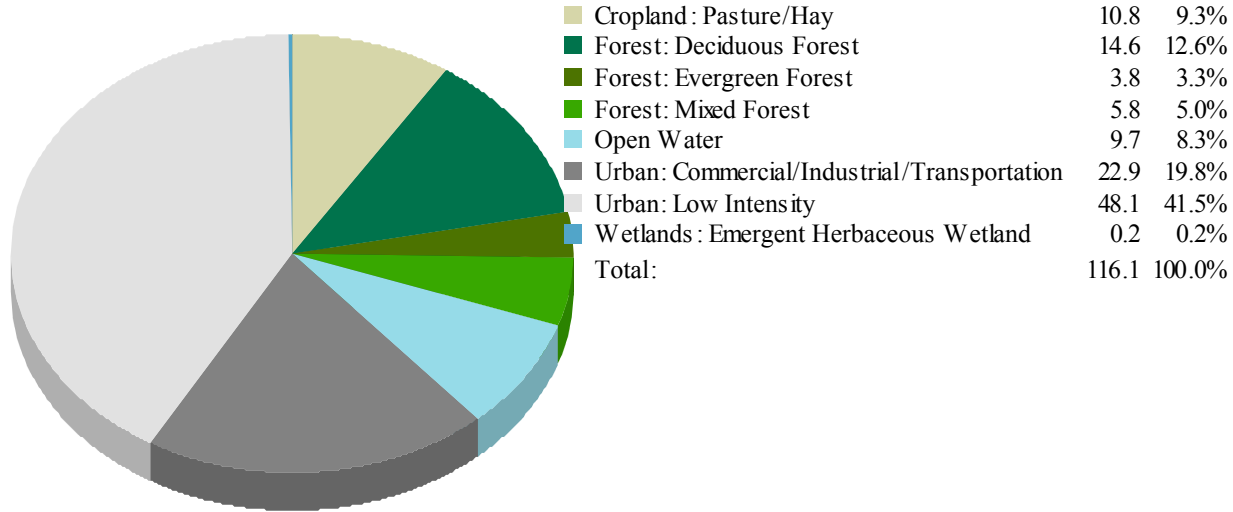


## The Town of Occoquan, VA Rapid Ecosystem Analysis for 1992



Land cover areas are in acres

Data Source: See attached map.

**Total Tree Canopy: 24 acres (20.9%)**

**Total Urbanized Area: 71 acres (61.2%)**

### Air Pollution Removal

By absorbing and filtering out atmospheric nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>), sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), ozone (O<sub>3</sub>), carbon monoxide (CO), and particulate matter less than 10 microns (PM<sub>10</sub>) in their leaves, urban trees perform a vital air cleaning service that directly affects the well-being of urban dwellers. CITYgreen estimates the annual air pollution removal rate of trees within a defined study area for the pollutants listed below. To calculate the dollar value of these pollutants, economists use “externality” costs, or indirect costs borne by society due to air pollution, such as increased health care expenditures and reduced tourism revenue. The actual externality costs of each air pollutant used in CITYgreen is set by the

Nearest Air Quality Reference City: ,

	<u>LBS Removed</u>	<u>Dollar Value</u>
Carbon Monoxide:	108	\$46
Ozone:	845	\$2,592
Nitrogen Dioxide:	433	\$1,329
Particulate Matter:	715	\$1,463
Sulfur Dioxide:	346	\$260
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>2,447</b>	<b>\$5,695</b>

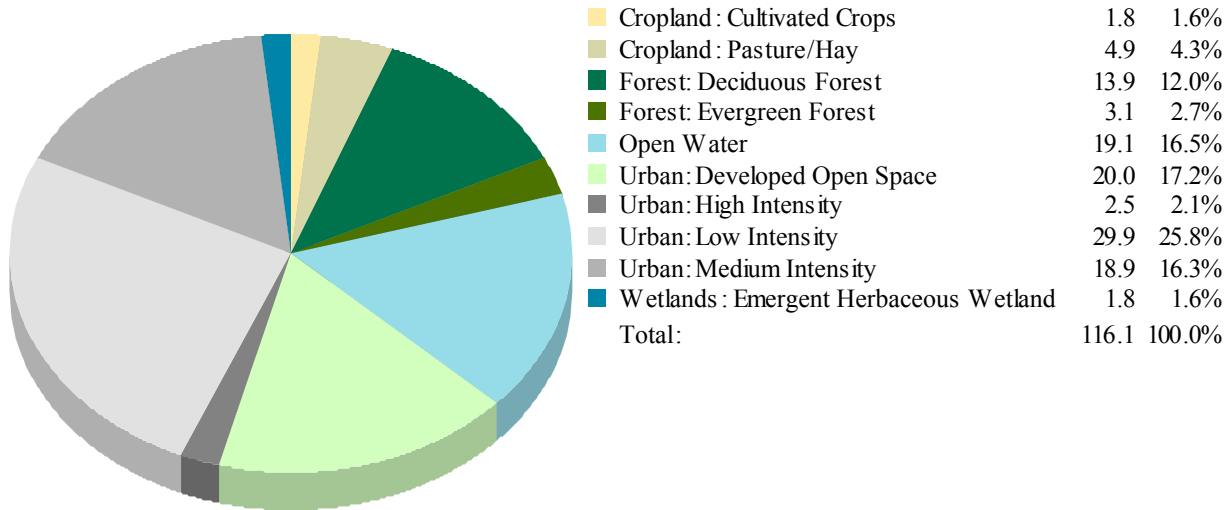
### Carbon Storage and Sequestration

Trees remove carbon dioxide from the air through their leaves and store carbon in their biomass. Approximately half of a tree’s dry weight, in fact, is carbon. For this reason, large-scale tree planting projects are recognized as a legitimate tool in many national carbon-reduction programs. CITYgreen estimates the carbon storage capacity and carbon sequestration rates of trees within a defined study area.

**Total Tons Stored: 1,044**

**Total Tons Sequestered (Annually): 8**

## The Town of Occoquan, VA Rapid Ecosystem Analysis for 2001



Land cover areas are in acres

Data Source: See attached map.

**Total Tree Canopy: 17 acres (14.7%)**  
**Total Urbanized Area: 71 acres (61.4%)**

### Air Pollution Removal

By absorbing and filtering out atmospheric nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>), sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), ozone (O<sub>3</sub>), carbon monoxide (CO), and particulate matter less than 10 microns (PM<sub>10</sub>) in their leaves, urban trees perform a vital air cleaning service that directly affects the well-being of urban dwellers. CITYgreen estimates the annual air pollution removal rate of trees within a defined study area for the pollutants listed below. To calculate the dollar value of these pollutants, economists use "externality" costs, or indirect costs borne by society due to air pollution, such as increased health care expenditures and reduced tourism revenue. The actual externality costs of each air pollutant used in CITYgreen is set by the

Nearest Air Quality Reference City: ,

	<u>LBS Removed</u>	<u>Dollar Value</u>
Carbon Monoxide:	76	\$33
Ozone:	594	\$1,824
Nitrogen Dioxide:	305	\$935
Particulate Matter:	503	\$1,030
Sulfur Dioxide:	244	\$183
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>1,722</b>	<b>\$4,008</b>

### Carbon Storage and Sequestration

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**Total Tons Stored: 735**  
**Total Tons Sequestered (Annually): 6**

## Trees and Water - Town of Occoquan, VA: 1992 to 2001

Trees decrease total stormwater volume and slow peak flow; both help cities to manage their stormwater and decrease detention costs. CITYgreen assesses how land cover, soil type, slope, and precipitation affect stormwater runoff volume, time of runoff concentration, and runoff peak flows. It calculates the change in volume of runoff for a 2-year 24-hour storm event in 2001 that would need to be contained by stormwater facilities in comparison to 1992 conditions. The larger the curve number the greater the amount of stormwater runoff. This volume multiplied by local construction costs calculate the dollars saved by the tree canopy. CITYgreen uses the TR-55 model developed by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) which is very effective in evaluating the effects of land cover/land use changes and conservation practices on stormwater runoff. The infiltration percentage in the report estimates the change in ground water recharge given the change in landcover from 1992 to 2001 in this analysis.

### Water Quantity (Runoff)

2-yr, 24-hr Rainfall: 3.25 in.

Rainfall Distribution Type: II

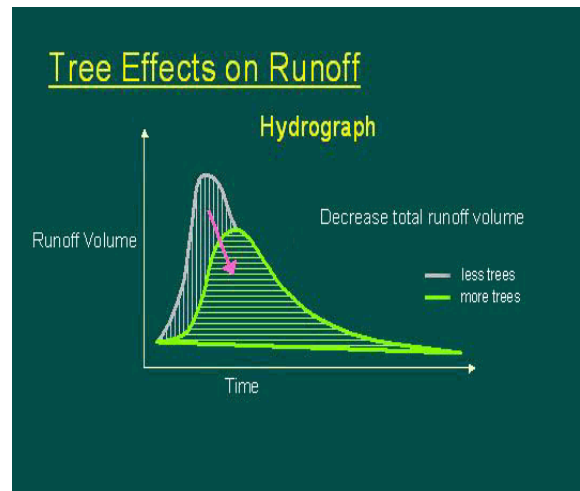
Curve Number 1992: **80**

Curve Number 2001: **84**

	<u>% change</u>
Runoff:	20
Time of Concentration:	-12
Peak Flow:	38
Potential for Infiltration:	-13
Additional Storage volume needed (to mitigate the change in peak flow):	118,536 cu. ft.
Construction cost per cu. ft.:	\$2.00

**Total Stormwater Value Lost: \$237,073**

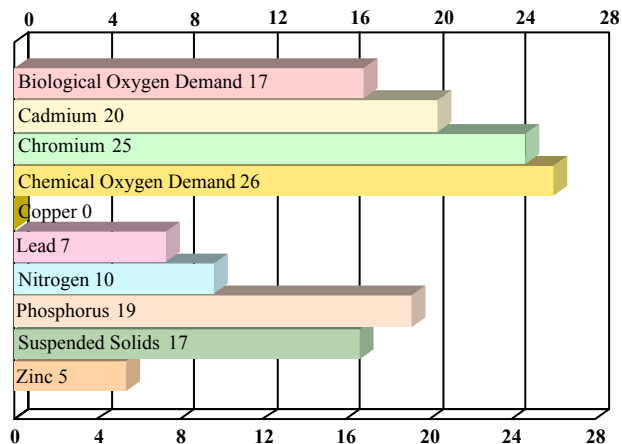
**Annual Loss based on payments over 20 years at 6% interest: \$20,669 per year**



### Water Quality (Contaminant Loading)

Cities must comply with Federal clean water regulations and develop plans to improve the quality of their streams and rivers. Trees filter surface water and prevent erosion, both of which maintain or improve water quality. Using values from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Purdue University's L-THIA spreadsheet water quality model, The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) developed the CITYgreen water quality model. This model estimates the change in the concentration of the pollutants in runoff during a typical storm event given the change in the land cover from 1992 to 2001. This model estimates the Event Mean Concentrations of Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Suspended Solids, Zinc, Lead, Copper, Cadmium, Chromium, Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD), and Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD). Pollutant values are shown as a percent of change.

**Percent Change in Contaminant Loadings**



**Trees and Water - Town of Occoquan, VA: 2001 to 2010 (Projected)**

If the tree cover change trend indentified between 1992 and 2001 continues, both stormwater runoff and water quality will be affected. This modeling scenario uses CITYgreen to project this trend into the future. The greater the difference in the curve number between 2001 and 2010, the greater the impact on stormwater and water quality.

**Water Quantity (Runoff)**

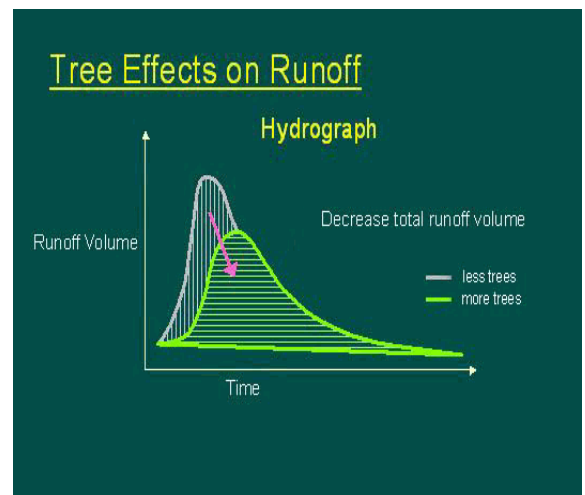
2-yr, 24-hr Rainfall: 3.25 in.

Rainfall Distribution Type: II

Curve Number 2001: 84  
Curve Number 2010: 88

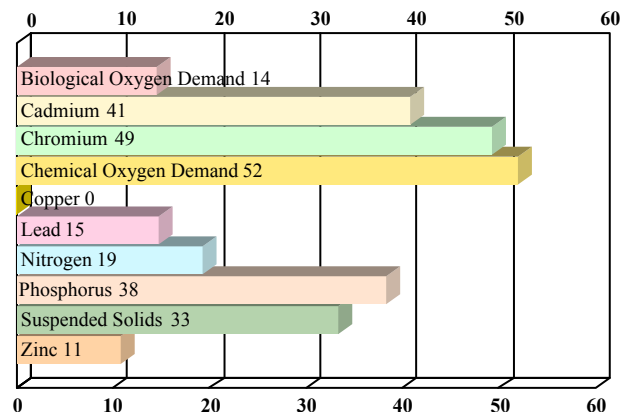
	<u>% change</u>	
Runoff:	42	
Time of Concentration:	-24	
Peak Flow:	88	
Potential for Infiltration:	-29	
Additional Storage volume needed (to mitigate the change in peak flow):	178,179 cu. ft.	
Construction cost per cu. ft.:	\$2.00	
<b>Total Stormwater Value Lost</b>	<b>\$356,357</b>	

**Annual Loss based on payments over 20 years at 6% interest: \$31,069 per year**

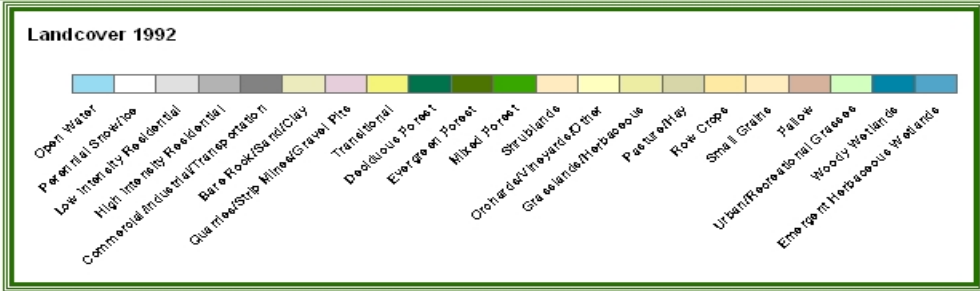
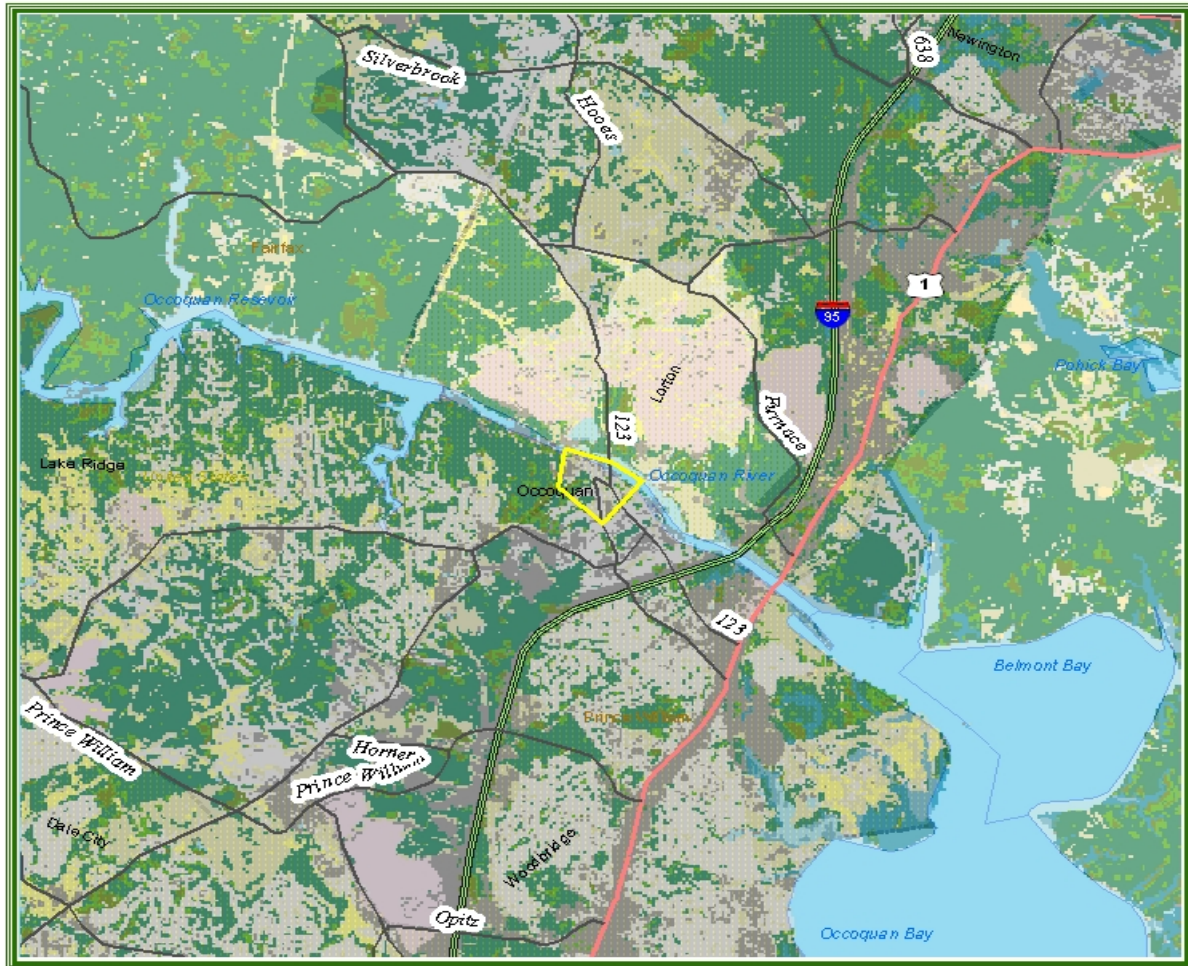


**Water Quality (Contaminant Loading)**

**Percent Change in Contaminant Loadings**



## The Town of Occoquan, VA Rapid Ecosystem Analysis



Projection:  
Albers Conformal Conic Equal Area  
Central Meridian: -96°  
Latitude of Origin: 23°  
1st Standard Parallel: 29°30' 00"  
2nd Standard Parallel: 45°30' 00"  
Datum: North American Datum of 1983