

CHAPTER 203

Hydraulics and Drainage Design

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HYDRAULICS AND DRAINAGE DESIGN

203-1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Chapter describes aspects of highway drainage such as that for a small structure, bridge, stormwater drainage, storage facility, pump station, or channel work. They should be accepted as the most common uses and desirable course of action. There can be exceptions that deviate from the policies shown. The Division of Hydraulics should be contacted for special considerations or changes to a particular design.

The goal is a design that is the most cost-efficient while still satisfying the criterion described below. In considering a cost-efficient drainage design, the initial cost should be considered, but facility longevity and future maintenance costs and legal and environmental constraints should be considered also.

203-2.0 SMALL STRUCTURES

203-2.01 Introduction [Rev. Apr. 2017]

This section provides design procedures for the hydraulic design of a highway small structure, which are based on FHWA Hydraulic Design Series Number 5 (HDS #5) *Hydraulic Design of Highway Culverts*. This Section also provides a summary of the design philosophy included in the AASHTO *Highway Drainage Guidelines*, Chapter IV.

A small structure is defined as follows.

1. A structure used to convey surface runoff through an embankment.
2. FHWA defines a culvert as a structure with a span length of 20 ft or less along the centerline of roadway between extreme ends of openings for multiple barrels. For the purposes of asset management, the Department defines a culvert as a structure with a span length measured along the roadway centerline ≥ 4 ft and ≤ 20 ft. Figure [203-2A](#), Span Length for Culvert, provides schematics which define a culvert based on span length for various structural configurations. A structure with a span length less than 4 ft is defined by the Department as a pipe. For the hydraulic design of small structures, both culverts and pipes have the same design criteria, regardless of nomenclature.

3. A small structure, as distinguished from a bridge, which is covered with embankment and is composed of structural material around the entire perimeter. However, it can be supported on spread footings with the streambed serving as the bottom of the culvert.
4. A small structure such as a cast-in-place reinforced-concrete pipe, precast reinforced-concrete pipe, structural-plate arch, etc., which is designed hydraulically to take advantage of submergence to increase hydraulic capacity;

The culvert to be selected should best integrate hydraulic policy and economic and political considerations. The selected culvert should be based on construction and maintenance costs, risk of failure or property damage, roadside safety, land-use requirements, and satisfaction of the applicable structural and hydraulic criteria. Culvert design should also consider the adjacent channel. Considerations such as sumping, improved inlet, erosion at the inlet or outlet, are all an integral part of culvert design.

The failure of, or damage to, a culvert or detention-basin outlet structure can be traced to unchecked erosion. Erosive forces which are at work in the natural drainage network are often exacerbated due to the construction of a highway or other urban development. Interception and concentration of overland flow or constriction of a natural waterway inevitably results in an increased erosion potential. To protect the culvert and adjacent areas, an energy dissipator can be necessary.

203-2.02 Small Structure Policy [Rev. Mar. 2013, May 2013, May 2016, Apr. 2017, Sep. 2023]

The following policies are specific to a small structure. For the hydraulic design of small structures, both culverts and pipes have the same design criteria, regardless of nomenclature.

1. Except as allowed in the Replacement in Kind Policy, each culvert should be hydraulically designed. However, the minimum pipe size specified in Figure [203-2B](#) will sometimes control. See 203-2.08 for the Replacement in Kind Policy
2. HY-8 version 7.2 and the HEC-RAS culvert modules are the only computer programs allowed for the hydraulic analysis of a culvert. The FHWA HDS #5 *Hydraulic Design of Highway Culverts* is also acceptable and available from the FHWA website.
3. HY-8 and the HEC-RAS culvert module have design limitations if the structure span approaches 20 ft. Therefore, in designing a replacement culvert, where the existing structure has a span of 20 ft or greater measured perpendicular to flow, only the HEC-RAS bridge module should be used for hydraulic analysis. Both the existing and proposed structures should be analyzed using the same module.

4. The Division of Hydraulics will be responsible for design, review, and approval in accordance with 201-1.02.
5. The design-storm frequency selected should be consistent with the criteria described in Figure [203-2C](#), Design-Storm Frequency for Bridge or Culvert.
6. Survey information should include topographic features, channel characteristics, high-water information, existing-structure data, and other related site-specific information.
7. Culvert location in both plan and profile should approximate the alignment of the natural channel to avoid sediment build-up in the barrel.
8. INDOT has a single-structure-opening policy to minimize debris accumulation.
9. The detail of documentation for each culvert site should be commensurate with the risk and importance of the structure. Design data and calculations should be assembled in an orderly fashion and retained for future reference as provided for in this Chapter.
10. The culvert design should incorporate the environmental requirements of IDNR, IDEM, USACE, and other applicable resource agencies.

203-2.02(01) Site Criteria

1. Structure-Type Selection. A culvert is used at the locations as follows:
 - a. where a bridge is not hydraulically required;
 - b. where debris and ice are tolerable; or
 - c. where its use will be more economical than a bridge.
2. Length and Slope. The culvert length and slope should be chosen to approximate existing topography and, as practical, the culvert invert should be aligned with the channel bottom and the skew angle of the stream. The roadway clear-zone requirements and the embankment geometry can dictate the culvert length. See Chapter 49.
3. Location in Plan. A severe or abrupt change in channel alignment upstream or downstream is not recommended. The following apply.
 - a. A small culvert with no defined channel is placed perpendicular to the roadway centerline.

- b. A large culvert perpetuating drainage in a defined channel should be skewed as necessary to minimize channel relocation and erosion.
 - c. All utilities should be located before determining the final location of a culvert to minimize conflicts.
4. Location in Profile. The culvert profile should approximate the natural stream profile. Exceptions which require approval by the Division of Hydraulics can be considered as follows:
- a. Arrest stream degradation by utilizing a drop-end treatment or broken-back culvert.
 - b. Improve hydraulic performance by utilizing a slope-tapered end treatment.
 - c. Avoid conflicts with other utilities that are difficult to relocate such as sanitary sewers.
5. Debris Control. Debris control should be designed using HEC-9 *Debris-Control Structures*, and can be considered as follows:
- a. where experience or physical evidence indicates that the watercourse will transport a heavy volume of controllable debris;
 - b. for a culvert under a high fill; or
 - c. where clean-out access is limited. However, access must be available to clean out the debris-control device.

203-2.02(02) Allowable Headwater (AHW) [Rev. Mar. 2016, Apr. 2017]

Allowable headwater is the depth of water that can be ponded at the upstream end of a culvert during the design flood. AHW will be limited by one or more of the following.

1. New Alignment. The maximum backwater, or increase in headwater elevation over the sum of TW depth plus inlet flowline elevation, should not exceed 0.14 ft. The maximum backwater may be modified if the backwater dissipates to 0.14 ft or less at the right-of-way-line or the channel is sufficiently deep to contain the increased elevation without overtopping the banks. If backwater remains within the channel banks or right of way, it is limited to a maximum of 1 ft.

An exception to the 0.14 ft backwater allowance is subject to approval by the Division of Hydraulics.

2. Existing Structure Replacement. Existing conditions are defined as the water-surface profile that results from those encroachments that were constructed prior to December 31,

1973 per Indiana Administrative Code. Each culvert with a diameter of 48 in. or greater that is to be replaced will require a geotechnical report.

a. Design Criteria. Hydraulic modeling will be required to consider a replacement structure. The program files should be submitted along with the hydraulic report and the version used should be stated in the report. The following design criteria need to be met by the replacement structure.

- 1) The replacement structure should have at least the same span and waterway area below the 1% EP elevation as the existing structure.
- 2) In general, backwater should be calculated as follows: Q_{100} Headwater Elevation – (Existing Inlet Invert Elevation + Q_{100} Tailwater Depth). If the backwater created by an existing structure is greater than 3 ft, the proposed backwater for the culvert replacement should be 3 ft or less. If the backwater created by an existing structure is less than or equal to 3 ft, the proposed backwater for the culvert replacement should be less than or equal to that of the existing backwater.
- 3) For upstream structure impacts concerning backwater requirements see Section 203-3.02(05).
- 4) If existing scour issues exist, the design outlet velocity should be less than or equal to the existing condition and no more than 150% of the natural (tailwater) velocity. If the 150% velocity is less than 6.5 fps, the proposed outlet velocity may reach up to 6.5 fps.
- 5) If a backwater depth of 1 ft is reached before the outlet velocity meets the natural velocity comparison, the proposed structure may be designed to a maximum of 1 ft of backwater regardless of the above velocity requirement.
- 6) Sumping depth, cutoff walls, and roadway serviceability, continue to apply to the proposed structure.

If there are downstream constraints that could be negatively impacted by the design criteria, the Hydraulic Division should be contacted for guidance.

3. Other. Other constraints on AHW include the following:
 - a. grades of adjacent drives;
 - b. elevation of existing cropland or other property.

4. Inlet Depression. An inlet depression should be limited to a depth of not more than half of the rise of the structure. If the structure is required to be sumped, an inlet depression should not be used without prior approval of the appropriate resource agencies.

203-2.02(03) Roadway-Serviceability Freeboard

See Figure [203-2C](#), Design-Storm Frequency for Bridge or Culvert, for guidance regarding roadway-serviceability freeboard and design-storm frequency.

203-2.02(04) Structure Freeboard

There is no structure freeboard requirement for a culvert.

203-2.02(05) Maximum Velocity

Riprap or an energy dissipator should be used to manage the design-outlet velocity. See Figure [203-2D](#).

203-2.02(06) Minimum Velocity

The minimum velocity in the culvert barrel should result in a tractive force, $\tau = \gamma dS$, greater than critical τ of the transported streambed material at a low-flow rate. A flow rate of 3 ft/s should be used if the streambed-material size is not known.

203-2.02(07) Temporary or Permanent Storage

Storage should not be considered. Because upstream storage is not typically controlled by INDOT, it cannot be presumed to exist for the life of the structure.

203-2.02(08) Culvert Skew

The culvert skew should not exceed 45 deg as measured from a line perpendicular to the roadway centerline, without the approval of the Division of Hydraulics.

203-2.02(09) Cover [Rev. May 2013]

For a circular pipe, a minimum of 1 ft of cover, measured from the top of the pipe to the bottom of the asphalt or concrete pavement, should be provided. If the structure requires a deformed corrugated-interior pipe material, at least 1.5 ft of cover should be provided. The cover for a circular pipe structure should not exceed 100 ft. The cover for a deformed corrugated-interior pipe structure should not exceed 13 ft. If the pavement grade or structure-invert elevations cannot be

adjusted to satisfy the cover criteria discussed above, the Division of Hydraulics should be contacted for additional instructions.

203-2.02(10) Culvert Sumping [Rev. Mar. 2013]

Sumping consists of placing the structure-invert elevation and scour protection at a specified depth below the waterway or stream flowline to satisfy the IDEM Water Quality Section 401 permit requirements. Sumping allows the natural movement of stream-bed material through the structure. Sumping should be provided for each structure over Waters of the United States and Waters of the State.

1. Three-Sided Structure. The sump depth should be 18 in. for a stream bed of sand, 12 in. for a stream bed of other soil, or 3 in. for a stream bed of rock or till. The stream bed and scour protection should be as shown on the INDOT *Standard Drawings* series 723-CCSP. A base slab should be used only if the geotechnical report identifies flowline-area soil that will not support riprap. No increase in structure size is required due to sumping. The sump area will not require backfill as part of the contract work, but will be allowed to fill in naturally over time.
2. Pipe or Box Structure. Such a structure should be sumped as shown on the INDOT *Standard Drawings* series 714-BCSP and Figure [203-2E](#), Pipe- or Box-Structure Sump Requirement.

If the required sump exceeds 3 in., the structure diameter or rise may need to be increased by the sump value. The structure's design capacity should be checked to determine if such increase is required. If a pipe end section or riprap is required, these should be sumped to the same depth as the structure. The sump area of the structure and end section or riprap will not require backfill as part of the contract work, but will be allowed to fill in naturally over time.

Changes to the flowline elevation can occur between the initial project survey and construction. Significant changes to the flowline elevation may require an adjustment to the invert or top of footing elevation to ensure the appropriate sump is constructed. Where sumping is required, a note should be placed on the General Plan sheet for Bridge Plans or Structure Details and General Notes sheets for Road Plans as follows:

Contractor shall verify the existing flowline elevation to set the appropriate sump depth.

The designer should coordinate with the Division of Hydraulics to determine the necessary elevation adjustments. Typically, if the difference between the flowline elevation shown on the plans and existing flowline is half the sump depth or greater, the structure elevations should be lowered accordingly to provide the sump as shown on the plans. If the existing flowline elevation

is higher than the flowline elevation shown on the plans, no changes are required to the structure elevations.

Scour-protection limits should be shown on the plans. Quantities for geotextile and riprap, or a base slab intended for scour protection, should be determined and identified as such in the Structure Data table for each applicable structure. Appropriate columns have been incorporated into the Structure Data table.

203-2.02(11) Culvert Sizing Process

The culvert sizing process is performed in accordance with a priority system. The design priority system is as follows.

1. Single Circular Pipe Installation.
2. Single Deformed Pipe Installation.
3. Single Specialty Structure Installation.
4. Multiple Circular Pipes Installation.
5. Multiple Deformed Pipes Installation.
6. Multiple Specialty Structures Installation.

The principles of the priority system are summarized below.

1. A pipe structure is preferred to a specialty structure, e.g., precast reinforced-concrete box section, precast reinforced-concrete three-sided culvert, structural plate arch.
2. A circular pipe is preferred to a deformed pipe.
3. A single-cell installation is preferred to a multiple-cell installation.
4. Multiple-cell installation should be considered as a last resort. If a multiple-cell installation is being considered, the Division of Hydraulics should be contacted.

203-2.02(12) Pipe Culvert Interior Designation [Rev. May 2016]

For a circular pipe, smooth, semi-smooth, or corrugated alternates are required. For a deformed pipe, both smooth and corrugated alternates are required. The smooth-interior hydraulic design

will be based on a minimum Manning's n value of 0.012. The semi-smooth interior will be based on a minimum Manning's n value of 0.015. For corrugated-pipe design, the Manning's n value should be in accordance with accepted engineering practice. See Figure [203-2F](#) for typical values. The two hydraulic designs for an individual structure will be based on identical pipe lengths and invert elevations.

If separate hydraulic designs are performed for smooth and corrugated interior pipes, the following situations are possible.

1. The required smooth interior, semi-smooth interior, and corrugated interior pipe sizes are identical. The structure callout on the plans should include the required pipe size. No reference to an interior designation is made.
2. The required smooth interior, semi-smooth interior, and corrugated interior pipe sizes are different. The structure callout on the plans should indicate that the structure requires a smooth pipe of one size, a semi-smooth pipe of another, or a corrugated pipe of another.
3. An acceptable pipe size can be determined for one interior designation but not the others. If this occurs, the structure callout on the plans should indicate the required pipe size and interior designation.

203-2.02(13) Pipe Lining

1. Introduction. Pipe lining is a technique for rehabilitating a culvert in poor condition where replacement is difficult. Pipe lining can be used for a circular or deformed culvert.

The common types of pipe lining that have been standardized are high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe or a cured-in-place (CIPP) system. If other types of pipe liners are to be considered, the Division of Hydraulics should be contacted for approval. Pipe-lining considerations include the following.

- a. The structure barrel should be relatively straight, not significantly damaged, and basically intact.
- b. The backfill around the structure should be free from large voids.
- c. There should be sufficient room to work from at least one end of the existing structure.
- d. The structure is in a location where a road closure is undesirable or impractical.

2. Design Criteria. A structure may not increase backwater over existing conditions. Exceptions to this will require justification and approval by the Division of Hydraulics.
 - a. Riprap scour protection should be used as shown in Figure [203-2D](#).
 - b. The smooth-interior hydraulic design will be based on a minimum Manning's n value of 0.012.
 - c. An HY-8 hydraulic analysis of each proposed pipe liner should be completed.
 - d. Deviation from the design criteria will require a design exception subject to Division of Hydraulics approval.
 - e. The largest possible liner should be used, though a smaller liner can be hydraulically adequate.
 - f. Because of cost, a CIPP liner should be considered only if the HDPE liner cannot be applied. A CIPP liner should be used only in an existing structure with an equivalent diameter of 96 in. or less.
 - g. A CIPP liner will reduce the existing structure size as follows.
 - (1) For an equivalent diameter of 24 in., the diameter is reduced by 1 in.
 - (2) For an equivalent diameter of 27 in. through 48 in., the diameter is reduced by 2 in.
 - (3) For an equivalent diameter of 54 in. through 72 in., the diameter is reduced by 3 in.
 - (4) For an equivalent diameter of 78 in. through 96 in., the diameter is reduced by 4 in.

203-2.02(14) Pipe or Box Extension Structure Sizing Process [Rev. May 2013, Apr. 2017]

The sizing of a pipe or box extension structure should be in accordance with the following.

1. Perform Appropriate Hydraulic Analysis. Hydraulic analysis is required to determine the acceptability of a pipe or box extension. A structure may be extended if the headwater elevation does not exceed the existing headwater elevation or the headwater elevation stays contained within the INDOT right-of-way or the upstream channel. Documentation substantiating the containment within the right-of-way or channel must be provided. Because the structure's interior designation is known, it is necessary only to perform hydraulic calculations appropriate for that interior designation.
2. Match Existing Pipe Size and Interior Designation. If practical, the pipe extension should be the same size and material as the existing pipe. When metal pipe is selected, the base

metal and coating specified shall match the existing pipe. However, at this stage, it is necessary only to identify the required interior designation for the extension.

3. Headwalls and Anchors. Removal of headwalls or anchors damages the existing structure. As a minimum, 40 in. of new structure should be placed for each headwall removed. Each protruding headwall which is not in accordance with the obstruction-free-zone criteria should be considered for removal or modification. A headwall which is shielded from impact by guardrail should not be removed unless it is located within clearance range of the guardrail as shown in Figure 49-4A.
4. Age and Condition. The remaining life expectancy of the existing structure should be evaluated in comparison to the proposed extension.

If the extended structure satisfies the required design criteria, the structure-sizing process is complete. If the extended structure does not satisfy the required design criteria, replacement of the existing structure with a new structure should be considered. If it is not practical to replace the existing pipe because of construction method, traffic maintenance, or other constraints, the Division of Hydraulics should be contacted for further instructions.

A Structure Data Table should be included in the plans for drainage structures requiring modification.

203-2.02(15) Energy Dissipator [Rev. Jan. 2023]

An energy dissipator is used to protect the culvert and downstream channel from scour. The two primary types of scour are local scour and channel degradation. Local scour is the result of high-velocity flow at the culvert outlet and extends only a limited distance downstream. Channel degradation can proceed in a fairly uniform manner over a long length or can be evident in one or more abrupt drops, or headcuts, progressing upstream with each runoff event.

The culvert should be designed independent of the dissipator design, with the exception of an internal dissipator, which may require an iterative solution. The culvert design should be completed before the outlet protection is designed and should include computation of outlet velocity. The downstream channel protection should be designed concurrently with the dissipator design.

A culvert will likely require outlet protection. The class of riprap used for outlet protection should be sized in accordance with Figure [203-2D](#). For a side ditch that does not carry a live stream, sod can be used at the outlet. Seeding should be used if the design velocity is less than 2 ft/s.

Energy dissipators should be used for structures with a proposed outlet velocity greater than 13ft/s and a span greater than 3ft. However, energy dissipators are not required for existing structures with an outlet velocity greater than 13ft/s and do not show signs of scour.

203-2.03 Design Considerations

In addition to INDOT's hydraulic policy, other design considerations that should be evaluated are described below.

203-2.03(01) Culvert Location

A culvert should be located and designed to present a minimum hazard to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Where necessary as directed, a means should be provided for personnel and equipment access to facilitate maintenance.

203-2.03(02) Culvert-Hydrology Methods

See Chapter 202 for information on hydrology. A constant peak discharge is assumed for culvert design and will yield a conservatively-sized structure where temporary storage is available but not considered.

203-2.03(03) Tailwater Relationship

A larger waterway downstream should be checked to determine if its flood elevations can backwater through the system and affect road serviceability. If this potential exists, a joint stream probability analysis should be performed (see Figure [203-2G](#)) to check the correct storm events that should be analyzed for potential road overtopping. The joint stream probability analysis is based on the peak discharges of both the design stream and the larger downstream waterway occurring at different times. The analysis compares the streams at different storm designs based on their difference in drainage area.

203-2.03(04) Inlet or Outlet End Treatment [Rev. Dec. 2022, Feb. 2023]

The culvert end-treatment type should be selected from the list shown below based on the given considerations and the entrance loss coefficient, K_E . See Figures [203-2H](#) and [203-2 I](#) for the recommended values of K_E . Roadside safety should be considered in the selection and design. See Chapter 49 for a discussion of practices for the safety treatment of a drainage structure.

The following discusses the types of culvert end treatments and their advantages and disadvantages.

1. Projecting Inlet or Outlet.

- a. Extends beyond the roadway embankment.
- b. Susceptible to damage during roadway maintenance or an errant vehicle.
- c. Has a low construction cost.
- d. Has poor hydraulic efficiency for thin material.
- e. Should include anchoring the end treatment to strengthen the weak leading edge for a culvert of diameter of 42 in. or larger.
- f. Can be strengthened by use of a concrete collar, if necessary.

2. Mitered End Treatment.

- a. Hydraulically more efficient than a thin edge projecting.
- b. Should be mitered to match the fill slope.
- c. Should include anchoring the end treatment to strengthen the weak leading edge for a culvert of diameter of 42 in. or larger.

3. Improved End Treatment.

- a. Should be considered for a culvert which will operate in inlet control.
- b. Can increase the hydraulic performance of the culvert, but can also add to the total culvert cost. Therefore, it should be used only if economically justified.

4. Pipe End Section.

- a. Used to retain the roadway embankment to avoid a projecting culvert barrel.
- b. Used where the side slopes of the channel are unstable.
- c. Used where the culvert is skewed to the normal channel flow.
- d. Provides the best hydraulic efficiency if the flare angle is between 30 and 60 deg.
- e. Should be provided for a precast-concrete drainage structure.

5. Wingwall.

- a. Available for either corrugated metal or concrete pipe.
- b. Retards embankment erosion and incurs less damage from maintenance.
- c. Can improve a projecting metal pipe entrance by increasing hydraulic efficiency, reducing accident hazard, and improving the pipe entrance's appearance.

- d. Is hydraulically equivalent to a headwall, but can be equivalent to a beveled or side-tapered entrance if a flared, enclosed transition occurs before the barrel.
6. Apron.
- a. Used to reduce scour from a high headwater depth or from approach velocity in the channel.
 - b. Should extend at least one pipe diameter upstream.
 - c. Should not protrude above the normal streambed elevation.
 - d. May be constructed of riprap and an appropriate geotextile or concrete.
 - e. Should be set at the structure invert elevation.
7. Cutoff Wall.
- a. Used to prevent piping along the culvert barrel and undermining at the culvert end.
 - b. Should be used for all box structures with a concrete bottom.
 - If bedding material (i.e. crushed stone, b borrow, etc.) is present, the cutoff wall should extend 6 inches below the bedding material.
 - If bedding material is not present, the depth of the cutoff wall should be a minimum of 20 inches below the bottom of the culvert.
8. Weep Hole. A weep hole should not be used.

203-2.03(05) Pipe Length Determination

After the structure size and cover have been determined, the required length should be determined. The design length for a culvert structure should be rounded to the next higher 1 ft.

203-2.03(06) Buoyancy Protection

Pipe end sections, concrete anchors, or other means of anchoring should be considered for a flexible culvert where a projecting end treatment or outlet is used.

The severity of buoyancy depends on the steepness of the culvert slope, depth of the potential headwater which debris blockage can increase, flatness of the upstream fill slope, height of the fill, large culvert skew, or mitered ends. For anchor details, see the INDOT *Standard Drawings* section 715 and *Standard Specifications*.

203-2.03(07) Relief Opening

Where a culvert serving as a relief opening has its outlet set above the normal stream flow line, precautions should be made to prevent headcutting or erosion from undermining the culvert outlet.

203-2.03(08) Erosion and Sediment Control

Temporary measures should be shown on the plans. For more information, see Chapter 205.

203-2.03(09) Improved End Treatment

An improved end treatment is a flared culvert inlet with an enlarged face section and a hydraulically-efficient throat section. An improved end treatment can have a depression, or fall, incorporated into the end-treatment structure or located upstream of the end treatment. The depression is used to exert more head on the throat section for a given headwater elevation. Therefore, an improved end treatment improves culvert performance by providing a more-efficient control section, which is the throat. An improved end treatment with a fall also improves performance by increasing the head on the throat. For information concerning the design of an improved end treatment, see HDS-5.

The selected culvert end treatment has the implications as follows.

1. A culvert end which is projecting or mitered to the fill slope offers no outlet protection.
2. Headwalls provide embankment stability and erosion protection. They provide protection from buoyancy and reduce damage to the culvert.
3. Commercial end sections add little cost to the culvert and may require less maintenance, retard embankment erosion, and incur less damage from maintenance.

Wingwalls are used where the side slopes of the channel are unstable, where the culvert is skewed to the normal channel flow, to redirect outlet velocity, or to retain fill.

203-2.03(10) Energy Dissipator

In designing an energy dissipator, chosen alternatives should satisfy the topography, design policies, and criteria. Alternatives should be analyzed for environmental impact, hydraulic efficiency, and risk and cost. The selected dissipator should satisfy the selected structural and hydraulic criteria. It should also be based on construction and maintenance costs, risk of failure or property damage, traffic safety, environmental or aesthetic considerations, political or nuisance considerations, and land-use requirements.

The Division of Hydraulics allows a variety of energy-dissipator methods. These include corrugated metal pipes, riprap aprons, riprap basins, internal dissipators, stilling basins, or other external dissipators. The dissipator type selected for a site should be appropriate for the location.

Although technically not an energy dissipator, the higher Manning's n value for a corrugated metal pipe provides some velocity reduction at the outlet.

A riprap apron is the most commonly used form of energy dissipation and scour protection. It is a riprap pad located at the outlet of the culvert. The minimum apron dimensions are shown in Figure [203-2J](#), Riprap Apron. Site conditions can dictate a longer apron.

A riprap basin, also referred to as a designed scour hole, is the most common energy dissipator where a riprap apron is not sufficient. It is acceptable for use where undermining of the culvert outlet will not occur, the expected scour hole will not cause costly property damage, and there is no nuisance effect. The design of a scour hole is described in Section [203-3.03\(04\)](#). Other dissipators should be considered if there is limited right of way.

An internal dissipator includes the tumbling-flow type and the increased-resistance type. This should be used only for an inlet-control situation where the flow near the outlet of the culvert is shallow enough. This should be used where the scour hole at the culvert outlet is unacceptable, the right of way is limited, debris is not a problem, or moderate velocity reduction is required.

This Chapter does not address the design of an internal dissipator. See FHWA HEC-14 and FHWA/OH-84/007 *Internal Energy Dissipators* if a design procedure is required.

Another type of external dissipator can be used where the riprap basin is not acceptable and a moderate amount of debris is anticipated. This can include USBR Type VI Impact, CSU rigid boundary, Contra Costa, hook, or hydraulic jump. This Chapter does not address the design of this type of external dissipator. See HEC-14 if a design procedure is required.

A stilling basin is used where the riprap basin is not acceptable, and debris is anticipated. This can include Saint Anthony Falls (SAF), USBR Type II, USBR Type III, or USBR Type IV. This Chapter does not address the design of this type of stilling basin. See HEC-14 if a design procedure is required.

This Chapter does not address the design of a drop structure. See HEC-14 if a design procedure is required.

Additional factors should be considered in designing an energy dissipator. If ice buildup is a factor, it should be mitigated by sizing the structure to not obstruct the winter low flow, and by using an external dissipator. The flood frequency used in the design of the energy dissipator should be the same flood frequency used for the culvert design. The downstream hydraulic conditions

should be evaluated to determine a tailwater depth and the maximum velocity for an open channel. A lake, pond, or large water body should be evaluated using the high-water elevation that has the same frequency as the design flood for the culvert.

The material selected for the dissipator should be based on a comparison of the total cost over the design life of alternate materials and should not be made using first cost as the only criterion. This comparison should consider replacement cost, the difficulty of construction, and traffic delay.

Traffic should be protected from an external energy dissipator by locating it outside the appropriate clear-zone distance as described in Chapter 49.

203-2.04 Design Procedures [Rev. Apr. 2022]

203-2.04(01) General

An exact theoretical analysis of culvert flow is complex. First, the analysis of non-uniform flow with regions of both gradually varying and rapidly varying flow should be performed. Then, the flow-type changes should be determined as the flow-rate and tailwater elevations change. Backwater and drawdown calculations, and energy and momentum balances, should be completed. Results of hydraulic-model studies should be applied. It should be determined if hydraulic jumps occur and if they are inside of or downstream of the culvert barrel. Calculations can be simplified, based on the following.

1. Control Section. The control section is where there is a unique relationship between the flow rate and the upstream water-surface elevation. Inlet control is governed by the inlet geometry. Outlet control is governed by a combination of the culvert end-treatment geometry, the barrel characteristics, and the tailwater elevation.
2. Minimum Performance. This is assumed by means of analyzing both inlet and outlet control and using the highest headwater elevation. The culvert can operate more efficiently at times with more flow for a given headwater level, but it will not operate at a lower level of performance than calculated.
3. Culvert Sizing. The culvert-sizing process should satisfy the criteria as follows:
 - a. allowable headwater elevation at 1% annual EP;
 - b. roadway serviceability for storm of specific magnitude, depending on functional classification; and
 - c. maximum pipe-outlet velocity or energy-dissipator design.

4. Computer Software. The HY8 software and the HEC-RAS Culvert Module are acceptable design methods for structure sizing.

203-2.04(02) Headwater Factors

1. Headwater depth is measured from the flowline of the inlet-control section to the surface of the upstream pool.
2. Inlet area is the cross-sectional area of the face of the culvert. The inlet-face area is the same as the barrel area.
3. Inlet-edge configuration describes the entrance type. Inlet-edge configurations include thin-edge projecting, mitered, square edge in a headwall, and beveled edge. See Figure [203-2H](#) for the edge configuration of a culvert inlet.
4. Inlet shape is the same as that of the culvert barrel. Shapes include rectangular, circular, elliptical, and arch. The shape should be checked for an additional control section, if different than the barrel.

203-2.04(03) Tailwater Factors

1. The hydraulic conditions of the downstream channel should be evaluated to determine a tailwater depth.
2. Backwater curves should be calculated for sensitive locations, or a single cross-section analysis should be used.
3. The existing outlet depth may be used in lieu of the tailwater depth if the culvert outlet is operating with a low tailwater depth or a free outfall.
4. The headwater elevation of a nearby downstream culvert should be used if it is above the channel depth.

203-2.04(04) Energy Dissipator [Rev. Apr. 2022]

Since the riprap basin is the preferred energy dissipator where the riprap apron is not adequate, design procedures are as follows. The riprap-basin design is based on laboratory data obtained from full-scale prototypical installations. The features of the basin include the following:

1. pre-shaping and lining with riprap of median size, d_{50} ;

2. constructing the floor at a depth of h_S below the invert, where h_S is the depth of scour that will occur in a pad of riprap of size d_{50} ;
3. sizing d_{50} so that $2 < h_S/d_{50} < 4$;
4. sizing the length of the dissipating pool to be $10h_S$ or $3W_o$, whichever is larger for a single barrel. The overall length of the basin is $15h_S$ or $4W_o$, whichever is larger;
5. angular-rock results were approximately the same as the results for rounded material; and
6. layout details are shown on Figure [203-2K](#), Riprap-Basin Energy Dissipator.

When high tailwater conditions, $TW/y_o > 0.75$, exist, the following characteristics apply. The high-velocity core of water emerging from the culvert retains its jet-like character as it passes through the basin. The scour hole is shallower and longer than that found in a low-tailwater condition. Riprap may be required for the channel downstream of the rock-lined basin.

1. Determine Input Flow. y_o or y_E , V_o , Fr at the culvert outlet, and y_E , the equivalent depth at the brink $= (A/2)^{0.5}$.
2. Check TW . Determine if $TW/y_o \leq 0.75$.
3. Determine d_{50} .
 - a. Use Figure [203-2M](#), Riprap-Basin Scour Depth.
 - b. Select d_{50}/y_E . Satisfactory results will be obtained if $0.25 < d_{50}/y_E < 0.45$.
 - c. Obtain h_S/y_E using Fr .
 - d. Check if $2 < h_S/d_{50} < 4$ and repeat until d_{50} is found to be within the range.
4. Size basin as shown in Figure [203-2K](#).
 - a. Determine length of the dissipating pool, $L_S = 10h_S$ or $3W_o$ minimum.
 - b. Determine length of basin, $L_B = 15h_S$ or $4W_o$ minimum.
 - c. Thickness of riprap:
 - (1) Approach, $3d_{50}$ or $1.5d_{max}$
 - (2) Remainder, $2d_{50}$ or $1.5d_{max}$
5. Determine V_B .
 - a. Basin exit depth, $y_B =$ critical depth at basin exit.
 - b. Basin exit velocity, $V_B = Q/W_{ByB}$.
 - c. Compare V_B with the average normal flow velocity in the natural channel, V_d .

6. High-Tailwater Design.
 - a. Design a basin for low-tailwater conditions, Steps 1-5.
 - b. Compute equivalent circular diameter, D_E , for brink area as follows:

$$A = \frac{\pi D_E^2}{4} = y_o W_o$$

- c. Estimate centerline velocity at a series of downstream cross sections using Figure [203-2N](#), Distribution of Centerline Velocity for Flow from Submerged Outlets.
 - d. Size riprap using Figure [203-2D](#).
7. Filter Placement. Geotextile should be placed under a riprap feature.

The dissipator geometry can be computed using the HY-8, Culvert Analysis Software, Energy Dissipator module.

203-2.05 Specialty Structure

Perpendicular-span length is measured between the inside faces of the structure walls, perpendicular to them. Structural-span length is measured between the inside faces of the structure walls, along the roadway centerline.

203-2.05(01) Precast Concrete Box Culvert

A precast-concrete box culvert may be recommended by the Division of Hydraulics. The maximum perpendicular span for a box culvert is 12 ft. The recommended layout method for a box culvert is to extend it to the point where the roadway sideslope intercepts the stream flowline. The sideslope at the end or outcrop of a box culvert should be protected with guardrail or be located beyond the clear zone.

203-2.05(02) Precast Concrete Oversize Box Structure

A precast concrete oversize box structure may be recommended by the Division of Hydraulics. A box structure is considered oversize if its clear-perpendicular-span length is more than 12 ft. Commercially available oversized boxes seem to be limited to 20 ft span in the Indiana region. Any oversized box structure greater than 20 ft should be hydraulically modeled as a bridge. Product information is available from local suppliers. If contacting a supplier, the designer should

provide the most general information about project location. The designer should contact at least two suppliers of the same product.

The hydraulic recommendations letter will indicate if a three-sided structure with a base slab is an acceptable alternate to an oversize box structure. The designer should contact the Division of Hydraulics for guidance as to whether the two structure types are interchangeable for the specific site. A cost comparison should be used in making the final structure selection.

An oversize box culvert should be laid out so that the total structure length is a multiple of the box-segment length for the given box size. It is not necessary to add a tolerance for the joints between segments in determining the total structure length. The typically-available segment weights and lengths are shown in Figure [203-2 O](#). For a 9-ft through 12-ft rise, at least one box-structure supplier should be contacted for available weights and lengths.

203-2.05(03) Precast Concrete Three-Sided Structure

A precast-concrete three-sided structure may be recommended by the Division of Hydraulics.

1. Structure Sizing and Selection. The designer will choose either the flat-topped, arch-topped, or true-arch structure section, show it on the plans and reference, by note, the other sections. The designer will determine the hydraulic size for the alternate structures.

The hydraulic recommendations will include the Q_{100} elevation, the assumed flowline elevation, the required perpendicular span, and the required waterway opening for all structure sections. The designer will determine the rise of the structure for all structure sections. The minimum desirable freeboard requirement will be 1 ft for a flat-topped or an arch-topped structure, with the low-structure elevation determined at the structure centerline for each section. The minimum desirable freeboard requirement will be 2 ft for a true-arch structure. If the designer elects to use a freeboard of less than desirable, the designer should obtain the concurrence of the Division of Hydraulics director.

Figure [203-2P](#) should be used as guidance for determining the acceptable alternates to show on the plans.

The arch-topped structure will likely have a greater perpendicular-span requirement than the flat-topped structure where it is used with less than 2 ft of freeboard. The arch-topped structure will not be included as an alternate in the hydraulics recommendation letter if its required perpendicular span exceeds that of the flat-topped alternate by more than 4 ft. The true-arch structure will likely have a greater perpendicular-span requirement than the flat-topped or arch-topped structure.

Where the required structural span exceeds 30 ft, the designer will also provide the required waterway opening for a spill-through bridge. The designer will size an appropriate bridge and perform an economic comparison between the bridge and the three-sided structure options.

The dimensional designation shown in Figure [203-2Q](#) for perpendicular span, and Figure [203-2R](#) for rise, should be used for designating each required three-sided structure. The plans should show the structure size in feet.

2. Segment Configuration and Skew. Skew should be rounded to the nearer most-practical 5 deg, although the nearer 1 deg is permissible where necessary.

It is not necessary for the designer to determine the exact number and length of segments. The final structure length and segment configuration will be determined by the fabricator and may deviate from that implied by the plans. However, a minimum horizontal clearance of 6 ft must exist between the front face of guardrail and the outside face of the structure headwall where the drainage-structure end is within the clear zone.

Square segments are more economical if the structure is skewed. Laying out the structure with square segments will result in the greatest right-of-way requirement and thus allow ample space for potential redesign by the contractor, if necessary, to another segment configuration.

For a structure with a skew of 15 deg or less, structure segments may be laid out square or skewed. Skewed segments are preferred for a structure of less than 80 ft length. Square segments are preferred for a longer structure. However, skewed segments have a greater structural span. A structure with a skew of greater than 15 deg requires additional analysis as described in the *AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications*. Skewed segments and the analysis both contribute to higher structure cost.

For a structure with a skew of greater than 15 deg, structure segments should be laid out square. If hydraulic conditions dictate the use of a flat-topped structure only, the segments may be laid out skewed if the structure is relatively short.

A number of flat-topped structures are built with skewed segments, i.e., segments shaped, in plan view, like parallelograms. However, some INDOT structures have been redesigned to use only square segments. Where a flat-topped structure is laid out with ends parallel to the roadway, skewed segments are implied by the designer.

The preferred layout scheme for an arch-topped structure with a skew of greater than 15 deg should assume square segments with a sloping top of headwall to yield the shortest possible wingwalls. Where an arch-topped structure is laid out with skewed ends, therefore, headwalls parallel to the roadway, the skew will be developed within the end segments by varying the lengths of the legs as measured along the centerline of the structure. The maximum attainable skew is controlled by the difference between the full-segment leg length as recommended by the arch-topped-structure fabricator and a minimum leg length of 2 ft.

If the roadway above the structure is to be constructed in two phases, a segment-skew configuration should be proposed which is compatible with the anticipated construction-phasing line between construction phases. Therefore, if the structure length is 80 ft or greater, a unique special provision should be included to require the contractor to design and detail segments or cast-in-place construction required to conform to the construction line between phases. These details should be reviewed by the designer at the time of the working-drawings submission.

3. Plans Requirements for Structure Layout and Detailing. The designer should use the perpendicular span and rise for the structure section shown on the plans as a reference for the information required on the title sheet. The structure type to be shown on the title, Layout, and General Plan sheets should be precast reinforced-concrete three-sided structure.

The General Plan should include a note as follows:

An alternate structure type with a _____-ft perpendicular span and a _____-ft rise may be substituted for the structure shown on the Layout sheet.

Where a flat-topped structure is the only option permitted, the General Plan should include a note as follows:

A three-sided arch-topped or true-arch structure will not be permitted at this location.

The elevations to be provided on the General Plan or other detail sheet are as follows:

- a. Q_{100} ;
- b. flow line, at both structure ends and the roadway centerline;
- c. the low structure at the centerline of the structure;
- d. the tops of headwalls; and
- e. the tops of wingwalls.

The assumed elevations of the top of the footing and the base of the structure leg should also be shown. For structure-layout purposes, a 2-ft footing thickness should be assumed with the base of the structure leg seated 2 in. below the top-of-footing elevation. With the bottom of the footing placed at the standard depth of 4 ft below the flowline elevation, the base of the structure leg should therefore be shown as 2'-2" below the flowline. An exception to the 4-ft depth will occur where the anticipated footing thickness is known to exceed 2 ft, where the footing must extend to rock, or where poor soil conditions dictate that the footing should be deeper.

The footing should be kept level if possible. If the stream grade prohibits a level footing, the wingwall footings should be laid out to be constructed on the same plane as the structure footings.

The structure length and the flare angle, and the length and height of wingwalls should be shown. For a skewed structure, the wingwall geometrics should be determined for each wing. The sideslope used to determine the wing length should be shown on the plans.

A structure should extend to a point where the headwall height can be kept to a minimum, preferably 1 ft. All headwalls should have standard-length-post guardrail protection unless the structure cover does not permit it. Where structure cover does not permit a standard headwall and standard-length-post guardrail installation, nested guardrail (long-span) or another option as shown on the INDOT *Standard Drawings* should be shown, with the selected low-cover guardrail option. A minimum of 6 ft of clearance should exist horizontally between the face of guardrail and the outside face of the structure headwall.

If the height of the structure legs exceeds 10 ft, pedestals should be shown in the structure elevation view. For illustration purposes, the pedestals should be drawn at approximately 2-ft width, but the dimensions and details should not be shown. The pedestal height should be included in the rise dimension specified in the pay-item name.

The design and details for footings or base slabs, wingwall footings, wingwalls, and headwalls will be provided by the structure manufacturer once the working drawings are submitted. The designer who prepared the contract plans will review the design calculations and working drawings. For a federal-aid local-agency project, such documents are reviewed and approved by the local agency or its design consultant.

Wingwall-anchorage system, wing thickness, wall thickness of precast units, corner chamfer dimensions of precast units, footing-width, or footing-reinforcement information that suggest a proprietary product should not be identified as such on the plans. Such details will be shown on the working drawings.

The General Plan should include the design-data information as follows:

Designed for HL-93 loading in accordance with AASHTO *LRFD Bridge Design Specifications*, [current-edition year], and all subsequent interim specifications.

Dead load increased 35 psf for future wearing surface.

Quantities for the structure and wingwall footings should be included with those for the structure and the wingwalls, respectively. Quantities for headwalls and foundation excavation should also be included in those for the structure.

4. **Foundations.** The allowable soil bearing pressure should be shown on the plans. If the footing is on piling, the nominal driving resistance should be shown.

Where a pile footing is required, the type and size of pile and the required pile spacing, and which piles are to be battered, should be shown on the plans. The final design of the pile cap will be performed by the fabricator, and the details will be shown on the working drawings as is the practice for other footing types. If the geotechnical report recommends that piling be used, the structure-type selection should be re-evaluated to consider a spill-through bridge due to the added expense of pile footings.

The plans for a three-sided structure should include a sheet showing the soil boring logs for the structure.

203-2.06 Specialty Structure Requirements

203-2.06(01) Wingwalls and Headwalls

Wingwalls and headwalls are required without regard to structure type or size. Such wingwalls and headwalls may be precast or cast in place.

The information to be shown on the plans is as follows:

1. a plan view showing the total length of the structure, skew angle, distance from roadway centerline to each end of structure, and the flare angle of all wingwalls;
2. an elevation view of the end of the structure including wingwalls and headwall if applicable. The perpendicular span and rise of the structure should be dimensioned. The height of the headwall should be shown;
3. wingwalls labeled A through D with a table showing all dimensions and elevations for each wingwall, and summarizing the wingwall areas required; and
4. the allowable soil bearing pressure. A table should be included on the plans listing the soil parameters for wingwall design as follows:
 - a. angle of friction between wingwall footing and foundation soil, δ ;
 - b. angle of internal friction of the foundation soil, ϕ ;
 - c. ultimate cohesion of foundation soil, C ; and
 - d. ultimate adhesion between foundation soil and concrete, C_A .

These soil parameters will be provided in the geotechnical report for the structure. If the geotechnical report is lacking this information, it should be requested from the Division of Geotechnical Services.

Quantities should be determined for headwalls and wingwalls.

If a project includes at least one precast-concrete box structure, and at least one precast-concrete three-sided drainage structure, each with wingwalls, the wingwalls' quantities for both types of structures should not be combined.

203-2.06(02) Reinforcement Treatment

If the distance between the top of the pavement and the top of the structure is less than 2 ft as measured at the edge of travel lane, all reinforcement in a three-sided structure or an oversized box structure should be coated. Coated reinforcement should be indicated in the Structure Data Table's structure-description name.

203-2.06(03) Scour Considerations

The standard footing depth of 4 ft below the flowline and the riprap protection shown on the INDOT *Standard Drawings* series 723-CCSP will suffice for scour protection in a routine installation. Riprap and geotextile used in the waterway should be shown on the plans in the plan view and labeled as Scour Protection.

Figure [203-2 S](#) should be used to determine the type of scour protection required for a three-sided structure, or the channel. The riprap type and quantity should be shown on the plans. A note should be placed on the plans, similar to the following:

Quantities of ___ tons of [Class 1] [Class 2] [revetment] riprap and _____ sys of geotextile shall be placed as scour protection.

For a routine installation, the riprap and geotextile shown on the INDOT *Standard Drawings* series 723-CCSP will suffice for scour protection on the stream banks adjacent to the wingwalls or projecting ends of the structure. Quantities of riprap and geotextile used on the stream banks adjacent to the wingwalls or projecting ends of the structure should be shown on the plans.

If an IDNR Construction in a Floodway, IDEM Water Quality 401, or a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 404 permit application is required, the required scour quantities of riprap or cast-in-place concrete should be incorporated into the application. If one or more of these permits has already been granted, the designer must provide the quantities information to the Environmental Services Division's Ecology and Waterway Permitting Team. The Team leader will then apply for a permit amendment.

For a three-sided structure, if the allowable soil bearing pressure is less than 1000 lb/ft², or where the stream velocity exceeds 13 ft/s, a concrete base slab should be provided instead of a conventional strip footing. Details of the base-slab method of scour protection are shown on the INDOT *Standard Drawings*. If the allowable soil bearing pressure is not extremely low or where the stream velocity does not exceed 13 ft/s, the cost effectiveness of providing a base slab versus providing a strip footing with scour protection should be considered. The input of the district Office of Construction should be requested at the preliminary field check if the costs appear to be equal.

203-2.06(04) Backfilling [Rev. May 2013]

Where there is less than 2 ft of cover between the top of the structure and the top of the proposed pavement structure, as measured at the edge of travel lane, the backfill should be structure backfill type 5 to the top of the structure. The backfill above the top of the structure should be structure backfill type 2.

Where there is 2 ft or more of cover between the top of the structure and top of the proposed pavement structure, as measured at the edge of travel lane, all backfill should be structure backfill type 2.

The minimum and maximum cover distances should be shown in the Structure Data Table. The material used to backfill the structure should be also used to backfill the wingwalls.

The minimum cover distance between the top of the structure and the top of the pavement section should be equal to the pavement-section thickness. If the minimum cover distance is less than the pavement-section thickness, the Pavement Division should be consulted for the minimum pavement thickness to be used above the structure.

For a three-sided structure, the structure and wingwall backfill limits should be shown on the plans. The backfill limits should have a width of 1.5 ft at the bottom of the footing and should extend upward at a slope rate of 1:4. The wingwalls' backfill should extend upward at a 1:1 slope from the bottom of the wingwall footings. The structure fabricator will also be required to show the backfill limits on the shop drawings. The backfill pay limits should be based on the neat-line limits shown on the plans. The type of structure backfill and the quantities for excavation and structure backfill should be shown on the plans.

203-2.06(05) Plans Details, Design Computations, and Working Drawings

Only the conceptual layout for a precast-concrete three-sided or box structure, or precast wingwalls and headwalls, should be shown on the plans. The structure centerline, minimum perpendicular span, minimum structural span, minimum rise, and minimum Q_{100} hydraulic-opening area should be shown on the Layout sheet.

Once the work is under contract, the fabricator will design and detail the structure. For each cast-in-place structure, three-sided structure, or for each box structure of perpendicular span greater than 12'-0" or of a size not described in ASTM C 1577, the fabricator will provide design computations and working drawings which are to be checked by, and are subject to the approval of, the designer.

203-2.07 Documentation

The hydraulic report and necessary software data or input files should be submitted to the Division of Hydraulics for review and acceptance. All relevant information should be cross referenced if utilized in other sections of the report. The information in the report should include, but should be not limited to, the following:

1. project-specific overview, including stating location, purpose, vertical datum used, and other pertinent information;
2. Topographic Map with drainage area and flow path for Time of Concentration delineated and labeled, including north arrow and graphic scale bar;
3. aerial photo with drainage area delineated;
4. Summary Table with the information, if applicable, as follows:
 - a. drainage area;
 - b. Q_{100} flow;
 - c. Q_{100} water-surface elevation;
 - d. structure size and type;
 - e. inlet-edge condition;
 - f. backwater depth;
 - g. culvert velocity;
 - h. headwater elevation;
 - i. road overflow area;
 - j. outlet-erosion protection;
 - k. sump depth;
 - l. outlet-flowline elevation;
 - m. minimum low structure elevation;
 - n. approximate skew; and
 - o. inlet-depression depth.
5. hydrology calculations which can include the Rational Method, Hydrograph (TR-20, HEC-HMS, etc.), curve numbers, Manning's n values, Time of Concentration, etc.
6. HY-8. Only information for the recommended structure, primary alternates, and existing structure should be included if applicable. The input file, output file, and version of software used should be included for the reviewer's use;
7. plans including cross-section of downstream channel, road plan and profile, and layout sheet if applicable;
8. site photos with key map;
9. backwater calculation with a justification of backwater and its effects, i.e., remains in channel, below finish floor elevation, or contained within the right of way;

10. other calculations, meeting minutes, local testimony, telephone log, permits, etc., to add clarity;
11. coordination with county surveyor; and
12. energy-dissipator calculations and files.

203-2.08 Replacement in Kind Policy [Add Sep. 2023]

The Division of Hydraulics will allow a culvert with a span or diameter < 48 in. to be replaced in kind without modeling and design computations or review and approval where the following condition requirements are met. Where any of the conditions are not met, hydraulic design in accordance with 203-2.02 and review in accordance with 201-1.02 is required.

203-2.08(01) Condition Requirements for Replacement in Kind [Add Sep. 2023]

1. The existing culvert is not on a fully access-controlled corridor, e.g. freeway. See 40-5.0 for access control definitions.
2. The existing culvert is a single span, e.g. not twin pipes.
3. The existing culvert is not within the limits of a pavement reconstruction project. See Ch 602 for pavement project categories.
4. The existing culvert does not have drainage issues, e.g., scour holes, history of roadway overtopping, ponding, or debris. The designer should contact the appropriate district Culvert Asset Engineer to verify drainage history. The Culvert Asset Engineer will contact the district Maintenance Engineer for verification. Documentation should be included with the project design computations, Engineering Assessment report, or Field Check minutes. For LPA projects, the LPA will determine the appropriate personnel.
5. The road profile does not change.

203-2.08(02) Design Criteria for Replacement in Kind Culvert[Add Sep. 2023]

Where the condition requirements are satisfied, the following design criteria should be applied to the replacement culvert.

1. The replacement culvert should match the dimensions of the existing culvert, except if located within a Waters of the US. For culverts located within a Waters of the US, the rise of the replacement culvert should be increased by at least the depth of the required sump. See 203-2.02(10) for culvert sumping.
2. The replacement culvert should match the existing pipe's Manning's n value. In practice, this means a smooth pipe should be replaced with a smooth pipe and a corrugated pipe should be replaced with a corrugated pipe.
3. The end treatments of the replacement culvert should match the existing condition, e.g., headwalls should be replaced with headwalls, metal pipe end sections should be replaced with metal pipe end sections, etc. An inlet end treatment may be substituted with an end treatment type that has an equivalent entrance loss coefficient per Figure 203-2 I.
4. A culvert with an existing liner should be replaced with a culvert that matches the dimensions of the original host pipe rather than the dimensions of the liner.
5. Existing inlet and outlet protection (riprap) should be replaced in-kind and on geotextile. Where there is no existing outlet protection, then outlet protection riprap should be revetment riprap on geotextile using the dimensions shown in IDM Figure 203-2J.
6. The replacement culvert inlet and outlet invert elevations should be the same as the existing culvert except for the adjustment to meet the sump depth, as required for Waters of the US. See 203-2.02(10) for culvert sumping.

7. The replacement culvert should be the same length as the existing culvert.
8. The replacement culvert should satisfy the minimum height of cover requirements. Where cover requirements cannot be satisfied, approval is needed from the appropriate district Pavement Asset Engineer, Bridge Asset Engineer, or Culvert Asset Engineer. Documentation should be included with the project design computations.
9. Ecology and waterway permitting applies to culverts that are replaced in kind. Projects requiring permits should follow the policies in the INDOT Waterway Permit Manual or contact INDOT Ecology and Waterway Permitting Office (EWPO) for guidance.

203-3.0 BRIDGE

203-3.01 Introduction

FHWA defines a bridge as a structure with a total span greater than 20 ft, measured along the centerline of the roadway. For a multiple-pipe structure, this includes the distance between the pipes. For hydraulic purposes, a structure with a span greater than 20 ft, perpendicular to the direction of flow, is considered a bridge.

203-3.02 Bridge Policy [Added Apr. 2017]

The following policies are specific to a bridge.

1. Each bridge defined by the Division of Hydraulics should be modeled using HEC-RAS bridge analysis. See Section 203-3.03(02).
2. The Division of Hydraulics will review all bridge hydraulics.
3. The appropriate storm event for design should be determined using Figure [203-2C](#), Design-Storm Frequency for Bridge or Culvert. The figure includes the design-storm requirements for allowable backwater, allowable velocity, and roadway serviceability freeboard.
4. Survey information should include topographic features, channel characteristics, high-water information, existing-structure data, and other related site-specific information.
5. Design data and calculations should be assembled in an orderly fashion and retained for future reference as provided for in this Chapter.

6. The bridge design should incorporate the environmental requirements of IDNR, IDEM, USACE, and other applicable government agencies.

203-3.02(01) Allowable Backwater [Rev. Apr. 2017]

Allowable backwater is the difference in water surface elevation of the natural or base condition and the upstream water surface elevation produced by the bridge. To establish the natural or base condition, only the bridge of interest should be removed from the hydraulic model, i.e. existing structures or restrictions are included. The maximum backwater is determined at the cross-section which yields the largest difference in water surface elevations.

1. New-Alignment Bridge. For a new bridge on a new alignment, the maximum backwater should not exceed 0.14 ft. The 0.14 ft maximum may be modified as follows:
 - a. the backwater dissipates to 0.14 ft or less at the right-of-way line;
 - b. the channel is sufficiently deep to contain the increased water height without overtopping the banks; the backwater is less than or equal to 1 ft; and the maximum velocity is not excessive; or
 - c. a flood easement can be purchased upstream of the bridge to allow for greater than 0.14 ft of backwater.

In a rural area where land costs are minimal, the cost savings may be substantial to purchase flood easements and reduce the bridge-structure size. The use of flood easements should be identified early in the design stage so that they can be included in any land purchasing. However, flood easements are still limited to the maximum 1-ft backwater requirement.

An exception to the 0.14-ft backwater allowance for a new bridge on a new alignment is subject to approval of the Division of Hydraulics.

2. Existing Bridge Replacement. The allowable backwater for a replacement bridge is dependent upon the backwater created by the existing bridge or structure.
 - a. If the existing backwater is greater than 3 feet, then the proposed backwater should be less than or equal to 3 feet.
 - b. If the existing backwater is between 3 feet and 0.14 feet, the proposed backwater should be less than or equal to the existing backwater.
 - c. If the existing backwater is less than 0.14 feet, the proposed backwater should be less than or equal to 0.14 feet.

- d. A flood easement can be considered upstream of the bridge to allow for greater than 0.14 ft of backwater. See item 1 above.

The proposed bridge opening may require adjustment based on a number of additional criteria as described in this section.

203-3.02(02) Road-Serviceability Freeboard [Rev. Apr. 2017]

The headwater elevation from the bridge should maintain a roadway serviceability freeboard to the edge of pavement based on the functional classification shown in Figure [203-2C](#). If the functional classification allows, embankment overtopping may be incorporated into the design, but should be located away from the bridge abutments and superstructure. The required road serviceability should be maintained throughout the entire flood reach of the stream.

Where existing conditions allow overtopping in the 1% EP event, and it is necessary to raise the existing profile grade, it may be necessary to increase the size of the proposed bridge in order to meet the backwater requirements described in this section. Proposed changes in the guardrail and/or bridge rail configuration may impose additional blockage to the roadway overflow, which also should be accounted for in the proposed bridge sizing.

A larger downstream waterway should be checked to determine if its floodwaters can backwater through the system and affect road serviceability. If this potential exists, a joint-stream probability analysis should be performed to check the correct storm events that should be analyzed for potential road overtopping. See Figure [203-2G](#). The joint-stream probability analysis is based on the peak discharges of both the design stream and the larger downstream waterway occurring at different times. The analysis compares the streams at different storm designs based on their difference in drainage area.

203-3.02(03) Bridge Freeboard [Rev. Apr. 2017]

Where practical, a minimum clearance of 2 ft should be provided between the 1% EP elevation and the low chord of the bridge to allow for passage of ice and debris. Where this is not practical, the clearance should be established based on the type of stream and level of protection desired as approved by the Division of Hydraulics. For example, 1 ft may be adequate for a small stream that normally does not transport drift. An urban bridge with a grade limitation may provide no freeboard. A 3-ft freeboard is desirable for a major river which is known to carry large debris. The crest vertical-curve profile is the preferred highway crossing profile in allowing for embankment overtopping at a lower discharge.

At sites where the existing structure experiences pressure flow in the 1% EP event, the proposed low structure should be set at the elevation needed to provide an adequate amount of freeboard. Where the existing low structure is above the 1% EP elevation but does not meet the freeboard criteria described above, the profile of the proposed low structure may be as low as the existing low structure profile provided that there is no history of debris accumulation on the existing structure.

Approval by the Division of Hydraulics is required if the existing structure exceeds the freeboard requirements described above and the proposed low structure elevation is lower than the existing.

203-3.02(04) Bridge Waterway Velocity [Rev. Apr. 2017]

The existing bridge should be evaluated for any significant evidence of scour or channel instability, such as exposed footers or piles and the presence of large sand bars downstream of the bridge. In addition, the HEC-RAS velocity distribution computations should be utilized to determine the average and maximum flow velocities in the existing bridge.

Where there is no evidence of existing scour or instability issues, the proposed bridge waterway average and maximum velocities should be less than or equal to the equivalent existing bridge waterway velocities. If the existing bridge shows any significant evidence of scour or channel instability, the proposed velocities should be less than or equal to the existing velocities and the average velocity should be no more than 1.5 times the natural channel velocity downstream of the bridge.

Figure 203-2D should be used to determine the appropriate riprap size. The appropriate riprap size for abutments should be based on the average bridge waterway velocity. The appropriate riprap size for piers should be based on the maximum velocity determined from velocity distribution computations.

203-3.02(05) Upstream Structure Impacts [Added Apr. 2017]

The presence of residential, commercial or industrial buildings located upstream of the site may also affect the proposed bridge sizing. The site should be evaluated to determine whether there has been a record of flood damages or whether the lowest adjacent land grade at any upstream building is lower than the computed 1% EP water surface elevation upstream of the existing bridge. The lowest adjacent land grade should be considered to be the lowest elevation at which the existing ground surface meets the outside perimeter of a structure.

At sites where upstream buildings could be impacted by the 1% EP flood event under the existing condition, it may be necessary to modify the allowable backwater for the proposed bridge. This modification can be evaluated by determining a target elevation which is one foot below the lowest adjacent land grade at any potentially impacted upstream structure. The proposed bridge should then be sized such that the 1% EP flood elevation adjacent to the structure is at or below the target elevation.

An exception can be made where a proposed bridge backwater of less of one foot is needed to meet the target elevation. In that situation, the proposed backwater may be as much as one foot, as long as the proposed backwater is less than the existing backwater. This applies even if the target elevation at the structure is not met.

The only situation under which the proposed backwater may be greater than the existing backwater is where the existing bridge has a backwater of less than 0.14 feet. Where this is the case, the proposed bridge may have a backwater depth as high as 0.14 feet regardless of impacts to upstream structures. See Section 203-3.02(09) for additional information on determining the allowable backwater depth in this situation.

203-3.02(06) Bridge Sizing [Rev. Apr. 2017]

The following criteria are required for hydraulic bridge sizing

1. Span Lengths. Where possible, a single-span bridge is desired in lieu of a multi-span bridge, though this may sacrifice desired structure freeboard. The proposed total out-to-out structure length should not be less than the existing out-to-out structure length.

The minimum span length for a bridge with more than three spans should be 100 ft for those spans over the main channel. A three-span bridge should have the center span length maximized at a site where debris can be a problem.

Where a two-span bridge is being considered, the preferred option is to place a single-span bridge with a relief structure on the overbanks to accommodate higher discharges. The flow line of the relief structure should be set above the flow line of the main channel by an amount appropriate to decrease the possibility of sedimentation and debris accumulation. Typically, the flow line of the relief structure should match the existing overbank elevation. Where an over flow structure is not feasible, a two-span bridge may be considered, but is subject to prior approval by the Division of Hydraulics.

2. Bridge Configuration. As a check, both the gross and the net waterway openings provided by the proposed structure should be compared to the corresponding waterway areas provided by the existing structure to ensure that the proposed structure will not offer a reduced waterway area. The existing waterway opening areas should be determined based on original design plans for the existing structure and not the current condition of the waterway opening. The gross waterway area is defined as the total area between the bridge abutments below the 1% EP water surface elevation and the net area is defined as the gross area minus any area occupied by the bridge piers.

The existing structure alignment should be compared to the alignment of the stream channel. Indicators of potential channel alignment issues include:

- a. the presence of large sand bars or scour holes downstream of the structure
- b. significant scour issues such as exposed footings or piles
- c. the accumulation of sediment in a portion of the bridge waterway
- d. evidence of active channel meandering such as channel bank sloughing or downed trees, especially where the bridge is located on a curved channel alignment.

It may be necessary to adjust the location and skew of the proposed bridge to better accommodate the existing channel alignment as well as potential future changes in the channel alignment.

3. Multiple-Opening Structure. A multiple-opening structure is used in a wide floodplain to pass a portion of the flow once the stream reaches a certain stage. The objectives in choosing the location of a multiple opening include the following:
 - a. maintenance of flow distribution and flow patterns;
 - b. accommodation of relatively large flow concentrations on the floodplain;
 - c. avoidance of floodplain flow along the roadway embankment for a long distance;
 - d. crossing of significant tributary channels; and
 - e. possible reduction of the size of the main bridge and the overall cost of the project.

The most complex factor in designing a multiple opening is determining the division of flow between two or more structures. If incorrectly proportioned, one or more of the structures can be overtaxed during a flood event. The design of a multiple opening should be generous to guard against that possibility.

203-3.02(07) Channel Clearing

Channel clearing consists of the removal of sediment to enlarge the waterway opening. Channel clearing should not occur within 1 ft of the Ordinary High Water elevation. Where the Ordinary High Water elevation is less than 1 ft above the flowline elevation, channel clearing should not occur within 2 ft of the flowline elevation.

203-3.02(08) Temporary Runaround Bridge

A temporary-runaround structure is typically operational for three months to two years. Therefore, the serviceability criteria are greatly reduced. At a minimum, such a structure should be serviceable during a 50% annual EP discharge.

Figure [203-2C](#) should be checked to determine the road-serviceability design storm required. The edge of pavement should be above the headwater elevation of the required design storm.

The backwater should be determined for the 1% annual EP discharge event. For a structure requiring an IDNR permit, the backwater at 1% annual EP should not exceed 0.14 ft over existing conditions. IDNR should be contacted for further guidance. For a structure not requiring an IDNR permit, the backwater from the 1% annual EP event should not exceed 1 ft below the finished-floor elevations of nearby buildings or residences. Impacts to crops and yards should be allowed for only a short duration.

The most cost-efficient temporary-runaround structure is achieved by lowering the roadway profile as much as possible while still obtaining the required road serviceability

203-3.02(09) Bridge that Requires an IDNR CIF Permit [Rev. Apr. 2017]

The IDNR *Floodplain Guidelines Manual* should be checked to determine if a CIF permit is required and for the definition of what the existing or base conditions are. For most projects, an increase in water surface elevation (surcharge) above the existing conditions will not be allowed. Where an increase could be allowed, the water-surface elevation cannot be increased more than 0.14 ft from existing conditions outside the right of way. Data from the IDNR should be consulted to determine whether there have been other IDNR-approved projects within the vicinity upstream and downstream of the bridge. The cumulative impact of the proposed bridge with the other projects may not exceed 0.14 feet above the IDNR base condition at the site, which normally corresponds to conditions on January 1, 1973.

203-3.03 Design Considerations

In addition to INDOT's Bridge policy, the following hydraulic design considerations should be evaluated.

1. Various stream-crossing systems should be evaluated to determine the most cost-effective proposal consistent with design constraints.
2. Emergency access, safety, and consequences of catastrophic failure should be considered.
3. The legal requirements of government agencies and their policies and restrictions, including permits should be considered. See Chapter 201 for a list of the involved agencies.
4. The Environmental Services Division Ecology and Waterway Permitting Team should be contacted to determine all permitting and environmental requirements.
5. Backwater should not increase flood damage to property upstream of the crossing, and will satisfy IDNR requirements.
6. Flood easements should be considered in a rural area, or where land is inexpensive, as a possible cost-saving measure.
7. The effects of road or bridge realignment altering the flood-elevation location and potentially causing property damage due to flooding should be considered.
8. Velocity through the structure should not damage the highway facility or adjacent property.
9. The existing flow distribution should be maintained as is practical.
10. In designing for overtopping, the crest-vertical curve profile location should be considered as the preferred highway-crossing profile to allow for embankment overtopping.
11. The downstream conditions should be studied, including those at other bridges or larger streams that can have the potential to flood back up to the structure. The proposed bridge should then satisfy the road-serviceability requirements due to the downstream flood backwater.
12. Side ditches should be checked to ascertain that their elevation is below the water-surface elevation, and that the flow does not spill over and affect road serviceability in adjacent watersheds.

13. Forms of degradation and aggradation should be considered as imposing a permanent future change for the stream-bed elevation at a bridge site if they can be identified. If the waterway shows signs of meandering or change over time, historical aerial photographs and topographical mapping should be examined to determine possible present and future impacts. Bridge location, size, pier type and placement, skew, or channel and bank stability measures may need to be adjusted accordingly.
14. The location of the opening should account for future stream meandering, floodplain effects, and possible damage to wetlands or other environmental concerns. An overflow structure can be required for a very wide floodplain.
15. Pier spacing, pier orientation, and abutments should be designed to minimize flow disruption and potential scour. Piers should be kept out of the main channel where possible.
16. Foundation design for new bridges or scour countermeasures for existing bridges should be provided to avoid failure due to scour.
17. Pier spacing and freeboard at the structure should be designed so that debris or ice can pass.
18. Minimal disruption of ecosystems and values unique to the floodplain and stream should be considered.
19. A level of traffic service should be provided that is compatible with that expected for the class of highway and the projected traffic volume.
20. Choices should be designed that are supported with costs for construction, maintenance, and operation, including probable repair and reconstruction and potential liability.
21. The proposed structure's span should be equal to or greater than the existing span unless prior approval is given from the Division of Hydraulics.

203-3.04 Design Procedure

The design procedure includes both bridge hydraulic modeling and determining the potential for scour.

203-3.04(01) Bridge Hydraulics Modeling

The regulatory agencies require the use of computer hydraulic modeling software to support calculations used in flood modeling. The required modeling program is HEC-RAS. The HEC-RAS procedures are followed as stated in the IDNR manual, *General Guidelines for the Hydrologic-Hydraulic Assessment of Floodplains in Indiana*, or *Floodplain Guidelines*, and the USACE HEC-RAS manuals. The following should be considered in performing a HEC-RAS model.

1. Survey Accuracy. A survey is performed for the purpose of bridge or road design. However, the survey does not always extend far enough up- and downstream to cover the entire reach used in hydraulic-modeling design. It may be necessary to propagate the last cross-section up- and downstream as necessary to extend to the full reach length desired. If available, some county, city, or USGS maps include contours that can be useful in determining the cross-section shape outside the general project survey area. These tend to be most useful in sizing the flood plain. Current aerial photography should be used where current land uses may have changed from the original survey, such as new levees, structures, etc. Other types of mapping are be available should be discussed with the Division of Hydraulics prior to use. The hydraulic model should have adjusted the survey to the NAVD 88 datum. The *Floodplain Guidelines* Chapters 4 and 5 provide information on survey and mapping requirements.
2. Cross-Sections and Ineffective Flow. The cross-sections should extend far enough up- and downstream to include areas that can affect the water surface as it passes through the bridge of interest. This can include other downstream bridges or structures that can have potential backwater effects to the bridge of interest. The beginning cross-section should be the same for natural, existing, and proposed conditions for the same discharge. The ending cross-section should show a decline in backwater converging back towards the natural water-surface elevation.

The individual cross-sections should have data points that extend higher than the water-surface elevation at its extents. Extending the cross-sections beyond the water-surface elevation can affect the scale of the cross-section so that the channel itself is difficult to visualize in the model display. The cross-sections should be chosen at appropriate locations that are perpendicular to the channel. However, the overbank section may have to be manipulated so that two cross-sections do not overlap. If possible, scour holes and large sediment mounds near the bridge should be avoided as cross-section locations. If such a location is necessary, manipulation of the flowline may be necessary to avoid large rises and drops.

See *Floodplain Guidelines* Chapter 8 for more information on modeling. For the appropriate roughness n value, see Figure [203-3A](#).

3. Bridge. In HEC-RAS, a bridge automatically uses the adjacent cross sections in the modeling. It may be necessary to investigate the internal cross-sections to make changes for channel clearing or lowering the channel's n value through the bridge. The bridge should be modeled such that is normal to the direction of flow. This can be done manually or by using the skew function.
4. Check-RAS. - Check-RAS is a separate program that can be used in conjunction with HEC-RAS to help determine if errors occurred during the modeling procedure.

203-3.04(02) Scour

Scour is the most common cause of bridge failure. Therefore, potential scour problems should be recognized. The appropriate countermeasures should be used as necessary to improve bridge safety. HEC-18 and HEC-20 are FHWA documents that provide information and appropriate analysis procedure for determining scour. The scour can be computed using hand calculations from HEC-18, or by using the bridge modeling from HEC-RAS.

The types of scour that are used in bridge-hydraulics calculations include contraction, pier or local, and abutment. Only contraction and pier scour should be computed. Abutment scour is accounted for, due to riprap protection required at each abutment. Abutment scour has been shown to be overestimated.

For a new or replacement bridge, the scour should be computed for both the 1% annual EP and 0.2% annual EP. The 0.2% annual EP discharge should not be computed using the traditional 1.7 multiplier of the 1% annual EP discharge method, as this has typically overestimated scour and increased foundation costs. The 0.2% annual EP discharge should be determined using the same methods described in Chapter 202 as used to determine other storm events. Scour countermeasures are not required, as all bridge pier piles will be driven below the low-scour elevation. However, the embankment should have appropriately-sized riprap placed on it in a cone shape around the entire abutment. See Figure [203-3B](#), Riprap Scour Protection. For a three-sided or box structure, see INDOT *Standard Drawings* series 723-CCSP for the location of riprap.

A bridge-rehabilitation project requires only the 1% annual EP to be evaluated. It should be determined if the bridge is potentially scour-critical, based on the determined low-scour elevation and the elevation of the bridge foundation. For a scour-critical bridge, scour countermeasures should be taken as shown in the INDOT *Standard Specifications* and Figure [203-3B](#). If the bridge

is not scour critical, the scour countermeasures should still be identified. The designer should decide whether they should be used or not.

In evaluating a bridge, all indications and locations of scour occurrence should be identified. Bridge-inspection reports should also be checked, along with other historical scour and geomorphology issues. Scour can be occurring though there are no apparent signs, as scour holes can fill in prior to the water level sufficiently dropping to allow inspection. If overtopping occurs before a 1% annual EP event, it is possible that the maximum scour can occur at a lesser event. Therefore, the scour that occurs just before overtopping should be studied.

If the bridge is a single opening with a wide floodplain and the stream has a high probability of meandering, guide banks, or spur dikes, should be used to align the approach flow with the bridge opening and to prevent scour around the abutments. They are usually elliptically shaped with a major-to-minor-axis ratio of 2.5 to 1. Their length can be determined according to HDS-1 procedures. Guide banks, embankments, and abutments should be protected with rock riprap with a filter blanket or other approved revetment.

If possible, clearing of vegetation upstream or downstream of the toe of the embankment slope should be avoided. For more information regarding riprap design and stronger armoring practices, see Section [203-6.0](#).

The foundation design for the 1% annual EP should include a geotechnical-design-practice safety factor of 2.0 to 3.0. The resulting design should then be checked using a superflood, the 0.2% annual EP, and a geotechnical-design-practice safety factor of at least 1.0. See Chapter 107 for more information.

203-3.04(03) Scour Hydraulics Modeling Using HEC-RAS

The hydraulic design model should be obtained. A velocity distribution at the bridge should be computed that will determine the maximum velocity that occurs. The velocity distribution should have at least 20 sections in the channel. This distribution is used later in the pier-scour calculations.

1. Contraction-Scour Analysis. Use live-bed calculations. Clear-water calculations should be used for scour just downstream of a dam, overflow structure on a floodplain, or other location where sediment in the stream is minimal.

Determine which upstream cross-section will be used as the fully-expanded approach section to the bridge for scour analysis. This should be the first section before contraction begins upstream of the bridge. If there is a nearby existing bridge upstream with no road overflow, the most fully-expanded cross-section will be at the intersection of the upstream

bridge expansion and the downstream bridge contraction junction; which may not be a fully-expanded section.

Determine D_{50} from the geotechnical report. If D_{50} is unknown or a geotechnical report does not yet exist at the time of hydraulic modeling, a value of 0.01 mm may be used which will produce the most conservative result. If using HEC-RAS, D_{50} should have a value and it must be at least 0.01 mm. If using a lesser value, HEC-RAS will incorrectly show contraction scour as 0 ft.

Use the modeling to determine the remaining equation variables. HEC-RAS determines this, or the equations in HEC-18 may be used for manual use.

Only the contraction scour result from the channel should be used.

2. Pier Local Scour Analysis. Choose the Maximum V1Y1 method for determining pier scour. The channel can meander and the highest velocity can occur at the face of the pier.

Use the CSU Equation Method.

Determine the pier shape and the pier angle with respect to the channel-flow direction. The pier angle, not the bridge skew, is typically 0 deg for a new or replacement bridge. However, due to stream meandering, a bridge to be rehabilitated can have flow approaching the piers at an angle. A pier angle value should be entered or HEC-RAS will not compute pier scour.

Use the modeling to determine the remaining equation variables. HEC-RAS usually determines this, or the equations in HEC-18 may be used for manual use.

3. Total Scour Analysis. Add the contraction scour and the pier scour for total scour depth. This should be subtracted from the flowline at the bridge to determine low-scour elevation. If analyzing an existing bridge, the foundation of the bridge should be checked against the low-scour elevation to determine if the bridge is scour critical. If an existing bridge foundation is unknown, the bridge is automatically considered scour critical

203-3.04(04) Pressure-Flow Scour

With pressure flow, the local scour depth at a pier or abutment is larger than for free-surface flow with a similar depth and approach velocity. The increase in local scour at a pier subject to pressure flow results from the flow being directed downward toward the bed by the superstructure and by increasing the intensity of the horseshoe vortex. The vertical contraction of the flow is a more significant cause of the increase in scour depth. However, where a bridge becomes submerged,

the average velocity under it is reduced due to a combination of additional backwater caused by the bridge superstructure impeding the flow, and a reduction of discharge which must pass under the bridge due to weir flow over the bridge and approach embankments. As a consequence, an increase in local scour due to pressure flow can be offset by a lesser velocity through the bridge opening due to increased backwater, and a reduction in discharge due to overtopping.

In using HEC-RAS in a pressure-flow scenario, the program usually will not determine some variables, such as the average flow depth at the bridge for contraction scour. They should be entered manually.

HEC-RAS can be used to determine the discharge through the bridge and the velocity of approach and depth upstream of the piers where flow impacts the bridge superstructure. These values should be used to calculate local pier scour. Engineering judgment should then be used to determine the appropriate multiplier times the calculated pier-scour depth for the pressure-flow scour depth. This multiplier ranges from 1.0 for a low-approach Froude number $Fr = -0.1$, to 1.6 for a high-approach Froude number, $Fr = 0.6$. If the bridge is overtopped, the depth to be used in the pier-scour equations and for computing the Froude number is the depth to the top of the bridge deck or guardrail obstructing the flow. Research sponsored by FHWA has a listed procedure for three separate pressure-flow situations. See FHWA-HRT-09-041 October 2009 for more information on this process.

203-3.05 Determination of Hydraulic and Scour Data Parameters

The method used to determine the hydraulic and scour data parameters using HEC-RAS is described below. The parameters should be shown for both existing and proposed conditions where applicable.

1. Hydraulic Data.
 - a. Drainage Area. The drainage area is the delineated area that drains to the structure in question. See Chapter 202.
 - b. Q_{100} . The 1% annual EP discharge should be determined using the methods described in Chapter 202.
 - c. Q_{100} Elevation. This elevation is determined for natural conditions at the downstream face of the bridge. If using HEC-RAS, this can be determined by using interpolated sections between the adjacent bridge sections in natural conditions to the downstream bridge face.

- d. Q_{100} Headwater Elevation. This elevation is determined for the proposed conditions at the closest upstream cross section from the bridge. This information is used so that the reviewer can check road-serviceability requirements across the entire floodplain and watershed.
 - e. Gross Waterway Area Opening Below Q_{100} Elevation. The required area is determined by using the Q_{100} natural water surface elevation at the downstream bridge face. Since this is to be the gross area, the flow-area output from HEC-RAS, which is net area, should include the piers and adjusted flow-area water-surface elevation to the Q_{100} elevation. The gross waterway area should be taken in a direction parallel to the flow.
 - f. Road-Overflow Area. This is the actual flow area that will go over the road. This is not based on the Q_{100} elevation. It should use the approach-crest elevation along with the road profile to determine the area.
 - g. Q_{100} Velocity. This is the outlet velocity at the downstream face of the bridge as it exits the structure. This is shown in the HEC-RAS Bridge Output as velocity for the downstream side of the bridge. No other adjustments should be made, and the continuity equation should not be used. The outlet velocity is the average velocity across the whole structure.
 - h. Minimum Low-Structure Elevation. The low-structure elevation should be taken at the lowest elevation point along the bottom of a beam, slab, or concrete flat section under the bridge. If the structure is an arch, the low-structure elevation is at the top inside of the arch structure.
 - i. Skew. The bridge skew is offset from the perpendicular to the roadway centerline.
2. Scour Data. Q_{100} and Q_{100} elevation are as described above.
- a. Q_{100} Maximum Velocity. The maximum velocity is determined from the highest value of a HEC-RAS velocity distribution that includes at least 20 subsections across the channel. The maximum velocity should be the highest value of both the upstream and downstream bridge sections.
 - b. Q_{100} Contraction Scour. This is the HEC-RAS-determined contraction scour for the channel only.
 - c. Q_{100} Total Scour. This is the addition of pier scour and contraction scour, but does not include abutment scour. For multiple piers, use the pier with the highest scour value.

- d. Q_{100} Low-Scour Elevation. Subtract the total scour from the flowline elevation at the bridge.
- e. Q_{500} . Use the methods described in Chapter 202. Do not use the 1.7 multiplier method. Repeat the scour data parameters for Q_{500} .
- f. Flowline Elevation. This is the lowest point in the channel under the downstream face of the bridge.

203-3.06 Documentation [Rev. May 2015, Apr. 2022]

The following provides an explanation of what is required in the submittal requirements for a hydraulics report as it pertains to bridge-hydraulic analysis. The hydrologic requirements appear in Section 202-4.0.

For standalone scour calculations a Sample Scour Report is available at <http://www.in.gov/dot/div/contracts/design/dmforms/>, under Hydraulics

1. Narrative. The narrative should include a discussion of the thought process used for the hydraulics or modeling of the bridge. This should also include special features or conditions that the designer wants the reviewer to consider as a basis for decisions. Historical flooding issues should be discussed.
2. Hydraulics-Summary Table. A tabulated hydraulics and scour-data summary should be provided. This should include the hydraulic parameters listed in Section [203-3.04](#).
3. Hydraulic-Data Calculations. Computations should be provided to support the data in the hydraulic summary. This can be done by using the output from HEC-RAS with calculations on it, or a separate sheet. However, general HEC-RAS output sheets that are not related to the calculations should not be submitted since they will already be in the HEC-RAS modeling.
4. Plan Sheet. Provide a plan sheet showing the cross-section locations used in the modeling analysis. Expansion and contraction ineffective-flow-area lines, if using a HEC-RAS method, should be included.
5. Layout Sheet. A layout sheet should be provided showing the bridge geometry. It should include the low-structure, Q_{100} , flowline, ordinary-high-water, and channel-clearing elevations.

6. Site Photos and Aerial Photography. Photos of the site location should be provided that show both up- and downstream views, and an aerial photograph, so that stream roughness values, stream morphology, and structure alignment can be verified.
7. HEC-RAS Analysis. A hydraulic model should be provided in the submittal. The model should be in a single project file. The natural, existing, and proposed plans should be included within the file. By having the plans in one file, the natural, existing, and proposed conditions can be compared next to each other.
8. IDNR Checklist and INDOT-IDNR MOU. If an IDNR Construction in a Floodway Permit is required, an IDNR checklist should be provided. If the structure is replacement in kind, an INDOT-IDNR MOU should be provided. These should also be submitted to the Environmental Services Division Ecology and Waterway Permitting Team.
9. Check-RAS. This should be used to check for modeling warnings. The warnings should be explained or corrected.

203-4.0 PAVEMENT AND STORM DRAINAGE

203-4.01 Introduction

This Section provides guidance regarding storm-drain design and analysis policy. A storm-drainage facility consist of curbs, gutters, storm drains, side ditches, median ditches or other open channels as appropriate, or culverts. The aspects of storm-drain design such as system planning, pavement drainage, gutter-flow calculations, inlet spacing, pipe sizing, and hydraulic grade line calculations are discussed herein. In addition to INDOT policy, local ordinances and legal constraints should be considered in the final design.

The design of a drainage system should address the needs of the traveling public as well as those of the local community through which it passes. The drainage system for a roadway traversing an urbanized region can be more complex. This can be attributed to concentrated development areas and conflicts with existing utilities and drainage systems.

See HEC-22 *Urban Drainage Design Manual*, Chapters 4 and 7, or LTAP *Stormwater Drainage Manual*, Chapter 5 and 7 for more information on storm-drain design.

203-4.02 General Policy

The placement and hydraulic capacity of a storm-drainage facility should be designed to consider damage to adjacent property and to secure as low a degree of risk of traffic interruption due to flooding as is consistent with the importance of the road, the design traffic service requirements, and available funds.

The Rational Method is used for the design of a storm drain. The storm-drain flow method is described in Chapter 202. The specific policies for pavement-drainage-system design and analysis are described in Section [203-4.04](#).

203-4.03 Design Considerations

203-4.03(01) Corridor Plan

The type of facility determines allowable pavement spread and the amount of impervious area that will be intercepted by the storm drainage system. See Figure [203-4A](#) to determine the allowable spread. If the facility is planned to be expanded as a future project, consideration should be given to designing the storm sewer to handle the future impervious area. Other transportation users can utilize the areas between the curb and edge of travel lane, which can affect the design.

203-4.03(02) Local Issues

INDOT policy is not generally required to be in accordance with local jurisdictional rules or regulations. A local jurisdiction can be more restrictive than INDOT drainage requirements. If so, the local design parameters should be followed as much as practical.

203-4.03(03) Existing Conditions

In considering the storm drain, the existing conditions should be evaluated. Off-site drainage may need to be intercepted by the storm-drain system. This can require earth inlets for drainage that is blocked by the road. Off-site areas drainage onto the roadway can require additional curb inlets and storm-sewer capacity. A large concentrated volume of water can be collected more efficiently in a channel using culvert-type inlets rather than being allowed to flow overland onto the pavement and into the pavement inlets. Existing utilities should be considered in determining the storm-drain location and depth.

203-4.03(04) Downstream Conditions

Where drainage is into an existing system such as a ditch or other storm drain, impacts to the receiving system should be considered. Possible impacts include, but are not limited to, outlet velocity, capacity of receiving system, erosion, finished floor elevations, etc. The outlet structure

flow should contain a reasonable outlet velocity and should be protected against scour. See Figure [203-2D](#) for riprap size based on outlet velocity. Downstream flow conditions include the following.

1. If the storm drain outlets into a legal drain, the county surveyor should be contacted to ascertain that the legal drain can handle the additional flow.
2. If the receiving ditch cannot or should not satisfy the necessary capacity requirement, a detention facility, either above or below ground, should be considered. See Section [203-5.0](#).
3. The outlet invert into a ditch should be as high as possible. If the outlet invert has to be less than 1 ft above the low-flow elevation, high-water analysis of the ditch should be performed to determine the backwater effects into the storm-drain system.
4. FHWA has developed guidelines for determining the backwater effects through a storm-drain system which could be affected by a high elevations in the receiving water body. See Figure [203-2G](#), Joint Probability Analysis, for these requirements. For this situation, a flap gate may be required on the outlet structure.

203-4.03(05) Environmental Issues

Some ditches are considered environmentally sensitive. If draining into a sensitive stream, water-quality improvements may be necessary. A sensitive stream should be identified in the environmental document. The Environmental Services Division Ecology and Waterway Permitting Team should be contacted if questions arise. Sanitary and storm drainage systems should be separate. A storm drain may be required to tie back into an existing storm-drain system that is a combined sewer. The receiving wastewater-treatment facility should have sufficient capacity for the additional flow, and all EPA requirements should be satisfied.

203-4.03(06) Roadway Drainage

In designing the storm drain, the trunk lines should be placed as shallow as possible while satisfying cover requirements. This will reduce the cost of excavation and increase safety for the construction crew. However, this is not always possible due to utility conflicts, slope requirements, outlet elevations, or other issues. Where there is a slope, the inlets should be placed on the upstream side of a driveway or intersection. Where practical, manholes should be placed outside of the pavement limits. If this is not possible, inlets and manholes should be placed to avoid the wheel path in the roadway mainline, an intersection or a drive. A trunk mainline may

be required on each side of the roadway with few laterals, or only a single trunk mainline may be required. Such features are a function of economy but can be controlled by other physical features.

203-4.03(07) Bridge-Deck Drainage

Bridge deck drainage is similar to that for a curbed roadway section. However, it can be less efficient because cross slopes are flatter, parapets collect large amounts of debris, and small drainage inlets or scuppers have a higher potential for clogging due to debris. Bridge-deck construction requires a constant cross slope. Because of the difficulties in providing and maintaining an adequate deck-drainage system, gutter flow from the roadway should be intercepted before it reaches a bridge. Runoff should be collected by means of inlets, although gutter turnouts may be used for a minor flow. The drainage system should prevent water, road salt, or other corrosives from contacting the structural components. Runoff should be handled in compliance with applicable stormwater-quality regulations. Deck drainage can be carried several spans to the bridge end for disposal.

A bridge deck is usually the first segment of a highway to become icy in cold weather. Adequate deck drainage through use of minimum grades and cross slopes is essential to prevent the accumulation and spreading of icy spots. Icing on a bridge deck caused due to frost is difficult to prevent except through surface texture and maintenance practices.

203-4.03(08) Construction and Maintenance

A storm drain is one of the earlier items constructed during the project work. Drainage should be maintained throughout the construction process. The feasibility of construction should be considered in designing the storm-drain system. Safety and costs should be analyzed. If the storm drain is too deep, it may not be able to be constructed without extensive and expensive safety measures. The storm-drain design should satisfy the specified velocity requirements of Section [203-4.04\(06\)](#), so that less maintenance and cleaning will be required.

1. Compatibility of Drainage Structure and Casting. Figure [203-4B](#) shows which casting may be used with a given type of catch basin, inlet, or manhole. The information shown in the figure is complementary to that shown on the related INDOT *Standard Drawings* series 720-CDSC. In developing a drainage plan, the designer should refer to the figure to ascertain structure and casting compatibility. If a structure-casting combination other than that permitted in the figure is desired, the Division of Hydraulics should be contacted.

2. Pump Station. A pump station may be required to satisfy the grade requirements. The use of a pump station is not desirable. If the designer is considering the use of a pump station, the Division of Hydraulics should be contacted for approval.

203-4.04 Design Procedure and Criteria

203-4.04(01) Data Collection and Preliminary Sketch

The first step in the design of a storm-drainage system is to collect initial data about the project and site location. This includes knowing the purpose of the project, coordinating with local agencies, and understanding present and future land-use patterns. All possible outlet locations should be determined. Topographical and aerial mapping is helpful at this point in the process. Some cities and counties have detailed mapping information of their areas.

203-4.04(02) Inlet Location

An inlet is required where needed to collect runoff within the design controls specified in Figure [203-4A](#). An inlet may be necessary where it contributes little to the drainage area. Such a location should be shown on the plans prior to performing computations regarding discharge, water spread, inlet capacity, or run-by. Location examples are as follows:

1. sag points;
2. upstream of a median break, entrance or exit ramp gore, crosswalk, or street intersection;
3. immediately upstream and downstream of a bridge;
4. immediately upstream of a cross-slope reversal;
5. on a side street at an intersection;
6. at the end of a channel in a cut section;
7. behind a curb, shoulder, or sidewalk to drain a low area; or
8. where necessary to collect snowmelt.

An inlet should not be located in the path where a pedestrian is likely to walk.

203-4.04(03) Inlet Spacing and Spread [Rev. Apr. 2017]

An inlet will draw an amount of water off the road and into the storm-drain system. Once the water spreads out a certain distance it is desirable to have an inlet added that will reduce this width of water. This width is known as allowable water spread. The spread is determined based on geometry of the roadway cross section and the quantity of water. To determine the amount of water that reaches an inlet, the Rational Method should be used. The minimum time of

concentration should be taken as 5 min. The design-storm frequency is determined based on the type of facility. The runoff is typically all impervious unless there is some off-road drainage coming on to the road.

Pavement can have a texture which can affect the friction of the water as it moves across the road. See Figure [203-4C](#) for Manning's n value to be used for a street or pavement gutter. The transverse and longitudinal roadway slopes can be determined from the proposed road design.

The desirable minimum longitudinal grade for a curbed pavement is 0.3% and for a ditch is 0.5%. A minimum grade in a curbed section can be maintained in flat terrain by rolling the longitudinal-gutter profile.

The inlet efficiency should be determined to see whether there will be by-pass flow from the inlet that should be added to the next basin for determining the location of the next inlet. Each inlet casting has a unique flow-intercept-efficiency coefficient. Manufacturer's catalogs are a source of this information.

A curved vane grate should be used for a curb-and-gutter application. Figure [203-4D](#) provides a hydraulic capacity chart for a curved vane-grate inlet. The chart is based on a roadway cross section used by the Department. For another inlet type and roadway cross section, the procedure for determining the hydraulic performance is described below. FHWA has developed computer software, called "The Hydraulic Toolbox", which is based on the methods described in HEC 22. This program will analyze the flow in a gutter and the interception capacity of a grate inlet, curb-opening inlet, slotted-drain inlet, or combination inlet on a continuous grade. Both uniform and composite cross-slopes can be analyzed. The program can analyze a curb-opening, slotted-drain, or grate inlet in a sag. Not all INDOT grate configurations have been included in HEC-22. The curved vane grate and the reticuline grate used in the program are similar to the INDOT grates and can be used by inputting the appropriate size.

See HEC-22 Chapter 4 for the spread-equation and inlet by-pass calculations.

The methodology for inlet location and calculating spread is done with a computer program or on a spreadsheet similar to that shown in Figure [203-4E](#).

The maximum allowable spread requirement is shown in Figure [203-4A](#).

In general, inlet spacing design computations should use a clogging factor of 50%. However, a clogging factor is not required in the following situations:

1. For inlet structures which include both a grate and a curb box, since the curb box will provide the needed factor of safety. Thus, any flow into a curb box should not be considered in the inlet spacing design computations;
2. Where Type P inlets are used, due to the size and configuration of the casting;
3. For sag inlets in median or other ditches or along curb lines which have been provided with flanking inlets.

203-4.04(04) Pipe Capacity, Non-Pressure Flow

A storm-drainage system should be designed so that the 10% annual EP passes through the system via gravity. Pipe size should not be decreased in a downstream direction regardless of the available pipe gradient because of potential plugging with debris. See HEC-22 Chapter 7 for more information.

203-4.04(05) Hydraulic Gradient, Pressure Flow

The storm-drain network should accommodate the 2% annual EP. The system may operate under pressure, but the hydraulic grade line (HGL) should remain below the rim elevation at each system manhole, inlet, catch basin, or similar structure. At the outlet, the initial HGL will be determined based on the tailwater, which will be either the receiving flow depth or halfway between the crown and critical depth. See HEC-22 Chapter 7 for more information.

203-4.04(06) Minimum Pipe Diameter and Design Velocity [Rev. May 2013]

The minimum pipe diameter is 12 in. A minimum full-flow velocity of 3.0 ft/s is desirable to prevent sedimentation from occurring in the pipe. The recommended maximum storm-sewer velocity is 10.0 ft/s. The minimum Manning's roughness value allowed for pipe is 0.012 (smooth interior pipe). For a situation that cannot be accommodated, the Division of Hydraulics should be contacted.

203-4.04(07) Pipe Cover [Rev. Apr. 2017]

The allowable cover depth can vary based on pipe material and size. The INDOT *Standard Drawings* series 715-PHCL provide the cover limits for circular and deformed pipes. The 2017

revisions to this drawings series illustrates cover is measured from the outside crown of the pipe and is measured differently for HMA pavement and PCCP.

Cover limits for specialty structures are provided in Section 203-2.06.

If these requirements cannot be satisfied, it is necessary to consider other structure types before continuing with the Structure Site Analysis.

203-4.04(08) Connecting Inlets and Manholes

A manhole is utilized to provide entry to a continuous underground storm drain for inspection and cleanout. As a cost-saving measure, the storm drain system should connect inlets together as much as possible before connecting to a manhole. The inlets or manholes should be placed within 400 ft of each other so that maintenance can clean them when necessary. The manhole-bottom elevation should match that of the pipe invert leaving the manhole to avoid sedimentation.

The locations where a manhole should be specified are as follows:

1. where two or more storm drains converge;
2. at intermediate points along a tangent section;
3. where the pipe size changes;
4. where an abrupt change in alignment occurs; or
5. where an abrupt change of the grade occurs.

A manhole should not be located in a traffic lane. However, if this is impossible, it should not be in the normal vehicle-wheel path. Where practical, a manhole should be located off the roadway. Figure [203-4F](#) shows the guidelines for a pipe size connection to a particular manhole.

203-4.04(09) Sag Vertical Curve and Flanking Inlets [Rev. Apr. 2017]

Where a sag point occurs in a curb and gutter section or along a median barrier rail, a type 15 or type 5 inlet casting should be utilized. These inlets include two grates, each of which should be positioned to receive water from each upstream direction. A curb box is combined with the grate to provide relief if the grate is plugged with debris. The curb box is ignored in the hydraulic-capacity calculations. A sag grate inlet operates as a weir up to a depth of about 0.5 ft and as an orifice for a depth greater than 1.5 ft. In a depressed section or underpass where ponding water can be removed only through the storm-drain system, a higher design frequency, 2% annual EP, should be considered to design the storm drain which drains the sag point. In a median ditch or other open conveyance, the preferred inlet type is a P.

Two methods should be used to provide adequate drainage in a sag vertical curve. One method is to maintain a minimum slope of 0.3% within 50 ft of the level point in the curve and the other is to provide flanking inlets. These will limit spread on a low-grade approach to the level point and act in relief of the sag inlet if it becomes clogged. The location of or need for flanking inlets should be based on the design spread, design speed, traffic volume, potential for clogging of the low point inlet, maximum depth of ponding potential at the site, or other considerations that can be peculiar to the site. Typically, the longer the storm drain reach, the greater the need for flanking inlets. In a ditch or other open conveyance, the use of flanking inlets may not be required where the potential depth of ponding would not present a significant risk. This may include facilities with low design speeds or locations where water ponded at a clogged sag inlet could overflow to another location with adequate capacity to receive the flow without exceeding the allowable amount of spread.

Figure [203-4G](#) shows the spacing required for depth-at-curb criteria and vertical curve length defined by $K = L/A$, where L is the length of the vertical curve in feet and A is the algebraic percentage difference in approach grades. The INDOT geometrics specify a maximum K value for the design speed, and a maximum K value of 170 for considering drainage on a curbed facility. See HEC-22, Chapter 4.4 for design information.

203-4.04(10) Slotted Drain

A slotted-drain pipe is used at locations as follows:

1. high-side shoulder of a superelevated section;
2. high-side shoulder that slopes toward the traveled way;
3. high-traffic-volume freeway; or
4. roadway that is either curbed or uncurbed.

See HEC-22 Chapter 4.4 for more information on designing a slotted drain.

Snow accumulation adjacent to a concrete barrier on the inside or outside shoulder can present a drainage problem. Therefore, a slotted drain should be used in conjunction with inlet type H-5 or HA-5 as follows:

1. in a tangent section, at every third inlet;
2. on the low side of a superelevated curve, at all inlet sites; or

3. in a sag vertical curve, three inlets, centered on the low point.

See the INDOT *Standard Drawings* for more-detailed information.

1. **Slotted Inlet on Grade.** A slotted inlet, which uses a vertical riser, is an effective pavement-drainage inlet which has a variety of applications. It can be used on a curbed or uncurbed section, and offers little interference to traffic operations. It can be placed longitudinally in the gutter or transversely to the gutter. A slotted inlet should be connected into an inlet structure so that it will be accessible to maintenance forces upon plugging or freezing.
 - a. **Longitudinal Placement.** Flow interception by a slotted-drain pipe and a curb-opening inlet is similar in that each is a side weir, and the flow is subjected to lateral acceleration due to the cross slope of the pavement. A slotted inlet can have economic advantages and can be useful in a widening or safety project where right of way is narrow and existing inlet capacity should be supplemented. A curb opening inlet can be eliminated as a result of utilizing a slotted inlet. The standard slotted-drain-pipe slot width is 1¾ in., and the length is 20 ft. The same equations that are used for a curb-opening inlet are also used for a slotted inlet. See HEC 22 Chapter 4.4.4 for more-specific information.
 - b. **Transverse Placement of Slotted Vane Drain.** At a drive where it is desirable to capture virtually all of the flow, e.g., a drive sloped toward the roadway, a slotted-vane drain can be installed in conjunction with a grate inlet. Tests have indicated that, if the slotted-vane drain is installed perpendicular to the flow, it will capture approximately 1.6 ft³/s per running foot of drain on a longitudinal slope less than 6%. Capacity curves are available from the manufacturers. The ideal installation utilizes a grate inlet to capture the flow in the gutter and the slotted-vane drain to collect the flow extending into the shoulder. A slotted-vane drain is shaped and rounded to increase inlet efficiency and should not be confused with a vertical-riser-type slotted inlet, i.e., a slotted-drain pipe.
2. **Slotted Inlet in a Sag Location.** Except adjacent to a concrete barrier, the use of a slotted-drain inlet in a sag configuration is discouraged because of the propensity of such an inlet to collect debris. However, it may be used where it is desirable to supplement an existing low-point inlet with the use of a slotted drain. A slotted inlet in a sag location performs as a weir to a depth of about 0.2 ft, dependent on slot width and length. At a depth greater than about 0.4 ft, it performs as an orifice. Between these depths, flow is in a transition stage.

203-4.04(11) Underdrains

Section 605-2.0 provides the procedure for the design of underdrains.

203-4.04(12) Roadside or Median Ditch

A roadside ditch is used with an uncurbed roadway section to convey runoff from the highway pavement and from areas which drain toward the highway. Due to right-of-way limitations, a roadside ditch should not be used on an urban arterial. It can be used in a cut section, depressed section, or other location where sufficient right of way is available, and drives or intersections are infrequent. Where practical, the flow from an area draining toward a curbed highway pavement should be intercepted behind the curb to prevent flow onto the pavement.

A median area or inside shoulder should be sloped to a center swale to prevent drainage from the median area from flowing across the pavement. This should be considered for a high-speed facility, or for one with more than two lanes of traffic in each direction. Where a median barrier is used, or on a horizontal curve with associated superelevation, it is necessary to provide inlets and connecting storm drains to collect the water which accumulates against the barrier. A slotted drain adjacent to the median barrier or weep holes in the barrier can also be used for this purpose.

Section [203-6.0](#) discusses the hydraulic design of a channel.

A median or roadside ditch can be drained by means of drop inlets similar to those used for pavement drainage, pipe culverts under one roadway, or cross-drainage culverts which are not continuous across the median. The type P inlet is used for median ditch drainage. See the INDOT *Standard Drawings* for inlet details. See HEC-22 Chapter 4 for additional information regarding design procedures.

203-4.04(13) Curb and Gutter

A curb at the outside edge of a pavement is common for a low-speed, urban highway facility. It contains the surface runoff within the roadway and away from adjacent properties, prevents erosion, provides pavement delineation, and enables the orderly development of property adjacent to the roadway. See Section 45-1.05 for a discussion on curb types and usage.

A curb and gutter forms a triangular channel that can be an efficient hydraulic conveyance facility to convey runoff of a lesser magnitude than the design flow without interruption to traffic. If a design-storm flow occurs, there is a spread or widening of the conveyed water surface and the water spreads to include not only the gutter width, but also parking lanes or shoulders and portions of the traveled surface.

Where practical, runoff should be intercepted from a cut slope or other area draining toward the roadway before it reaches it. A shallow swale section at the edge of the roadway pavement or shoulder offers advantages over a curbed section where curbs are not needed for traffic control. The advantages include a lesser hazard to traffic than a near-vertical curb, and hydraulic capacity that is not dependent on spread on the pavement.

203-4.04(14) Shoulder Gutter or Curb

A shoulder gutter or sloping curb may be appropriate to protect a fill slope from erosion caused due to water from the roadway pavement. It should be considered for a 2:1 fill slope higher than 20 ft. It should also be considered for a 3:1 fill slope higher than 20 ft if the roadway grade is steeper than 2%. Where permanent vegetation cannot be established, the height criterion should be reduced to 10 ft regardless of the grade. Inspection of the existing and proposed site conditions and contact with maintenance and construction personnel should be made by the designer to determine if vegetation will survive.

A shoulder gutter or curb, or a riprap turnout should be utilized at a bridge end where concentrated flow from the bridge deck will otherwise flow down the fill slope. The section of gutter should be long enough to include the transitions. A shoulder gutter or riprap turnout is not required on the high side of a superelevated section or adjacent to a barrier wall on a high fill.

203-4.04(15) Impact Attenuator

The location of an impact-attenuator system should be reviewed to determine the need for a drainage structure. It is necessary to have a clear or unobstructed opening as traffic approaches the point of impact to allow a vehicle to impact the system head-on. If the impact attenuator is placed where superelevation or other grade separation occurs, a grate inlet or a slotted drain can be needed to prevent water from flowing through the clear opening and crossing the highway lanes or ramp lanes. A curb, curb-type structure, or swale cannot be used to direct water across the clear opening because vehicular vaulting can occur once the attenuator system is impacted.

203-4.04(16) Bridge Deck Drainage [Rev. Apr. 2017]

HEC-21 should be referenced for bridge deck drainage design procedure. The longitudinal slope of the bridge deck should be steep enough to satisfy the gutter-spread requirements without the need for gutter inlets on the structure itself. However, this is not always feasible, and runoff

capture may be necessary. All surface drainage should be intercepted before it enters the bridge section. If inlets are required on the structure, the criteria to be implemented are as follows.

1. For a structure length of less than 170 ft and on grade, or a structure length of less than 250 ft and on a crest vertical curve, inlets are not required. However, hydraulic calculations for deck drains are required.
2. The gutter spread should be checked to ensure compliance with the design criteria described in Figure [203-4A](#).
3. The desirable minimum longitudinal slope for bridge-deck drainage is 0.5%. A flatter grade will be tolerated where it is not physically or economically desirable to satisfy this criterion.
4. A clogging factor of 50% should be utilized for the inlets on the bridge. The end collectors should be sized accordingly.
5. Considering hydraulics, inlets should be large and widely separated.
6. If deck drainage is required at the ends of the grade-separation structure, deck drains should discharge into inlets located in the berm or on the slopewall under the bridge as shown on the *INDOT Standard Drawings*.
7. A flat grade or sag vertical curve is not allowed on a bridge on a new alignment. Vertical-curve criteria for an existing structure should be followed for inlet placement. Because a grate inlet at a sag location is prone to clogging, a safety factor of 2.0 for the inlet design size should be used if no alternative design is feasible.
8. Allowable inlet types should be the following:
 - a. Grate Type A. This grate fits onto roadway drain type SQ. It is a parallel bar grate and the most hydraulically-efficient grate in use. The grate is 19 in. square. Because the width of the openings is 1 in., the grate is not considered bicycle-safe if placed with the bars parallel to the direction of traffic. However, it is feasible to use this grate where bicycle traffic is allowed on the bridge if the bars are placed perpendicular to the direction of travel. The perpendicular arrangement can substantially reduce the hydraulic capacity of the grate. The outlet fitting is a circular pipe with diameter of 6 in.
 - b. Grate Type D. This grate fits onto roadway drain type OS. This is a type C grate with parallel bars but has two transverse bars which prevent bicycle wheels from dropping into the inlet. Therefore, it is considered bicycle-safe. The transverse bars reduce the hydraulic capacity of the grate. The grate dimensions are width of 19 in. by length of 20 in. The outlet fitting is a circular pipe with diameter of 6 in.
 - c. Slab-Bridge Floor Drain. This drain should be used on a reinforced-concrete slab bridge. The drain is a PVC pipe, diameter of 6 in., set into the deck. This drain has

limited hydraulic capacity. Therefore, the spacing will be much closer than that for grate type A or D. The standard spacing is approximately 72 in. A ½-in. depression, which extends 1 ft transversely from the face of the curb, slightly increases the capacity.

- d. Curved-Vane Grate. This grate should be used on a curbed roadway where the inlets are located off the bridge deck.
- e. Concrete Barrier Railing Scupper. This device should be used only on a local public agency bridge with concrete-barrier railings.

The following applies to the design of the underdeck drainage system.

1. A bridge-drainage pipe beneath the deck is sized larger than necessary for hydraulic purposes to facilitate maintenance. The minimum pipe diameter is 6 in. The inlet conditions will control the flow capacity. Entrances, bends, and junctions in the underdeck pipe system provide opportunities for debris to snag and collect. Smooth transitions and smooth interior surfaces should be provided. Sharp bends, corner joints, or bevel joints should be avoided.
2. The recommended minimum velocity for storm drainage should be used.
3. The INDOT *Standard Drawings* series 704-BDCG and 715-BDCG show details for bridge deck drains (castings and grates) and drainage casting extensions, respectively. Acceptable materials for castings and grates, drain casting extensions and enclosed bridge deck drainage systems are included in the *Standard Specifications* and should not be shown on the plans.
4. Figure [203-4H](#), Typical Floor Drain Sections, illustrates two alternatives to drains. Its detail (a) shows a traditional arrangement including a short overhang and a steel beam, which permits the drain pipe to be located internally with reference to the external beam. Its detail (b) shows another arrangement including a large overhang and a bulb-tee beam, which locates the drain pipe to the outside. This is aesthetically less pleasing, therefore emphasizing the desirability of keeping the number of drains to a minimum.
5. A drainage casting should be positioned such that the outlet pipe is located inside the exterior beam, if practical. See detail (a). If it cannot be located as such, the casting type and position should be selected to locate the drainage pipe as close as practical to the exterior beam. The plans should show the drain location, positioning, and attachment details.
6. The pipe-conveyance system should not extend below the superstructure until the outfall. The minimum desirable slope is 1% for a longitudinal pipe between drains or from a drain to the point of discharge.

7. An open deck drain should not be located over a roadway, sidewalk, or railroad. If a drain is to be located in one of these areas, a closed drainage system should be provided.

The following applies to free-fall, where used beneath a bridge.

1. The downspout should be extended 6 in. below the beam soffit. The downspout should be placed approximately 10 ft from the face of a substructure unit, unless a closed drainage system is to be used. A downspout should not interfere with the required horizontal or vertical clearances. A pipe system designed to bring water down to ground level can become clogged with debris and ice and should only be used as the last option.
2. A downspout should not discharge water where such water can be windblown and can flow down a column or pier.
3. Water should not be discharged openly over a traveled vehicular, railroad, or pedestrian way, unpaved embankment, or unprotected ground where it can cause erosion or undermine a structural element. An energy dissipator or riprap should be provided to prevent erosion.
4. If a free fall is less than 25 ft, riprap or a splash pad will be required to prevent erosion.

A cleanout for maintenance access should be provided at key points within the system to facilitate the removal of obstructions. A downspout should be located so that a maintenance crew can access it from underneath the bridge and preferably from the ground. The most convenient arrangement should be made, as a cleanout that is inaccessible or difficult to reach will not be cleaned.

203-4.04(17) Storm-Drainage Agreement Policy

A storm-drainage agreement is required if a new or reconstructed INDOT drainage facility is designed to accommodate stormwater from a sewer controlled by an LPA. This is applicable regardless of whether the shared drainage facility is constructed within or outside of INDOT right of way.

Where INDOT constructs a drainage facility outside its right-of-way limits to provide adequate drainage for a highway, I.C. 8-23-6-2 allows INDOT to assess a proportionate share of the cost of constructing the drainage facility outside the right of way to beneficiaries of the drainage structure. Therefore, a municipality or other beneficiary that connects to an INDOT drainage structure outside INDOT right-of-way limits can be assessed a share of the cost of the drainage structure in proportion to the amount of drainage discharged. The proportionate share is calculated as follows:

$$A_B = C_F \left(\frac{Q_{OR}}{Q_T} \right) \quad \text{[Equation 203-4.1]}$$

Where A_B = Amount of assessment to beneficiary
 C_F = Cost of drainage facility
 Q_{OR} = Discharge from storm sewer draining from outside INDOT R/W
 Q_T = Total discharge of drainage facility

The remainder of the cost will be paid by INDOT.

By common law, INDOT also has the authority to seek a contribution from the LPA if stormwater from outside the INDOT right of way discharges into a drainage facility within the INDOT right of way. For example, if a municipality wants to make a direct discharge into an INDOT trunkline storm drain, INDOT's policy will be to request a storm-drainage agreement for the trunkline-sewer construction. The proportionate share will also be determined from Equation 203-4.1. If the discharge is in the form of sheet flow onto INDOT right of way, INDOT will not seek a contribution from the municipality involved.

If a particular situation involving sheet flow onto INDOT right of way is increased from existing conditions, the LPA should agree to the necessary local contribution as a condition for initiating the State highway improvement. Such an agreement cannot be forced upon an LPA, but must be pre-arranged through negotiations between the LPA and the Planning Division or Environmental Services Division. However, this can occur as late as the design phase.

A situation may arise if INDOT storm-sewer construction results in a request for stormwater detention or a county assessment for the reconstruction of a regulated drain. If the situation also involves INDOT conveying city or town stormwater, INDOT should seek a storm-sewer cost-sharing contribution from the city or town. The procedure for determining the appropriate contribution by the city or town will be as described above. INDOT cannot cite I.C. 8-23-6-2 as authority to pass on a portion of a county drainage assessment to the city or town. Only a county drainage board has the authority to levy a drainage assessment on a municipality or private-property owner if a regulated drain is involved.

A county drainage assessment does not require a formal agreement to be legally binding on INDOT. However, if an assessment includes a monetary contribution which relieves INDOT from providing stormwater detention mandated by the county, the conditions of the assessment should be formalized in a storm-drainage agreement.

The need for a storm-drainage agreement should be identified during the preliminary-plans development. Information necessary for the preparation of the formal agreement should be coordinated with the municipality prior to INDOT design approval. The preliminary cost estimate of the trunkline sewer and the exact ratio to be used in determining the municipality's share should

be verbally agreed to with the municipality. The ratio may be based on the sewer's cross-sectional area if the discharge of the municipality's storm sewer cannot be reasonably determined. The municipality should be notified in writing of the approximate cost of its share so that it can arrange financing.

After design approval, the formal storm-drainage agreement will be written to bind the LPA and the State. The Legal Services Division will prepare this document. The agreement must be signed by all parties concerned before the project may be scheduled for a letting.

203-4.04(18) Computer Programs

INDOT does not limit the designer to particular software design programs. However, the designer should provide output in a spreadsheet format as explained in Section [203-4.05](#).

203-4.05 Documentation

The following provides an explanation of the submittal requirements for an INDOT hydraulics report as it pertains to storm-drain-hydraulics analysis. The hydrologic requirements are described in Section [202-4.02](#).

203-4.05(01) Spread Calculations for Inlet Spacing

A tabulated summary of spread calculations for inlet spacing should be provided as shown in Figure [203-4E](#). Computer software programs may be used for preparation of solutions. However, the results should still be summarized and referenced in the accepted tabular form.

203-4.05(02) Storm Sewer Capacity

A storm sewer should be designed to carry the runoff from a 10% annual EP through the system via gravity. Computer-software methods are available to the user to determine the capacity of a storm-sewer system. The results from an electronic or manual method should be provided in an accepted tabular method as shown in Figure [203-4I](#).

203-4.05(03) Hydraulic Grade Line Check

The final storm-sewer design should be checked to determine its adequacy by analysis using a 2% annual EP through the entire system of the hydraulic gradient. The gradient line should not exceed

the elevation of an opening into the system. A tabular summary or plotted profile should be provided in the hydraulics-report submittal.

203-4.05(04) Plan and Profile

Road plans for a storm-drain project should be submitted so that the appropriate inlet and storm drain pipe locations can be identified. The plan view should be simplified to show the pipe type, slope, and size; structure identifier, road grade, and other information necessary to evaluate the storm-drain system. The plans structure numbers should match the computer and tabular results in the report submittal. All discrepancies should be addressed prior to report submittal.

203-4.05(05) Additional Information

Other information that the designer deems necessary toward validation of the design should be provided in the hydraulics report. Non-traditional methodology requires the approval of the Division of Hydraulics director.

203-5.0 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND DETENTION

203-5.01 Introduction

The traditional design of a storm-drainage system has been to collect and convey storm runoff as rapidly as possible to a suitable location where it can be discharged. However, the impact of such a traditional storm-drainage design has not always been favorable. Rapidly conveying stormwater can cause environmental impacts to karst topography and wetlands downstream, overwhelm limited outlet capacities, and flood downstream properties, especially where the amount of impervious area is increased as part of a roadway project. To reduce these impacts, various forms of stormwater management have been developed, for an open-system or closed-system facility, as described below.

203-5.02 General Policy

203-5.02(01) Reasons for Storage

Controlling the quantity of stormwater release using a storage facility can provide the potential benefits as follows:

1. prevention or reduction of peak runoff rate increase;

2. mitigation of downstream drainage-capacity problems;
3. reduction or elimination of the need for downstream outfall improvements; and
4. protection of environmentally-sensitive areas, such as karst topography.

203-5.02(02) Downstream Conditions

Storage can be developed in a depressed area in a parking lot, road embankment, freeway interchange, or a small lake, pond, or depression. The utility of a storage facility depends on the amount of storage, its location within the system, and its operational characteristics. An analysis of such a storage facility should consist of comparing the design flow at a point or points downstream of the proposed storage site, with or without storage. Other flows in excess of the design flow that can be expected to pass through the storage facility may be required in the analysis, i.e., 1% annual EP flood. The design criteria for a storage facility should include the following:

1. release rate;
2. storage volume;
3. grading and depth requirements;
4. outlet works; and
5. location.

At a minimum, a storage facility should be designed to detain the 1% annual EP, post-development peak runoff rate, and release it at the 10% annual EP, pre-developed peak runoff rate. An emergency overflow capable of accommodating the 1% annual EP post-development discharge may be required.

203-5.02(03) Local Jurisdictional Requirements

A local jurisdiction can be more restrictive than INDOT drainage requirements. INDOT requirements need not be in accordance with local jurisdictional rules and regulations. However, the local design parameters should be followed as much as practical.

203-5.03 Design Considerations

A pump station may be required to outlet from an infiltration/detention facility. The use of a pump station to outlet a facility is not desirable. If a pump station is being considered, the Division of Hydraulics should be contacted for approval.

Dam safety should be considered for a berm or embankment created as part of a detention facility. An embankment should not be subject to IDNR regulation and inspection requirements. Per the Indiana Code, IDNR has jurisdiction over all structures, except where the embankment is lower than 20 ft, the contributing drainage area is less than 1 sq mi, or the storage volume behind the structure is less than 100 ac-ft. For more information, see *Indiana Code 14-27-7.5: Regulation of Dams*.

203-5.03(01) Detention Pond

A detention pond is designed to reduce the peak discharge and detain runoff only for a specific duration. A detention basin should have a positive outlet that empties all runoff between storms. The excavation of a detention pond can extend below the water table or outlet level where the bottom is sealed due to sedimentation. This is a detention pond or wet-bottom detention basin. The detention pond also has a positive outlet and releases all temporary storage.

A dry-bottom detention facility should be used. A detention basin will require additional right of way. The basin will require a certain amount of space, and it should be outside the clear-zone for safety purposes. The pond location and outlet should be considered, especially for flood routing. The overflow location should avoid impacting nearby property and the roadway.

203-5.03(02) Retention Pond

A retention pond retains runoff for an indefinite time and has no positive outlet. Runoff is removed only by means of infiltration through a permeable bottom or by means of evaporation. A retention pond or lake is an example of a retention facility. A retention pond is designed to drain into the groundwater table.

Soil characteristics are the primary concern in designing a retention pond. A geotechnical report should be obtained from the Division of Geotechnical Services, county surveyor's office, etc, to determine the infiltration capacity of the substratum.

A retention pond will require additional right of way. It should be located outside the clear-zone for safety purposes.

203-5.03(03) Roadside Ditch Detention

A roadside ditch detention system takes advantage of the additional capacity of the roadside and median ditches created by the clear-zone requirements. A roadside ditch detains runoff from the roadway and discharges it at a restricted rate to a positive outlet.

A roadside ditch is the least expensive open-detention system, since it does not require additional right of way or significant additional maintenance. Since the ditch is within the right of way, safety considerations and roadway serviceability should be evaluated.

203-5.03(04) Underground Storage

Underground detention is best suited to an urbanized area where right of way and available land are constrained. It is desirable for where an underground storage structure is to be located outside the pavement limits. Coordination with local utilities is required. Conflicts should be minimized. Clearances should be observed between stormwater and other systems such as drinking water and sanitary sewers. In considering underground detention, the native soil should be determined to ensure constructability. All inline detention should have a positive grade to minimize sedimentation. Access should be provided for cleaning of the underground facility. The grade should be set to avoid the need for a pump station if possible.

The types of underground detention include underground storage, inline detention, parallel storage systems, oversize storm-sewer system, and infiltration trench. Underground storage can be built as one single unit with one inlet and one outlet, under a large area such as a parking lot. It can also be built as a pipe network or conduit system with multiple inlets and only one outlet, under a large area such as a parking lot. Inline detention replaces part of a storm-sewer system with a larger structure near the outlet to detain water within the system. A parallel storage system runs parallel to the existing storm-sewer system to provide additional storage. An oversize storm-sewer system increases the pipe sizes as needed in parts of the storm sewer to add storage to the entire system. An infiltration trench functions like a roadway underdrain, but it can be used only in sandy soil, where the infiltration rate is high.

203-5.03(05) Outlet Conditions

An outlet work can take the form of combinations of a drop inlet, pipe, weir, or orifice. An outlet work selected for a storage facility includes a principal spillway or an emergency overflow. It should be able to accomplish the design functions of the facility.

A slotted-riser pipe should not be used due to clogging problems. A curb opening can be used for parking-lot storage. The principal spillway is intended to convey the design storm without allowing flow to enter an emergency outlet.

An emergency spillway is an outlet provided to allow excess water to exit the pond once the design storm is exceeded. Usually in the shape of a weir, the emergency outlet should be located so that the excess stormwater flows to an adequate outlet and does not damage nearby property. An emergency spillway should be included in a storage-facility design if possible. However, a viable emergency spillway location may not exist.

203-5.03(06) Maintenance

To ensure acceptable performance and function, a storage facility that requires extensive maintenance is discouraged. The maintenance problems that are typical of a detention facility are as follows:

1. weed growth;
2. grass and vegetation maintenance;
3. bank deterioration;
4. standing water or soggy surface;
5. mosquito control;
6. blockage of outlet structures;
7. litter accumulation; or
8. maintenance of fences and perimeter plantings.

The design should focus on the elimination or reduction of maintenance requirements by addressing the potential for problems as follows:

1. Both weed growth and grass maintenance can be addressed by constructing side slopes that can be maintained using available power-driven equipment, such as a tractor mower.
2. Bank deterioration can be controlled with protective lining or by limiting bank slopes.
3. Standing water or soggy surfaces can be eliminated by means of sloping the basin bottom toward the outlet, or by means of constructing a low-flow pilot channel across the basin bottom, from the inlet to the outlet.
4. Once the problems listed above are addressed, mosquito control will not be a major problem.

5. An outlet structure should be selected to minimize the possibility of blockage. A pipe of diameter of less than 6 in. tends to block easily and should be avoided.
6. The facility should be located for easy access where the maintenance associated with litter and damage to fences or perimeter plantings can be conducted regularly.

Routine maintenance activities include an annual inspection, preferably during wet weather, and mowing, as required.

203-5.03(07) Safety Issues

Ponding of water for a significant period of time, at a relatively shallow depth, can introduce an additional risk factor for property damage, personal injury, or loss of life. Safety considerations include reducing the chance of drowning by fencing the basin, reducing the maximum depth, or including ledges or mild slopes to prevent a person from falling in and to facilitate his or her escape from the basin. A storage facility in a location that is easily accessible to the public should be provided with fencing adequate to prevent entry onto the site by unauthorized persons. A storage facility located adjacent to a roadway should be provided with an adequate clear zone to minimize the accidental entry of an errant vehicle.

Protective treatment is required to prevent entry to a facility that poses a hazard to all persons. Fences and signs are required for a detention or retention pond with a locked gate to allow for maintenance access.

Where a storage facility is located near a roadway, the road should be provided with an adequate clear zone. The maximum operating-pool depth is limited to 5 ft unless otherwise approved by the Division of Hydraulics.

203-5.04 Design Procedure

A storage facility will require an inflow rate and an outflow rate to determine the necessary storage volume.

The amount of water flowing into the storage facility should be determined. This inflow rate is the post-developed 1% annual EP. However, an additional smaller inflow rate should be considered, if a stricter local ordinance is being followed. The outflow rate should then be determined. The outflow rate is the pre-developed 10% annual EP. However, additional smaller outflow rate should be considered, if a stricter local ordinance is being followed.

The required storage volume should be calculated, based on the inflow and outflow rates, and storm duration. If the watershed draining into a storage facility is greater than 2 ac, the design

should be based on reservoir-routing methods which develop hydrographs for both inflow and outflow. WinTR-20 and HEC-HMS are available public-domain hydrographic programs. A basin regulating less than 2 ac can be analyzed using the Rational Method to create a triangular hydrograph.

203-5.04(01) Detention Pond

For a detention pond, a minimum freeboard of 1 ft above the 1% annual EP storm highwater elevation should be provided. Other considerations in setting the depth include flood-elevation requirements, public safety, land availability, land value, present and future land use, water-table fluctuations, soil characteristics, maintenance requirements, and required freeboard.

The primary outlet should be designed to drain the entire detention volume within 72 h. A restrictor plate should not be used. See the INDOT *Standard Drawings*.

An emergency overflow structure should also be added. The emergency overflow structure should be placed in a location that will accept the extra flow. This may or may not outlet to the design outfall. Usually, the emergency overflow structure takes the shape of a weir.

The area above the detention pond's normal high-water elevation should be sloped towards the pond. The bottom area of the pond should be graded toward the outlet to prevent standing water conditions. A low-flow or pilot channel constructed across the facility bottom from the inlet to the outlet should be used to convey low flow. See HEC-22, Chapter 8 for example problems and more information.

203-5.04(02) Retention Pond

The inflow rate is calculated using the Rational Method, regardless of the size of the drainage area. Since the pond is retaining all of the runoff from the 1% annual EP, the outflow rate is almost negligible, because infiltration and evaporation are the only available mechanisms for drainage. To determine the infiltration rate, soil borings should be obtained to ensure accurate calculations.

A retention pond also requires an emergency spillway. The emergency spillway should overflow to an acceptable outlet. The pond should be sized to allow for 1 ft of freeboard below the emergency spillway. If an acceptable emergency overflow outlet is not available, the pond should be sized for 1.5 times the total volume required, plus 1 ft of freeboard.

The construction of a storage facility can require excavation or placement of an earthen embankment to obtain sufficient storage volume. The embankment should be of less than 6.5 ft height. A vegetated embankment should not be steeper than 3H:1V. A riprap-protected embankment should not be steeper than 2H:1V. An excavated storage facility should not have an operating design-pool depth of greater than 5 ft unless approved by the Division of Hydraulics.

203-5.04(03) Roadside Ditch Detention

A detention pond detains water from the entire drainage area. A roadside ditch detains water only from additional pavement being added during construction. However, the methodology for determining that volume remains the same. To detain the water in a roadside ditch, a berm should be built upstream of the stream receiving the flow from the ditch. The outlet structure diameter should not be smaller than 6 in. to prevent clogging. The berm should be constructed with an overflow weir for a storm event that exceeds the design storm. For more information on emergency overflow design, see HEC-22, Chapter 8. The capacity of the outfall may not allow for a normal 1% annual EP inflow and 10% annual EP outflow situation. The release rate should be considered, since the roadside ditch can be outletting upstream of existing structures.

203-5.04(04) Oversized Storm Sewer and Inline Detention

An oversized storm sewer system upsizes the pipes near the outlet of the system to provide extra capacity. An oversized storm-sewer system uses larger round or deformed pipes to provide the extra capacity, while inline detention uses vaults or boxes to provide the extra capacity.

An oversized storm sewer or inline detention should be designed in accordance with Section [203-4.0](#) for inlet spacing, water-spread calculations, trunk-line placement, and outlet tailwater conditions. However, detention-routing calculations should be performed to ensure that a sufficient amount of water is being detained. Gravity flow should be maintained for the 10% annual EP. The 2% annual EP hydraulic-grade line should remain below the structure top casting elevation. If local detention requirements require the 1% annual EP to be detained, another hydraulic-grade-line check should be made, to ensure that the hydraulic-grade line remains below the structure top casting elevation at the 1% annual EP. Since the velocity through the oversized section is likely to be lower than the suggested minimum velocity, sedimentation is a potential problem. Manholes should be oversized and placed more frequently through the oversized section, to assist maintenance personnel in removing sediment from the storm-sewer system.

Since inline detention is usually present near the outlet of the storm-sewer system, an emergency overflow structure should be placed in the underground storage vault. This consists of a pipe

placed in the upper corner of the storage vault. A pipe of diameter of at least 6 in. should be used to prevent the emergency overflow structure from clogging.

203-5.04(05) Infiltration Trench

An infiltration trench is similar to a retention pond, except it is long and narrow and may work within the right-of-way. An infiltration trench is lined with geotextiles and backfilled with aggregate. The Rational Method should be used to calculate the inflow rate. The outflow rate will then be determined based on the infiltration capacity of the soil. Only highly pervious soils should be considered. The length of the system will depend on the volume required, given the inflow and outflow rates. Only the volume of the pipe should be considered for storage. The volume of the voids available in the backfilled trench should be ignored, to provide a factor of safety. Larger pipes should be used, to allow for maintenance. An infiltration trench should be constructed in accordance with Section [203-4.0](#). For additional information, see HEC-22, Chapter 8 or Chapter 10.

203-5.05 Pump Station

A pump station requires electricity as well as regular maintenance for proper function. It requires accessibility, monitoring, has limited capacity, and can be expensive. During a large storm event, it can be prone to flooding and failure. For these reasons, use of a pump station is discouraged by INDOT. However, because of topography or geometrics, it may become necessary. If so, the Division of Hydraulics should be contacted and the design guidelines for a pump station shown in HEC-24 should be followed.

203-5.06 Documentation

The information is required for a storage-facility submittal is as follows:

1. project background, including existing and proposed structure;
2. summary of hydraulics design and assumptions, including design criteria;
3. USGS topographic map, or county 2 ft contour lines, and aerial map of the project site to determine the drainage area for the storage design;
4. Hydrology, depending on methods used, IDNR discharge letter if required, coordinated discharges, FIS information, gaged sites or TR-55 and hydrograph methodologies. See Section [203-2.0](#);

5. computation of the inflow hydrograph;
6. computation of the outflow hydrograph or the restricted outflow according to the pertinent ordinance;
7. summary performance table for the storage system used to determine the maximum storage volume and the maximum water surface elevation, and to verify the release rate relative to the INDOT, city or town, or county regulation. See Figure [203-5A](#);
8. computation of the outflow-rating curve, or stage-storage-discharge relationship;
9. plan sheet showing the geometric shape of the detention including the maximum water surface elevation inside the pond, the freeboard, and the emergency spillway if applicable; and
10. an appendix including the calculation and computer-program input and output data used to determine the data shown on the summary-performance table.

203-6.0 CHANNEL OR DITCH

203-6.01 Introduction

An open channel is a natural or constructed conveyance for water in which the water surface is exposed to the atmosphere and the gravity-force component in the direction of motion is the driving force.

The types of open channels related to a transportation facility are stream channel, or artificial channel or ditch.

The principles of open-channel-flow hydraulics are applicable to each drainage facility including a culvert or a storm drain.

A stream channel has the properties as follows:

1. a natural channel with its size and shape determined by means of natural forces;
2. compound in cross section with a main channel for conveying low flow and a floodplain to transport flood flow, and
3. shaped geomorphologically due to the long-term history of sediment load and water discharge which it experiences.

An artificial channel can be a roadside channel, interceptor ditch, or drainage ditch which can be a constructed channel with regular geometric cross section, and is unlined or lined with artificial or natural material to protect against erosion.

Although the principles of open-channel flow are the same regardless of the channel type, a stream channel and an artificial channel, primarily a roadside channel, will be addressed separately herein.

203-6.02 General Policy

203-6.02(01) Significance

Channel analysis is necessary for the design of a transportation drainage system to assess the following:

1. potential flooding caused by changes in water-surface profile;
2. disturbance of the river system upstream or downstream of the highway right of way;
3. changes in lateral flow distribution;
4. changes in velocity or direction of flow;
5. need for conveyance and disposal of excess runoff; and
6. need for channel lining to prevent erosion.

203-6.02(02) Design

Hydraulic design associated with a natural channel or side ditch is a process which selects and evaluates alternatives according to established criteria. These criteria are the standards established to ensure that a highway facility satisfies its intended purpose without endangering the structural integrity of the facility itself and without undue adverse effects on the environment or the public welfare.

203-6.02(03) Federal Policy

The federal policies which apply are as follows.

1. Channel design, or design of a highway facility that impacts a channel, should satisfy the FHWA policies which are applicable to floodplain management if federal funding is involved.

2. FEMA floodway regulations and USACE wetland restrictions for permits should be satisfied.
3. NEPA regulations including the MOU for karst areas or other environmental MOU.

203-6.02(04) INDOT Policy

The INDOT policies which apply are as follows.

1. Coordination with other federal, State, or local agencies concerned with water-resources planning should have high priority in the planning of a highway facility.
2. The safety of the general public should be a consideration in selection of the cross-sectional geometry of an artificial drainage channel.
3. The design of an artificial drainage channel or other facility should consider the frequency and type of maintenance expected, and should make allowance for the access of maintenance equipment.
4. A stable channel is the goal for each channel that is located on highway right of way, or that impacts a highway facility.
5. The environmental impact of channel modification, including disturbance of fish habitat, wetlands, or channel stability, should be assessed.

The most important factor in channel design is stability. Channel stability is the result of controlling the effects of scour and siltation.

A highway alignment or improvement can cross, encroach upon, or otherwise require construction of a new channel or modification of the existing channel. It is necessary to protect the public, the highway investment, and the environment from the natural reaction to the highway changes. The facility, including bank protection, should perform without significant damage or hazard to people and property for flood and flow conditions experienced on a 1% annual EP. The facility, to the maximum extent possible, should perpetuate natural drainage conditions thus protecting and maintaining the environment.

203-6.03 Open-Channel Flow

Design analysis of a natural or artificial channel should proceed according to the basic principles of open-channel flow (see Chow, 1970; Henderson, 1966). The basic principles of fluid mechanics, continuity, momentum, and energy can be applied to open-channel flow with the additional complication that the position of the free surface is one of the unknown variables. The determination of this unknown is one of the principal problems of open-channel flow analysis. It

depends on quantification of the flow resistance. A natural channel displays a wider range of roughness values than an artificial channel.

203-6.04 Stream Channel

203-6.04(01) Stream Morphology

HEC-20 Stream Stability at Highway Structures, and HDS-6 River Engineering for Highway Encroachments, should be consulted. Additional references can be obtained through FHWA hydraulics publications.

203-6.04(02) Design Considerations

1. The hydraulic effects of floodplain encroachment should be evaluated for the 1% annual EP, and other design-storm events as required, for a major highway facility.
2. If relocation of a stream channel is unavoidable, the cross-sectional shape, meander, pattern, roughness, sediment transport, and slope should satisfy the existing conditions insofar as practical. A means of energy dissipation may be necessary where existing conditions cannot be duplicated. Coordination with the Environmental Services Division Ecology and Waterway Permitting Team will be necessary for stream channel relocation. See Section [203-3.0](#).
3. Stream-bank stabilization should be provided, where appropriate, as a result of a stream disturbance such as encroachment. It should include both upstream and downstream banks and the local site.
4. Provisions should be incorporated for access by maintenance personnel and equipment to maintain features such as a dike or a levee.
5. Realignment or change to a natural channel should be minimized. The conditions that warrant a channel change are as follows:
 - a. the natural channel crosses the roadway at an extreme skew;
 - b. the embankment encroaches on the channel; and
 - c. the location of the natural channel endangers the highway embankment or adjacent property.
6. For channel clearing, see Section [203-3.03](#).

203-6.04(03) Design Procedure

The hydraulic analysis of a channel determines the depth and velocity at which a given discharge will flow in a channel of known geometry, roughness, and slope. The depth and velocity of flow are necessary for the design or analysis of a channel lining or highway-drainage structure.

The single-section method is a simple application of Manning's equation to determine tailwater-rating curves for a culvert or to analyze other situations in which uniform or nearly-uniform flow conditions exist. Manning's equation can be used to estimate the high-water elevation for a bridge that does not constrict the flow. See Figure [203-3A](#) for the n value for uniform flow in an artificial channel or a natural stream channel.

The step-backwater method is used to compute the complete water surface profile in a stream reach to evaluate the unrestricted water-surface elevation for bridge hydraulic design, flood easement, or a longitudinal encroachment. The step-backwater method is a calculation-intensive iterative process that is suited for a computer application. HEC-RAS should be used. Other programs may be used with prior authorization from the Division of Hydraulics.

The step-backwater method should be used for stream-channel analysis. The single-section method will yield less-reliable results, as it requires more judgment and assumptions than the step-backwater method. However, the single-section method should be used for analysis of a standard roadway ditch, culvert, or storm-drain outfall.

203-6.05 Roadside Channel or Other Ditches

203-6.05(01) Design Considerations

A roadside channel is a channel, or side ditch, adjacent to the roadway which intercepts runoff and groundwater within the right of way and transports its flow to drainage structures or to a natural waterway. If a property owner has a pipe instead of an open ditch on the property, an equivalent new pipe should be provided instead of an open ditch.

A median ditch, ditch in a cut section, or other critical ditch section should be checked to verify that the water surface elevation from a 1% annual EP does not encroach onto the travel lane.

The criteria which apply to a roadside channel or other ditch are as follows.

1. **Safety.** Clear-zone requirements should be satisfied (see Chapter 49). Channel side slopes should not exceed the soil or lining's angle of repose, and should be 3H:1V or flatter. See Chapter 49 for more information on the cross section of a roadside channel.

2. Design Discharge. The design discharge for a permanent roadside channel or channel lining should be based on a 10% annual EP. If a natural stream or drainage ditch enters the side ditch, the design should be for a 1% annual EP. A temporary lining should be designed for a 50% annual EP.
3. Channel Freeboard. Freeboard provides a margin of safety against channel overtopping and its consequences. The desirable channel freeboard should be 1 ft, or two velocity heads, whichever is greater, measured from the top of bank. This should be adequate for a small drainage channel. Variance from the freeboard of 1 ft should be justified in the hydraulics report.
4. Intercept. Where a roadside ditch intercepts a drainage ditch located adjacent to a highway embankment, riprap or other suitable protection should be provided where necessary.
5. Velocity. Figure [203-6A](#) provides guidance regarding maximum allowable velocity for natural stream-bed materials.

203-6.05(02) Design Procedure

There can be a location where a stage-discharge relationship has already been measured in a channel. This exists at a gaging station on a stream monitored by the USGS. Measured stage-discharge curves will yield more accurate estimates of water-surface elevation, and should take precedence over the analytical methods described below.

1. Cross Sections. Cross-sectional geometry of a stream is defined by coordinates of lateral distance and ground elevation which locate individual ground points. The cross section is taken normal to the flow direction along a single straight line where possible. In a wide floodplain or bend, it may be necessary to use a section along intersecting straight lines, i.e., a dog-leg section. The cross section should be plotted to reveal inconsistencies or errors.

Cross sections should be located to be representative of the subreaches between them. A stream location with major breaks in bed profile, abrupt changes in roughness or shape, control sections such as free overfalls, bends, or contractions, or other abrupt changes in channel slope or conveyance will require cross sections at shorter intervals to better model the change in conveyance.

Cross sections should be subdivided with vertical boundaries where there are abrupt lateral changes in geometry or roughness, such as in overbank flow. The conveyances of each subsection are computed separately to determine the flow distribution and α , and are then

added to determine the total flow conveyance. The subsection divisions should be chosen so that the distribution of flow or conveyance is nearly uniform in each subsection (Davidian, 1984). Selection of cross sections and vertical subdivision of a cross section are shown in Figure [203-6B](#), Hypothetical Cross Section Showing Reaches, Segments, and Subsections Used in Determining n Value.

2. Single-Section Analysis. This method, also known as the slope-area method, is a solution of Manning's equation for the normal depth of flow given the discharge and cross-section properties including geometry, slope, and roughness. It assumes the existence of steady, uniform flow. However, uniform flow rarely exists in either an artificial or natural stream channel. Nevertheless, the single-section method is used to design an artificial channel for uniform flow as a first approximation, and to develop a stage-discharge rating curve in a stream channel for tailwater determination at a culvert or storm-drain outlet.

The procedure is as follows.

- a. Select the typical cross section at or near the location where the stage-discharge curve is required.
- b. Subdivide the cross section and assign n values to the subsections.
- c. Estimate the water-surface slope. Because uniform flow is assumed, the average slope of the streambed can be used.
- d. Apply a range of incremental water-surface elevations to the cross section.
- e. Calculate the discharge using Manning's equation for each incremental elevation. Total discharge at each elevation is the sum of the discharges from each subsection at that elevation. In determining hydraulic radius, the wetted perimeter should be measured only along the solid boundary of the cross section, and not along the vertical water interface between subsections.
- f. After the discharge has been calculated at several incremental elevations, plot the stage versus discharge. This plot is the stage-discharge curve, and it can be used to determine the water-surface elevation corresponding to the design discharge or other discharges of interest.
- g. Perform the multi-section analysis using HEC-RAS due to the complexity of the calculations.

203-6.05(03) Channel Lining

The selection of a roadside-channel lining should reflect both initial costs and long-term maintenance costs. The channel lining should be selected based on the method of allowable tractive force. This is discussed in Section 203-6.05 Roadside Channel or Other Ditches. The following provides the procedure for roadside-channel lining. However, the use of these criteria should be confirmed using the lining-selection methodology described in Section [203-6.05](#).

1. Seeded Channel, $G < 1\%$. A seeded channel is protected from erosion by means of fast-growing permanent seeding. This type of channel has the advantage of being low in initial cost and maintenance, aesthetically pleasing, and compatible with the natural environment. The use of an erosion control mat, e.g., straw, coconut fiber, is encouraged to help establish seed growth.
2. Sod-Lined Channel, $1\% \leq G < 3\%$. A sod-lined channel is protected from erosion by means of a sod cover. It is used as a roadside channel in a median or at a channel change of a small watercourse. It may also be used on a steeper grade where ditch flow is a minimum. A sodded channel has the advantage of being low in initial cost, aesthetically pleasing, and compatible with the natural environment. This type of channel should be selected for use wherever practical. The channel should be sodded to a point 1 ft above the flow line.
3. Paved Channel, $G \geq 3\%$. A paved concrete ditch can be resistant to erosion. Its principal disadvantages are its high maintenance and initial costs, susceptibility to failure if undermined by scour, and the tendency for scour to occur downstream due to an acceleration of flow. A paved channel is less desirable for a rural setting. However, it can be appropriate in a select urban location. The INDOT *Standard Drawings* illustrate the standard paved channels. Type A through H is used where the toe of the ditch is outside of the clear zone. Type J through M is used where the toe of the ditch is inside the clear zone. For Type J through M, the 6H:1V side slope should be placed nearest to the roadway. The INDOT *Standard Drawings* also indicate the type of paved channel that should be used based on the diameter of the pipe at the outlet and inlet.

The following applies to a roadside channel or other type of drainage ditch:

- a. **Transition.** A paved-side-ditch transition is required at an intersection with an earth ditch or pipe culvert.
- b. **Cut-Off Wall.** A cut-off wall is required at the beginning and end of each paved side ditch.
- c. **Lug.** A lug has been proven to prevent sliding on a steep slope. A lug should be provided at the locations as follows:

- (1) 10 ft downslope from a grade change;
 - (2) 10 ft downslope from the intersection of different types of paved side ditches;
 - (3) at the downslope end of a transition between different types of paved side ditches; or
 - (4) as shown in Figure [203-6C](#), Lug Intervals.
4. Riprap-Lined Channel, $3\% \leq G \leq 10\%$. A riprap lining is effective for this slope range, depending on the design flow of the channel. However, riprap should be used on a slope steeper than 10% at a bridge cone. It is also appropriate to use riprap in a ditch where the grade is flatter than 3%. For example, if there is a hill in the ditch watershed, riprap should be placed to dissipate energy and minimize ditch erosion. A mild slope is constructed by means of dumping riprap into a prepared channel lined with geotextile filter cloth and grading to the desired shape. The advantages are low construction and maintenance costs and self-healing characteristics. Riprap has a limited application on a steep slope where the flow will tend to displace the lining material.
5. Non-Erodible Channel, $3\% \leq G \leq 15\%$. A non-erodible channel has a lining of soil erosion matting that is resistant to erosion. This type of channel is moderately expensive to construct and, if properly designed, should have a very low maintenance cost. The lining material should extend to the top of the channel, or to at least 6 in. above the design water level measured vertically. HEC-15, Design of Roadside Channels with Flexible Linings, can be used as a reference for channel-lining design. The riprap design procedures described in HEC 15 are for a channel having a design discharge of 50 cfs or less. Where the design discharge exceeds 50 cfs, the design procedure provided in Section [203-6.06](#) should be followed.

203-6.06 Bank Protection

One of the hazards of placing a highway near a river or stream channel or other water body is the potential for erosion of the highway embankment due to moving water. If erosion of the highway embankment is to be prevented, bank protection should be anticipated. The proper type and amount of protection should be provided in the appropriate locations.

The available methods of protecting a highway embankment from bank erosion are as follows:

1. relocating the highway away from the stream or water body;
2. moving the water body away from the highway, as a channel change;
3. changing the direction of the current with training works; and

4. protecting the embankment from erosion.

This Section provides procedures for the design of revetment to be used as channel-bank protection, and channel lining on a stream or river with a design discharge greater than 50 cfs. Procedures are also provided for riprap protection at a bridge pier or abutment. For a small discharge, the procedures provided in Chapter 202 should be used. Rock riprap revetment should be used due to its low cost, environmental considerations, flexible characteristics, and widespread acceptance. Other channel-stabilization methods such as a spur, guide-bank retard structure, longitudinal dike, and bulkhead are discussed in Hydraulic Engineering Circular No. 20, *Stream Stability at Highway Structures* and Hydraulic Engineering Circular No. 23, *Bridge Scour and Stream Instability Countermeasures*.

203-6.06(01) Erosion Potential

Channel and bank stabilization is essential to the design of a structure affected by the water environment. The identification of the potential for bank erosion, and the subsequent need for stabilization, is best accomplished through observation. A three-level analysis procedure is provided in HEC-20. The three-level analysis provides a procedure for determining the geomorphological characteristics, evaluating the existing conditions through field observations, and determining the hydraulic and sediment transport properties of the stream. If sufficient information is obtained at a given level of the analysis to solve the problem, the procedure may be stopped without proceeding to the other levels.

Observations provide the most positive indication of erosion potential. Observation comparison can be based on historic information or current site conditions. Aerial photographs, old maps, surveying notes, bridge-design files, and river-survey data are available from the Division of Hydraulics and FHWA. Gaging-station records and interviews of long-time residents can provide documentation of recent and potentially current channel movement or bank instabilities.

Current site conditions can be used to evaluate stability. If historic information indicates that a bank has been relatively stable in the past, local conditions can indicate more recent instabilities. Local site conditions which are indicative of instabilities can include tipping and falling of vegetation along the bank, cracks along the bank surface, the presence of slump blocks, fresh vegetation lying in the channel near the channel banks, deflection of channel flows in the direction of the bank due to a recently-deposited obstruction or channel-course change, fresh vertical face cuts along the bank, locally high velocity along the bank, new bar formation downstream from an eroding bank, local head-cuts, impending or recent cutoffs, etc. The presence of one of these conditions does not in itself indicate an erosion problem. Bank erosion is common in each channel if the channel is stable.

203-6.06(02) Bank and Lining Failure Modes

Prior to designing a bank-stabilization scheme, the common erosion mechanisms and revetment-failure modes, and the causes or driving forces behind bank erosion processes should be known. Inadequate recognition of potential erosion processes at a particular site can lead to failure of the revetment system. Many causes of bank erosion and revetment failure have been identified. The more-common causes include abrasion, debris flows, water flow, eddy action, flow acceleration, unsteady flow, freeze-and-thaw, human actions on the bank, ice, precipitation, waves, toe erosion, and subsurface flow. However, a combination of mechanisms can cause bank or revetment failure. The actual mechanism or cause is difficult to determine. Failures are classified as follows.

1. Particle Erosion: Particle erosion is the most commonly considered erosion mechanism. Particle erosion results if the tractive force exerted by the flowing water exceeds the bank material's ability to resist movement. If displaced stones are not transported from the eroded area, a mound of displaced rock will develop on the channel bed. The mound has been observed to cause flow concentration along the bank, resulting in further bank erosion.
2. Translational Slide: A translational slide is a failure of riprap caused by the down-slope movement of a mass of stones, with the fault line on a horizontal plane. The initial phases of a translational slide are indicated by cracks in the upper part of the riprap bank that extend parallel to the channel. As the slide progresses, the lower part of the riprap separates from the upper part and moves downslope as a homogeneous body. A resulting bulge can appear at the base of the bank if the channel bed is not scoured.
3. Modified Slump: This riprap failure consists of the mass movement of material along an internal slip surface within the riprap blanket. The underlying material supporting the riprap does not fail. This type of failure is similar to the translational slide, but the geometry of the damaged riprap is similar in shape to initial stages of failure caused by particle erosion.
4. Slump: Slump is a rotational-gravitational movement of material along a surface of rupture that has a concave upward curve. The cause of a slump failure is related to shear failure of the underlying base material that supports the riprap revetment. The primary feature of a slump failure is the localized displacement of base material along a slip surface, which is caused by excess pore pressure that reduces friction along a fault line in the base material.

203-6.06(03) Design Considerations

1. Revetment Types.

- a. **Riprap.** Riprap is a layer or facing of rock, dumped or hand-placed to prevent erosion, scour, or sloughing of a structure or embankment. Materials other than rock are also referred to as riprap. These include rubble, broken concrete slabs, or preformed-concrete shapes such as slabs, blocks, rectangular prisms, etc. These materials are similar to rock in that they can be hand-placed or dumped onto an embankment to form a flexible revetment. The minimum depth should be 18 in. For minimum riprap-laying depths, see the INDOT *Standard Drawings*. For determining which riprap class to use based on velocity, see Figure [203-2D](#), Stream Velocity for Erosion Protection.
- b. **Wire-Enclosed Rock.** A wire-enclosed rock, or gabion, revetment consists of rectangular wire mesh baskets filled with rock. This revetment is formed by filling pre-assembled wire baskets with rock and anchoring them to the channel bottom or bank. A wire-enclosed rock revetment is either a rock-and-wire mattress, or blocks. In a mattress, the individual wire-mesh units are laid end to end and side to side to form a mattress layer on the channel bed or bank. The gabion baskets comprising the mattress have a depth dimension which is much smaller than its width or length. A block gabion is more equal-dimensional, having a depth that is approximately the same as its width and of the same order of magnitude as its length. It is rectangular or trapezoidal in shape. A block gabion revetment is formed by stacking individual gabion blocks in a stepped fashion.
- c. **Precast-Concrete Block.** The preformed sections which comprise the revetment system are butted together or joined. As such, they form a continuous blanket or mat. The concrete blocks which make up the mats differ in shape and method of articulation but share certain common features. The features include flexibility, rapid installation, and provisions for establishment of vegetation within the revetment. The permeable nature of this revetment permits free draining of the bank materials. The flexibility, although limited, allows the mattress to conform to minor changes in the bank geometry. Its limited flexibility, however, subjects it to undermining in an environment characterized by large and relatively rapid fluctuations in the surface elevation of the channel bed or bank. Unlike wire-enclosed rock, the open nature of precast-concrete blocks does promote volunteering of vegetation within the revetment.
- d. **Grouted Riprap.** Totally grouted riprap is not recommended because it is susceptible to failure from undermining and the subsequent loss of the supporting bank material. However, partially grouted riprap may be used, see Section [203-6.06\(04\)](#) for design procedures.

- e. Grouted-Fabric-Slope Pavement. This revetment is constructed by means of injecting sand-cement mortar between two layers of double-woven fabric which has first been positioned on the slope to be protected. Mortar can be injected into this fabric envelope either underwater or in-the-dry. The fabric enclosure prevents dilution of the mortar during placement underwater. The two layers of fabric act first as the top and bottom form to hold the mortar in place while it hardens. The fabric, to which the mortar remains tightly bonded, then acts as tensile reinforcement to hold the mortar in place on the slope. This revetment is analogous to slope paving with reinforced concrete. The bottom layer of fabric acts as a filter-cloth underlayment to prevent loss of soil particles through cracks which can develop in the revetment as a result of soil subsidence. Greater relief of hydrostatic uplift is provided by means of weep holes or filter points which are woven into the fabric and remain unobstructed by mortar during the filling operation.
 - f. Soil Cement. Soil cement consists of a dry mix of sand, cement, and admixtures batched in a central mixing plant. It is transported, placed with equipment capable of producing the width and thickness required, and compacted to the required density. Control of the moisture and time after introduction of the mixing water is critical. Curing is required. This results in a rigid protection. Soil cement can be placed either as a lining or in stepped horizontal layers. The stepped horizontal layers are stable, provided that toe scour protection has been incorporated into the design.
2. Design Discharge. The design flow rate for the design or analysis of a highway structure in the vicinity of a river or stream has a 10% to 1% annual EP. This discharge level will also be applicable to the design of a revetment system. However, a lower discharge can produce hydraulically-worse conditions with respect to riprap stability. Discharge levels should be evaluated to ensure that the design is adequate for all discharge conditions up to that selected as the design discharge for a structure associated with the riprap scheme.
3. Flow Types. Open-channel flow can be classified as follows:
- a. uniform, gradually-varying, or rapidly-varying flow;
 - b. steady or unsteady flow; and
 - c. subcritical or supercritical flow.

The design relationships described herein are based on the assumption of uniform, steady, subcritical flow. The relationships are also valid for gradually-varying flow conditions. Although the individual hydraulic relationships are not in themselves applicable to rapidly-varying, unsteady, or supercritical flow conditions, procedures are provided for extending

their use to these flow conditions. See Section [203-6.06\(04\)](#) for more information related to channel design.

A rapidly-varying, unsteady flow condition is common in an area of flow expansion, flow contraction, or reverse flow. These conditions are common at and immediately downstream of a bridge. A supercritical or near-supercritical flow condition is common at a bridge constriction or a steeply-sloped channel.

4. Section Geometry. Aerial photography, current-channel surveys, and historic surveys can provide valuable information. A comparison of current and past channel surveys at the location provides information on the stability of the site and a history of past channel-geometry changes. Past surveys for a particular site may not be available. If so, past surveys at other sites in the vicinity of the design location can be used to evaluate past changes in channel geometry.
5. Flow in Channel Bend. The increased velocity and shear stress that are generated as a result of non-uniform flow should be considered on the outside of a bend. Superelevation of flow in a channel bend should be considered in the revetment design. For a channel with overbank flow, the revetment should extend to top of bank. For a channel where the flow remains within the banks, the revetment should extend up the banks to provide a freeboard of at least 1 ft. For guidance in the design of channels in a bend, see HEC-15 and HDS-4.
6. Flow Resistance. The hydraulic analysis performed as a part of the revetment design process requires the estimation of Manning's roughness coefficient. Physical characteristics upon which the resistance equations are based include the channel-base material, surface irregularities, variations in section geometry, bed form, obstructions, vegetation, channel meandering, flow depth, and channel slope. Seasonal changes in these factors should also be considered.
7. Extent of Protection. This refers to the longitudinal and vertical extent of protection required to adequately protect the channel bank.
 - a. Longitudinal Extent. The longitudinal extent of protection required for a bank-protection scheme is dependent on local site conditions. The revetment should be continuous for a distance greater than the length that is impacted by channel-flow forces severe enough to cause dislodging or transport of bank material. Although this is a vague criterion, it should be considered. Review of existing bank-protection sites has revealed that a common misconception in stream-bank protection is to provide protection too far upstream and not far enough downstream.

One criterion for establishing the longitudinal limits of revetment protection required is illustrated in Figure [203-6D](#). As illustrated, the minimum distance recommended for bank protection upstream is 1 channel width, or downstream 1.5 channel widths, from corresponding reference lines. All reference lines should pass through tangents to the bend at the bend entrance or exit. This criterion is based on an analysis of flow conditions in symmetric channel bends under ideal laboratory conditions. Real-world conditions are not as simplistic.

Many site-specific factors have an effect on the actual length of bank that should be protected. The above criteria are difficult to apply on a mildly-curving bend or on a channel having irregular, non-symmetric bends. Other channel controls such as bridge abutments can produce a stabilizing effect on the bend so that only a part of the channel bend should be stabilized. The magnitude or nature of the flow event can cause erosion problems only in a localized portion of the bend, requiring that only a short channel length be stabilized. Therefore, the above criteria should be used only as a starting point. Additional analysis of site-specific factors is necessary to define the actual extent of protection required.

Field reconnaissance is useful for the evaluation of the longitudinal extent of protection required, particularly if the channel is actively eroding. In a straight channel reach, scars on the channel bank can be useful to help identify the limits required for channel-bank protection. The upstream and downstream limits of the protection scheme should be extended a minimum of 1 channel width beyond the observed erosion limits.

In a curved channel reach, the scars on the channel bank can be used to establish the upstream limit of erosion. A minimum of 1 channel width should be added to the observed upstream limit to define the limit of protection. The downstream limit of protection required in a curved channel reach is more difficult to define. Because the natural progression of bank erosion is in the downstream direction, the present visual limit of erosion may not define the ultimate downstream limit. Additional analysis based on consideration of flow patterns in the channel bend can be required.

- b. Vertical Extent. The vertical extent of protection required of a revetment includes design height and foundation or toe depth.
 - (1) Design Height. The design height of a riprap installation should be equal to the design high-water elevation plus an allowance for freeboard. Freeboard is provided in a causeway situation to ensure that the desired

degree of protection will not be reduced due to unaccounted factors, including the following:

- (a) superelevation in channel bends;
- (b) hydraulic jumps;
- (c) flow irregularities due to piers, transitions, or flow junctions; or
- (d) wave action from wind or boat traffic.

Erratic phenomena such as unforeseen embankment settlement, the accumulation of silt, trash, debris in the channel, aquatic or other growth in the channel, and ice flows should be considered in setting the freeboard height. Wave run-up on the bank should be considered.

The prediction of wave height from a boat-generated wave is not as straightforward as other wave sources. Figure [203-6E](#) provides a definition sketch for the wave-height discussion below. The height of a boat-generated wave should be estimated from observations.

It is necessary to estimate the magnitude of wave run-up which results if waves impact the bank. Wave run-up is a function of the design-wave height, the wave period, bank angle, and the bank-surface characteristics as represented by different revetment materials. For a wave height of less than 2 ft, wave run-up can be computed using Figures [203-6F](#), Wave Run-up on Smooth Impermeable Slope, and [203-6G](#), Correction Factor for Wave Run-up. The run-up height, R , shown in Figure [203-6F](#), is for concrete pavement. Correction factors are provided in Figure [203-6G](#) for reducing the run-up magnitude for other revetment materials. The correction factor is multiplied by the wave height to obtain R .

As a minimum, a freeboard of 1 ft to 2 ft should be used in an unconstricted reach, or 2 ft to 3 ft in a constricted reach. FEMA requires 3 ft for levee protection, or 4 ft at a bridge for a 1% annual EP. If computational procedures indicate that additional freeboard is required, the greater height should be used. Wave and flow conditions should be observed during various seasons of the year, if possible. Existing records should be consulted, and persons should be interviewed who have knowledge of past conditions in establishing the necessary vertical extent of protection required for a particular revetment installation.

- (2) Toe Depth. The undermining of revetment-toe protection has been identified as one of the mechanisms of revetment failure. Figure [203-6H](#)

identifies dimensions of the toe trench for classes of riprap. For guidance regarding the design of the toe depth, see HEC-11, Design of Riprap Revetment.

203-6.06(04) Design Procedure

1. Rock Riprap. Guidelines are provided for bank slope, rock size, rock gradation, riprap layer thickness, and edge treatment. The guidelines apply equally to rock or rubble riprap.
 - a. **Bank Slope**. A primary consideration in the design of a stable riprap bank-protection scheme is the slope of the channel bank. For a riprap installation, the maximum recommended face slope is 2H:1V. Although not recommended, the steepest slope acceptable for rubble revetment is 1.5H:1V. To be stable under an identical wave attack or lateral velocity, a rubble revetment with a steep slope will require larger rubble sizes and greater thicknesses than one with a flatter slope.
 - b. **Rock Size**. The stability of a particular riprap particle is a function of its size, expressed either in terms of its weight or equivalent diameter. See the INDOT *Standard Specifications* and Figure [203-2D](#) which relates the required riprap class to the velocity.
 - (1) **Bridge Pier**. For recommendations, see Section [203-3.0](#).
 - (2) **Wave Erosion**. See Highway Engineering Circular 23, Volume 2, Design Guide 17 for guidance if wave erosion is anticipated.
 - (3) **Ice Damage**. Ice can affect riprap linings. Moving surface ice can cause crushing and bending forces and large impact loadings. The tangential flow of ice along a riprap-lined channel bank can also cause excessive shearing forces. Quantitative criteria for evaluating the impact ice has on a channel-protection scheme are unavailable.

For design, consideration of ice forces should be evaluated as required for each project. Ice flows are not of sufficient magnitude to warrant detailed analysis. Where ice flows have historically caused problems, revetment size should be increased.

- c. **Rock Gradation.** The gradation of stones in riprap revetment affects the riprap's resistance to erosion. The stone should be well-graded throughout the riprap-layer thickness. The gradation limits appear in the INDOT *Standard Specifications*.
- d. **Layer Thickness.** All stones should be contained within the riprap-layer thickness to provide maximum resistance against erosion. For guidance, see the INDOT *Standard Specifications*.
- e. **Geotextile Filter.** A synthetic geotextile filter should be used as an alternative to a granular filter. See Figure [203-6 I](#). Since the original geotextile erosion control application in 1957, thousands of successful projects have been completed.
- f. **Edge Treatment.** The riprap-revetment flanks, toe, and head require a treatment to prevent undermining. The flanks should be designed as illustrated in Figure [203-6J](#). The upstream flank is illustrated in section (a) and the downstream flank in section (b). A more constructible flank section uses riprap rather than compacted fill.

Undermining of the revetment toe is one of the primary mechanisms of riprap failure. The toe of the riprap should be designed as illustrated in Figure [203-6K](#). The toe material should be placed in a toe trench along the entire length of the riprap blanket.

Where a toe trench cannot be dug, the riprap blanket should terminate in a thick, stone toe at the level of the streambed. The toe material should not mound and form a low dike. A low dike along the toe can result in flow concentration along the revetment face which can stress the revetment to failure. The channel's design capability should not be impaired due to placement of too much riprap in a toe mound.

The size of the toe trench or the alternate stone toe is controlled by the anticipated depth of scour along the revetment. As scour occurs, the stone in the toe will launch into the eroded area as illustrated in Figure [203-6L](#). Observation of the performance of this type of rock toe indicates that the riprap will launch to a final slope of approximately 2H:1V.

The volume of rock required for the toe should be equal to or exceed 1.5 times the volume of rock required to extend the riprap blanket at its design thickness and on a slope of 2H:1V, to the anticipated depth of scour. Dimensions should be based on the required volume using the thickness and depth determined from the scour

evaluation. The alternate location can be used if the amount of rock required does not constrain the channel.

2. Wire-Enclosed Rock. As described in Section [203-6.06\(03\)](#), a wire-enclosed rock, or gabion, revetment consists of rectangular wire mesh baskets filled with rock. The most common types of wire-enclosed revetment are mattresses and stacked blocks. The wire cages which make up the mattresses and gabions are available from commercial manufacturers.

A rock-and-wire-mattress revetment consists of flat wire baskets or units filled with rock that are laid end to end and side to side on a prepared channel bed or bank. The individual mattress units are wired together to form a continuous revetment mattress.

A stacked-block gabion revetment consists of rectangular wire baskets which are filled with stone and stacked in a stepped-back fashion to form the revetment surface. It is commonly used at the toe of an embankment slope as a toewall, which helps to support other upper-bank revetments and prevents undermining.

- a. Mattress Gabion. Components of a rock-and-wire-mattress include layout of a general scheme, bank and foundation preparation, mattress size and configuration, stone size, stone quality, basket- or rock-enclosure fabrication, edge treatment, and filter design. Design guidance is as follows.

- (1) General. A rock-and-wire-mattress revetment can be constructed from commercially-available wire units as illustrated in Figures [203-6M](#) and [203-6N](#). The use of commercially-available basket units is the most common practice and the least expensive.

A rock-and-wire-mattress revetment can be used to protect either the channel bank as illustrated in Figure [203-6M](#), or the entire channel perimeter as illustrated in Figure [203-6N](#). If used for bank protection, this revetment consists of a toe section and upper-bank paving. The vertical and longitudinal extent of the mattress should be based on guidelines provided in Section [203-6.06\(03\)](#).

- (2) Bank and Foundation Preparation. The channel bank should be graded to a uniform slope. The graded surface, either on the slope or on the streambed at the toe of the slope on which the rock-and-wire mattress is to be constructed, should not deviate from the specified slope line by more than 6 in. Blunt or sharp objects such as rocks or tree roots protruding from the graded surface should be removed.

- (3) **Mattress-Unit Size and Configuration.** Individual mattress units should be of a size that is easily handled on-site. Commercially-available gabion units are available in standard sizes as indicated in Figure [203-6 O](#). Manufacturers' literature indicates that alternative sizes can be manufactured if required, provided that the quantities involved are reasonable.

The mattress should be divided into compartments so that failure of one section of the mattress will not cause loss of the entire mattress. Compartmentalization also adds to the structural integrity of individual gabion units.

On a slope steeper than 1H:3V, and in an environment subject to high flow velocity, debris flow, ice flow, etc., diaphragms should be spaced at minimum intervals of 2 ft to prevent movement of the stone inside the basket.

The thickness of the mattress is determined by the erodibility of the bank soil, the maximum velocity of the water, and the bank slope. The minimum thickness required for given conditions is tabulated in Figure [203-6P](#). These values are based on observations of a number of mattress installations which assume a filling material in the size range of 3 to 6 in.

The mattress thickness should be at least as thick as two overlapping layers of stone. The thickness of a mattress used as a bank-toe apron should exceed 12 in. The range is 12 to 20 in.

- (4) **Stone Size.** The maximum stone size should not exceed the thickness of the individual mattress units. The stone should be well-graded within the sizes available. Seventy percent of the stone, by weight, should be slightly larger than the wire-mesh opening. For commercially-available units, the wire-mesh opening sizes are listed in Figure [203-6 O](#).

The common median-stone size used in a mattress design ranges from 3 to 6 in. for a mattress thickness of less than 12 in. For a thicker mattress, rock with a median size of up to 12 in. should be used.

- (5) **Stone Quality.** The stone should satisfy the quality requirements for dumped-rock riprap.

- (6) **Basket Fabrication.** Commercially-fabricated basket units are formed from galvanized steel wire mesh of triple twist hexagonal weave. The netting wire and binding wire diameter is approximately 0.08 in. The wire diameter for edges and corners is approximately 0.01 in. Manufacturers' instructions for field assembly of basket units should be followed.

Galvanized wire baskets can be safely used in fresh water or where the pH of the liquid in contact with it is not greater than 10. For minimum coating weight, see Figure [203-6Q](#).

For a highly-corrosive condition, such as in a salt-water environment, industrial area, polluted stream, or soil such as muck, peat, or cinders, a PVC coating should be placed over the galvanized wire. It should be capable of resisting deleterious effects of natural weather exposure and immersion in salt water. It should not show a material difference in its initial characteristics over time.

- (7) **Edge Treatment.** The toe, head, and flanks of a rock-and-wire mattress revetment installation require treatment to prevent damage from undermining. Figure [203-6M](#) illustrates the possible toe-treatment configurations. If a toe apron is used, its projection should be 1.5 times the expected maximum depth of scour in the vicinity of the revetment toe. Where little toe scour is expected, the apron can be replaced with a single-course gabion toewall. This helps to support the revetment and prevents undermining. Where an excessive amount of toe scour is anticipated, both an apron and a toe wall can be used.

To provide extra strength at the revetment flanks, mattress units having additional thickness should be used at the upstream and downstream edges of the revetment, as shown in Figure [203-6R](#). A thin layer of topsoil should be spread over the flank units to form a soil layer to be seeded once the revetment installation is complete. The head of a rock-and-wire-mattress revetment can be terminated at grade as illustrated in Figure [203-6M](#).

- (8) **Filter Design.** Individual mattress units will act as a crude filter and a pavement unit if filled with overlapping layers of hand-size stones. However, the need for a filter should be investigated. If necessary, a layer of permeable membrane cloth, or geotextile, woven from synthetic fibers, or a gravel layer of thickness of 4 to 6 in. should be placed between the silty bank and the rock-and-wire-mattress revetment to further inhibit washout of fines.

b. **Stacked-Block Gabion:** Components of a stacked-block gabion revetment include the layout of a general scheme, bank and foundation preparation, unit size and configuration, stone size and quality, edge treatment, backfill and filter considerations, and basket or rock enclosure fabrication. Design guidelines for stone size and quality and bank preparation are the same as those for a mattress design.

- (1) **General.** A stacked-block gabion revetment should be used instead of a gabion mattress where the slope to be protected is steeper than 1H:1V, or where the purpose of the revetment is for flow training. Methods include a flow-training wall, as shown in Figure [203-6 S](#) detail (a), or a low retaining wall, as shown in Figure [203-6 S](#) detail (b).

A stacked-block gabion revetment should be based on a firm foundation. The foundation or base elevation of the structure should be below the anticipated scour depth. In an alluvial stream where channel-bed fluctuations are common, an apron should be used as illustrated in Figure [203-6 S](#). An apron should be used where the estimated scour depth is uncertain.

- (2) **Size and Configuration.** The common commercial sizes are listed in Figure [203-6 O](#). The most common size used is that of width and depth of 3 ft. A thickness of less than 1 ft is not practical.

Configurations include a flow-training wall or a structural retaining wall. The primary function of a flow-training wall is to establish a normal channel boundary in a stream where erosion has created a wide channel, or to realign the stream where it is encroaching on an existing or proposed structure. A stepped-back wall is constructed at the desired bank location. Counterforts are installed to tie the wall to the channel bank at regular intervals as illustrated. The counterforts are installed to form a structural tie between the training wall and the natural stream bank and to prevent overflow from scouring a channel behind the wall. Counterforts should be spaced to eliminate the development of eddy or other flow currents between the training wall and the bank which can cause further erosion of the bank. The dead-water zones created by the counterforts so spaced will encourage sediment deposition behind the wall which will enhance the stabilizing characteristics of the wall.

A retaining wall can be designed in a stepped-back configuration as illustrated in Figure [203-6 S](#) detail (b). Structural details and configurations can vary from site to site.

A gabion wall is a gravity structure, and its design follows engineering practice for a retaining structure. The design procedure is available in soil-mechanics texts or in gabion manufacturers' literature.

- (3) **Edge Treatment.** The upstream and downstream flanks of the revetment should include counterforts. See Figure [203-6 S](#) detail (a). The counterforts should be placed 12 to 18 ft from the upstream and downstream limits of the structure, and should extend a minimum of 12 ft into the bank.

The toe of the revetment should be protected by means of placing the base of the gabion wall at a depth below the anticipated scour depth. Where it is difficult to predict the depth of expected scour, or where channel-bed fluctuations are common, a mattress apron should be used. The minimum apron length should be equal to 1.5 times the anticipated scour depth below the apron. This length can be increased in proportion to the level of uncertainty in predicting the local toe-scour depth.

- (4) **Backfill or Filter Requirements.** Gabion-structure design requires the use of selected backfill behind the retaining structure to provide for drainage of the soil mass behind the retaining structure. The permeable nature of a gabion structure permits natural drainage of the supported embankment. However, because material leaching through the gabion wall can become trapped and can cause plugging, a granular backfill material should be used. The backfill should consist of a 2 to 12 in. layer of graded crushed stone backed with a layer of fine granular backfill.

3. **Precast Concrete Blocks.** A precast-concrete-block revetment consists of preformed sections which interlock with each other, are attached to each other, or butt together to form a continuous blanket or mat. The concrete blocks which make up the mats differ in shape and method of articulation, but they share common features. These include flexibility, rapid installation, and provision for the establishment of vegetation within the revetment.

- a. **Block Configurations.** Precast-concrete blocks are available the shapes and configurations shown in Figures [203-6T](#), [203-6U](#), [203-6V](#), [203-6W](#), and [203-6X](#). Other manufacturers' configurations are available. A precast-concrete revetment is bound to rectangular sheets of filter fabric, interlocks individual blocks, or is

butted together at the site. The most common method is to join individual blocks with wire cable or synthetic fiber rope.

- b. Design Guidelines. Components of a precast-concrete-block revetment design include layout of a general scheme, bank preparation, mattress and block size, slope, edge treatment, filter design, and surface treatment.

As illustrated in Figures [203-6T](#), [203-6U](#), [203-6V](#), [203-6W](#), and [203-6X](#), precast-concrete blocks are placed on the channel bank as continuous mattresses.

- (1) Mattress And Block Size. The overall mattress size is dictated by the longitudinal and vertical extent required of the revetment system. An articulated block mattress is assembled in sections prior to placement on the bank. The size of individual blocks is variable. Manufacturers have a number of standard sizes of a particular block available. Manufacturers' literature should be consulted in selecting an appropriate block size for a given hydraulic condition.
- (2) Slope. An articulated precast-block revetment can be used on a bank slope up to 1.5H:1V. However, an earth anchor should be used at the top of the revetment to secure the system against slippage (see Figures [203-6V](#) and [203-6W](#)). A precast-block revetment that is assembled by means of butting individual blocks end to end with no physical connection should not be used on a slope steeper than 3H:1V.
- (3) Edge Treatment. The toe, head, and flanks require treatment to prevent undermining. Toe treatment includes an apron as illustrated in Figures [203-6T](#) and [203-6W](#), or a toe-trench as illustrated in Figures [203-6U](#) and [203-6V](#). As a minimum, a toe apron should extend 1.5 times the anticipated scour depth in the vicinity of the bank toe. If a toe trench is used, the mattress should extend to a depth greater than the anticipated scour depth in the vicinity of the bank toe.

The edges can be terminated at grade as shown in Figures [203-6T](#), [203-6U](#), and [203-6W](#), or in a termination trench. A termination trench should be used in silty or sandy soil, for a high-velocity flow, or where failure of the revetment results in significant economic loss. A termination trench provides more protection against failure from undermining and outflanking than an at-grade termination. However, where upper-bank erosion or lateral outflanking is not expected to be a problem, a grade termination can provide an economic advantage.

For an articulated block, earth anchors should be placed at regular intervals along the top of the revetment (see Figures [203-6U](#) and [203-6V](#)). Anchors should be spaced based on soil type, mat size, and the size of the anchors. See manufacturers' literature for the recommended spacing.

- (4) **Filter.** Prior to installing the mats, a geotextile filter fabric should be installed on the bank to prevent bank material from leaching through the openings in the mattress structure. Although a fabric filter is recommended, graded filter material can be used if it is properly designed and installed to prevent movement of the graded material through the protective mattress.
 - (5) **Surface Treatment.** The surface treatments should be as shown in Figures [203-6U](#) and [203-6V](#). This treatment enhances both the structural stability of the embankment and its aesthetic qualities.
4. **Grouted Riprap.** Partially-grouted riprap should be used. It consists of rock-slope protection that is spot grouted to bind individual rocks into larger masses while leaving ungrouted areas so they are not connected into a monolithic armor. Partially-grouted riprap is flexible and allows vegetation to be established within the non-grouted areas which can also assist in stabilizing the slope. It can be placed on a bedding or filter layer of sand, gravel or geotextile fabric. It is hydrostatically stable, as it prevents trapping groundwater. The large interlocking masses provide resistance to stream flow and wave action. Optimal grouting ties together adjacent rock, but still leaves internal voids within the rock masses. A grouted-riprap section is shown in Figure [203-6Y](#). For additional information regarding partially-grouted riprap, see HEC-23.

Partially grouted riprap should extend from below the anticipated channel-bed scour depth to the design high-water level, plus additional height for freeboard.

- a. **Bank and Foundation Preparation.** The graded surface should not deviate from the specified slope line by more than 6 in. However, a local depression larger than this can be accommodated because initial placement of filter material or rock for the revetment will fill the depression.
- b. **Bank Slope.** The bank slope should not be steeper than 1.5H:1V. The Division of Geotechnical Services should be consulted for guidance.
- c. **Edge Treatment.** The head, toe, and flanks require treatment to prevent undermining. The revetment toe should extend to a depth below anticipated scour depths or to bedrock. The toe should be designed as illustrated in Figure [203-6Y](#),

Grouted Riprap Sections, detail (a). The grout-free riprap provides extra protection against undermining at the bank toe. Edge-treatment configurations are illustrated in Figure [203-6Y](#).

- d. **Filter.** A filter is required under the grouted-riprap revetment to provide a zone of high permeability to carry off seepage water and prevent damage to the overlying structure from uplift pressure. A granular filter of 6-in. thickness is required beneath the pavement to provide an adequate drainage zone. The filter can consist of well-graded granular material or uniformly-graded granular material with an underlying filter fabric. The filter should be designed to provide a high degree of permeability while preventing base material particles from penetrating the filter, thus causing clogging and failure of the protective filter layer.
 - e. **Pressure Relief.** Weep holes should be provided in the revetment to relieve hydrostatic pressure buildup behind the grout surface; see Figure [203-6Y](#) detail (a). Weep holes should extend through the grout surface to the interface with the gravel underdrain layer. Weep holes should consist of pipes of 3-in. diameter with a maximum horizontal spacing of 6 ft and a maximum vertical spacing of 10 ft. The buried end of the weep hole should be covered with wire screening or a fabric filter of a gage that will prevent passage of the gravel underlayer.
5. **Grouted-Fabric Slope Paving.** A grouted fabric-formed revetment is a relatively new development for use on an earth surface subject to erosion. It has been used as an alternative to traditional revetment such as a concrete liner, or riprap on a reservoir, canal, or dike.

A grouted fabric-formed revetment is made by means of pumping a fluid structural grout, or fine-aggregate concrete, into an in-situ envelope consisting of a double-layer synthetic fabric. During filling, excess mixing water is squeezed out through the permeable fabric, to reduce the water/cement ratio with consequent improvement in the quality of the hardened concrete. An advantage of this type of revetment is that it can be assembled underwater or in a dry location.

- a. **Types.** The types of fabric-formed revetments are as follows.
 - (1) **Type 1.** Two layers of nylon fabric are woven together at 5 in. to 10 in. centers as indicated in Figure [203-6Z](#). These points of attachment serve as filter points to relieve hydrostatic uplift caused due to percolation of groundwater through the underlying soil. The finished revetment has a

deeply-cobbled or quilted appearance. Mat thickness averages from 2 to 6 in.

(2) Type 2. Two layers of nylon or polypropylene woven fabric are joined together at spaced centers by means of interwoven tie cords, the length of which controls the thickness of the finished revetment. See Figure [203-6AA](#). Plastic tubes can be inserted through the two layers of fabric prior to grout injection to provide weep holes for relief of hydrostatic uplift. The finished revetment is of uniform cross section and has a lightly-pebbled appearance. Mat thickness averages from 2 to 10 in.

(3) Type 3. Two layers of nylon fabric are interwoven into rectangular block patterns. The points of interweaving serve as hinges to permit articulation of the hardened concrete blocks. The revetment is reinforced with steel cables or nylon rope threaded between the two layers of fabric prior to grout injection and remains embedded in the hardened cast-in-place blocks. Block thickness is controlled with spacer cords in the center of each block.

b. Design Guidelines. The woven fabric for a grouted fabric-formed revetment is available from a number of manufacturers. Manufacturers' literature should be consulted for designing and selecting the appropriate type of material and thickness for a given hydraulic condition.

6. Soil-Cement. Soil-cement is an acceptable method of slope protection for a dam, dike, levee, channel, or highway embankment. Soil-cement can also be used to construct an impervious core and provide a protective facing. Soil-cement is constructed in a stair step manner by means of placing and compacting it in horizontal layers stair stepped up the embankment (See Figure [203-6BB](#)). An embankment slope from 2.5H:1V to 4H:1V, and a horizontal-layer width from 7 ft to 9 ft provide minimum protective thicknesses of about 1.5 to 2.5 ft measured normal to the slope.

The Portland Cement Association (PCA) has data on soil types, gradations, costs, and testing procedures. The PCA also has data on placement and compaction methods.

Use of soil-cement does not require further design considerations for the embankment. Proper embankment design procedures should be followed based on individual project conditions, to prevent subsidence or other type of embankment distress.

- a. Top, Toe, and End Features. All extremities of the facing should be tied into non-erodible sections or abutments. Adequate freeboard and the carrying of the soil-cement to the paved roadway, plus a lower section as shown in Figure [203-6BB](#), will minimize erosion from behind the crest and under the toe of the facing. The ends of the facing should terminate smoothly in a flat slope or against a rocky abutment. A small amount of rock riprap can be placed over and adjacent to the edges of the soil-cement at its contact with the abutment.

- b. Special Conditions. Slope stability is provided for an embankment by means of the strength and impermeability of the soil-cement facing. Further design considerations should not be necessary for a soil-cement-faced embankment. It is necessary to utilize proper design and analysis procedures to ensure the structural and hydraulic integrity of the embankment. Conditions most likely to require analysis include subsidence of the embankment or rapid drawdown of the reservoir or river.

- c. Subsidence. Embankment subsidence results from a compressible foundation, settlement within the embankment itself, or both. Analyzing the possible effects of such a condition involves assumptions concerning the embankment behavior. Combining these assumptions with the characteristics of the facing, a structural analysis of the condition can be made. If the unit weight and flexural strength of the soil-cement are not known, they should be taken as 120 lb/ft³ and 150 to 200 lb/in², respectively. The layer effect can be ignored.

The post-construction appearance of a pattern of narrow surface cracks of about 10 to 20 ft apart is evidence of normal hardening of the soil-cement. Substantial embankment subsidence can allow the facing to settle back in large sections coinciding with the normal shrinkage-crack pattern. If such settlement of the soil-cement, with separation at the shrinkable cracks, takes place, the slope remains adequately protected unless the settlement is large enough to allow the outer face of a settling section to move past the inner face of an adjoining section.

- d. Rapid Drawdown. Rapid drawdown exceeding 15 ft or more within 3 to 4 days theoretically produces hydrostatic pressure from moisture trapped in the embankment against the back of the facing. The design concepts that can be used to prevent damage due to rapid drawdown-induced pressure are as follows:

- (1) designing the embankment so that its least-permeable zone is immediately adjacent to the soil-cement facing, which ensures that seepage through cracks in the facing will not build up a pool of water sufficient to produce damaging hydrostatic pressure;
- (2) arbitrarily assuming the weight of the facing sufficient to resist uplift pressures that may develop; and
- (3) providing free drainage behind, through, or under the soil-cement facing to prevent adverse hydrostatic pressure.

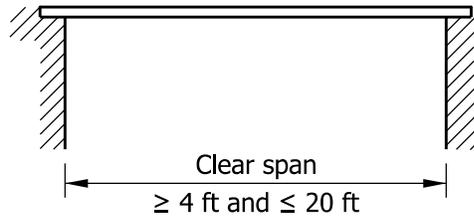
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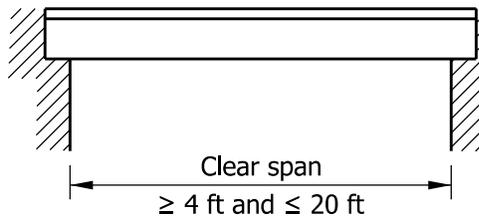
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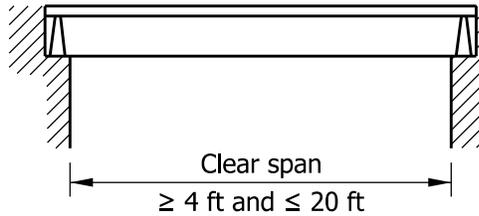
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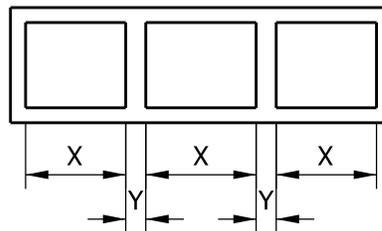
Concrete beams or girders or steel beams embedded in the backwall



Steel beams or girders or concrete beams on bearings

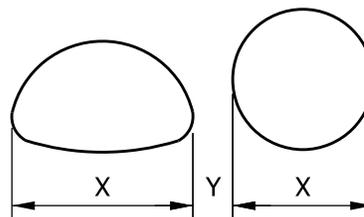


Multiple concrete box culvert at grade or under fill (one or multi-span)



$$X + Y + X... = \geq 4 \text{ ft and } \leq 20 \text{ ft}$$

Metal pipe under fill (one or multi-span)



$$X + Y + X... = \geq 4 \text{ ft and } \leq 20 \text{ ft}$$

SPAN LENGTHS FOR CULVERTS

Figure 203-2A

Structure Application	Minimum Circular Pipe Size	Minimum Deformed Pipe Area
New or Replacement		
Drive	15 in.	1.1 ft ²
Mainline or Public Road Approach (2 lanes)	15 in.	1.1 ft ²
Mainline or Public Road Approach (≥ 3 Lanes)	36 in.	6.7 ft ²
Bored Pipe in Conjunction with Small Structure Pipe Liner Project		
Mainline or Public Road Approach (2 lanes)	15 in.	n/a
Mainline or Public Road Approach (≥ 3 Lanes)	18 in.	n/a

MINIMUM PIPE SIZE

Figure 203-2B [Rev. Apr. 2017]

Functional Classification	Allowable Backwater, Annual EP	Roadway Serviceability, Annual EP	Service-ability Freeboard *	Bridge, Allowable Velocity, Annual EP	Culvert, Allowable Velocity, Annual EP
Freeway	1%	1%	2 ft	1%	2%
Ramp	1%	1%	0 ft	1%	2%
Non-Freeway, 4 or More Lanes	1%	1%	2 ft	1%	2%
Two-Lane Facility, AADT > 3000	1%	1%	1 ft	1%	2%
Two-Lane Facility, 1000 < AADT ≤ 3000	1%	4%	0 ft	1%	4%
Two-Lane Facility, AADT ≤ 1000	1%	10%	0 ft	1%	10%
Drive	1%	10%	0 ft	1%	10%

* Required serviceability freeboard is based on the difference between the edge-of-pavement and the structure-headwater elevations throughout the floodplain or watershed. Roadway serviceability should consider backwater effects from a larger downstream waterway.

**DESIGN-STORM FREQUENCY
FOR BRIDGE OR CULVERT**

**Figure 203-2C
(Page 1 of 2)**

Functional Classification	Backwater Design Storm, Annual EP	Roadway Serviceability, Annual EP	Service-ability Freeboard *	Allowable Velocity, Annual EP
Freeway	1%	4%	0 ft	10%
Non-Freeway, 4 or More Lanes	1%	10%	0 ft	10%
Two-Lane Facility, AADT > 3000	1%	10%	0 ft	10%
Two-Lane Facility, 1000 < AADT ≤ 3000	1%	50%	0 ft	50%
Two-Lane Facility, AADT ≤ 1000	1%	50%	0 ft	50%

* Required serviceability freeboard is based on the difference between the edge-of-pavement and the structure-headwater elevations throughout the floodplain or watershed. Roadway serviceability should consider backwater effects from a larger downstream waterway.

**DESIGN-STORM FREQUENCY
FOR TEMPORARY STRUCTURE**

**Figure 203-2C
(Page 2 of 2)**

Riprap Sizing for Erosion Protection		Velocity, v (fps)			
		$v < 6.5$	$6.5 \leq v < 10$	$10 \leq v < 13$	$v > 13$
Span of Structure, x	$x \leq 2'$	Revetment	Revetment	Revetment	Revetment
	$2' < x \leq 2.5'$	Revetment	Class 1	Class 1	Class 1
	$2.5' < x \leq 3'$	Revetment	Class 1	Class 2	Class 2
	$x > 3'$	Revetment	Class 1	Class 2	Energy Dissipator
Stream Protection		Revetment	Class 1	Class 2	Class 2

Notes:

1. If clear-zone or other issues prohibit the use of the required erosion-protection method, the Office of Hydraulics should be contacted for additional instructions.
2. Substitution of partially grouted riprap of one size smaller than that recommended in the table may be used.

STREAM VELOCITY FOR EROSION PROTECTION

Figure 203-2D

[Rev. Jan. 2023]

Structure Diameter or Span, S (ft)	Sump Required for Stream Bed of Sand (in.)	Sump Required for Stream Bed of Other Soil (in.)	Sump Required for Stream Bed of Rock or Till (in.)
< 4	6	3	3
$4 \leq S < 12$	12	6	3
$12 \leq S < 20$	18	12	3

PIPE- OR BOX-STRUCTURE SUMP REQUIREMENT

Figure 203-2E

Type of Conduit	Wall Description	Manning's <i>n</i>
Concrete Pipe	Smooth Interior	0.012
Concrete Box	Smooth Walls	0.012- 0.015
Corrugated Metal Pipe or Arch, Annular or Helical Pipe	2.75 in. x 0.5 in Corrugations	0.024
	6 in. x 1 in. corrugations	0.022-0.025
	5 in. x 1 in. corrugations	0.025-0.026
	3 in. x 1 in. corrugations	0.027-0.028
	6 in. x 2 in. structural plate	0.033-0.035
	9.25 in. x 2.5 in. structural plate	0.033-0.037
Spiral Rib Metal Pipe	Semi-Smooth Interior	0.015
Thermoplastic/HDPE Pipe	Smooth Interior	0.012
Cured in Place Liner (CIPP)	Smooth Interior	0.012

Note: The value indicated in this table is the recommended Manning's *n* design value. The actual field value for an older, existing pipeline may vary depending on the effects of abrasion, corrosion, deflection and joint conditions. A concrete pipe with poor joints and deteriorated walls may have an *n* value of 0.014 to 0.018. A corrugated metal pipe with joint and wall problems may also have a higher *n* value, and may experience shape changes which can adversely affect the general hydraulics characteristics of the culvert.

RECOMMENDED MANNING'S *n* VALUE FOR CULVERTS

Figure 203-2F

AREA RATIO	FREQUENCY FOR COINCIDENTAL OCCURRENCE							
	10% EP (10 YR)		4% EP (25 YR)		2% EP (50 YR)		1% EP (100 YR)	
	MAIN STREAM	TRIBUTARY	MAIN STREAM	TRIBUTARY	MAIN STREAM	TRIBUTARY	MAIN STREAM	TRIBUTARY
10,000 TO 1	1	10	2	25	2	50	2	100
	10	1	25	2	50	2	100	2
1,000 TO 1	2	10	2	25	2	50	2	100
	10	2	25	2	50	2	100	2
100 TO 1	5	10	5	25	5	50	5	100
	10	5	25	5	50	5	100	5
10 TO 1	10	10	10	25	10	50	25	100
	10	10	25	10	50	10	100	25
1 TO 1	10	10	25	25	25	50	50	100
	10	10	25	25	50	25	100	50

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JOINT PROBABILITY ANALYSIS

FIGURE 203-2G

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Type of Structure and Design of Entrance

Coefficient K_E

Pipe, Concrete

Mitered to conform to fill slope	0.7
*End-Section conforming to fill slope	0.5
Projecting from fill, square cut end.....	0.5
Headwall or headwall and wingwalls, Square-edged.....	0.5
Rounded, radius = $1/12D$	0.2
Socket end of pipe, grooved.....	0.2
Projecting from fill, socket end, grooved.....	0.2
Beveled edges, 33.7-deg or 45-deg bevels.....	0.2
Side- or slope-tapered inlet	0.2

Pipe or Pipe-Arch, Corrugated Metal

Projecting from fill with no headwall	0.9
Mitered to conform to fill slope, paved or unpaved slope	0.7
Headwall or headwall and wingwalls, square-edged.....	0.5
*End-section conforming to fill slope.....	0.5
Beveled edges, 33.7-deg or 45-deg bevels.....	0.2
Side- or slope-tapered inlet	0.2

Box, Reinforced Concrete

Wingwalls parallel, extension of sides, Square-edged at crown.....	0.7
Wingwalls at 10 deg to 25 deg, or 30 deg to 75 deg to barrel, Square-edged at crown.....	0.5
Headwall parallel to embankment without wingwalls, Square-edged on 3 edges	0.5
Rounded on 3 edges to radius of $1/12$ barrel dimension, or beveled edges on 3 sides	0.2
Wingwalls at 30 deg to 75 deg to barrel, Crown edge rounded to radius of $1/12$ barrel dimension, or beveled top edge	0.2
Side- or slope-tapered inlet	0.2

* *An end section conforming to the fill slope, made of either metal or concrete, is the section commonly available from manufacturers. From limited hydraulic tests, it is equivalent in operation to a headwall in both inlet and outlet control. An end section incorporating a closed taper in its design may have a superior hydraulic performance. Such a section can be designed using the information shown for the beveled inlet.*

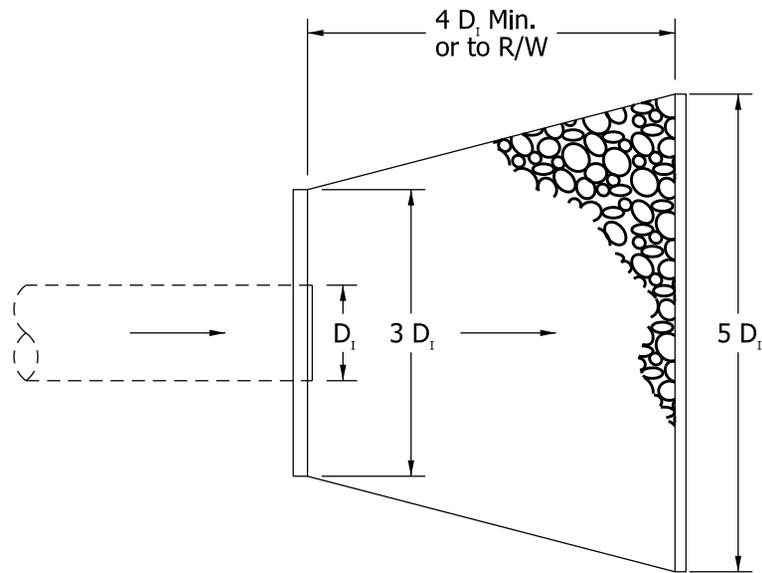
ENTRANCE-LOSS COEFFICIENT
Outlet Control, Full or Partly Full

Figure 203-2H

End-Treatment Type	Entrance Type	K_E
Grated Box End Section, Type 1	Concrete Pipe, headwall with square edge	0.5
Grated Box End Section, Type 2	Concrete Pipe, headwall with square edge	0.5
Multiple-Pipes Concrete Anchor	Concrete Pipe, projecting from fill, square cut end	0.5
Multiple-Pipes Concrete Anchor	Corrugated Metal Pipe, Projecting from fill	0.9
Metal Pipe End Section	Corrugated Metal Pipe, end section conforming to fill slope	0.5
Precast-Concrete End Section	Concrete Pipe, end section conforming to fill slope	0.5
Safety Metal End Section	Corrugated Metal Pipe, mitered to conform to fill slope	0.7
Safety Metal End Section	Corrugated Metal Pipe, end section conforming to fill slope	0.5
Safety Metal End Section	Corrugated Metal Pipe, mitered to conform to fill slope	0.7
Safety Metal End Section	Corrugated Metal Pipe, end section conforming to fill slope	0.5
Single-Pipe Concrete Anchor	Corrugated Metal Pipe, projecting from fill	0.9
Single-Pipe Concrete Anchor	Concrete Pipe, projecting from fill, square cut end	0.5
Single-Pipe Concrete Anchor	Corrugated Metal Pipe-Arch, projecting from fill	0.9
Multiple-Pipe Concrete Anchor	Concrete Pipe-Arch, projecting from fill, square cut end	0.5
Multiple-Pipe Concrete Anchor	Corrugated Metal Pipe-Arch, projecting from fill	0.9

**ENTRANCE-LOSS COEFFICIENT, K_E ,
FOR STANDARD CULVERT**

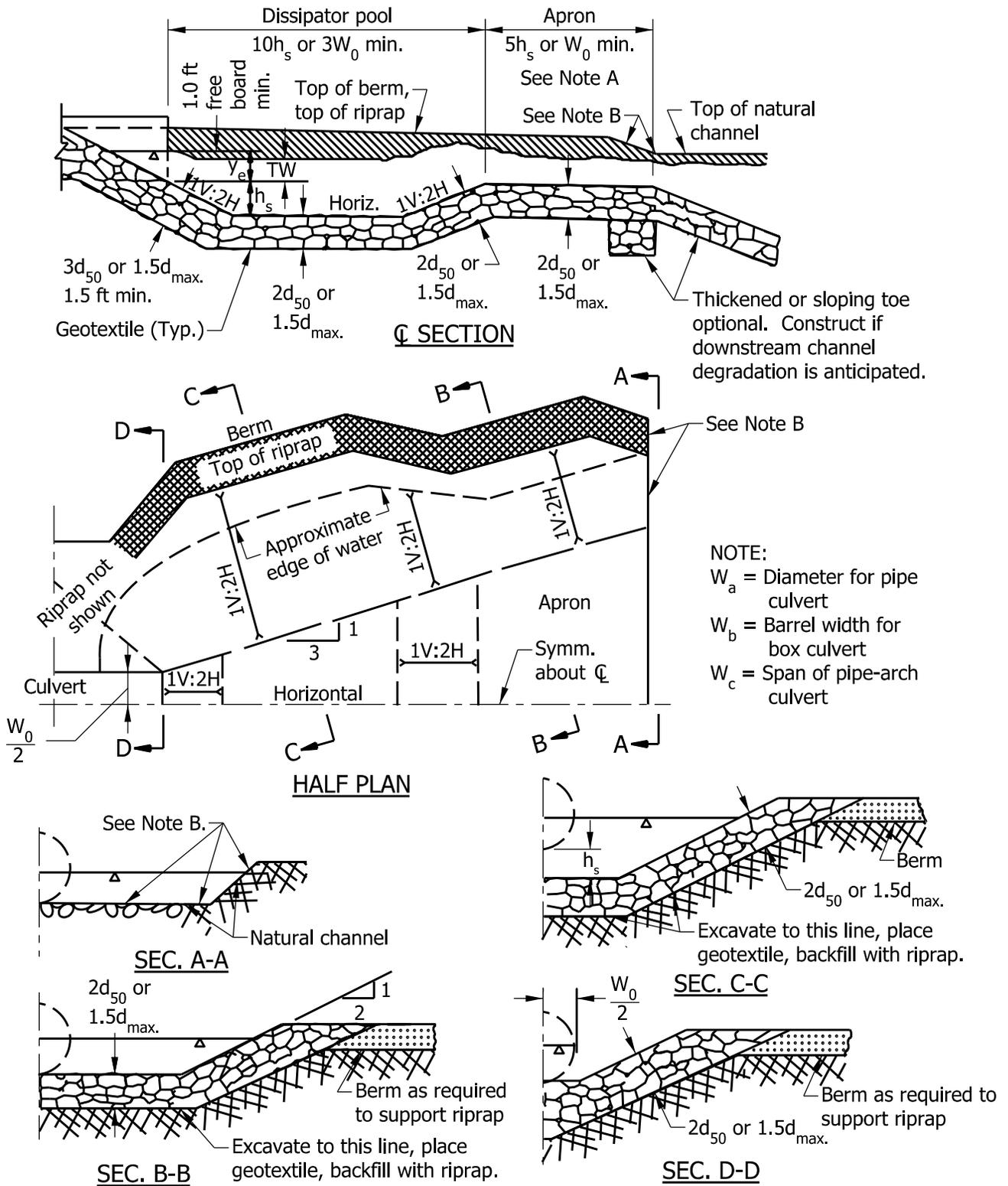
Figure 203-2 I



D_i = Inside Diameter (or Span) of structure
 For Liners:
 D_i = Inside Diameter (or Span) of host Pipe

MINIMUM RIPRAP APRON DIMENSIONS

Figure 203-2J



NOTE A: If exit velocity of basin is specified, extend basin as required to obtain sufficient cross-sectional area at Section A-A such that $Q_{des} / (\text{Cross section area at Sec. A-A}) = \text{Specified exit velocity}$.

NOTE B: Warp basin to conform to natural stream channel. Top of riprap in floor of basin should be at the same elevation or lower than natural channel bottom at Sec. A-A.

DETAILS OF RIPRAP BASIN ENERGY DISSIPATOR
Figure 203-2K

RIPRAP BASIN CHECKLIST

Route

Project No.

Designer

Date

Reviewer

Date

DESIGN VALUES (IDM Figure 203-2M)	TRIAL 1	FINAL TRIAL
Equivalent Depth, d_E		
D_{50}/d_E		
D_{50}		
Froude No., Fr		
h_s/d_E		
h_s		
h_s/D_{50}		
$2 < h_s/D_{50} < 4$		

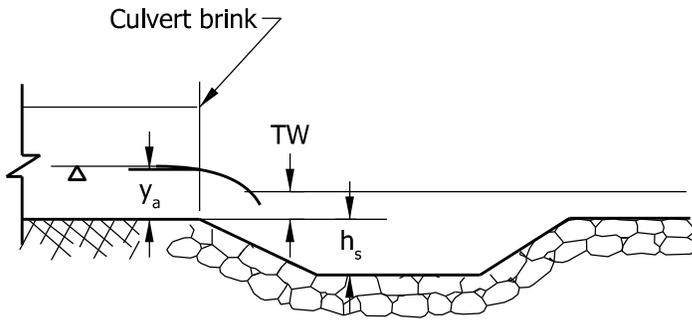
BASIN DIMENSIONS	FEET	
Pool length is the larger of:	$10h_s$	
	$3W_o$	
Basin length is the larger of:	$15h_s$	
	$4W_o$	
Approach Thickness	$3D_{50}$	
Basin Thickness	$2D_{50}$	

TAILWATER CHECK	
Tailwater, TW	
Equivalent depth, d_E	
TW/d_E	
IF $TW/d_E > 0.75$, calculate riprap downstream using IDM Figure 203-2N	
$D_E = (4A_s/\pi)^{0.5}$	

DOWNSTREAM RIPRAP (IDM Figure 203-2N)				
L/D_E	L	V_L/V_o	V_L	D_{50}

RIPRAP BASIN CHECKLIST

Figure 203-2L

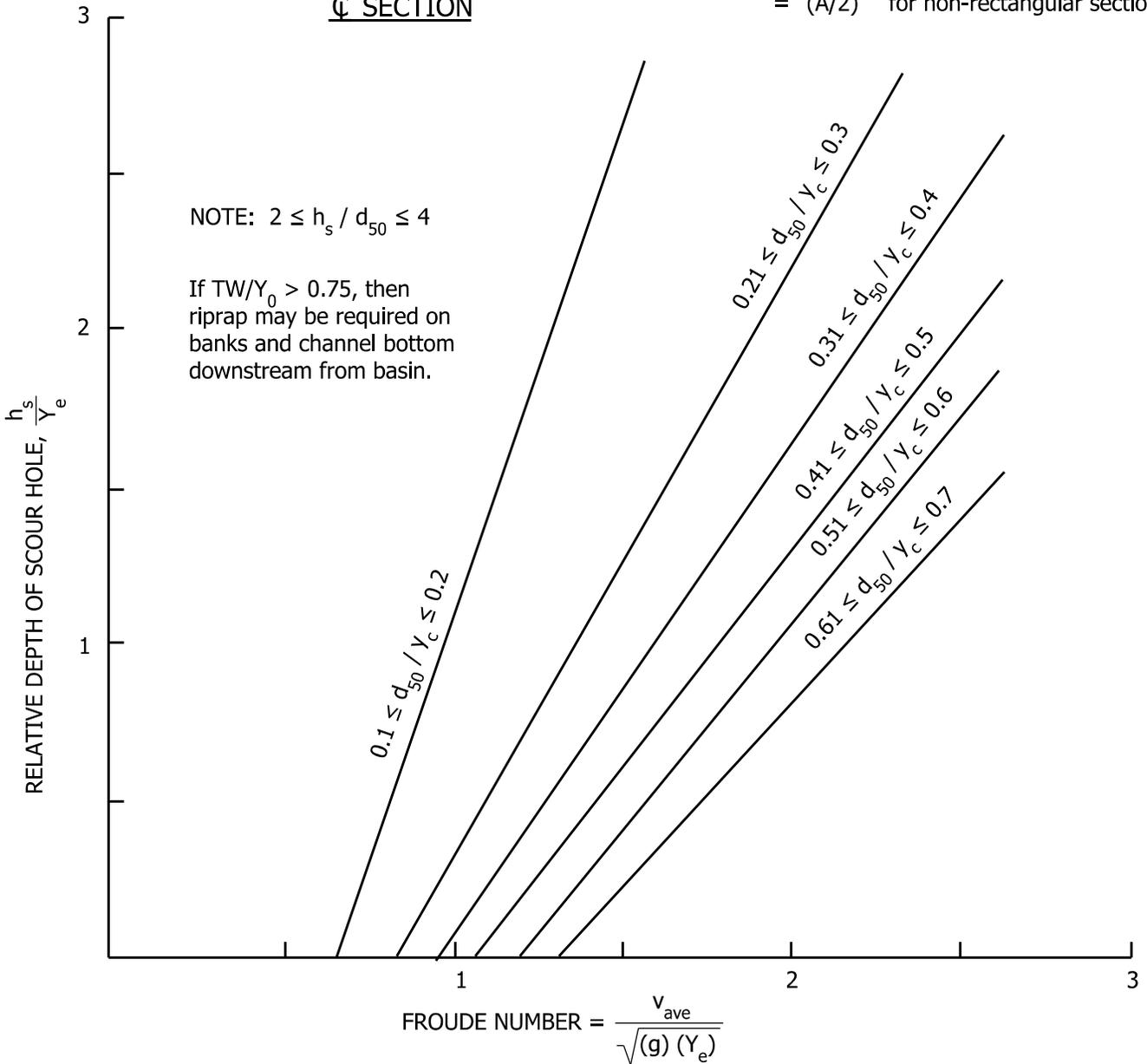


$$v_{ave} = \frac{\text{Design discharge (Q)}}{\text{Wetted area at brink of culvert}}$$

d_{50} = Median size of rock by weight, rounded rock or angular rock

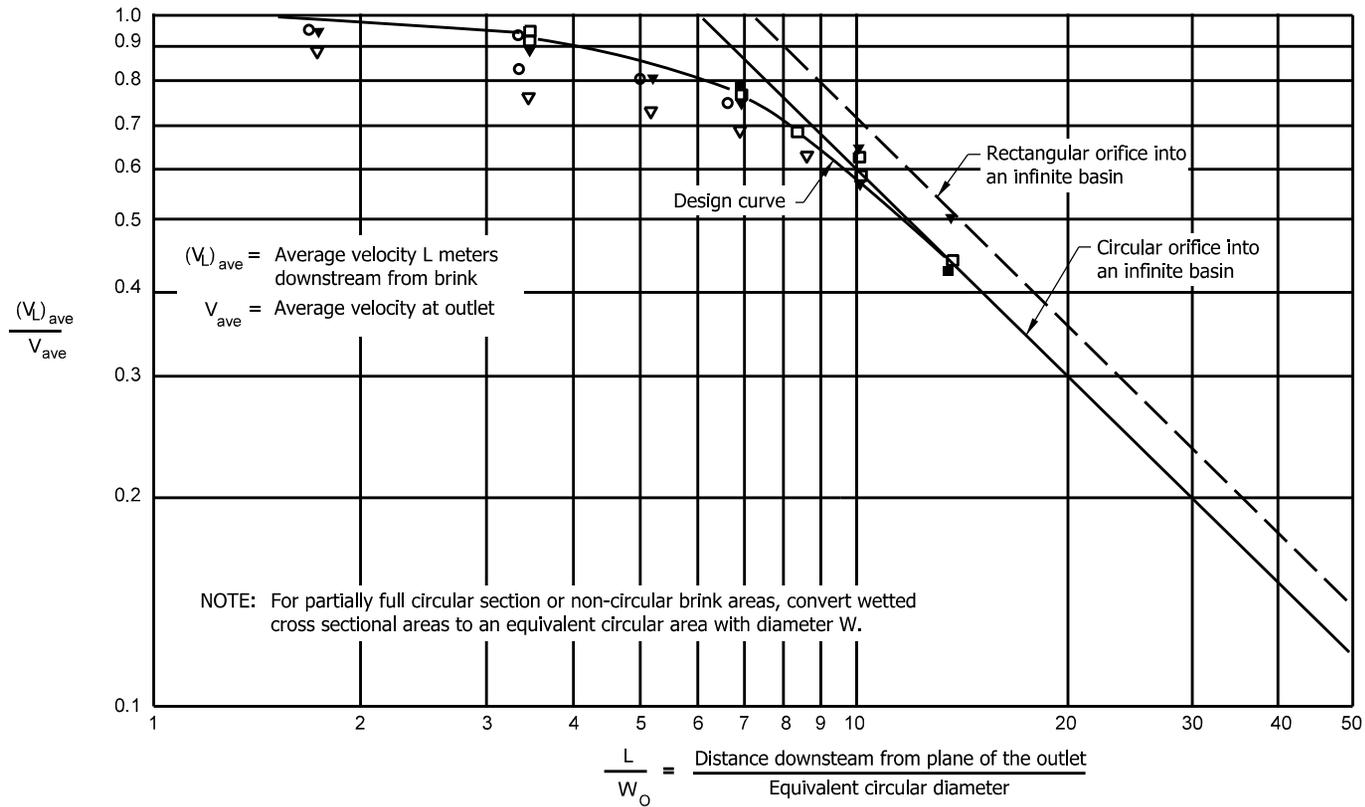
y_a = Equivalent brink depth
 = Brink depth for box culvert
 = $(A/2)^{0.5}$ for non-rectangular sections

SECTION



RIPRAP BASIN DEPTH OF SCOUR

Figure 203-2M



SYM	W_o (ft)	Q (ft ³ /s)	V_{ave} (ft/s)	TW (ft)
□	1.44	23	15.09	1.61
□	1.44	14	10.30	1.61
○	3.08	65	9.29	3.08
●	3.08	84	11.91	3.08
▽	1.44	21	14.01	1.25
▽	1.44	14	9.29	1.25

NOTE: To be used for predicting channel velocities downstream from culvert outlets where high tailwater prevails.

DISTRIBUTION OF CENTERLINE VELOCITY FLOW FROM SUBMERGED OUTLETS

Figure 203-2N

RISE	4 ft		5 ft		6 ft		7 ft		8 ft		
	PERP. SPAN	Wt., T / ft	Lgth., ft								
13 ft		2.00	6	3.15	6	3.30	6	3.45	6	3.60	6
14 ft		3.15	6	3.30	6	3.45	6	3.60	6	3.75	5
15 ft		3.30	6	3.45	6	3.60	6	3.75	5	3.90	5
16 ft		3.45	6	3.60	6	3.75	5	3.90	5	4.05	5
17 ft		3.60	6	3.75	5	3.90	5	4.05	5	4.20	5
18 ft		3.75	5	3.90	5	4.05	5	4.20	5	4.35	5
19 ft		3.90	5	4.05	5	4.20	5	4.35	5	4.50	4
20 ft		4.05	5	4.20	5	4.35	5	4.50	4	4.65	4

OVERSIZE-BOX-CULVERT SEGMENTS WEIGHT AND LENGTH

Figure 203-2 O

Case	Freeboard Specified	Acceptable Structure Alternates to be Shown on Plans
1	≥ 1 ft	Flat-topped, arch-topped, true-arch
2	< 1 ft	Those indicated in hydraulics recommendation letter

**DETERMINATION OF ACCEPTABLE
THREE-SIDED-STRUCTURE ALTERNATES**

Figure 203-2P

Feet	Inches	Feet	Inches
12	144	24	288
13	156	25	300
14	168	26	312
15	180	27	324
16	192	28	336
17	204	29	348
18	216	30	360
19	228	32	384
20	240	34	408
21	252	36	432
22	264	42	504
23	276	48	576

**THREE-SIDED STRUCTURE
PERPENDICULAR-SPAN DESIGNATIONS**

Figure 203-2Q

Feet	Inches	Feet	Inches
4	48	10'-4"	124
5	60	10'-8"	128
6	72	11'	132
7	84	11'-4"	136
8	96	11'-8"	140
9	108	12	144
10	120	---	---

**THREE-SIDED-STRUCTURE
RISE DESIGNATIONS**

Figure 203-2R

MIN. AVG. STREAM VELOCITY ft/s	MAX. AVG. STREAM VELOCITY ft/s	RIPRAP AT STR.	RIPRAP AT OUTSIDE CURVED BEND IN CHANNEL	BASE-SLAB CONCRETE AT STR.
n/a	≤ 6.5	Revetment	Class 1	n/a
> 6.5	< 10	Class 1	Class 2	n/a
≥ 10	< 13	Class 2	Base Slab	Class B
≥ 13	n/a	Base Slab	Base Slab	Class B

Note: The maximum average stream velocity at the structure can occur at a lesser event than the design storm if roadway overtopping is present during the design storm.

**SCOUR PROTECTION OF CHANNEL
AT THREE-SIDED STRUCTURE**

Figure 203-2S

Type of Channel and Description	Minimum	Normal	Maximum
EXCAVATED OR DREDGED			
1. Earth, Straight and Uniform	0.016	0.018	0.020
a. Clean, recently completed	0.018	0.022	0.025
b. Clean, after weathering	0.022	0.025	0.030
c. Gravel, uniform section, clean	0.022	0.027	0.033
2. Earth, Winding and Sluggish			
a. No vegetation	0.023	0.025	0.030
b. Grass, some weeds	0.025	0.030	0.033
c. Dense weeds or aquatic plants in deep channel	0.030	0.035	0.040
d. Earth bottom and rubble sides	0.025	0.030	0.035
e. Stony bottom and weedy sides	0.025	0.035	0.045
f. Cobble bottom and clean sides	0.030	0.040	0.050
3. Dragline, Excavated or Dredged			
a. No vegetation	0.025	0.028	0.033
b. Light brush on banks	0.035	0.050	0.060
4. Rock Cut			
a. Smooth and uniform	0.025	0.035	0.040
b. Jagged and irregular	0.035	0.040	0.050
5. Channel Not Maintained, Weeds and Brush Uncut			
a. Dense weeds, high as flow depth	0.050	0.080	0.120
b. Clean bottom, brush on sides	0.040	0.050	0.080
c. Clean bottom, highest stage of flow	0.045	0.070	0.110
d. Dense brush, high stage	0.080	0.100	0.140
NATURAL STREAM			
1. Minor Stream (top width at flood stage < 100 ft)			
a. Stream on plain			
(1) Clean, straight, full stage, no rifts or deep pools	0.025	0.030	0.033
(2) Same as above, but more stones or weeds	0.030	0.035	0.040
(3) Clean, winding, some pools or shoals	0.033	0.040	0.045
(4) Same as above, but some weeds or stones	0.035	0.045	0.050
(5) Same as above, lower stages, more ineffective slopes and sections	0.040	0.048	0.055
(6) Same as (4), but more stones	0.045	0.050	0.060
(7) Sluggish reaches, weedy, deep pools	0.050	0.070	0.080
(8) Very weedy reaches, deep pools, or floodway with heavy stand of timber and underbrush	0.075	0.100	0.150

Type of Channel and Description	Minimum	Normal	Maximum
NATURAL STREAM (contd.)			
1. Minor Stream (contd.)			
b. Mountain stream, no vegetation in channel, banks usually steep, trees and brush along banks submerged at high stages			
(1) Bottom: gravel, cobbles, and few boulders	0.030	0.040	0.050
(2) Bottom: cobbles with large boulders	0.040	0.050	0.07
2. Floodplain			
a. Pasture, no brush			
(1) Short grass	0.025	0.030	0.035
(2) High grass	0.030	0.035	0.050
b. Cultivated area			
(1) No crop	0.020	0.030	0.040
(2) Mature row crops	0.025	0.035	0.045
(3) Mature field crops	0.030	0.040	0.050
c. Brush			
(1) Scattered brush, heavy weeds	0.035	0.050	0.070
(2) Light brush and trees, in winter	0.035	0.050	0.060
(3) Light brush and trees, in summer	0.040	0.060	0.080
(4) Medium to dense brush, in winter	0.045	0.070	0.110
(5) Medium to dense brush, in summer	0.070	0.100	0.160
d. Trees			
(1) Dense willows, in summer, straight	0.110	0.150	0.200
(2) Cleared land with tree stumps, no sprouts	0.030	0.040	0.050
(3) Same as above, but with heavy growth of sprouts	0.050	0.060	0.080
(4) Heavy stand of timber, a few downed trees, little undergrowth, flood stage below branches	0.080	0.100	0.120
(5) Same as above, but with flood stage reaching branches	0.100	0.120	0.160
3. Major Stream (top width at flood stage > 100 ft). The <i>n</i> value is less than that for a minor stream of similar description, because banks offer less effective resistance.			
a. Regular section with no boulders or brush	0.025	n/a	0.060
b. Irregular and rough section	0.035	n/a	0.100

Source: Chow, V.T.

VALUES OF MANNING'S *n* FOR UNIFORM FLOW, Figure 203-3A

Type	Minimum Thickness	
	Abutment	Pier
Revetment	1.5 ft	2.0 ft
Class 1	2.0 ft	3.0 ft
Class 2	2.5 ft	4.0 ft

Riprap-Lay Thickness

Note: The thickness is measured such that the top is at the ground elevation.

Substructure Type	Lay Width
Sloping Abutment	The cone is covered top to toe, a square toe trench is placed below the riprap, based on lay thickness.
Vertical Abutment	2 times the water depth or a minimum of 10 ft
Pier	2 times the pier width or a minimum of 6 ft. The lay width is from the outside wall of the pier, all the way around.

Riprap-Lay Width

Note: For an oversized-box or three-sided structure, see the INDOT *Standard Drawings*.

RIPRAP SCOUR PROTECTION

Figure 203-3B

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS

INDOT

TECHNICAL AIDS

- Indiana Design Manual, Part II*
- INDOT and FHWA Directives
- FHWA Publications

COMPUTER PROGRAMS

- HY8
- HEC-RAS River Analysis System
- Log-Pearson Type III Analysis
- WSPRO Water-Surface Profile
- PFP-HYDRA
- HEC-HMS / TR 20
- HEC-RAS Scour Analysis

- Other _____

Designed by: _____

Date: _____

Reviewed by: _____

Date: _____

Hydraulics QA Checklist

(Continued)

Type of Facility	Design Frequency	Allowable Spread, <i>T</i>
Freeway	2% Annual EP	Edge of travel lane
Non-Freeway, ≥ 4 Lanes	10 % Annual EP	Across one-half travel lane
Two-Lane Facility	10 % Annual EP	4 ft onto travel lane
Bridge Deck, Non-Freeway $V \geq 50$ mph $V < 50$ mph	10 % Annual EP 10% Annual EP	Edge of travel lane 3 ft onto travel lane
Ramp $V \geq 50$ mph $V < 50$ mph	10% Annual EP 10% Annual EP	Edge of travel lane 3 ft onto travel lane

Note: Consideration for a 2% annual EP storm event should be used when in a depressed area.
See Section 203-4.04(10)

DESIGN FREQUENCY AND ALLOWABLE WATER SPREAD

Figure 203-4A

Str.	Type	Casting Types												
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	12	12A	13	14	15
Catch Basin	A	X	X					X						
	D					X								
	E						X							
	J								X					
	K								X					
	S												X	
	W ¹	X	X						X					
Inlet	A	X	X					X						
	B													X
	C													X
	D					X								
	E						X							
	F						X							
	G						X							
	H, HA				X									
	J								X					
	M								X					
	N									X				
	P										X			
	R											X		
	S												X	
T													X	
Manhole	A	X		X				X						
	B	X		X				X						
	C ²	X		X				X						
	D	X		X				X						
	E	X		X				X						
	F	X		X				X						
	G	X		X				X						
	H	X		X				X						
	J	X		X				X						
	K	X		X				X						
	L	X		X				X						
	M	X		X				X						
	N	X		X				X						

Notes: ¹ May be substituted for catch basin type A.

² May be substituted for manhole type A or B.

COMPATIBILITY OF DRAINAGE STRUCTURES AND CASTINGS

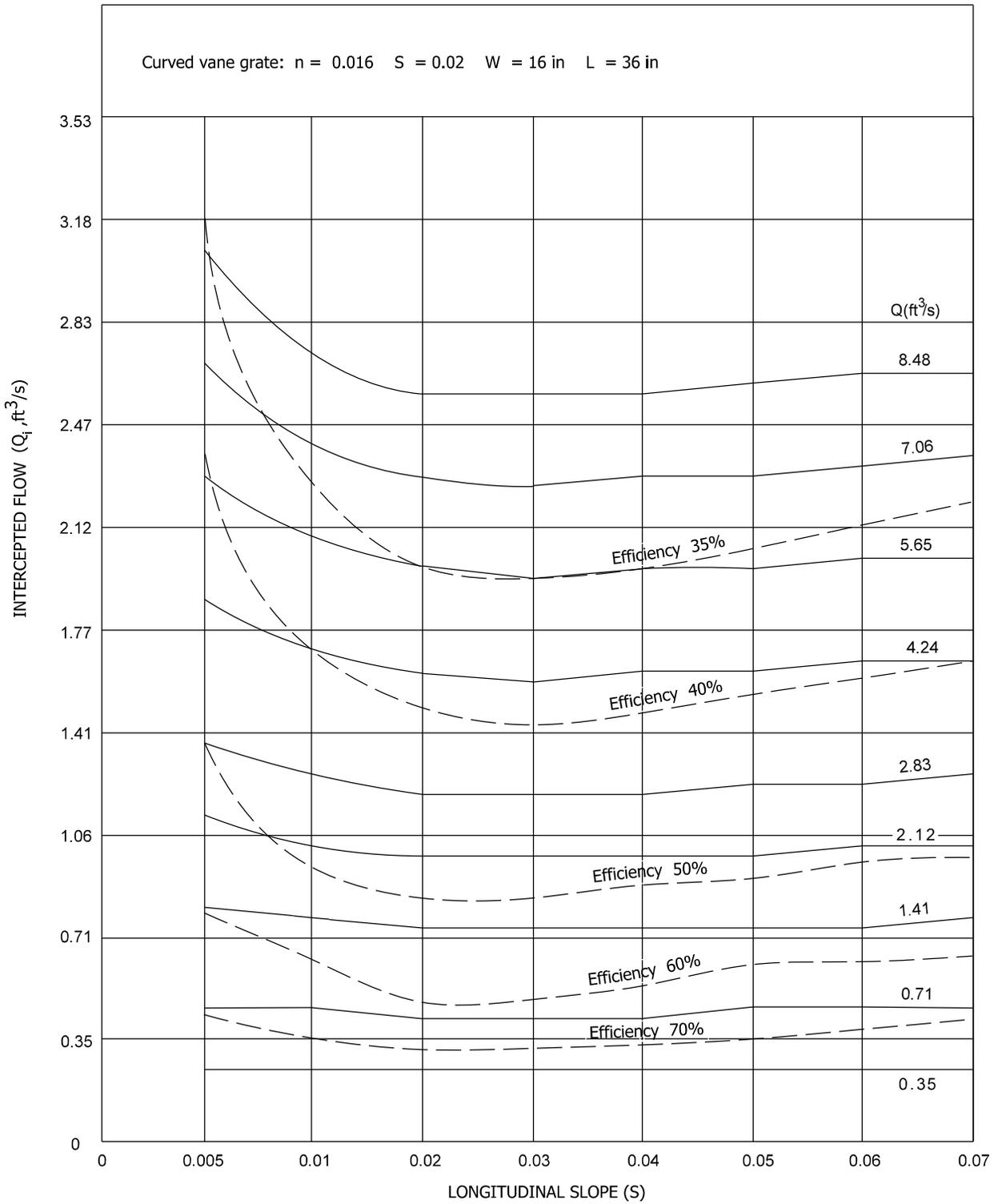
Figure 203-4B

Type of Gutter or Pavement	Manning's n
Concrete gutter, troweled finish	0.012
Asphalt Pavement	
Smooth texture	0.013
Rough texture	0.016
Concrete gutter-asphalt pavement	
Smooth	0.013
Rough	0.015
Concrete pavement	
Float finish	0.014
Broom finish	0.016

- Notes: 1. For a gutter with a small slope where sediment may accumulate, increase n value by 0.002.
2. Reference: *USDOT, FHWA, HDS-3 (1961)*

MANNING'S n FOR STREET OR PAVEMENT GUTTER

Figure 203-4C



INLET CAPACITY CHART (CURVED VANE GRATE)

FIGURE 203-4D

Manhole Type	Manhole Inside-Dia. Dimension (in.)	Maximum Trunkline Pipe Size (in.)	Minimum Trunkline Pipe Size (in.)
A	48 dia.	24	12
B	36 dia.	18	12
C	49 dia.	24	12
D	58 x 74	42	27
E	80 x 74	60	48
F	108 x 74	84	66
G	136 x 74	108	90
H	49 dia.	36	24
J	62 dia.	36	24
K	74 dia.	48	36
L	98 dia.	54	48
M	104 dia.	72	54
N	110 dia.	84	72

MANHOLE TYPES

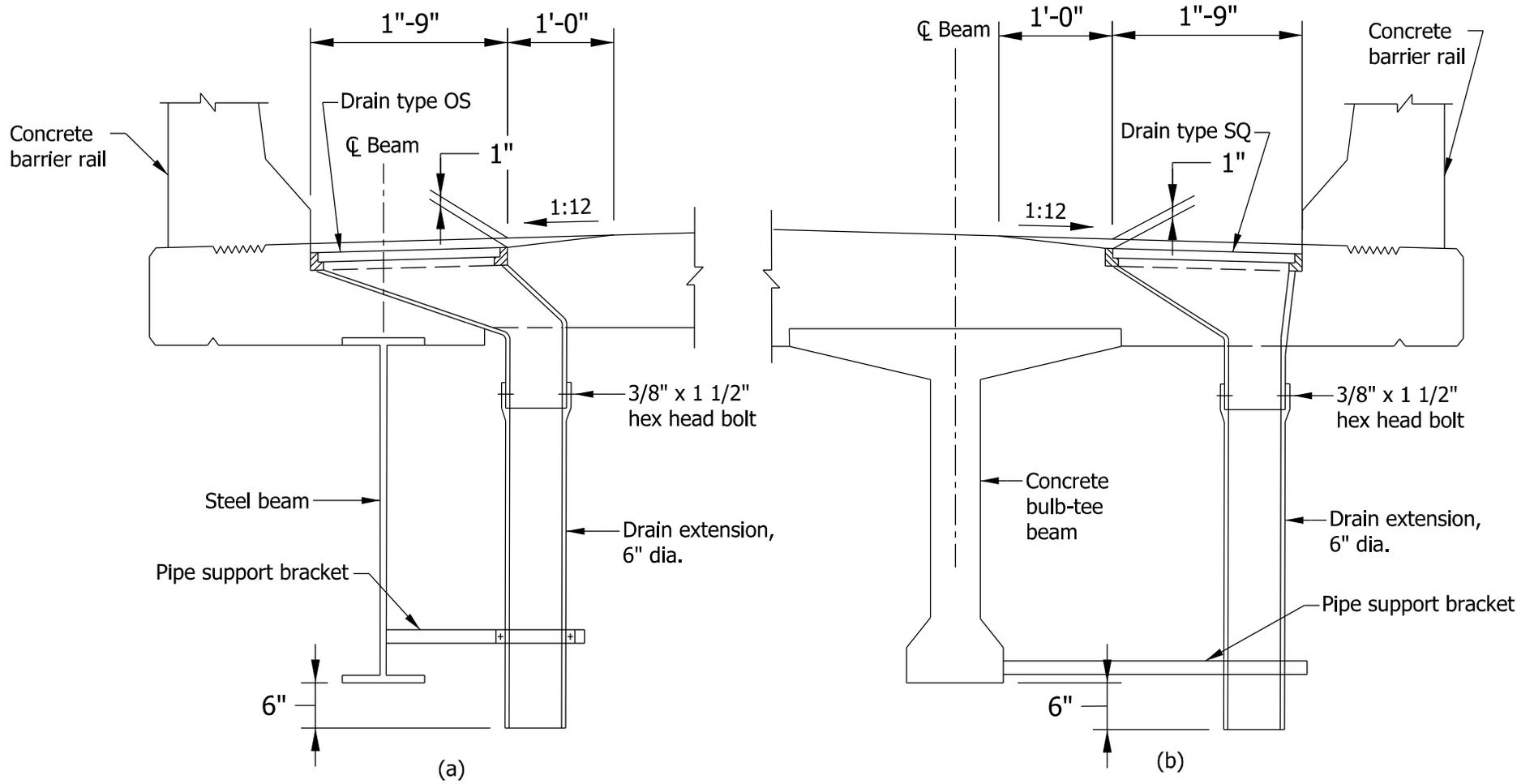
Figure 203-4F

Speed (mph)	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	62	65	70
$d \downarrow K \rightarrow$	20	30	40	50	70	90	110	130	160	167	180	220
0.1	20	24	28	32	37	42	47	51	57	58	60	66
0.2	28	35	40	45	53	60	66	72	80	82	85	94
0.3	35	42	49	55	65	73	81	88	98	100	104	115
0.4	40	49	57	63	75	85	94	102	113	116	120	133
0.5	45	55	63	71	84	95	105	114	126	129	134	148
0.6	49	60	69	77	92	104	115	125	139	142	147	162
0.7	53	65	75	84	99	112	124	135	150	153	159	176
0.8	57	69	80	89	106	120	133	144	160	163	170	188

- Notes:
1. $x = (200dK)^{0.5}$, where x = distance from the low point to flanking inlet, ft, and d = depth at curb, ft
Maximum K for drainage = 170 (ft/%A) for a curbed facility.
 2. $K = L/A$, where L = length of vertical curve, ft, and A = algebraic difference in approach grades, %.
Reference: *HEC 12 Chapter 9* (modified).

FLANKING-INLET LOCATIONS

Figure 203-4G



NOTE: If possible, drain extension to be placed such that runoff cannot directly enter the stream.

TYPICAL FLOOR DRAIN SECTIONS

Figure 203-4H

Storm Durations for 1% Annual EP	Inflow Rates (cfs)	Outflow Rates (cfs)	Peak Water Surface Elevations (ft)	Peak Volumes (ft ³)
1% Annual EP - 0.25 hr				
1% Annual EP - 0.5 hr				
1% Annual EP - 1 hr				
1% Annual EP - 2 hr				
1% Annual EP - 3 hr				
1% Annual EP - 6 hr				
1% Annual EP - 12 hr				
1% Annual EP - 24 hr				

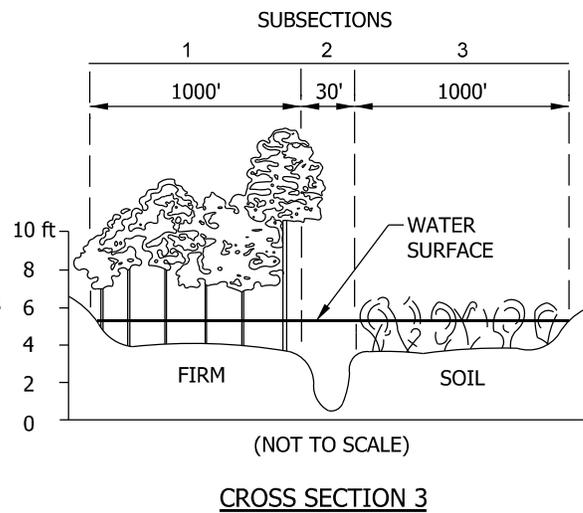
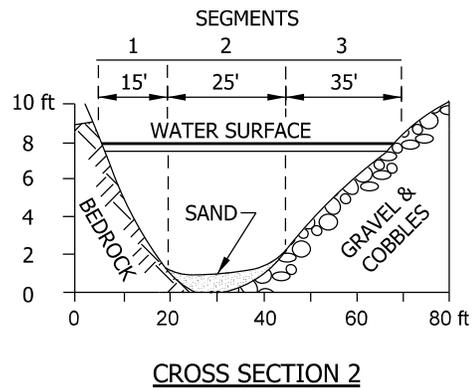
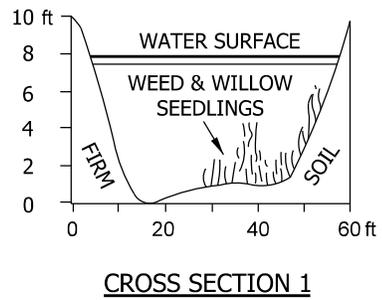
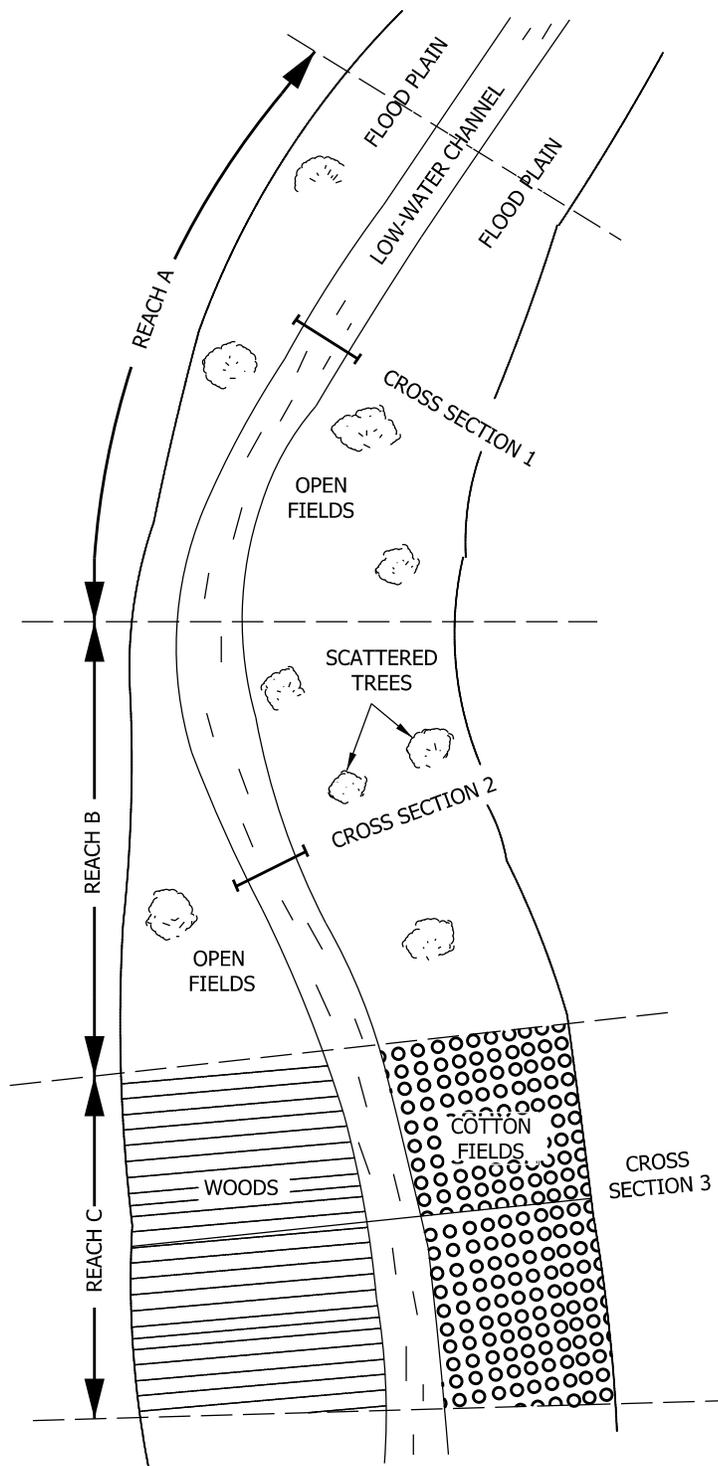
SUMMARY PERFORMANCE TABLE FOR STORAGE

Figure 203-5A

Material	Maximum Allowable Velocity (ft/s)
Fine Sand	2.5
Sandy Loam	2.5
Silty Loam	3.0
Clay Loam	3.6
Clay	5.0
Silty Clay	5.0
Shale	6.0
Fine Gravel	5.0
Coarse Gravel	6.0

MAXIMUM VELOCITY IN A DRAINAGE DITCH

Figure 203-6A



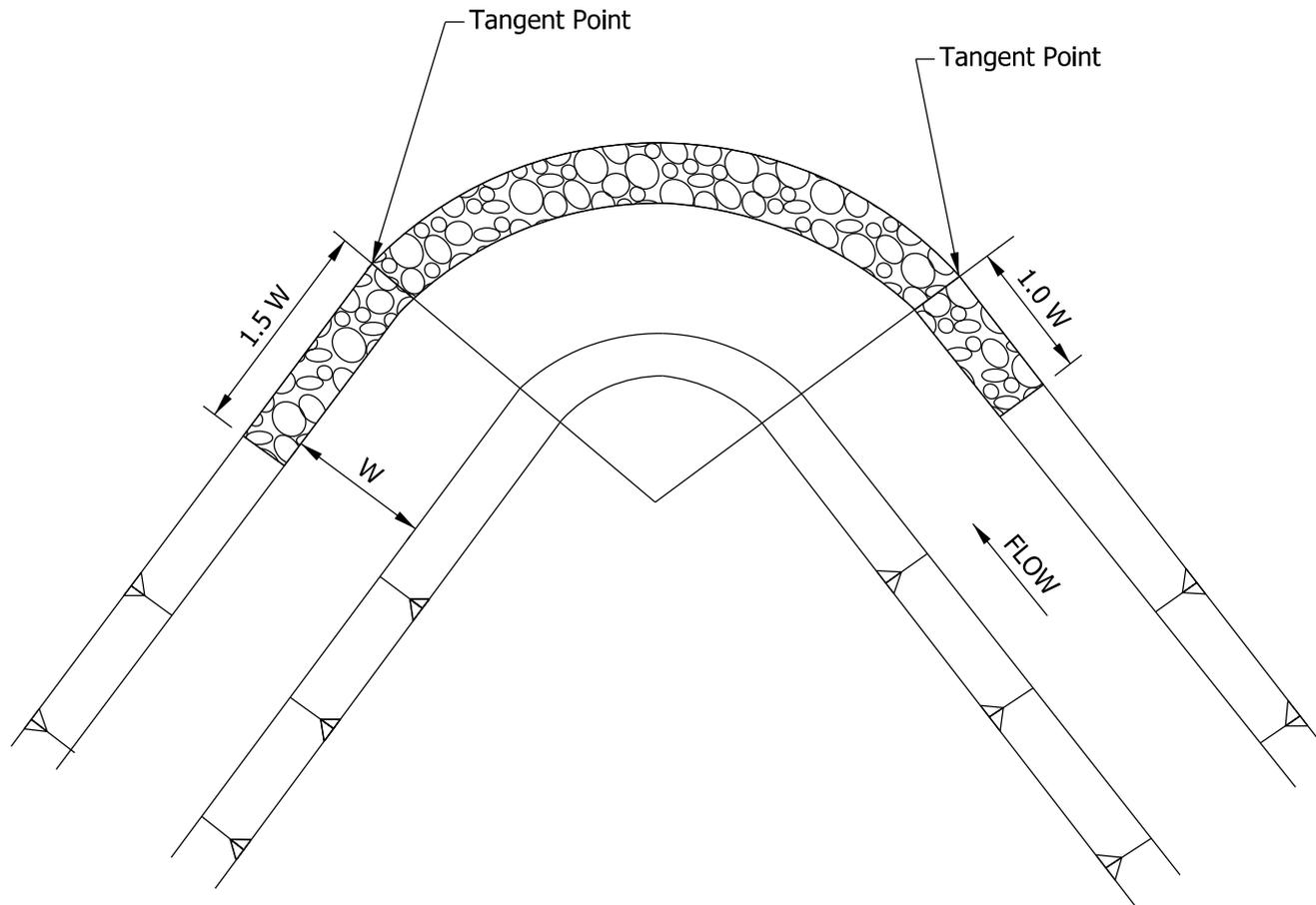
HYPOTHETICAL CROSS SECTION SHOWING REACHES, SEGMENTS, AND SUBSECTIONS USED IN ASSIGNING n VALUES

Figure 203-6B

Grade, G	Interval
$3\% \leq G < 5\%$	200 ft
$5\% \leq G < 8\%$	150 ft
$8\% \leq G < 10\%$	100 ft
$\geq 10\%$	50 ft

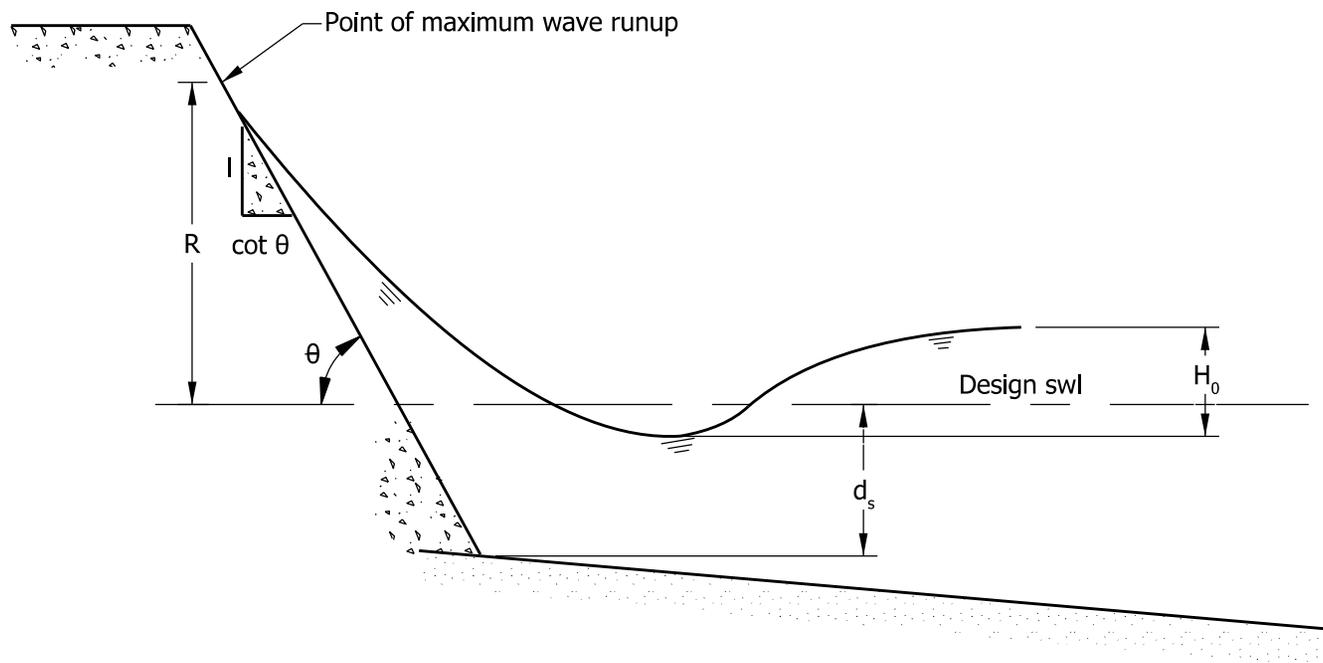
LUG INTERVAL

Figure 203-6C



LONGITUDINAL EXTENT OF REVETMENT PROTECTION

Figure 203-6D



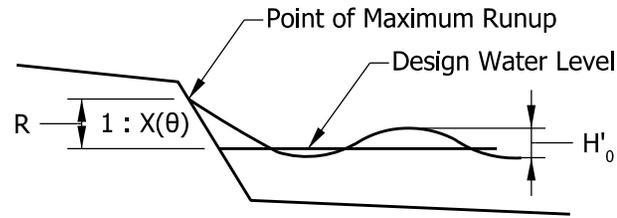
WAVE HEIGHT DEFINITION SKETCH

Figure 203-6E

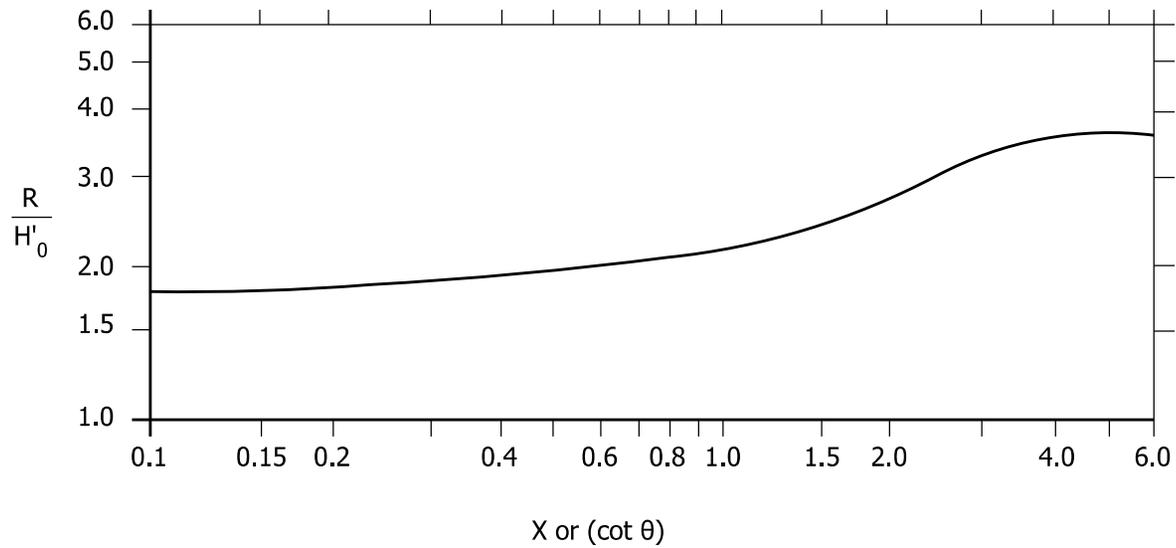
Slope-Surface Characteristic	Placement Method	Correction Factor
Concrete blocks, voids < 20%	fitted	0.90
Concrete blocks, 20% ≤ voids < 40%	fitted	0.70
Concrete blocks, 40% ≤ voids ≤ 60%	fitted	0.50
Concrete pavement	---	1.00
Grass	---	0.85 – 0.90
Grouted rock	---	0.90
Rock riprap, angular	random	0.60
Rock riprap, hand-placed or keyed	keyed	0.80
Rock riprap, round	random	0.70
Wire-enclosed rocks or gabions	---	0.80

CORRECTION FACTOR FOR WAVE RUNUP

Figure 203-6F



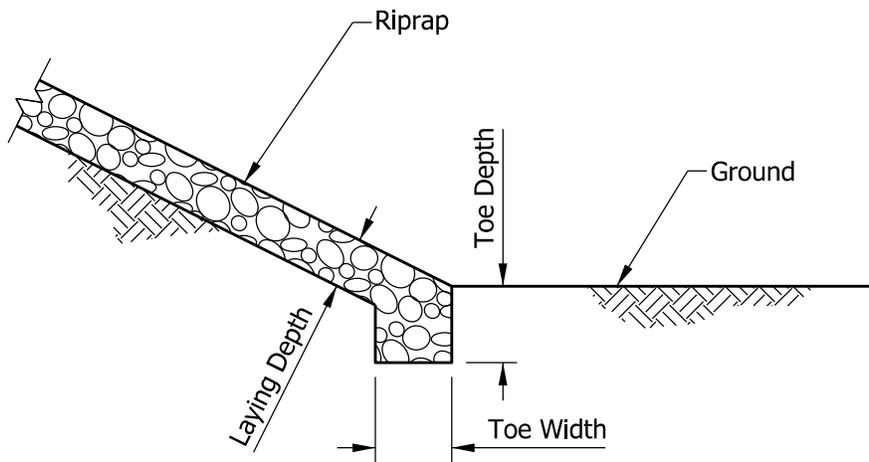
- R = Wave Runup Height (ft)
- H'_0 = Wave Height (ft)
- θ = Bank Angle with the Horizontal



WAVE RUNUP ON SMOOTH, IMPERMEABLE SLOPES

Figure 203-6G

Riprap Class	Toe Width	Toe Depth
Revetment	2 ft	2ft
Class 1	3 ft	3 ft
Class 2	4 ft	4 ft

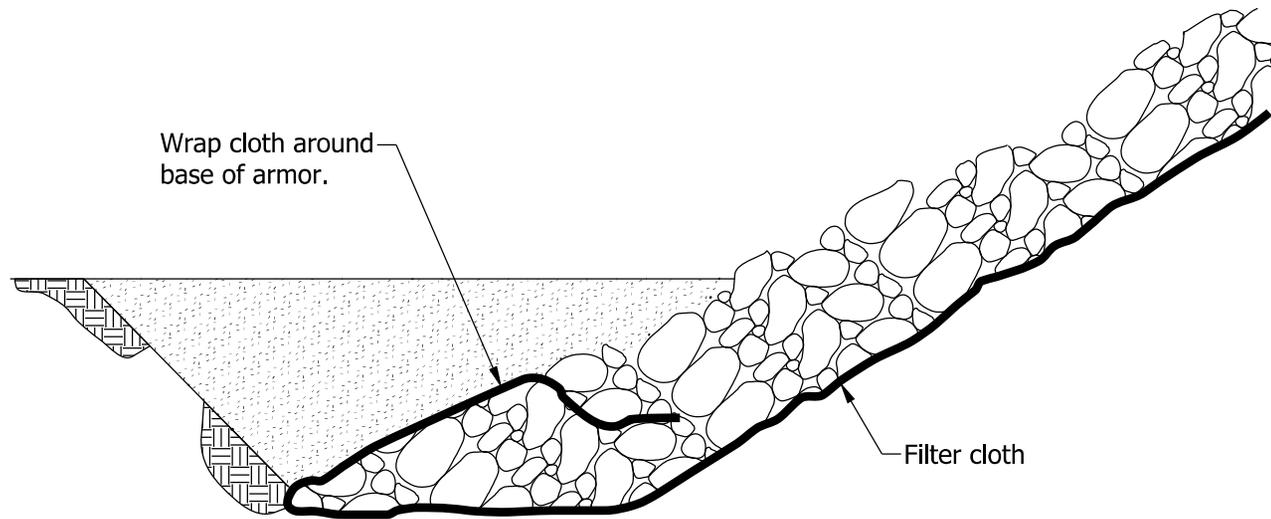


NOTES:

1. Not to Scale.
2. For laying depth, see Standard Specifications.
3. Riprap to be placed on geotextile.

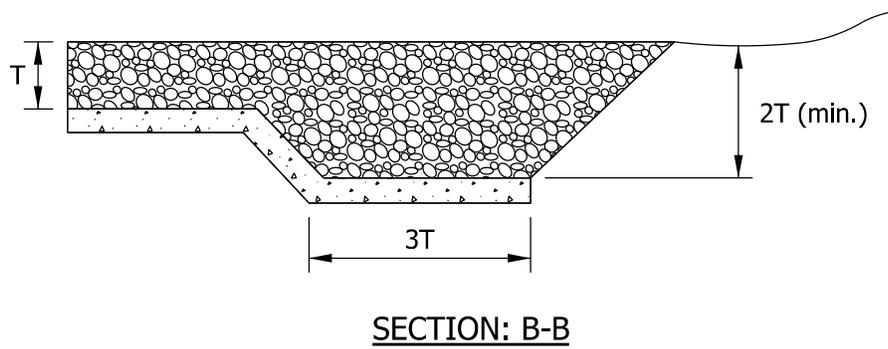
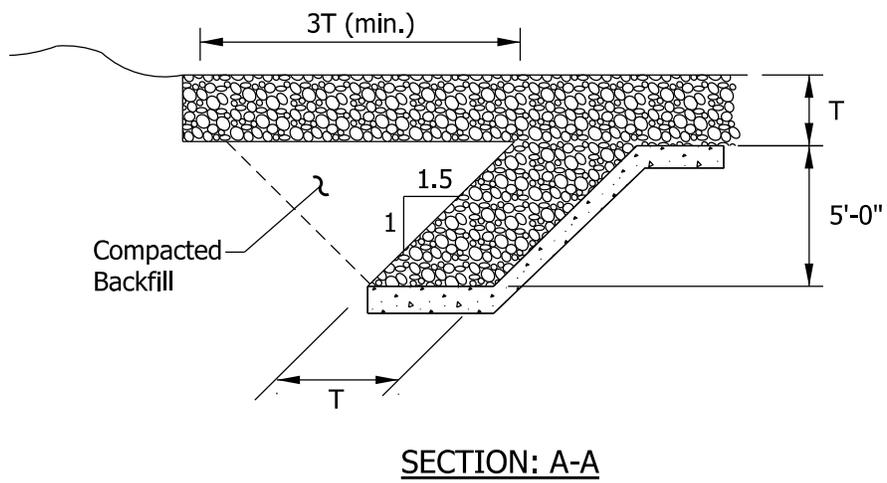
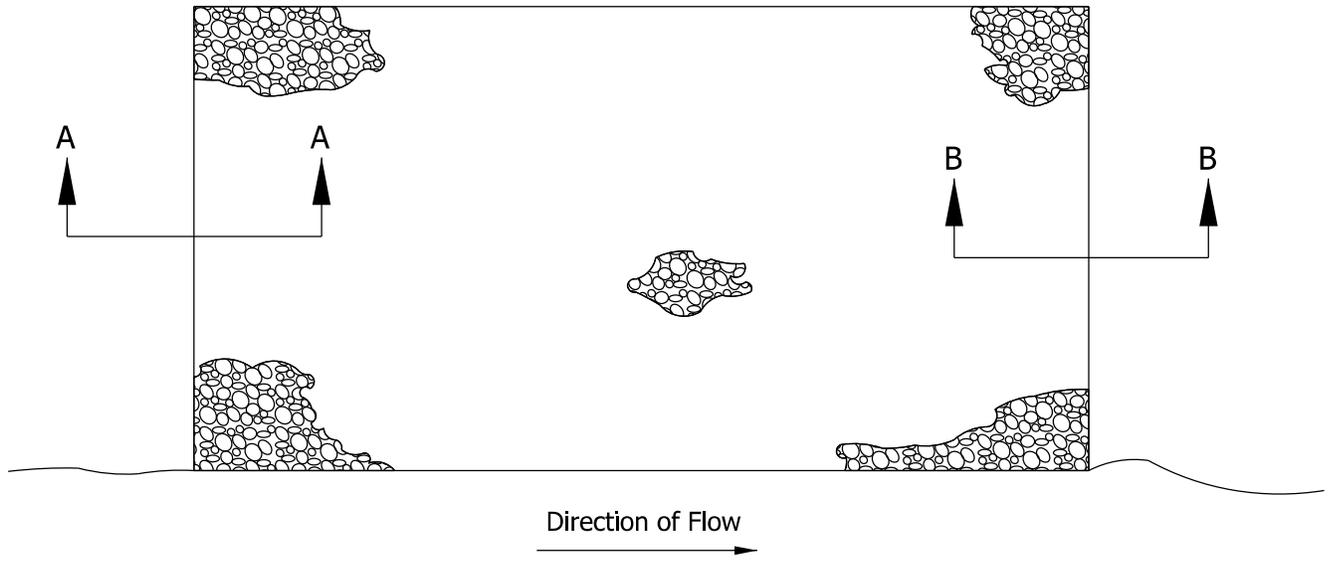
RIPRAP TOE DIMENSIONS

Figure 203-6H



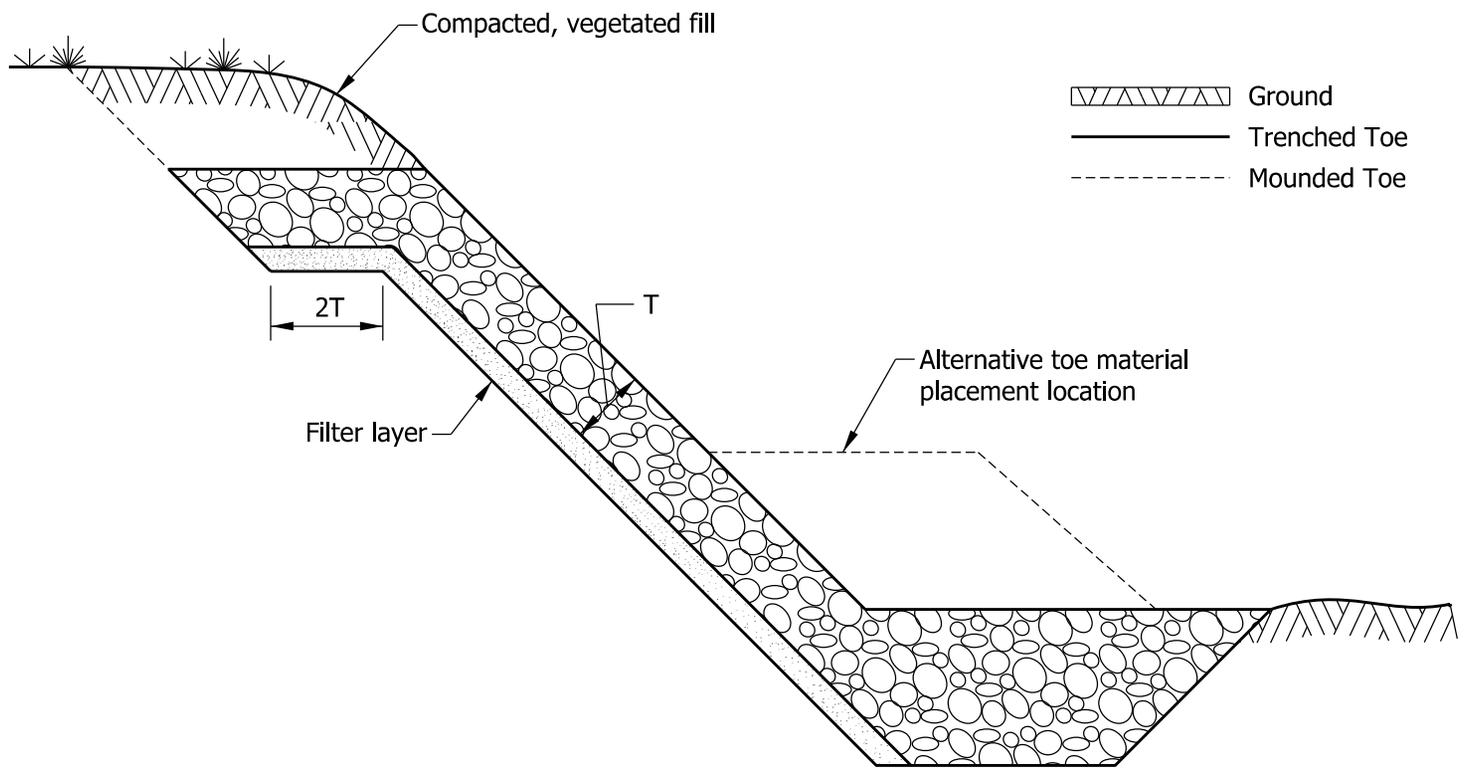
GEOTEXTILE FILTER

Figure 203-6 I



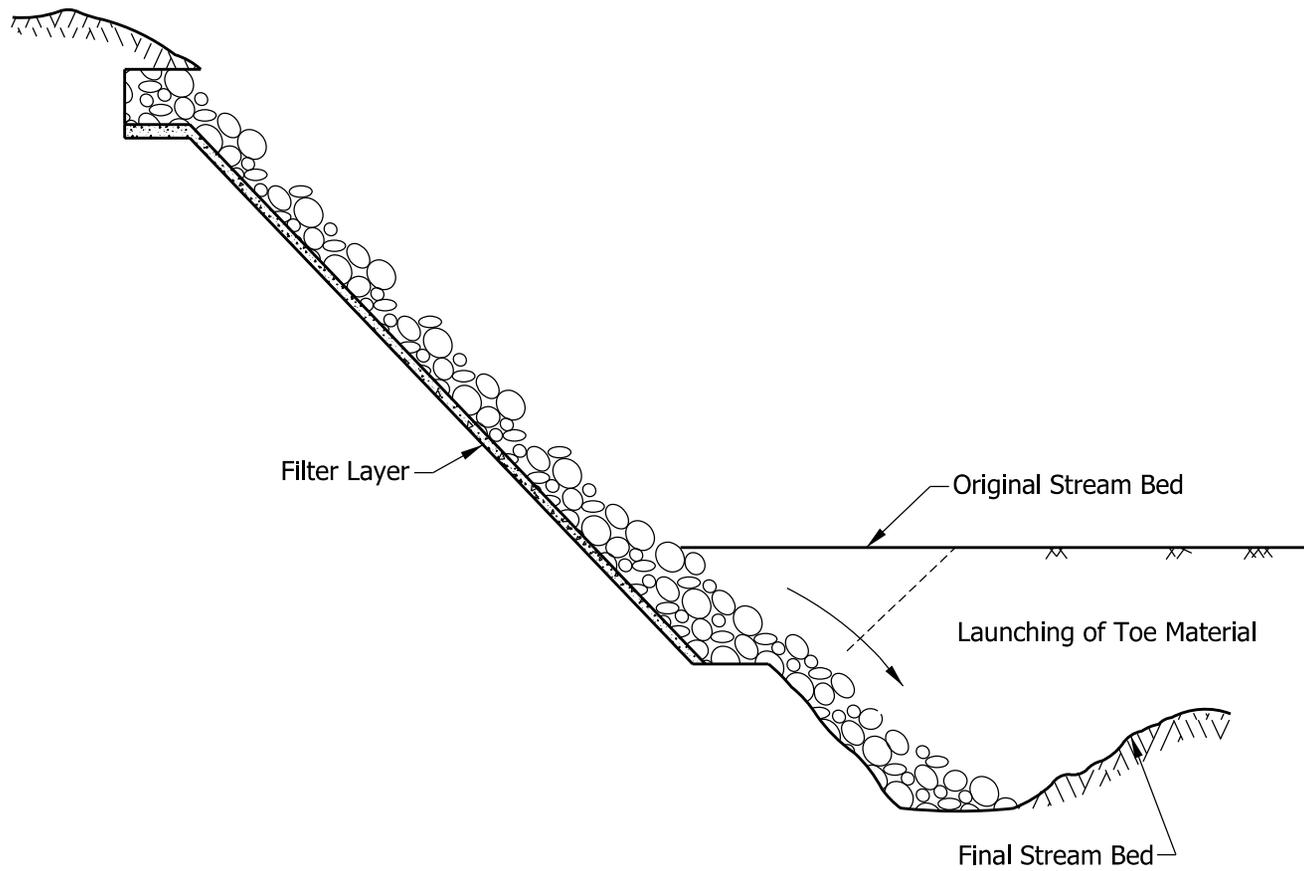
TYPICAL RIPRAP INSTALLATION: PLAN AND FLANK DETAILS

Figure 203-6J



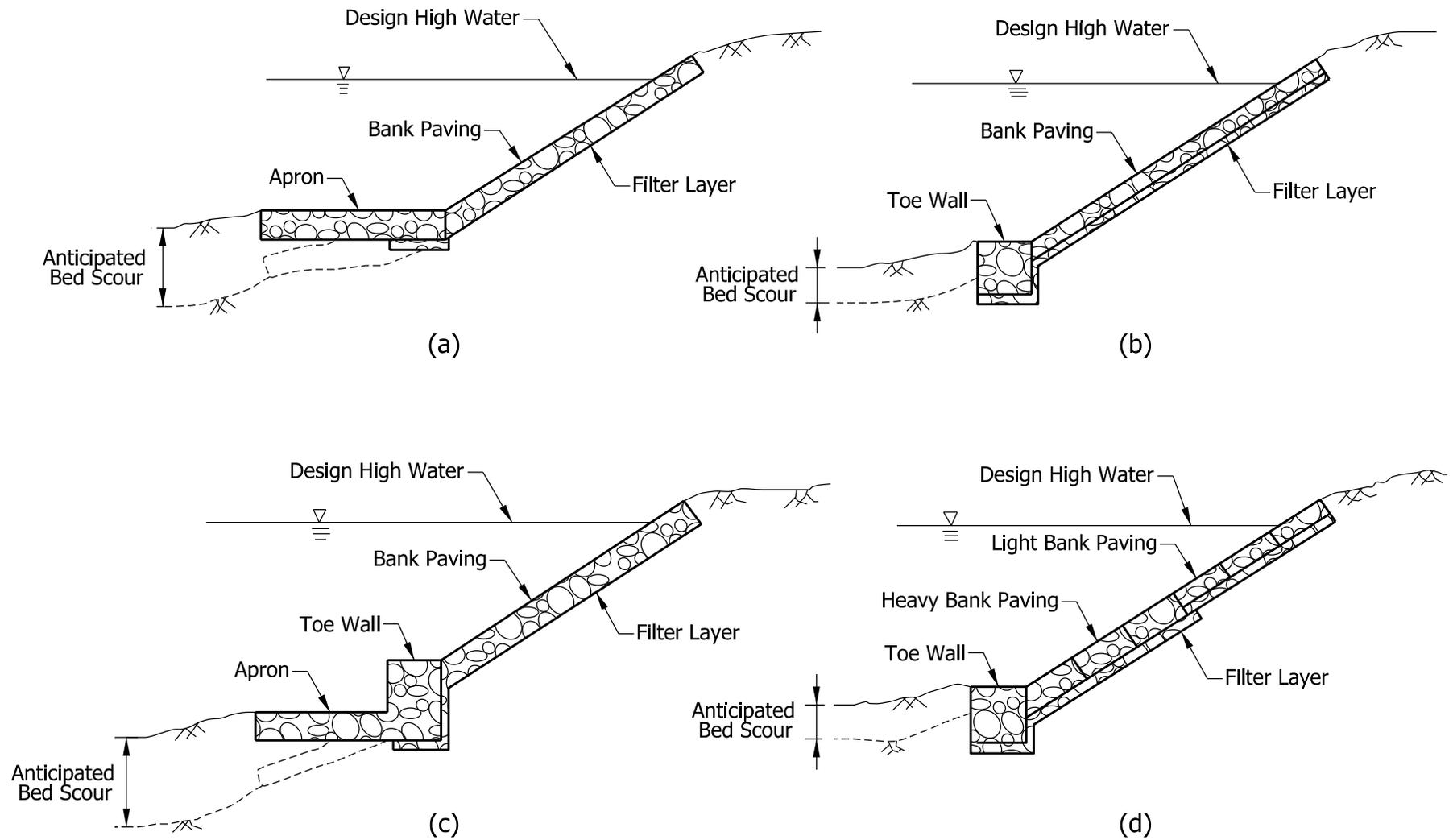
TYPICAL RIPRAP INSTALLATION: SIDE VIEW
(Bank Protection Only)

Figure 203-6K



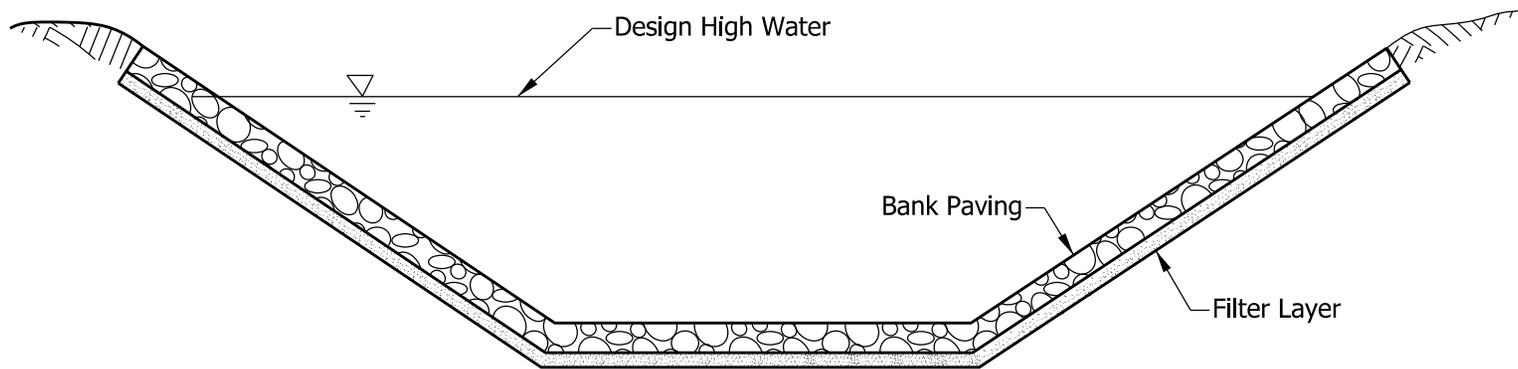
LAUNCHING OF RIPRAP TOE MATERIAL

Figure 203-6L



ROCK AND WIRE MATTRESS CONFIGURATION

Figure 203-6M



**ROCK AND WIRE MATTRESS INSTALLATION
COVERING ENTIRE CHANNEL PERIMETER**

Figure 203-6N

Thickness (ft)	Width (ft)	Length (ft)	Wire-Mesh Opening Size (in. x in.)
0.75	6	9	3 x 3
0.75	6	12	3 x 3
1.0	3	6	3 x 3
1.0	3	9	3 x 3
1.5	3	12	3 x 3
1.5	3	6	3 x 3
1.5	3	9	3 x 3
1.5	3	12	3 x 3
3.0	3	6	3 x 3
3.0	3	9	3 x 3
3.0	3	12	3 x 3

STANDARD GABION SIZES

Figure 203-6 O

Bank Soil Type	Maximum Velocity (ft/s)	Bank Slope (H:V)	Minimum Required Mattress Thickness (in.)
Clay, Heavy Cohesive Soils	10	Flatter than 1:3	9
	13 – 16	Steeper than 1:2	12
	Any	Steeper than 1:2	≥ 18
Silt, fine sand	10	Flatter than 1:2	12
Shingle with Gravel	16	Flatter than 1:3	9
	20	Flatter than 1:2	12
	Any	Steeper than 1:2	≥ 18

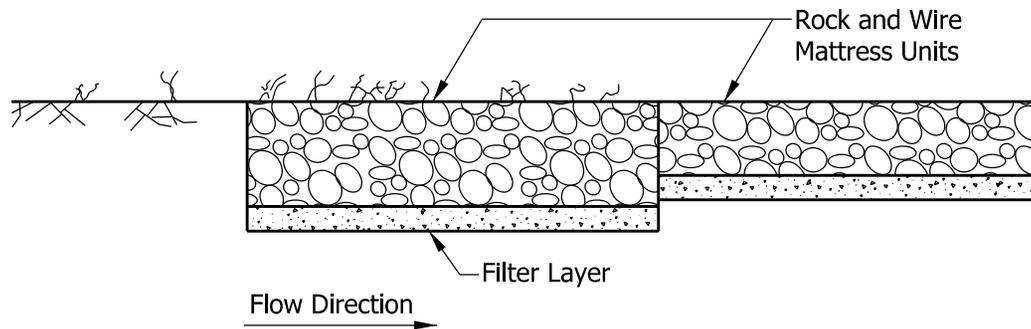
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Figure 203-6P

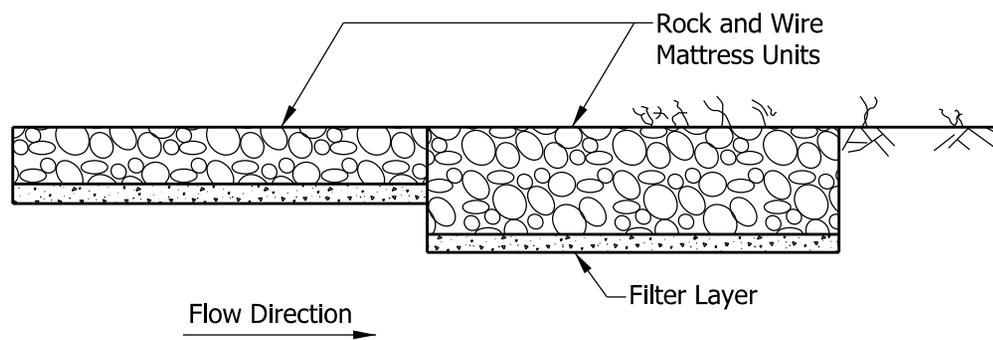
Nominal Diameter of Wire (in.)	Minimum Coating Weight, Class 3 or A Coating (oz/ft ²)
0.086	0.7
0.104	0.8
0.128	0.9

MINIMUM COATING WEIGHT

Figure 203-6Q



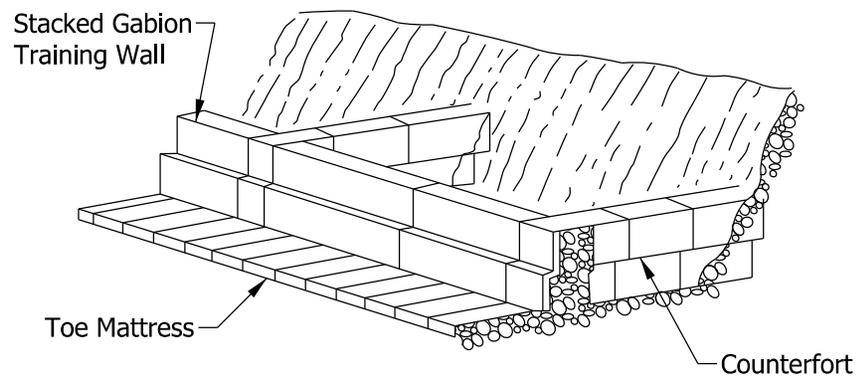
(a) Upstream Face



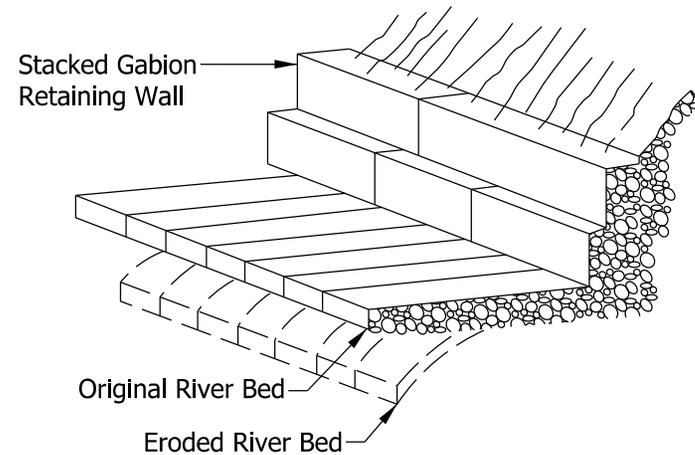
(b) Downstream Face

FLANK TREATMENT FOR ROCK AND WIRE MATTRESS DESIGNS

Figure 203-6R



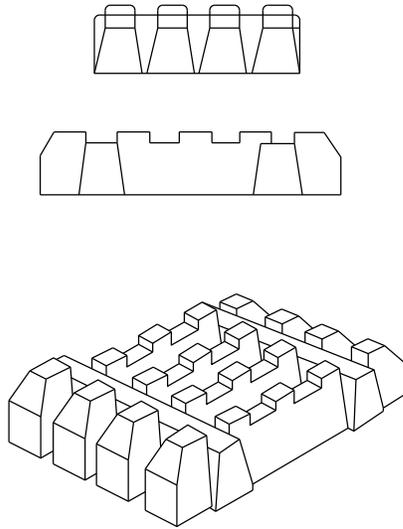
(a) Training wall with counterforts



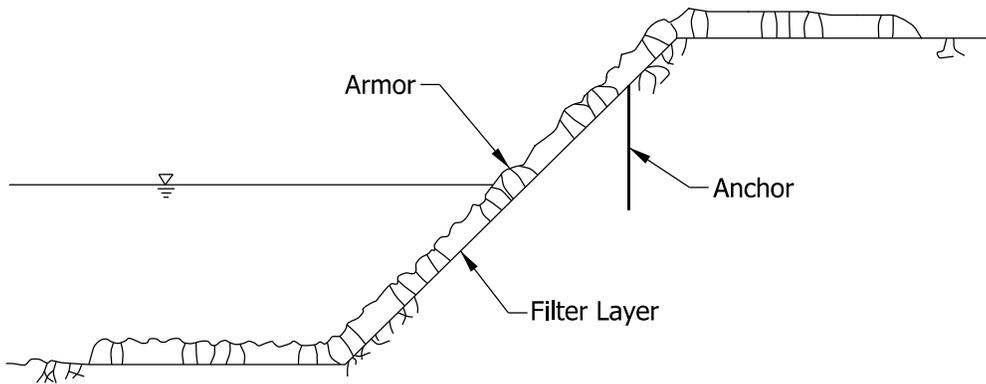
(b) Stepped back low retaining wall with apron

TYPICAL STACKED BLOCK GABION REVETMENT DETAILS

Figure 203-6S



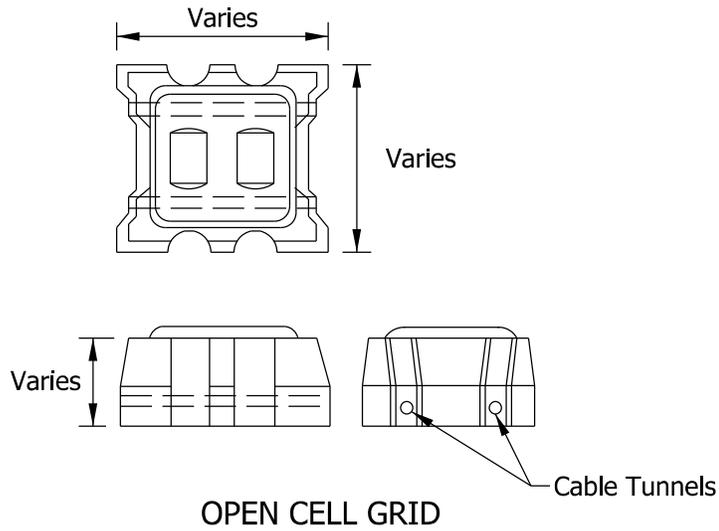
(a) Block Detail



(b) Revetment Detail

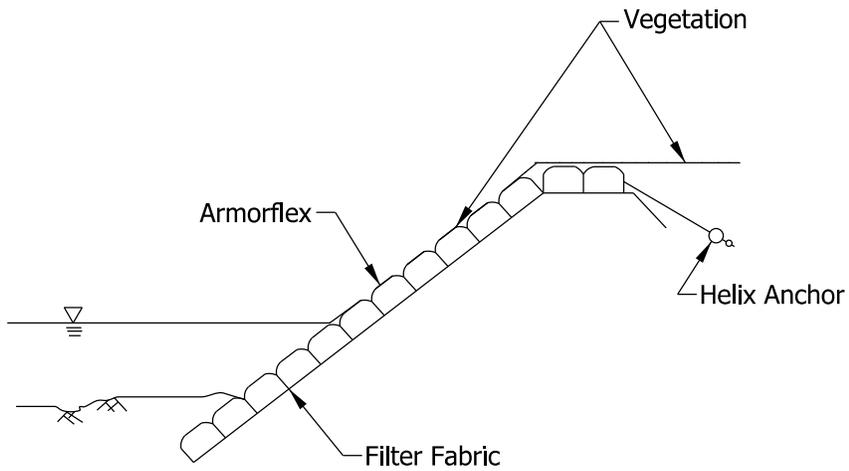
MONOSLAB REVETMENT

Figure 203-6T



OPEN CELL GRID

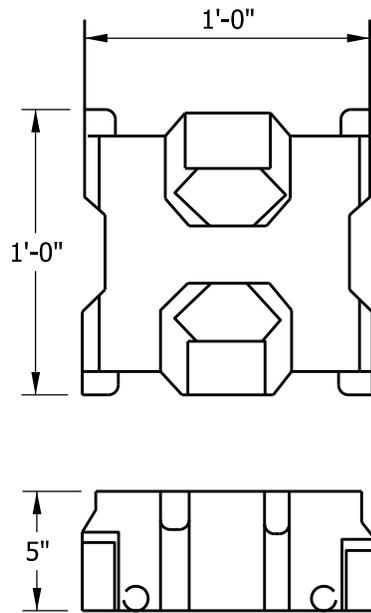
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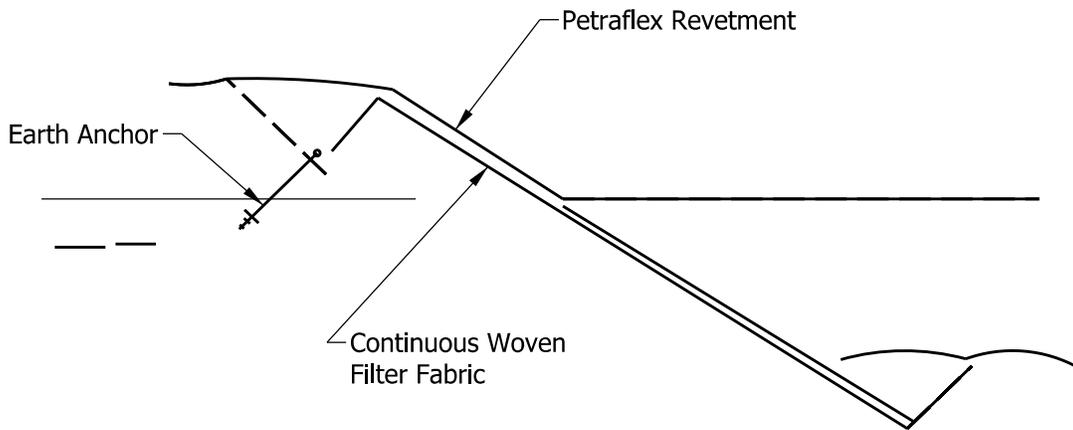
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ARMORFLEX

Figure 203-6U



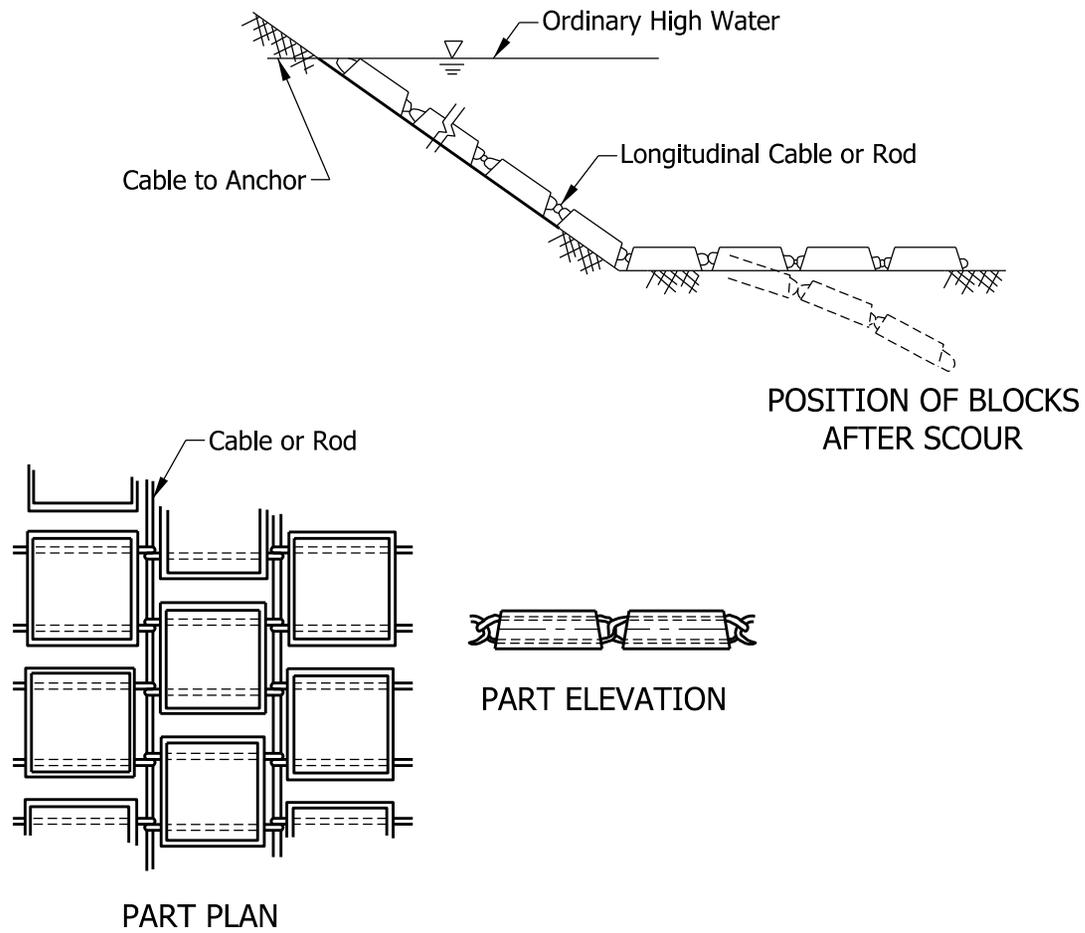
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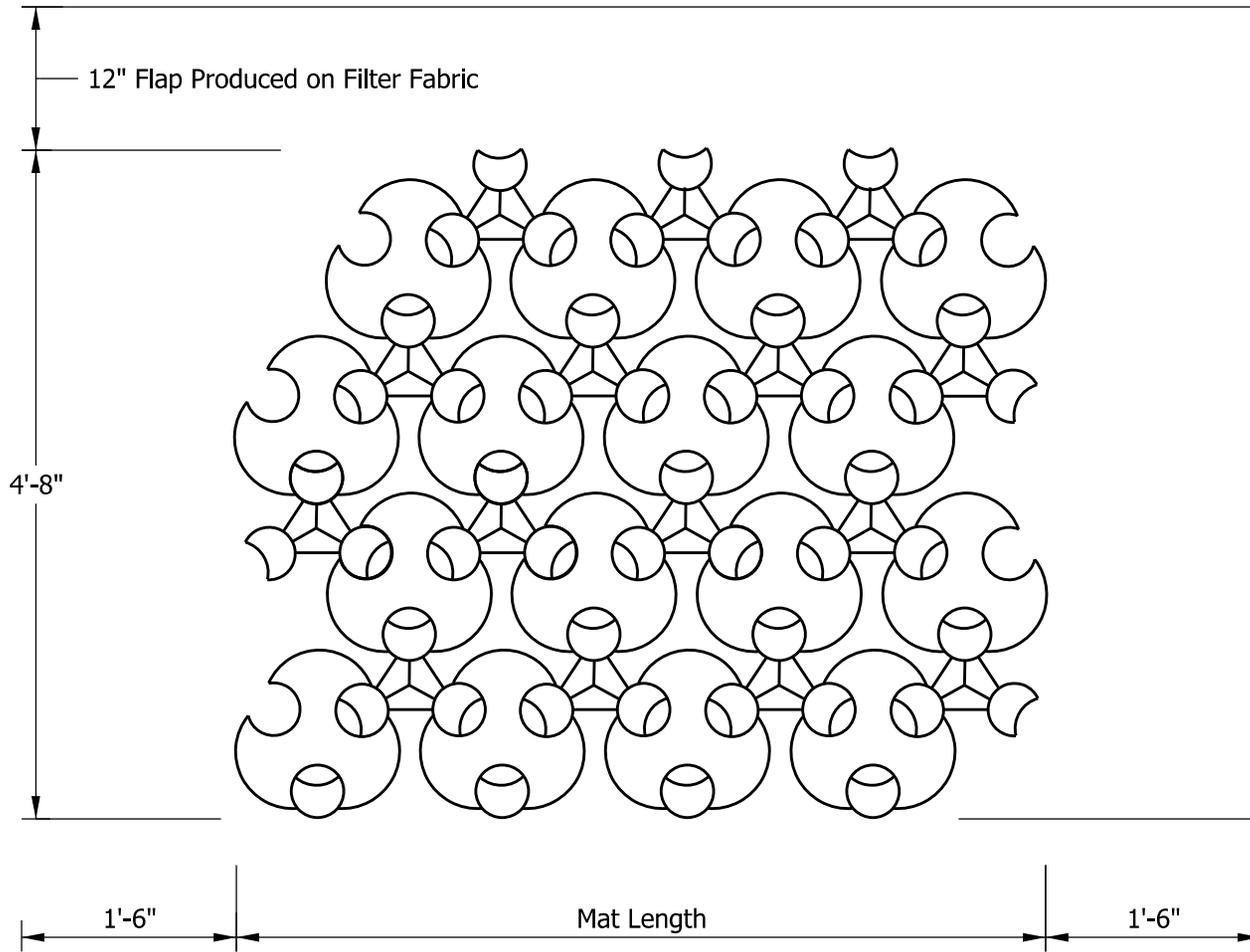
PETRAFLEX

Figure 203-6V



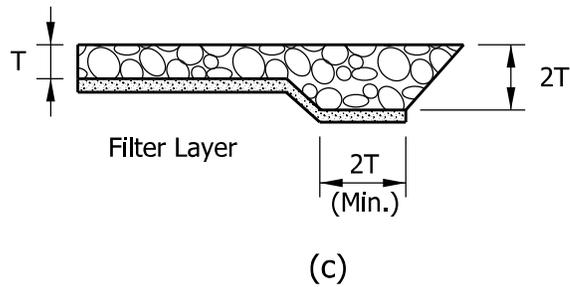
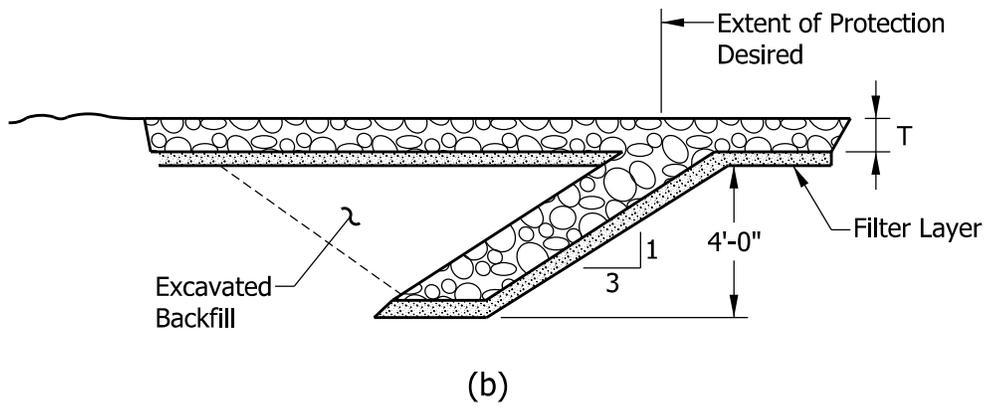
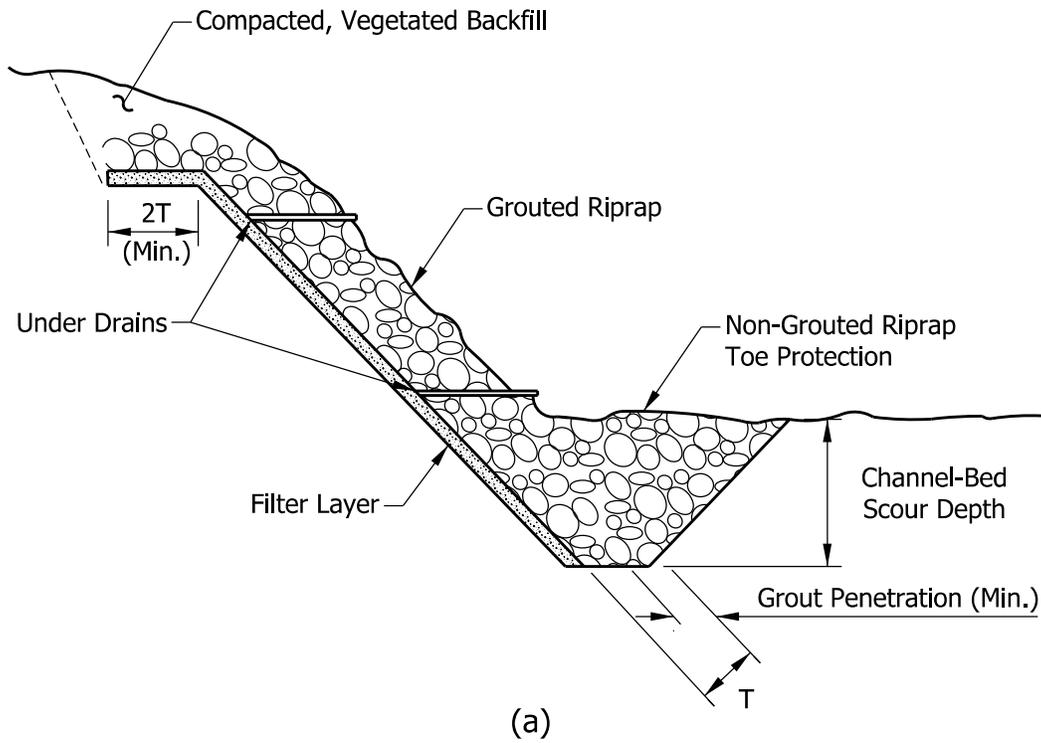
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Figure 203-6W



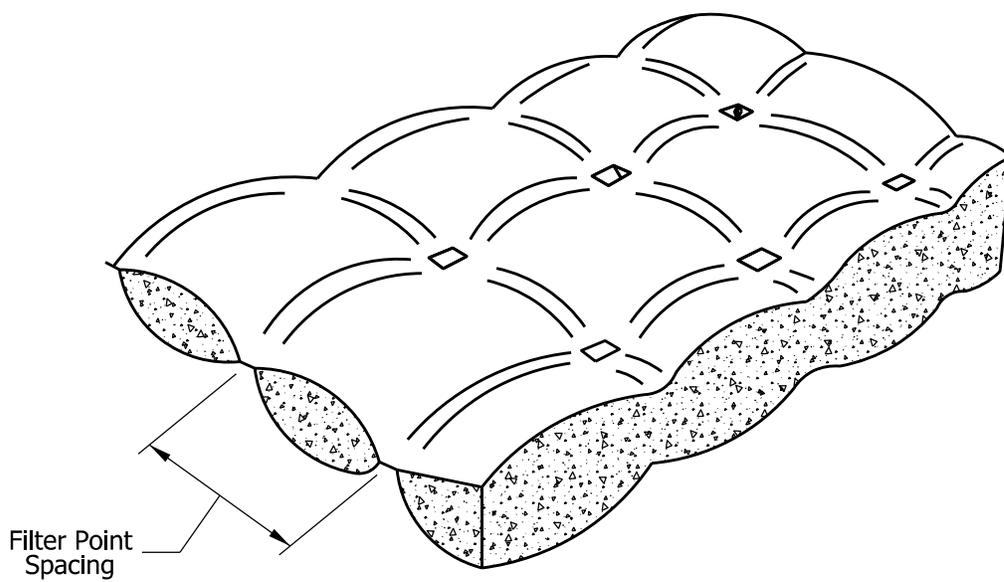
TRI-LOCK REVETMENT

Figure 203-6X



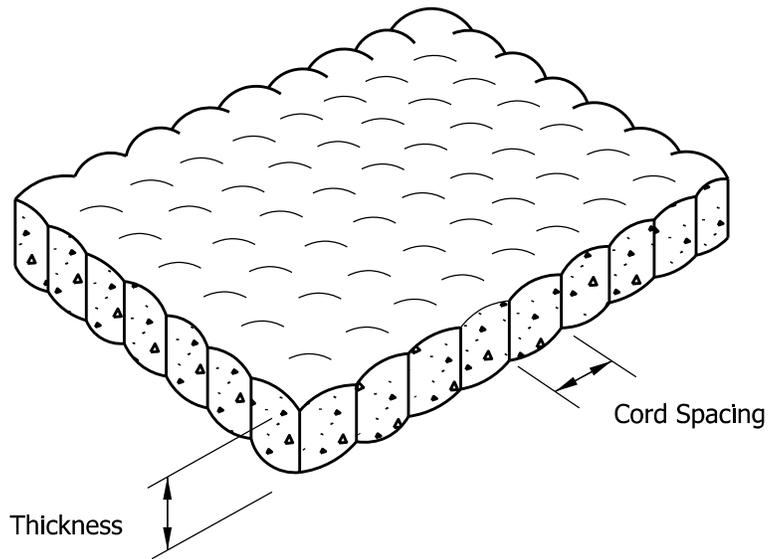
GROUTED RIPRAP SECTIONS

Figure 203-6Y

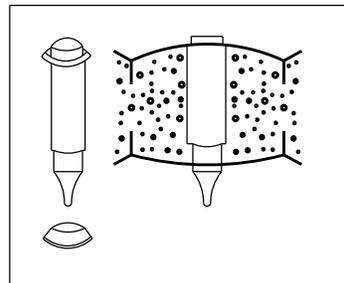


GROUTED FABRIC-FORMED REVETMENT
(TYPE 1)

Figure 203-6Z

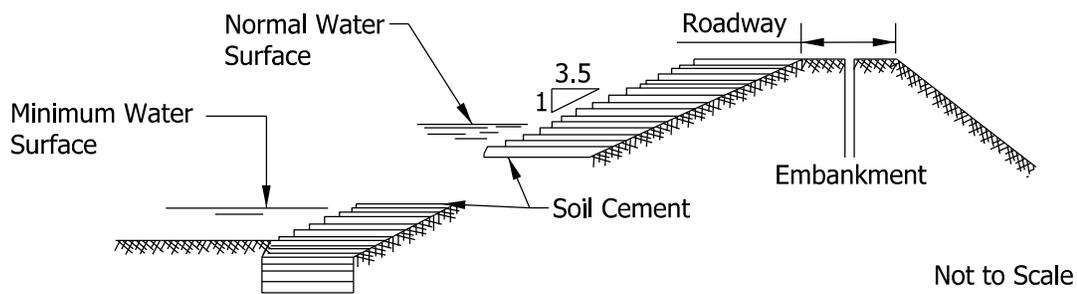
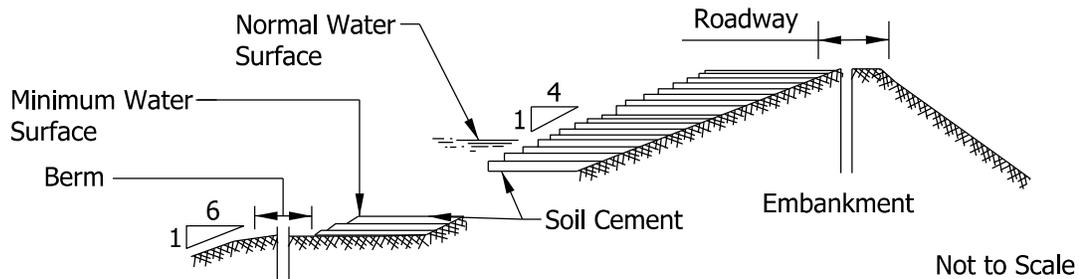
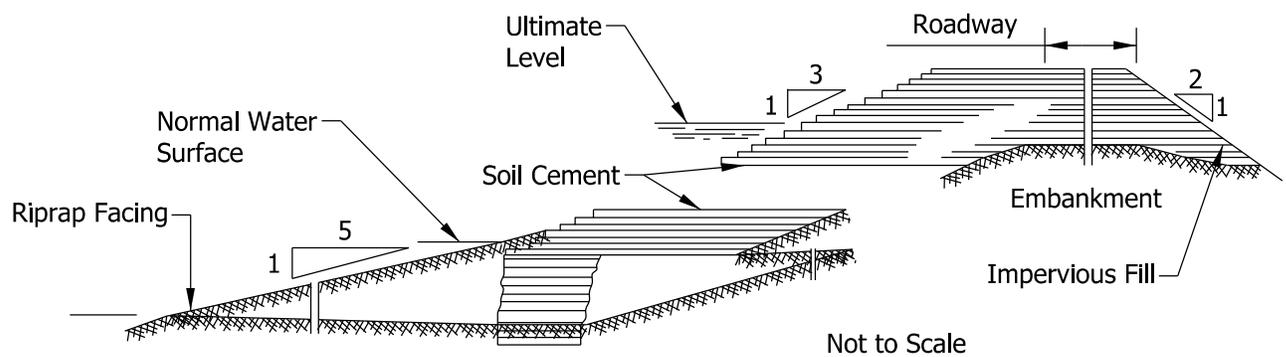


Weep Hole Assembly



GROUTED FABRIC-FORMED REVETMENT (TYPE 2)

Figure 203-6AA



DETAILS AND DIMENSIONS OF THREE SOIL-CEMENT FACINGS DESIGN GUIDELINES

Figure 203-6BB