



# Mimic Nature<sup>®</sup>

LID & Stormwater Quality Treatment  
with Compost BMPs



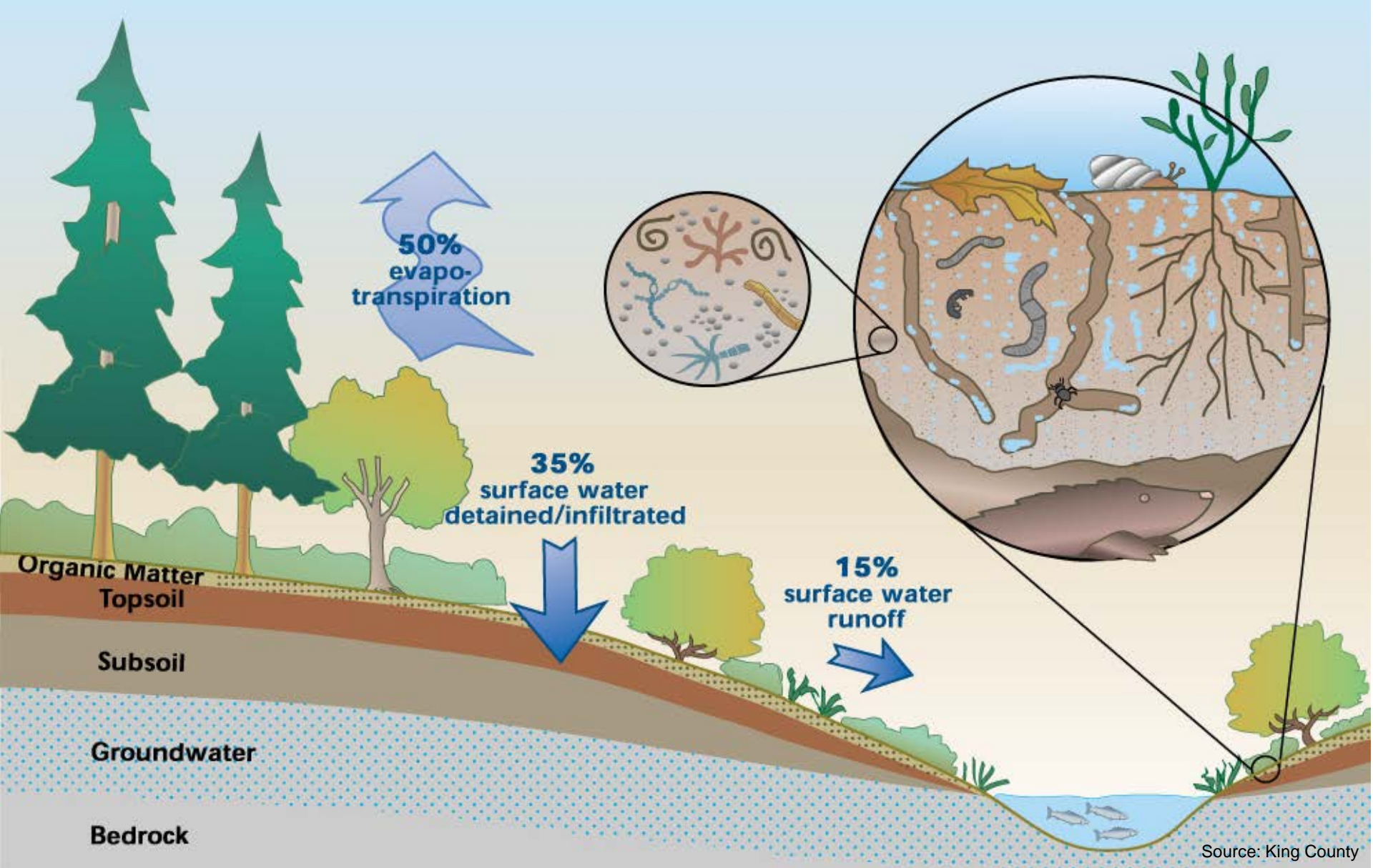
# Low Impact Development (LID) =

hydrology mimics natural site, distributed, decentralized

- Runoff Volume ↓
- Runoff Rate ↓
- Pollutant Loading ↓
- Flooding ↓
- CSOs ↓
- ✓ *Water Quality* ↑
- ✓ *Wildlife Habitat/Biodiversity* ↑
- ✓ *Aesthetics/Land Value* ↑



Green Infrastructure = green stormwater management; site preservation/restoration; integrated design & practices; reuse



Low Impact Development (LID) =  
 restore natural site hydrology; decentralize



# Compost Tools

## Filter Media

- Designed for Optimum Filtration & Hydraulic-flow



## Growing Media

- Designed for Optimum Water Absorption & Plant Growth



# Stormwater BMPs

## Erosion & Sediment Control

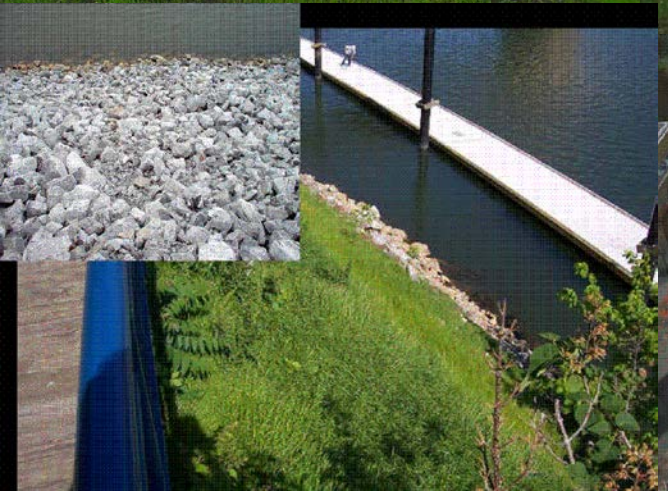
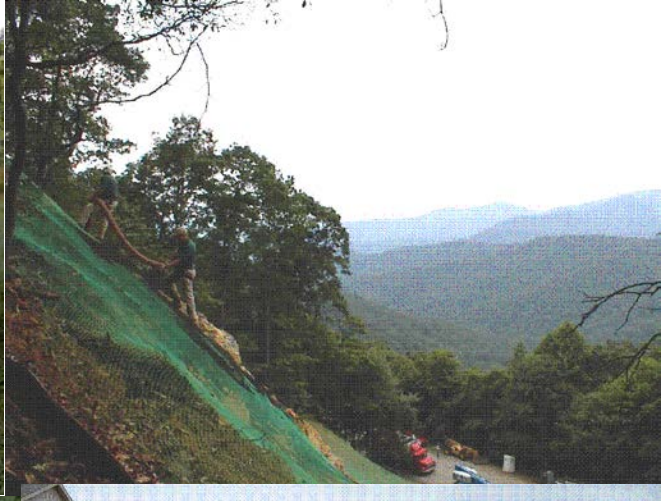
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2. Inlet Protection
3. Ditch Check
4. Filter Ring/Concrete washout
5. Slope Interruption
6. Runoff Diversion
7. **Vegetated Cover**
8. **Erosion Control Blanket**
9. Vegetated Sediment Trap
10. Pond Riser Pipe Filter

## Low Impact Development

11. **Runoff Control Blanket**
12. **Vegetated Filter Strip**
13. **Engineered Soil**
14. Channel Liner
15. Streambank Stabilization
16. Biofiltration System
17. **Bioretention System**
18. **Green Roof System**
19. Living Wall
20. Green Retaining Wall
21. **Vegetated Rip Rap**
22. Level Spreader
23. Green Gabion
24. **Bioswale**

Uses Filtrex<sup>®</sup> FilterMedia<sup>™</sup>  
Uses Filtrex<sup>®</sup> GrowingMedia<sup>™</sup>

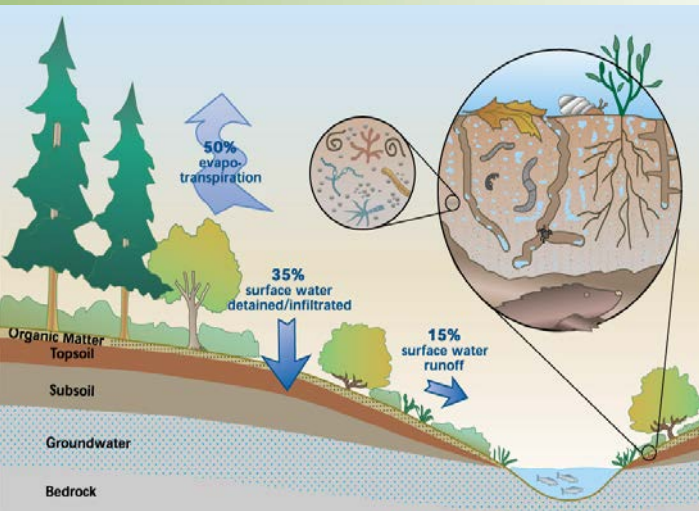




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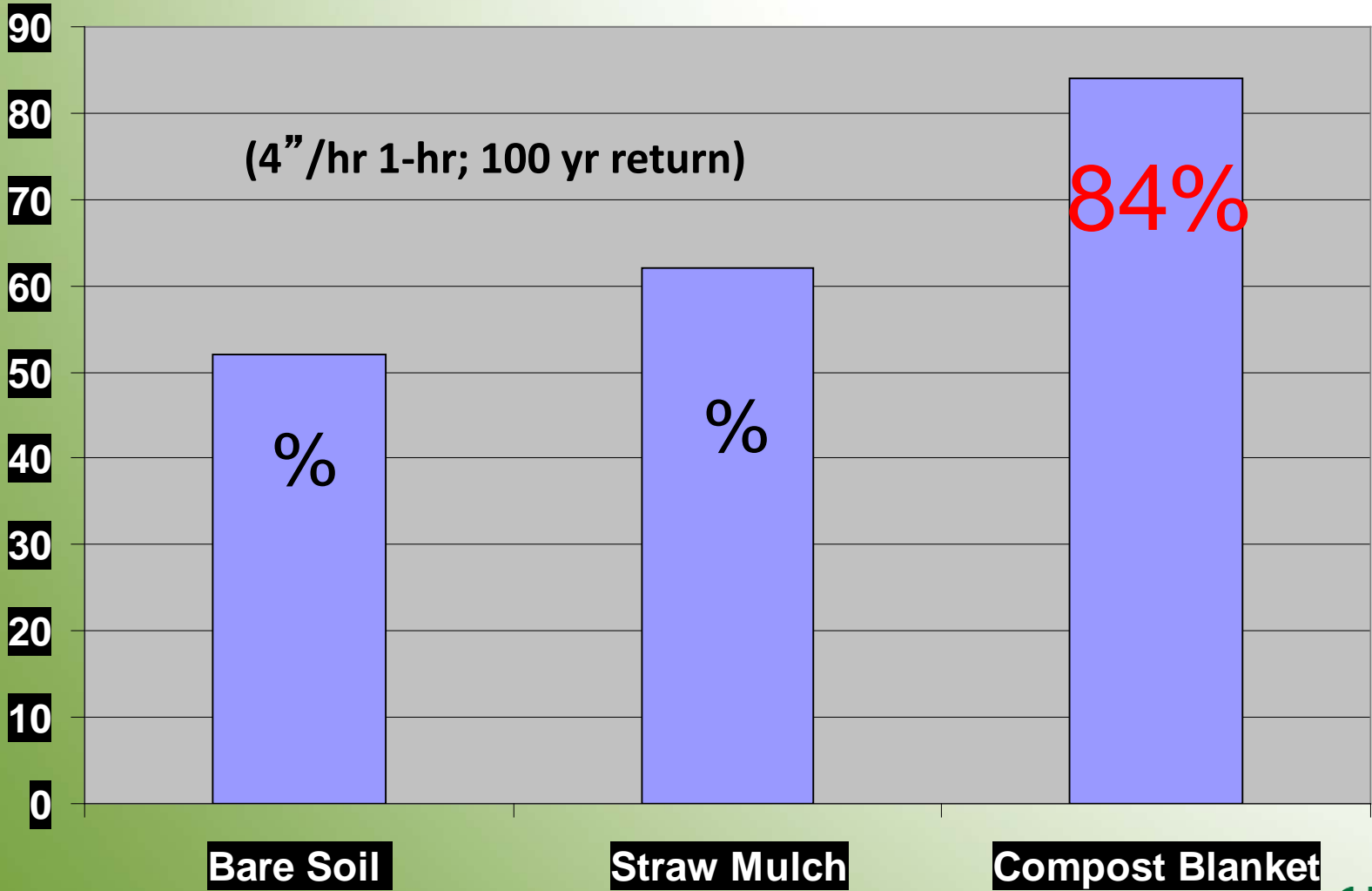
# Runoff + Erosion Control



**Designed to:** 1) dissipate energy of rain impact; 2) hold, infiltrate & evaporate water; 3) slow down/disperse energy of sheet flow; 4) provide for optimum vegetation growth



# LID: Rainfall Absorption





# Runoff Volume Reduction

Reduction	Influencing Factors	Reference
<b>49%</b>	Sandy clay loam, 10% slope, 1.5” blanket, 3.2 in/hr – 1 hr rain	Faucette et al, 2005
<b>60%</b>	Sandy clay loam, 10% slope, 1.5” blanket, 4.0 in/hr – 1 hr rain	Faucette et al, 2007
<b>76%</b>	Silty sand, 2:1 slope, 3” blanket, 1.8 in/hr - 2.4 hr rain	Demars et al, 2000
<b>90%</b>	Loamy sand, 3:1 slope, 2” blanket, 4.0 in/hr – 2 hr rain	Persyn et al, 2004

# Peak Flow Rate Reduction

Reduction	Influencing Factors	Reference
<b>36%</b>	Sandy clay loam, 10% slope, 1.5” blanket, 3.2 in/hr – 1 hr rain	Faucette et al, 2005
<b>42%</b> (30% relative to straw)	Sandy clay loam, 10% slope, 1.5” blanket, 4.0 in/hr – 1 hr rain	Faucette et al, 2007
<b>79%</b>	Loamy sand, 3:1 slope, 2” blanket, 4.0 in/hr – 2 hr rain	Persyn et al, 2004



# Pollutant Load Reduction: Compost Blanket vs Conventional Seeding



	Total N	Nitrate N	Total P	Soluble P	Total Sediment
Mukhtar et al, 2004 (seed+fertilizer)	88%	45%	87%	87%	99%
Faucette et al, 2007 (seed+fertilizer)	92%	ND	ND	97%	94%
Faucette et al, 2005 (hydromulch)	58%	98%	83%	83%	80%
Persyn et al 2004 (seed+topsoil)	99%	ND	99%	99%	96%

# Runoff Curve Numbers

Watershed Surface	Curve Number*
Parking lot, driveway, roof	98
Commercial district	92
Dirt road	82
Residential lot: ¼ ac, ½ ac, 1 ac	75, 70, 68
Cropland	71-81
Pasture	61-79
Public green space	61-69
Woodland and forests	55-66
Brush >75% cover	48
<b>Vegetated Compost Blanket</b>	<b>55</b>

\*Based Hydrologic Soil Group B

Reference: USDA SCS, 1986



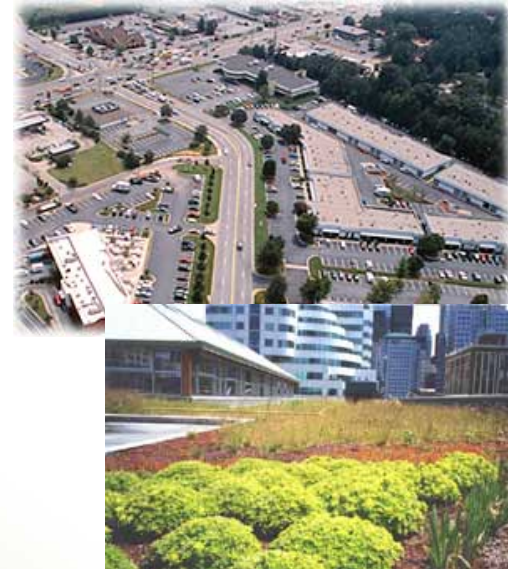
# Ecosystem Services: Economics of Grey vs Green SWM

- Compost Blanket vs Impervious Surface
- Area = 10 acres
- Design Storm = 3 in/24 hr
- ✓ Stormwater Volume = 54,300 vs 752,100 gallons (1400% increase!)
- **Option 1: Containment/Pond:**
- Real Estate Value = \$50,000/acre
- SW Pond Design/Construction = \$1/gal
- ✓ Stormwater Pond (4 ft deep) = 0.5 acre
  - - \$25,000 (lost usable real estate)
- ✓ Stormwater Pond Cost = \$697,800 (design/construction)
  - TOTAL = \$722,800



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- **Option 2: Off-Site Discharge (Grid):**
- Water Conveyance Cost = \$0.26/gal
- Water Treatment Energy Cost = 2 kWh/1000 gal
- Energy Cost = \$0.13/kWh
- Carbon Emission = 2 lbs CO<sub>2</sub>/kWh
- ✓ Water Conveyance = \$181,428/yr
- ✓ Energy Cost = \$91/year
- ✓ Carbon Emission = 1,396 lbs/CO<sub>2</sub>/yr

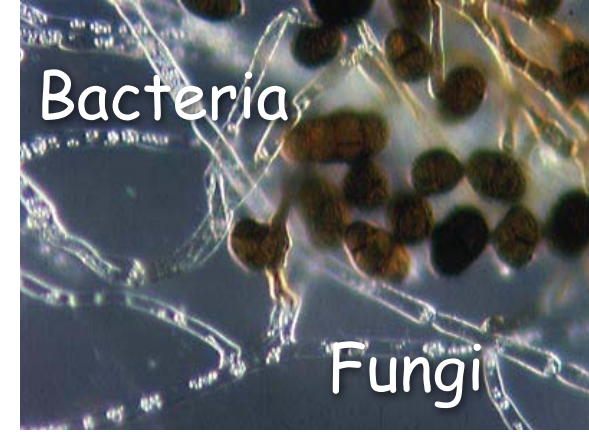




# Compost Sock

## 3-Way Biofiltration

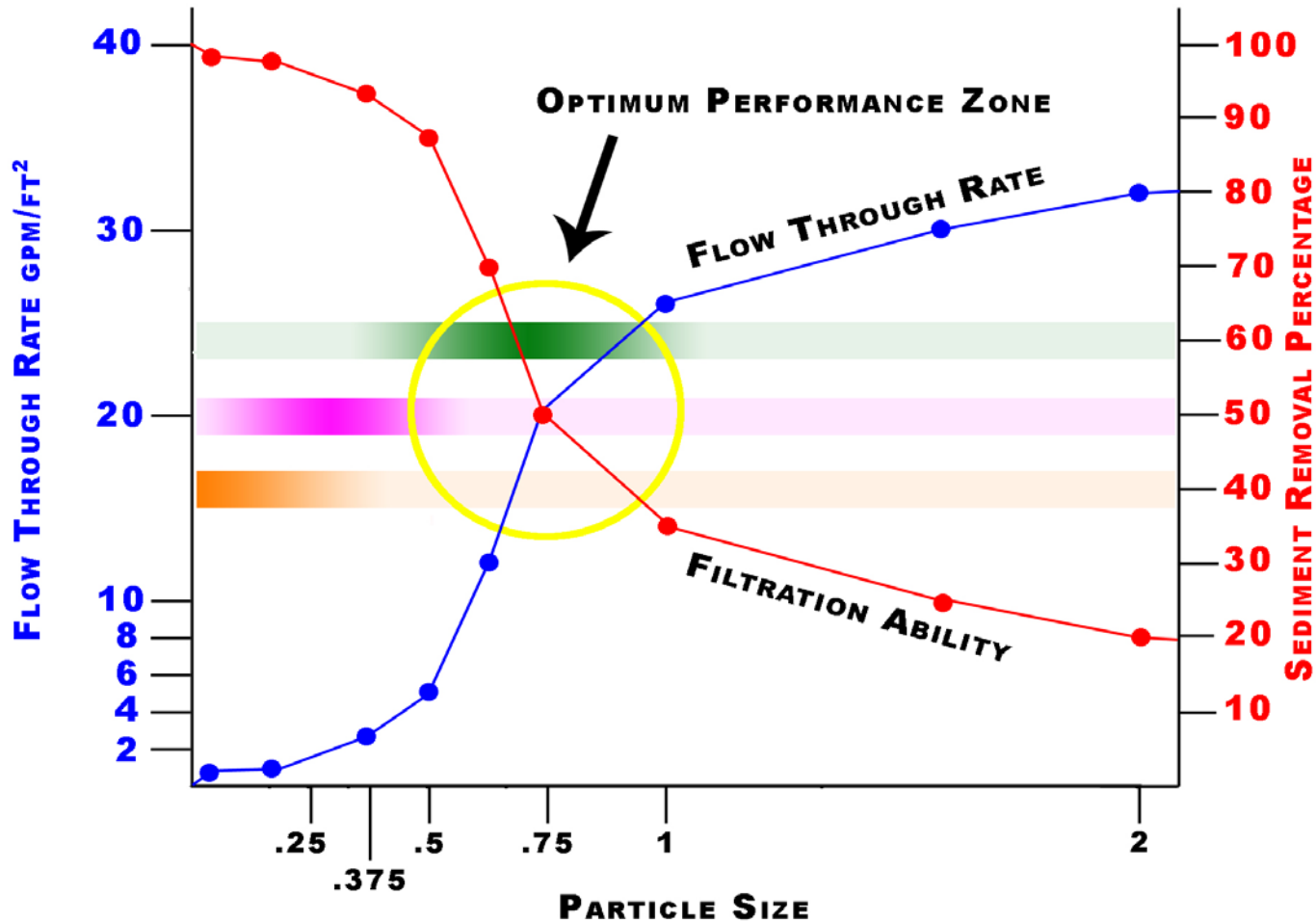
- Physical
  - Traps sediment in matrix of varying pore spaces and sizes
- Chemical
  - Binds and adsorbs pollutants in storm runoff
- Biological
  - Degrades various compounds with bacteria and fungi



# Particle Size Specifications



**FILTER MEDIA SPECIFICATIONS AND THEIR PERFORMANCE**








(Bio) Filtration  
Devices use  
Filter Media



# TS Reduction of Sediment Barriers

 SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY	Runoff Exposure	Sediment Exposure	Removal
Filter Sock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•260 gal</li> <li>•1.7 g/ft<sup>2</sup></li> <li>•2.75 ac-in</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•850 lbs</li> <li>•150 lbs/ft<sup>2</sup></li> <li>•125 t/a</li> </ul>	77%
Silt Fence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•260 gal</li> <li>•1.7 g/ft<sup>2</sup></li> <li>•2.75 ac-in</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•850 lbs</li> <li>•150 lbs/ft<sup>2</sup></li> <li>•125 t/a</li> </ul>	72%
Straw Wattle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•260 gal</li> <li>•1.7 g/ft<sup>2</sup></li> <li>•2.75 ac-in</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•850 lbs</li> <li>•150 lbs/ft<sup>2</sup></li> <li>•125 t/a</li> </ul>	59%

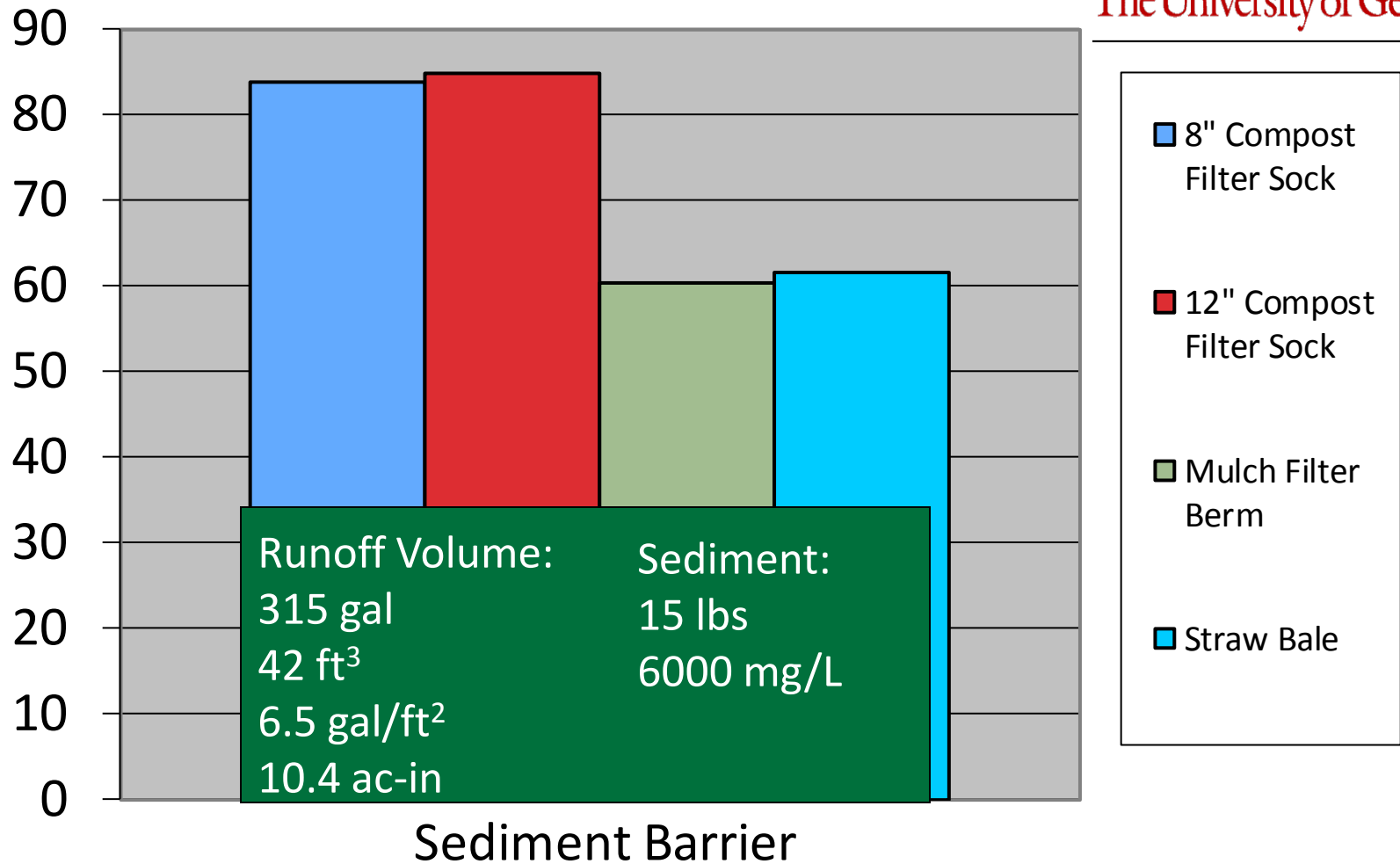
ASTM 6459 for RECPs



# % TSS Reduction of Sediment Barrier



The University of Georgia





# Sediment Summary



## % Reduction of TSS & Turbidity

Treatment	TSS	Turbidity
Silt Fence	67	52
Filter Sock	78	63

\* Based on rainfall of 3.0 in/hr for 30 min; runoff sediment concentration (sandy clay loam) of 70,000 mg/L.



# Stormwater Pollutant Removal

	TSS	Turbidity	Total N	NH <sub>4</sub> -N	NO <sub>3</sub> -N	Total P	Sol. P	Total coli.	E. coli.	Metals	Oil	Diesel
Filter Sock	80 %	63%	35 %	35%	25 %	60 %	92%	98%	98%	37-78%	99 %	99%



# Stormwater Pollutant Removal w/ Filter Socks

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# Compost + Additives

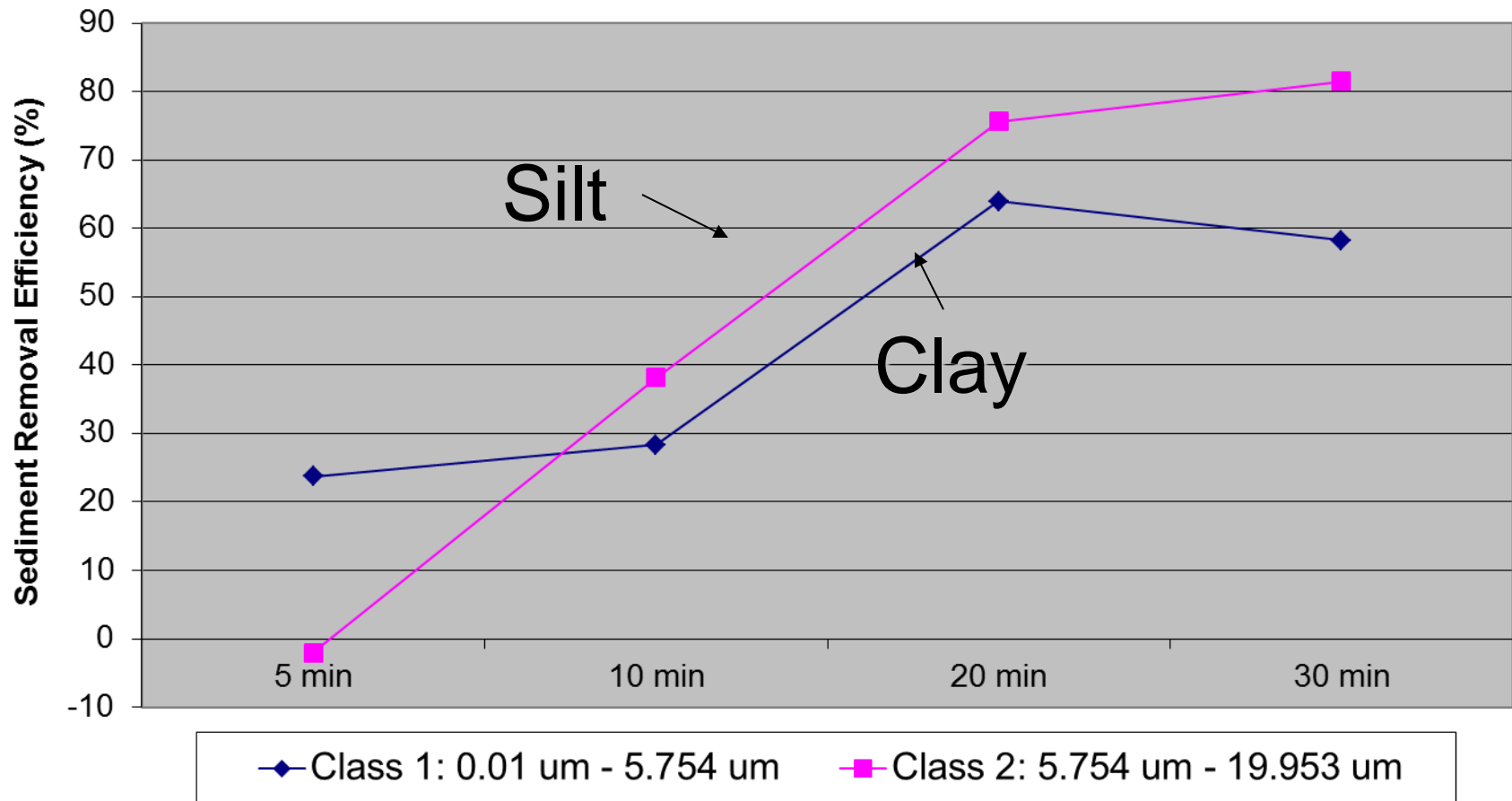
- To target specific runoff pollutant
  - Fine Sediment
  - Nutrients (N & P)
  - Bacteria
  - Metals
  - Petroleum Hydrocarbons



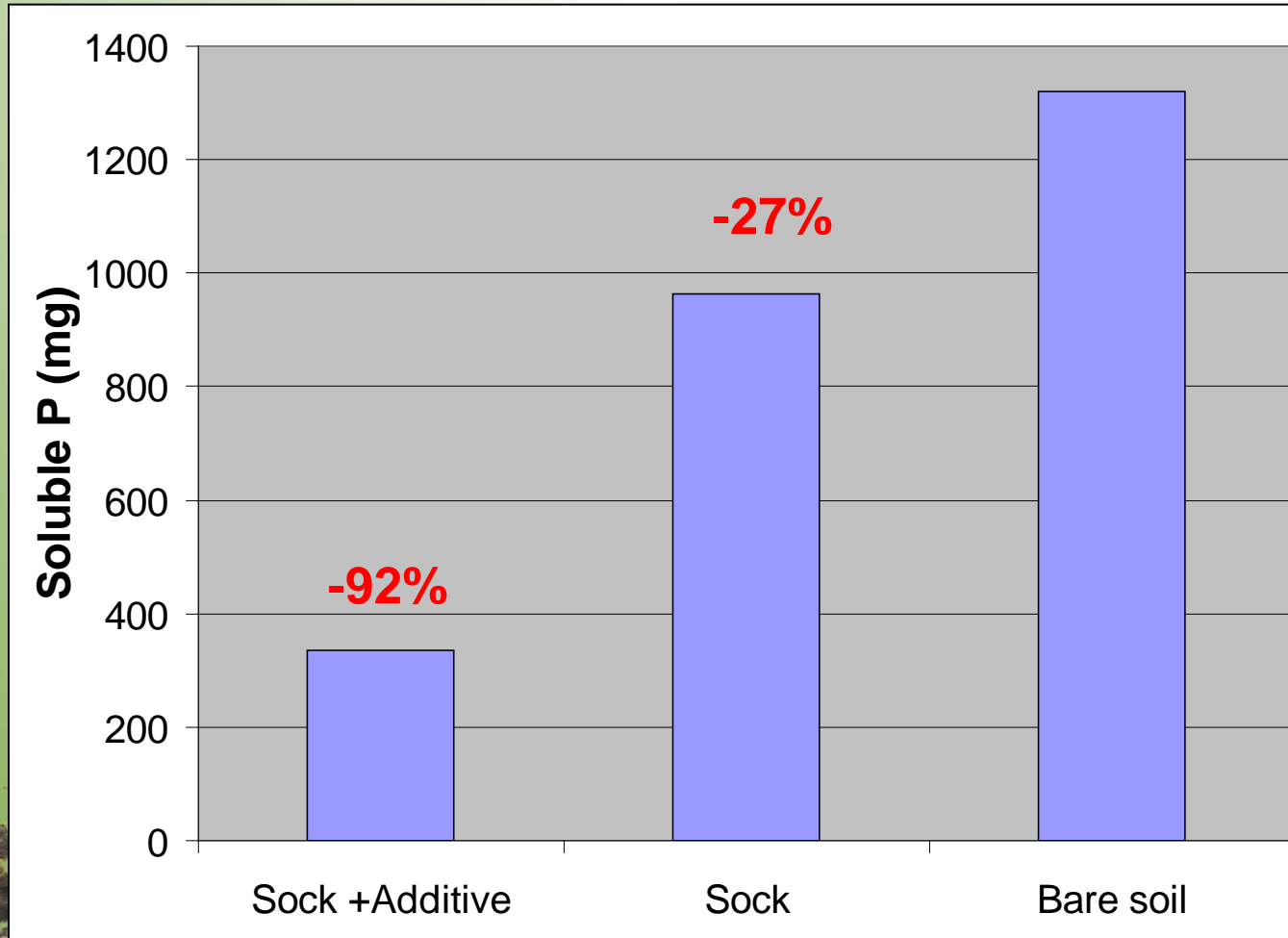
# Fine Sediment Removal



FilterSoxx Fine Sediment Removal over 30 min Runoff Event

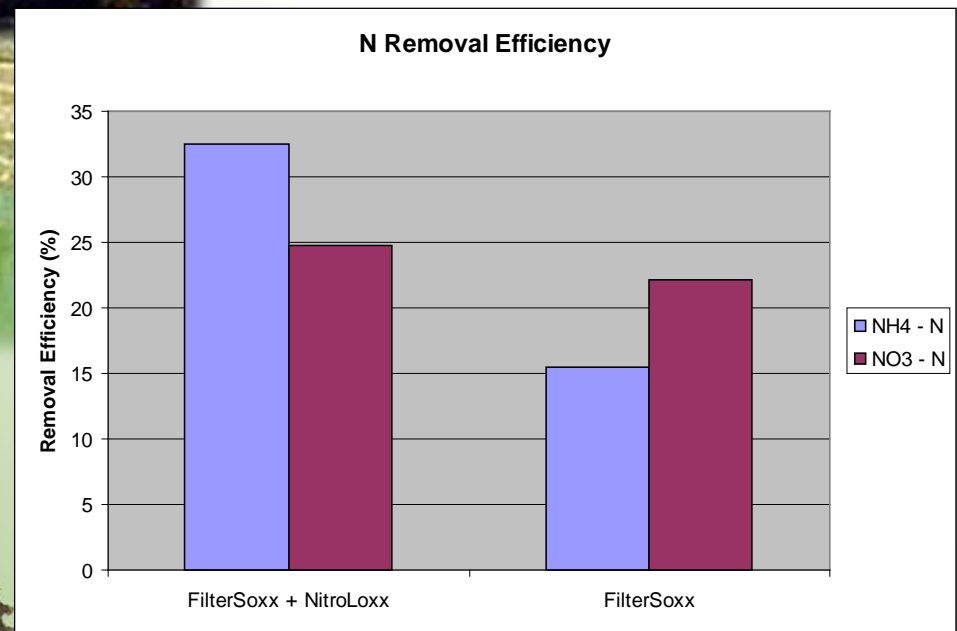


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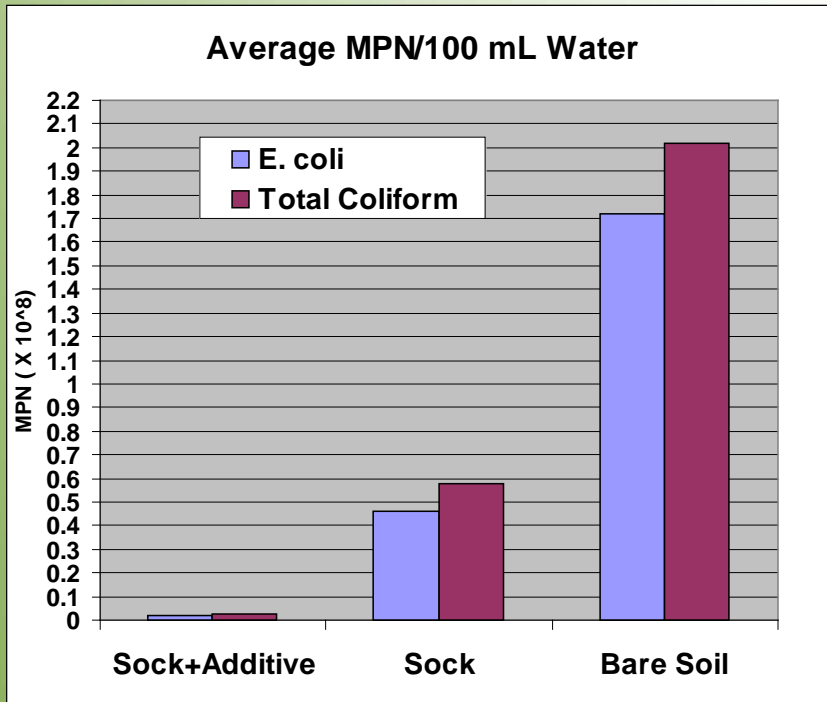
# Nitrogen Removal



+ Additive

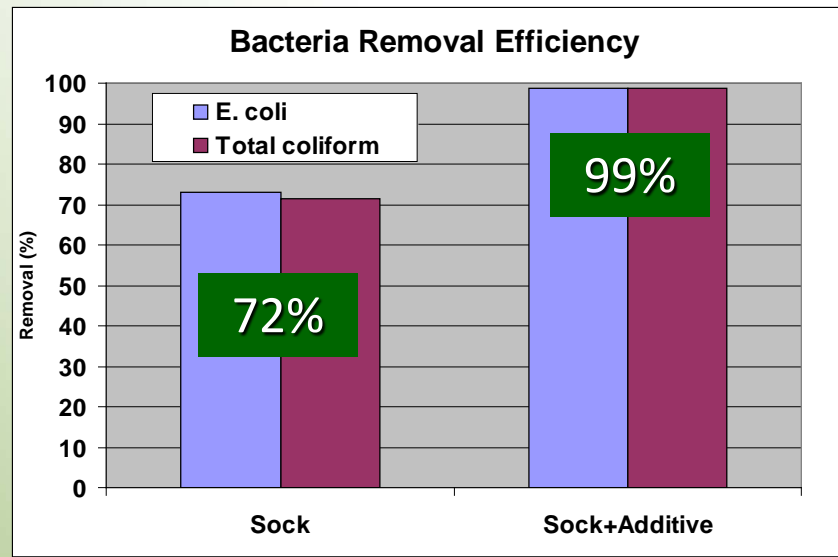
Filter Sock

# Bacteria Removal



## Bacteria (MPN) Exposure

- Total coliform – 200 million/100 mL
- E. coli – 170 million/100 mL
- *Typical* – 50,000/100 mL

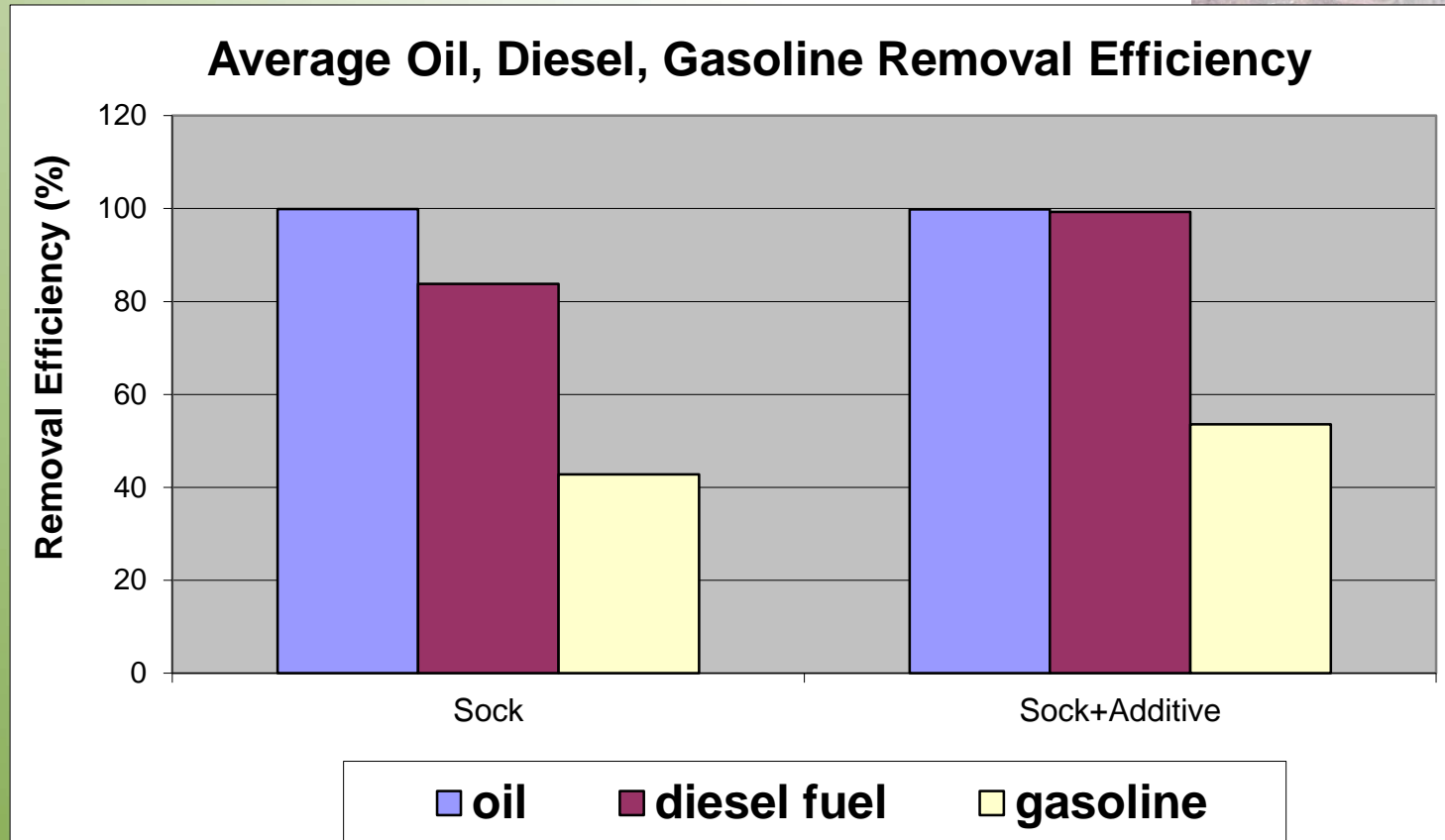


# Metals Removal

		METALS (water extractable)					
Treatment	Parameters (mg)	Cd	Cr	Cu	Ni	Pb	Zn
<b>FS + MetalLoxx</b>	Applied	7.915	6.740	7.320	8.070	6.025	6.545
	Soil Surface	0.004	0.019	6.491	0.144	0.154	2.028
	Total	7.919	6.759	13.811	8.214	6.179	8.573
	Transported to Soxx	0.812	0.490	1.640	1.056	0.937	1.669
	Runoff Water	0.210	0.221	0.383	0.301	0.144	0.621
	Removal Efficiency*	<b>72</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>57</b>
	Runoff Sediment	0.014	0.039	0.122	0.029	0.105	0.161
	Removal Efficiency*	<b>77</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>47</b>
	Total Runoff	0.224	0.260	0.505	0.330	0.249	0.782
	<b>Removal Efficiency (%)</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>53</b>
*Relative to Bare Soil w/out Treatment							



# Petroleum Hydrocarbons



- Runoff Concentrations = 1,400 mg/L (motor oil), 5,400 mg/L (diesel), and 74 mg/L (gasoline)
- Runoff Loads = 20,820 mg (motor oil), 77,440 mg (diesel), and 1070 mg (gasoline)

# City of Chattanooga



Analysis	2-1-2007 (Pre-retrofit)	6-8-2007	8-30-2007	12-13-2007	3-19-2008	1-28-2009	7-28-2009	% Reduction
COD	1600 mg/L	259 mg/L	255 mg/L	125 mg/L	125 mg/L	405 mg/L	214 mg/L	<b>75-93</b>
TSS	1370 mg/L	208 mg/L	38 mg/L	18 mg/L	24 mg/L	249 mg/L	177 mg/L	<b>82-99</b>
Oil/Grease	107 mg/L	27 mg/L	N/A	N/A	5 mg/L	18 mg/L	37 mg/L	<b>65-95</b>

# The *Sustainable* BMP

- 100% Recycled (compost)
- Bio-based, organic materials
- Locally manufactured
- Reduces Carbon Footprint
- Uses Natural Principles
- (Natural Capital & Ecosystem Services)
- High Performance







## The Sustainable Site

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