Advanced Design Workshop: Enhanced Dry Swales
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This presentation shall not supersede any policies in the GDOT Drainage Design for Highways Manual (current edition) or any other GDOT policy publications.
...to discuss process of designing an enhanced dry swale
Enhanced Dry Swale

A vegetated open channel designed to capture and treat stormwater runoff in dry cells
Purpose

- To remove pollutants by vegetative filtering and biofiltration

Considerations

- Forebay required with curb and gutter applications
- Easily incorporated into highway landscape plans

Enhanced Dry Swale

- Vegetative Conveyance
- Filtration
- Settling
- Infiltration
- TSS Removal = 80%
- Detention
- Runoff Reduction = 50%
Enhanced Dry Swale with Capped Underdrain

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Enhanced Dry Swale
Design Considerations

- Drainage area <5 ac
- Longitudinal slope <4%
  - 1 to 2% slopes recommended – regrade as appropriate
- 2 ft between seasonal high water table & bottom of swale
- Footprint typ. 10-20% of the contributing impervious area
- Inflow/outflow head elevation difference minimum 3 to 5 ft
- Use impermeable liner in areas subject to aquifer protection
Enhanced Dry Swale

Advantages

• Water quality benefits
  ✓ 80% TSS
  ✓ 100% TSS with capped underdrain
• Can be configured to provide stormwater attenuation
• Moderate maintenance burden
Disadvantages

- Potential large land requirement
- Limited to small drainage areas
- Unsuitable for steep terrains
- Moderate capital cost
## How does it compare to other BMPs?

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<td>90 -100%</td>
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Purpose:
- Slows down the velocity of the inflow
- Reduces large particulates and trash entering the BMP
- Keeps the BMP filter media functioning

Sizing:
- Capacity of 0.1 inch runoff/Impervious acre
Filter Media (see Special Provision 169)

- Place on top of aggregate blanket
- Engineered soil mix, covered with sod
- Soil media is recommended to contain a high level of organic material to promote pollutant removal
- See Special Provision 169 for media specifications
Check dams

Purpose:

• Reduce the effective slope of the swale and lengthen the contact time to enhance filtering and/or infiltration

Sizing:

• Volume at the ponding depth should equal Runoff Reduction or Water Quality volume
• 18” maximum depth
• Space where bottom of upstream check dam matches elevation of next downstream check dam
• Outlet protection and energy dissipation required
Enhanced Dry Swale
Check Dams

- Pretreatment Forebay
- Sod Layer
- 18” Max Depth
- Engineered Soil Mix (Dry Swale)
- Pipe/Gravel Underdrain System
- Armored Earth Check Dam
- WQx Elevation
- Outlet Control Structure
- Ex. Ground
- Riprap Outlet Protection
- Discharge Pipe
Sod

• Obtain from approved nurseries having a GA Live Plant License
• Obtain from supplier that grows in non-clay soils
• Half cut or thin cut to maximize infiltration
• Ensure ≥75% of plants are of designated grass species
• See Special Provision 169 for media specifications
Underdrain

- Place minimum 24” above water table
- Pipe: 8" diameter polyethylene (typ.) in a No. 57 aggregate layer
- Rock filter bed: No. 8 or 89 stone
- Discharge to storm drainage infrastructure or stable outlet
- See Underdrain Special Construction Detail for more information
Outlet Control Structure

**Purpose:** Retain WQv

**Sizing:**
- Overflow weir placed at the elevation of the WQv
- Maximum of 18-inches above the bottom of the swale
- Length designed to allow safe passage of 25-year, 24-hour storm event with a minimum 6 inches of freeboard

**Design Considerations:**
- Ensure design prevents clogging by floating debris
- Ensure design allows access to drain pond for maintenance
Additional Considerations

Inspection & Maintenance

• Design for adequate access to all elements
• Provide adequate access to the BMP and appropriate components
• Maintaining the vegetative cover is essential to the proper operation of the enhanced swale

Driveway | Access crossings

• Provide surface area to account for driveways
• Driveway crossings can also be located within the limits of the dry enhanced swale
Roadside Safety

- Space and grade requirements may limit applicability in the linear environment
- Channel shape can be elongated to accommodate roadway applications
- Potential for flooding
- Vehicle impact hazards
1. **Delineate Drainage Basin**
   - Determine the goals and primary function (runoff reduction or water quality target)
   - Determine if the enhanced dry swale will be on-line or off-line
2. Design for Runoff Reduction

- Calculate the Stormwater Runoff Reduction Target Volume
- Determine the Storage Volume of the Practice & Pretreatment Volume

\[ VP = PV + VES(N_{ES}) + VA(N_A) \]

Where:
- \( VP \) = volume provided
- \( PV \) = ponding volume
- \( VES \) = volume of engineered soils
- \( N_{ES} \) = porosity of engineered soils (0.25)
- \( VA \) = volume of aggregate
- \( N_A \) = porosity of aggregate (0.4)

- Verify that Total Volume provided \( \geq \) RRv (target)
- Verify that the enhanced swale will drain in the specified timeframes
- Compute Number of Check Dams required to detain the RRv
Design Process

3. OR Design for Water Quality (If the Enhanced Dry Swale is not able to meet the RRv)
   • Calculate the Target Water Quality Volume
   • Determine the Footprint of the Enhanced Swale & Pretreatment Volume required

Size bottom, width, depth, length, and slope for WQv with less than 18” ponding

\[ A_f = \frac{WQ_v d_f}{k(h_f + d_f) t_f} \]

Where:
- \( A_f \) = surface area of filter media (ft\(^2\))
- \( WQ_v \) = water quality volume (ft\(^3\))
- \( d_f \) = media depth (typically 2.5 ft)
- \( k \) = coefficient of permeability of media (2-4 ft/day)
- \( h_f \) = average depth of ponded water (ft) (1/2 \( h_{max} \); 18 inches maximum)
- \( t_f \) = design filter bed drain time (2 days max)

• Compute Number of Check Dams required to detain the WQv
4. Check 2-year and 25-year velocity erosion potential, if the BMP is online

5. Confirm the swale can pass all design requirements with required freeboard

6. Design Outlet Control Structure & Emergency Overflow
Project/Outfall Information

• This is an 8 mile long new state route construction project located in Walton County.

• Roadway design has rural typical section.

• ROW is being acquired for this project.

• This drainage area outfalls directly into an existing channel that flows to the southwest and outfalls into an unnamed tributary 250’ outside of the proposed right of way.
1. Delineate Drainage Basin
   • Soils do not allow for infiltration
   • Primary function = Water Quality
   • Enhanced dry swale will be on-line

2. Design for Runoff Reduction
   • Calculate the Stormwater Runoff Reduction Target Volume
   • Determine the Storage Volume of the Practice & Pretreatment Volume
   • Verify that Total Volume provided ≤ RRv (target)
   • Verify that the enhanced swale will drain in the specified timeframes
   • Compute Number of Check Dams required to detain the RRv
Pre-Developed Basin
Post-Developed Basin
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The northern sub-basin will be analyzed in this example.
**Step 1: Determine Sub-Basin Physical Parameters**

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<td>Percent Imperviousness ($I$)</td>
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Step 3: Design for Water Quality

- Calculate the Target Water Quality Volume

**Water Quality Volume:**

\[
WQ_V = \frac{1.2 \times (R_v \times A \times 43,560)}{12}
\]

\[
WQ_V = \frac{1.2 \times (0.05A + 0.9A_{imp}) \times 43,560}{12}
\]

\[
WQ_V = \frac{1.2 \times (0.05(1.51) + 0.9(0.48)) \times 43,560}{12} = 2,211 \text{ ft}^3
\]

Example 1

\[
WQ_V = 1.2 \times 0.05 A + 0.9 A_{imp} \times 43,560
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Step 3: Design for Water Quality

- An enhanced dry swale can be constructed with the existing topography and site constraints.
- Using the SCS method, determine the hydrographs for pre- and post-developed onsite basins with a 25-year storm event.
- Follow the GDOT Drainage Design for Highways Manual to size the swale longitudinal slope, width, back slope, front slope.

### Enhanced Dry Swale Design Data

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<td>Swale Width</td>
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<td>Longitudinal Slope</td>
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Step 3: Design for Water Quality

- Calculate the Water Quality Volume Peak Flow ($Q_{wq}$)
- Apply the Water Quality Volume Peak Flow ($Q_{wq}$) to calculate the normal flow depth and velocity.
- Reference the Drainage Manual and iterate the swale dimensions to obtain an acceptable flow depth (max. 18 in.)

$$Q = VA = \left(\frac{1.49}{n}\right)AR^{\frac{2}{3}}\sqrt{S}$$

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<td>Manning's n Roughness Coefficient</td>
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<td>Hydraulic Radius (R)</td>
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<td>Normal Flow Depth</td>
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<tr>
<td>Velocity (V)</td>
<td>0.52 ft/s</td>
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Step 3: Design for Water Quality

- Calculate the filter media surface area and the filter media design length, applying typical and recommended media values.

\[
A_f = \frac{WQ_v d_f}{k(h_f + d_f) t_f}
\]

\[
L = \frac{A_f}{W}
\]

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<td>Filter Media Depth (d_f)</td>
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<td>ft</td>
<td>Typically 2.5 ft</td>
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<td>Media Coefficient of Permeability (k)</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>ft/day</td>
<td>2-4 ft/day</td>
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<td>Average Water Height Above Filter Bed (h_f)</td>
<td>0.32</td>
<td>ft</td>
<td>(\frac{1}{2} h_{max}), which varies based on design but (h_{max}) typically 1.5 ft; (WQ_v) normal depth used</td>
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<td>Filter Bed Drain Time (t_f)</td>
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<td>Surface Area of Filter Media (A_f)</td>
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<td>Minimum Filter Media Length* (L)</td>
<td>123</td>
<td>ft</td>
<td>Filter media width equal to swale bottom width</td>
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*The steeper the swale slope, the bigger the difference between this calculated minimum length based on filtration rate and what is feasible given the slope and max \(WQ_v\) depth.
Step 4: Check 2-year and 25-year velocity erosion potential, if the BMP is online

- Apply the $Q_{p25}$ to verify that the swale size will provide an acceptable flow velocity (maximum 4 ft/s) and depth during a 25-year storm.

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<td>Flow Area ($A$)</td>
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<td>Wetted Perimeter ($P$)</td>
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<td>Velocity ($V$)</td>
<td>1.03  ft/s</td>
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5. Confirm the swale can pass all design requirements with required freeboard
   - Approximate design swale bottom elevation
   - Minimum swale design depth = weir height + water depth above weir crest + freeboard

6. Design Outlet Control Structure & Emergency Overflow
   - The overflow weir is placed at the WQv elevation (max 18 inches from swale bottom)

\[
Q = C_d \times L \times H^2
\]

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<td>Weir Coefficient ($C_d$)</td>
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<td>Water Depth Above Weir Crest ($H$)</td>
<td>0.40</td>
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<td>Length of Weir ($L$)</td>
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<td>Outlet Swale Bottom Elevation</td>
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<td>Desired WQ$_v$ Depth</td>
<td>Maximum of 18 inches (1.5 feet)</td>
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<td>Weir Elevation</td>
<td>813.5</td>
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<td>Minimum Swale Depth</td>
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<td>Swale Design Depth</td>
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Finalize Design

- Determine the minimum swale length required for the water quality volume capacity.
- Calculate the number of check dams, height, and spacing needed for the minimum swale length.

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<td>(WQV)</td>
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<td>Check Dam Height</td>
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<td>Segment Length</td>
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<td>Check dam spacing = check dam height / swale slope</td>
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Finalize Design

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<td><em>Between check dams - see equation below</em></td>
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<td>Number of Segments Required</td>
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<td><em>WQv / Segment Volume and round up</em></td>
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<td>Minimum Swale Length</td>
<td>550</td>
<td>ft</td>
<td>11 * 50 = 550</td>
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<tr>
<td>Number of Check Dams</td>
<td>10</td>
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**Volume 1**

\[ \text{End Area 1} = 0 \quad \text{End Area 2} = \frac{(4 + 10)}{2} \times 1.5 = 10.5 \, \text{ft}^2 \]

\[ V_1 = \frac{(0 + 10.5)}{2} \times 37.5 = 197 \, \text{ft}^3 \]

**Volume 2**

\[ \text{End Area 1} = 0 \quad \text{End Area 2} = 10(3) = 30 \, \text{ft}^2 \]

\[ V_2 = \frac{(0 + 30)}{2} \times 1.5 = 22.5 \, \text{ft}^3 \]

**Segment Volume**

\[ \text{Segment Volume} = V_1 + V_2 = 197 + 22.5 = 219.5 \, \text{ft}^3 \]
Finalize Design

Stations: 35+60.00 to 41+10.00
Bottom Elevation: 812 ft
Top Elevation: 834 ft
Swale Longitudinal Slope: 4.00%
Weir Elevation for WQv: 813.5 ft
Designed Swale Length: 550 ft
Required Check Dams: 10
Check Dam Spacing: 50 ft
Given:

- Roadway widening project
- New lanes drain to a green space with potential for enhanced swale
- Runoff Reduction is not possible due to poor soils
- P25yr = 6.08 in
Example 2: Pre-development

Impervious area = 0.65 ac

- Total area = 2.48 ac
Example 2: Enhanced dry swale design

- Total area = 2.07 ac
- Impervious area = 1.86 ac

425 ft
## Determine CNW

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<tr>
<td>Impervious</td>
<td>0.65</td>
<td>98</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>2.48</strong></td>
<td><strong>71</strong></td>
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\[ CN_W = \frac{1.83(61) + 0.65(98)}{2.48} = 71 \]

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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>2.07</strong></td>
<td><strong>94</strong></td>
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\[ CN_W = \frac{0.21(61) + 1.86(98)}{2.07} = 94 \]
Determine WQv (finding rV)

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R_v = 0.05 + 0.009 \times (\% \text{ Imp.})
\]

\[
R_{v(pre)} = 0.05 + 0.009 \times \left( \frac{0.65}{2.07} \times 100 \right) = 0.333
\]

\[
R_{v(post)} = 0.05 + 0.009 \times \left( \frac{1.86}{2.07} \times 100 \right) = 0.859
\]

\[
R_{v(net)} = 0.859 - 0.333 = 0.526
\]
## Determine WQv

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\[
W Q_v = 0.526 \times 1.2\ \text{in.} \times \frac{1\ \text{ft}}{12\ \text{in.}} \times 2.07\ \text{ac} \times \frac{43,560\ \text{ft}^2}{\text{ac}} = 4,743\ \text{ft}^3
\]
Size media surface area for $WQ_v$

\[
A_f = \frac{WQ_v \times d_f}{k \times (h_f + d_f) \times t_f} = \frac{4,743 \times 2.5}{2 \times (0.75 + 2.5) \times 2} = 912 \text{ ft}^2
\]

Where:
- $A_f$ = surface area of filter media (ft$^2$)
- $WQ_v$ = water quality volume (ft$^3$)
- $d_f$ = filter media depth (ft) – typ. 2.5 ft
- $k$ = coefficient of permeability of filter media (ft/day) – 2-4 ft/day
- $h_f$ = average height of water above filter bed (ft) – max=1.5 ft, avg=0.75 ft
- $t_f$ = design filter bed drain time (days) – 2 days max.
**Determine filter media & swale bottom width**

\[
W = \frac{A_f}{L} = \frac{912 \, ft^2}{425 \, ft} = 2.1 \, ft \quad (\text{min. width})
\]

Round up to 2.5 ft for constructability

Where:

- \( W \) = filter media width | swale bottom width (ft)
- \( L \) = swale length (ft)
- \( A_f \) = surface area (ft\(^2\))
Determine Channel Cross Section

- Length = 425 ft
- Channel base width = 2.5 ft
- Side Slopes: 2H:1V
- Longitudinal Slope = 0.02 ft/ft
- Manning’s n = 0.24
- Q25-yr, 24-hr peak flow = 18.7 ft³/s
Channel Sizing Calculator

If the Channel has:
- High Velocity
- Supercritical Flow

Consider:
- Flattening Slope
- Channel Armoring

Filter media top width = channel bottom width

Normal Depth (ft)

Velocity < 4 ft/s
Example 3

• **Given**
  
  • New lanes drain to a green space with potential for enhanced swale
  • Runoff Reduction is not possible due to poor soils
  • The Enhanced Dry Swale will be sized for water quality volume with two cells provided instead of only one
Example 3: Enhanced Dry Swale Design

Impervious area = 1.86 ac

Total area = 2.07 ac
Example 3: Enhanced Dry Swale Design

WQv = 4,743 ft³  Width = 3.0 ft
Example 3: Solve for capacity of Cell No. 1

\[
W = \frac{A_f}{L}
\]

\[
A_{f(\text{cell 1})} = W \times L = 3.0 \text{ ft} \times 210 \text{ ft} = 630 \text{ ft}^2
\]

\[
A_f = \frac{WQ_v \times d_f}{k \times (h_f + d_f) \times t_f}
\]

\[
WQ_v(\text{cell 1}) = \frac{A_f \times k \times (h_f + d_f) \times t_f}{d_f}
\]

\[
= \frac{630 \text{ ft}^2 \times 2 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{d}} \times (0.75 \text{ ft} + 2.5 \text{ ft}) \times 2 \text{ days}}{2.5 \text{ ft}} = 3,276 \text{ ft}^3
\]
Example 3: Determine Length of Cell No. 2

\[ W Q_{v(cell\ 2)} = W Q_v - W Q_{v(cell\ 1)} = 4,743\ ft^3 - 3,276\ ft^3 = 1,467\ ft^3 \]

\[ A_f(cell\ 2) = \frac{W Q_v \cdot d_f}{k \cdot (h_f + d_f) \cdot t_f} = \]

\[ = \frac{1,467\ ft^3 \cdot 2.5\ ft}{2\ \frac{ft}{d} \cdot (0.75\ ft + 2.5\ ft) \cdot 2\ days} = 282\ ft^2 \]

\[ L_{(cell\ 2)} = \frac{A_f}{W} = \frac{282\ ft^2}{3.0\ ft} = 94\ ft \]

Length of Cell No. 2
Design outlet control structure and emergency overflow

- Set overflow weir elevation at WQv (max. 18" above bottom of swale)
- Design weir to pass 25-yr, 24-hr flows
- Provide a minimum 6" of freeboard
- Design outlet control structure or channel to convey 100-yr, 24-hr flows
Outlet Control Structure

- Sod
- Engineered Soil Mix
- Perforated Pipe
- Concrete Gravity Wall
- Concrete Splash Pad
- Riprap Apron
- Spillway Elevation
- No. 57 Aggregate
NOTES:
1. CHECK DAMS ARE TO BE USED ONLY IN SMALL OPEN CHANNELS (THEY ARE NOT TO BE USED IN LIVE STREAMS).
2. THE DRAINAGE AREA FOR STONE CHECK DAMS SHALL NOT EXCEED TWO ACRES.
3. THE CENTER OF THE CHECK DAM MUST BE AT LEAST 9 INCHES LOWER THAN THE OUTER EDGES.
4. THE DAM HEIGHT SHOULD BE A MAXIMUM OF 2 FEET FROM CENTER TO RIM EDGE.
5. THE SIDE SLOPES OF THE CHECK DAM SHALL NOT EXCEED A 2:1 SLOPE.
6. GEOTEXTILE SHALL BE USED TO PREVENT THE MITIGATION OF SUBGRADE SOIL PARTICLES INTO THE STONES (REFER TO AASHTO M288-96, SECTION 7.3, TABLE 3).
OCS Option a – retaining wall

RETAINING WALL OUTLET
PLAN VIEW

RETAINING WALL OUTLET
SECTION A–A
OCS Option B – earth berm

Section View

Plan View
OCS Option C – concrete drop inlet

CONCRETE DROP INLET
SECTION C–C
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