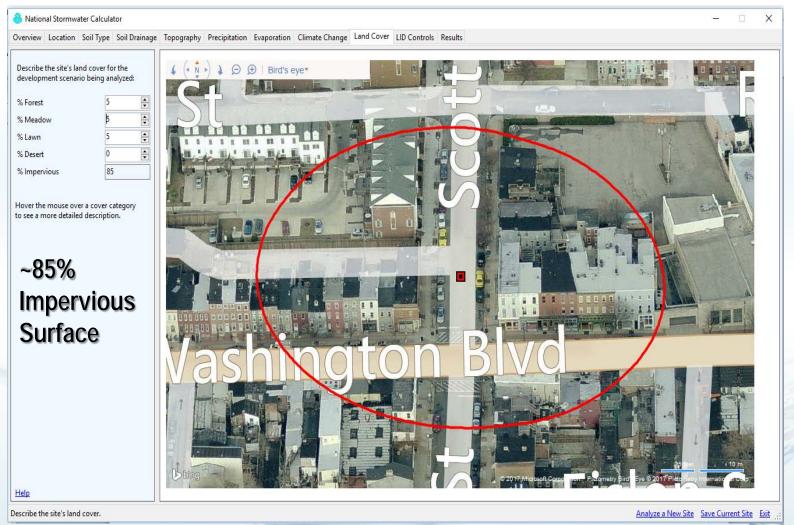


SWC Analysis: Scott Street Climate Change Scenarios



EPA United States Environmental Protection

SWC Analysis: Scott Street <u>Existing Land Cover</u>



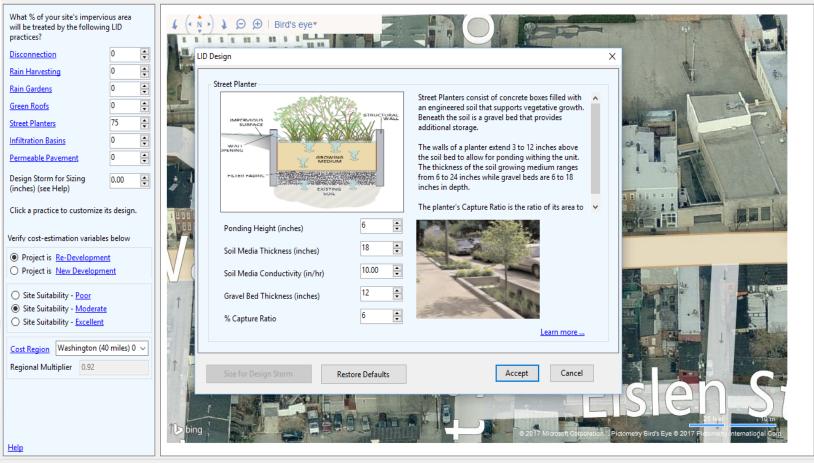


SWC Analysis: Scott Street LID Controls

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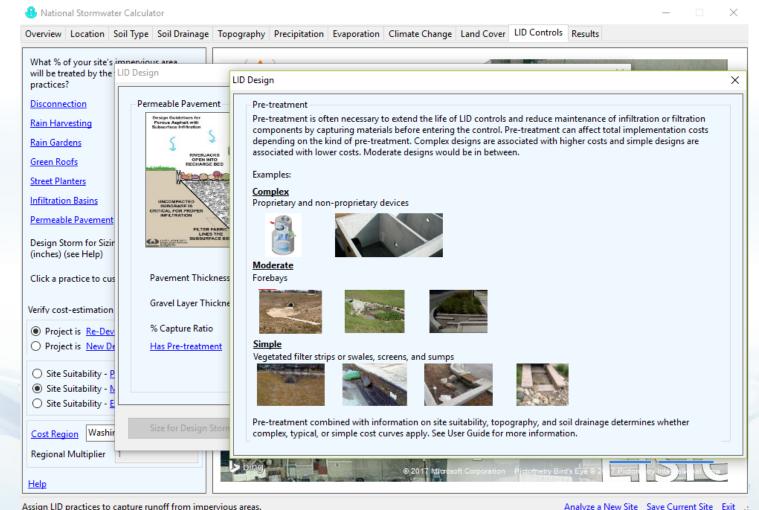
Overview Location Soil Type Soil Drainage Topography Precipitation Evaporation Climate Change Land Cover LID Controls Results



Assign LID practices to capture runoff from impervious areas.

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SWC Analysis: Scott Street LID Controls: Pre-treatment



Assign LID practices to capture runoff from impervious areas.



Pretreatment:

infiltration basin,

and permeable

pavement

Rain garden,

SWC: Cost Estimation Module

Intended Uses:

Planning level cost estimates (magnitude of costs between planning scenarios)

Limitations:

- —Doesn't provide final construction costs
- —Doesn't provide lifecycle costs (gives annual operations & maintenance (O&M) costs, not replacement costs)



Development of Regionalized Low Impact Development/Green Infrastructure Costs

- Utilization of Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Data for regional costs
 - Outputs of service, construction, utilities, and other goods producing entities
 - Examples include: concrete storm sewer pipe, construction sand and gravel, etc.
 - —Regional/city data (23 major U.S. cities)
 - Examples include: fuels and utilities, energy, and diesel fuel

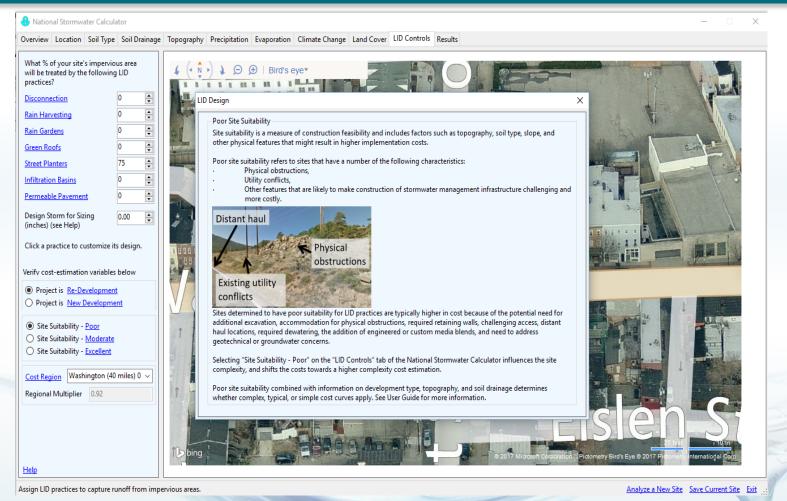
SWC Analysis: Scott Street LID: Redevelopment Project

🐣 National Stormwater Calculator Overview Location Soil Type Soil Drainage Topography Precipitation Evaporation Climate Change Land Cover LID Controls Results What % of your site's impervious area Ð Bird's eye will be treated by the following LID practices? 88 1 Disconnection • LID Design * 0 Rain Harvesting Re-Development **^** Rain Gardens 0 Re-Development is construction that is a change in existing development (land cover, land use, or similar development alteration) which requires new or alteration of existing stormwater management facilities. * 0 Green Roofs 75 • Costs of removal, decommissioning, or alteration of existing structures or additional (new) infrastructure is typically Street Planters required to connect existing structures and results in costs that are greater than what would be anticipated with a new **^** Infiltration Basins development site. • Permeable Pavement Design Storm for Sizing 0.00 * (inches) (see Help) Click a practice to customize its design. Verify cost-estimation variables below Project is <u>Re-Development</u> O Project is New Development Re-development and extensive retrofit costs are typically higher than new development costs because existing O Site Suitability - Poor structures might have to be removed or new structures may be required but may not be located in a preferred Site Suitability - Moderate location. O Site Suitability - Excellent Selecting "Re-development" on the "LID Controls" tab of the National Stormwater Calculator influences the site complexity, and shifts the costs towards a higher complexity cost estimation. Cost Region | Washington (40 miles) 0 ~ Re-development combined with information on site suitability, topography, and soil drainage determines whether Regional Multiplier 0.92 complex, typical, or simple cost curves apply. See User Guide for more information. ird's Eve @ 20 Help

Assign LID practices to capture runoff from impervious areas.

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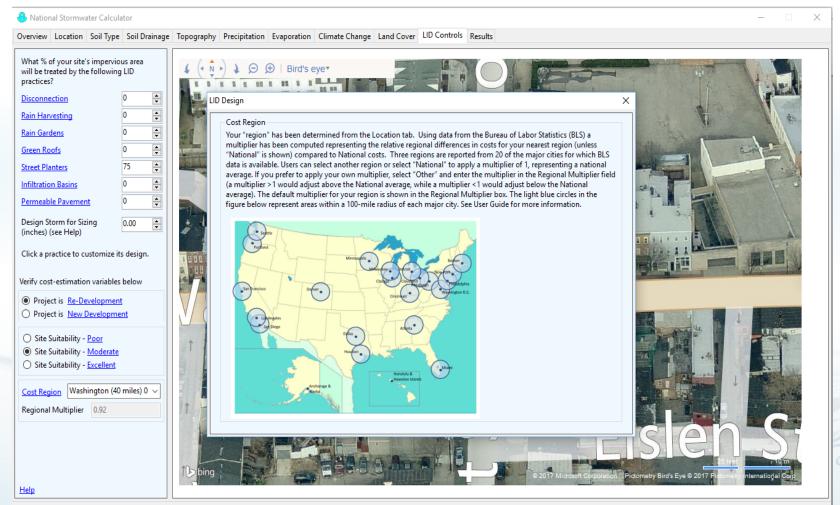
SWC Analysis: Scott Street LID: Site Suitability (Poor)



*A lot of existing infrastructure/buildings and utilities present; compacted soil.

SWC Analysis: Scott Street

LID: US Bureau of Labor Statistics Regional Cost Centers

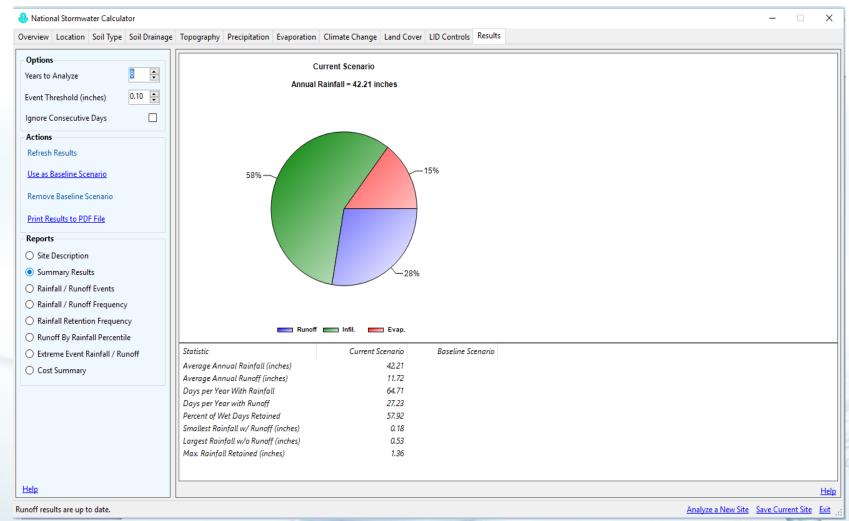


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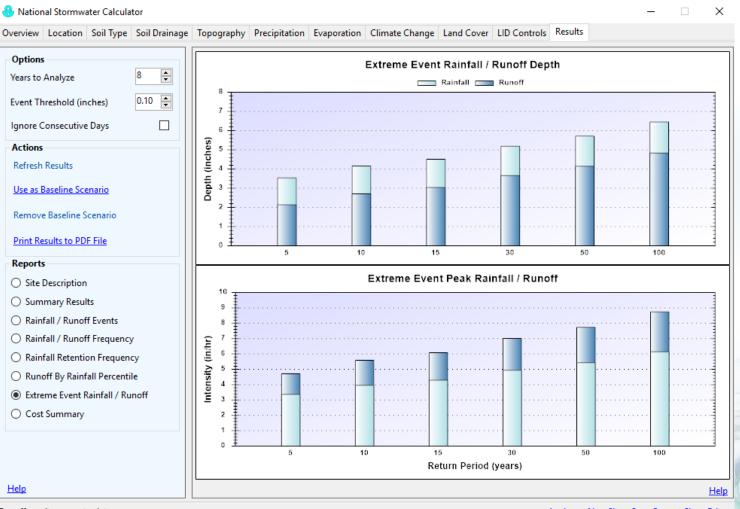
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SWC Analysis: Scott Street <u>Runoff Reduction Results</u>



SWC Analysis: Scott Street <u>Runoff Results: Extreme Storm Events</u>



Runoff results are up to date.

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SWC Analysis: Scott Street Capital Costs Summary

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Runoff results are up to date.



SWC Analysis: Scott Street Annual Maintenance Costs Summary

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gnore Consecutive Days		Current S	cenario (C)	Baseline Scenario (B)		Difference (C - B)		
Actions	Cost By LID Control Type	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	
Refresh Results	Disconnection	\$0	\$0	-	-	-	-	
Use as Baseline Scenario	Rainwater Harvesting	\$0	\$0	-	-		-	
	Rain Gardens	\$0	\$0	-	-	-	-	
Remove Baseline Scenario	Green Roofs	\$0	\$0	-	-	-	-	
Print Results to PDF File	Street Planters	\$49	\$1,169	-	-	-	-	
	Infiltration Basins	\$0	\$0	-	-	-	-	
Reports	Permeable Pavement	\$0	\$0	-	-	-	-	
Site Description	Total	\$49	\$1,169	-	-	-	-	
Summary Results	Note: site complexity variables that affect cost shown below:							
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Rainfall Retention Frequency	Site Suitability Poor	r		-				
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Extreme Event Rainfall / Runoff	Soil Type C			-				
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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
 - Other nearby cities: Philadelphia, etc.



SWC Analysis: Potential Next Steps (Pigtown – Baltimore, MD)

- Applying for funding
- 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/



Climate Resiliency Planning Application: Mount Rainier, MD



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Improving Water Quality by Dealing with the First Inch of Rain

The suburban city of Mount Rainier, Maryland, is doing its part to improve the water quality of a polluted river in its region: residents and organizations are using green infrastructure to reduce stormwater runoff.

Taking Action > Improving Water Quality by Dealing with the First Inch of Rain

Just outside the northeastern boundary of Washington, D.C., the suburban city of Mount Rainier, Maryland, features affordably priced homes, pedestrian-friendly sidewalks, and a handful of historic buildings. The city—named after the better-known mountain in the Pacific Northwest—expanded in the early 1900s after a streetcar line began offering service in and out of the capital. Since the 1970s, officials in Mount Rainier have made substantial efforts to improve air and water quality for the town's residents, and to become a sustainable "green" community.

Mount Rainier lies within the watershed of the Anacostia River, which flows into the Potomac River. In turn, the Potomac River flows into the ecologically productive Chesapeake Bay. Unfortunately, the Anacostia—sometimes referred to as Washington's "forgotten river"—is severely polluted with toxic sediments, agricultural nutrients, and trash. As climate



Steps to Resilience:



National Stormwater Calculator—Climate Assessment Tool 5

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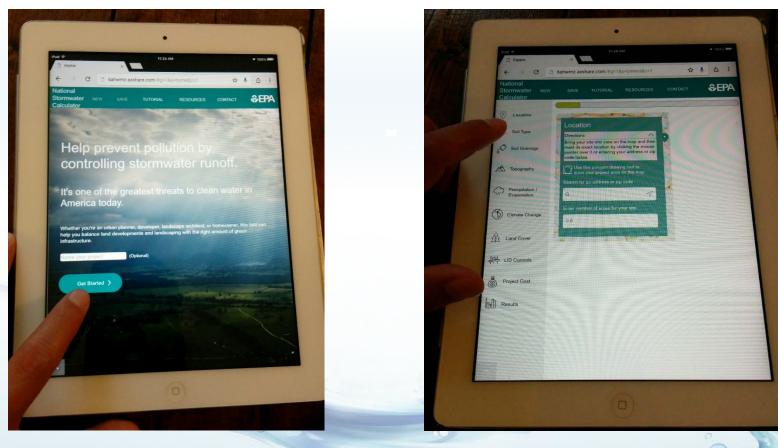
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http://toolkit.climate.gov/case-studies/improving-water-guality-dealing-first-inch-rain

Mobile Web App Development: Public Release Expected in Fall 2017

Live demonstrations at WEFTEC 2017 Stormwater Pavilion, Oct. 2 - 3 (Chicago, IL)





Discussion and Questions Thank You!

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