APPENDIX E

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FOR SMALL PROJECTS

Applicability: Stormwater management procedures for projects between 1,000 sq. ft. and 5,000 sq. ft. of proposed impervious area or total earth disturbance between 5,000 sq. ft. and 10,000 sq. ft. for which site conditions prevent the use of Ordinance Appendix C.1 - Disconnected Impervious Area (DIA) as a BMP.

Note: This small projects document is not to be used to plan for multiple lots without obtaining prior written approval from the Municipality. Approvals and actions associated with this document do not relieve the applicant of the responsibility to secure required permits or approvals for activities regulated by any other code, law or ordinance.

E.1 Introduction

These methods have been developed to allow homeowners to comply with stormwater management criteria for new projects to meet the requirements of the Act 167 Stormwater Management Ordinance of the Municipality including sizing, designing, locating, and installing on-lot measures, referred to herein as "Best Management Practices" (BMPs). Pennsylvania Act 167 was authorized on October 4, 1978 (32 P.S., P.L. 864) and gave Pennsylvania municipalities the power to regulate activities that affect stormwater runoff and surface and groundwater quantity and quality.

Individual home construction projects on single-family lots which result in 1,000 sq. ft. to 5,000 sq. ft. of proposed impervious area (including the building footprint, driveway, sidewalks, and parking areas) are not required to submit formal stormwater management (SWM) site plans to the Municipality or County; however, they must address water quality and infiltration goals, and submit the worksheet as outlined in this small projects document. If the guidelines presented in this brochure are followed, the individual homeowner will not require professional services to comply with these water quality and infiltration goals.

Section E.2 presents options of BMPs that can be considered for on-lot stormwater management. Section E.3 describes requirements and outlines the method for designing a suitable BMP, and a description of what needs to be included on the simple sketch plan, and the Small Projects Worksheet in Table E.4. Section E.4 contains an example of how to obtain the size and dimensions of the BMPs, complete the site sketch, and prepare the Small Project Worksheet.

The stormwater management method for small projects requires:

- The first 1" of rainfall runoff from proposed impervious surfaces to be captured (see definition of captured in Article II of the Ordinance).

The purpose of this small projects document is to help reduce stormwater runoff in the community, to maintain groundwater recharge, to prevent degradation of surface and groundwater quality, and to otherwise protect water resources and public safety.

What needs to be sent to the Municipality?

Stormwater computations and a sketch plan must be submitted to the Municipality. The small projects worksheet found in Table E.4 and a simple sketch plan containing the features described in Step 5 of Section E.3 is provided as an example, or may be used for submission to the Municipality, and if applicable, the contractor prior to construction.

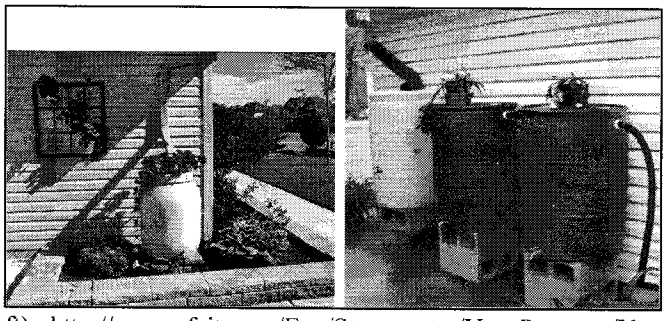
E.2 Description of BMPs

The following is a description of several types of BMPs that could be implemented. Refer to Chapter 6 of the PA BMP Manual which can be found on the PA Department of Environmental Protection's website for specifications and steps for construction for the following BMPs. A list of routine maintenance for each of the BMPs described below is also included at the end of this section.

Rain Barrels/Cisterns

- Rain barrels and cisterns are large containers that collect drainage from roof leaders and temporarily store water to be released to lawns, gardens, and other landscaped areas; rain barrels are typically less than 50 gallons in size, and cisterns typically have volumes of up to 1,000 gallons or more, and can be placed on the surface or underground.

Figure E.1. Rain Barrels.



Source (left): http://www.rfcity.org/Eng/Stormwater/YourProperty/YourProperty.htm
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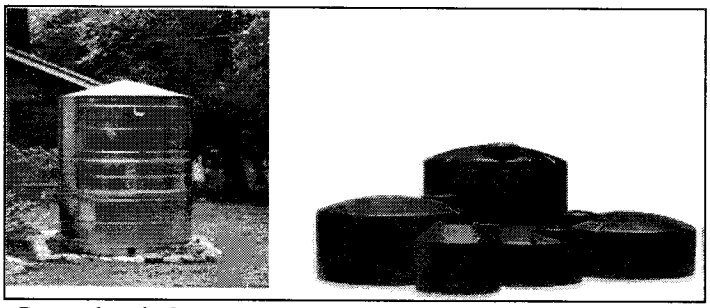
Figure E.2. Cisterns.

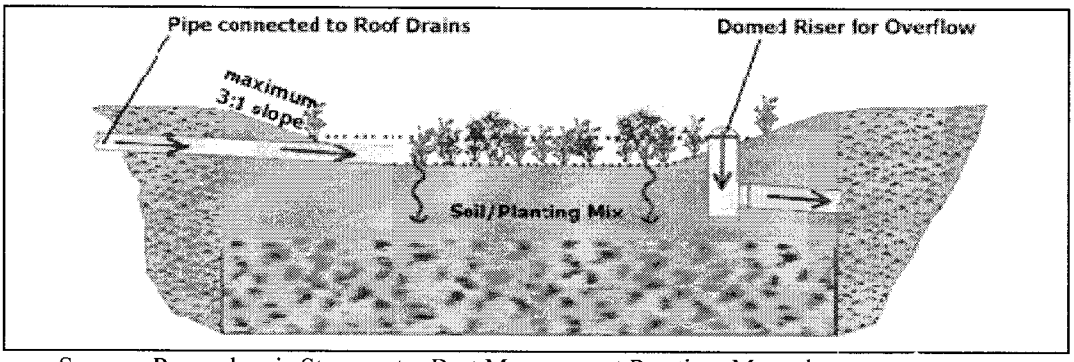


Source: Pennsylvania Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual.

Rain Garden/Bioretention Area

- A rain garden/bioretention area is an excavated depression area on the surface of the land in which native vegetation is planted to filter and use stormwater runoff; depths of 1.0 foot or less are recommended. Planting species should be native to Pennsylvania.

Figure E.3. Typical Rain Garden/Bioretention Area.



Source: Pennsylvania Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual.

Table E.1. Sample Plant List for Use in a Rain Garden/Bioretention Area.

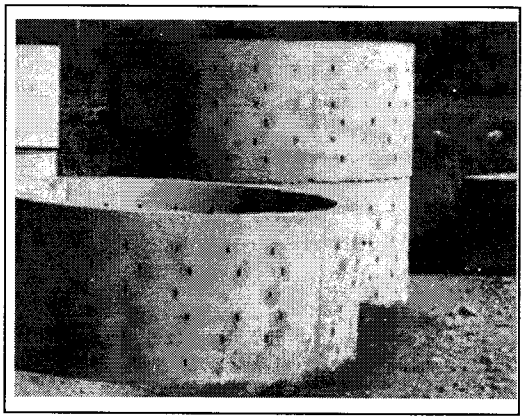
Common Name	Scientific Name	Plant Type
Red Maple	Acer rubrum	Tree
Grey Birch	Betula populifolia	Tree
Shadbush Serviceberry	Amelanchier canadensis	Tree
Eastern Cotton-wood	Populus grandidentata	Tree
Virginia Sweetspire	Itea virginica	Shrub
Red-Twig Dogwood	Cornus sericea (stolonifera) 'Arctic Fire'	Shrub
Southern Arrow-wood	Viburnum dentatum	Shrub
Black Choke Berry	Aronia melanocarpa	Shrub
Great Blue Lobelia	Lobelia siphilitica	Perennial
Dwarf Pink false aster	Boltonia asteroides 'Nana'	Perennial
White false aster	Boltonia asteroides 'Snowbank'	Perennial
Switchgrass	Panicum virgatum	Grass

Source: Pennsylvania Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual.

Dry Wells

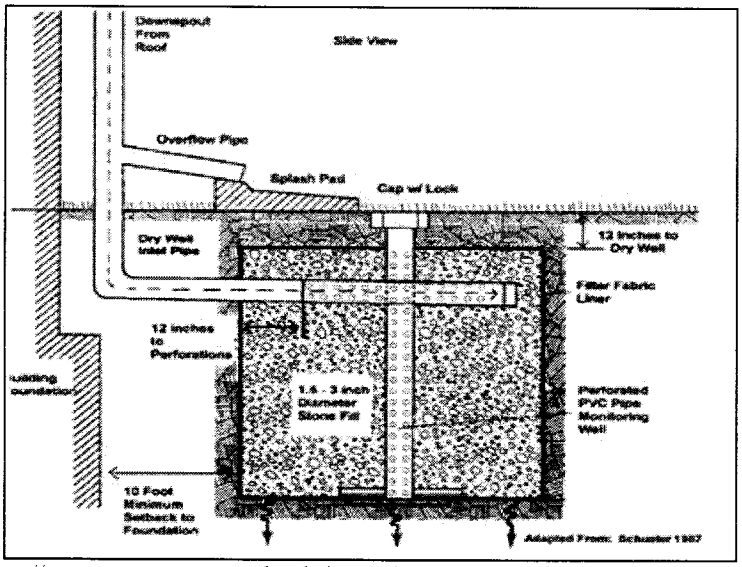
- A dry well, also referred to as a seepage pit is a subsurface storage facility that temporarily stores and infiltrates runoff from the roofs of buildings or other impervious surfaces; recommended depth of dry well is between 1.0 and 4.0 feet.
- Dry Well #1 – structural prefabricated chamber; no stone fill.
- Dry Well #2 – excavated pit filled with stone fill.

Figure E.4. Dry Well #1 – Structural Prefabricated Chamber.



Source: http://www.copelandconcreteinc.net/1800652.html

Figure E.5. Dry Well #2 – Excavated Pit Filled with Stone Fill.

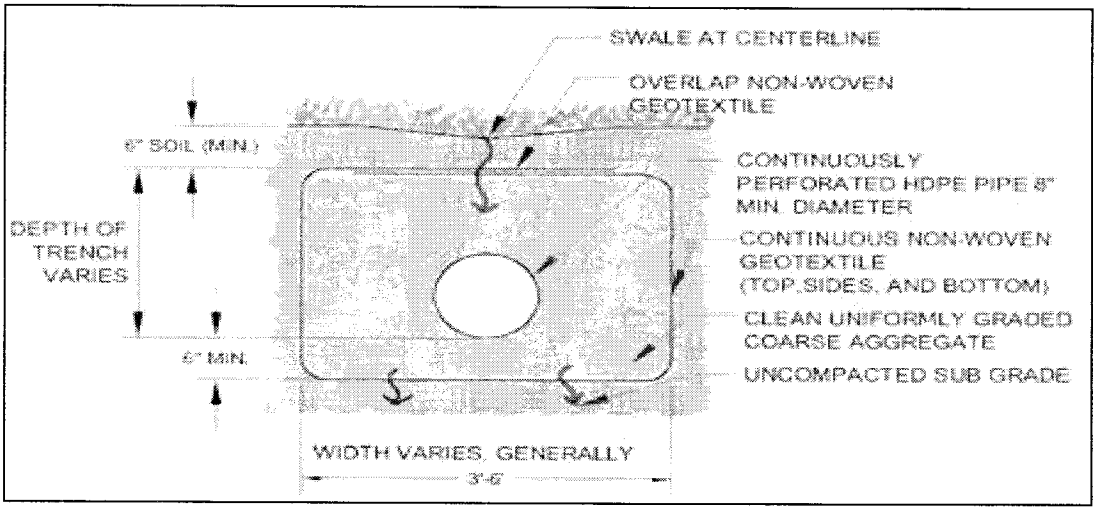


Source: http://www.seagrant.sunysb.edu/pages/BMPsForMarinas.htm

Infiltration Trench

- An infiltration trench is a long, narrow, rock-filled trench with or without a perforated pipe that receives stormwater runoff and has no outlet.
- Runoff is stored in the void space between the stones and in the pipe and infiltrates through the bottom and into the underlying soil matrix.
- The width is limited to between 3 and 8 feet, and the depth ranges from 2 to 5 feet.

Figure E.6. Infiltration Trench.



Source: Pennsylvania Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual.

Routine Maintenance for BMPs

- Vegetation along the surface of an infiltration trench should be maintained in good condition, and any bare spots should be revegetated as soon as possible.
- Vehicles shouldn't be parked or driven on an infiltration trench, and care should be taken to avoid excessive compaction by mowers.
- Any debris such as leaves blocking flow from reaching an infiltration trench or bioretention/rain garden should be routinely removed.
- While vegetation is being established, pruning and weeding may be required for a bioretention/rain garden.
- Mulch in a bioretention/rain garden needs to be re-spread when erosion is evident. Once every two to three years or after major storms the entire area may require mulch replacement.
- At least twice a year the landowner needs to inspect the bioretention/rain garden for sediment buildup and vegetative conditions.
- During periods of extended drought, the bioretention/rain garden requires watering.
- Trees and shrubs in a bioretention/rain garden need to be inspected at least twice per year by the landowner to evaluate their health. If they are in poor health, they need to be replaced.
- Dry wells need to be inspected by the landowner at least four times a year and after significant rainfalls, and debris/trash, sediment, and any other waste material need to be removed and disposed of at suitable disposal/recycling sites and in compliance with local, state, and federal waste regulations.
- For dry wells, gutters need to be regularly cleaned out, and proper connections must be maintained to facilitate the effectiveness of the dry well.
- The filter screen for the dry well that intercepts roof runoff must be replaced as necessary.
- Dry wells that are damaged need to be fixed or replaced immediately.
- If an intermediate sump box exists in conjunction with a dry well, it must be cleaned out at least once per year.
- Rain barrels and cisterns need to be cleared of debris routinely at least every three months and after significant storms to allow stormwater from gutters to enter them.
- Gutters that directly convey rain water to dry wells, rain barrels, and cisterns need to be routinely cleared of trash and debris at least every three months and after significant storms.
- Rain barrels and cisterns must be kept covered.
- Rain barrels and cisterns should be routinely emptied so that they are only ¼ of the way full to allow for storage of additional rainwater.
- Overflow outlets from rain barrels and cisterns must be kept free and clear of debris.
- Rain barrels and cisterns that are damaged need to be fixed or replaced immediately.

E.3. Determination of BMPs and Volume Requirements

All proposed impervious areas must be included in the determination of the amount of new impervious areas and the size of proposed BMPs needed to control stormwater.

Proposed impervious areas on an individual residential lot include:

- Roof area
- Pavement
- Sidewalks
- Driveways
- Patios
- Porches
- Permanent pools
- Parking areas

Sidewalks, driveways, or patios that are constructed with gravel or pervious pavers that will not be converted to an impervious surface in the future need not be included in this calculation. Therefore, the amount of proposed impervious area can be reduced for proposed driveways, patios, and sidewalks through the use of gravel, pervious pavement, and turf pavers. All proposed impervious areas must be constructed so that runoff is conveyed to a BMP; no runoff can be directed to storm sewers, inlets, or other impervious areas (i.e., street).

All new construction should incorporate design techniques that include: minimizing the amount of land disturbance, reducing impervious cover, disconnecting gutters and directing runoff to vegetated areas to infiltrate, and redirecting the flow of runoff from impervious driveways to vegetated areas instead of to the street or gutter.

Below are the steps that must be undertaken to meet the Ordinance requirements. The results obtained for each step must be included in the Small Projects Worksheet found in Table E-4:

STEP 1 – Determine the total area of all proposed impervious surfaces (square feet) that will need to drain to one or more BMPs.

STEP 2 – Determine locations where BMPs need to be placed, and the contributing impervious area "***I***" (square feet) to each.

STEP 3 – Select the BMPs to be used and determine the requirements of each from Section E.3.

STEP 4 – Obtain the required storage volume "***V***" (cubic feet) and surface area "***A***" (square feet) needed for each of the proposed BMPs from the appropriate heading below.

Note: all calculations are based on 1 inch of rainfall.

For Rain Barrels/Cisterns

- The typical volume of a rain barrel is less than 50 gallons; if a greater volume is required, more than one rain barrel will be needed or a cistern may be used.
- For calculations, assume the rain barrel is already 25% full.
- Calculate volume in Cubic Feet:

$$V_{cf} = (1 \text{ inch} \times 1/12 \times I) / 0.75$$

- Convert to Gallons:

$$V_{gal} = V_{cf} \times 7.48$$

For Rain Gardens/Bioretention or Dry Well #1:

- Rain gardens and bioretention areas are only used for depths less than or equal to 1.0 feet; a dry well #1 is used for depths between 1.0 and 4.0 feet.
- Select the depth "***D***" (feet) for the facility.
- For calculations, assume the facility is empty (0% full).
- Calculate volume in Cubic Feet:

$$V_{cf} = (1 \text{ inch} \times 1/12 \times I)$$

- Calculate surface area of the facility in Square Feet:

$$A_{sf} = V_{cf} / D$$

For Dry Well #2 or Infiltration Trench:

- A dry well #2 is used for depths between 1.5 feet and 4.0 feet; an infiltration trench is used for depths between 2.0 and 5.0 feet.
- Select the depth **"*D*"** (feet) for the facility.
- For calculations, assume the void ratio of the stone is 40%.
- Calculate volume in Cubic Feet:

$$V_{cf} = (1 \text{ inch} \times 1/12 \times I) / 0.4$$

- Calculate surface area of the facility in Square Feet:

$$A_{sf} = V_{cf} / D$$

- Determine the dimensions of the facility based on **"*A*"** calculated.

STEP 5 - Sketch a simple site plan that includes:

- Name and address of the owner of the property, and or name and address of the individual preparing the plan, along with the date of submission.
- Location of proposed structures, driveways, or other paved areas with approximate size in square feet.
- Location, orientation, and dimensions of all proposed BMPs. For all rain gardens/bioretention, infiltration trenches, and dry wells, the length, width, and depth must be included on the plan. For rain barrels or cisterns the volume must be included.
- Location of any existing or proposed on-site septic system and/or potable water wells showing rough proximity to infiltration facilities.
- Location of any existing waterbodies such as; streams, lakes, ponds, wetlands, or other waters of the Commonwealth within 100 feet of the project site, and the distance to the project site and/or BMPs. It is recommended that the project or BMPs be located at least than fifty (50) feet away from a perennial or intermittent stream. If an existing buffer is legally prescribed (i.e., deed, covenant, easement, etc.), the existing buffer shall be maintained.
- Location of all existing structures including buildings, driveways, and roads within fifty (50) feet of the project site.

Fill in the small projects worksheet found in Table E.4, then submit the worksheet and the simple site sketch (or equivalent) to the Municipality.

Table E.4. Small Projects Worksheet.

Small Projects Worksheet					
STEP 1					
Component #1 of Project	**Impervious Area from Component #1**	**Component #2 of Project**	**Impervious Area from Component #2**	**Component #3 of Project**	**Impervious Area from Component #3**
	sq. ft.		sq. ft.		sq. ft.
Total Impervious Area =		sq. ft.			
STEP 2					
BMP #1		**BMP #2**		**BMP #3**	
Captures:		**Captures:**		**Captures:**	
Impervious Area I_1:	sq. ft.	**Impervious Area I_2:**	sq. ft.	**Impervious Area I_3:**	sq. ft.
STEP 3					
BMP #1		**BMP #2**		**BMP #3**	
Type:		**Type:**		**Type:**	
STEP 4					
BMP #1		**BMP #2**		**BMP #3**	
Volume:		**Volume:**		**Volume:**	
Dimensions:		**Dimensions:**		**Dimensions:**	
Note: For additional BMPs, use additional sheets					

E.4. Example

Joe Homeowner wants to build an 800 sq. ft. two car garage, and a 700 sq. ft. impervious driveway. Site conditions in the urban setting prevent the use of Disconnected Impervious Area (DIA) as a BMP.

STEP 1 – Determine the total area of all proposed impervious surfaces that will need to drain to one or more BMPs.

- Garage roof: 20 ft. x 40 ft. = 800 sq. ft.
- Driveway: 50 ft. x 14 ft. = 700 sq. ft.
- Total proposed impervious surface = 800 + 700 = **1,500 sq. ft.**

STEP 2 – Determine locations where BMPs need to be placed, and the contributing impervious area "***I***" to each.

- Use BMP #1 to capture runoff from the garage (I_1 = 800 sq. ft.)
- Use BMP #2 to capture runoff from the driveway (I_2 = 700 sq. ft.).

STEP 3 – Select the BMPs to be used and determine the requirements of each from Section E.3.

- BMP #1 – rain barrel/cistern
- BMP #2 – infiltration trench

STEP 4 – Obtain the required storage volume "***V***" and surface area "***A***" needed for each of the proposed BMPs from the appropriate heading below.

For Rain Barrel/Cistern (BMP #1)

- Calculate volume in cubic feet:

$$V_{cf} = (1 \text{ inch} \times 1/12 \times I_1) / 0.75$$
$$= (1 \text{ inch} \times 1/12 \times 800) / 0.75$$
$$= 88.89 \text{ cubic feet}$$

- Convert to gallons:

$$V_{gal} = V_{cf} \times 7.48$$
$$= 88.89 \times 7.48$$
$$= 664.8 \text{ gallons} \rightarrow \text{round up to } 665 \text{ gallons}$$

For Infiltration Trench (BMP #2)

- Select depth **"*D*"** for the facility of **2 feet** (between 2.0 feet and 5.0 feet).
- Calculate volume in cubic feet:

$$V_{cf} = (1 \text{ inch} \times 1/12 \times I_2) / 0.4$$
$$= (1 \text{ inch} \times 1/12 \times 700) / 0.4$$
$$= 145.8 \text{ cubic feet} \rightarrow \text{round up to } 150 \text{ cubic feet}$$

- Calculate surface area of the facility in square feet:

$$A_{sf} = V_{cf} / D$$
$$= 150 / 2$$
$$= 75 \text{ square feet}$$

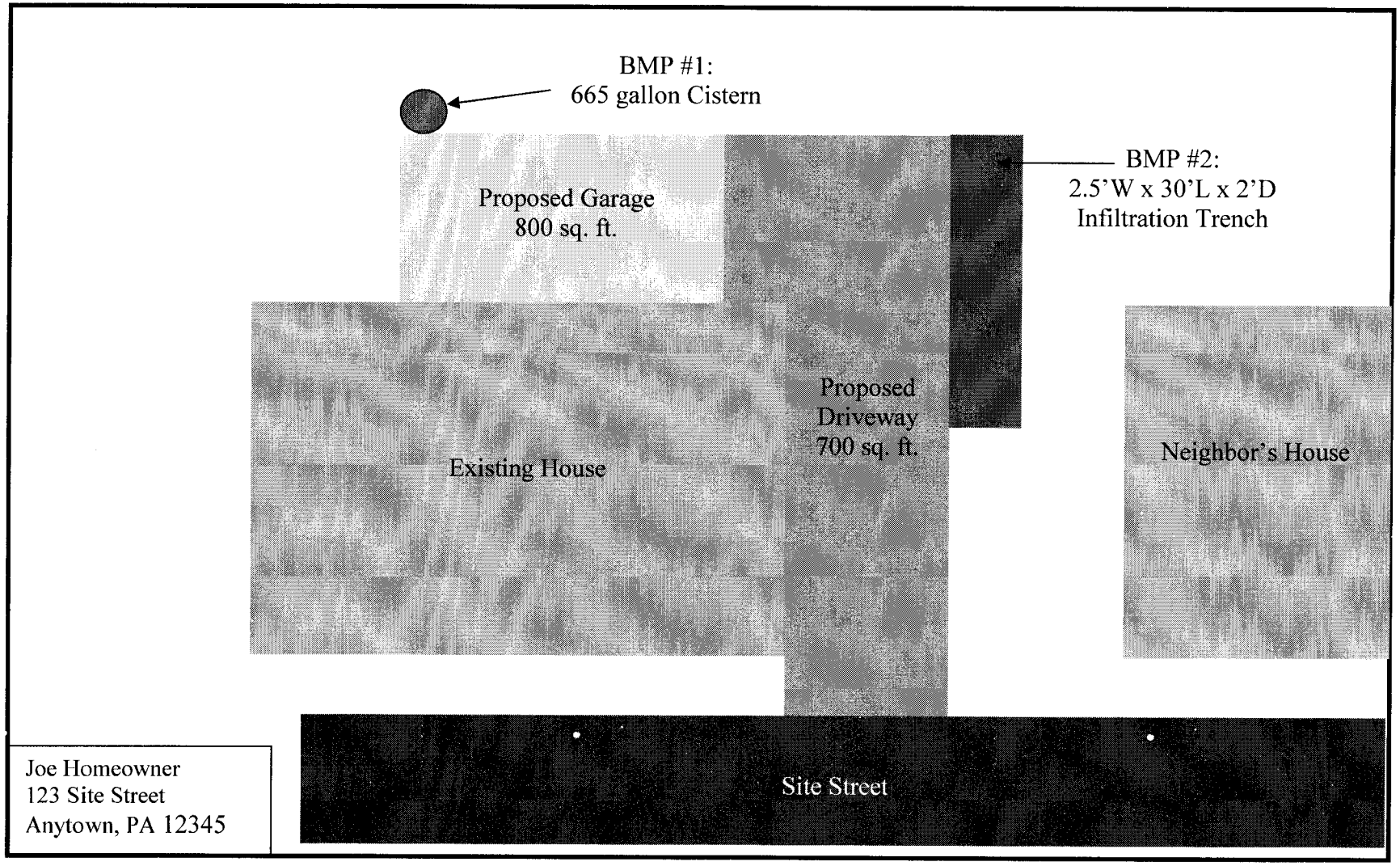
- The driveway is 50 feet long, so using the upper 30 feet of the driveway as the length of the infiltration trench, the width of the trench =

75 square feet / 30 feet = 2.5 feet

- Use a **2.5 ft. wide x 30 ft. long x 2 ft. deep** infiltration trench.

STEP 5 – Prepare a simple site sketch (Figure E.7) and complete Small Projects Worksheet (Table E.4) to send to Municipality.

Figure E.7. Simple Site Sketch of Proposed Project and Proposed BMPs.



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Small Projects Worksheet					
STEP 1					
Component #1 of Project	**Impervious Area from Component #1**	**Component #2 of Project**	**Impervious Area from Component #2**	**Component #3 of Project**	**Impervious Area from Component #3**
Garage Roof	800 sq. ft.	Driveway	700 sq. ft.	N/A	N/A
Total Impervious Area =		1,500 sq. ft.			
STEP 2					
BMP #1		**BMP #2**		**BMP #3**	
Captures:	Garage Roof	**Captures:**	Driveway	**Captures:**	N/A
Impervious Area I_1:	800 sq. ft.	**Impervious Area I_2:**	700 sq. ft.	**Impervious Area I_3:**	N/A
STEP 3					
BMP #1		**BMP #2**		**BMP #3**	
Type:	Cistern	**Type:**	Infiltration Trench	**Type:**	N/A
STEP 4					
BMP #1		**BMP #2**		**BMP #3**	
Volume:	88.89 cu. ft.	**Volume:**	150 cubic feet	**Volume:**	N/A
Dimensions:	665 gallons	**Dimensions:**	2.5' W x 30'L x 2' D	**Dimensions:**	N/A
Note: For additional BMPs, use additional sheets					

APPENDIX F.1

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MAPS

APPENDIX F.2

HYDROLOGIC SOIL GROUP (HSG) MAP