

## ABSTRACT

Title of Dissertation: IMPROVING STORMWATER QUALITY  
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A novel stormwater treatment media has been developed using expanded shale aggregate, Al-based water treatment residual (WTR), and psyllium-based binder. The media (HPMM) has sufficient structural capacity and hydraulic conductivity to serve as a permeable pavement base material and demonstrated effective phosphorus (P) retention in lab- and field-scale studies. Long-term adsorption capacity is projected to exceed 600 years of useful life before P saturation under conditions typical of urban stormwater in Maryland (i.e., 0.20 mg/L dissolved P (DP) influent and 100 cm of direct rainfall per year). A dynamic model was developed to describe DP adsorption onto the media based on lab testing and verified under field monitoring. The model predicted 62% DP concentration reduction and

65% DP mass load reduction. Actual reductions from 17 months of monitoring in a field pilot study were 67% for DP concentration and 69% DP mass load.

Total Cu and Zn were also removed from stormwater in lab and field studies. Percent concentration reductions of 59-69% for Cu and 78-90% for Zn were shown in lab studies using synthetic stormwater. Mass load was reduced in field monitoring by 32 and 21% for Cu and Zn, respectively.

WTR in the media was shown to be a potential source of nitrogen (N). An internal water storage (IWS) zone was established in a 5-cm permeable pavement base layer to mitigate N export by promoting denitrification. The IWS was shown to effectively lower N concentrations in simulated stormwater when carbon (C) was available in excess (~10 mg/L total C as C). Elevated Al concentrations were found in some filtrate samples from the field study, resulting from washout of fines from the media. Improved HPMM mix preparation methods have been developed and are critical to prevent Al washout and export.

This research resulted in development of the first known enhanced stormwater treatment media to retain DP in a permeable pavement base layer. With appropriate N and Al control, the novel media can be an effective tool and can enhance permeable pavements to improve urban stormwater quality.

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# Dedication

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# 1 Chapter 1: Introduction

2 As society places increased value on maintaining high-quality water resources in  
3 and around urban areas, the impetus to protect these surface waters from pollution  
4 likewise increases. Urbanization, however, generally results in increased impermeable  
5 surface coverage and increased polluted runoff (NRC 2008). Stormwater runoff is an  
6 important avenue for pollutant transport from impermeable surfaces to surface waters.  
7 Key pollutants of concern in stormwater include nutrients, nitrogen (N) and phosphorus  
8 (P), and toxic metals, Al, Cu, Fe, Pb, and Zn. Reducing P loadings is particularly critical  
9 to improving many impaired freshwater systems and estuarine environments, such as the  
10 Chesapeake Bay (Ator et al. 2011; Schindler et al. 2016). While wastewater treatment  
11 plant upgrades and phasing out P-based detergents have decreased loads to impacted  
12 surface waters, urban runoff remains a persistent P source in many watersheds (Schindler  
13 1974; NRC 1992; Howarth et al. 2002; Conley et al. 2009). The annual P load to the  
14 Chesapeake Bay due to urban runoff, for example, is estimated to have decreased only  
15 7% from 1985 to 2015 (CBP 2016).

16 To address the challenge of water quality degradation, stormwater control  
17 measures (SCMs) are increasingly designed to manage flood risk and to reduce pollutant  
18 loadings (NRC 2008). New approaches to urban land development, including low impact  
19 development (LID), are being pursued to meet water quality requirements such as the  
20 Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), which sets pollution load targets  
21 for the contributing watershed (Conley et al. 2009; USEPA 2010; Schueler and Lane  
22 2015). LID typically integrates distributed SCMs into site designs in an attempt to mimic

23 predevelopment hydrology and reduce pollutant loadings (Davis and McCuen 2005). In  
24 developed urban areas, SCMs with small spatial footprints and those which can provide  
25 multiple co-benefits (e.g., runoff volume reduction and water quality improvement) are  
26 particularly useful. Permeable pavements – including porous asphalt, pervious concrete,  
27 and interlocking concrete pavers – are one of the primary stormwater best management  
28 practices (BMPs) that have been implemented and researched over the past two decades  
29 to mitigate hydrologic and water quality impacts of urbanization (Weiss et al. 2017).

30         Waterborne pollutants can be removed by permeable pavements via several  
31 mechanisms. One principle method is through volume reduction. Permeable pavements  
32 can reduce runoff volume via infiltration, from 60 to nearly 100% (Gilbert and Clausen  
33 2006; Dietz 2007; Hunt 2010). To ensure adequate drainage, however, particularly in  
34 urban areas with compacted soils, infiltrated water is captured in underdrains and directed  
35 to the storm drainage system and ultimately to water bodies (VADEQ 2013; ASCE  
36 2015). It is necessary to ensure infiltrated water is treated prior to discharge. Permeable  
37 pavements effectively retain several stormwater constituents through sedimentation and  
38 filtration. These mechanisms are effective for particulate matter, and pollutants affiliated  
39 with these solids, such as include bacteria, particulate phosphorus (PP), ammonium  
40 ( $\text{NH}_4$ ) and organic nitrogen ( $\text{N}_{\text{org}}$ ), metals, and toxic organic compounds (Li and Davis  
41 2008; Clark and Pitt 2012; Pitt et al. 1994). Several studies have shown removal  
42 efficiencies for permeable pavements consistently above 90% for these pollutants and  
43 effluent event mean concentrations (EMCs) below water quality targets (Day et al. 1981;  
44 Legret et al. 1996; Gilbert and Clausen 2006; Bean et al. 2007; Boving et al. 2008;  
45 Roseen et al. 2012; Drake et al. 2014; Winston et al. 2016).

46 Particulate-bound pollutants can be treated via filtration, but limited retention or  
47 remobilization of dissolved nutrients and metals may be responsible for inconsistent  
48 removal in past studies. Performance data from the International Stormwater BMP  
49 Database (Clary et al. 2017) showed increases or no significant change in concentrations  
50 of dissolved phosphorus (DP), orthophosphate, nitrate ( $\text{NO}_3$ ) plus nitrite ( $\text{NO}_2$ ), and  
51 certain dissolved metals including dissolved Cd, Cu, Fe, and Pb. DP removal, often  
52 reported as orthophosphate (OP), ranged from negative (i.e., export) to +80% across a  
53 range of studies and permeable pavement types. Likewise, nitrate export was  
54 encountered in nearly all studies analyzed (Day et al. 1981; Pitt et al. 1994; Legret et al.  
55 1999; Collins et al. 2010a,b; Roseen et al. 2012; Drake et al. 2014; Winston et al. 2016).

56 DP in stormwater can be retained in SCMs via adsorption processes, depending  
57 on surface characteristics of the treatment media (Li and Davis 2016). In permeable  
58 paving, however, stormwater infiltrates through a permeable pavement surface layer into  
59 crushed granite stone base layers, which serve as structural support and for temporary  
60 water storage, but have low capacity for P adsorption (CWP and MDE 2000; Smith and  
61 Hunt 2010; VADEQ 2013; ASCE 2015). Consequently, typical permeable pavement  
62 materials have failed to demonstrate long-term P retention because their adsorption  
63 capacity is rapidly exceeded (Bean et al. 2007; Roseen et al. 2012). As P adsorbs to the  
64 media surface, active adsorption sites become occupied until the point at which effluent  
65 concentration nears influent concentration, defined as saturation. This highlights a need  
66 for base materials with greater long-term P retention capacity. Several studies have  
67 investigated the potential for enhanced treatment media to improve DP retention in SCMs  
68 (Erickson et al. 2007; O'Neill and Davis 2011; Penn et al. 2017).

69 Nitrate can be removed through the microbially-mediated process of  
70 denitrification. To achieve denitrification, reducing conditions must be present to convert  
71  $\text{NO}_3$  into nitrous oxide ( $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ) and nitrogen gas ( $\text{N}_2$ ). Previous studies have implemented  
72 an internal water storage (IWS) zone to create reducing conditions and advance  
73 denitrification in SCMs (Kim et al. 2003; Winston et al. 2016). Dissolved metals can  
74 complex with organic matter (OM) or other adsorbents, including WTR (Brown et al.  
75 2007; Li and Davis 2008a; Castaldi et al. 2015).

## 76 ***Research Goal***

77 The overall goal of this research was to develop and demonstrate the performance  
78 characteristics of a permeable pavement base material that can consistently improve  
79 stormwater quality over the long term. This work describes the development of a novel  
80 permeable pavement base material, dubbed High Permeability Media Mixture (HPMM)

## 81 **High Permeability Media Mixture**

82 HPMM utilizes aluminum-based water treatment residual (WTR) in combination  
83 with expanded shale lightweight aggregate (expanded shale) bound with a psyllium-based  
84 soil binder (psyllium). This unique combination of inexpensive and recycled materials  
85 results in an affordable water treatment solution to enhance the capability of permeable  
86 pavements to improve water quality, in addition to existing stormwater control benefits  
87 provided by permeable pavements (Drake et al. 2013).

88 Aluminum-based WTR is generated during drinking water treatment through  
89 addition of aluminum sulfate (alum) to enhance the process of coagulation, flocculation,  
90 and sedimentation. The resulting sludge is rich in Al-oxides and organic matter  
91 (Babatunde et al. 2009) and has a high proportion of amorphous Al and high oxalate ratio

92 (OR). OR is strongly correlated with P adsorption capacity and previous research has  
93 demonstrated the capacity of WTR for removing dissolved pollutants, particularly P, in a  
94 variety of contexts (Ippolito et al. 2011; Lucas and Greenway 2011; O’Neill and Davis  
95 2012b; Liu and Davis 2014). WTR, as received, is a clay-like material that would be  
96 inappropriate as a permeable pavement base. Therefore, it was combined with expanded  
97 shale, as described below, to provide the required geotechnical characteristics.

98 Expanded shale is a lightweight, clay-based aggregate with an irregular and  
99 angular surface. The irregular surface has been shown to support microbial attachment  
100 and growth and thus may enhance N removal via denitrification under saturated,  
101 anaerobic conditions (Calheiros et al. 2009). Expanded shale confers structural capacity  
102 to the mixture and enables HPMM to be used as a load-bearing aggregate. It also serves  
103 as a matrix to physically support the WTR and overcomes the low permeability of WTR  
104 when used alone.

105 Psyllium is a fibrous substance produced from the seeds of the *Plantago ovata*  
106 plant. It is used in commercially-available soil binders due to its sticky consistency when  
107 moistened. Psyllium binds WTR to the shale, resulting in a WTR-coated expanded shale  
108 (Figure 2-1). This prevents washout of WTR and expands its applicability to situations  
109 where a powdered or clay-like material would be inappropriate (e.g., high flow treatment  
110 applications such as a permeable pavement base).

### 111 ***Research Objectives***

112 Assessing HPMM performance characteristics was carried out in three phases  
113 including lab-, mesocosm-, and field-scale studies. The goal of the lab study was to  
114 evaluate HPMM geotechnical properties and P treatment effectiveness under laboratory

115 conditions and to gain an understanding of the mechanism(s) of removal. Mesocosm  
116 study assessed HPMM treatment performance under more realistic conditions (rainfall  
117 simulations) and sought to determine the potential of the material to leach or retain N and  
118 metals. The objective of the field study was to assess HPMM performance under field  
119 conditions with respect to target inorganic pollutants, including nutrients and metals.

120 Specific research objectives were pursued and hypotheses tested to achieve the  
121 project goal. These were to:

- 122 1) Assess the geotechnical suitability of HPMM for use as a permeable pavement  
123 base, testing the hypothesis that HPMM will not limit infiltration and can provide  
124 sufficient structural support.
- 125 2) Evaluate the P treatment and long-term sorption capacity of HPMM, to support  
126 the hypothesis that HPMM can enhance P removal compared to unmodified  
127 substrate and achieve acceptable effluent concentrations for at least a 20-year  
128 pavement design lifetime.
- 129 3) Investigate the kinetics of DP sorption onto HPMM, with the hypothesis that  
130 retention is driven by adsorption to Al-oxides in HPMM and is negatively  
131 correlated to flowrate.
- 132 4) Evaluate P, N, and metals retention onto HPMM in rainfall simulations, with the  
133 hypothesis that HPMM will achieve effective P and metals removal but will not  
134 significantly retain N.
- 135 5) Analyze the influence of simulated rainfall intensity and pH on DP treatment,  
136 with the hypothesis that DP retention is negatively correlated with rainfall  
137 intensity and pH.



- 138       6) Compare pollutant removal for HPMM prepared using two different WTR  
139           sources, testing the hypothesis that WTR containing activated carbon will achieve  
140           greater N retention.
- 141       7) Investigate the potential for an IWS zone to enhance N removal via  
142           denitrification, to support the hypothesis that reducing conditions can be created  
143           in an IWS to advance denitrification and remove N.
- 144       8) Verify expected treatment performance under field conditions with actual  
145           stormwater by quantifying percent load reduction and effluent concentrations of  
146           total phosphorus (TP), total dissolved phosphorus (TDP), total nitrogen (TN),  
147           NH<sub>4</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, and total Al, Cu, Fe, Pb, and Zn, with the hypothesis that performance  
148           under field conditions will be as effective as treatment predicted under lab and  
149           mesocosm conditions.
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151 Chapter 2: Lab-Scale Studies

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153 **High-flow Structural Media for Removing Stormwater Dissolved Phosphorus in**  
154 **Permeable Paving**

155 ***Abstract***

156 Phosphorus (P) loadings from urban runoff is a persistent contributor to  
157 waterbody impairment. Dissolved phosphorus (DP), however, is not well-retained by  
158 many stormwater control measures (SCMs), including permeable pavements. This study  
159 seeks to evaluate a novel base material developed to enhance P removal in permeable  
160 paving. The media has high hydraulic conductivity,  $9.0 \times 10^{-4} \pm 1.9 \times 10^{-5}$  m/s ( $324 \pm 6.8$   
161 cm/h), and is structurally suitable as a permeable pavement base. It demonstrated long-  
162 term DP adsorption capacity and achieved treatment above 90% total DP removal for the  
163 first 50 m of applied water, well beyond the typical 20-year pavement design lifetime  
164 with no contributing area. This indicates potential application of permeable pavement to  
165 treat run-on at loading rates of 5:1 or possibly higher. Adsorption to aluminum  
166 (hydr)oxides is thought to be the primary mechanism for DP retention. DP uptake is  
167 described by a first-order steady-state plug flow model developed and fit to experimental  
168 data. This novel media has the potential to improve P retention in permeable pavement  
169 and enable run-on treatment.

170 **Keywords:** stormwater, phosphorus, permeable paving, enhanced media

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175 ***Introduction***

176 Reducing phosphorus (P) loadings is critical to improving many impaired  
177 freshwater systems and estuarine environments, such as the Chesapeake Bay (Ator et al.  
178 2011; Schindler et al. 2016). While wastewater treatment plant upgrades and phasing out  
179 P-based detergents have decreased loads to impacted surface waters, urban runoff  
180 remains a persistent P source in many watersheds (Schindler 1974; NRC 1992; Howarth  
181 et al. 2002; Conley et al. 2009). The annual P load to the Chesapeake Bay due to urban  
182 runoff, for example, is estimated to have decreased only 7% from 1985 to 2015 (CBP  
183 2016). Failure to achieve water quality improvements has spurred more stringent  
184 regulatory requirements, notably the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load  
185 (TMDL), which sets P targets for the contributing watershed (Conley et al. 2009; USEPA  
186 2010). To meet water quality requirements, new approaches to urban land development,  
187 including low impact development (LID), are being pursued (Schueler and Lane 2015).

188 LID typically integrates stormwater control measures (SCMs), including  
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190 and reduce pollutant loadings (Davis and McCuen 2005). Permeable pavements can  
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193 areas with compacted soils, infiltrated water is captured in underdrains and directed to the  
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195 necessary to ensure infiltrated water is treated prior to discharge.

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201 Boving et al. 2008; Roseen et al. 2012; Drake et al. 2014; Winston et al. 2016). This  
202 treatment is largely achieved through sedimentation and filtration of particulate matter  
203 (Pitt et al. 1994; Gilbert and Clausen 2006). Particulate-bound P and nitrogen (N) can  
204 also be treated via these mechanisms, but limited retention or remobilization of dissolved  
205 nutrients may be responsible for inconsistent removal in past studies. Dissolved  
206 phosphorus (DP) removal, often reported as orthophosphate (OP), ranged from negative  
207 (i.e., export) to +80% across a range of studies and permeable pavement types. Likewise,  
208 nitrate export was encountered in nearly all studies analyzed (Day et al. 1981; Pitt et al.  
209 1994; Legret et al. 1999; Collins et al. 2010a,b; Roseen et al. 2012; Drake et al. 2014;  
210 Winston et al. 2016).

211 DP has been reported to account for an average 36-44% of total phosphorus (TP)  
212 in urban runoff (Pitt and Maestre 2005). Selbig (2016) noted higher dissolved  
213 percentages, greater than 85%, in the fall season from leaf litter degradation. DP in  
214 stormwater can be retained in SCMs via adsorption processes, depending on surface  
215 characteristics of the treatment media (Li and Davis 2016). In permeable paving,  
216 however, stormwater infiltrates through a permeable pavement surface layer into crushed  
217 granite stone base layers, which serve as structural support and for temporary water  
218 storage, but have low capacity for P adsorption (CWP and MDE 2000; Smith and Hunt  
219 2010; VADEQ 2013; ASCE 2015). Consequently, typical permeable pavement materials  
220 have failed to demonstrate long-term P retention because their adsorption capacity is  
221 rapidly exceeded (Bean et al. 2007; Roseen et al. 2012). As P adsorbs to the media

222 surface, active adsorption sites become occupied until the point at which effluent  
223 concentration nears influent concentration, defined as saturation. This condition is  
224 reached after only a few years or possibly months for traditional permeable pavement  
225 materials, highlighting a need for base materials with greater long-term P retention  
226 capacity.

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### 228 **High Permeability Media Mixture**

229 This work describes the development of a novel permeable pavement base  
230 material, referred to as high permeability media mixture (HPMM), to address this need.  
231 HPMM utilizes aluminum-based water treatment residual (WTR) in combination with  
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## 258 **Research Objectives**

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## 275 ***Methods and Materials***

### 276 **High Permeability Media Mixture**

277 WTR used in this study was collected at a moisture content (MC) of  $3.22 \pm 0.17$  g  
278 wet/g dry ( $69 \pm 2$  %) from the Dalecarlia drinking water treatment plant (Washington,  
279 D.C.). It was first sieved through a 2.00 mm sieve, then air dried for at least one week to  
280 MC =  $1.21 \pm 0.02$  g wet/g dry ( $17 \pm 1$  %) and powdered by hand to a bulk density of 0.56  
281 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. Haydite “H” size expanded shale (DiGeronimo Aggregates, Cleveland, OH),  
282 graded by the supplier to between 1.59 mm (1/16 in) and 4.76 mm (3/16 in) was used in  
283 this application. The shale was further sieved through a 2.00 mm sieve with a resulting  
284 bulk density of 0.84 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. Two HPMM mixtures, designated HPMM-1 and HPMM-2,  
285 were prepared using different sources of psyllium. HPMM-1 included Psyllium Husks  
286 Powder (Yerba Prima, Ashland, OR) and HPMM-2 utilized *Stabilizer* (Stabilizer  
287 Solutions, Phoenix, AZ). HPMM-1 and -2 had bulk densities of 0.76 g/cm<sup>3</sup> and 0.63  
288 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, respectively.

289 **Geotechnical Analysis**

290 A series of constant-head hydraulic conductivity tests were conducted on  
291 HPMM following the procedures outlined in ASTM Standard Method D2434. A 10-  
292 cm diameter fixed-wall permeameter was used to measure flow at three different  
293 hydraulic gradients (defined as  $h/L$ ): 2.3, 2.8, and 3.2. For hydraulic conductivity  
294 calculations, stabilized flow rates were used and the tests were terminated when the  
295 average of the last three consecutive flow rates for each hydraulic gradient fell within  
296  $\pm 10\%$  of the mean value. Duplicate specimens were tested as quality control and the  
297 average of these two tests were reported as results. Hydraulic conductivity,  $k$ , was  
298 calculated as follows at each hydraulic gradient and the three values were averaged to  
299 obtain the reported hydraulic conductivity value:

300 
$$k = QL/Ah \quad (2-1)$$

301 where  $Q$  = volumetric flowrate,  $L$  = length of specimen,  $A$  = cross-sectional area of  
302 specimen, and  $h$  = change in head.

303 The California bearing ratio (CBR) test is a penetration test for evaluating the  
304 bearing capacity of road subgrades and base courses. It relates the loading force or  
305 stress required to penetrate a piston a specified depth (2.54 mm) into a test material to  
306 the stress required to penetrate a standard reference material (6.9 MPa). To perform  
307 the CBR test, optimum moisture content and maximum dry unit weight were first  
308 determined using the Standard Proctor Test according to ASTM Standard Method  
309 D698 Method B and Maryland State Highway Administration Standard Method  
310 MSMT 321. The latter method was employed because water began to seep from the  
311 compaction mold at 23% moisture content before achieving maximum dry unit  
312 weight. Moisture content was measured following ASTM Standard Method D2216



313 using approximately 50 g samples oven-dried at 45 °C to prevent loss of organic  
314 material. Compaction was achieved in a 101.6-mm diameter mold using a 24.5-N  
315 weight rammer to deliver 25 blows at a drop distance of 305 mm to each of 3 layers.  
316 The appropriate amount of water was added to new 1000 g samples to increase  
317 moisture by approximately 4% for each compaction.

318 All HPMM specimens for the CBR tests were compacted at their optimum  
319 moisture content of 24% and maximum dry unit weight of 10.1 kN/m<sup>3</sup>. Penetration  
320 with a 50 mm diameter piston proceeded at 1.27 mm/min in an S5840 Multi-Loader  
321 compression machine (Geotest Instrument Corporation, Burr Ridge, IL). Duplicate  
322 specimens were tested for CBR tests as quality control, and the averages of these two  
323 tests were reported as results.

324 The direct shear test is a method used to determine the shear strength of a  
325 material. It indicates the capacity of a material to resist force parallel to an internal  
326 plane that would cause the material to slide against itself. The test is performed by  
327 placing a test material in a shear box, applying a normal force, and displacing one  
328 half of the shear box laterally, producing a shearing force along a plane. Direct shear  
329 tests were performed according to ASTM Method D3080 with a digital shear machine  
330 (ELE International, Bedfordshire, UK) and 10 cm wide shear box. Shearing was  
331 performed at a rate of 0.5 mm/min under normal loads of 168, 266, and 364 N.  
332 Specimens were compacted at 23% moisture content to 8.6 kN/m<sup>3</sup> dry unit weight.  
333 The resulting shear stress and normal stress were plotted to determine peak friction  
334 angle (angle of internal friction) and cohesion using the Coulomb failure criterion  
335 (Burland et al. 2012).

336 **Material Characterization**

337 Amorphous Al, Fe, and P were extracted from HPMM and WTR using an oxalate  
338 extraction procedure from McKeague and Day (1966). Triplicate samples of 1.0 and 0.4  
339 g for HPMM and WTR, respectively, were placed in 40 mL of oxalate extraction  
340 solution. A 1:100 mass:volume ratio was used for the WTR per Dayton and Basta (2005)  
341 because of its elevated Al concentration. Oxalate extraction solution was prepared by  
342 combining 227 mL of 0.2 M ammonium oxalate with 200 mL of 0.2 M oxalic acid to  
343 achieve a pH of 3. Samples were shaken for 24 h, centrifuged at 1600 x g for 13 min,  
344 and then filtered through 0.22 µm ceramic filters. Total Al and Fe concentrations were  
345 analyzed as described below. P concentrations were measured by a method modified  
346 from Wolf and Baker (1990) using a 0.126 M molybdate solution. This method mitigates  
347 interference by oxalate complexes formed with molybdate which prevents use of the  
348 traditional ascorbic acid molybdenum blue colorimetric method from Standard Method  
349 4500-P (APHA et al. 2012). Oxalate ratio (OR) was calculated as a measure of P  
350 adsorption potential as follows:

351 
$$OR = \frac{Al+Fe}{P} \quad (2-2)$$

352 where Al, Fe, and P represent oxalate-extractable content in mmol/kg of media.

353 Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) and Energy Dispersive Spectroscopy  
354 (EDS) analyses were conducted using a SU-70 field emission gun scanning electron  
355 microscope (Hitachi High-Technologies in America, Clarksburg, MD) using 10kV  
356 accelerating voltage. Samples were first coated with Au and Pd.

357 **Batch Equilibrium Study**

358 P isotherms were determined using a batch equilibrium method modified from  
359 Nair et al. (1984). Depending on the material, 0.1-1.0 g was added to 50 mL  
360 solutions in plastic centrifuge tubes and shaken end-over-end for 24 h. Solutions  
361 were prepared using deionized (DI) water with a background electrolyte  
362 concentration of 0.01 M NaCl and P concentrations between 0.0 and 10.0 mg/L  
363 diluted from a 1000 ppm as P  $\text{KH}_2\text{PO}_4$  standard (Table 2-1). After shaking, samples  
364 were centrifuged for 10 minutes at 2800 x g and the supernatant was decanted.  
365 Samples were analyzed for initial and final pH and total dissolved phosphorus (TDP)  
366 as described below. P adsorption capacity  $q$  was calculated as

367 
$$q = \frac{V(C_{in}-C_{out})}{M} \quad (2-3)$$

368 where C = TDP concentration, V = solution volume, and M = mass of adsorbent.

369 HPMM is composed of 8.5% WTR by oven-dry mass. Therefore, to compare batch  
370 results directly,  $q$  values obtained for WTR were normalized by multiplying by 0.085  
371 and labeled “WTR-8.5%.”

372 **Long-term Continuous Loading Column Study**

373 P removal and long-term P saturation under continuous loading were assessed  
374 using glass columns packed with either HPMM or unmodified expanded shale for  
375 comparison. The 20 cm tall, 2.5 cm inner diameter columns were run in triplicate using  
376 material sieved to between 0.15 and 2.0 mm to ensure a column:media diameter ratio >  
377 12.5, similar to the approach used by O’Neill and Davis (2012a). Synthetic stormwater  
378 influent was continuously pumped in an upflow direction to control contact time.  
379 Influent and effluent samples were analyzed for pH and TDP as described below.

380 Synthetic stormwater influent for HPMM-1 contained 500 mg/L NaCl, typical of  
 381 background electrolyte concentration in stormwater (USEPA 1983), and 0.2 mg/L P  
 382  $\text{KH}_2\text{PO}_4$  in DI water and adjusting the pH to 7.0 with 0.1 M NaOH. For HPMM-2, 1  
 383 mg/L N  $\text{NaNO}_3$ , 80 mg/L  $\text{CaCl}_2$ , 2 mg/L N glycine, and 2.6 mg/L C sodium acetate were  
 384 also included. Due to cloudiness, likely caused by precipitation or microbial growth, the  
 385 acetate concentration was decreased to 1.3 mg/L C and  $\text{CaCl}_2$  addition was discontinued  
 386 (Table 2-1) after 0.17 mg P/kg applied. The measured influent TDP concentration  
 387 averaged 0.19 mg/L except for some variation during the startup and a period of 11 days  
 388 in which only 0.10 mg/L P was inadvertently added. The flow rate was maintained at 1.2  
 389 mL/min (15 cm/h) for 10 weeks, after which it was increased to 2.1 mL/min (25 cm/h)  
 390 for 3 weeks, then to 2.8 mL/min (35 cm/h) for 1 week for HPMM-1 and 4 weeks for  
 391 HPMM-2, respectively.

392 Removal efficiency in the columns was calculated as:

$$393 \quad \text{Removal} = \frac{C_{in} - C_{out}}{C_{in}} \times 100\% \quad (2-4)$$

395 P adsorption capacity  $q$  was calculated as:

$$396 \quad q = \frac{T_{P,in} - T_{P,out}}{M} \quad (2-5)$$

397 where  $T_P$  = total mass of P entering or exiting the system and  $M$  = mass of adsorbent.

398  $T_P$  was calculated as:

$$399 \quad T_P = \int_0^{t_i} C \cdot Q dt \quad (2-6)$$

400 where  $C$  = TDP concentration and  $Q$  = flow rate.

401 **Flow-modified Column Study**

402 The relationship between P adsorption and flow rate was investigated by testing  
403 effluent TDP concentrations at various flow rates using a second set of columns  
404 containing either shale or HPMM. Glass columns, 15 cm height and 2.5 cm diameter,  
405 were partially filled with 25 cm<sup>3</sup> of media. Influent, composed of DI water, 0.01 M  
406 NaCl, 0.19 mg/L P as KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, at pH ≈ 7.0 was pumped through the columns in an  
407 upflow direction (Table 2-1). Flow rate was increased stepwise from 0 to 22.2 mL/min  
408 (0 to 272 cm/h), allowing approximately 3 bed volumes, 90 mL, to pass at each new flow  
409 rate before taking a sample. Flow was then decreased stepwise to investigate potential P  
410 saturation effects. Effluent was analyzed for TDP as described below.

411 **Analytical Procedures**

412 Sample pH was measured using a glass electrode probe with Ag/AgCl reference  
413 to an accuracy of 0.01 units (Mettler Toledo MA235, Greifensee, Switzerland). TP and  
414 TDP concentrations were determined by potassium persulfate digestion and the ascorbic  
415 acid molybdenum blue colorimetric method from Standard Method 4500-P (APHA et al.  
416 2012). TDP samples were first filtered through a 0.22 μm ceramic filter. Absorbance  
417 was measured using a 5 cm path-length cuvette in a UV-Visible spectrophotometer  
418 (UV160U, Shimadzu, Kyoto, Japan) at 880 nm to yield a detection limit of 0.01 mg/L P.  
419 Exceptions to this were samples from oxalate extractions, which were analyzed for TDP  
420 using a method modified from Wolf and Baker (1990) and analyzed at 660 nm to a  
421 detection limit of 0.01 mg/L P. Total metals were analyzed using inductively coupled  
422 plasma atomic emission spectroscopy (ICP-AES) (ICPE-9000 Plasma Atomic Emission  
423 Spectrometer, Shimadzu, Kyoto, Japan) at 394.403 and 259.940 nm for Al and Fe,

424 respectively, with a detection limit of 25 µg/L. Values below detection limits have been  
425 assigned following the probability plot method from Helsel and Hirsch (2002).

## 426 ***Results and Discussion***

### 427 **Suitability as a Permeable Pavement Base**

428 To assess the suitability of HPMM as a permeable pavement base material,  
429 hydraulic conductivity, CBR, and direct shear testing were conducted. Hydraulic  
430 conductivity for HPMM was found to be  $9.0 \times 10^{-4} \pm 1.9 \times 10^{-5}$  m/s ( $324 \pm 6.8$  cm/h).  
431 Burland et al. (2012) provide typical hydraulic conductivity ranges for clean gravels,  $> 1$   
432  $\times 10^{-3}$  m/s (360 cm/h), and sand/gravel mixtures,  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  to  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  m/s (3.6-360 cm/h).  
433 The observed value falls within the expected range for sand and gravel mixtures. It was  
434 anticipated that HPMM would have a hydraulic conductivity similar to that of gravel  
435 because of the use of 9.5 mm shale. Addition of WTR and psyllium to the mix blocks  
436 some pores, thus reducing the permeability slightly. High permeability native soils  
437 classified as hydrologic soil group (HSG) A soils by the Natural Resources Conservation  
438 Service (NRCS) must have hydraulic conductivity greater than  $4.0 \times 10^{-5}$  m/s (14.4 cm/h)  
439 (NRCS 2009). Because HPMM hydraulic conductivity exceeds this value, it is unlikely  
440 to limit infiltration into the subsurface.

441 Optimum moisture content and maximum dry unit weight for HPMM were found  
442 to be 21% and  $9.58 \text{ kN/m}^3$ , respectively. Maximum dry unit weight of  $8.44 \text{ kN/m}^3$  at  
443 21% moisture has been specified for expanded shale in industry documents (DiGeronimo  
444 Aggregates 2016). Testing by aggregate suppliers, however, has found little to no  
445 correlation between moisture content and dry unit weight for expanded shale alone  
446 (Papadopoulos 2008; Saint-Gobain Weber 2016). Mechleb (2013) related dry density to

447 moisture content in clay soils amended with expanded shale and found a range of  
448 maximum dry unit weight between 14.91 and 16.28 kN/m<sup>3</sup> at 24 and 19% moisture  
449 content, respectively. It is not surprising that HPMM maximum dry unit weight was  
450 found to be higher than expanded shale alone, but lower than shale-amended clays.  
451 Optimum moisture content was also in the range found by Mechleb (2013) for shale-  
452 amended clays. This information was used to conduct CBR and shear testing at  
453 appropriate moisture content and dry weights.

454 The HPMM CBR number was calculated to be 35. This falls in the range of a  
455 “good” rating for use as a base or sub-base (Asphalt Institute 2007). Peak friction angle  
456 of 55 degrees was determined from shear testing. This is a high value, indicating high  
457 strength, but not unreasonable because many gravels and natural granular soils have  
458 angles of friction in this elevated range (Holtz et al. 2011). HPMM was also found to be  
459 relatively cohesionless, with a cohesion of 5.8 kPa. These results taken together indicate  
460 the structural suitability of HPMM for use as a permeable pavement base material.

#### 461 **Phosphorus Treatment Capacity**

#### 462 **Aluminum Content and Oxalate Ratio**

463 The amorphous (oxalate-extractable) Al content of HPMM was determined to be  
464  $10,700 \pm 1500$  mg Al/kg dry sample ( $398 \pm 55.6$  mmol Al/kg dry sample). Because  
465 HPMM was prepared using 8.5% WTR by oven-dry mass, this equates to 126,000 mg  
466 Al/kg WTR. This falls in the concentration range of 42,000 – 146,000 mg Al/kg WTR  
467 found for Al-WTRs from literature as summarized by Komlos et al. (2013). SEM-EDS  
468 analysis also confirmed the material to be dominated by Al and O (Fig. 2). HPMM was  
469 found to contain  $925 \pm 213$  mg Fe/kg dry sample ( $16.6 \pm 3.82$  mmol Fe/kg dry sample)  
470 and  $47.5 \pm 8.50$  mg P/kg dry sample ( $1.53 \pm 0.274$  mmol P/kg dry sample) of oxalate-

471 extractable Fe and P, respectively. Because an Al-based WTR was used, the amorphous  
472 Fe content was an order of magnitude smaller than the Al content. The resulting OR for  
473 HPMM is 270. O'Neill and Davis (2012a) found similar oxalate-extractable Al and Fe  
474 content for WTR-amended bioretention soil media (BSM), 396 mmol/kg and 22.1  
475 mmol/kg, respectively. The resulting OR of 56.6 calculated for WTR-amended BSM  
476 was lower than that of HPMM due to relatively higher oxalate-extractable P content, 7.39  
477 mmol P/kg in the WTR-amended BSM. The combination of high Al content and low P  
478 content results in a high OR and indicates good potential for HPMM as a DP treatment  
479 media.

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#### 481 **Batch Equilibrium**

482 Relationships between adsorbed P per mass of adsorbent,  $q$  (mg/kg), and residual  
483 TDP concentrations,  $C$  (mg/L), were determined by fitting Langmuir and Freundlich  
484 isotherm models to batch equilibrium data using non-linear regression. These models  
485 have been found to describe phosphate adsorption to soil media (Nair et al. 1984). The  
486 two models were similar for all materials, therefore only Freundlich isotherms are  
487 presented to simplify comparison between materials tested (Fig. 3). The Freundlich  
488 model takes the form:

$$489 \quad q = K \cdot C^{\frac{1}{n}} \quad (2-7)$$

490 HPMM demonstrated greater P adsorption capacity than shale alone. At a TDP  
491 concentration of 0.2 mg/L, representative of urban stormwater (Pitt 2011), HPMM-1 and  
492 -2 had Freundlich modeled  $q$  values of 256 and 235 mg/kg, respectively, compared to 9  
493 mg/kg for shale. It should be noted that WTR only contributes 8.5% of the total HPMM  
494 mass. Therefore, a P capacity of 235 mg/kg HPMM is equivalent to 2765 mg/kg WTR



495 (i.e., 235 divided by 0.085). HPMM also performed better than the Ca-containing  
496 materials aragonite and crushed oyster shell (not shown). This can be explained by the  
497 fact that precipitation of Ca complexes is generally a slower process than the relatively  
498 more rapid adsorption of  $\text{PO}_4(-\text{III})$  to  $\text{Al}(+\text{III})$  surface groups (Snoeyink and Jenkins  
499 1980). Both processes raise pH by liberating  $\text{OH}^-$  ions (Brattebo and Odegaard 1986).  
500 This was found to be true for all materials tested, though the increase was greatest for  
501 those materials not containing WTR, which may provide some buffering capacity. From  
502 an average initial pH of  $4.92 \pm 0.17$  across all samples, aragonite, oyster shell, shale, and  
503 shale-steel wool reached equilibrium pH values of  $9.22 \pm 0.20$ ,  $9.15 \pm 0.26$ ,  $8.17 \pm 0.72$ ,  
504 and  $8.99 \pm 0.55$ , respectively. WTR-8.5% and HPMM pH at equilibrium were  $6.63 \pm$   
505  $0.10$  and  $6.56 \pm 0.21$ , respectively. The more moderate pH increase may be due to  
506 hydrolysis of Al complexes in the WTR. Yang et al. (2006) demonstrated that hydrolysis  
507 reactions result in  $\text{H}^+$  ion release along with increases in  $\text{Cl}^-$ ,  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ , and other ions when  
508 WTR is added to water.

509 Freundlich parameters  $K$  and  $1/n$  were found to be 385 and 0.246 for HPMM-1  
510 and 427 and 0.371 for HPMM-2, respectively. These values are comparable to those  
511 from previous studies using WTR in media mixtures (O'Neill and Davis 2012a; Yan et al.  
512 2016). The modeled isotherms for HPMM and WTR, when normalized by WTR content  
513 (i.e., WTR  $q$  values are multiplied by 0.085), do not differ greatly, particularly at lower  
514 equilibrium concentrations. The modeled  $q$  value for WTR-8.5% at 0.2 mg/L is 192  
515 mg/kg, which is 18% lower than HPMM-1 ( $q = 256$  mg/kg) and 25% lower than HPMM-  
516 2 ( $q = 235$  mg/kg) at that concentration. This supports the hypothesis that DP adsorption  
517 onto HPMM is primarily controlled by the Al content of the WTR. Based on these

518 results and what is known of the adsorptive properties of Al from previous studies, it was  
519 determined that HPMM holds potential as a treatment media and further study is  
520 warranted.

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### 522 **Long-term Continuous Loading**

523 Adsorption capacity reaches a limit as surface sites become saturated with solute,  
524 but the adsorption process can also be limited by the mass transfer rate of P from solution  
525 onto an adsorbent (Weber et al. 1991; Howe et al. 2012). Packed columns were subjected  
526 to continuous loading with synthetic stormwater (Table 2-1) over four months to  
527 determine the P saturation point of the media. The flowing conditions also provided  
528 insight into mass transfer limitations. Effluent TDP concentrations asymptotically  
529 increased with continued P loading as adsorption sites became occupied (Fig. 4). HPMM  
530 (HPMM-1 and -2) treated over 600 m of influent before reaching P saturation compared  
531 to 6 m for un-amended shale. This corresponds to an adsorption capacity of 1068 mg/kg  
532 for HPMM-2, compared to 10 mg/kg for shale alone. By comparison, Yan et al. (2018)  
533 found an adsorption capacity of 134 mg/kg when subjecting WTR-amended high flow  
534 media (sand) to similar continuously loaded column conditions (e.g., flow rate, inorganic  
535 P concentration, proportionate mass of WTR amendment, and column diameter to media  
536 particle size ratio). Higher adsorption capacity found in the present study may be  
537 attributable to a difference in WTR source. Yan et al. (2018) sourced WTR with a lower  
538 OR, 59, than the WTR in the present study, 270. The column adsorption capacity of  
539 1068 mg/kg is also higher than the isotherm-modeled capacity of 281 mg/kg from the  
540 batch study. Experimental conditions, including flow, mixing, and background matrix

541 conditions, differed between column and batch studies complicating determination of the  
542 specific cause for the difference.

543         Assuming an average annual rainfall typical for College Park, Maryland of 1 m  
544 (40 inches) per year and no contributing area, 600 m of flow represents a useful lifetime  
545 of 600 years as a permeable pavement base before reaching P saturation at 0.19 mg/L P.  
546 HPMM achieved a removal efficiency above 90% for the first 50 m of applied water  
547 (years of service) and removal remained above 40% for the initial 450 m of runoff  
548 treated. The expanded shale removal efficiency dropped below 40% after just 3 m of  
549 water (3 years of service), yet the typical permeable pavement is designed for a 20-year  
550 lifetime. A more practical benefit of the enhanced P adsorption capacity is to enable  
551 permeable pavements to receive run-on flow from other areas such as roofs. At a loading  
552 rate of 5:1, HPMM could potentially maintain above 90% removal efficiency for 10 years  
553 of service, 40% removal for 90 years, safely beyond the 20-year pavement lifetime, and  
554 last 120 years before reaching saturation at 0.19 mg/L P influent concentration.

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### 556 **P Sorption Model**

557         A simple plug flow model was developed to describe P retention by HPMM. It is  
558 similar to models developed by Erickson et al. (2007) and Li and Davis (2016). First-  
559 order P adsorption kinetics were assumed and the liquid-phase mass balance was written  
560 as:

$$561 \quad \frac{dM}{dt} = Q \cdot C - Q(C + dC) - k(C - C_{eq})dA_r \quad (2-8)$$

562 where Q = flow rate, C = TDP in the water, k = adsorption rate constant, C<sub>eq</sub> = TDP  
563 concentration in the water in equilibrium with the media surface, and A<sub>r</sub> = reactive  
564 surface area of the media. The reactive surface area, A<sub>r</sub>, relates to the available reactive

565 surface sites capable of adsorbing P. Because HPMM is a mixture of reactive WTR and  
 566 less reactive shale, this is different than the total surface area of the media. It can be  
 567 related to the bulk media volume,  $V_m$ , by the specific reactive surface area,  $SSA_r$ , which  
 568 is a constant characteristic of the media, through Equation 2-9.

$$569 \quad \frac{A_r}{V_m} = SSA_r \quad (2-9)$$

570 Substituting and rearranging Equation 2-9 into Equation 2-8 and assuming steady state  
 571 conditions results in

$$572 \quad \frac{dC}{C-C_{eq}} = -\frac{k \cdot SSA_r}{Q} dV_m \quad (2-10)$$

573  $C_{eq}$  is expected to increase over the long term as P is adsorbed onto the media surface,  
 574 thereby diminishing the concentration gradient  $C-C_{eq}$  driving adsorption. Over the short  
 575 term, however,  $C_{eq}$  is essentially constant. Treating  $C_{eq}$  as a constant and integrating with  
 576 boundary conditions  $dC: C_{in}$  to  $C_{out}$  and  $dV_m: 0$  to  $V_m$  yields

$$577 \quad \frac{C_{out}}{C_{in}} = \frac{C_{eq}}{C_{in}} \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{k \cdot SSA_r \cdot V_m}{Q}} \right) + e^{-\frac{k \cdot SSA_r \cdot V_m}{Q}} \quad (2-11)$$

578 Under long-term continuous loading in columns, effluent TDP ( $C_{out}$ ) increased  
 579 with continued loading and asymptotically approached the influent TDP concentration  
 580 ( $C_{in}$ ) at media saturation (Fig. 4). In other words, the fraction of TDP retained, ( $C_{in}$ -  
 581  $C_{out}$ )/ $C_{in}$ , approaches zero at saturation. This trend can be described mathematically with  
 582 an exponential decay function as follows.

$$583 \quad \frac{C_{in}-C_{out}}{C_{in}} = e^{-\beta_0 \Sigma M} \quad (2-12)$$

584 where  $\beta_0$  is a fitting parameter that describes the rate at which unoccupied adsorption  
 585 sites are filled and  $\Sigma M$  = cumulative mass of P adsorbed per mass of adsorbent media. At  
 586 low flow rate, it can be demonstrated from Equation 2-11 that  $C_{out} = C_{eq}$ . This is

587 equivalent to assuming effluent TDP is in equilibrium with the media surface. This  
588 assumption is supported by the long-term column studies because doubling and tripling  
589 the flow rate did not result in a drop in treatment effectiveness. Setting  $C_{out} = C_{eq}$  and  
590 solving for  $C_{eq}$  in Equation 2-12, then substituting the result into Equation 2-11 yields

591 
$$\frac{C_{out}}{C_{in}} = 1 - e^{-\beta_0 \Sigma M} + e^{-(\beta_0 \Sigma M + \beta_1 \frac{Vm}{Q})} \quad (2-13)$$

592 where  $\beta_1 = k \cdot SSA_r$ . This model was fit to long-term column data and plotted on Fig. 4.  
593 The calculated values for  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$  are shown in Table 2-2.  $\beta_0$  is a long-term parameter  
594 related to the adsorption capacity of the media.  $\beta_1$  is a short-term parameter related to the  
595 adsorption kinetics and media reactive surface area. Lower values of  $\beta_0$  and greater  
596 values of  $\beta_1$  indicate greater retention.  $\beta_0$  was lower for HPMM-1 and -2 than shale by  
597 factors of 78 and 132, respectively, indicating lower impact of accumulated P and greater  
598 retention by HPMM.  $\beta_1$  was greater for shale than HPMM-1 and -2, by factors of 2 and  
599 3, respectively. Differences in  $\beta_1$ , however, had little impact on P retention over the  
600 long-term study compared to  $\beta_0$ , which controls how rapidly the media approaches P  
601 saturation.

602  
603 **Kinetics in Flow-modified Columns**

604 It was hypothesized that P retention is negatively correlated with flow rate. This  
605 relationship was not apparent in long-term column studies. Therefore, a column study  
606 was conducted in which flow rate was modified more drastically to explore the effect of  
607 increasing advective mass transport relative to diffusional. The flowrates tested, 0-272  
608 cm/h, are in the range that could be expected in permeable pavement applications where  
609 flow through the base material could occur up to the hydraulic conductivity of the  
610 HPMM, 324 cm/h.

611 Effluent TDP increased as flow rate increased for both HPMM and unmodified  
612 shale (Fig. 5). Effluent TDP was lower for HPMM than for shale at nearly all flow rates.  
613 Normalized effluent TDP (i.e.,  $C_{out}/C_{in}$ ) ranged from 0.04 to 0.28 at flow rates of 14 and  
614 28 cm/h, which is in line with expectations based on the beginning of the long-term  
615 column study, before significant P loading saturated adsorption sites. As flow rates  
616 increased, retention time and P removal decreased, indicating mass transfer limitation on  
617 adsorption as advective transport overwhelms adsorption kinetic transfer rates. It should  
618 be noted that the flow rates tested exceed expected rainfall intensities for even high  
619 intensity storms near College Park, MD (Bonnin et al. 2006).

620 The flow-modified column test reinforced the conclusion from the long-term  
621 column study that HPMM has enhanced adsorption capacity. Effluent concentration  
622 curves for stepping up and stepping down flow rates were similar for HPMM (Fig. 5).  
623 This indicates the media had not reached P saturation and that the change in effluent TDP  
624 concentration was a result of changing contact time. In contrast, shale effluent TDP  
625 concentration did not decrease as the flow rate was stepped down. This suggests that the  
626 shale had become saturated during the time of the test. The original removal efficiency at  
627 lower flow rates could not be restored because P adsorption capacity had been reached.

628 The model from Equation 2-13 was fit to this data set and the resulting parameters  
629 are given in Table 2-2.  $\beta_1$  was only 8% greater for HPMM than for unmodified shale.  
630 This suggests the adsorption kinetic transfer rates may not differ greatly if open  
631 adsorption sites are available. As phosphate occupied adsorption sites on the shale,  
632 however, retention was diminished. This can be observed in the higher  $\beta_0$  value of 129  
633 for shale as compared to 26.7 for HPMM. The relative difference in  $\beta_0$  is substantial

634 when one considers that the  $\beta_0$  parameter is in an exponential function in Equation 2-13.  
635 This supports the findings from the long-term study that adsorption capacity is rapidly  
636 taken up for shale but persists much longer for HPMM.

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### 638 ***Conclusions***

639 The results of this study support the hypotheses that HPMM 1) is a structurally  
640 suitable permeable pavement base material, 2) can enhance P removal from  
641 rainfall/runoff for the duration of a permeable pavement design life, and 3) retains DP  
642 primarily through adsorption to Al (hydr)oxide surfaces with more effective retention at  
643 lower flowrate.

644 Geotechnical testing demonstrated that the media has high hydraulic conductivity  
645 and would be suitable, with respect to infiltration rate, for use as a permeable pavement  
646 base. The structural strength of the media was also shown to be good for use as a base  
647 material from analysis of CBR and direct shear test results.

648 Batch equilibrium testing demonstrated the relatively high capacity of HPMM to  
649 adsorb P from aqueous solutions as compared to Ca and Fe-containing materials.

650 Continuous loading with synthetic stormwater containing P, NaCl, N, and a C source in  
651 column testing supported the adsorption capacity calculated from batch testing, though  
652 the two adsorption capacities were not directly comparable, possibly due to differences in  
653 experimental conditions such as flow, mixing, and background matrices. Long-term P  
654 adsorption capacity after greater than 600 m of applied water was calculated as 1068  
655 mg/kg at 0.19 mg/L P input. These studies also demonstrate the efficacy of HPMM to  
656 reduce P concentrations under flowing conditions, with consistently high P removal

657 efficiency (90% or above) well beyond the anticipated 20-yr lifetime treatment volume  
658 for a permeable pavement receiving no run-on flow. This enhanced P retention capacity  
659 could enable permeable pavements to receive run-on flow from other surfaces at loading  
660 rates of 5:1 or possibly higher without diminishing P treatment throughout the pavement  
661 lifetime.

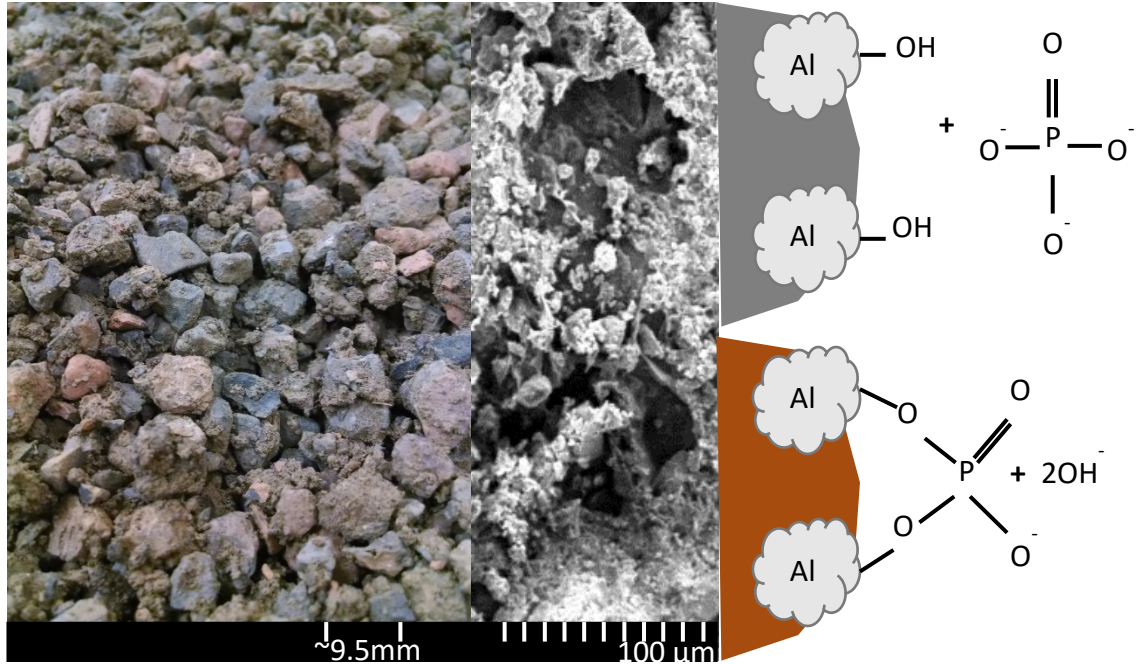
662         A steady-state plug-flow model was developed and fit to experimental data. The  
663 model describes DP retention as a function of rapid surface transfer rate kinetics and  
664 long-term cumulative DP loading effects. The model effectively describes DP removal  
665 by the test media. It should be noted that data used to fit the model were obtained under  
666 controlled laboratory conditions and may not account for effects of adsorption  
667 competition or preferential flowpath development under field conditions. Further  
668 validation of the model presented herein could be carried out using additional data,  
669 including field data.

670         There is a need for consistent, long-term P removal from runoff intercepted by  
671 stormwater control measures. A novel media mixture has been developed using an  
672 aluminum-rich recycled resource. Effective P treatment and geotechnical characteristics  
673 demonstrated in this study indicate that HPMM has potential applicability as a base  
674 material in permeable pavements and can improve water quality. This new tool to  
675 address nonpoint pollution could enable wider applicability of permeable paving due to  
676 its capacity to retain P from direct precipitation and in run-on from contributing areas.

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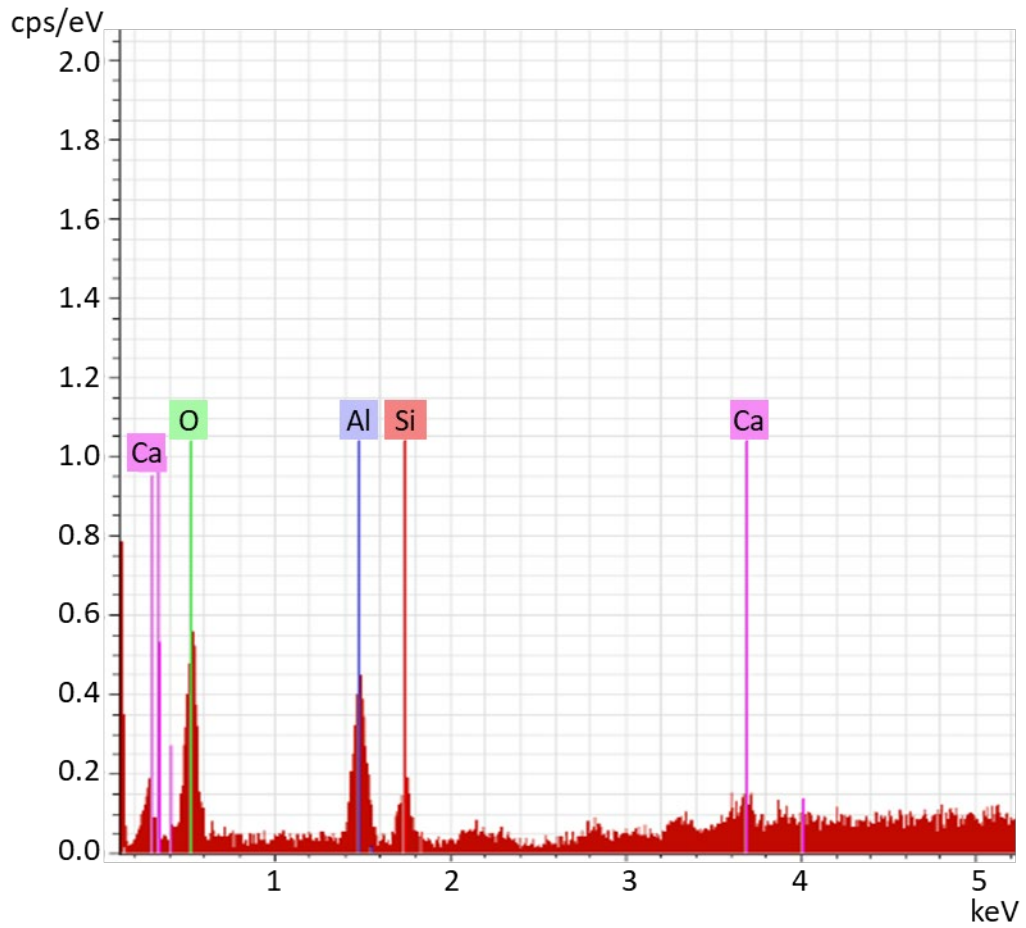


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680 Figure 2-1. Close-up image of HPMM showing WTR coating expanded shale  
681 approximately 9.5 mm in diameter (left). Scanning electron microscope (SEM) image of  
682 HPMM showing WTR coating the irregular porous surface of expanded shale (middle).

683 Depiction of ligand exchange mechanism through which phosphate adsorbs to reactive Al  
684 surface sites on the HPMM and releases hydroxyl ions (right) (adapted from Li and Davis  
685 2015).

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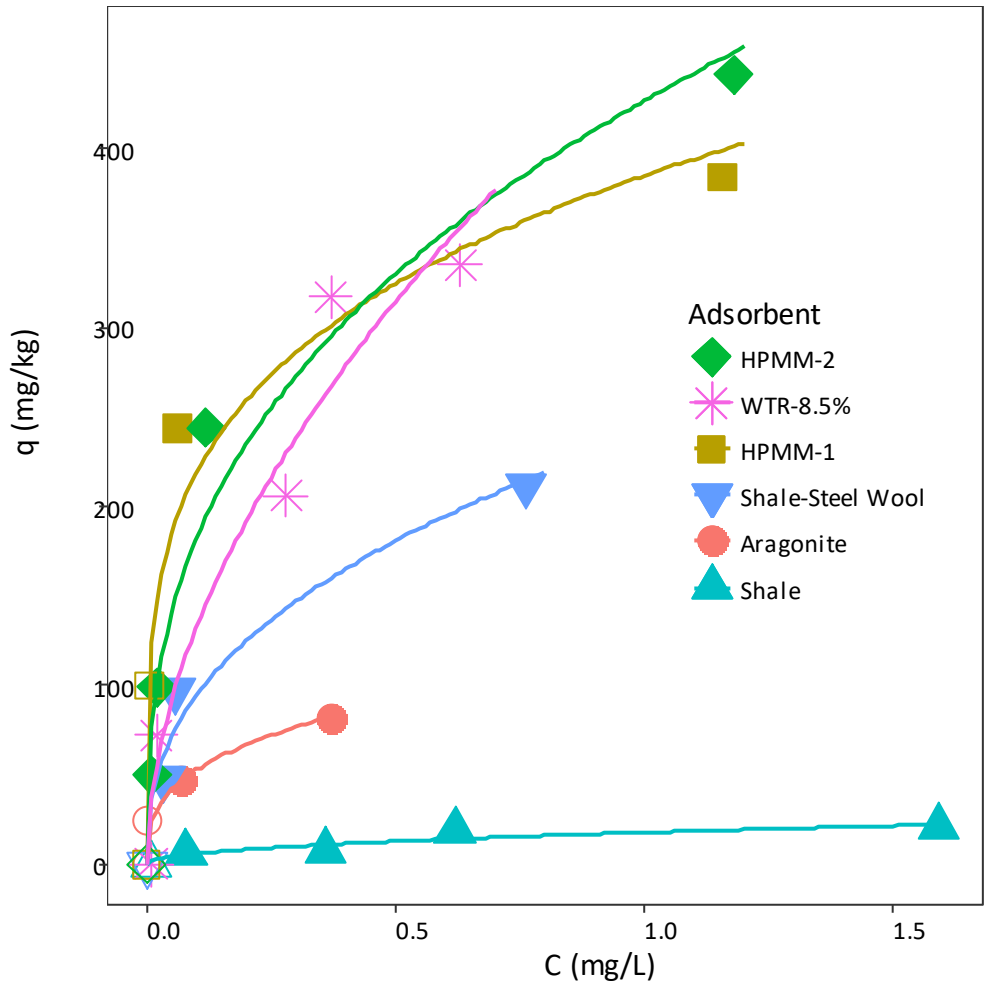


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688 Figure 2-2. SEM-EDS analysis showing elements present in the HPMM. O (2nd peak

689 from left) and Al (3rd peak from left) are most prevalent.

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692 Figure 2-3. Freundlich isotherms fit to adsorption equilibrium data for various materials.

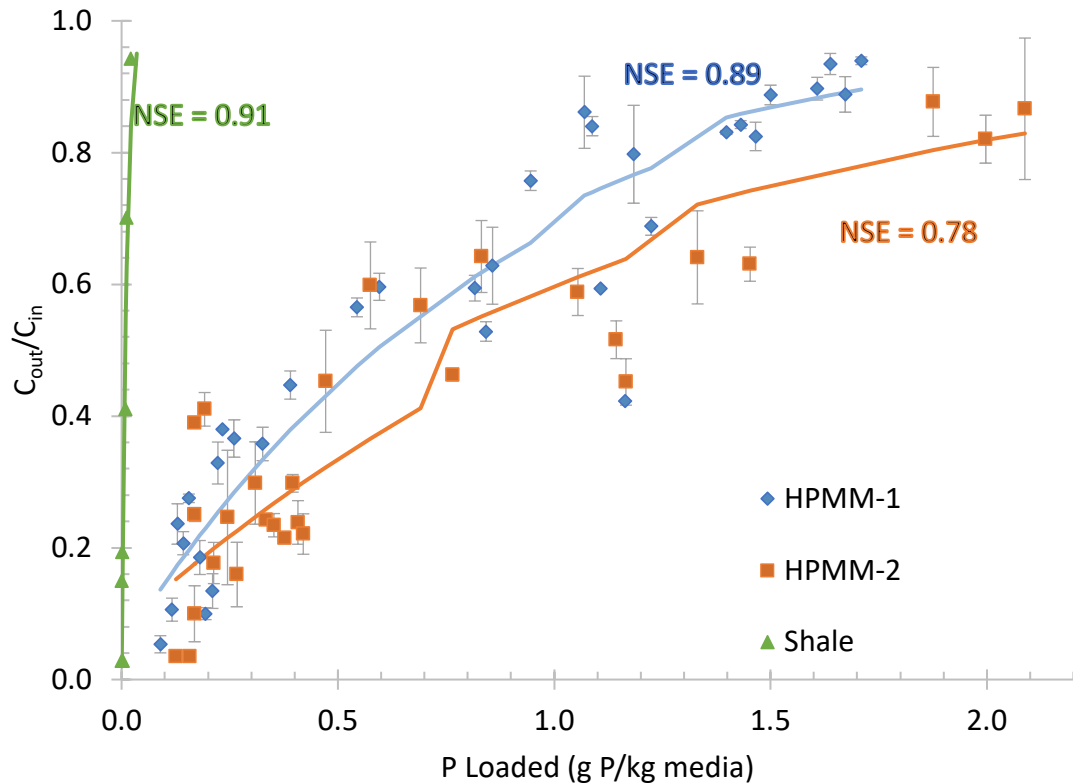
693 Data points reflect equilibrium after 24 h contact with 0 - 10 mg/L P solutions and a

694 background electrolyte concentration of 0.01 M NaCl. HPMM-1 and -2 were prepared

695 using psyllium binders from different suppliers. The WTR-8.5% data series was obtained

696 by multiplying q values for WTR by 0.085.

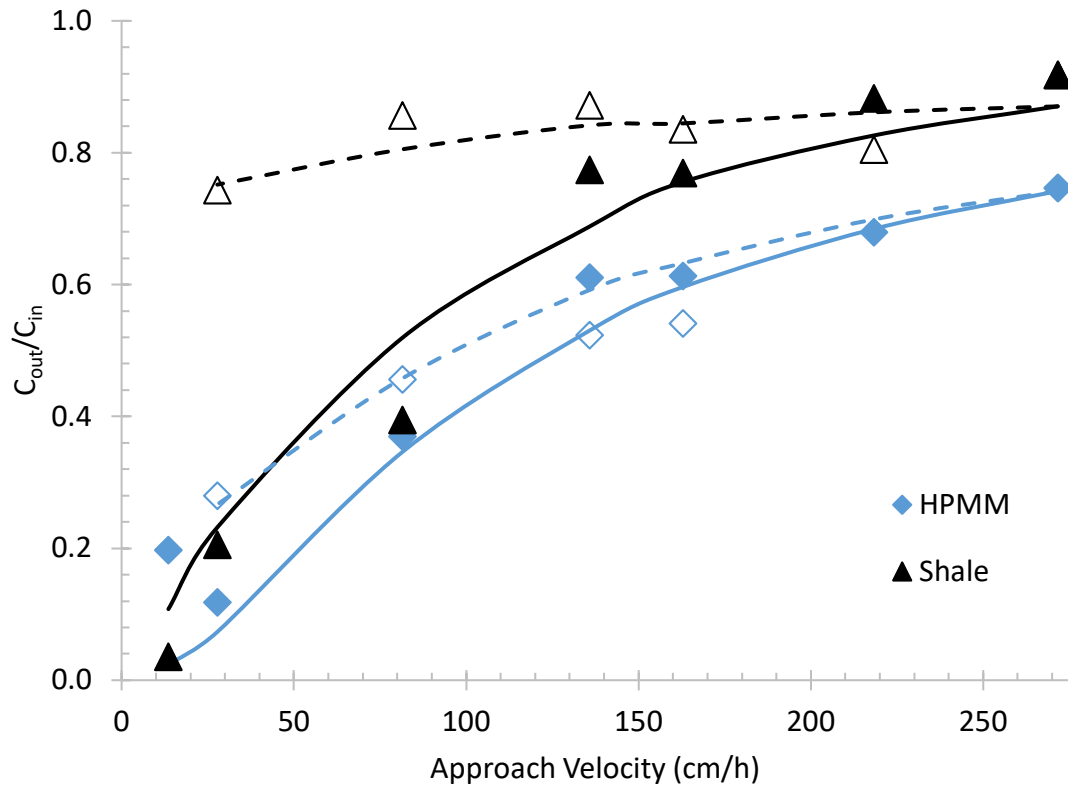
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699 Figure 2-4. Influent-normalized TDP concentrations in columns continuously fed with  
 700 synthetic stormwater as specified in Table 2-1. Flow rate was held at 1.2 mL/min (15  
 701 cm/h) for 10 weeks, increased to 2.1 mL/min (25 cm/h) for 3 weeks, then to 2.8 mL/min  
 702 (35 cm/h) for 1 week for HPMM-1 and 4 weeks for HPMM-2, respectively. Lines are  
 703 modeled data (Equation 2-13).

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706 Figure 2-5. Effect of approach velocity on P removal in mini-columns containing 25 cm<sup>3</sup>

707 of media. Synthetic stormwater containing 0.2 mg/L P and 500 mg/L NaCl at pH = 7

708 was applied. Lines are modeled data (Equation 2-13). Solid points and lines indicate

709 forward operation as flow rate was stepped up as the test proceeded. Open points and

710 dashed lines indicate reversed operation as flow rate was stepped down as the test

711 proceeded.

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713

714 Table 2-1. Synthetic stormwater composition used in batch equilibrium, continuous-flow  
 715 column, and flow-modified column experiments.

<b>Constituent</b>	<b>Batch Equilibrium</b>	<b>Long-term Column</b>	<b>Flow-modified Column</b>
<b>Solvent</b>	DI water	DI water	DI water
<b>Phosphorus (KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>)</b>	0.0-10.0 mg/L as P	0.2 mg/L as P	0.2 mg/L as P
<b>Inorganic Nitrogen (NaNO<sub>3</sub>)</b>	-	1 mg/L as N	-
<b>Organic Nitrogen (Glycine)</b>	-	2 mg/L as N	-
<b>NaCl</b>	584 mg/L	500 mg/L	500 mg/L
<b>Sodium Acetate</b>	-	1.3 mg/L as C	-
<b>HCl and NaOH</b>	-	As needed to adjust pH to 7	As needed to adjust pH to 7

716

717 Table 2-2. Parameters from Equation 2-13 fit to experimental data for long-term  
 718 continuous flow columns and flow-modified columns.

<b>Media</b>	<b>Long-term Column</b>		<b>Flow-modified Column</b>	
	$\beta_0$ (kg/g)	$\beta_1$ (h <sup>-1</sup> )	$\beta_0$ (kg/g)	$\beta_1$ (h <sup>-1</sup> )
<b>Shale</b>	85.4	14.5	129	3.66
<b>HPMM-1</b>	1.10	7.25		
<b>HPMM-2</b>	0.646	4.97	26.7	3.94

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## 721 Chapter 3: Mesocosm-Scale Studies

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### 723 **Evaluation of an Enhanced Stormwater Treatment Media and Permeable Pavement**

#### 724 **Base under Simulated Rainfall**

##### 725 ***Introduction***

726 As society places increased value on maintaining high-quality water resources in  
727 and around urban areas, the impetus to protect these surface waters from pollution  
728 likewise increases. Stormwater runoff is an important avenue for pollutant transport from  
729 impermeable surfaces to surface waters. Consequently, stormwater control measures  
730 (SCMs) are increasingly designed to manage flood risk and to reduce pollutant loadings  
731 (NRC 2008). Permeable pavements – including porous asphalt, pervious concrete, and  
732 interlocking concrete pavers – are one of the primary stormwater best management  
733 practices (BMPs) that have been implemented and researched over the past two decades  
734 to mitigate hydrologic and water quality impacts of urbanization (Weiss et al. 2017).

735 Waterborne pollutants can be removed by SCMs via several mechanisms.  
736 Sedimentation and filtration effectively remove suspended solids and much of the load of  
737 particulate-bound pollutants, which can include bacteria, particulate phosphorus (PP),  
738 ammonium and organic nitrogen ( $N_{org}$ ), metals, and toxic organic compounds (Li and  
739 Davis 2008; Clark and Pitt 2012). Dissolved constituents often require additional  
740 treatment processes to achieve water quality goals (Lefevre et al. 2015). Performance  
741 data from the International Stormwater BMP Database (Clary et al. 2017) show effective  
742 treatment in permeable pavements of total suspended solids (TSS), total phosphorus (TP),  
743 total Kjeldahl nitrogen (TKN) and certain total metals, including total Cd, Cu, and Pb.



744 The same analysis showed increases or no significant change in concentrations of  
745 dissolved phosphorus (DP), orthophosphate, nitrate (NO<sub>3</sub>) plus nitrite (NO<sub>2</sub>), and certain  
746 dissolved metals including dissolved Cd, Cu, Fe, and Pb.

747 DP can be removed from stormwater via adsorption to reactive surfaces. Several  
748 studies have investigated the potential for enhanced treatment media to improve DP  
749 retention in SCMs (Erickson et al. 2007; O'Neill and Davis 2011; Penn et al. 2017).

750 Nitrate can be removed to the atmosphere through the microbially-mediated process of  
751 denitrification. To achieve denitrification, reducing conditions and available carbon as an  
752 electron donor must be present to convert NO<sub>3</sub> into nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) and nitrogen gas  
753 (N<sub>2</sub>). Previous studies have implemented an internal water storage (IWS) zone to create  
754 reducing conditions and advance denitrification in SCMs (Kim et al. 2003; Winston et al.  
755 2016). Dissolved metals can complex with organic matter (OM) or other adsorbents,  
756 including WTR (Brown et al. 2007; Li and Davis 2008a; Castaldi et al. 2015).

757 To improve dissolved pollutant retention in permeable pavements, a novel  
758 treatment media was developed as described in Chapter 2. This structural treatment  
759 media, dubbed High Permeability Media Mixture (HPMM), was designed as a permeable  
760 pavement base material capable of retaining DP in stormwater. Laboratory studies from  
761 Chapter 2 showed effective DP retention using HPMM, but further study is required with  
762 the goal of assessing HPMM treatment performance under more realistic conditions  
763 (rainfall simulations) and to determine the potential of the material to leach or retain N  
764 and metals. The following objectives were identified to achieve this goal.

- 765 1) Evaluate phosphorus (P), nitrogen (N), and metals retention onto HPMM in  
766 rainfall simulations, with the hypothesis that HPMM will achieve effective P  
767 and metals removal but will not significantly retain N.
- 768 2) Analyze the influence of simulated rainfall intensity and pH on DP  
769 treatment, with the hypothesis that DP retention is negatively correlated with  
770 rainfall intensity and pH.
- 771 3) Compare pollutant removal for HPMM prepared using two different WTR  
772 sources, testing the hypothesis that WTR containing activated carbon will  
773 achieve greater N retention.
- 774 4) Investigate the potential for an IWS zone to enhance N removal via  
775 denitrification, to support the hypothesis that reducing conditions can be  
776 created in an IWS to advance denitrification and remove N.

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## 778 *Methods and Materials*

### 779 **High Permeability Media Mixture**

780 HPMM comprises aluminum-based water treatment residual (WTR), expanded  
781 shale lightweight aggregate (shale), and a psyllium-based soil binder (psyllium). WTR  
782 used in this study was collected from two sources. The first WTR was sourced at a  
783 moisture content (MC) of  $3.22 \pm 0.17$  g wet/g dry ( $69 \pm 2$  %) from the Dalecarlia  
784 drinking water treatment plant in Washington, D.C. The second WTR was sourced from  
785 an Aqua America drinking water treatment plant in Philadelphia, PA at a MC of  $3.51 \pm$   
786  $0.11$  g wet/g dry ( $71 \pm 1$  %). Both WTRs were sieved through a 2.00 mm sieve, then air  
787 dried for at least one week to MC =  $1.21 \pm 0.01$  g wet/g dry ( $17 \pm 1$  %) and powdered by

788 hand. The Dalecarlia (WTR-D) and Aqua America (WTR-AA) WTRs are aluminum-  
789 based, resulting from the coagulation and flocculation process using alum addition. The  
790 Aqua America treatment plant also adds activated carbon and polymer along with alum,  
791 which settle out in the WTR. Haydite “B” size expanded shale (DiGeronimo Aggregates,  
792 Cleveland, OH), graded between 2.38 (No. 8 sieve) and 9.5 mm (3/8 in) was used in this  
793 application and *Stabilizer* (Stabilizer Solutions, Phoenix, AZ) was used as a psyllium-  
794 containing binder.

795         The mix ratio used to prepare HPMM is such that each kg contains 905 g shale,  
796 85 g WTR, and 10 g psyllium by oven-dry mass. HPMM used in this study was prepared  
797 with air-dry WTR at a MC of 1.2 g wet/g dry. Accounting for MC, component quantities  
798 per kg of HPMM were measured as 890, 100, and 10 g of shale, WTR, and psyllium,  
799 respectively. Different mix preparation methods were tried, but not tested in rainfall  
800 simulations, to improve WTR coating and binding to the shale surface. More even  
801 coating and effective binding, based on visual inspection, was achieved by mixing  
802 components moist, rather than first drying and powdering WTR. This preparation  
803 method requires weighing components at as-received MC. For MC = 3.2 g wet/g dry for  
804 WTR-D, each kg of HPMM contains 760, 230, and 10 g of shale, WTR, and psyllium,  
805 respectively.

806         Amorphous Al, Fe, and P were extracted from HPMM and WTR using an oxalate  
807 extraction procedure from McKeague and Day (1966) as described in Chapter 2.

808 Extraction results for HPMM-D (HPMM prepared with WTR-D), WTR-D, and WTR-  
809 AA are shown in Table 3-1. No extraction was performed on HPMM-AA (HPMM

810 prepared with WTR-AA). Oxalate Ratio (OR) is defined as the ratio of oxalate-  
 811 extractable (i.e., amorphous) Al + Fe to P (in mmol/kg).

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813 Table 3-1. Amorphous Al, Fe, and P content and OR of HPMM and WTR.

	<b>HPMM-D</b>	<b>WTR-AA</b>	<b>WTR-D</b>
<b>Al (mg/kg dry media)</b>	10700 ± 1500	57100 ± 1250	70900 ± 8430
<b>Fe (mg/kg dry media)</b>	925 ± 213	4410 ± 92.9	3740 ± 382
<b>P (mg/kg dry media)</b>	47.5 ± 8.50	693 ± 20.4	828 ± 199
<b>Al (mmol/kg dry media)</b>	398 ± 55.6	2120 ± 46.3	2630 ± 313
<b>Fe (mmol/kg dry media)</b>	34.3 ± 7.90	163 ± 3.44	138 ± 14.1
<b>P (mmol/kg dry media)</b>	1.53 ± 0.274	22.4 ± 0.657	26.7 ± 6.41
<b>OR</b>	282	102	103

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### 815 **Rainfall Simulation Mesocosm**

816 A mesocosm-scale experiment was established to mimic storm events under  
 817 representative local rainfall conditions for College Park, MD. Two mesocosms were  
 818 setup inside 0.31 m<sup>2</sup> water-tight boxes (51 x 61 cm). Three parallel perforated PVC  
 819 drainage pipes were placed at the bottom of each box for effluent sampling.  
 820 Approximately 1.5 cm of water-washed pea gravel filled the space around and to the top  
 821 of the drainage pipes and a 5 cm layer of HPMM was placed on top of the pea gravel  
 822 layer. HPMM used in mesocosm testing was determined to have bulk density of 0.72  
 823 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. Each mesocosm, therefore, contained 0.015 m<sup>3</sup> and 11.1 kg of HPMM. HPMM  
 824 prepared with WTR-D (HPMM-D) was placed in Box 1 and HPMM prepared with  
 825 WTR-AA (HPMM-AA) was placed in Box 2. A single PaverGuide™ grid was then  
 826 placed over the HPMM layer. PaverGuide™ is a proprietary geosynthetic product which  
 827 can replace the typical stone base in permeable pavements (PaverGuide 2018).

828           Rainfall was simulated using misting devices, positioned at the top corners of  
829 each box and fed by individual flow lines using peristaltic pumps. Synthetic stormwater  
830 was prepared by adding representative urban runoff constituents to tap water (Table 3-2).  
831 No additional P was added as the tap water was found to contain levels approximately  
832 equal to those reported in stormwater runoff (Pitt and Maestre 2005). This experimental  
833 design simulates rainfall applied directly to a pavement surface (i.e., no run-on flow) at  
834 different rainfall intensities. Water infiltrated into a permeable pavement from direct  
835 rainfall would contain only the pollutants washed from the pavement surface. Past  
836 studies have shown pollutant accumulation on pavements to be site-specific and to vary  
837 with use (Gilbert and Clausen 2006; Dietz 2007; Hunt 2010). Therefore, the urban runoff  
838 constituents used here are a reasonable approximation of expected rainfall infiltrate  
839 composition.

840           Three sets of storm simulations were carried out. The first set consisted of 12  
841 simulations conducted on Box 1 containing HPMM-D (configuration D). The second set  
842 of 12 simulations was conducted on Box 1, containing HPMM-D (configuration D-IWS),  
843 and Box 2, containing HPMM-AA (configuration AA), simultaneously. For the second  
844 set, the outflow tube in Box 1 was elevated to maintain the water level inside the  
845 mesocosm at the top of the HPMM layer, thus creating a 5-cm IWS zone. Each storm  
846 was conducted under a unique combination of rainfall intensity,  $i$ , ( $0.66 \pm 0.02$ ,  $1.34 \pm$   
847  $0.06$ ,  $1.95 \pm 0.05$ , or  $2.62 \pm 0.10$  cm/h) and influent pH ( $5.97 \pm 0.12$ ,  $6.96 \pm 0.08$ , or  $8.03$   
848  $\pm 0.07$ ), both of which were held constant throughout each simulation. In the third set, an  
849 additional 5 storm simulations were carried out on Box 1 and 2 simultaneously. This set  
850 consisted of storm simulations conducted for the purpose of testing reproducibility of

851 results and to investigate effects of varying influent P and C concentrations. For all  
852 simulations, influent spray from misting devices was captured in a graduated cylinder to  
853 measure *i*. Simulations were conducted regularly to maintain an average antecedent dry  
854 period of  $11 \pm 8$  days (range 4-46 days).

855 For each simulation, 4-12 effluent samples were collected at even intervals, apart  
856 from Sample 1 which was collected as outflow first occurred. The delay between the  
857 start of influent and effluent flow indicates some amount of storage within the mesocosm  
858 setup, likely in the bottom of the box and in moisture retained by the HPMM. As noted  
859 by the as-received moisture content, WTR can retain significant water, above a 3:1 wet to  
860 dry mass ratio. At least 12 L of influent was used in each simulation, resulting in 6-, 4-,  
861 and 3-hour storm durations. Samples were analyzed for pH, TP, TDP, TN, NH<sub>4</sub>-N, NO<sub>3</sub>-  
862 N, NO<sub>2</sub>-N, and total Al, Cu, Fe, Pb, and Zn as detailed below. Event mean concentration  
863 (EMC) is defined as:

$$864 \quad EMC = \frac{\int_{t_i}^{t_f} Q(t) \cdot C(t) \cdot dt}{\int_{t_i}^{t_f} Q(t) \cdot dt} \quad (3-1)$$

865 where C(t) = concentration in sample collected at time t, Q(t) = flow rate at time t, and t<sub>i</sub>  
866 and t<sub>f</sub> represent time at the start and end of flow, respectively. The integral was  
867 approximated using the trapezoidal rule. EMC for pH was calculated by converting  
868 individual pH measurements to H<sup>+</sup> ion concentration ([H<sup>+</sup>]), inputting [H<sup>+</sup>] into Equation  
869 3-1, and converting the EMC back to pH units.

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872 Table 3-2. Synthetic stormwater composition used in rainfall simulation experiments.  
873 Tap water was used as the solvent.

<b>Constituent</b>	<b>Concentration</b>
<b>Phosphorus<sup>1</sup></b>	0.25 ± 0.035 (0.19-0.30) mg/L as P
<b>Inorganic Nitrogen (NaNO<sub>3</sub>)</b>	1 mg/L as N
<b>Organic Nitrogen (Glycine)</b>	2 mg/L as N
<b>NaCl</b>	100 mg/L
<b>CaCl<sub>2</sub></b>	80 mg/L
<b>Sodium Acetate</b>	1.3 mg/L as C
<b>Copper (CuCl<sub>2</sub>)</b>	0.06 mg/L as Cu
<b>Zinc (ZnCl<sub>2</sub>)</b>	0.5 mg/L as Zn
<b>HCl and NaOH</b>	As needed to adjust pH
<b>NaHSO<sub>3</sub> (for dechlorination)</b>	2.2 mg/L

874 <sup>1</sup> Values reflect P concentrations present in tap water with no additional P added.

### 875 **Analytical Procedures**

876 Sample pH was measured using a glass electrode probe with Ag/AgCl reference  
877 to an accuracy of 0.01 units (Mettler Toledo MA235, Greifensee, Switzerland). TP and  
878 TDP concentrations were determined by potassium persulfate digestion and the ascorbic  
879 acid molybdenum blue colorimetric method from Standard Method 4500-P (APHA et al.  
880 2012). TDP samples were first filtered through a 0.22 µm ceramic filter. Absorbance  
881 was measured using a 5 cm path-length cuvette in a UV-Visible spectrophotometer  
882 (UV160U, Shimadzu, Kyoto, Japan) at 880 nm to yield a detection limit of 0.01 mg/L P.  
883 Exceptions to this were samples from oxalate extractions, which were analyzed for TDP  
884 using a method modified from Wolf and Baker (1990) and analyzed at 660 nm to a  
885 detection limit of 0.01 mg/L P.

886 TN was measured using a Total Organic Carbon Analyzer with Total Nitrogen  
887 Measuring Unit (TOC analyzer, Shimadzu, Kyoto, Japan) with a detection limit of 0.05  
888 mg/L as N. NH<sub>4</sub>-N concentrations were measured using the phenate method from  
889 Standard Method 4500-NH<sub>3</sub> (APHA et al. 2012). Absorbance was measure with a 1 cm

890 path length cuvette at 640 nm in a UV-Visible spectrophotometer to a detection limit of  
891 0.05 mg/L as N. Samples were filtered through a 0.22 µm ceramic filter prior to NO<sub>3</sub> and  
892 NO<sub>2</sub> analysis. NO<sub>3</sub>-N was measured using ion chromatography (ICS-1100, Dionex,  
893 Sunnyvale, CA) following Standard Method 4110. A 4.5 mM Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and 1.4 mM  
894 NaHCO<sub>3</sub> eluent solution was run isocratically through an anion-exchange column with  
895 150 mm length, 4 mm ID, and 6.5 µm particle size (IonPac AS22 Fast IC column,  
896 Dionex, Sunnyvale, CA) at a flow rate of 1.2 mL/min. The detection limit was 0.1 mg/L  
897 as N. NO<sub>2</sub>-N was analyzed colorimetrically in a UV-Visible spectrophotometer at 543  
898 nm following Standard Method 4500-NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> (APHA et al. 2012) with a 1 cm path length  
899 cuvette to a detection limit of 0.01 mg/L as N. NO<sub>2</sub>-N consistently accounted for less  
900 than 3% of total N and is excluded from discussion.

901 Total Al, Cu, Fe, Pb, and Zn concentrations of samples acidified with trace metal  
902 grade nitric acid were measured using inductively coupled plasma atomic emission  
903 spectroscopy (ICP-AES) (ICPE-9000 Plasma Atomic Emission Spectrometer, Shimadzu,  
904 Kyoto, Japan) at wavelengths of 394.403, 324.754, 259.940, 220.353, and 213.856 nm,  
905 respectively. The detection limit for Al, Fe, and Pb was 25 µg/L and for Cu and Zn the  
906 limit was 10 µg/L. Values below corresponding detection limits for all parameters have  
907 been assigned following the probability plot method from Helsel and Hirsch (2002). The  
908 Mann-Whitney U test was employed to determine statistically significant difference  
909 between summary statistics at 95% confidence level ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ).

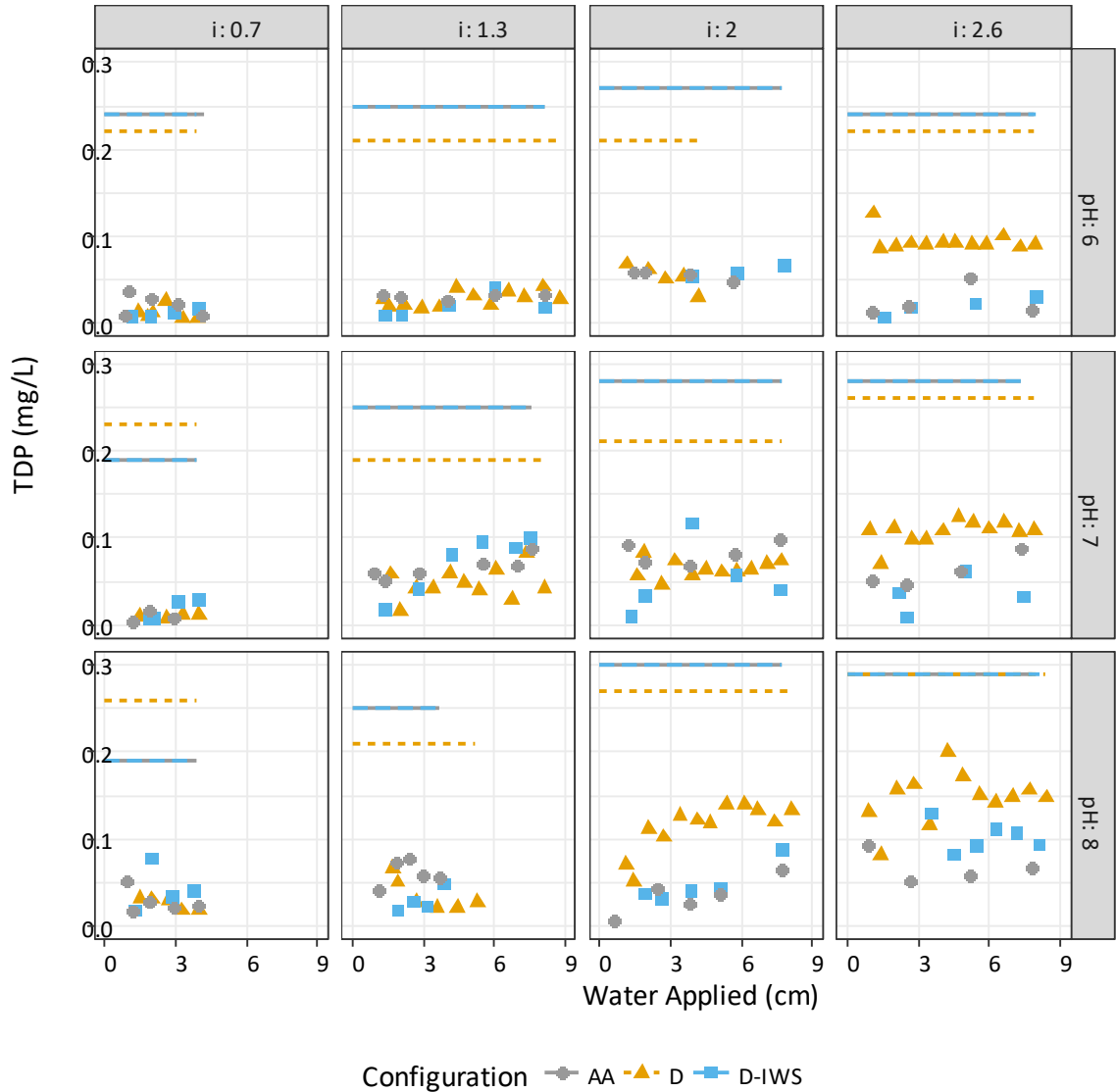
## 910 ***Results and Discussion***

### 911 **Phosphorus**

912 Measured influent and effluent TDP concentrations for storm simulations are

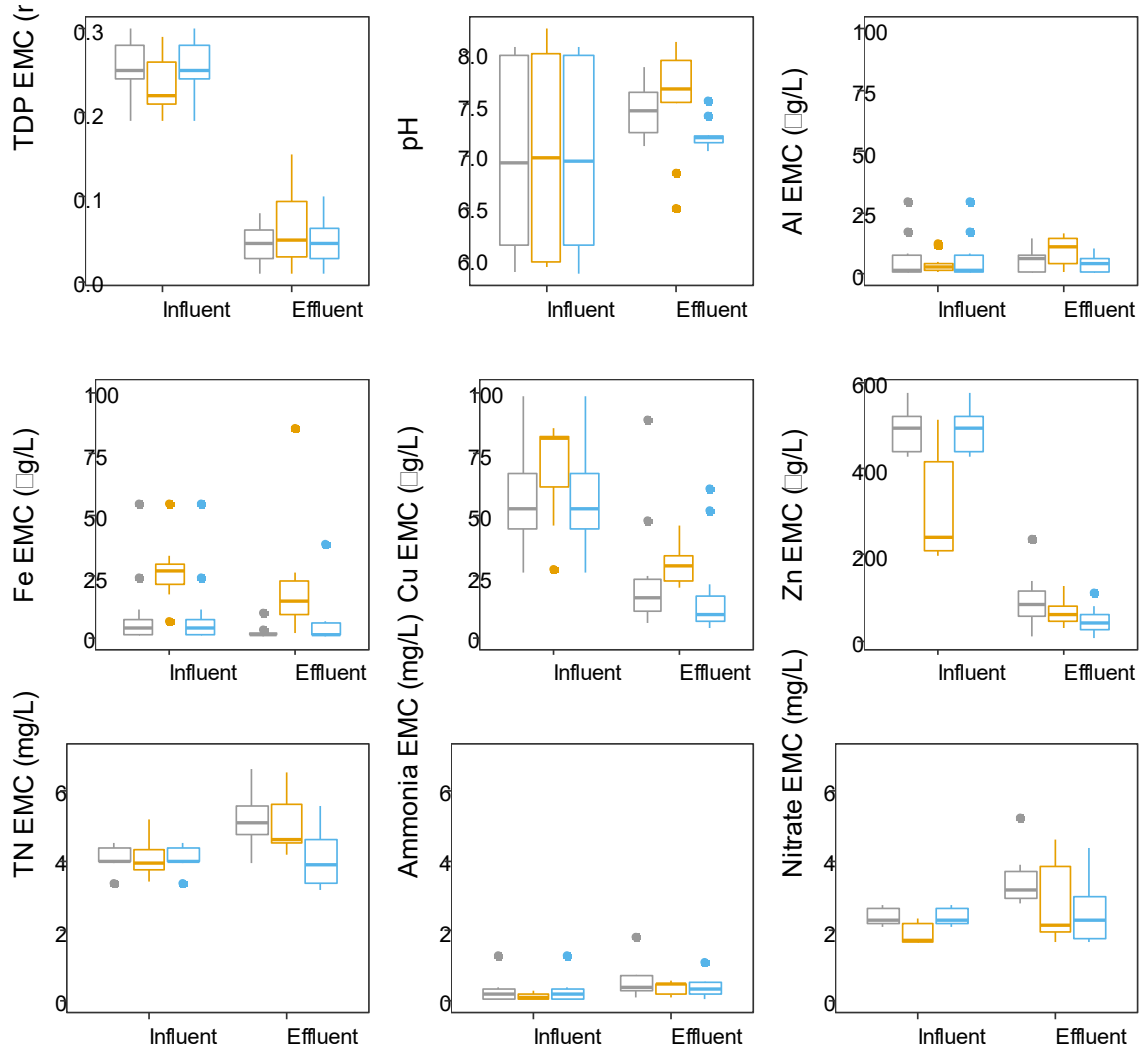


913 presented in Figure 2-1. Effluent TDP concentration was lower than influent for all  
914 samples. To assess overall performance, TDP EMCs for each set of 12 storms were  
915 grouped by configuration and are presented in Figure 2-2. Effluent TDP EMC was  
916 observed between 0.01 and 0.15 mg/L P, while event removal efficiency ranged from 48  
917 to 98%. The mean TDP EMC for each configuration was significantly lower in effluent  
918 compared to influent, while no significant difference in effluent was observed among  
919 configurations. Effluent TDP EMC concentrations were below the EPA recommended  
920 0.03656 mg/L TP for rivers and streams in ecoregion XIV (USEPA 2000) for all but one  
921 storm at  $i = 0.66$  cm/h. This  $i$  is just lower than the 1-yr average return interval (ARI)  
922 event-averaged storm intensity for a 6 h storm for College Park, MD of 0.8 cm/h (Bonnin  
923 et al. 2006). It also exceeds the rainfall intensity of at least 61% of Maryland storms  
924 analyzed by Kreeb (2003). The data, therefore, support the hypothesis that HPMM can  
925 achieve effective P retention for storm intensities in this range, with respect to DP. TP  
926 was measured in a subset of samples and was consistently 10% greater than TDP. If TDP  
927 EMC results are increased by 10%, all but one storm event at  $i = 0.66$  cm/h still fall  
928 below the EPA-recommended level.



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930 Figure 3-1. Measured TDP concentrations for 36 storm simulations (12 for each  
 931 configuration). Synthetic stormwater influent (Table 3-2), indicated by solid lines, at  
 932  $0.25 \pm 0.035$  mg/L P was applied to a 5-cm base layer of HPMM under one of three  
 933 different configurations: using HPMM-D (D), HPMM-AA (AA), or HPMM-D with an  
 934 IWS (D-IWS). Each storm was run at one of four rainfall intensities,  $i$  (0.7, 1.3, 2.0, or  
 935 2.6 cm/h), and one of three pH values (6.0, 7.0, or 8.0).  
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Configuration AA D D-IWS

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938 Figure 3-2. Summary of EMC results from 36 storm simulations on a mesocosm  
 939 containing a 5-cm HPMM layer. Central bars indicate the median of EMCs. Lower and  
 940 upper extents of the boxes indicate the 1<sup>st</sup> (Q1) and 3<sup>rd</sup> (Q3) quartiles, respectively. The  
 941 interquartile range (IQR) is defined as Q3 – Q1 and the lower and upper extents of the  
 942 lines indicate Q1 – 1.5·IQR and Q3 + 1.5·IQR, respectively. Points outside the lines are  
 943 outliers.

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946 A trend toward lower effluent TDP EMC at lower rainfall intensity is apparent for

947 configuration D ( $R^2 = 0.772$ ) (Figure 3-3a). The coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ )

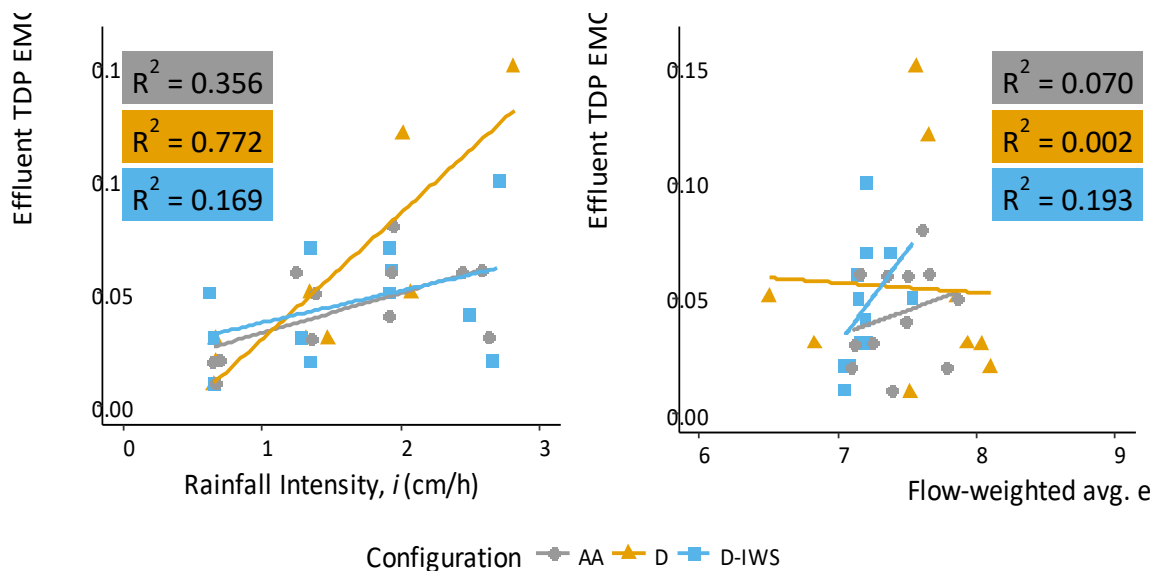
948 indicates the percentage of the variation in the variable on the y-axis that can be

949 attributed to variance in the variable on the x-axis. A high  $R^2$  value indicates a strong

950 linear relationship between the two variables (McCuen 2005). A positive linear  
951 relationship between TDP EMC and rainfall intensity is also present, but weaker, for  
952 configurations AA ( $R^2 = 0.356$ ) and D-IWS ( $R^2 = 0.169$ ). This supports the hypothesis  
953 that DP retention will decrease as rainfall intensity increases. Weaker correlation  
954 between TDP EMC and rainfall intensity for configuration D-IWS is likely due to  
955 differences in the flow regime of this configuration. Because the outlet is elevated, water  
956 saturates the media layer following each storm and remains there until the start of the  
957 next storm. As new influent is applied, water retained from the previous storm is pushed  
958 out of the outlet. Contact time for this “old” water with the media is a function of the  
959 time between storms rather than the rainfall intensity of the current storm simulation.  
960 Additionally, flow in the D-IWS configuration is under saturated conditions, in contrast  
961 to the D and AA configurations for which flow is through unsaturated media. These  
962 differences in flow regime appear to result in a damping of the effect of rainfall intensity  
963 on DP retention in the D-IWS configuration.

964         The coefficients of determination indicate a weak positive correlation between  
965 effluent TDP EMC and flow-weighted event mean effluent pH for configurations AA and  
966 D-IWS ( $R^2 = 0.070$  and  $R^2 = 0.193$ , respectively) and a very weak negative correlation  
967 for configuration D ( $R^2 = 0.002$ ) (Figure 3-3b). The scatter and distribution in Figure 3-  
968 3b indicate that the relationship between effluent TDP EMC and effluent pH EMC is  
969 influenced by extreme points in the data set presented or may not be a linear relationship.  
970 Phosphate is a triprotic acid and its speciation is pH dependent, with  $H_2PO_4^-$  and  $HPO_4^{2-}$   
971 being the predominant dissolved species at pH typical of urban runoff,  $7.50 \pm 0.75$   
972 (Stumm and Morgan 1996; Pitt et al. 2004). At this pH, electrical double-layer effects

973 influence phosphate adsorption onto alumina surfaces, as shown by Chen et al. (1973).  
 974 Higher pH causes the alumina surface to be more negatively charged, increasing the  
 975 repulsive force acting on negatively charged  $\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$  and  $\text{HPO}_4^{2-}$ . Adsorption of anions is  
 976 also a competitive process. Surface complexation (i.e., adsorption) of phosphate species  
 977 onto metal hydroxides occurs primarily through ligand exchange, where phosphate  
 978 anions replace hydroxyl ( $\text{OH}^-$ ) ions bound to the adsorptive surface. Greater  $\text{OH}^-$  ion  
 979 concentration at higher pH can result in reduced adsorption of phosphate (Brattebo and  
 980 Odegaard 1986; Stumm and Morgan 1996). Thus, it was expected that P retention would  
 981 decrease with increased pH. Some of the correlation between effluent TDP and effluent  
 982 pH may have been masked by the relatively stronger effect of rainfall intensity on  
 983 effluent TDP, particularly for configuration D, for which TDP and  $i$  were highly  
 984 correlated.



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 986 Figure 3-3. Relationship between effluent TDP EMC and (a) rainfall intensity and (b)  
 987 effluent pH for 36 storm simulations across 3 mesocosm configurations using a 5-cm  
 988 HPMM base layer.  
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990 A model developed in Chapter 2 to describe DP retention by HPMM was  
 991 employed to mesocosm data from the present study to control for differences in rainfall  
 992 intensity across storm simulations. The model, shown in Equation 3-2, was developed  
 993 based on long-term column testing for DP retention in which a scaled-down (shale < 2  
 994 mm) version of the HPMM used in the present study was subjected to continuous flow of  
 995 synthetic stormwater.

$$996 \quad \frac{C_{out}}{C_{in}} = 1 - e^{-\beta_0 \Sigma M} + e^{-(\beta_0 \Sigma M + \beta_1 \frac{V_m}{Q})} \quad (3-2)$$

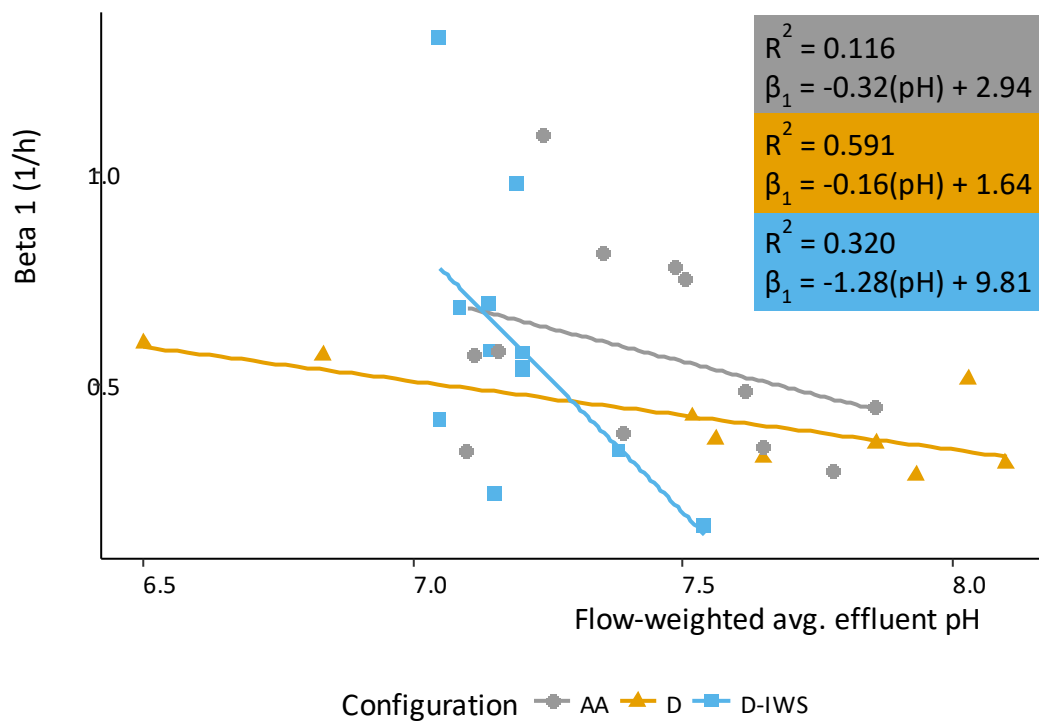
997  $\beta_0$  in Equation 3-2 is a long-term parameter related to the adsorption capacity of the  
 998 media.  $\beta_1$  is a short-term parameter related to the adsorption kinetics and media reactive  
 999 surface area. Equation 3-2 can be rewritten by expressing retention time,  $\bar{t} = \frac{V_m}{Q}$ , in  
 1000 terms of media depth,  $d$ , and rainfall intensity,  $i$ .

$$1001 \quad \frac{C_{out}}{C_{in}} = 1 - e^{-\beta_0 \Sigma M} + e^{-(\beta_0 \Sigma M + \beta_1 \frac{d}{i})} \quad (3-3)$$

1002 This conversion assumes infiltration rate is equal to rainfall intensity, which holds true if  
 1003 there is no ponding and rainfall intensity is less than saturated hydraulic conductivity.  
 1004 HPMM hydraulic conductivity was measured in Chapter 2 to be 324 cm/h, which is an  
 1005 order of magnitude greater than the 1000-year ARI 5-minute duration precipitation  
 1006 intensity estimated for College Park, MD (Bonnin et al. 2006). If infiltration rate is  
 1007 restricted by underlying soil or outlet control in an underdrain, retention time can be  
 1008 expected to increase.

1009 Equation 3-3 was used to calculate  $\beta_1$  for the specific  $C_{out}$ ,  $C_{in}$ , and  $i$  of each storm  
 1010 simulation using TDP EMCs. The P loading from the 12 storms was small enough not to  
 1011 significantly influence long-term loading, therefore  $\Sigma M$  was assumed to be zero. The

1012 calculated  $\beta_1$  values were plotted against flow-weighted event mean effluent pH (Figure  
 1013 3-4). A stronger correlation between  $\beta_1$  and pH is observed than was present for TDP  
 1014 EMC and pH for all configurations.  $\beta_1$  relates to adsorption rates with higher values  
 1015 corresponding to faster adsorption. For all configurations,  $\beta_1$  increases as pH decreases,  
 1016 indicating faster adsorption at lower pH. This result is consistent with previous studies  
 1017 showing greater phosphate adsorption to aluminum (hydr)oxide surfaces at lower pH  
 1018 (Chen et al. 1973; Goldberg and Sposito 1984; Tanada et al. 2003) and supports the  
 1019 hypothesis that DP retention will be greater at lower pH.  
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1022 Figure 3-4. Data from 36 storm simulations in mesocosm testing with an 5-cm HPMM  
 1023 layer was input into Equation 3-3 to calculate  $\beta_1$  values. The relationship between  $\beta_1$  and  
 1024 effluent pH EMC is expressed by linear regression.  
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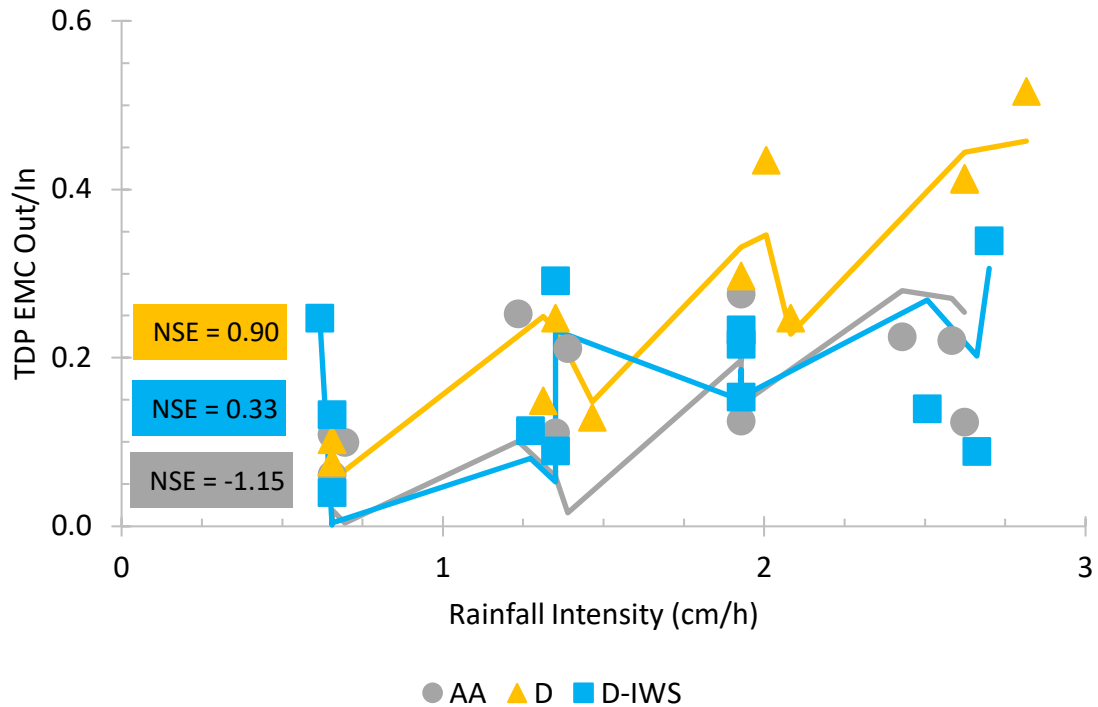
1026 The effect of pH on adsorption kinetics was integrated into the model from  
1027 Equation 3-3 using the linear equation of best fit from Figure 3-4 to yield Equation 3-4.

$$1028 \quad \frac{C_{out}}{C_{in}} = 1 - e^{-\beta_0 \Sigma M} + e^{-\left(\beta_0 \Sigma M + \beta_1^* (m(pH) + b) \frac{d}{i}\right)} \quad (3-4)$$

1029 The model can now be fit to experimental data through the fitting parameters  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1^*$ .  
1030 Operational conditions and measured parameters (i.e.,  $d$ ,  $i$ , influent TDP EMC, flow-  
1031 weighted mean effluent pH) for the 12 storm simulations were input into Equation 3-4 to  
1032 predict effluent TDP EMC. Parameters  $m$  and  $b$  were taken from the linear best fit for  
1033 each material as shown in Figure 3-4. Cumulative P loading,  $\Sigma M$ , was set to zero  
1034 because loading from 12 storm simulations represents less than 1 m of rainfall loading,  
1035 which is insignificant compared to the projected loading capacity of over 600 m before  
1036 reaching P saturation of the media reported in Chapter 2 for long-term column studies.  
1037 Because  $\Sigma M$  was set to zero for the mesocosm study, the value of  $\beta_0$  is inconsequential.  
1038  $\beta_1^*$  was varied to find the best fit and the resulting model predictions are shown in Figure  
1039 3-5 with  $\beta$  values summarized in Table 3-3. Lower values of  $\beta_0$  and greater values of  $\beta_1^*$   
1040 (and  $\beta_1$ ) indicate greater DP retention.

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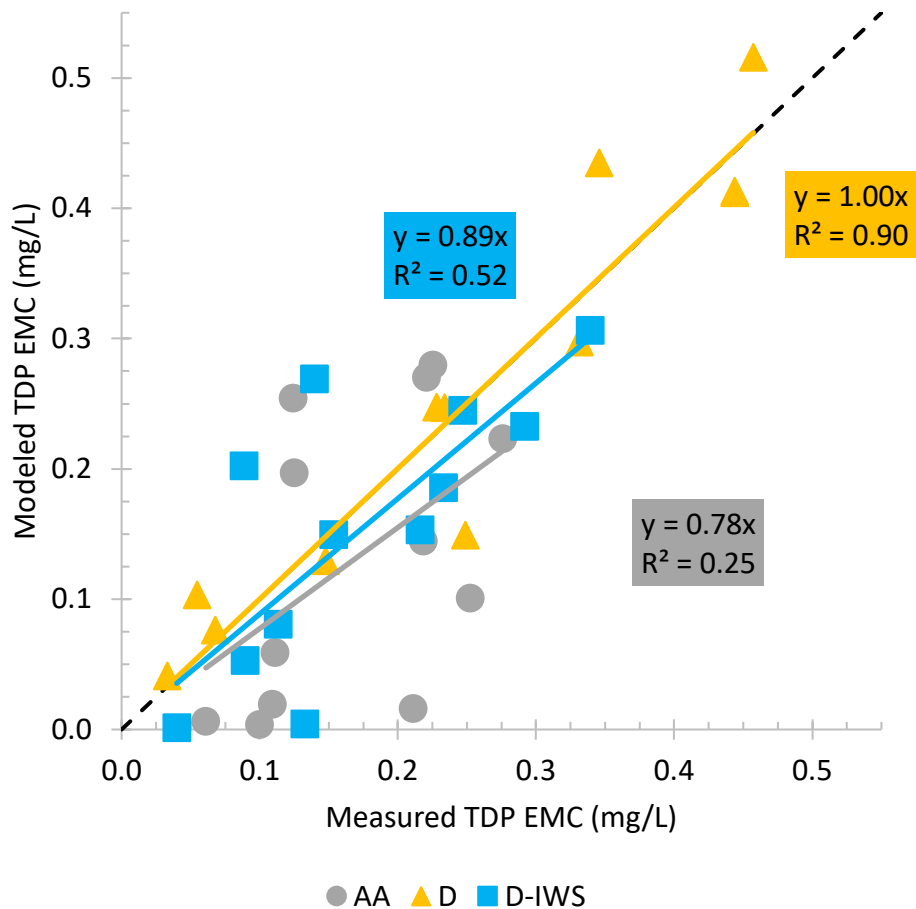


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1043 Figure 3-5. TDP retention plotted against rainfall intensity for 36 storm simulations (12  
 1044 for each configuration) at rainfall intensities ranging 0.66 - 2.9 cm/h and pH ranging 6 - 8  
 1045 for a mesocosm utilizing 5 cm of HPMM under three configurations. The model from  
 1046 Equation 3-4 was fitted to experimental data by varying  $\beta_1^*$  for each of the three  
 1047 configurations.  
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1049 To test the ability of the model to predict effluent TDP concentrations, modeled  
 1050 effluent TDP EMCs from Equation 3-4 were compared with observed effluent TDP  
 1051 EMCs for 12 storm simulations at each of three configurations (Figure 3-6). Good  
 1052 agreement is noted between modeled and measured values for configuration D; the  
 1053 relationship was found to be 1 to 1, with an  $R^2$  value of 0.90. The model generally  
 1054 overestimates effluent TDP for configuration AA and D-IWS, with lower correlation and  
 1055  $R^2 = 0.25$  and  $0.52$ , respectively. This overprediction is particularly pronounced, as  
 1056 shown in Figure 3-5, at higher flow rates while the model underpredicts effluent TDP at  
 1057 lower flow rates for these two configurations. The result is a flatter TDP distribution

1058 with respect to rainfall intensity than predicted by the model. This can be explained for  
 1059 the D-IWS configuration by the damping effect, as describe above, from the IWS zone.  
 1060 The AA configuration is less sensitive to changes in both rainfall intensity and pH than  
 1061 configuration D. This may be due to differences in the WTR source and composition.  
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1064 Figure 3-6. Modeled effluent TDP EMC from Equation 3-4 plotted against observed  
 1065 effluent TDP EMC for 12 mesocosm storm simulations. Parameter values used in the  
 1066 model reflected observed values for  $C_{in}$  (range 0.19 – 0.30 mg/L as P),  $i$  (range 0.66 – 2.9  
 1067 cm/h),  $d = 5$  cm and for influent pH in the range 5.86 – 8.23.  
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1069  $\beta_1^*$  and  $\beta_1$  values in Table 3-3 cannot be compared directly between mesocosm  
 1070 and column testing because of differences in material size and flow conditions. In

1071 column testing, shale measuring 2.0 mm in diameter was used, while the rainfall  
 1072 simulations used full-scale HPMM with 9.5 mm diameter shale. This created different  
 1073 void spacing throughout the media (i.e., different porosity) and transport distances.  
 1074 Additionally, column testing was conducted by pumping water through the media in an  
 1075 upflow direction. This resulted in saturated flow at a constant rate. In rainfall  
 1076 simulations, water was applied to the media surface and percolated by gravity through the  
 1077 media pore space, resulting in unsaturated flow. HPMM hydraulic conductivity is higher  
 1078 than the superficial flow velocities applied, so hydraulic retention time (HRT) or contact  
 1079 time was not limited by infiltration rate. Due to the unsaturated flow, HRT does not fully  
 1080 describe contact between the bulk fluid and the media surface. It was, however, shown  
 1081 above that rainfall intensity has a strong influence on DP removal in this system. It is  
 1082 thought that this influence is due to a combination of changes in advective and diffusional  
 1083 transport. As rainfall intensity increases, more of the void space becomes filled with  
 1084 water increasing transport distance from the bulk fluid to the adsorption surface.

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1086 Table 3-3. Parameters from Equations 3-3 and 3-4 fit to experimental data for long-term  
 1087 continuous flow columns (Chapter 2) and mesocosm rainfall simulations.

	Long-term Column	Mesocosm	
	$\beta_0$ (kg/g)	$\beta_1$ (h <sup>-1</sup> )	$\beta_1^*$ (h <sup>-1</sup> )
<b>Shale</b>	85.4	14.5	
<b>HPMM-1</b>	1.10	7.25	
<b>HPMM-D</b>	0.646	4.97	1.03
<b>HPMM-D-IWS</b>			1.09
<b>HPMM-AA</b>			1.15

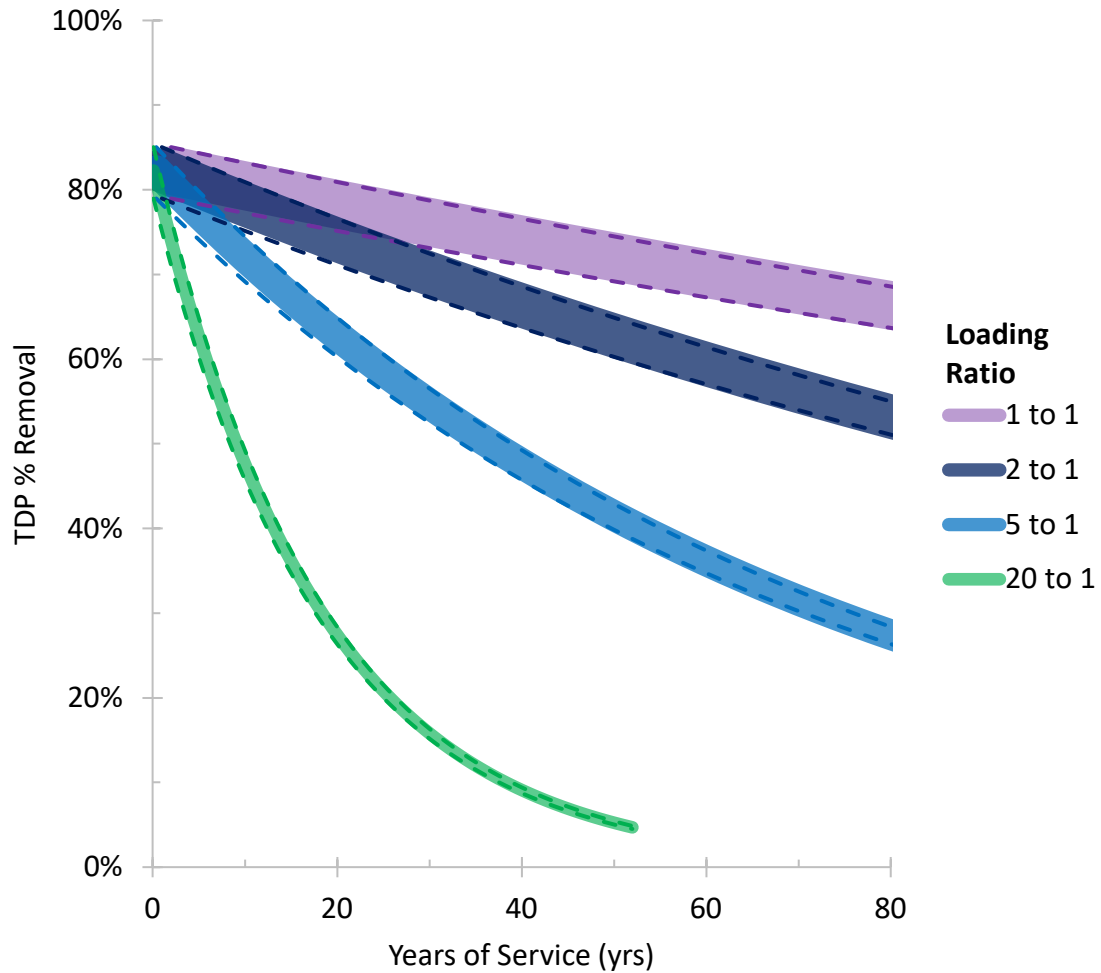
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1089 **Design Tool - Model Application**

1090 The model from Equation 3-4 can inform design decisions for permeable paving

1091 installations using HPMM as a base material. Figure 3-7 shows predicted TDP removal

1092 for a 5-cm base layer of HPMM-D at different loading ratios using assumptions  
1093 representative of conditions in College Park, Maryland. Loading ratio is defined here as  
1094 the ratio of contributing area to treatment surface area, with 1:1 representing a pavement  
1095 treating only rainfall falling directly onto the pavement and higher ratios including  
1096 adjacent areas contributing runoff to permeable pavement. A designer may use the tool  
1097 to strike the desired balance between loading ratio, removal efficiency, and pavement  
1098 lifetime. A uniform rainfall intensity of 1.27 cm/h (0.5 in/h) was used for the design tool.  
1099 This intensity is representative of a 5-yr ARI, 6-h duration precipitation event in College  
1100 Park, MD and is near the range of most frequently observed storm size and duration in  
1101 Maryland based on analysis by Kreeb (2003). It is also representative of a storm intensity  
1102 likely to generate sufficient throughflow. Because homogenous conditions are modeled  
1103 over a long time period a range is given around the predicted removal efficiency by  
1104 varying  $\beta_1^* \pm 10\%$  to account for short term fluctuations in removal resulting from  
1105 variations in influent DP concentration, pH, rainfall intensity and more parameters that  
1106 will vary from storm to storm. The model could potentially be expanded, with further  
1107 data, to include other treatment media. This could enable better-informed decisions and  
1108 improve estimates from watershed-scale models incorporating SCMs.



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1111 Figure 3-7. TDP removal efficiency by a 5 cm permeable pavement base layer of  
 1112 HPMM-D projected over years of service based on Equation 3-4. Assumptions:  $C_0 =$   
 1113  $0.20 \text{ mg/L}$ ; rainfall intensity =  $1.27 \text{ cm/h}$ ;  $\text{pH} = 7.5$ ; annual precipitation =  $1 \text{ m}$ . Width of  
 1114 prediction bands result from varying  $\beta_1^* \pm 10\%$  from best fit to represent a degree of  
 1115 uncertainty in the model prediction.

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### 1117 Nitrogen

1118 Effluent N EMCs were higher than influent for configurations D and AA across

1119 all storm events simulated. This was true for TN,  $\text{NH}_4$ , and  $\text{NO}_3$ . Comparing a subset of

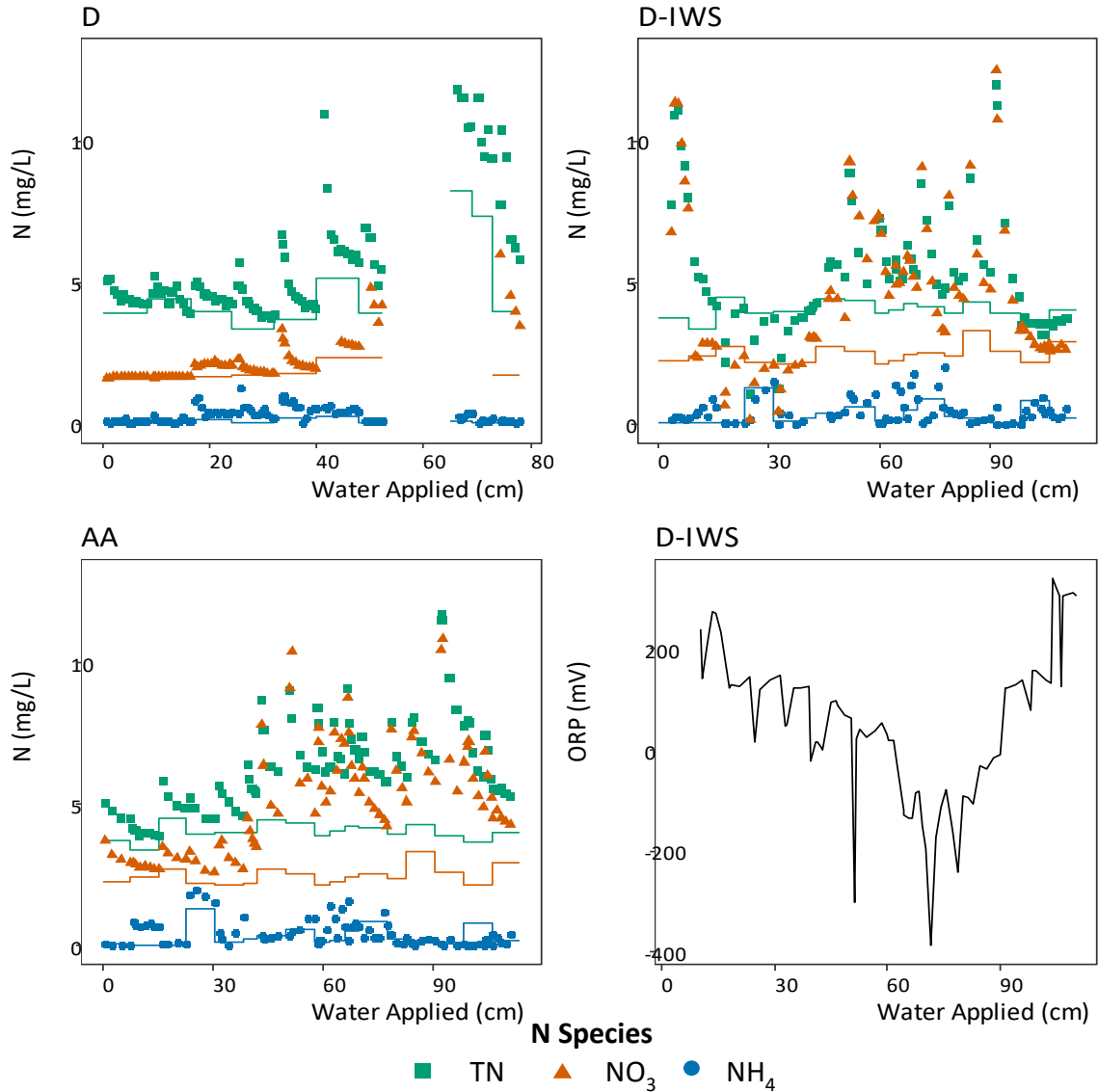
1120 6 storm events for which N data are available across all three configurations, the mean of

1121 EMCs for TN increased from  $4.10$  to  $5.06 \text{ mg/L}$  for D,  $4.04$  to  $5.19 \text{ mg/L}$  for AA, and

1122 4.04 to 4.09 mg/L for D-IWS (Figure 3-2). This increase was only significant for  
1123 configuration AA ( $p < 0.05$ ) when the Mann-Whitney U test was applied. The data do  
1124 not support the hypothesis that configuration AA will improve N retention compared to  
1125 configuration D. There was no significant difference in the means of effluent EMC TN,  
1126  $\text{NH}_4$ , or  $\text{NO}_3$  for these two configurations. As hypothesized, inclusion of an IWS in  
1127 configuration D-IWS did improve N treatment, but this effect was not consistent across  
1128 all storm simulations.

1129 Influent N was added as nitrate ( $\text{NaNO}_3$ ) and organic N (glycine) in a 1:2 N ratio.  
1130 Effluent N was dominated by nitrate under configurations D and AA (Figure 3-8).  
1131 Effluent ammonium concentrations also increased slightly from influent. This indicates  
1132 mineralization and nitrification likely occurred in these mesocosms, transforming organic  
1133 N to  $\text{NH}_4$  and ultimately to  $\text{NO}_3$ . Higher effluent TN concentrations are indicative of N  
1134 leaching from the media. *Stabilizer* may be the source of some of this leached N.  
1135 *Stabilizer* was dissolved in a 5% acetone solution and analyzed for TN and found to  
1136 contain  $61 \pm 4$  mg N per kg. WTR, however, is more likely the significant N source.  
1137 Studies by others found WTR to contain up to 500 mg N/kg WTR (Dayton and Basta  
1138 2001; Lei and Davis 2018). At this concentration, HPMM is estimated to contain 42.5  
1139 mg N/kg of HPMM and each mesocosm box contains an estimated 472 mg N. This is  
1140 approximately one third the influent load simulated by 100 cm of water applied, or one  
1141 year of loading, with the synthetic stormwater containing 4 mg/L TN in the present study.

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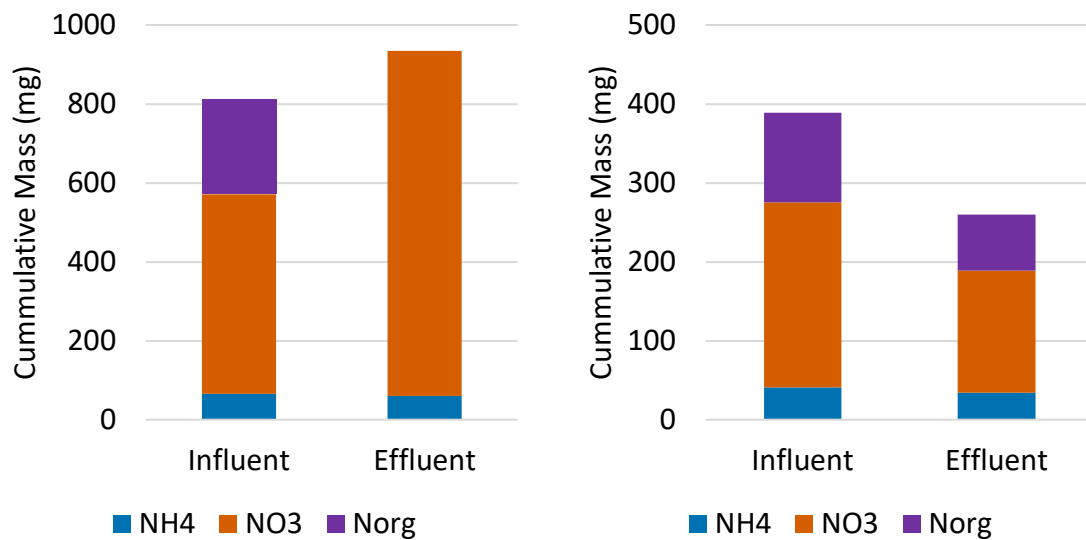
1144 Figure 3-8. N results for configurations D, D-IWS, and AA in mesocosm testing using a  
 1145 5-cm layer of HPMM. Lines indicate influent concentrations and points indicate effluent.  
 1146 ORP readings from effluent from D-IWS are also presented.  
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1148 In configuration D-IWS, nitrification and N leaching was evident in 10 of 17  
 1149 storm simulations (Figure 3-8), resulting in a 12% increase in TN load and 73% increase  
 1150 in NO<sub>3</sub> load over these 10 storms. NH<sub>4</sub> load decreased by 9% and organic N was below  
 1151 detection limit for all samples, represented by complete conversion in Figure 3-9. It is  
 1152 likely that much of this organic N reduction is due to conversion to nitrate. In 4

1153 simulations, effluent TN and NO<sub>3</sub> concentrations were lower than influent (Figure 3-8).  
1154 This is thought to have resulted from denitrification and been controlled by C availability.  
1155 An initial period of putative denitrification occurred between the third and fifth storm  
1156 events. Drift was observed in the oxidation-reduction potential (ORP) instrumentation,  
1157 making it difficult to conclude whether reducing conditions were present or not in the D-  
1158 IWS mesocosm. There is, however, a consistent trend on a storm-by-storm basis of ORP  
1159 dropping between storm events, while the media was saturated, and increasing rapidly at  
1160 the start of each storm, as oxygenated influent water flushed the old water from the IWS  
1161 zone. Additional evidence of the presence of reducing conditions comes from metals  
1162 data. Total Fe concentrations were below detection limit for all samples except those  
1163 from the second storm simulation in configuration D-IWS, when the mesocosm is  
1164 thought to have been transitioning from oxidizing to reducing conditions, and the initial  
1165 denitrification period began. It is hypothesized that this period ended as the OM in the  
1166 WTR was exhausted as a carbon source and the system became carbon limited. In the  
1167 final two storms, influent C was increased by a factor of 10, to 13 mg/L as C. This  
1168 stimulated a second denitrification period for the final storm, in which TN and NO<sub>3</sub>  
1169 concentrations were again lower for effluent samples compared to influent. The resulting  
1170 TN load decreased by 33% and NO<sub>3</sub> load decreased by 34% over the 4 storms in which  
1171 denitrification is thought to have occurred (Figure 3-9). The mean of effluent TN EMCs  
1172 for these 4 storms was 3.40 mg/L, which was significantly lower ( $p \leq 0.05$ ) than the  
1173 influent mean TN EMC, 4.11 mg/L, but still exceeds the EPA water quality criteria of  
1174 0.69 mg/L.



1175 Figure 3-9 provides a comparative illustration of N transformations during periods  
 1176 with conditions unsuitable to advance denitrification and periods suitable for  
 1177 denitrification. In the former, TN total mass load increased from influent to effluent,  
 1178 with NO<sub>3</sub> constituting the major fraction of N species. In contrast, for the two periods in  
 1179 which denitrification is thought to have occurred, TN mass load decreased from influent  
 1180 to effluent. Organic N was also flushed through the mesocosm without conversion to  
 1181 NH<sub>4</sub> or nitrate during these periods.



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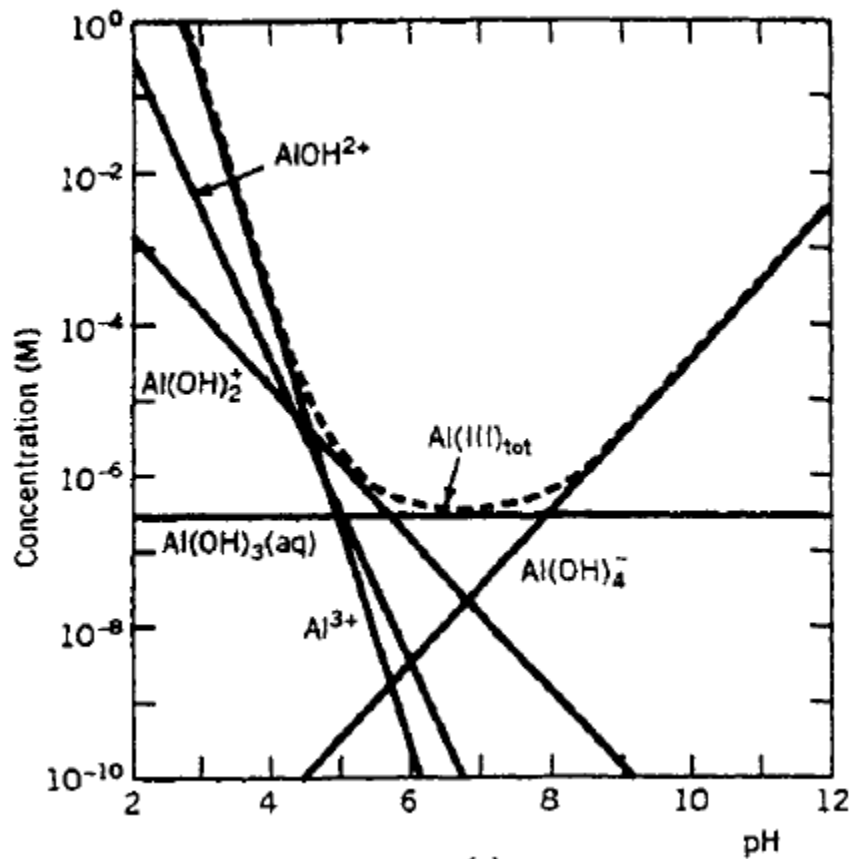
1183 Figure 3-9. N species transformation in mesocosm influent and effluent through a 5-cm  
 1184 HPMM layer under the D-IWS configuration. Storm simulations were divided into those  
 1185 in which denitrification was thought to be (a) absent and (b) present.

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### 1187 **Metals**

1188 The primary metal of concern for leaching from the test media is Al because  
 1189 HPMM uses Al-based WTR. Oxalate extractable (amorphous) Al content in WTR-D  
 1190 was measured at 70.9 g Al/kg WTR and WTR-AA was shown to contain 57.1 g Al/kg  
 1191 WTR. Mesocosm results indicate low potential for Al leaching under conditions

1192 representative of stormwater runoff. The mean of total Al EMCs increased from 5 to 10  
1193  $\mu\text{g/L}$  from influent to effluent in configuration D. This is a significant ( $p \leq 0.05$ )  
1194 increase, however these concentrations are well below the EPA ambient water quality  
1195 criterion for Al,  $87 \mu\text{g/L}$ , for water at pH between 8.5 and 9.0 (EPA 1988). The increase  
1196 was driven by a few individual effluent samples found in earlier storm events simulated  
1197 in configuration D. The highest concentration,  $123 \mu\text{g/L}$ , occurred in the first sample  
1198 collected. All effluent samples from configurations AA and D-IWS had total Al  
1199 concentrations below the  $25 \mu\text{g/L}$  detection limit. It is likely the few elevated Al  
1200 concentrations were due to initial wash-out of fines containing powdered WTR or shale  
1201 from the newly established media rather than from Al being solubilized because pH  
1202 remained between 6 and 8 for all effluent samples. Al solubility is approximately  $9 \mu\text{g/L}$   
1203 ( $10^{-6.5}$  M total Al) at pH in this range (Figure 3-10) (Stumm and Morgan 1996; Ippolito et  
1204 al. 2011). Configuration AA, which was prepared later, did not demonstrate similar  
1205 washout, possibly indicating the importance of mix preparation in binding fines into the  
1206 media.



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1208 Figure 3-10. Solubility of Al-hydroxides at various pH. Total Al(III) solubility achieves  
 1209 a minimum in the pH range between 6 and 8. (Figure adapted from Stumm and Morgan  
 1210 1996)

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1212 Effluent total Fe and Pb concentrations were also very low, below 25  $\mu\text{g/L}$  for all  
 1213 storm simulations and under all configurations. The mean of effluent EMCs was not  
 1214 significantly different ( $p \leq 0.05$ ) from the mean of influent EMCs for any of the three  
 1215 configurations. The EPA sets ambient water quality criteria for Fe and Pb at 1000 and  
 1216 2.5  $\mu\text{g/L}$ , respectively (EPA 1984; EPA 1986). Effluent Fe was far below this level. The  
 1217 water quality criterion for Pb is below the detection limit used in this study of 25  $\mu\text{g/L}$ .  
 1218 Therefore, no conclusion can be made regarding attainment of this standard.

1219 Influent was spiked with Cu and Zn to determine if HPMM can remove these  
1220 potentially toxic water pollutants from stormwater. Results indicate effective and  
1221 consistent Cu and Zn removal. The mean of EMCs was significantly lower ( $p \leq 0.05$ ) for  
1222 effluent compared to influent across all configurations for both metals (Figure 3-2).  
1223 Effluent total Cu EMC averaged 30, 24, and 18  $\mu\text{g/L}$  for configurations D, AA, and D-  
1224 IWS, respectively. The mean of total Zn EMCs was 67, 92, and 47  $\mu\text{g/L}$  for D, AA, and  
1225 D-IWS configurations, respectively. The corresponding percent reductions are 59, 59,  
1226 and 69% for Cu and 78, 81, and 90% for Zn under configurations D, AA, and D-IWS,  
1227 respectively. The reductions are relative to overall mean influent concentrations of 61,  
1228 81, and 73  $\mu\text{g/L}$  Cu and 255, 499, and 458  $\mu\text{g/L}$  Zn for D, AA, and D-IWS, respectively.  
1229 Water quality criteria for Cu are highly site and species specific, but typically are on the  
1230 order of a few  $\mu\text{g/L}$  (EPA 2016). Zn levels in all three configurations were below the  
1231 EPA criterion for acute toxicity to freshwater aquatic life of 133  $\mu\text{g/L}$  (EPA 1996).

1232 Metals toxicity can depend on water chemistry of the receiving water, including  
1233 factors such as pH, hardness, alkalinity, and OM concentrations. The fraction of the  
1234 metal in dissolved form can also be important as can specific species of concern in the  
1235 local area. With these complications in mind, tentative conclusions can be made based  
1236 on the results presented. HPMM does not present a concern for Al or Fe leaching under  
1237 conditions typical of stormwater runoff. Pb leaching is also low and not likely a concern.  
1238 HPMM can effectively and consistently reduce Cu and Zn concentrations. This reduction  
1239 is sufficient to attain water quality standards for Zn, but is likely insufficient to meet very  
1240 stringent Cu standards.

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1242 ***Conclusions***

1243 HPMM was shown effective at reducing DP and total metals concentrations in  
1244 stormwater under simulated rainfall events. The media also demonstrated potential to  
1245 reduce N concentrations by including an IWS zone if adequate C is available.

1246 A 5 cm layer of HPMM reduced influent TDP concentrations from 0.25 mg/L  
1247 to a maximum of 0.05 mg/L P for storm simulations with 0.66 cm/h rainfall intensity  
1248 at pH between 5.86 and 8.23, typical of stormwater pH. For 9 simulations at this  
1249 rainfall intensity, 8 fell below the EPA water quality criteria of 0.03656 mg/L for TP.  
1250 This intensity is slightly lower than the 1-yr ARI for College Park, MD and likely  
1251 exceeds the intensity of at least 2/3 of Maryland storms (Kreeb 2003).

1252 HPMM did not remove N under aerobic conditions and may be a source of N  
1253 export. Previous studies have been undertaken using WTR, but typically these have  
1254 been in contexts with N export from other sources, masking N export from WTR  
1255 specifically. An IWS zone was successful in decreasing effluent N when sufficient C  
1256 was present to advance denitrification. WTR source had no impact on N retention.

1257 Metals leaching potential is low based on the findings and under the  
1258 conditions tested in this study (e.g., pH between 6 and 9). Fe and Pb concentrations  
1259 were below the 25 µg/L detection limit for all effluent samples from HPMM. The  
1260 media demonstrated effective and consistent retention of Cu and Zn, with effluent  
1261 concentrations significantly lower than influent. Percent concentration reductions  
1262 ranged 59-69% for Cu and 78-90% for Zn. Additional treatment may be necessary to  
1263 further lower Cu concentrations to avoid toxicity effects if that is a target metal. The  
1264 mean of effluent EMCs for Al was 10 µg/L, which is below the 25 µg/L detection  
1265 limit, under configuration D. This was a significant increase from the mean of

1266 influent EMCs, driven by a few samples from early storm simulations with elevated  
1267 Al concentrations. Initial export of Al is hypothesized to be due to washing out of  
1268 fines, which can likely be mitigated through careful mix preparation ensuring  
1269 complete binding of fines to the media.

1270           A model developed in previous work with long-term column studies was  
1271 extended and fit to mesocosm experimental data with two fitting parameters to predict  
1272 effluent TDP concentration from HPMM as a function of pH, rainfall intensity,  
1273 cumulative P loading, and media depth. Using results from rainfall simulations, the  
1274 model showed good agreement between modeled and measured effluent TDP EMC,  
1275 with a slope of 1.00 and  $R^2$  of 0.90 for HPMM-D. The model poorly described TDP  
1276 results for HPMM-AA, prepared with WTR sourced from a different water treatment  
1277 plant. Inclusion of an IWS zone also decreased model accuracy, likely by damping  
1278 the effect of rainfall intensity on TDP retention. The model can be used to inform  
1279 permeable pavement base design decisions including balancing desired removal  
1280 efficiency with loading ratio and design lifetime.

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## 1283 **Chapter 4: Field-Scale Studies**

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### 1285 **Field Monitoring of an Enhanced Stormwater Treatment Media in a Permeable**

### 1286 **Pavement Pilot Installation**

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#### 1288 ***Introduction***

1289       Urbanization generally results in increased impermeable surface coverage and  
1290 associated issues from increased polluted runoff. This greater volume of stormwater can  
1291 carry a suite of pollutants including nutrients – nitrogen (N) and phosphorus (P) – and  
1292 toxic metals (Walsh et al. 2005; Kaushal et al. 2019). Low impact development (LID)  
1293 approaches or distributed stormwater control measures (SCMs) are employed to mitigate  
1294 the negative effects of impermeable surfaces. In developed urban areas, SCMs with  
1295 small spatial footprints and those which can provide multiple co-benefits (e.g., runoff  
1296 volume reduction and water quality improvement) are particularly useful. Permeable  
1297 pavements are one such SCM, which directly replace impermeable surfaces with  
1298 permeable. This can promote infiltration of rainfall leading to decreased runoff volume  
1299 and delayed timing of runoff peak flows (Dietz 2007). Underdrains are typically installed  
1300 to ensure drawdown of retained water in the permeable pavement base layer. This results  
1301 in much of the water infiltrated through permeable pavements being directed to the storm  
1302 sewer and eventually to surface waters. Water quality in this infiltrate water is generally  
1303 improved by suspended solids filtration in the surface pavement and base aggregate  
1304 layers (Drake et al. 2013; Weiss et al. 2017). Field studies across a variety of permeable  
1305 pavement types, including porous asphalt, pervious concrete, and interlocking concrete  
1306 pavers, have shown effective retention of total suspended solids (TSS), hydrocarbons,

1307 metals, and total nutrients (Brattebo and Booth 2003; Gilbert and Clausen 2006; Drake et  
1308 al. 2014; Winston et al. 2016). These pollutants are largely affiliated with solids. There  
1309 is potential, however, for dissolved pollutants such as nitrate and phosphate to pass  
1310 through the permeable pavements or remobilize from captured particulates. The study by  
1311 Drake et al. (2014) illustrates this challenge. In three partial-infiltration (i.e.  
1312 underdrained) permeable pavement systems, decreases in organic N ( $N_{org}$ ) and  
1313 ammonium ( $NH_4$ ) – relative to impermeable asphalt – were accompanied by increases in  
1314  $NO_3$ . This was likely due to microbially-mediated nitrification of  $NH_4$  to  $NO_3$  as water  
1315 drained through the permeable pavements. Phosphate removal was lower than TP  
1316 removal in all cases and phosphate export was noted in one permeable pavement.

1317         A novel treatment media described in Chapters 2 and 3 was developed to enhance  
1318 the capability of permeable pavements to improve water quality, particularly with respect  
1319 to dissolved P and nitrogen. The novel permeable pavement base material, referred to as  
1320 high permeability media mixture (HPMM), comprises expanded shale lightweight  
1321 aggregate (expanded shale) coated with aluminum-based water treatment residual (WTR)  
1322 using a psyllium-based soil binder (psyllium). This unique combination of materials  
1323 redirects a waste material (WTR) for productive use and overcomes the low permeability  
1324 of WTR when used alone. The result is an inexpensive stormwater treatment solution.  
1325 Previous studies, described in Chapters 2 and 3, demonstrated adequate hydraulic  
1326 conductivity and structural capacity to serve as a permeable pavement base, and long-  
1327 term P retention capacity to remain in place as a treatment media beyond the expected  
1328 lifetime of a pavement installation. These studies were conducted under laboratory  
1329 simulations using synthetic stormwater. The composition of the aqueous matrix can



1330 influence pollutant removal for P and metals undergoing adsorption processes.  
1331 Competitive adsorption among ions present in the stormwater can alter retention of target  
1332 pollutants. Formation of complexes between metals and organic matter (OM) or between  
1333 metals and phosphates can also influence pollutant mobility. These processes can also be  
1334 pH dependent (Chen et al. 1973a and b; Elliott et al. 1986). Therefore, actual stormwater  
1335 is necessary to verify expected treatment performance documented under lab conditions.  
1336 The objective of the present study is to assess performance of this base material under  
1337 field conditions with respect to a range of inorganic pollutants. The target pollutants to  
1338 be monitored are total phosphorus (TP), total dissolved phosphorus (TDP), total nitrogen  
1339 (TN), ammonium (NH<sub>4</sub>), nitrate (NO<sub>3</sub>), nitrite (NO<sub>2</sub>), and total Al, Cu, Fe, Pb, and Zn.  
1340 Percent reduction in mass load is the primary metric to be used to assess performance  
1341 because load reduction is one of the primary goals of treating stormwater in SCMs.  
1342 Effluent concentration can also be important to receiving water body quality, therefore  
1343 performance will also be assessed by examining effluent concentrations on a storm-by-  
1344 storm basis and in overall study mean and median values to assess long term effluent  
1345 trends.

## 1346 ***Methods and Materials***

### 1347 **High Permeability Media Mixture**

1348 HPMM used in this study was blended by Stancills Inc. in Perryville, MD using  
1349 WTR from the Dalecarlia drinking water treatment plant (Washington, D.C.), Haydite  
1350 “B” size expanded shale from DiGeronimo Aggregates (Cleveland, OH) graded between  
1351 0.094 (No. 8 sieve) and 9.5 mm (3/8 in), and *Stabilizer* from Stabilizer Solutions  
1352 (Phoenix, AZ). Moist WTR was pressed through a screen with approximately 2 mm gap

1353 space prior to blending without drying. The HPMM was stored overnight and delivered  
1354 in a cement mixing truck to a field pilot site. During this process, dried clumps of  
1355 HPMM formed and were broken apart manually for installation in the base layer of a  
1356 permeable pavement.

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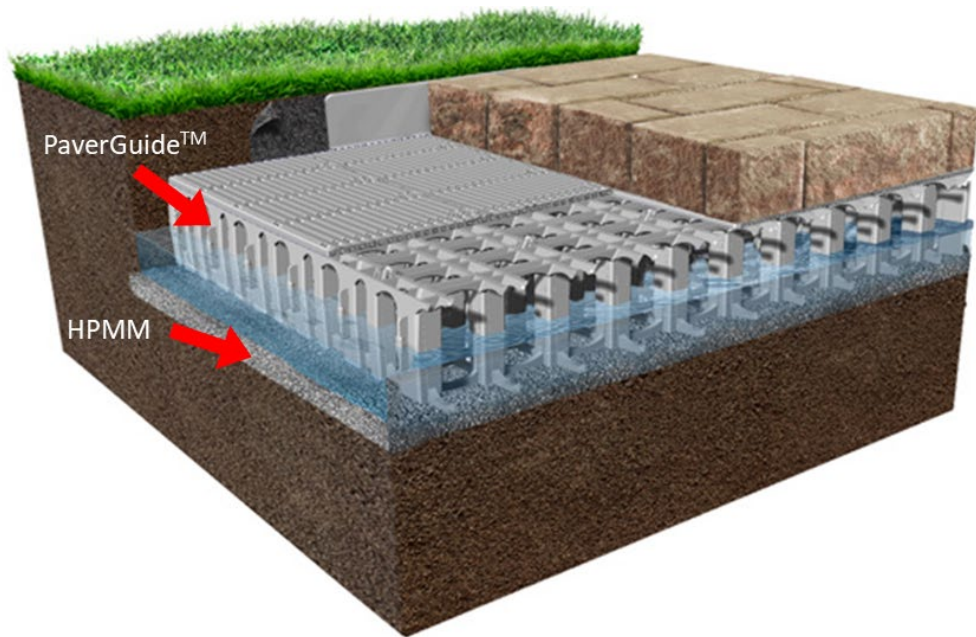
1359 Figure 4-1. Field study site in Worton, MD. Direct precipitation onto a 36-m<sup>2</sup>  
1360 impermeable liner (Control) and 49-m<sup>2</sup> permeable pavement section with 5-cm HPMM  
1361 base layer (Treatment) was directed into corresponding drainage pipes for flow  
1362 monitoring and water quality sampling.

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### 1364 **Site Description and Monitoring Plan**

1365 A field pilot site was installed on November 16, 2016. The site in Worton, MD  
1366 consisted of a single permeable pavement residential driveway divided into two sections.  
1367 The 36 m<sup>2</sup> “Control” section was covered with an impermeable plastic liner from which  
1368 all runoff was directed into an adjacent 6-inch PVC drain pipe (Figure 4-1). The 49 m<sup>2</sup>

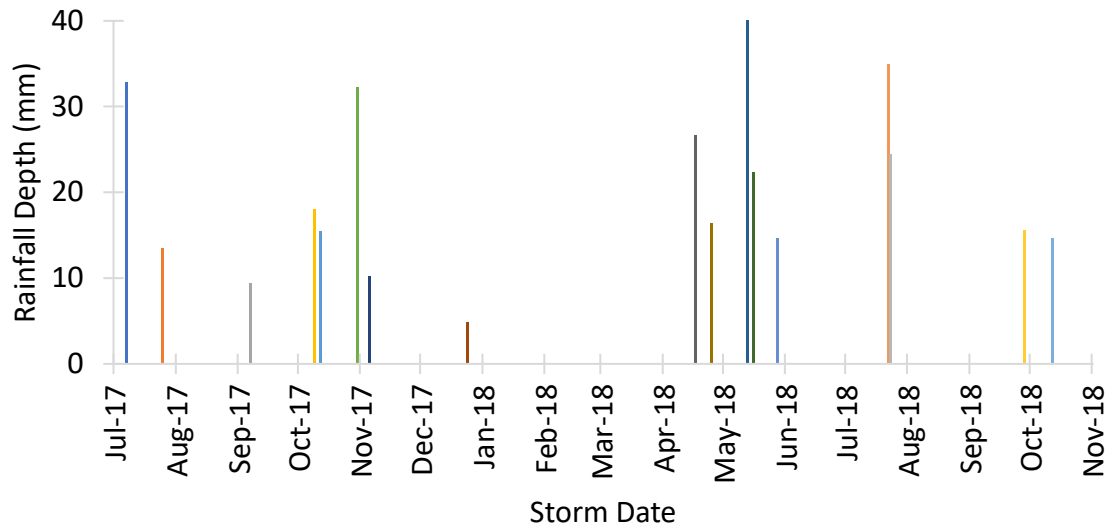
1369 “Treatment” side consisted of a permeable brick paver surface layer with chipped shale  
1370 gap fill material (Figure 4-2). A PaverGuide™ base and grid system was used for the  
1371 reservoir layer. A 5-cm layer of HPMM was placed as the base layer on top of an  
1372 impermeable plastic liner used to collect infiltrated water. All flow through the  
1373 permeable layers was directed to a drainage collection pipe at the lower end of the  
1374 installation, resulting in flow through the HPMM base and PaverGuide™ reservoir  
1375 layers.  
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1378 Figure 4-2. Cross section of Treatment permeable pavement construction showing brick  
1379 paver surface course, PaverGuide™ grid reservoir layer, and HPMM base layer (image  
1380 provided courtesy of PaverGuide, Inc.).  
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1382 Monitoring was conducted over the 17-month period from June 7, 2017 through  
1383 November 2, 2018 (Figure 4-3). 17 paired water samples were collected from Control  
1384 and Treatment drainage pipes using ISCO Avalanche or 6712 automated sampling

1385 devices and flow was monitored using a 6-inch Thel-Mar V-notch weir pipe insert and  
1386 ISCO 730 Bubbler Flow Module. An onsite ISCO 674 tipping bucket rain gauge was  
1387 used to collect localized rainfall data to 0.254-mm sensitivity (Teledyne ISCO, Lincoln,  
1388 NE). Rainfall and flow data were logged at 2-minute intervals. Composite water  
1389 samples were collected in 10-liter high density polyethylene (HDPE) bottles by flow-  
1390 weighted sampler programming. Well-mixed samples were divided into smaller plastic  
1391 bottles immediately following storm events and temporarily stored at 4°C in a  
1392 refrigerator onsite, then transferred in iced coolers to the University of Maryland  
1393 Environmental Engineering Laboratories in College Park, MD. TSS and pH were  
1394 measured immediately upon delivery to the lab and remaining samples were frozen until  
1395 analyzed. Sample analysis for all parameters was conducted within 28 days of storm  
1396 sampling. Samples intended for N analysis were preserved onsite using sample bottles  
1397 pre-filled with reagent grade sulfuric acid and those intended for metals analysis were  
1398 preserved onsite using trace metal grade nitric acid (Fisher Chemical, Gaithersburg, MD).  
1399 All sample bottles and glassware used in collection and analysis were washed with  
1400 deionized water and 5% hydrochloric acid between uses.  
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1403 Figure 4-3. Temporal distribution and rainfall depth of storms sampled over a 17-month  
 1404 monitoring period. 17 events for which paired water samples were collected from a  
 1405 Control impermeable pavement section and Treatment permeable pavement section are  
 1406 shown.  
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1408 **Analytical Procedures**

1409 Sample analysis was conducted at the University of Maryland Environmental  
 1410 Engineering Laboratories (College Park, MD). Lab pH was measured using a glass  
 1411 electrode probe with Ag/AgCl reference to an accuracy of 0.01 units (Mettler Toledo  
 1412 MA235, Greifensee, Switzerland). Total suspended solids (TSS) was measured  
 1413 following Standard Method 2540-D to a detection limit of 2.5 mg/L TSS. TP and TDP  
 1414 concentrations were determined by potassium persulfate digestion and the ascorbic acid  
 1415 molybdenum blue colorimetric method from Standard Method 4500-P (APHA et al.  
 1416 2012). TDP samples were first filtered through a 0.22 µm ceramic filter. Absorbance  
 1417 was measured using a 5 cm path-length cuvette in a UV-Visible spectrophotometer  
 1418 (UV160U, Shimadzu, Kyoto, Japan) at 880 nm to yield a detection limit of 0.01 mg/L P.  
 1419 Total Al, Cu, Fe, Pb, and Zn were analyzed using inductively coupled plasma atomic

1420 emission spectroscopy (ICP-AES) (ICPE-9000 Plasma Atomic Emission Spectrometer,  
1421 Shimadzu, Kyoto, Japan) at 394.403, 324.754, 259.940, 220.353, and 213.856 nm,  
1422 respectively. The detection limit was 25 µg/L for Pb and Fe, 10 µg/L for Al and Zn, and  
1423 for 5 µg/L Cu.

1424           TN was measured using a Total Organic Carbon Analyzer with Total Nitrogen  
1425 Measuring Unit (TOC analyzer, Shimadzu, Kyoto, Japan) with a detection limit of 0.05  
1426 mg/L as N. NH<sub>3</sub>-N concentrations were measured using the phenate method from  
1427 Standard Method 4500-NH<sub>3</sub> (APHA et al. 2012). Absorbance was measure with a 1 cm  
1428 path length cuvette at 640 nm in a UV-Visible spectrophotometer to a detection limit of  
1429 0.05 mg/L as N. Samples were filtered through a 0.22 µm ceramic filter prior to nitrate  
1430 and nitrite analysis. NO<sub>3</sub>-N was measured using ion chromatography (ICS-1100, Dionex,  
1431 Sunnyvale, CA) following Standard Method 4110. A 4.5 mM Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and 1.4 mM  
1432 NaHCO<sub>3</sub> eluent solution was run isocratically through an anion-exchange column with  
1433 150 mm length, 4 mm ID, and 6.5 µm particle size (IonPac AS22 Fast IC column,  
1434 Dionex, Sunnyvale, CA) at a flow rate of 1.2 mL/min. The detection limit was 0.1 mg/L  
1435 as N. NO<sub>2</sub>-N was analyzed colorimetrically in a UV-Visible spectrophotometer at 543  
1436 nm following Standard Method 4500-NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> (APHA et al. 2012) with a 1 cm path length  
1437 cuvette to a detection limit of 0.01 mg/L as N. NO<sub>2</sub>-N consistently accounted for less  
1438 than 3% of total N and is excluded from discussion. N<sub>org</sub> was calculated as TN minus the  
1439 sum of NH<sub>4</sub> and NO<sub>3</sub>.

#### 1440 **Data Handling**

1441           For each storm event, parameter measurements in the flow-weighted composite  
1442 sample are representative of the flow-weighted mean or event mean concentration

1443 (EMC). The Wilcoxon signed rank test was used to determine statistical difference  
1444 between the median value of sampled event EMCs for Control and Treatment at a 5%  
1445 significance level. Annual pollutant mass load, L (kg/ha-year), was calculated according  
1446 to Equation 4-1.

$$1447 \quad L = \frac{\sum(V_i \cdot EMC_i) \cdot P}{A \cdot \sum D_i} \quad (4-1)$$

1448  $V_i$  is the total storm event volume from event  $i$ ,  $EMC_i$  is the event mean concentration for  
1449 event  $i$ ,  $P$  is the average annual precipitation,  $A$  is the area of each pavement section, and  
1450  $D_i$  is the measured rainfall depth for event  $i$ . The normal annual precipitation for  
1451 Chestertown, MD of 112 cm/yr was used (NCEI 2018).

1452 Hydrologic data for 2018 contained numerous gaps and inconsistencies, therefore  
1453 the NRCS curve number (CN) method was used to calculate a site-specific CN from 2017  
1454 data (NRCS 2004). CN was calculated by solving the system of equations, Equations 4-2  
1455 and 4-3, for CN given  $P$  and  $Q$  as the measured rainfall depth and outflow volume,  
1456 respectively, for each storm event monitored in 2017.

$$1457 \quad Q = \frac{(P - 0.2 \cdot S)^2}{P + 0.8 \cdot S} \quad (4-2)$$

$$1458 \quad S = \frac{1000}{CN} - 10 \quad (4-3)$$

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1460 The CN was calculated as 91 for Control and 83 for Treatment. These CNs were used to  
1461 estimate outflow volume for 2018 events based on precipitation data from two stations  
1462 near Worton, MD (COLEMAN 3 WNW, MD and WORTON 3.9 NW, MD) (NCEI  
1463 2018).

1464 For calculating summary statistics (e.g., mean of EMCs), values below  
1465 corresponding detection limits for all parameters were assigned fill-in values based on  
1466 probability plot regression lines fit to observed data. This regression on order statistics  
1467 (ROS) method has been shown by Helsel and Hirsch (2002) and Helsel (2005) to perform  
1468 well for sample sizes less than 50. The fill-in values can be used collectively to compute  
1469 summary statistics, however they are not descriptive of individual samples. Where  
1470 calculations were made on individual concentrations (e.g., storm event mass load),  
1471 measured values were used for below detection limit (BDL) samples. Based on  
1472 knowledge of the measurement equipment, these values are considered to be closer to the  
1473 actual value and are expected to introduce less error into the calculations.

#### 1474 ***Results and Discussion***

1475 The mean and median of EMCs from all 17 storms sampled were lower in the  
1476 Treatment side than Control for TSS, TP, TDP, NH<sub>4</sub>-N, N<sub>org</sub>, total Cu, and total Fe (Table  
1477 4-1 and Figures 4-6). For TN, NO<sub>3</sub>, and total Zn, the mean and median of EMCs were  
1478 higher in Treatment than in Control. Mean and median flow-weighted mean pH was also  
1479 higher in Treatment than in Control. All Pb results were BDL of 25 µg/L, therefore no  
1480 determination can be made regarding treatment of this metal and Pb results are not  
1481 shown. Mass load reduction, comparing Treatment load to Control load, was found for  
1482 TSS, TP, TDP, N<sub>org</sub>, Cu, Fe, Pb, and Zn. Treatment drainage had higher mass load than  
1483 Control for TN, NH<sub>4</sub>, NO<sub>3</sub>, and Al.

1484 TSS concentrations were below 30 mg/L for all Treatment and Control samples  
1485 except 2 (Table 4-1 and Figure 4-4). These events, with EMC values of 236 and 389  
1486 mg/L, occurred on the Control side and skewed the mean upwards for the Control to 46



1487 mg/L compared to the median EMC of 13 mg/L. Treatment mean and median TSS  
1488 values were slightly, but not significantly ( $p < 0.05$ ), lower than Control at 10 and 6 mg/L,  
1489 respectively. Permeable pavements have been shown effective at removing suspended  
1490 solids from stormwater through filtration through the surface layer and stone aggregate  
1491 base layers (Balades et al. 1995; Drake et al. 2014; Gilbert and Clausen 2006). The State  
1492 of Washington established standards for evaluating stormwater treatment technologies,  
1493 described in the Technology Assessment Protocol-Ecology (TAPE) Guidance Manual  
1494 (WSDE 2011). The protocol sets water quality treatment goals and target influent  
1495 concentration ranges to assess novel SCM performance with respect to certain pollutants.  
1496 TSS concentrations for the Control side fell within the TAPE-specified influent range for  
1497 4 events. All 4 met corresponding performance criteria of removal efficiency (RE)  
1498 greater than 80% or effluent (Treatment) EMC less than 20 mg/L TSS. The resulting  
1499 mass load reduction for TSS was 39% when comparing Treatment performance to  
1500 Control.

1501 TP and TDP median EMCs were reduced significantly ( $p < 0.05$ ) from 0.15 and  
1502 0.05 mg/L for the Control side to 0.03 and 0.01 mg/L in Treatment for TP and TDP,  
1503 respectively (Table 4-1 and Figure 4-4). This resulted in overall mass load reduction of  
1504 68 and 69% for TP and TDP, respectively. P can be removed through two mechanisms,  
1505 depending on whether the P is particulate-bound (PP) or in dissolved form (DP). PP is  
1506 effectively removed along with suspended solids through filtration. DP, however, must  
1507 be removed from the aqueous phase through sorption or precipitation. In the case of  
1508 HPMM, DP adsorbs to reactive Al-hydroxide surface sites on the WTR. The capacity of

1509 HPMM to retain DP and kinetics of reaction were explored using a model developed and  
1510 calibrated in Chapters 2 and 3. The model is discussed in depth in the next section.

1511 N was exported from the Treatment side at a mass load increase of 174, 15, and  
1512 316% for TN, NH<sub>4</sub>, and NO<sub>3</sub>, respectively, as compared to the Control (Table 4-1 and  
1513 Figure 4-5). As discussed in Chapter 3, the WTR in HPMM contains N which is subject  
1514 to leaching. N was primarily exported as NO<sub>3</sub>, which accounted for 28.7 kg/ha-yr of the  
1515 34.1 kg/ha-yr TN mass load in the Treatment section. N<sub>org</sub> in the WTR is likely  
1516 converted to NO<sub>3</sub> through nitrification in the thin pavement base layer. This is supported  
1517 by the data which demonstrate a significant ( $p < 0.05$ ) increase in median TN and NO<sub>3</sub>,  
1518 from 0.86 and 0.28 mg/L for Control to 2.58 and 1.98 mg/L for Treatment TN and NO<sub>3</sub>,  
1519 respectively. These increases were accompanied by a significant ( $p < 0.05$ ) decrease in  
1520 N<sub>org</sub>, from 0.25 to 0.03 mg/L for Control and Treatment, respectively. The resulting mass  
1521 load reduction for N<sub>org</sub> was 48%. Nitrification has been observed in a range of SCMs  
1522 (Collins et al. 2010). One approach to mitigating this N export is to include an internal  
1523 water storage (IWS) zone in the base layer. This has been attempted in field studies by  
1524 Winston et al. (2016) with limited success. Mesocosm experiments with an IWS in an  
1525 HPMM base layer, described in Chapter 3, indicate conditions can be created in a  
1526 permeable pavement base layer to advance denitrification and achieve N treatment or at  
1527 least mitigate N leaching if sufficient C is available.

1528 Natural rainwater pH generally occurs in the range of 4.5 to 5.6, but can vary by  
1529 location and atmospheric composition, with lower values common in urban areas  
1530 (Charlson and Rhode 1982; Galloway et al. 1982). As precipitation runs off urban  
1531 impermeable surfaces, pH generally increases, primarily from weathering of carbonates

1532 in pavements which neutralize acidity (Kaushal et al. 2017). This is the case for  
1533 permeable pavements as well. Thomle (2010) noted that pervious concrete can raise pH  
1534 to 8 to 9.5. In the present study, composite sample pH ranged from 5.46 to 7.35 in the  
1535 Treatment section, with mean and median values of 6.28 and 6.35, respectively. This  
1536 represents a pH increase compared to Control, which ranged from 4.75 to 6.96 and had  
1537 mean and median values of 6.01 and 6.08, respectively. It should be noted that pH was  
1538 measured in the lab after samples had been stored at 4°C for 28 days or less. Despite this  
1539 limitation, the expected increase in pH was present in the data.

1540 Metals concentrations were generally low, with a high number of EMCs below  
1541 detection limit. Median Treatment EMC was lower than Control for Cu and Fe, but not  
1542 significantly different ( $p < 0.05$ ) for any of the five metals monitored (Table 4-1 and  
1543 Figure 4-6). Al export was apparent from the HPMM in the Treatment section as  
1544 evidence by 7 of 17 storm EMCs above the EPA ambient water quality criterion for Al of  
1545 87  $\mu\text{g/L}$  for water at pH between 8.5 and 9.0 (EPA 1988). The Control section exceeded  
1546 this limit in 3 events. The difference between median values, however, was not  
1547 significantly different ( $p < 0.05$ ) between Control (27  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) and Treatment (12  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ).  
1548 The influence of higher Al concentration storm events is evident in the mean EMC and  
1549 mass loading values. Treatment mean Al EMC was 147 compared to 55  $\mu\text{g/L}$  for  
1550 Control. Mass load was 331% higher in Treatment than for the Control section. The  
1551 highest concentration events, including the peak concentration of 1060  $\mu\text{g/L}$ , occurred  
1552 early in the study. By comparison, mesocosm studies, described in Chapter 3, on HPMM  
1553 at comparable rainfall intensities produced a maximum individual sample concentration  
1554 of 123  $\mu\text{g/L}$ . This higher than expected Al flushing was likely a result of poor HPMM

1555 mix preparation. Because HPMM was prepared offsite, stored, and transported to site,  
1556 clumping of the dried HPMM occurred. Breaking apart the clumps to install the HPMM  
1557 resulted in loose powdered WTR in the mix. The purpose of the psyllium binder is to  
1558 adhere the WTR to the surface of the expanded shale to prevent wash-out of free WTR  
1559 powders. Therefore, it is hypothesized that preparing HPMM onsite and installing while  
1560 moist will mitigate the need to break apart clumps and will result in Al export in line  
1561 with storm simulation results from Chapter 3.  
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1564 Table 4-1. Water quality results from field monitoring of paired Control (C) and Treatment (T) sections of a divided driveway.

Parameter	Range of EMCs (mg/L) <sup>1</sup>		Mean of EMCs (mg/L) <sup>1</sup>		Median of EMCs (mg/L) <sup>1</sup>		L (kg/ha-yr)		Load Reduction (kg/ha-yr)	Load Reduction (%)
	C	T	C	T	C	T	C	T		
<b>pH<sup>1</sup> (n=15)</b>	4.75 - 6.96	5.46 - 7.35	6.01	6.28	6.08	6.35	-	-	-	-
<b>TSS (n=17)</b>	< 2.5 - 389	< 2.5 - 30	46	10	13	6	178	108	70	39
<b>TP (n=17)</b>	0.03 - 0.52	< 0.01 - 0.20	0.16	0.06	0.15	0.03	2.4	0.8	1.7	69
<b>TDP (n=17)</b>	0.01 - 0.24	< 0.01 - 0.17	0.09	0.03	0.05	< 0.01	1.4	0.4	1.0	70
<b>TN (n=17)</b>	0.14 - 2.88	0.66 - 4.56	1.05	2.68	0.86	2.58	12.7	34.4	-21.7	-170
<b>NH<sub>4</sub>-N (n=17)</b>	< 0.05 - 0.97	< 0.05 - 1.67	0.29	0.24	0.17	0.08	4.0	4.6	-0.6	-15
<b>NO<sub>3</sub>-N (n=17)</b>	0.13 - 1.91	0.54 - 4.53	0.47	2.43	0.28	1.98	7.2	29.0	-21.8	-303
<b>N<sub>org</sub>-N (n=17)</b>	< 0.05 - 1.46	< 0.05 - 0.44	0.37	0.08	0.25	< 0.05	2.4	1.3	1.2	48
Parameter	Range of EMCs (µg/L)		Mean of EMCs (µg/L)		Median of EMCs (µg/L)		L (kg/ha-yr)		Load Reduction (kg/ha-yr)	Load Reduction (%)
	C	T	C	T	C	T	C	T		
<b>Total Al (n=17)</b>	< 5 - 232	< 5 - 1060	55	147	27	12	0.53	1.54	-1.01	-192
<b>Total Cu (n=17)</b>	< 5 - 16	< 5 - 11	5	< 5	< 5	< 5	0.05	0.03	0.02	33
<b>Total Fe (n=17)</b>	< 25 - 333	< 25 - 184	62	40	33	< 25	0.65	0.32	0.32	50
<b>Total Pb (n=17)</b>	< 25 - 11	< 25 - 47	< 25	< 25	< 25	< 25	0.06	0.04	0.03	44
<b>Total Zn (n=17)</b>	< 10 - 39	< 10 - 33	12	13	< 10	10	0.09	0.07	0.02	24

1565 \* indicates significant difference at 95% confidence level using Mann-Whitney U test

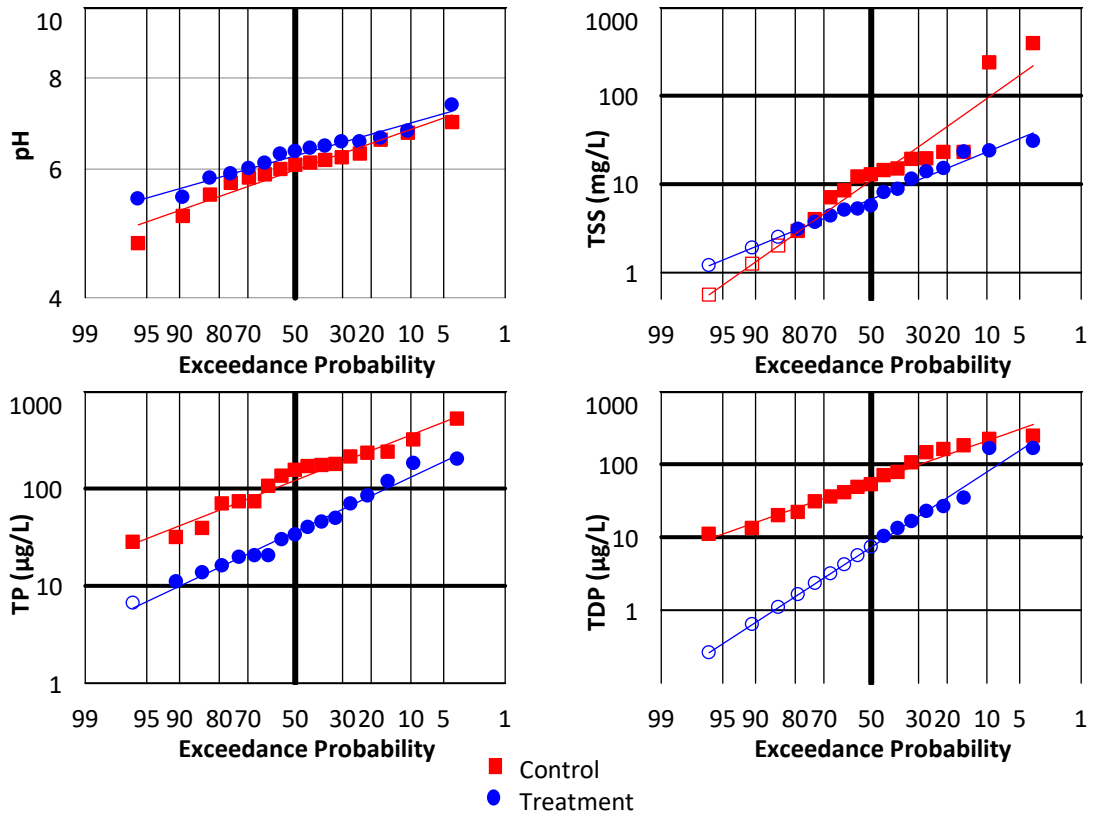
1566 <sup>1</sup> pH EMC is expressed as flow-weighted mean in pH units

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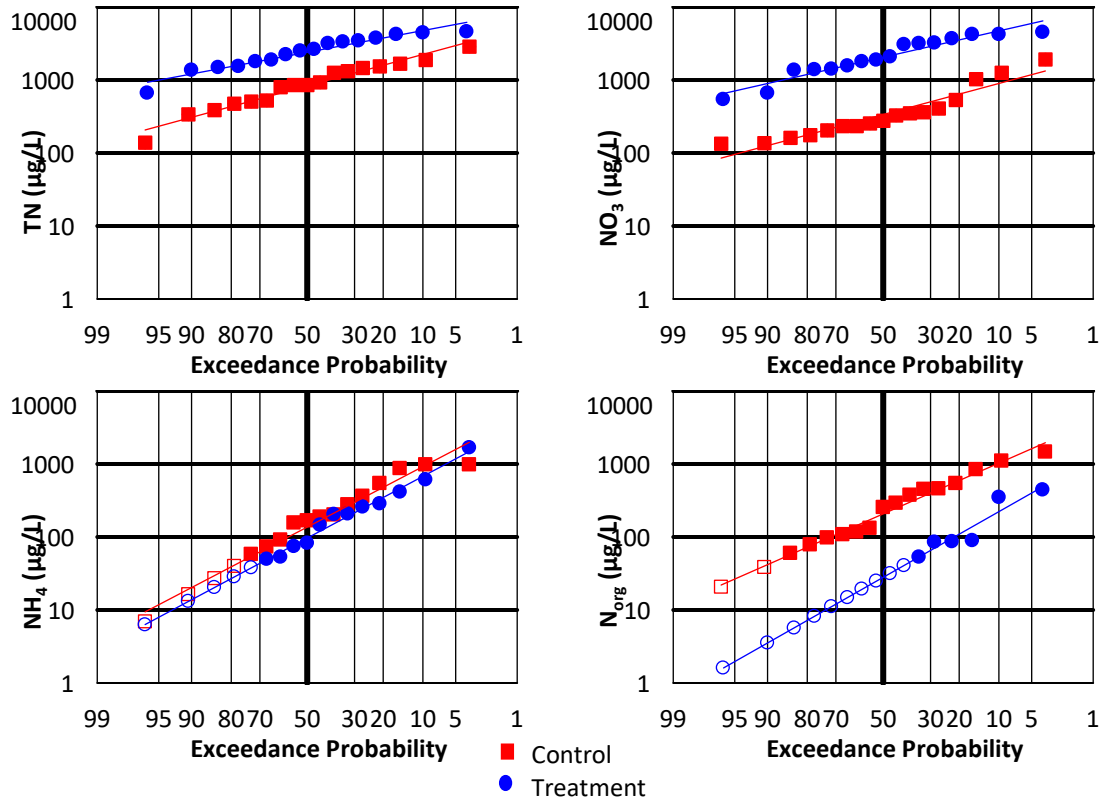
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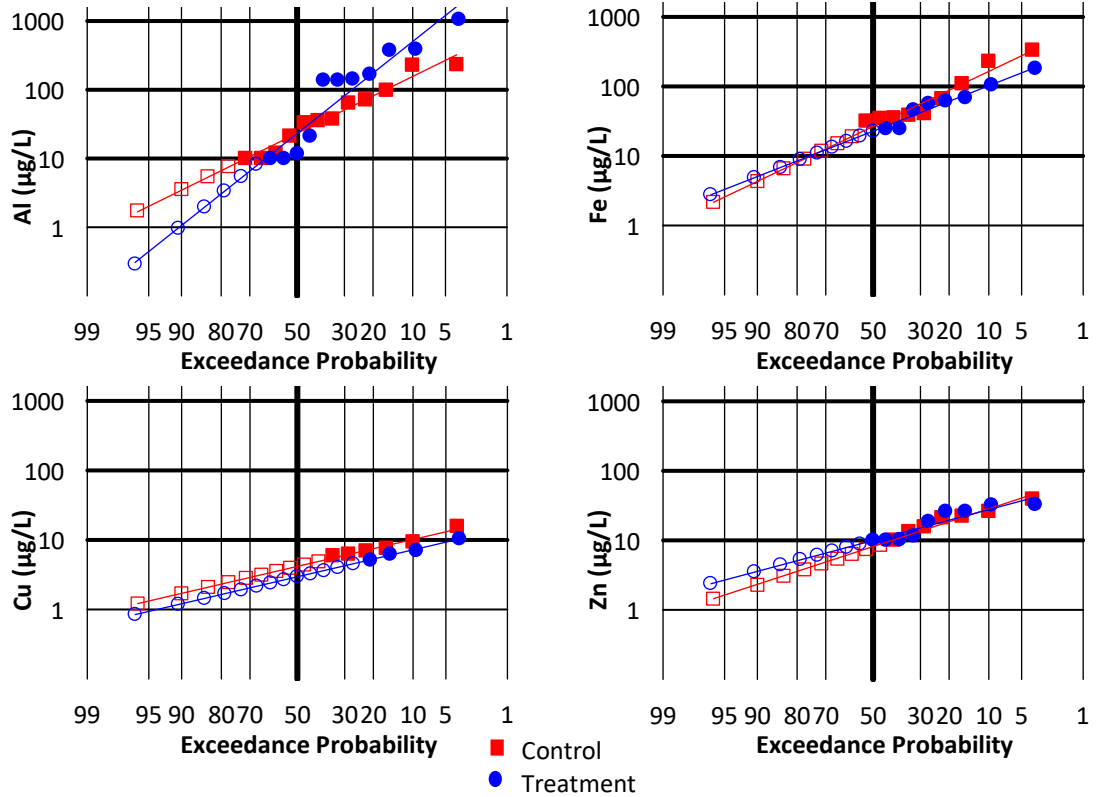
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Figure 4-4. Probability plots used to assign fill-in values and calculate summary statistics for pH, TSS, TP, and TDP in a field monitoring study of a paired permeable with HPMM base (Treatment) and impermeable (Control) pavement. Open symbols indicate BDL samples assigned fill-in values extrapolated from regression line.



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Figure 4-5. Probability plots used to assign fill-in values and calculate summary statistics for N species in a field monitoring study of a paired permeable with HPMM base (Treatment) and impermeable (Control) pavement. Open symbols indicate BDL samples assigned fill-in values extrapolated from regression line.



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 1582 Figure 4-6. Probability plots used to assign fill-in values and calculate summary statistics  
 1583 for four total metals in a field monitoring study of a paired permeable with HPMM base  
 1584 (Treatment) and impermeable (Control) pavement. Open symbols indicate BDL samples  
 1585 assigned fill-in values extrapolated from regression line.

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### 1587 **P Adsorption Model**

1588 A model describing DP retention by HPMM was developed in Chapter 2 and

1589 further improved in Chapter 3. It takes the form of Equation 4-4.

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$$\frac{C_{out}}{C_{in}} = 1 - e^{-\beta_0 \Sigma M} + e^{-(\beta_0 \Sigma M + \beta_1^* (m(pH) + b) \frac{d}{i})} \quad (4-4)$$

1591  $C_{out}$  and  $C_{in}$  represent TDP concentrations into and out of the media and  $d$  and  $i$  are media

1592 depth and rainfall intensity, respectively.  $\Sigma M$  = cumulative mass of DP adsorbed per

1593 mass of adsorbent media. The parameters  $m$  and  $b$  are linear regression parameters fit to

1594 the correlation of effluent pH values and another fitting parameter  $\beta_1$ . The fitting



1595 parameter  $\beta_0$  is a long-term parameter related to media adsorption capacity and  $\beta_1^*$  and  $\beta_1$   
 1596 are short-term parameters related to adsorption kinetics. Data from a long-term  
 1597 continuously-loaded column study was fit to the model to determine  $\beta_0$  in Chapter 2.  
 1598 Mesocosm studies in which rain events were simulated provided data used to establish  $m$ ,  
 1599  $b$ , and  $\beta_1^*$  for HPMM in Chapter 3. The resulting calibrated parameters are summarized  
 1600 in Table 4-2.

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1602 Table 4-3. Parameters from Equations 4-4 and 4-5 fit to experimental data for long-term  
 1603 continuous flow columns (Chapter 2) and mesocosm rainfall simulations (Chapter 3).

	Equation 4-4	Equation 4-5
$\beta_0$ (kg/g)	0.646	0.646
$m$	-0.16	N/A
$b$	1.64	N/A
$\beta_1^*$ (h <sup>-1</sup> )	1.025	N/A
$\beta_1$ (h <sup>-1</sup> )	N/A	0.446

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1605 Data for each monitored storm from the field study was input into Equation 4-4  
 1606 using the parameters listed in Table 4-2 to obtain expected Treatment TDP EMCs ( $C_{out}$ ).  
 1607 Peak rainfall intensity for each storm was used for  $i$ , lab-measured pH for the Treatment  
 1608 side was used as the pH value. The media depth was 5 cm.  $\Sigma M$  was estimated as  
 1609 cumulative DP load (mg P/kg HPMM) on the Control side for all rainfall since the date of  
 1610 installation (November 16, 2016). This calculation was made by multiplying annual TDP  
 1611 mass load (1.4 kg/ha-yr in Table 4-1) by elapsed time from installation and the area of the  
 1612 Treatment section (with appropriate unit conversions). Measured Control TDP EMCs  
 1613 were input as  $C_{in}$  values. The predicted Treatment TDP EMCs for each storm were used  
 1614 to calculate storm-by-storm mass loads based on flow data. Comparing predicted

1615 annualized Treatment mass load to measured annualized Control mass load resulted in a  
1616 79% predicted mass load reduction. This is a 13% overestimate of the observed 70%  
1617 load reduction calculated from measurements. The model did not perform as well in  
1618 describing removal on a storm-by-storm basis. The Nash-Sutcliffe Efficiency (NSE)  
1619 calculated from modeled and measured Treatment TDP EMCs was negative, indicating  
1620 no advantage to using the model for predicting these concentrations.

1621 Lower pH values were measured in the field study than were found in mesocosm  
1622 studies from Chapter 3 on which  $m$ ,  $b$ , and  $\beta_1^*$  are based. Median effluent (Treatment) pH  
1623 was 6.35 in the field study, which is below the lowest effluent pH value measured in  
1624 mesocosm studies. Consequently, faster kinetics were predicted in the field study than in  
1625 the mesocosm studies by extrapolating beyond the model range. To correct this over  
1626 estimate, Equation 4-4 was simplified to a previous version of the model, Equation 4-5,  
1627 which bundles pH effects on phosphate adsorption onto Al-hydroxides in HPMM into the  
1628 fitting parameter  $\beta_1$ .

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$$\frac{C_{out}}{C_{in}} = 1 - e^{-\beta_0 \Sigma M} + e^{-(\beta_0 \Sigma M + \beta_1 \frac{d}{i})} \quad (4-5)$$

1630 Table 4-2 lists the parameters used to model TDP removal in the field study using  
1631 Equation 4-5. The  $\beta_1$  comes from data fitting using this previous version of the model in  
1632 Chapter 3. Applying Equation 4-5 to field data yielded a predicted TDP mass load  
1633 reduction of 66%, which is a 6% underestimate of the observed 70% mass load reduction.  
1634 The model was still unable to provide valuable predictions on a storm-by-storm basis,  
1635 however, resulting in a negative NSE.

1636           It is not unusual for field results to differ from predictions based on laboratory  
1637 testing. Lab conditions can be closely controlled, while field performance may be  
1638 influenced by factors not present in lab testing. For example, mesocosm studies in  
1639 Chapter 3 were conducted in a greenhouse using tap water. Consequently, water  
1640 temperature was maintained around 21°C throughout the year. Meanwhile, ambient  
1641 temperature and presumably pavement and water temperature fluctuated in the present  
1642 field study. The effect of temperature changes on TP retention and infiltration capacity in  
1643 permeable pavements has been found not to be significant in past studies (Tota-Maharaj  
1644 and Scholz 2010; Roseen et al. 2012; Huang et al. 2016). Temperature could have an  
1645 impact on water viscosity and adsorption kinetics, however, which may be of greater  
1646 importance in the present study where P adsorption onto reactive media is the primary  
1647 mechanism of DP retention. Wet and dry periods, driven by weather patterns, can alter  
1648 adsorption capacity of the media, though the correlation has not always followed a  
1649 consistent pattern (O'Neill and Davis 2012; Hatt et al. 2009).

1650           Water quality and presence of competitive ions can also have an influence on P  
1651 removal. Lucas and Greenway (2008) describe three different adsorption mechanisms for  
1652 P. The first is electrostatic ion-exchange, which is rapid but easily reversible and  
1653 sensitive to competition from other ions in the infiltrate. Specific adsorption through  
1654 inner-sphere complexes are much less reversible but can be slower. The final mechanism  
1655 involves migration of P from surface sites to interior adsorption sites, thus freeing up  
1656 surface sites for additional P retention. The relative influence of these three mechanisms  
1657 may have been affected by wetting and drying patterns and water chemistry which  
1658 differed from lab studies on which the model was based. Organic matter has also been

1659 shown to negatively influence P sorption and increase P release in soils (Guppy et al.  
1660 2005). This is thought to be caused by competition of dissolved organic matter with P for  
1661 adsorption sites. Degradation of OM can also be a source of organic P, thus increasing  
1662 the total P within the soil, or in this case, pavement system. Additionally, the organic P  
1663 fraction of TP may influence sorption onto HPMM. Yan et al. (2018) found WTR  
1664 demonstrated lower adsorption capacity and slower kinetics for organic P compared to  
1665 inorganic P.

### 1666 ***Conclusions***

1667       Based on previous lab and mesocosm studies, HPMM was expected to effectively  
1668 remove TP, TDP, Cu, and Zn from stormwater in field study. TP and TDP treatment  
1669 performance were on the order of expected removal with Treatment median EMCs of  
1670 0.03 and < 0.01 mg/L for TP and TDP, respectively. Load reduction was also indicative  
1671 of effective P retention with 69 and 70% of total TP and TDP mass, respectively, retained  
1672 relative to Control.

1673       The model developed to describe DP adsorption onto HPMM was shown to be a  
1674 good predictor of overall treatment performance based on percent reduction of annualized  
1675 mass load and mean and median of all storm event EMCs. Storm-by-storm removal was  
1676 not well correlated with measured results. This is likely due to differences in  
1677 experimental conditions from lab to field, such as temperature fluctuations and water  
1678 constituents. A simplified model is suggested, as a function of median peak rainfall  
1679 intensity, cumulative DP loading, media depth, and fitting parameters calibrated to lab  
1680 data. Using the simplified model, load reduction was estimated to be 66%, which is very  
1681 close to the measured load reduction of 70% for TDP.

1682 N export was observed from the Treatment section. A 174% increase in TN mass  
1683 load was driven primarily by an increase in NO<sub>3</sub> compared to Control. The 316% NO<sub>3</sub>  
1684 mass load increase was accompanied by a 48% load decrease in N<sub>org</sub>. This result, along  
1685 with previous studies of N dynamics in permeable pavements, indicates nitrification of  
1686 N<sub>org</sub> to NO<sub>3</sub> occurred in the HPMM layer and caused N contained in the WTR to be  
1687 flushed out. It is hypothesized that an IWS zone distributed throughout the pavement  
1688 base layer can be created through outflow control and may be able to mitigate N leaching,  
1689 based on results from mesocosm studies.

1690 Cu and Zn mean and median results were not significantly different between  
1691 Treatment and Control, however load reduction was observed for Cu, Fe, and Zn. Al  
1692 export may be of concern when implementing HPMM as a permeable pavement base,  
1693 with load increased by 316% over Control. HPMM mix preparation onsite and  
1694 installation while moist is hypothesized to mitigate significant flushing out of Al in loose  
1695 fines. If appropriate measures are taken for N and Al control, HPMM can serve as an  
1696 effective tool for improving stormwater quality and an enhancement to current permeable  
1697 pavement design.

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## 1700 Chapter 5: Conclusions

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1702           This research resulted in development of a novel stormwater treatment media  
1703 capable of serving as a permeable pavement base material. The material was  
1704 developed using expanded shale aggregate, Al-based water treatment residual, and  
1705 psyllium-based binder. The media (HPMM) has high structural capacity and  
1706 hydraulic conductivity and demonstrated effective DP and total metals retention in  
1707 lab-, mesocosm-, and field-scale studies. The media also demonstrated potential to  
1708 reduce N concentrations by including an IWS zone if adequate C is available.

1709           The results of lab-scale study supported the hypotheses that HPMM is a  
1710 structurally suitable permeable pavement base material, can enhance P removal from  
1711 rainfall/runoff for the duration of a permeable pavement design life, and retains DP  
1712 primarily through adsorption to Al (hydr)oxide surfaces with more effective retention at  
1713 lower flowrate. Geotechnical testing demonstrated that the media has high hydraulic  
1714 conductivity and would be suitable, with respect to infiltration rate, for use as a  
1715 permeable pavement base. The structural strength of the media was also shown to be  
1716 good for use as a base material from analysis of CBR and direct shear test results. Batch  
1717 equilibrium testing demonstrated the relatively high capacity of HPMM to adsorb P from  
1718 aqueous solutions as compared to Ca and Fe-containing materials. Continuous loading  
1719 with synthetic stormwater containing P, NaCl, N, and a C source in column testing  
1720 supported the adsorption capacity calculated from batch testing, though the two  
1721 adsorption capacities were not directly comparable, possibly due to differences in  
1722 experimental conditions such as flow, mixing, and background matrices. Long-term P

1723 adsorption capacity after greater than 600 m of applied water was calculated as 1068  
1724 mg/kg at 0.19 mg/L P input. These studies also demonstrate the efficacy of HPMM to  
1725 reduce P concentrations under flowing conditions, with consistently high P removal  
1726 efficiency (90% or above) well beyond the anticipated 20-yr lifetime treatment volume  
1727 for a permeable pavement receiving no run-on flow. This enhanced P retention capacity  
1728 could enable permeable pavements to receive run-on flow from other surfaces at loading  
1729 rates of 5:1 or possibly higher without diminishing P treatment throughout the pavement  
1730 lifetime.

1731           In mesocosm-scale studies, a 5-cm layer of HPMM reduced influent TDP  
1732 concentrations from 0.25 mg/L to a maximum of 0.05 mg/L P for storm simulations  
1733 with 0.66 cm/h rainfall intensity at pH between 5.86 and 8.23, typical of stormwater  
1734 pH. For 9 simulations at this rainfall intensity, 8 fell below the EPA freshwater  
1735 ambient water quality criteria of 0.03656 mg/L for TP (EPA 2000). This intensity is  
1736 slightly lower than the 1-yr ARI for College Park, MD and likely exceeds the  
1737 intensity of at least 2/3 of Maryland storms (Kreeb 2003). HPMM did not remove N  
1738 under aerobic conditions and may be a source of N export. An IWS zone, however,  
1739 was successful in decreasing effluent N when sufficient C was present to advance  
1740 denitrification. WTR source had no impact on N retention. Heavy metals leaching  
1741 was not found to be an issue for HPMM. Initial export of Al was observed, which  
1742 can likely be mitigated through careful mix preparation ensuring complete binding of  
1743 fines to the media. Cu and Zn concentrations were reduced using HPMM.  
1744 Additional treatment may be necessary to further lower Cu concentrations to avoid  
1745 toxicity effects if that is a target metal.

1746 In field-scale study, comparing a control impermeable residential driveway  
1747 (Control) to a permeable pavement using a 5-cm HPMM base layer (Treatment), TP and  
1748 TDP treatment performance were on the order of expected removal based on lab- and  
1749 mesocosm-scale studies. Treatment median EMCs were 0.03 and 0.01 mg/L for TP and  
1750 TDP, respectively, for 17 storms sampled over a 17-month monitoring period. Load  
1751 reduction was also indicative of effective P retention with 68 and 69% of total TP and  
1752 TDP mass, respectively, retained relative to Control. Cu and Zn mean and median results  
1753 were not significantly different between Treatment and Control, however, load reduction  
1754 was observed for Cu, Fe, and Zn. Mass load was reduced in field monitoring by 32 and  
1755 21% for Cu and Zn, respectively. N and Al export was documented, with load increased  
1756 by 174 and 316%, respectively. An IWS zone created through outflow control in the  
1757 permeable pavement base may be able to mitigate N leaching. Elevated Al  
1758 concentrations likely resulted from washout of fines from the media, due to improper  
1759 media preparation and installation practices. HPMM mix preparation onsite and  
1760 installation while moist is likely to mitigate significant flushing out of Al in loose fines.

1761 A dynamic model was developed to describe DP adsorption onto the media based  
1762 on lab and mesocosm testing and verified under field monitoring. The steady-state plug-  
1763 flow model describes DP retention as a function of rapid surface transfer rate kinetics and  
1764 long-term cumulative DP loading effects. Laboratory conditions may not account for  
1765 effects of adsorption competition or preferential flowpaths. Therefore, model  
1766 development was extended and fit to mesocosm experimental data with two fitting  
1767 parameters to predict effluent TDP concentration from HPMM as a function of pH,  
1768 rainfall intensity, cumulative P loading, and media depth. Using results from rainfall



1769 simulations, the model showed good agreement between modeled and measured effluent  
1770 TDP EMC, with a slope of 1.00 and  $R^2$  of 0.90 for HPMM-D. The model poorly  
1771 described TDP results for HPMM-AA, prepared with WTR sourced from a different  
1772 water treatment plant. Inclusion of an IWS zone also decreased model accuracy, likely  
1773 by damping the effect of rainfall intensity on TDP retention. Evaluating the model  
1774 against field monitoring results, it was shown to be a good predictor of overall treatment  
1775 performance based on percent reduction of annualized mass load and mean and median  
1776 of all storm event EMCs. The model predicted 62% DP concentration reduction and 65%  
1777 mass load reduction. Actual reductions from 17 months of monitoring were 67 and 69%,  
1778 respectively. Storm-by-storm removal was not well correlated with measured results.  
1779 This is likely due to measured results fluctuating from storm to storm without apparent  
1780 correlation to available storm parameters. The model can be used to inform permeable  
1781 pavement base design decisions including balancing desired removal efficiency with  
1782 loading ratio and design lifetime.

1783         This research resulted in development of the first known enhanced stormwater  
1784 treatment media to retain DP in a permeable pavement base layer. This new tool to  
1785 address nonpoint pollution could enable wider applicability of permeable paving due to  
1786 its capacity to retain P from direct precipitation and in run-on from contributing areas.  
1787 The studies undertaken also add to body of literature by showing N leaching from WTR.  
1788 The multi-scale study also demonstrated DP treatment performance in the media under  
1789 field conditions based on model predictions developed from lab study. This advances the  
1790 stormwater management field by demonstrating a pathway and improving tools to assess  
1791 enhanced media with lab testing as a predictor for field performance. With appropriate N

1792 and AI control, the novel media developed and demonstrated in this research can be an  
1793 effective tool to improve urban stormwater quality.

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## Appendices

### 1799 *Supplemental Material*

1800 Table S1. TSS data from field monitoring of pilot installation

Storm ID	Control TSS EMC (mg/L TSS)	Treatment TSS EMC (mg/L TSS)	RE (%)	Criteria <sup>1</sup>	Meets Criteria (Y/N)
170707	0 <sup>2</sup>	6			
170725	0 <sup>2</sup>	30			
170907	13	23			
171009	23	11		≤ 20 mg/L TSS	Y
171012	7	14			
171030	236	15	94	> 80% RE	Y
171105	389	5	99	> 80% RE	Y
171224	19	8			
180417	23	9		≤ 20 mg/L TSS	Y
180425	12	1 <sup>2</sup>			
180513	8	0 <sup>2</sup>			
180516	3	2 <sup>2</sup>			
180528	15	24			
180722	2 <sup>2</sup>	4			
180723	2 <sup>2</sup>	3			
180928	14	0 <sup>2</sup>			
181012	19	1 <sup>2</sup>			
Mean (mg/L)	46	10			
Median (mg/L)	13	6			
Normalized Annual Mass Load (kg/ha-yr)	178	108	39		

1801 \* indicates significant difference using Mann-Whitney U test at 95% confidence level

1802 <sup>1</sup> per TAPE Guidance Manual; empty cells indicate influent concentration was out of influent range (< 20  
1803 mg/L)

1804 <sup>2</sup> Below detection limit of 2.5 mg/L TSS

1805 Note: values below detection limit are reported as measured for calculating storm-by-storm RE and mass  
1806 load. For mean and median calculations, fill-in values were assigned using the probability plot regression  
1807 on order statistics (ROS) method described by Helsel and Hirsch (2002) and Helsel (2005)

1808 Table S2. TP and TDP data from field monitoring of pilot installation

Storm ID	Control TP EMC (mg/L P)	Treatment TP EMC (mg/L P)	RE (%)	Criteria <sup>1</sup>	Meets Criteria (Y/N)	Control TDP EMC (mg/L P)	Treatment TDP EMC (mg/L P)	RE (%)
170707	0.03	0.01	61			0.01	0.005 <sup>2</sup>	55
170725	0.03	0.04	-27			0.03	0.01	67
170907	0.07	0.03	57			0.01	0.01	0
171009	0.18	0.12	33	≥ 50% RE	N	0.04	0.03	35
171012	0.07	0.08	-16			0.02	0.02	17
171030	0.32	0.05	86	≥ 50% RE	Y	0.07	0.005 <sup>2</sup>	93
171105	0.13	0.02	85	≥ 50% RE	Y	0.04	0.005 <sup>2</sup>	86
171224	0.11	0.03	68	≥ 50% RE	Y	0.05	0.005 <sup>2</sup>	90
180417	0.07	0.02	72			0.02	0.005 <sup>2</sup>	77
180425	0.17	0.01	92	≥ 50% RE	Y	0.10	0.005 <sup>2</sup>	95
180513	0.52	0.05	91	≥ 50% RE	Y	0.24	0.02	91
180516	0.24	0.07	70	≥ 50% RE	Y	0.14	0.03	76
180528	0.15	0.02	87	≥ 50% RE	Y	0.08	0.01	93
180722	0.23	0.20	13	≥ 50% RE	N	0.22	0.17	24
180723	0.21	0.18	15	≥ 50% RE	N	0.18	0.16	8
180928	0.04	0.02	59			0.05	0.00	99.8
181012	0.17	0.01	94	≥ 50% RE	Y	0.16	0.00	99.9
Mean (mg/L)	0.16	0.06	65	≥ 50% RE	Y	0.09	0.03	67
Median (mg/L)	0.15*	0.03*	78	≥ 50% RE	Y	0.05*	0.01*	86
Normalized Annual Mass Load (kg/ha-yr)	2.4	0.8	68	≥ 50% RE	Y	1.38	0.42	69

1809 \* indicates significant difference using Mann-Whitney U test at 95% confidence level

1810 <sup>1</sup> per TAPE Guidance Manual; empty cells indicate influent concentration was out of influent range (< 0.1 mg/L)

1811 <sup>2</sup> Below detection limit of 0.01 mg/L P

1812 Note: values below detection limit are reported as measured for calculating storm-by-storm RE and mass load. For mean and median calculations, fill-in values were  
1813 assigned using the probability plot regression on order statistics (ROS) method described by Helsel and Hirsch (2002) and Helsel (2005)

1814 Table S3. Total Cu data from field monitoring of pilot installation

Storm ID	Control Cu EMC (µg/L)	Treatment Cu EMC (µg/L)	RE (%)
170707	0 <sup>1</sup>	0 <sup>1</sup>	
170725	0 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	
170907	4 <sup>1</sup>	5	
171009	7	11	
171012	4 <sup>1</sup>	5 <sup>1</sup>	
171030	-	4 <sup>1</sup>	
171105	6	4 <sup>1</sup>	
171224	0 <sup>1</sup>	0 <sup>1</sup>	
180417	3 <sup>1</sup>	6	
180425	4 <sup>1</sup>	7	
180513	6	0 <sup>1</sup>	
180516	9	0 <sup>1</sup>	
180528	8	0 <sup>1</sup>	
180722	4 <sup>1</sup>	5 <sup>1</sup>	
180723	1 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	
180928	0 <sup>1</sup>	0 <sup>1</sup>	
181012	16	0 <sup>1</sup>	
Mean (µg/L)	5	4	29
Median (µg/L)	4	3	29
Normalized Annual Mass Load (kg/ha-yr)	0.05	0.03	32

1815 \* indicates significant difference using Mann-Whitney U test at 95% confidence level

1816 <sup>1</sup> Below detection limit of 5 µg/L total Cu

1817 Note: values below detection limit are reported as measured for calculating storm-by-storm RE and mass  
 1818 load. For mean and median calculations, fill-in values were assigned using the probability plot regression  
 1819 on order statistics (ROS) method described by Helsel and Hirsch (2002) and Helsel (2005)

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