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Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)



- Provides technical and financial assistance to help agricultural producers and others care for the land.
- Began as a result of 1930's Dust Bowl
- Partnership Approach
- Non-Regulatory





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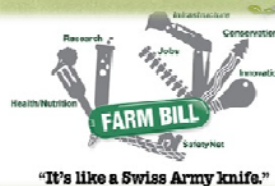
- 6 mission goals:
 - high quality, productive soils
 - clean and abundant water
 - healthy plant and animal communities
 - clean air
 - an adequate energy supply
 - working farms and ranchlands.




2014 Farm Bill

Conservation programs under the 2014 Farm Bill are:

- Financial Assistance
 - Agricultural Management Assistance Program (AMA)
 - **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)**
 - Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)
- Easements
 - Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)
 - Healthy Forests Reserve Program (HFRP)
- Partnership
 - **Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)**
- Other Programs
 - Agriculture Conservation Experienced Services (ACES)
 - Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG)
 - Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP)
 - Small Watershed Rehabilitation Program
 - **Technical Service Providers (TSP)**
 - Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program (VPA-HIP)



Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)



- Must be an Agricultural Producer (food, feed or fiber)
- Financial and Technical Assistance – 50-90% Cost Share
- 1 – 10 Year Contract
- Ranking and Selection Process
- Beginning Farmer and Limited Resource Farmer Opportunities
- AGI Limitations



What Can NRCS Do:



- Conservation Activity Plans:
 - Nutrient Management Plans
 - Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans
 - Irrigation Water Management Plans
 - Drainage Water Management Plans
- Conservation Practices
 - Irrigation Improvements
 - Pump Improvements (VFD's)
 - Flow Meters
 - Irrigation Water Management
 - Diesel to Electric
 - Access Roads
 - Fencing of Creeks
 - Etcetera!



EQIP FY2016 Timeline

- Sign Up for FY 2016 – [NO DEADLINE \(Batches\)](#)
- Resource Inventory / Planning – On going
- Screening & Program Ranking Worksheets – Early 2016
- Conservation Plan Development – Early 2016
- Project Implementation – After Contract is Signed
- Project Reimbursement – After Project Completion
- Practice Maintenance – Practice Life Span
- Contract Expiration - 1 Year After Last Practice is Completed





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Ranking Criteria & Procedures




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Payment Rates



- Mathematical break-down of all of the factors that determine how much projects typically cost
- Includes the expected costs for materials, equipment, labor, mobilization, and maintenance
- Designed to be roughly 50 – 75% of actual costs. But does not have to be.
- Payment Rate Structure

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See What's Possible: Farm Bill Conservation Programs



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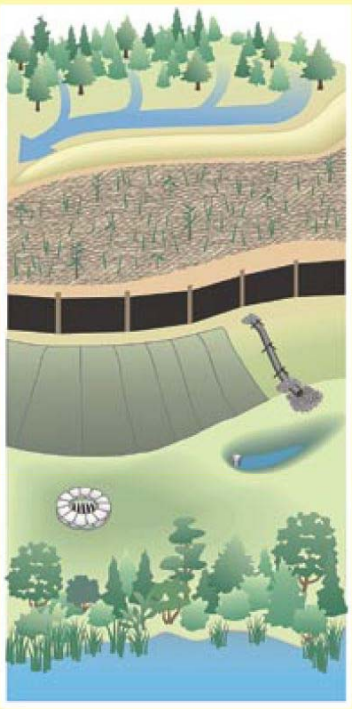
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Opportunities for Private Landowners

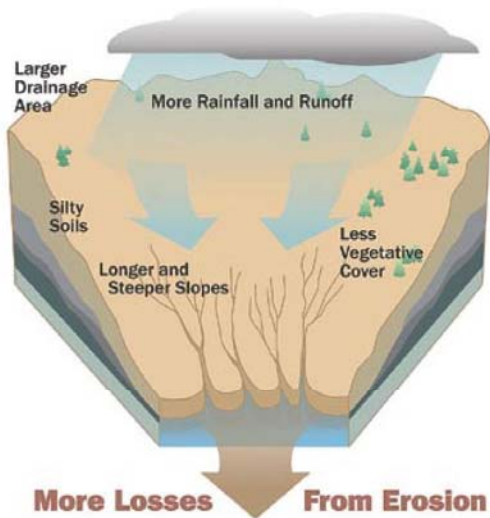


Top 7 Ways to reduce erosion

- Preserve existing vegetation
- Divert upland runoff around exposed soil
- Seed/mulch/cover bare soil immediately
- Use sediment barriers to trap soil in runoff
- Protect slopes and channels from gullying
- Install sediment traps and settling basins
- Preserve vegetation near all waterways




What contributes to erosion?

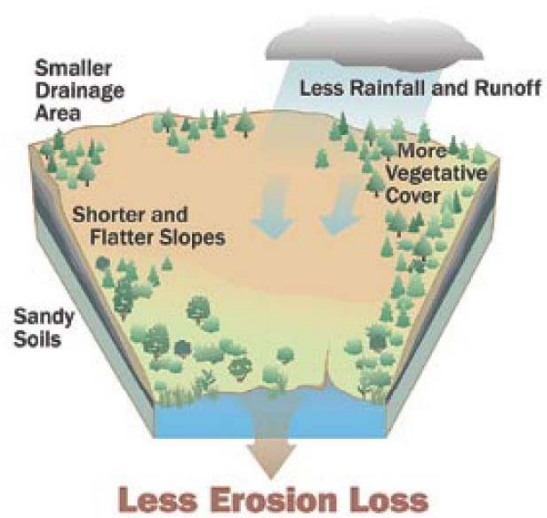
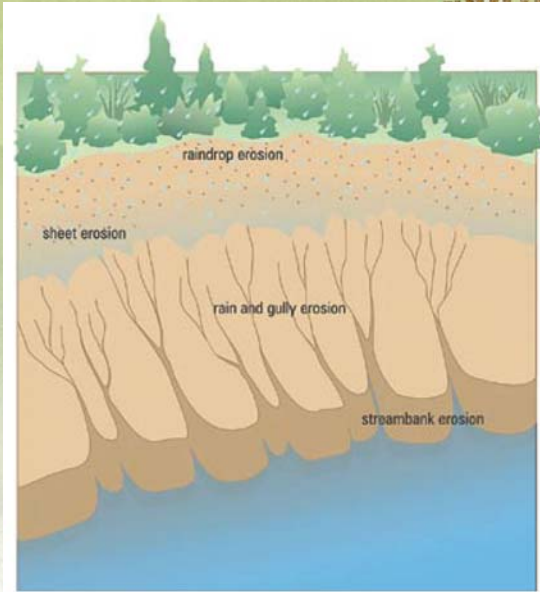


More Losses From Erosion

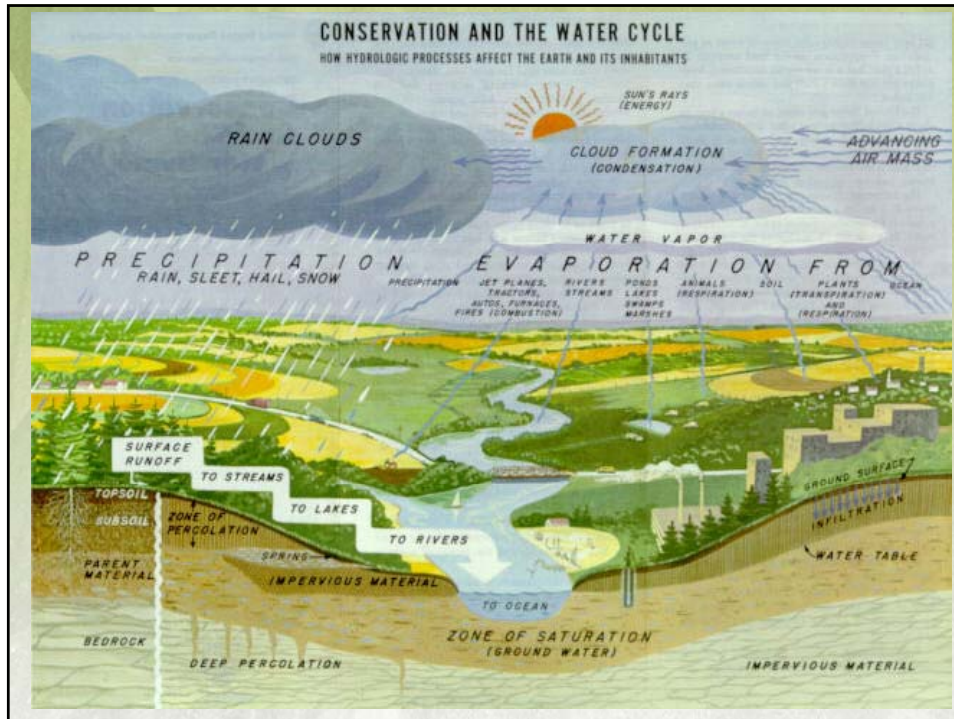
Factors influencing erosion. Heavy rainfall, steep slopes, removal of most existing vegetation, and erodible soils result in higher soil losses from erosion.



Types of Erosion



Lower rainfall amounts, flatter slopes, preserving existing vegetation, and less erodible soils result in lower soil losses from erosion.



What is Hydrology?



- The science that deals with the occurrence and behavior of water in the atmosphere, on the ground, and underground.

– NEH, Part 630 - Chapter 22

- In the broadest sense, hydrology deals with the computation of how much water we could expect.

– Hydrology Training Series Module 101 - Introduction to Hydrology

What is Hydraulics?



- ...application of fluid mechanics and other sciences and engineering disciplines in the development of structures, projects and systems involving water resources.

– “Hydraulic Engineering” by Roberson, Cassidy, Chaudhry

- The aspect of engineering that deals with the flow of water in rivers and canals, and the works and machinery for conducting or using it.

– “Dictionary of Geological Terms”, 3rd ed.,
American Geological Institute

What's the difference?



- Hydrology:

- how much water? when? how?

- Hydraulics:

- what does it do when it gets there?

Hydrology Calculations and Equations



•Most natural hydrologic phenomena are so complex that they are beyond comprehension, or exact laws governing such phenomena have not been fully discovered. Before such laws can ever be found, complicated hydrologic phenomena (the prototype) can only be approximated by modeling.

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USGS Regression Equations

Sierra Region

$$Q_2 = 0.24A^{0.88}p^{1.58}H^{-0.80}$$

$$Q_{25} = 6.55A^{0.79}p^{1.12}H^{-0.52}$$

$$Q_{100} = 15.7A^{0.77}p^{1.02}H^{-0.43}$$

South Coast Region

$$Q_2 = 0.14A^{0.72}p^{1.62}$$

$$Q_{25} = 1.1A^{0.81}p^{1.81}$$

$$Q_{100} = 1.95A^{0.83}p^{1.87}$$

Northeast Region


$$Q_2 = 22A^{0.40}$$

$$Q_{25} = 84A^{0.54}$$

$$Q_{100} = 125A^{0.59}$$

U.S. Geological Survey
 National Flood Frequency Program
 Water-Resources Investigations Report 94-4002






USGS Regression Equations

Capabilities/Limitations:

- Standard error of estimation ranges from 30-50%
- Peak discharge only
- Should not be used for estimates at sites where flood flow is materially effected by storage such as farm ponds or reservoirs

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$$Q = CiA$$

where: Q = design peak runoff rate, cfs (1 cfs = 448 gpm)
 C = runoff coefficient
 i = rainfall intensity, in/hr
 A = watershed area, ac

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Rational Equation

Tables of C factors

AGRICULTURAL AREAS: Runoff Coefficient, C by Soil Texture

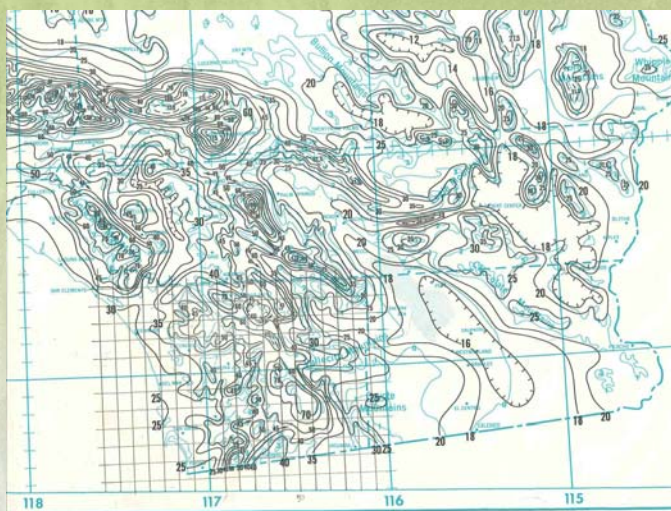
	Topography and Vegetation	Open		
		Sandy Loam	Clay and Silt Loam	Tight Clay
Woodland	Flat, 0-5% slope	0.10	0.30	0.40
	Rolling, 5-10% slope	0.25	0.35	0.50
	Hilly, 10-30% slope	0.30	0.50	0.60
Pasture	Flat	0.10	0.30	0.40
	Rolling	0.16	0.36	0.55
	Hilly	0.22	0.42	0.60
Cultivated	Flat	0.30	0.50	0.60
	Rolling	0.40	0.60	0.70
	Hilly	0.52	0.72	0.82

Source: HTS206D, Peak Discharge -Other Methods, NEDC-SCS, [NRCS]-USDA, January 1991Source



Rational Equation

i: in/hr



NOAA's National Weather Service
Hydrometeorological Design Studies Center
Precipitation Frequency Data Server (PFDS)

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NOAA ATLAS 14 POINT PRECIPITATION FREQUENCY ESTIMATES: CA

DATA DESCRIPTION
Data type: precipitation depth Units: english Time series type: partial duration

SELECT LOCATION
1. Manually:
a) Enter location (decimal degree, use ° for S and W): latitude longitude submit
2. Use map:

LOCATION INFORMATION:
Name: Vista, California, US
Latitude: 33.1874
Longitude: -117.1783
Elevation: 907 ft

Legend:
a) Select location (move crosshair or double click)
b) Click on station icon (show stations on map)

Source: Google Maps

i: in/hr

POINT PRECIPITATION FREQUENCY (PF) ESTIMATES
WITH 90% CONFIDENCE INTERVALS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
NOAA Atlas 14, Volume 6, Version 2

PF tabular PF graphical Supplementary information Print Page

PDS-based precipitation frequency estimates with 90% confidence intervals (in inches)¹

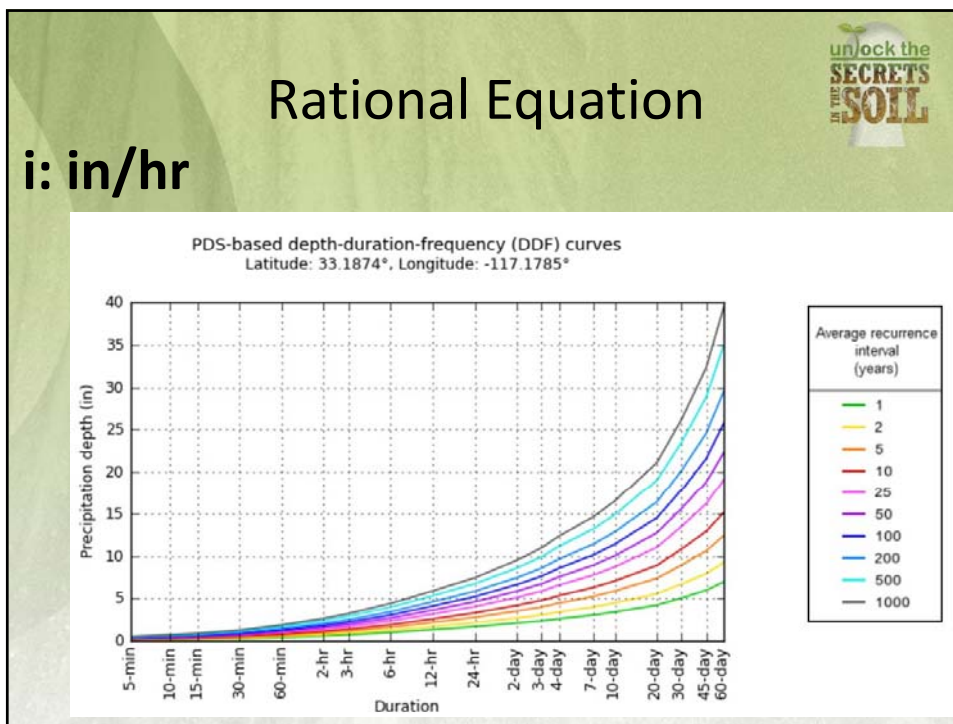
Duration	Average recurrence interval (years)									
	1	2	5	10	25	50	100	200	500	1000
5-min	0.122 (0.103-1.48)	0.153 (0.128-0.184)	0.196 (0.165-0.230)	0.253 (0.193-0.283)	0.284 (0.228-0.357)	0.325 (0.250-0.418)	0.368 (0.281-0.467)	0.414 (0.307-0.548)	0.475 (0.333-0.662)	0.551 (0.363-0.784)
10-min	0.175 (0.147-0.210)	0.220 (0.185-0.264)	0.281 (0.230-0.330)	0.333 (0.277-0.405)	0.407 (0.330-0.512)	0.466 (0.365-0.600)	0.527 (0.403-0.697)	0.593 (0.440-0.808)	0.680 (0.486-0.977)	0.761 (0.520-1.12)
15-min	0.211 (0.178-0.253)	0.266 (0.224-0.319)	0.340 (0.285-0.410)	0.403 (0.335-0.490)	0.492 (0.395-0.620)	0.563 (0.442-0.725)	0.638 (0.487-0.843)	0.717 (0.532-0.978)	0.820 (0.588-1.18)	0.920 (0.609-1.36)
30-min	0.300 (0.233-0.360)	0.378 (0.318-0.453)	0.483 (0.408-0.582)	0.573 (0.478-0.698)	0.699 (0.561-0.880)	0.800 (0.627-1.03)	0.906 (0.680-1.20)	1.02 (0.751-1.39)	1.16 (0.833-1.68)	1.31 (0.893-1.93)
60-min	0.448 (0.378-0.527)	0.553 (0.465-0.664)	0.706 (0.584-0.852)	0.838 (0.687-1.02)	1.02 (0.821-1.29)	1.17 (0.918-1.51)	1.33 (1.01-1.75)	1.48 (1.11-2.03)	1.72 (1.22-2.48)	1.98 (1.31-2.83)
2-hr	0.617 (0.518-0.738)	0.776 (0.653-0.932)	0.993 (0.833-1.20)	1.18 (0.978-1.43)	1.44 (1.15-1.81)	1.64 (1.29-2.12)	1.86 (1.42-2.46)	2.09 (1.55-2.85)	2.42 (1.71-3.44)	2.88 (1.83-3.96)
3-hr	0.746 (0.627-0.893)	0.937 (0.789-1.13)	1.20 (1.01-1.44)	1.42 (1.18-1.73)	1.72 (1.39-2.18)	1.96 (1.55-2.56)	2.25 (1.72-2.97)	2.52 (1.87-3.44)	2.92 (2.04-4.16)	3.24 (2.2-4.78)
6-hr	1.02 (0.887-1.22)	1.28 (1.09-1.54)	1.64 (1.38-1.98)	1.94 (1.62-2.36)	2.37 (1.90-2.98)	2.71 (2.13-3.46)	3.07 (2.34-4.06)	3.45 (2.56-4.76)	3.98 (2.82-5.67)	4.41 (3.02-6.32)
12-hr	1.38 (1.15-1.84)	1.72 (1.45-2.07)	2.21 (1.85-2.65)	2.61 (2.13-3.17)	3.18 (2.55-4.01)	3.64 (2.85-4.68)	4.11 (3.14-5.44)	4.61 (3.42-6.29)	5.2 (3.77-7.58)	5.89 (4.02-8.70)
24-hr	1.73 (1.52-1.98)	2.18 (1.92-2.53)	2.80 (2.46-3.25)	3.32 (2.90-3.88)	4.05 (3.42-4.88)	4.62 (3.83-6.08)	5.22 (4.23-6.97)	5.85 (4.62-7.57)	6.74 (5.19-9.06)	7.44 (5.46-10.3)
2-day	2.13 (1.89-2.47)	2.75 (2.40-3.15)	3.52 (3.10-4.08)	4.19 (3.68-4.90)	5.13 (4.33-6.18)	5.87 (4.80-7.22)	6.64 (5.38-8.36)	7.45 (5.88-9.64)	8.5 (6.52-11.6)	9.51 (6.98-13.2)
3-day	2.38 (2.12-2.76)	3.07 (2.71-3.50)	4.00 (3.52-4.64)	4.78 (4.17-5.58)	5.87 (4.97-7.08)	6.73 (5.58-8.28)	7.63 (6.18-9.61)	8.58 (6.77-11.1)	9.91 (7.52-13.3)	11.0 (8.09-15.2)
4-day	2.63 (2.32-3.04)	3.41 (3.01-3.95)	4.46 (3.92-5.18)	5.31 (4.66-6.25)	6.58 (5.50-7.93)	7.55 (6.26-9.30)	8.57 (6.95-10.8)	9.65 (7.62-12.5)	11.2 (8.40-15.0)	12.4 (9.07-17.2)
7-day	3.07 (2.71-3.50)	4.00 (3.52-4.62)	5.24 (4.61-6.08)	6.29 (5.49-7.35)	7.75 (6.58-9.35)	8.91 (7.39-11.0)	10.1 (8.29-12.7)	11.4 (8.99-14.7)	13.2 (10.0-17.7)	14.6 (10.7-20.3)
10-day	3.42 (3.02-3.95)	4.47 (3.94-5.17)	5.88 (5.17-6.82)	7.08 (6.18-8.26)	8.55 (7.37-10.5)	9.54 (8.32-12.3)	10.8 (9.24-14.4)	12.2 (10.1-16.6)	14.1 (11.3-20.0)	15.5 (12-21.9)
20-day	4.22 (4.47-8.0)	5.56 (4.81-6.44)	7.38 (6.48-8.96)	8.90 (7.77-10.4)	11.0 (9.54-13.3)	12.7 (10.6-15.7)	14.5 (11.8-19.3)	16.4 (12.9-21.2)	18.4 (14.4-25.6)	21.1 (15-29.4)
30-day	5.07 (4.47-8.0)	6.71 (5.92-7.77)	8.95 (7.87-10.4)	10.8 (9.45-12.7)	13.5 (11.4-16.3)	15.4 (12.9-19.2)	17.8 (14.5-22.5)	20.2 (15.9-26.1)	23.1 (17.9-31.7)	26.2 (19.3-36.4)
45-day	5.97 (5.27-8.92)	7.93 (6.98-9.18)	10.6 (9.35-12.3)	12.9 (11.3-15.1)	16.2 (13.7-19.3)	18.8 (15.8-21.2)	21.6 (17.2-27.2)	24.6 (19.4-31.8)	28.0 (21.3-36.8)	32.3 (24.4-46.8)
60-day	6.85 (5.18-0.04)	9.23 (8.16-10.7)	12.4 (10.9-14.4)	15.1 (13.2-17.7)	18.1 (16.1-23.0)	22.3 (18.5-27.4)	25.8 (20.9-32.4)	29.5 (23.3-38.2)	34.3 (26.5-47.0)	39.4 (29.9-54.8)

¹ Precipitation frequency (PF) estimates in this table are based on frequency analysis of partial duration series (PDS).
Numbers in parenthesis are PF estimates at lower and upper bounds of the 90% confidence interval. The probability that precipitation frequency estimates (for a given duration and average recurrence interval) will be greater than the upper bound (or less than the lower bound) is 5%. Estimates at upper bounds are not checked against probable maximum precipitation (PMP) estimates and may be higher than currently valid PMP values.
Please refer to NOAA Atlas 14 document for more information.

Estimates from the table in csv format: [precipitation frequency estimates *] [Submit]

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Rational Equation


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Assumptions

- Rainfall occurs at a uniform intensity for a duration at least equal to the time of concentration for the watershed
- Rainfall occurs at a uniform intensity over the entire area of the watershed

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C factor

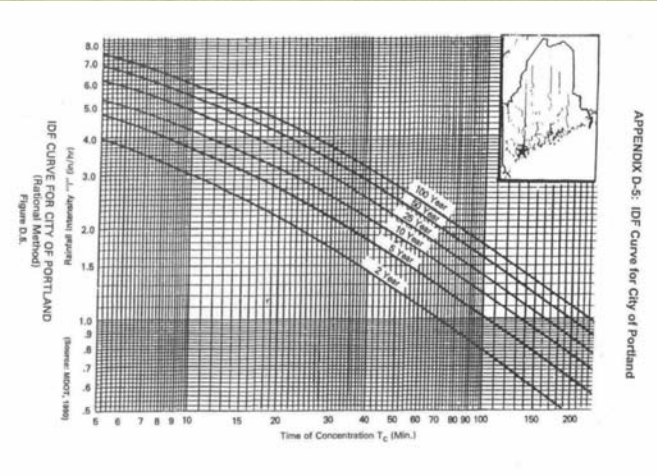
- C is based on soil, topography, vegetation and land use and many attempts have been made to refine these values, but variations still remain quite large
- Typical C factors representative of the 5- to 10-year return interval

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IDF Curves



APPENDIX D-5: IDF Curves for City of Portland

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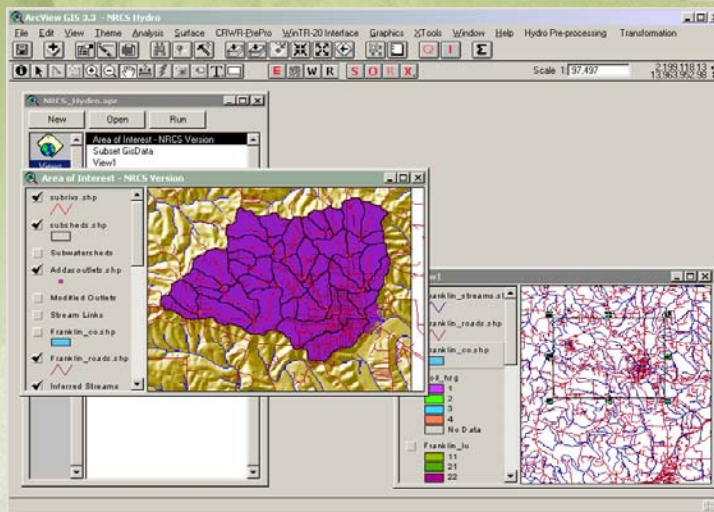
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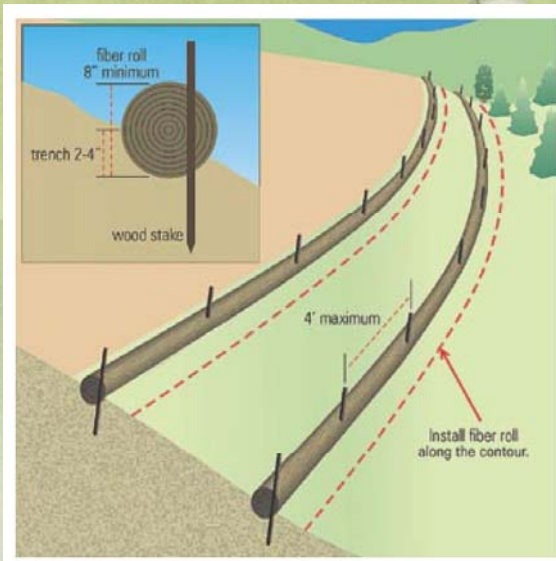
Capabilities/Limitations

- Most appropriate for smaller urban watersheds, parking lots, roofs.
- IDF's for most cities and counties are available.
- Simple and quick to use.

NRCS Hydro / Autocad / Etc



Waddles/ Fiber Rolls = Expensive



Fiber rolls can be used to break up runoff flows on long slopes. Install on the contour and trench in slightly. Press rolls firmly into trench and stake down securely. Consult manufacturer's instructions for expected lifespan of product, slope limits, etc. As always, seed and mulch long slopes as soon as possible.


Hydro Seeding/mulching = Expensive





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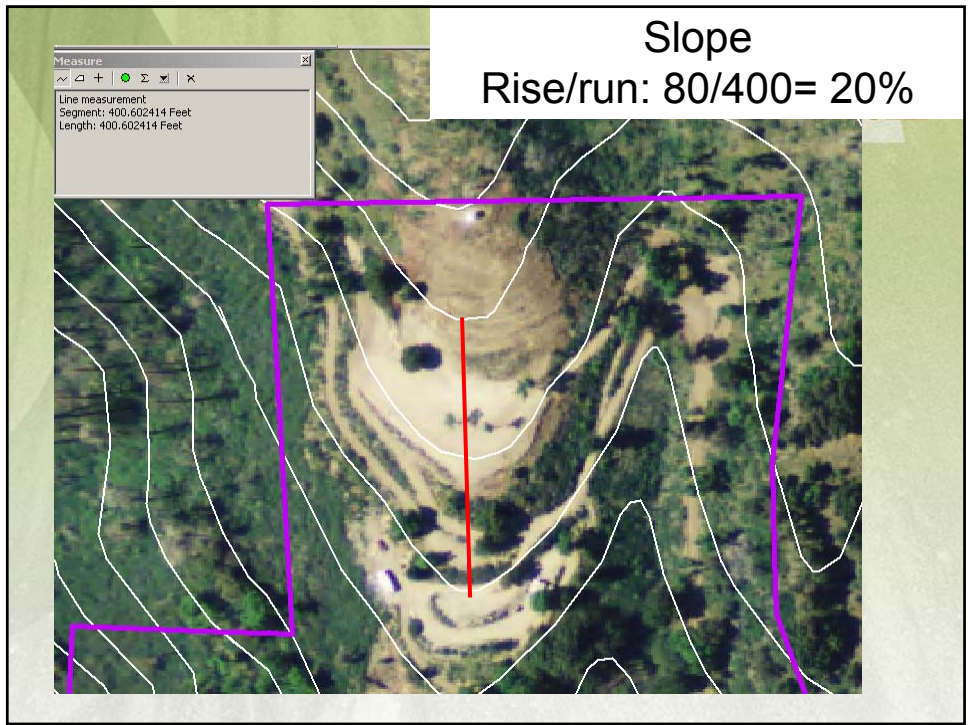
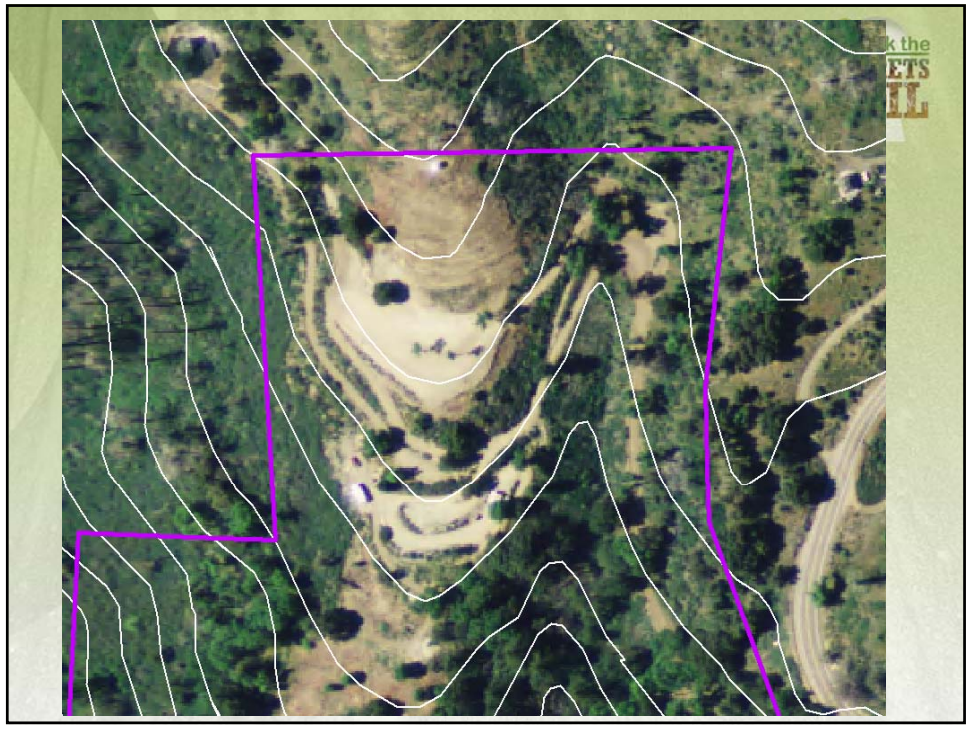


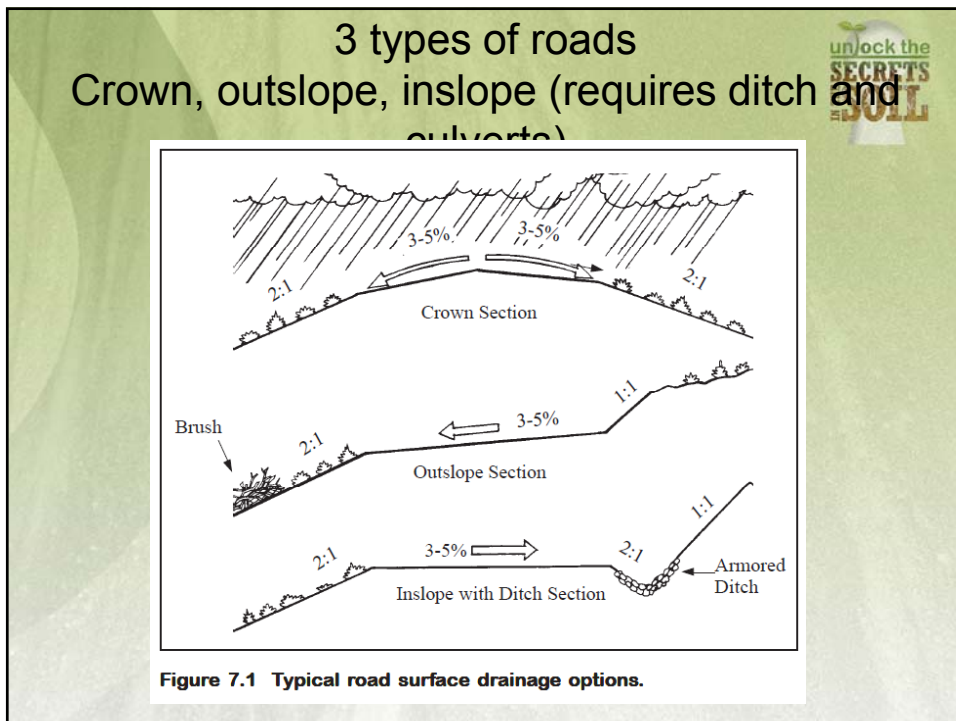
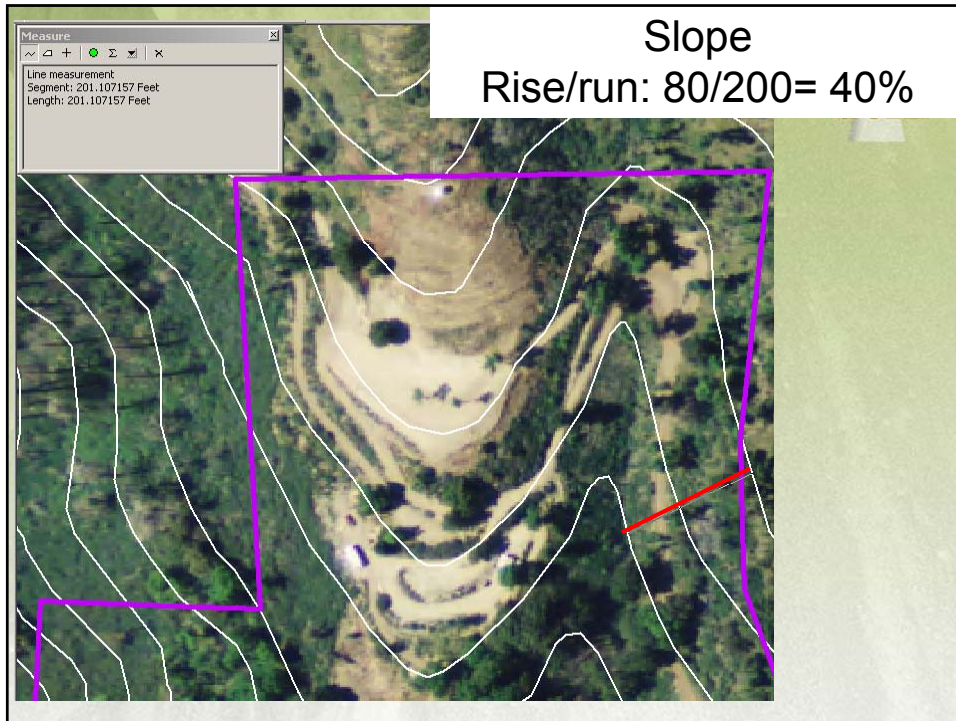
Mulching



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Shed vs. concentrate



Shed: get water off often, avoid large erosive flows

Concentrate it: you must handle it. Handling it requires pr



Spacing of structures



If inadequate cross drains, the inboard ditch will erode. Depends on soil and slope.

Table 7.1

Recommended Maximum Distance Between Rolling Dip or Culvert Cross-Drains (meters)		
Road Grade %	Low to	
	Non-Erosive soils (1)	Erosive Soils (2)
0-3	120	75
4-6	90	50
7-9	75	40
10-12	60	35
12+	50	30

Table 7.2

Recommended Water Bar Spacing (meters)		
Road/Trail Grade %	Low to	
	Non-Erosive soils (1)	Erosive Soils (2)
0-5	75	40
6-10	60	30
11-15	45	20
16-20	35	15
21-30	30	12
30+	15	10

Note: (1) Low Erosion Soils = Coarse Rocky Soils, Gravel, and Some Clay
 (2) High Erosion Soils = Fine, Friable Soils, Silt, Fine Sands

Adapted from Packer and Christensen (1964) & Copstead, Johansen, and Moll (1998)

Rock Outlet (previously known as rip rap)



The outlets of pipes and ditches need energy dissipation. Stop gullies and head cuts.



Maintenance vs. rehab to reduce/stop erosion

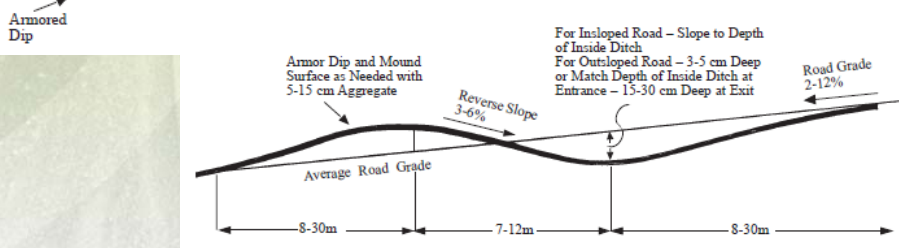
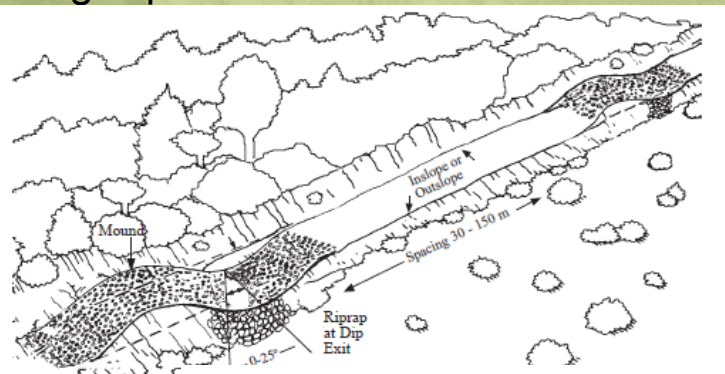


TYPICAL LOW-VOLUME ROAD DESIGN STANDARDS		
Design Element	Rural Access Road	Collector Road
Design Speed	25-35 kph	45-60 kph
Road Width	3.5-4.5 m	4-5.5 m
Road Grade	15% max.	12% max.
Curve Radius	15 m min.	25 m min.
Crown/Shape	outslope/inslope (5%)	in/outslope or crown (5%)
Surfacing Type	native or gravel	gravel, cobblestone or pavement

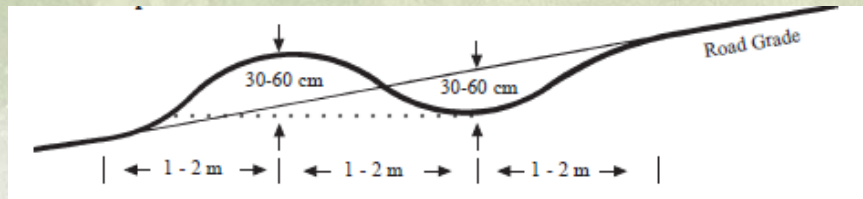
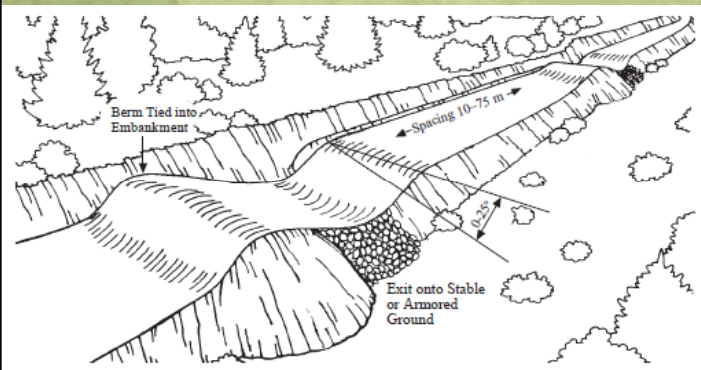
Maintenance is key! Ditches, culverts, and other structures require sediment and debris to be cleaned out regularly. (usually before the rainy season starts)



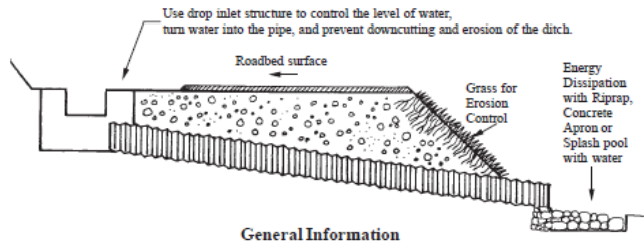
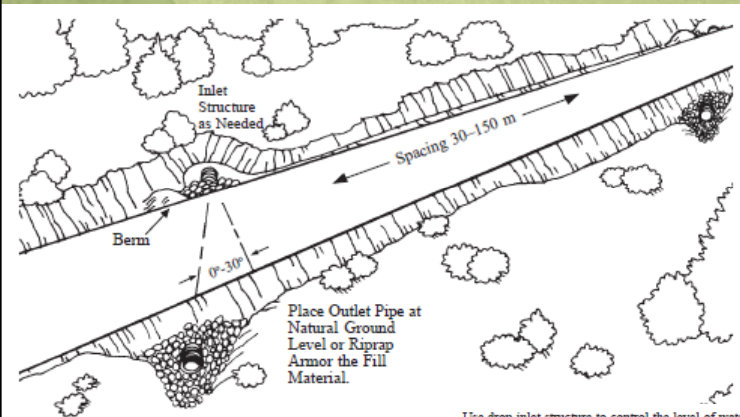
Rolling Dip



Water Bar



Culvert

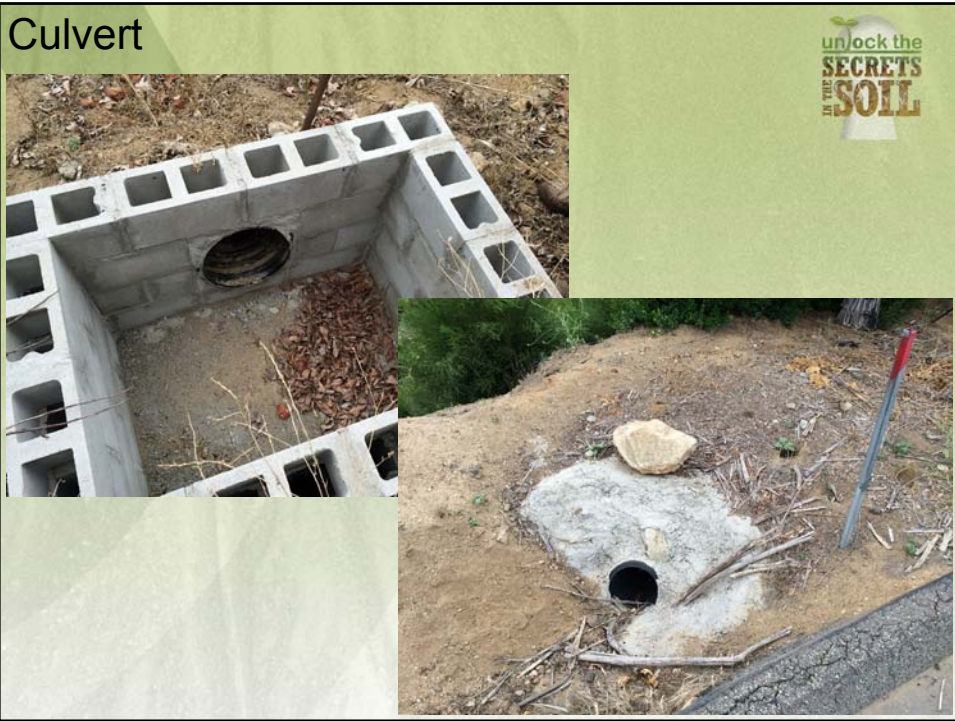


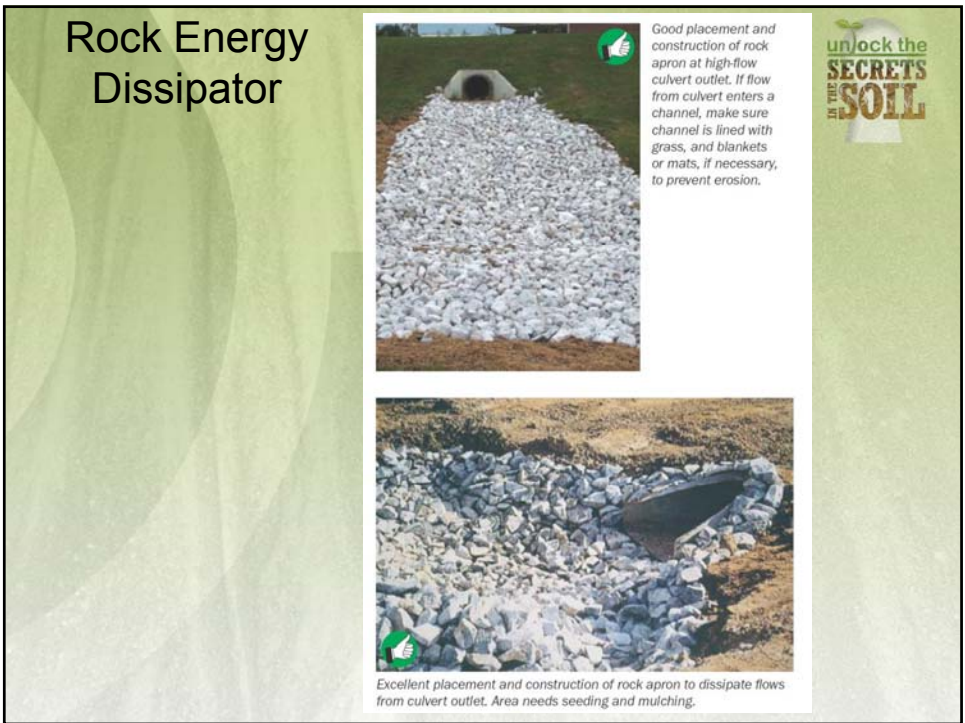
Slope Drain =
Underground outlet



Rolling Dip with culvert







Rock Energy Dissipator



Poor rock apron placement and construction at culvert outlet; poor seeding and slope protection (right side).

Poor slope protection, no rock apron or flow dissipater at culvert outlet. Silt fence must not be used across ditches or channels; do not put sediment traps at culvert outlets.

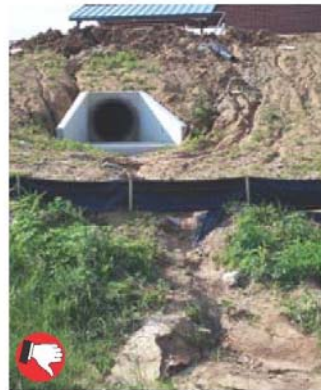



Rock Energy Dissipator



Poor seed and mulch application, slopes badly eroding. No rock apron or flow dissipater at culvert outlet. Culverts clogged with sediment and rock.

Very poor outlet protection. No slope protection or seeding, no rock apron or flow dissipater at culvert outlet. Misapplication of silt fence across ditch. Flow bypass.





Managing Sediment

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Soil erosion and sediment deposition are primary contributors to lowered surface water quality from farmlands. In areas where there are steep slopes, erodible soils, and intense storm characteristics, sediment delivery from farmlands can be relatively high. Roads and other areas of disturbed ground where bare soils are susceptible to the erosive action of water and wind can also be major contributors of sediment to waterbodies.

Upstream/Upslope Land Use

S1. Is your property affected by sediment from upstream/upslope land uses?
 Yes No

Notes:

Practices to Manage Sediment from Upstream/Upslope										
	Used or could be helpful	Location(s)	Year(s) used							
			2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
A structure to collect the sediment is installed and maintained										
Sediment Basin #350	✓	NE end of hillside field		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Water and Sediment Control Basin #638										
A structure to divert the sediment is installed and maintained	✓	N edge of property		✓	✓					
Diversion #362										
Grassed Waterway #412	✓	Sediment basin outlet		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lined Waterway #468										
Open Channel #582										
Structure for Water Control #587										
Surface Drainage #607 & #608										
Underground Outlet #620	✓	Main road							✓	✓
Vegetation is established to filter the sediment										
Conservation Cover #327										
Filter Strip #393										
Tree/Shrub Establishment #612										



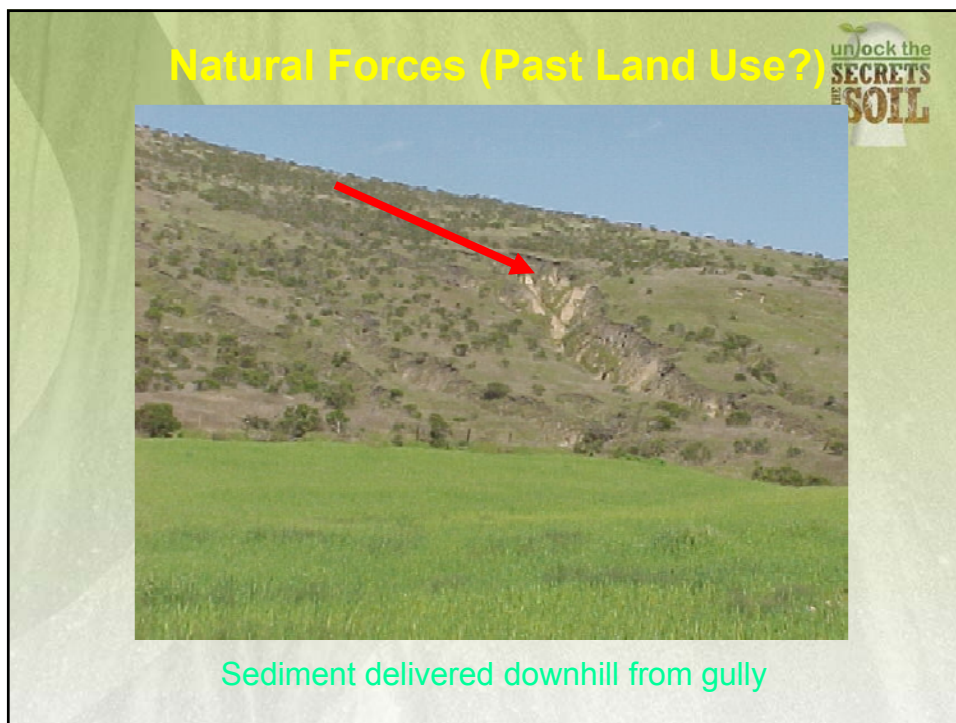
Assessment of Sediment and Erosion From:



- **Upstream/Upslope Land Use**
- **Fields and Other Growing Areas**
- **Container Grown Plants/Hydroponics**
- **Roads and Roadside Ditches**
- **Non-Cropped & Non-Road Areas**
- **Sediment Leaving the Operation**

Upstream / Upslope Land Use





Management Practices to Collect Sediment



Sediment Basin or Water & Sediment Control Basin

Management Practices to Divert Sediment Laden Water

- **Diversion** – Intercepts sheet flows
- **Grassed Waterway** – Carry concentrated flows
- **Lined Waterway** – Concentrated flows of higher capacity
- **Open Channel** – For largest capacity of water flow
- **Structure for Water Control** – To prevent water flows from degrading channels
- **Surface Drainage** – Collect water on flat areas
- **Underground outlet** – For steep areas where surface conveyance is not appropriate

Management Practices to Divert Water to Stable Outlet

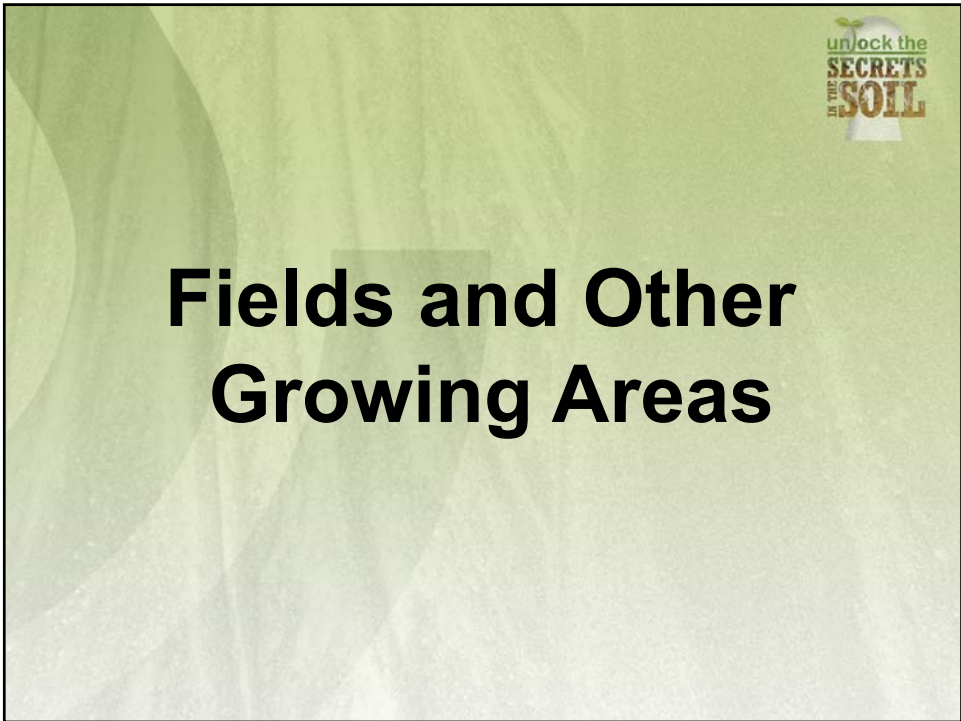


Lined Waterway

Management Practices to Filter Sediment

- Conservation Cover – Used on non-cropped areas
- Filter Strip – Used above or below a field
- Tree/Shrub Establishment
 - Used along the perimeter of a field or property usually with less ground cover than a filter strip





Erosion From Fields



- Steep or long sloping fields
- Bare soils or sparse cover
- Irrigation systems
- Wind

S2: Do you notice soil erosion from fields and other growing areas with steep slopes or long length of run?



Erosion from Steep or Long Slopes

Management Practices to Minimize Row Grade



**Contour Farming, Row Arrangement,
Access Road Placement & Land Smoothing**

Management Practices to break up Long Runs



**Diversion with an
Associated
Underground Outlet**

Water safely delivered
to sediment basin
below

S3: During rain events, do you notice soil erosion from fields with bare soil or sparse ground cover?



Sheet erosion and ephemeral gully formation

Management Practices to Reduce Runoff from Bare Soil



between perennial crops



Alternate row cultivation



Along the furrow bottoms



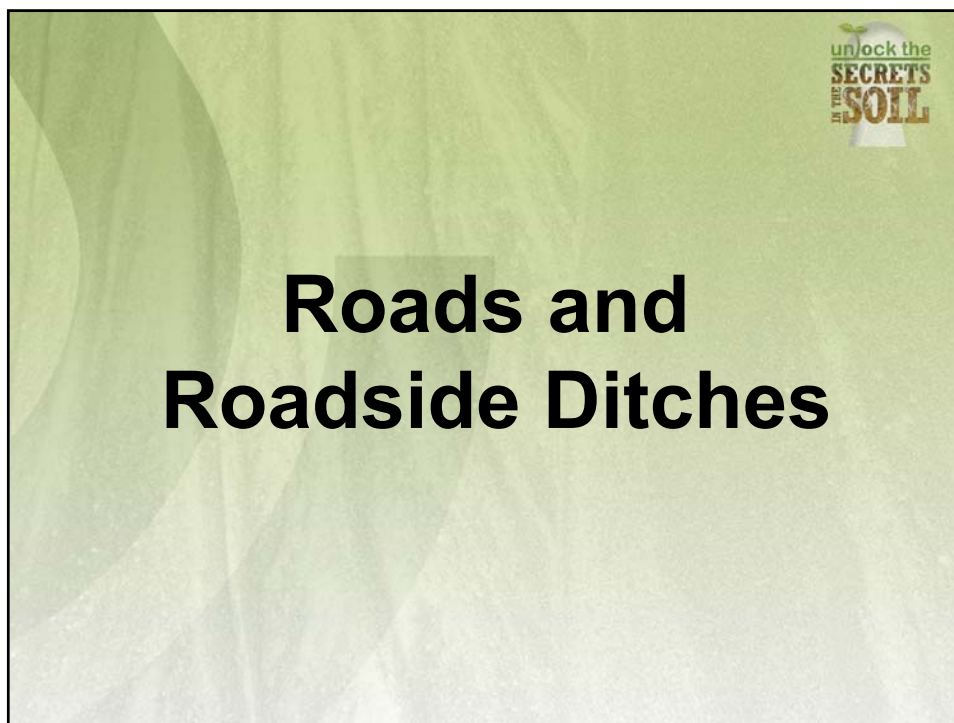
... and to rebuild soil fertility

Cover Cropping

Management Practices to Reduce Runoff from Bare Soil



Broccoli Residue Management
(No-till, Strip-till, Mulch-till)



Roads and Roadside Ditches

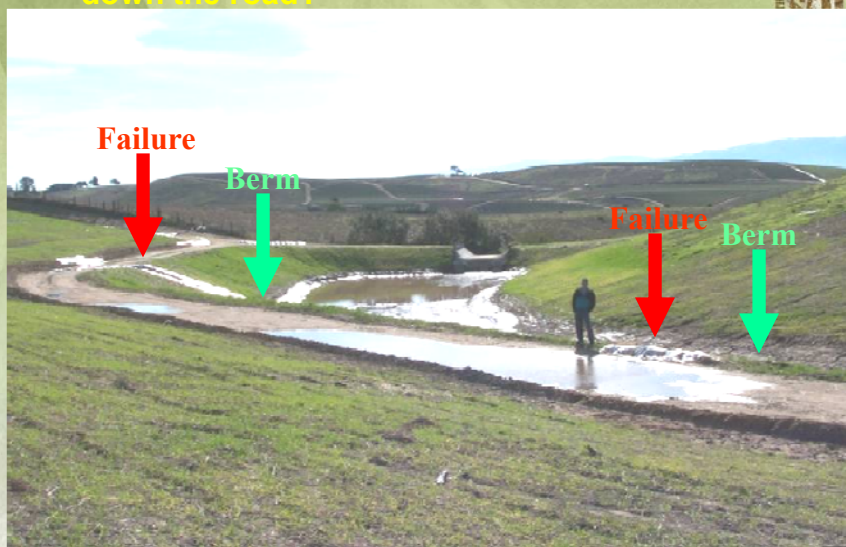
S7: Do you notice rills, gullies, or headcuts running down the road?



Rills and Gullies Developed on Roads

Flows accumulate to cause rill and gully erosion

S9: Is an outboard berm channeling water down the road?



Berms channel the water down the road!