



EPA Tools and Resources webinar: National Stormwater Calculator

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Outline

U.S. EPA National Stormwater Calculator

- Stormwater Calculator Background Information
- Potential Applications
- Using the Calculator: Manatee County, FL (May 2017 Application)
- Example Application:
 - U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit
- Development of Mobile Web Application
- Discussion & Questions

Typical Urban Stormwater Impacts

- Water Quality: Nutrient and insecticide runoff, fecal coliform bacteria, leading to impaired waters and beach closures
- Hydrologic, Geomorphic, and Biological: Flooding, stream bank erosion, impaired aquatic habitat, and sewer overflows
- Flooding: Transportation infrastructure and private property damages





National Stormwater Calculator Website



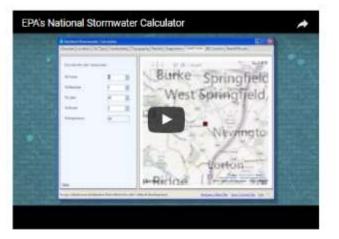
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National Stormwater Calculator

EPA's National Stormwater Calculator (SWC) is a desktop application that estimates the annual amount of rainwater and frequency of runoff from a specific site anywhere in the United States (including Puerto Rico). Estimates are based on local soil conditions, land cover, and historic rainfall records.



It is designed to be used by anyone interested in reducing runoff from a property, including

http://www2.epa.gov/water-research/national-stormwater-calculator

What Have We Created and Why?

• Stormwater Management (Green Infrastructure/Low Impact Development (LID)) Design and Planning Tool

—Model post-construction urban stormwater runoff discharges

—Allow for screening-level analysis of various green infrastructure practices, including planning level costs (green roofs, rain gardens, cisterns, etc.) throughout the U.S.

—Allow non-technical professionals to conduct screening level stormwater runoff for small to medium sized (less than 1 - 12 acres) sites

Potential Applications

- State or MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) Post Construction Stormwater Design Standards
- Voluntary Stormwater Retrofits for private property owners
- Voluntary Programs: LEED (U.S. Green Building Council) and Sustainable Sites Initiative stormwater credits
- Climate Resiliency Planning: Rockefeller Foundation's 100 Resilient Cities
- LID/Green Infrastructure Design Competitions: Campus RainWorks Challenge, DC Water Green Infrastructure Challenge, etc.

Training and Outreach Materials: User's Guide & Fact Sheet

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National Stormwater Calculator User's Guide



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National Stormwater Calculator (SWC)

Tool that helps users control runoff to promote the natural movement of water

Stormwater discharges continue to cause impairment of our Nation's waterbodies. In order to reduce impairment, EPA has developed the National Stormwater Calculator (SWC) to help support local, state, and national stormwater management objectives and regulatory efforts to reduce runoff through infiltration and retention using green infrastructure practices as low impact development (UD) controls. The primary focus of the SWC is to inform site developers on how well they can meet a desired stormwater retention target with and without the use of green infrastructure. It can also be used by landscapers and homeowers.

Platform. The SWC is a Windows-based desktop program that requires an internet connection. A mobile web application version that will be compatible with all operating systems is currently being developed.

Cost Module. An UD cost estimation module within the application allows planners and managers to evaluate UD controls based on comparison of regional and national project planning level cost estimates (capital and average annual maintenance) and predicted LID control performance. Cost estimation is accomplished based on useridentified size configuration of the LID control infrastructure and other key project and alte-specific variables. This includes whether the project is being applied as part of new development or redevelopment and if there are existing size constraints.

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The SWC is comprised of ten tabbed pages:

1-Location. This step has an address lookup feature that allows the user to easily navigate to a site selected anywhere within the United States.

2-Soil Type. In this step, soil type is identified and is used to infer infiltration properties. It can be selected based on local knowledge or from the online database.

3-Soll Drainage. This step identifies how quickly water drains into the soil. Conductivity can be selected based on local knowledge or retrieved from the online database.

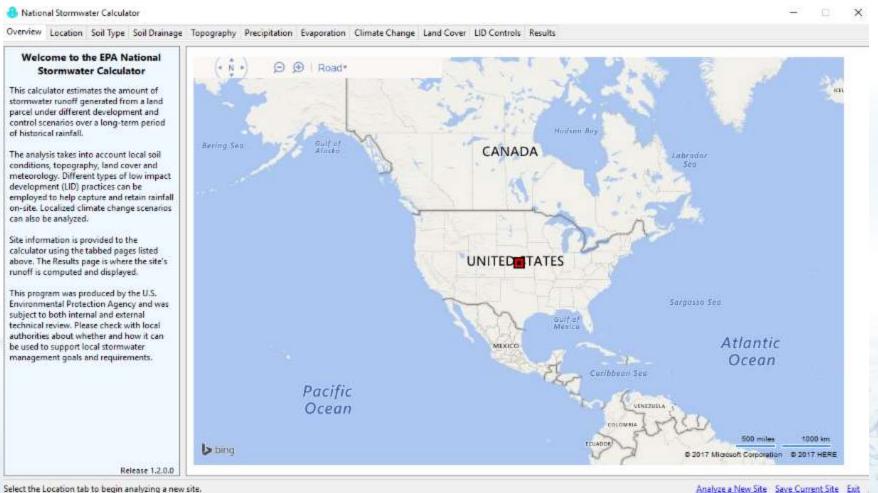
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Storm Water Management Model (SWMM)

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- Calculator is based on SWMM: Dynamic rainfall-runoff simulation model for long-term simulation of runoff quantity
- SWMM produces stormwater runoff estimates in the background of the Stormwater Calculator

National Stormwater Calculator (SWC) **Desktop Application**



Select the Location tab to begin analyzing a new site.

SWC:

Site Parameters and Embedded GIS Data-sets

- Location: Bing Maps
- Soils: NRCS SSURGO
- Slope: NRCS SSURGO
- Hydraulic Conductivity: NRCS SSURGO
- Precipitation and Temperature: National Climate Center (NCDC)-NOAA from EPA's BASINS Model
- Evaporation: Calculation based on meteorological data
- Climate Change Future Scenarios: Precipitation & evaporation
- Land-Cover/Use: User provided
- LID Practices (*new costing module available*): User provided

SWC Application: Manatee County, FL Green & Complete Streets Workshop (May 2017)

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SWC Analysis for Manatee County, FL:

Potential Stormwater Management Areas (Wares Creek, 14th St. W. – 9th St. W.)

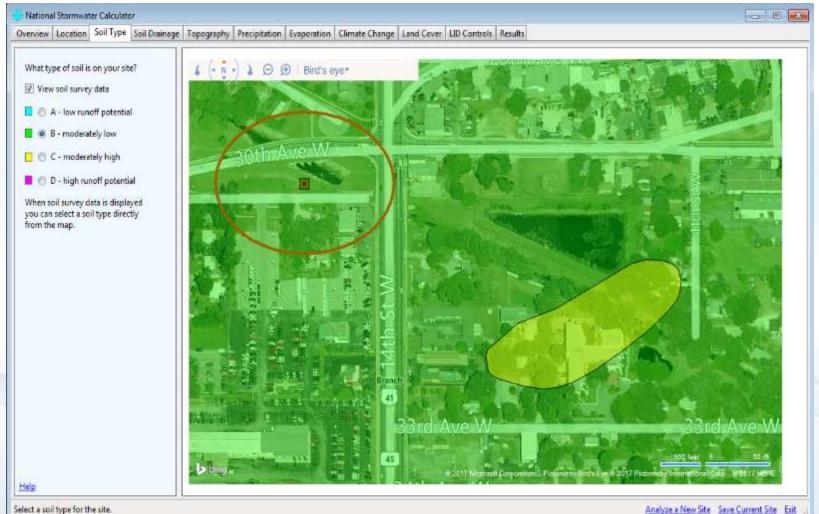


SWC Analysis: Wares Creek, 14th St. W. – 9th St. W. <u>Project Location</u>

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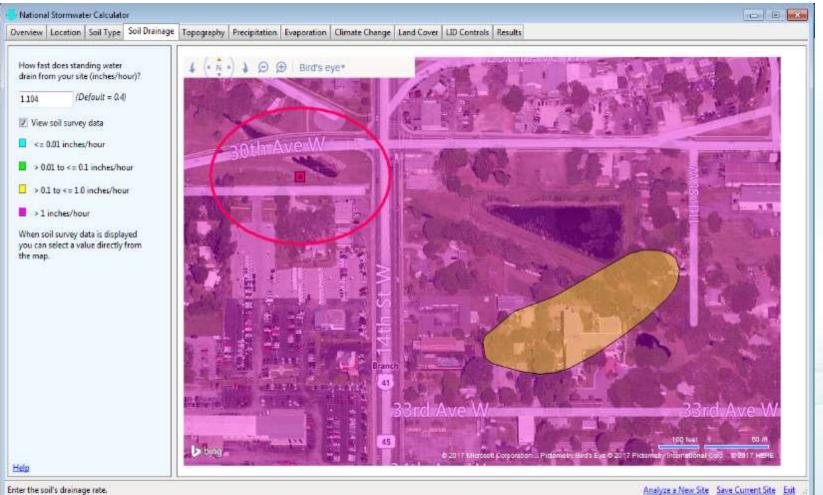
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SWC Analysis: Wares Creek, 14th St. W. – 9th St. W. Soil Rainfall Runoff Potential



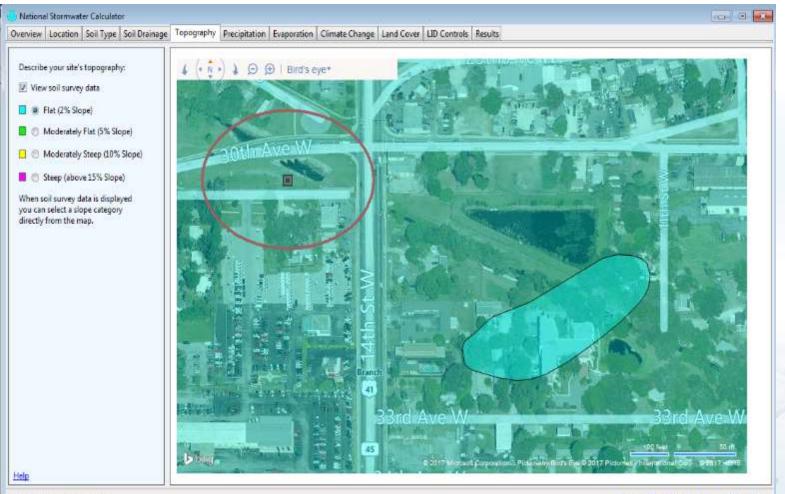
Select a soil type for the site.

SWC Analysis: Wares Creek, 14th St. W. – 9th St. W. Soil Drainage



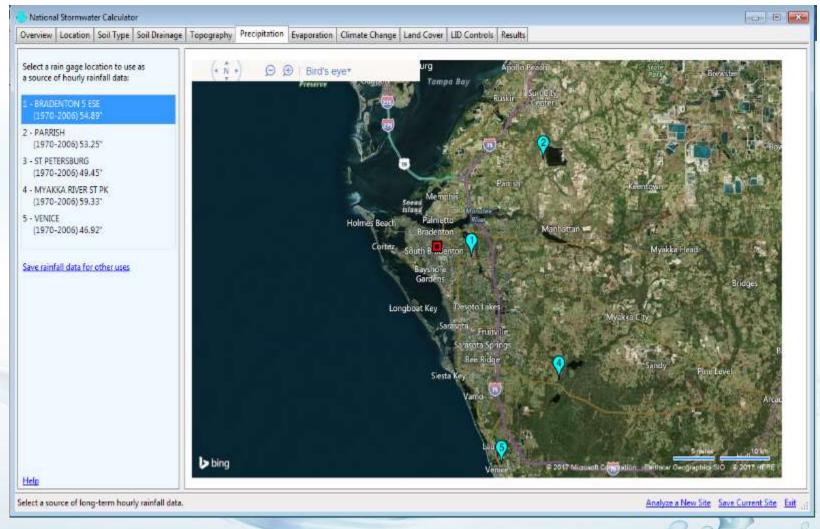
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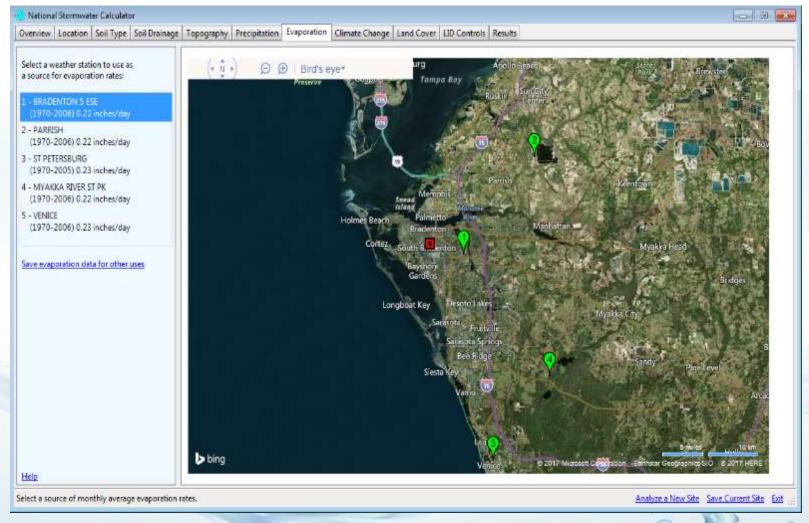


Describe how steep the site is.

SWC Analysis: Wares Creek, 14th St. W. – 9th St. W. *Historical Precipitation*

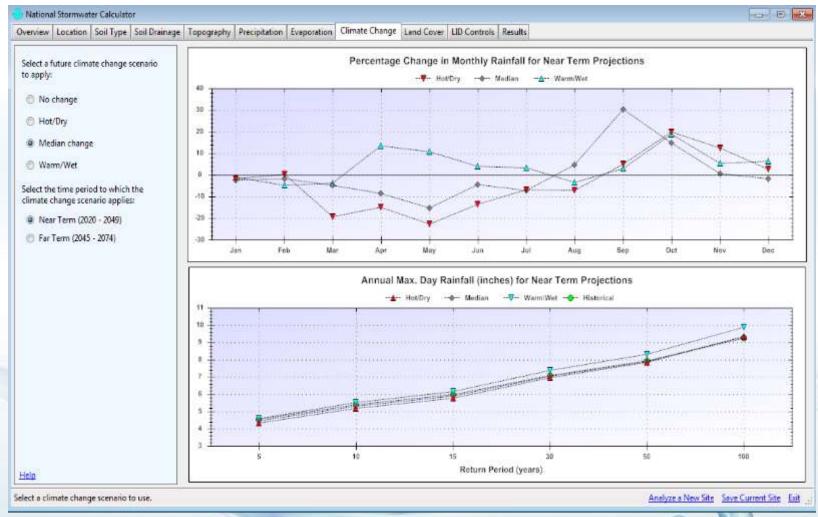


SWC Analysis: Wares Creek, 14th St. W. – 9th St. W. *Historical Evaporation*



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SWC Analysis: Wares Creek, 14th St. W. – 9th St. W. <u>Climate Change Scenarios</u>



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Climate Change Scenario Data: EPA's CREAT 2.0



Discover: Find out which extreme weather events pose significant challenges to your utility and build scenarios to identify potential impacts.

Assess: Identify your critical assets and the actions you can take to protect them from the consequences of climate change on utility operations.

Share: Generate reports describing the costs and benefits of your risk reduction

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https://creat.epa.gov/creat/

SWC Cost Analysis: Wares Creek, 14th St. W. – 9th St. W. **Climate Change Impacts for the Southeast**



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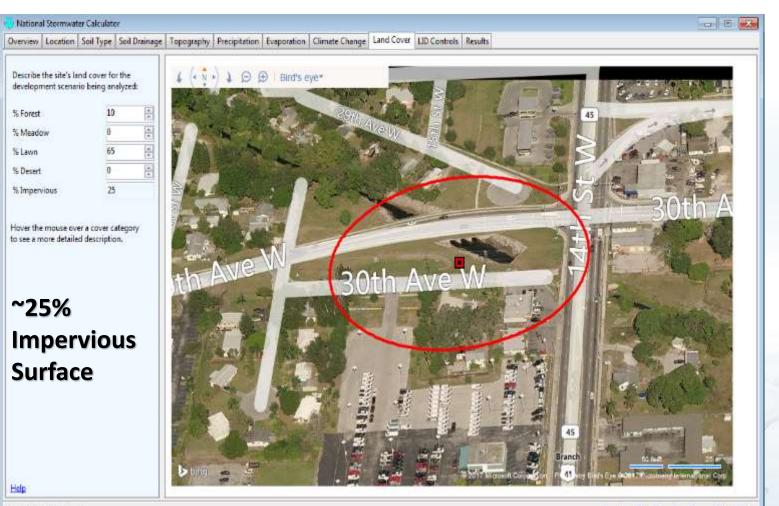
Sea level rise poses widespread and continuing threats to the region's economy and environment. Extreme heat will affect health, energy, agriculture, and more. Decreased water availability will have economic and environmental impacts.

Explore how climate change is affecting the Southeast and Caribbean.



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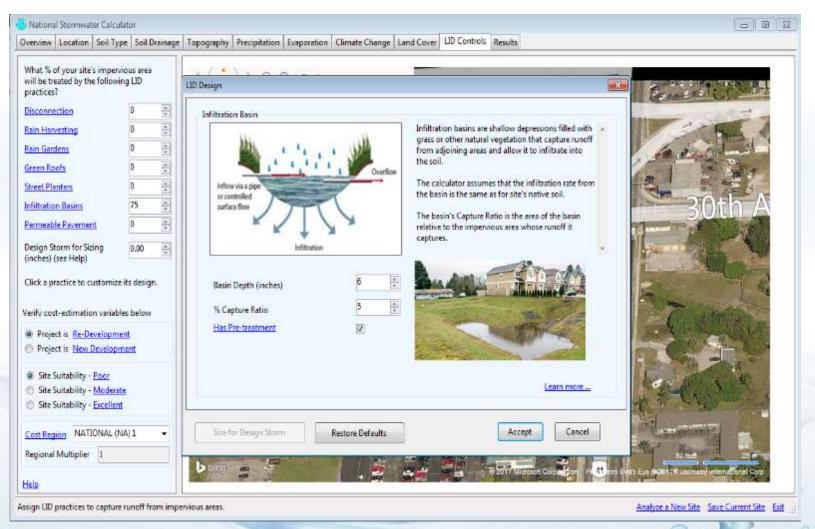
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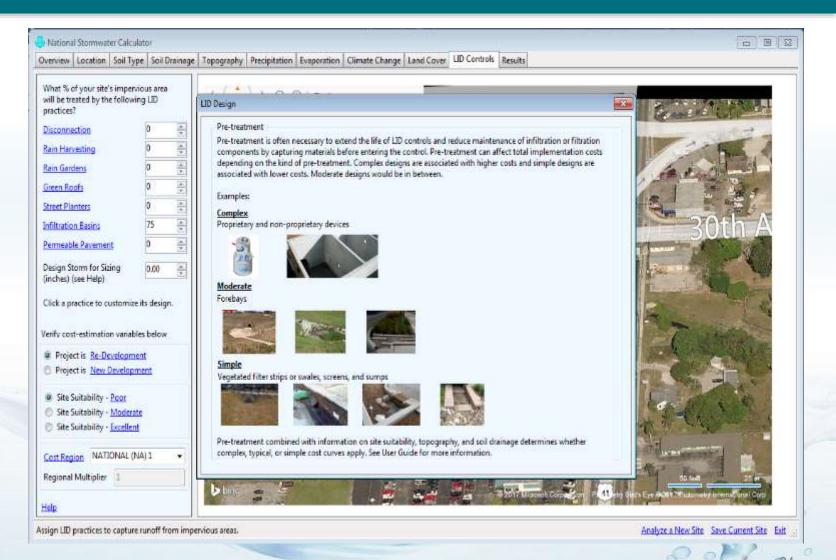
Describe the site's land cover.

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SWC Analysis: Wares Creek, 14th St. W. – 9th St. W. Low Impact Development Controls (LID), Infiltration Basin



SWC Analysis: Wares Creek, 14 St. W. – 9 St. W. Low Impact Development Controls (LID): Pre-treatment



SWC: Cost Estimation Module

Intended Uses:

Planning level cost estimates (magnitude of costs between planning scenarios)

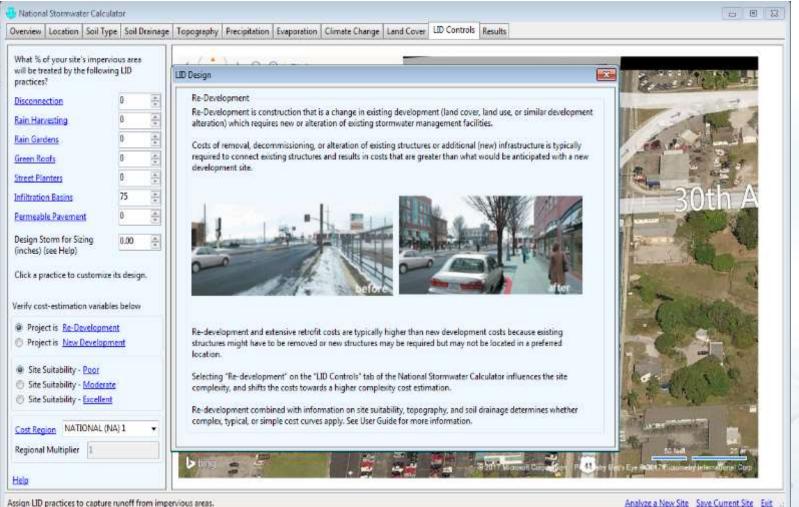
Limitations:

- Not final construction costs
- Not lifecycle costs (gives annual operations & maintenance (O&M) costs, not replacement costs)

Development of Regionalized Low Impact Development/Green Infrastructure Costs

- Utilization of Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Data for regional costs
 - Outputs of service, construction, utilities, and other goods producing entities
 - Examples include: concrete storm sewer pipe, construction sand and gravel, etc.
 - —Regional/city data (23 major U.S. cities)
 - Examples include: fuels and utilities, energy, and diesel fuel

SWC Analysis: Wares Creek, 14th St. W. – 9th St. W. **LID: Redevelopment Project**



Assign LID practices to capture runoff from impervious areas.

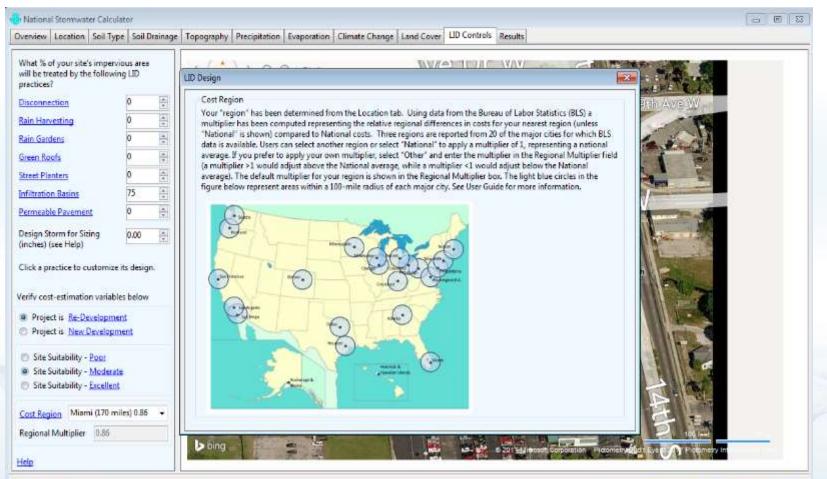
SWC Analysis: Wares Creek, 14th St. W. – 9th St. W. *LID: Site Suitability (Moderate)*

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What % of your site's impervious area will be treated by the following LID practices?	LID Design	Frank Martin
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Project is <u>Re-Development</u> Project is <u>New Development</u> Site Suitability - <u>Poor</u> Site Suitability - <u>Moderate</u> Site Suitability - <u>Excellent</u> Cost Region NATIONAL (NA) 1 •	Sites determined to have moderate suitability for LID practices may result in higher costs because of the potential need for additional excavation, accommodation for physical obstructions including utilities, required retaining walls, moderately challenging access, limited dewater, the addition of engineered or custom media blends, or need to address geotechnical or groundwater concerns. Selecting "Site Suitability - Moderate" on the "LID Controls" tab of the National Stormwater Calculator influences the site complexity, and may shift the costs towards a higher complexity cost estimation compared to. Moderate site suitability combined with information on development type, topography, and soil drainage determines whether complex, typical, or simple cost curves apply. See User Guide for more information.	
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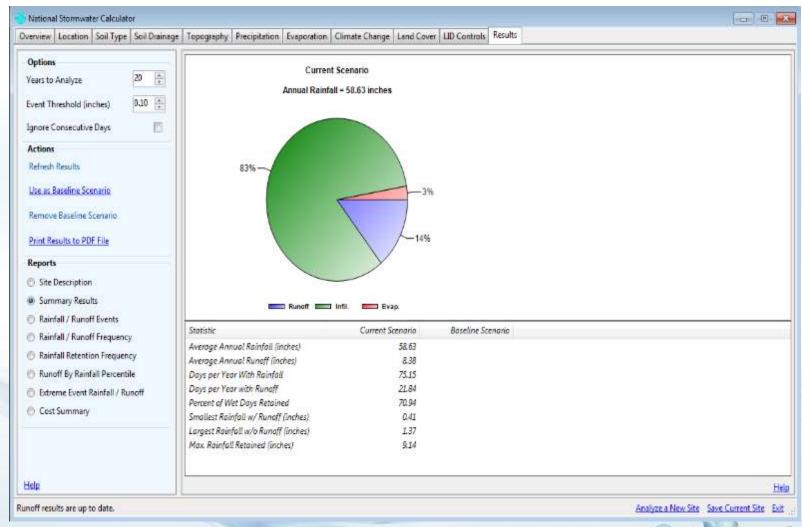
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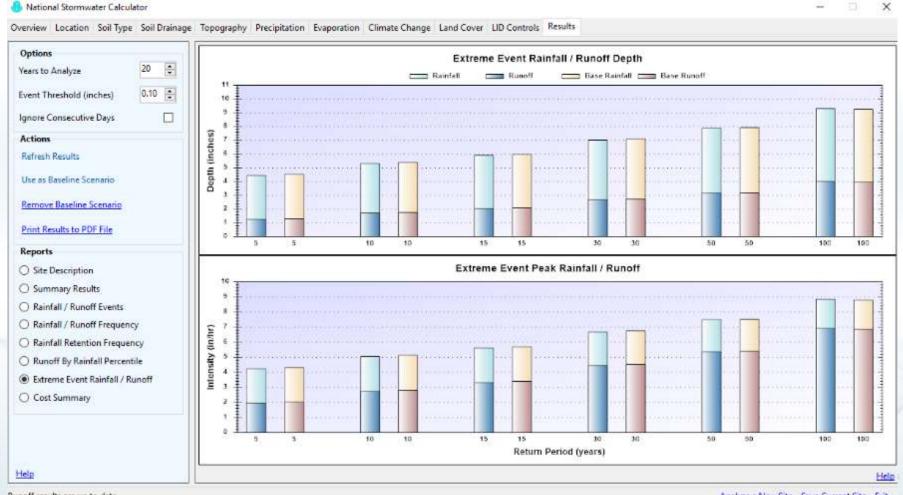
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SWC Analysis: Wares Creek, 14th St. W. – 9th St. W. <u>Runoff Reduction Results</u>



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SWC Analysis: Wares Creek, 14th St. W. – 9th St. W. <u>Runoff Results: Extreme Storm Events</u>



Runoff results are up to date.

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SWC Analysis: Wares Creek, 14th St. W. – 9th St. W. <u>Capital Costs Summary</u>

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Runoff results are up to date.

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SWC Analysis: Wares Creek, 14th St. W. – 9th St. W. <u>Annual Maintenance Costs Summary</u>

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Estimate of Probable Maintenance Costs (estimates in 2016 US.\$)

Capital Costs| Graphical View

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Note: site complexity variables that affect cost shown below:

Current Scenario	Baseline Scenario
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Site Suitability Moderate	
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Cost Region Miami (170 miles) 0.86	

Cost Range: \$263 - \$9,542

Runoff results are up to date.

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Interpreting the Results

- Informing next steps for finalizing costs of stormwater projects and construction plans/designs
- Comparing the relative magnitude of planning level costs for different stormwater management solutions
- Comparisons may be made between national and regional cost estimates:
 - —Using local knowledge in selection of regional BLS cost multipliers
 - Other nearby cities: Atlanta, Houston, etc.

Climate Resiliency Planning Application

U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit

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Improving Water Quality by Dealing with the First Inch of Rain

The suburban city of Mount Rainier, Maryland, is doing its part to improve the water quality of a polluted river in its region: residents and organizations are using green infrastructure to reduce stormwater runoff.

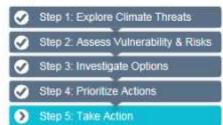
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Just outside the northeastern boundary of Washington, D.C., the suburban city of Mount Rainier, Maryland, features affordably priced homes, pedestrian-friendly sidewalks, and a handful of historic buildings. The city—named after the better-known mountain in the Pacific Northwest—expanded in the early 1900s after a streetcar line began offering service in and out of the capital. Since the 1970s, officials in Mount Rainier have made substantial efforts to improve air and water quality for the town's residents, and to become a sustainable "green" community.

Mount Rainier lies within the watershed of the Anacostia River, which flows into the Potomac River. In turn, the Potomac River flows into the ecologically productive Chesapeake Bay. Unfortunately, the Anacostia—sometimes referred to as Washington's "forgotten river"—is severely polluted with toxic sediments, agricultural nutrients, and trash. As climate



Steps to Resilience:



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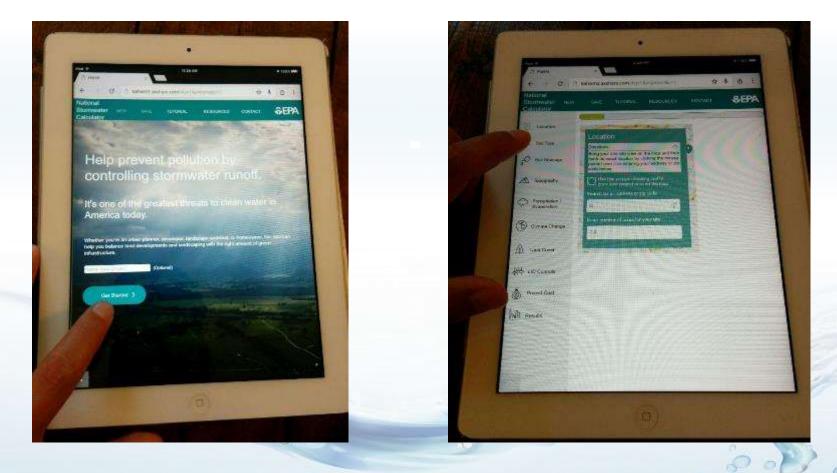
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Mobile Web App Development: Public Release Expected in Fall 2017

Live demonstrations at WEFTEC 2017 Stormwater Pavilion, Oct. 2 - 3 (Chicago, IL)



Discussion and Questions Thank You!

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