

**AGREEMENT FOR  
STORM WATER SYSTEM MAINTENANCE**

This Agreement is made on October 1, 2019, by LRH Development, LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability Company, whose address is Signature Square II, Suite 300, 25101 Chagrin Blvd. Beachwood, OH 44122 ("Owner"), and the CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS (the "City"), whose address is 1000 Rochester Hills Drive, Rochester Hills, MI 48309.

WHEREAS, Owner owns and proposes to develop the Property described in attached Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the proposed development of the Property will alter the natural flow of surface and storm water drainage; and

WHEREAS, Owner has proposed, and the City has approved, a storm water drainage and detention system (the "System") comprised of storm water detention and water quality treatment facilities, storm sewer pipe, catch basins, manholes for the Property as described and depicted in the Storm Water System Plan attached as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the parties will benefit from the proper operation, use and maintenance of the System and enter into this agreement to provide for the same.

THEREFORE, the parties agree:

**1. Use of the System:**

Components of the System, including any and all water conveyance, detention and water quality treatment facilities, storm sewer pipe, catch basins, manholes, shall be used solely for the purpose of conveying, detaining and treating storm and surface drainage on the property until such time as: (i) The City determines and notifies Owner or Owner's successors, grantees or assigns, in writing, that it is no longer necessary to convey, detain or treat the storm and surface drainage; and (ii) An adequate alternative for conveying, detaining and treating storm and surface drainage has been provided which is acceptable to the City and which includes the granting of any easements to the City or third parties as may be required or necessary for the alternative drainage system.

**2. Maintenance:**

A. Owner shall be responsible for the proper maintenance, repair and replacement of the System and all parts thereof as detailed in the Maintenance Plan attached as Exhibit C.

B. Proper maintenance of the System shall include, but is not limited to: (i) Removing accumulated sediment, trash and debris; (ii) Maintaining storm sewer and structures; (iii) Controlling the effects of erosion; (iv) Inspection of storm sewer structures and pipes for structural integrity; (v) Inspection and cleaning of the storm sewer and catch basins upstream from the detention system; and (vi) Any other maintenance that is reasonable and necessary to facilitate and continue the proper operation and use of the System.

**3. Action by City:**

If, at any time, Owner or Owner's successors, grantees or assigns neglect or fail to properly maintain the System or any part thereof, the City may notify Owner or Owner's successors, grantees or assigns. The notice shall be in writing and shall list and describe maintenance deficiencies and demand that they be corrected within thirty (30) days.

The notice shall further specify a date and place for a hearing to be held at least fourteen (14) days after the date of the notice before the City Council, or such other board or official as the City Council may designate. At the hearing, the City Council (or other designated board or official) may affirm or modify the list and description of maintenance deficiencies and, for good cause shown, may extend the time for the deficiencies to be corrected.

Thereafter, if the maintenance deficiencies are not corrected within the time allowed, the City may undertake the necessary corrective actions, and the City may maintain the System for up to one (1) year. Such maintenance of the System by the City shall not be construed to be a trespass or a taking of the Property, nor shall the City's actions vest in the public any right to enter or use the Property. Thereafter, if Owner or Owner's successors, grantees or assigns do not properly maintain the System, the City may, after providing similar written notice, schedule and hold another hearing to determine whether the City should maintain the System for another year, and subject to a similar notice, hearing and determination in subsequent years.

In the event the City determines an emergency condition caused by or relating to the System threatens the public health, safety or general welfare, the City shall have the right to immediately and without notice enter the Property and undertake appropriate corrective action.

4. **Charges:**

The City shall charge to the current owner of the Property the cost of maintenance or other corrective action undertaken by the City under this agreement, plus a ten percent (10%) administrative fee. If not timely paid, the City may place the charges on the City's tax roll, which charges shall be a lien on the real property and shall be collectable and enforceable in the same manner general property taxes are collected and enforced.

5. **Notice:**

Any notices required under this agreement shall be sent by certified mail to the address for each party set forth below, or to such other addresses as such party may notify the other parties in writing:

To LRH Development, LLC: Signature Square II, Suite 300,  
25101 Chagrin Blvd.  
Beachwood, OH 44122

To the City: City Clerk  
City of Rochester Hills  
1000 Rochester Hills Drive  
Rochester Hills, MI 48309

6. **Successors and Assigns:**

This agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors, grantees and assigns. The benefits, burdens, rights, obligations and responsibilities hereunder shall run with the land and shall bind all current and future owners of the Property and any divisions thereof.

7. **Recording of Agreement:**

This agreement shall be recorded at the Oakland County Register of Deeds.

LRH Development, LLC, a  
Michigan Limited Liability Company

By: [Signature]

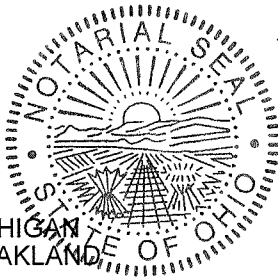
CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS

By: Bryan K. Barnett, Mayor

By: Tina Barton, Clerk

STATE OF OHIO  
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

This agreement was acknowledged before me on October 1, 2019, by Eric Bell a manager of LRH Development, LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability Company, on its behalf.



PETER C. NINTCHEFF  
Attorney At Law  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
STATE OF OHIO Peter Nintcheff, Notary public  
Cuyahoga County, Ohio  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_  
No Expiration Date  
Section 147.03 O.R.C.

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND

This agreement was acknowledged before me on \_\_\_\_\_, by Bryan K. Barnett, Mayor, and Tina Barton, Clerk, of the City of Rochester Hills, on behalf of the City.

Drafted By:  
Emil Bunek, PE  
PEA, Inc.  
2430 Rochester Ct., Suite 100  
Troy, MI 48083

\_\_\_\_\_, Notary public  
\_\_\_\_\_, County, Michigan

When Recorded Return to:  
City Clerk  
City of Rochester Hills  
1000 Rochester Hills Drive  
Rochester Hills, MI 48309

John Starow  
Approved 10/10/19

**EXHIBIT A**  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION – STORM WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:**

(Per Vanguard Title Company, File No. VG204608, Effective May 4, 2018)

Land situated in the City of Rochester Hills, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, more particularly described as:

**PARCEL 15-29-101-022**

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town 3 North, Range 11 East, City of Rochester Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, and also more particularly described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 29; thence along the North line of said Section 29, as monumented, N88°07'26"E, 841.63 feet to a point on the Easterly line of "Clinton River Valley No. 1", as recorded in Liber 180 of plats, Page 30, Oakland County Records; thence along said Easterly line, S01°49'58"W, 100.21 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence N88°07'26"E, 345.01 feet; thence S13°48'42"E, 268.87 feet; thence N76°11'18"E, 100.76 feet; thence S37°22'04"E, 132.46 feet; thence S13°48'42"E, 132.98 feet to the North line of Hamlin Road (variable width), as recorded in Liber 15473, Page 434 (on page 436), Oakland County Records; thence along said North line the following four (4) courses: 1) S76°11'18"W, 1,002.92 feet; 2) S82°16'37"W, 75.43 feet; 3) S76°11'18"W, 300.00 feet AND 4) N47°24'39"W, 47.53 feet to the east line of Adams Road (variable width), as recorded in Liber 15473, Page 434 (on page 436), Oakland County Records; thence along said East line the following (4) courses: 1) 313.82 feet along an arc of a curve to the left, having a radius of 3909.72 feet and a chord bearing N01°58'51"E, 313.74 feet; 2) N00°19'07"W, 85.35 feet; 3) N09°45'18"W, 133.16 feet AND 4) N02°09'47"W, 172.54 feet to the South line of the aforementioned "Clinton River Valley No. 1"; thence along said South line, N88°30'52"E, 774.10 feet to the Southeasterly corner of said "Clinton River Valley No. 1"; thence along the aforementioned Easterly line of said "Clinton River Valley No. 1", N01°49'58"E, 26.57 feet to the Point of Beginning.

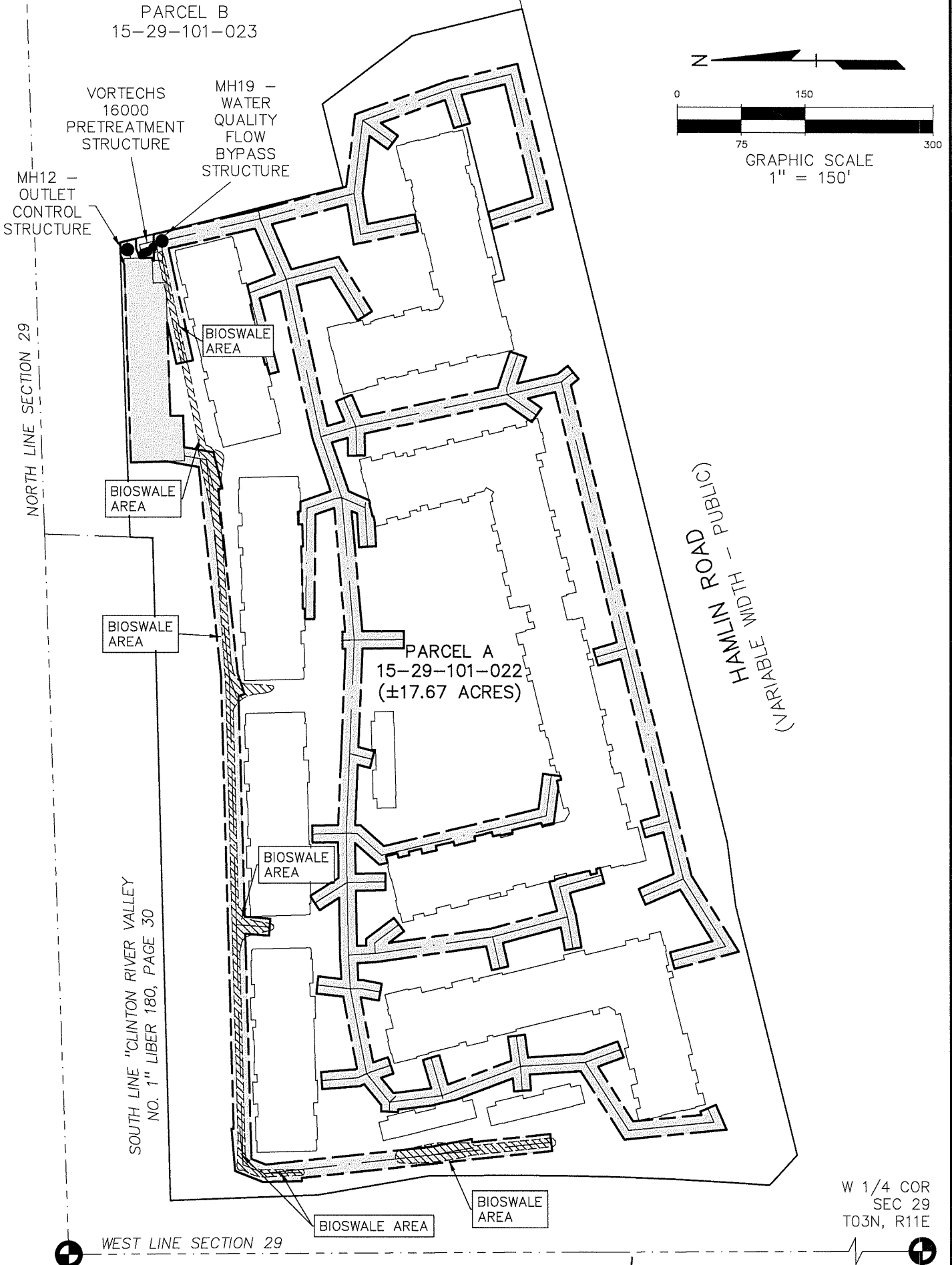
*Jenny M.  
Approved 10/16/19*

<b>CLIENT:</b> Goldberg Companies, INC. 25101 Chagrin Boulevard Beachwood, Ohio 44122	SCALE:     —	JOB No: 2017-037
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N 1/4 COR  
SEC 29  
T03N, R11E

# EXHIBIT B PHYSICAL LIMITS OF STORM WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



NW COR  
SEC 29  
T03N, R11E

ADAMS ROAD  
(VARIABLE WIDTH - PUBLIC)

Approved  
ARS 9/17/19

CLIENT:  
**Goldberg Companies, INC.**  
25101 Chagrin Boulevard  
Beachwood, Ohio 44122

SCALE: 1" = 150'

JOB No: 2017-037

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**EXHIBIT 'C'**

**OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL**

**Legacy Rochester Hills  
STORMWATER MAINTENANCE PLAN  
ROCHESTER HILLS, MICHIGAN**

**PROPERTY OWNER:  
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Contact: Mr. Stan Jakse**

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Sept. 12, 2019

# **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL**

## **INTRODUCTION:**

This manual identifies the ownership, operation and maintenance responsibilities for all stormwater management systems including the treatment and detention basins, underground storm sewer system as incorporated into and detailed on the approved Construction Plans as prepared by PEA, Inc. In order to comply with the local best management practices (BMP) and requirements, this manual should serve as a minimum performance standard. This manual should be retained intact and read in its entirety by all parties responsible for the operations and maintenance of the on-site BMP's.

## **OWNER:**

Mr. Stan Jakse  
LRH Development LLC  
27777 Franklin Road, Suite 2500  
Southfield, MI 48034

Phone: 216-831-6100 ext. 239

## **PROPERTY INFORMATION:**

This Operations and Maintenance Manual covers the storm water systems located at the following subject property:

## **LEGAL DESCRIPTION:**

(see Exhibit 'A' of the Storm Water Maintenance Agreement)

## **STORMWATER MAINTENANCE EXHIBIT:**

Exhibit 'B' of the Storm Water Maintenance Agreement is the Storm Water System Plan which provides a clear presentation of all components of the storm water system. This system is subject to the long-term operation and maintenance responsibilities detailed in this manual. The system includes:

- Storm sewer pipes
- Storm sewer structures (manholes, inlets, catch basins etc.)
- Outlet control structures
- Swales
- Pre-Treatment Device (CDS)
- Bio-Detention Areas (bioswales)

## **INSPECTIONS:**

The frequency of system inspections outlined in the manual and attached exhibits should be considered the minimum, if no events warrant additional inspections. The frequency of inspections should be fine-tuned over time as system specific conditions are better known and the rate at which certain maintenance operations need to be performed is better understood. Maintenance Inspection Checklists are provided for each of the BMP's in this system. Inspections should be performed by personnel responsible for maintenance and may need to be certified for confined space entry, depending on the component being inspected. Operation of the detention system, outlet control structures and pre-treatment devices may need to be inspected by a practicing civil engineer familiar with their operation.

Records of all routine inspections and any work performed on the system for maintenance, repair or replacement should be maintained by the owner and kept for a minimum of ten (10) years. A copy of all records should be provided to the

City of Rochester Hills Engineering Division. The records should include this manual, all inspection sheets, approved construction plans and as-built documents, a maintenance log of work performed to the system(s) and contact information for the system inspector, civil engineer, landscape architect, geotechnical engineer and contractor involved with the system.

### **STORM WATER SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE:**

Regular inspection and maintenance of BMP's are necessary if these facilities are to consistently perform up to expectations. Stormwater systems are expected to perform quality and quantity control functions as long as the land use they serve exists. Failure to maintain these systems can create the following adverse impacts:

- Increased pollutants to surrounding surface water features
- Potential loss of life or property resulting from catastrophic failure of the facility
- Aesthetic or nuisance conditions, such as mosquitoes or reduced property values due to a degraded facility appearance.

Most of these impacts can be avoided through proper and timely inspection and maintenance. A major concern associated with these impacts is the general public's expectations related to the quality of life provided, in part, by construction of these systems. Inadequate maintenance means the general public may have a false sense of security. The most common cause of stormwater system failure is the lack of adequate and proper operation, inspection, maintenance and management.

Good design and construction can reduce subsequent maintenance needs and costs, but they can not eliminate the need for maintenance altogether. Maintenance requires a long term commitment of time, money, personnel and equipment. Monitoring the overall performance of the stormwater management system is a major aspect of any maintenance program.

The maintenance responsibilities for these systems lie with the current property owner and transfer with the property in perpetuity. If maintenance of the system is not performed, the City of Rochester Hills reserves the right to enter the property and perform all necessary work at the property owners' cost. Refer to the *Agreement for Storm Water System Maintenance* for additional details.

### **General Maintenance Items:**

#### **Parking Lot Sweeping:**

Routine sweeping of all paved surfaces provides a more attractive appearance and removes accumulations of sediment and trash that tend to migrate into stormwater management systems during rainfall events. Parking lot sweeping should be performed quarterly or as necessary to limit sediment and trash build-up.

#### **Grass Mowing and Maintenance:**

Mowing requirements at a facility should be designed to the specific site conditions, grass types and seasonal variations in climate. Grassed areas require periodic fertilizing, de-thatching and soil conditioning in order to maintain healthy growth. Provisions will need to be made to reseed and reestablish grass cover in areas damaged by sediment accumulation, stormwater flow, erosion or other causes. Dead turf will need to be replaced after being discovered. Inspection of the grass areas and other landscaping features should be made annually.

#### **Trash and Debris Removal:**

Removal of trash and debris from all areas of the property should be performed monthly. Removal of these items will prevent damage to vegetated areas and eliminate their potential to inhibit the operation of any of the stormwater

management systems. Sediment, debris and trash that are removed and collected should be disposed of according to local, State and Federal regulations at suitable disposal and/or recycling centers.

### **Stormwater System Maintenance Items:**

The following narratives give an overview of the maintenance requirements of the different components of the stormwater system. The inspection checklists attached to this report offer a more complete listing of what should be inspected, when inspection should occur and the likely frequency of maintenance activities.

#### Storm Sewer and Structures:

Catch basins, inlets, manholes and sewer pipes should be inspected to check for sediment accumulation and clogging, floatable debris, dead vegetation etc. The structures and sewers should also be observed during a wet weather event to ensure their proper operation. Accumulated sediment and debris should be removed on an annual basis or as needed based on observed conditions. Structural repairs or maintenance should occur as needed based on observed conditions such as cracks, spalling, joint failure, leakage, misalignment or settlement of structures. A civil engineer should be retained if problems are thought to exist.

#### Swales:

The swales should be kept free of trash, debris or any other foreign matter that would inhibit drainage. The swale yard drain structures should be checked for structural integrity as mentioned above for the storm sewer structures, and any visible signs of erosion or flow bypassing the structure.

#### Stormwater Pre-Treatment Devices:

Refer to the attached maintenance manuals from the manufacturer for all inspection and maintenance requirements for the pre-treatment structures.

#### Bioswales:

The bioswales should be kept free of dead leaves and vegetation, trash, debris or any other foreign matter that would inhibit infiltration of runoff. The outlet control structures should be checked for structural integrity as mentioned above for the storm sewer structures, and any visible signs of erosion or flow bypassing the structures. The bioswales will trap sediment under normal conditions, so the amount of sediment should be monitored over time, and removed when the accumulated depth reaches 3-4" total. The planted vegetation within the bioswales should conform to that shown on the construction plan, and any invasive species should be removed. Regular lawn fertilizing and mowing should not occur within the bioswales at all. Mowing should cease at the top of bank for the bioswales. The operation of the bioswales including the outlet control structures should be observed during a wet weather event to ensure the proper functioning of the systems. A civil engineer should be retained if problems are thought to exist. The vegetation should be inspected for healthy growth by a landscape architect if the inspection personnel are not familiar with the specific plantings inside the bioretention areas.

The following pages include inspection checklists for the various devices and components listed above as well as the manufacturer's manuals for the stormwater pre-treatment structures.



## EXHIBIT "C"

### STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – PERMANENT MAINTENANCE

DATE/TIME OF INSPECTION: \_\_\_\_\_

INSPECTOR: \_\_\_\_\_

**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM  
MAINTENANCE TASKS AND SCHEDULE**

POST CONSTRUCTION

MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES MONITORING/INSPECTION	SYSTEM COMPONENTS	Catch Basins, Inlets, Manholes, and Outlet Control Structures	Storm Sewer Pipes	Rip Rap	Swale	Buffer Strips	Biodetention Areas	Underground Detention	Water Quality Bypass	Overflow Spillways	FREQUENCY	COMMENTS
Inspect for Sediment Accumulation		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	Annually	
Inspect for Floatables, dead vegetation and debris		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Annually	
Inspect for erosion				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Annually	
Inspect all components during wet weather and compare to as-built plans		X	X					X	X	X	Annually	
Inspect inside of structures and pipes for cracks, spalling, joint failure, settlement, sagging and misalignment.		X	X					X	X		Annually	
Inspect for invasive plant species							X				Annually	
<b>PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE</b>											Annually or as needed	
Remove accumulated sediment		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Annually or as needed	
Remove floatables, dead vegetation and debris		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Annually or as needed	
Professional application of herbicide for invasive species that may be present					X	X	X			X	Annually or as needed	
Repair erosion and/or reseed bare areas				X	X	X				X	Annually or as needed	
<b>REMEDIAL ACTIONS</b>												
Repair/stabilize areas of erosion				X	X	X	X			X	As Needed	
Structural Repairs		X	X							X	As Needed	
Make adjustments/repairs to ensure proper functioning		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	As Needed	

**SUMMARY:**

INSPECTORS REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

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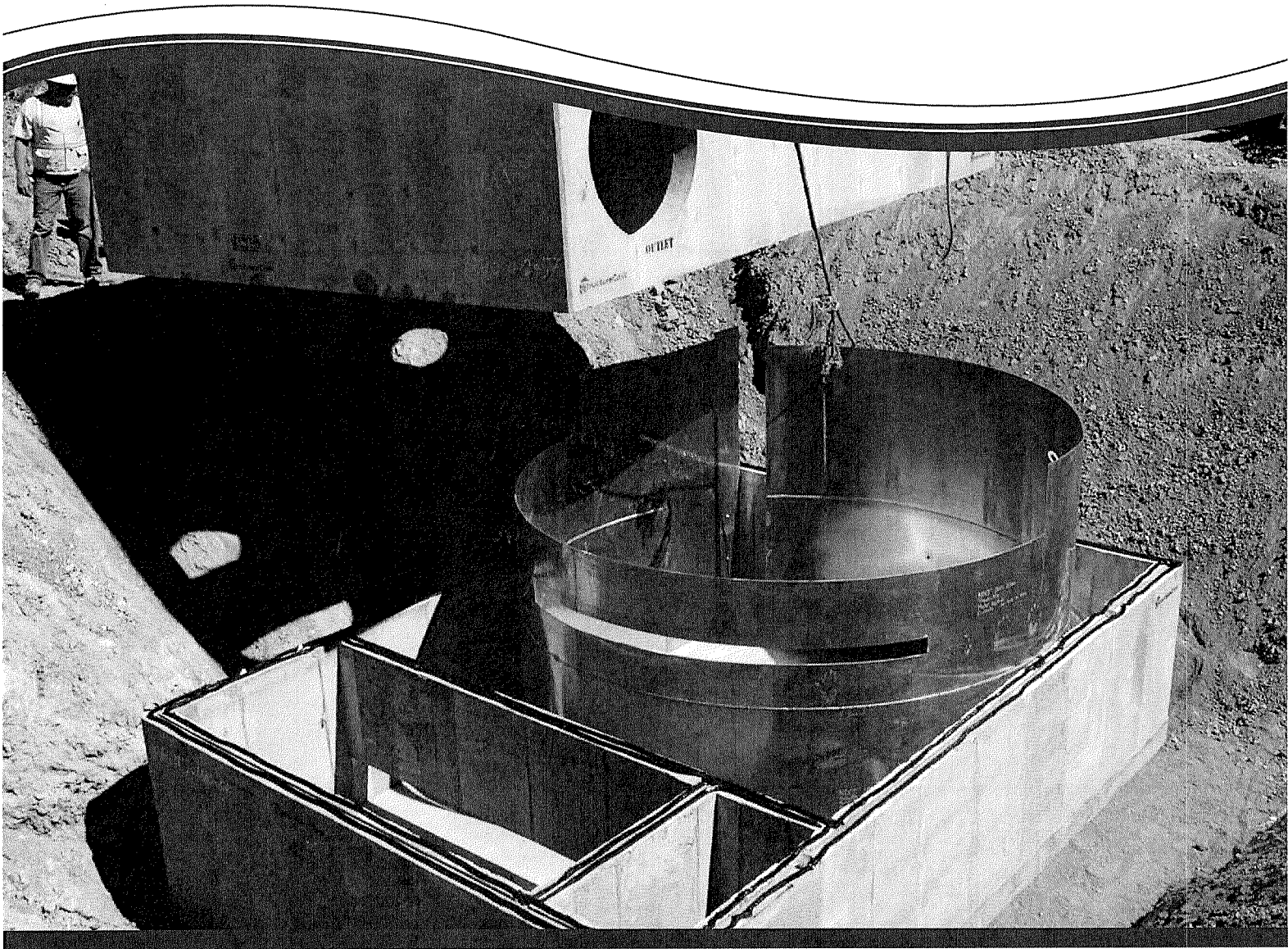
OVERALL CONDITION OF FACILITY: \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS NEEDED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATES ANY MAINTENANCE MUST BE COMPLETED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Vortechs<sup>®</sup> Guide Operation, Design, Performance and Maintenance



## Vortechs®

The Vortechs system is a high-performance hydrodynamic separator that effectively removes finer sediment (e.g. 50-microns ( $\mu\text{m}$ ), oil, and floating and sinking debris). The swirl concentration operation and flow controls work together to minimize turbulence and provide stable storage of captured pollutants. Precast models can treat peak design flows up to 30-cfs (850-L/s); cast-in-place models handle even greater flows. A typical system is sized to provide a specific removal efficiency of a predefined particle size distribution (PSD).

### Operation Overview

Stormwater enters the swirl chamber inducing a gentle swirling flow pattern and enhancing gravitational separation. Sinking pollutants stay in the swirl chamber while floatables are stopped at the baffle wall. Vortechs systems are usually sized to efficiently treat the frequently occurring runoff events and are primarily controlled by the low flow control orifice. This orifice effectively reduces inflow velocity and turbulence by inducing a slight backwater that is appropriate to the site.

During larger storms, the water level rises above the low flow control orifice and begins to flow through the high flow control. Any layer of floating pollutants is elevated above the invert of the Floatables Baffle Wall, preventing release. Swirling action increases in relation to the storm intensity, while sediment pile remains stable. When the storm drain is flowing at peak capacity, the water surface in the system approaches the top of the high flow control. The Vortechs system will be sized large enough so that previously captured pollutants are retained in the system, even during these infrequent events.

As a storm subsides, treated runoff decants out of the Vortechs system at a controlled rate, restoring the water level to a dry-weather level equal to the invert of the inlet pipe. The low water level facilitates easier inspection and cleaning, and significantly reduces maintenance costs by reducing pump-out volume.

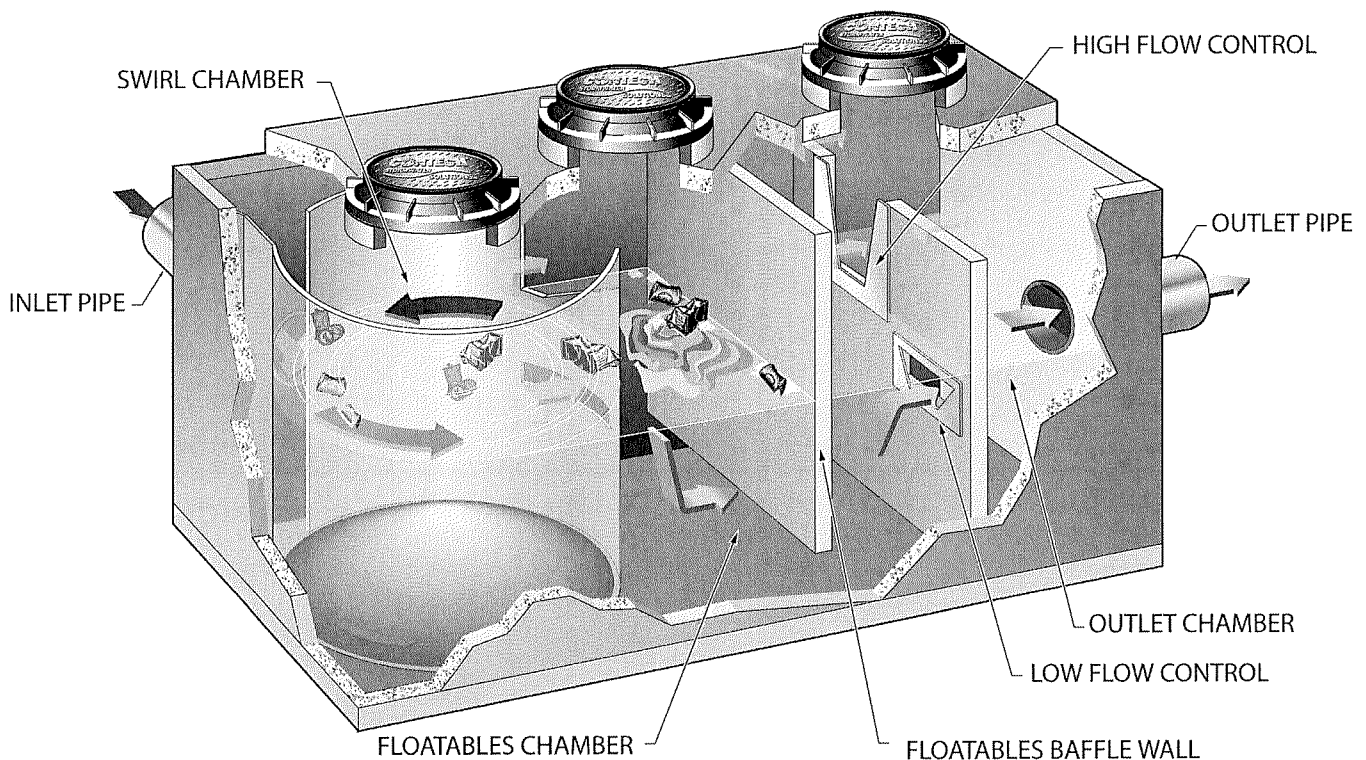
### Design Basics

Each Vortechs system is custom designed based on site size, site runoff coefficient, regional precipitation intensity distribution, and anticipated pollutant characteristics. There are two primary methods of sizing a Vortechs system. The first is to determine which model size provides the desired removal efficiency at a given flow for a defined particle size or PSD. The second and more in depth method is the summation of Rational Rainfall Method™ which uses a summation process described below in detail and is used when a specific removal efficiency of the net annual sediment load is required.

Typically Vortechs systems are designed to achieve an 80% annual solids load reduction based on lab generated performance curves for either 50- $\mu\text{m}$  particles, or a particle gradation found in typical urban runoff (see performance section of this manual for more information).

#### The Rational Rainfall Method™

Differences in local climate, topography and scale make every site hydraulically unique. It is important to take these factors into consideration when estimating the long-term performance of any stormwater treatment system. The Rational Rainfall Method combines site-specific information with laboratory generated performance data, and local historical precipitation records to estimate removal efficiencies as accurately as possible.



Short duration rain gauge records from across the United States and Canada were analyzed to determine the percent of the total annual rainfall that fell at a range of intensities. US stations' depths were totaled every 15 minutes or hourly and recorded in 0.01-inch increments. Depths were recorded hourly with 1-mm resolution at Canadian stations. One trend was consistent at all sites; the vast majority of precipitation fell at low intensities and high intensity storms contributed relatively little to the total annual depth.

These intensities, along with the total drainage area and runoff coefficient for each specific site, are translated into flow rates using the Rational Rainfall Method. Since most sites are relatively small and highly impervious, the Rational Rainfall Method is appropriate. Based on the runoff flow rates calculated for each intensity, operating rates within a proposed Vortechs system are determined. Performance efficiency curve determined from full scale laboratory tests on defined sediment PSDs is applied to calculate solids removal efficiency. The relative removal efficiency at each operating rate is added to produce a net annual pollutant removal efficiency estimate.

Once a system size is established, the internal elements of the system are designed based on information provided by the site engineer. Flow control sizes and shapes, sump depth, oil spill storage capacity, sediment storage volume and inlet and outlet orientation are determined for each system. In addition, bypass weir calculations are made for off-line systems.

## Flow Control Calculations

### Low Flow Control

The low flow control, or orifice, is typically sized to submerge the inlet pipe when the Vortechs system is operating at 20% of its treatment capacity. The orifice is typically a Cippoletti shaped aperture defined by its flat crest and sides which incline outwardly at a slope of 1 horizontal to 4 vertical.

$$Q_{\text{orifice}} = C_d \cdot A \cdot \sqrt{2gh}$$

Where:

$Q_{\text{orifice}}$  = flow through orifice, cfs (L/s)

$C_d$  = orifice coefficient of discharge = 0.56 (based on lab tests)

$A$  = orifice flow area, ft<sup>2</sup> (m<sup>2</sup>) (calculated by orifice geometry)

$h$  = design head, ft (m) (equal to the inlet pipe diameter)

$g$  = acceleration due to gravity (32.2-ft/s<sup>2</sup> (9.81-m/s<sup>2</sup>))

The minimum orifice crest length is 3-in (76-mm) and the minimum orifice height is 4-in (102-mm). If flow must be restricted beyond what can be provided by this size aperture, a Fluidic-Amp™ HydroBrake flow control will be used. The HydroBrake allows the minimum flow constriction to remain at 3-in (76-mm) or greater while further reducing flow due to its unique throttling action.

### High Flow Control

The high flow control, or weir, is sized to pass the peak system capacity minus the peak orifice flow when the water surface elevation is at the top of the weir. This flow control is also a Cippoletti type weir.

The weir flow control is sized by solving for the crest length and head in the following equation:

$$Q_{\text{weir}} = C_d \cdot L \cdot (h)^{3/2}$$

Where:

$Q_{\text{weir}}$  = flow through weir, cfs (L/s)

$C_d$  = Cippoletti weir coefficient = 3.37 (based on lab testing)

$h$  = available head, ft (m) (height of weir)

$L$  = design weir crest length, ft (m)

### Bypass Calculations

In most all cases, pollutant removal goals can be met without treating peak flow rates and it is most feasible to use a smaller Vortechs system configured with an external bypass. In such cases, a bypass design is recommended by Contech Engineered Solutions for each off-line system. To calculate the bypass capacity, first subtract the system's treatment capacity from the peak conveyance capacity of the collection system (minimum of 10-year recurrence interval). The result is the flow rate that must be bypassed to avoid surcharging the Vortechs system. Then use the following arrangement of the Francis formula to calculate the depth of flow over the bypass weir.

$$H = (Q_{\text{bypass}} / (C_d \cdot L))^{2/3}$$

Where:

$H$  = depth of flow over bypass weir crest, ft (m)

$Q_{\text{bypass}}$  = required bypass flow, cfs (L/s)

$C_d$  = discharge coefficient = 3.3 for rectangular weir

$L$  = length of bypass weir crest, ft

The bypass weir crest elevation is then calculated to be the elevation at the top of the Cippoletti weir minus the depth of flow.

### Hydraulic Capacity

In the event that the peak design flow from the site is exceeded, it is important that the Vortechs system is not a constriction to runoff leaving the site. Therefore, each system is designed with enough hydraulic capacity to pass the 100-year flow rate. It is important to note that at operating rates above 100-gpm/ft<sup>2</sup> (68-Lps/m<sup>2</sup>) of the swirl chamber area (peak treatment capacity), captured pollutants may be lost.

When the system is operating at peak hydraulic capacity, water will be flowing through the gap over the top of the flow control wall as well as the orifice and the weir.

# Performance

## Full Scale Laboratory Test Results

Laboratory testing was conducted on a full scale Vortechs model 2000. The 150- $\mu\text{m}$  curve demonstrates the results of tests using particles that passed through a 60-mesh sieve and were retained on a 100-mesh sieve. The 50- $\mu\text{m}$  curve is based on tests of particles passing through a 200-mesh sieve and retained on a 400-mesh sieve (38- $\mu\text{m}$ ). A gradation with an average particle size (d50) of 80- $\mu\text{m}$ , containing particles ranging from 38–500- $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter was used to represent typical stormwater solids. (Table 1)

Particle Size Distribution ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Percentage of Sample Make-Up
<63	42%
63 - 75	4%
75 - 100	9%
100 - 150	7%
150 - 250	11%
>250	27%

Table 1: Particle gradation of typical urban runoff used for efficiency curve

As shown, the Vortechs system maintains positive total suspended solids (TSS), defined by the tested gradations, removal efficiencies over the full range of operating rates. This allows the system to effectively treat all runoff from large, infrequent design storms, as well as runoff from more frequent low-intensity storms.

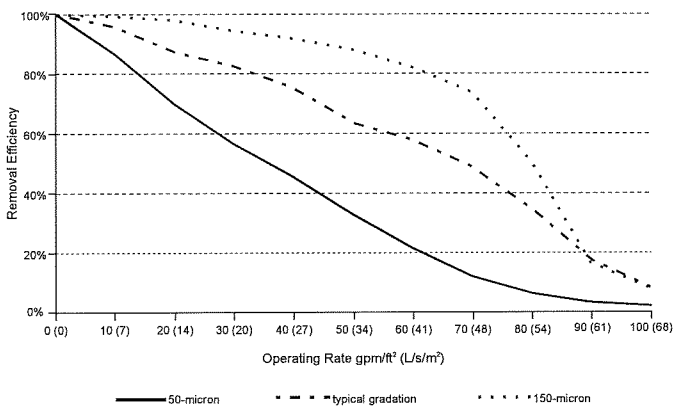


Figure 1: Vortechs model 2000 Removal Efficiencies

Typical Vortechs systems are designed to treat peak flows from 1.6-cfs (45-L/s) up to 30-cfs (850-L/s) online without the need for bypass. However, external bypasses can be configured to convey peak flows around the system if treatment capacity is exceeded. The system can also be configured to direct low flows from the last chamber of the system to polishing treatment when more stringent water quality standards are imposed. In all configurations, high removal efficiencies are achieved during the lower intensity storms, which constitute the majority of annual rainfall volume.

Full report available at [www.conteches.com/vortechs](http://www.conteches.com/vortechs).

## Laboratory Testing

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Technical Bulletin 1: Removal Efficiencies for Selected Particle Gradations

Technical Bulletin 2: Particle Distribution of Sediments and the Effect on Heavy Metal Removal

Technical Bulletin 3: Sizing for Net Annual Sediment Removal

Technical Bulletin 3a: Determining Bypass Weir Elevation for Off-Line Systems

Technical Bulletin 4: Modeling Long Term Load Reduction: The Rational Rainfall Method

Technical Bulletin 5: Oil Removal Efficiency

## Field Monitoring

Following are brief summaries of the field tests completed to date.

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## DeLorme Mapping Company

### Yarmouth, ME

### Contech Engineered Solutions

Prior to this premier field test of the Vortechs system, Contech developed an extensive body of laboratory data to document total suspended solids (TSS) removal efficiency. Contech performed this field study in order to compare the performance predicted using laboratory data to the performance of a correctly sized system in the field.

The study site was the headquarters of DeLorme Mapping in Yarmouth, Maine. The building, driveway, parking lot and ancillary facilities were constructed in 1996. A Vortechs model 11000 was installed to treat runoff from the 300-space, 4-acre (1.62-ha) parking lot.

Testing Period	May 1999 to Dec 1999
# of Storms Sampled	20
Mean Influent Concentration	328-mg/L
Mean Effluent Concentration	60-mg/L
Removal Efficiency	82%

The main purpose of the DeLorme study was to verify that the sizing methodology developed from our full-scale laboratory testing was valid and an accurate means of predicting field performance. The results of the study confirmed our sizing methodology.

## Village Marine Drainage

### Lake George, NY

### New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Water

The New York State DEC used funds obtained in a Section 319 grant to initiate a study of the effectiveness of the Vortechs system to remove sediment and other pollutants transported

by stormwater to Lake George, Lake George Village, New York. "Since the 1970s, when there was a rapid increase in the rate and concentration of development along the southwestern shores of Lake George, we have been concerned about the impact of stormwater discharges into the lake," said Tracy West, co-author of the study.

Testing Period	Feb 2000 to Dec 2000
# of Storms Sampled	13
Mean Influent Concentration	801-mg/L
Mean Effluent Concentration	105-mg/L
Removal Efficiency	88%

The study concluded that the Village and Town of Lake George should consider installing additional Vortechs systems in areas where sedimentation and erosion have been identified as non-point source pollution problems.

**Harding Township Rest Area  
Harding Township, NJ  
RTP Environmental Associates**

This third party evaluation was performed under a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency grant, administered by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. A. Roger Greenway, principal of RTP Environmental Associates, Inc., conducted the study in conjunction with Thonet Associates, which assisted with data analysis and helped develop best management practices (BMP) recommendations.

The Vortechs model 4000 was sized to handle a 100-year storm from the 3 acre (1.21 ha) paved parking area at the Harding Rest Stop, located off the northbound lane of I-287 in Harding Township, New Jersey.

Testing Period	May 1999 to Nov 2000
# of Storms Sampled	5
Mean Influent Concentration (TSS)	493-mg/L
Mean Effluent Concentration (TSS)	35-mg/L
Removal Efficiency (TSS)	93%
Mean Influent Concentration (TPH)	16-mg/L
Mean Effluent Concentration (TPH)	5-mg/L
Removal Efficiency (TPH)	67%

The study concluded that truck rest stops and similar parking areas would benefit from installing stormwater treatment systems to mitigate the water quality impacts associated with stormwater runoff from these sites.

**Timothy Edwards Middle School  
South Windsor, CT**

**UCONN Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering**

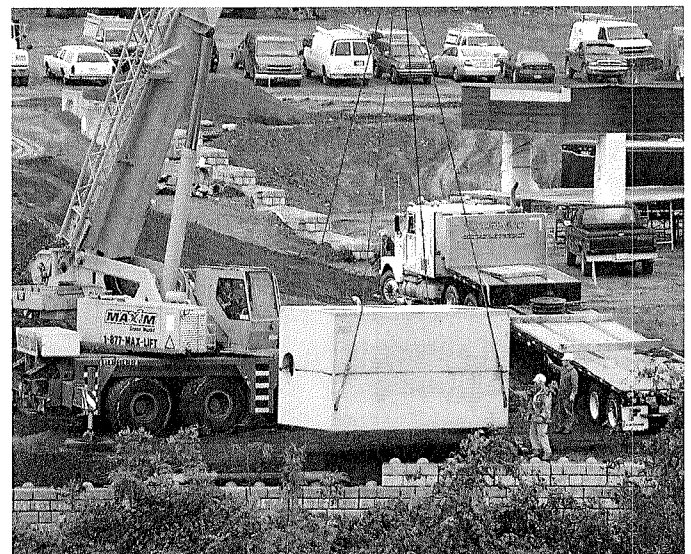
This study of the Vortechs system was published as a thesis by Susan Mary Board, as part of the requirements for a Master of Science degree from the University of Connecticut. Her objective was to determine how well the Vortechs system retained pollutants from parking lot runoff, including total suspended solids (TSS), nutrients, metals, and petroleum hydrocarbons.

A Vortechs model 5000 was installed in 1998 to treat runoff from the 82-space parking lot of Timothy Edwards Middle School. The entire watershed was approximately 2 acres (0.81 ha), and was 80% impervious.

Testing Period	Jul 2000 to Apr 2001
# of Storms Sampled	weekly composite samples taken
Mean Influent Concentration	324-mg/L
Mean Effluent Concentration	73-mg/L
Removal Efficiency	77%

Additionally, the Vortechs system was particularly effective in removing zinc (85%), lead (46%), copper (56%), phosphorus (67%) and nitrate (54%).

The study concluded that the Vortechs system significantly reduced effluent concentrations of many pollutants in stormwater runoff.



## Maintenance

The Vortechs system should be inspected at regular intervals and maintained when necessary to ensure optimum performance. The rate at which the system collects pollutants will depend more heavily on site activities than the size of the unit, e.g., unstable soils or heavy winter sanding will cause the swirl chamber to fill more quickly but regular sweeping will slow accumulation.

### Inspection

Inspection is the key to effective maintenance and is easily performed. Pollutant deposition and transport may vary from year to year and regular inspections will help ensure that the system is cleaned out at the appropriate time. Inspections should be performed twice per year (i.e. spring and fall) however more frequent inspections may be necessary in equipment washdown areas and in climates where winter sanding operations may lead to rapid accumulations. It is useful and often required as part of a permit to keep a record of each inspection. A simple inspection and maintenance log form for doing so is provided on the following page, and is also available on [conteches.com](http://conteches.com).

The Vortechs system should be cleaned when inspection reveals that the sediment depth has accumulated to within 12 to 18 inches (300 to 450 mm) of the dry-weather water surface elevation. This determination can be made by taking two measurements with a stadia rod or similar measuring device; one measurement from the manhole opening to the top of the sediment pile and the other from the manhole opening to the water surface. **Note:** To avoid underestimating the volume of sediment in the chamber, the measuring device must be carefully lowered to the top of the sediment pile. Finer, silty particles at the top of the pile typically offer less resistance to the end of the rod than larger particles toward the bottom of the pile.

### Cleaning

Cleaning of the Vortechs system should be done during dry weather conditions when no flow is entering the system. Clean-out of the Vortechs system with a vacuum truck is generally the most effective and convenient method of excavating pollutants from the system. If such a truck is not available, a "clamshell" grab may be used, but it is difficult to remove all accumulated pollutants using a "clamshell".

In installations where the risk of petroleum spills is small, liquid contaminants may not accumulate as quickly as sediment. However, an oil or gasoline spill should be cleaned out immediately. Motor oil and other hydrocarbons that accumulate on a more routine basis should be removed when an appreciable layer has been captured. To remove these pollutants, it may be preferable to use adsorbent pads to solidify the oil since these pads are usually much easier to remove from the unit individually and less expensive to dispose of than the oil/water emulsion that may be created by vacuuming the oily layer. Floating trash can be netted out if you wish to separate it from the other pollutants.

Cleaning of a Vortechs system is typically done by inserting a vacuum hose into the swirl chamber and evacuating this chamber of water and pollutants. As water is evacuated, the water level outside of the swirl chamber will drop to a level roughly equal to the crest of the lower aperture of the swirl chamber. The water outside the swirl chamber should remain near this level throughout pumping as the bottom and sides

of the swirl chamber are sealed to the tank floor and walls. This "water lock" feature prevents water from migrating into the swirl chamber, exposing the bottom of the baffle wall and creating excess pump-out volume. Floating pollutants will decant into the swirl chamber as the water level is drawn down. This allows most floating material to be withdrawn from the same access point above the swirl chamber. Floating material that does not decant into the swirl chamber during draw down should be skimmed from the baffle chamber. If maintenance is not performed as recommended, sediment may accumulate outside the swirl chamber. If this is the case, it may be necessary to pump out other chambers. It is advisable to check for sediment accumulation in all chambers during inspection and maintenance.

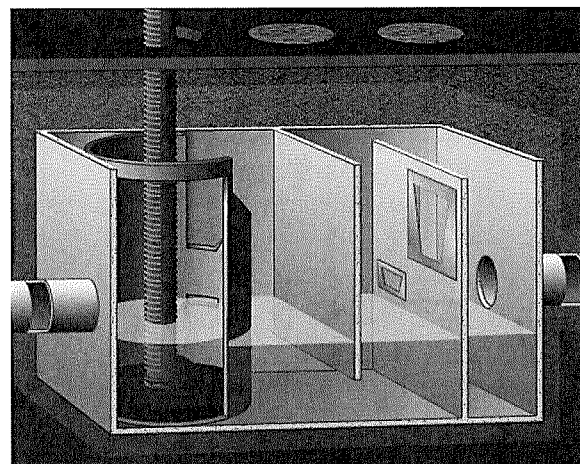
These maintenance recommendations apply to all Vortechs systems with the following exceptions:

1. It is strongly recommended that when cleaning systems larger than the Model 16000 the baffle chamber be drawn down to depth of three feet prior to beginning clean-out of the swirl chamber. Drawing down this chamber prior to the swirl chamber reduces adverse structural forces pushing upstream on the swirl chamber once that chamber is empty.
2. Entry into a Vortechs system is generally not required as cleaning can be done from the ground surface. However, if manned entry into a system is required the entire system should be evacuated of water prior to entry regardless of the system size.

Manhole covers should be securely seated following cleaning activities to prevent leakage of runoff into the system from above and also to ensure proper safety precautions. If anyone physically enters the unit, Confined Space Entry procedures need to be followed.

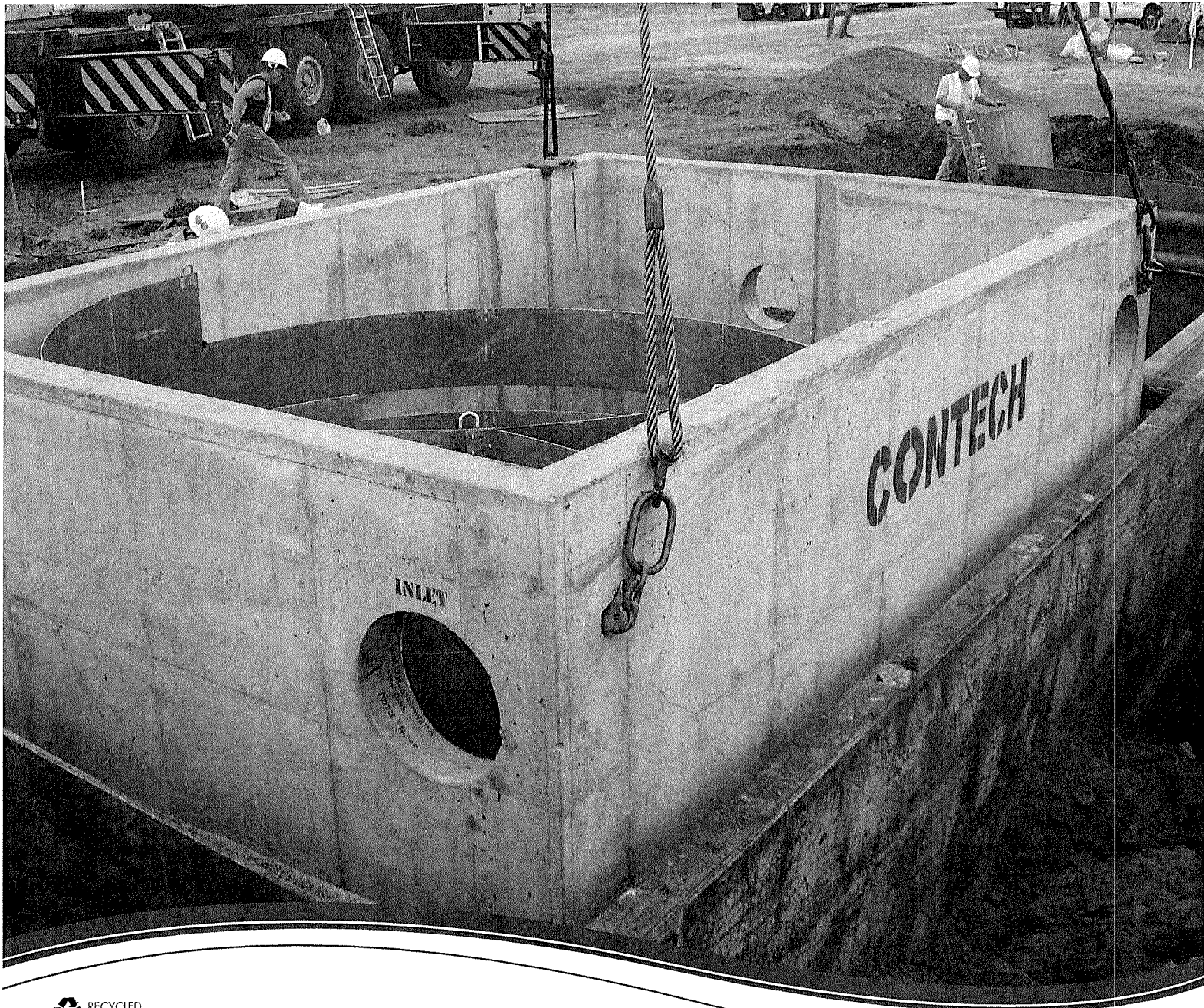
Disposal of all material removed from the Vortechs system should be done in accordance with local regulations. In many locations, disposal of evacuated sediments may be handled in the same manner as disposal of sediments removed from catch basins or deep sump manholes. Check your local regulations for specific requirements on disposal.

Contech has created a network of Certified Maintenance Providers (CCMP's) to provide maintenance on Vortechs systems. To find a CCMP in your area please visit [www.conteches.com/maintenance](http://www.conteches.com/maintenance).









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