

# **Water Reuse: Retrofitting Last Century Systems for the Future**

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# Outline



- Old Technique Rediscovered
- Intersection – Stormwater & Water Use
- Need for a Tool
- Reuse Tool
- Conclusions

# Old Technique Rediscovered



## Common Practice

- Arid Climates
- Less Wealthy Countries

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AMERICAN RAINWATER CATCHMENT  
SYSTEMS ASSOCIATION

# Old Technique Rediscovered

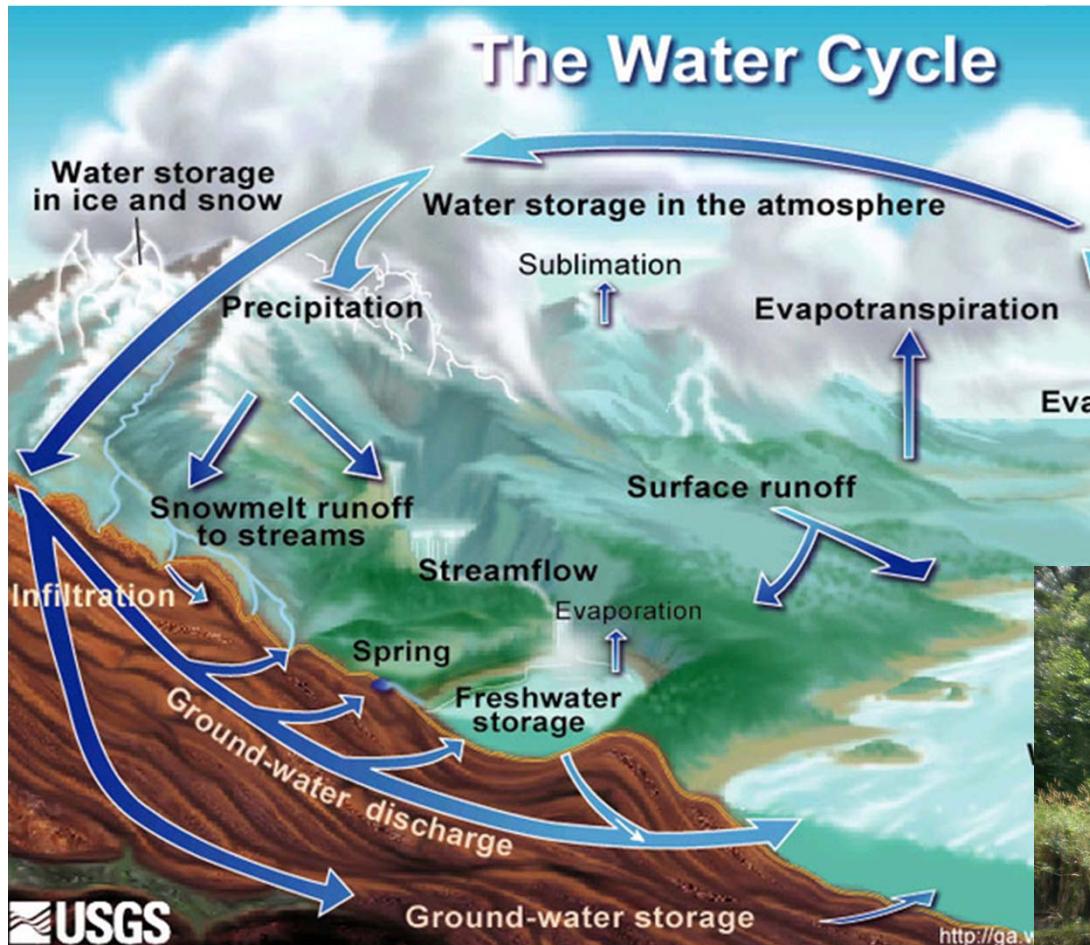


## Why forgotten in the US?

- Potable Water Systems  
Prevalent - & are  
Convenient
- Is using highly purified  
water for ALL uses a good



# Intersection - Stormwater & Water Use



Convergence of:

1. Evolving Stormwater Standards
2. Sustainable Water Use



# Intersection - Stormwater & Water Use



## New Stormwater Standards

- Emphasis on Volume Control
- Mimic Natural Hydrology
- Infiltration
- Difficult sites-?
  - Clay Soils
  - Shallow Bedrock
  - Contamination

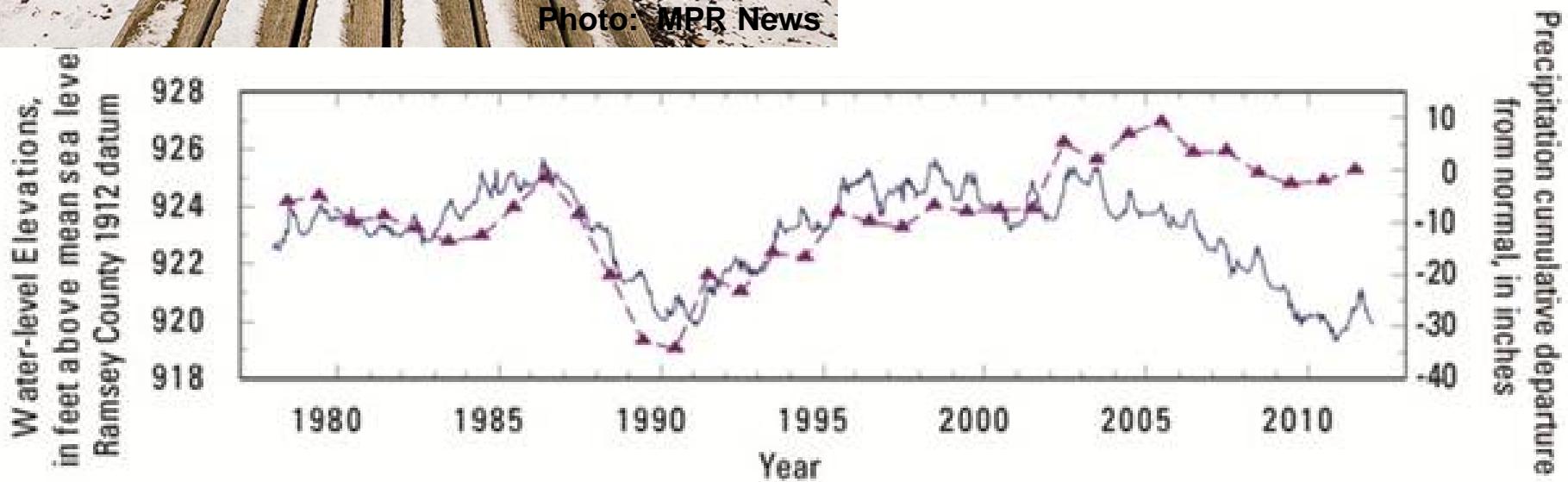
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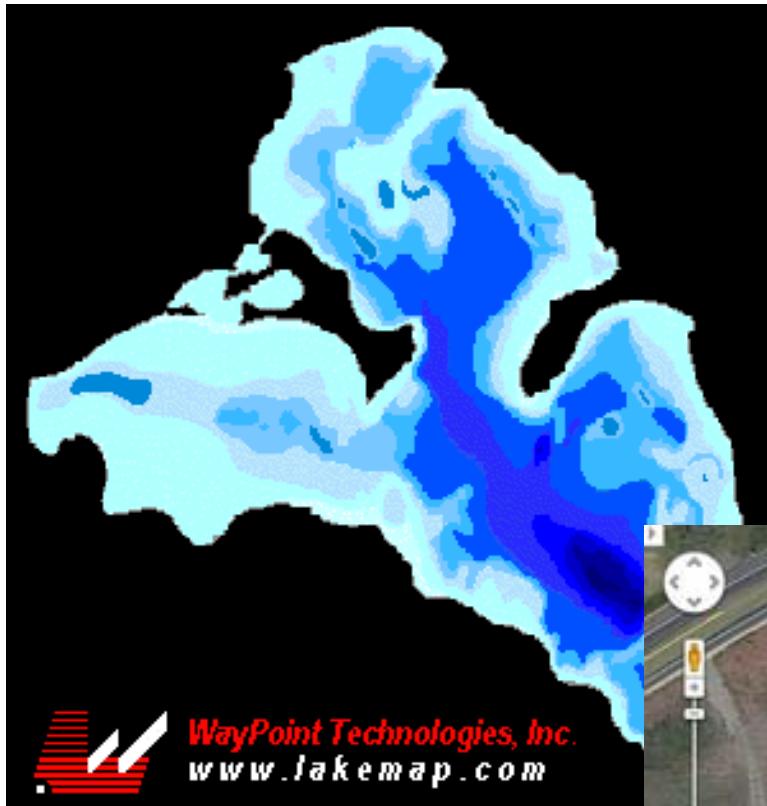
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## Unsustainable Water Use

- Growing Examples of Shortages
- Increased Energy Costs



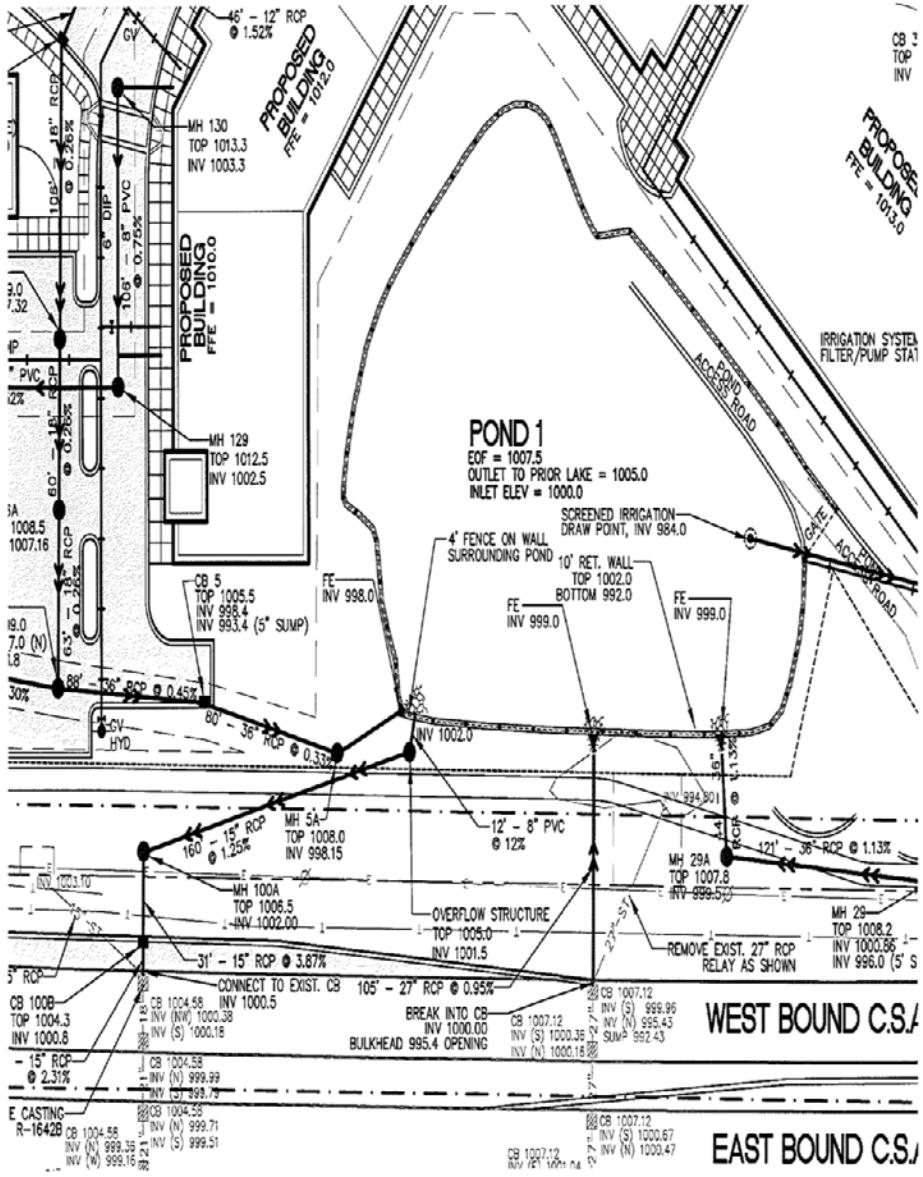
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## Unsustainable Water Use



# Need for a Tool

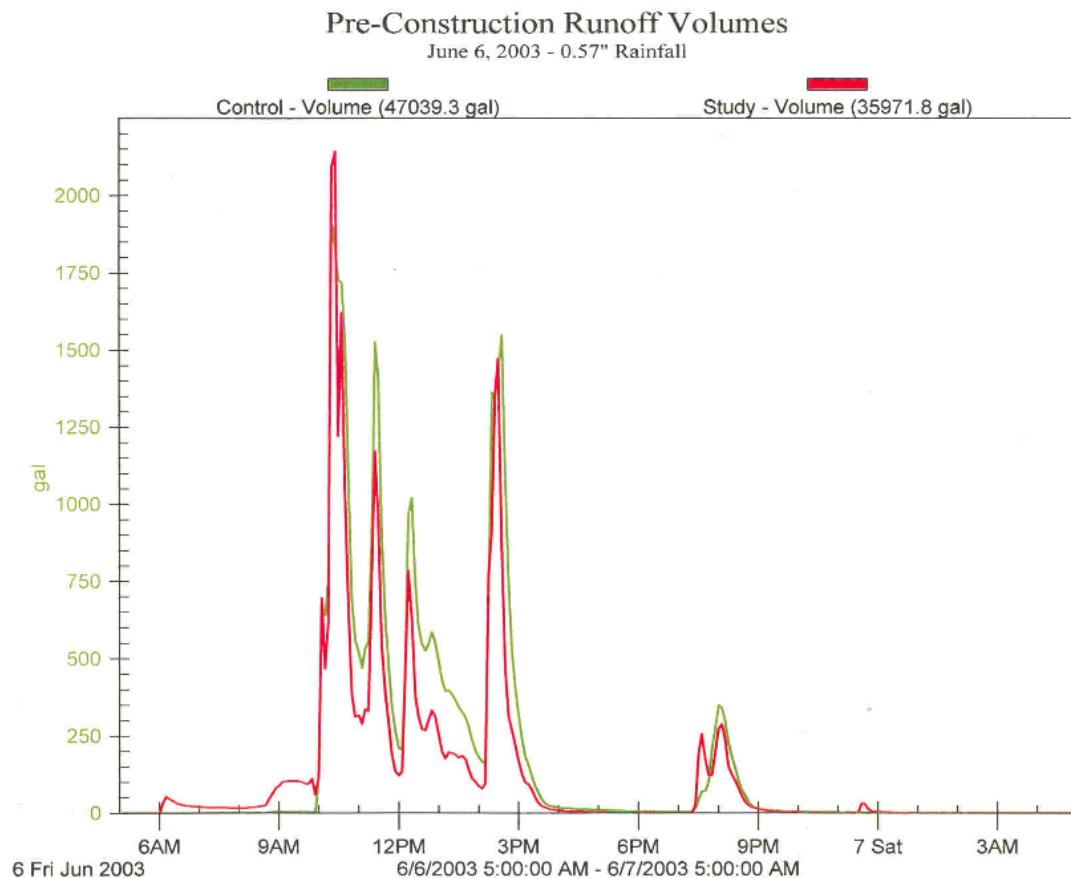


## New Volume-Based Standards:

### How to Quantify Benefits?

### Timing of Precipitation – Account for Meteorological Variability

# Reuse Tool



**New Water Tool for Reuse/Harvesting:**

**Quantify Benefits and Timing**  
**Relatively Simple**  
**Quantity & Quality**

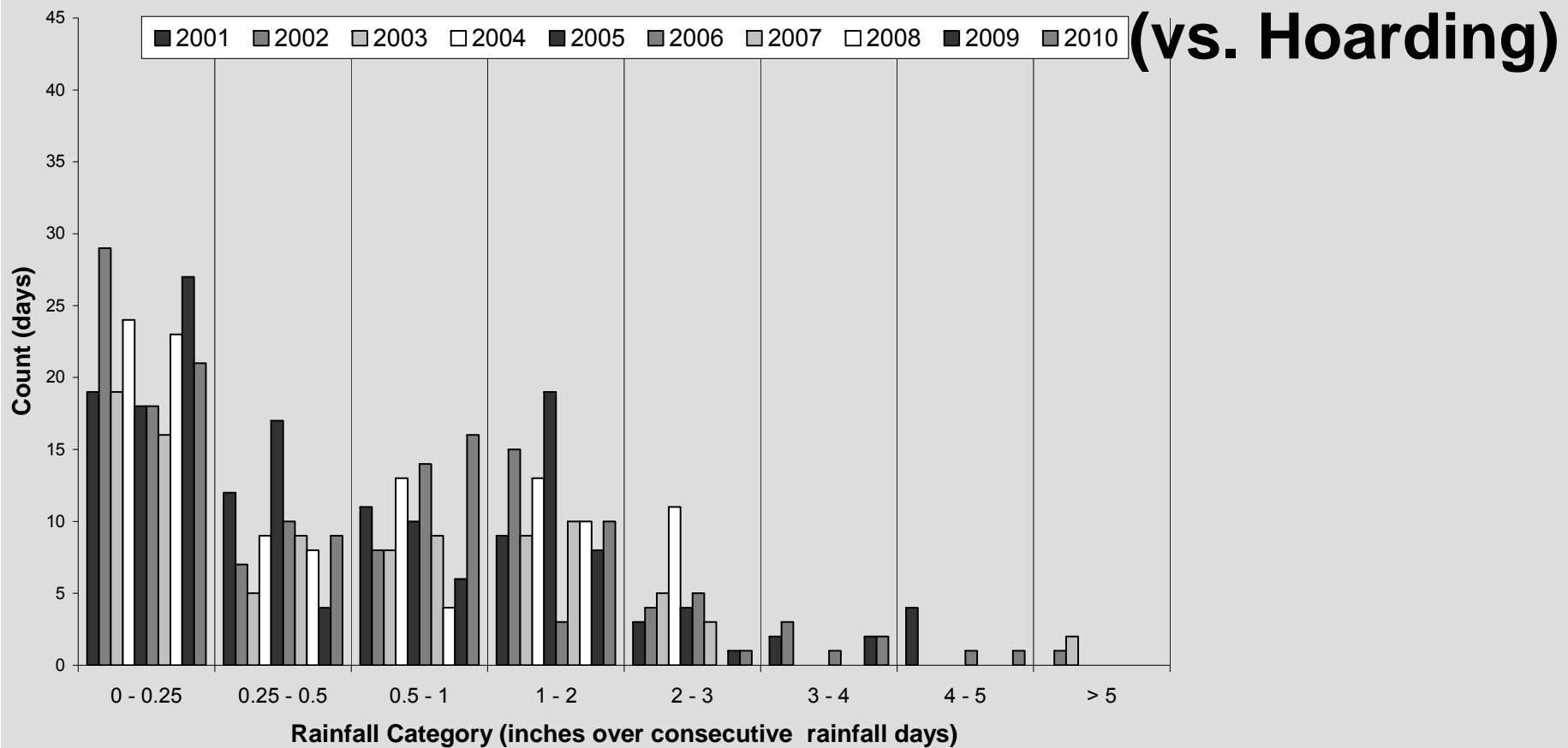
## Literature Review:

# Reuse vs. Harvesting Water Quality Guidance – Australia

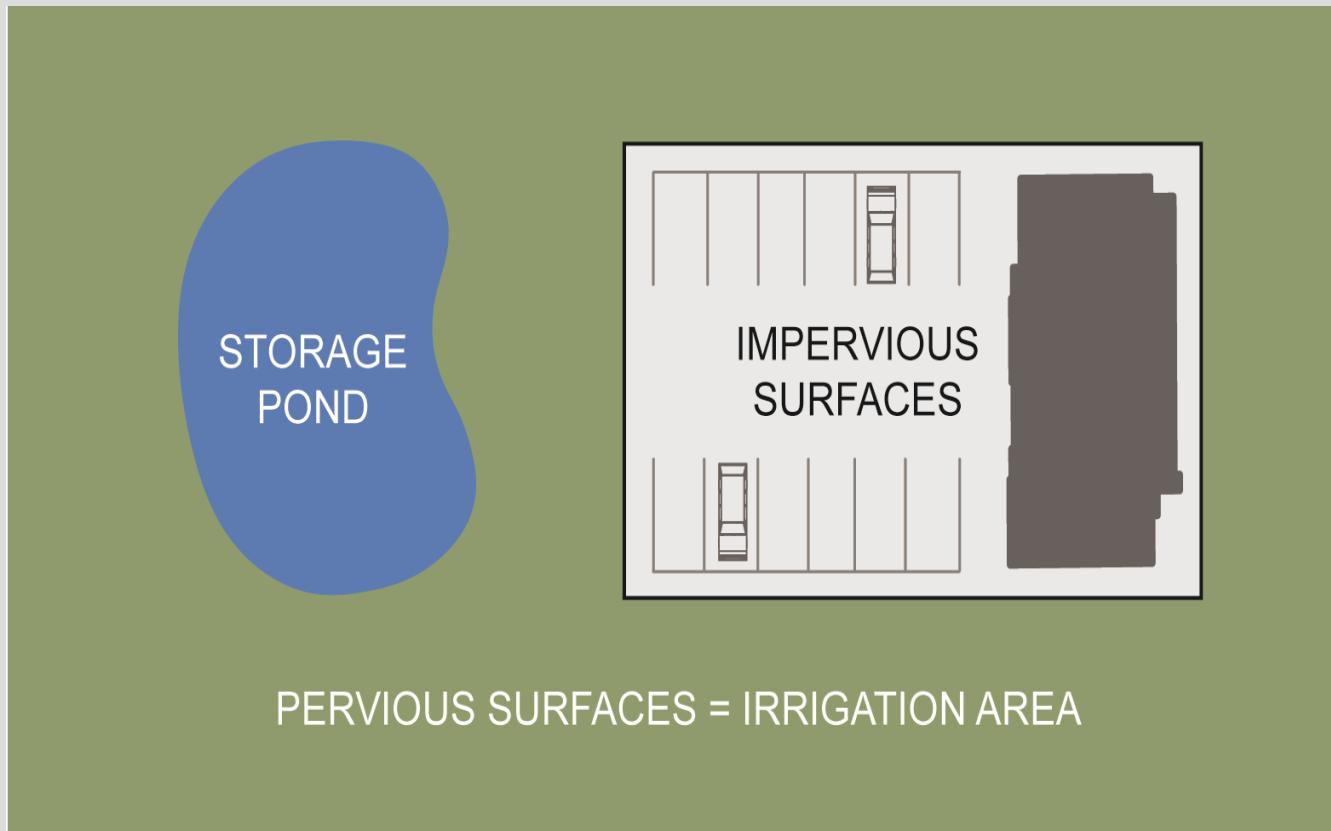
Water Sources	Stormwater reuse			Rainwater harvesting		
	AUST	FLOR	TEX	VIRG	NCAR	WASH
Roofwater – Residential	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Roofwater – Nonresidential	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Stormwater – Wet Detention Pond	✓	✓	✓			
Stormwater – Urban sewers	✓		✓			
Stormwater – Waterways	✓		✓			
Stormwater – Wetlands	✓		✓			
Sewage	✓					
Greywater	✓					

## Reuse Goal:

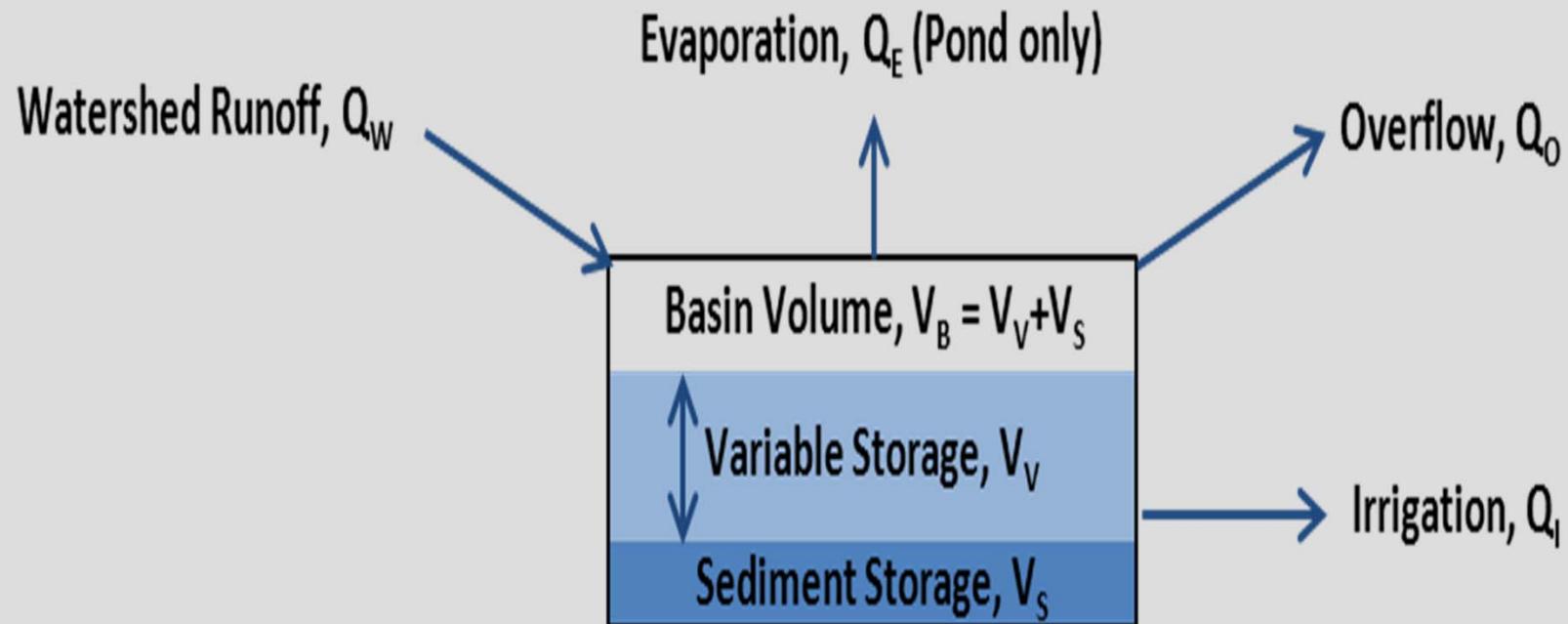
Consuming  
Stormwater  
(vs. Hoarding)



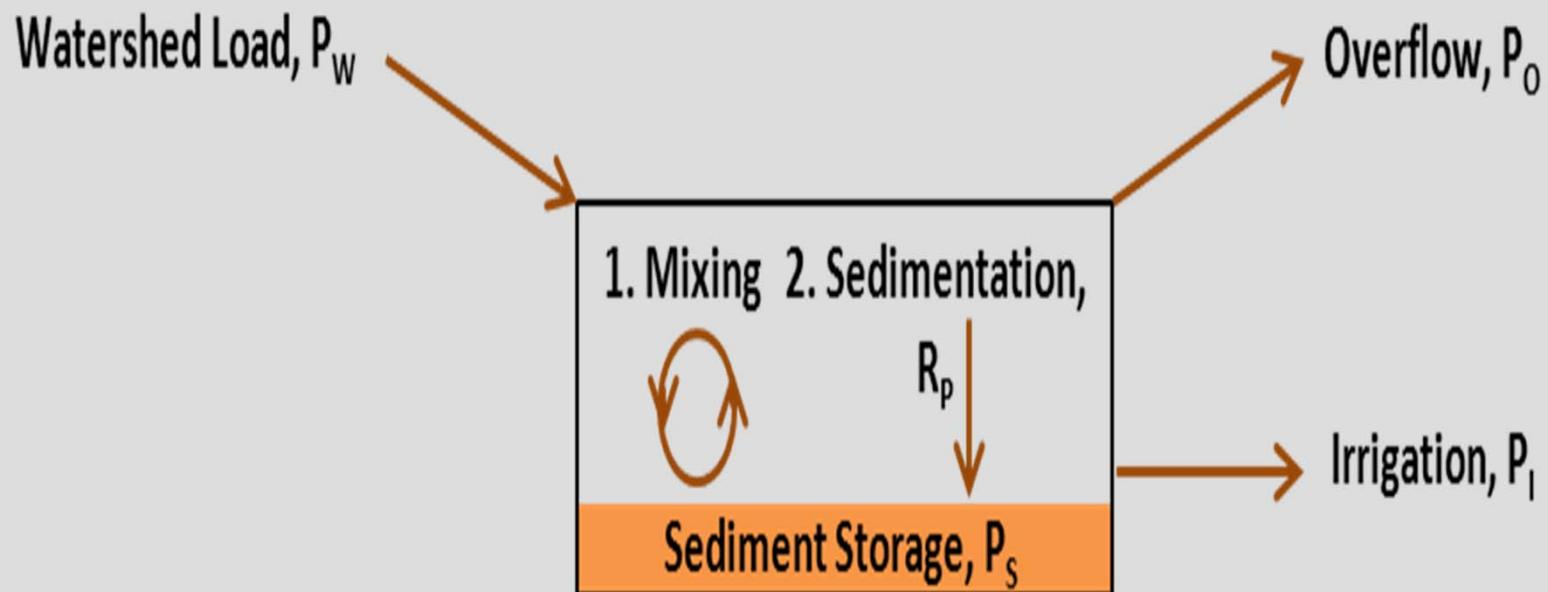
## Model Setup:



## Water Mass Balance:



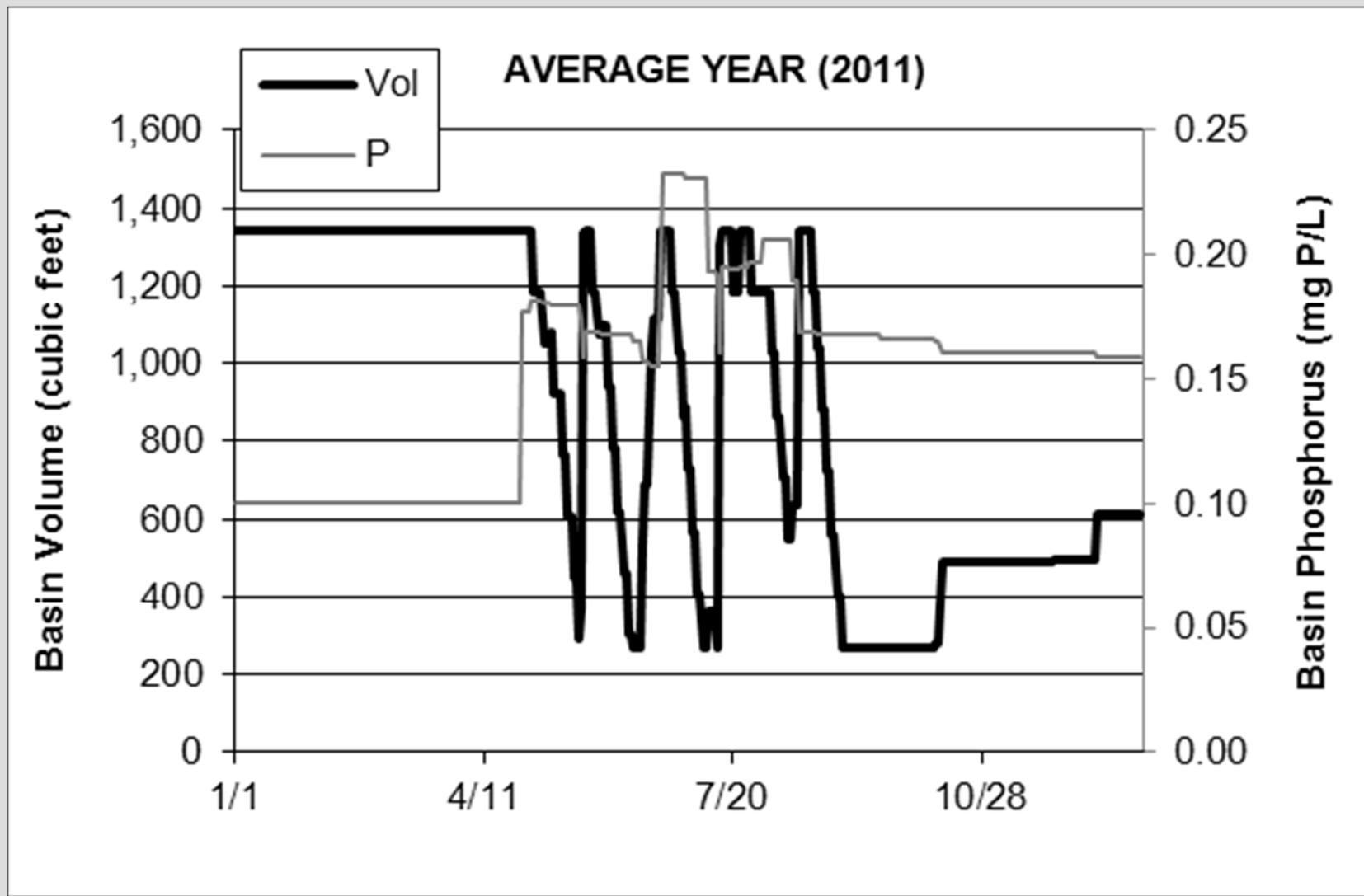
## Phosphorus Mass Balance:



## Inputs:

INPUTS			
IRRIGATION	$A_{irrigation}$	15,246	$ft^2$
	$D_{irrigation}$	0.5	$in/day$
	Begin	5	month
	End	9	month
WATERSHED	$A_{watershed}$	1	ac
	%impervious	30%	
	CN <sub>pervious</sub>	74	
	$C_{W-TP}$	410	ppb
	$C_{W-orthoP}$	100	ppb
STORAGE	$V_{basin}$	7,693	$ft^3$
	$V_{storage}$	1,539	$ft^3$
	$L_{basin}$	90	ft
	$W_{basin}$	22	ft
	$D_{basin}$	5	ft
	Evaporation	0	1=on; 0=off
	$V_{basin, initial}$	1,539	$ft^3$

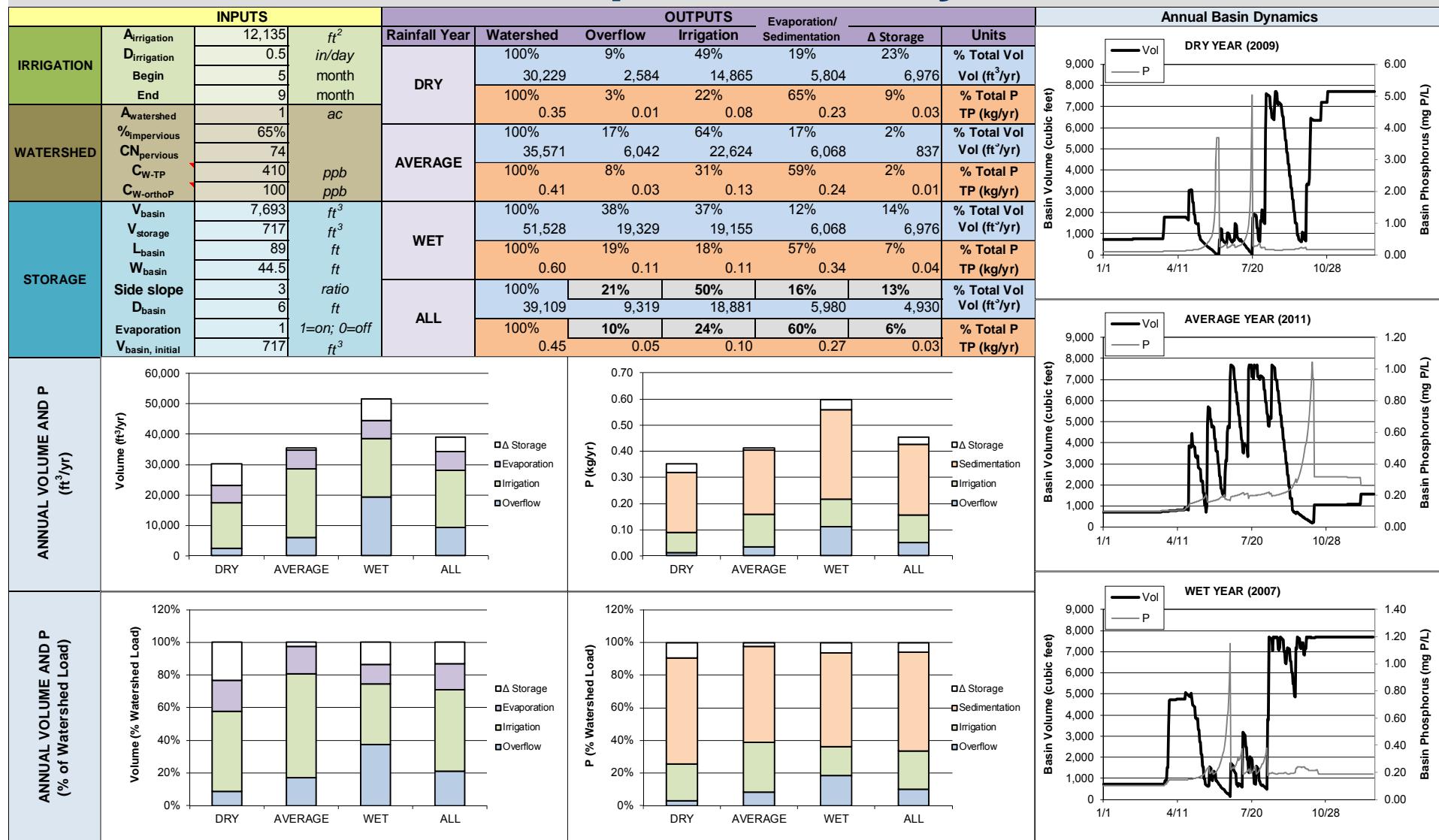
## Example Output:



# Reuse Tool

**EOR** water  
ecology  
community

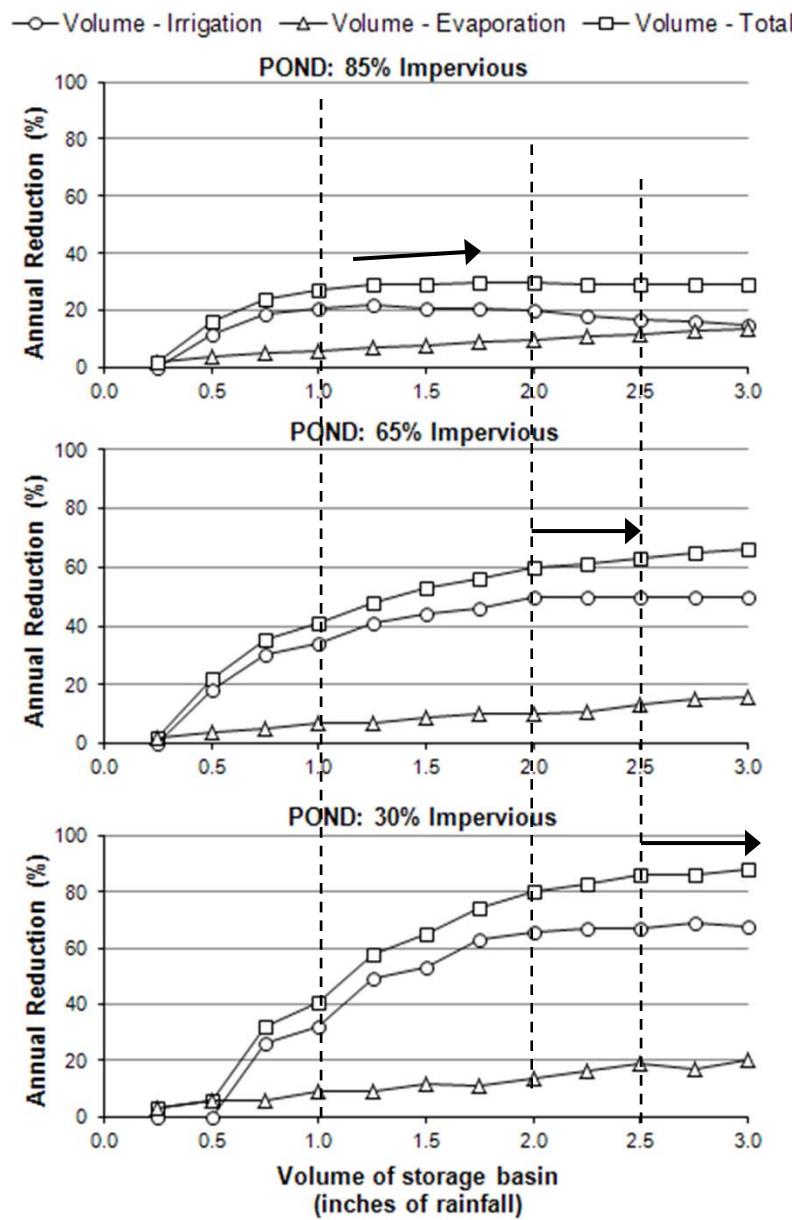
## Output Summary:



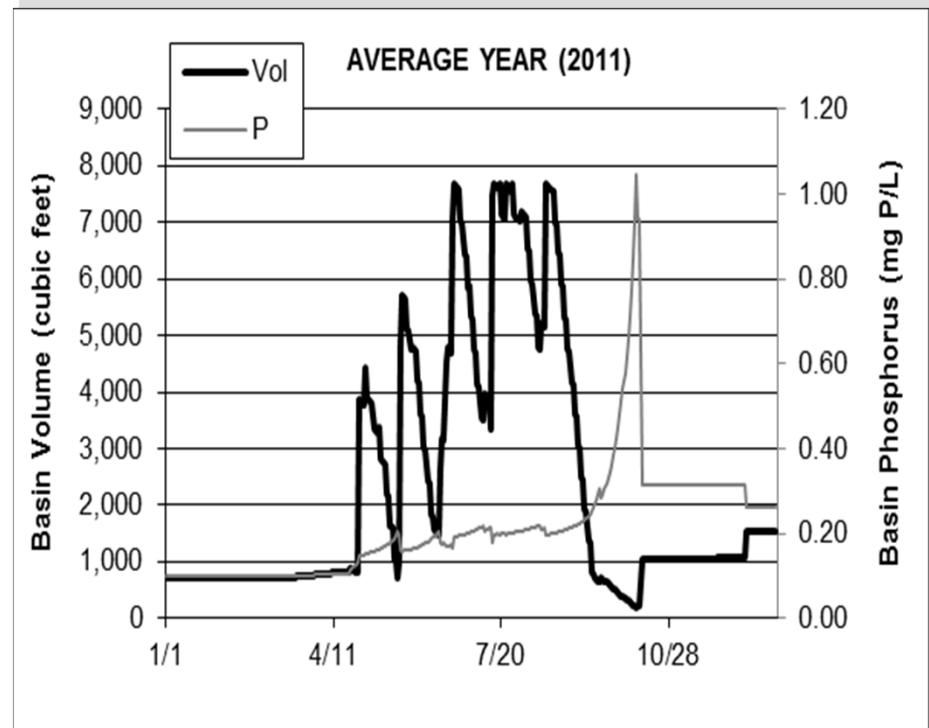
## Opportunities to Repurpose Wet Ponds



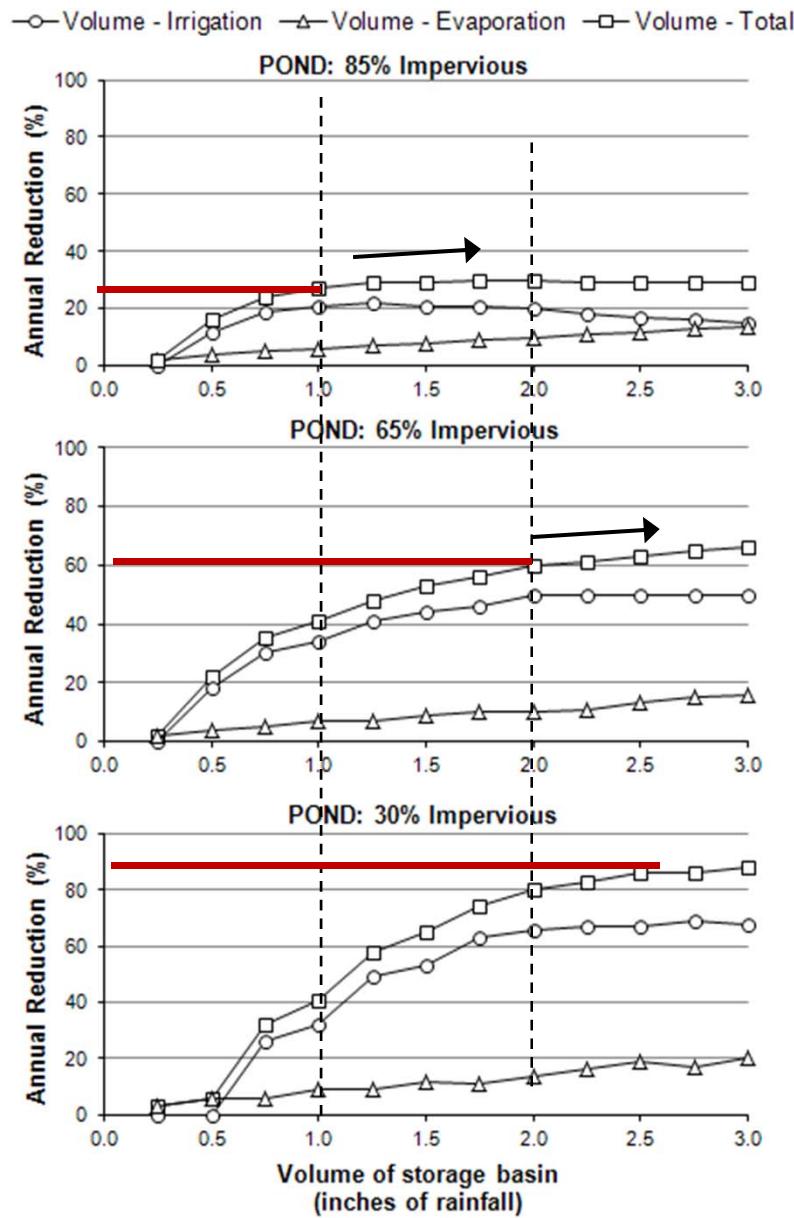
# Conclusions



**Optimize Storage (\$)  
& Stormwater  
Consumption**

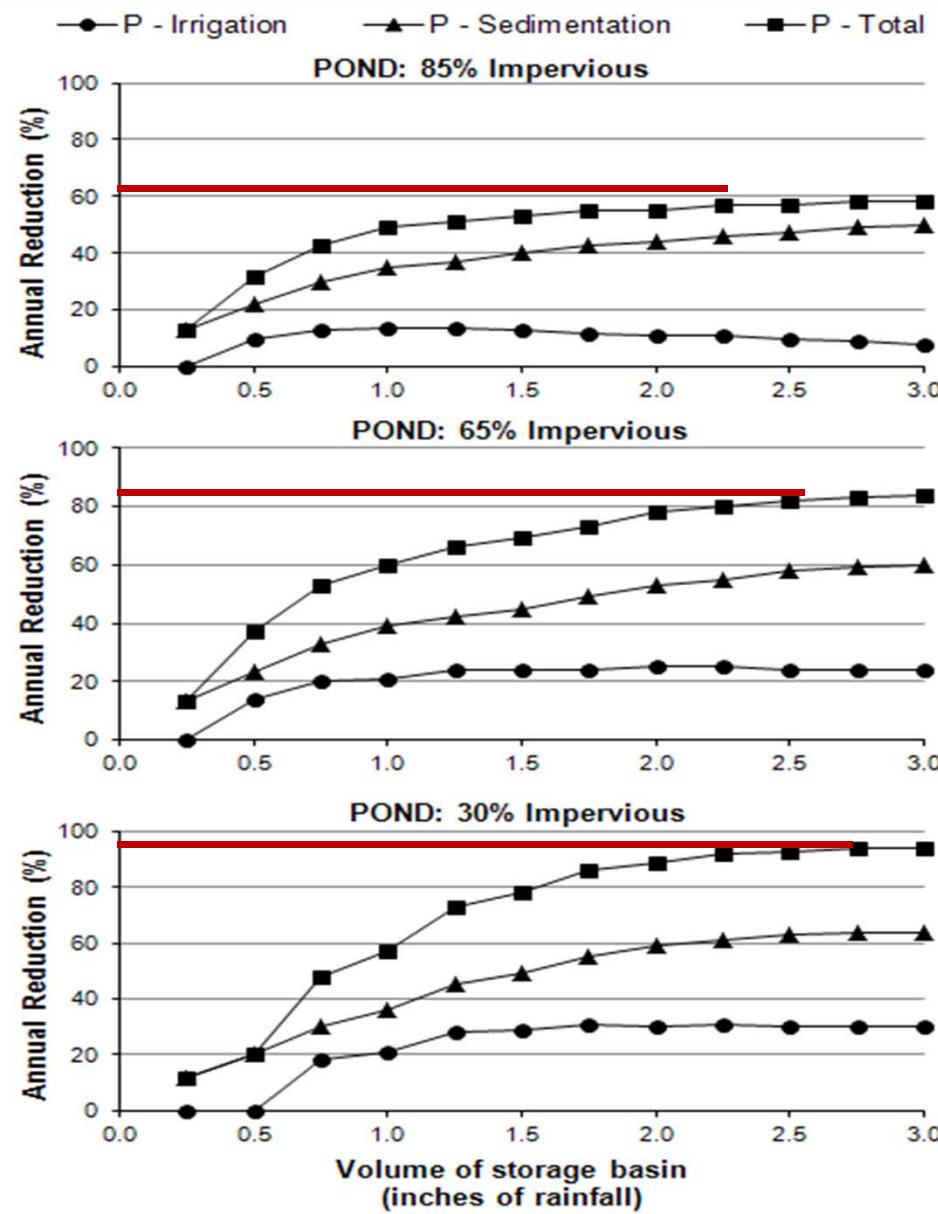


# Conclusions



Available Green  
Space as Limitation

# Conclusions



Quantify Water  
Quality Benefits (P)

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