Integrated Stormwater Management for Local Governments

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Mr. Hohulin has over 40 years of experience helping communities plan for and execute detailed, focused and integrated Community Master Plans. His regional approach to community planning has allowed his clients to successfully address environmental, quality of life, economic development, aesthetic, growth and municipal finance issues in a comprehensive and coordinated fashion.

His work is especially known for providing clients not only with an attractive and achievable vision for the community, but also with a detailed, step-by-step implementation strategy to allow his clients to actually achieve their vision and not just have a series of “pretty-pictures”.

This work has led to 14 of his clients being listed among the top 20 fastest growing economies in the country.
Mr. Dahmarsh is a well-recognized professional that spent the majority of his career not only learning about the diverse field of watershed planning and restoration but also promoting awareness of the impacts of improper land use and management.

During his professional career at MDEQ, he was instrumental in the development and implementation of the Mississippi’s Nonpoint Source Pollution (NPS) Program, the Basin Management Approach (BMA) to water quality management, and pioneered the establishment of watershed-based land use management approaches and concepts throughout the state. His experience has included an array of hands-on projects dealing with watershed protection and restoration, education and outreach, and demonstration of innovative Best Management Practices (BMPs) to control the impacts of agriculture, construction, urban stormwater, and hydro-modification land-use sources.

Zoffee’s resume includes projects involving erosion and sediment control, integrated urban stormwater management, low impact and green infrastructure approaches, nutrient reduction, natural streambank stabilization techniques, and leadership of several coastal watershed protection and restoration projects.
Mr. Day joined the Planning Division of Waggoner Engineering in 2006 as a Planning Designer. He has over 35 years of planning experience working on a broad range of both public and private development projects.

From regional disaster recovery programs, long-range transportation plans and economic development projects. These includes the Mississippi Gulf Region Water and Wastewater Plan, the Mississippi Flood Map Modernization Initiative, and the Katrina/Rita Disaster Recover Programs for Louisiana and Mississippi.

He is member of the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) and the Association of Floodplain Managers in Mississippi (AFMM).
Integrated Stormwater Management

What is Integrated Stormwater Management (ISWM)

ISWM requires new types of collaboration and a change of practices beginning from the strategy and master-planning phase to the realization phase. It is a comprehensive, ecosystem-based approach to stormwater management.

Principles

1. Stormwater is resource. (It’s not just drainage or flood management issues)
2. Identify and protect existing ecosystems. (Natural Wetlands)
3. Mimic the pre-development hydrology (evapotranspiration, stream flow, infiltration, water quality and quantity)
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Storm Assessment

Jackson County Conceptual Drainage and Dredging Assessment Overview Map
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Methodology

- Each project was priced as if bid independently
- As these are conceptual OPCs, unit prices were increased to accommodate additional items that might occur on a detailed bid form
- Unit costs for Dredging Excavation were confined to two categories:
  - Typical Dredging Method
  - Non-Typical Dredging Method
- The Engineering Costs were estimated to be 15%
- Right-of-Way/Easement Acquisition costs for each OPC were included
- Permitting costs were included based on whether the site was within an environmentally sensitive area
- A 15% contingency was added to each OPC
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Project prioritized based upon:

• Regulatory and Compliance
• Optimized Life Cycle Costs
• Operational Efficiencies
• Growth & Economic Development
• Sustainability Initiatives
• Levels of Service/Flood Reductions
• Customer/Community Benefit
• Quality of Life
• System Design & Performance
# Developing a Watershed Based Stormwater Management Program

## Priority Implementation Plan

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Note: For study sites, the timeline for project implementation has been estimated as best as possible without knowing the recommendations from the study. These estimates are subject to change.

*Other Potential Funding Sources Key: 1 (Mississippi GOMEDA), 2 (RESTORE), 3 (RESTORE NFWF Grant), 4 (MeCIF), 5 (Hiltsale), 6 (GOIA), 7 (USEPA GoM Program), 8 (USACE 219), 9 (NRCG EWF), 10 (CELP), 11 (MBOT), 12 (FEMA), 13 (NRCG)
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- Lists compiled of sites with historical or current known deficiencies.
- Master list compiled by removing duplicates and consolidating sites.
- Field review conducted of each site.
- Recommendations and Opinion of Probable Cost developed for each site.
- Each site evaluated based on Project Prioritization Criteria.
- Based on results of evaluation, High, Medium, and Low Priority Lists are recommended.
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Priority Implementation Plan

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- Stormwater Management Planning

- Developing a Watershed Based Stormwater Program
  - Building Public Support
  - Data Collection and Evaluation
  - Characterization and Quantification
  - Development of Program Priorities
  - Prioritization and Targeting
  - Implementation
  - Develop 5-Year Plan for Implementation
  - Next Steps
Integrated Stormwater Management
Stormwater Management Planning

- Water does not recognize man-made boundaries. Therefore water management must work at all jurisdictional scales. Counties, States, Districts, Cities, Towns, and Neighborhoods.
- Actions and events can occur outside your boundary
- Upstream development may affecting you downstream
- Planning may need to happen outside your boundary
- Using a watershed-based approach is the most effective way to manage stormwater. Most communities are not contained in a single watershed
Integrated Stormwater Management
Stormwater Management Planning

It’s about the time it takes water to travel.

- Rural – Water moves slower - Days – Weeks – Months
- Urban – Water moves quicker - Minutes - Hours – Days

- Rural land is relatively inexpensive
- Urban or developed land is relatively more expensive
Integrated Stormwater Management
Stormwater Management Planning

The traditional stormwater management approach of concentrating flow and rapidly moving it downstream by way of hard (grey) engineered systems are not meeting community needs.

- Higher costs of hard infrastructure
- Higher costs of operations and maintenance (life cycle)
- Potential costs of property damage and economic losses
- Potential loss of life
Integrated Stormwater Management
Watershed Based Planning

- Identify the watersheds impacting your community
- Quantify the impacts of each watershed
- Prioritize impact and costs/benefits
- Look for solutions inside and outside your boundaries

- Evaluate solutions based on your (and others) Comprehensive Master Plan goals
- Look for other partners/jurisdictions
- Look for economic and Quality of Life improvements (both inside and outside your boundaries)
Wrap Up

- Regional issues require regional solutions
- No two communities’ situations or economies are alike
- Work toward joint solutions/funding
- Educate the public and public officials
- Thinking “outside the box” often requires thinking outside your borders.