## The Hunt at Louviers Stormwater Basin Retrofits, Newark, Delaware

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### **Project Stats**

Location: White Clay Creek Watershed, Newark, Delaware

<u>Total Drainage Area Treated</u>: 53.8 acres

<u>Funding</u>: (2012-13) \$75,000 Delaware Clean Water Initiative Grant Funding, \$15000 in combined contributions from White Clay Wild and Scenic Rivers Program (WCWSRP), North Creek Nurseries and DNREC. (2014) \$1,000 United Water Delaware for additional landscape plugs, \$350 from WCWSRP for seeds.

<u>Partners</u>: City of Newark, North Creek Nurseries, Duffield Associates, CGC Geoservices, White Clay Wild and Scenic Program

More information and photo gallery can be found at: <a href="http://whiteclay.org/watershed-priorities/projects/stormwater-basin-retrofits/">http://whiteclay.org/watershed-priorities/projects/stormwater-basin-retrofits/</a>

# **Project Description**

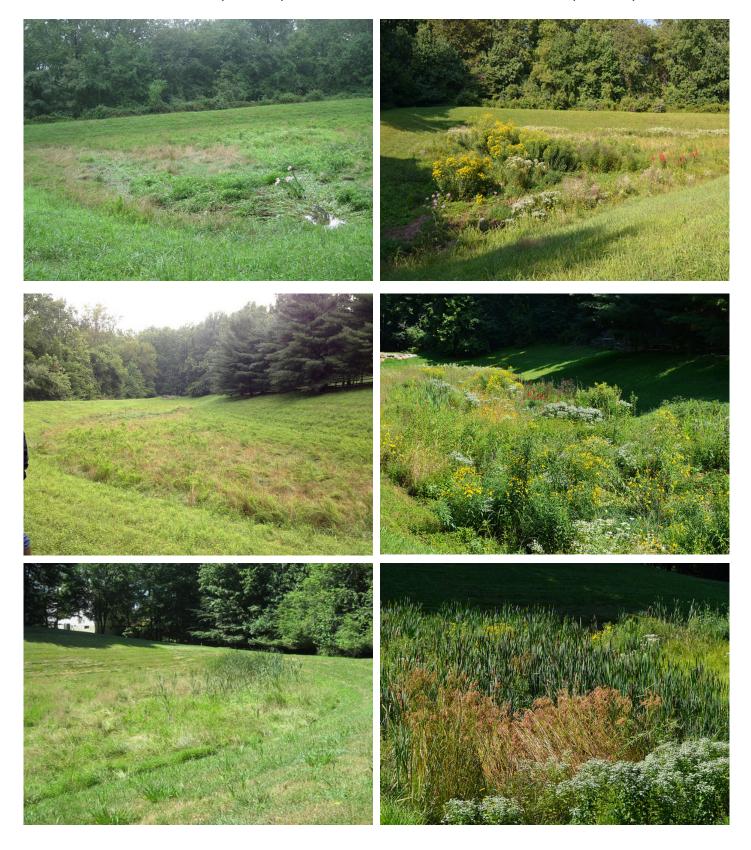
Three existing dry detention basins (originally constructed between 1990-93) originally designed with only water quantity in mind were retrofitted to address water quality by managing runoff from smaller (1-2") rain events. In each basin, site specific grading was performed to redirect and elongate the flow path of entering runoff, slow it down and allow native vegetation to promote infiltration and bio-filtration, with the added benefit of wildlife habitat creation.

## **Project Highlights**

- 100 community volunteers helped plant over 28,000 landscape plugs, and broadcast 20 lbs. of a custom seed mix in the three basins on the 26 and 27 of April 2013.
- The Delaware Nursery and Landscape Association selected the basin retrofits as the award winning design project in the commercial category and showcased the project at the Delaware Horticulture Industry Expo in January 2014.
- The City of Newark contracted Brandywine Nurseries to manage the basins for 2 growing seasons post installation.

Hunt Basin Retrofits - Basins 1, 2, & 3
BEFORE (2012)

AFTER (2014)



# Hunt at Louviers Pollutant Loading Estimate for Basin Retrofit Project

#### Nitrogen

			Initial		Final
	Pre	Post	Reduction	Uncertainty	Reduction
	(lbs / yr)	(lbs / yr)	(lbs / yr)	(%)	(lbs / yr)
Basin 1 - Hayden Way	63.04	46.65	16.39	50%	8.20
Basin 2 - Cullen Way	129.72	95.58	34.14	50%	17.07
Basin 3 - Cullen Way	149.41	110.09	39.32	50%	19.66

### **Phosphorous**

			Initial		Final
	Pre	Post	Reduction	Uncertainty	Reduction
	(lbs / yr)	(lbs / yr)	(lbs / yr)	(%)	(lbs / yr)
Basin 1 - Hayden Way	8.06	5.38	2.68	50%	1.34
Basin 2 - Cullen Way	16.59	11.06	5.53	50%	2.77
Basin 3 - Cullen Way	19.11	12.74	6.37	50%	3.19

## Sediment (TSS per DURMM)

			Initial		Final
	Pre	Post	Reduction	Uncertainty	Reduction
	(lbs/yr)	(lbs / yr)	(lbs / yr)	(%)	(lbs / yr)
Basin 1 - Hayden Way	1791.78	398.17	1393.61	50%	696.81
Basin 2 - Cullen Way	3686.79	819.29	2867.5	50%	1433.75
Basin 3 - Cullen Way	4246.47	943.66	3302.81	50%	1651.41

Notes: Values per DURMM model (see attached spreadsheets).

Pre loading rates are based on Dry Detention Pond.

Post loading rates are based on Traditional Constructed Wetlands. Uncertainty factor applied since retrofits do not meet some aspects

of Traditional Constructed Wetlands.

Values are estimates only. Sampling and analyses would be needed

to determine actual loading rates.