



# **Small Lot on the Lake? How Do I Fit It In**

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# Achieving Balance Nature's Way



# Achieving Bioreactor Balance





**Water → Volume**

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**Water → Rate**



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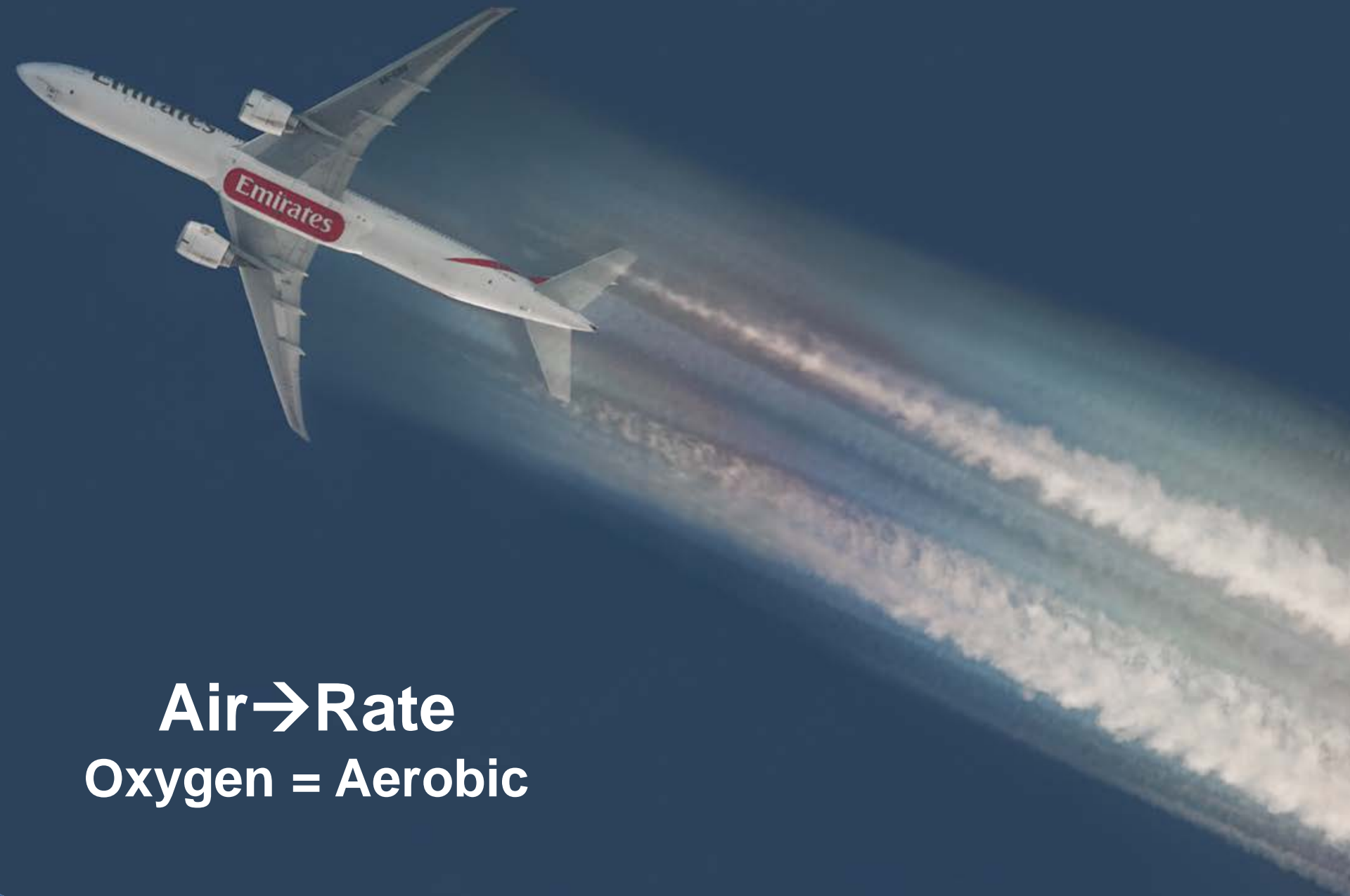




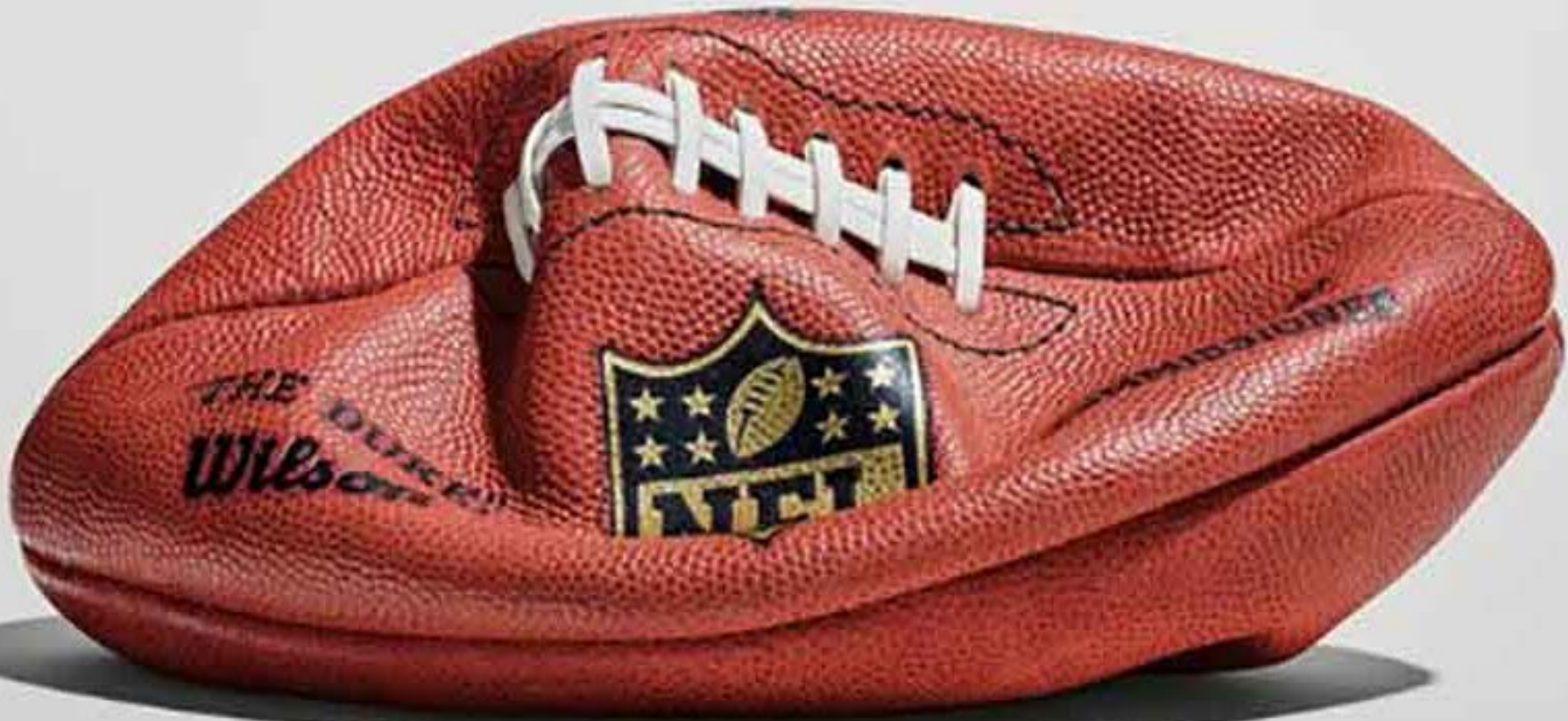
**Water → Rate**



**Air → Volume**  
**Oxygen = Aerobic**

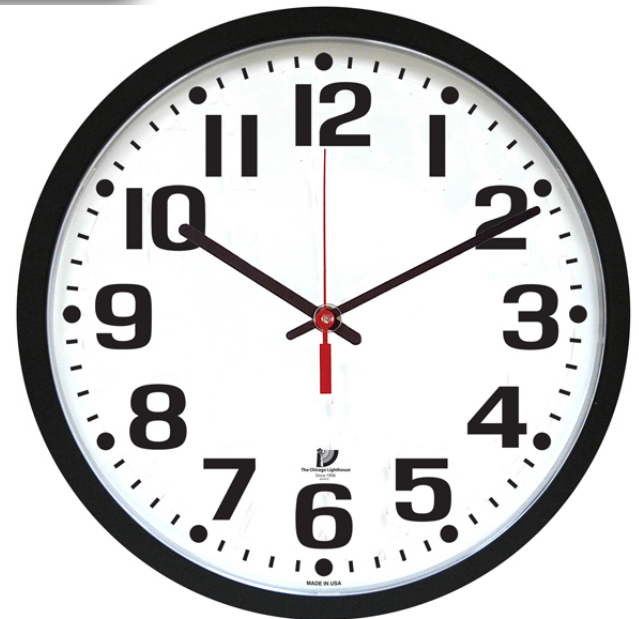


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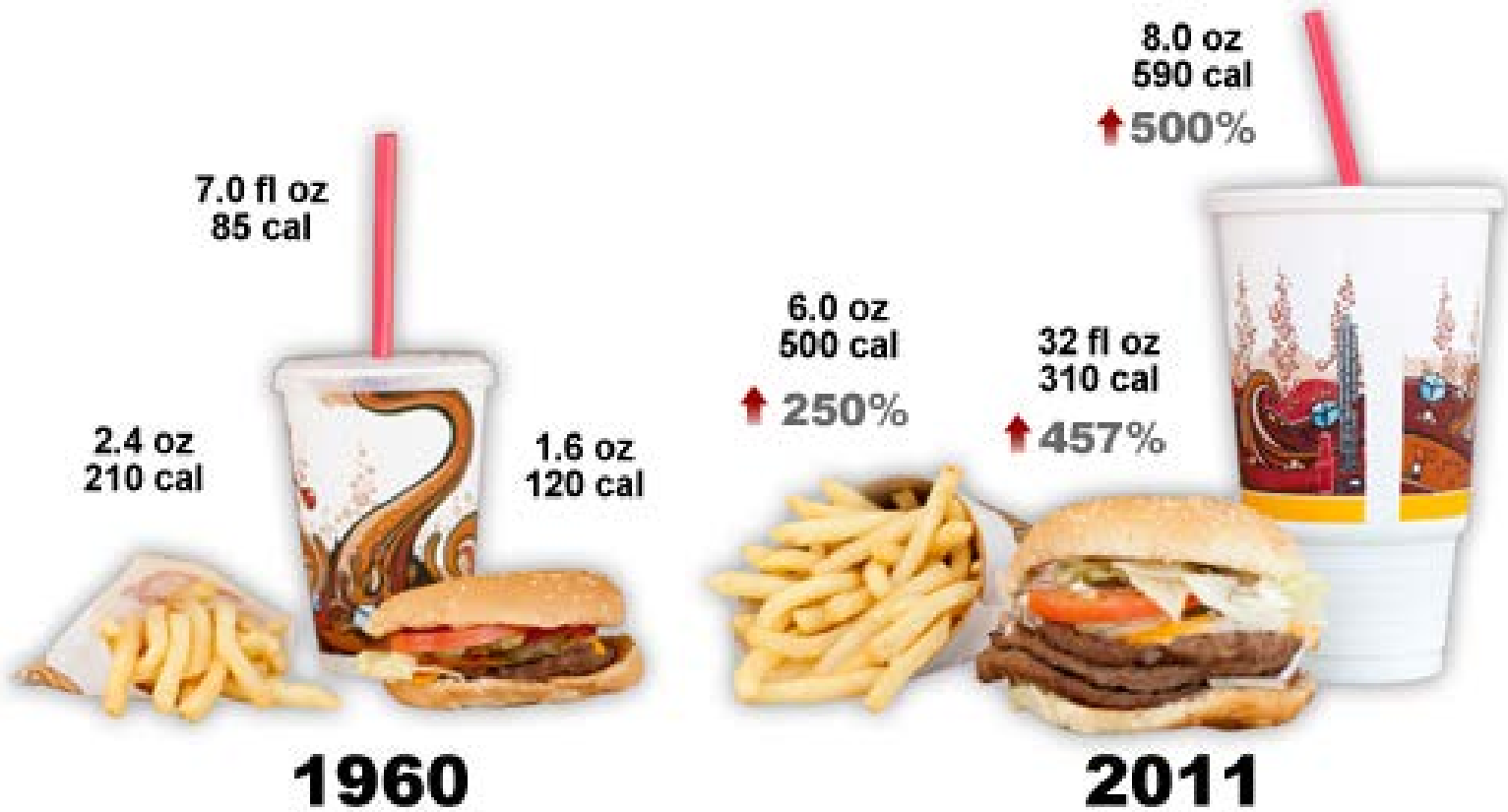


**No Air**  
**Anoxic or Anaerobic**

# Time



# Food



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# Example Methods for Achieving Balance

- **Primary treatment**
  - **Recognized performance for decades**
  - **Flattens hydraulic & organic load peaks (buffering)**





# Example Methods for Achieving Balance

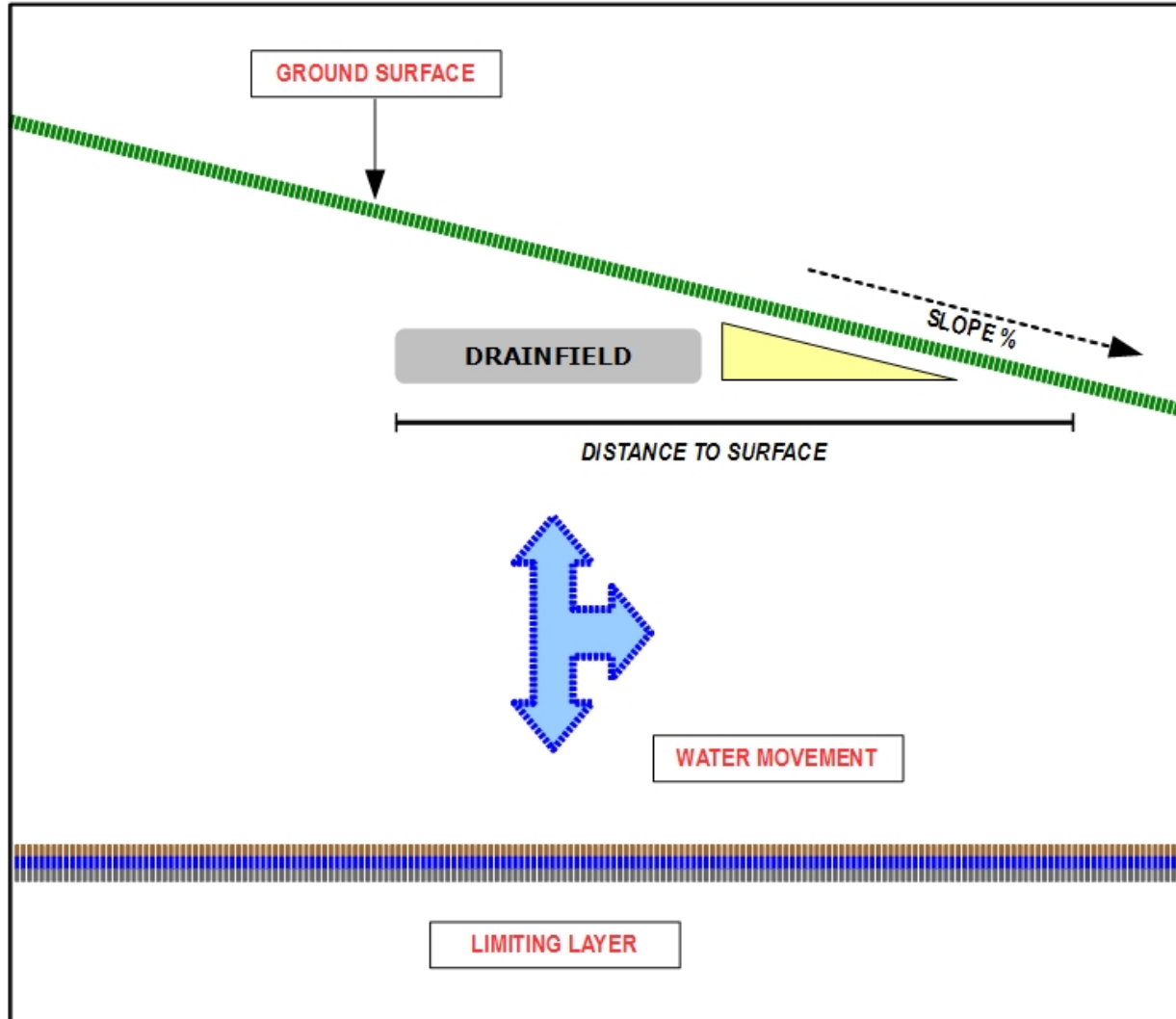
- Timed dose pumping
  - Process control
  - Allows for correct balance of...
    - Water
    - Air
    - Time
    - Food



# Health and Environmental Goals for Treated Effluent

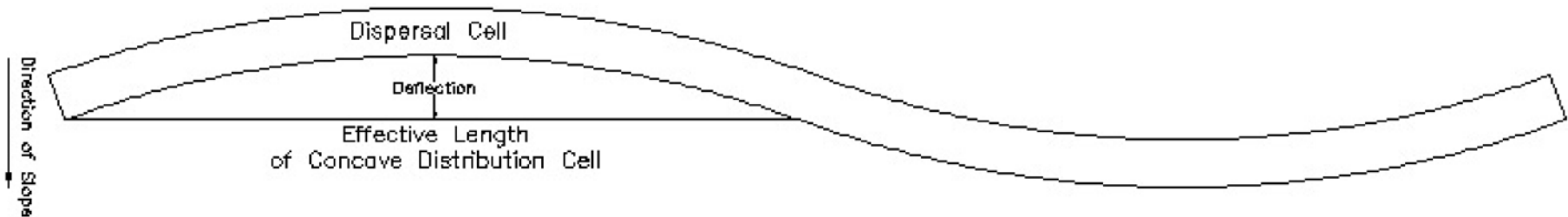
- Disperse or reuse water
- It can't surface
- It can't pollute other water or the environment

# Water Can Move In All Directions!



# Effluent Dispersal

- Infiltration loading rates
  - GPD in 1 ft<sup>2</sup>
- Hydraulic linear loading
  - GPD per 1 ft
  - Horizontal flow capacity
    - Impacted by limiting layers



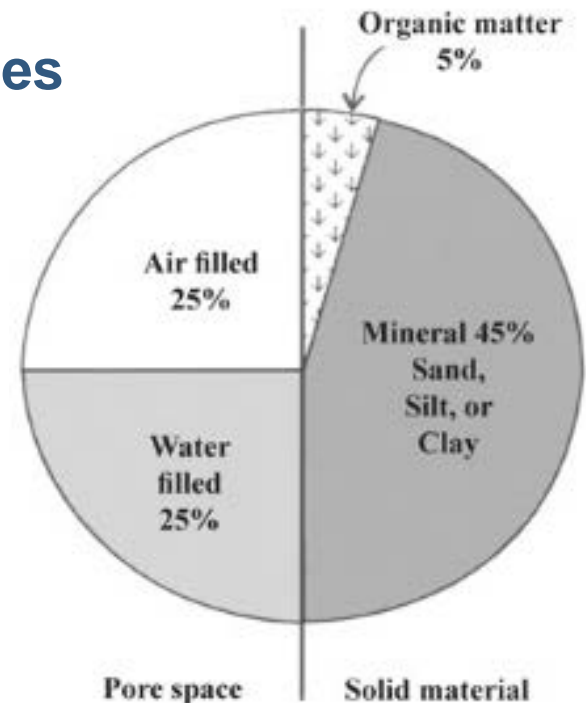
# Effluent Dispersal

- Limiting layers



# Effluent Dispersal

- Infiltration & linear loading rates
  - Soil characteristics
  - Presence/absence of biomat layer
  - Saturated or unsaturated flow
    - Capillary vs. gravitational forces



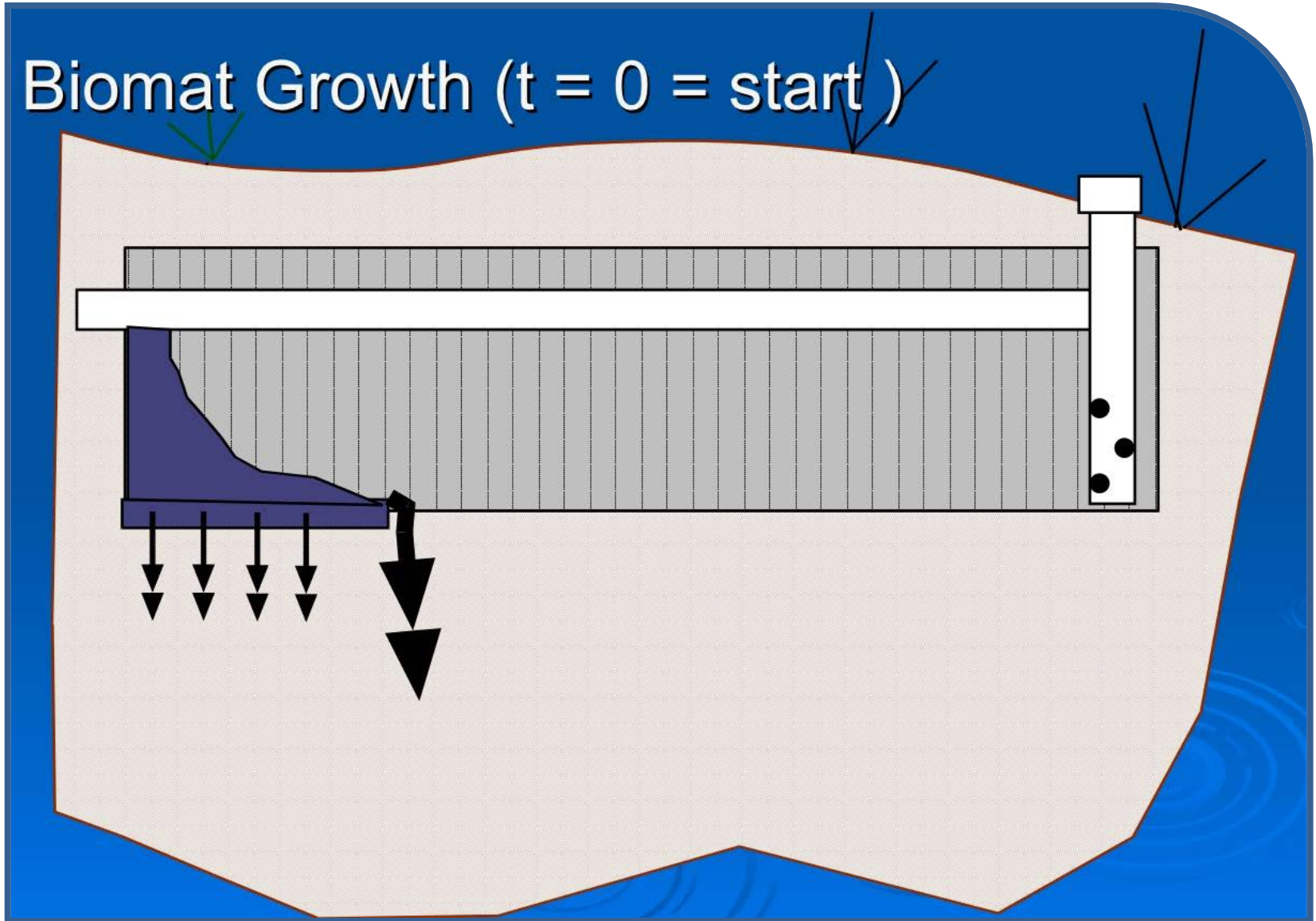
# Effluent Dispersal

- Gravity drainfields progressively clog
- Anaerobic biomat
  - Sticky
  - Gooney
  - Thick



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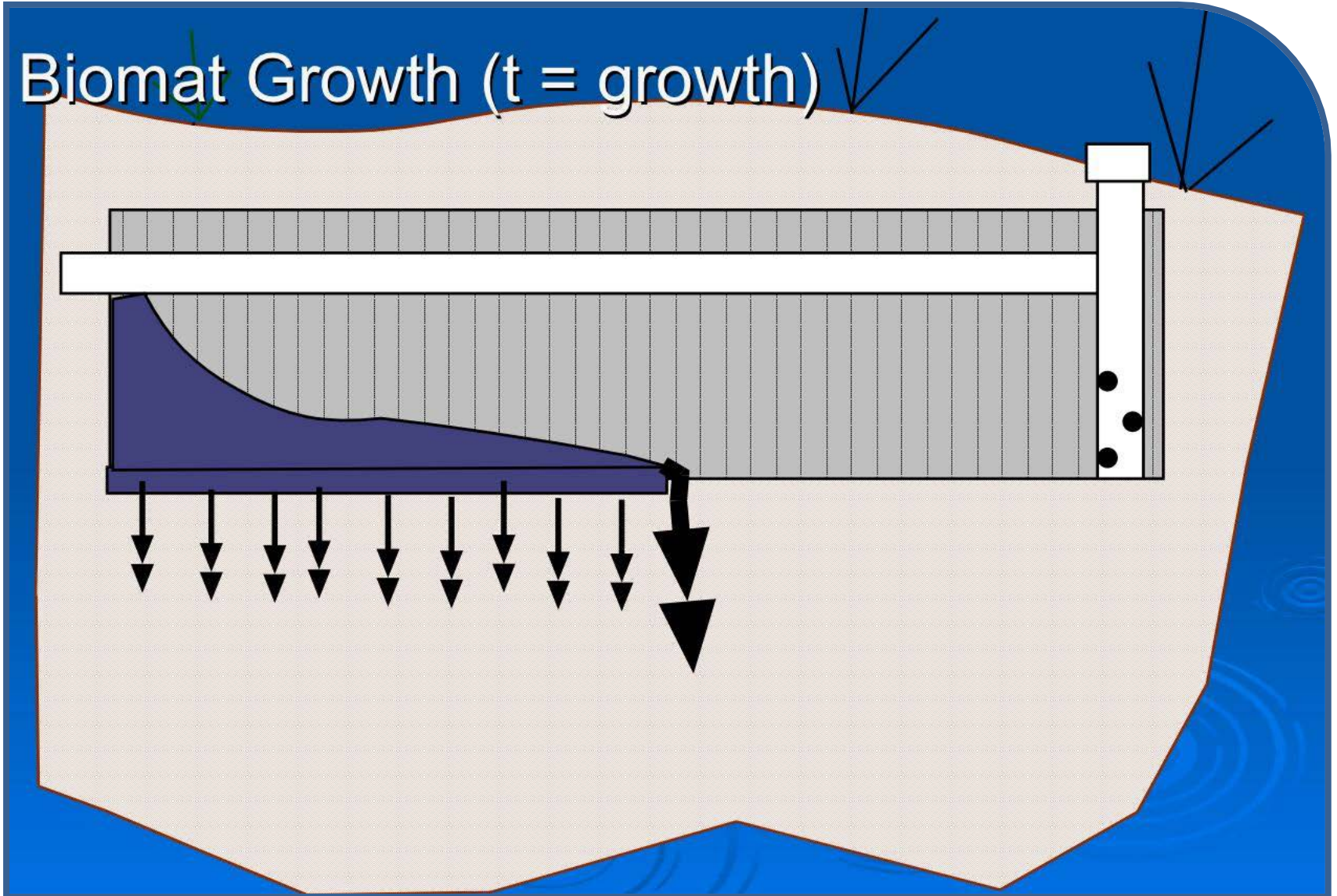
Biomat Growth (t = 0 = start )



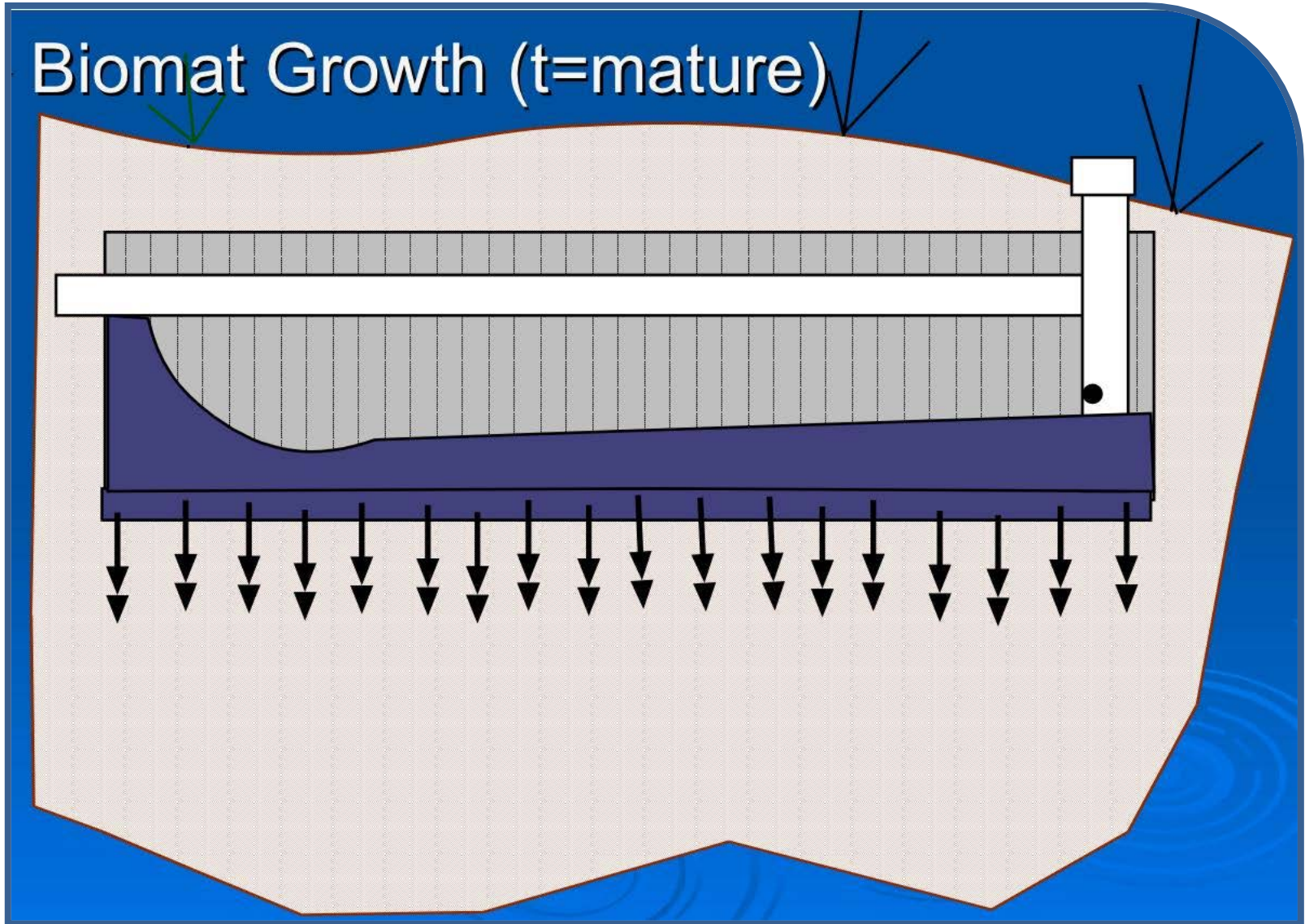


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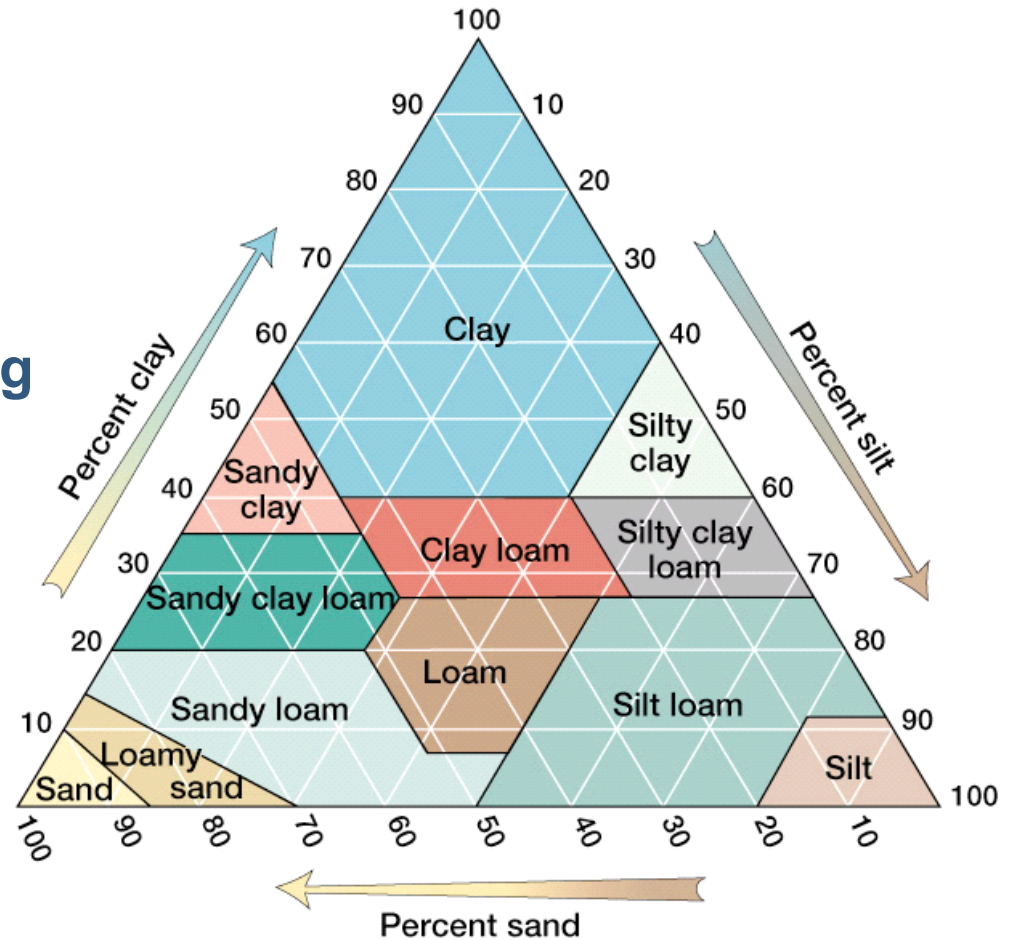


# Water Mounding Models

- **Step 1 → Identify soil textures**
- **Step 2 → Estimate  $K_{sat}$**
- **Step 3 → Use soil & site characteristics to select model**
  - **Identify limiting layers → impede water movement**
  - **Identify slope for horizontal water movement**
- **Step 4 → Know available length & area for drainfield**
- **Step 5 → Know effluent volume (gpd) & dosing pattern**
- **Step 6 → Know effluent quality (BOD, TSS, etc)**

# Identify Ksat

- Soil texture used to estimate saturated hydraulic conductivity ( $K_{sat}$ ) in water mounding models



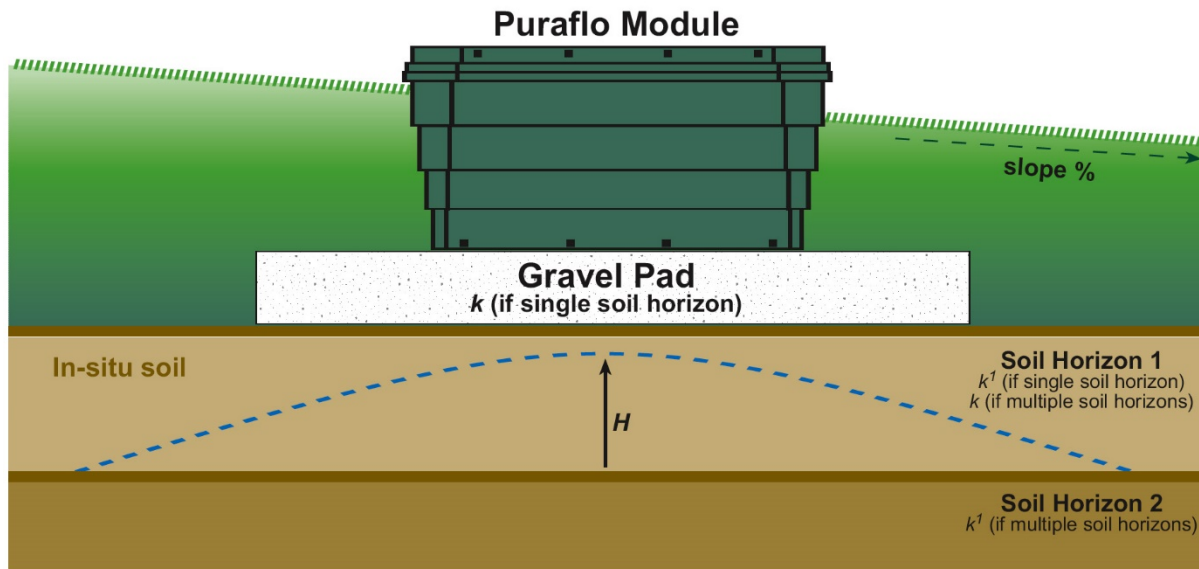
# Estimating Ksat

- Table is ballpark estimate
- Field test very helpful for tough sites

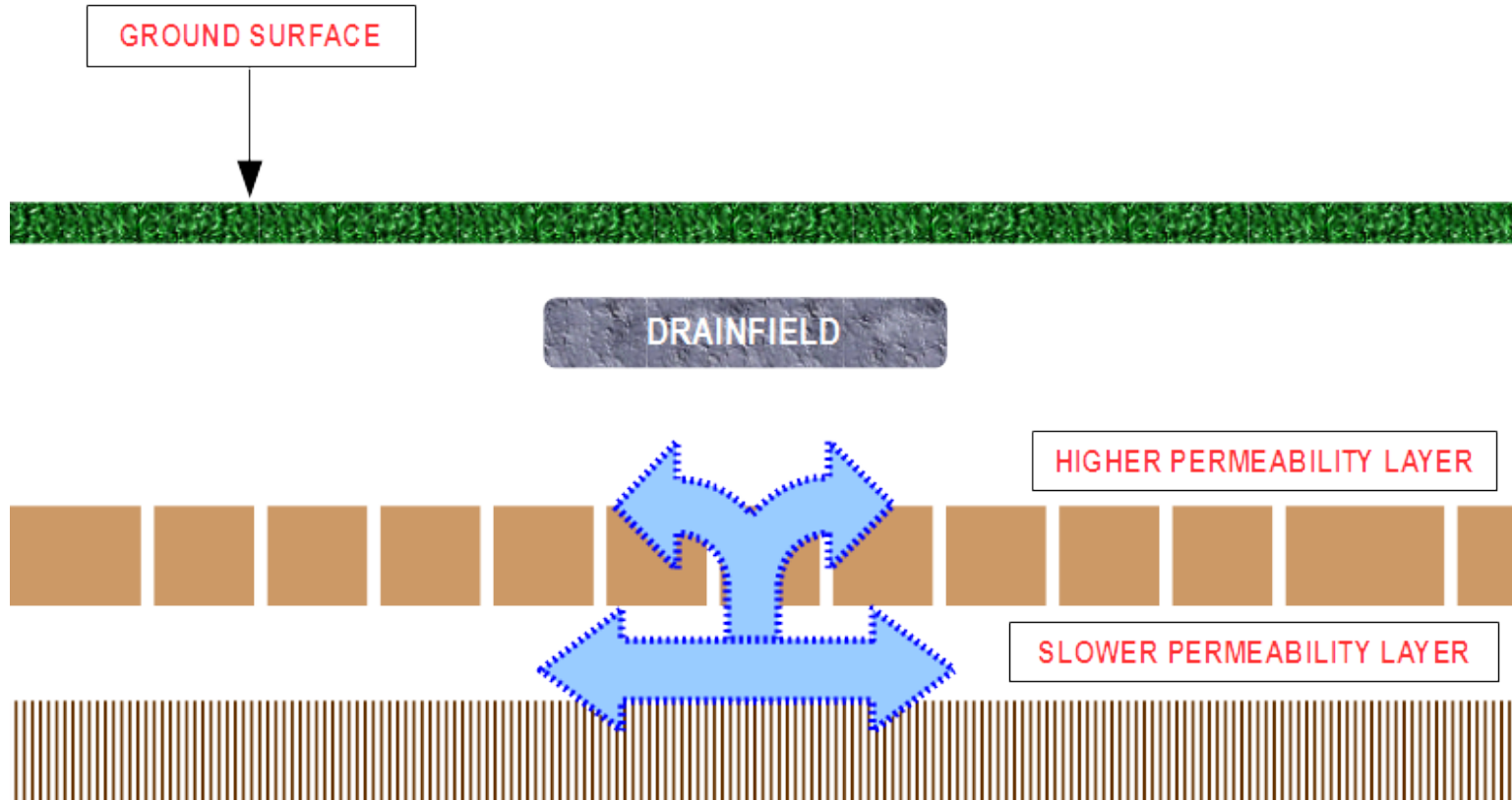
Ksat Values	Rawls et al, 1998		VA AOSS Regulations, 2011	
	mm/h	gpd/ft <sup>2</sup>	cm/d	gpd/ft <sup>2</sup>
Sand	181.90	<b>107.11</b>	>17	>4.17
Fine Sand	141.30	<b>83.20</b>		
Loamy Sand	123.00	<b>72.43</b>		
Sandy Loam	55.80	<b>32.86</b>	10 to 17	2.45 to 4.17
Loam	6.20	<b>3.65</b>		
Silt Loam	14.40	<b>8.48</b>		
Sandy Clay Loam	7.70	<b>4.53</b>	4 to <10	0.98 to <2.45
Clay Loam	4.20	<b>2.47</b>		
Silty Clay Loam	4.90	<b>2.89</b>		
Sandy Clay	0.90	<b>0.53</b>	<4	<0.98
Silty Clay	1.80	<b>1.06</b>		
Clay	2.00	<b>1.18</b>		

# Water Mounding Models

- Incorporate Darcy's Law into equations
- Height of water mounding is calculated

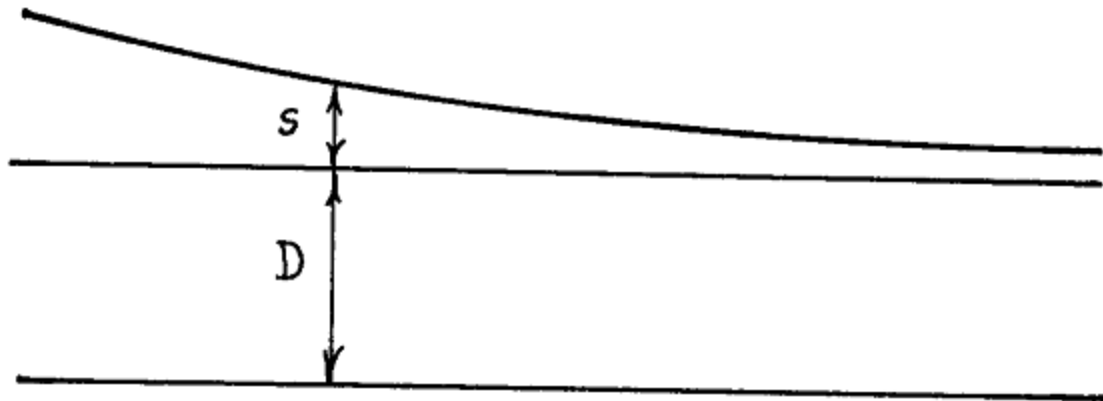


# Kaplan Model



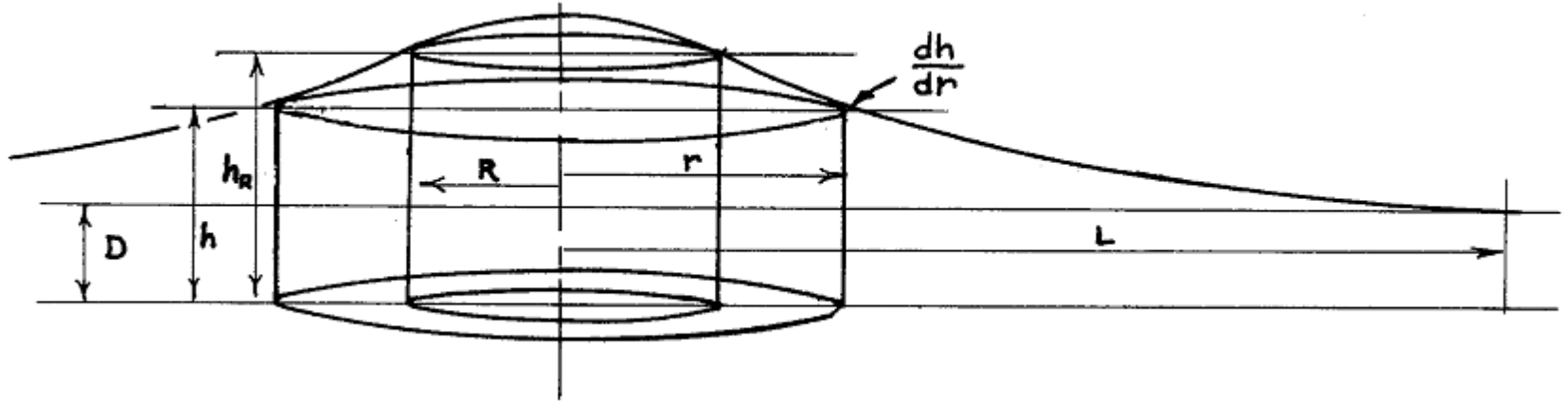
# Allen Model

- Water mounding height above saturated layer
  - Seasonal or permanent water table



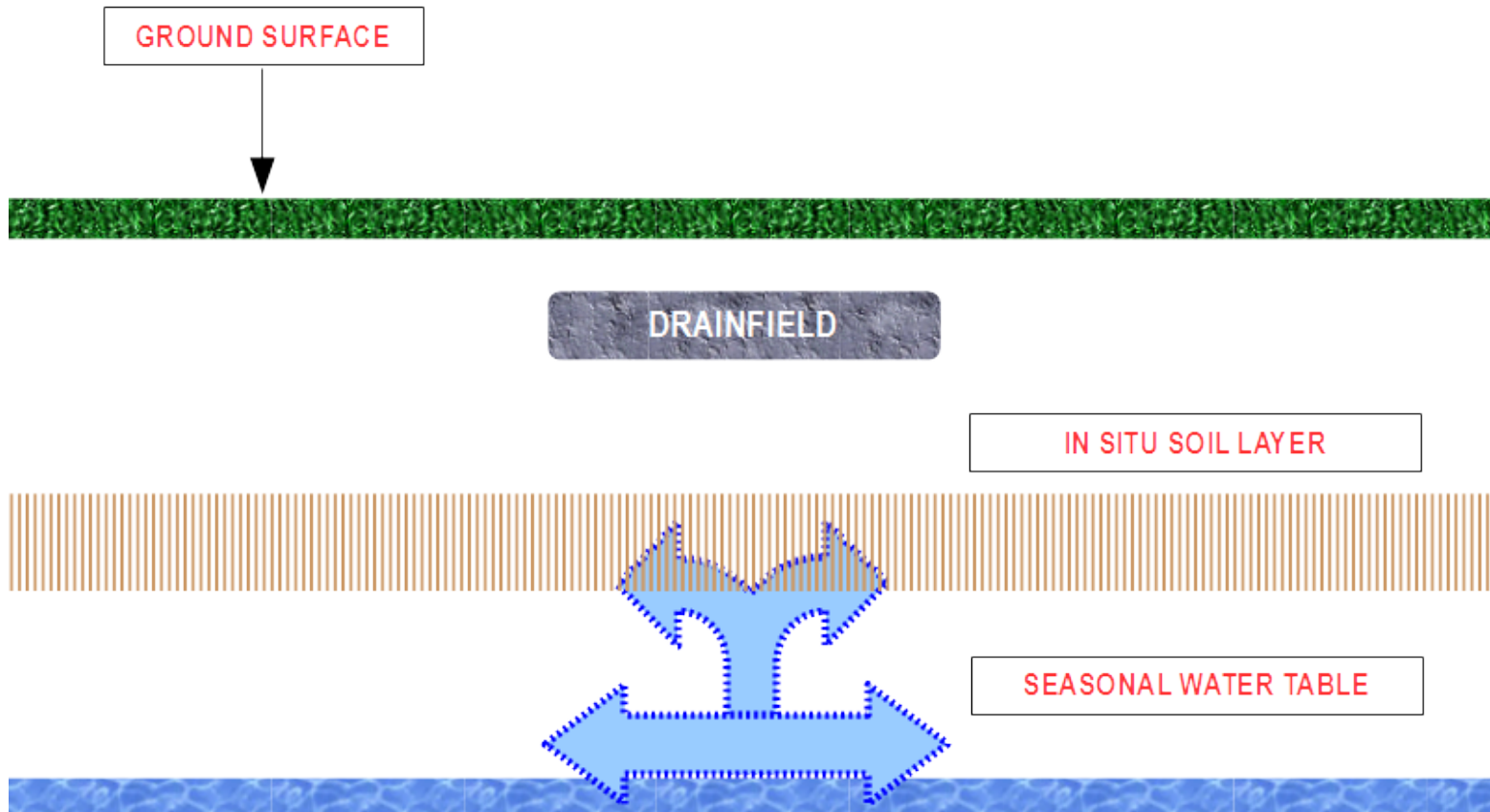


# Allen Model



$$H^2 = D^2 + \frac{Q}{\pi K} \left( \ln \frac{L}{R} + 1/2 \right)$$

# Allen Model



# Poeter Model

- Height of water mound =  $H_{\max}$

$$H_{\max} = w \left[ \frac{q'}{K_1} \left( \frac{q'}{K_2} - 1 \right) \right]^{1/2} \quad (\text{Equation 2})$$

$$L = w \frac{q'}{K_2} \quad (\text{Equation 3})$$

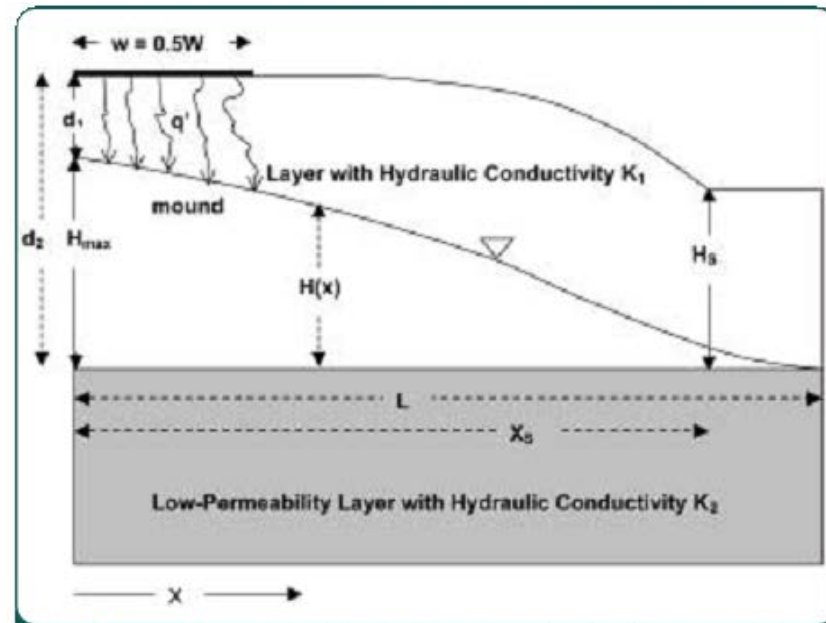
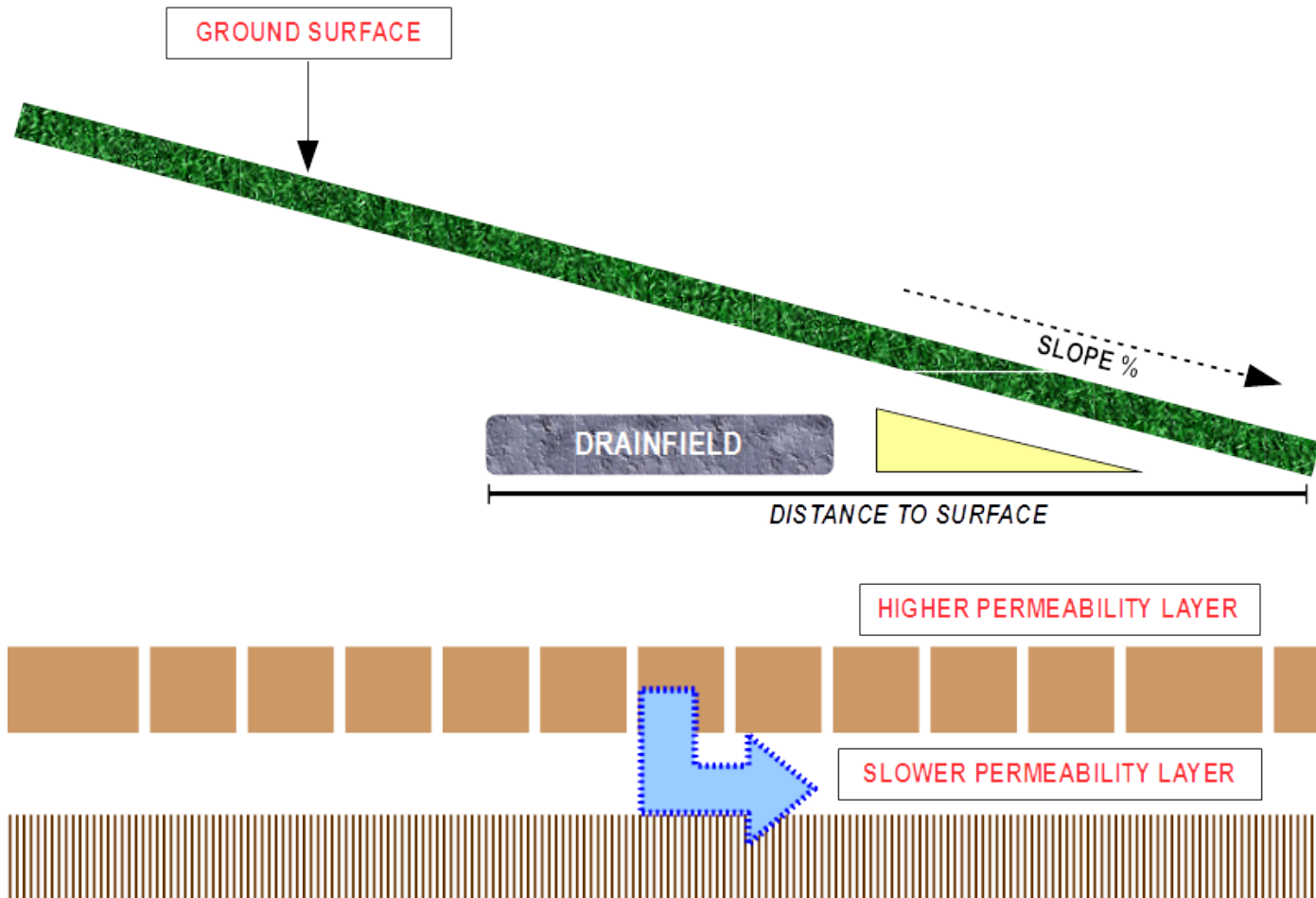


FIGURE 4 Conceptual Model for the Khan Analytical Solution. (Khan et al., 1976)

**Note: Remember to keep units the same.**

# Poeter Model



# Thoughts and Suggestions

- **K<sub>sat</sub> tables are guides**
  - **Field measurements can be performed**
- **Models are GUIDES**
- **Always use professional judgment**
- **No substitution for walking sites**
- **Dosing regime & effluent quality play important roles**
- **Other models are available**
  - **University of Minnesota**
  - **Others**

# Greenwood Lake, New York



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- Replacement system
- Sandy loam soil
- 24 inches deep over bedrock
- Site slope ~13%
- Front lot width = 40.33 feet



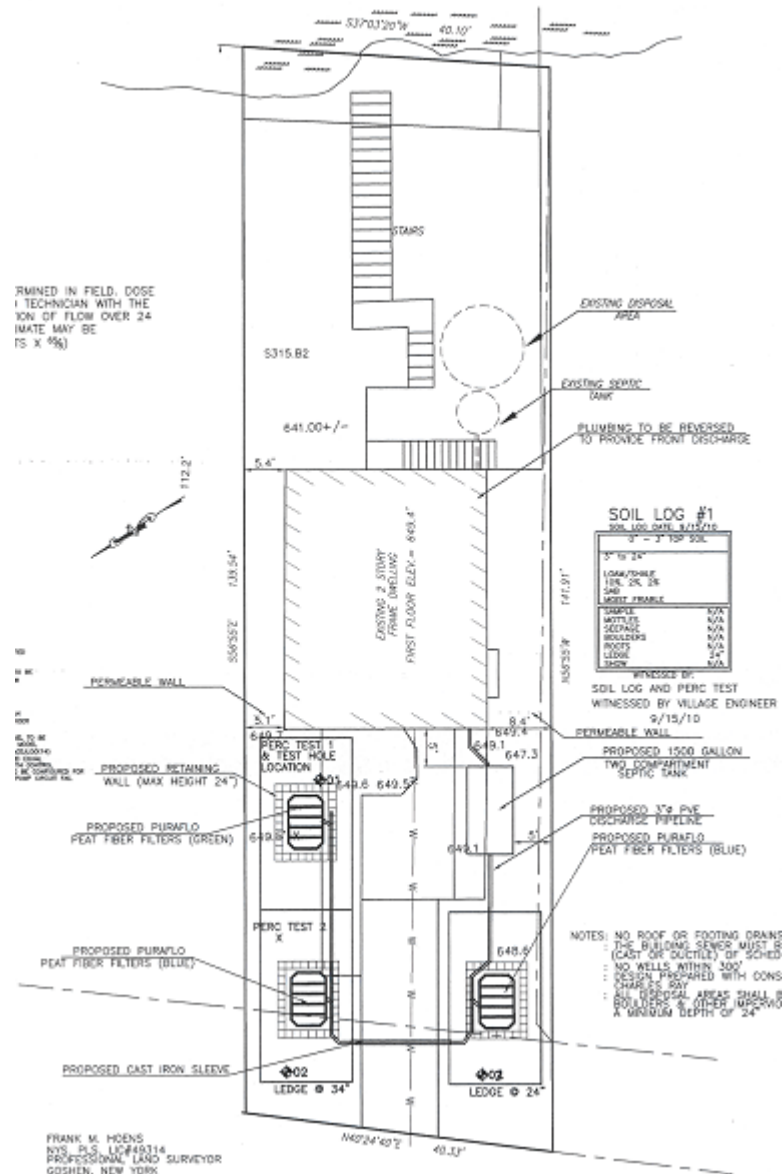
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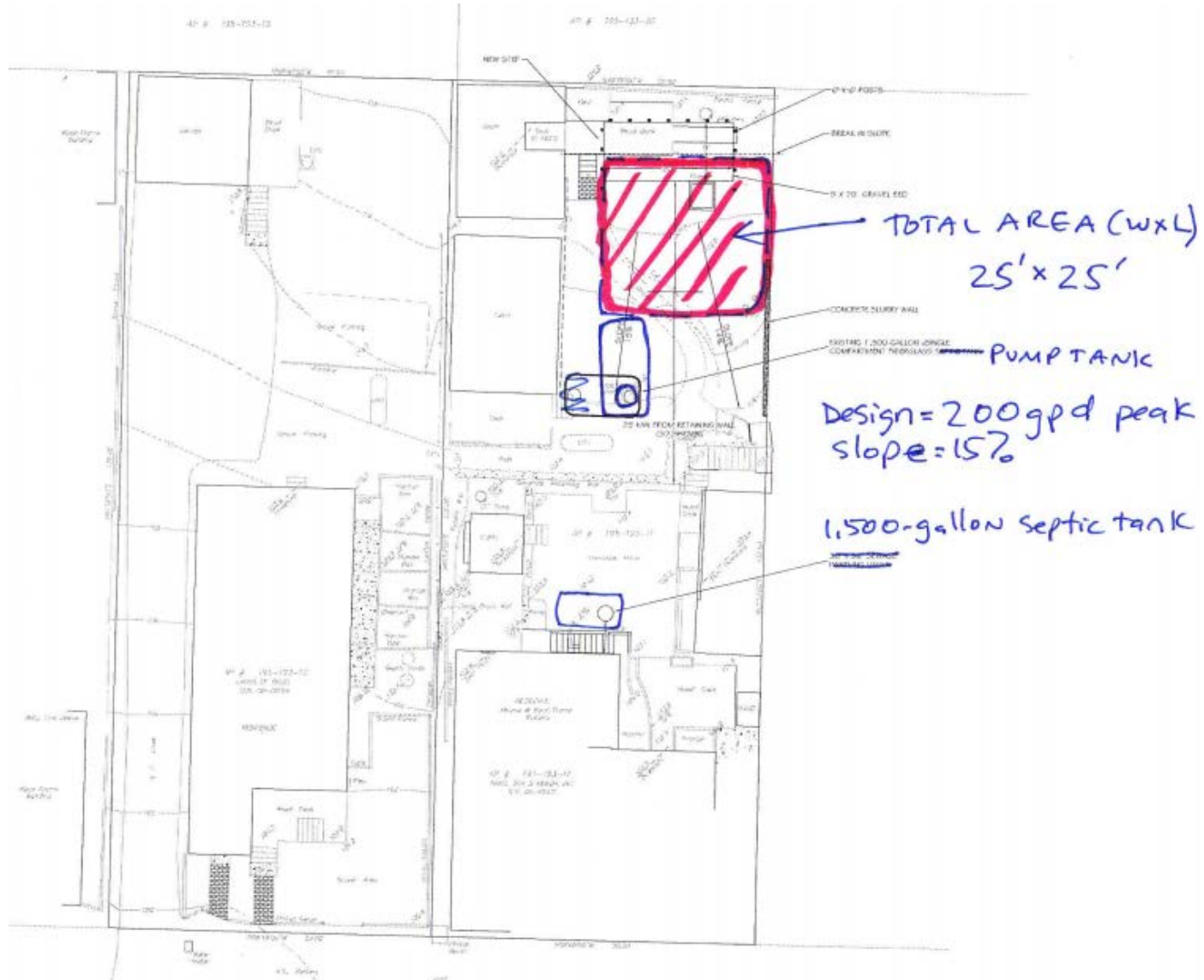
# Greenwood Lake, New York



# Stinson Beach, California

- **Depth to limiting layer = 30 inches**
- **Very limited space 25' x 25'**
- **Sandy clay loam over sandy clay**
- **Soil application rate = 0.5 gpd/ft<sup>2</sup>**
- **200 gpd peak & 150 gpd avg design flow**
- **Linear loading rate of 10.6 gpd/ft due to space**

# Stinson Beach, California

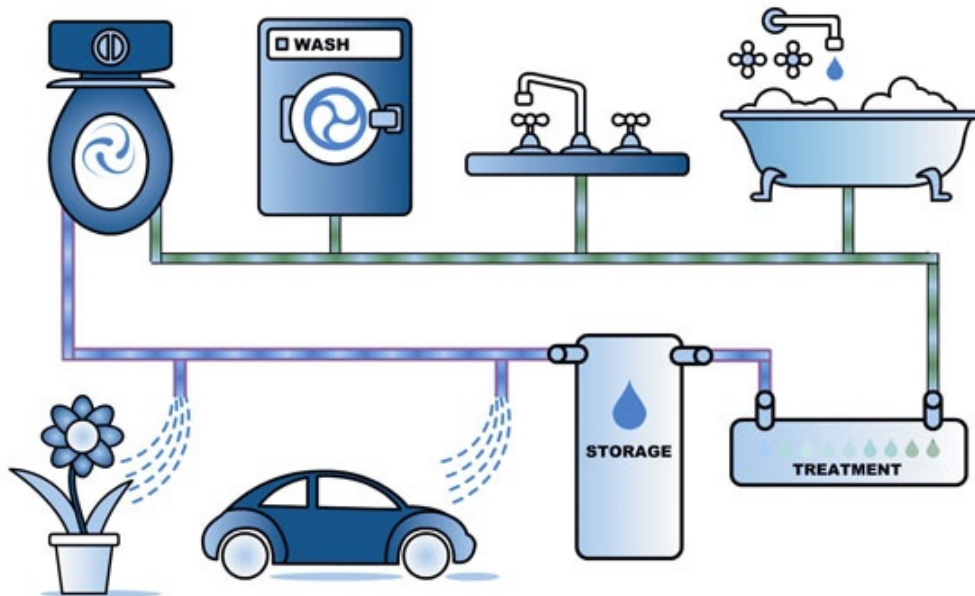
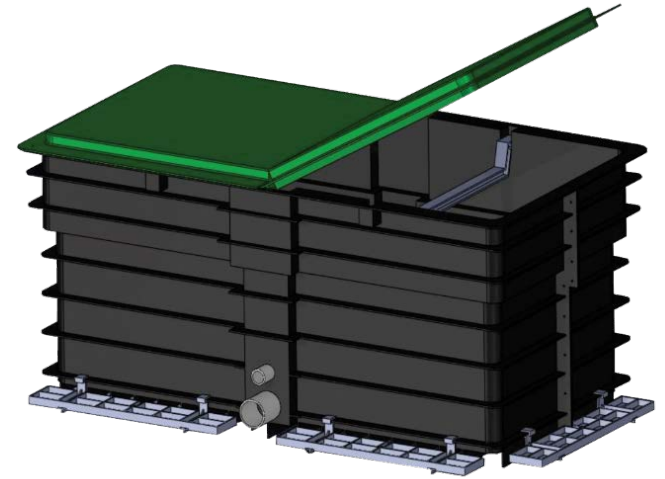




# Peat Fiber Biofilter Fill Pad

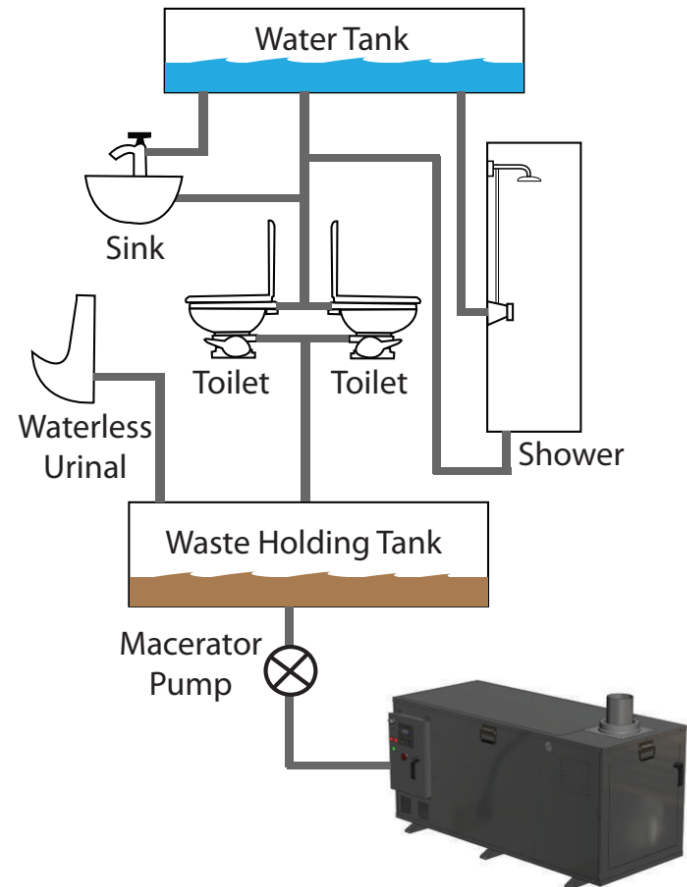
# Total Water Reuse Opportunity

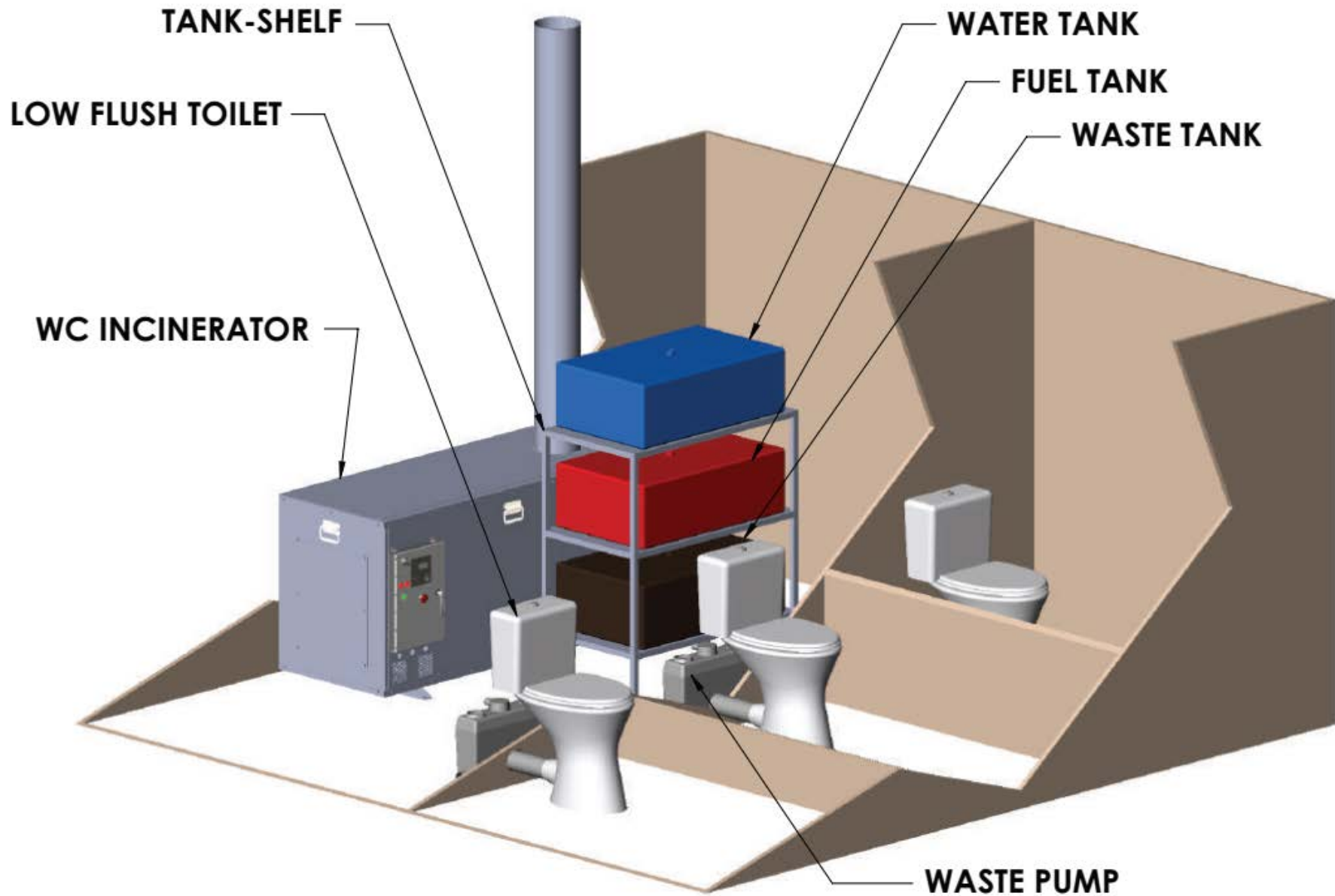
- NSF 350 in UPC
- E-Z Treat → NSF 350
- Save water
- Further drainfield sizing reduction



# Site Water Reduction

- Ecojohn → Incineration System





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