
Discussion of the Role of and Implications for Continuous Monitored Adaptive Control (CMAC)

Technology-Driven Public-Private Partnership Programs:

How Can Emerging Technologies Help to Support Sustainable Stormwater
Infrastructure Investments & Programs

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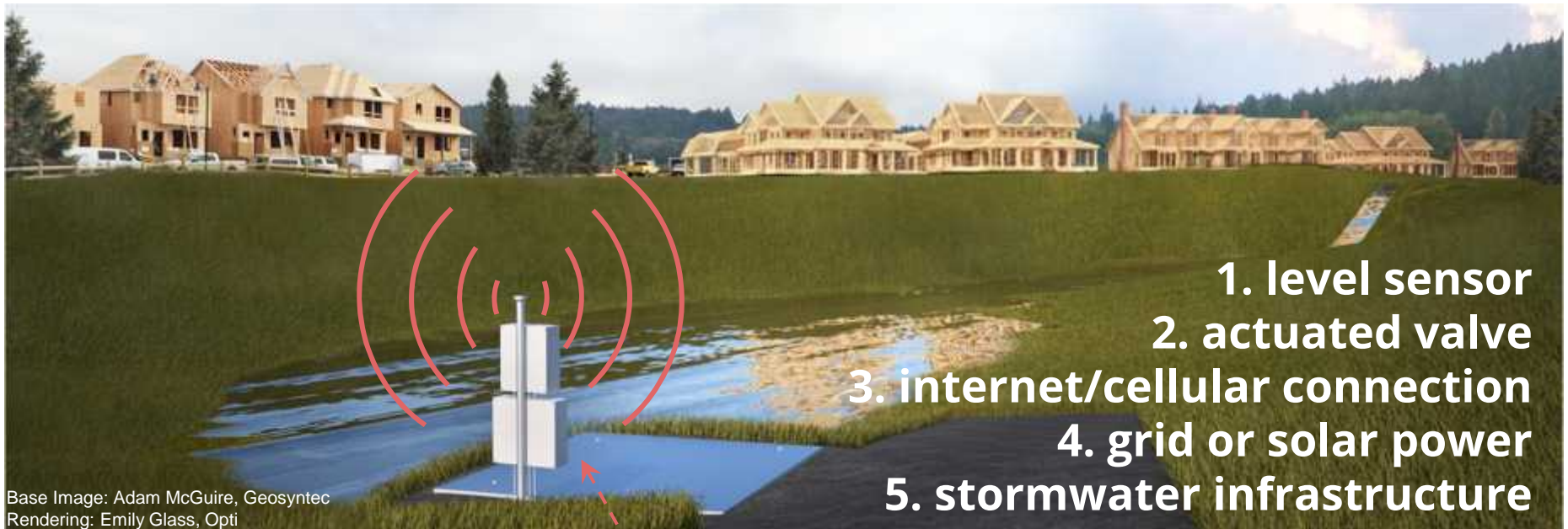
Performance based contracting can allow space for innovation while also reducing risk.

Contract outcomes can be more closely tied to compliance obligations.

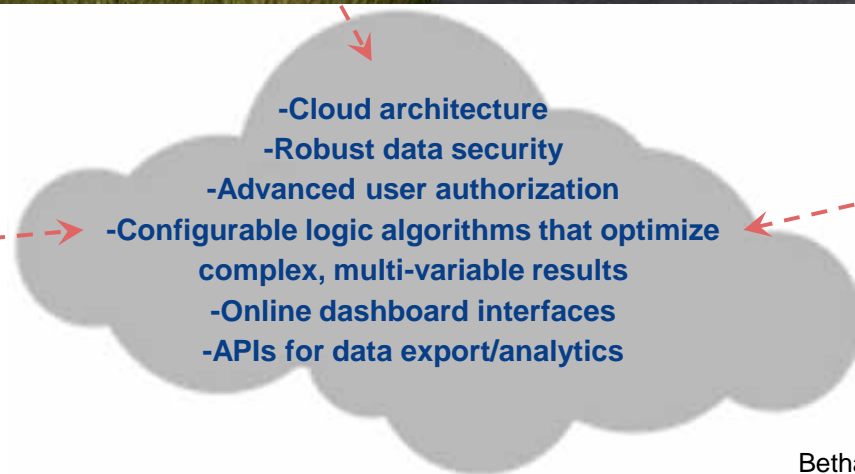
What technologies are most promising?

Continuous Monitored Adaptive control (CMAC) Stormwater Management

Combine sensor data, weather forecasts, and algorithms to optimize stormwater infrastructure through active, cloud-based control

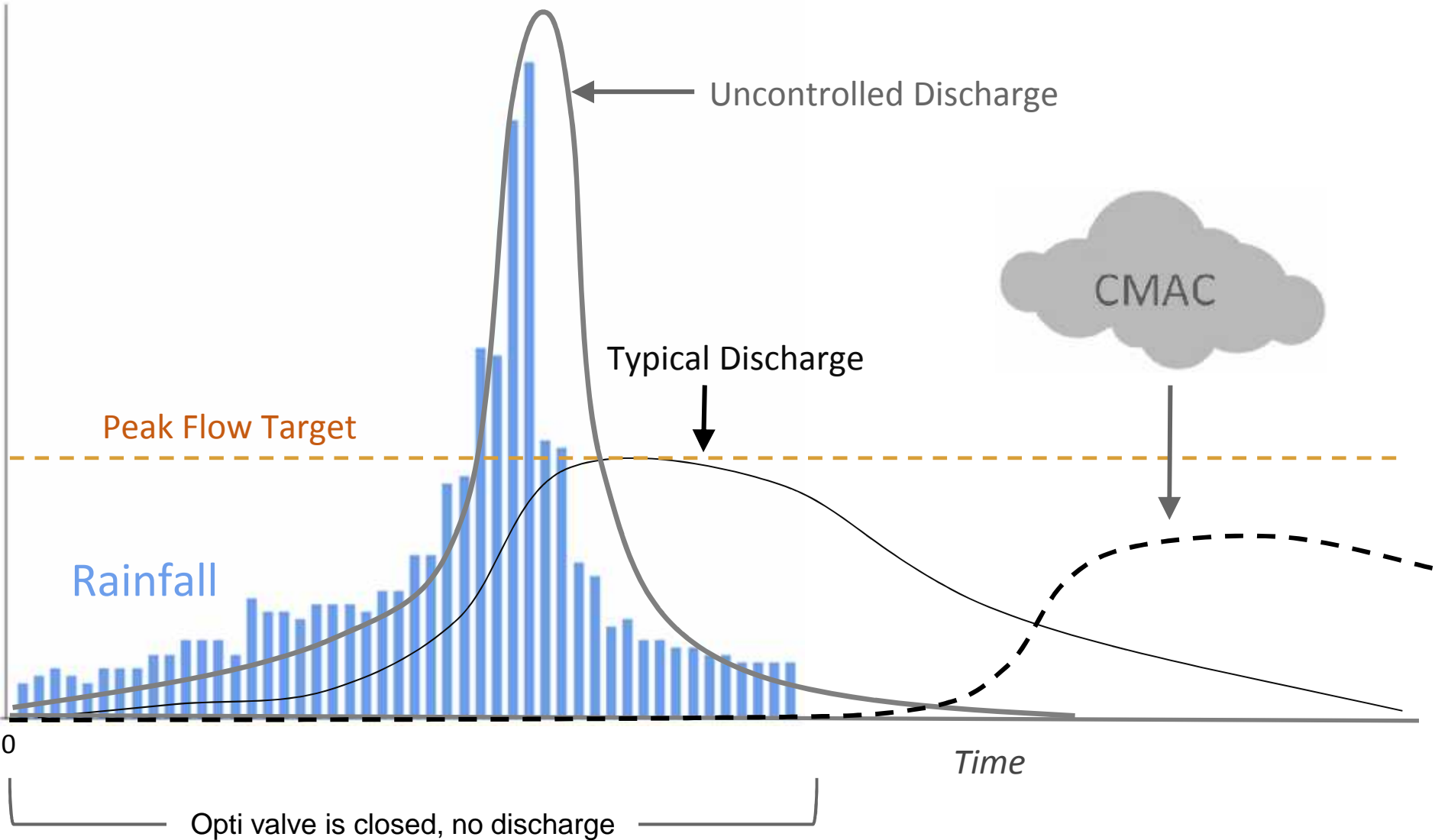


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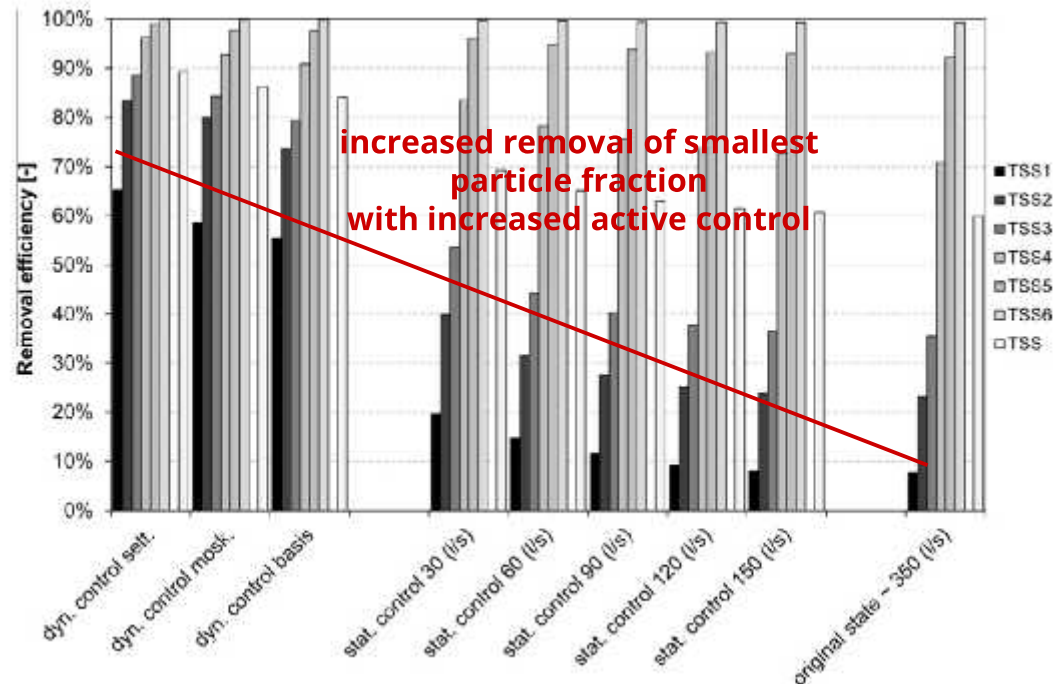


Bethany Creek Falls Project completed in partnership with Clean Water Services, Geosyntec Consultants, and Opti

Optimize Water Quality One Example of CMAC



Increased control → Increased retention time → Increased WQ benefit



Muchalla et al. 2014

48-60% better removal efficiency of small particles in pond with active, rainfall-driven control

Muchalla et al. 2014

Smaller particles have higher associated phosphorus concentrations than larger particles

Moquecho and Pitt 2005

Dry pond to wet pond retrofit (no active control) increased retention time and improved TSS and ammonia-nitrogen removal efficiencies

TSS: from 39 to 90%

NH₃-N: from 10 to 84%

Carpenter et al. 2014

Gaborit et al. 2012

Continuously Monitored and Adaptive control (CMAC) Retrofits for Approved BMP Types

Not a new technology - relies on existing approved BMPs types for treatment, but has significant additional benefits:

Benefits of Continuous Monitoring

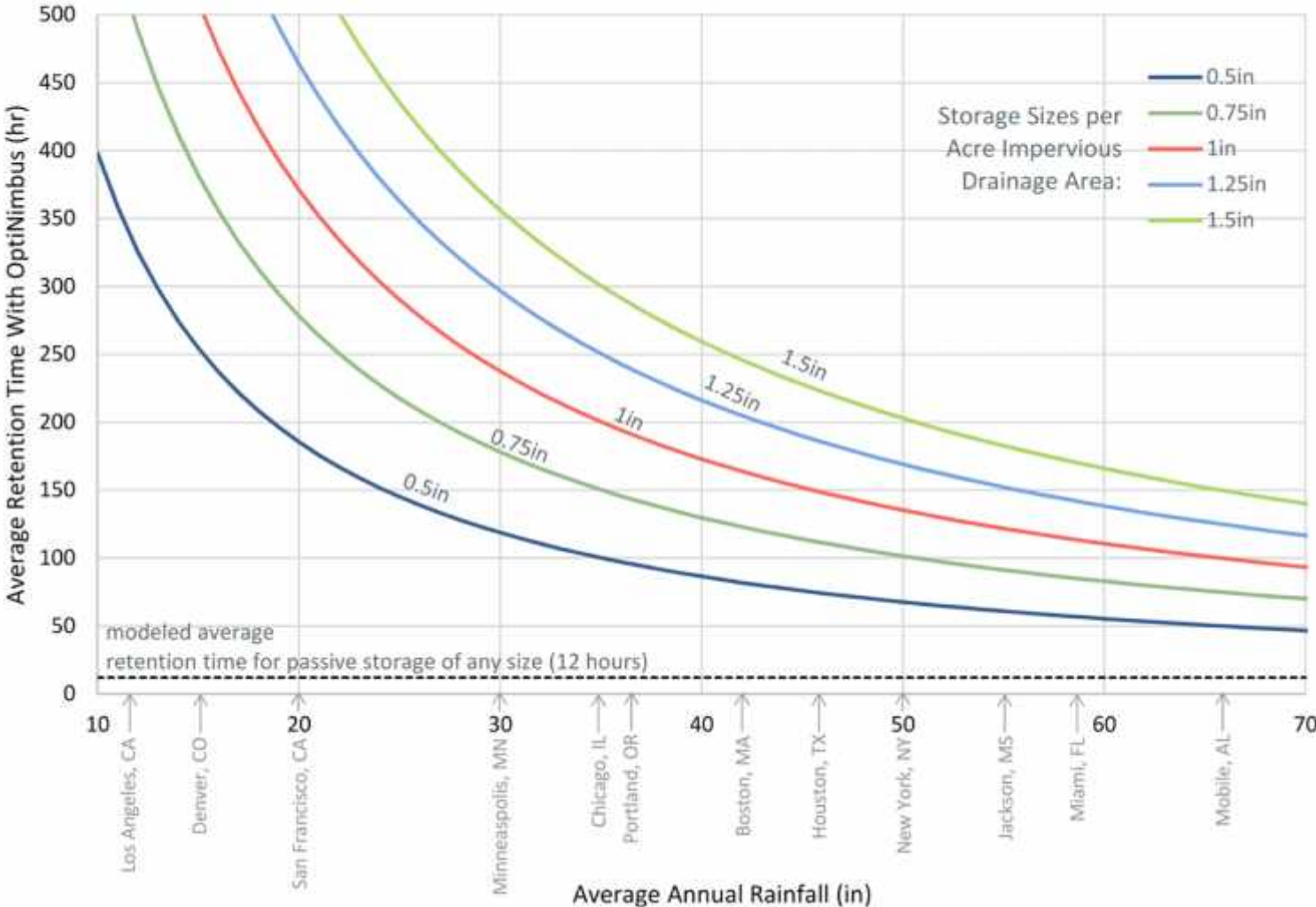
- Direct verification of performance.
- Auditable performance and supporting data without additional cost.
- Increasing uptime of facilities through notification of operational issues.
- Reduce maintenance costs without sacrificing performance.

Benefits of Adaptive Control

- Dramatically improving water quality from facilities by increasing residence time and/or improving unit process effectiveness (e.g., settling, denitrification).
- Reduce the frequency of flooding events.
- Enabling robust adaptable construction designs that are less dependant on site specific conditions.
- Allowing for updated operation to adapt systems to for future climatic conditions or changes in site characteristics.
- Utilizing an entire facilities storage volumes for the full range of storm event sizes.
- Intelligently detain flows in combined sewer systems for release during non-critical periods.
- Restoring pre-development hydrology (i.e., flow-duration matching) by actively modulating release rates based on forecast information.
- Increasing the volume retained on site.
- Maintaining ecological base flows.
- Allowing for changes to operation without major redesign or reconstruction.

Average Retention Time by Annual Rainfall

Average Retention Time vs. Average Annual Rainfall



Each NCDC station modeled has an average annual rainfall

The results show a very strong correlation between long term average retention time and average annual rainfall for each site

This plot shows the regression lines for each storage size, allowing for estimating possible retention times based on average rainfall, with Opti active discharge

Passive discharge scenarios achieve only 12 hours retention time, on average, because most storms do not fill the storage unit

Some CMAC Facility Types

Conversion Types

- Dry Pond to Wet Pond

- Wet Pond to Wet Extended Detention Pond

Enhancements

- Wet Extended Detention Ponds

- Bioretention

- Wetlands

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- Infiltration Facilities

- Many others...

Let's look at a specific example.

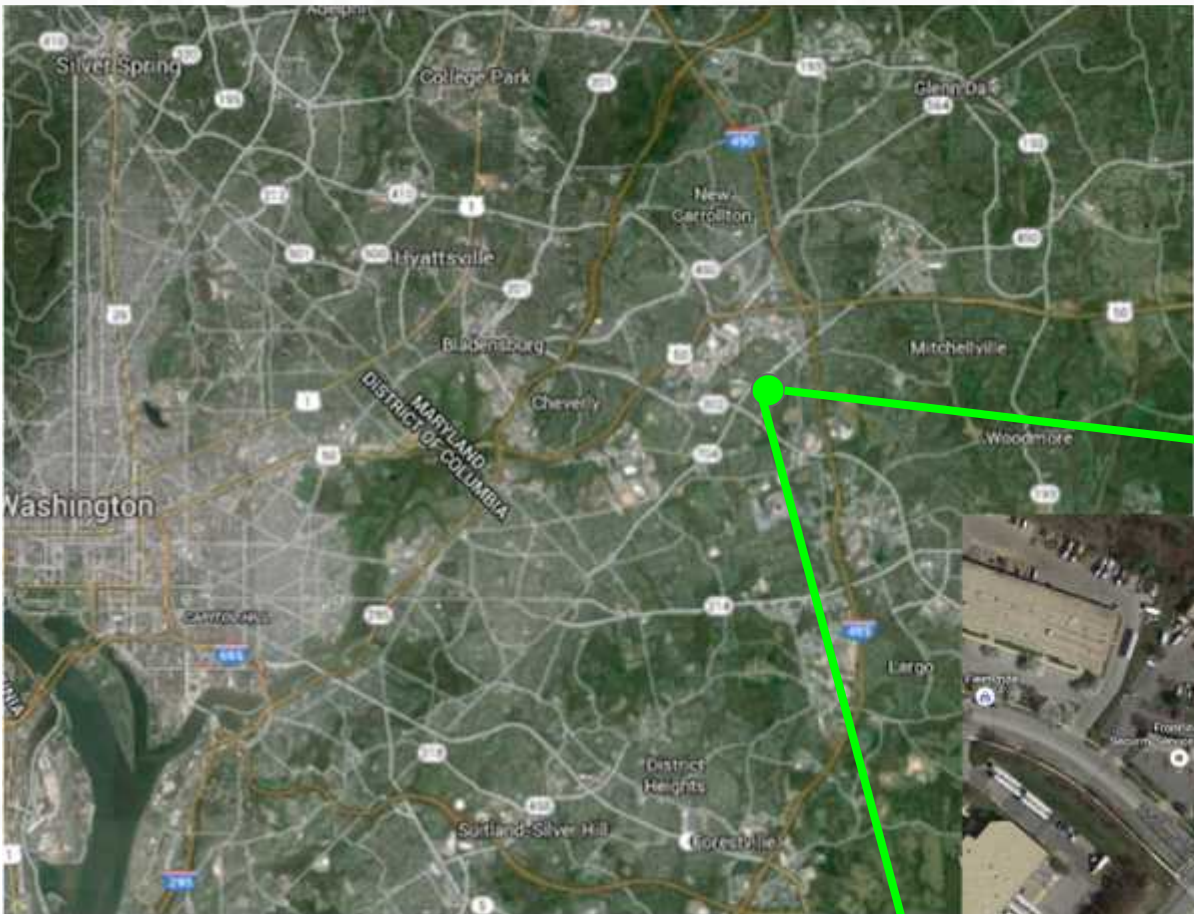
Frost Pond - Prince George's County, MD

NFWF and Washington Council of Governments funded project in the Anacostia Watershed to address nutrients through retrofit of existing facilities with CMAC.

Three sites: Prince George's County, MD; Montgomery County, MD; Washington, DC

Frost Pond in Prince George's County has been fully deployed and is operational.

Location of Frost Pond - Glenarden, MD



60.27 Acre Drainage Area

19.15 Ac Imperviousness

Approx. 0.5 ac Dry Pond
built in 1988



Frost Pond - Glenarden, MD



Frost Pond - Conventional Retrofit

Storm Water Management Retrofit Evaluation								
Pond No.: 02_87216A_01			Pond Name: Frost Property Pond # 1			Date: 6/7/12		
ADC Map: 13D08			Address: Mueserbush Court & Barlowe Road			Rating: C		
Pond Ownership: DPWT			Subwatershed: Washington Metropolitan Area					
Lat/Long: 1349326.7108 460068.3144			Sub-Catchment: Anacostia River					
MDE HUC 12 NO.: 021402050816			Watershed Impairment: Yes - Anacostia					
Year Constructed: 1988								
Notes:								
Online pond, though there is enough area to grade wet cells, while maintaining WUS								
BMP Description:								
		Drainage Area (acres)	Pond Surface Area (sq ft)	Impervious Cover (I)		Does Facility Meet MDE 2001 Water Quality Req.	Adequate ROW	Adequate Access
Existing BMP Type				Acres	%			
Extended Detention Dry Pond		60.27	28629	19.15	31.77%	No	Yes	Yes
Water Quality Volume (WQv) Required for New ¹ Development:								
Acre-feet	Cubic Feet	Depth of excavation to provide Wq ^v		Proposed Retrofit	Notes			
1.69	73488	3.21		Wet Pond / Shallow	Create wet pools while maintaining WUS			
WQv Calculation:								
PE (Rainfall Target, in inches): 1								
RV (Runoff Volume) = 0.05_0.009(I), where I is % Impervious Cover:								
QE (Runoff Depth in inches to be treated QE = PE*RV)								
WQv = (PE)(RV)(A)/12, where A is the DA in acres								
¹ Determined by multiplying the pond surface area by a factor of 0.80 to account for side slopes, then dividing by the WQv								
Projected Retrofit Cost:				\$303,153				

Conventional Retrofit - Excavate 3.21' to create 1.69 ac-ft of storage

Frost Pond - Conventional Retrofit

Cost Breakdown Worksheet:						
Pond No.: 02_87216A_01				Date: 6/7/2012		
Item	Unit cost (\$)		Est. Quantity		Sub-Total(\$)	Notes
Clearing/Grubbing/Disposal*	\$7,000	ac	0.79	ac	\$5,521	
Erosion/Sediment Control	\$8,000	ac	0.79	ac	\$6,309	
Excavation/On-Site Disposal	\$60	cy		cy	\$0	
Excavation/Off-Site Disposal	\$100	cy	2721.79	cy	\$272,179	
Amended Soil Mix	\$110	cy		cy	\$0	
Gravel Media	\$60	cy		cy	\$0	
PVC Underdrain (6 in)	\$25	lf		lf	\$0	
Concrete Pipe Work	\$200	lf		lf	\$0	
Concrete Manhole	\$3,000	ea		ea	\$0	
Concrete Riser	\$5,000	ea	1.00	ea	\$5,000	
Concrete Barrel	\$250	lf	16.00	lf	\$4,000	
Drain/ED Valves	\$900	ea		ea	\$0	
Rip-Rap (Class 1)	\$60	sy	20.00	sy	\$1,200	Stabilization within BMP
Geo-Tex Fabric	\$3	sy		sy	\$0	
Reinforced Concrete	\$1,000	cy		cy	\$0	
Landscape/Reforestation	\$5,000	ac	0.79	ac	\$3,943	
Misc.	\$5,000	ea	1.00	ea	\$5,000	Forebay Weir/berm
				Total	\$303,153	

* Multiplied Pond Surface area by 1.2 to account for access roads, embankments, and adjacent areas.

Conventional Retrofit - \$303,153

Frost Pond - CMAC Retrofit



Creates >2 ac-ft of
WQV from CMAC



Frost Pond Summary of ROI Calculations

Lifecycle Costs - Including Consulting, Design, and Construction

Cost Summary	Opti (Actual)	Passive (From Contractor Bid)	Difference (Passive - RTC)/Passive
Total Capital Cost	\$26,000	\$303,000	>10 times less expensive
Annual O&M Including CMAC Services	\$10,760	\$760	
Present Value of 25 year Lifecycle Cost	\$177,650	\$313,700	43%

References:

O&M Costs from MDE

(http://www.mde.state.md.us/programs/Water/TMDL/TMDLImplementation/Documents/FINAL_PhaseII_Report_Docs/Final_Documents_PhaseII/Appendix_C_PhIIWIP_Cost_Funding_Studies_101512.pdf)

Construction Costs from Opti and from a comparison bid for passive infrastructure.

Efficiency - Standard Design Packages

OPTI NIMBUS DESIGN PACKAGE



DETAIL IDENTIFICATION LEGEND

1 - GENERAL DETAIL
2 - ULTRASONIC SENSOR ASSEMBLY

LIST OF DRAWINGS

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3	LEVEL SENSOR ASSEMBLY
4	ELECTRICAL ENCLOSURE

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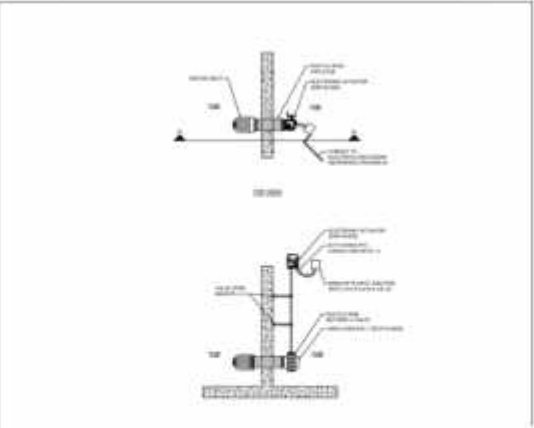
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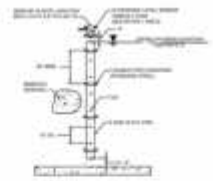
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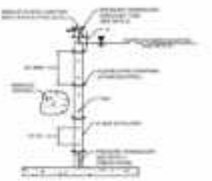




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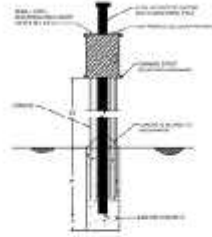
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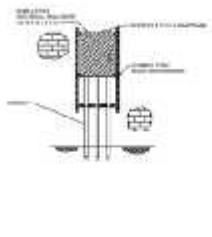
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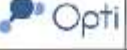


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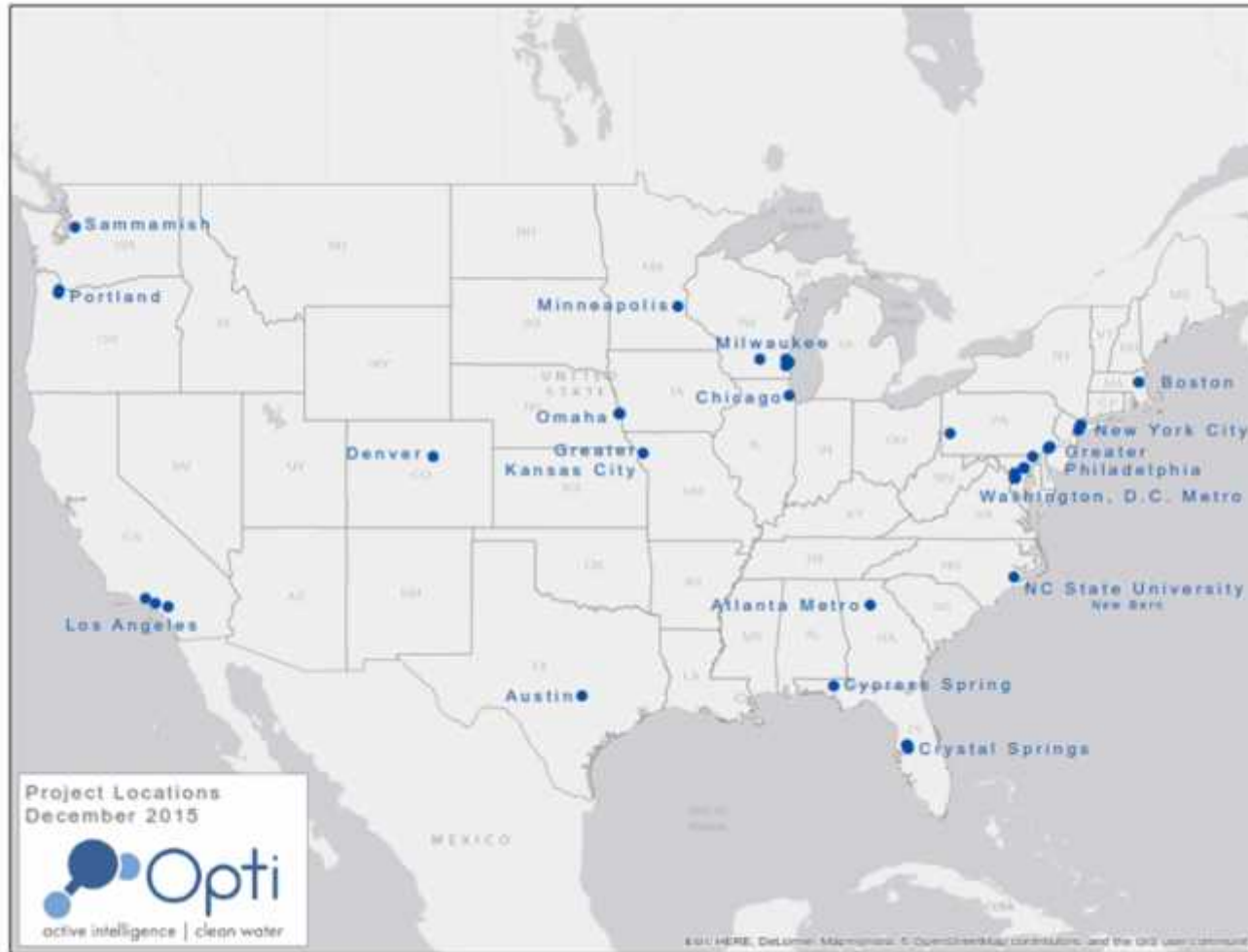
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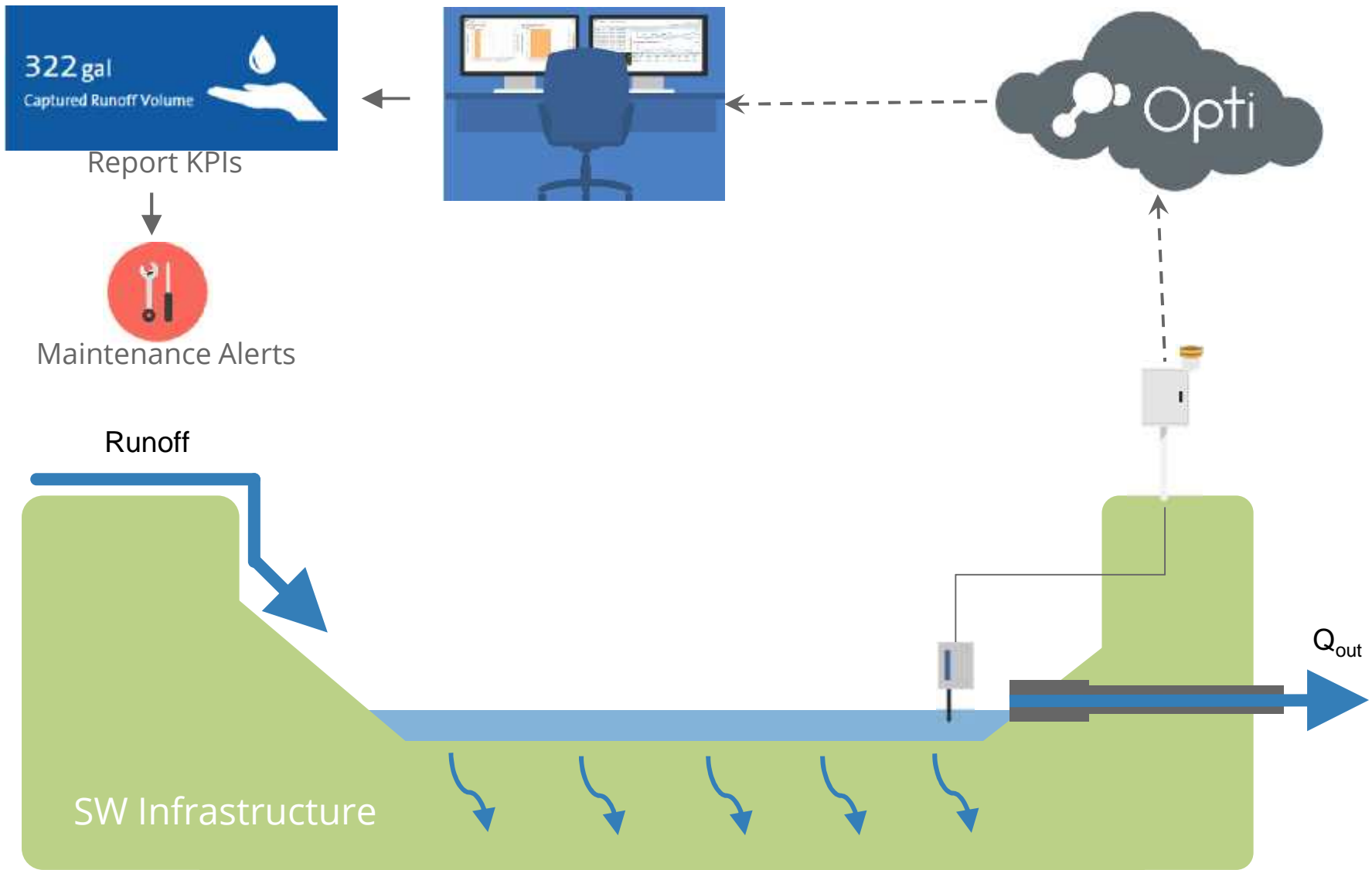


Over 100 Deployments Nationwide

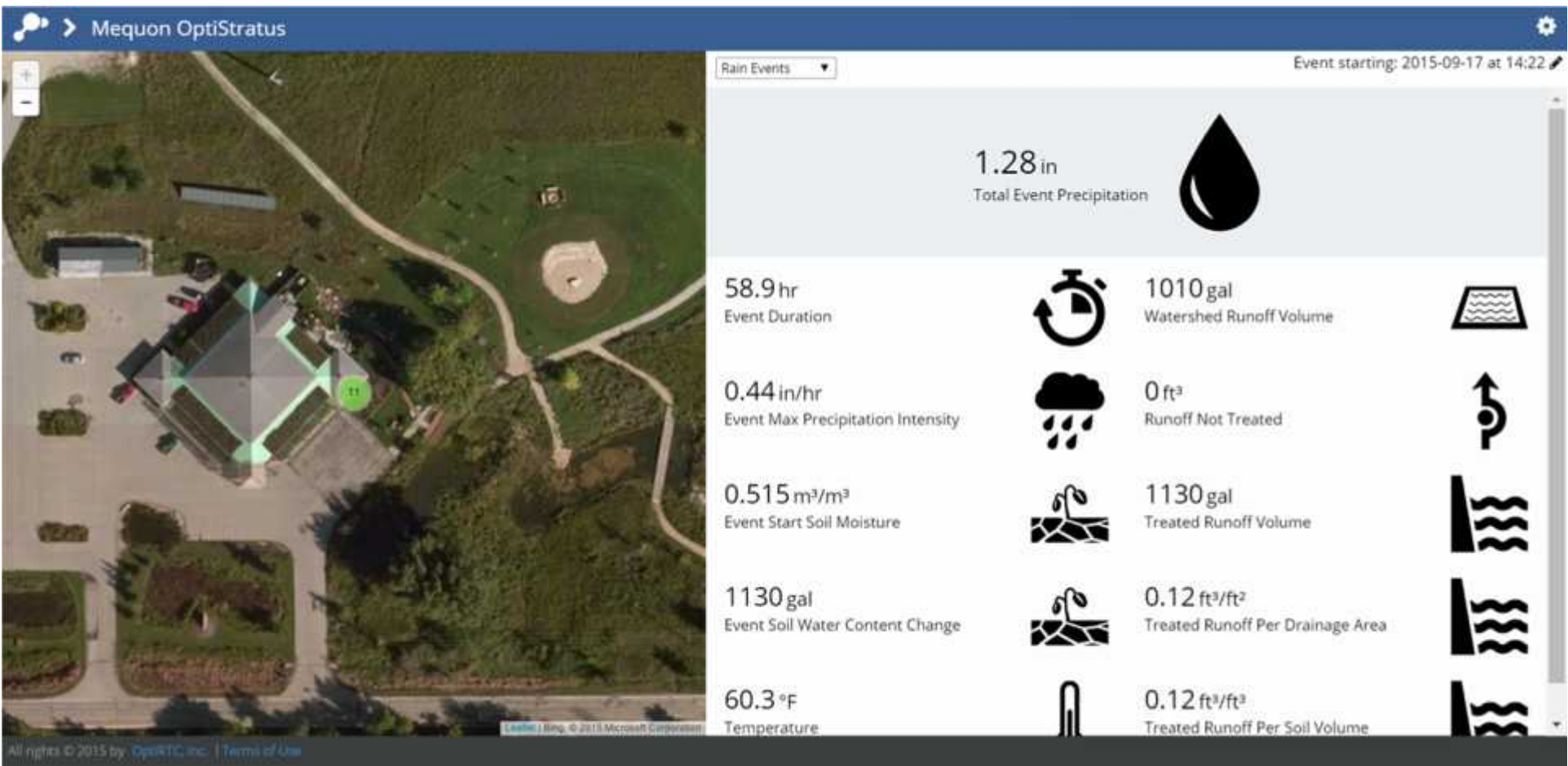
Adaptive control optimizes the function of existing and new stormwater assets and dramatically improves ROI.

Applies also to:
Combined Sewer Overflows, Flow Control,
Flood Control, and Stream Restoration.

Continuous Performance Monitoring



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Quantitative and Verifiable Reporting Data

Continuous monitoring reduces uncertainty and allows for improved pricing and risk reduction by better quantifying performance risk as well as compliance risk.

Directly informs future capital expenditures and can reduce maintenance costs.

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