

# Maintenance Considerations Comparison of BMP Maintenance Cost, Labor Demands, and System Performance

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# The Maintenance Myth



# Imagine the Ultimate System...

**Low Cost and NO Maintenance Ever!**

**100%  
Removal  
Guaranteed**



**eliminating everything in it's path since 1776**



**But we design things to be low maintenance!**



# Critical components of a best- case scenario:

1. **Appropriate Design**

2. **Installation**

.... **Then Maintenance**



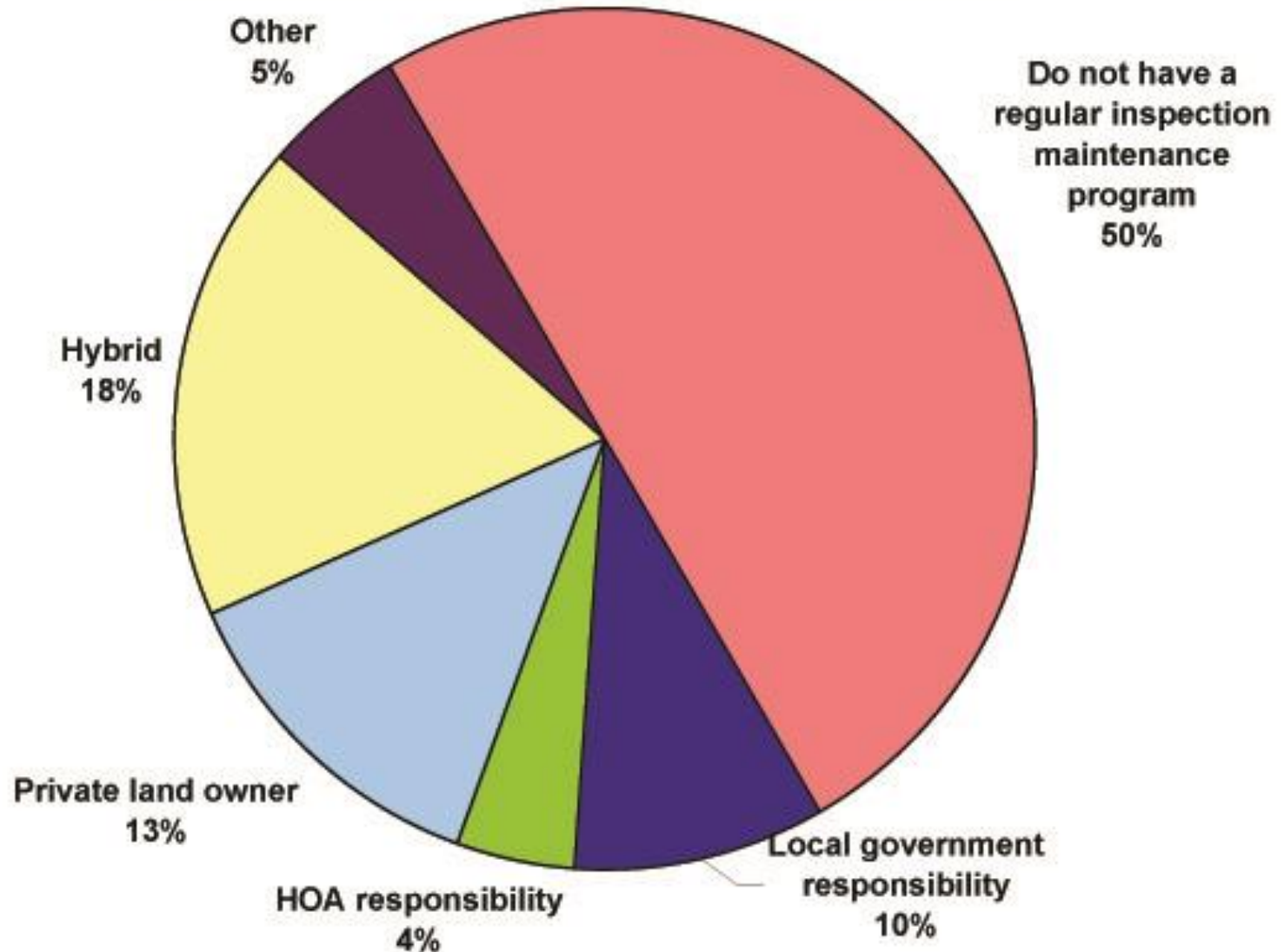
# 1,000 Pound Gorilla

Who has primary responsibility for maintenance?

- local governments or public agencies?
- States and the Federal Governments?
- Private property owners and associations?



# Who is responsible for maintenance of post-construction stormwater facilities? (# of responses = 94)



# Maintenance Complexity is defined as:

Minimal	Simple
Stormwater Professional or Consultant is seldom needed	Stormwater Professional or Consultant is occasionally needed
Moderate	Complicated
Stormwater Professional or Consultant is needed half the time	Stormwater Professional or Consultant is always needed



## Reactive

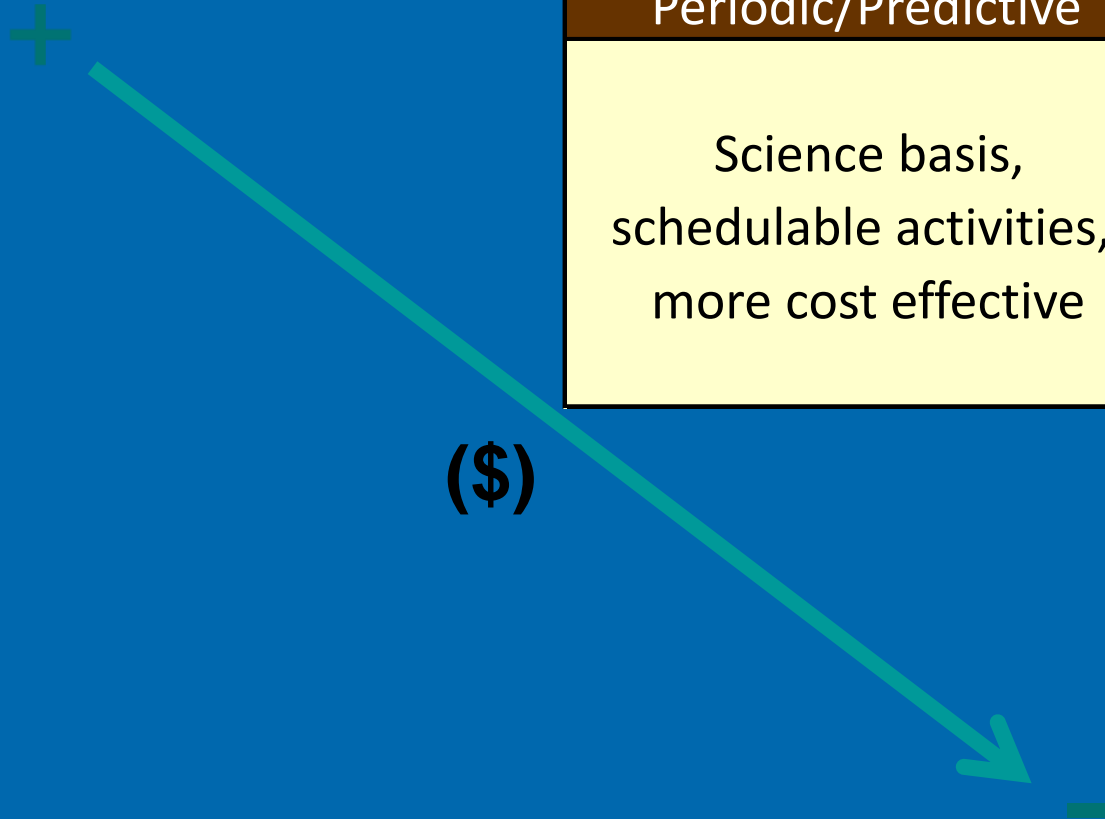
Episodic maintenance,  
cheap in short term,  
expensive in the long  
term

## Periodic/Predictive

Science basis,  
schedulable activities,  
more cost effective

## Proactive

Cost effective,  
preventative operations



# What is Maintenance

- Often Maintenance only occurs when there is failure
- There is a perception that LID systems require more maintenance
- Some claim LID systems fail and will require expensive repairs
- Our current practices have a high degree of failure and significant cost impacts—however we are familiar with it



# Stormwater Systems Studied

## Conventional Systems



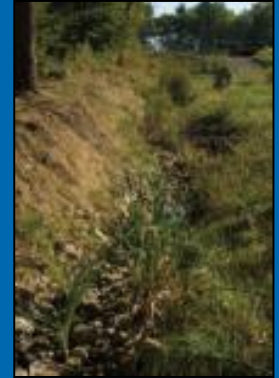
Detention Basin



Retention Pond



Stone Swale



Veg Swale

## Low Impact Development Systems



Porous Asphalt



Gravel Wetland



Sand Filter



Bioretention Unit (3)

# Uncategorized Maintenance

- + Crack sealing
- + Filling pot holes
- + Resetting curbs
- + Culvert reinforcement/replacement/renewal
- + Pipe lining/repair
- + Median mulching
- + Beautification/soding
- + Raking
- + Cleaning
- + Sweeping

# Factors that impact maintenance costs

- **Inspection frequency**
- **Required routine maintenance (frequency and complexity).**
- **Specialized equipment and speculative unknowns**
- **Non-routine and rehabilitative maintenance**
- **Regulatory climate**
- **Extreme storms**
- **The fudge factor...**





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# Stormwater Maintenance Tools of the trade...



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# Maintenance Case Studies



# A tale of two raingardens



# Maintenance solved?



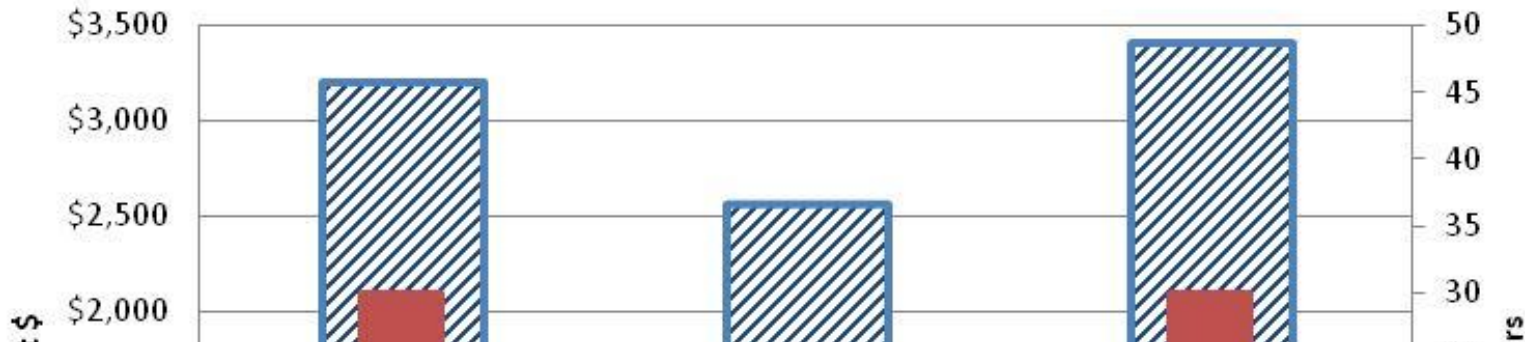
# Looking at Costs



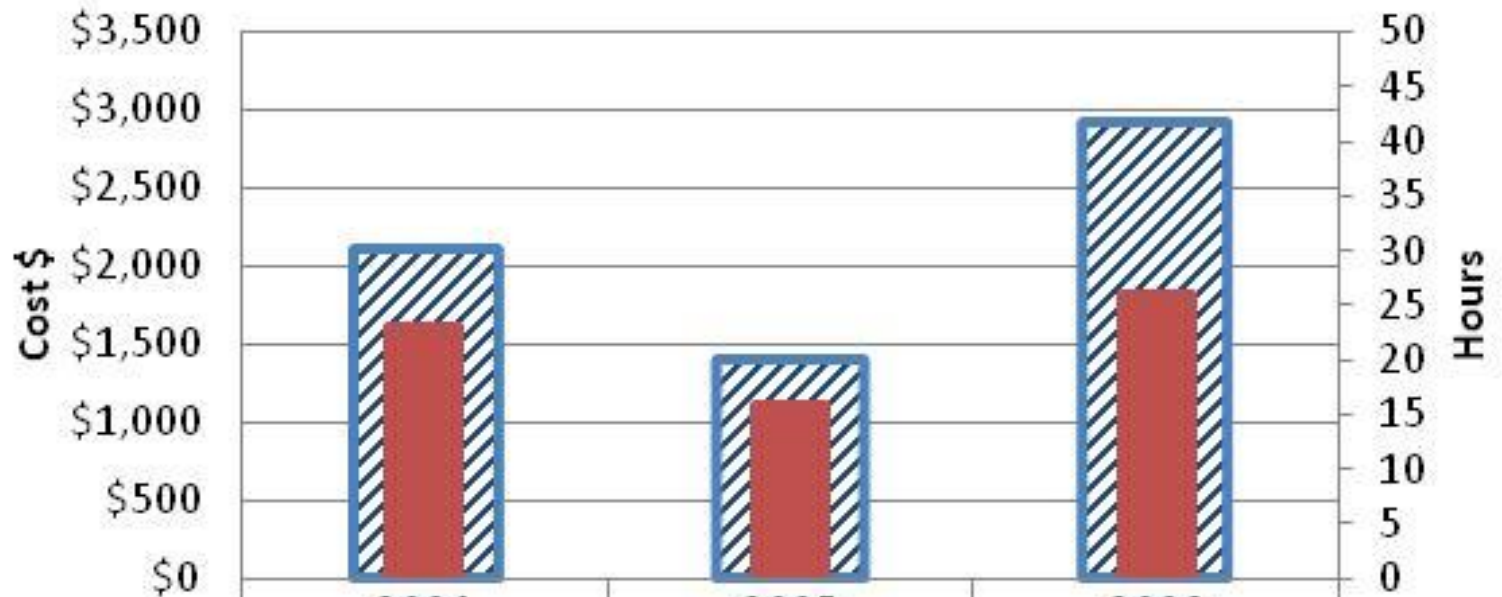
# Assumptions

Category of Maintenance	Type of Maintenance	complexity	price (\$)
Reactive maintenance	Structural Repairs	complicated	135
	Partial Rehabilitation	complicated	135
	Rehabilitation	complicated	135
Periodic/Predictive maintenance	Solids and Debris Removal	moderate	115
	Inspection	simple	95
	Mowing	minimal	75
	Vegetation Management	minimal	75
Proactive maintenance	Pavement Vacuuming	moderate	115
	Erosion control & bank stabilization	simple	95

## Retention Pond

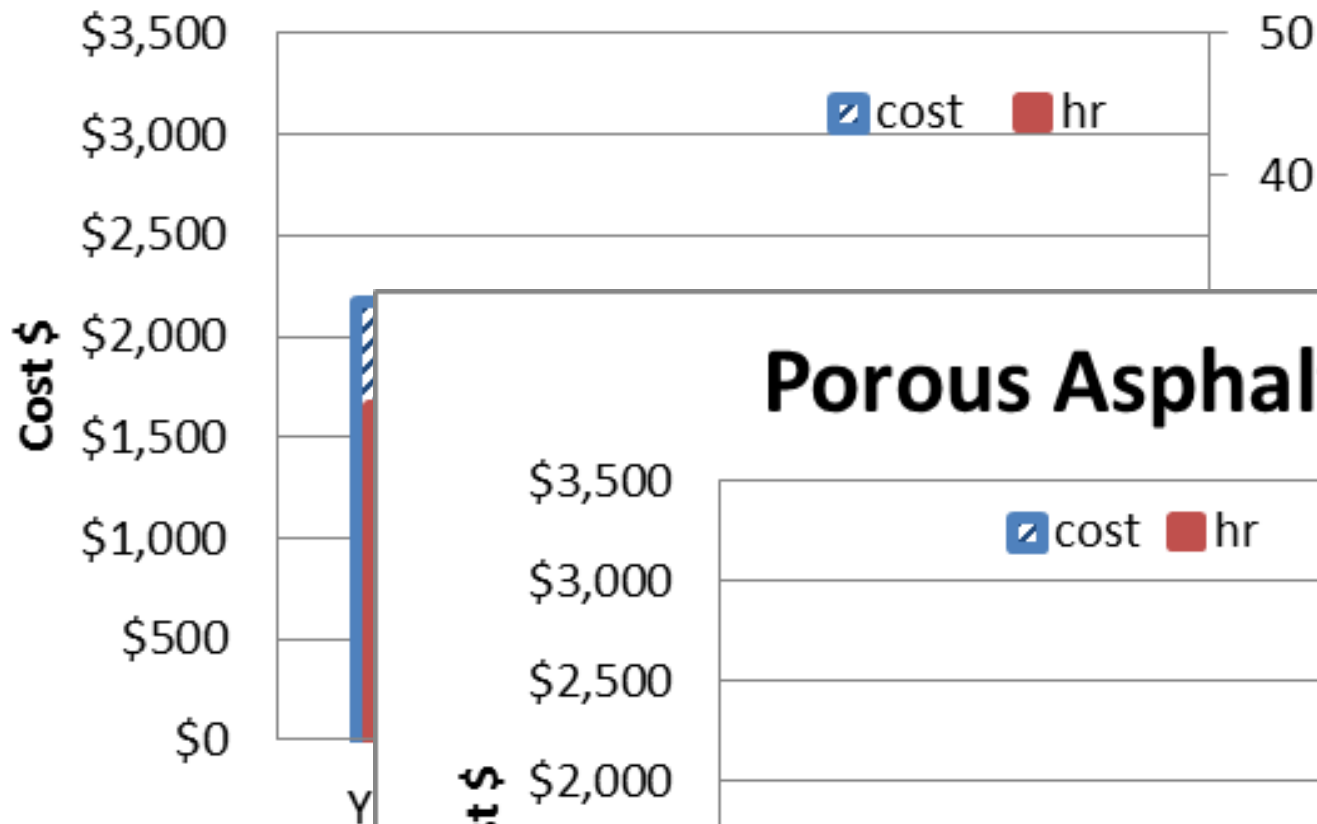


## Gravel Wetland

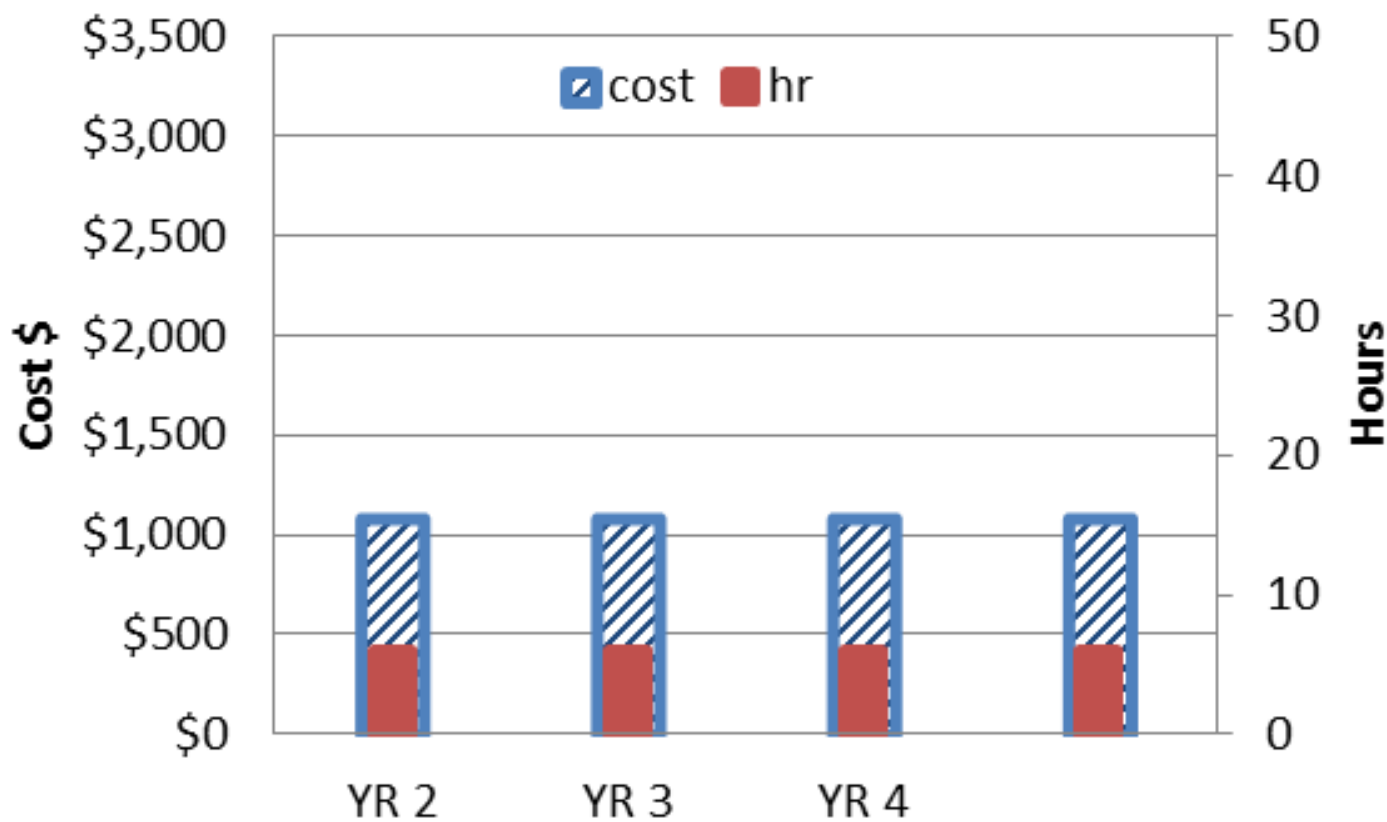


cost	\$2,105.0	\$1,400.0	\$2,910.0
hr	23.0	16.0	26.0

# Bioretention



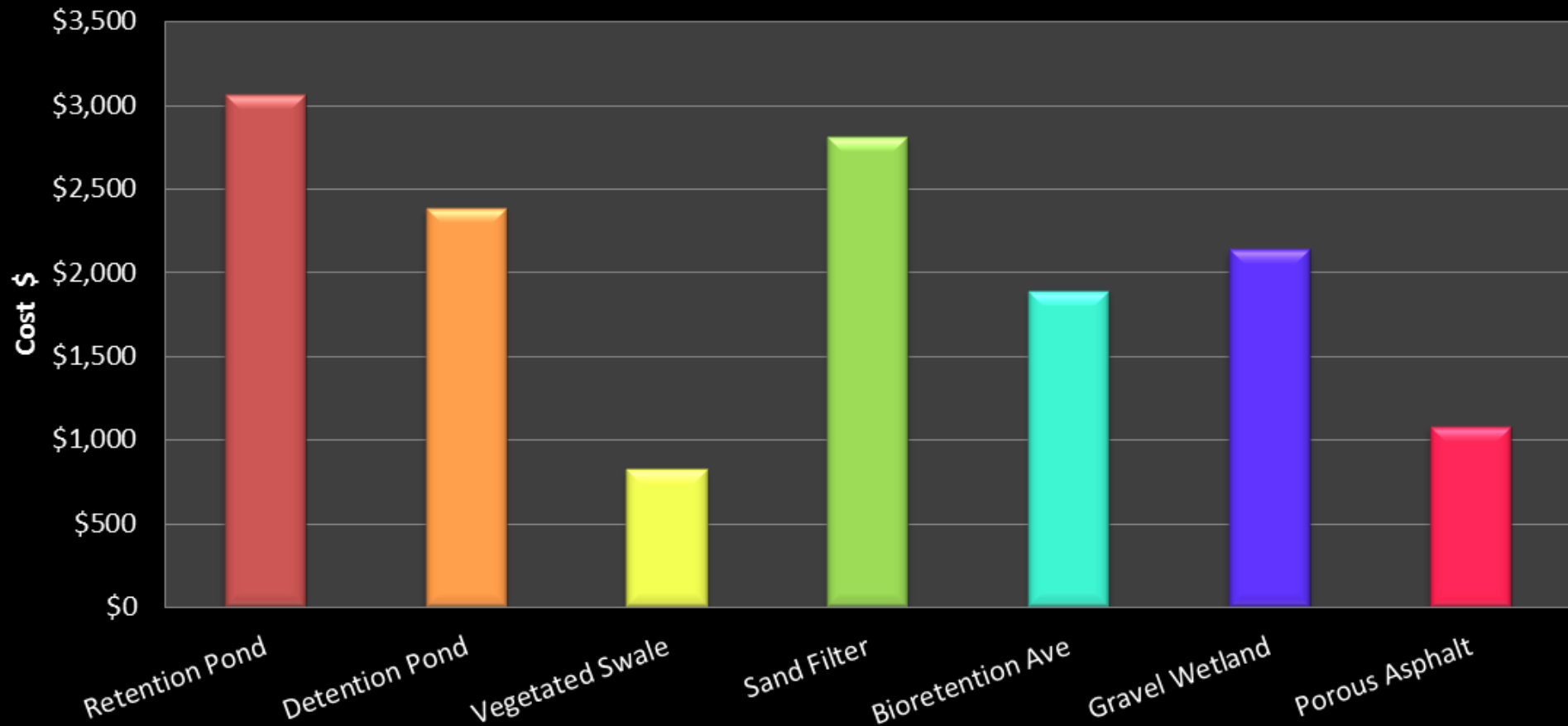
# Porous Asphalt



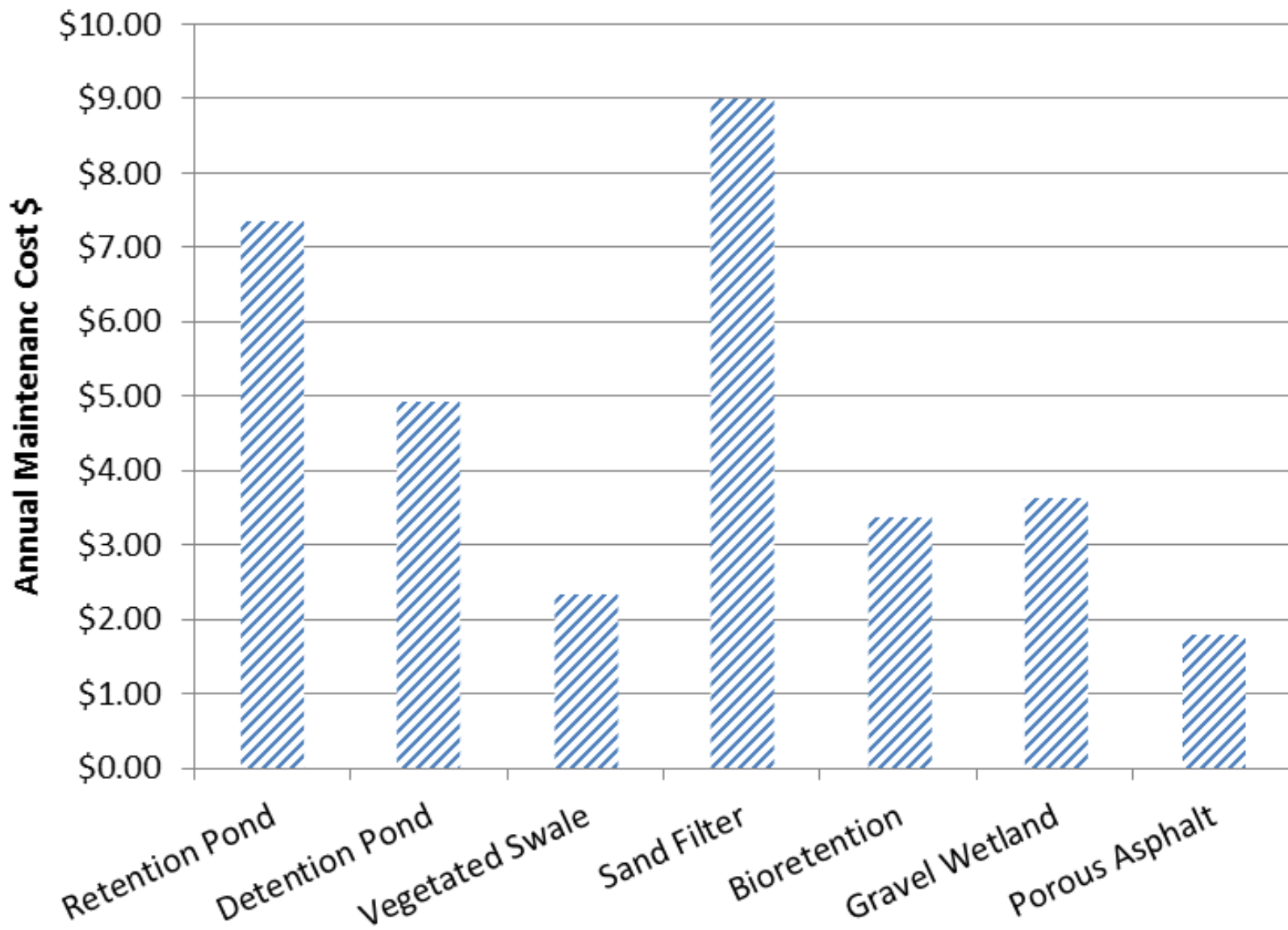
# Economics of Installation vs Maintenance Costs, normalized by area

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Vegetated Swale</b>	<b>Wet Pond</b>	<b>Dry Pond</b>	<b>Sand Filter</b>	<b>Gravel Wetland</b>	<b>Bioretention</b>	<b>Porous Asphalt</b>
Capital Cost (\$)	12,000	13,500	13,500	12,500	22,500	21,550	21,800
Inflated 2012 Capital Cost	14,600	16,500	16,500	15,200	27,400	25,600	26,600
Maintenance and Capital Cost Comparison	17.8	5.4	6.9	5.4	12.8	13.5	24.6
Personnel (hr/yr)	9.5	28.0	24.0	28.5	21.7	20.7	6.0
Personnel (\$/yr)	823	3,060	2,380	2,808	2,138	1,890	380
Subcontractor Cost (\$/yr)	0	0	0	0	0	0	700
Total Operational Cost (\$/yr)	823	3,060	2,380	2,808	2,138	1,890	1,080
Operation/Capital Cost (%)	6%	19%	14%	18%	8%	8%	4%

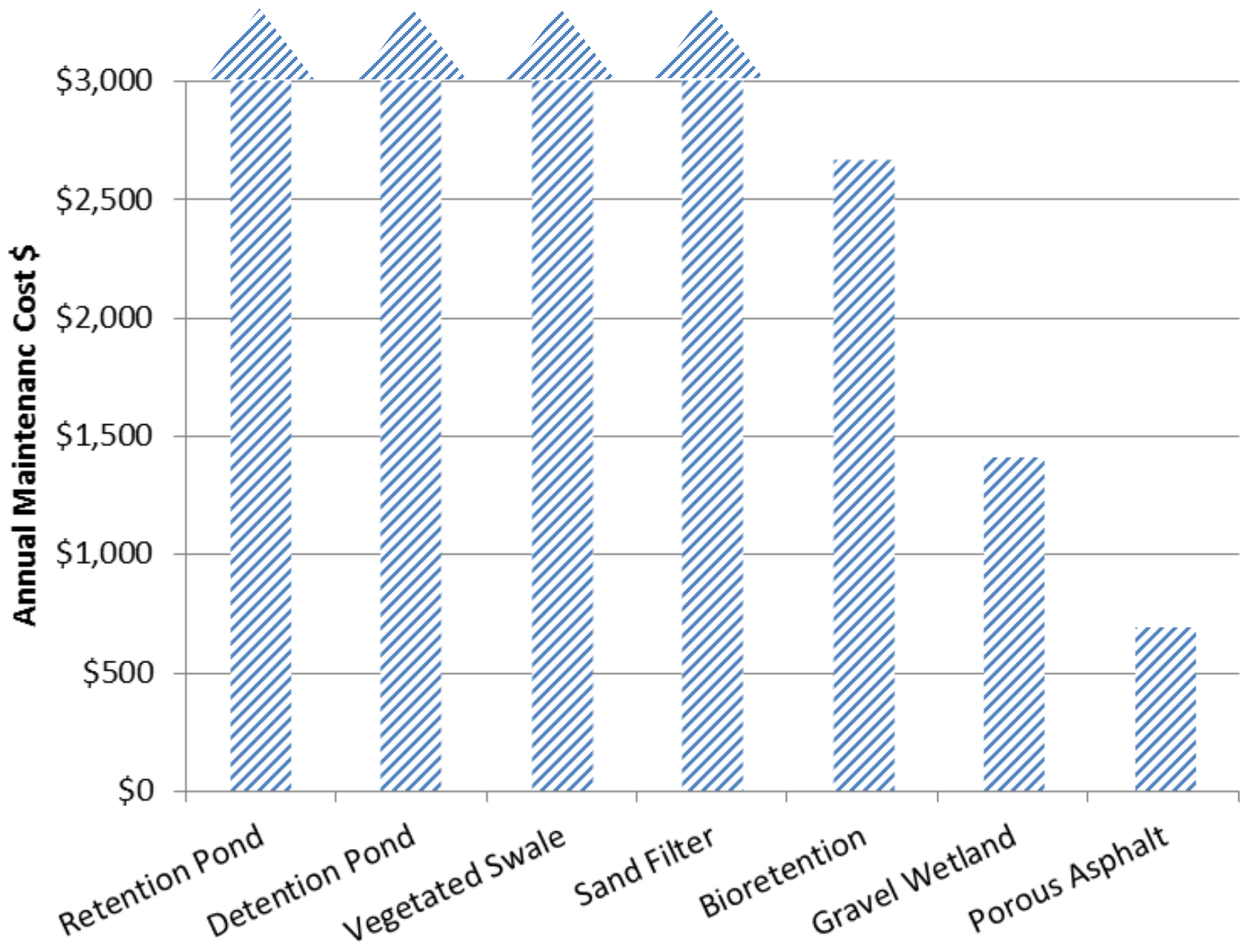
## Yearly BMP Maintenance (per acre treated)



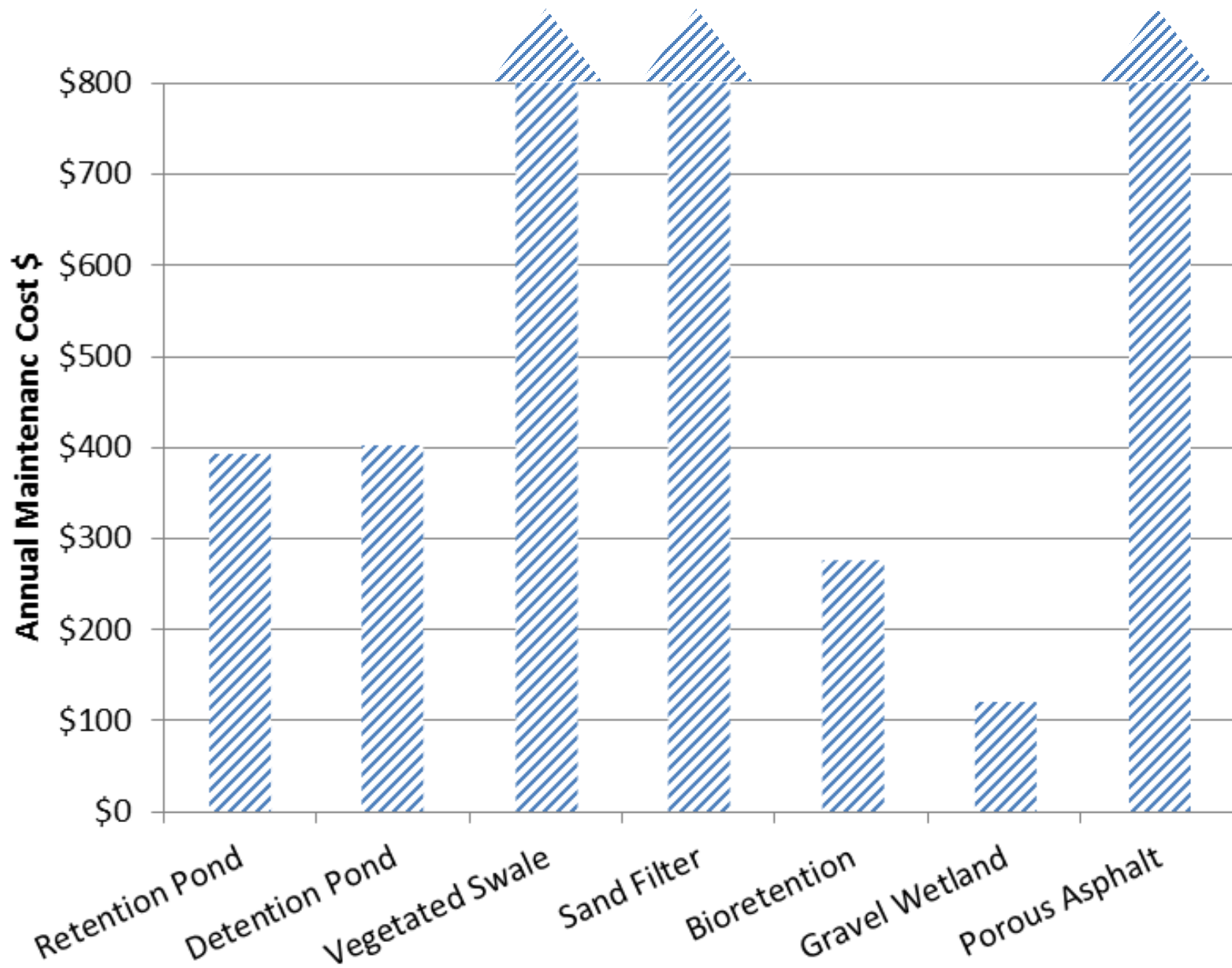
▨ Maintenance Cost/yr/acre/lb TSS



▨ Maintenance Cost/yr/acre/lb TP



▨ Maintenance Cost/yr/acre/lb DIN as TN





# Periodic/Predictive Maintenance

- + Solids or debris removal
- + Routine inspection
- + Mowing
- + Planned vegetation removal

# Proactive Maintenance

- + Street cleaning and vacuuming
- + Snow removal
- + Erosion and sediment control
- + Reseeding

# Reactive Maintenance

- + **Outlet repair**
- + **Redesign for erosive blowouts**
- + **Massive vegetation removal**
- + **Clogged outlet structures**
- + **Structural repairs or rehabilitation**

# Bioretention/Sand Filter/Tree Filter

## ➤ Short term

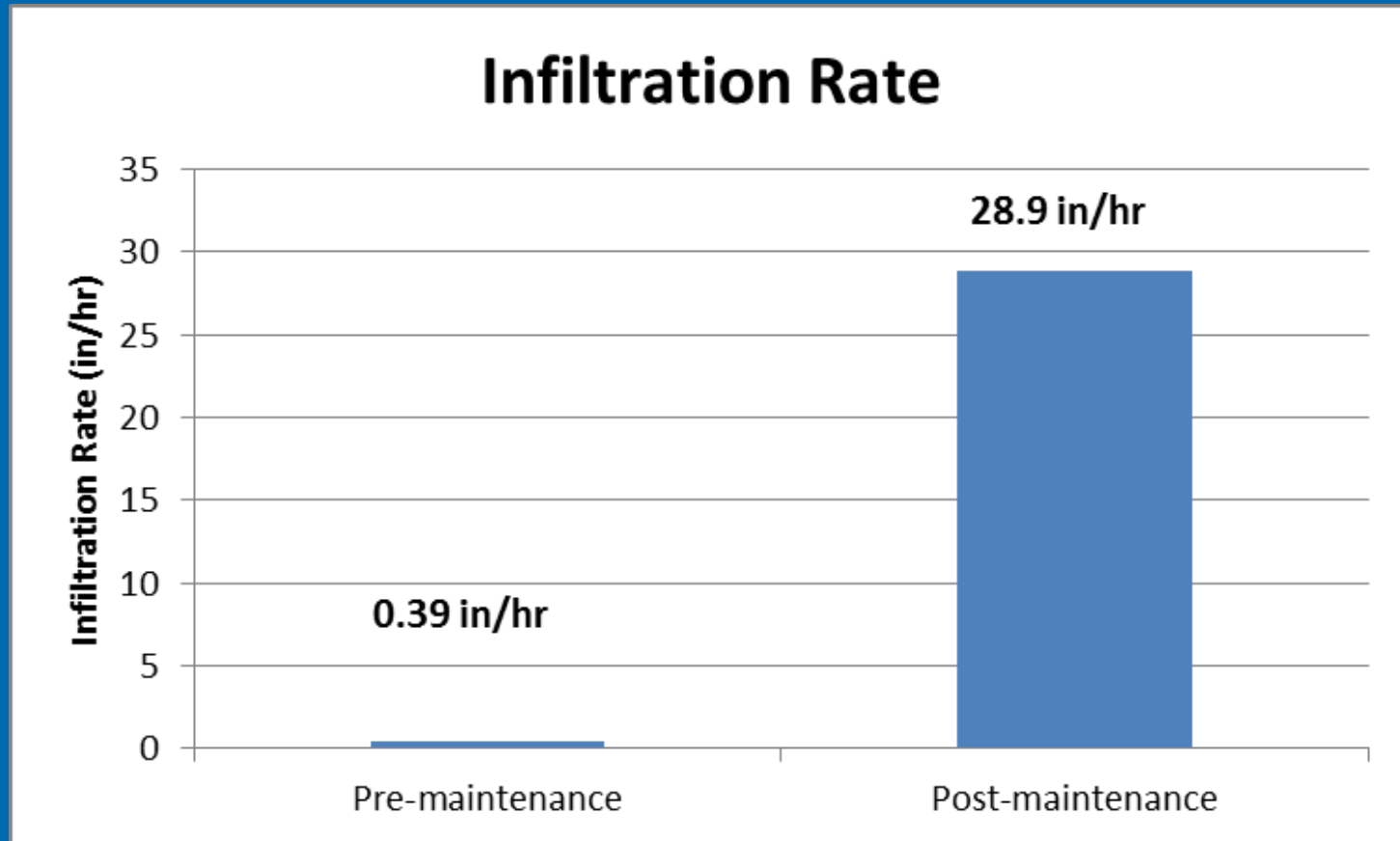
- Reseed/replant as necessary
- Remove excess sediment build-up and trash
- Invasives control
- Watering

## ➤ Long term

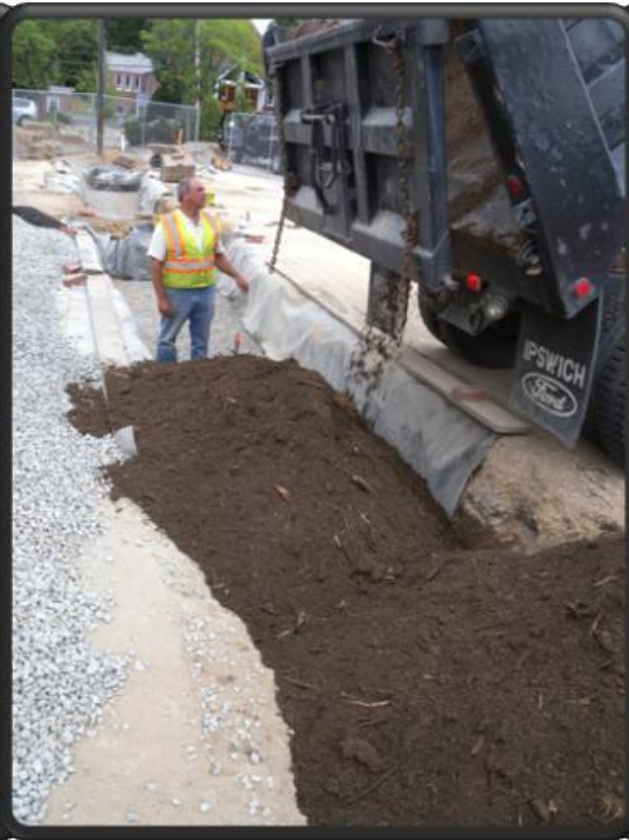
- Mowing slopes
- Weeding
- Sediment and trash removal
- Clear inlets and outlets
- Replanting/reseeding



# Result of Maintenance



# Bioretention Parking Lot Retrofit, Durham, NH



Maintenance Activity	Minimum Frequency	Estimated Time Commitment	Number of Employees
Inspection	2 times per year	30 minutes taking time to fill out checklist in UNHSC document <sup>1</sup>	1
Clean Pretreatment Trash Screens and Pick Up Trash in system	1 time per month on average	30-60 minutes per visit	1
Spring Cleaning	1 time per year	4 hours	2

**Total personnel hours per year: 16-21 hours**  
**Estimated \$1,500 – \$2,000 (30,000 sf of IC Treated)**

**Pollutant  
(per year)**

**Amount**

**TSS**

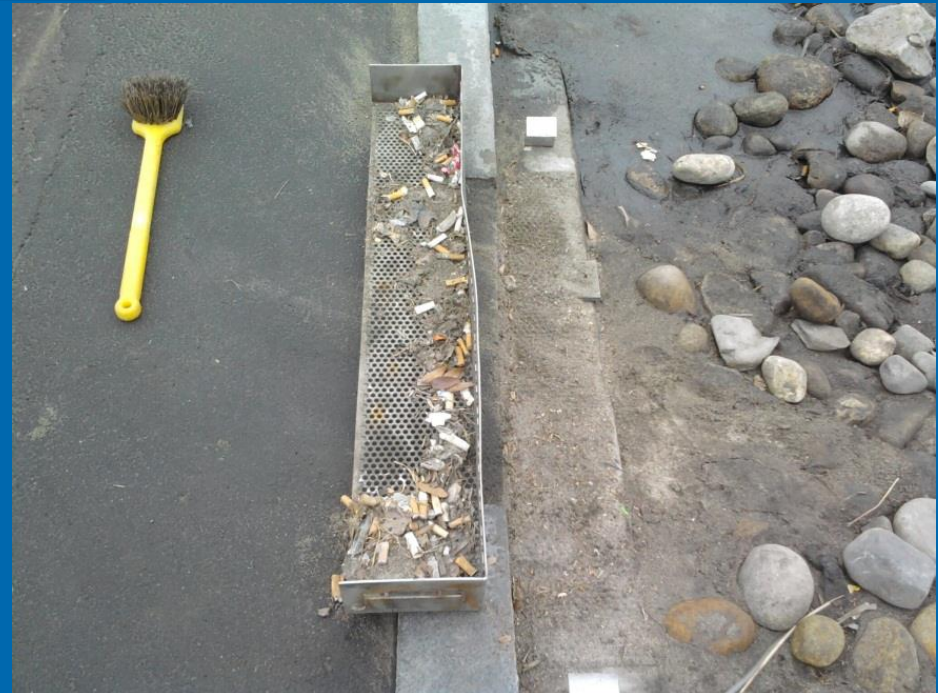
179 lbs.

**Cigarette Butts**

4,392

**Misc. Trash**

752





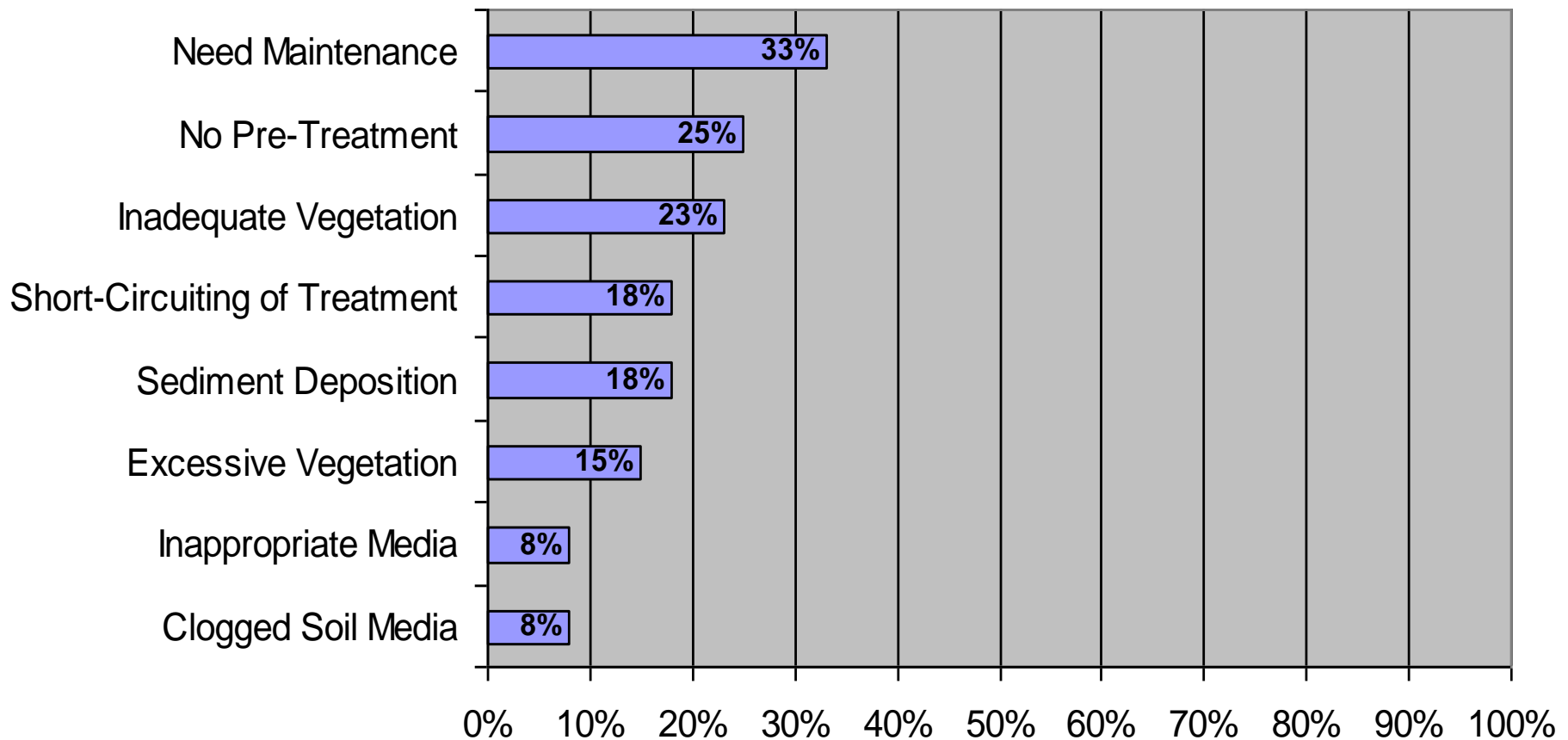
# Some Problems are Vexing





# Performance Issues Observed in Field

General Performance Problems with Bioretention (n = 40)

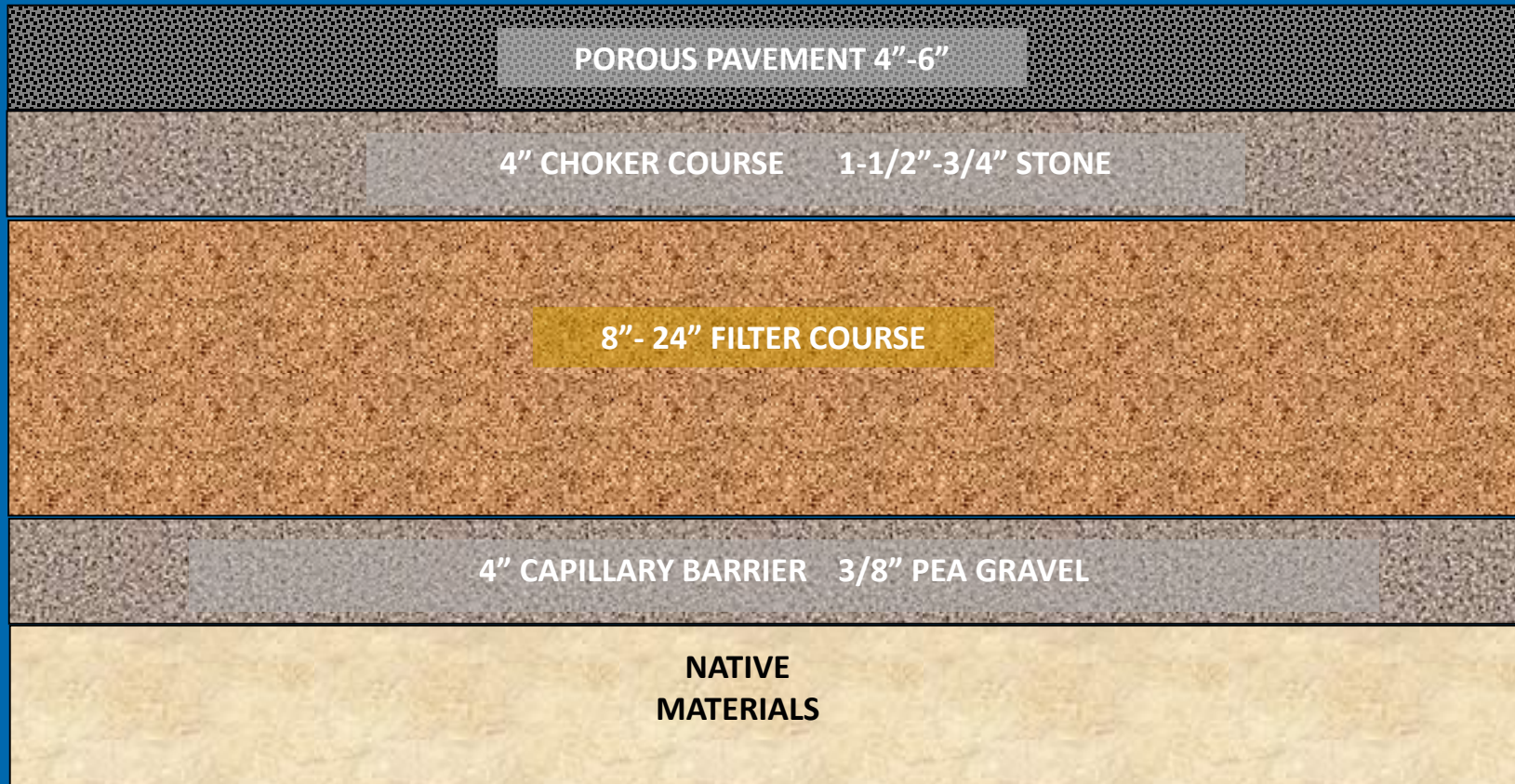


# Permeable Pavements

# Porous/Permeable Pavements

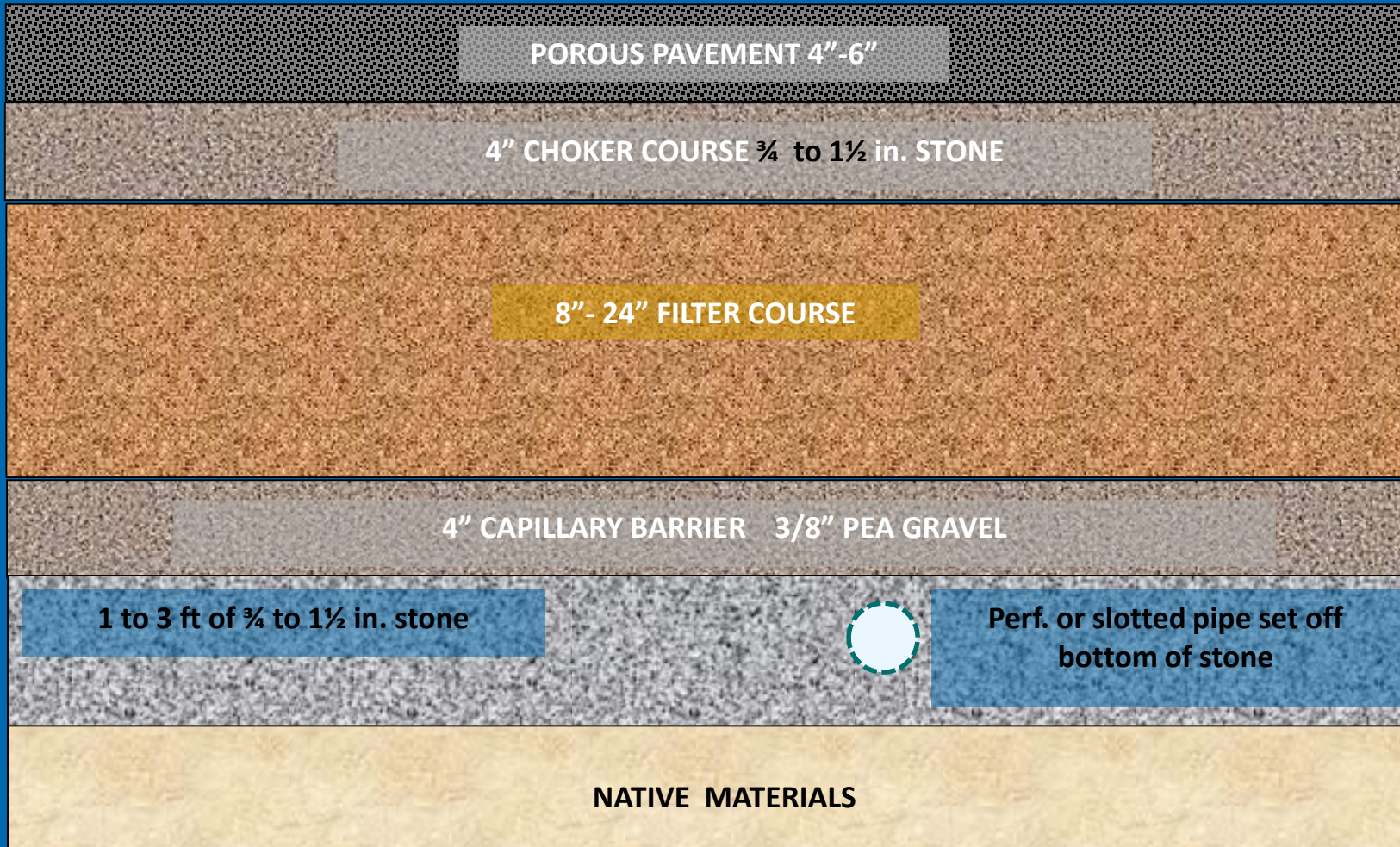


# Typical Porous Pavement Parking Lot System Cross-Section – *well draining soil*



- Diverged from design guidance for use of filter coarse for improved water quality function
- Common reservoir base is 1-3" minus bank run sand and gravel

# Typical Porous Pavement Parking Lot System Cross-Section – *poor draining soil*



- Use stone at base to store water and infiltrate between storms, drain pipe to remove excess treated water.

# Hydraulic Performance of Porous Pavements

## Porous Asphalt (HSG-C)

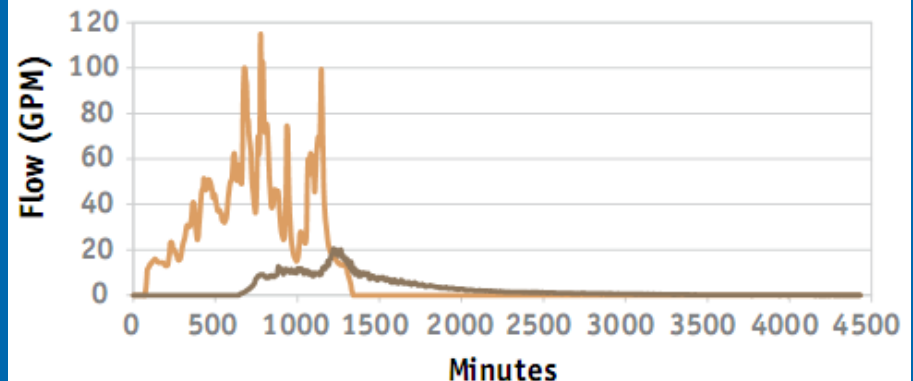
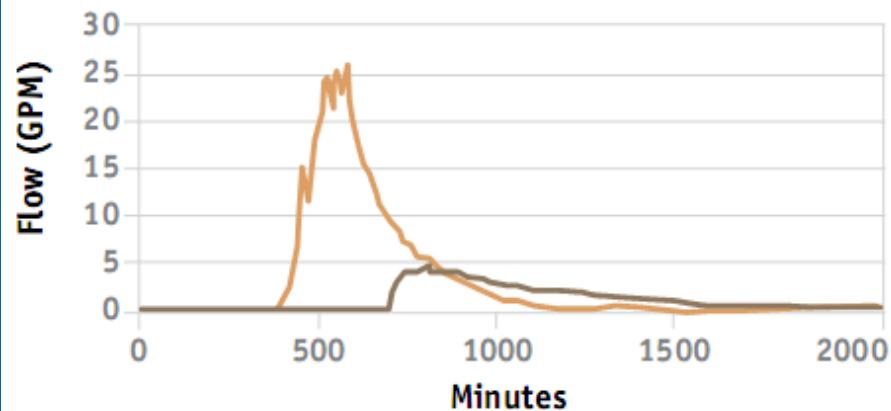
## Pervious Concrete (HSG-B)

HYDRAULIC PERFORMANCE

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	Winter	Summer	Annual Average
Average Peak Flow Reduction	76%	86%	82%
Average Lag Time (minutes)	1,163	1,375	1,275

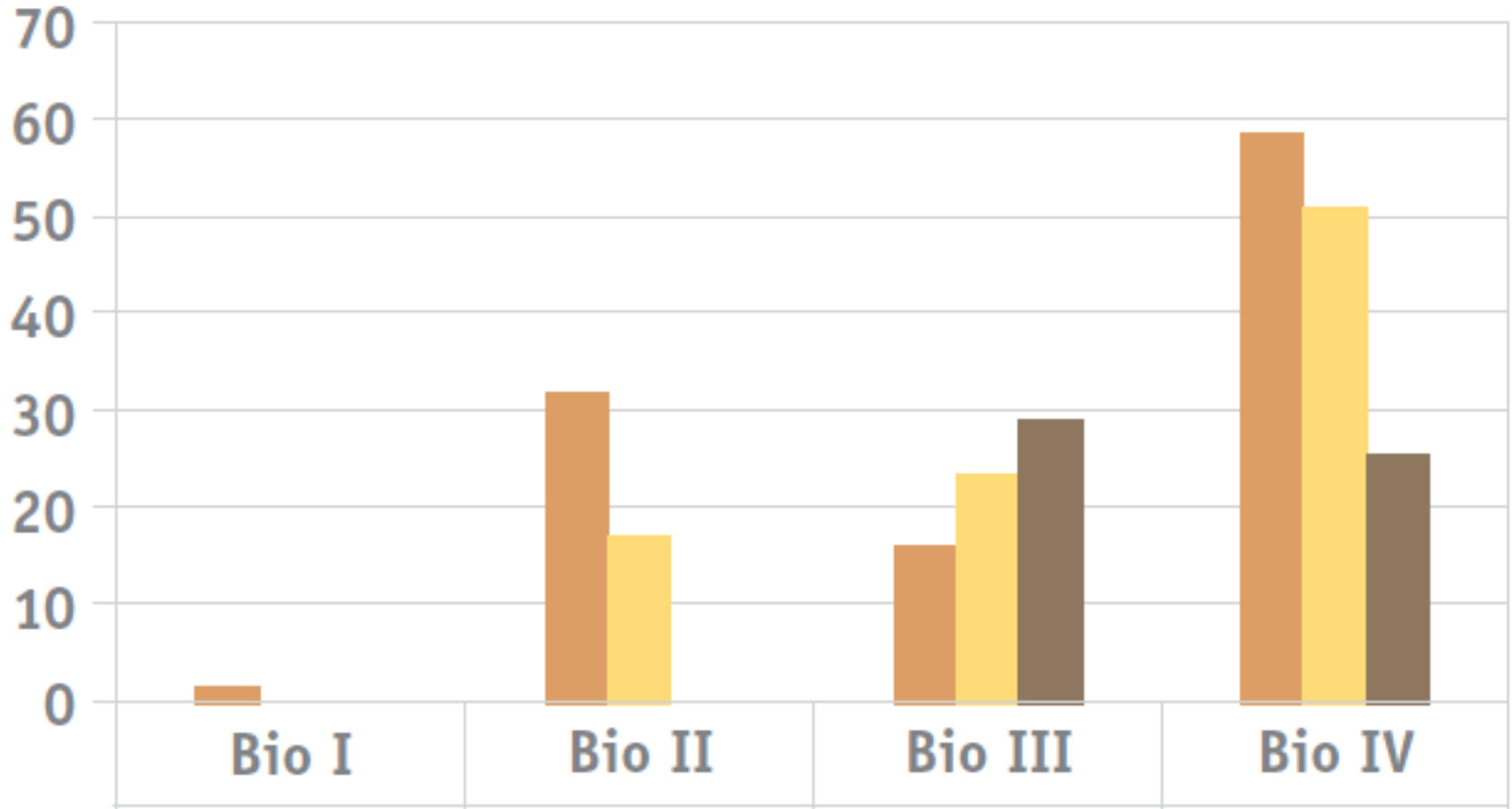
	Winter	Summer	Annual Average
Average Peak Flow Reduction	88%	97%	93%
Average Lag Time (minutes)	848	1,365	1,144
Average Volume Reduction	91%	98%	95%



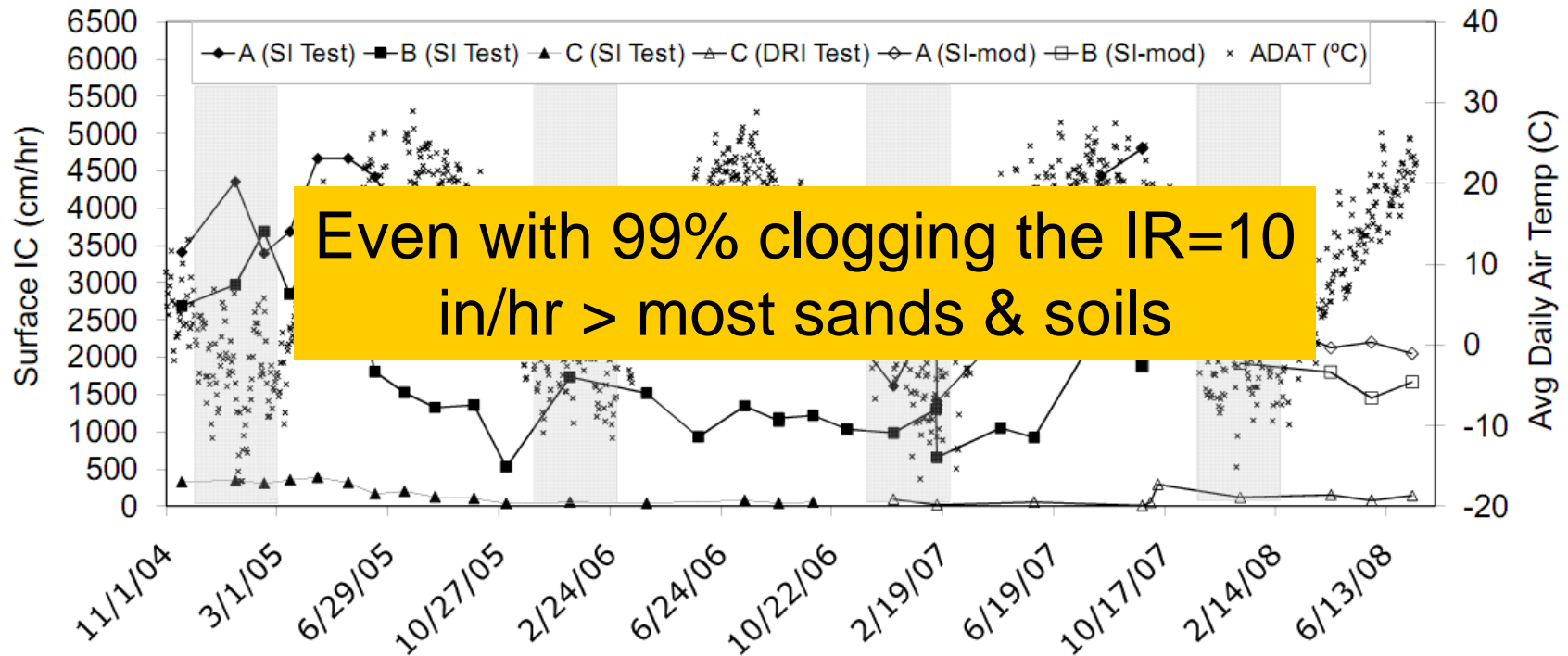
## INFILTRATION RATES OVER TIME

yr1 yr2 yr3

Infiltration Rate (in/hr)



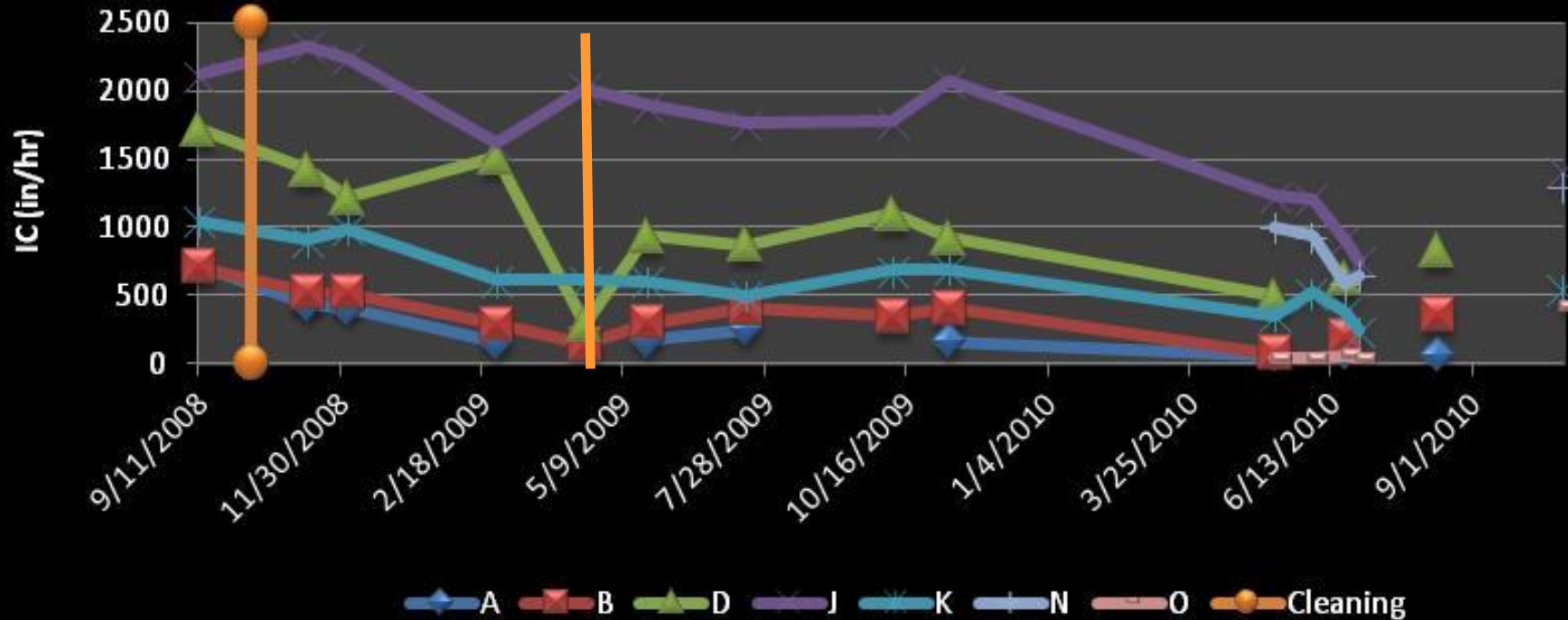
# Porous Asphalt Surface Infiltration Rates



- Worst case scenario, no maintenance performed for 3 yrs
- Certain areas have reduced IC (drive lanes) while parking areas remain unchanged
- Low maintenance sensitivity due to excess infiltration capacity
- Clogged areas can drain to adjacent unclogged areas

# Porous Asphalt Surface Infiltration Rates

## Modified SI at PAS



# Permeable Pavements

- Vacuum sweeping
- Broom to dislodge surface debris
- Pressure washer wand (low angle) for clogged areas (surfactant)
- Repair failed areas

# Routine Maintenance



# Outlet / Catch Basin Inspection

- 1 X per year
- No evidence of blockage
- Good condition, no need for cleaning/repair



# Pavement Drainage and Infiltration

- Annual inspections
- Pavement has been cleaned
- Chronic clogging locations have been pressure washed
- Standing water is not evident after rain event



# Pavement Condition

- Annual inspection
- Evidence of deterioration
- Cuts or repairs from utilities
- Evidence of improper vehicle load





# Repairs and Replacement

- Damage can occur to PA from non-design loads
- Repairs may be needed from cuts for utilities
- Repairs can be made with standard HMA for most damages up to 15% of surface area
- PA can be repaired by heating and rerolling at ~\$2000/day for 500' of trench
- When pavement reaches end of life, it is replaced by milling cleaning and overlay.



# Design for Maintenance Avoidance

- **Avoid run-on from adjacent vegetated areas**
- **Use of curbs and/or stone edge**
- **Avoid excessive runoff from adjacent impervious areas**
- **Avoid areas where tracking on of materials will be expected**
- **High use areas should consider heavy duty pavement**

# Pavement Cleaning

- 2-4X/yr minimum, Spring & Fall
- Clean porous pavement to remove sediment and organic debris on the pavement surface via vacuum street sweeper.
- Adjacent non-porous pavement vacuumed
- Clean catch basins (if available)









# Controlling Run-On

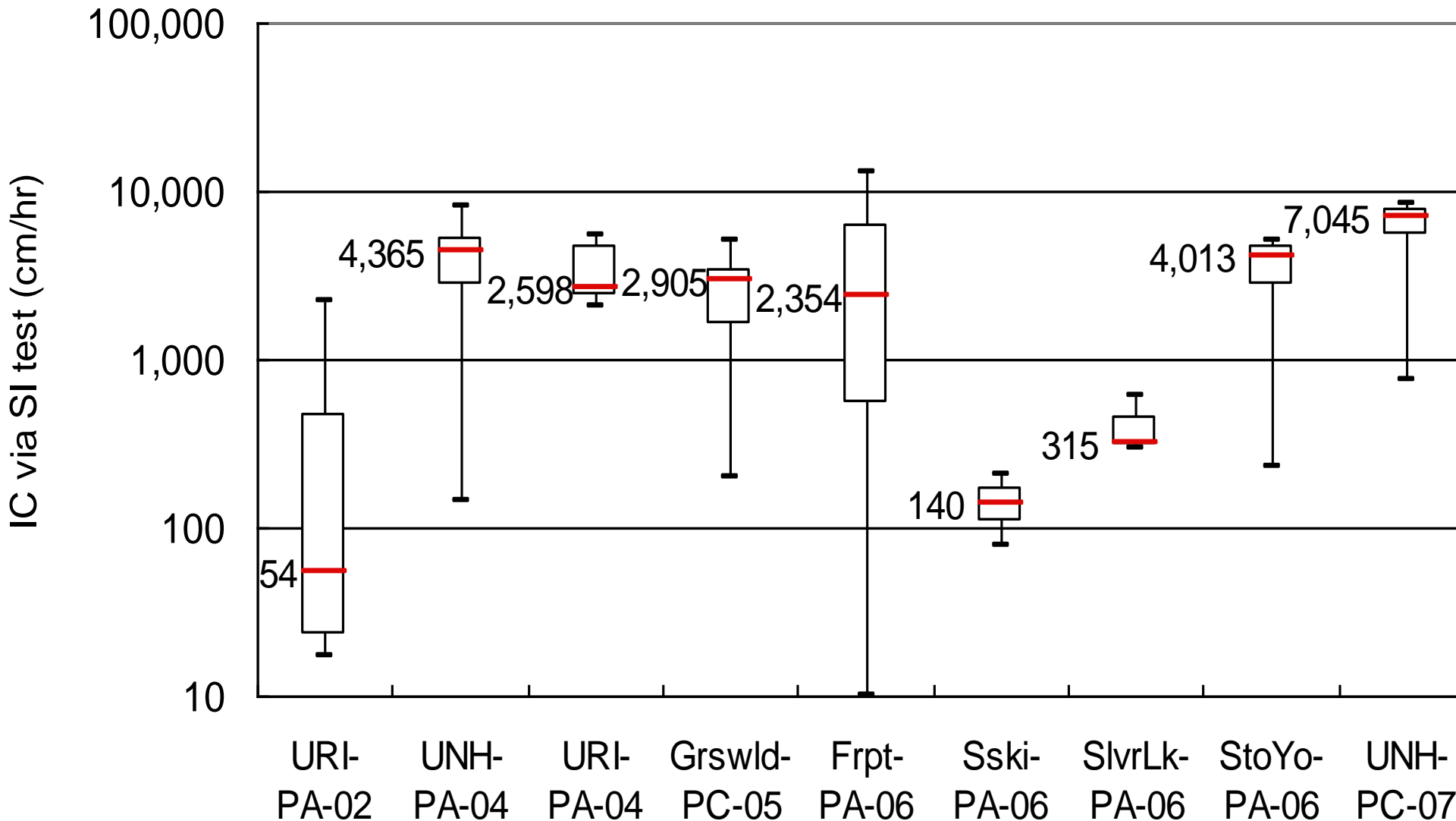
- **2-4 times a year**
- **Adjacent vegetated areas, inspect for signs of erosion and run-on to porous pavement**
- **Apply appropriate stabilization measures**



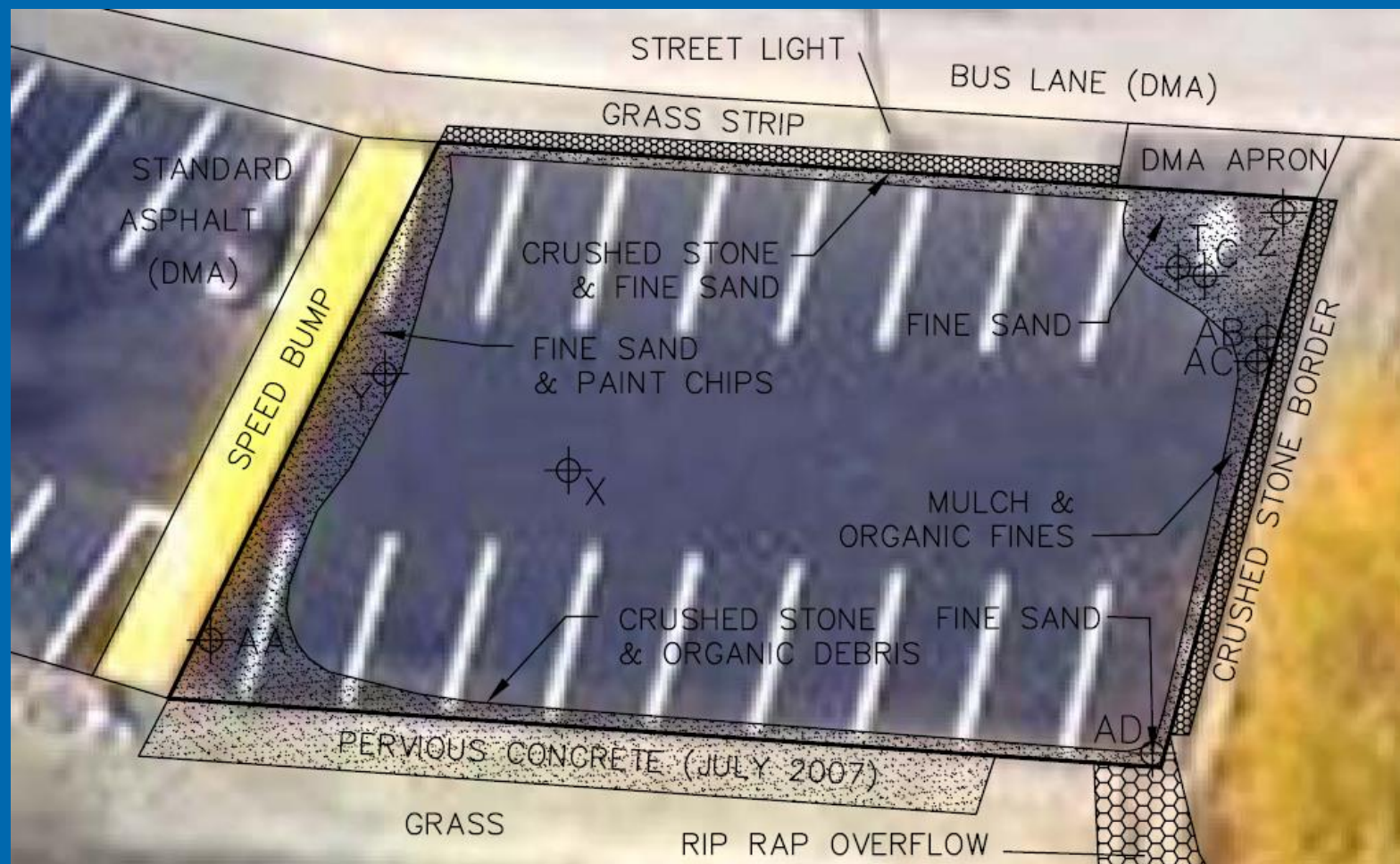
Erosion and Sediment Controls Were Removed Too Soon at this Project Site, Causing Sediment-Laden Stormwater Runoff to Temporarily Clog the Porous asphalt Pathway, Campbelltown, PA (Source: CH2M HILL)



# Infiltration Capacity by Age

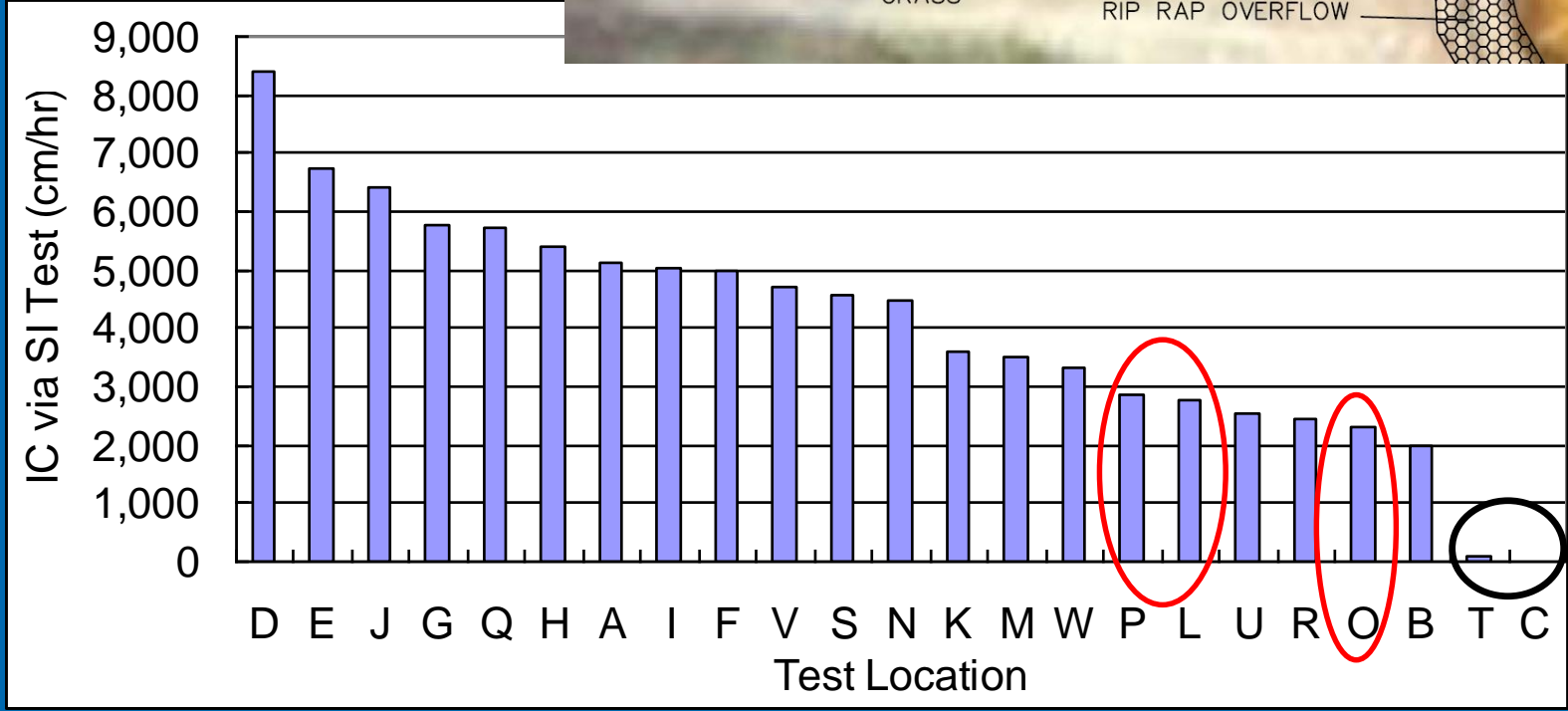
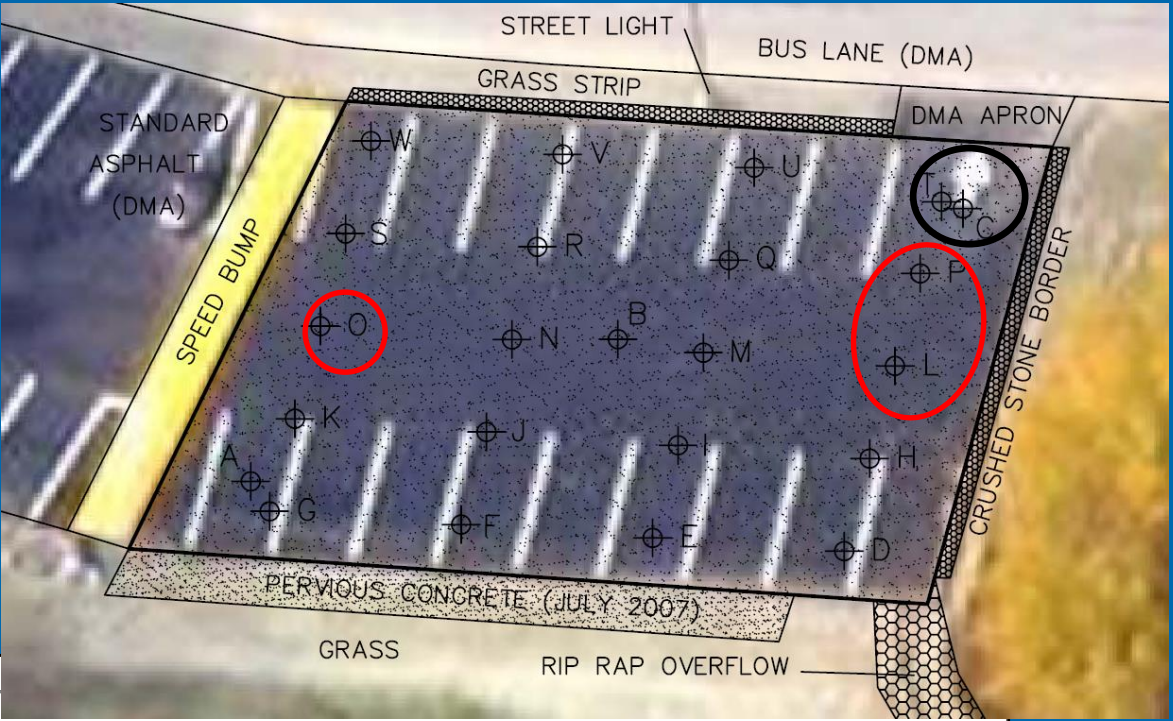


# Pre-Tx Extent of Debris/Clogging

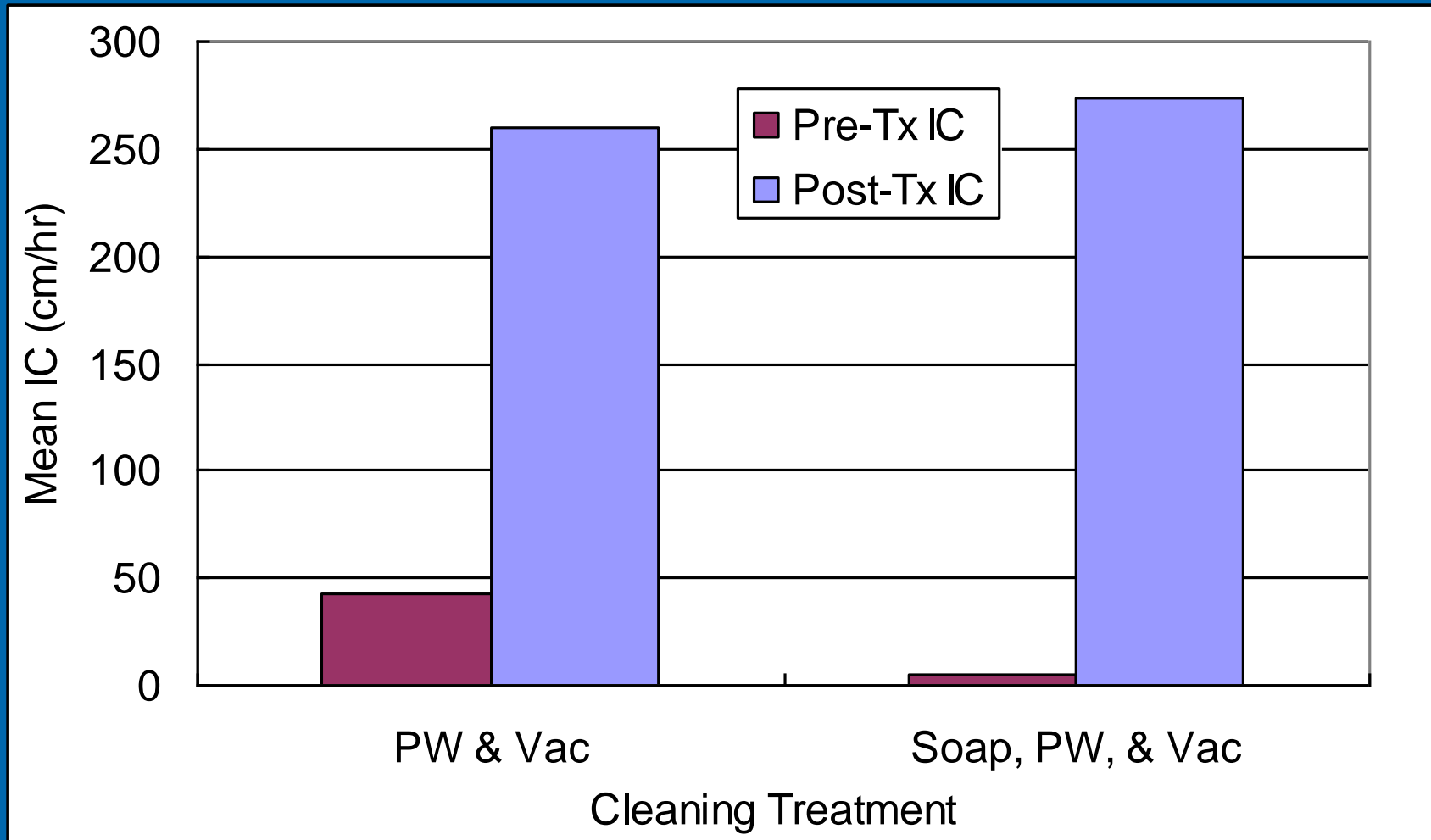


**Infiltration capacity via the Pre-Tx DRI test varied from 0 to 53 cm/hr, all effectively clogged when slope is considered.**

# Pre-Tx Infiltration at Grid Locations



# Treatment Effectiveness for Clogged Locations



# What is is About Winter That is Different?

- **Days are shorter**
- **Colder**
- **Vegetation dead or in senescence**
- **Systems may be frozen**
- **Snow**
- **Ice**

# Tree Filter



# Not too Long Ago



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# Tree Trench





# Winter Status



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# What is Winter Maintenance for Conventional Drainage Infrastructure?

- **Gutters**
- **Catch Basins**
- **Swales**
- **Ponds**
- **Storm Sewers**

# Conventional Systems Winter Maintenance

- Hope it will function until spring
- Hope it does not freeze up
- Clear ice/snow blockages
- De-ice
- Plow
- Snow removal

**Basically the same for GI**

A photograph of a dense forest of trees covered in snow. The trees are thin and their branches are heavily laden with snow, creating a white, textured canopy. The ground is also covered in a thick layer of snow. The overall scene is a serene winter landscape. A semi-transparent rectangular box with a black border is centered over the image, containing the text "Cold Climate Performance Results" in white, bold, sans-serif font.

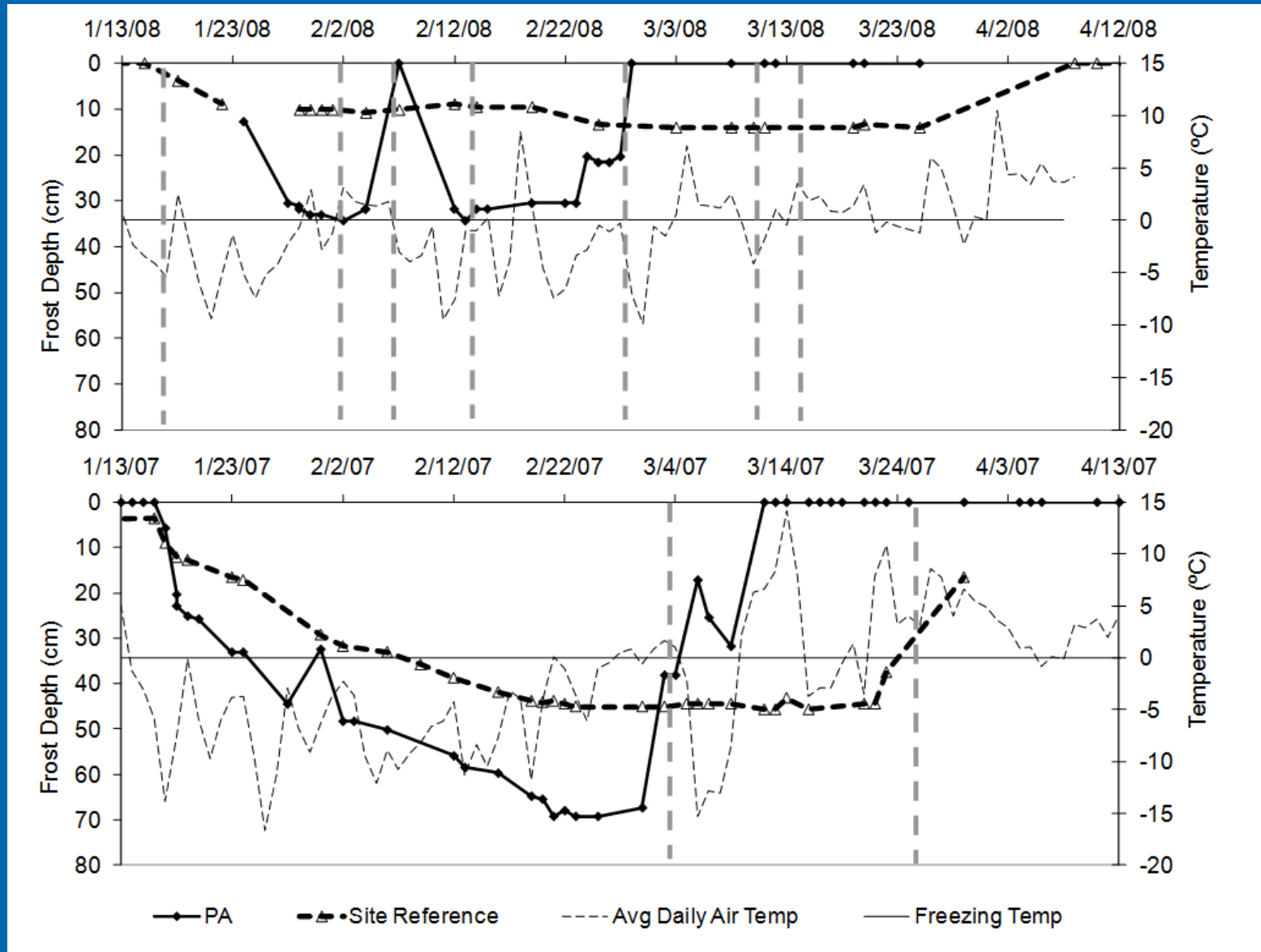
# Cold Climate Performance Results

# Frost Penetration

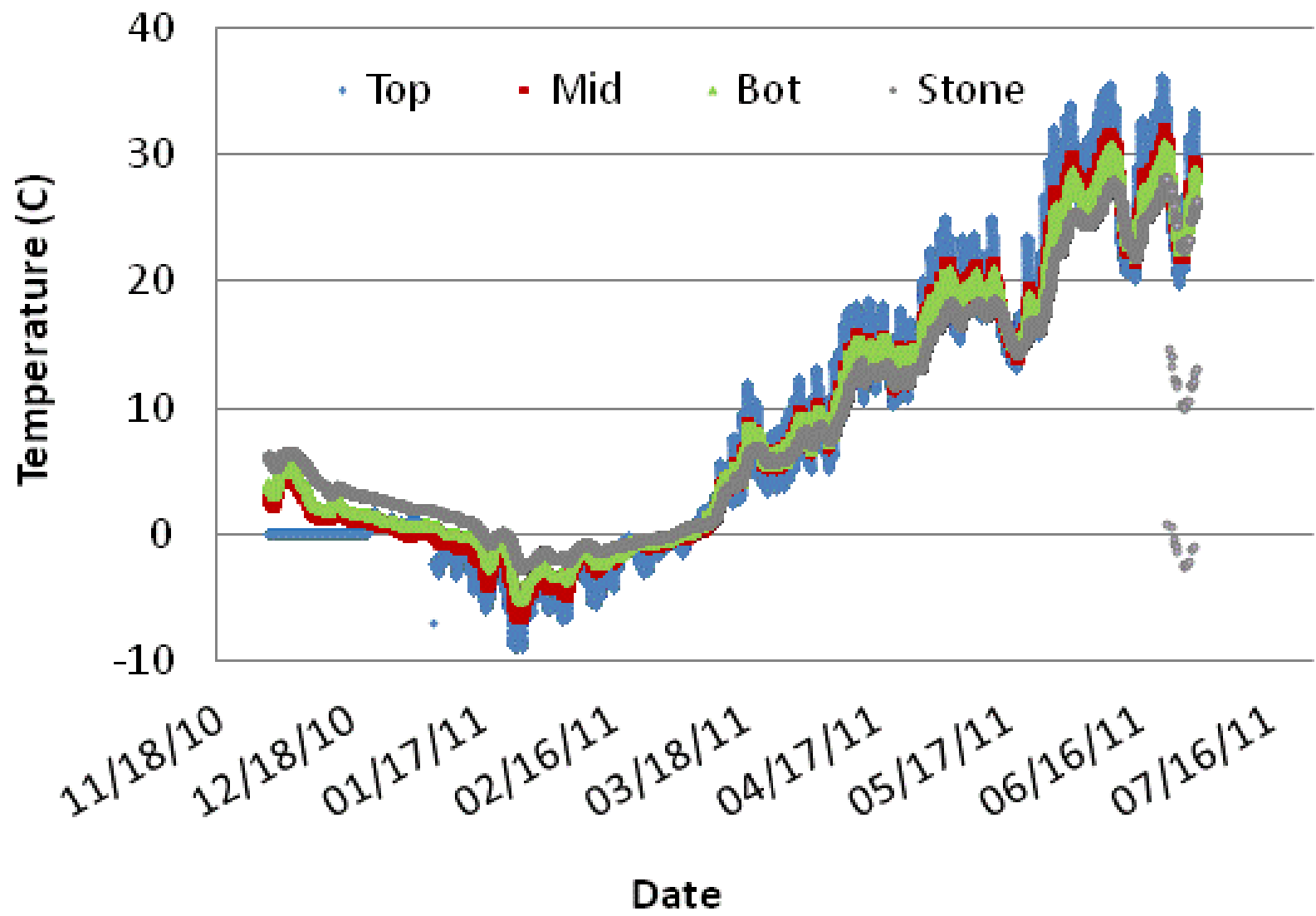
- Can be related to pavement failure
- Measured with a 'field-assembled' frost gauge (Ricard et al., 1976)
- Show relationships between pavements and soils



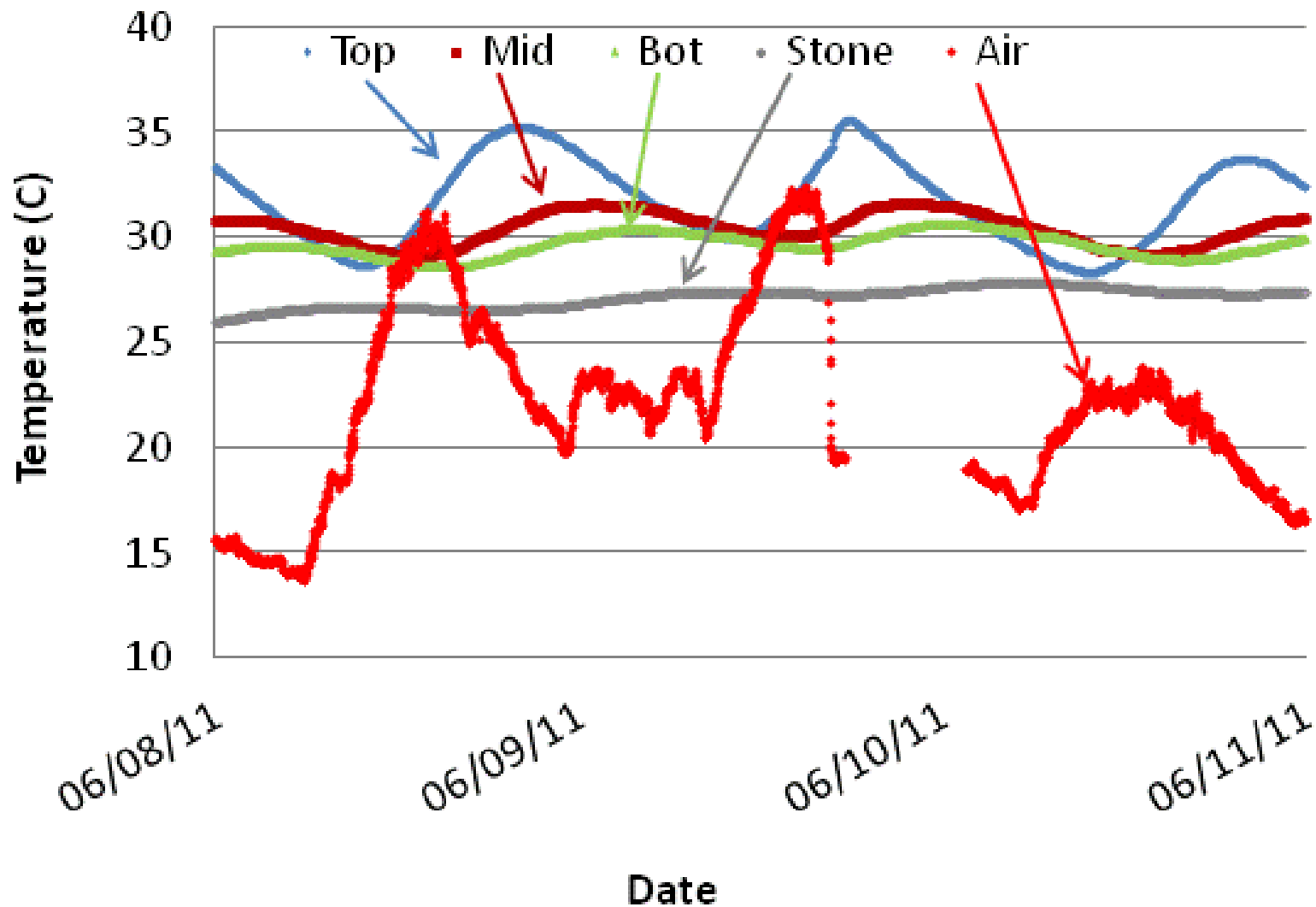
# Porous Asphalt Frost Penetration



# Temperature



# Summer Temperatures





A microscopic photograph showing intricate, feathery frost crystals that have formed on the surface of a fern frond. The crystals are highly detailed, with many small, pointed branches radiating from a central axis, creating a complex, lace-like pattern. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light gray, which makes the sharp, white and blue-tinted crystals stand out prominently. The overall appearance is that of a delicate, natural sculpture.

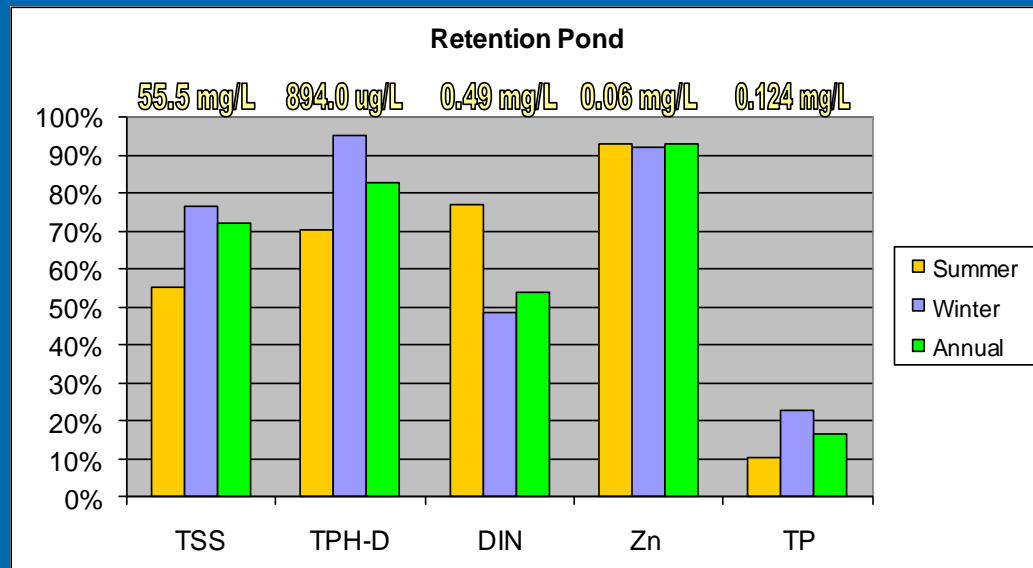
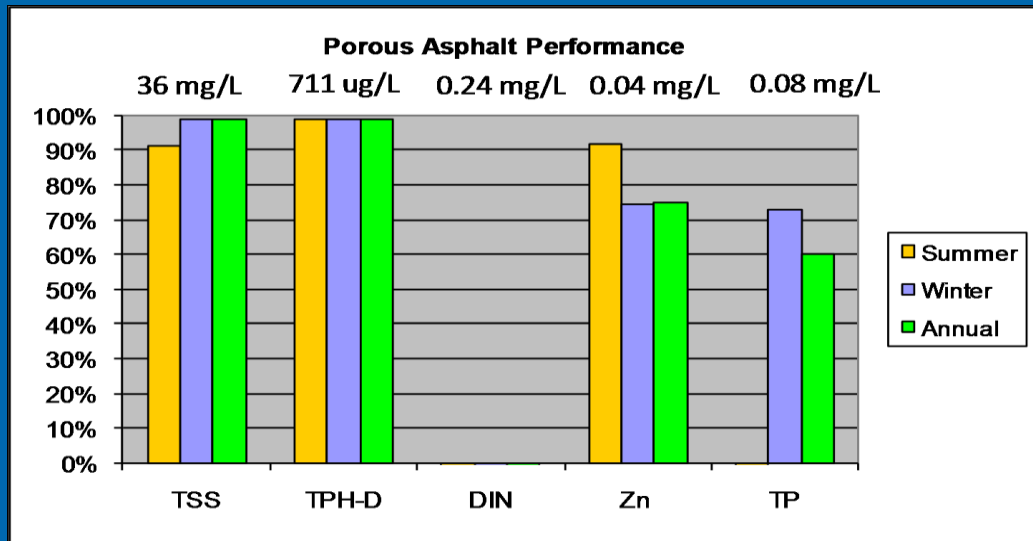
**Frost Penetration  
does not mean or  
imply  
Impermeable**



**Winter Maintenance & Salt Reduction**



# Seasonal Performance Efficiencies





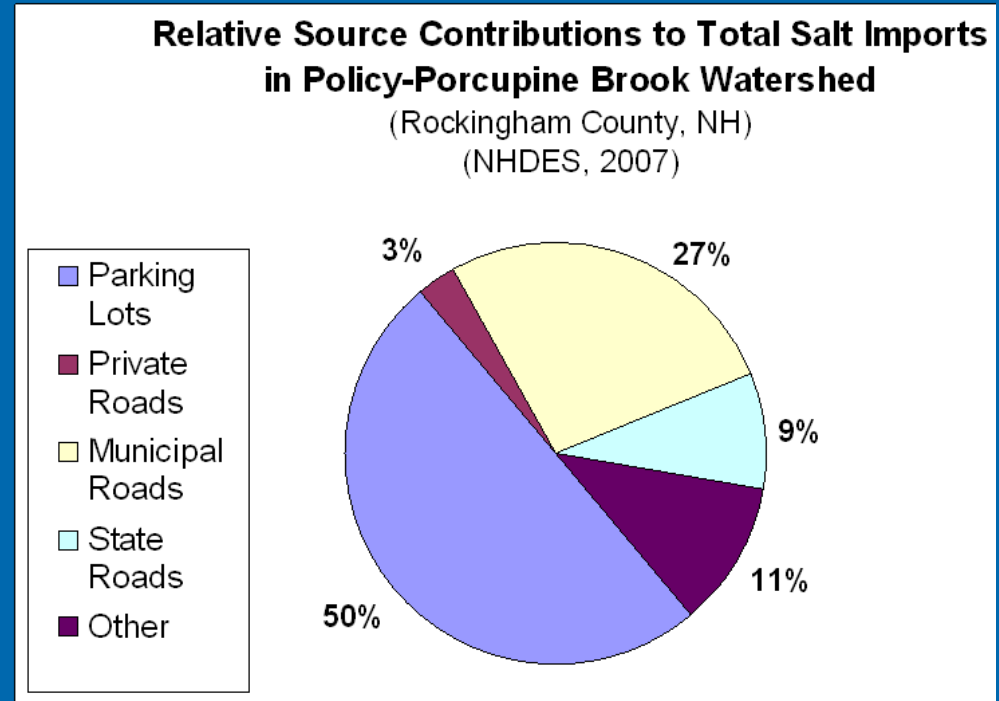


# Why is Deicing Practiced?

- For as many as 3-6 months per year, deicing is used routinely :
  - To control ice development caused by the pooling of the meltwater followed by freezing air temperatures, and
  - To control accumulation of compact snow and ice not removed manually.
- On standard pavements, salt is easily dissolved in standing meltwater or washed away with runoff.

# Why are we concerned about chloride ?

- **No stormwater treatment removes chloride**
- **6 chloride TMDLs nationwide**
- **Usage is on the rise**
  - **Need for public safety**
  - **Presumably because 80% TSS reduction is easily achieved by replacing sand with chloride**
- **Some DOT's use a 100% salt mix**



Source: Trowbridge (2007); Sassan and Kahl, (2007): Beaver Brook and Policy Brook I-93 Chloride TMDL; Road salt loading by source, assuming a rate of 6.4 tons/acre/year for parking lots and driveways, and a rate of 17.8 tons/lane mile/year (average annual rate) applied to public and private roads. Most residential driveways are excluded from this calculation.

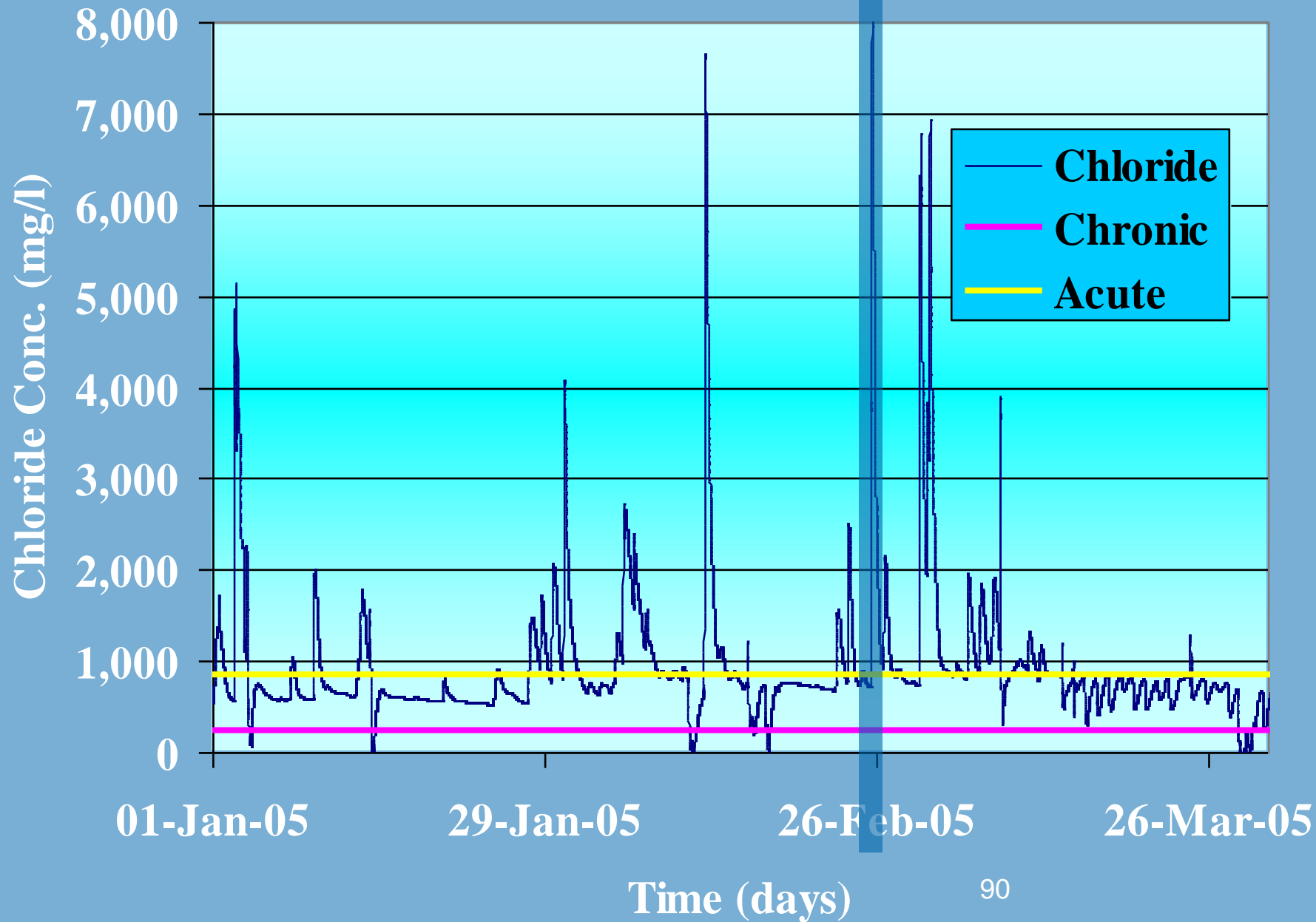
Organism	Chloride (mg/L)	EC25 (uS/cm)	Test
Aquatic Species	>220	>900	synthesis of many tests; prolonged exposure (>30 days) will eliminate 10% of the species
Rainbow Trout	230	1,000	Minnesota chronic standard for trout (assumed to be for a >100 day adult exposure)
Humans	250	1,000	Federal & State Secondary Drinking Water Standard (mostly for taste)
Daphnids	210- 372	900-1,400	chronic toxicity (>30 day exposure)
Fathead minnows	433	1,600	chronic toxicity (>30 day exposure)
Rainbow Trout	> 900	3,000	significant (25%) adverse effects on trout eggs, embryos & adults in 7 days
Fathead minnows	1,280	4,100	lowest observed effects after 7 days
Daphnids	1,400	4,400	acute toxicity (50% mortality in 4 days)
Mayflies	2100-4300	6500-13,000	lowest observed effects after 7 days
Rainbow Trout	6,743	20,300	acute toxicity (50% mortality in 4 days)



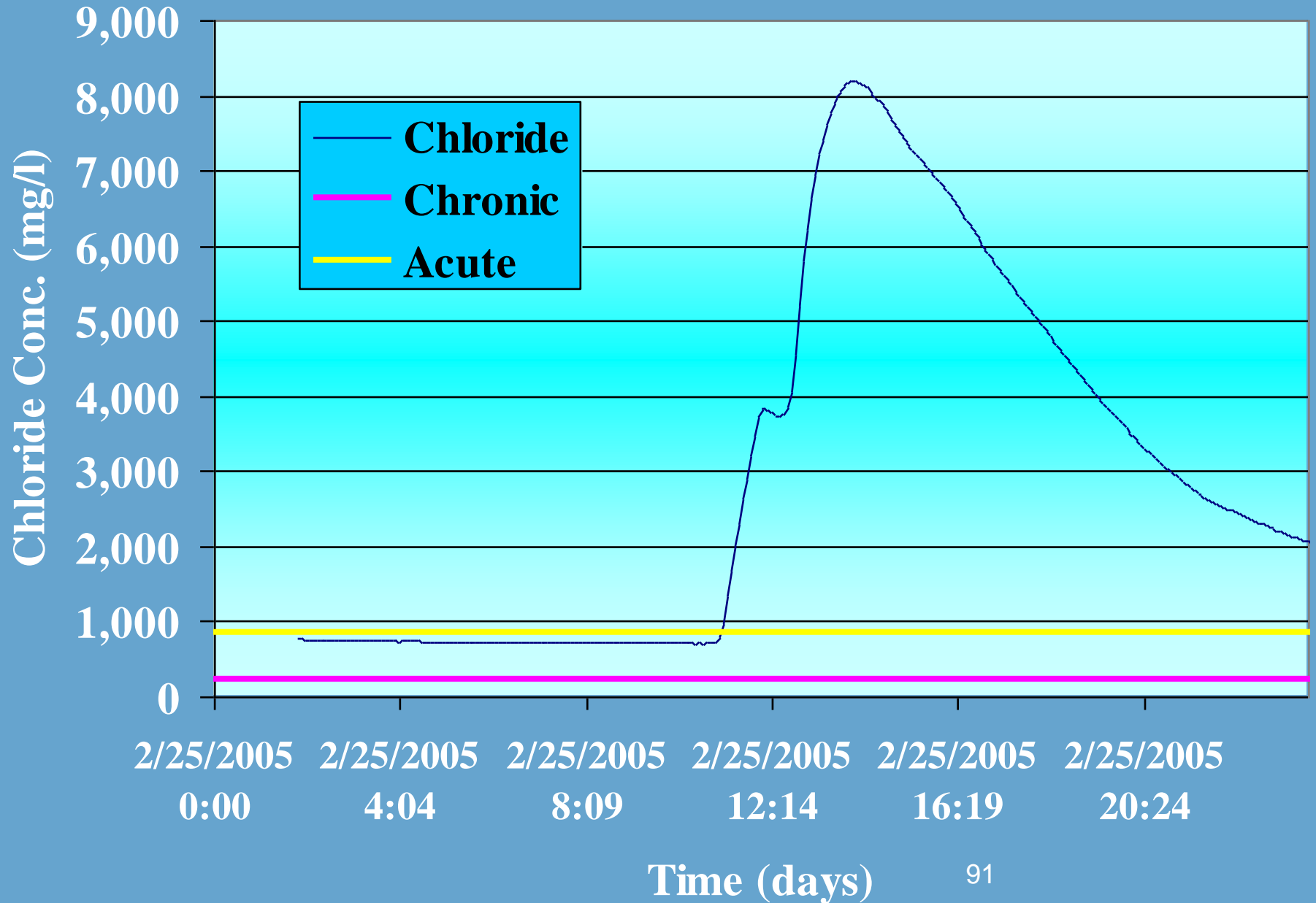
# EPA Criteria

- **chronic Cl concentration 230 mg/L (four day average)**
- **acute Cl concentration 860 mg/L (one-hour average)**
  
- **(not to be exceeded more than one day every 3 years)**

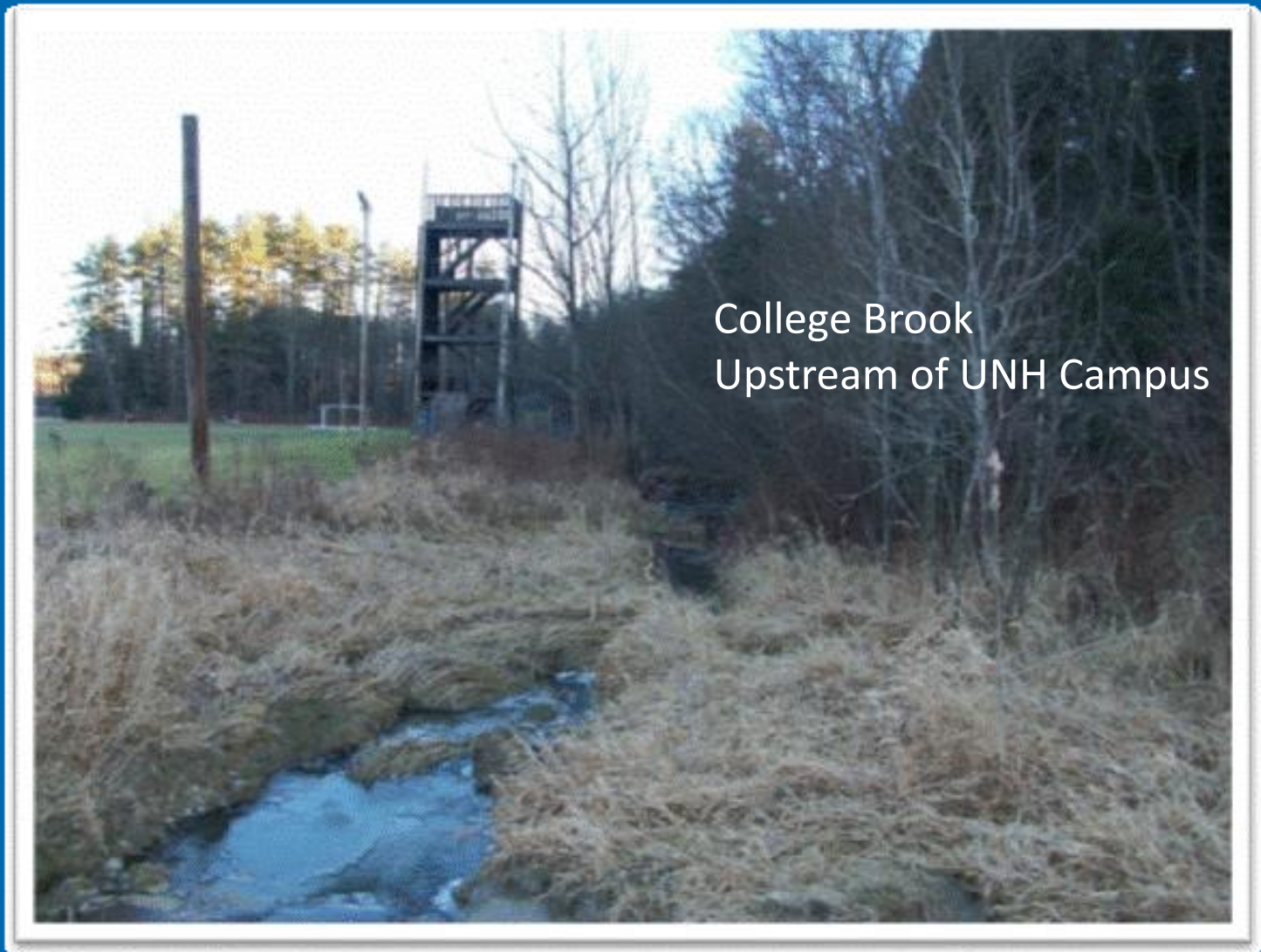
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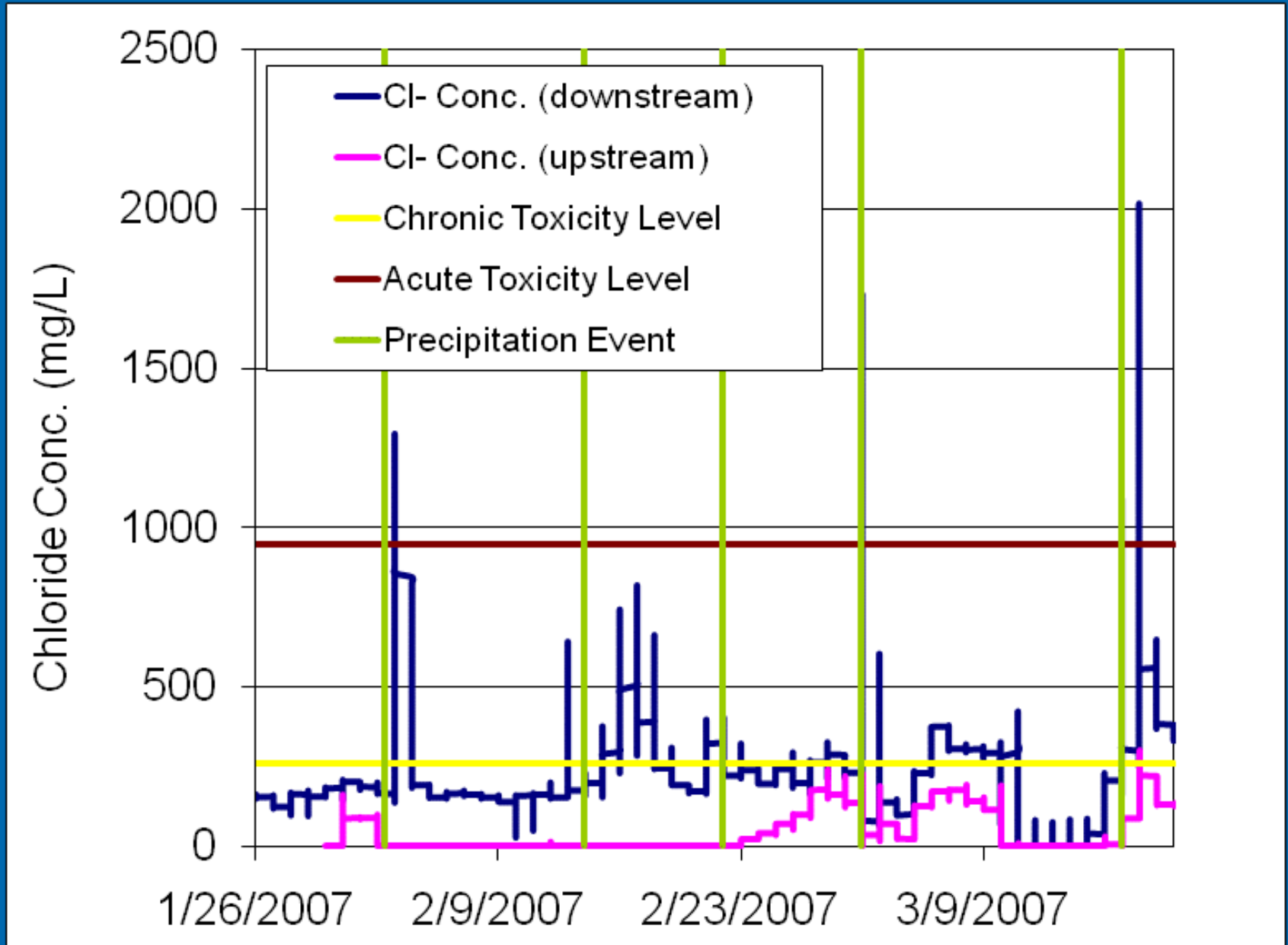


# EPA Criteria for Chloride Are For the Receiving Stream

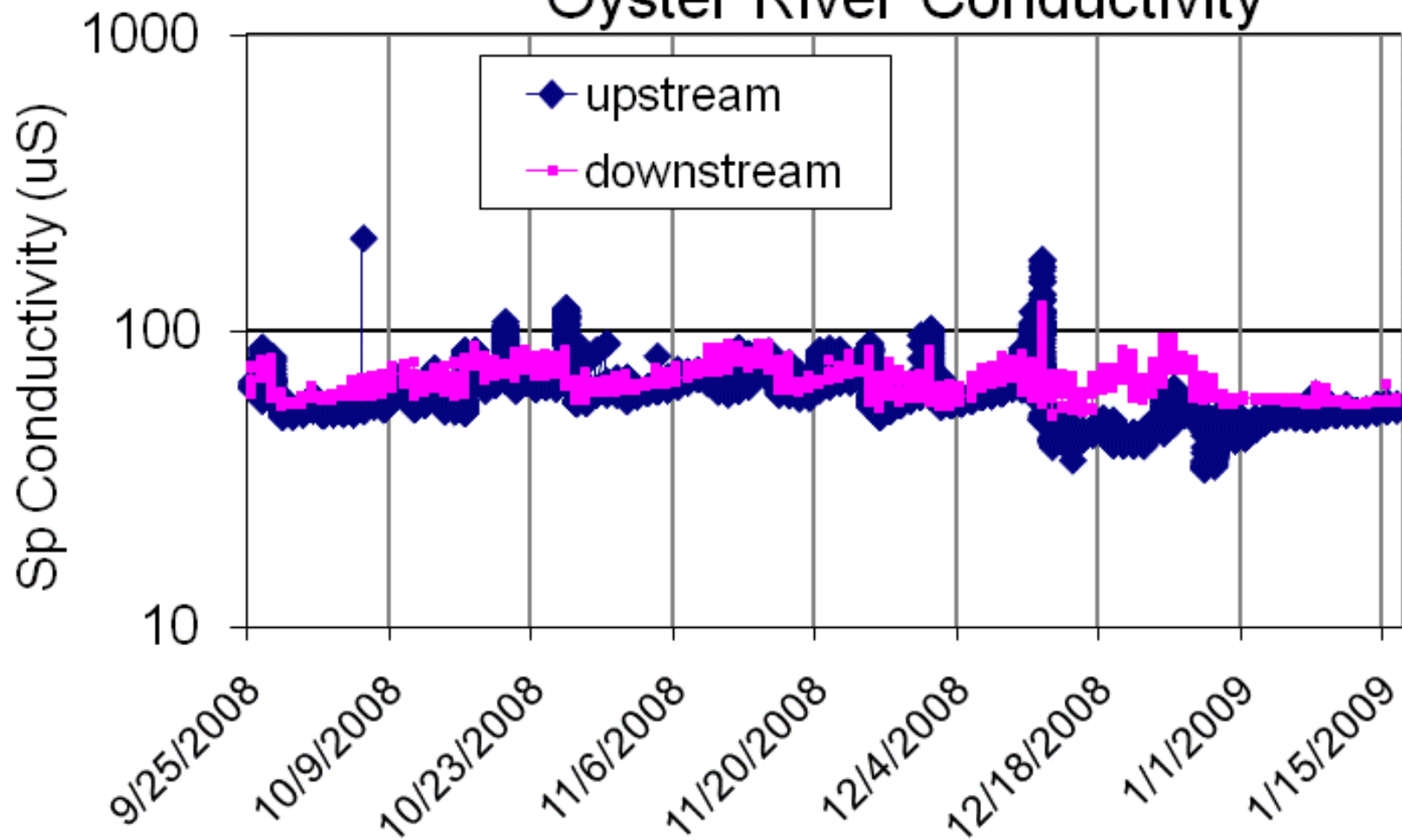


College Brook  
Upstream of UNH Campus

# College Brook Conductivity Through the UNH Campus



# Oyster River Conductivity



# How Do Porous Pavements Fit In With Salt?



# Potential Salt Reduction

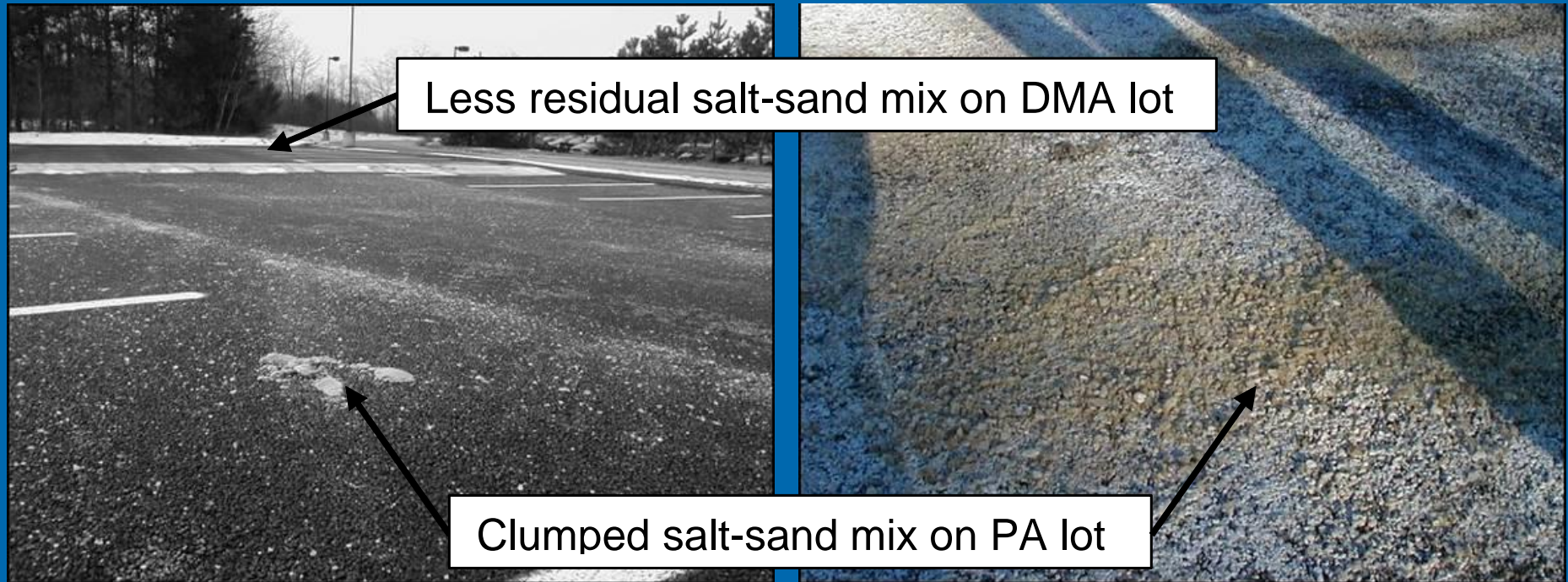


Figure 1. Residual sand and salt mix on PA lot, winter 2005. Clumped mix (top) and close up of mix (bottom).



# Winter Maintenance & Performance

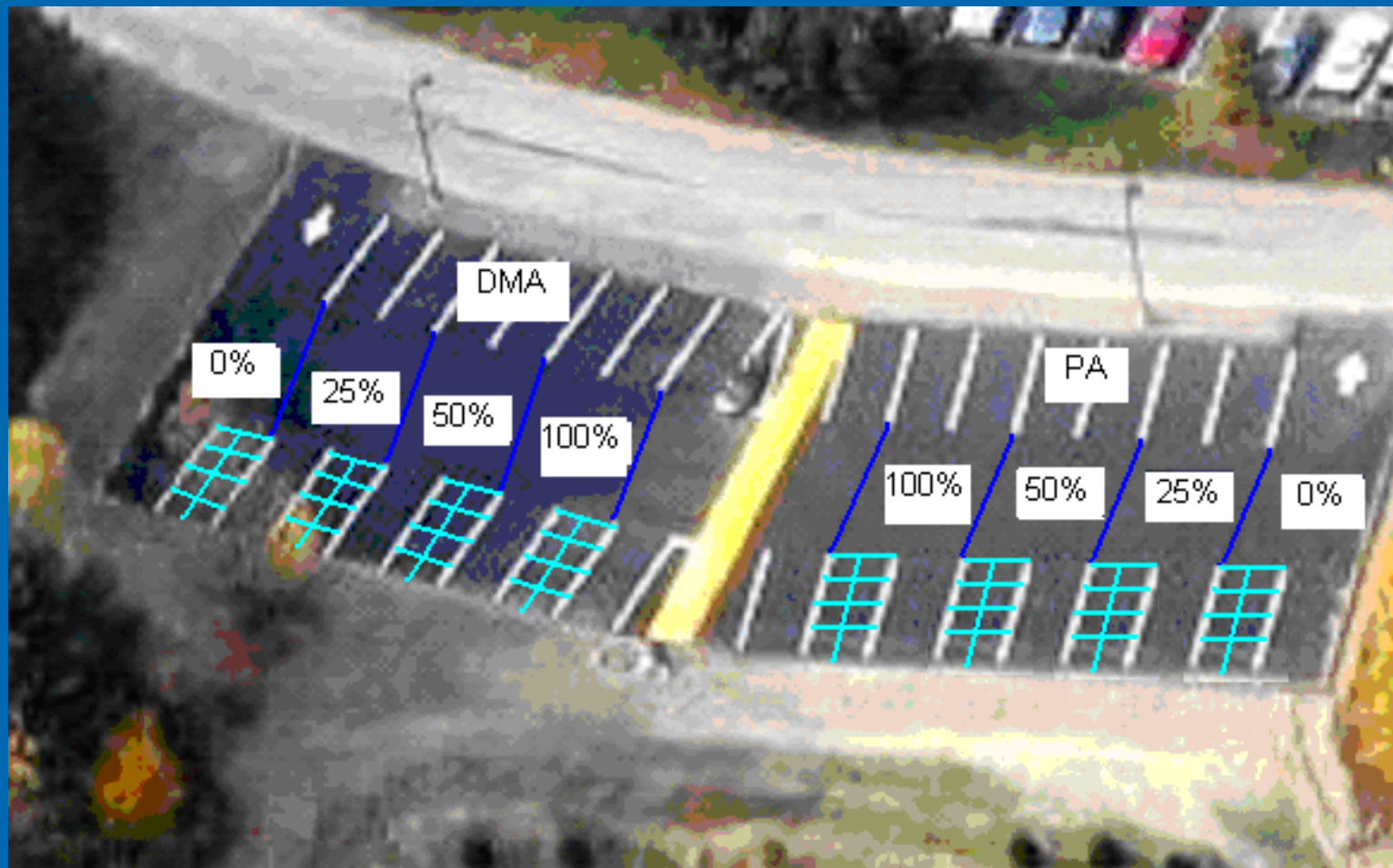
- No special maintenance arrangements w/ UNH
- Applied mix: 56% Cl, 10% sand
- 21 applications winter 2006
- Snow/Ice melted more quickly on PA than on DMA
- Excessive mix application



# Study Details

- **March 2005-Jan 2007: A paired design: half dense mix asphalt, half porous asphalt**
- **Oct 2007 – present: similar studies on PC**
- **Located at the UNH Stormwater Center in Durham.**
- **Activity is a combination of passenger vehicles and routine bus traffic.**
- **Frequent plowing, salting, and sanding during the winter months.**

# PA Study Area Orientation



# Measuring Skid Resistance w/ BPT



ASTM STANDARD E303-93

# Chloride (Salt) Recovery

- **Vacuumed salt**
- **Dissolved material in warm water**
- **Measured specific conductivity**
- **Applied value to UNHSC regression**
- **Compared results for both lots**



# PA/DMA Snow & Ice Cover



Lots one-hour after plowing,  $-4^{\circ}\text{C}$  (11AM on 2/3/07)

# PA/DMA Snow & Ice Cover



Conditions after thawing and subsequent refreezing (9AM on 3/18/07)

- No black ice formation on PA

# PC Snow & Ice Cover



PC



Std. Asphalt Ref. Lot

Conditions after thawing and subsequent refreezing (1PM on 2/16/08)

- No black ice formation on PC

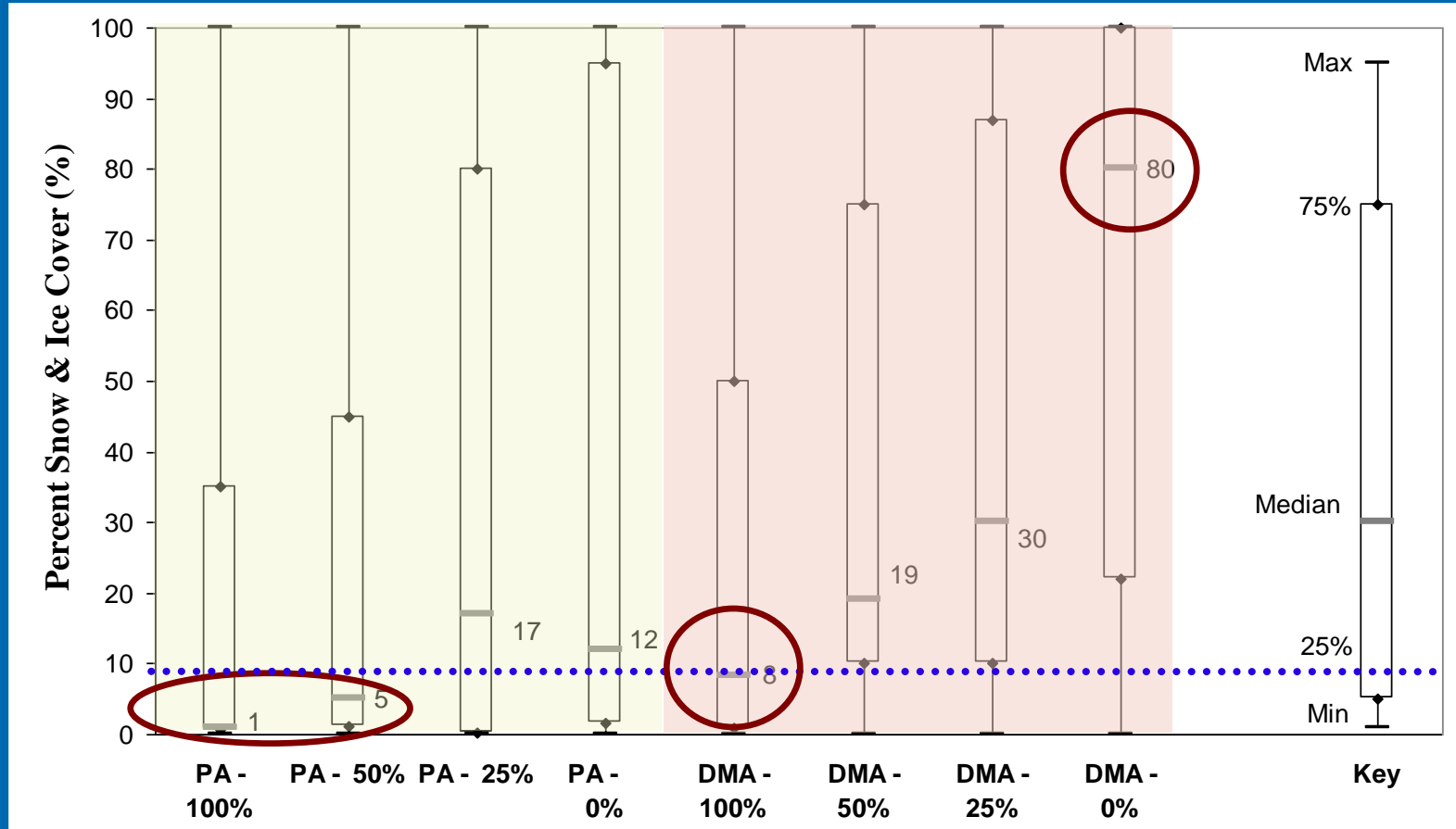


# PC Snow & Ice Cover



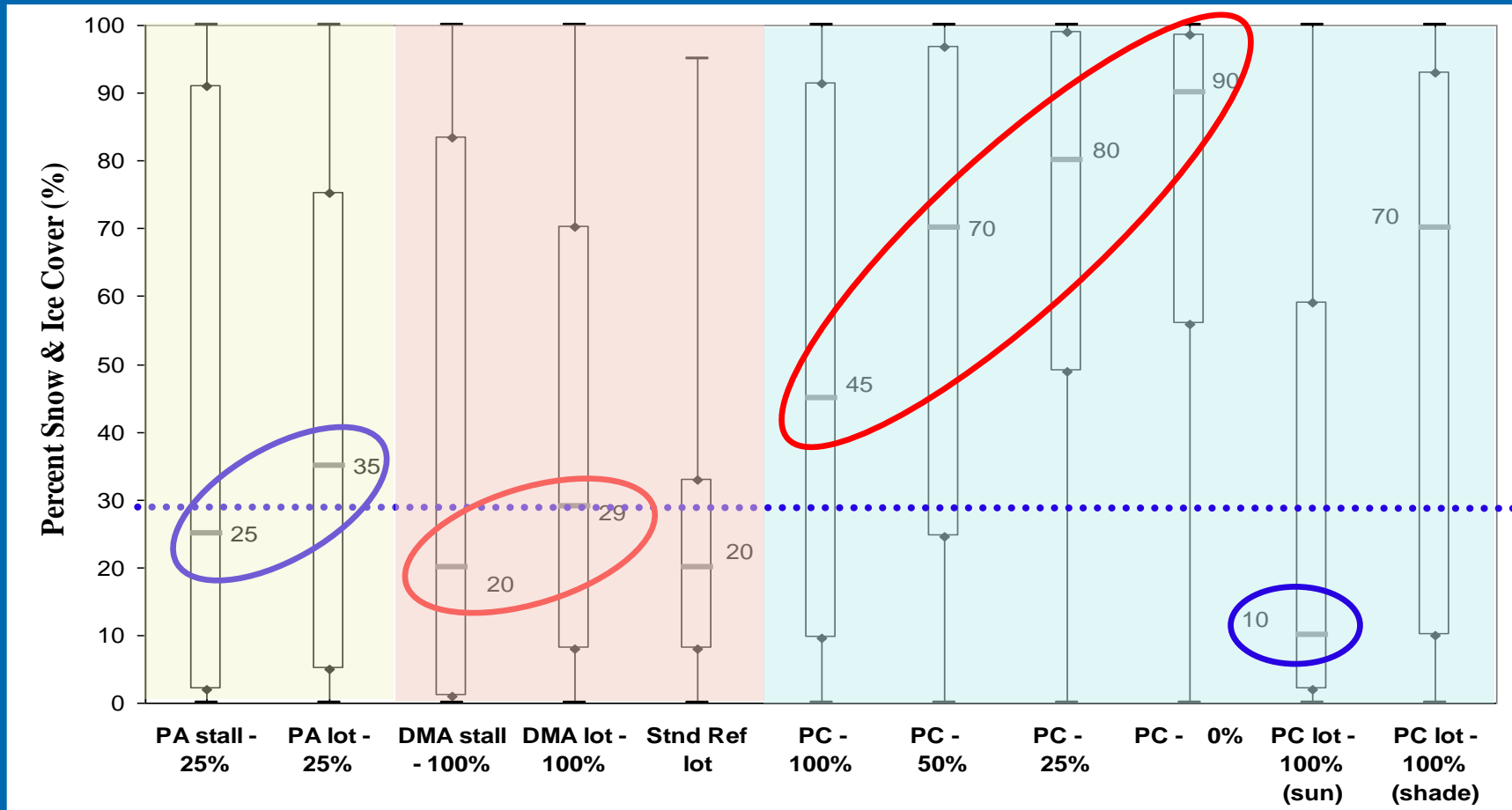
- **Shading contributes to amount of cover on PC**

# Comparison of snow/ice percent cover for study areas on all lots (winter '06-'07)



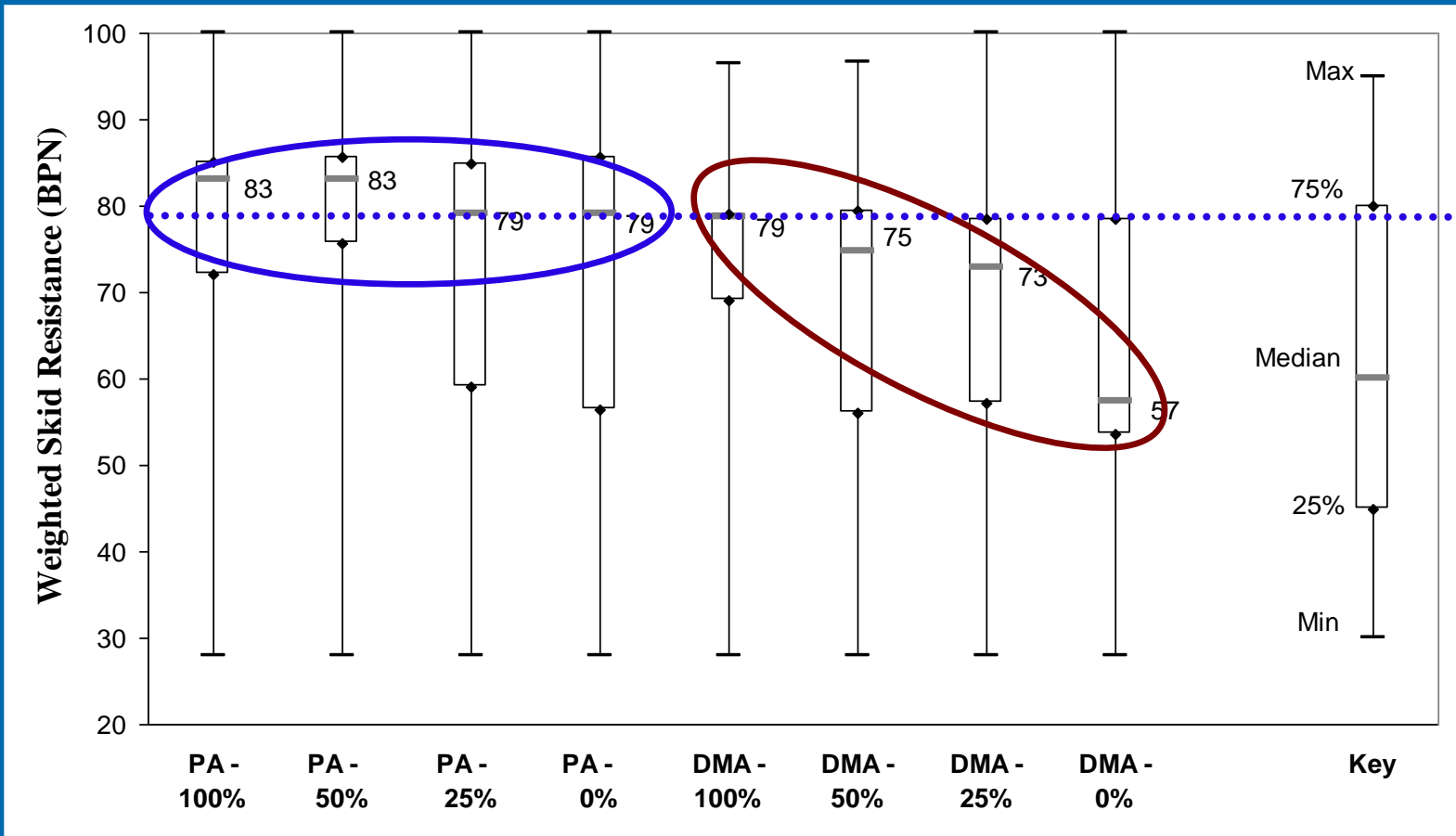
- More snow & ice present on DMA

# Comparison of snow/ice percent cover for study areas on all lots (winter '07-'08)



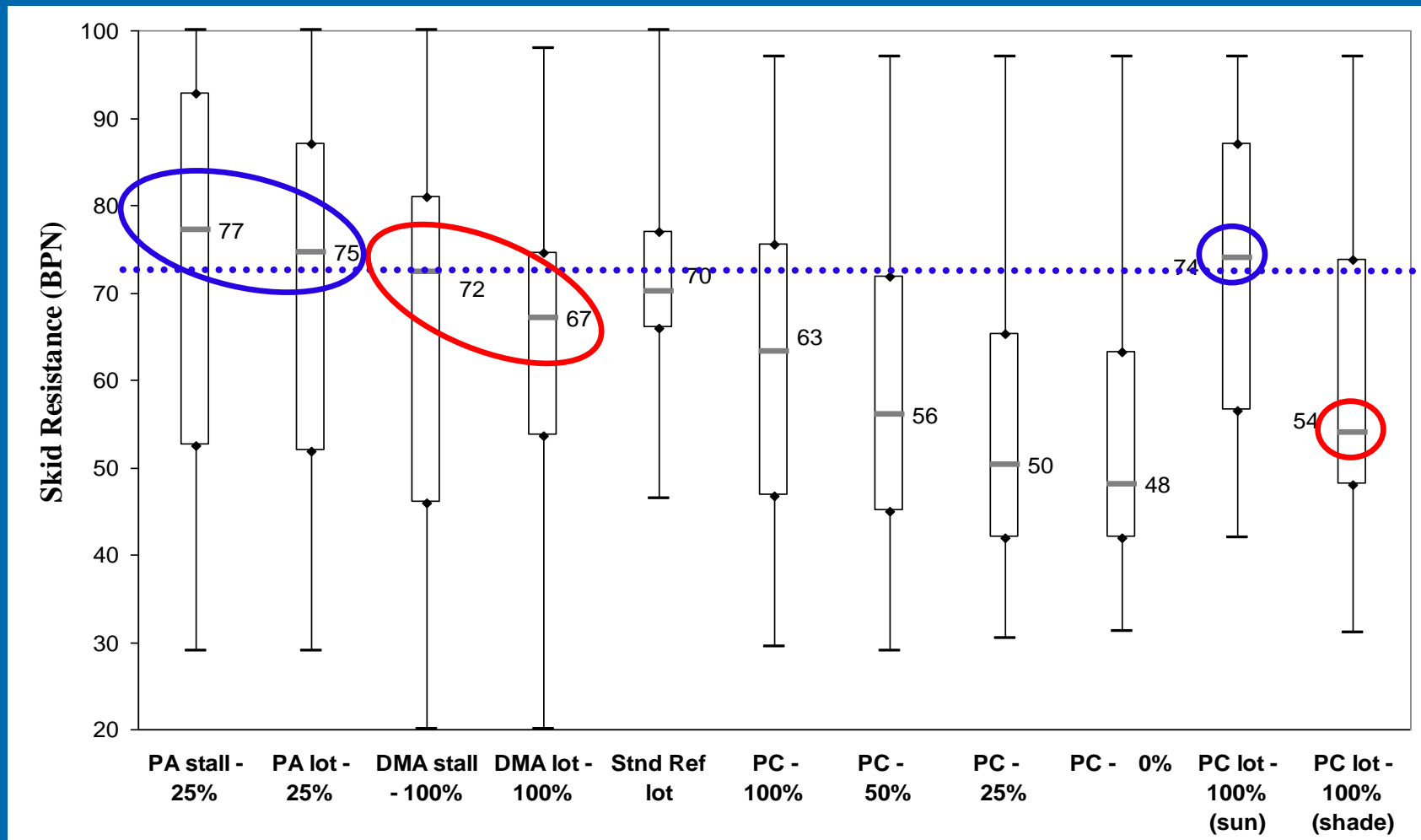
- Snow and Ice Cover is comparable for PA 25%, PC 100% (full sun) and DMA 100% application
- PC does poorly in shaded areas for deicing—no issue for most commercial apps

# Weighted skid resistance values as a function of surface cover for all pavement types ('06-'07)



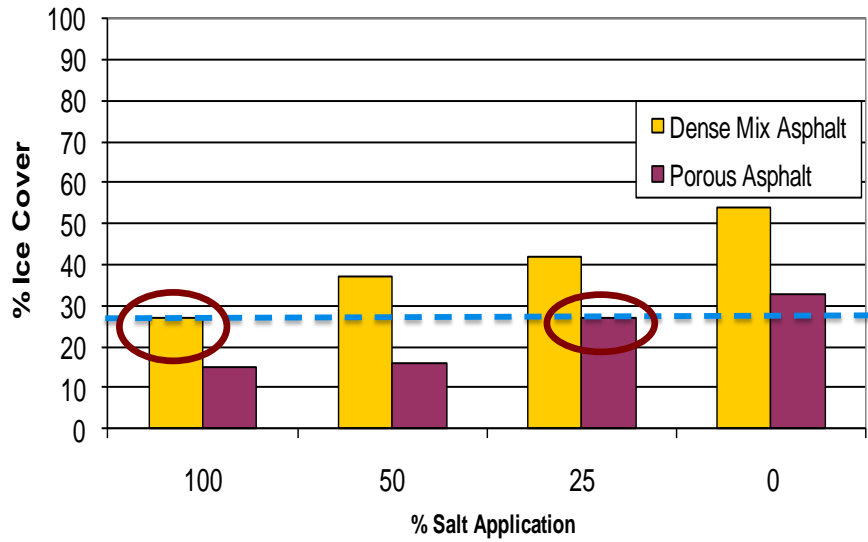
- Weighted SR as a measure of safety
- Higher BPN = safer pavement

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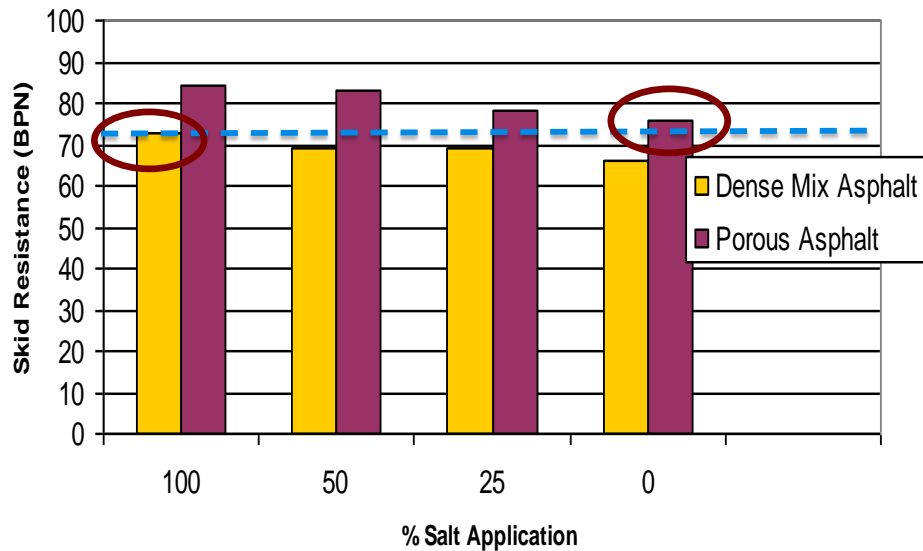


- Skid resistance is higher for all conditions for PA
- PC has higher skid resistance (sun only) and is very sensitive to sun exposure

### % Ice Cover



### Weighted Skid Resistance (BPN)



# Effective Salt Reductions

Pavement Type	2006-2007		2007-2008		Reductions Possible when compared to DMA with 100% App. Rate	
	Anti-Icing Apps.	Deicing Apps.	Anti-Icing Apps.	Deicing Apps.	App. Rate	Average Mass Reduction*
						('06-'08)
DMA	15	14	23	22	100%	0%
PA	15	6	23	27	25%	75%
PC - shade	-	-	23	31	100%	-20%
PC - sun	-	-	23	23	100%	-2%

\* Reduction possible with no loss in skid resistance (safety)

# Conclusion About Friction

- Higher frictional properties on PA and PC
- Salt reductions possible during freeze-thaw conditions
  - No standing water
- Little to no salt needed if plowing occurs
- Up to 75% salt reduction from SOP possible
- Deicing may still be necessary after freezing-rain
- PA and PC are currently the only stormwater strategies that can minimize chloride threat to groundwater w/o lining
  - Less chloride applied = Lower risk



# Summary Conclusions

- **Results indicate using 0-25% of a typical salt load produces similar conditions to what is observed for DMA.**
- **Higher frictional properties were recorded on PA with NO salt addition than were observed for DMA at 100% application rate.**
- **Equivalent snow and ice cover was achieved with only 25% application rate**
- **Peak flow and volume reduction are substantial-dependent on subdrain design**
- **Cold climate performance is excellent and differs little from summer**
- **Frozen filter media and freeze thaw are not an issue**
- **Can be used as an effective transportation runoff BMP for chloride reduction**

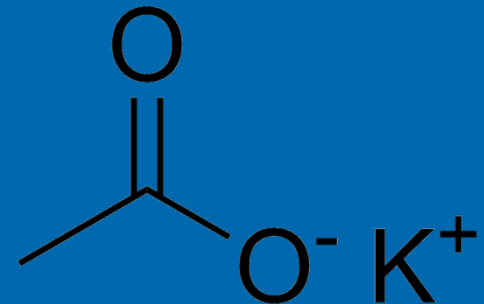
# Cl-Free De-Icers

# Rock salt melting on porous asphalt and infiltrating into pores



# Cryotech CF7© Commercial

- **Consists of 50% aqueous potassium acetate by volume, and <1% corrosion inhibitors.**
- **Has been proven effective on impervious surfaces, and freezes around -76 degrees Fahrenheit.**



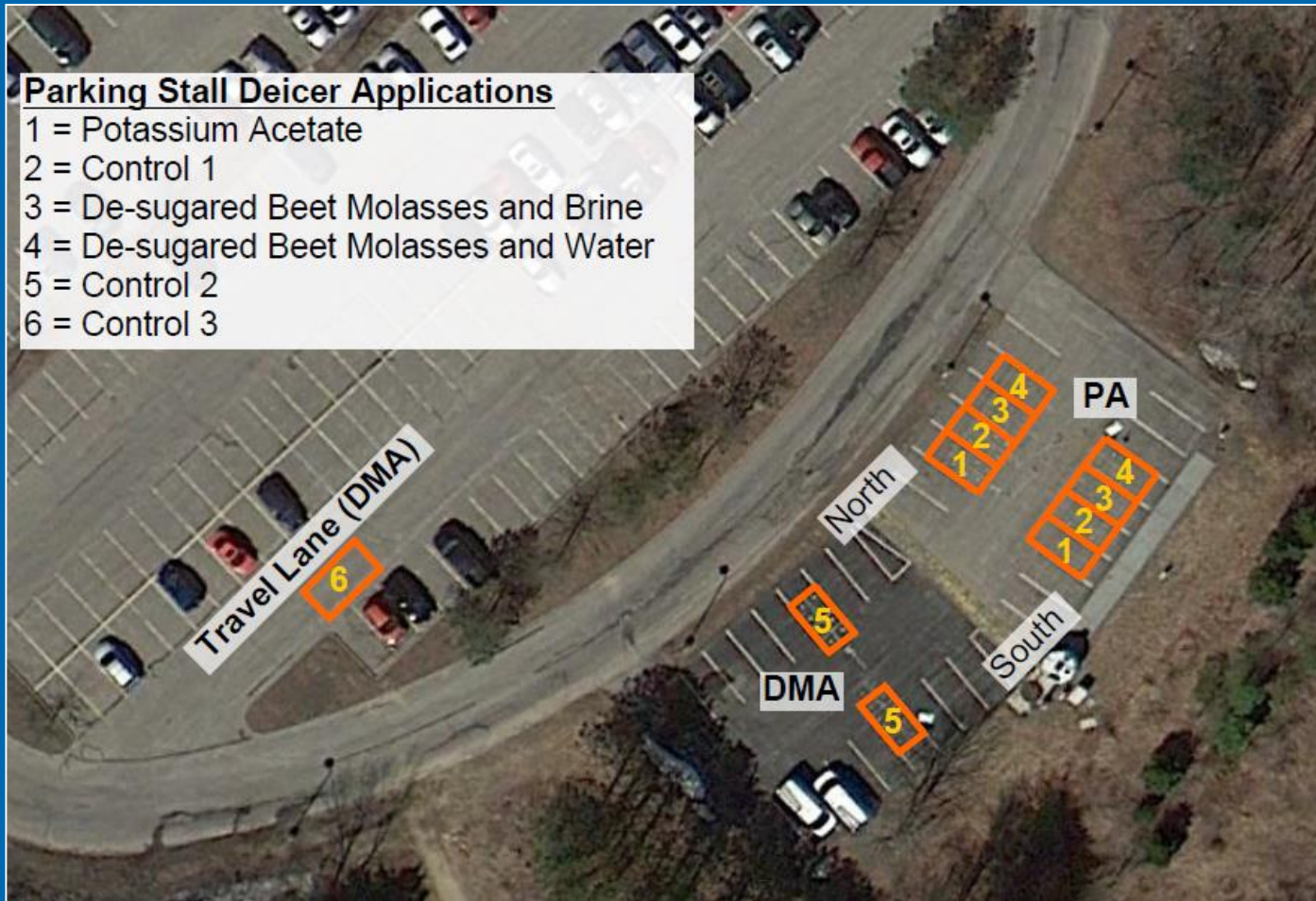
# Ice Bite “S”© and Ice Bite©

- *Ice Bite “S”* – Consists of 20% Desugared Beet Molasses and 80% salt brine. Successfully used in impervious pavements in New England and Midwest
- *Ice Bite* – Consists of 67% desugared beet molasses and 33% water. “Independently” created product and has never been used for this purpose.

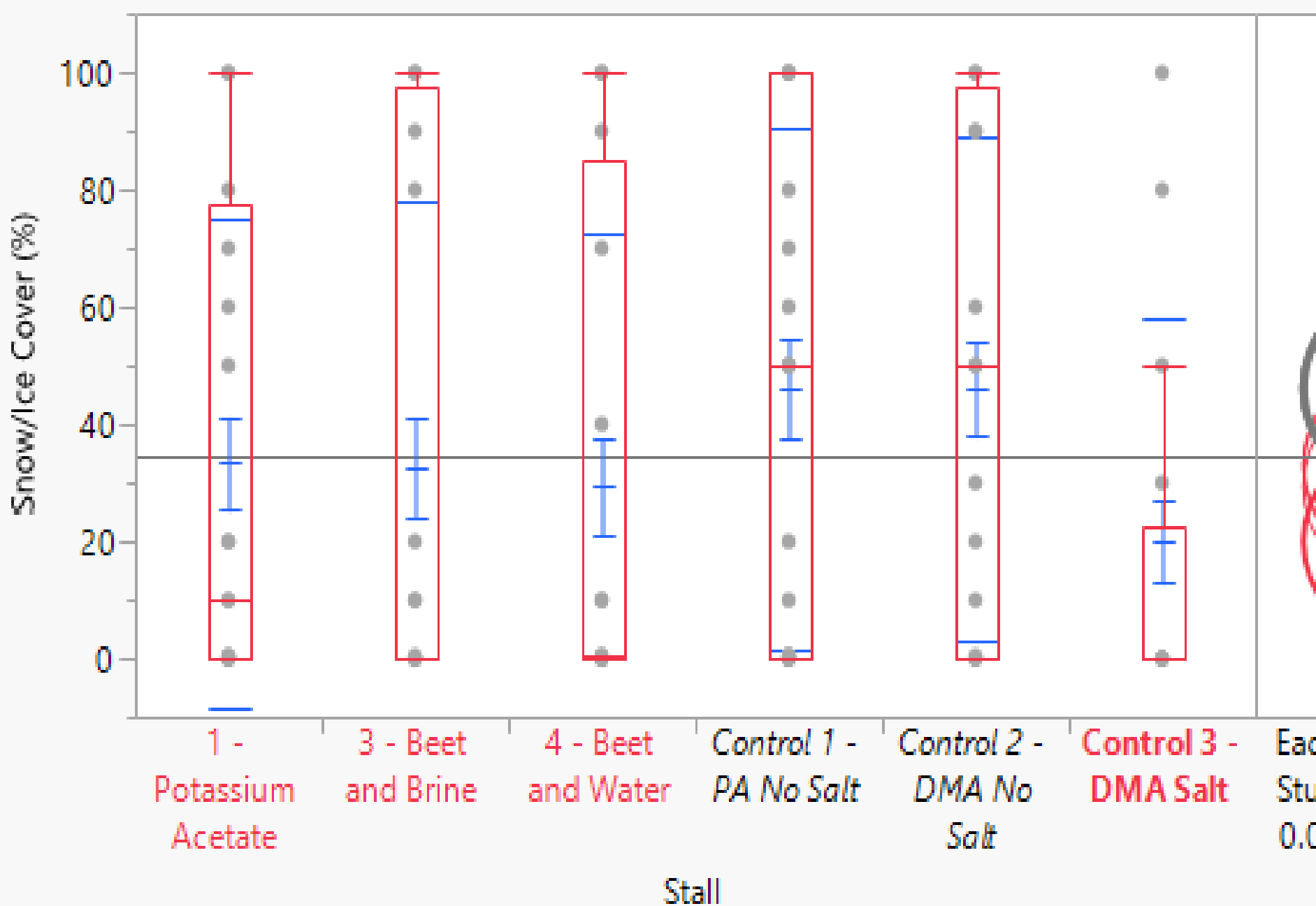


Material	Rock Salt (tons)	CF7 (gals)	Ice Bite "S" (gals)	Ice Bite (gals)*
Cost per gallon or ton	55	6.12	1.43	1.79
Recommended Application Rate (gallons/tons per lane mile)	0.244	95	40	40
Total Cost per lane Mile	\$13.42	\$581.64	\$57.20	\$71.60

# Liquid De-Icer Studies

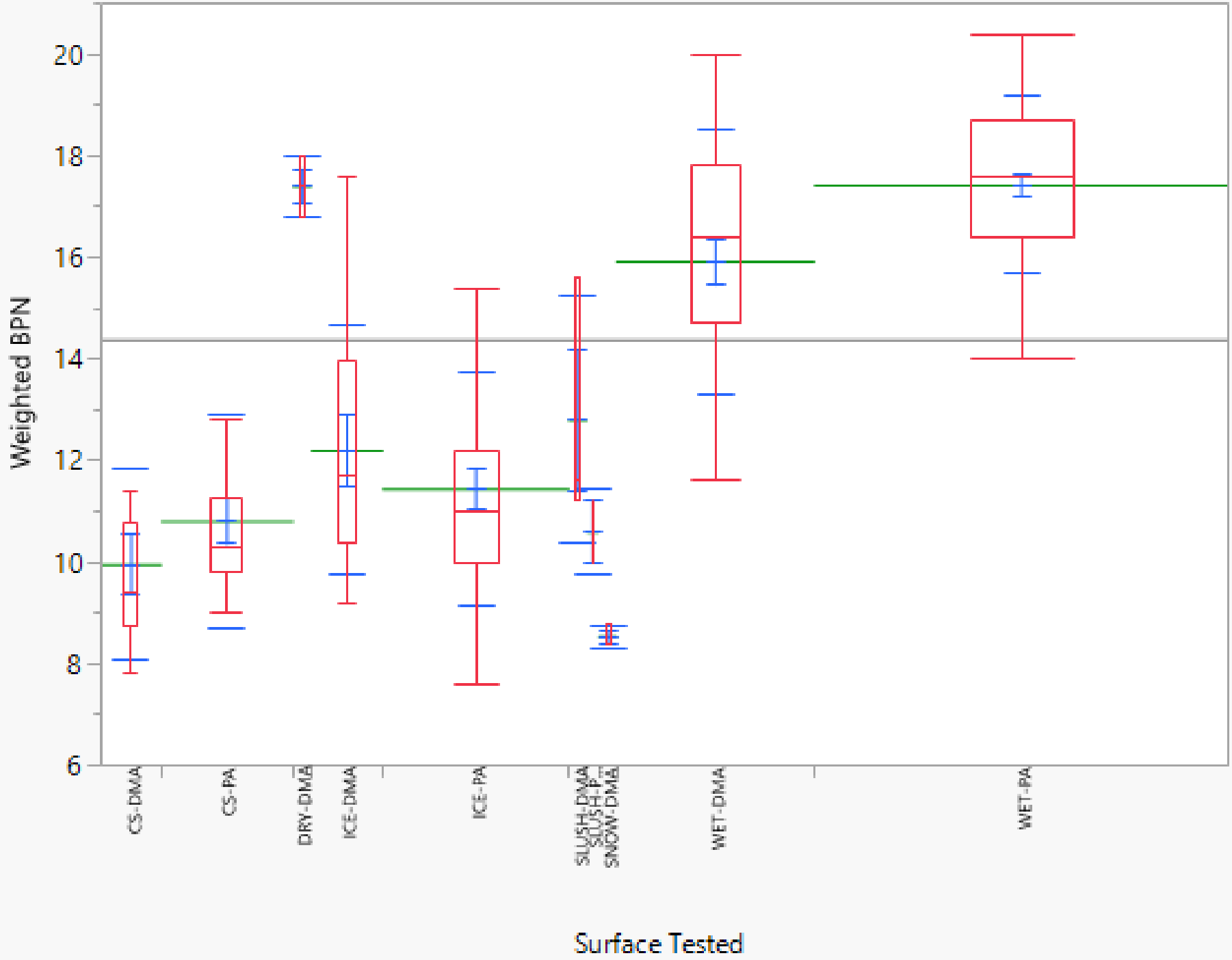


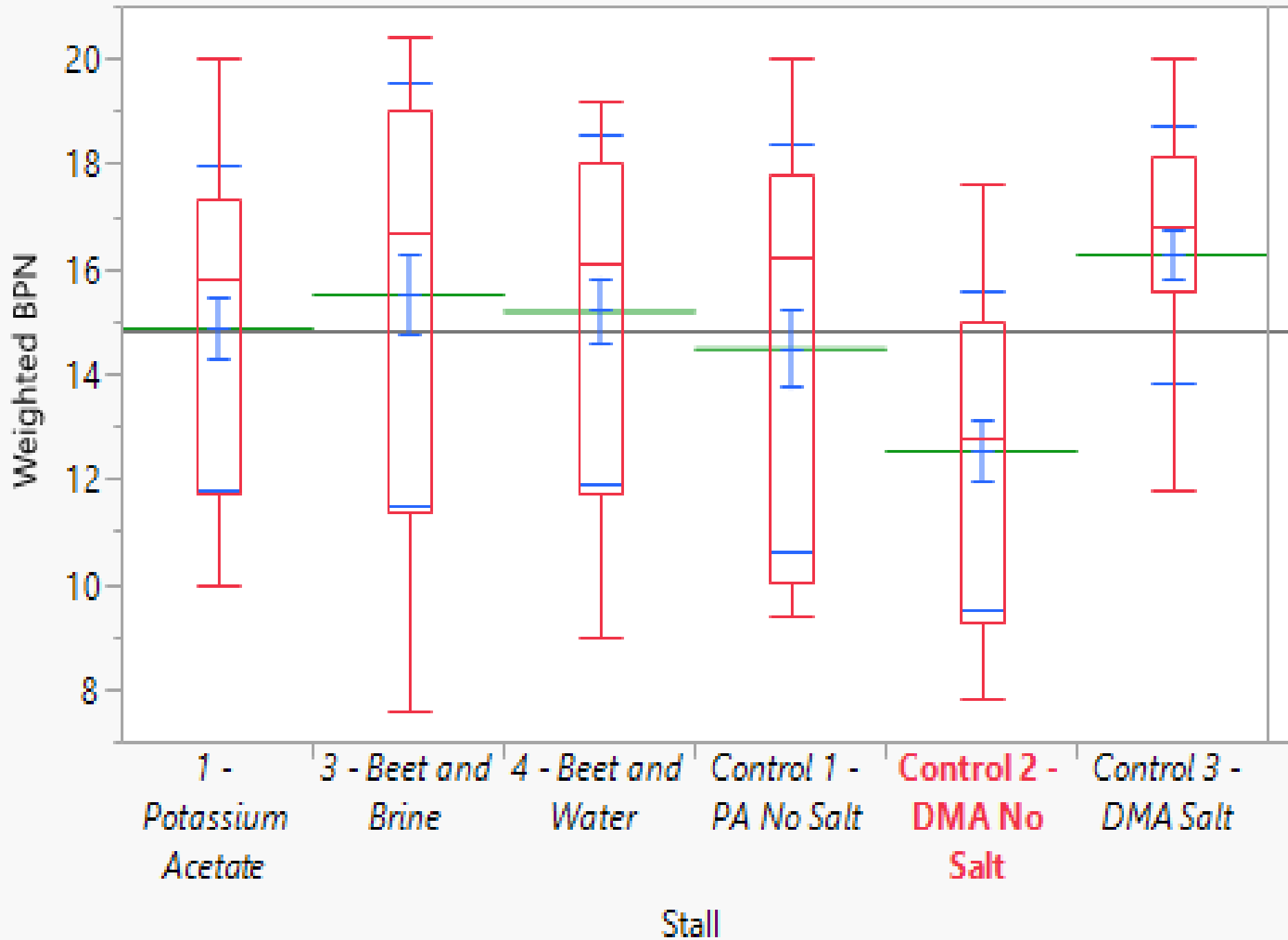
# One-way Analysis of Snow/Ice Cover (%) By Stall



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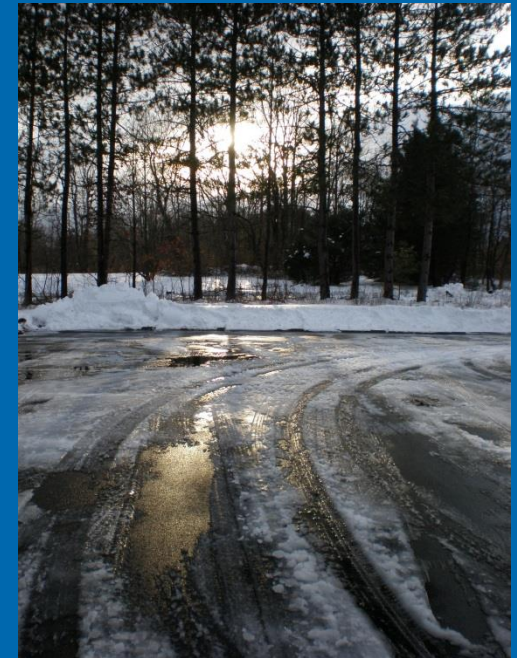






# Conclusions

- In both the raw and normalized datasets, the CF7 and Ice Bite “S” both appeared to be more effective than the Ice Bite.
- Both Ice Bite “S” and CF7 appeared to be as effective, if not more effective than traditional salting.
- ANOVA – Normalized Data: The Ice Bite, PA No Salt, DMA No Salt, and DMA Salt appear to be “not significantly different” from one another.



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- Salt reduction potential will be site specific and vary depending on shading and climate.
- Plow after every storm.
- Apply anti-icing treatments prior to storms. Anti-icing has the potential to provide the benefit of increased traffic safety at the lowest cost and with less environmental impact.
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- **Mixed precipitation and compact snow or ice is particularly problematic for porous surfaces. This is prevented by appropriate plowing and corrected by application of excess deicing chemicals.**
- **In certain instances of compact snow and ice, excess salt may be required, however loading is offset by the overall reduced salt during routine winter maintenance and salt reduction.**
- **With good sun exposure some porous asphalt installations will require no deicing.**
- **Porous asphalt provides exceptional treatment for rain on snow events which commonly**

# Pervious Concrete

# Pervious Concrete Spalling









# The PC Verdict

There are 3 main curing requirements for PC:

- 30 day cure for structural load
- 90 day cure to protect against freeze-thaw damage,
- >12 month cure prior to aggressive chloride deicing applications.



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# Porous Pavement Limitations

- Porous pavement systems are not a silver bullet
- As with all development, ordinances that protect water resources should still be strictly enforced
- Porous pavements are a filtration/infiltration system as well as a transportation surface. Dual function means:
  - ✓ Greater site evaluation and design effort
  - ✓ Strict engineering oversight and skilled personnel through all phases of the project
  - ✓ Requires a comprehensive maintenance schedule

# Pavers



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# Questions?

