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a new tool to size and design full spectrum detention basins

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THE EFFECTS OF STORMWATER DETENTION POLICIES
ON PEAK FLOWS IN MAJOR DRAINAGEWAYS

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Figures 1 and 2. Urban pavement and roofs typically reduce the infiltration of rainfall into the ground, increasing surface runoff and contributing to stream degradation, habitat disruption, and increased pollutant loading to lakes and other receiving waters.



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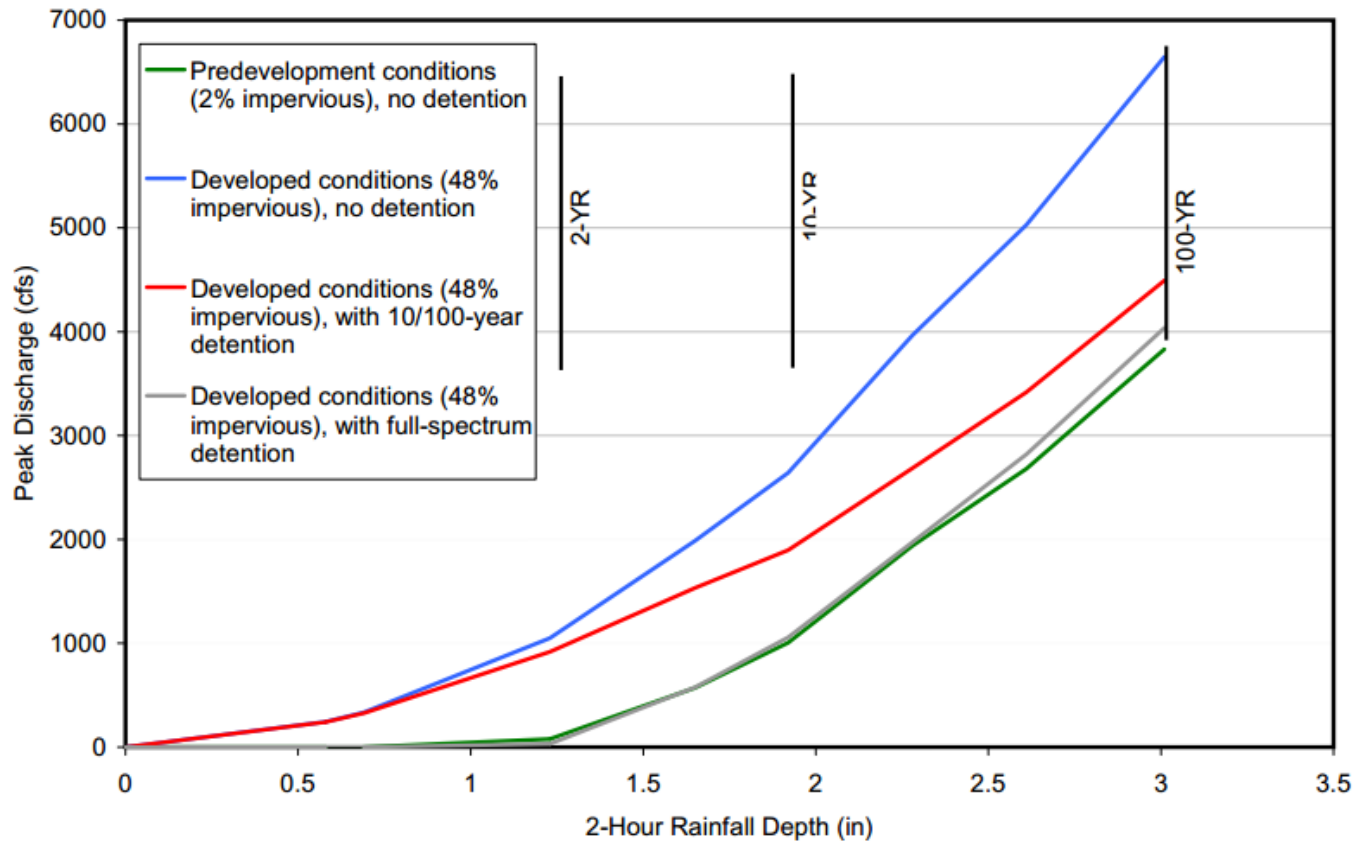
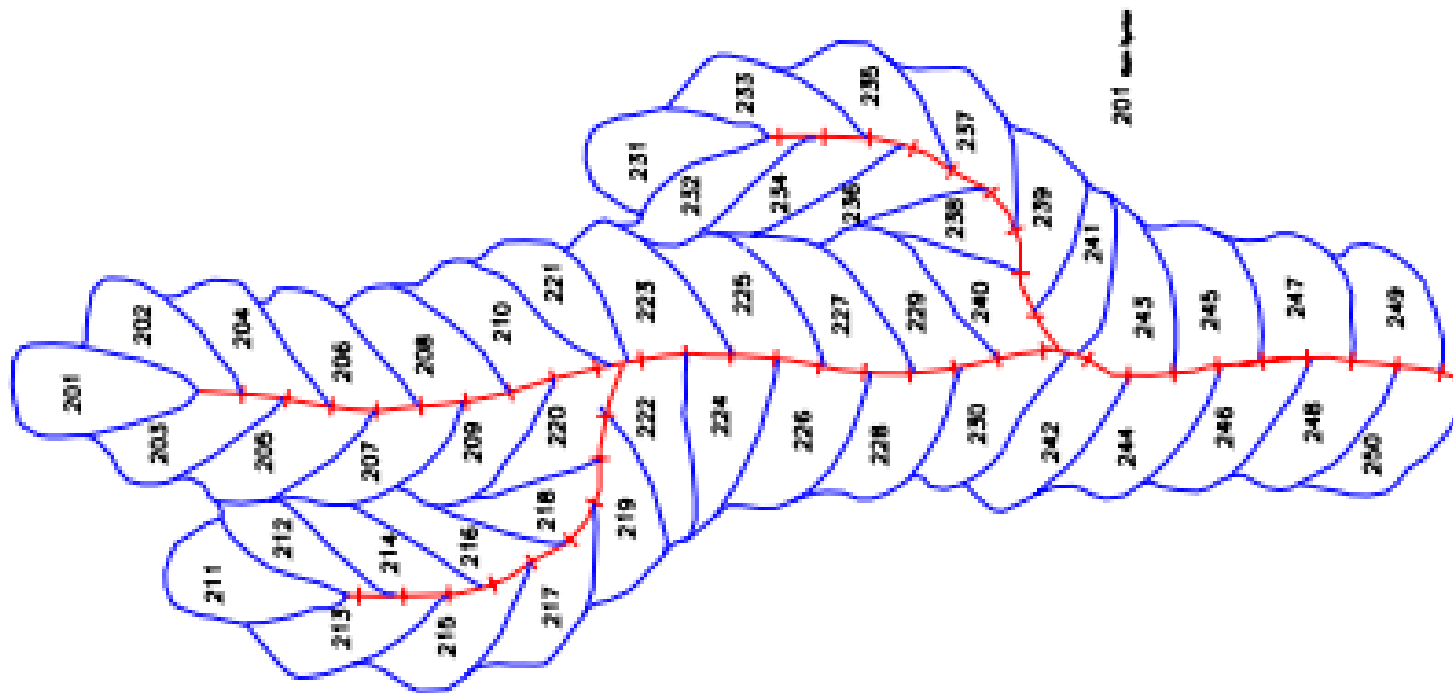


Figure 7. The full-spectrum detention concept provides closer matching of natural, pre-development flow rates than conventional detention designs, especially for frequent, smaller storm events. It is expected that this detention concept could help reduce stream degradation and pollutant loading in urbanizing watersheds.

Full Spectrum Detention to Control Stormwater Runoff

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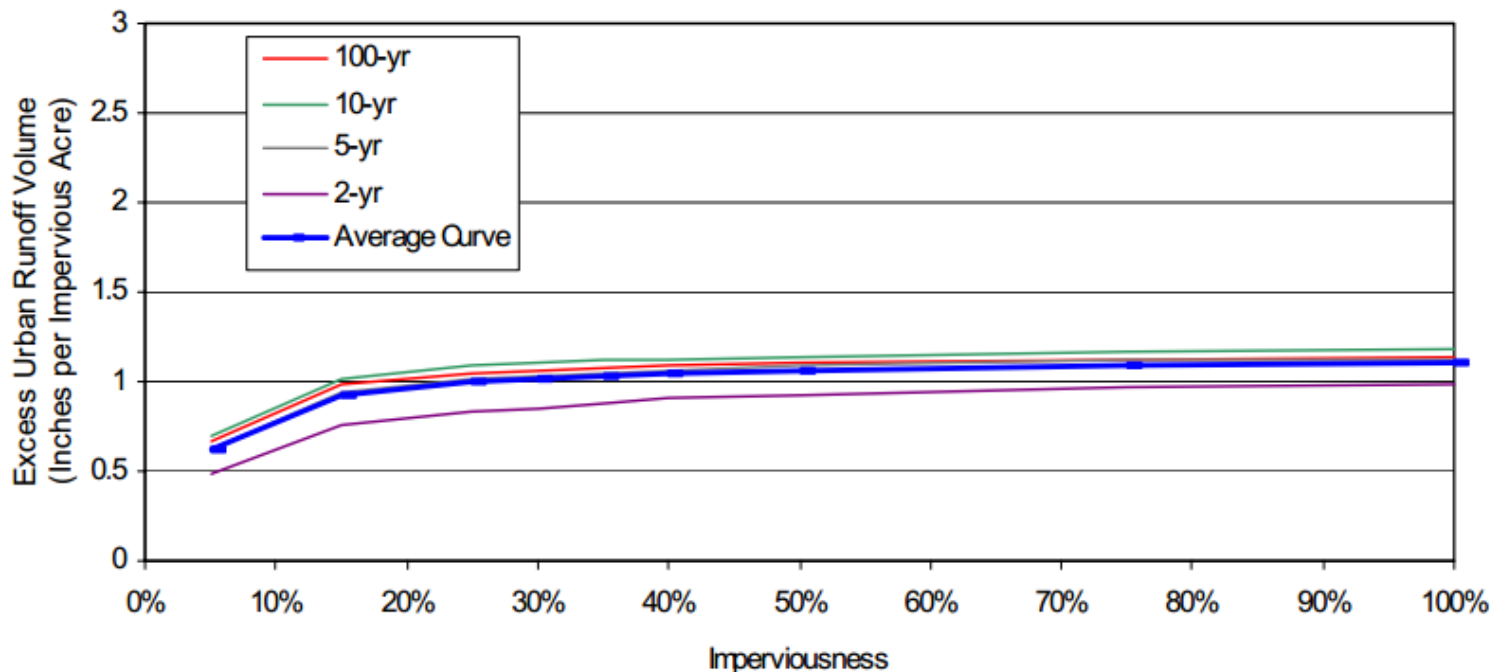


Figure 4. Excess Urban Runoff Volume for Hydrologic Soil Group C/D.

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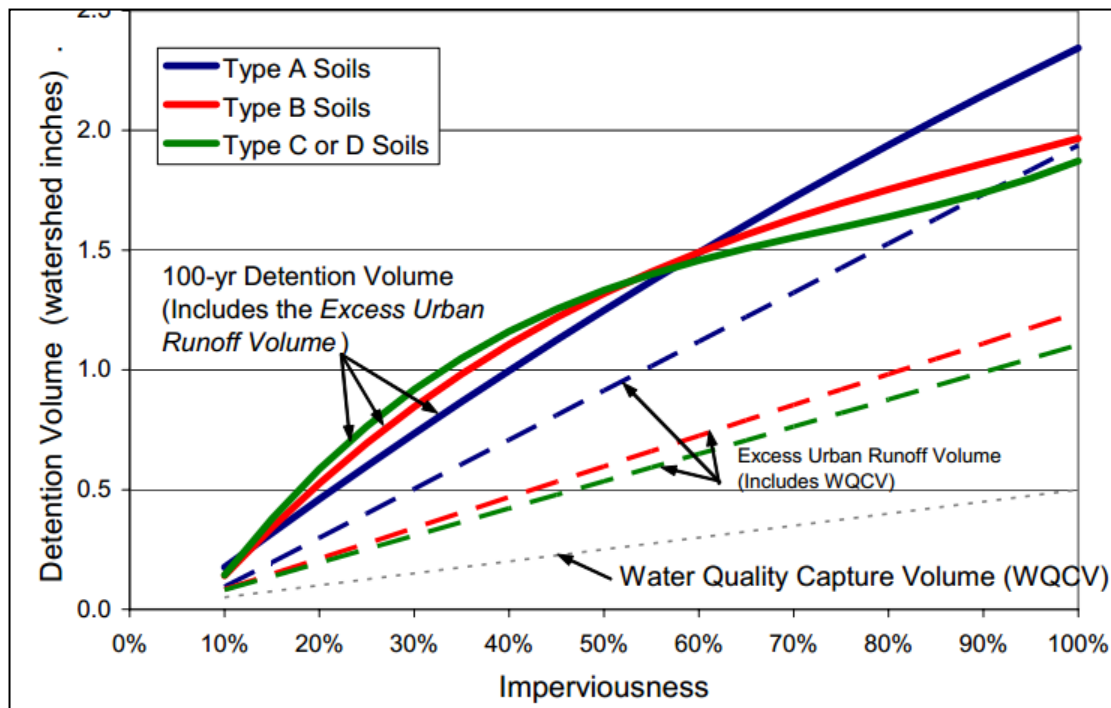
NRCS Soil Group A: $EURV_A = 1.1 \cdot (2.0491 \cdot i - 0.1113)$

NRCS Soil Group B: $EURV_B = 1.1 \cdot (1.2846 \cdot i - 0.0461)$

NRCS Soil Group C/D: $EURV_{CD} = 1.1 \cdot (1.1381 \cdot i - 0.0339)$

in which, $EURV_K$ = Excess Urban Runoff Volume in watershed inches ($K = A, B$ or CD)

i = Imperviousness ratio ($I/100$)



FULL-SPECTRUM DETENTION FOR STORMWATER QUALITY
IMPROVEMENT AND MITIGATION OF THE HYDROLOGIC
IMPACT OF DEVELOPMENT:



A REGIONALLY CALIBRATED EMPIRICAL DESIGN APPROACH

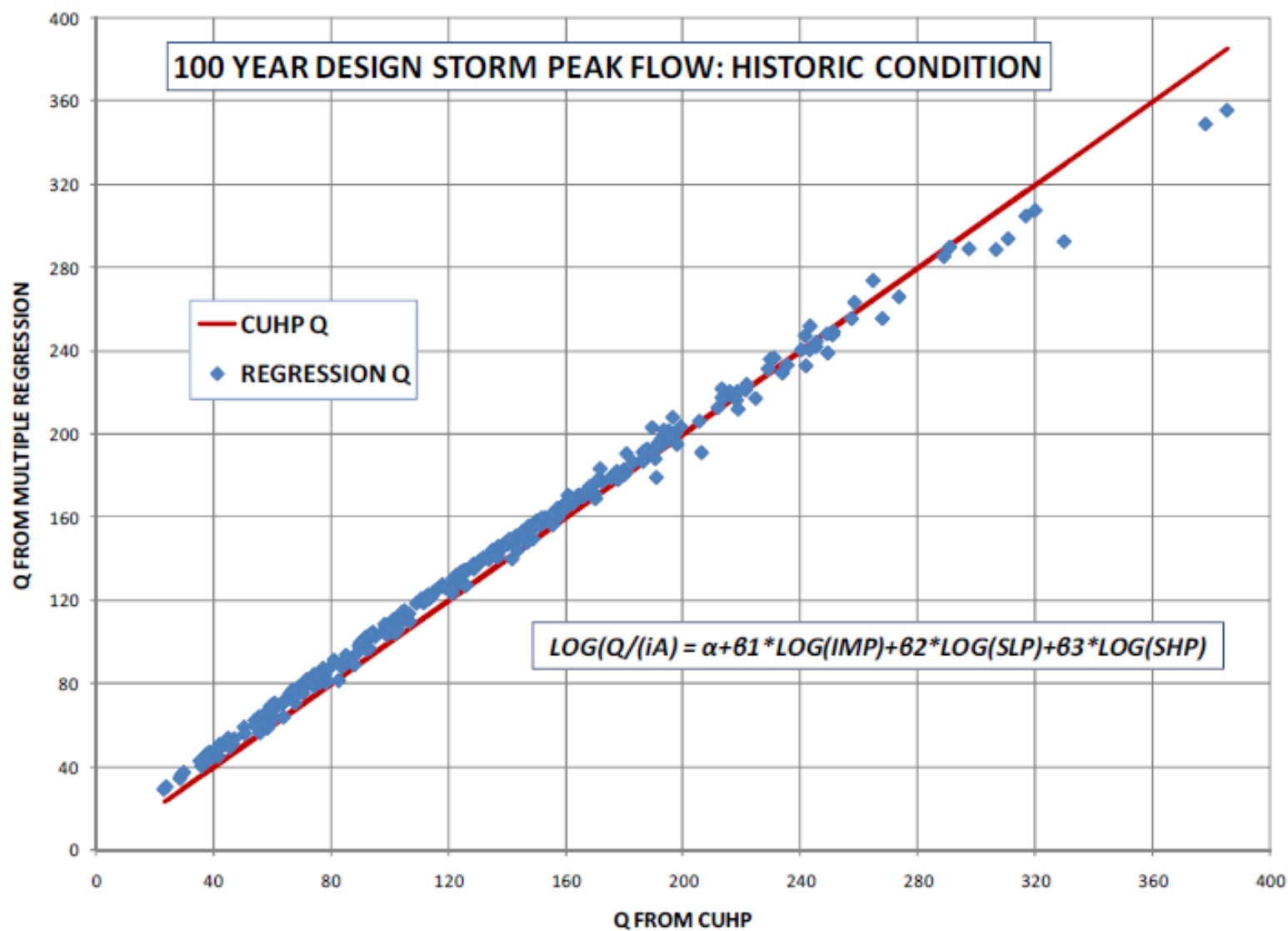
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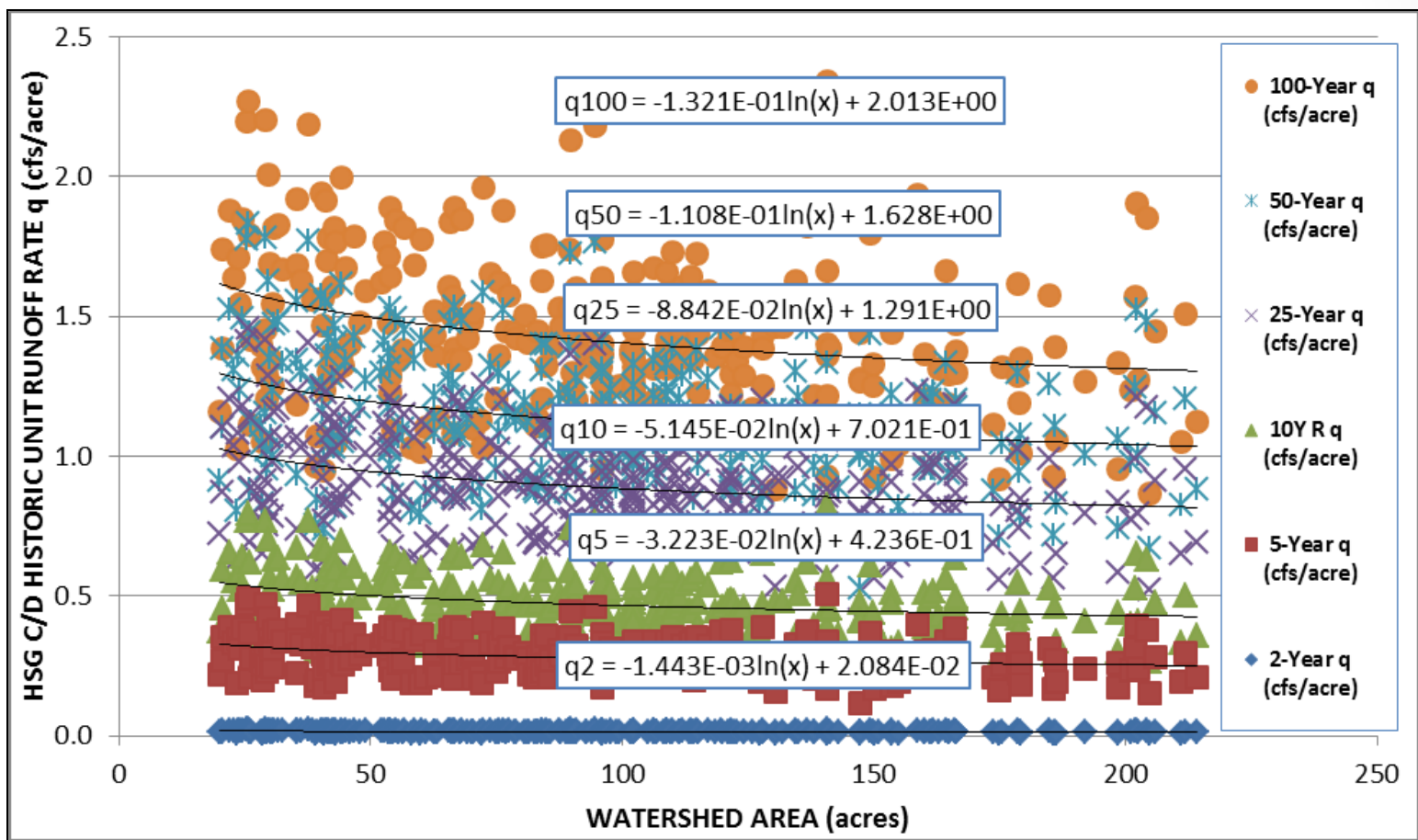
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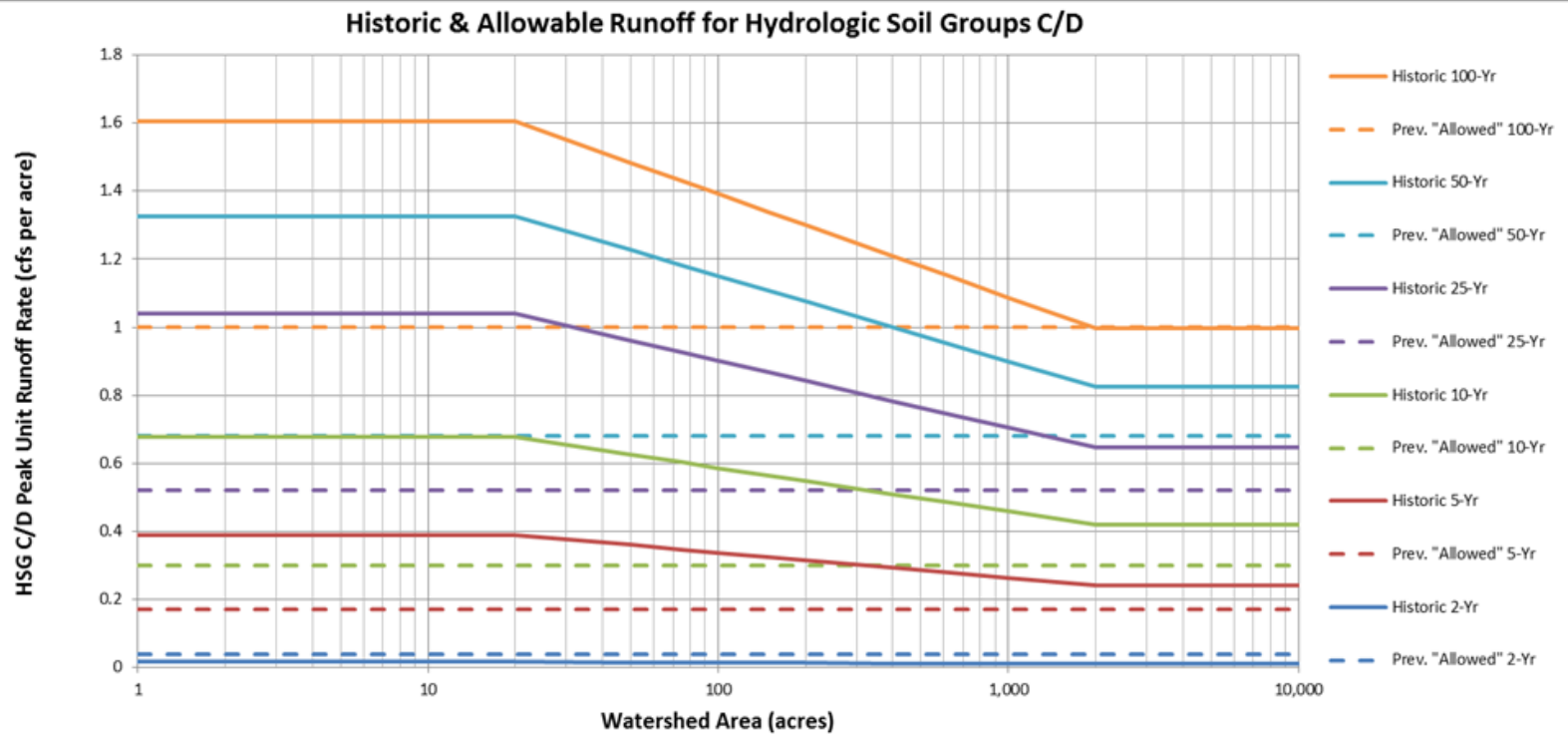
FROM: Ken MacKenzie and Ryan Taylor

SUBJECT: Determination of watershed historic peak flow rates as the basis for detention basin design

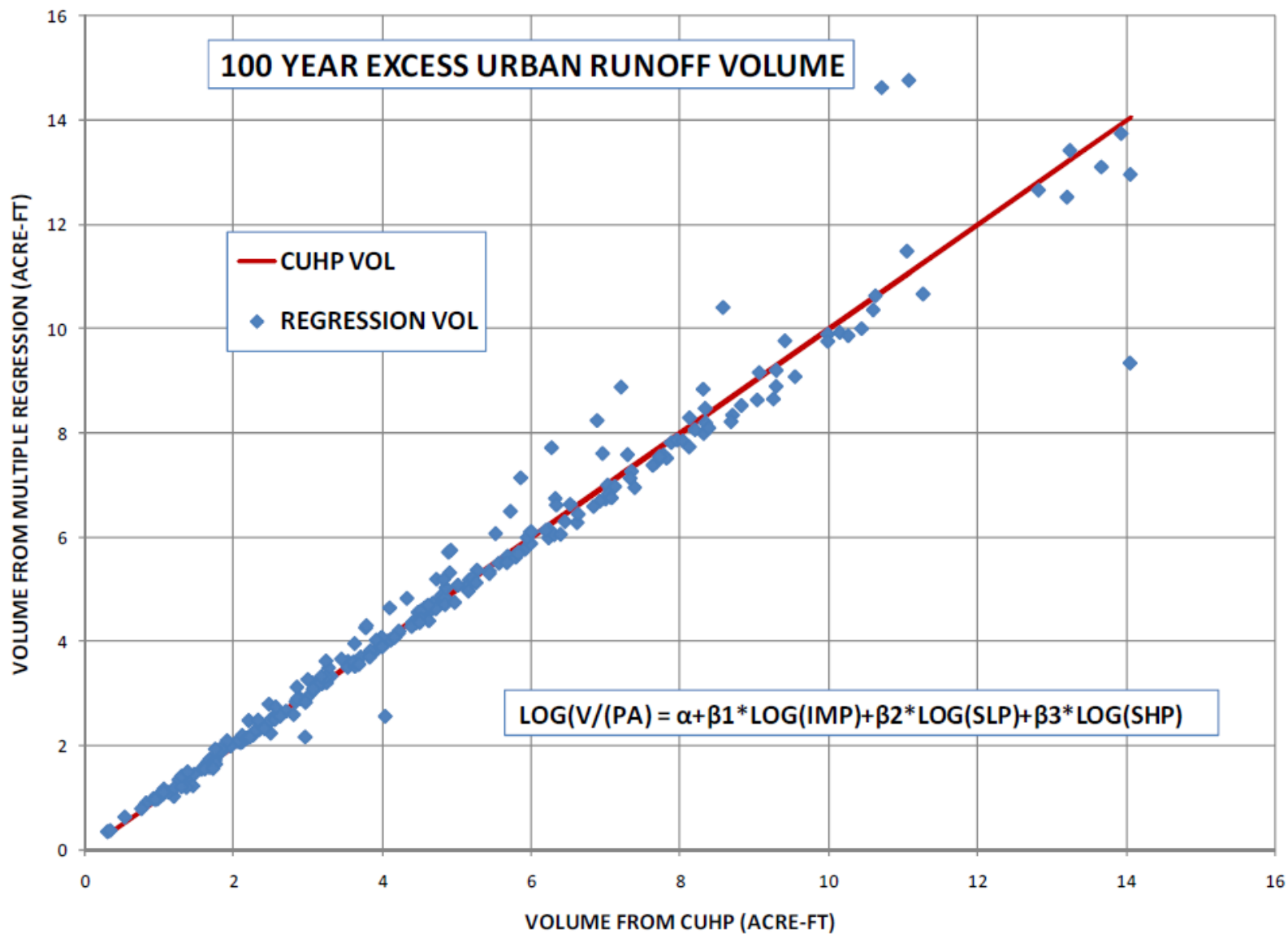
DATE: June 7, 2012

The purpose of this memorandum is to document the development of the 2012 revision to the historic peak unit flow rates (hereinafter referred to as “historic q”, in cfs per acre) and associated equations used as a basis for the allowable peak unit discharges from detention basins for flood control; and particularly for full spectrum detention basins (those basins sized to detain the excess urban runoff volume (EURV) as well as the 100-year volume).





Return Period	Hydrologic Soil Group A	Hydrologic Soil Group B	Hydrologic Soil Groups C and D
2-Year	$q_2 = 0$	$q_2 = -0.00128 * \ln(A) + 0.017$	$q_2 = -0.00144 * \ln(A) + 0.021$
5-Year	$q_5 = -0.00124 * \ln(A) + 0.015$	$q_5 = -0.0221 * \ln(A) + 0.27$	$q_5 = -0.032 * \ln(A) + 0.42$
10-Year	$q_{10} = -0.002 * \ln(A) + 0.025$	$q_{10} = -0.04 * \ln(A) + 0.52$	$q_{10} = -0.051 * \ln(A) + 0.7$
25-Year	$q_{25} = -0.0236 * \ln(A) + 0.29$	$q_{25} = -0.08 * \ln(A) + 1.15$	$q_{25} = -0.088 * \ln(A) + 1.29$
50-Year	$q_{50} = -0.047 * \ln(A) + 0.59$	$q_{50} = -0.103 * \ln(A) + 1.48$	$q_{50} = -0.11 * \ln(A) + 1.63$
100-Year	$q_{100} = -0.073 * \ln(A) + 0.95$	$q_{100} = -0.124 * \ln(A) + 1.86$	$q_{100} = -0.132 * \ln(A) + 2$





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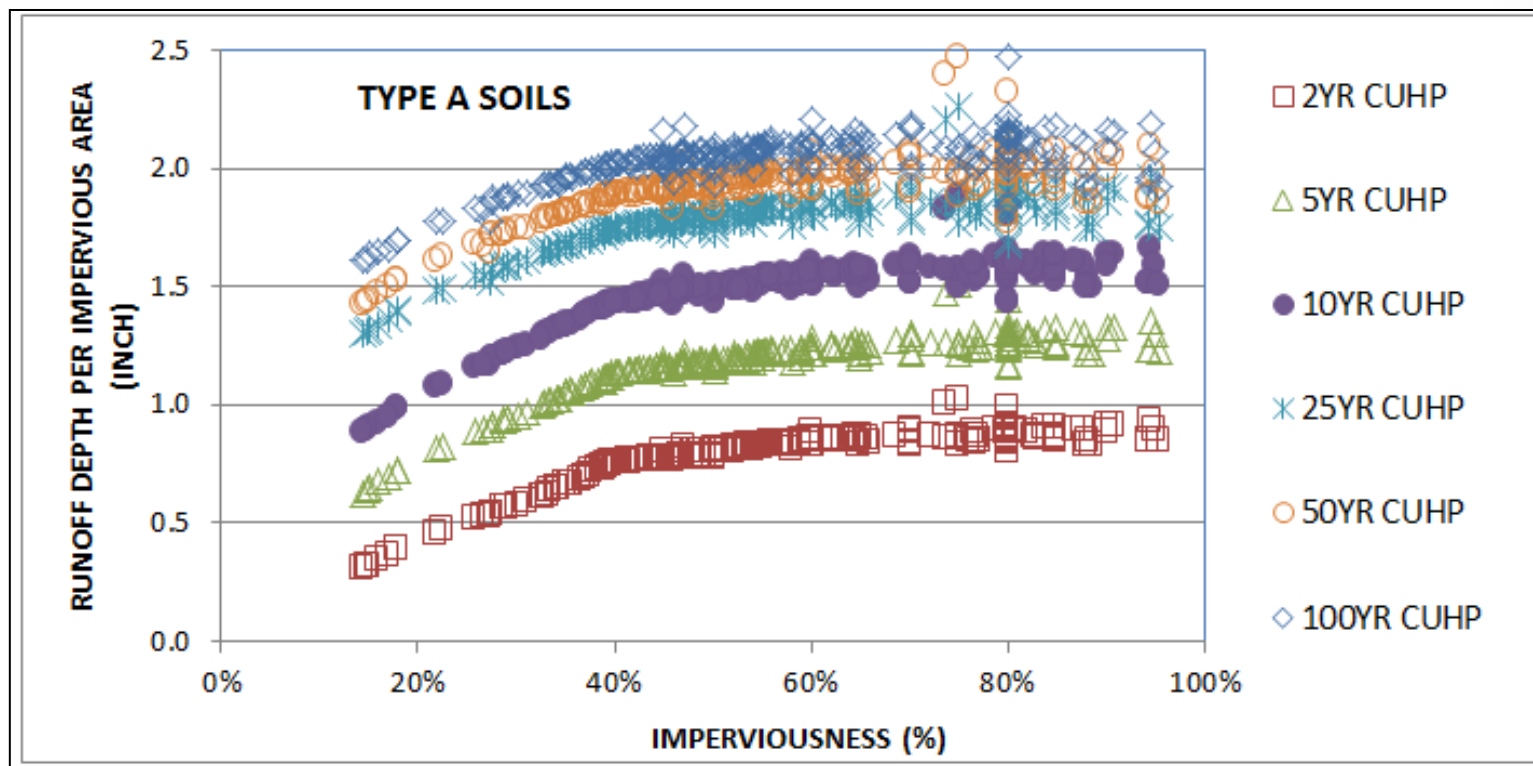
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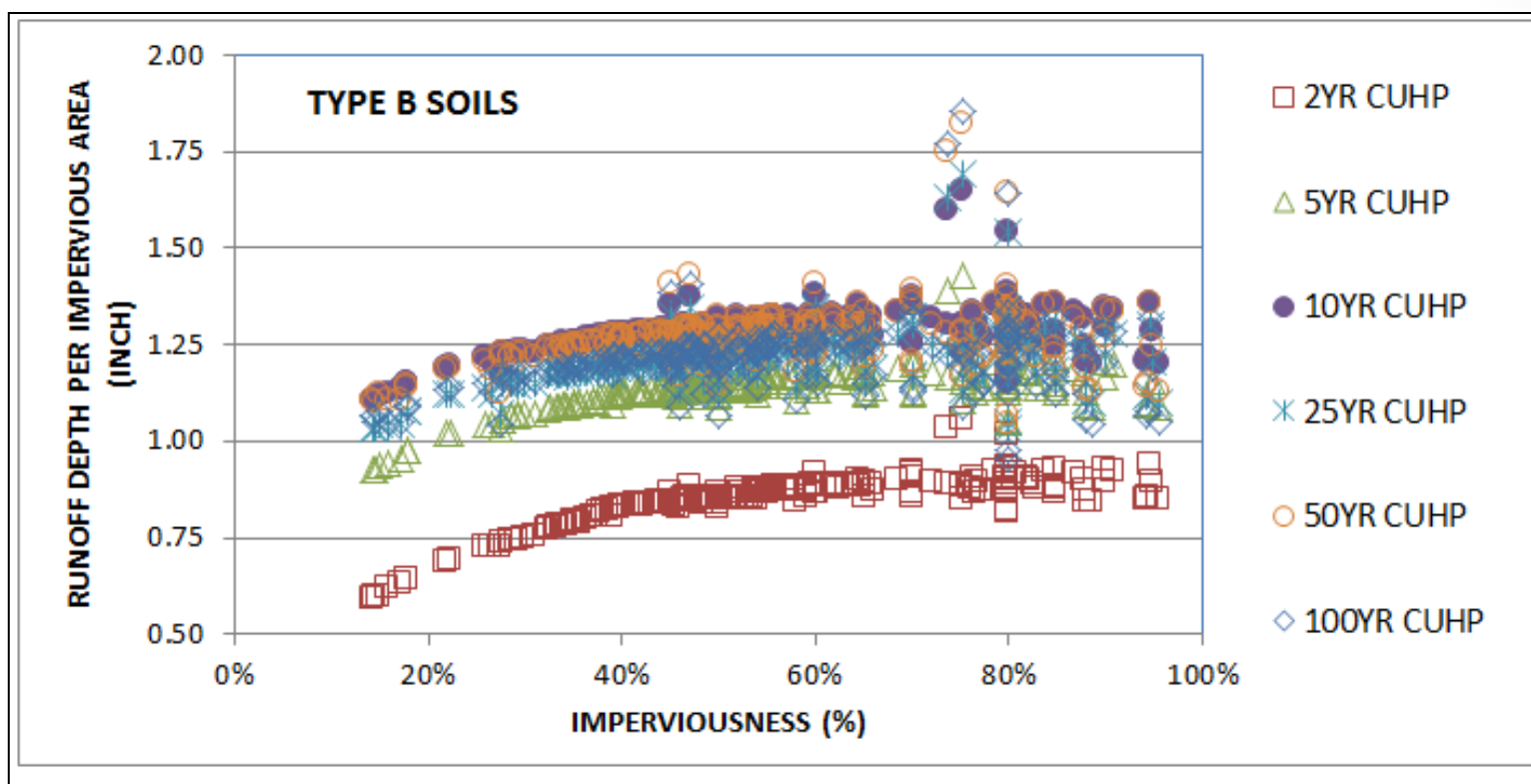
SUBJECT: Determination of the Excess Urban Runoff Volume (EURV) for Full Spectrum Detention Design

DATE: April 9, 2013

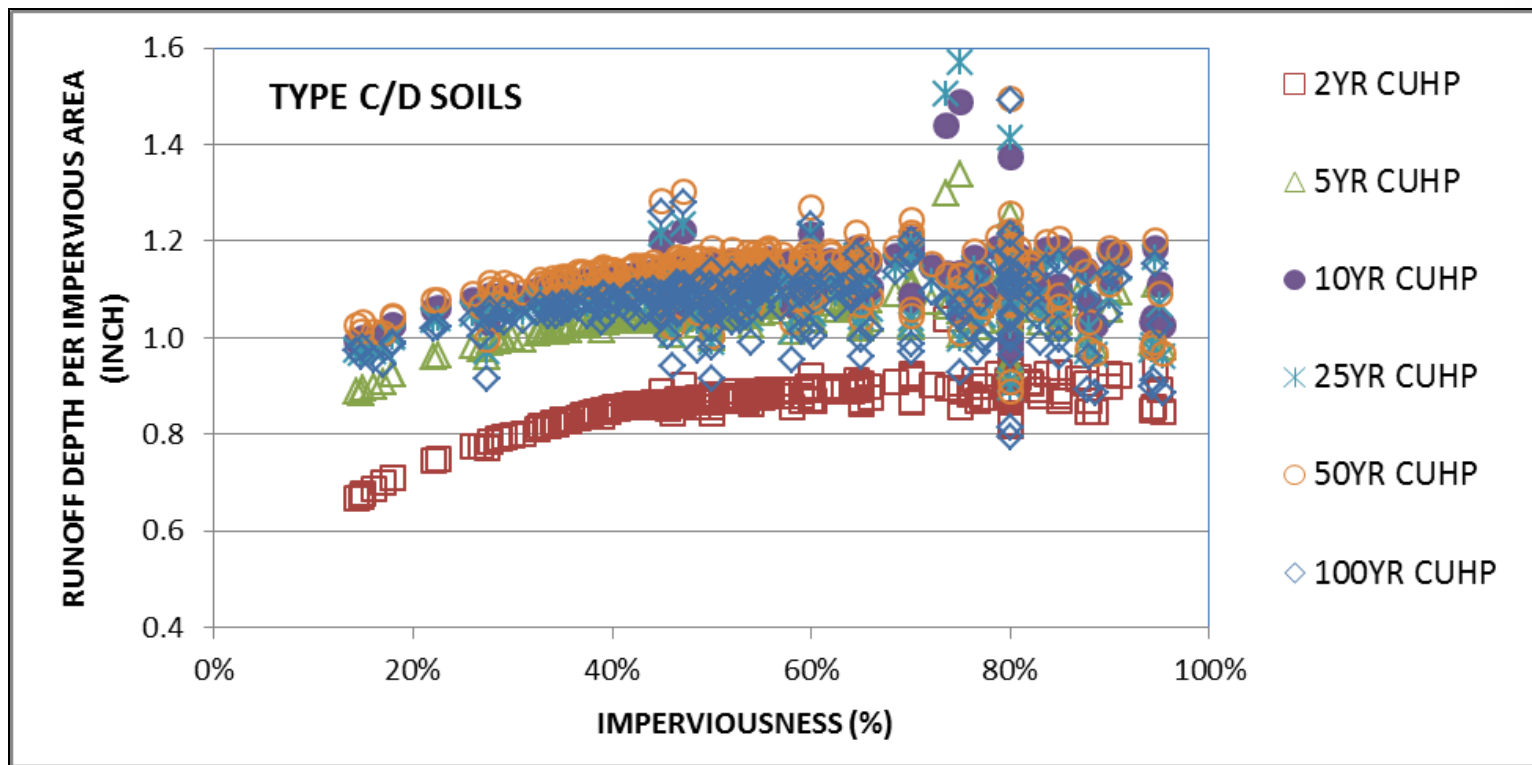
The purpose of this memorandum is to document the determination of new equations to estimate the Excess Urban Runoff Volume (EURV) as the basis for full spectrum detention design. Simply put, the EURV is the difference in runoff volume between the developed condition and the undeveloped (i.e., natural) condition. The concept of full spectrum detention is described in the Storage chapter of the *Urban Storm Drainage Criteria Manual* (USDCM 2001) and in other technical papers available for download at www.udfcd.org.



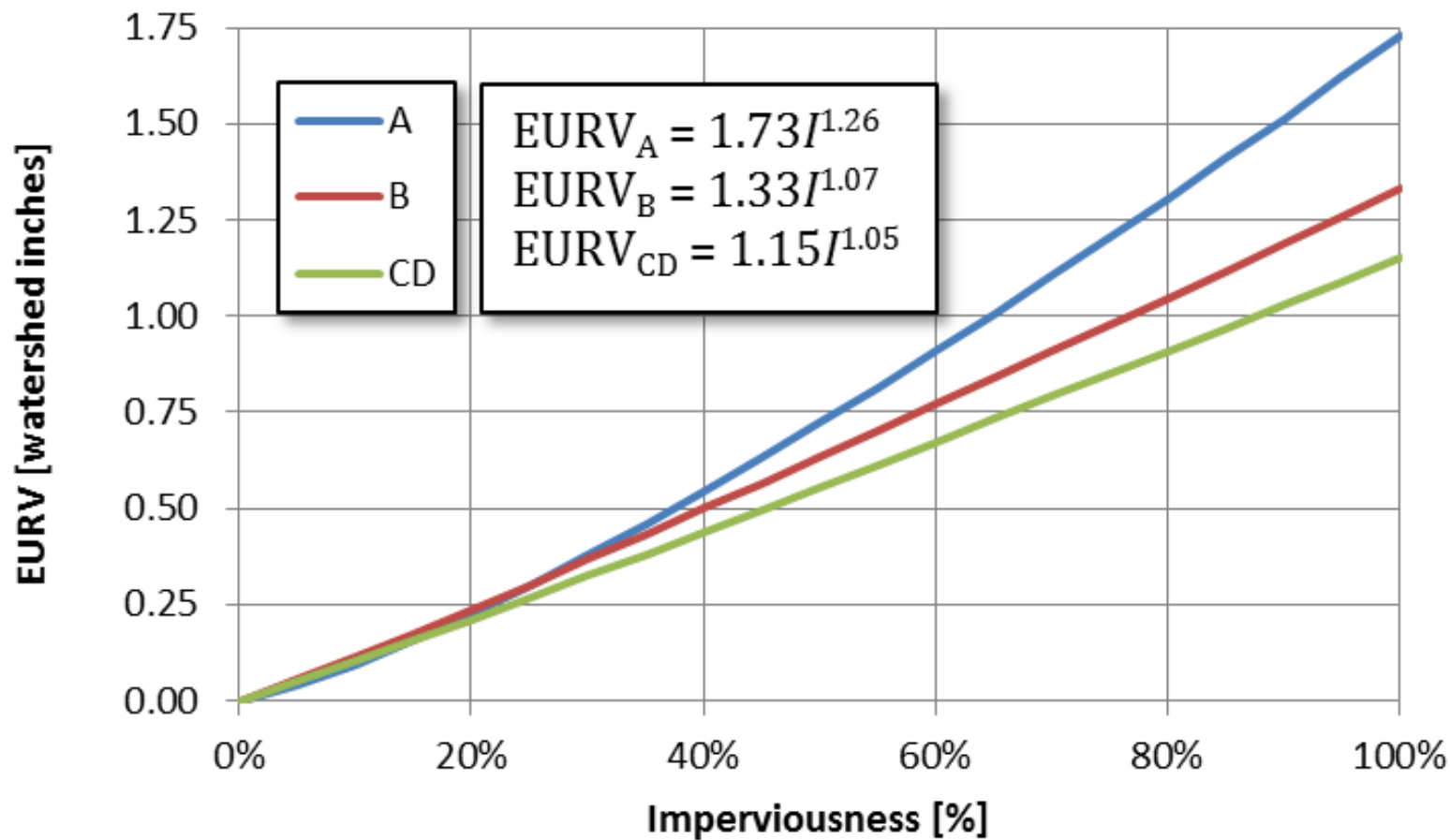
$$EURV_{HSG A} = 1.73(IMP)^{1.26}$$

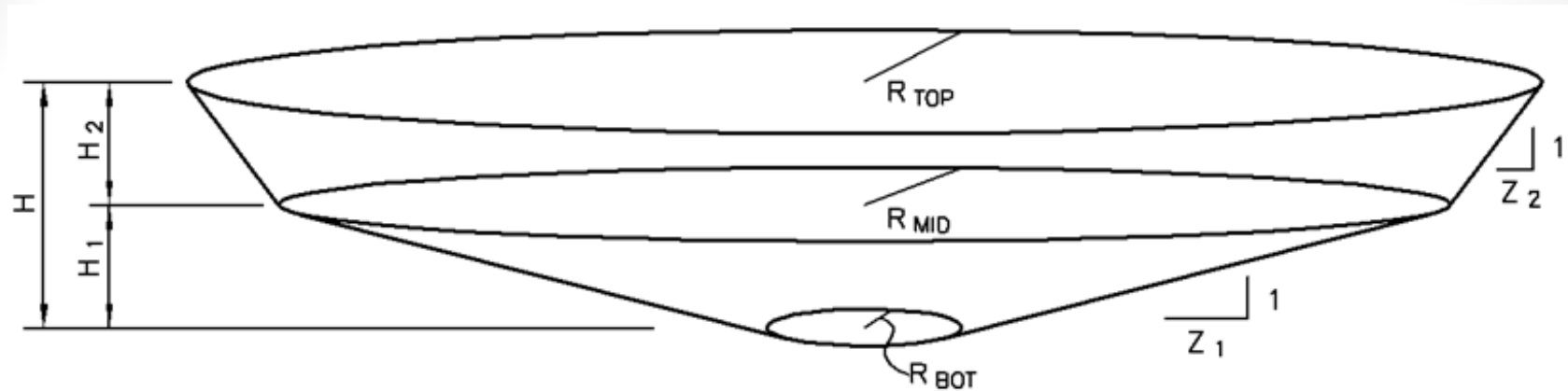


$$EURV_{HSG\ B} = 1.33(IMP)^{1.07}$$



$$EURV_{HSG\ C/D} = 1.15(IMP)^{1.05}$$





$$V_{LOWER} = \frac{H_1}{3} \left(A_{MID} + A_{BOT} + \sqrt{A_{MID} A_{BOT}} \right)$$

$$V_{UPPER} = \frac{H_2}{3} \left(A_{MID} + A_{TOP} + \sqrt{A_{MID} A_{TOP}} \right)$$

$$V_{COMPOSITE} = V_{LOWER} + V_{UPPER}$$

Basic Detention Basin Model



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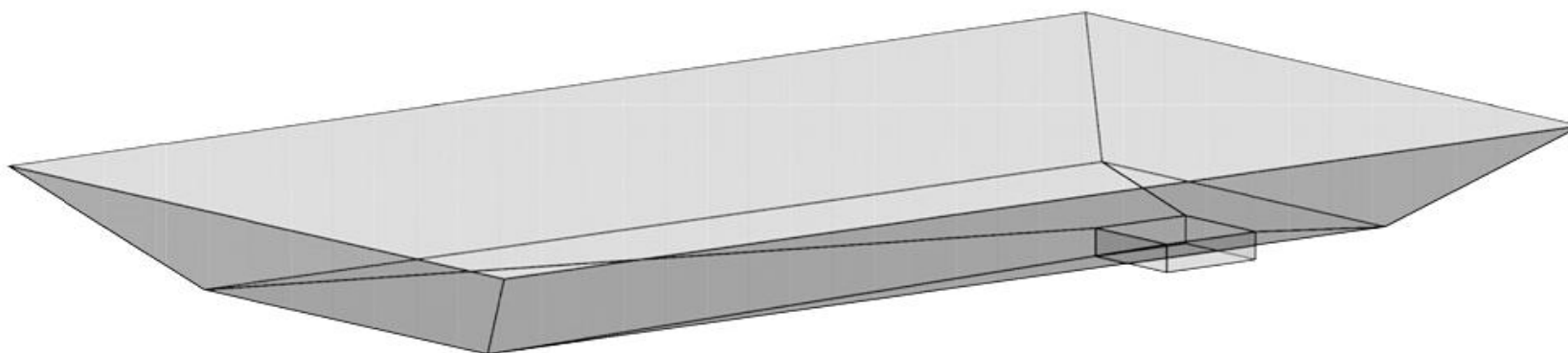
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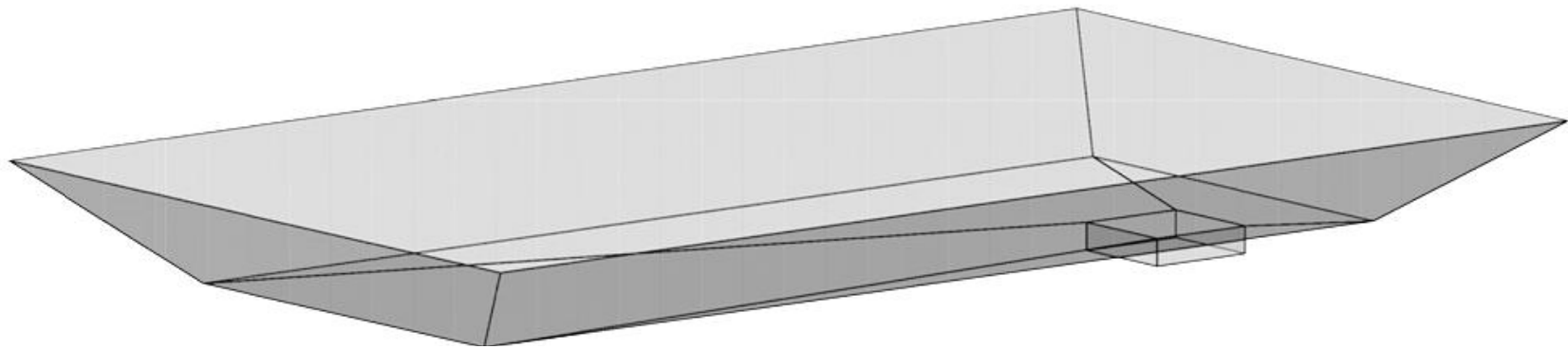
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SUBJECT: Modeling Detention Basins

DATE: March 14, 2014

The purpose of this memorandum is to document a set of equations and method to model proposed detention basins with stage-storage relationships that produce realistic draining characteristics; for use in reservoir routing programs such as HEC-HMS and HEC-1; TR-20/TR-55; HEC-RAS unsteady flow; SWMM (including PC-SWMM and XP-SWMM); ICPR, PondPack, HydroCAD, and Hydraulics. This method is appropriate for modeling proposed flood and/or stormwater quality detention basins in watershed planning studies.





Initial Surcharge Volume:

$$ISV = 0.003WQCV; \quad A_{ISV} = \frac{ISV}{ISD}; \quad L_{ISV} = \sqrt{A_{ISV}}; \quad W_{ISV} = \sqrt{A_{ISV}}$$

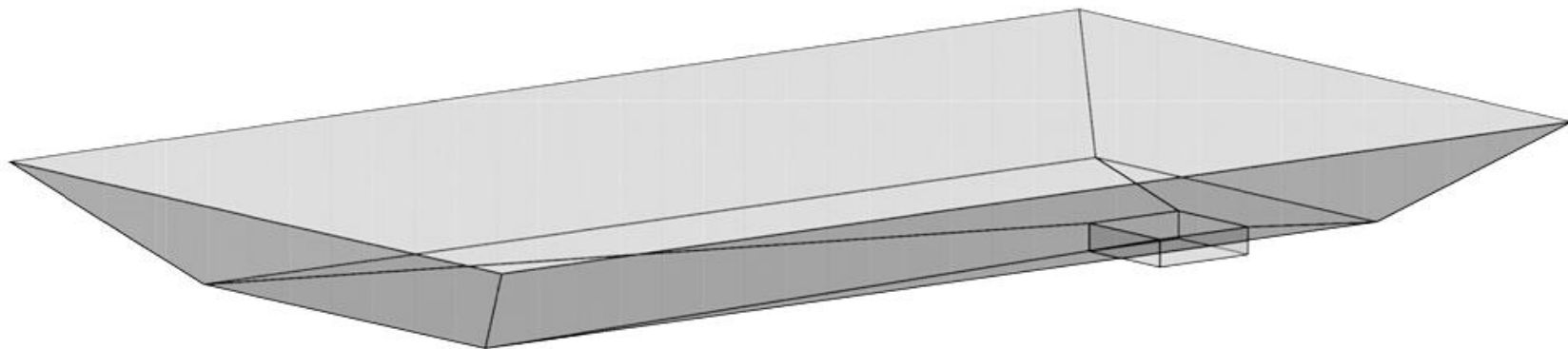
Where ISV is the initial surcharge volume (ft³), A_{ISV} is ISV surface area (ft²), ISD is the initial surcharge depth (ft, typically 0.33 to 0.50), and L_{ISV} and W_{ISV} are the length and width of the ISV (ft).

Basin Floor Volume:

$$L_{floor} = L_{ISV} + \frac{H_{floor}}{S_{TC}} + H_{floor}(S_{main}); \quad W_{floor} = W_{ISV} + \frac{H_{floor}}{R_{L:W}(S_{TC})};$$

$$A_{floor} = L_{floor}(W_{floor}); \quad V_{floor} = \frac{H_{floor}}{3} \left(A_{ISV} + A_{floor} + \sqrt{A_{ISV}(A_{floor})} \right)$$

Where L_{floor} and W_{floor} (ft) are the length and width of the basin floor section at the point where the top of the basin floor section meets the toe of the basin main section, H_{floor} is the depth of the basin floor section (ft), S_{TC} is the trickle channel slope (ft/ft), S_{main} is the side slope of the basin main section (H:V; e.g., 4 if the horizontal:vertical ratio is 4:1), $R_{L:W}$ is the basin length:width ratio (e.g., 2 if the basin length is twice the basin width), A_{floor} is top area of the basin floor section (ft²), and V_{floor} is volume of the basin floor section (ft³).



Main Basin Volume:

$$L_{main} = L_{floor} + 2H_{main}(S_{main}); \quad W_{main} = W_{floor} + 2H_{main}(S_{main}); \quad A_{main} = L_{main}(W_{main});$$

$$V_{main} = \frac{H_{main}}{3} \left(A_{main} + A_{floor} + \sqrt{A_{main}(A_{floor})} \right)$$

Where L_{main} and W_{main} (ft) are the length and width of the main basin section at the point at the top of the basin, H_{main} is the depth of the main basin section (ft), A_{main} is top area of the main basin section (ft²), and V_{main} is volume of the main basin section (ft³).

Total Basin Volume:

$$V_{total} = ISV + V_{floor} + V_{main}$$

Where V_{total} is the total basin volume (ft³).

Full Spectrum Detention Using Modified Puls Routing

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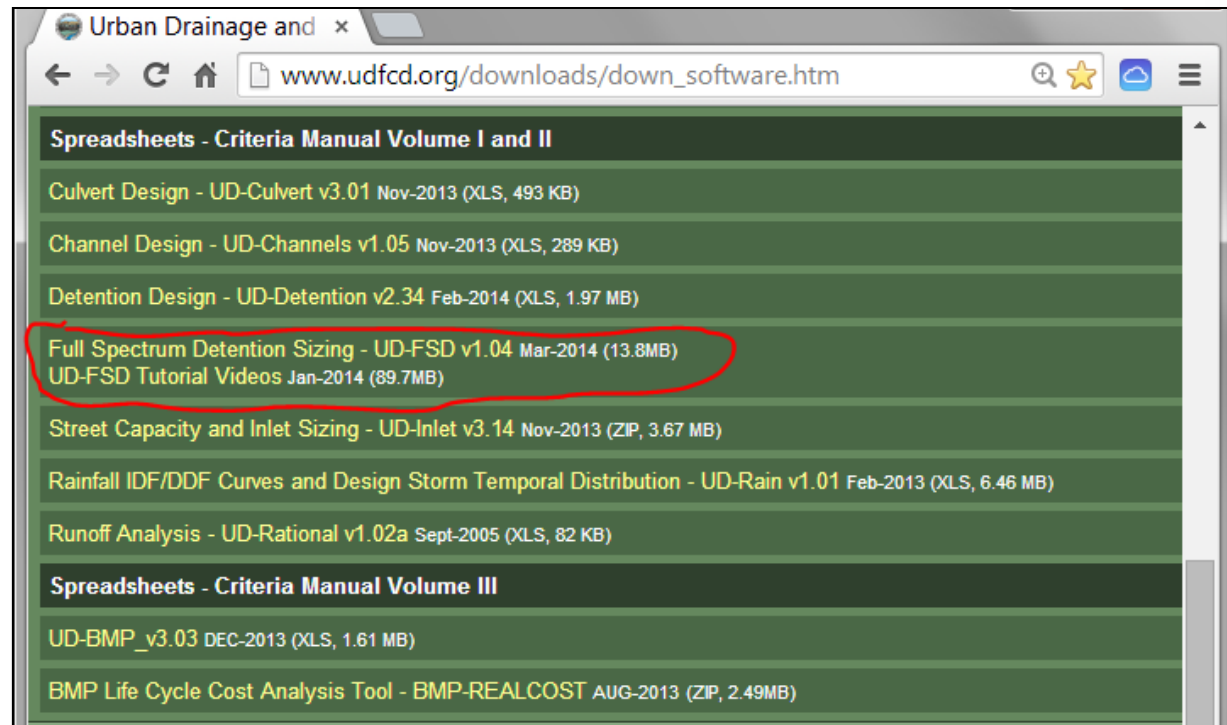
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Purpose:

This workbook aids in the estimation of Full Spectrum Detention (FSD) basin sizing and routing based on the modified puls routing method for urban watersheds.

Function:

1. Estimates the basin size and outlet configuration based on watershed parameters. The workbook first calculates the excess urban runoff volume (EURV), a function of watershed area, imperviousness, and soil type; and then uses that volume as the basis for sizing a detention basin that provides water quality improvement and flood mitigation.
2. Evaluates existing basins and (where desired) will determine outlet modifications for retrofits;
3. Sizes outlet orifices, weirs, and trash racks and develops stage-area, stage-storage, and stage-discharge relationships.
4. Routes a series of hydrographs (i.e., 2-, 5-, 10-, 25-, 50-, and 100-year) and calibrates the peak discharge out of the FSD basin to match the pre-development peak discharges for the watershed.



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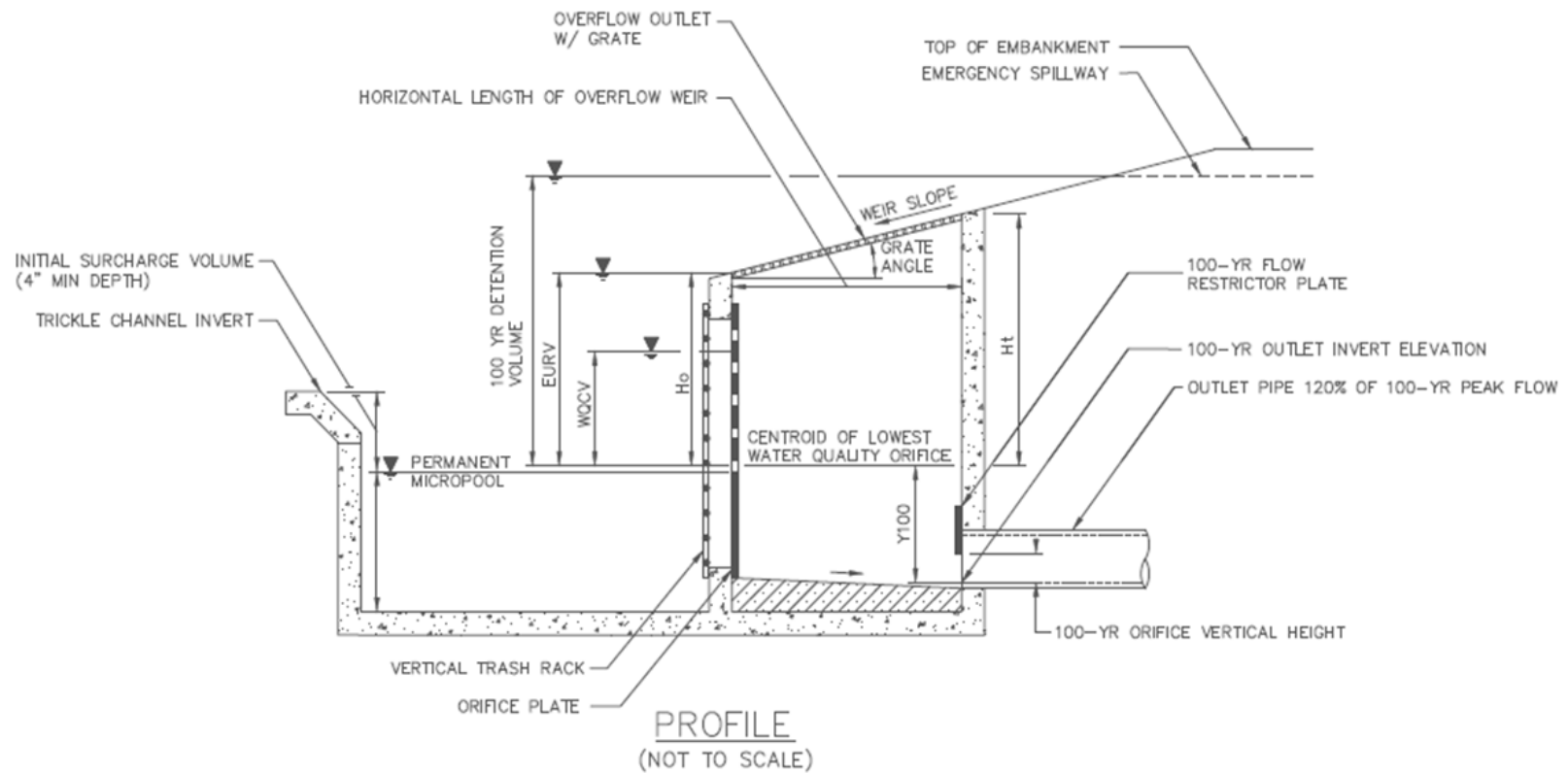
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SUBJECT: Analysis of Watershed-Scale Release Rates from Spatially Distributed Full-Spectrum Detention

DATE: September 5, 2012

Bolger & Wulliman determined that in order to restore the peak flow rate to pre-developed levels in a large watershed, each subcatchment must release at no more than 90% of its pre-developed peak flow rate.

	Peak Q_{100} from 1-100 Ac Sub- Watershed (cfs)	Peak Q from Ten 100-Acre Watershed (cfs)				
		2-year	5-year	10-year	50-year	100-year
Pre-Development Peak Q (I=2%)	139	54	258	393	948	1277
Developed without Detention (I=45%)	325	491	895	1128	2118	2669
Developed with Full Spectrum Detention (I=45%), Outlet Pipe Controls Q_{100}	125	11	141	280	920	1231



Initial Design for Full Spectrum Detention Basins

User Input: Watershed Parameters

Watershed Area =	100.00	acres
Watershed Imperviousness =	43.0%	percent
Percentage Hydrologic Soil Group A =	0%	percent
Percentage Hydrologic Soil Group B =	30%	percent
Percentage Hydrologic Soil Groups C/D =	70%	percent
Location for 1-hr Rainfall Depths =	UDFCD Default ▼	

User Input: Detention Basin Parameters

Depth of Initial Surge Volume =	0.33	ft
Trickle Channel Slope =	0.010	ft/ft
Detention Basin Length-to-Width Ratio =	2.00	L:W
Basin Side Slope (Above Basin Floor) =	4.00	H:V
Available EURV Ponding Depth =	5.00	ft (relative to lowest WQ orifice)
Desired WQCV Drain Time =	40	hours

UD-FSD One-Hour Rainfall Choices:

1. UDFCD Default
2. Aurora - Town Center at Aurora
3. Aurora Reservoir
4. Boulder - University of Colorado
5. Brighton - Brighton City Hall
6. Broomfield - Broomfield City Manager
7. Commerce City
8. D.I.A.
9. Denver - Capitol Hill
10. Eldorado Springs
11. Front Range Airport
12. Golden - School of Mines
13. Greenwood Village - Greenwood Village City Hall
14. Highlands Ranch - Highlands Ranch Mansion
15. Ken Caryl - Chatfield High School
16. Lakewood - Lakewood Cultural Center
17. Littleton - Arapahoe Community College
18. Morrison - Red Rocks Amphitheater
19. Parker - Parker Town Court
20. Roxborough Park
21. Sedalia
22. Thornton - Thornton City Office
23. Westminster - Westminster City Hall

Initial Design for Full Spectrum Detention Basins

User Input: Outlet Structure Parameters

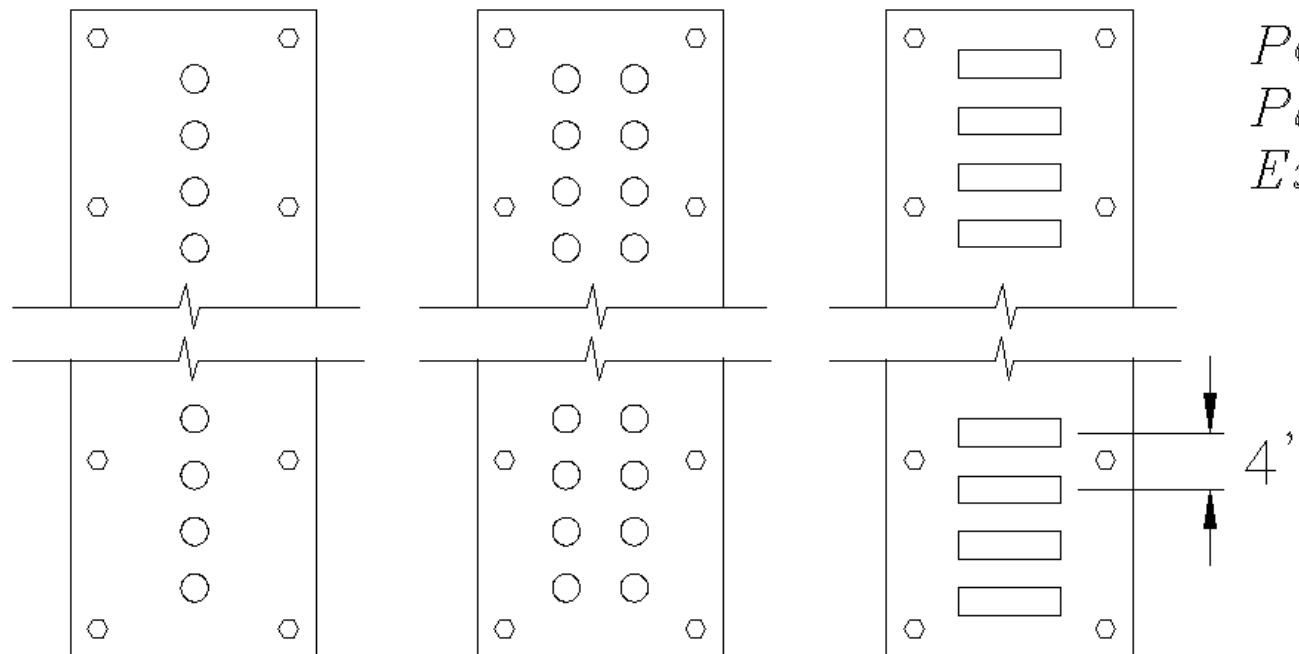
Overflow Weir Front Edge Height, H_o =	5.0	ft (relative to lowest WQ orifice)
Overflow Weir Front Edge Length =	21.0	ft
Overflow Weir Slope =	4	H:V (enter zero for flat grate)
Horizontal Length of the Overflow Weir Sides =	4.0	ft
Overflow Grate Open Area % =	70%	%, grate open area / total area
Debris Clogging % =	50%	% of open area clogged w/ debris
Water Quality Plate Type =	WQ Orifice Plate ▼	
WQ Orifice Plate: Orifice Vertical Spacing =	20.0	in
WQ Orifice Plate: Orifice Area per Row =	7.62	sq. inch (use rectangular openings)

Debris Clogging % = 50% % of open area clogged w/ debris

Water Quality Plate Type = WQ Orifice Plate

WQ Orifice Plate: Orifice Vertical Spacing =

WQ Orifice Plate: Orifice Area per Row = WQ Elliptical Slot 3/8 inch)

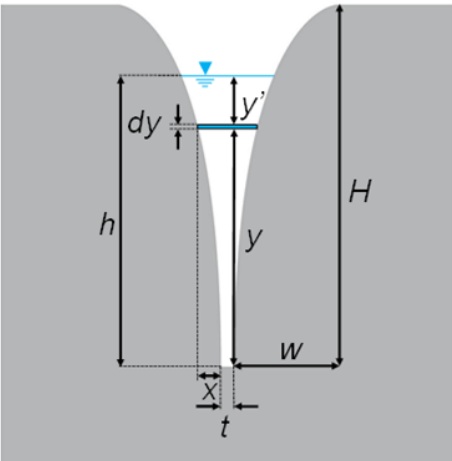


*Perforated
Plate
Examples*

Debris Clogging % =	50%	% of open area clogged w/ debris
Water Quality Plate Type =	WQ Orifice Plate	
WQ Orifice Plate: Orifice Vertical Spacing =	WQ Orifice Plate	
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WQ Elliptical Slot Weir (Alternative to WQ Orifice Plate for Large Watersheds)	
$f(y) = \sqrt{2g(h-y)} \left[2 \frac{H}{R} \left(1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{y^2}{H^2}} \right) + t \right]$	
$Q_{app} = 0.3015h[f(0) + f(0.603h)] + 0.1415h[f(0.603h) + f(0.886h)] + 0.0570h[f(0.886h)]$	
<p>Orifice Equations</p> $Q = C_d A_t \sqrt{2g(h - C_y)}$ $A_t = H(2W + t) - \frac{\pi HW}{2} \quad C_y = \frac{\frac{H}{2}(2W + t) - \frac{2HW}{3}}{2W + t - \frac{\pi W}{2}}$	
<p> dy = elementary flow vertical distance [L]; h = total flow depth [L]; H = total weir height and semi-major ellipse axis [L]; t = weir gap thickness [L]; W = semi-minor ellipse axis [L]; x = horizontal distance along the ellipse shape [L]; y = vertical depth measured from the weir crest to the elementary flow strip [L]; and y' = vertical distance measured from the water surface to the elementary flow strip [L]. </p>	

Debris Clogging % =	50%	% of open area clogged w/ debris
Water Quality Plate Type =	WQ Orifice Plate	
WQ Orifice Plate: Orifice Vertical Spacing =	WQ Orifice Plate	
WQ Orifice Plate: Orifice Area per Row =	WQ Elliptical Slot	3/8 inch)



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User Input: 100-Year Orifice Parameters

100-Year Restrictor Type = ▼

100-Year Orifice Invert Depth = ft (below the lowest WQ orifice)

100-Year Outlet Pipe Diameter = in

100-Year Restrictor Plate Height = in

User Input: Emergency Spillway Parameters

Spillway Crest Stage = ft (relative to lowest WQ orifice)

Spillway Crest Length = ft

Spillway End Slopes = H:V

Freeboard above Spillway = ft

User Input: 100-Year Orifice Parameters

100-Year Restrictor Type =

100-Year Orifice Invert Depth =

100-Year Outlet Pipe Diameter =

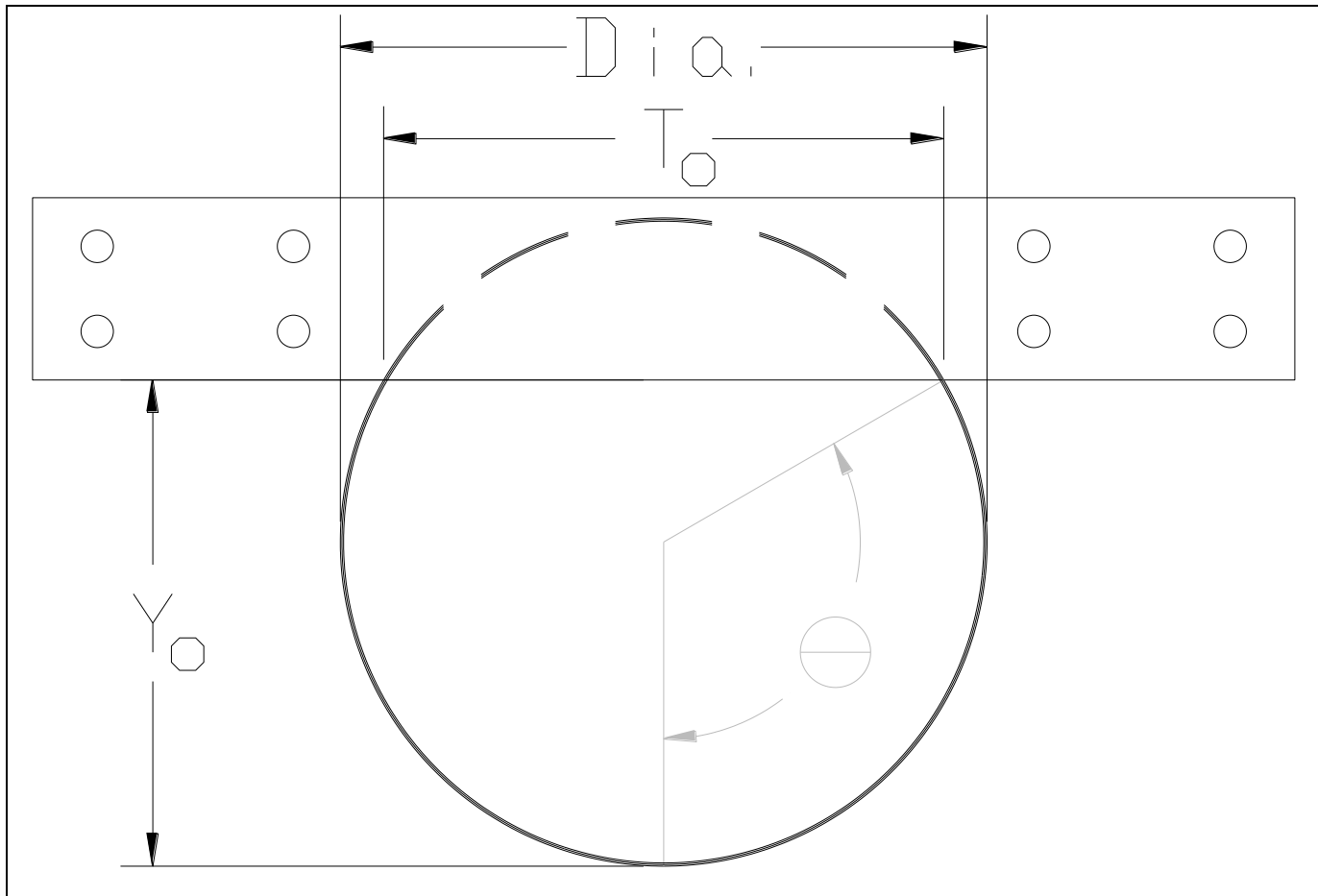
100-Year Restrictor Plate Height = in

Circular Orifice

Rectangular Orifice

Circular Pipe w/ Plate

lowest WQ orifice)



Initial Design for Full Spectrum Detention Basins

Routed Hydrograph Results For 2:1 L:W Rectangular Basin with 0.01 ft/ft Slope Trickle Channel

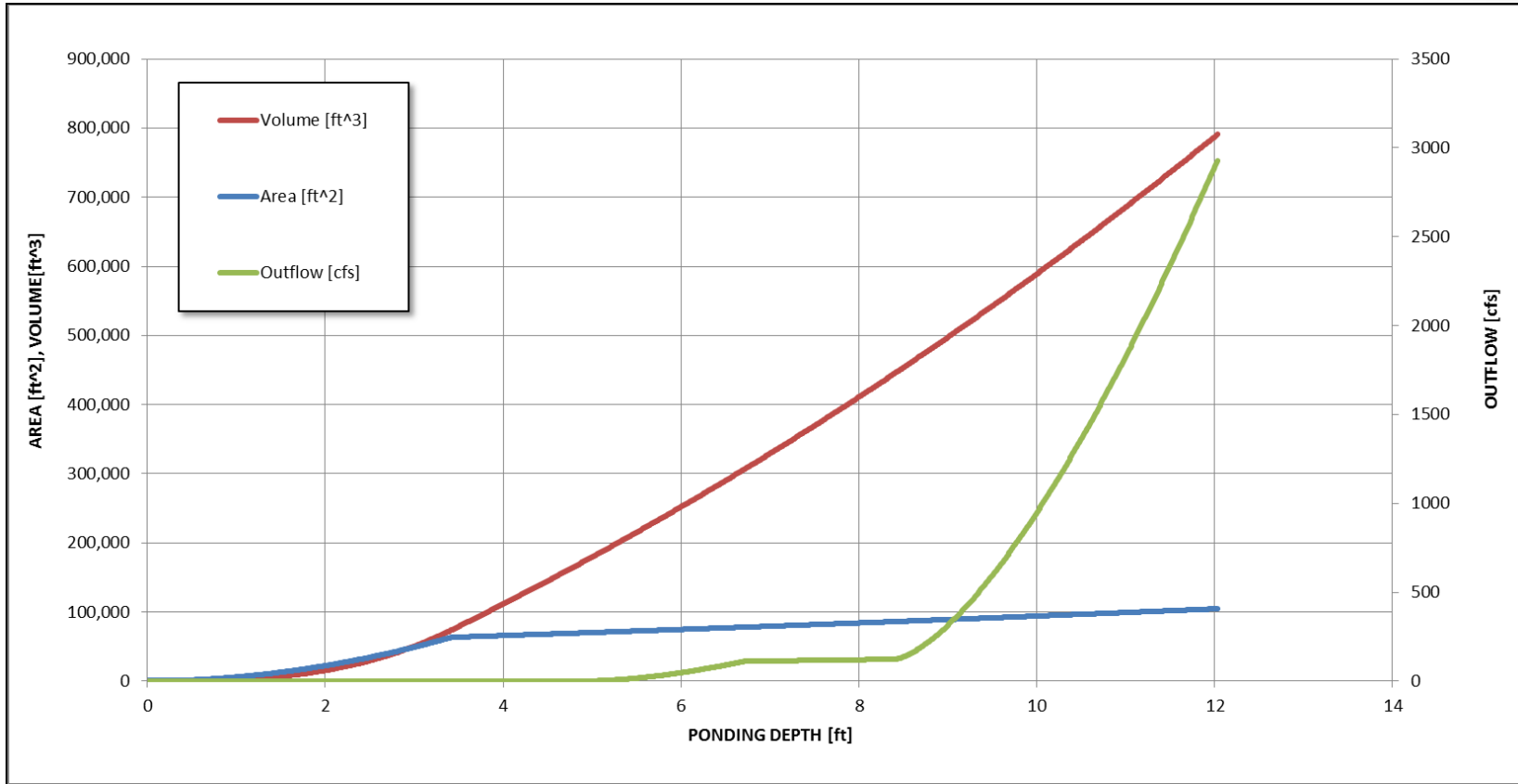
	WQCV	2 Year	EURV	5 Year	
Design Storm Return Period					
One-Hour Rainfall Depth	0.53	0.95	1.07	1.34	in
Calculated Runoff Volume	1.926	3.092	4.114	6.041	acre-ft
OPTIONAL Override Runoff Volume					acre-ft
Inflow Hydrograph Volume	1.926	3.091	4.113	6.039	acre-ft
Historic Peak Flow Rate Per Acre (q)	0.00	0.01	0.07	0.33	cfs/acre
Historic Peak Q	0.0	1.3	7.1	33.0	cfs
Peak Inflow Q	42.6	68.8	91.8	135.1	cfs
Peak Outflow Q	0.9	1.2	1.3	19.0	cfs
Ratio Peak Outflow to Historic Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.6	Ratio
Structure Controlling Flow	WQ Plate	WQ Plate	WQ Plate	Grate	
Max Velocity through Grate	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.3	fps
Time to Drain Detention Basin	40	53	63	66	hours
Maximum Ponding Depth	3.49	4.24	4.88	5.55	ft
Maximum Volume Stored	1.798	2.925	3.922	5.021	ac-ft

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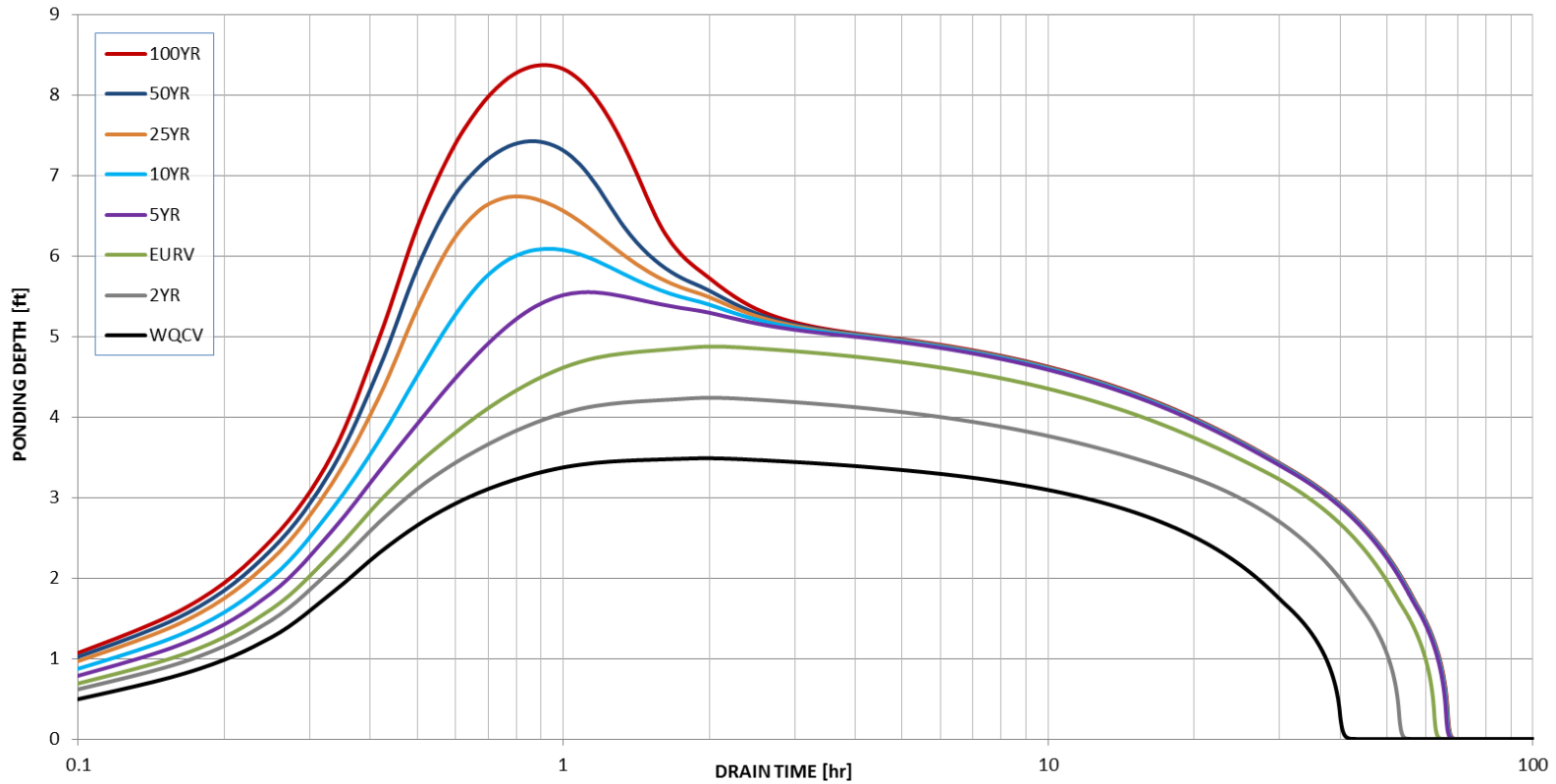
Routed Hydrograph Results For 2:1 L:W Rectangular Basin with 0.01 ft/ft Slope Trickle Channel

	10 Year	25 Year	50 Year	100 Year	
Design Storm Return Period	10 Year	25 Year	50 Year	100 Year	
One-Hour Rainfall Depth	1.64	2.02	2.32	2.61	in
Calculated Runoff Volume	8.475	12.197	14.777	17.670	acre-ft
OPTIONAL Override Runoff Volume					acre-ft
Inflow Hydrograph Volume	8.474	12.196	14.775	17.665	acre-ft
Historic Peak Flow Rate Per Acre (q)	0.57	0.88	1.13	1.36	cfs/acre
Historic Peak Q	57.4	88.2	112.6	136.1	cfs
Peak Inflow Q	189.6	272.2	329.1	392.5	cfs
Peak Outflow Q	54.2	111.4	116.3	122.7	cfs
Ratio Peak Outflow to Historic Q	0.9	1.3	1.0	0.9	Ratio
Structure Controlling Flow	Grate	100yr Outlet	100yr Outlet	100yr Outlet	
Max Velocity through Grate	0.9	1.8	1.9	2.0	fps
Time to Drain Detention Basin	66	67	67	67	hours
Maximum Ponding Depth	6.09	6.73	7.42	8.37	ft
Maximum Volume Stored	5.939	7.075	8.332	10.160	ac-ft

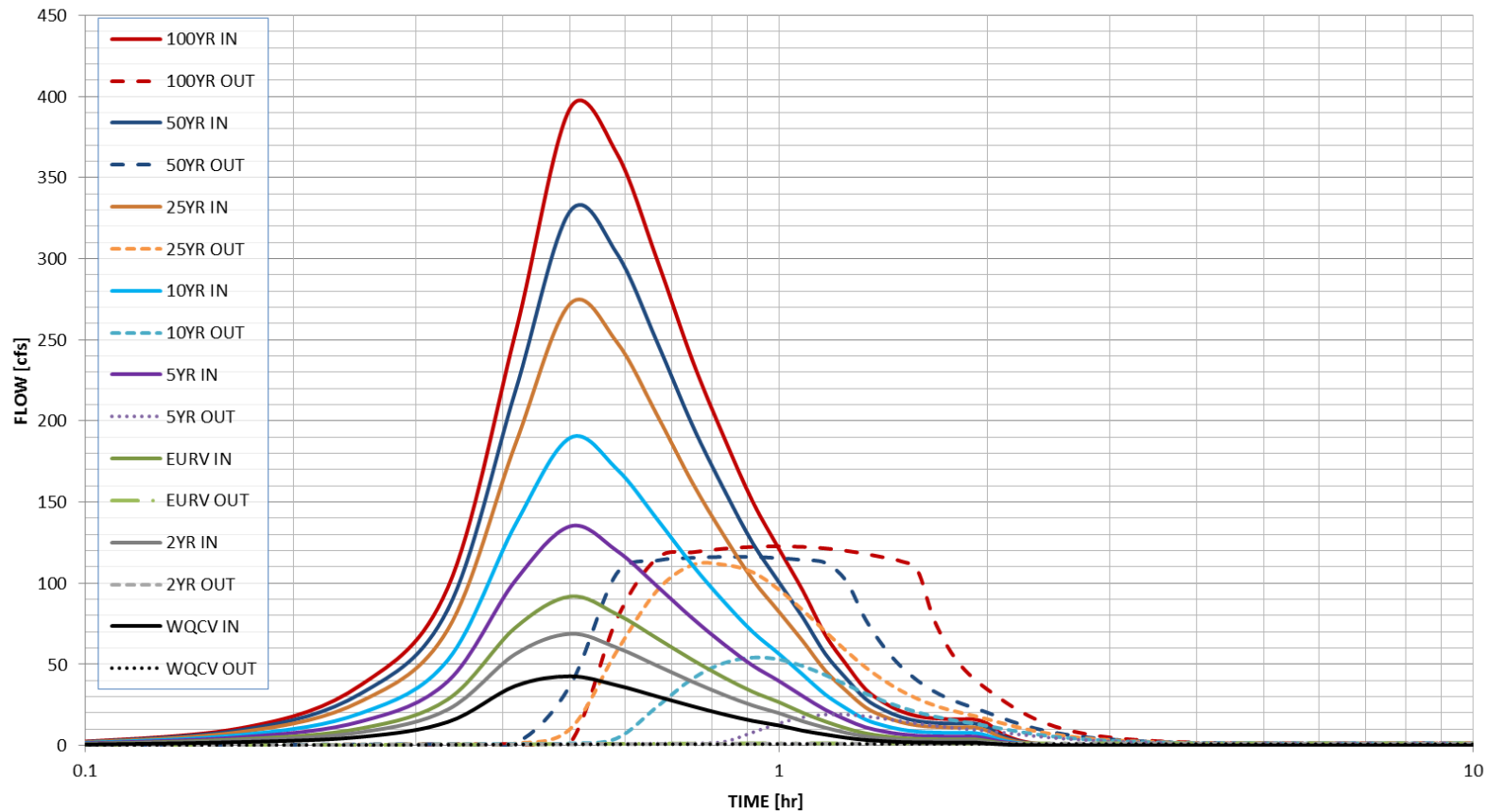
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Demonstration of the UD-FSD Workbook