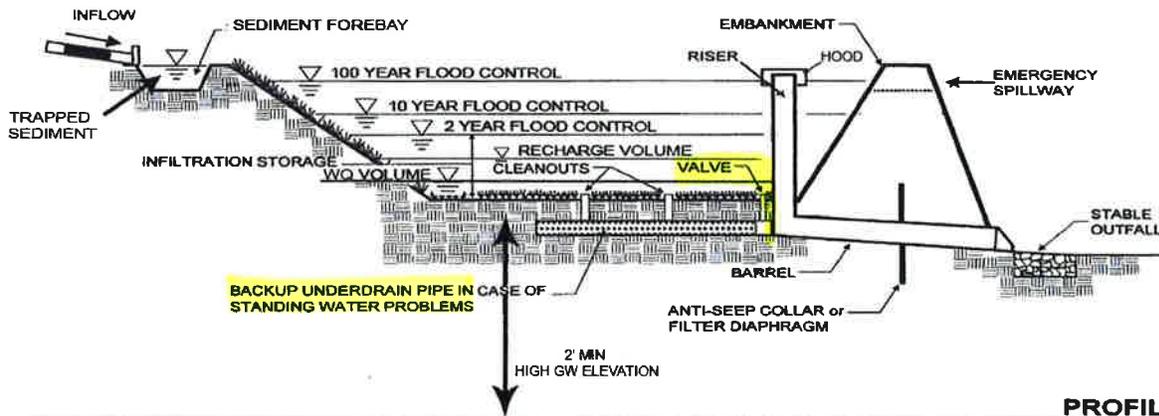


PLAN VIEW



PROFILE

adapted from the Vermont Stormwater Manual

Maintenance

Activity	Frequency
Preventative maintenance	Twice a year
Inspect to ensure proper functioning	After every major storm during first 3 months of operation and twice a year thereafter and when there are discharges through the high outlet orifice.
Mow the buffer area, side slopes, and basin bottom if grassed floor; rake if stone bottom; remove trash and debris; remove grass clippings and accumulated organic matter	Twice a year
Inspect and clean pretreatment devices	Every other month recommended and at least twice a year and after every major storm event.

Special Features: High failure rate without adequate pretreatment and regular maintenance.

LID Alternative: Reduce impervious surfaces. Bioretention areas

materials and compost into the parent material using a chisel plow or rotary device to a depth of 12 inches. Immediately after constructing the basin, stabilize its bottom and side slopes with a dense turf of water-tolerant grass. Use low-maintenance, rapidly germinating grasses, such as fescues. The selected grasses must be capable of surviving in both wet and dry conditions. Do not use sod, which can prevent roots from directly contacting the underlying soil. During the first two months, inspect the newly established vegetation several times to determine if any remedial actions (e.g., reseeding, irrigating) are necessary.

Never plant trees or shrubs within the basin or on the impounding embankments as they increase the chance of basin failure due to root decay or subsurface disturbance. The root penetration and thatch formation of the turf helps to maintain and may even enhance the original infiltration capacity. Soluble nutrients are taken up by the turf for growth, improving the pollutant removal capacity. Dense turf will impede soil erosion and scouring of the basin floor.

In place of turf, use a basin liner of 6 to 12 inches of fill material, such as coarse sand. Clean and replace this material as needed. Do not use loose stone, riprap, and other irregular materials requiring hand removal of debris and weeds.

Design embankments and spillways to conform to the regulatory guidelines of the state's Office of Dam Safety (302 CMR 10.00). Design infiltration basins to be below surrounding grade to avoid issues related to potential embankment failure. All infiltration basins must have an emergency spillway capable of bypassing runoff from large storms without damage to the impounding structure. Design the emergency spillway to divert the storm associated with brimful conditions without impinging upon the structural integrity of the basin. The brimful condition could be the required recharge volume or a design storm (such as the 2-year, 10-year, or 100-year storm if the basin is designed to provide peak rate attenuation in addition to exfiltration). The storm associated with the brimful conditions should not include the one foot of freeboard required to account for design uncertainty. Design the emergency spillway to shunt water toward a location where the water will not damage wetlands or buildings. A common error is to direct the spillway

runoff toward an adjoining property not owned by an applicant. If the emergency spillway is designed to drain the emergency overflow toward an adjoining property, obtain a drainage easement and submit it to the Conservation Commission as part of the Wetlands NOI submission. Place vegetative buffers around the perimeter of the basin for erosion control and additional sediment and nutrient removal.

Monitoring wells: Install one monitoring well in the basin floor per every 5,000 square feet of basin floor. Make sure the monitoring well(s) extend 20 feet beneath the basin floor or to the limiting layer, whichever is higher.

Access: Include access in the basin design. The area at the top of the basin must provide unimpeded vehicular access around the entire basin perimeter. The access area shall be no less than 15 feet.

Inlet Structures: Place inlet structures at one longitudinal end of the basin, to maximize the flow path from the inlet to the overflow outlet. A common error is to design multiple inlet points around the entire basin perimeter.

Outlet structures: Infiltration basins must include an overflow outlet in addition to an emergency spillway. Whether using a single orifice or multiple orifices in the design, at a minimum, set the lowest orifice at or above the required recharge volume.

Drawdown device: Include a device to draw the basin down for maintenance purposes. If the basin includes multiple cells, include a drawdown device for each cell.

Fences: Do not place fences around basins located in Riverfront Areas, as required by 310 CMR 10.58(4)(d)1.d. to avoid impeding wildlife movement. In such cases, consider including a safety bench as part of the design.

Construction

Prior to construction, rope or fence off the area selected for the infiltration basin. Never allow construction equipment to drive across the area intended to serve as the infiltration basin.

Never use infiltration basins as temporary sediment traps for construction activities.