

## EXPLORING STORMWATER BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES IN KHULNA CITY CORPORATION USING PCSWMM

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### ABSTRACT

Khulna City Corporation (KCC), located in a low-lying area in southwestern Bangladesh, has been suffering from frequent water logging in the rainy season almost every year. This situation is intensified due to rapid urbanization and the impact of climate change, which have consequently created numerous problems in KCC related to stormwater management issues that require immediate consideration. Therefore, the current study aims to explore stormwater management problems in KCC and find possible countermeasures through different best management practices. Stormwater management must be incorporated into urban design and development, particularly in densely populated urban areas like KCC. In Ward No. 30 of KCC, controlling stormwater is a vital concern due to heavy rainfall, a lack of proper drainage infrastructure, unplanned growth, extensive land cover areas, etc. In the current study, the most widely used Personnel Computer Storm Water Management Model (PCSWMM) software was adopted to evaluate the city's current stormwater management practices and develop a long-term stormwater management strategy. A reconnaissance investigation of the existing states of the soil, drainage, and outlet infrastructures was conducted. The study area (KCC Ward No. 30) was then divided into many small catchments in the ArcGIS platform, and areas of each sub-catchment were identified. To determine the percentage of impervious area and the elevation of the study area, the land use and land cover (LULC) map and the digital elevation model (DEM) were generated using the ArcGIS software. All the aforementioned parameters were then entered into the PCSWMM software, and simulations were performed for various rainfall durations using different best management practices. The PCSWMM simulation provided the results of runoff, infiltration, peak runoff, floods, or surcharges at every drainage node or discharge point in the existing and altered drainage system of the study area due to the occurrence of extreme rainfall. The results indicate that various best management practices, increasing the slope, reducing the roughness of the drainage systems, reducing imperviousness, permitting more infiltrations, and promoting green infrastructure, are highly effective in controlling urban flooding or surcharges in the study area caused by the occurrence of extreme rainfall in the future. The findings of this study are expected to be supportive to policymakers, urban planners, and water managers in implementing and promoting sustainable and climate-resilient urban drainage infrastructures to tackle stormwater management problems in the KCC area.

**Keywords:** Stormwater Management, PCSWMM, Urban Flooding, Best Management Practices, ArcGIS.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Globally, extreme rainfall has been increasing due to the impact of climate change. In recent years, run-off caused by extreme rainfall has been a matter of concern to researchers and water managers, as it often causes urban flooding and imposes a serious burden on the drainage systems, particularly in urban areas. Stormwater management refers to the sustainable drainage of stormwater, which usually causes flooding and water logging. Water logging is caused by several reasons, including changes occurring in the hydrologic cycle, such as uneven precipitation distribution in time and space; land use changes, such as decreasing green areas and occupying water bodies for land development; and a lack of proper management, such as improper maintenance of storm water drainage systems and inadequate emergency response systems (Akter et al., 2017). Therefore, it is vital to develop appropriate management measures for the reduction of urban water logging and sustainable stormwater management in urban areas.

Waterlogging is a widespread issue, particularly in developing nations. The accumulation of water on the surface happens when the earth is saturated with water and can no longer absorb any more. High impervious surfaces in urban areas, poor drainage systems, and improper land-use planning are the main contributors to waterlogging (Islam et al., 2020). One of the largest cities in Bangladesh, Khulna, has a serious waterlogging issue during the rainy season. The city's infrastructure, residents' lives, and property all suffer substantial losses as a result of the waterlogging (Azad et al., 2022). Hence, it is crucial to comprehend the causes of the waterlogging and identify potential remedies to the issue. Natural drainage channels, canals, and man-made drainage facilities like culverts and pumps make up the majority of the drainage system in the city of Khulna. It is necessary to maintain drainage channels that are large enough for all the rainwater that collects in the area (Ermalizar and Junaidi, 2018). The surface runoff rate and volume are increased due to more impervious areas like rooftops, squares, and roads. Overland flow direction is also changed by man-made facilities such as drainage systems, roads, and buildings (Hsu et al., 2000). It has an impact on people's quality of life, particularly in places where agriculture is the main source of income (Jahan et al., 2018). Unfortunately, the drainage system has become unable to handle the extra water during the monsoon season as a result of growing urbanization and unplanned growth (Ahmed et al., 2017).

Khulna, being the third-largest city, is located in the southwest region of Bangladesh. A flat alluvial plain with an average height of 1-2 meters above sea level best describes this area. The Ganges-Brahmaputra Delta, the biggest delta in the world and one of the most densely inhabited regions on earth, dominates the area. The network of rivers and tributaries that pass through the Khulna area, including the Ganges, Brahmaputra, and Meghna rivers and countless smaller rivers and canals, has influenced its landscape. These rivers have produced an intricate network of linked streams, channels, and estuaries that provide a critical habitat for a wide variety of plants and wildlife. Drainage difficulties are one of the main concerns brought on by urbanization in Khulna city. As a consequence, flooding has been a common occurrence in the city, particularly during the monsoon season. (Islam et al., 2017). The upshot is that the city's streets, residences, and businesses regularly flood, resulting in substantial economic and social losses. The city has a monsoon-influenced tropical climate, with a dry season from November to March and a wet season from May to October. The annual average rainfall in Khulna is 1802 mm and the temperature in Khulna varies from 21.3°C to 31.1°C with a mean value of 26.2°C (Rana and Adhikary, 2023).

Personnel Computer Storm Water Management Model (PCSWMM) is a widely adopted stormwater management simulation software that was employed to assess the effectiveness of a low-impact development strategy for stormwater management in a residential area (Lee et al., 2015). They discovered that the method was successful in lowering peak flow rates and stormwater discharge. In another study, PCSWMM was used to plan and assess a stormwater management system for the campus of a Chinese institution (Wang et al., 2016). They discovered that the technique was successful in lowering the danger of floods and raising the quality of the water. A complete examination of the current stormwater infrastructure is required to conduct the stormwater management project in Khulna Ward-30. The efficacy of current stormwater infrastructure may be assessed, and new stormwater management

systems can be designed, utilizing PCSWMM for this study. The use of PCSWMM will also make it possible to locate probable flood zones and create effective stormwater management plans. So, the goal of this study is to study the existing drainage properties, soil condition, land use condition, and land elevation of the area and to develop a model using PCSWMM to calculate runoff, infiltration, peak runoff, etc. It will enable us to check whether any flooding occurs in the study area; if not, then some preventive measures would be proposed to reduce runoff and increase infiltration in the area. The objective of this study is to explore the potentiality of using best management practices in urban stormwater management in Khulna City Corporation of Bangladesh.

## 2.METHODOLOGY

### 2.1. Study Area and Data Collection

In this study, Ward No. 30 in Khulna City Corporation (KCC) is selected as the study area. Its location is approximately at latitude 22.80 degrees and longitude is 89.6 degree. The total study area is approximately 1233271 m<sup>2</sup> (approximately 1.23 km<sup>2</sup>). The total study area was divided into 26 smaller areas named sub-catchments. Figure 1 represents the study area divided into several sub-catchments that flow water into a common junction/node. The study area was visited to calculate the drainage dimensions, outlet dimensions & types of the soil present in the study area. The existing drainage map of ward-30 is collected from KCC. The areas of sub-catchment, percent imperviousness of land use, and percent slope have been found by using ArcGIS. The width is found by dividing the area of each sub-catchment by the longest flow path using Equation (1).

$$\text{Width of a sub catchment} = \frac{\text{Area of a sub catchment}}{\text{Longest flow path}} \quad (1)$$



Figure 1: Ward No. 30 of KCC (the study area) with its delineated sub-catchments

### 2.2 Model Development

The existing drainage model is developed in PCSWMM after collecting all the data. After that, a simulation was done for a particular Ten-Year Rainfall Data from 2011 to 2020 which was taken from a website of NASA called Data Access Viewer. Horton's Infiltration parameters have been used for necessary calculations. Figure 2 shows the PCSWMM model for the existing condition of the study area with nodes, outfalls, sub-catchments, and conduits.

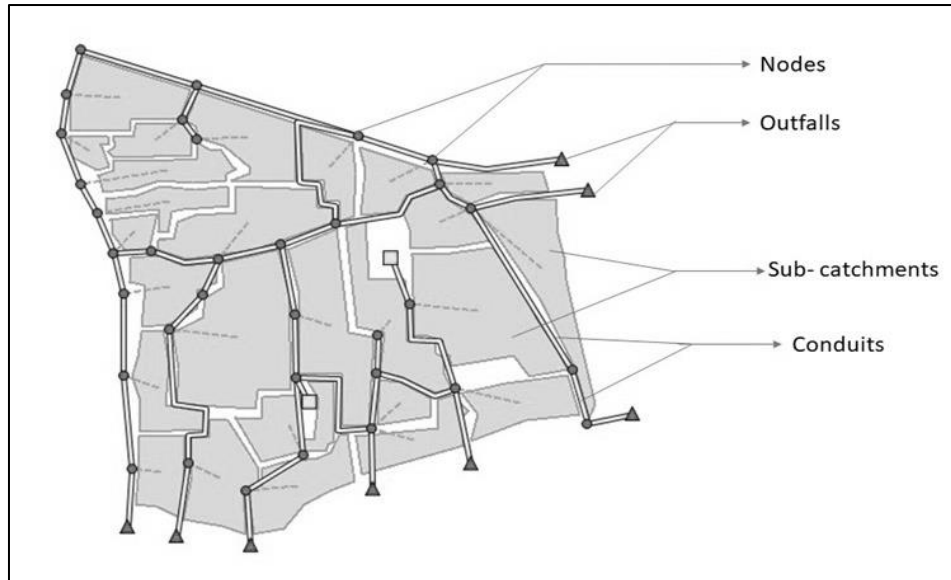


Figure 2: The Model Developed in PCSWMM for the study area with their designations

### 2.3 Scenario Analysis for Different Best Management Practices

A reconnaissance investigation of the existing states of the soil, drainage, and outlet infrastructures was conducted. The study area (KCC Ward No. 30) was then divided into many small catchments in the ArcGIS platform, and areas of each sub-catchment were identified. In order to calculate the percentage of impervious area and the elevation of the study area, the land use and land cover (LULC) map and the digital elevation model (DEM) were generated using the ArcGIS software. All the aforementioned parameters were then entered into the PCSWMM software, and simulations were performed for various rainfall durations using different best management practices. The PCSWMM simulation provided the results of runoff, infiltration, peak runoff, floods, or surcharges at every drainage node or discharge point in the existing and altered drainage system of the study area due to the occurrence of extreme rainfall.

## 3.RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table 1 represents the sub-catchment runoff and infiltration for 10-year rainfall with existing imperviousness which shows total precipitation, total infiltration, impervious runoff, pervious runoff, total runoff, peak runoff, and runoff of every catchment.

Table 2 shows Outfall discharges for 10 years of rain with existing imperviousness of the area where there are a total of 8 outlets, 2 directly fall at Rupsha River, and the other 6 falls at Khal par area which indirectly connects at Rupsha River. Here, from the table, the percent flow frequency, average flow, maximum flow, and total volume of discharge have been found. The total discharge volume for the existing condition is  $15570.216 \times 10^6$  L.

Table 1: Sub-catchment runoff and infiltration for 10-year rainfall with existing imperviousness

Sub-catchment	Total precipitation (mm)	Total infiltration (mm)	Impervious runoff (mm)	Previous runoff (mm)	Total runoff (mm)	Total runoff ( $\times 10^6$ liters)	Peak runoff (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	Runoff coefficient
S4	21158.75	4922.98	14812.25	1424.92	16237.1	396.19	0.19	0.767
S5		4965.46	14811.87	1382.35	16194.2	510.12	0.24	0.765
S8		4913.96	14812.38	1433.97	16246.3	495.52	0.24	0.768
S9		4960.66	14811.9	1387.15	16199.0	349.9	0.17	0.766
S10		4957.47	14811.92	1390.35	16202.2	275.44	0.13	0.766
S11		4918.62	14812.31	1429.3	16241.6	495.37	0.24	0.768
S12		4957.8	14811.92	1390.01	16201.9	430.97	0.21	0.766
S13		4947.17	14812	1400.67	16212.6	405.32	0.19	0.766
S22		12353.96	5290.53	3515.66	8806.19	440.31	0.38	0.416
S24		4958.68	14811.92	1389.13	16201.0	1344.6	0.64	0.766
S23		4920.81	14812.28	1427.1	16239.3	446.59	0.21	0.768
S25		4932.67	14812.13	1415.2	16227.3	308.32	0.15	0.767
S19		4985.16	14811.78	1362.62	16174.4	769.91	0.37	0.764
S26		4969.46	14811.85	1378.35	16190.2	971.42	0.47	0.765
S1		4946.82	14812	1401.01	16213.0	1085.7	0.52	0.766
S2		4952.88	14811.96	1394.94	16206.9	836.28	0.4	0.766
S3		4915.46	14812.36	1432.46	16244.8	175.77	0.08	0.768
S7		4945.11	14812.02	1402.73	16214.7	405.37	0.19	0.766
S6		4880.64	14813.35	1467.57	16280.9	182.35	0.09	0.769
S16		4943.91	14812.03	1403.93	16215.9	489.72	0.23	0.766
S17		4918.19	14812.31	1429.72	16242.0	438.54	0.21	0.768
S15	4989.81	14811.76	1357.97	16169.7	1109.2	0.53	0.764	
S14	4969.02	14811.85	1378.78	16190.6	1586.6	0.76	0.765	
S18	4962.82	14811.89	1384.99	16196.8	1023.65	0.49	0.765	
S20	4939.79	14812.06	1408.06	16220.1	220.59	0.11	0.767	
S21	4949.06	14811.98	1398.77	16210.76	376.09	0.18	0.766	

Table 2 shows Outfall discharges for 10 years of rain with existing imperviousness of the area where there are a total of 8 outlets, 2 directly fall at Rupsha River, and the other 6 falls at Khalpar area which indirectly connects at Rupsha River. Here, from the table, the percent flow frequency, average flow, maximum flow, and total volume of discharge have been found. The total discharge volume for the existing condition is  $15570.216 \times 10^6$  L.

Table 2: Outfall discharges for 10 Year rain with existing imperviousness of the area

Outfall Node	Flow frequency (%)	Average flow (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	Maximum flow (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	Total volume ( $\times 10^6$ L)
O6	59.71	0.01	0.997	1952.434
O3	55.46	0.008	0.734	1303.506
O1	60.14	0.022	1.521	4188.151
O2	58.27	0.013	1.135	2457.93
O4	58.63	0.013	1.143	2467.178
O5	54.19	0.008	0.79	1328.613
O8	54.36	0.004	0.4	646.014
O7	53.15	0.007	0.9	1226.39
Total =				15570.216

Table 3 shows the node depth for existing imperviousness and drainage. From this maximum reported depth is less than the drainage depth so that for the existing condition of my study area, no node or junction is flooded. From these, it is clear that there is no flooding in my model simulation.

Table 3: Node depth for existing imperviousness and drainage

Node	Type	Average depth (m)	Maximum depth (m)	Maximum HGL (m)	Day of maximum depth	Hour of maximum Depth	Maximum depth (m)
J1		0.02	0.48	8.83	2485		0.48
J2		0.01	0.39	8.69	2485		0.39
J3		0.01	0.87	8.67	2485		0.87
J6		0.03	1.01	8.56	2485		1.01
J7		0.03	0.93	8.43	2485		0.93
J8		0.03	0.65	8.1	2485		0.65
J12		0.02	0.6	8.55	2485		0.6
J4		0.02	0.95	8.65	2485		0.95
J13		0.01	0.42	8.32	2485		0.42
J41		0.01	0.39	8.24	2485		0.39
J40		0.01	0.41	8.33	2485		0.41
J37		0.01	0.54	8.52	2485		0.54
J23		0	0.53	8.53	2485		0.53
J16		0.01	0.8	8.6	2485		0.8
J5		0.03	1	8.6	2485		1
J15		0.01	0.65	8.6	2485		0.65
J18		0.02	0.71	8.59	2485		0.71
J22	JUNCTION	0.02	0.51	8.11	2485	12:00	0.51
J17		0.01	0.7	8.6	2485		0.7
J45		0.01	0.4	7.9	2485		0.4
J46		0.01	0.24	7.72	2485		0.24
J24		0.01	0.62	8.52	2485		0.62
J26		0.01	0.46	8.21	2485		0.46
J27		0.01	0.36	8.01	2485		0.36
J32		0.01	0.49	8.24	2485		0.49
J31		0.02	0.48	8.18	2485		0.48
J30		0.01	0.46	8.11	2485		0.46
J25		0.01	0.46	8.26	2485		0.46
J33		0.02	0.56	8.46	2485		0.56
J35		0.01	0.43	8.18	2485		0.43
J10		0.02	0.61	8.89	2485		0.61
J11		0.01	0.58	8.83	2485		0.58
J9		0.01	0.6	8.9	2485		0.6
INLET		0	0.33	8.83	2485		0.33
O6		0.01	0.38	7.73	2485		0.38
O3		0.01	0.31	7.81	2485		0.31
O1		0.01	0.5	7.9	2485		0.5
O2		0.01	0.41	7.86	2485		0.41
O4	OUTFALL	0.01	0.41	7.86	2485		0.41
O5		0.01	0.38	7.83	2485		0.38
O8		0	0.21	7.56	2485		0.21
O7		0.01	0.35	7.75	2485		0.35

Table 4 represents the sub-catchment runoff and infiltration for 10-year rainfall with 60% improved imperviousness and a 1.5% slope increase. It can be seen that the total runoff decreases from  $396.19 \times 10^6$  L to  $356.05 \times 10^6$  L (sub-catchment 4) and the runoff coefficient decreases from 0.76 to 0.69.

Table 4: Sub-catchment Runoff and Infiltration for 10-year Rainfall with 60% improved imperviousness and 1.5% slope increases

Sub catchment	Total precipitation (mm)	Total infiltration (mm)	Impervious runoff (mm)	Pervious runoff (mm)	Total runoff (mm)	Total runoff ( $\times 10^6$ L)	Peak runoff (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	Runoff coefficient
S4		6568.07	12696.42	1895.78	14592.2	356.05	0.19	0.69
S5		6616.71	12696.08	1847.04	14543.12	458.11	0.24	0.687
S8		6559.53	12696.51	1904.35	14600.86	445.33	0.24	0.69
S9		6610.45	12696.12	1853.31	14549.42	314.27	0.17	0.688
S10		6578.65	12696.33	1885.17	14581.5	247.89	0.13	0.689
S11		6566.29	12696.44	1897.56	14594	445.12	0.24	0.69
S12		6596.33	12696.2	1867.45	14563.65	387.4	0.21	0.688
S13		6601.57	12696.17	1862.2	14558.37	363.96	0.19	0.688
S22		12342.86	5290.55	3526.78	8817.33	440.87	0.38	0.417
S24		6614.02	12696.1	1849.73	14545.83	1207.31	0.64	0.687
S23		4915.3	14812.36	1432.63	16244.99	446.74	0.21	0.768
S25	21158.75	6581.95	12696.3	1881.86	14578.16	276.99	0.15	0.689
S19		6647.71	12695.95	1816	14511.95	690.77	0.37	0.686
S26		6637.8	12695.99	1825.92	14521.91	871.32	0.46	0.686
S1		6599.95	12696.18	1863.82	14560	975.09	0.52	0.688
S2		6605.36	12696.14	1858.41	14554.55	751.02	0.4	0.688
S3		6545.25	12696.69	1918.69	14615.38	158.14	0.08	0.691
S7		6598.18	12696.19	1865.6	14561.78	364.05	0.19	0.688
S6		6499.1	12697.67	1965.36	14663.03	164.23	0.09	0.693
S16		6594.02	12696.21	1869.77	14565.98	439.9	0.23	0.688
S17		6562.15	12696.48	1901.72	14598.2	394.15	0.21	0.69
S15		6648.48	12695.95	1815.23	14511.18	995.47	0.53	0.686
S14		6626.11	12696.04	1837.63	14533.67	1424.31	0.76	0.687
S18		6629.96	12696.02	1833.77	14529.79	918.29	0.49	0.687
S20		6559.98	12696.5	1903.9	14600.4	198.57	0.11	0.69
S21		6600.98	12696.17	1862.79	14558.96	337.77	0.18	0.688

Table 5 shows outfall discharges for 10-year rainfall with improved 60% Imperviousness and a 1.5% increase in slope. The total discharge volume for the existing condition is  $14073.144 \times 10^6$  L.

Table 5: Outfall discharges for 10-year rainfall with improved 60% imperviousness and 1.5% increase in slope

Outfall Node	Flow frequency (%)	Average flow (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	Maximum flow (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	Total volume ( $\times 10^6$ L)
O6	59.1	0.01	0.992	1762.201
O3	54.41	0.007	0.73	1170.523
O1	59.11	0.02	1.515	3759.056
O2	56.86	0.012	1.129	2206.052
O4	57.46	0.012	1.138	2228.34
O5	53.13	0.007	0.787	1225.225
O8	53.63	0.004	0.398	594.821
O7	52.25	0.007	0.896	1126.926
Total =				14073.144

Here table 6 shows the Sub-catchment Runoff and Infiltration for 10-year rainfall with improved 50% imperviousness and 2.5% increase in slope where it is seen that the total runoff decreases from

396.19×10<sup>6</sup> L to 315.76×10<sup>6</sup> L (sub-catchment 4) and the runoff coefficient decreases from 0.76 to 0.612.

Table 6: Sub-catchment Runoff and Infiltration for 10-year rainfall with improved 50% imperviousness and 2.5% increase in slope

Sub catchment	Total rainfall (mm)	Total infiltration (mm)	Impervious runoff (mm)	Pervious runoff (mm)	Total runoff (mm)	Total runoff (×10 <sup>6</sup> L)	Peak runoff (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	Runoff coefficient
S4		8219.48	10580.5	2360.3	12940.81	315.76	0.19	0.612
S5		8280.44	10580.2	2299.23	12879.43		0.24	0.609
S8		8210.17	10580.57	2369.64	12950.21	394.98	0.23	0.612
S9		8272.28	10580.23	2307.4	12887.63	278.37	0.17	0.609
S10		8225.07	10580.47	2354.7	12935.17	219.9	0.13	0.611
S11		8219.37	10580.51	2360.42	12940.92	394.7	0.23	0.612
S12		8250.9	10580.33	2328.82	12909.14	343.39	0.2	0.61
S13		8264.23	10580.26	2315.47	12895.73	322.4	0.19	0.609
S22		12317.37	5290.61	3552.33	8842.94	442.15	0.38	0.418
S24		8279.26	10580.2	2300.41	12880.61	1069.1	0.64	0.609
S23		8225.98	10580.46	2353.79	12934.25	355.69	0.21	0.611
S25	21158.75	8238.27	10580.39	2341.47	12921.86	245.52	0.15	0.611
S19		8322.8	10580.07	2256.82	12836.89	611.04	0.37	0.607
S26		8315.03	10580.09	2264.6	12844.69	770.69	0.46	0.607
S1		8261.56	10580.28	2318.14	12898.42	863.81	0.51	0.61
S2		8267.53	10580.25	2312.16	12892.41	665.25	0.4	0.609
S3		8184.94	10580.78	2394.96	12975.75	140.4	0.08	0.613
S7		8259.46	10580.29	2320.24	12900.53	322.52	0.19	0.61
S6		8124.34	10581.5	2456.22	13037.72	146.02	0.09	0.616
S16		8252.83	10580.32	2326.88	12907.2	389.8	0.23	0.61
S17		8211.92	10580.56	2367.89	12948.45	349.61	0.21	0.612
S15		8321.85	10580.07	2257.77	12837.84	880.68	0.53	0.607
S14		8294.48	10580.15	2285.17	12865.32	1260.81	0.75	0.608



S18	8305.47	10580.12	2274.17	12854.29	812.4	0.49	0.608
S20	8201.45	10580.64	2378.39	12959.03	176.24	0.1	0.612
S21	8262.06	10580.27	2317.64	12897.91	299.23	0.18	0.61

Table 7 shows outfall discharge volumes for 10-year rainfall with improved imperviousness of 50% and an increase in slope is 2.5%. The total discharge volume for the existing condition is 12476.199×10<sup>6</sup> liter.

Table 7: Outfall discharges for 10-year rainfall with improved 50% imperviousness and 1.5% increase in slope

Outfall Node	Flow frequency (%)	Average flow (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	Maximum flow (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	Total volume (×10 <sup>6</sup> L)
O6	58.57	0.009	0.986	1568.39
O3	53.57	0.006	0.725	1036.79
O1	58.31	0.018	1.508	3328.407
O2	55.86	0.011	1.123	1951.975
O4	56.51	0.011	1.131	1961.983
O5	52.11	0.007	0.782	1056.147
O8	52.96	0.003	0.396	543.963
O7	51.49	0.006	0.892	1028.544
Total =				12476.199

Figure 3 shows the graph of outlet volume discharge reduced with improving measures. For 70% imperviousness with a normal slope, the outlet discharge is less than 1600 (10<sup>6</sup> L). The outlet discharge reduces to about 14000 (10<sup>6</sup> L) for 60% imperviousness with a 1.5% increased slope. At last, it becomes almost 12500 (10<sup>6</sup> L) for 50% imperviousness with a 2.5% increased slope. Therefore this study also shows the outfall discharge volumes also decrease with decreasing imperviousness and increasing slopes. it is seen that the outfall discharge volume is reduced when the imperviousness is reduced and the slope is increased.

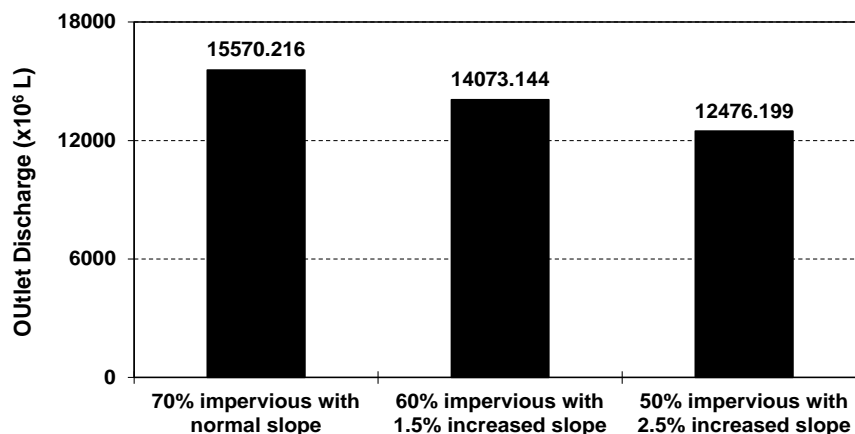


Figure 3: Reduction in the outlet discharges after applying the best management practices

Figure 4 shows the variation in runoff and infiltration for 10-year rainfall with three different scenarios of imperviousness and slopes. The infiltration loss and surface runoff are about 539 hectare-m in volume, 5400 mm in depth, and almost 1600 hectare-m, in volume and 15800 mm in depth respectively. For 60 % imperviousness and a 1.5% increase in slope, it reduces a little. Finally, for 50% imperviousness and a 2.5 % increase in slope, infiltration loss became about 833 hectare-m in volume

and less than 8500 mm in depth. On the other hand, surface runoff became a little less than 1250 hectare-m in volume and almost 12600 mm in depth. As can be seen from the figure, the infiltration losses increase with the decrease of imperviousness and increase of slopes. At the same time, the surface runoff decreases with the reduction in imperviousness and increase of slopes. This implies that the implementation of the best management practices or nature-based solutions are highly effective to reduce water logging and helps in the effective stormwater management in the urban areas.

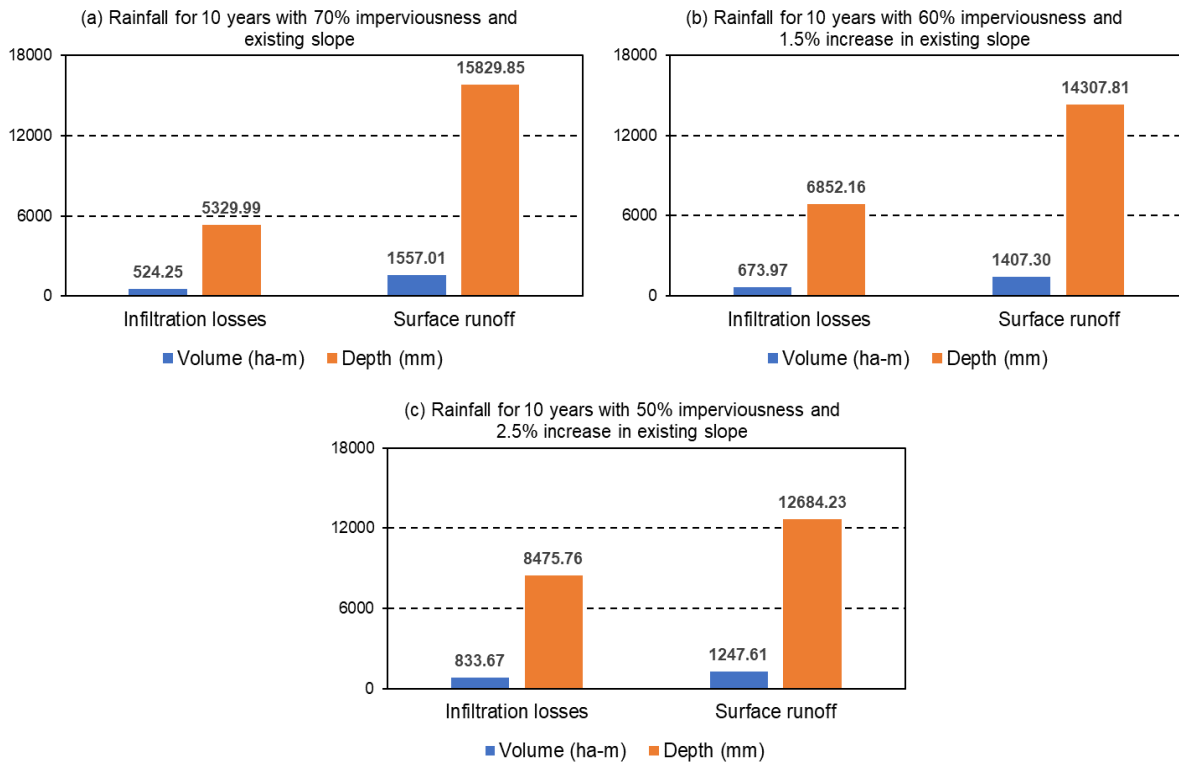


Figure 4: Variation in runoff and infiltration for 10-year rainfall with three different scenarios of imperviousness and slopes

#### 4. CONCLUSIONS

Based on the findings of the current study, the following conclusions can be drawn:

- It is found that with a reduction in imperviousness of 60% and an increase in slope of 1.5%, the outlet discharge is reduced by almost  $1.497 \times 10^6$  m<sup>3</sup>. It is also obtained in this study that with a decreased imperviousness of 50% and an increased slope of 2.5%, the outlet discharge volume is decreased by almost  $3.094 \times 10^6$  m<sup>3</sup>. This happened as a result of the increased infiltration in the study area. This reveals that the best management practices, such as increasing infiltration and reducing imperviousness, are highly effective as a nature-based solution to minimize water logging in urban areas and sustainable stormwater management.
- The average infiltration loss for the existing condition is found to be 5329.993 mm, whereas for the proposed reduction of imperviousness, this loss is found to be 6852.159 mm. Hence, as imperviousness is decreased by 10%, the average infiltration is increased by about 1522.166 mm (in depth) and  $1.872 \times 10^6$  m<sup>3</sup> (in volume), and the runoff is decreased with the same values as infiltration.
- The study conclusively demonstrates the usefulness of various best management practices, including increasing slopes, reducing the roughness of the drainage systems, reducing imperviousness, and permitting more infiltrations, which are highly effective in controlling urban flooding or surcharges in urban areas caused by the occurrence of extreme rainfall.

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