

ITRC Stormwater Best Management Practice (BMP) Project



WHAT IS ITRC?

The men and women of the Interstate Technology Regulatory Council (ITRC) form a public-private coalition that produces guidance and training to create comfort with environmental innovations. Bringing together teams of state and federal regulators, along with private, academic, and stakeholder experts, ITRC broadens and deepens technical knowledge and reduces barriers to quick and widespread regulatory approval. Since 1995, the collective success of this coalition has generated huge benefits to the environment, inspired inventors, and saved hundreds of millions of dollars.

The ITRC is a part of the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS), the association of state and territorial environmental agency leaders. This partnership is based on a commitment to protect and improve human health and the environment across the United States of America.

STORMWATER BMP PROJECT

Teaming with scientific and regulatory stormwater experts, this ITRC initiative will produce a technical and regulatory guidance document that will identify best methods for evaluating pollution-reduction capabilities, describe barriers to meeting regulatory requirements, and draw upon the latest knowledge and most successful approaches used by others.

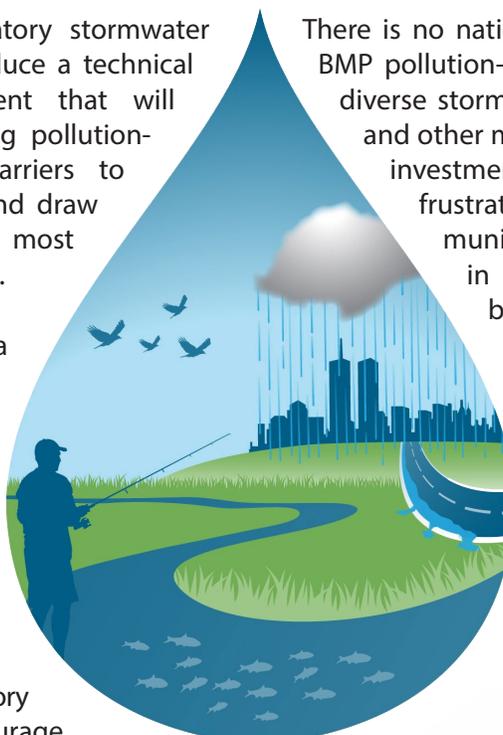
The team will seek consensus on a method to verify the performance of stormwater BMPs over time. This methodology will deploy strong science, implement verification as a life-cycle process, estimate pollutant load reduction, and determine how to assign credit for pollutant-reducing practices.

The project will enhance regulatory compliance evaluations and encourage more environmentally appropriate and cost-effective BMP choices.

WHY THIS PROJECT?

There is no national consensus on how to determine BMP pollution-reduction capabilities to comply with diverse stormwater management laws, regulations, and other mandates. To eliminate confusion, over-investment in stormwater management, and frustration with clean water requirements, municipalities, landowners, and regulators in watersheds across the country seek broad agreement on BMP performance.

The need to maintain stormwater technologies and practices to maximize their effectiveness over time drives the desire for a credible protocol to verify that older, existing BMPs are operating as designed.



JOIN THE TEAM!

The Stormwater BMP Project began in the fall of 2015! By joining the team, you will help write the guidance document, develop training, identify solutions, reduce stormwater pollution, and create equity among BMP users.

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