

who should use the BMP manual?



The manual is designed for all area communities: urban, suburban and rural; large and small. Communities may choose to mandate some or all of its provisions and adopt design criteria and specifications. Because stormwater doesn't stop at the property line or political boundary, **APWA and MARC encourage communities to adopt this manual in its entirety through ordinance or policy.** The BMP Manual promotes a watershed perspective for both public and private projects. Adopting the entire BMP Manual will provide a community the maximum number of stormwater management tools for evaluating development impacts to their watersheds and for planning and designing excellent projects.

However, some communities may choose an incremental approach. **These communities may adopt the Initial Measures and Minimum Practices,** along with the runoff calculations, corresponding design

guidance and specifications for the minimum recommended BMPs.

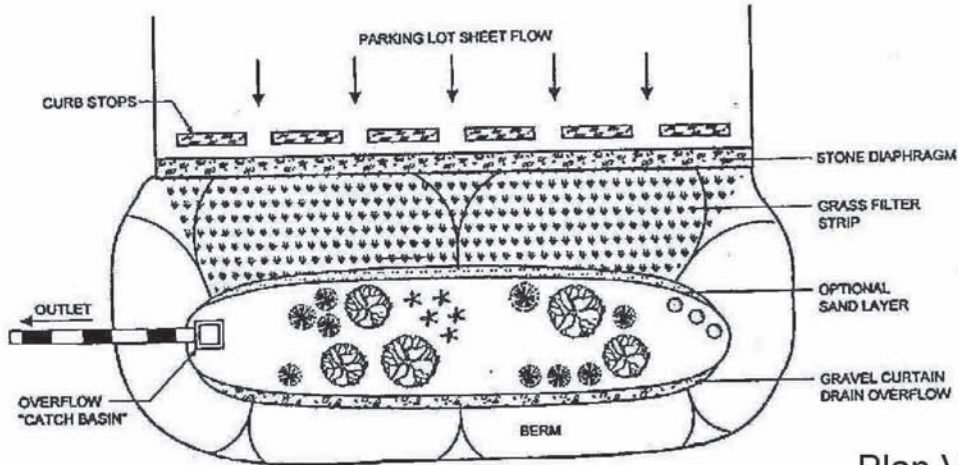
Communities could also phase adoption of the manual by first adopting the initial practices followed by full adoption at a later date.

Several **Kansas and Missouri communities have adopted the manual** along with other watershed management practices. See the table at the end of the report for a summary.

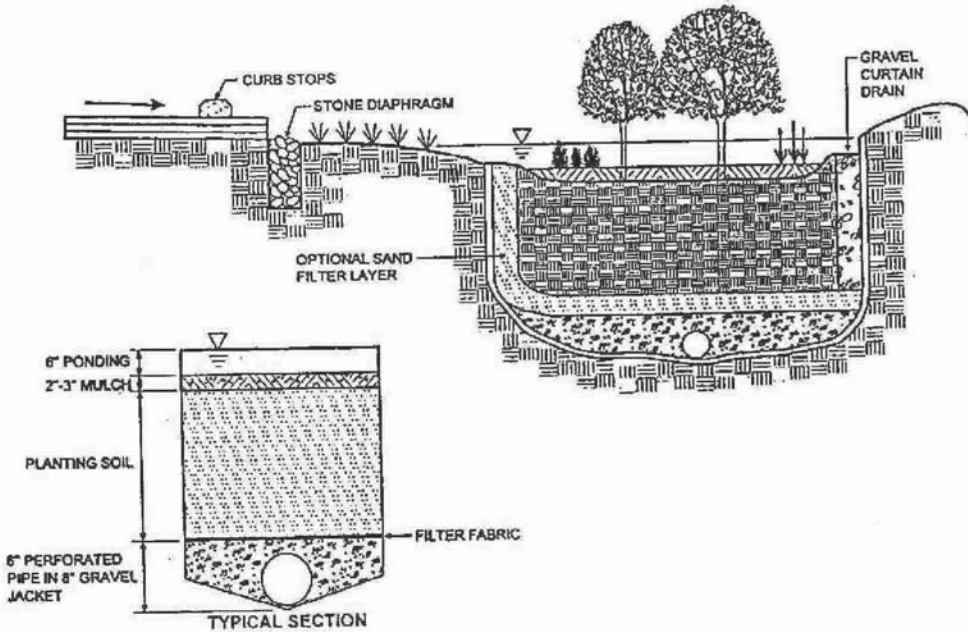


Wet pond at St Pauls United Methodist Church in Lenexa, Kansas

Bioretention Area



Plan View



Profile View