

# HYDROLOGY STUDY REPORT

PROJECT SITE:

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1 & 1A GOLDEN GROVE  
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## INTRODUCTION

This site was previously developed and has a considerable amount of development that currently exist. The proposed improvements primarily encompass the replacement of the existing storm damaged multiplex facility with a consolidated new state-of-the-art one-story administrative complex measuring approximately 22,500 gross square footage. The new facility will essentially fall within the same general footprint as the existing buildings and parking areas to be demolished.

This hydrology study will focus on a pre-development vs. a post-development analysis to ensure that the proposed improvements do not adversely impact stormwater quality and quantity beyond the pre-existing condition. Any additional impacts will be quantified and properly mitigated in accordance with the Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) requirements.

## SOILS CLASSIFICATION

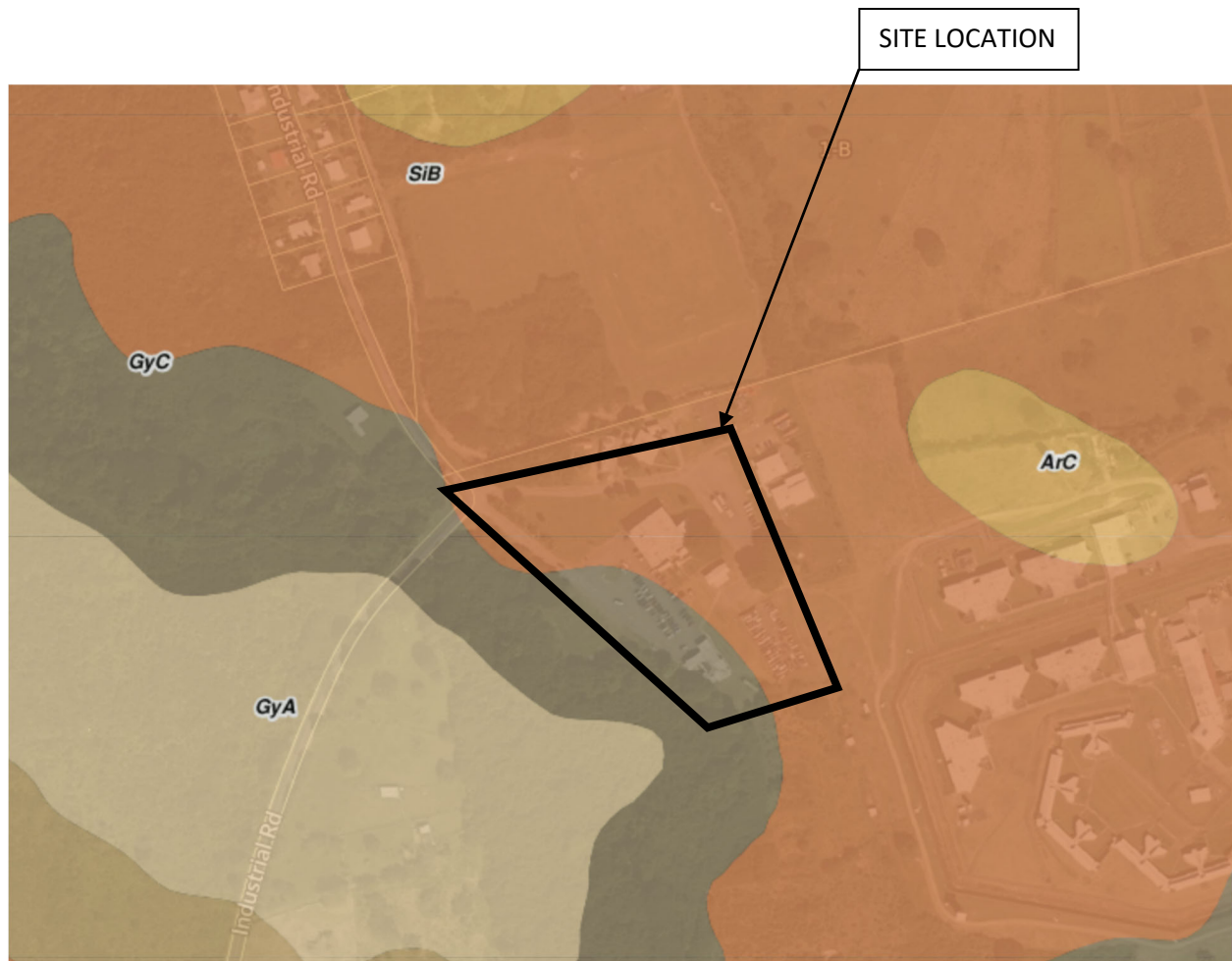
For Curve Number (CN) determination, there are four (4) main types of Hydrologic Soils Classification which are as follows:

**Group A** – Soils that have low runoff potential when thoroughly wet. These soils typically have less than 10% clays and more than 90% sand or gravel.

**Group B** – Soils that have moderately low runoff potential when thoroughly wet. These soils typically have between 10% - 20% clays and 50% - 90% sand.

**Group C** – Soils that have moderately high runoff potential when thoroughly wet. These soils typically have between 20% - 40% clays and less than 50% sand.

**Group D** – Soils that have high runoff potential when thoroughly wet. These soils typically have greater than 40% clays and less than 50% sand.



St. Croix Hydrologic Soils Classification (Source: <https://usvi.mapgeo.io>)

Based on the above, the Hydrologic Soils Classification for the Site is split between **Group B and Group C**.

## CURVE NUMBER (CN) CLASSIFICATION

The curve number classification is determined based on land use type and hydrologic soil type. The table below indicates CN values for various land uses and hydrologic soil types.

**Table 3-6. Typical Curve Number Values for Urban Areas (SCS 1986)**

Cover description		Curve numbers for hydrologic soil group			
Cover type and hydrologic condition	Average percent impervious area <sup>1/2</sup>	A	B	C	D
<i>Fully developed urban areas (vegetation established)</i>					
<i>Open space (lawns, parks, golf courses, cemeteries, etc.) <sup>3/4</sup></i>					
Poor condition (grass cover < 50%)		68	79	86	89
Fair condition (grass cover 50% to 75%)		49	69	79	84
Good condition (grass cover > 75%)		39	61	74	80
<i>Impervious areas:</i>					
Paved parking lots, roofs, driveways, etc. (excluding right-of-way)		98	98	98	98
<i>Streets and roads:</i>					
Paved; curbs and storm sewers (excluding right-of-way)		98	98	98	98
Paved; open ditches (including right-of-way)		83	89	92	93
Gravel (including right-of-way)		76	85	89	91
Dirt (including right-of-way)		72	82	87	89
<i>Western desert urban areas:</i>					
Natural desert landscaping (pervious areas only) <sup>4/5</sup>		63	77	85	88
Artificial desert landscaping (impervious weed barrier, desert shrub with 1- to 2-inch sand or gravel mulch and basin borders)		96	96	96	96
<i>Urban districts:</i>					
Commercial and business	85	89	92	94	95
Industrial	72	81	88	91	93
<i>Residential districts by average lot size:</i>					
1/8 acre or less (town houses)	65	77	85	90	92
1/4 acre	38	61	75	83	87
1/3 acre	30	57	72	81	86
1/2 acre	25	54	70	80	85
1 acre	20	51	68	79	84
2 acres	12	46	65	77	82
<i>Developing urban areas</i>					
<i>Newly graded areas (pervious areas only, no vegetation) <sup>5/6</sup></i>					
		77	86	91	94
<i>Idle lands (CN's are determined using cover types similar to those in table 2-2c).</i>					

<sup>1</sup> Average runoff condition, and  $I_a = 0.28$ .

<sup>2</sup> The average percent impervious area shown was used to develop the composite CN's. Other assumptions are as follows: impervious areas are directly connected to the drainage system, impervious areas have a CN of 98, and pervious areas are considered equivalent to open space in good hydrologic condition. CN's for other combinations of conditions may be computed using figure 2-3 or 2-4.

<sup>3</sup> CN's shown are equivalent to those of pasture. Composite CN's may be computed for other combinations of open space cover type.

<sup>4</sup> Composite CN's for natural desert landscaping should be computed using figures 2-3 or 2-4 based on the impervious area percentage (CN = 96) and the pervious area CN. The pervious area CN's are assumed equivalent to desert shrub in poor hydrologic condition.

<sup>5</sup> Composite CN's to use for the design of temporary measures during grading and construction should be computed using figure 2-3 or 2-4 based on the degree of development (impervious area percentage) and the CN's for the newly graded pervious areas.

Based on the above, the site falls into four (4) distinct classifications listed as follows:

**Poor Condition (grass cover < 50%)** – this accounts for the grass cover within the property.

**Gravel (including right-of-way)** – this accounts for the gravel ground cover within the property.

**Paved parking lots, roofs, driveways, etc. (including right-of-way)** – this accounts for the paved surfaces and buildings within the property.

## BASIN CHARACTERISTICS

The disturbed area of the site is approximately 5.57 acres broken down into three (3) major ground cover types, broken up into five (5) categories. The table below shows the breakdown along with a Weighted Curve Number for each category and ultimately for the entire site.

### ➤ PRE-DEVELOPMENT

TABLE 1 - PRE-DEVELOPMENT BASIN CHARACTERISTICS			
DESCRIPTION	AREA	UNITS	WEIGHTED CURVE NUMBER (CN)
BUILDINGS	0.38	AC	98
CONCRETE SIDEWALK	0.09	AC	98
VEGETATIVE GROUND COVER	3.13	AC	82.5
GRAVEL	0.31	AC	87
ASPHALT PAVEMENT	1.66	AC	98

TOTAL AREA	5.57	AC
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WEIGHTED CN VALUE	89
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### ➤ POST-DEVELOPMENT

TABLE 2 - POST-DEVELOPMENT BASIN CHARACTERISTICS			
DESCRIPTION	AREA	UNITS	WEIGHTED CURVE NUMBER (CN)
BUILDINGS	0.52	AC	98
CONCRETE SIDEWALK	0.25	AC	98
ASPHALT PAVEMENT	1.68	AC	98
GRAVEL	0.58	AC	87
VEGETATIVE GROUND COVER	2.54	AC	82.5

TOTAL AREA	5.57	AC
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WEIGHTED CN VALUE	90
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## TIME OF CONCENTRATION (T<sub>c</sub>)

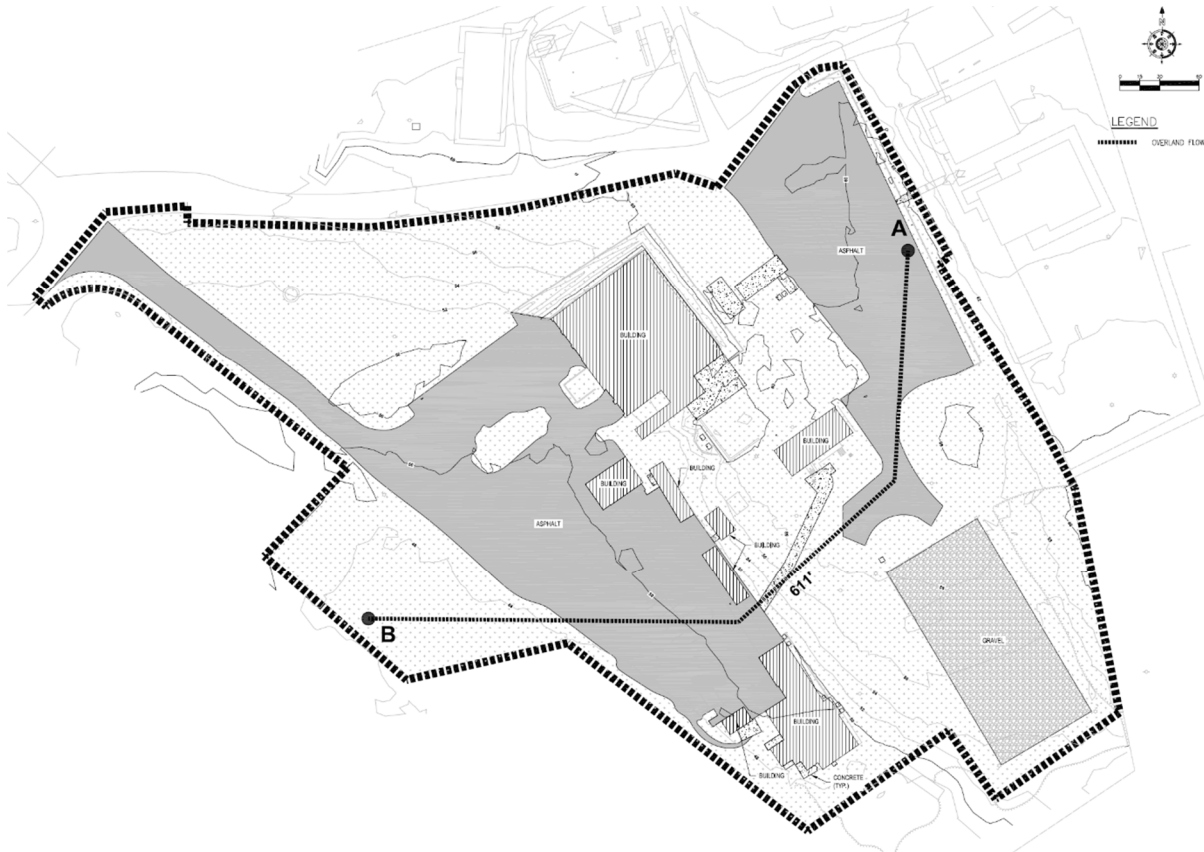
The time of concentration is necessary to estimate peak discharge and is dependent upon the watershed characteristics. To accurately determine T<sub>c</sub>, the hydraulics of each part of the flow path must be considered separately.



## ➤ PRE-DEVELOPMENT

In the pre-development, the site has one distinct flow path which is overland flow as follows:

- A-B (Overland Flow) – 611 ft. travel distance @ average slope of 2.0%



The flow pattern will be evaluated to determine the Time of Concentration ( $T_c$ ) which will be used to determine the stormwater water runoff volume.

$P_{24} =$  4 IN (2yr\_24 HOUR CUMMULATIVE RAINFALL AMOUNT)

$$T_t = \frac{(.007) (nL)^{.8}}{(P)^{.5} (S)^{.4}} \quad \text{(OVERLAND FLOW)}$$

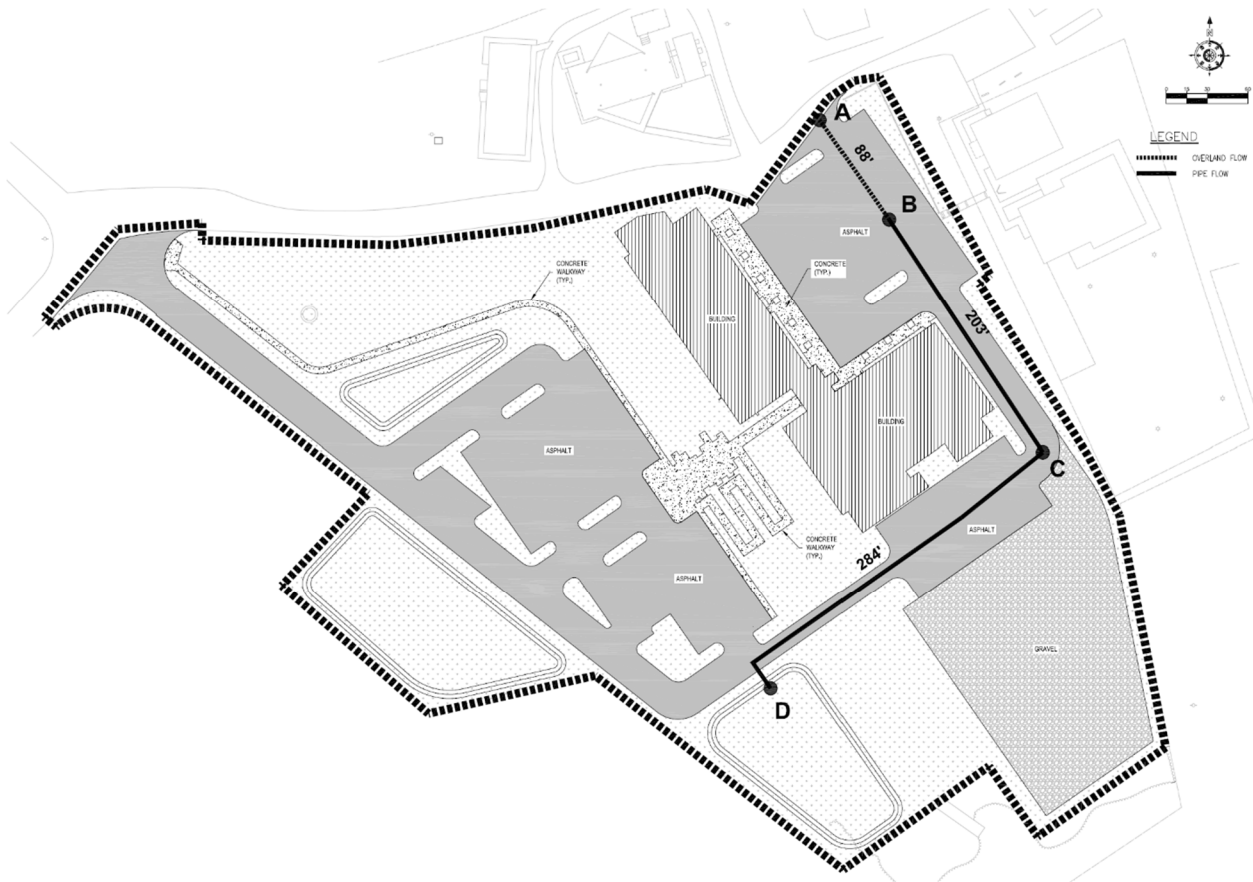
TABLE 3 - PRE-DEVELOPMENT TIME OF CONCENTRATION $T_c$ (2yr - 24 HOUR STORM)				
SEGMENT DESCRIPTION	SLOPE (S)	LENGTH (L)	MANNING'S COEF. (n)	$T_t$ (hrs)
A-B (OVERLAND FLOW)	0.02	611	0.03	0.171

$T_c = \sum T_t =$  0.171 hrs (2YR - 24HR STORM)

## ➤ POST-DEVELOPMENT

In the post-development, the site has one critical distinct flow path, which include a combination of **overland and pipe** flow as follows:

- A-B (Overland) – 88 ft. travel distance @ average slope of 1.0%
- B-C (Pipe Flow) – 203 ft. travel distance @ average slope of 0.5%
- C-D (Pipe Flow) – 284 ft. travel distance @ average slope of 2.75%



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(OVERLAND FLOW)

$$T_t = \frac{L}{v}$$

(PIPE FLOW)

$$v = \frac{1.49}{n} (D/4)^{2/3} S^{1/2}$$

(PIPE VELOCITY)

TABLE 4 - POST-DEVELOPMENT TIME OF CONCENTRATION Tc (2yr - 24 HOUR STORM)								
SEGMENT DESCRIPTION		SLOPE (S)	LENGTH (L)	PIPE DIA (FT.)	PIPE VELOCITY (FT./S)	MANNING'S COEF. (n)	Individual Tt (hrs)	Cummulative Tt (hrs)
A-B-C-D (OVERLAND & PIPE FLOW)	A-B (OVERLAND)	0.01	88	N/A	N/A	0.03	0.048	0.071
	B-C (PIPE)	0.005	203	1.5	3.65	0.015	0.015	
	C-D (PIPE)	0.0275	284	2	10.38	0.015	0.008	

$T_c = \sum T_t =$  0.071 hrs (2YR - 24HR STORM)

## RUNOFF (Q) AND STORAGE VOLUME (V)

DPNR Runoff Onsite Storage Requirements as per the ***Territorial Pollutant Discharge Elimination System - General Permit Number VIGSA0000*** is as follows:

- 1) 3600 cubic feet per acre (1" over 1 acre) or,
- 2) 2yr – 24 hours storm; which is greater

## ➤ PRE-DEVELOPMENT

### PRE-DEVELOPMENT - RUNOFF (Q) AND TOTAL VOLUME (V)

#### Runoff equation

$$Q = \frac{\left[ P - 0.2 \left( \frac{1000}{CN} - 10 \right) \right]^2}{P + 0.8 \left( \frac{1000}{CN} - 10 \right)}$$

where:

Q = runoff (in)

P = rainfall (in)

CN = runoff curve number

#### Volume Equation

$$V = QA$$

where:

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A = Area (ac)

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#### 1) 3600 CUBIC FEET PER ACRE

Disturbed Site Acreage = 5.57 ac

$$V = \boxed{0.46} \text{ ac-ft}$$

#### 2) 2 YR - 24 HOUR STORM

STORM EVENT	P (in)	CN	Q (in)	Area (ac)	V (ac-ft)
2 - YEAR	4	89	2.82	5.57	1.31

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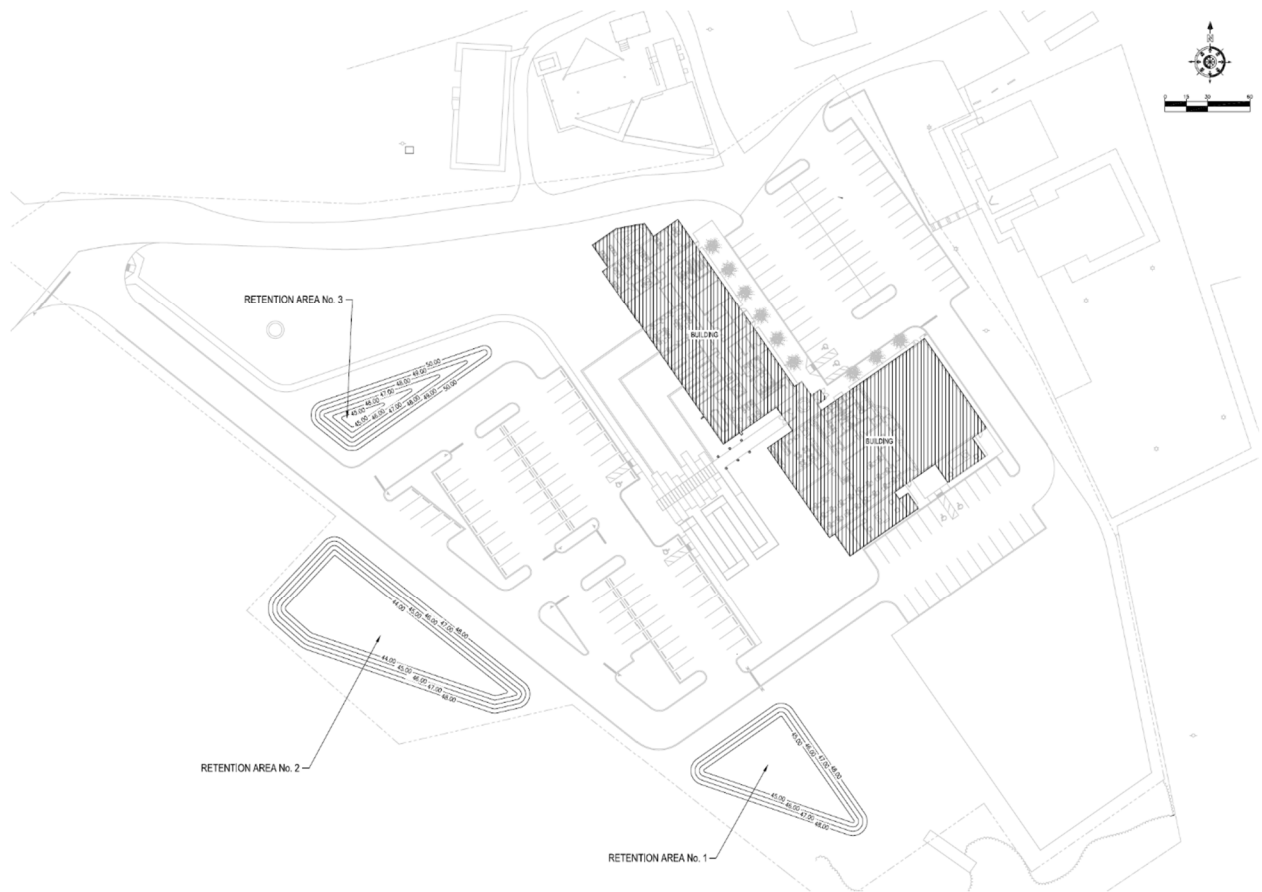
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STORM EVENT	P (in)	CN	Q (in)	Area (ac)	V (ac-ft)
2 - YEAR	4	90	2.92	5.57	1.35

## CONCLUSION

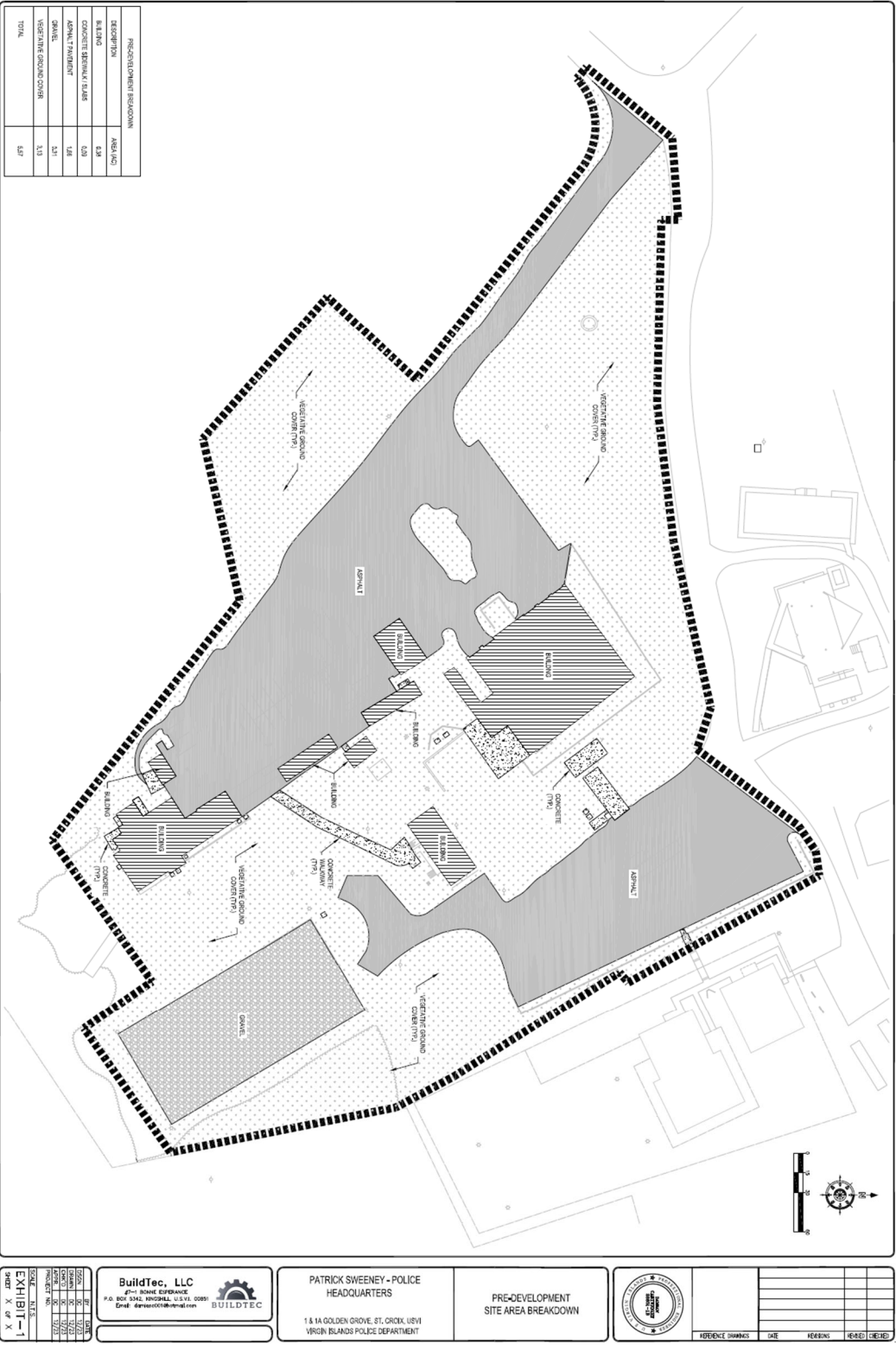
The proposed improvements result in a small increase in building and impervious areas over the existing condition which generates additional runoff in the amount of **0.04 ac-ft** (1.35 ac-ft – 1.31 ac-ft). In this case, 1-inch of runoff over the entire site controls as the minimum required storage to be provided at **0.46 ac-ft**. Site layout allowed much larger storage areas to be created and as such it was thought prudent to maximize onsite storage resulting in three retention ponds totaling **1.66 ac-ft**.

Stormwater Retention Area Calculations					
RETENTION AREA No. 1					
Stage	Area	Area	Average Area	Incremental Volume	Cumulative Pond Volume
(ft)	(Sq. Ft)	(Acres)	(Acres)	(Ac-ft)	(Ac-ft)
45.0	3,130	0.072			
46.0	3,965	0.091	0.08	0.08	0.08
47.0	4,857	0.112	0.10	0.10	0.18
48.0	5,806	0.133	0.12	0.24	0.43
RETENTION AREA No. 2					
Stage	Area	Area	Average Area	Incremental Volume	Cumulative Pond Volume
(ft)	(Sq. Ft)	(Acres)	(Acres)	(Ac-ft)	(Ac-ft)
44.0	5,208	0.120			
45.0	6,384	0.147	0.13	0.13	0.13
46.0	7,620	0.175	0.16	0.16	0.29
47.0	8,913	0.205	0.19	0.19	0.35
48.0	10,262	0.236	0.19	0.57	1.06
RETENTION AREA No. 3					
Stage	Area	Area	Average Area	Incremental Volume	Cumulative Pond Volume
(ft)	(Sq. Ft)	(Acres)	(Acres)	(Ac-ft)	(Ac-ft)
45.0	174	0.004			
46.0	513	0.012	0.01	0.01	0.01
47.0	1,028	0.024	0.02	0.02	0.03
48.0	1,706	0.039	0.03	0.03	0.05
49.0	2,527	0.058	0.05	0.05	0.08
50.0	3,404	0.078	0.07	0.07	0.17
Proposed Cumulative Pond Storage of 1.66 Ac-ft > Required Storage of 0.46 Ac-ft.					



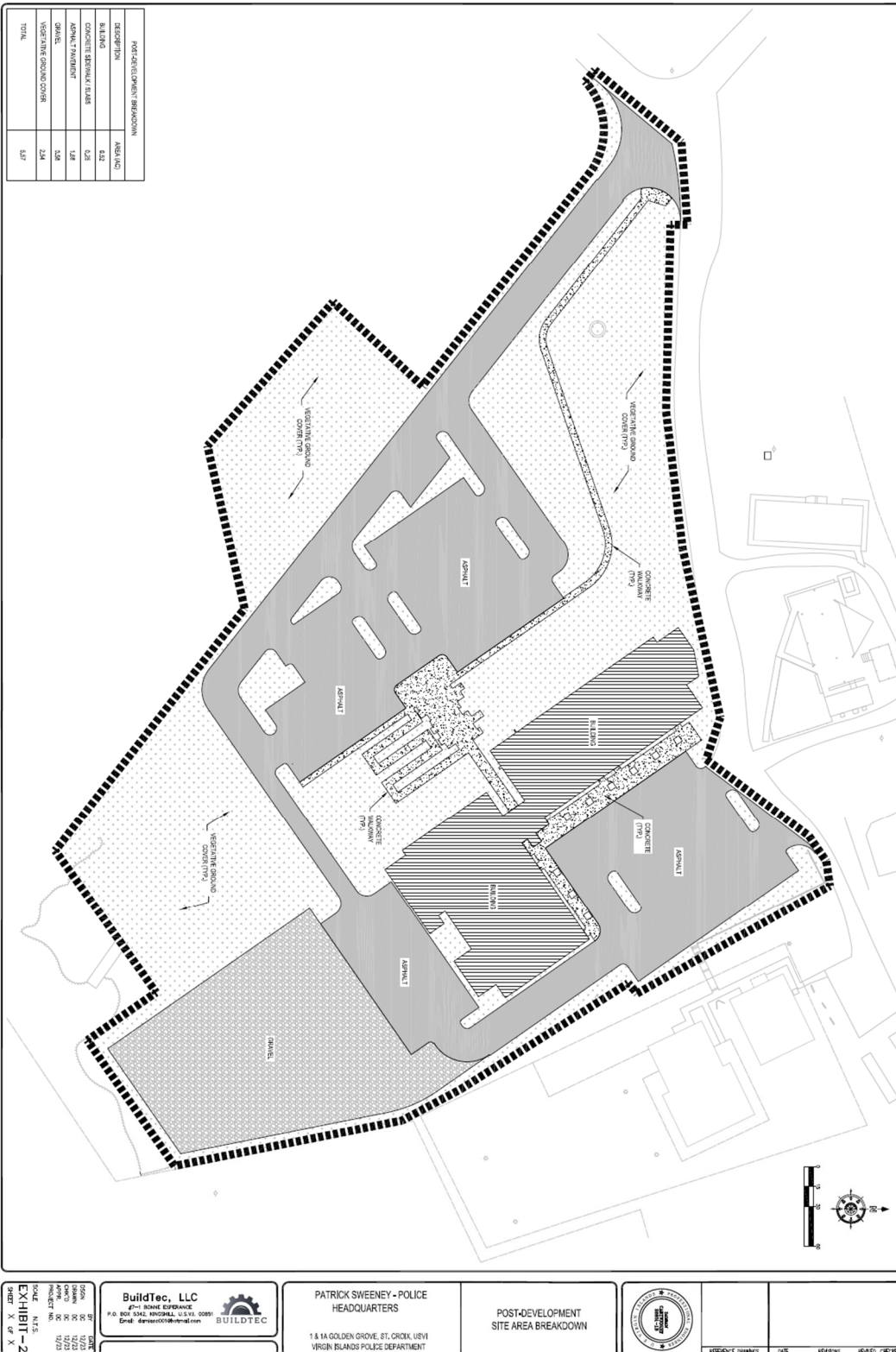
**STORAGE POND LAYOUT FOR A TOTAL VOLUME OF 1.66 AC-FT**

APPENDICES



PRE-DEVELOPMENT SITE AREA BREAKDOWN





**POST-DEVELOPMENT SITE AREA BREAKDOWN**