

# STORMWATER MANAGEMENT - CHAPTER 9 Nathansan

## General

Both a quantity and quality problem

Since 1994 regulated by EPA under NPDES

(NPDES - National Pollution Discharge Elimination System)

Point sources controlled by NPDES

Storm discharge permit required.

## Estimating Storm Runoff

### Rational Method

$$Q = CIA \text{ peak runoff in } m^3/h \text{ or } ft^3/s$$

$C$  - dimensionless Coef (see Table 9.1)

$I$  - rainfall intensity  $m/h$  or  $mm/h$

$A$  - area acres or  $ha$

USA units require no conversion

SI units convert to  $m$  ( $1 ha = 10^4 m^2$ ;  $1 \frac{mm}{h} = 10^{-3} \frac{m}{h}$ )

To obtain composite  $C$  use Eqn 9.2

### Rainfall Intensity

Select recurrence interval

Select storm duration based on Time of Concentration

### Time of Concentration

Overland flow time plus channel flow time

See Figs 9.3 and 9.4

## SCS Graphical Method (now National Resources Conservation Service - NRCS)

Uses USA units

Identify soil group and determine CN value  
(Table 9.2)

Use Fig. 9.5 with rainfall and CN value to determine runoff  $R$  in. This is volume under hydrograph

Compute runoff  $\frac{ft^3}{sec \cdot in.}$   

$$Q \frac{ft^3}{s} = q \left( \frac{csm}{in} \right) \cdot A (mi^2) \cdot R (in.) \text{ at } T_c$$

$q$  obtained from Fig 9.6 using  $T_c$

## Effects of Land Development

Development generally causes volume and peak to increase

## STORM SEWER SYSTEMS

Layout and design

See Figs 9.9 and 9.12

## ON-SITE STORMWATER DETENTION

Normally utilizes temporary detention

Three basin types

Retention, detention, recharge

See Fig 9.13 & 9.14

Design computations for detention

Utilizes storage equation

$$\Delta S = I \cdot \Delta t - O \cdot \Delta t$$

see Fig 9.15

Triangular hydrograph

see Fig 9.17

## FLOOD PLAINS

Flood hazard area

Usually use 100 year flood

Flood insurance program

Operated by FEMA

(FEMA - Federal Emergency Management  
Agency)

Flood plain maps available for most cities

		CATCHMENT SCALE		
		Small	Midsize	Large
METHOD OF APPROACH	Rational Method	Usually	Not applicable	Not applicable
	Unit Hydrograph	Not applicable	Usually	Sometimes
	Routing Methodologies	Sometimes	Sometimes	Usually

## RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CATCHMENT SCALE AND THREE COMMONLY USED APPROACHES TO FLOOD HYDROLOGY

Small ~ less than  $10 \text{ km}^2$  ( $4 \text{ mi}^2$ ) - rational method less than  $2.5 \text{ km}^2$  ( $1 \text{ mi}^2$ ) -  $T_c < 1 \text{ hr.}$

midsize ~ less than  $5000 \text{ km}^2$  ( $2000 \text{ mi}^2$ ) -  $T_c \sim 1 \text{ to } 24 \text{ hr}$  Unit Hydrograph 1 to 6 hr

large ~ greater than  $5000 \text{ km}^2$  ( $2000 \text{ mi}^2$ ) -  $T_c > 24 \text{ hr.}$

1. *Infiltration.* Ability of the soil to infiltrate water depends upon many characteristics of the soil as noted in Chapter 2. The following range of values are typical of various bare soils after 1 hr of continuous rainfall.<sup>9</sup>

Soil group	Infiltration, in./hr
High (sandy, open-structured)	0.50 to 1.00
Intermediate (loam)	0.10 to 0.50
Low (clay, close-structured)	0.01 to 0.10

TABLE 8-11 Typical C Values for  
5-yr to 10-yr Frequency Design

Description of area	Runoff coefficients
Business	
Downtown areas	0.70-0.95
Neighborhood areas	0.50-0.70
Residential	
Single-family areas	0.30-0.50
Multiunits, detached	0.40-0.60
Multiunits, attached	0.60-0.75
Residential (suburban)	0.25-0.40
Apartment dwelling areas	0.50-0.70
Industrial	
Light areas	0.50-0.80
Heavy areas	0.60-0.90
Parks, cemeteries	0.10-0.25
Playgrounds	0.20-0.35
Railroad yard areas	0.20-0.40
Unimproved areas	0.10-0.30
Streets	
Asphaltic	0.70-0.95
Concrete	0.80-0.95
Brick	0.70-0.85
Drives and walks	0.75-0.85
Roofs	0.75-0.95
Lawns; Sandy Soil:	
Flat, 2%	0.05-0.10
Average, 2 to 7%	0.10-0.15
Steep, 7%	0.15-0.20
Lawns; Heavy Soil:	
Flat, 2%	0.13-0.17
Average, 2 to 7%	0.18-0.22
Steep, 7%	0.25-0.35

$$Q = CIA$$

$$Q = Cfs$$

$$I = \text{Rain Intensity}$$

$$IN = /HR$$

$$A = \text{Acres}$$

SOIL GROUP	DESCRIPTION
A	High infiltration rate/low runoff potential
B	Moderate infiltration rate
C	Slow infiltration rate
D	Very slow infiltration/high runoff potential

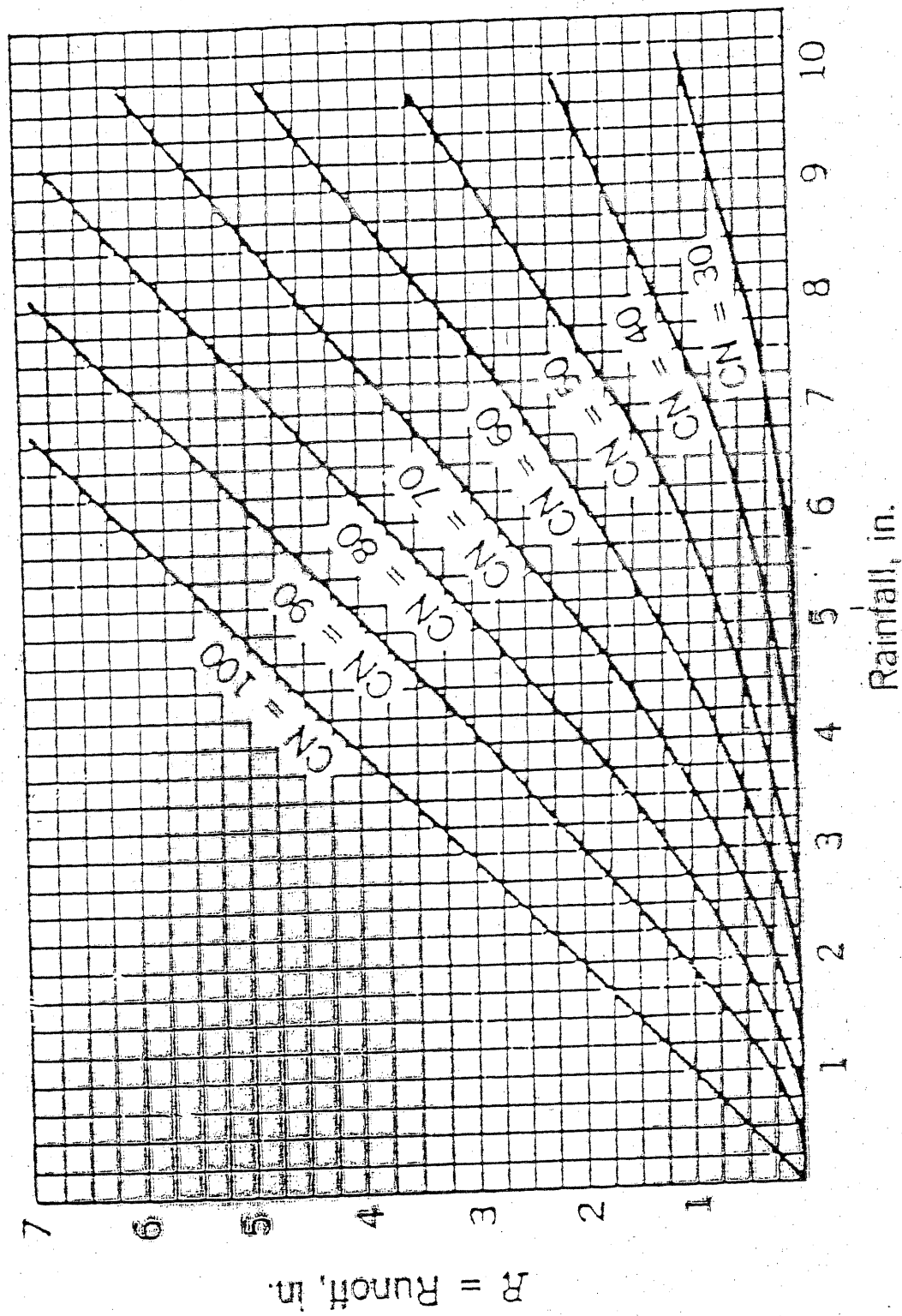
**TABLE 9.2 TYPICAL SCS RUNOFF CURVE NUMBERS**

Land-use Description	CN Value for Hydrologic Soil Group			
	A	B	C	D
Meadow	30	58	71	78
Forest	25	55	70	77
Grass lawns	39	61	74	80
Commercial-business	89	92	94	95
Residential	54	70	80	85
Pavement-roofs	98	98	98	98

TABLE 9-1 TYPICAL RUNOFF COEFFICIENTS

Type of Surface or Land Use	Runoff Coefficient C
Woodland areas	0.01 to 0.20
Grassland or lawns	0.10 to 0.25
Pavements and roofs	0.70 to 0.95
Suburban residential areas	0.25 to 0.40
Apartment housing areas	0.50 to 0.70
Industrial areas	0.60 to 0.90
Business areas	0.70 to 0.95





**FIGURE 9.5** A selection of SCS rainfall-runoff relationships for several CN values. (Adapted from "A Method for Estimating Volume and Rate of Runoff in Small Watersheds," with permission of the Soil Conservation Service/USDA.)