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Strategies for Identifying and Claiming NPDES MS4 Impervious Acres Restoration Credit

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Background

- What is NPDES?
- What is Restoration Credit?
- How is credit achieved?

Introduction

• MDE requirements:

- Develop and implement restoration strategies for controlling pollution in stormwater.
- Treat polluted stormwater runoff from at least 20% of the total untreated impervious areas.



Introduction – Continue

- Traditional strategy:
 - New water quality BMPs, or
 - Retrofitting water quantity BMPs.
- Identifying impervious areas that are already being treated:
 - Existing operational programs; or
 - Ordinances



Source of Credits

 Legislative compliance: Restoration through Redevelopment



Source of Credits

 Existing operational programs: Inlet Cleaning, Street Sweeping, Street Beautification

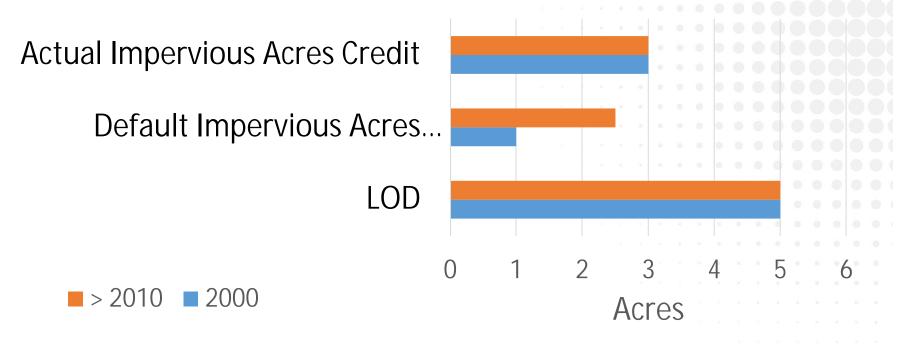


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 Alternative Methods - Removal of Septic Systems, Septic Pumping



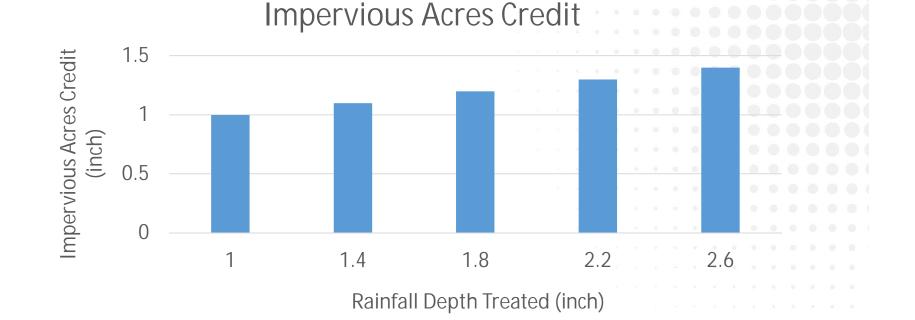
- Redevelopment Activities
 - State regulations required treatment for:
 - In Era 2000: twenty percent of existing impervious areas.
 - In Era 2010: fifty percent of existing impervious areas.
 - Additional credit may be granted.



- Redevelopment Activities
 - Installation of New BMPs for the project that meets or exceeds the regulatory requirements for redevelopment

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Water quality volume treated in excess of 1-inch will receive extra credit



Capturing Restoration Credits – Example

- Redevelopment Activities
 - Track existing and new impervious





 Existing operational programs: Inlet Cleaning, Street Sweeping, and Channel (concrete or earthen) Cleaning

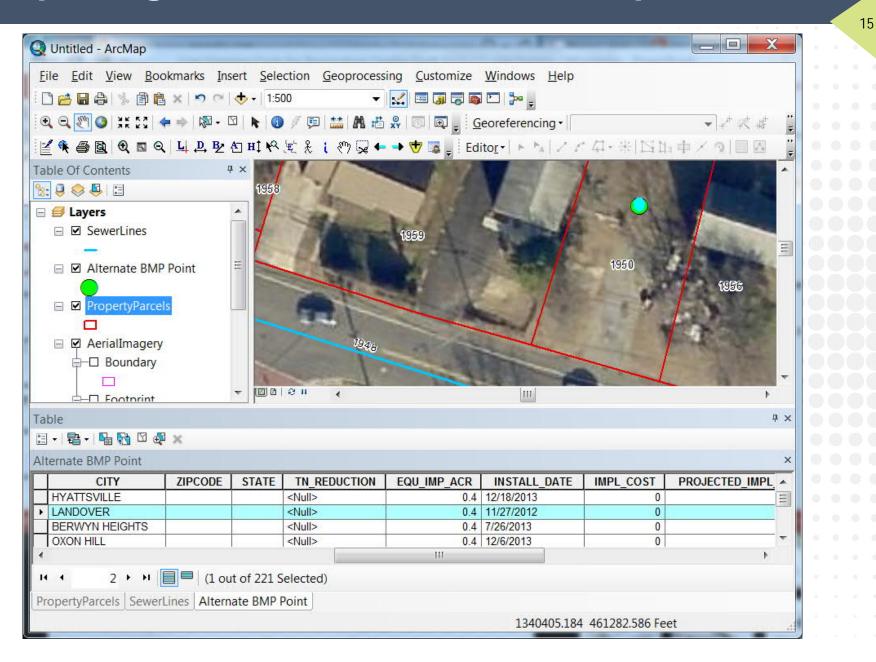
- One impervious acres credit for every 2.5 tons of pollutant removed
- Records of the dump tickets and schedule of the routes could be used to obtain the data
- Total tons removed can be aggregated based on the Census Tract

- Existing operational programs: street beautification
 - One acre impervious credit can be claimed by planting 263 trees.



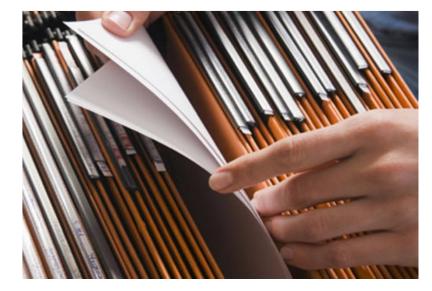
- Alternative Practices: Septic Pumping, Septic Denitrification, and Septic Connections to Sewer.
 - MDE provides:
 - 0.03 impervious acres credits for one septic pumping
 - 0.26 impervious acres credits for installation of septic denitrification system, and
 - 0.39 impervious acres credits for septic connection to sewer

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Capturing Restoration Credits – Example

- Existing operational programs:
 - Data Mining
 - Records Searching







Impervious Acres Credit can be claimed from the existing programs or operation.

- May provide financial relief, and
- Reduce the gap between treated acres and the targeted treatment acres.

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