## **City of Bend Utilities Public Advisory Group**





## Meeting Agenda

**Purpose:** Discuss and collect input on potential climate-related recommendations in Stormwater Master Plan and share master plan progress updates and stormwater program regulatory updates.

#### **1. Introduction** – *5 mins*

- **2. Stormwater Master Plan and Climate Change**  *25 mins*
	- a. Discuss level of planning for climate change
	- b. Discussion question:
		- *i. Do you think there is a need for climate-related policy or program recommendations in the Stormwater Master Plan?*

#### **3. Stormwater Master Plan Updates** – *25 mins*

- a. Share updated draft CIP prioritization criteria (see matrix)
- b. Summarize drillhole and outfall prioritization approach (see memos)
- c. Discussion questions:
	- *i. How quickly should the City address the 17 high priority drillholes? 5 years? 10 years? 20 years?*
	- *ii. Does the outfall prioritization approach make sense to you?*

#### **4. Stormwater Program Regulatory Updates** – *20 mins*

- a. Discuss erosion control requirements for small construction sites
- b. Share next steps to update UIC standards for groundwater protectiveness



- c. Discussion questions:
	- *i. Is the draft guidance and resources for small developers understandable?*
	- *ii. Are there any guidance areas that may require more support?*
- **5. UPAG Discussion**  *10 mins*
- **6. Summary and Closing**  *5 mins*

## **UPAG Meeting Roadmap draft**







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#### **Bend Stormwater Master Plan**

**CIP Rating Criteria Revised ‐ UPAG Discussion**

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## **Memorandum**



## **Introduction**

The City of Bend is updating its Stormwater Master Plan (SMP) and is reviewing its existing stormwater outfalls to identify retrofit needs and opportunities. Stormwater in the City of Bend discharges predominantly into underground injection controls (UICs). However, the area around the Deschutes River north of Farewell Bend Park discharges to the river itself. Geographic Information System (GIS) records indicate that there are 31 outfalls owned by the City of Bend. An outfall is a point discharge from the City's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) into the river. A majority of these outfalls are not located on City-owned property and are located either on Bend Park and Recreation Department (BRPD) properties or located on other private properties. This Outfall Retrofit Needs Assessment studies the characteristics of each outfall's contributing basin with respect to its pollution source potential and incorporates information about the condition and accessibility of the stormwater pipes and outfalls.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this Outfall Retrofit Needs Assessment is to document the City's stormwater quality retrofit objectives and to identify the outfalls most in need of retrofit when considering the objectives. Subsequent analyses will identify potential projects to retrofit the highest priority outfalls. The City's MS4 permit requires the following: "The permittee must develop a Stormwater Quality Retrofit Strategy that addresses areas identified by the permittee as having an impact on water quality, and that are underserved, difficult to maintain in its current design, or lacking stormwater quality controls.

- A. The stormwater retrofit strategy must be based on a permittee-defined set of stormwater quality retrofit objectives and a comprehensive evaluation of a range of retrofit control measures and its appropriate use. The permittee-defined objectives must prioritize progress toward improving water quality.
- B. The permittee must submit a stormwater retrofit strategy document with permittee-defined objectives with the fourth annual report, due to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality by November 1, 2025.

#### **Stormwater Quality Retrofit Objectives**

The City has identified the protection of the public, natural resources, water quality, and the preservation of existing City infrastructure as primary goals for their Master Plan. The stormwater quality retrofit objectives described below will support these goals.

Urban stormwater runoff is known to carry a variety of pollutants, including metals, oils, chemicals, bacteria, and nutrients. An emerging group of dissolved contaminants of concern are per- andpolyfluoroalky substances (PFAS). The City of Bend utilizes Magnesium Chloride (MgCl) for deicing operations during the winter months. The Deschutes River from Spring River to North Unit Diversion Dam (AU ID = OR SR 1707030104 05 102628) is listed as Category 5 Impaired for sedimentation, temperature (year round), turbidity, and pH, and is listed as Category 4 Impaired for flow modification and habitat modification. Sedimentation, turbidity and pH can all be influenced by urban stormwater.

The City staff has documented numerous instances of inlet clogging and movement of particulate material around and through the stormwater system in undesirable/unintended ways. These challenges can be referred as pretreatment challenges. Lack of pretreatment contributes to stormwater pollution in a couple of ways. First, when inlets are clogged with sediments, inlet capacity is reduced, leading to runoff flowing for longer distances over impervious surfaces and picking up more pollutants. Second, some sediments are conveyed through the piped system and discharged to the river along with pollutants that may adsorb to the particles. Typical pretreatment systems provide capture/removal of particulate matter and floatable materials.

The City staff has also documented both poor condition and maintenance access issues through camera inspection and maintenance records. Where condition or access issues have been documented, the need for retrofit is coupled with a need for repair or redesign of the pipe system.

The stormwater quality retrofit objectives are:

- 1. Reduce polluted discharges from largest contributing areas that do not already have treatment.
- 2. Prioritize removal of typical urban stormwater pollutants from higher intensity land uses.
- 3. Prioritize protecting the capacity and function of existing stormwater conveyance, treatment and infiltration facilities.
- 4. Prioritize retrofits for outfalls where repairs, rehabilitation, or realignment of pipes and structures is necessary to correct poor condition and/or lack of access to public infrastructure.

## **Needs Analysis**

Otak has developed a framework for prioritizing outfall basins for retrofit in collaboration with the City of Bend by calculating a score identifying need for retrofit for each outfall basin. The score is calculated based on the following criteria: untreated area, pollutant load, sediment load, and maintenance access/pipe condition. Scoring for each criterion is explored below.

#### **Untreated Areas**

Reducing polluted discharges from the largest contributing areas that do not already have treatment has been identified as a water quality objective. There are 32 outfall drainage basins as shown in Figure 1. Three basins have multiple outfalls and are identified as such. One basin (labeled "TBD") is delineated in the City's stormwater inventory but has no associated point outfall identified with it in the inventory. The

City identified one very large basin draining to the Newport outfalls. Based on conversations with the City about the recent improvements along Newport Avenue, this large basin has been divided into two smaller basin polygons for the purposes of this assessment. The basins range in size from 0.2 acres to 497.4 acres. For the purposes of this assessment, areas within the MS4 basins draining to runoff treatment facilities or UICs are considered treated areas that are not in need of retrofit. Approximate treated areas are represented visually on Figure 1 and have been tabulated in Table 7.

Treated areas have been estimated at a planning level as follows:

- UICs: approximately 150 UICs have been identified within the boundaries of the outfall drainage basins. Each UIC is assumed to have 12,500 square feet of area draining to it based on a GIS analysis conducted by the City (City of Bend, 2024). Private stormwater swales: private stormwater swales are assumed to provide runoff treatment for the tax lots on which they are located.
- Public stormwater swales: public stormwater swales are assumed to have been sized using a 6% sizing factor, i.e., the swale area is 6% of the area that drains to it. While this rationale is not included in the COSM, it is a simplified approach used in low-infiltration (2 in/hr or less) areas in parts of northwestern Oregon. Clean Water Services utilizes a 6% sizing factor (CWS, 2019).
- Contech StormFilter© cartridge vaults and catch basins: we collected drainage basin size for each StormFilter© vault by reviewing the drainage report.

After calculating treated area within a basin, the remaining basin area is considered untreated.

#### *Untreated Area Scores*

Outfall basins are scored from 0 to 3 according to the acreage of untreated area as shown in Table 1.



#### **Table 1 Untreated Areas Scoring**

#### **Pollutant Load**

Removal of typical urban stormwater pollutants has been identified as a water quality objective. Pollutant loads can be correlated to land uses and high-traffic roadways. A desktop GIS review of roadway classifications revealed that only moderate variation of roadway types is present within the outfalls study area, with the highest polluting roadways in the City (highways, etc.) being located outside of the area. However, roadways are spatially correlated with land uses such that higher-traffic count roads are adjacent to more intense land uses. Therefore, for this assessment both land use and roadway pollutant intensity are represented by the City's established zoning. Otak classified zoning into three intensities of pollutant generation, as follows:

 Low pollutant generating land uses include residential, urban reserve, professional offices, and most public facilities such as parks and schools (those with less than 80% impervious area). Zoning codes included in this category are RL, RS, RM, RM-10, RH, UAR, PO, and PF.

- Moderate pollutant generating land uses include mixed uses and commercial uses, as well as public facilities with more than 80% impervious area. A visual inspection of the public facilities within the outfall drainage basins shows two bridge areas as being more than 80% impervious. Zoning codes included in this category are ME, MR, MN, MU, CB, CC, CL, CG, and CN.
- High pollutant generating land uses include industrial and special planned districts. Zoning codes included in this category are IG, IL, and SM.

#### *Pollutant Load Scores*

Outfalls are scored from 0 to 3 for pollutant load based on the relative amounts of area in each land use category. Table 2 summarizes the scoring for this factor. The scoring is additive; an outfall basin is awarded a point for each criterion it meets.

#### **Table 2 Pollutant Load Scoring**



The counts of basins by total score are listed below:

- Score 0: 20 basins
- Score 1: 7 basins
- Score 2: 4 basins
- Score 3: 0 basins

#### **Sediment Load**

Protecting the capacity and function of existing stormwater treatment and infiltration facilities has been identified as a water quality objective. Under existing conditions, the City has collected evidence through tracking drainage complaints and maintenance service calls that sediment in the collection and conveyance system from erosion and winter street maintenance threatens the capacity, function, and longevity of collection, conveyance, and runoff treatment systems within the outfalls basins.

Within the MS4 area, Awbrey Butte has slopes greater than 15%, which then flatten out as it approaches the river (slopes less than 5% slope). Although portions of Awbrey Butte have been developed under more recent and more protective stormwater standards, sediment is still deposited and transported to storm systems on the roads due to runoff flowing over bare or erodible soils and landscaping and sanding for winter traction (HDR, 2017). City staff reported that some of the main roads that lead up or down from Awbrey Butte transport significant sediment.

The City of Bend has soils that are predominantly friable and non-cohesive (GSI, 2020). Older parts of the City are lacking curb and gutter infrastructure. In some cases, low exposure curbs approximately three inches tall are present. In these locations, loose sediment readily moves across roadways, alleys,

sidewalks, driveways, paths, etc. during storms. The City applies sand during the winter to provide traction during icy conditions. The steepest roads in the City receive the most sand.

The City's staff reported that most of their catch basins have sumps, but the depth of these sumps may vary. The City has also identified that some of the filter media cartridge treatment vaults lack pretreatment structures that would extend the service life of the cartridges by capturing trash and larger sediment particles prior to runoff entering the filter vault. Implementation of pretreatment vaults would lessen frequency of clogging of filters and bypassing of flows during storm events.

For the purposes of this assessment, site topography has been identified as an indicator of higher sediment loads.

Slopes have been separated into three categories: "Flat," "Moderate," and "Steep." Flat slopes are defined as less than 5% slopes, Moderate slopes are greater than or equal to 5% and less than or equal to 15% slopes, and Steep slopes are defined as greater than 15% slopes.

#### *Sediment Load Scores*

We calculated a "slope factor" in Excel for each outfall basin derived from the inverse of the relative proportions of each slope category normalized against basin size. Then we calculated a score for slope from the slope factor, where higher slope factors are associated with higher scores. Larger slope factors correspond to higher scores (Table 3).



#### **Table 3 Sediment Load Scoring**

#### **Related Known Issues**

The preliminary planning steps for the Stormwater Master Plan have identified numerous known issues within the outfall basins. Additional emphasis is given in this assessment where there are documented pipes or structures in poor condition based on closed-circuit television (CCTV) investigation, documented maintenance access issues, drainage issues, or documented sedimentation issues. See related known issues descriptions in the notes on Table 7.

#### *Related Known Issues Scoring*

The City has provided a list of drainage known issues with priority scores attached to them. A score of 3 (the highest score) is given to outfall identified by the City's maintenance team as being "Priority 1" or highest priority known issue. Of the remaining known issues within the MS4 permit area, the only "Priority 2" known issue was in the same basin as a "Priority 1" known issue and the only "Priority 3" known issue was listed as being already resolved as of July 2024. After review of each of the specific known issues in each basin, a score of 0, 1, or 2 was applied based on engineering judgement of severity of the known issues. A total of 8 outfall basins have related active known issues.

#### **Scoring Input**

The scoring input values were geo-processed and mapped for visualization (Figure 2, Figures attached).

## **Results**

The outfalls are scored from 0 to 9 by adding scores for each of the four factors above. Increasing score corresponds to increasing need for retrofit.

The average score of the outfall basins using the above scoring criteria is a score of 3. The top seven highest scoring basins have scores of 4-9. At the low end of scoring, three basins received scores of 0. Figure 1 below provides a histogram of the outfall scoring.



#### Figure 1 Outfall Retrofit Needs Score Distribution Chart

We ranked basins based on score. See Table 4 below for the outfalls in alphanumeric order, with high score / low rank denoting greatest need. There are many "tie" scores between outfalls. See Conclusions for recommendations to proceed.

#### **Table 4 Outfall Basins' Scores and Ranks**



## **Conclusions**

Otak recommends that the highest six ranked basins be considered in the next stage of the master plan. The highest-ranking basin is very large (nearly 500 acres) and has numerous opportunities for potential retrofits. The basins recommended for further consideration are listed as ranked in Table 5.



#### **Table 5 Priority Outfalls for Further Consideration**

There is a four-way tie for the seventh-ranked outfalls, which the City could consider in an additional phase of outfall retrofits, as listed in Table 6.



#### **Table 6 Secondary Outfalls for Further Consideration**

Figure 3 (Figures attached) shows that the outfall basins ranking highest in need are mostly located west of the Deschutes river and tend to be larger basins. Large basins offer opportunities for larger "regional" facilities that simplify maintenance by centralizing captured pollutants. The "DFO000266 & DOF000014" basin has been split into north (N) and south (S) subbasins for this purpose. Even though these two subbasins outfall to the same location, there have been significant improvements to the south subbasin along Newport Avenue. There remain many opportunities in the South Awbrey Butte area to the north. The rating and ranking classified the large north basin as the highest priority basin. A challenge with regional facilities is often the space that they require (whether vegetated or underground), which can be prohibitively expensive where valuable real estate / easements must be purchased. Regional vegetated/above-ground facilities may be difficult to locate due to the land uses in the most highly ranked basins. However, stormwater pretreatment systems such as hydrodynamic separators may centralize pollutants for easier maintenance if they can be located within the existing right-of-way.

#### **Table 7 Outfall Rating and Ranking**



#### *Updated 8/27/2024*

#### **Related Known Issues Notes**

**Zoning Notes**





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**Figures**





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# **NEEDS ASSESSMENT INPUTS BEND STORMWATER MASTER PLAN**



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## **FIGURE 3 STORMWATER OUTFALL BASIN RANKING BEND STORMWATER MASTER PLAN BEND, OREGON**

## **LEGEND**

Outfall Basin Delineation

**Outfalls** 

**Outfall Basin Ranking** 



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Data Sources: City of Bend, USGS, Google Maps.<br>Date: 8/27/2024<br>Disclaimer: This data is not to survey accuracy and is<br>meant for planning purposes only.





## FINAL TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

## Modified Drywell Siting Criteria and Drillhole Decommissioning Framework, City of Bend, Oregon



## 1. Introduction

This technical memorandum (TM), prepared by GSI Water Solutions, Inc. (GSI) for Otak, Inc. (Otak), presents an evaluation of modified drywell suitability and a drillhole replacement prioritization to inform the City of Bend's (City) updated Stormwater Master Plan. The following sections provide an overview of Underground Injection Control (UIC) configurations, the purpose and objectives of this TM (Section 1.2), and the organization of this TM (Section 1.3).

## 1.1 Underground Injection Control Types and Configuration

The City uses about 6,500 UICs to manage stormwater runoff from public rights-of-way (GSI, 2023). According to the Oregon Administrative Rules, a UIC is a well, improved sinkhole, or other subsurface fluid distribution system that is used for the subsurface emplacement or discharge of fluids[1.](#page-17-0) About 5,500 of the City's UICs are drywells, and about 1,000 of the City's UICs are drillholes. Drywells are typically 10 to 20 feet deep cylindrical structures constructed of 4-foot diameter concrete rings with weep holes. Drillholes are typically 6-inch diameter open boreholes completed with a steel surface casing (generally 10 to 20 feet) (GSI, 2023) that may be up to 100 feet deep (the maximum UIC depth allowable by state law for rule authorized UIC[s2\)](#page-17-1). Recently, new construction techniques have been introduced in Oregon that allow for installation of drywells to up to 100 feet deep (modified drywells).

Drillholes are more common west of the Deschutes River where low-permeability volcanic ash layers are prevalent, and in older parts of the City. New drillholes have not been permitted in the City standards for several years due to maintenance issues, the lack of pretreatment, and due to the difficulty and expense of retrofitting.

<span id="page-17-0"></span><sup>1</sup> OAR 340-044-0005(24)

<span id="page-17-1"></span><sup>2</sup> OAR 340-044-0018(3)(a)(G)

## 1.2 Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of this TM is to provide the City with information about new-to-Oregon stormwater infiltration devices (i.e., modified drywells) and a prioritization framework for decommissioning of old stormwater infiltration devices (i.e., drillholes) to inform the City's 2024 Stormwater Master Plan update. The objectives of the TM are:

- Provide an overview of modified drywells, including advantages and disadvantages.
- **Develop criteria for minimizing the risk of environmental contamination from modified drywells.**
- **Develop a prioritization framework for decommissioning drillholes.**

## 1.3 Technical Memorandum Organization

The remainder of this TM is organized as follows:

- Section 2: Provides criteria for siting modified drywells
- Section 3: Outlines drillhole replacement and upgrade prioritization

## 2. Modified Drywell Siting Criteria

Conventional drywells, which comprise the City's approximately 5,500 drywells, are 4-foot diameter structures typically excavated with a hydraulic clam shell that have a maximum depth of approximately 40 feet in Oregon. Modified drywells have a similar diameter as conventional drywells but are excavated with large-diameter augers. Modified drywells are deeper than conventional drywells, generally up to 100 feet deep depending on local geology. Two examples of as-built modified drywells are shown in Figure 1.

Modified drywells have been used in the desert southwest since the 1970s; they have been installed at significant depths to bypass shallow, low-permeability caliche layers and rock. Recently, the City of Gresham, Oregon, constructed a modified drywell to bypass a shallow perched aquifer, and King County has managed stormwater runoff in dense residential neighborhoods by drilling 50 to 100 feet deep drywells to bypass shallow, low permeability glacial till and infiltrate stormwater into the underlying sands (Radford, 2016). The City of Bend has been receiving increased requests from developers to construct modified drywells.

This section summarizes the advantages of modified drywells (Section 2.1), the disadvantages of modified drywells (Section 2.2), criteria for siting modified drywells to minimize the risk of environmental contamination (Section 2.3), and conclusions (Section 2.4).

## 2.1 Advantages of Modified Drywells

Advantages of modified drywells (when compared to drillholes or traditional drywells) include the following:

- **Footprint.** Modified drywells have a small footprint because the pretreatment device is installed within the same borehole as the drywell, making modified drywells a good option in urban areas where space is limited.
- Bypass shallow, low-permeability soil layers. Modified drywells can bypass shallow soils characterized by low infiltration rates (e.g., silt, clay, or volcanic ash), targeting deeper soils and sediments have higher infiltration rates.
- Larger storage volume and improved treatment compared to a drillholes. Because of their largediameter, modified drywells can store a larger volume of water than a drillhole, thereby allowing the water to slowly exfiltrate from the drywell in low-permeability soil environments. In addition, unlike drillholes, proprietary modified drywells are equipped with pretreatment devices like a sedimentation

manhole to allow for settling of stormwater solids, hydrocarbon-absorbent pillows, and intake screens/debris shields.

 More head during infiltration. Higher infiltration rates can be achieved at modified drywells because the drywell can accommodate additional mounding (i.e., head) during infiltration.

## 2.2 Disadvantages of Modified Drywells

Disadvantages of modified drywells (when compared to drillholes or traditional drywells) include the following:

- Higher risk of causing groundwater contamination. The highest risk to groundwater is from contaminants in stormwater that are toxic, common, mobile, and persistent (GSI, 2013). Pollutant fate and transport modeling by GSI (2011) showed that most common stormwater pollutants do not reach groundwater as long as there are five feet of vertical separation between the bottom of the drywell and groundwater. However, recent modeling by GSI (2024) showed that significantly larger vertical separation distances are needed to protect groundwater from emerging pollutants [i.e., perand polyfluoroalky substances (PFAS) and simazine will reach groundwater unless there are about 53 feet and 37 feet of vertical separation, respectively]. Because modified drywells are deeper than conventional UICs, they minimize vertical separation distance and, therefore, increase the risk of groundwater pollution.
- Difficult and expensive to clean in the case of a spill of hazardous material. Traditionally, drywells are cleaned via pressure washing, scraping of the interior walls, and/or vacuuming with a vactor truck if a spill occurs. However, because vactor trucks are not effective on drywells that are more than 40 feet deep, removal of a spill of hazardous materials from a modified drywell cannot not be performed using traditional techniques. Options are drill or pump rigs and bailers to remove spilled material from deep drywells, which would significantly increase the cost of cleanup. In addition, remediation of spilled material that has infiltrated into soils surrounding the drywell would be significantly more expensive due to the increased depth.
- Novelty and lack of performance data. There is limited research on modified drywell performance in Oregon over time due to the relative newness in the Pacific Northwest. Geosyntec (2020) noted data gaps including Infiltration testing guidance prior to UIC citing and drywell lifecycle research, both of which would be beneficial when planning a new UIC. However, it should be noted the City of Gresham's modified drywell has experienced no performance declines since it was constructed in the Spring of 2022.
- Often more expensive than traditional UICs.

## 2.3 Criteria to Minimize Risk of Environmental Contamination from Modified **Drywells**

This section provides criteria to minimize the risk of environmental contamination from modified drywells, including siting criteria (Section 2.2.1), construction practices (Section 2.2.2), spill mitigation (Section 2.2.3), pretreatment (Section 2.2.4), and operations and maintenance (Section 2.2.5).

#### 2.3.1 Siting Criteria

Proper drywell siting minimizes the risk that a drywell will contaminate groundwater, and is especially important for modified drywells because groundwater contamination is significantly more expensive to clean up. As long as a 53-foot vertical separation distance between the base of the UIC and the seasonal high of groundwater are adhered to (based on the findings of GSI's 2024 Groundwater Protectiveness Demonstration Update), groundwater contamination from common stormwater pollutants should not be of

concern. Contamination caused by spills of hazardous material poses the highest risk of groundwater contamination.

Drywell siting criteria are covered in Bend's standards (2023). Drywell siting should consider the local factors such as land use (which will affect the quality of the water discharging to the drywell), traffic volume, water well locations, groundwater depth, and geology. See Section 3 prioritization criteria for further information on these topics. There is a low risk that drywells meeting all of the following criteria will be impacted by a spill. Therefore, modified drywells may be sited in drainage basins that meet these criteria (see green-light areas in Figure 2):

- Residential land use
- Streets that experience less than 1,000 vehicle trips per day,
- Outside of two-year time-of-travel zones from municipal supply wells and >500 feet from water wells, and
- Outside of areas with perched groundwater (i.e., the Old Mill District Perched Area and North Bend Perched Area).

Developers may request that modified drywells be used in areas that do not meet all these criteria. The City may consider approving modified drywell use in yellow-light areas identified in Figure 2, such areas as long as additional protective measures are incorporated into the drywell design (e.g., spill control manholes, as shown in Figure 1). In no case should modified drywells be constructed within 500 feet of a water well or within the two-year time-of-travel zone of a municipal supply well.

The City of Gresham does not have formal siting criteria; however, the one modified drywell that has been installed so far was installed to meet the following protectiveness:

- Residential streets (< 1,000 trips per day),
- Outside of two-year time-of-travel zones from municipal supply wells, and
- **Must have a shut off valve.**

#### 2.3.2 Construction

The following construction methods mitigate groundwater contamination, and should be common practice at a site where a modified drywell is being constructed:

- Drywell inlets should be sealed with two layers of UV protected geotextile material until nearby construction is complete, to prevent sediment ingress (ADEQ, 2018).
- **Drywells should be covered by a solid manhole so that flow into the drywell is solely through the** interceptor inlet, and the manhole should be bolted and labelled 'stormwater only' to prevent tampering (ADEQ, 2018).
- Manholes installed at modified drywells should be modeled on the "spill control manhole" examples provided in Figure 1 to provide some level of additional spill protection.

#### 2.3.3 Spill Mitigation

To mitigate the effect of spills, GSI recommends that Bend (similarly to what GSI previously recommended to the City of Gresham) have a spill response plan in place and automatic shut-off-valves that close when spills are detected. In addition, if the modified drywell is constructed of an infiltration pipe that runs inside the annular space between the sedimentation manhole and borehole wall, and then curves underneath the

bottom of the sedimentation manhole, GSI recommends a cleanout be installed so that the infiltration pipe below the sedimentation manhole can be accessed by a bailer to clean material out of the drywell, or a brush to clean the drywell.

#### 2.3.4 Pretreatment

Pretreatment options for stormwater discharges are described in DEQ's Industrial Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual (Jurries and Ratliff, 2013).

Pretreatment recommendations for drywell type are described in [Table ,](#page-21-0) and should be considered for modified drywells. The best pretreatment option for a site will be determined by site characteristics and known potential pollutants at a site.



#### <span id="page-21-0"></span>Table 1. Pretreatment Recommendations for Drywell Type.

#### Notes

1Clogging is not a groundwater quality risk, however it affects the necessary maintenance intervals and lifecycle cost of a drywell and needs to be considered in selection of pretreatment BMPs.

2TAPE Pretreatment General Use Level Designation (GULD) BMPs are BMPs that meet 50% removal of TSS, when influent is between 100 and 200 mg/L.

3TAPE Basic GULD BMPs are BMPs that meet 80% removal of TSS when influent is between 100 and 200 mg/L.

#### 2.3.5 Operations and Maintenance

Inspection and maintenance recommendations for modified drywells are outlined below. Records should be kept of all inspections, problems, and actions taken.

#### **Inspections**

Inspections should be conducted according to a schedule, ideally at least annually. The inspection should include but not be limited to the following (ADEQ, 2018):

- **Ensure that no hazardous materials are being used or stored in the area.**
- Check for staining, discoloration, or residue on the surrounding the area (i.e. oil stains on pavement), or odors, all of which could indicate potentially contaminating materials.
- Check settling chambers and interceptor compartments for debris and sediment (which should be removed under maintenance).
- Check chemical absorbents (where present) and replace if discolored and/or below the water surface.
- Track performance, ranging from documenting failure (e.g., performance) to testing modified drywells and comparing performance over time.

#### **Maintenance**

Maintenance of drywells should include cleaning filters and screens, replacement of chemical absorbents, and removal of sediment, debris, and trash:

- ADEQ (2018) recommends that debris and silt be removed at regularly scheduled times, i.e. at least annually, or at a minimum at the following times:
	- "In paved areas when the sediment level fills 10 percent of the effective settling capacity.
	- In landscaped areas when the sediment level fills 25 percent of the effective settling capacity.
	- **When ownership of the property changes.**
	- When material not resulting from storm water or urban surface runoff enters the drainage system interceptor or drywell settling chamber."

Regular street cleaning should also be conducted to reduce debris sources that could be mobilized by runoff to enter the UICs.

#### 2.4 Advantages, Disadvantages, and Risk Minimization Conclusions

[Table](#page-22-0) below summarizes the modified drywell disadvantages (i.e., higher risk of causing groundwater contamination, difficult to clean, and lack of performance data) and options for minimizing the risk associated with each disadvantage.

#### <span id="page-22-0"></span>Table 2. Modified Drywell Disadvantages and Mitigation Options.





## 3. Prioritization Framework for Drillhole Decommissioning

A drillhole is a 6" diameter open hole, typically completed with 20 feet of surface casing, that varies in depth from 10 feet to over 100 feet deep (City of Bend, 2012). Drillholes have not been allowed in the City's Standards and Specifications for several years, in part because they require frequent maintenance, are characterized by a lack of pretreatment, and they can be difficult and expensive to retrofit. This section provides a framework for prioritizing drillhole retrofits and/or replacements to meet the City's goal of efficiently managing stormwater by infiltration in a manner that is protective of groundwater quality.

## 3.1 Methods for Developing Framework to Prioritize Drillhole Decommissioning

GSI developed a framework for prioritizing drillhole decommissioning, in collaboration with the City of Bend, by calculating a risk score for each drillhole. The risk score was calculated for each drillhole location based on the following criteria: land use (Section 3.1.1), traffic volume (Section 3.1.2), risk to drinking water quality (Section 3.1.3), and current drillhole condition (Section 3.1.4). Each criterion was divided into different risk categories (e.g., high, medium or low), a score was assigned to each category, and a weighting was assigned to each score. Weighting was either applied as an "additive" (meaning the total risk score for a given drillhole is determined by summing the score for the criterion) or a "multiplier" (meaning the total risk score for a given drillhole is determined by multiplying the score for the criterion).

#### 3.1.1 Land Use

Land use is correlated with pollutant load and likelihood of a hazardous material spill. Drillholes located in land use categories associated with higher pollutant loads and spill potential were prioritized for retrofit or replacement. Land use categories are shown in Table 3, and are classified into "high risk," "moderate risk," and "low risk" categories such that the highest risk is associated with the highest pollutant load and spill likelihood. The land use dataset is from the City of Bend Zoning Designations. Risk assigned to Land Use categories are shown on Figure 3.



#### Table 3. Risk Assigned to Land Use (City of North Bend, 2015; City of Bend, 2024).

#### Note:

1The 50% impervious threshold was used to ensure the Deschutes Recycling center was captured. This site is within the 'public facilities' layer but is a higher risk than other facilities including parks that predominantly made up this layer so this impervious threshold was added to weed out this and other potentially contaminating sites.

#### 3.1.2 Traffic Volume

Traffic volumes are correlated with pollutant load to a UIC, such that higher traffic volumes result in a higher pollutant load due to higher brake pad wear, deposition of hydrocarbon combustion byproducts, etc. Drillholes located in higher traffic volume streets were prioritized for retrofit or replacement. Traffic volumes were prioritized under the assumption that certain road types are characterized by higher traffic volumes, and thus have a greater pollutant load entering UICs (City of Bend Transportation and Mobility, 2024). Data for this category came directly from the City, in a shapefile titled 'Road\_Centerlines.' Risk categories that were assigned to Traffic Volume are outlined in [Table](#page-24-0) and displayed on Figure 4.



#### <span id="page-24-0"></span>Table 4. Risk Assigned to Traffic Volume.

#### 3.1.3 Risk to Drinking Water Quality

This risk posed by drillholes to drinking water quality was assessed by considering the distance between the drillhole and the nearest water well (i.e., whether a drillhole is located within the two-year time-of-travel zone or 500 feet of a water well) and the depth to groundwater. A time-of-travel zone is the volumetric extent of groundwater that is pumped by a drinking water well over a given time period. For example, the two-year time-of-travel zone represents the groundwater that is pumped by a drinking water well over two years. DEQ rules discourage construction of UICs within the two-year time-of-travel zone to minimize risk to groundwater quality. If a two-year time-of-travel zone has not been delineated for a well, then DEQ rules discourage construction of UICs within 500 feet of a water well. In addition to location relative to a water well, UICs pose a higher risk to drinking water quality in areas of shallow groundwater because there is not as much unsaturated soil to filter and remove pollutants from stormwater. Two areas of shallow groundwater have been identified in the City.

#### Water Well Locations

Drillholes that are located within a two-year time-of-travel zone or 500 feet of a water well were prioritized for retrofit or replacement. Water wells included in this category were municipal supply wells, irrigation wells, and domestic supply wells (GSI, 2022). Risk categories that were assigned are outlined in [Table a](#page-25-0) and shown on Figure 5a. An extra high risk category was added with a large multiplier to ensure that any drillholes within 100 feet of a water well rose to the top of the prioritization list.

#### <span id="page-25-0"></span>Table 5a. Risk Assigned to Water Well Locations.



An additional extra high risk category was added (Table 5b) with a large multiplier to ensure that any drillholes within Two-year time-of-travel of a public water well zones rose to the top of the prioritization list. This extra high risk category is shown in Figure 5b. There would be a very high impact if a public water well were to become contaminated due to the large population served.

#### Table 5b. Risk Assigned to Water Well Locations.



#### Groundwater depth

The depth to the regional groundwater table in Bend ranges from 300-750 feet bgs; however, areas of perched groundwater with groundwater depths of a few feet to 200 feet bgs have been identified within the City (GSI, 2024). These perched groundwater areas are primarily within two regions: the Old Mill District Perched Area and the North Bend Perched Area (Figure 5c). Based on the findings of GSI's 2024 Groundwater Protectiveness Demonstration Update, 53 ft vertical separation between the base of the UIC and the seasonal high of groundwater is required to protect groundwater from PFAS in stormwater (GSI, 2024). Because drillholes can be constructed to 100 feet deep, PFAS in stormwater discharges from drillholes has the potential to reach groundwater in these perched areas.

Drillholes located in areas of perched groundwater were prioritized for retrofit and/or replacement. These locations are shown in Figure 5c. Perched groundwater within the "North Bend Perched Area" or the "Old Mill District Perched Area" has been applied as a multiplier due to the significant risk of introducing contamination to shallow groundwater posed by drillholes within these areas. Risk categories that were assigned to perched groundwater areas are shown in [Table](#page-26-0) and on Figure 5c.

<span id="page-26-0"></span>Table 6. Perched Groundwater within the "North Bend Perched Area" or the "Old Mill District Perched Area."

<b>Risk Category</b>	<b>Vertical Separation from Groundwater/Perched</b> <b>Groundwater</b>	<b>Score Assigned</b>	<b>Multiplier or Additive</b>
Extra High Risk	Areas of perched groundwater AND <53 ft vertical separation from groundwater		Multiplier
<b>High Risk</b>	Areas of perched groundwater	1.5	
Low Risk	Outside of a perched groundwater area		

#### 3.1.4 Current Drillhole Condition

For this section, GSI reviewed the 'Stormwater Master Plan Flooding Locations' spreadsheet as well as the 'Stormwater Flooding Report' for City-owned drillholes, provided by Travis Somers of the City of Bend Stormwater Utility Department via email in April 2024. The 'Stormwater Master Plan Flooding Locations' spreadsheet identified UICs (both drywells and drillholes) with known flooding issues that the City is aware of. These were organized by the City by order of priority to replace or repair, with Priority 1 being the highest priority to address. The Stormwater Flooding Reports detailed known information about each site, along with photos. These are included in Appendix A and locations are shown on Figure 6. Risk categories that were assigned to current drillhole conditions are shown i[n Table .](#page-26-1) A multiplier was applied to drillhole conditions to ensure drillholes that have been pre-prioritized for replacement would float to the top of this prioritization list.

#### <span id="page-26-1"></span>Table 7. Risk assigned to Current Drillhole Conditions.



## 3.2 Drillhole Decommissioning Prioritization Results

A score was assigned to each drillhole at the end of this scoring exercise. The results of the drillhole prioritization scoring assessment are shown on Figure 7. On this figure, drillhole rankings from 1 to 10 and >10 are displayed, with the drillhole ranked as number one being the drillhole that has the highest priority for replacement. The top five ranked drillhole prioritization results are shown in Table 8. The full drillhole scoring is shown in Appendix B.

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## **FIGURE 1**

### **Deep Drywell Design for Overflow at Awbrey Reservoir**

City of Bend Modified Drywell Siting Criteria and Drillhole Decommissioning Framework

**NOTES** This example was provided by the City of Bend







## **FIGURE 1**

### **Gresham Example**

City of Bend Modified Drywell Siting Criteria and Drillhole Decommissioning Framework

#### **NOTES**

This spill control manhole example was provided by the City of Gresham





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Green Light - Impervious surfaces, residential land use, streets that experience less than 1,000 vehicle trips per day, outside of two-year time-of-travel zones and <500 ft from water wells, and outside of areas with perched groundwater

Yellow Light - Impervious areas that are outside of the two-year ToT and greater than 100 feet from all water wells

#### **All Other Features**



Major Road



Waterbody



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## **Areas that Meet Siting Criteria**

## **FIGURE 2**





**Land Use**

**Water Solutions, Inc** 

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- Drillhole  $\circ$
- $\circ$ Private Water Well
- Public Water Well  $\mathbf{o}$

#### **Risk Assigned to Water Well Locations**



- Extra High Risk: <100 ft from water well
- High Risk: <500 ft from water well
- Low Risk: >500 ft from water well
- **All Other Features** [<sup>1</sup>] City Boundary
- $\sqrt{M}$ Major Road
	- Watercourse
- **Waterbody**

## **FIGURE 5a**

#### **Risk Assigned to Water Well Locations –** Distance from Water Wells

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Major Road  $\curvearrowright$ 

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Extra High Risk: Two-year time-of-travel of a public water well zones

#### **All Other Features**



Watercourse



## **FIGURE 5b**

**Risk Assigned to Water Well Locations - Risk to Public Water Wells** 



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- Major Road  $\curvearrowright$
- Watercourse
- **Waterbody**

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#### Drillhole

#### **Risk Assigned to Water Well Locations**

Low Risk: Outside of a perched groundwater area

- High Risk: Areas of perched groundwater
- Extra High Risk: Areas of perched groundwater AND <53 ft vertical separation from groundwater

#### **All Other Features**





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**Risk Assigned to Water Well Locations - Perched Groundwater within the "North Bend Perched Area" or the "Old Mill District Perched Area**

## **FIGURE 5c**



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## **FIGURE 7**