



CARING FOR NEIGHBORHOOD BASINS & SWALES



Basins and swales are designed to collect stormwater runoff from roads, sidewalks and residential lots to prevent flooding, as well as remove pollutants from the stormwater before it is discharged to the groundwater or a local waterway.



HOA RESPONSIBILITIES

Homeowner associations (HOAs) are responsible for light maintenance. This includes, but is not limited to: removing litter, landscape maintenance (watering, appropriate chemical applications, pest control, etc.); Maintaining signage, fencing, and mechanical features, as well as, amenities installed by the neighborhood - park benches, playground equipment, trash cans, bridges, etc. HOAs are also asked to take necessary precautions to prevent vandalism and report incidences to local authorities.



ACHD RESPONSIBILITIES

Heavy maintenance is the responsibility of the Ada County Highway District and includes tasks such as basin and swale repair or replacement, pipe work and sediment removal.

Contact ACHD Maintenance at 208-387-6350 if your basin or swale is not functioning properly despite light maintenance efforts. Please note that a properly functioning basin will drain 90% of the water within 48 hours.

OWNERSHIP

Stormwater basins and swales located in your neighborhood are privately owned and maintained by the developer during construction.

Following construction ownership is transferred to the HOA.



General questions about stormwater facilities

ACHD • 208-387-6100

Concerns about illicit connections, illegal dumping and spills

Stormwater Pollution Hotline • 208-395-8888

TTY: 1-800-377-3529

WORKING TOGETHER

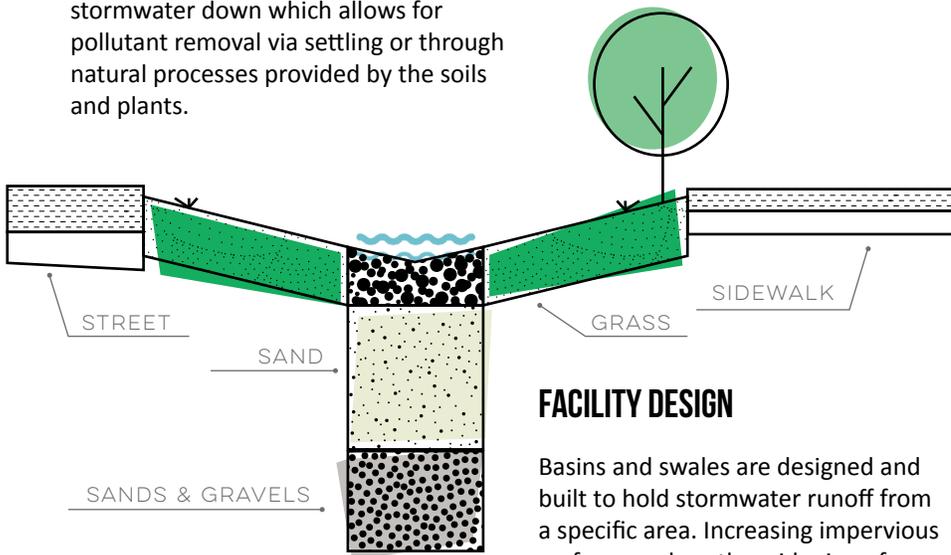
Proper maintenance will help protect our surface water and groundwater from pollutants such as phosphorus and bacteria; eliminate standing water that promotes mosquito and algae growth; and reduce potential flooding that can lead to property damage.



ACHD IS COMMITTED TO BEING STEWARDS OF OUR VALUABLE WATERWAYS.

HOW DO THEY WORK?

Basins and swales are designed to slow stormwater down which allows for pollutant removal via settling or through natural processes provided by the soils and plants.



FACILITY DESIGN

Basins and swales are designed and built to hold stormwater runoff from a specific area. Increasing impervious surfaces such as the widening of a driveway or altering the capacity of a stormwater facility such as filling in a swale could cause a failure. Contact ACHD before adding impervious surfaces or modifying a stormwater facility.



OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE MANUAL

Developers design a neighborhood specific **Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Manual** which is passed to the HOA with the completion of a subdivision. The O&M Manual contains valuable information about your stormwater facilities including routine inspection and maintenance guides. Contact the developer or your title company for a copy of your O&M manual.

The neighborhood Covenants Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs) may address basin and swale maintenance as well. Consult with your title company to acquire a copy of your CC&Rs.

NO O&M MANUAL OR CC&RS?

If an O&M Manual and CC&Rs are not available for your neighborhood, please reference ACHD Policy 8200 Appendix C for a template to create an O&M Manual. The policy is available online:

<http://bit.ly/stormwaterpolicy>

DOCUMENTATION

As a stormwater facility owner, the HOA is responsible for documentation of inspection and light maintenance. Documentation is necessary for evaluating the facility and determining heavy maintenance activities.



INSTALLING PARK BENCHES & OTHER AMENITIES

Amenities installed by the neighborhood within ACHD's right-of-way or easement require a license agreement. This includes park benches, playground equipment, trash cans, bridges, etc. ACHD's License Agreement Application can be found online at bit.ly/achdforms.



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The Ada County Highway District (ACHD) is the primary owner and operator of the storm drain system in Ada County. This system conveys untreated stormwater runoff from roadways and other hard surfaces to local waterways, such as the Boise River, and our groundwater.