





ZAM-WSUD

"Zero Additional Maintenance
Water Sensitive Urban Design"

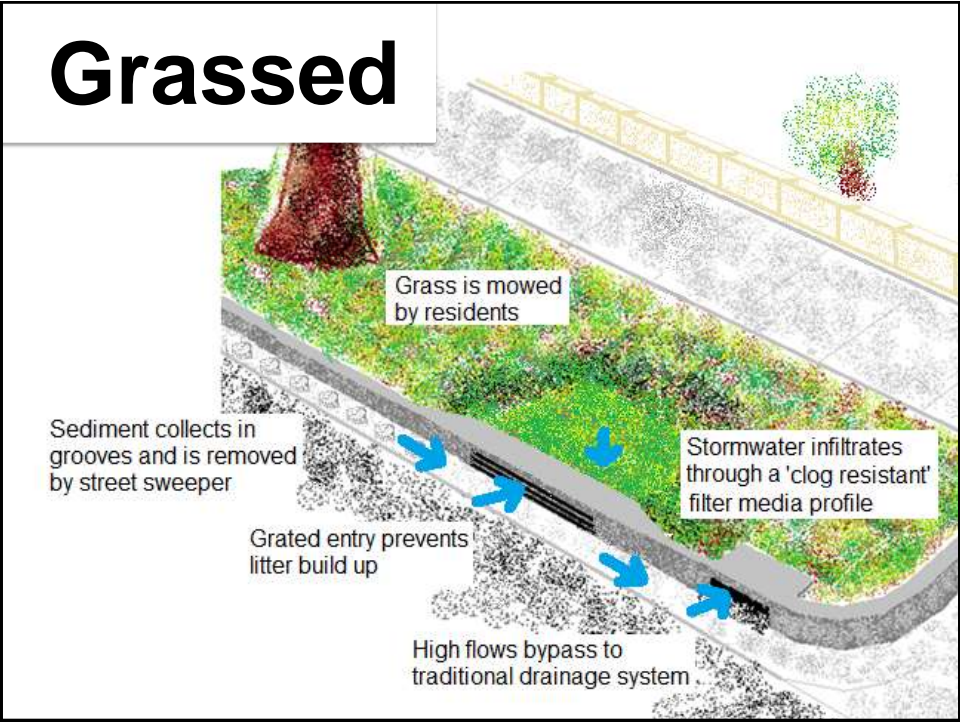


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What is ZAM-WSUD ?

"A Design Philosophy"

"WSUD without additional maintenance requirements for asset owners"

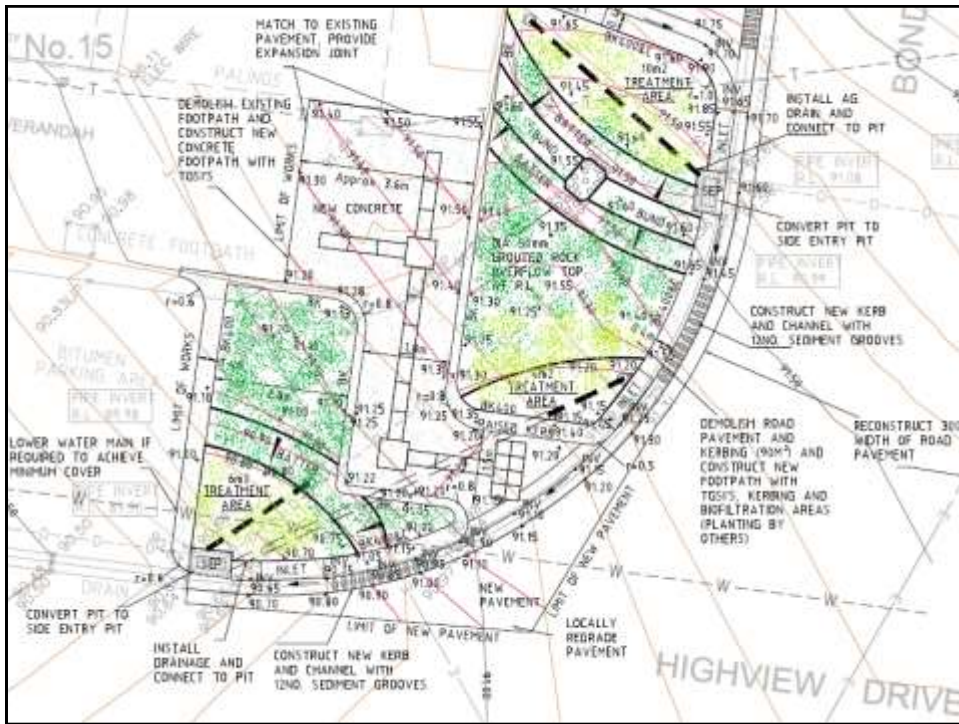






Vegetated





Why ZAM-WSUD ?

**“MAINTENANCE
COST
ROADBLOCK”**



Typical Annual WSUD Maintenance Costs:

Street scale $\$30\text{m}^2$

Larger scale systems $\$10\text{-}15\text{m}^2$
in public open space

References: National Conference of the Stormwater Industry Association
Conference Proceedings, 2010, and Melbourne Water, 2013.

Asset Owner Costs

Example: Manningham Council

- 575km of sealed roads
- 7,000,000m² of impervious area
- ~120,000m² of raingardens
- \$3,000,000 per year
- **About 3% of annual budget...**

Can Costs be Reduced?

ZAM-WSUD Research Project



Monash Water for Liveability
Supported by Glen Eira Council

Aims

- No manual litter removal
- Prevention of sedimentation
- No filter media replacement
- No additional vegetation maintenance for asset owners

50+ year design life with zero additional maintenance for asset owners

Initiatives

- Grass mowed by residents
- In-kerb sediment capture
(removal by street sweeping)
- Clog resistant surface layer
- Litter by-pass

Grass

Initial trials:

-> Soft leaf buffalo

- Good heavy metal & nutrient removal
- Palmetto & Sapphire cultivars trialled

Residential -> Residents to mow

Reserves -> 'Normal' mowing by Council



Channel Grooves

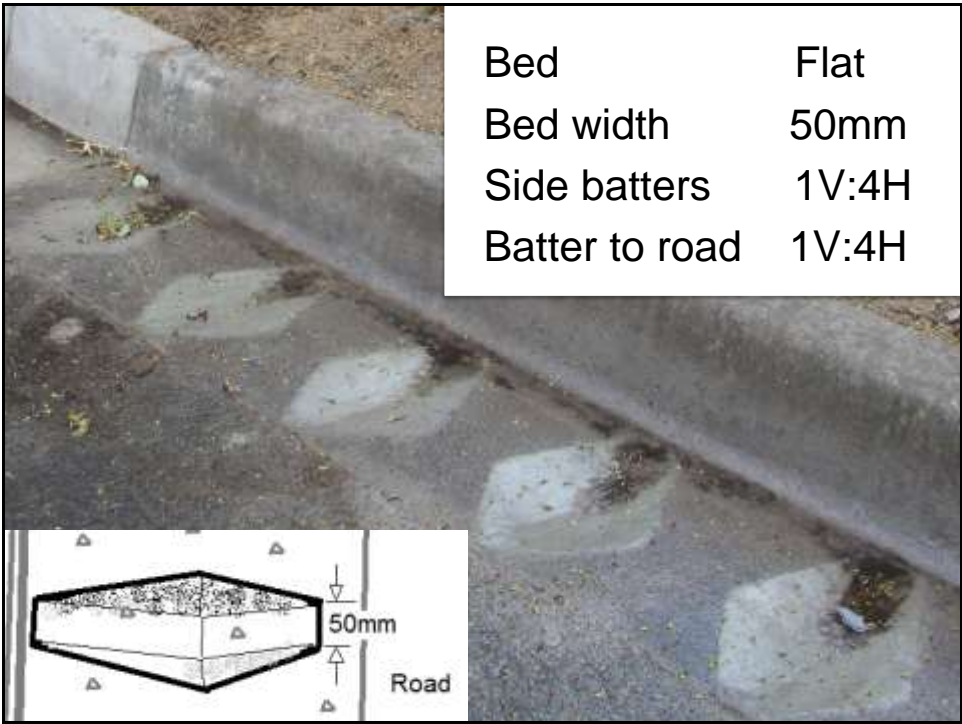
Trap sediment in roadway

- Sedimentation protection
- Street sweeper collection

Groove design based on:

- street sweeper trials
- bicycle safety considerations





Grated Inlet

- Prevents litter entry
- Prevents scouring
- Flush with kerb face
- Cleaned by street sweeper



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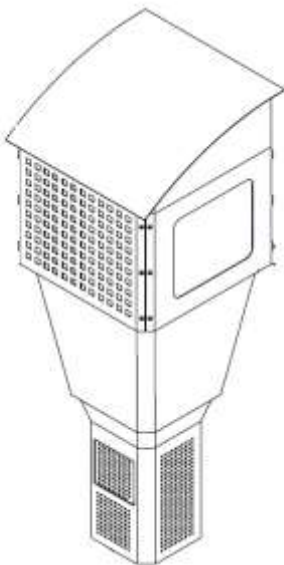


*Available
from R&S
Grating*



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Hot dip galvanised

Very Low Maintenance GPT's

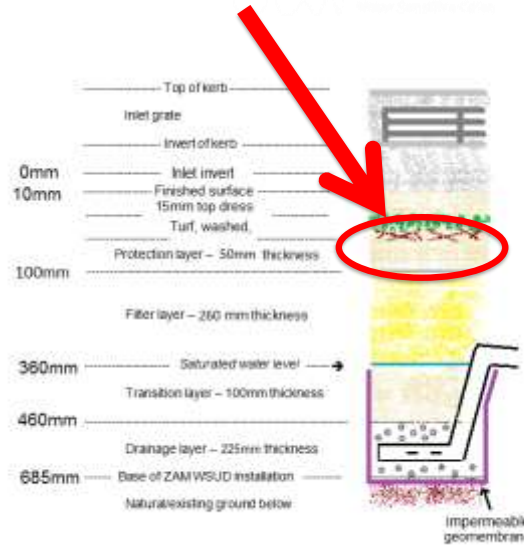


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South Australia



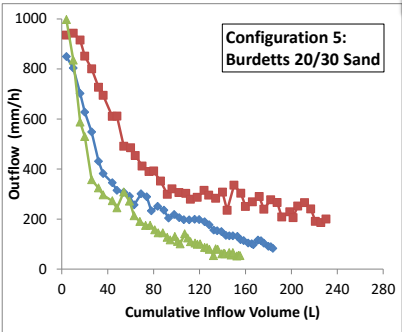
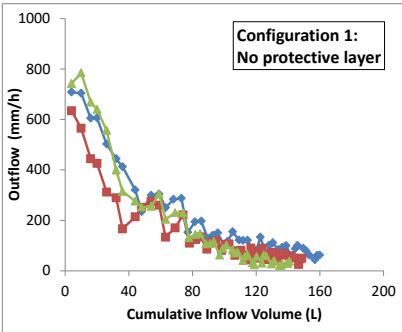
Protection Layer

- coarse sand layer at top
- reduces filter media surface clogging
- 20/30 sand
- 50mm thick



Laboratory Testing

- Artificial stormwater inflow over 15 days
- Equivalent to 1.5 years of stormwater



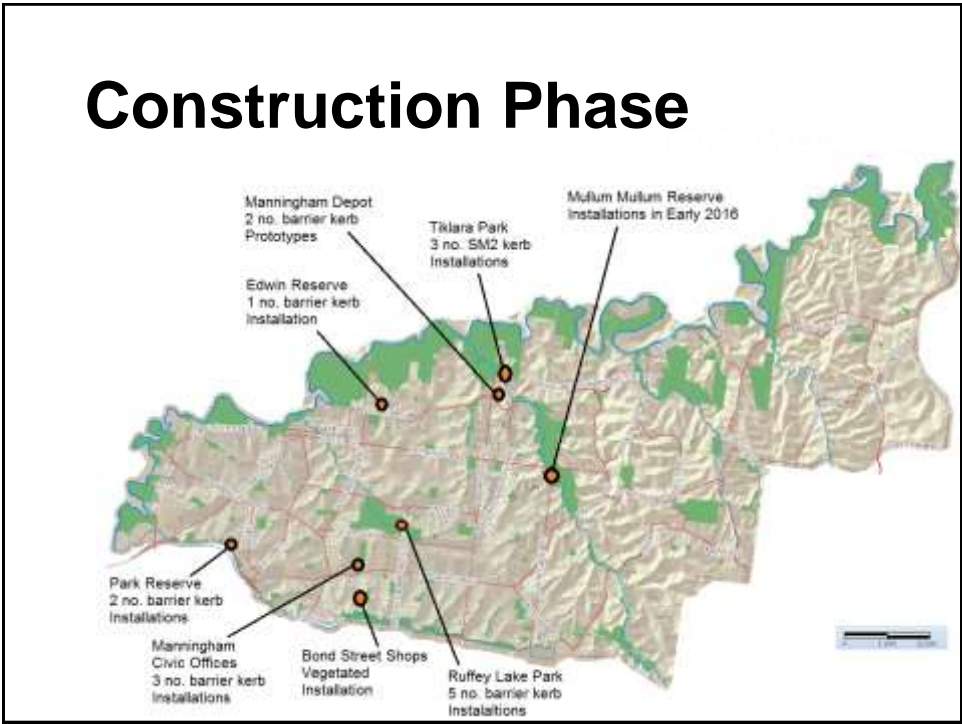
FAWB specification control (300mm) 20/30 Sand (100mm) above FAWB Spec (200mm)

Post-settling outflow rates from designs with a protective layer
1.3 – 2 times higher than that with no protective layer.

Prototypes



Construction Phase



Excavation and Drainage



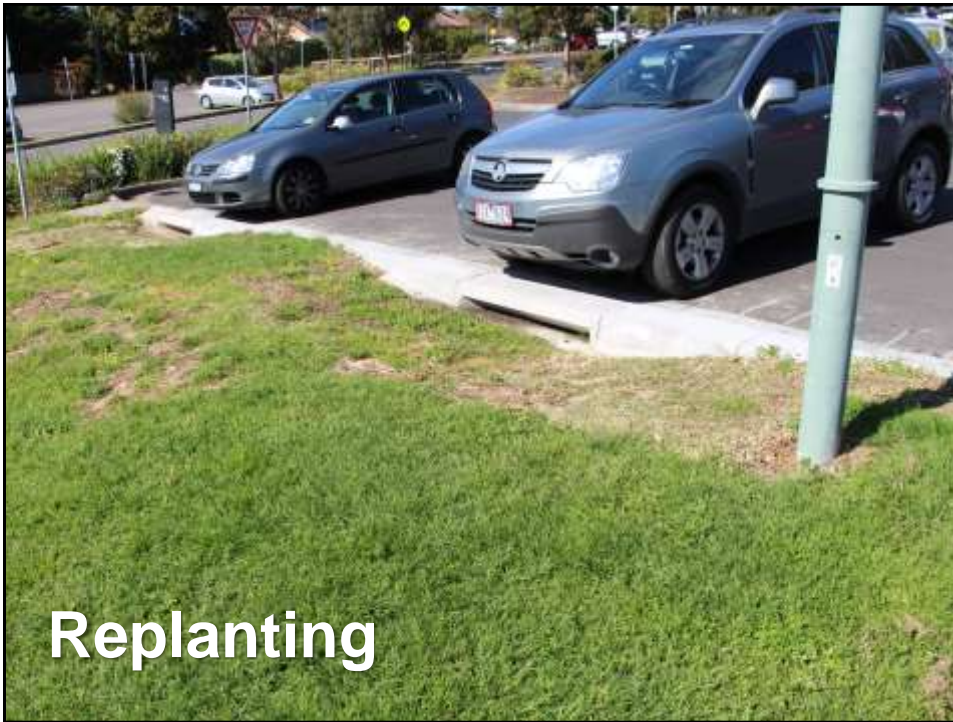




Commissioning Issues

- Concrete rubble left in filter media
- Incorrect liner used (*it was permeable*)
- Poor grass and plant establishment
- Grass dried out during establishment
- Soil pH (*concrete raises pH*)
- “Edge spraying” with herbicides







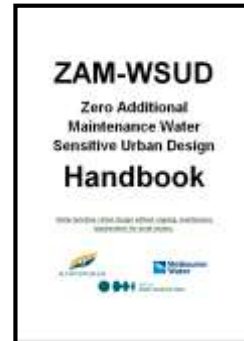
Continuous Improvement

Documentation changes:

- Watering requirements updated
- Fertiliser now recommended
- Alternative grass species trial

ZAM-WSUD Handbook

- Collaborative approach
- A shared resource
- Technical specifications
- Standard drawings
- Available on-line



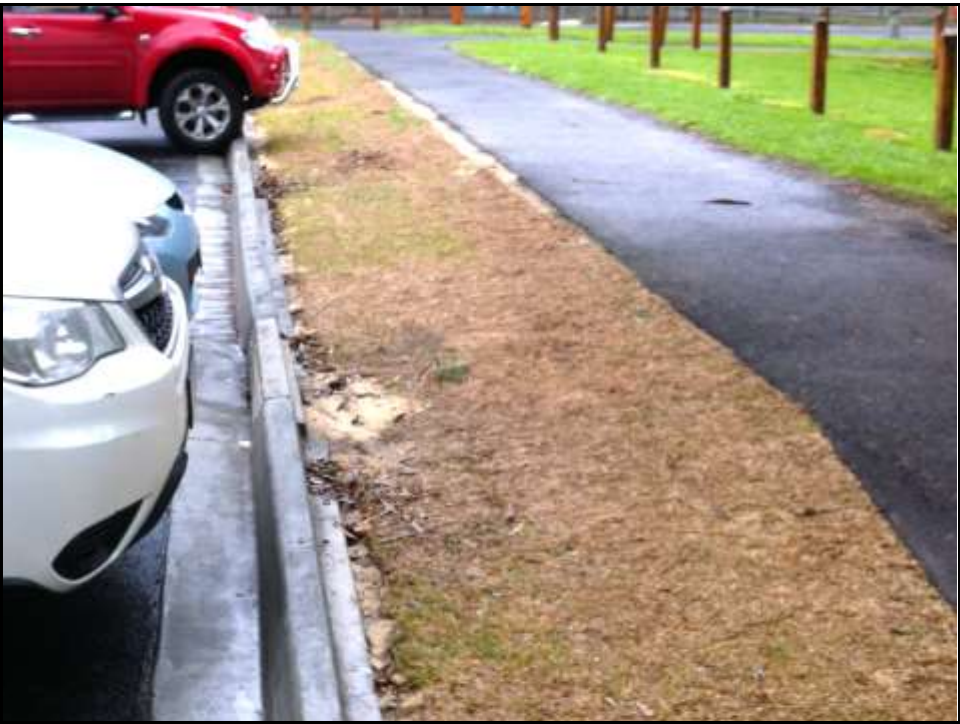
www.clearwater.asn.au/resource-library/publications-and-reports/zero-additional-maintenance-water-sensitive-urban-design-zam-wsud-handbook.php

Grass Species Trail

Field trials, 2016

Laboratory trials, 2017

Soft leaf buffalo	–	<i>Sapphire, Palmetto</i>
Zoysia	–	<i>Empire, Nara Native</i>
Kikuyu (male sterile)	–	<i>Kenda, Village Green</i>
Couch	--	<i>Santa Ana</i>

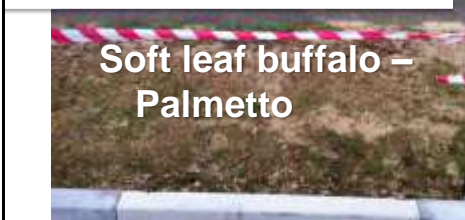




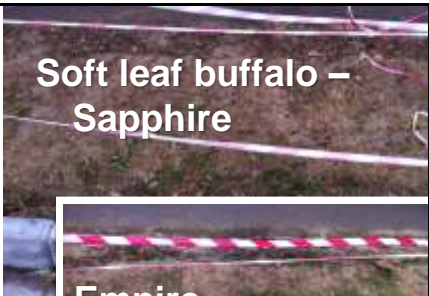
Observations



Nara Native Zoysia



Soft leaf buffalo –
Palmetto



Soft leaf buffalo –
Sapphire



Empire
Zoysia



Kikuyu – Kenda
(male sterile)

Current Status

- Sediment grooves – **successful** (*not yet quantified*)
- Grass survival – **good**, except for high traffic sites
- Mowability – **successful**
- Inlet – **successful**, some sedimentation behind inlet
- Trip hazards and cyclists – **no incidents**
- Filter media clogging – **no issues**
- Nutrient removal – **confirmed for buffalo, other species being tested in 2017.**
- Residential nature strip installations – **community response not yet confirmed.**

Transitioning to ZAM-WSUD as ‘Business as Usual’

- Communication essential
- Change is difficult!!!
- Victoria – No mandatory implementation









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Water Sensitive Cities

Questions?



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Design Example



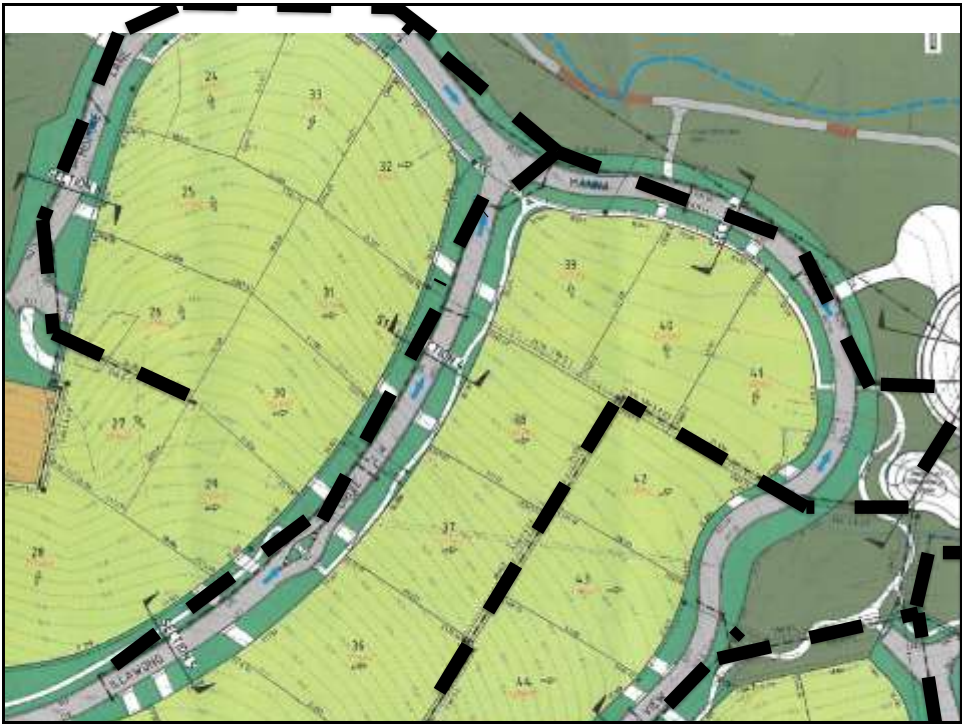
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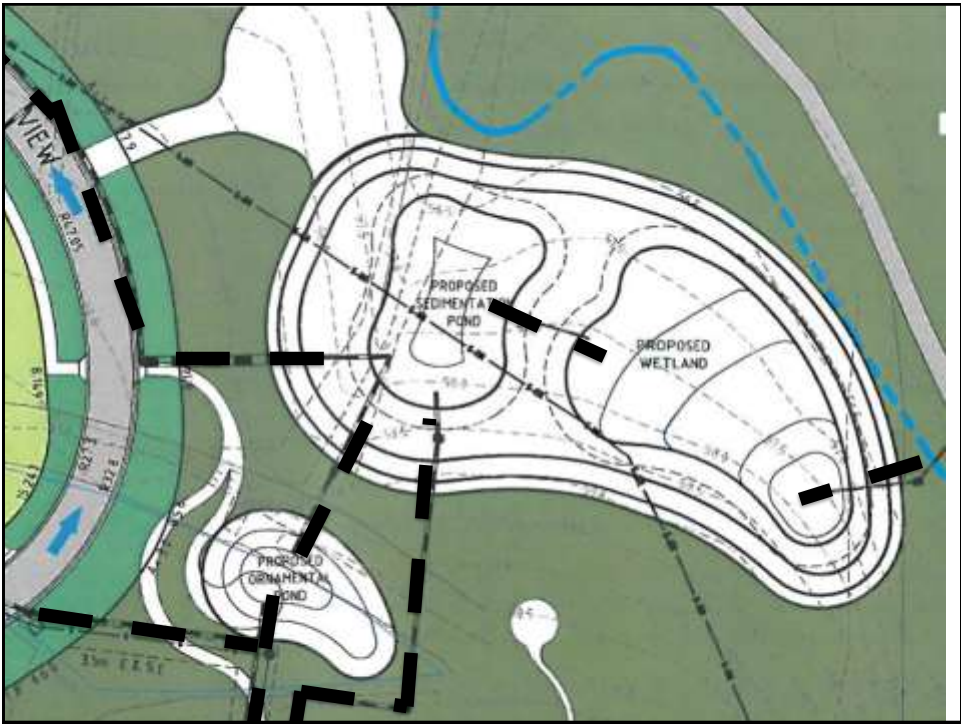
Design Example

New Subdivision

- Identify opportunities
- Locate installations
- Installation details







Site Selection

Strategic Value

Drainage

Catchment Area

Road Gradient

Nature Strip Geometry

Trees

Pedestrians

Services

Vehicles

Residents

Strategic Value

Stormwater treatment requirements?

Receiving waterway ecological values.

Are there other existing or planned
downstream stormwater treatments?

Drainage

ZAM-WSUD's do not replace
stormwater pits

Install just upstream of existing pit
(*maximises catchment area*)

Catchment Area

Impervious catchment –
100m² to 400m²

Larger area?

- Use multiple ZAM-WSUD's.

Road Gradient

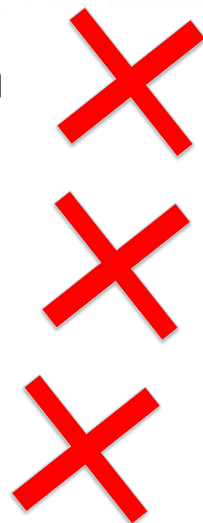
- Scour risk - if gradient is too steep
- Velocity control can be used in inlet
- Successful installs at 1 in 12 grade
- Flatter than 1 in 10 preferable
- Wider nature strips needed if gradients are steeper

Services

- Services alterations can be costly
- Dial-before-you-dig-design **1100**
- Can build over many services
- Need to ensure “minimum cover” is maintained
- Consider service locating services

Pedestrians

- very high pedestrian traffic sites
- fast moving traffic close to kerb
- Very dark at night



Vehicles

- Crush filter media
 - Potential for biofilter failure

Select sites where vehicle access is not expected

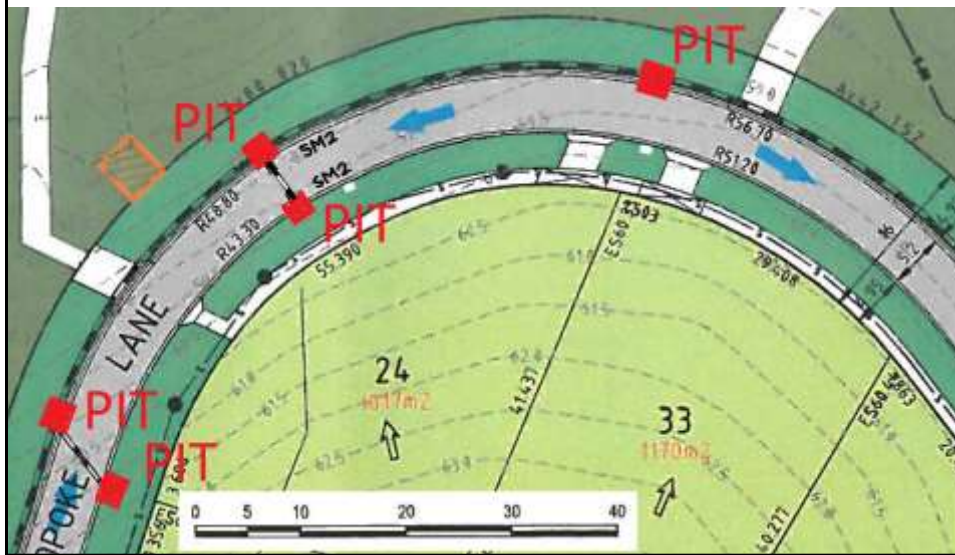
Residents

- Who will mow the grass?
- How will the resident/s respond to the installation?

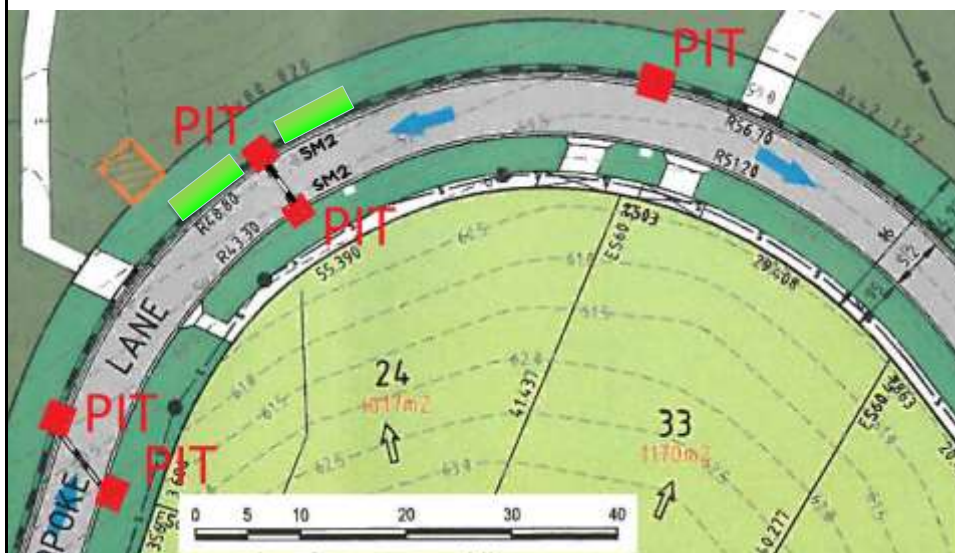
Consult early



Design Example



Suitable Locations



Design Details

- Standard drawing number
- Number of sediment grooves
- Vehicles access issues
- Trip hazards
- Mowing



THANKS AND GOOD LUCK!!!



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