

## Porous bituminous pavement

- Developed by the Franklin Institute – 1972
- Tested in pilot projects during 1970's
- Development of geotextiles in 1979
- Current design since 1980
- CA has built over 150 projects since 1980
- Outstanding engineering project - 2000



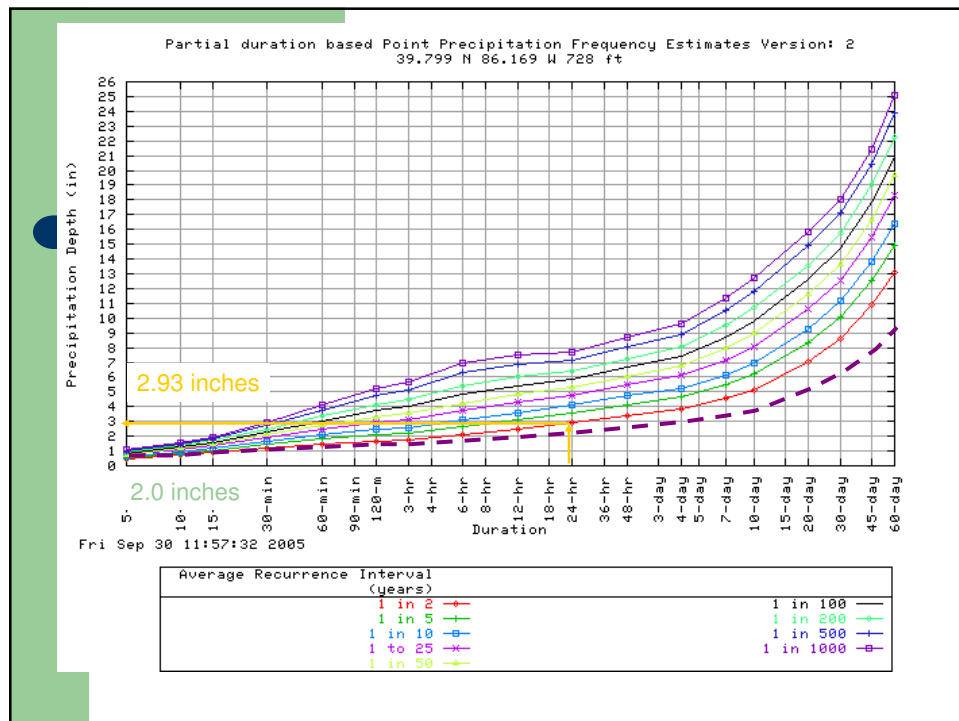
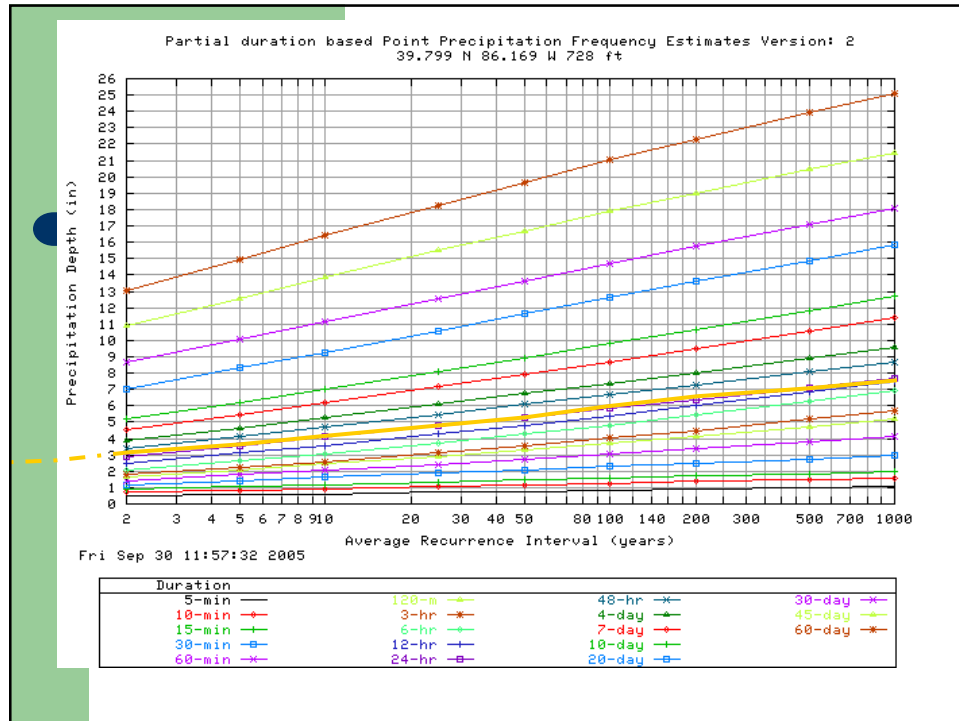
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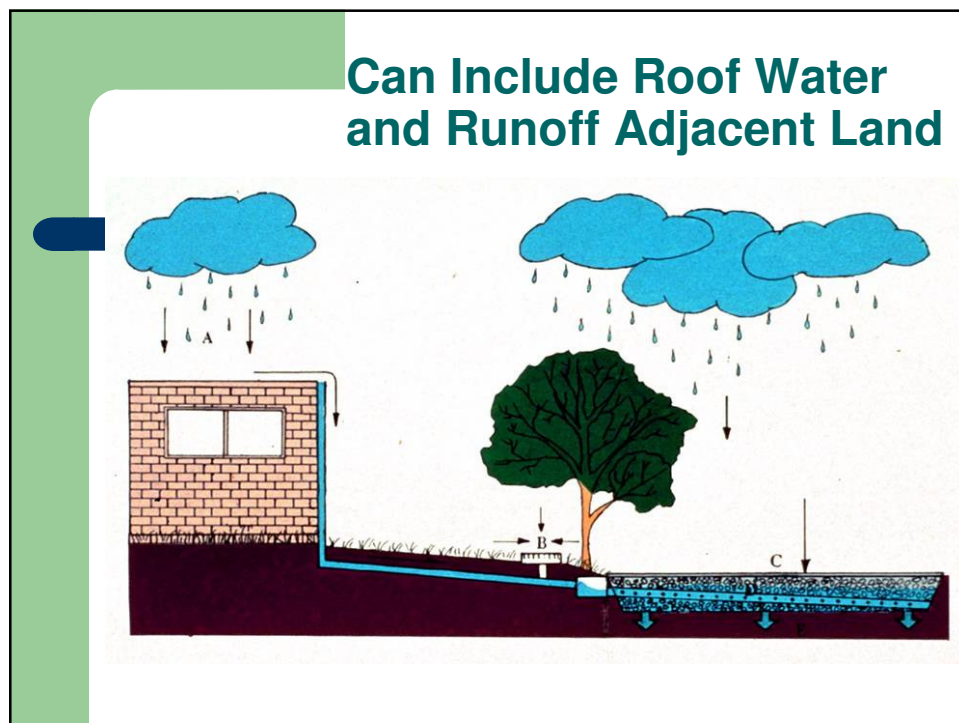
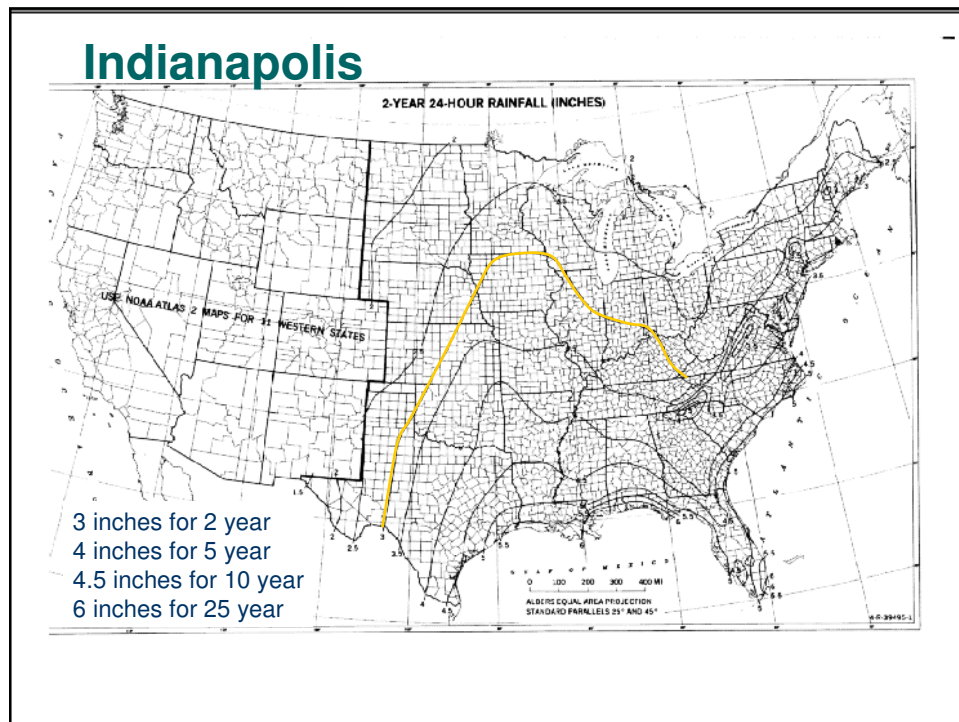
- Soil permeability/infiltration rate
  - 0.5"/hour desired, but 0.1"/hour can work
  - Test pits and infiltration measurements needed
- Depth to bedrock > 2'
- Depth to high water > 3'
- Frost
  - Pavement section should exceed frost depth

## *Reservoir Capacity Needed*

- Rainfall
  - Typical designs for 2-year/24-hr storm
  - Conservative design for 25-year/24-hr storm
- Meet Local & State runoff mitigation requirements







## Soils Investigation

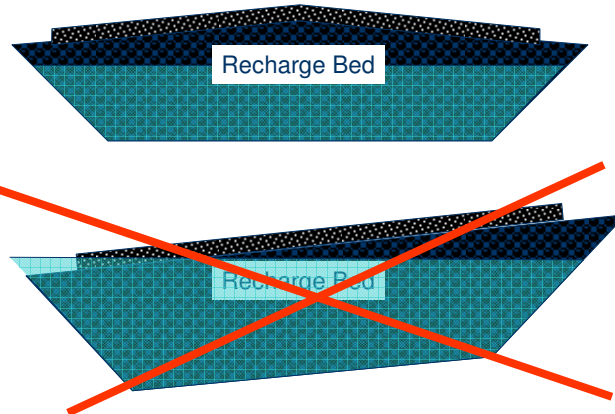
- Borings and/or test pits
  - Test permeability
  - Determine depth to high water table
  - Determine depth to bedrock



## Basic Design Guidelines

- Slope
  - Limit surface slope to 5%
  - Construct bottom as flat as possible!
  - Terrace when necessary
  - Use conventional HMA for steeper slopes
- Avoid compacting soils during construction
- Avoid excessive earthwork
  - Design with contours of site

## Bottom Should Be Flat



## Keys to Success – Design

### Usage / Vehicle Loading

Lightly loaded areas

- Parking lots
- Low volume roads (limited truck use)
- Recreational Areas

- Meet structural requirements
- Roads?





## Roads

- Challenges
  - Cuts and fills
  - Slope
  - Variable soil conditions
  - Utilities
- Limited use

## Cost

- Cost of pavement structure more
- May be offset by reducing drainage structure costs

## Keys to Success

- Make sure site conditions are acceptable
  - Permeability
  - Depth to groundwater and/or bedrock
- Design
  - Bottom of infiltration bed level
  - Limit surface slope < 5%
  - Runoff from adjacent areas will not plug pavement

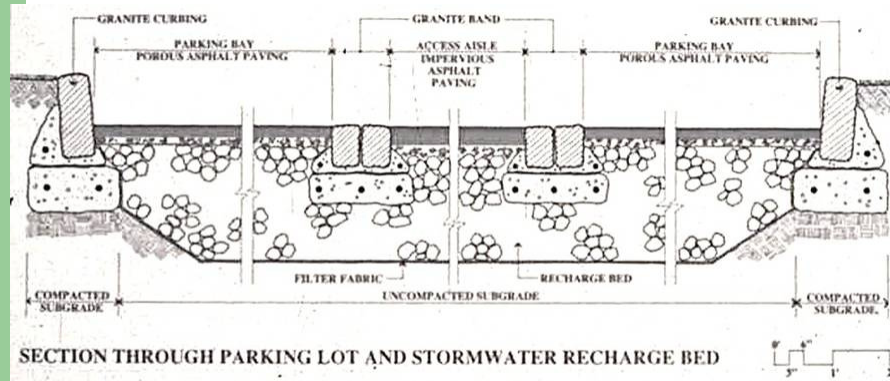


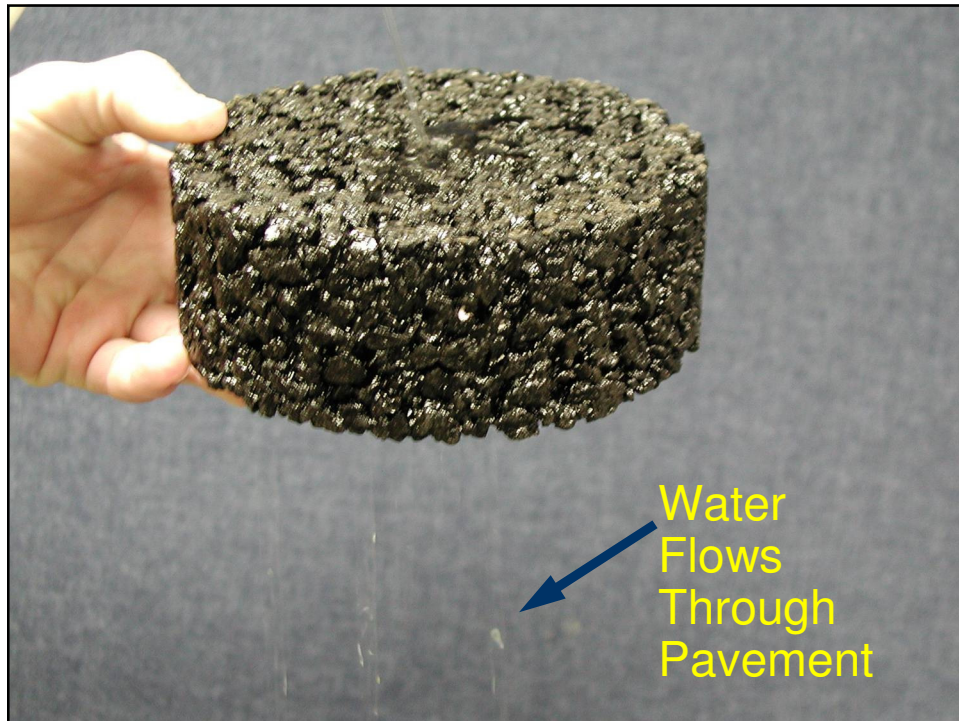
## Keys to success

- Construction
  - Don't compact subgrade
  - Protect from contamination
    - Build porous pavement late
    - Stabilize adjacent areas before construction
- Maintenance
  - Do not sand pavements
  - Install signage to warn maintenance personnel
  - Can patch with conventional asphalt < 10%



## *Infiltration Bed at Morris Arboretum*







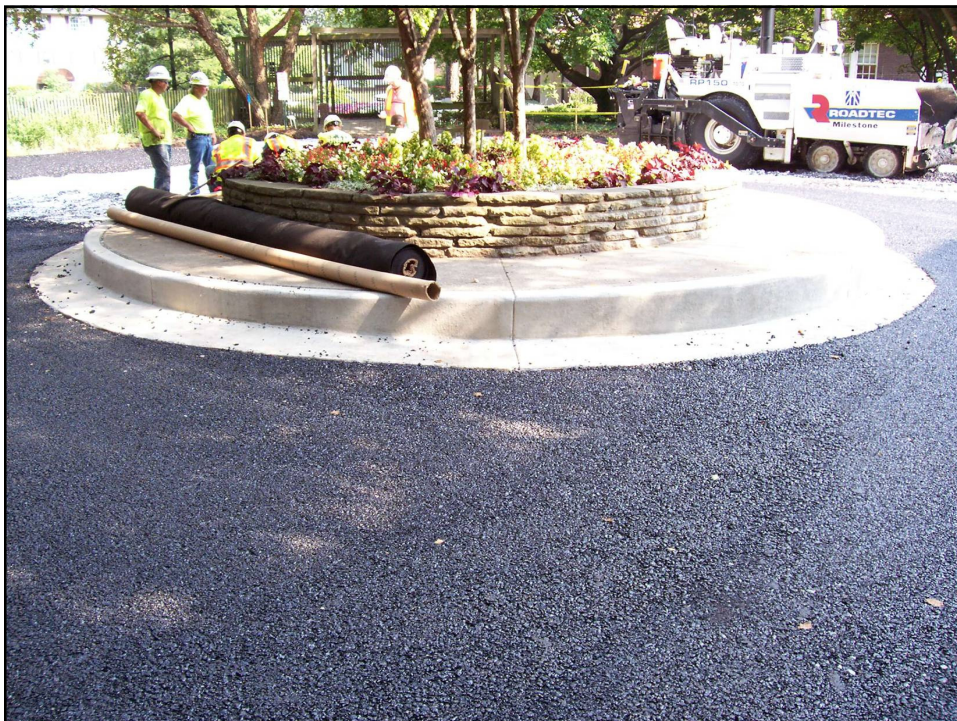












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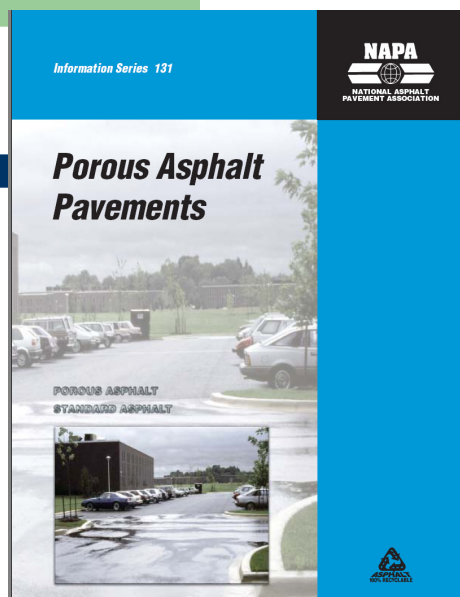




# "Green Streets" in Oregon Community



Pringle Creek Subdivision, Salem, Oregon



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## Keys to Success – Construction

- Place reservoir course 1.5 to 3 in. stone (if granular source then 95% double fracture)
- Place 1-2 in layer of ½ in stone to stabilize the surface of the reservoir course
- Place porous asphalt course (2 to 4 in.) usually compacted with 2-3 passes with 10 ton roller.

## Keys to Success – Construction

- Build porous pavement last
  - Protect from construction debris
  - Protect from soil laden runoff
- Protect site from heavy equipment
  - Don't compact subgrade
- Excavate to subgrade (soft footprint)
- Place filter fabric



## Indiana Specifications

- Asphalt Pavement Association of Indiana
- [www.asphaltindiana.org](http://www.asphaltindiana.org)

### Guide Specification for Porous Asphalt Pavement

*This guide specification incorporates the latest asphalt pavement technologies. It attempts to present the best practices procedures and processes, but it is not intended to replace sound engineering knowledge, judgment and experience.*

*All numbered specification references in this document refer to the most recent version of the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) Standard Specifications and current Indiana Test Methods (ITM).*

#### PAP.01 Description

This work shall consist of constructing a Porous Asphalt Pavement (PAP) course comprised of aggregate and asphalt binder mixed in a Hot Mix Asphalt plant and spread and compacted on a prepared surface.

#### PAP.02 Quality Control

PAP shall be supplied from a certified HMA plant in accordance with ITM 583: Certified Volumetric Hot Mix Asphalt Producer Program. PAP shall be transported and placed according to a Quality Control Plan (QCP) prepared by the Contractor in accordance with ITM 803 – contractor Quality Control Plan for HMA Pavement, and submitted to the Owner Representative prior to commencing HMA paving operations.

#### PAP.03 Materials

Material shall be accordance with the following:

Asphalt Materials	
Performance Graded Binder, PG 70-22, or PG 76-22	902.01(a)
Coarse Aggregates shall be Class B or higher	904.03
Fibers	AASHTO M 325
Fine Aggregates	904.02

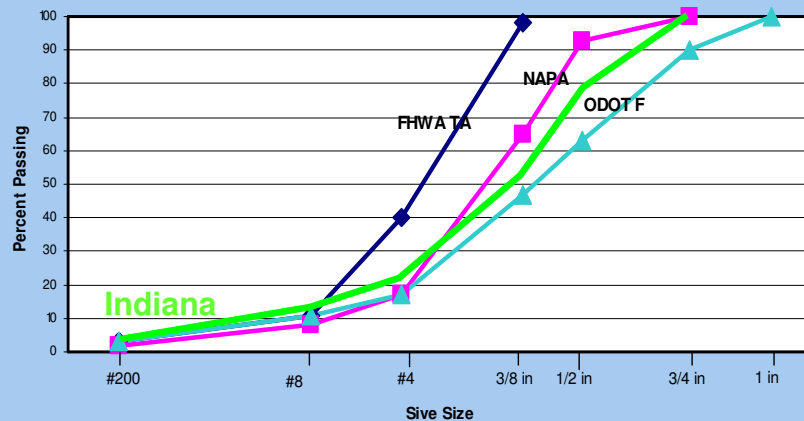
#### PAP.04 Mix Design Formula

## Mix Specifications

- Based on Section 401 Open Graded
- Aggregates
  - Limestone, Crushed Gravel or Steel slag
  - CAA
    - 90% two face
    - 100% one face
  - LA abrasion
    - 35% max



## Porous HMA Gradation



## Asphalt Binder

- Binder Content 5.5-6.0%
- Uses stiffer asphalt binder
- PG 76-22
- PG 70-22 with fibers Fibers if needed for drain down
- Thick OG HMA – 2 layers?

## Mix Design

- RAP allowed
- Type D Certification
- Gyratory
  - 20 gyrations

## Mix Design, cont'd

- Air voids
  - 16% minimum
  - Vacuum sealing method
- VMA
  - 26% minimum
  - Vacuum sealing method
- Draindown
  - 0.3% max





## Construction Guidelines

- Surface Preparation
  - Aggregate seated
  - Surface free from soil and contamination
  - Curb faces tacked
- Lift Thickness
  - 2 inches minimum
  - 4 inches maximum

## Construction, cont'd

- 2 passes 10 ton roller
- Restrict traffic for 24 hrs.
- Protect porous pavement from contamination.
  - Runoff sediment
  - Construction debris



## Maintenance

- Inspect several time first few months during storm events.
- Inspect annually thereafter.
- Pavement surface may be flushed or jet washed.
- Damage pavement can be repaired using dense hot mix provided <10% area.

## Conclusions

- Porous pavements offer good alternative to conventional stormwater mitigation
- Site Conditions must be right
- Need to protect pavement from contamination during and after construction
- Properly designed and constructed will last more than 20 years



## Primary Benefits

- Runoff control
- Aquifer recharge
- Reduced drainage structures
- More land available for “other” uses if detention facility is NOT needed
- **More friendly to our environment!**



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