



**Impervious Cover Assessment
for
Harmony Township, Warren County, New Jersey**

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Introduction

Pervious and impervious are terms that are used to describe the ability or inability of water to flow through a surface. When rainfall hits a surface, it can soak into the surface or flow off the surface. Pervious surfaces are those which allow stormwater to readily soak into the soil and recharge groundwater. When rainfall drains from a surface, it is called "stormwater" runoff (Figure 1). An impervious surface can be any material that has been placed over soil that prevents water from soaking into the ground. Impervious surfaces include paved roadways, parking lots, sidewalks, and rooftops. As impervious areas increase, so does the volume of stormwater runoff.



Figure 1: Stormwater draining from a parking lot

New Jersey has many problems due to stormwater runoff, including:

- **Pollution**: According to the 2010 New Jersey Water Quality Assessment Report, 90% of the assessed waters in New Jersey are impaired, with urban-related stormwater runoff listed as the most probable source of impairment (USEPA, 2013). As stormwater flows over the ground, it picks up pollutants including animal waste, excess fertilizers, pesticides, and other toxic substances. These pollutants are then able to enter waterways.
- **Flooding**: Over the past decade, the state has seen an increase in flooding. Communities around the state have been affected by these floods. The amount of damage caused has also increased greatly with this trend, costing billions of dollars over this time span.

- Erosion: Increased stormwater runoff causes an increase in the velocity of flows in our waterways. The increased velocity after storm events erodes stream banks and shorelines, degrading water quality. This erosion can damage local roads and bridges and cause harm to wildlife.

The primary cause of the pollution, flooding, and erosion problems is the quantity of impervious surfaces draining directly to local waterways. New Jersey is one of the most developed states in the country. Currently, the state has the highest percent of impervious cover in the country at 12.1% of its total area (Nowak & Greenfield, 2012). Many of these impervious surfaces are directly connected to local waterways (i.e., every drop of rain that lands on these impervious surfaces ends up in a local river, lake, or bay without any chance of being treated or soaking into the ground). To repair our waterways, reduce flooding, and stop erosion, stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces has to be better managed. Surfaces need to be disconnected with green infrastructure to prevent stormwater runoff from flowing directly into New Jersey's waterways. Disconnection redirects runoff from paving and rooftops to pervious areas in the landscape.

Green infrastructure is an approach to stormwater management that is cost-effective, sustainable, and environmentally friendly. Green infrastructure projects capture, filter, absorb, and reuse stormwater to maintain or mimic natural systems and to treat runoff as a resource. As a general principal, green infrastructure practices use soil and vegetation to recycle stormwater runoff through infiltration and evapotranspiration. When used as components of a stormwater management system, green infrastructure practices such as bioretention, green roofs, porous pavement, rain gardens, and vegetated swales can produce a variety of environmental benefits. In addition to effectively retaining and infiltrating rainfall, these technologies can simultaneously help filter air pollutants, reduce energy demands, mitigate urban heat islands, and sequester carbon while also providing communities with aesthetic and natural resource benefits (USEPA, 2013).

The first step to reducing the impacts from impervious surfaces is to conduct an impervious cover assessment. This assessment can be completed on different scales: individual lot, municipality, or watershed. Impervious surfaces need to be identified for stormwater management. Once impervious surfaces have been identified, there are three steps to better manage these surfaces.

1. ***Eliminate surfaces that are not necessary.*** For example, a paved courtyard at a public school could be converted to a grassed area.
2. ***Reduce or convert impervious surfaces.*** There may be surfaces that are required to be hardened, such as roadways or parking lots, but could be made smaller and still be functional. A parking lot that has two-way car ways could be converted to one-way car ways. There also are permeable paving materials such as porous asphalt, pervious concrete, or permeable paving stones that could be substituted for impermeable paving materials (Figure 2).
3. ***Disconnect impervious surfaces from flowing directly to local waterways.*** There are many ways to capture, treat, and infiltrate stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces. Opportunities may exist to reuse this captured water.



Figure 2: Rapid infiltration of water through porous pavement is demonstrated at the USEPA Edison New Jersey test site

Harmony Township Impervious Cover Analysis

Located in Warren County in western New Jersey, Harmony Township covers approximately 24.1 square miles east of Pennsylvania. Figures 3 and 4 illustrate that Harmony Township is dominated by agricultural land uses. A total of 12.3% of the municipality's land use is classified as urban. Of the urban land in Harmony Township, rural residential is the dominant land use (Figure 5).

The literature suggests a link between impervious cover and stream ecosystem impairment starting at approximately 10% impervious surface cover (Schueler, 1994; Arnold and Gibbons, 1996; May et al., 1997). Impervious cover may be linked to the quality of lakes, reservoirs, estuaries, and aquifers (Caraco et al., 1998), and the amount of impervious cover in a watershed can be used to project the current and future quality of streams. Based on the scientific literature, Caraco et al. (1998) classified urbanizing streams into the following three categories: sensitive streams, impacted streams, and non-supporting streams. Sensitive streams typically have a watershed impervious surface cover from 0 – 10%. Impacted streams have a watershed impervious cover ranging from 11-25% and typically show clear signs of degradation from urbanization. Non-supporting streams have a watershed impervious cover of greater than 25%; at this high level of impervious cover, streams are simply conduits for stormwater flow and no longer support a diverse stream community.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's (NJDEP) 2007 land use/land cover geographical information system (GIS) data layer categorizes Harmony Township into many unique land use areas, assigning a percent impervious cover for each delineated area. These impervious cover values were used to estimate the impervious coverage for Harmony Township. Based upon the 2007 NJDEP land use/land cover data, approximately 2.06% of Harmony Township has impervious cover. This level of impervious cover suggests that the streams in Harmony Township are likely sensitive streams.

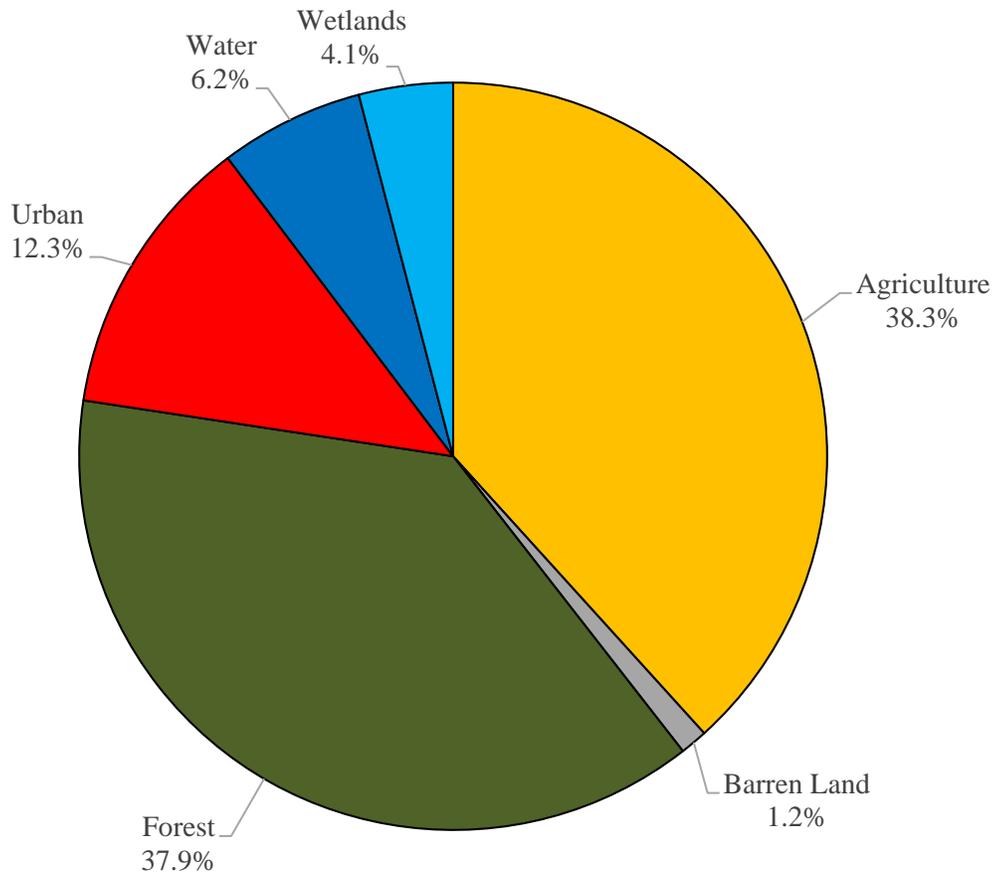


Figure 3: Pie chart illustrating the land use in Harmony Township

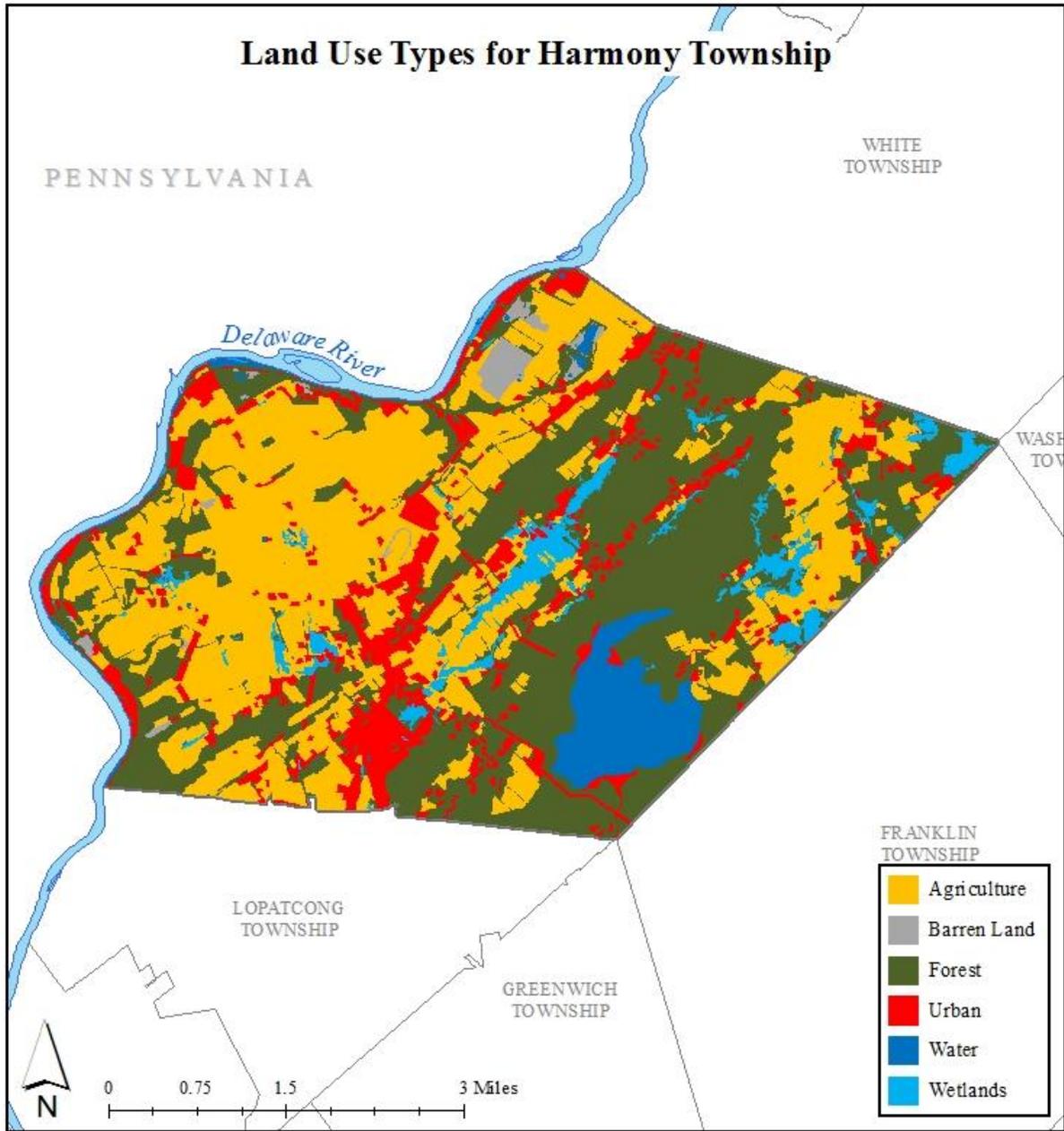


Figure 4: Map illustrating the land use in Harmony Township

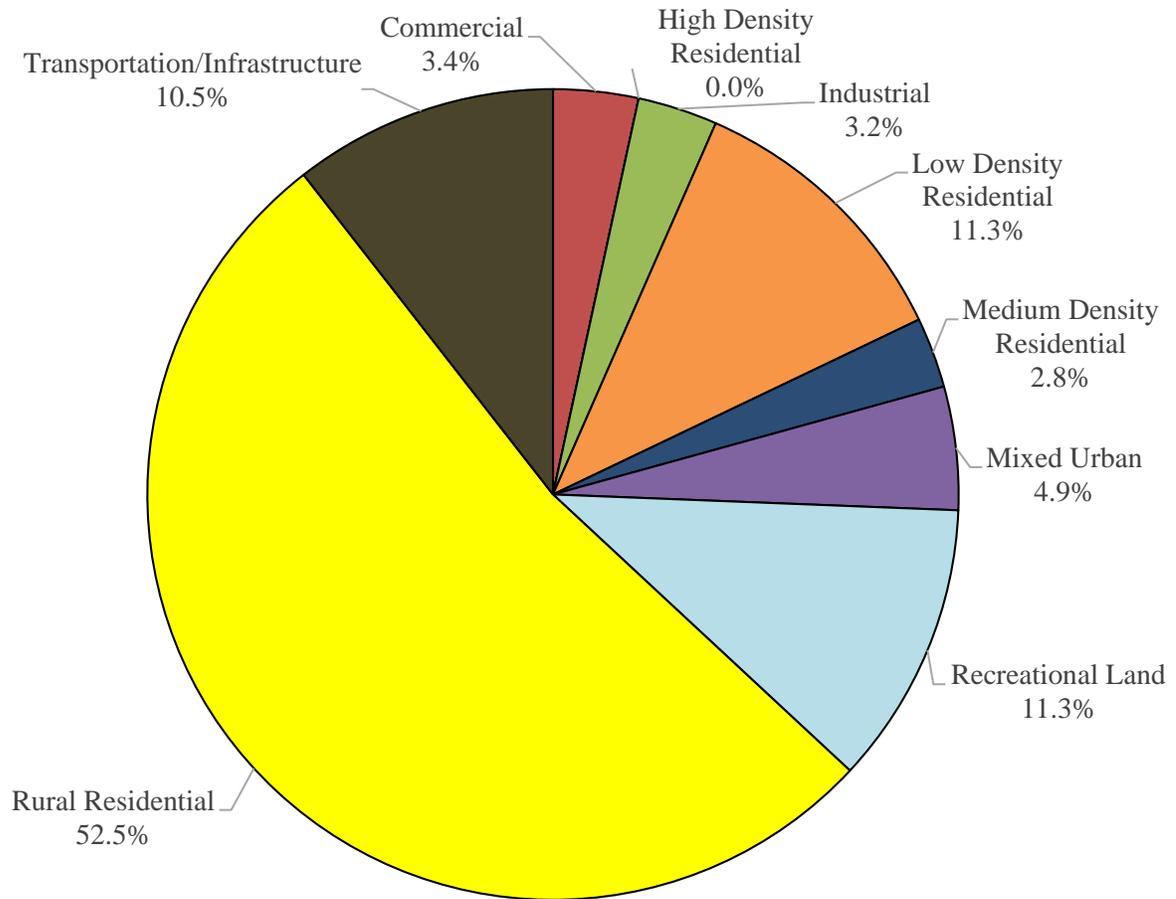


Figure 5: Pie chart illustrating the various types of urban land use in Harmony Township

Water resources are typically managed on a watershed/subwatershed basis; therefore an impervious cover analysis was performed for each subwatershed within Harmony Township (Table 1 and Figure 6). On a subwatershed basis, impervious cover ranges from 1.1% in the Merrill Creek subwatershed to 2.4% in the Buckhorn Creek subwatershed. Evaluating impervious cover on a subwatershed basis allows the municipality to focus impervious cover reduction or disconnection efforts in the subwatersheds where frequent flooding occurs.

In developed landscapes, stormwater runoff from parking lots, driveways, sidewalks, and rooftops flows to drainage pipes that feed the sewer system. The cumulative effect of these impervious surfaces and thousands of connected downspouts reduces the amount of water that can infiltrate into soils and greatly increases the volume and rate of runoff that flows to waterways. Stormwater runoff volumes (specific to Harmony Township, Warren County) associated with impervious surfaces were calculated for the following storms: the New Jersey water quality design storm of 1.25 inches of rain, an annual rainfall of 47 inches, the 2-year design storm (3.3 inches of rain), the 10-year design storm (4.9 inches of rain), and the 100-year design storm (7.8 inches of rain). These runoff volumes are summarized in Table 2. A substantial amount of rainwater drains from impervious surfaces in Harmony Township. For example, if the stormwater runoff from one water quality storm (1.25 inches of rain) in the Lopatcong Creek subwatershed was harvested and purified, it could supply water to 25 homes for one year¹.

¹ Assuming 300 gallons per day per home

Table 1: Impervious cover analysis by subwatershed for Harmony Township

Subwatershed	Total Area		Land Use Area		Water Area		Impervious Cover		
	(ac)	(mi ²)	(ac)	(mi ²)	(ac)	(mi ²)	(ac)	(mi ²)	(%)
Buckhorn Creek	4,810.2	7.52	4,729.0	7.39	81.2	0.13	112.8	0.18	2.4%
Lopatcong Creek	3,390.8	5.30	3,383.4	5.29	7.4	0.01	80.1	0.13	2.4%
Merrill Creek	2,297.1	3.59	1,644.7	2.57	652.4	1.02	18.4	0.03	1.1%
Pohatcong Creek	1,283.4	2.01	1,281.8	2.00	1.6	0.00	20.7	0.03	1.6%
UDRV Tributary	3,630.8	5.67	3,412.7	5.33	218.1	0.34	66.2	0.10	1.9%
Total	15,412.3	24.08	14,451.6	22.58	960.7	1.50	298.0	0.47	2.1%

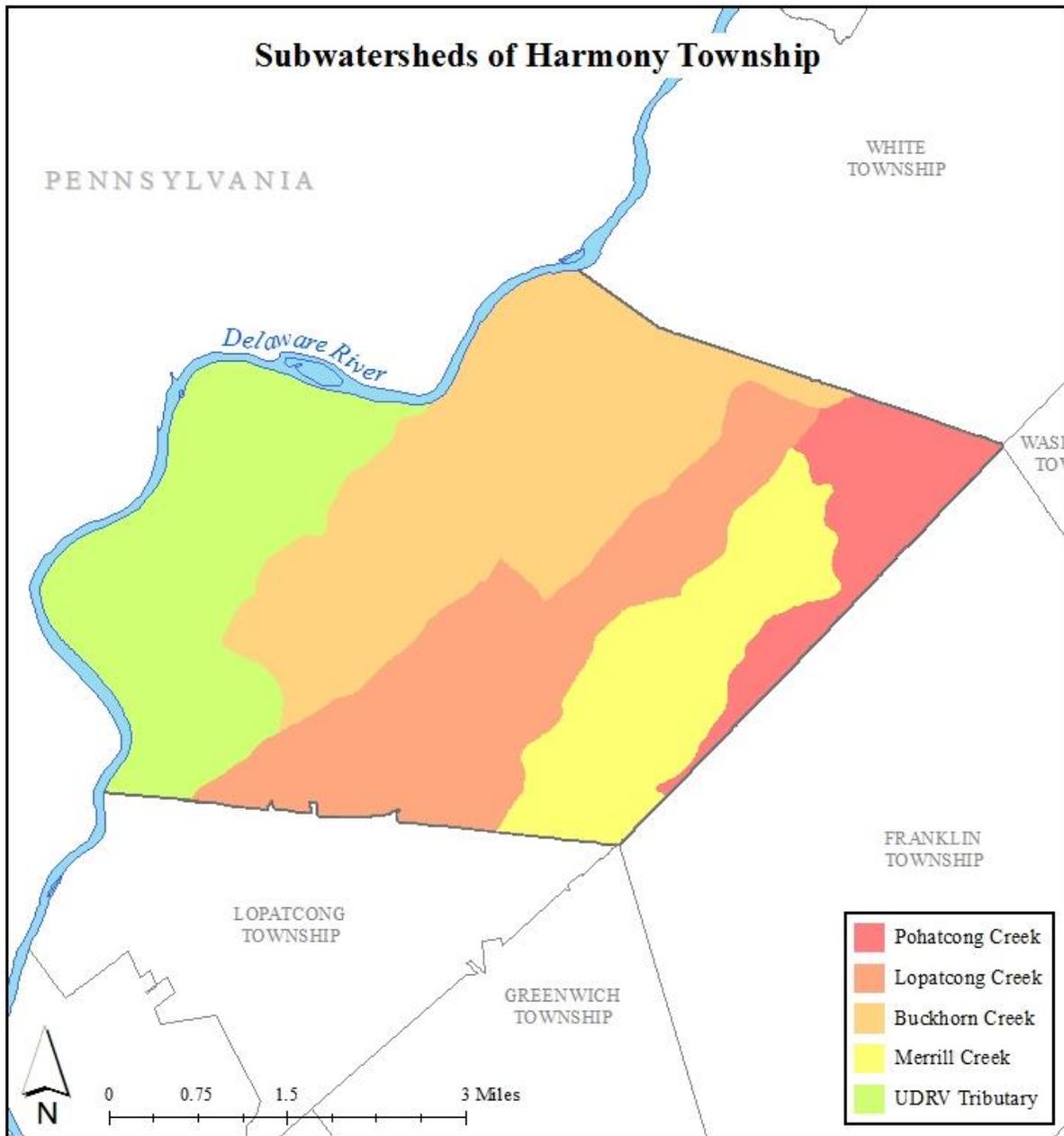


Figure 6: Map of the subwatersheds in Harmony Township

Table 2: Stormwater runoff volumes from impervious surfaces by subwatershed in Harmony Township

Subwatershed	Total Runoff Volume for the 1.25" NJ Water Quality Storm (MGal)	Total Runoff Volume for the NJ Annual Rainfall of 44" (MGal)	Total Runoff Volume for the 2-Year Design Storm (3.3") (MGal)	Total Runoff Volume for the 10-Year Design Storm (4.9") (MGal)	Total Runoff Volume for the 100-Year Design Storm (7.8") (MGal)
Buckhorn Creek	3.8	134.8	10.1	15.0	23.9
Lopatcong Creek	2.7	95.7	7.2	10.7	17.0
Merrill Creek	0.6	22.0	1.6	2.4	3.9
Pohatcong Creek	0.7	24.7	1.9	2.8	4.4
UDRV Tributary	2.2	79.1	5.9	8.8	14.0
Total	10.1	356.3	26.7	39.7	63.2

The next step is to set a reduction goal for impervious area in each subwatershed. Based upon the Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) Water Resources Program's experience, a 10% reduction would be a reasonably achievable reduction for these subwatersheds in Harmony Township. While it may be difficult to eliminate paved areas or replace paved areas with permeable pavement, it is relatively easy to identify impervious surfaces that can be disconnected using green infrastructure practices. For all practical purposes, disconnecting an impervious surface from a storm sewer system or a water body is an "impervious area reduction." The RCE Water Resources Program recommends that all green infrastructure practices that are installed to disconnect impervious surfaces should be designed for the 2-year design storm (3.3 inches of rain over 24-hours). Although this results in management practices that are slightly over-designed by NJDEP standards, which require systems to be designed for the New Jersey water quality storm (1.25 inches of rain over 2-hours), these systems will be able to handle the increase in storm intensities that are expected to occur due to climate change. By designing these management practices for the 2-year design storm, these practices will be able to manage 95% of the annual rainfall volume. The recommended annual reductions in runoff volumes are shown in Table 3.

As previously mentioned, once impervious surfaces have been identified, the next steps for managing impervious surfaces are to 1) eliminate surfaces that are not necessary, 2) reduce or convert impervious surfaces to pervious surfaces, and 3) disconnect impervious surfaces from flowing directly to local waterways.

Elimination of Impervious Surfaces

One method to reduce impervious cover is to "depave." Depaving is the act of removing paved impervious surfaces and replacing them with pervious soil and vegetation that will allow for the infiltration of rainwater. Depaving leads to the re-creation of natural space that will help reduce flooding, increase wildlife habitat, and positively enhance water quality as well as beautify neighborhoods. Depaving also can bring communities together around a shared vision to work together to reconnect their neighborhood to the natural environment.

Table 3: Impervious cover reductions by subwatershed in Harmony Township

Subwatershed	Recommended Impervious Area Reduction (10%) (ac)	Annual Runoff Volume Reduction ² (MGal)
Buckhorn Creek	11.3	12.8
Lopatcong Creek	8.0	9.1
Merrill Creek	1.8	2.1
Pohatcong Creek	2.1	2.3
UDRV Tributary	6.6	7.5
Total	29.8	33.8

² Annual Runoff Volume Reduction =

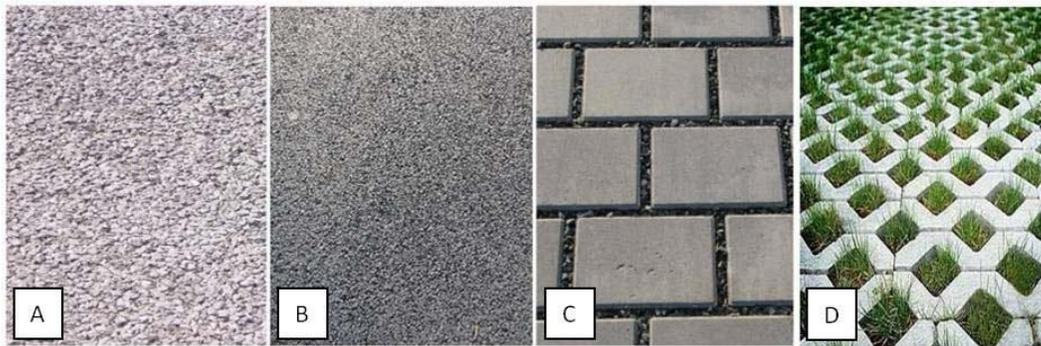
Acres of impervious cover x 43,560 ft²/ac x 44 in x (1 ft/12 in) x 0.95 x (7.48 gal/ft³) x (1 MGal/1,000,000 gal)

All green infrastructure should be designed to capture the first 3.3 inches of rain from each storm. This would allow the green infrastructure to capture 95% of the annual rainfall of 44 inches.

Pervious Pavement

There are four different types of permeable pavement systems that are commonly being used throughout the country to reduce the environmental impacts from impervious surfaces. These surfaces include pervious concrete, porous asphalt, interlocking concrete pavers, and grid pavers.

“Permeable pavement is a stormwater drainage system that allows rainwater and runoff to move through the pavement’s surface to a storage layer below, with the water eventually seeping into the underlying soil. Permeable pavement is beneficial to the environment because it can reduce stormwater volume, treat stormwater water quality, replenish the groundwater supply, and lower air temperatures on hot days (Rowe, 2012).”



Permeable surfaces: (A) pervious concrete, (B) porous asphalt, (C) interlocking concrete pavers, (D) grid pavers (Rowe, 2012)

Pervious concrete and porous asphalt are the most common of the permeable surfaces. They are similar to regular concrete and asphalt but without the fine materials. This allows water to quickly pass through the material into an underlying layered system of stone that holds the water, allowing it to infiltrate into the underlying uncompacted soil.

Impervious Cover Disconnection Practices

By redirecting runoff from paving and rooftops to pervious areas in the landscape, the amount of directly connected impervious area in a drainage area can be greatly reduced. There are many cost-effective ways to disconnect impervious surfaces from local waterways.

- **Simple Disconnection**: This is the easiest and least costly method to reduce stormwater runoff for smaller storm events. Instead of piping rooftop runoff to the street where it enters the catch basin and is piped to the river, the rooftop runoff is released onto a grassed area to allow the water to be filtered by the grass and soak into the ground. A healthy lawn

typically can absorb the first one to two inches of stormwater runoff from a rooftop. Simple disconnection also can be used to manage stormwater runoff from paved areas. Designing a parking lot or driveway to drain onto a grassed area, instead of the street, can dramatically reduce pollution and runoff volumes.

- Rain Gardens: Stormwater can be diverted into shallow landscaped depressed areas (i.e., rain gardens) where the vegetation filters the water, and it is allowed to soak into the ground. Rain gardens, also known as bioretention systems, come in all shapes and sizes and can be designed to disconnect a variety of impervious surfaces (Figure 7).



Figure 7: Rain garden outside the RCE of Gloucester County office which was designed to disconnect rooftop runoff from the local storm sewer system

- Rainwater Harvesting: Rainwater harvesting includes the use of rain barrels and cisterns (Figures 8a and 8b). These can be placed below downspouts to collect rooftop runoff. The collected water has a variety of uses including watering plants and washing cars. This practice also helps cut down on the use of potable water for nondrinking purposes. It is important to divert the overflow from the rainwater harvesting system to a pervious area.



Figure 8a: Rain barrel used to disconnect a downspout with the overflow going to a flower bed



Figure 8b: A 5,000 gallon cistern used to disconnect the rooftop of the Department of Public Works in Clark Township to harvest rainwater for nonprofit car wash events

Examples of Opportunities in Harmony Township

To address the impact of stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces, the next step is to identify opportunities in the municipality for eliminating, reducing, or disconnecting directly connected impervious surfaces. To accomplish this task, an impervious cover reduction action plan should be prepared. Aerial photographs are used to identify sites with impervious surfaces in the municipality that may be suitable for inclusion in the action plan. After sites are identified, site visits are conducted to photo-document all opportunities and evaluate the feasibility of eliminating, reducing, or disconnecting directly connected impervious surfaces. A brief description of each site discussing the existing conditions and recommendations for treatment of the impervious surfaces is developed. After a number of sites have been selected for inclusion in the action plan, concept plans and detailed green infrastructure information sheets are prepared for a selection of representative sites.

For Harmony Township, three sites have been included in this assessment. Examples of concept plans and detailed green infrastructure information sheets are provided in Appendix A. The detailed green infrastructure information sheets describe existing conditions and issues, proposed solutions, anticipated benefits, possible funding sources, potential partners and stakeholders, and estimated costs. Additionally, each project has been classified as a mitigation opportunity for recharge potential, total suspended solids removal, and stormwater peak reduction. Finally, these detailed green infrastructure information sheets provide an estimate of gallons of stormwater captured and treated per year by each proposed green infrastructure practice. The concept plans provide an aerial photograph of the site and details of the proposed green infrastructure practices.

Conclusions

Harmony Township can reduce flooding and improve its waterways by better managing stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces. This impervious cover assessment is the first step toward better managing stormwater runoff. The next step is to develop an action plan to eliminate, reduce, or disconnect impervious surfaces where possible and practical. Many of the highly effective disconnection practices are inexpensive. The entire community can be engaged in implementing these disconnection practices.

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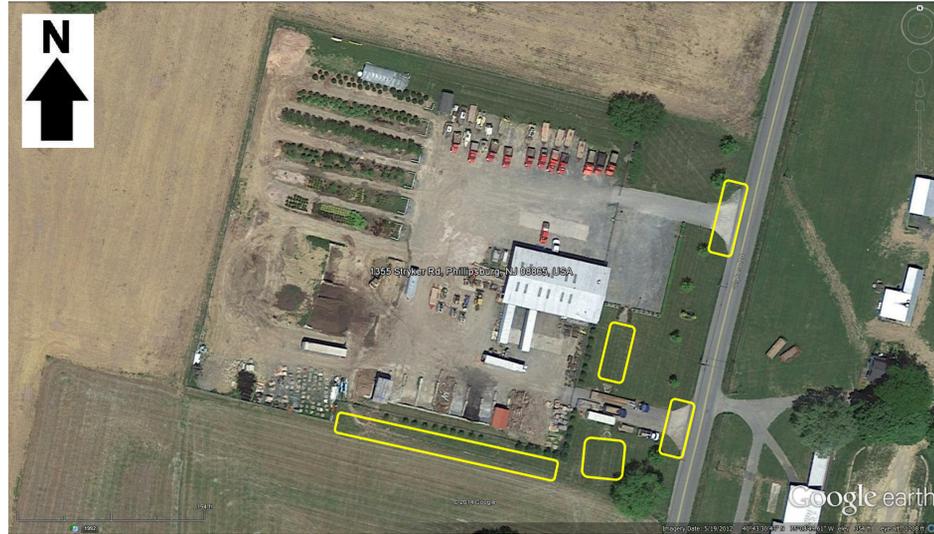
Appendix A

Examples of Impervious Cover Reduction Action Plan Projects Concept Plans and Detailed Green Infrastructure Information Sheets

Harmony Township Impervious Cover Assessment

Phillips & Tosco Landscaping, 1355 Stryker Road

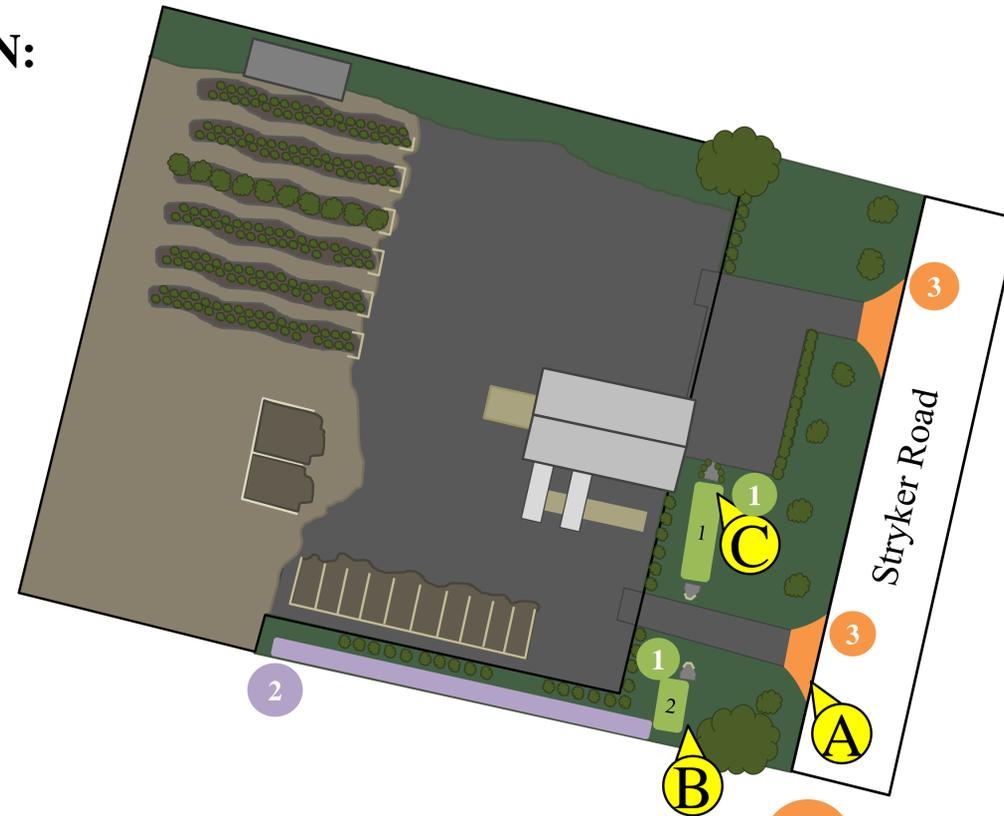
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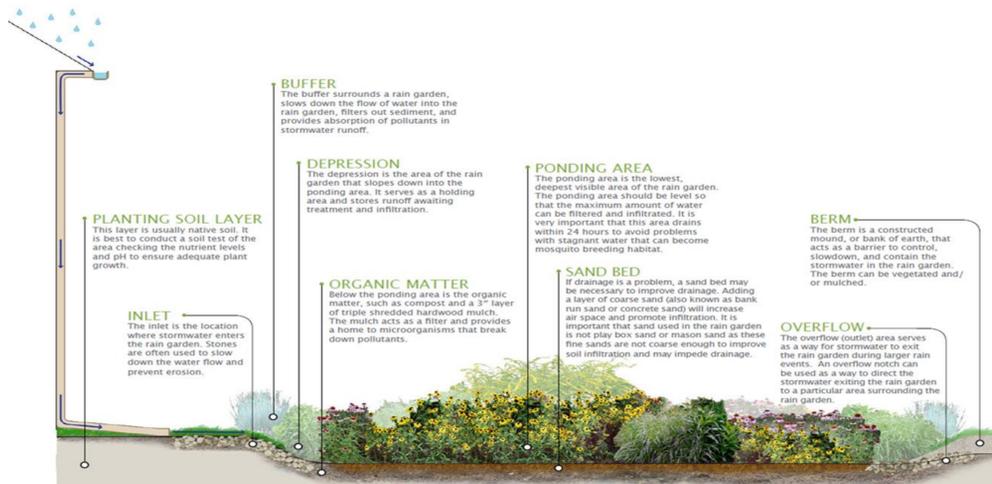
SITE PLAN:



- 1 BIORETENTION SYSTEM:** Bioretention systems could be used to reduce sediment and nutrient loading to the local waterway and increase groundwater recharge. There are two areas proposed for the installment of bioretention systems.
- 2 BIOSWALE:** A bioswale could be installed to treat runoff from the property. A bioswale is a vegetated system that will convey stormwater to the catch basin and rain garden on the east edge of the property while removing sediment and nutrients.
- 3 POROUS PAVEMENT:** Porous pavement could replace the concrete currently at the entrance of the driveways. The porous pavement will filter the runoff from the driveway and allow it to infiltrate into the ground, eliminating the current pooling issues.



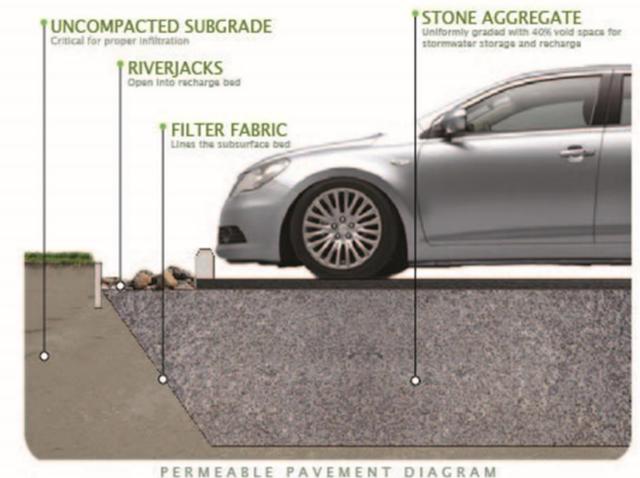
1 BIORETENTION SYSTEM



2 BIOSWALE



3 POROUS PAVEMENT



Phillips & Tosco Landscaping
Green Infrastructure Information Sheet

<p>Location: 1355 Stryker Road Phillipsburg, NJ 08865</p>	<p>Municipality: Harmony Township</p>
<p>Green Infrastructure Description: bioretention system (rain garden) bioswale porous pavement</p>	<p>Subwatershed: Lopatcong Creek</p> <p>Targeted Pollutants: total nitrogen (TN), total phosphorus (TP), total suspended solids (TSS) in surface runoff</p>
<p>Mitigation Opportunities: recharge potential: yes stormwater peak reduction potential: yes total suspended solids removal potential: yes</p>	<p>Stormwater Captured and Treated Per Year: rain garden #1: 99,505 gal. rain garden #2: 125,482 gal. bioswale: 233,326 gal. porous pavement: 171,939 gal.</p>
<p>Existing Conditions and Issues: This site is located on Stryker Road around what appears to be farmland. A large area of the site is paved contributing to impervious cover. The main building has disconnected downspouts, and there is a turfgrass area next to the building. The pavement at the entrance and exit is in disrepair.</p>	
<p>Proposed Solution(s): A bioretention system #1 and #2 can be constructed near the culverts located in front of the building to capture, treat, and infiltrate stormwater runoff from the paved areas. A bioswale can be installed along the south end of the paved area to capture its runoff as well. The pavement at the entrance and exit can be redone with porous pavement to capture runoff flowing down the driveway from the paved areas.</p>	
<p>Anticipated Benefits: Since the bioretention systems would be designed to capture, treat, and infiltrate the entire 2-year design storm (3.3 inches of rain over 24 hours), these systems are estimated to achieve a 95% pollutant load reduction for TN, TP, and TSS. A bioretention system would also provide ancillary benefits such as enhanced wildlife habitat and aesthetic appeal. The bioswale would reduce TN by 30%, TP by 60%, and TSS by 90%. Porous pavement allows stormwater to infiltrate through to soil layers which will promote groundwater recharge as well as intercept and filter stormwater runoff. The porous pavement system will achieve the same level of pollutant load reduction for TN, TP, and TSS as the bioretention system.</p>	
<p>Possible Funding Sources: mitigation funds from local developers NJDEP grant programs Harmony Township local social and community groups</p>	

Phillips & Tosco Landscaping
Green Infrastructure Information Sheet

Partners/Stakeholders:

Harmony Township
Phillips & Tosco Landscaping
local community groups
Rutgers Cooperative Extension

Estimated Cost:

Rain garden #1 would need to be approximately 960 square feet. At \$5 per square foot, the estimated cost of the rain garden is \$4,800. Rain garden #2 would need to be approximately 1,200 square feet. At \$5 per square foot, the estimated cost is \$6,000. The bioswale would need to be about 2,240 square feet. At \$5 per square foot, the estimate cost of the bioswale is \$11,200. The porous pavement would cover 1,790 square feet and have a 2-foot stone reservoir under the surface. At \$25 per square foot, the cost of the porous pavement system would be \$44,750. The estimated project total is \$66,750.

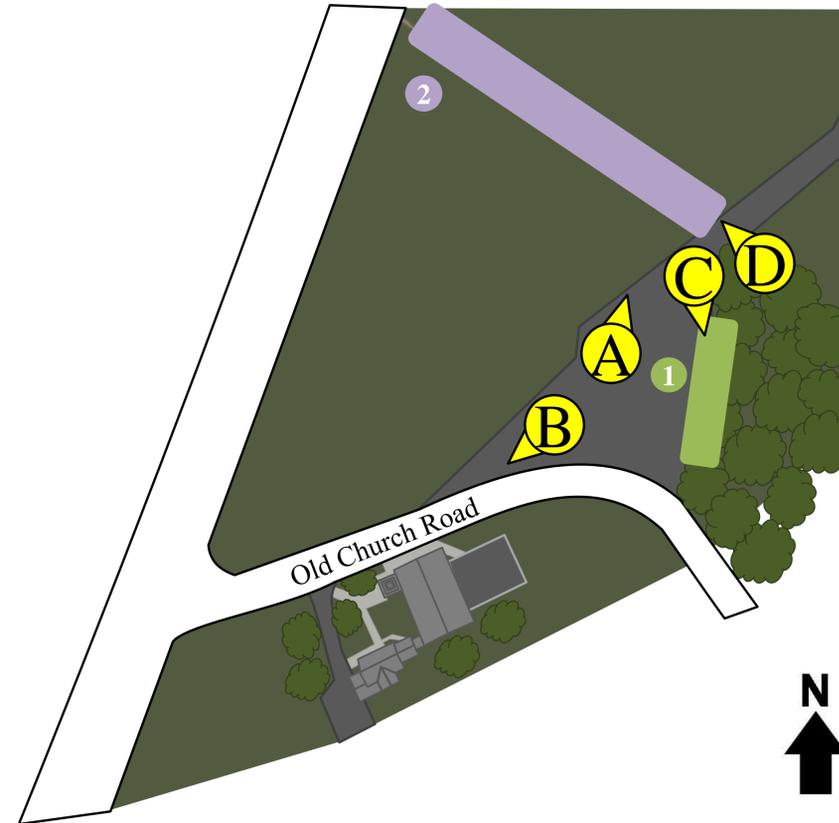
Harmony Township Impervious Cover Assessment

Calvary Community Orthodox Church, 4 Old Church Road

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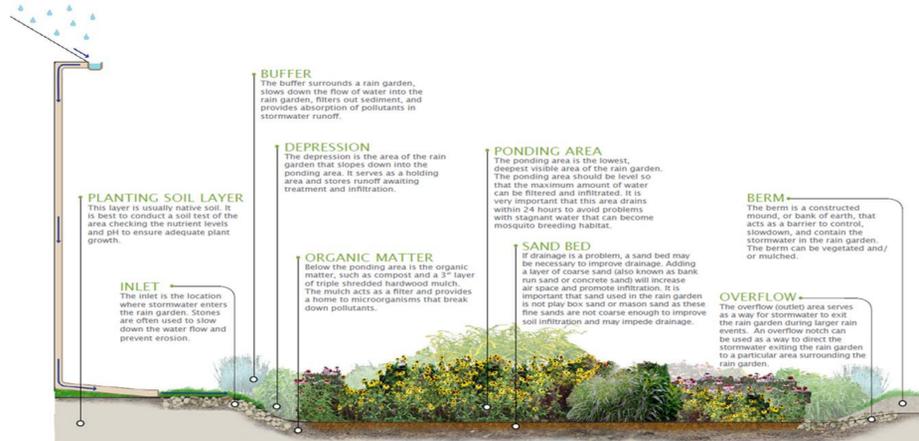


SITE PLAN:



- 1 BIORETENTION SYSTEM:** A bioretention system could be used to reduce sediment and nutrient loading to the local waterway and increase groundwater recharge. The area proposed for installment of a bioretention system will capture runoff from the parking lot, allowing it to infiltrate into the ground.
- 2 BIOSWALE:** A bioswale could replace the catchment trench currently conveying water to the waterway in the northwest. The bioswale could increase infiltration while removing sediment and nutrients from the runoff before discharging to the local waterway. The dense vegetation in the bioswale could also enhance the local ecosystem by providing habitat for birds, butterflies, and pollinators.

1 BIORETENTION SYSTEM



2 BIOSWALE



Calvary Community Orthodox Church
Green Infrastructure Information Sheet

<p>Location: 4 Old Church Road Phillipsburg, NJ 08865</p>	<p>Municipality: Harmony Township</p>
<p>Green Infrastructure Description: bioretention system (rain garden) bioswale</p>	<p>Subwatershed: Lopatcong Creek</p> <p>Targeted Pollutants: total nitrogen (TN), total phosphorus (TP), total suspended solids (TSS) in surface runoff</p>
<p>Mitigation Opportunities: recharge potential: yes stormwater peak reduction potential: yes total suspended solids removal potential: yes</p>	<p>Stormwater Captured and Treated Per Year: bioretention system: 312,664 gal. bioswale: 308,808 gal.</p>
<p>Existing Conditions and Issues: This site is located on Old Church Road and focuses on the parking lot across the street from the church itself. The parking lot is old and in disrepair. Water flows toward the east into an adjacent grass area. Extending out from the driveway at the north end of the parking lot is an existing catchment trench.</p>	
<p>Proposed Solution(s): A bioretention system could be installed in the adjacent turfgrass area to the east to capture stormwater from the parking lot. The existing catchment trench can be replaced by a bioswale to increase infiltration and remove sediment and nutrients.</p>	
<p>Anticipated Benefits: Since the bioretention system would be designed to capture, treat, and infiltrate the entire 2-year design storm (3.3 inches of rain over 24 hours), this system is estimated to achieve a 95% pollutant load reduction for TN, TP, and TSS. A bioretention system would also provide ancillary benefits such as enhanced wildlife habitat and aesthetic appeal. The bioswale would reduce TN by 30%, TP by 60%, and TSS by 90%.</p>	
<p>Possible Funding Sources: mitigation funds from local developers NJDEP grant programs Harmony Township local social and community groups</p>	
<p>Partners/Stakeholders: Harmony Township Calvary Community Orthodox Church local community groups residents and parishioners</p>	

Calvary Community Orthodox Church
Green Infrastructure Information Sheet

Rutgers Cooperative Extension

Estimated Cost:

A rain garden to capture the parking lot runoff would need to be approximately 1,770 square feet. At \$5 per square foot, the estimated cost of the rain garden is \$8,850. The bioswale would need to be approximately 2,960 square feet. At \$5 per square foot, the cost of the bioswale is approximately \$14,800. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$23,650.

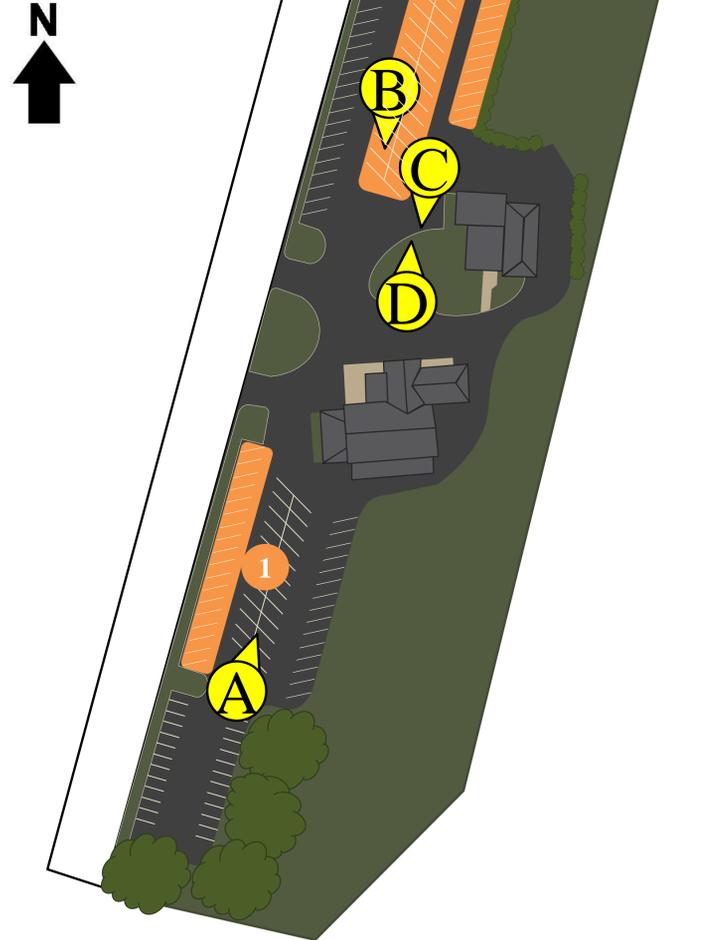
Harmony Township Impervious Cover Assessment

*Harkers Hollow Golf & Country Club,
950 Uniontown Road*

PROJECT LOCATION:



SITE PLAN:



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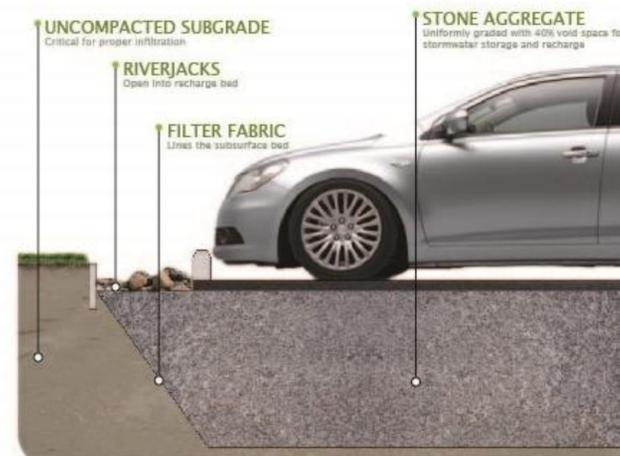
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1 **POROUS PAVEMENT:** Sections of porous pavement could capture and infiltrate a large portion of parking lot runoff. Reducing runoff from the parking lot helps reduce sediment and nutrient loadings to local waterways, enhancing water quality.

2 **RAINWATER HARVESTING SYSTEM:** A rainwater harvesting system could collect stormwater runoff from the building to the north. The water collected in this cistern can be used to wash the club's golf carts. Using collected stormwater not only saves costs but also diminishes the surge of water to local streams during storm events, protecting sensitive ecosystems.

1 POROUS PAVEMENT



PERMEABLE PAVEMENT DIAGRAM

2 RAINWATER HARVESTING SYSTEM



Harkers Hollow Golf and Country Club
Green Infrastructure Information Sheet

<p>Location: 950 Uniontown Road Phillipsburg, NJ 08865</p>	<p>Municipality: Harmony Township</p>
<p>Green Infrastructure Description: porous pavement rain harvesting system</p>	<p>Subwatershed: Lopatcong Creek</p> <p>Targeted Pollutants: total nitrogen (TN), total phosphorus (TP), total suspended solids (TSS) in surface runoff</p>
<p>Mitigation Opportunities: recharge potential: yes stormwater peak reduction potential: yes total suspended solids removal potential: yes</p>	<p>Stormwater Captured and Treated Per Year: porous pavement (north): 590,336 gal. porous pavement (south): 238,107 gal. rain harvesting system: 43,876 gal.</p>
<p>Existing Conditions and Issues: This site is located on Uniontown Road and focuses on the area north of the main building and the southern parking lot. Additionally, at the northernmost building on the site, the roof is pitched to the front of the building conveying water in this direction.</p>	
<p>Proposed Solution(s): The parking lots could be redone with strips of porous pavement in some of the parking spaces to capture, infiltrate, and filter stormwater runoff. The northern parking lot would have the middle and east strip's spaces replaced, and the south would have its west strip's spaces replaced. At the northernmost building, the stormwater runoff from the roof could be redirected and captured into a cistern.</p>	
<p>Anticipated Benefits: Porous pavement allows stormwater to penetrate through to soil layers which will promote groundwater recharge as well as intercept and filter stormwater runoff. The porous pavement system is estimated to achieve a 95% pollutant load reduction for TN, TP, and TSS.</p> <p>The cistern can harvest stormwater which can be used for washing golf carts or other purposes which cuts back on the use of potable water for nondrinking purposes. Since the rainwater harvesting system would be designed to capture the first 1.25 inches of rain, it would reduce the pollutant loading by 90% during the periods it is operational (i.e., it would not be used in the winter when there is a chance of freezing).</p>	
<p>Possible Funding Sources: mitigation funds from local developers NJDEP grant programs Harmony Township local social and community groups</p>	

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Partners/Stakeholders:

Harmony Township
Harkers Hollow Golf and Country Club
local community groups
Rutgers Cooperative Extension

Estimated Cost:

The porous pavement in the north parking lot would cover approximately 13,570 square feet and have a 0.5-foot stone reservoir under the surface. At \$15 per square foot, the cost of this porous pavement system would be \$203,550. The porous pavement in the south parking lot would cover approximately 3,420 square feet and have a 1-foot stone reservoir under the surface. At \$20 per square foot, the cost of this porous pavement system would be \$68,400. The cistern would be 3,000 gallons and cost approximately \$6,000 to purchase and install. The total cost would be \$277,950.