Tookany Creek Feasibility Study Hydrologic Model With Project Conditions

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With Project Conditions

- Structural and Non-Structural Solutions
 - Warning Systems
 - Buyouts
 - Channelization
 - Storage Areas
 - Floodwalls / Levees
 - Low Impact Development
 - etc.
- Implementation Concerns
 - Structural / Geotech
 - Environmental
 - Societal





Figure 2

Low Impact Development

Rain Barrels

• Modeling Assumptions

- 2500 ft² building roof space
- 50 gal drums
 - 0.032 inches of runoff from 2500 ft² will fill 1 drum
 - 5 drums per building = 0.16 inches of runoff per building
- One Building per grid cell (each grid cell is ~2420 ft²)
- Buildings assigned using NLCD 2006 for all spaces designated as:
 - (22) Developed, Low Intensity
 - (23) Developed, Medium Intensity
 - (24) Developed, High Intensity
- Results in 24,325 rain barrels
- Assumptions favor greater reductions in runoff -> More impact than likely



Image from Philadelphia Water Department



Low Impact Development Options Rain Barrels Figure 3

Low Impact Development

Porous Pavement

- Modeling Assumptions
 - ½ inch of runoff intercepted by areas with greater than 75% impervious cover
 - Results in approx. 600 acres of porous pavement
 - Assumptions favor greater reductions in runoff -> More impact than likely



Image from PA BMP Manual



Figure 4



Storage Areas

- "Dry Dams" with no permanent pool
 - Minimize environmental damage
 - Maximize available flood storage
- NOT this big...





Figure 6





Small-Scale Dry Dam Examples

Figure 7



Image courtesy of Dr. Robert Traver, Villanova University



Small-Scale Dry Dam Examples

Figure 8





Possible Storage Area W. Waverly Rd. DCNR / PAMAP Orthophotograph Figure 9





Possible Storage Area W. Waverly Rd. DCNR / PAMAP Orthophotograph Figure 10



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Elevation-Storage Relationship





Upper Tookany Creek Flow Change Locations DCNR / PAMAP Orthophotograph Figure 12





Annual Chance Exceedance – Peak Flow Rate Existing Conditions vs. Possible West Waverly SA Flow Change Location 10A – D/S of Rt. 152 Figure 13





Annual Chance Exceedance – Peak Flow Rate Existing Conditions vs. Possible West Waverly SA Figure 14

Flow Change Location 8 – U/S of Keswick Ave. Culvert Confluence





Annual Chance Exceedance – Peak Flow Rate Existing Conditions vs. Possible West Waverly SA Flow Change Location 6 – U/S of Rock Creek Confluence

Figure 15





Possible Storage Areas – Upper Tookany Creek DCNR / PAMAP Orthophotograph Figure 16





Possible Storage Areas – Upper Tookany Creek Results at Easton Rd. DCNR / PAMAP Orthophotograph

Figure 17





Possible Storage Areas – Upper Tookany Creek Results at Keswick Ave. Culvert DCNR / PAMAP Orthophotograph

Figure 18





Possible Storage Areas – Upper Tookany Creek *GSSHA* – *Google Earth Movie* Figure 19





Possible Hydrologic With Project Conditions DCNR / PAMAP Orthophotograph Figure 20

| With Project # | Name | Туре |
|----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Upper Tookany SAs | SA |
| 2 | Doe Lane | SA |
| 3 | West Waverly Rd | SA |
| 4 | Church Rd | SA |
| 5 | Limekiln Pike | SA |
| 6 | Grove Park | SA |
| 7 | George Perley Bird Sanctuary | SA |
| 8 | Highland - Mt Carmel | SA |
| 9 | Baederwood Creek SAs | SA |
| 10 | Baeder Rd | SA |
| 11 | Highland East | SA |
| 12 | Highland West | SA |
| 13 | Limekiln - Ogontz | SA |
| 14 | Trib - Greenwood | SA |
| 15 | Washington Lane | SA |
| 16 | Rock Creek SAs | SA |
| 17 | SEPTA 11.22 Culvert | Constriction Removal |
| 18 | Rock Creek Culvert | Constriction Removal |
| 19 | Harrison Ave. Wall | Floodwall |
| 20 | Bickley Rd. Wall | Floodwall |
| 21 | Brookdale Ave. Wall | Floodwall |
| 22 | 5 Rain Barrels / Building | LID |
| 23 | Porous Pavement | LID |



Figure 21

Conclusions

- Some With Project Conditions work, others don't
- Can combine options
 - i.e. Storage Areas plus wetland creation
- Still need plan optimization
 - Environmental Issues
 - Economics
 - Other issues





Figure 22