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Mr. T.J. Mullen
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Dear Mr. Mullen:

As part of the 2002 – 2003 watershed project for Lake Peekskill, SNOOT stormwater retrofits were installed in the Town of Putnam Valley. These retrofits were chosen since large, structural Best Management Practices (BMPs) would be difficult to install these residential areas. On 9 May 2003, the Putnam Valley Department of Public Works installed two SNOOT devices into two previously identified catch basins. The SNOUTs were monitored four times during 2003; 18 September, 25 September, 12 December, and 29 December. Stormwater samples were collected entering and exiting the SNOOT retrofitted catch basins and were analyzed for total phosphorus (TP) and total suspended solids (TSS). In order to estimate the pollutant loads entering and exiting the devices, rainfall data (Northeast Regional Climate Center: <http://climod.nrcc.cornell.edu/>), measured pollutant concentrations, and the immediate drainage area were used. Specifically, the following equation was used to estimate the pollutant load entering and exiting the SNOOT devices:

$$L = R * A * C$$

Where L = Pollutant load (lbs)
R = Rainfall during sampling event (meters)
A = Drainage area (m²)
C = pollutant concentration (mg/ L)

It should be noted that rainfall data during the 29 December 2003 sampling event was not available through the Cornell Climod database; thus, Princeton Hydro estimated the amount of rainfall to be 0.1 inches. In addition, the area of land draining into the SNOOT devices were estimated to be 880 m², using ArcGIS and the limited existing topographic data. The SNOOT devices removed both TSS and TP from stormwater entering the SNOOT devices from the surrounding drainage area. On average the SNOUTs reduced TSS by 56% and TP by 46%. Please refer to the figures at the end of this document for additional removal data. Please note that these are rough estimates since the exact drainage area and amount of rainfall were approximated.

Based on these data, the SNOOT-modified catch basins demonstrated the potential to remove the TSS and TP pollutant loads originating from surface runoff. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us at (610) 524 – 4220.

Sincerely,

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