

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE FOR
PRIVATELY OWNED AND MAINTAINED
SURFACE STORMWATER FILTRATION SYSTEMS
(F-1, F-4, AND F-5)**

1. The stormwater wetland facility shall be inspected annually and after major storms. Inspections shall be performed during wet weather to determine if the facility is functioning properly.
2. The top and side slopes of the embankment shall be mowed a minimum of once per year, when vegetation reaches 18" in height or as needed.
3. Filters that have a grass cover shall be mowed a minimum of three (3) times per growing season to maintain a maximum grass height of less than 12 inches.
4. Debris and litter shall be removed during regular mowing operations and as needed.
5. Visible signs of erosion in the facility shall be repaired as soon as it is noticed.
6. Remove silt when it exceeds four (4) inches deep in the forebay.
7. When water ponds on the surface of the filter bed for more than 72 hours, the top few inches of discolored material shall be replaced with fresh material. Proper cleaning and disposal of the removed materials and liquid must be followed by the owner.
8. A logbook shall be maintained to determine the rate at which the facility drains.
9. The maintenance logbook shall be available to Howard County for inspection to insure compliance with operation and maintenance criteria.
10. Once the performance characteristics of the infiltration system have been verified, the monitoring schedule can be reduced to an annual basis unless the performance data indicates that a more frequent schedule is required.