Reviewing Stormwater Collection Projects through a Sustainability Lens

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Agenda

- Defining Sustainability
- The Three Responsibilities
- Pettee Brook Case Study
- Sustainability Lens



The Definition of Sustainability



*"Jargoniest Jargon We've Heard All Year"** AdvertisingAge

The Definition of Sustainability







The Definition of Sustainable Development



"meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs"







Economist's View



"The business of business is business" Milton Friedman

"The economy, stupid" James Carville



Holistic View



"In nature nothing exists alone." Rachel Carson, Silent Spring



The ability of an organization to transparently manage its responsibilities for

- environmental stewardship,
- social well being, and
- economic prosperity

over the long term.





The Definition of Sustainability



"When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the Universe" John Muir



Two out of Three is not Sustainable

Bearable

Socio-environment

- -Public safety
- -Access to resources
- -Quality of life



Equitable

Socio-economic -Jobs

-Asset management

Viable

Enviro-economic

- -Water conservation
- -Energy conservation
- -Resource protection



Pettee Brook – UNH Campus



The Issues

- Brook filled with sediment and trash
- Switched course and was eroding parking lot
- Flooding concerns





Existing Conditions Plan





Existing Conditions







Existing Conditions







Existing Conditions





Existing vs. Proposed Conditions





Typical Stream Channel Cross-Section



TYPICAL STREAM CHANNEL CROSS-SECTION NOT TO SCALE









































Pettee Brook Restored



Evaluating Projects and Options



Direct impacts Indirect impacts Permanence

Capital costs Operating cost Indirect costs



Evaluating the Options





Social Well-Being Criteria

Social		
code	Title	Description
So1	Community Support	To what extent will the community support this project?
So2	Community Benefit	To what extent will the community benefit from this project?
So3	Permanence of Social Benefit	How long will the community realize the social benefits of this project?





Environmental Criteria

Environmental		
code	Title	Description
En1	Regulatory Aspects	What are the regulatory impacts of this option?
En2	Resource Impact	How will this project impact natural resources?
En3	Permanence	How long will the environmental benefits of this project be realized?





Economic Criteria

Economic		
code	Title	Description
Ec1	Capital Costs	To what extent will this project impact Capital costs vs the minimum required option?
Ec2	Operating Costs	To what extent will this project impact Operating Costs vs the minimum required option?
Ec3	Indirect costs	How significant might the indirect savings be if this project is executed





Questions?





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