



Designing with Nature: LID & Stormwater Quality Treatment with Compost BMPs

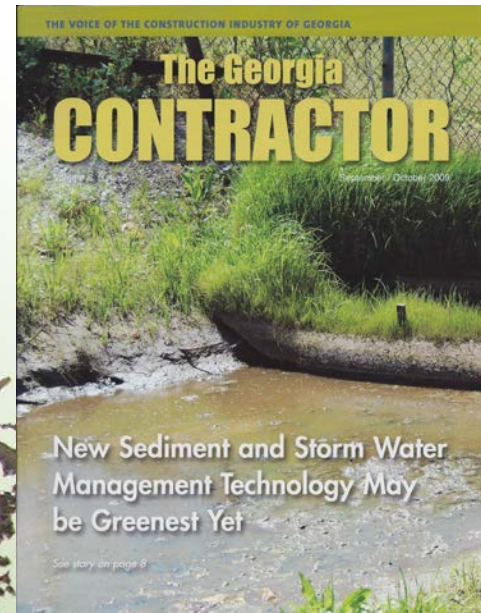
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Outline

- Stormwater: Gray to Green Infrastructure (LID)
- Compost & Stormwater Volume and Quality
- Compost Applications (BMPs)
- Research, Performance, & Design
- Case Study
- Q/A



Stormwater Impact

- 850 - US cities w/ outdated & under-designed SWM infrastructure
- 75% of Americans live near polluted waters
- 48,800 TMDL listed (impaired) water bodies
- \$44,000,000,000 – annual total cost to society



Grey Infrastructure is..\$\$\$\$\$\$

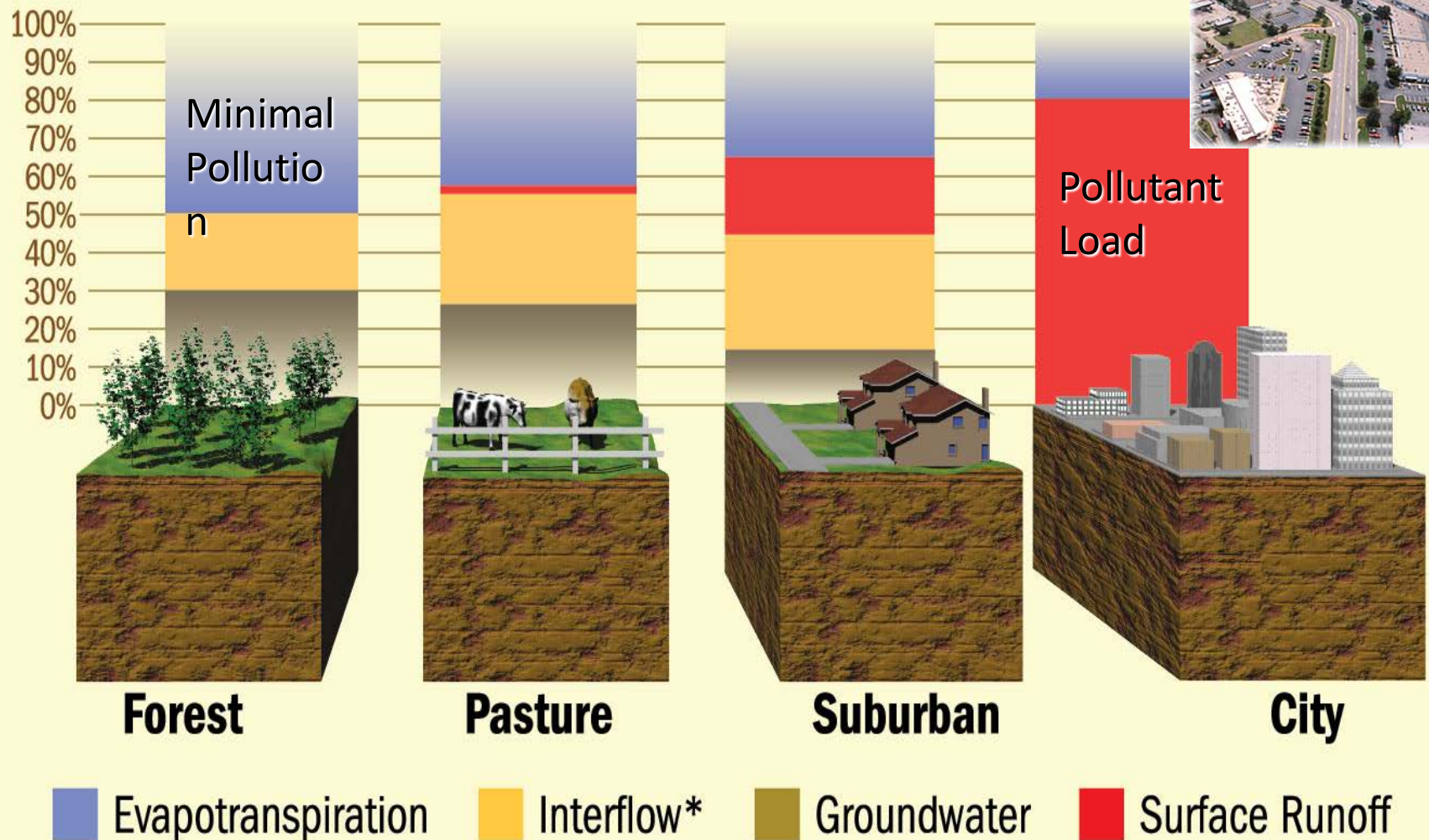


- ✓ Centralize Collection, Conveyance & Treatment
- ✓ Land Intensive
- ✓ Infrastructure Intensive
- ✓ Pollution Intensive
- ✓ Energy Intensive



Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Land Use = Hydrology = Pollutant Load = Water Impairment



Source: Sego Jackson, 2001

*water that travels just below the surface

75% of Us Live Near a Polluted Water



- Coliform bacteria (10,900 streams)
- Metals – Cu, Cd, Cr, Ni, Pb, Zn (8600 streams)
- Nutrients – N & P (5300 streams)
- Turbidity/TSS - Clay & Fine Silt Sediment (5100 streams)
- Petroleum Hydrocarbons - Motor Oil, Diesel Fuel, Gasoline (polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons)



Storm Water Pollution Areas

What

- Parking Lots, Highways/Streets, Rooftops
- Golf Courses, Lawns, Pet Parks

Who

- NPDES Stormwater Permits:
- MS4s, Industrial, Construction
- CAFOs, CSOs

Sources



- ✓ Trout/Salmon bearing
- ✓ Endangered species
- ✓ Eutrophic water bodies
- ✓ Beaches/Recreational
- ✓ TMDL designated streams

Priority Areas

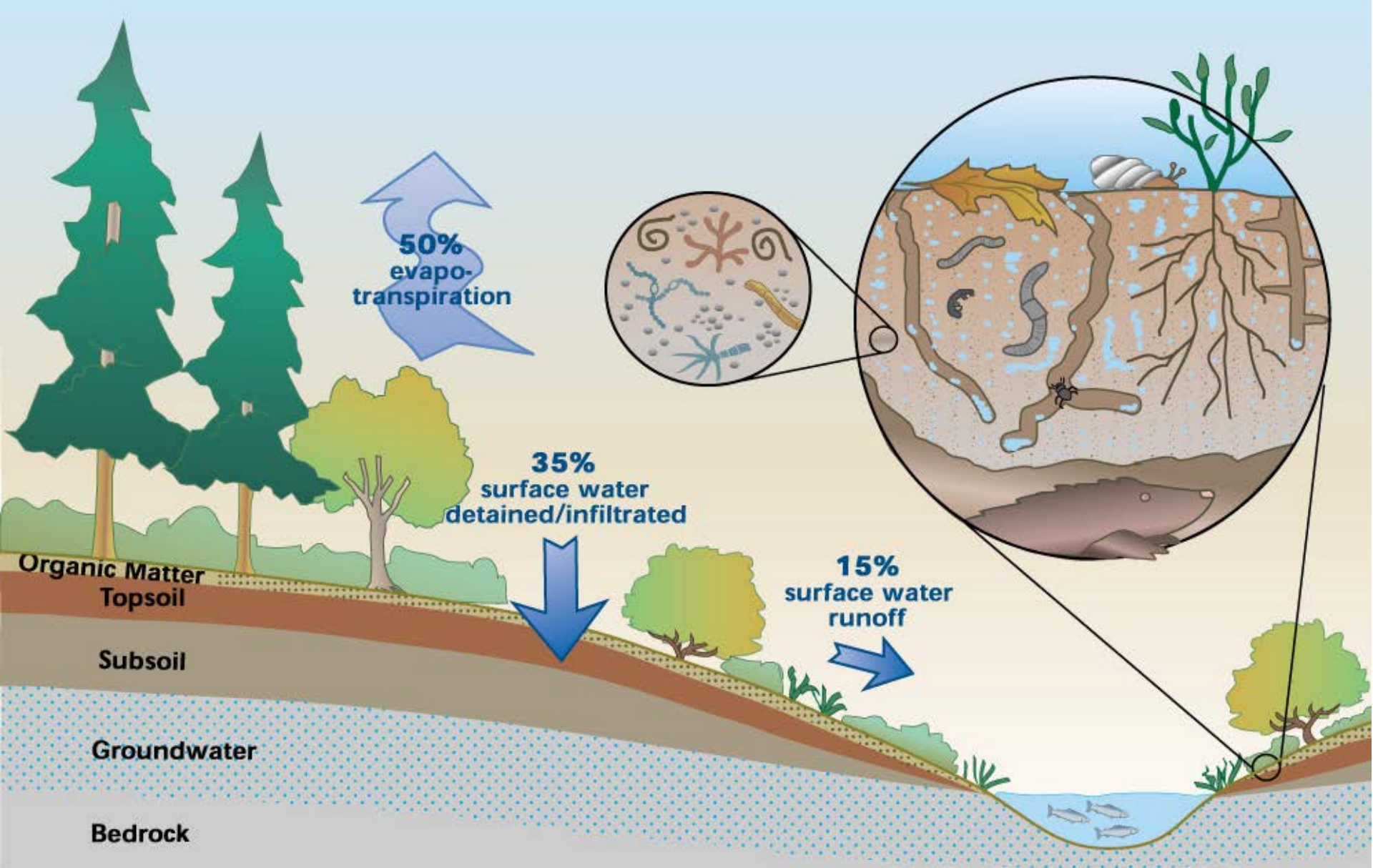
Low Impact Development (LID) =

hydrology mimics natural site, distributed, decentralized

- Runoff Volume ↓
- Runoff Rate ↓
- Pollutant Loading ↓
- Flooding ↓
- CSOs ↓
- ✓ *Water Quality* ↑
- ✓ *Wildlife Habitat/Biodiversity* ↑
- ✓ *Aesthetics/Land Value* ↑



Green Infrastructure = green stormwater management; site preservation/restoration; integrated design & practices; reuse



Low Impact Development (LID) =
restore natural site hydrology; decentralize

Compost Tools

Filter Media

- Designed for Optimum Filtration & Hydraulic-flow



Growing Media

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Stormwater BMPs

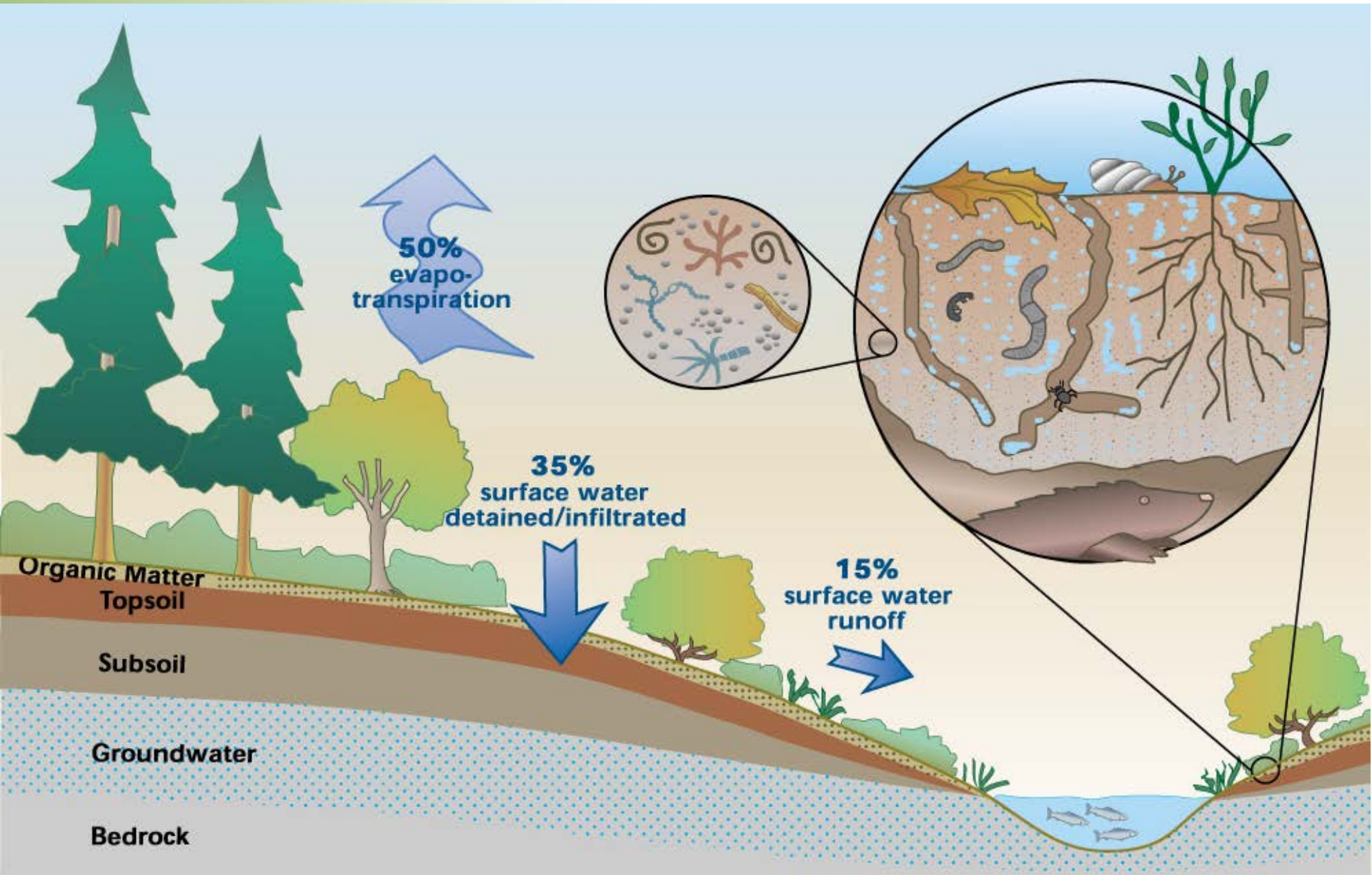
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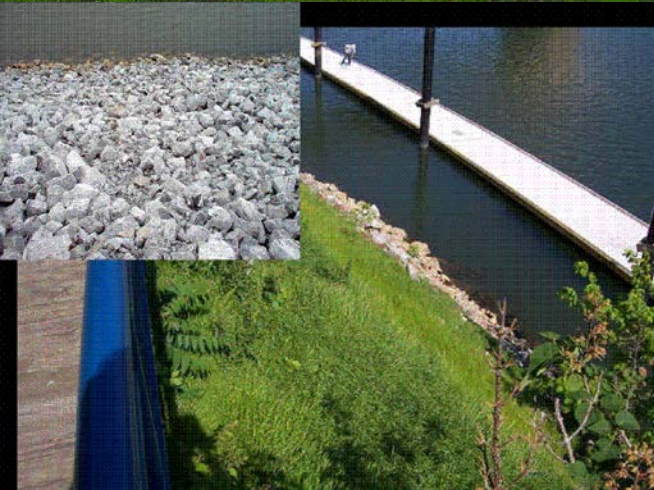
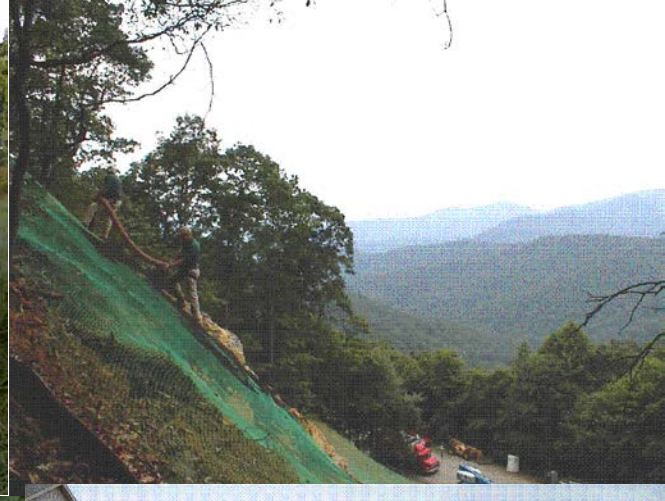
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Low Impact Development

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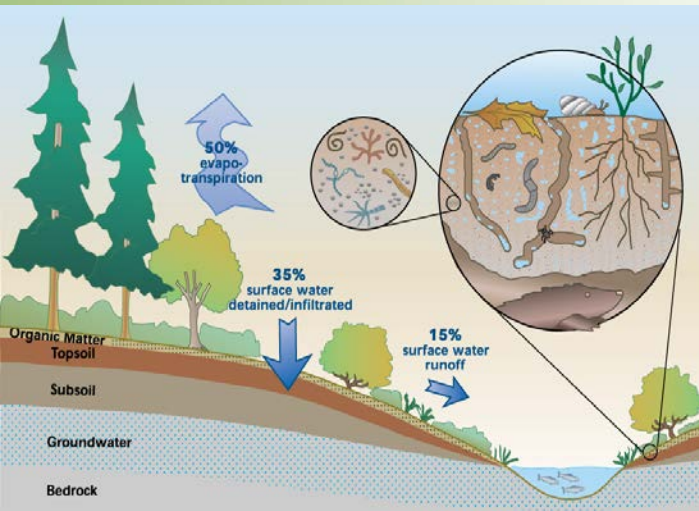
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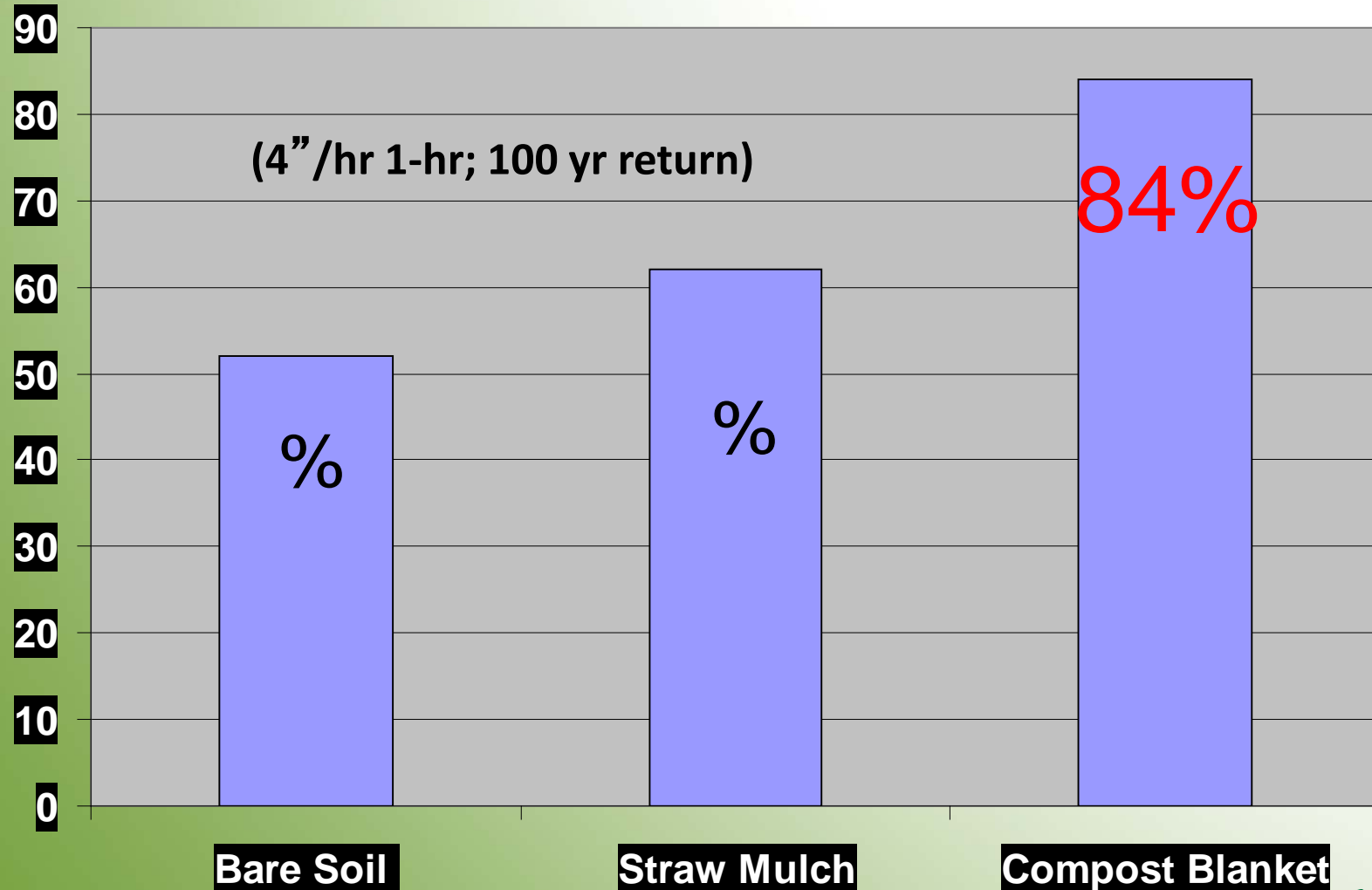
Runoff + Erosion Control



Designed to: 1) dissipate energy of rain impact; 2) hold, infiltrate & evaporate water; 3) slow down/disperse energy of sheet flow; 4) provide for optimum vegetation growth



LID: Rainfall Absorption



Runoff Volume Reduction

Reduction	Influencing Factors	Reference
49%	Sandy clay loam, 10% slope, 1.5” blanket, 3.2 in/hr – 1 hr rain	Faucette et al, 2005
60%	Sandy clay loam, 10% slope, 1.5” blanket, 4.0 in/hr – 1 hr rain	Faucette et al, 2007
76%	Silty sand, 2:1 slope, 3” blanket, 1.8 in/hr - 2.4 hr rain	Demars et al, 2000
90%	Loamy sand, 3:1 slope, 2” blanket, 4.0 in/hr – 2 hr rain	Persyn et al, 2004

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Pollutant Load Reduction:

Compost Blanket vs Conventional Seeding



	Total N	Nitrate N	Total P	Soluble P	Total Sediment
Mukhtar et al, 2004 (seed+fertilizer)	88%	45%	87%	87%	99%
Faucette et al, 2007 (seed+fertilizer)	92%	ND	ND	97%	94%
Faucette et al, 2005 (hydromulch)	58%	98%	83%	83%	80%
Persyn et al 2004 (seed+topsoil)	99%	ND	99%	99%	96%

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Runoff Curve Numbers

Watershed Surface	Curve Number*
Parking lot, driveway, roof	98
Commercial district	92
Dirt road	82
Residential lot: ¼ ac, ½ ac, 1 ac	75, 70, 68
Cropland	71-81
Pasture	61-79
Public green space	61-69
Woodland and forests	55-66
Brush >75% cover	48
Vegetated Compost Blanket	55

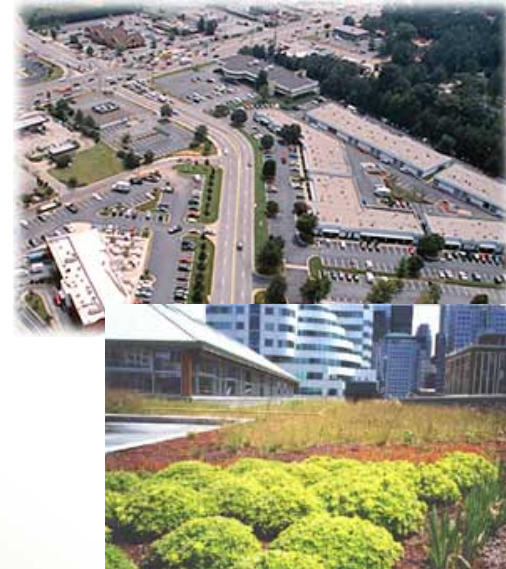
*Based Hydrologic Soil Group B

Reference: USDA SCS, 1986

Ecosystem Services:

Economics of Grey vs Green SWM

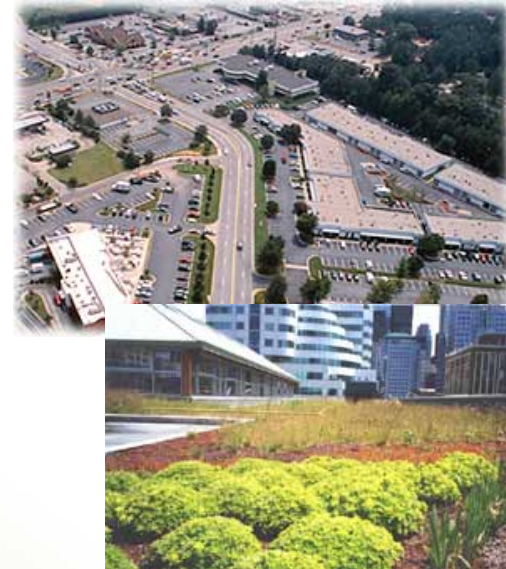
- Compost Blanket vs Impervious Surface
- Area = 10 acres
- Design Storm = 3 in/24 hr
- ✓ Stormwater Volume = 54,300 vs 752,100 gallons (1400% increase!)
- **Option 1: Containment/Pond:**
- Real Estate Value = \$50,000/acre
- SW Pond Design/Construction = \$1/gal
- ✓ Stormwater Pond (4 ft deep) = 0.5 acre
 - - \$25,000 (lost usable real estate)
- ✓ Stormwater Pond Cost = \$697,800 (design/construction)
 - TOTAL = \$722,800



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- **Option 2: Off-Site Discharge (Grid):**
- Water Conveyance Cost = \$0.26/gal
- Water Treatment Energy Cost = 2 kWh/1000 gal
- Energy Cost = \$0.13/kWh
- Carbon Emission = 2 lbs CO₂/kWh
- ✓ Water Conveyance = \$181,428/yr
- ✓ Energy Cost = \$91/year
- ✓ Carbon Emission = 1,396 lbs/CO₂/yr



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Stormwater BMPs

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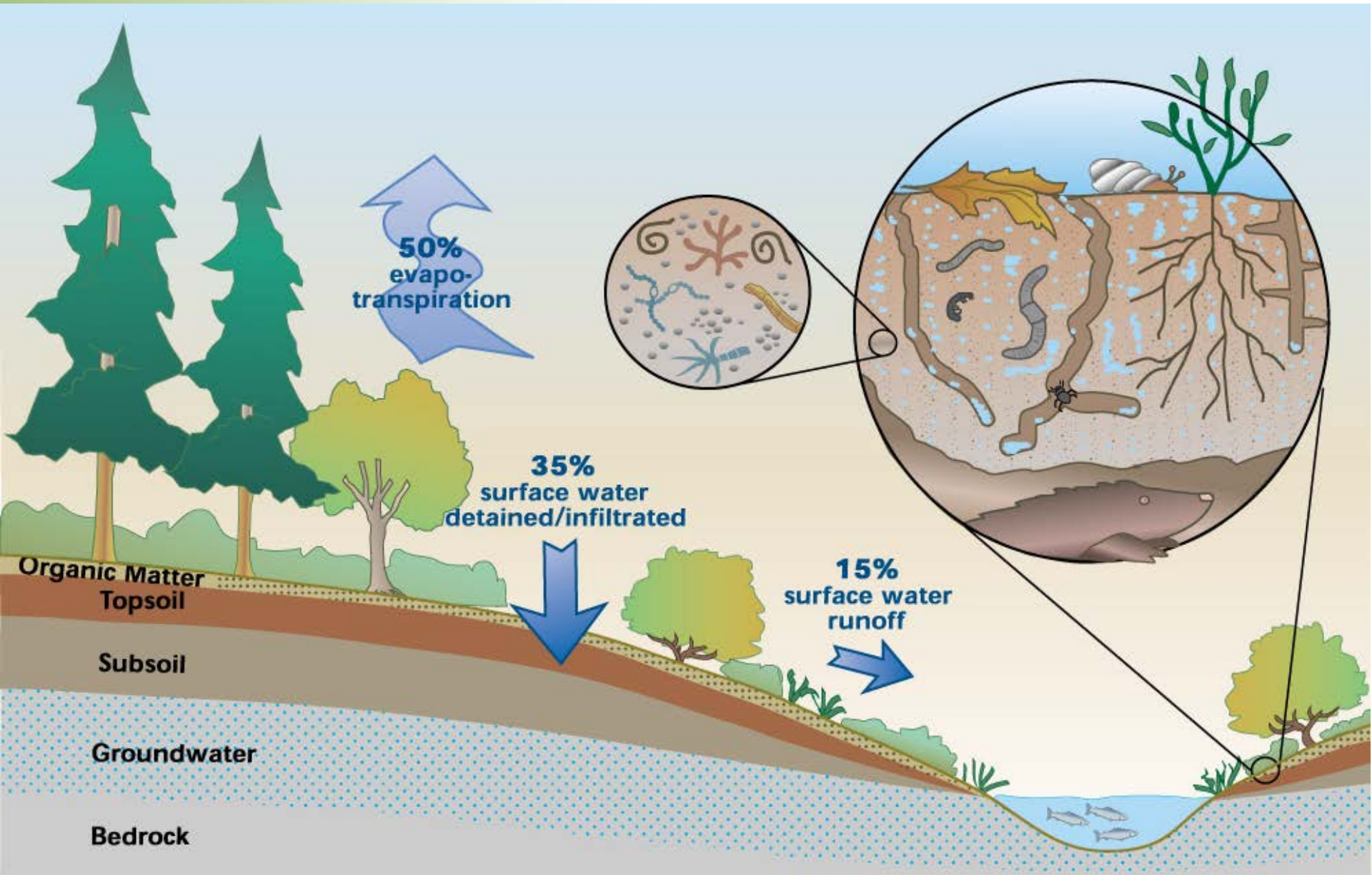
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Sediment Control/ Stormwater BMPs

- Silt Fence
- Straw Bale
- Mulch Berm
- Fiber Rolls
- Straw Wattles
- Filtration
- Chemical Treatment
- Stormwater Ponds

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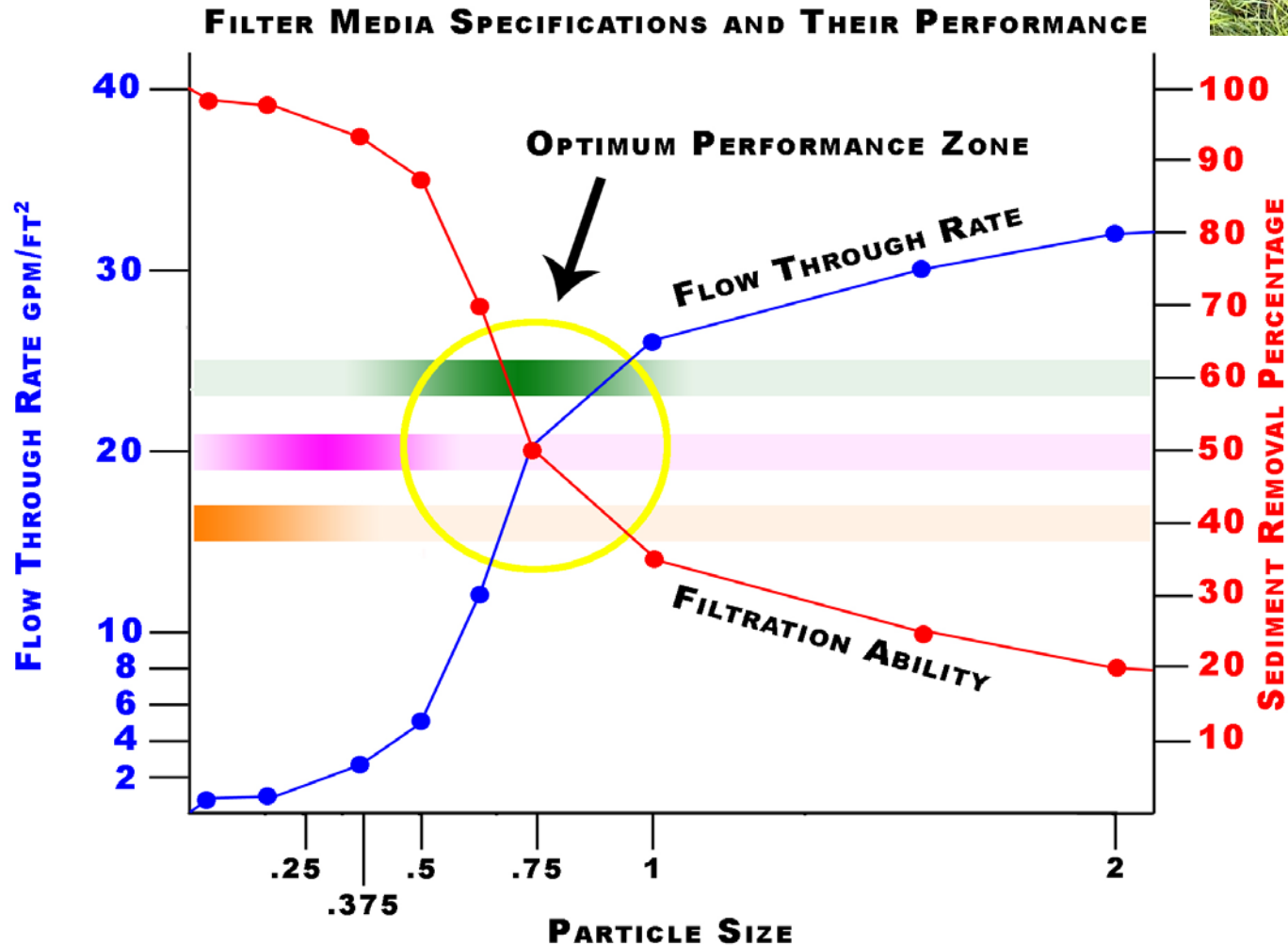
Compost Sock

3-Way Biofiltration

- Physical
 - Traps sediment in matrix of varying pore spaces and sizes
- Chemical
 - Binds and adsorbs pollutants in storm runoff
- Biological
 - Degrades various compounds with bacteria and fungi




Particle Size Specifications





(Bio) Filtration
Devices use
Filter Media

TS Reduction of Sediment Barriers

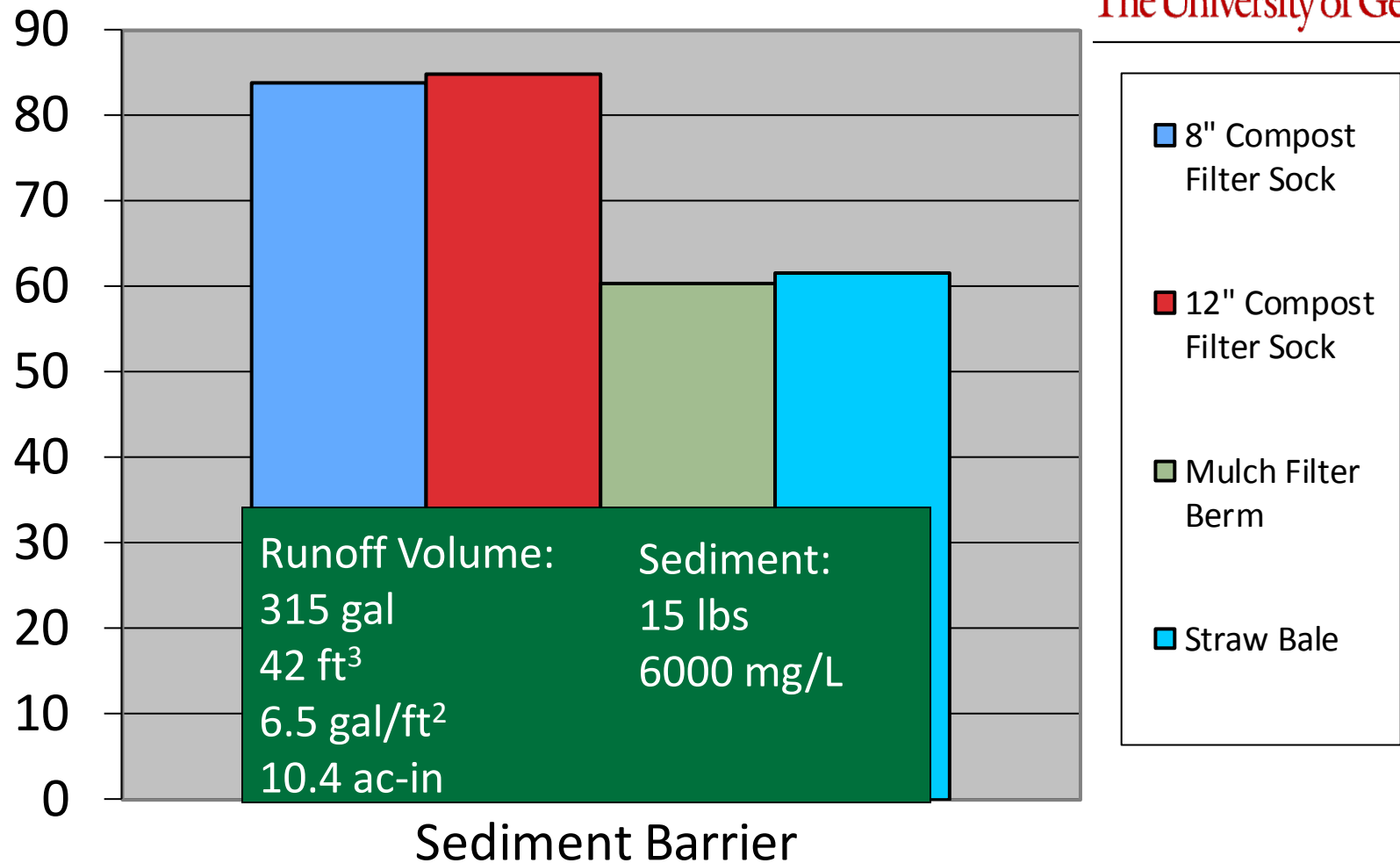
 SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY	Runoff Exposure	Sediment Exposure	Removal
Filter Sock	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•260 gal•1.7 g/ft²•2.75 ac-in	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•850 lbs•150 lbs/ft²•125 t/a	77%
Silt Fence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•260 gal•1.7 g/ft²•2.75 ac-in	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•850 lbs•150 lbs/ft²•125 t/a	72%
Straw Wattle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•260 gal•1.7 g/ft²•2.75 ac-in	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•850 lbs•150 lbs/ft²•125 t/a	59%

ASTM 6459 for RECPs

% TSS Reduction of Sediment Barrier



The University of Georgia



Sediment Summary



% Reduction of TSS & Turbidity

Treatment	TSS	Turbidity
Silt Fence	67	52
Filter Sock	78	63

* Based on rainfall of 3.0 in/hr for 30 min; runoff sediment concentration (sandy clay loam) of 70,000 mg/L.



Stormwater Pollutant Removal

	TSS	Turbidity	Total N	NH ₄ -N	NO ₃ -N	Total P	Sol. P	Total coli.	E. coli.	Metals	Oil	Diesel
Filter Sock	80 %	63%	35 %	35%	25 %	60 %	92%	98%	98%	37-78%	99 %	99%



Stormwater Pollutant Removal w/ Filter Socks

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Compost + Additives

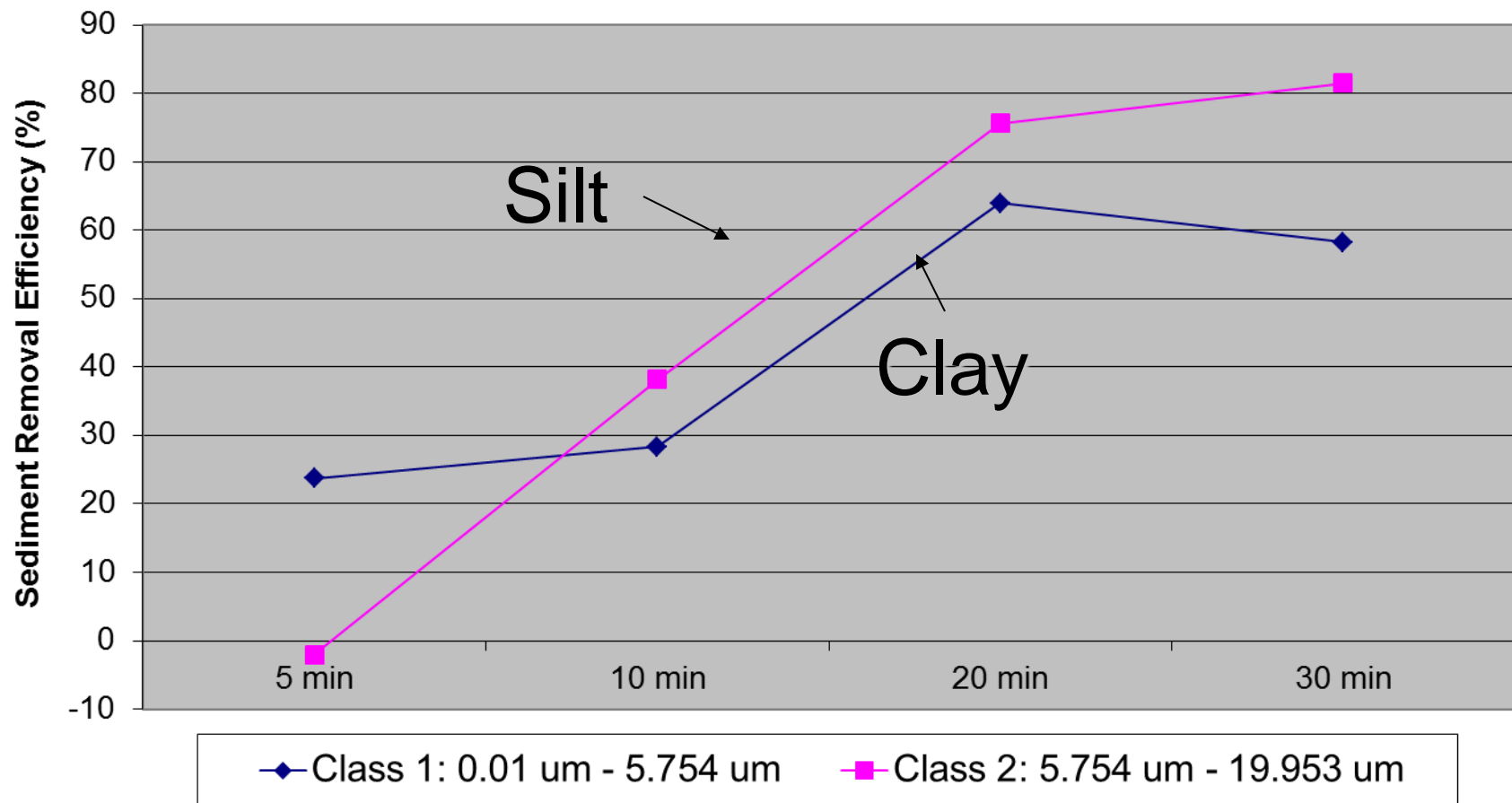
- To target specific runoff pollutant
 - Fine Sediment
 - Nutrients (N & P)
 - Bacteria
 - Metals
 - Petroleum Hydrocarbons



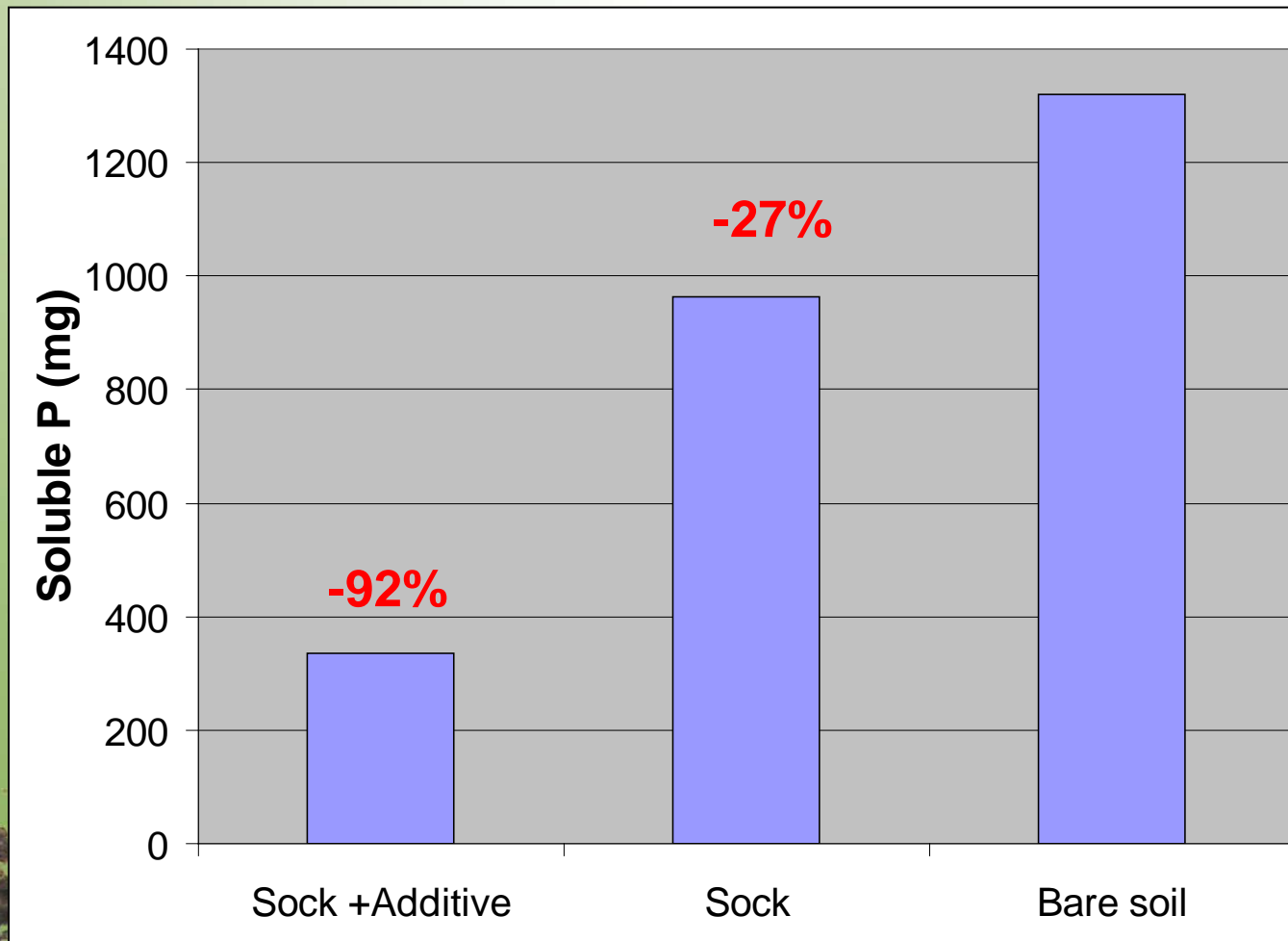
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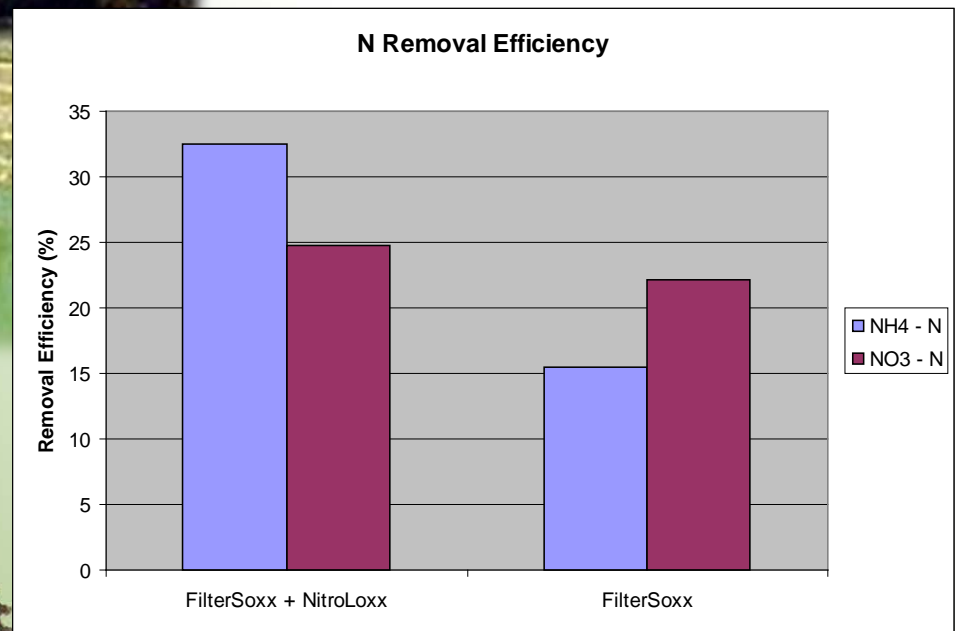
FilterSoxx Fine Sediment Removal over 30 min Runoff Event



Soluble P



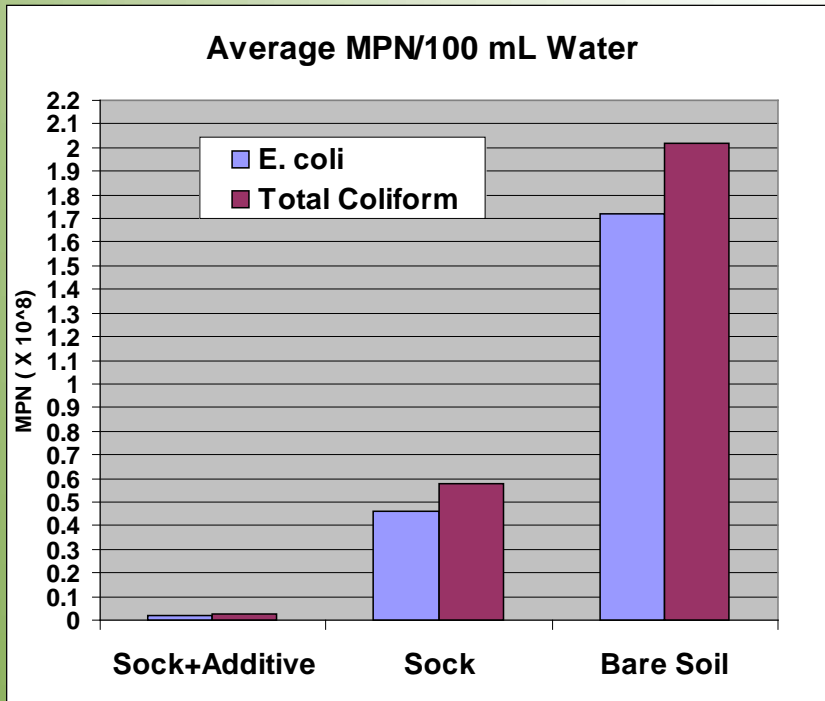
Nitrogen Removal



+ Additive

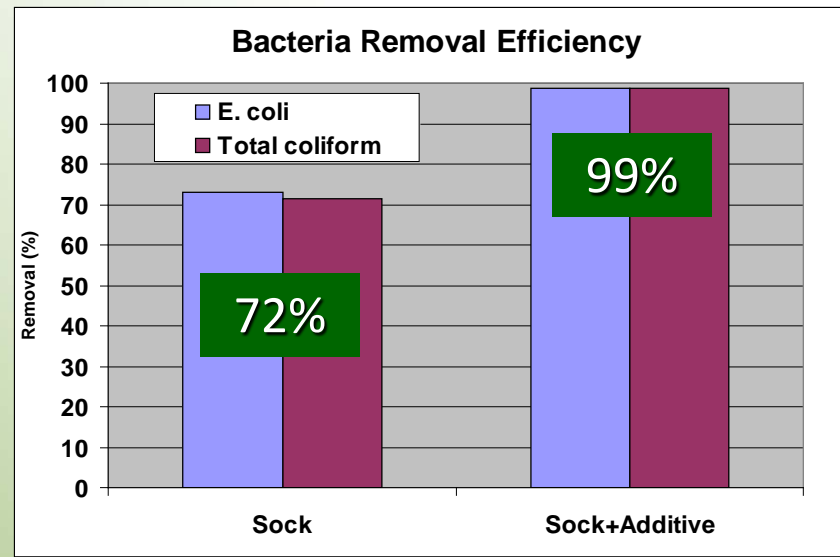
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Bacteria Removal



Bacteria (MPN) Exposure

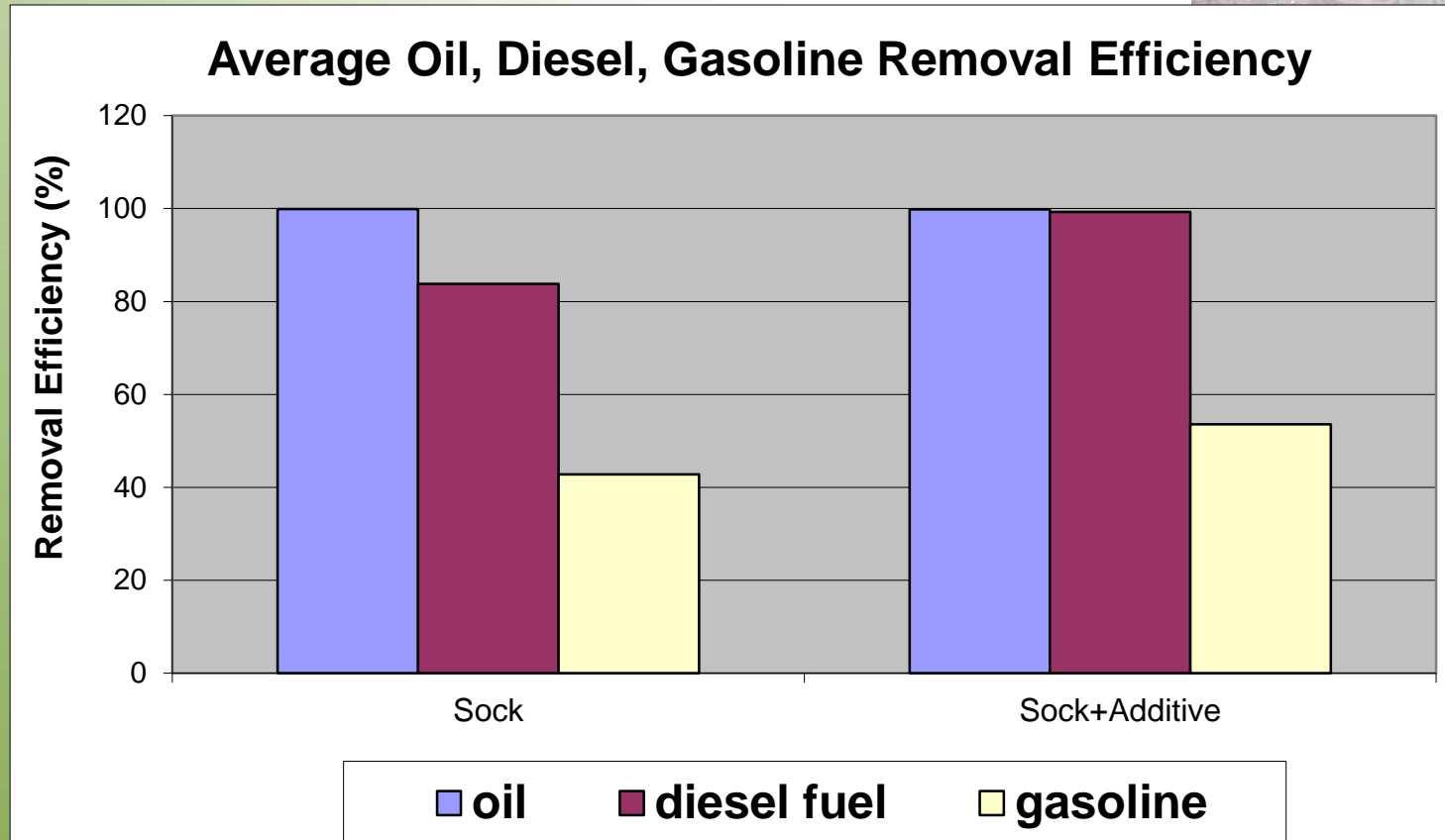
- Total coliform – 200 million/100 mL
- E. coli – 170 million/100 mL
- *Typical* – 50,000/100 mL



Metals Removal

		METALS (water extractable)					
Treatment	Parameters (mg)	Cd	Cr	Cu	Ni	Pb	Zn
FS + MetalLoxx	Applied	7.915	6.740	7.320	8.070	6.025	6.545
	Soil Surface	0.004	0.019	6.491	0.144	0.154	2.028
	Total	7.919	6.759	13.811	8.214	6.179	8.573
	Transported to Soxx	0.812	0.490	1.640	1.056	0.937	1.669
	Runoff Water	0.210	0.221	0.383	0.301	0.144	0.621
	Removal Efficiency*	72	29	70	69	79	57
	Runoff Sediment	0.014	0.039	0.122	0.029	0.105	0.161
	Removal Efficiency*	77	78	45	63	61	47
	Total Runoff	0.224	0.260	0.505	0.330	0.249	0.782
	Removal Efficiency (%)	73	47	70	69	73	53
*Relative to Bare Soil w/out Treatment							

Petroleum Hydrocarbons



- Runoff Concentrations = 1,400 mg/L (motor oil), 5,400 mg/L (diesel), and 74 mg/L (gasoline)
- Runoff Loads = 20,820 mg (motor oil), 77,440 mg (diesel), and 1070 mg (gasoline)

City of Chattanooga



Analysis	2-1-2007 (Pre-retrofit)	6-8-2007	8-30-2007	12-13-2007	3-19-2008	1-28-2009	7-28-2009	% Reduction
COD	1600 mg/L	259 mg/L	255 mg/L	125 mg/L	125 mg/L	405 mg/L	214 mg/L	75-93
TSS	1370 mg/L	208 mg/L	38 mg/L	18 mg/L	24 mg/L	249 mg/L	177 mg/L	82-99
Oil/Grease	107 mg/L	27 mg/L	N/A	N/A	5 mg/L	18 mg/L	37 mg/L	65-95



The Sustainable Site

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