

### LATORNELL 2018

How Cool Are Cooling Trenches? Trench Monitoring in KW





Introduction

A Cold Topic

### A Cool Introduction

What is thermal mitigation?

- MOE (2003)
  - Pond Configuration
  - Riparian Planting Strategies
  - Bottom Draw Outlets
  - Subsurface Trench Outlet
  - Night-time Release
  - Outlet Channel Design

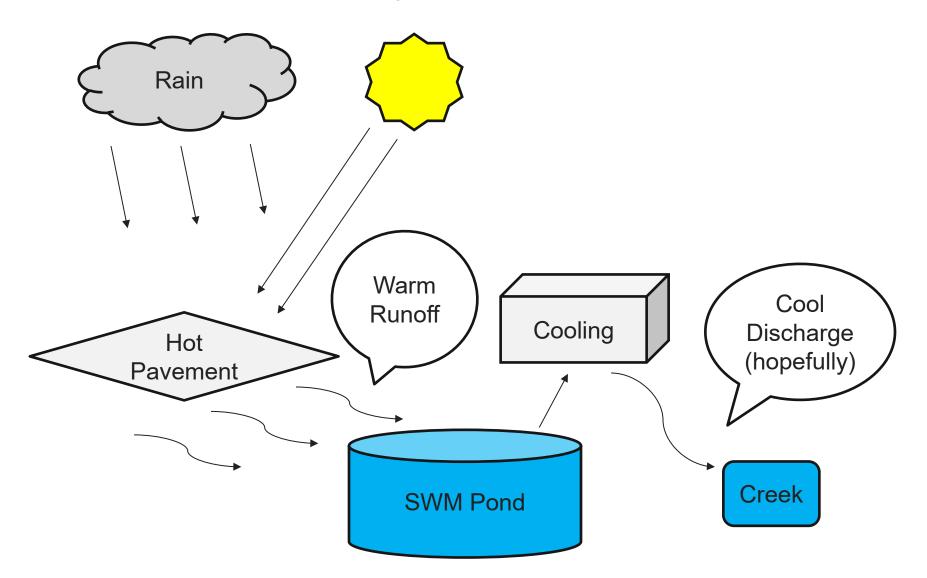
**Stormwater Management Planning and Design Manual** 

March 2003



Ministry of the Environment

# The Process – Simple Stuff



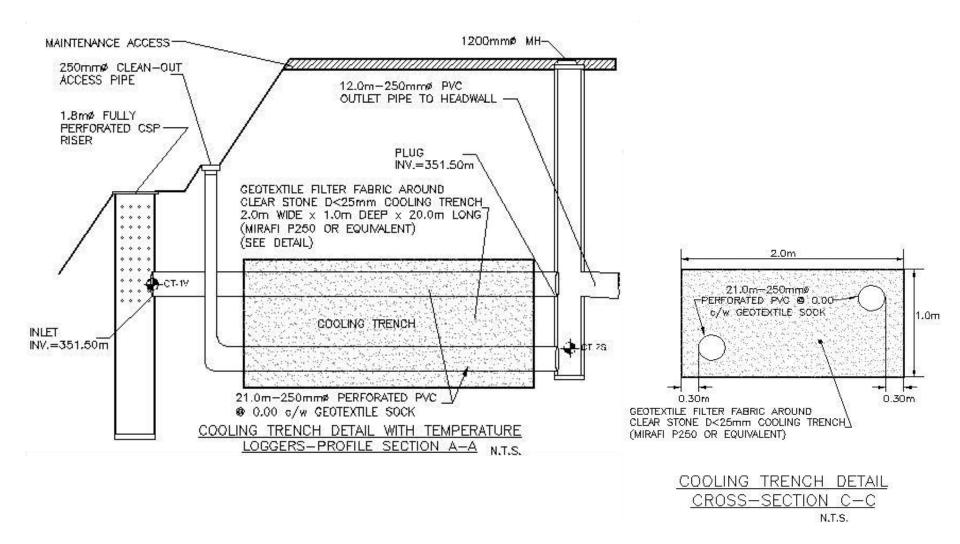
Cooling Down

The Why and the How





## A Cross-Section









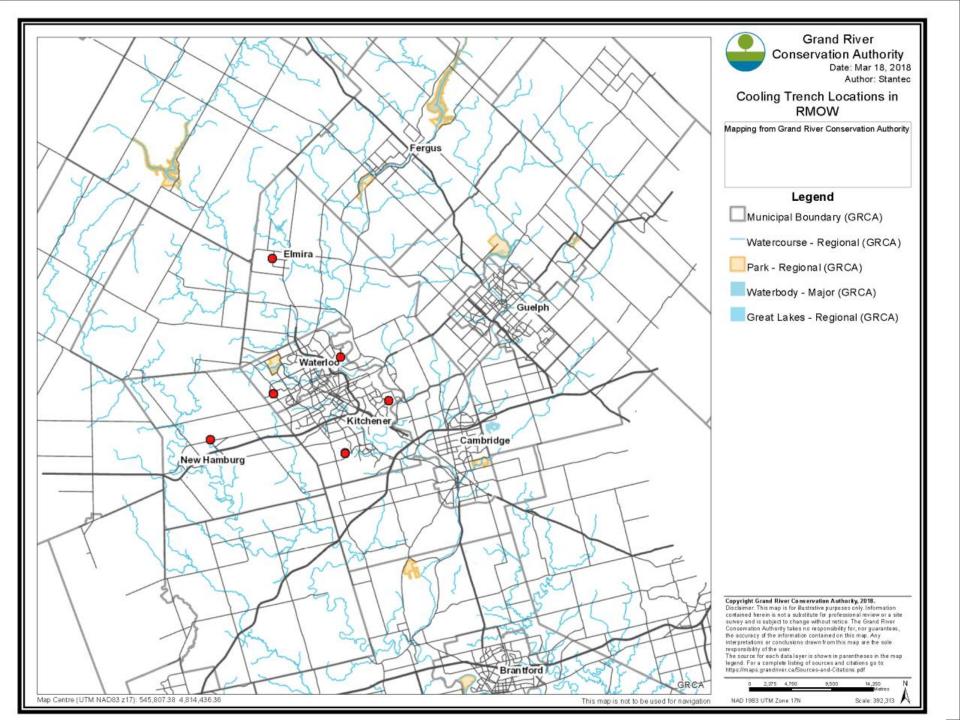


A Refreshing Program

Monitoring Program

## Specifics!

- 2 Trenches in the City of Waterloo
- 3 Trenches in the City of Kitchener
- 1 Trench in Elmira (north of Waterloo)
- 1 Trench in the Booming Metropolis of Baden (west of Kitchener)
- 2 years (minimum)









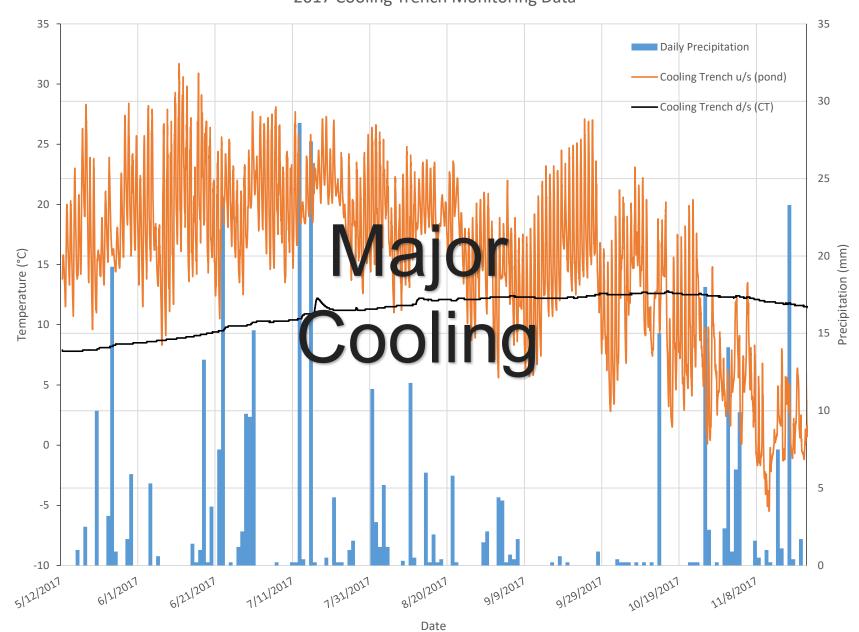
## Design Parameters - Effectiveness

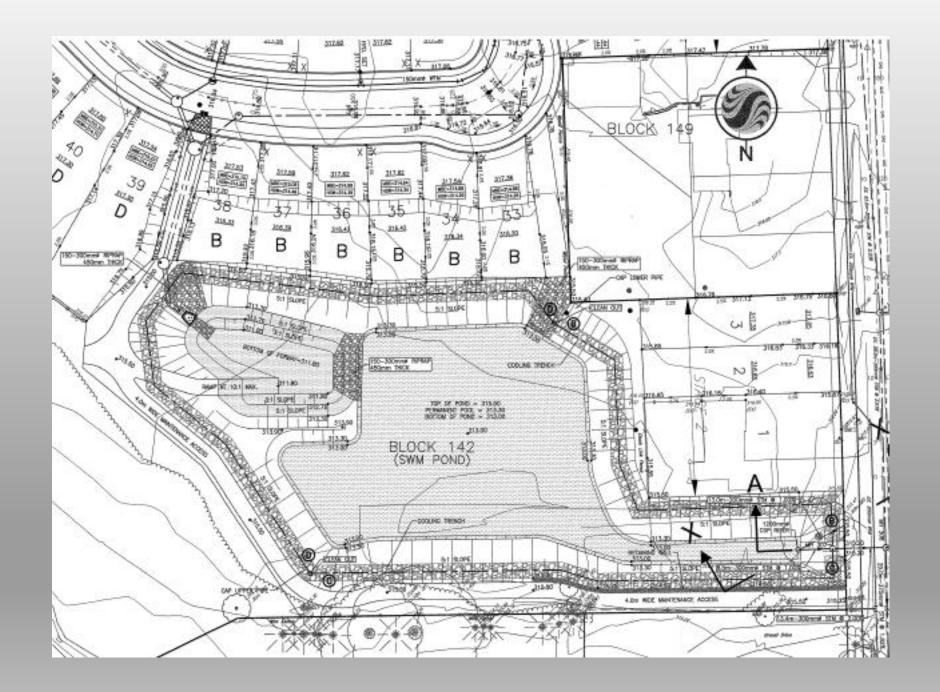
- Upstream catchment area characteristics
- Groundwater
- Residence time/flow path
- Length: Width
- Outlet design of pond
- Cost

Interpretation

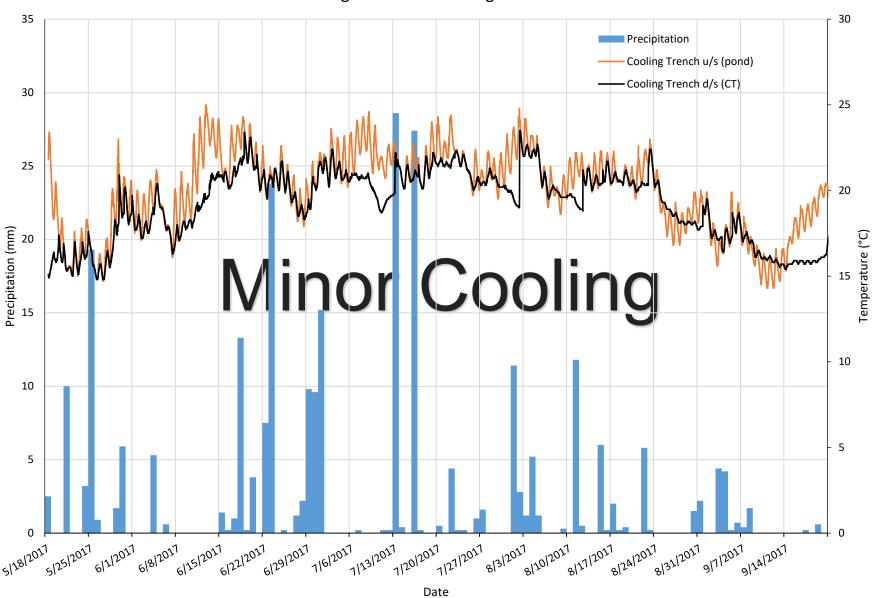
Results, Graphs, Numbers, Etc.

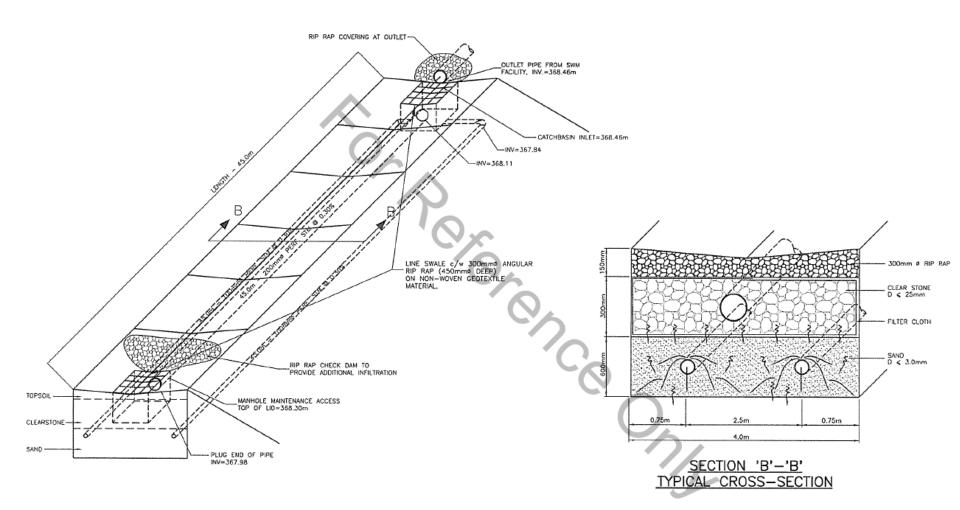
#### 2017 Cooling Trench Monitoring Data



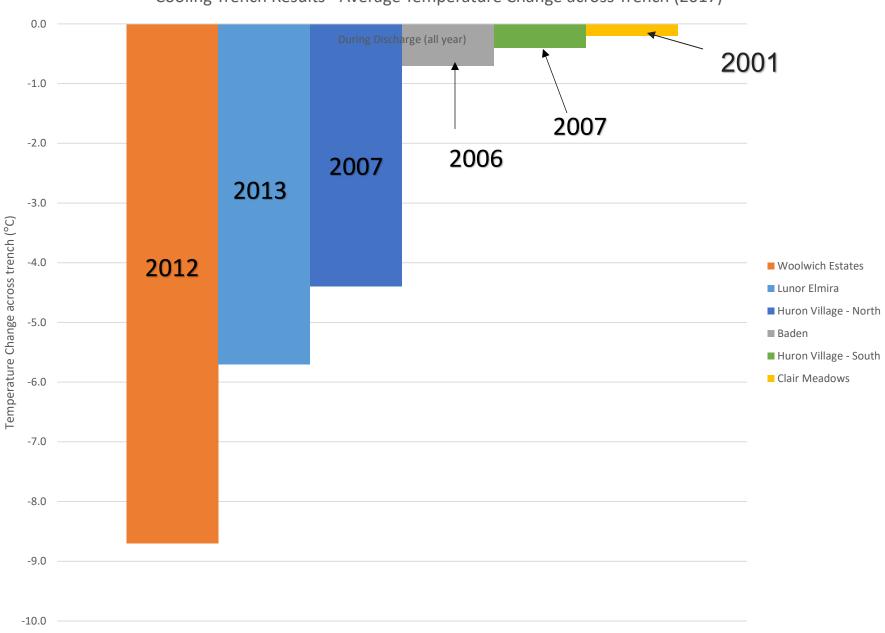


#### 2017 Cooling Trench Monitoring Data





#### Cooling Trench Results - Average Temperature Change across Trench (2017)



### What Have We Found?

- Groundwater
  - Effective
- Outlet design of pond
  - Bottom draw outlet may also contribute to cooling
- Residence time/flow path
  - Longer flow path = longer residence time = cooler temp
- Cost
  - More money = less problems = cooler temps (to a point)

Next Steps

Where Next?

## Next Steps

- Low Impact Development (LID) treat at-source is preferred
- MECP Design Guidelines (20XX?)
- Multi-component approach is probably best
- Is there a place for cooling trenches?

Questions? https://ideas.stantec.com/low-impactdevelopment