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### Rolling Out "Community-enabled Lifecycle Analysis of Stormwater Infrastructure Costs" (CLASIC) Tool

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### Agenda



- Acknowledgement
- Brief Overview of Stormwater and Green Infrastructure Program at WRF
- CLASIC Tool Features and Demo
- Questions and Answers









### Brief Overview of Stormwater and Green Infrastructure Program at WRF

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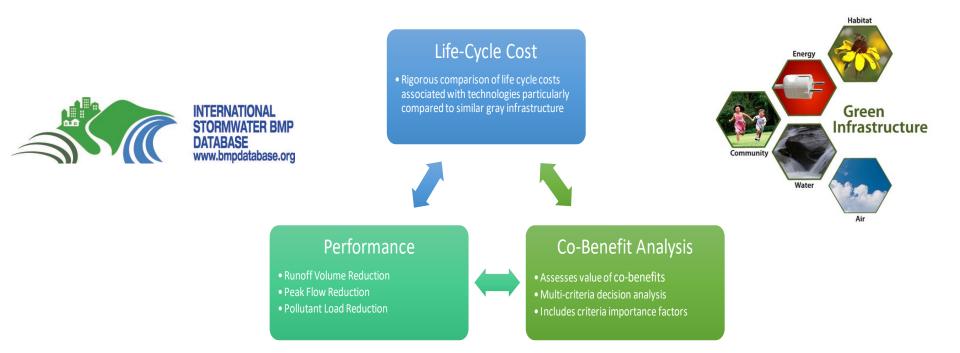
#### **Summary of Stormwater & Green Infrastructure Program**





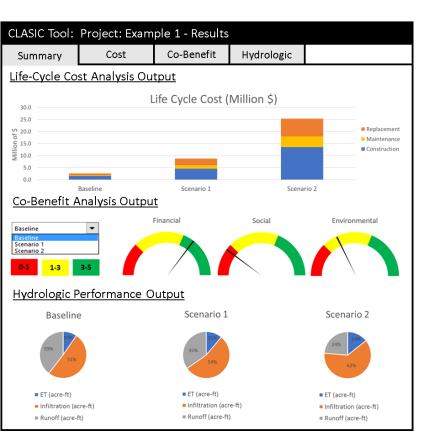
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#### Integrated Stormwater Management: Life Cycle Cost; Co-Benefits and BMP Database

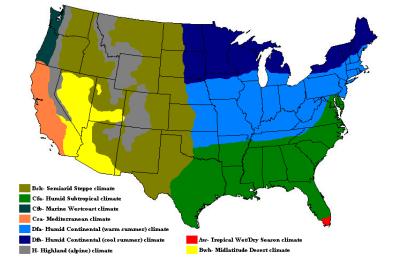


#### Stormwater Infrastructure (Green & Gray): - Life Cycle Cost and Co-Benefits of Green Infrastructure

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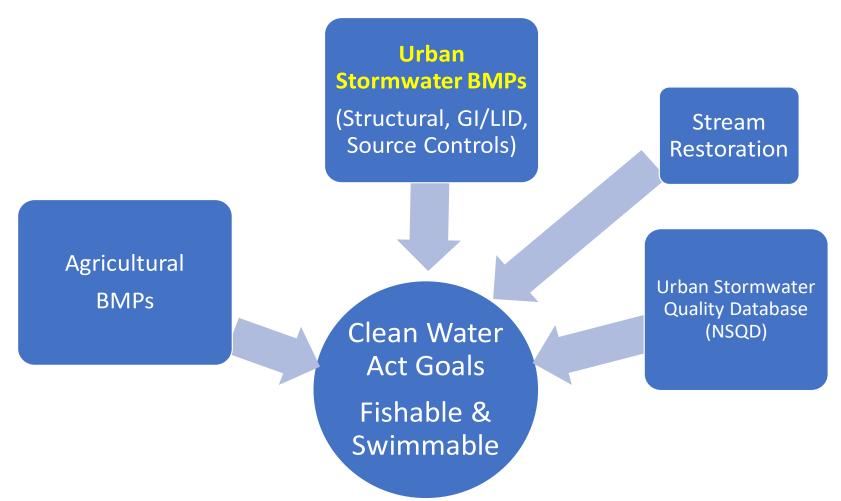
**Climate Zones of the Contiguous United States** 



- Project Duration: 4 Years (2016-2020);
- Funding: \$2M from USEPA (plus \$0.5M matching funds from WRF);
- Team: 7 organizations plus national collaborating partners (e.g. WEF; ASCE; American Rivers);
- **Community Engagement** for Municipalities & Utilities (in all 10 EPA Regions)

#### **International Stormwater BMP Database**





### **Stormwater O&M Cost Tracking Protocol**

- Operation & Maintenance (O&M) cost as part of lifecycle cost
  - Develop a protocol to improve tracking cost data for cross comparison



PROJECT NO. SIWM22T17/4851

Recommended Operation and Maintenance Activity and Cost Reporting Parameters for Stormwater Best Management Practices Database



Funded by ASCE/EWRI (a matching project for EPA National Priorities Grant #836173)

#### Framework and Tools for Quantifying Green Infrastructure Co-Benefits and Linking with Triple Bottom Line Analysis



#### **Social**

- Reduced urban heat stress and associated health benefits
- ✓ Greater flood protection
- ✓ Increased property values
- Improved recreational opportunities
- ✓ Green job creation

#### Financial

- Avoided infrastructure costs
- ✓ Asset life extension
- ✓ Energy savings

#### Environmental

- Improved air and water quality
- ✓ Groundwater recharge
- Improved habitat/ecosystem benefits (wetlands)
- Decreased GHG emissions

#### Leaders Innovation Forum for Technology (LIFT) Program - Focus Group on Stormwater & Green Infrastructure



**Utility Peer Network** 

**Technology Survey** 



Technology Scans





**FAST Water Network** 



University-Utility Partnership









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### Community-enabled Lifecycle Analysis of Stormwater Infrastructure Costs (CLASIC) - Tool Features and Demo

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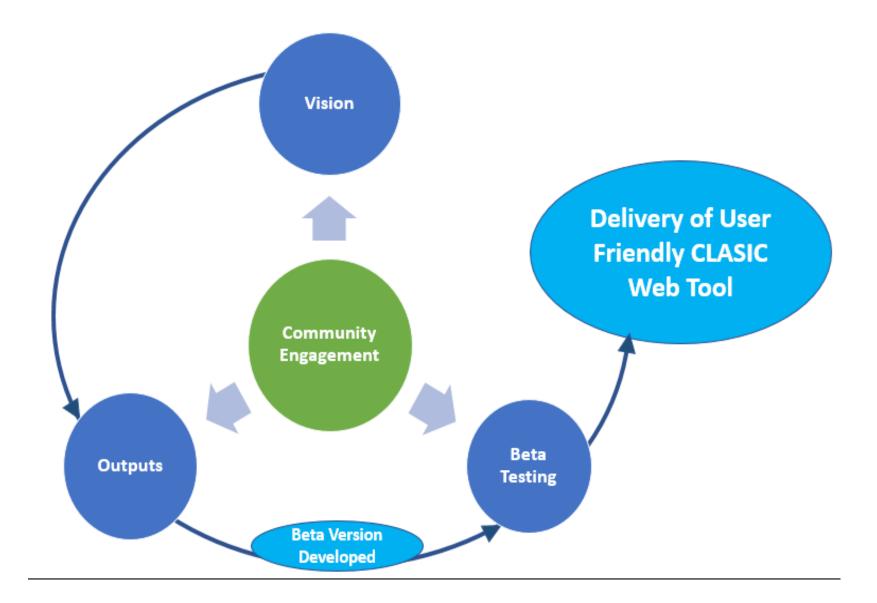
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### Community-enabled Lifecycle Analysis of Stormwater Infrastructure Costs

#### **CLASIC** Vision

The CLASIC tool is a user-informed screening tool which utilizes a lifecycle cost framework to support stormwater infrastructure decisions on extent and combinations of green, hybrid greengray and gray infrastructure practices.





# Questions the CLASIC Tool Seeks to Answer

- How do various scenarios of stormwater infrastructure compare in terms of:
  - Lifecycle cost
  - Runoff volume reduction
  - Pollutant removal
  - Social benefits
  - Environmental benefits
- How does climate change and land use change effect future performance of scenarios of green and gray infrastructure?
- How do maintenance and long-run costs compare for user selected scenarios?

#### CLASIC will enable users to

- Assess scenarios of stormwater infrastructure via functional unit analysis for robust decision making based on preferences to evaluate:
  - Regulatory compliance
  - Runoff volume reduction
  - Water quality
  - Social and environmental benefits
  - Lifecycle cost
- Couple financial decision with holistic consideration of benefits (primary and secondary)
- Conduct analysis from neighborhood to watershed scale

#### Analyses not included in CLASIC

- Site specific design of stormwater infrastructure
- Comparison of spatial distribution of infrastructure within sub-unit or subcatchment
- Algorithms for optimization of design

### CLASIC vs. Stormwater Calculator (SWC): Hydrologic Simulation



#### CLASIC

- Web based GIS tool
- Designed for flexibility in study area size (neighborhood to watershed)
  - Enables variation of parameters within study area subunits
  - Outputs for multiple sub-units within study area at once
- Accesses national database on land use and imperviousness to inform hydrologic model
- Includes a more comprehensive set of technologies (12 total)
  - 5 additional: sand filter, grass swales, storage vault, extended detention basins, wet ponds
- Includes water quality projections
- Considers more advanced climate change scenarios (CMIP5 datasets), including flexibility in assessing multiple climate scenarios
- Horton infiltration method

#### **Stormwater Calculator**



- Desktop and mobile-web based
- Designed for site level design and scale of analysis is limited
  - Desktop version (50 acres max)
  - Web version (12 acres max)
- User enters land use data
- More flexibility in LID design specs
- No water quality projections
- Uses older climate change scenarios (CMIP3 datasets)
- Green-Ampt infiltration method

### CLASIC vs. Stormwater Calculator (SWC): Cost Approach (1)





- Similarities between CLASIC and SWC:
  - Both tools will use a line item cost buildup approach for capital costs;
  - Costs will be reported in ranges;
  - CLASIC uses the SWC approach to regional cost factors, utilizing U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) regional centers across the country;
  - CLASIC uses the SWC approach to inflation factors, utilizing BLS data.

### CLASIC vs. Stormwater Calculator (SWC): Cost Approach (2)





- Differences between CLASIC and SWC:
  - CLASIC tool allows a user to choose from fixed design parameters (e.g., underdrain, liner, etc.) that are used to calculate BMP cost;
  - BMP costs will be developed for the finite number of designs possibilities for each BMP type;
  - Unit costs for capital cost line items are obtained from DOT bid tab data from states across the USA;
  - Maintenance costs in CLASIC are based on regional recommendations for activities and frequencies rather than equations;
  - Regionalization of maintenance costs based on climate data will be available for certain parameters where applicable;
  - CLASIC will have multiple normalized output units for users to view such as:
    - Cost per surface area of LID control
    - Cost per area treated
    - Cost per unit flow treated
    - Cost per unit volume treated
    - Cost per unit volume of LID control

# Three Basic Outputs for User Allows for Integrated Assessment

#### Life-Cycle Cost

 Rigorous comparison of life cycle costs associated with technologies particularly compared to similar gray infrastructure





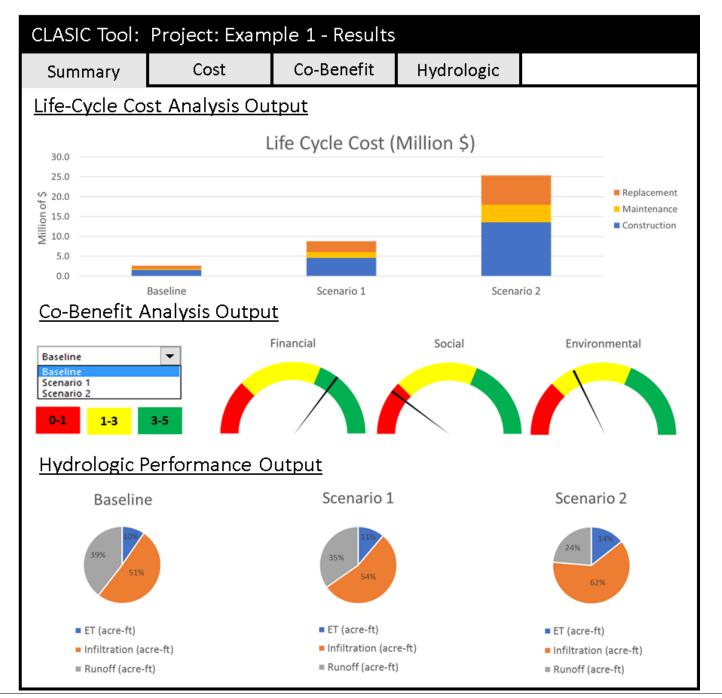
#### Performance

- Runoff Volume Reduction
- Peak Flow Reduction
- Pollutant Load Reduction



 Score for economic, social, and environmental co-benefits based on multicriteria decision analysis

Output	Included in CLASIC tool
Pollutant Load	· TSS
Reduction	· TN
	· TP
	· FIB (?)
Hydrologic	· Runoff Volume
	<ul> <li>Volume Infiltrated</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Volume Evapo-transpired</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Number of runoff events</li> </ul>
LCC	· Net Present Value
	<ul> <li>Construction</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Maintenance</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Replacement</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Average Annual Cost Over Design Life</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Per unit cost for scenario comparison</li> </ul>
Co-Benefits	· Score of economic, environmental, social
	performance based on user selected importance
	factors and performance output

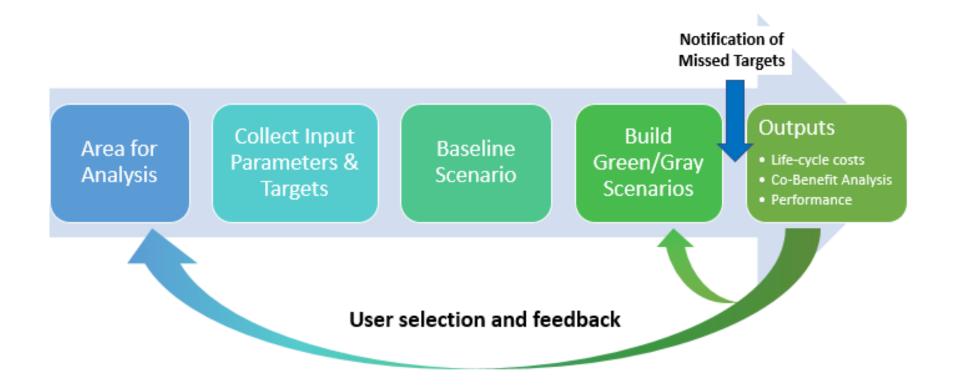


# **Technology Categories**

- Rain Gardens
- Sand Filter
- Infiltration Trench
- Permeable Pavement
- Green Roofs
- Disconnection

- Grass Swales
- Extended Detention Basins
- Wet Pond
- Stormwater Harvesting
- Storage Tunnel/Vault
- Stream Restoration

# CLASIC Tool Interface Progression

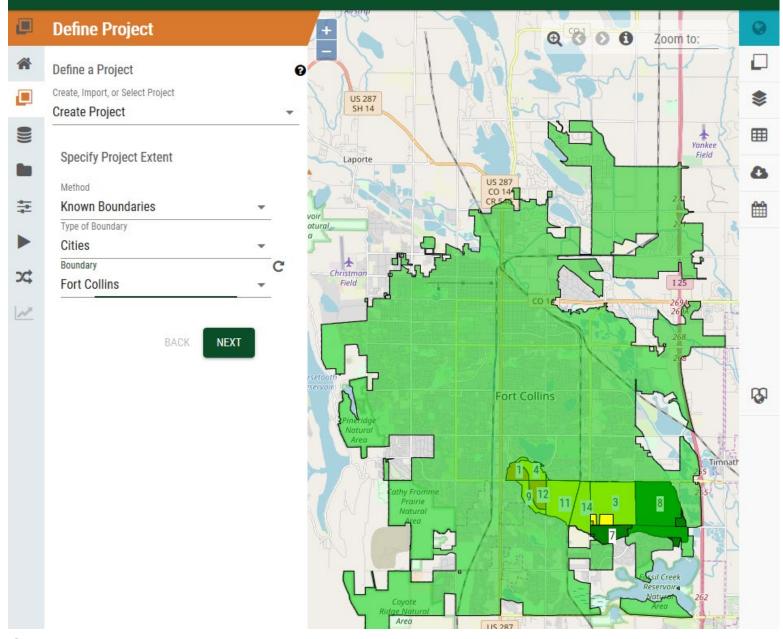


# **Web-based Geospatial Tool**

- Web-based platform developed at Colorado State University
  - Interface
  - Input Parameters
  - Outputs
- Deployed using the Environmental Resource Assessment and Management System (eRAMS)



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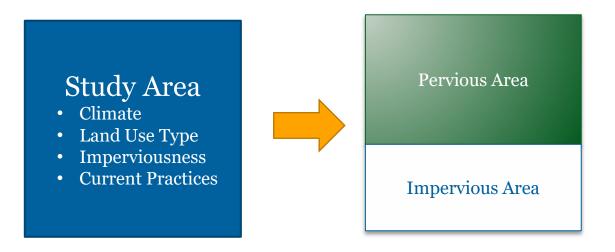


# **Collect Input Parameters & Targets**

- Soil Datasets (SSURGO/STATSGO)
  - Soil Type
- National Digital Elevation Model (DEM)
  - Slope
- Land Use/Land Cover (NLCD)
  - % Open, Low, Medium, High, and Other
    - Water Quality (TSS, TP, TN)
    - Overland Flow Length
- Imperviousness (NLCD)
- Climate
  - Precipitation (NOAA Stormwater Calculator)
  - Evaporation (NOAA Stormwater Calculator)

## **Baseline Scenario Development**

- Split each area/subunit into to directly connected impervious area (DCIA) and separate pervious area (SPA)
- Does not consider conveyance system



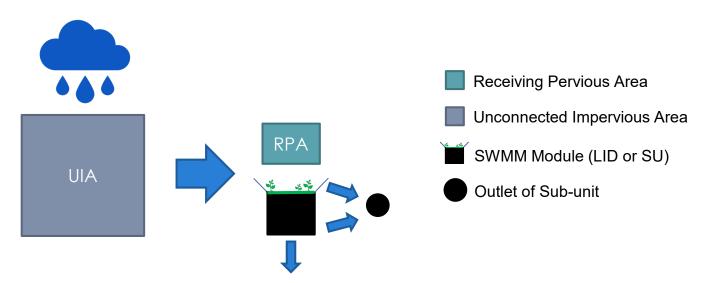
# Adding Stormwater

- Current Stormwater Infrastructure
  - Preliminary cost/budget for maintaining traditional stormwater system
  - Types of stormwater technologies
  - Level of implementation of technologies based on current practice



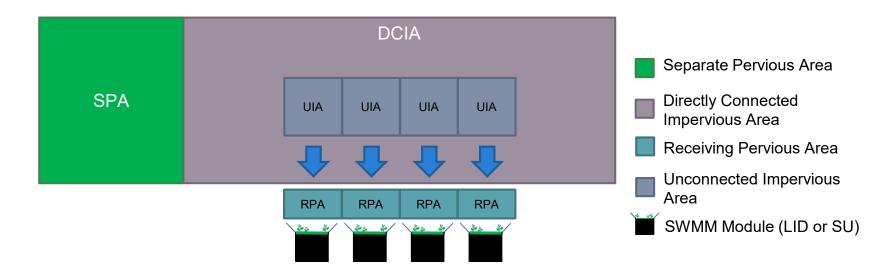
# Adding Stormwater Infrastructure

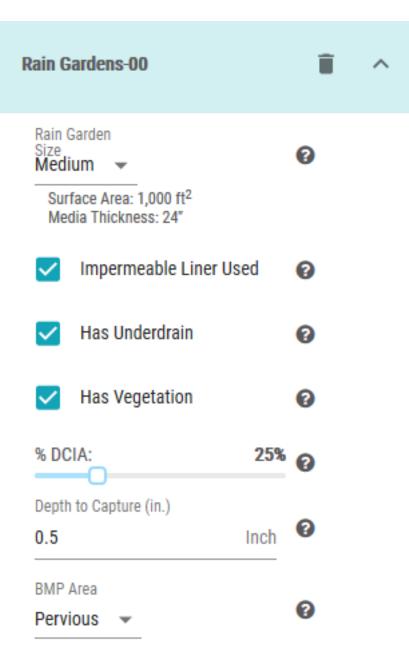
A technology unit treats a certain area or volume that has been pre-set within the CLASIC tool. Technologies may vary in terms of size and design parameters.



# Adding Stormwater Infrastructure

Technology units are sized to capture a particular volume or area. The user then specifies a total volume or area that should be captured and the number of technology units are selected to accomplish the level of capture.

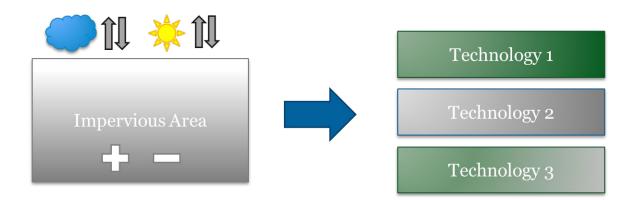




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# **Scenario Development**

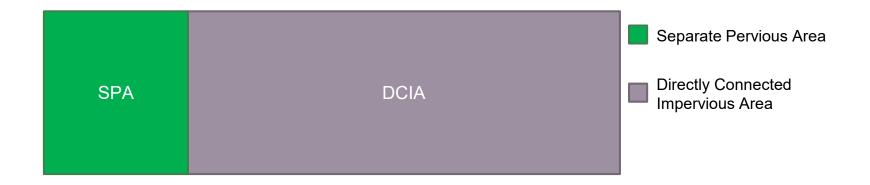
- Create scenarios to evaluate changes of:
  - Stormwater infrastructure adoption
  - Land development pattern
  - Increased impervious area
  - Climate (precipitation/temperature)



# A simple example...

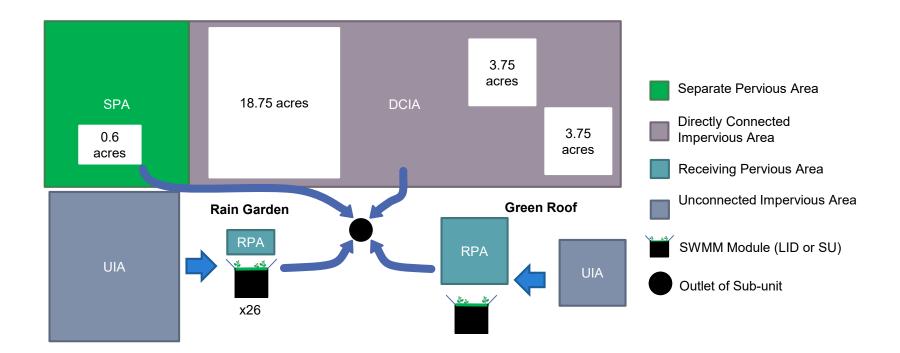
A user-defined subcatchment with 75% impervious and total area of 100 acres.

(75 acres of impervious area and 25 acres of pervious area)



# A simple example...

The user-specified impervious capture areas are removed from DCIA, and the BMP area is removed from either the SPA (rain garden) or from the impervious capture area (green roof).



### **Three Basic Outputs**

#### Performance

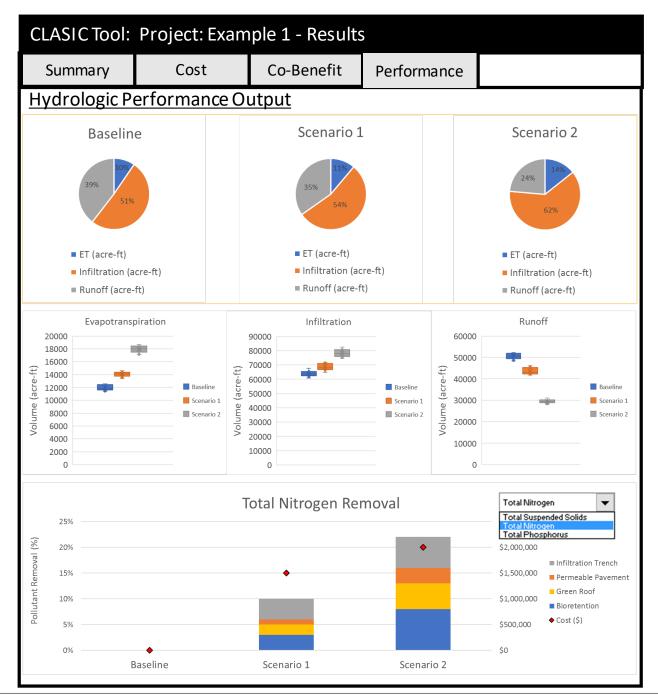
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#### **Lifecycle Cost**

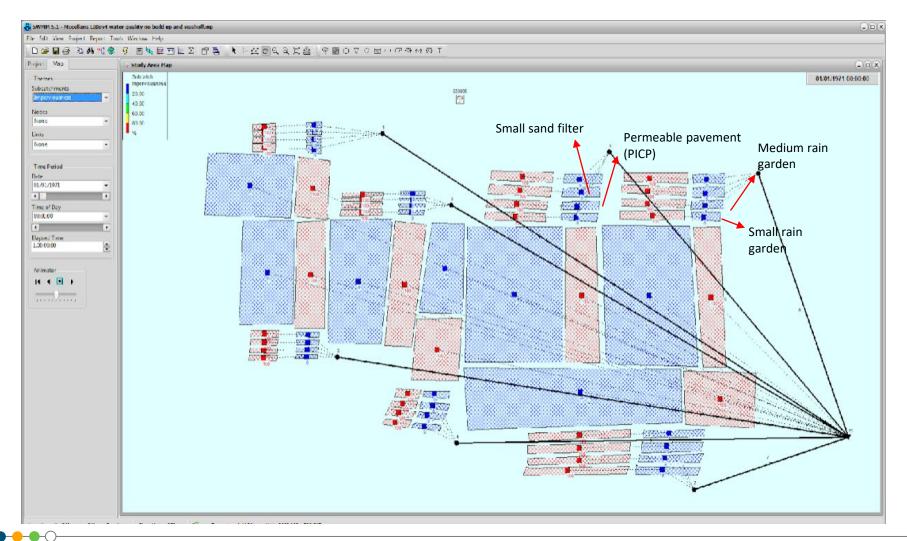
<u>Cost build up method</u> Construction cost Maintenance cost Replacement cost Net present value Average Annual Cost Over Design Life Per unit cost for scenario comparison

#### **Co-Benefit Analysis**

Score of economic, environmental, social elements based on: User selected importance factors Performance and cost output



## Model developed in SWMM



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### Lifecycle Cost

Following NIST, 1996; USACE/EPA, 2000; USEPA, 2008

$$LCC = C_0 + \left[\sum_{t=1}^{T} M_t + \sum_{t=1}^{T} C_r\right]$$

- *LCC* = life cycle cost
- $C_0$  = initial construction costs
- $M_t$  = routine and periodic maintenance costs
  - = rehabilitation (major) costs
  - = study period

 $C_r$ 

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# **LCC Inputs, Assumptions**

- Costs include regional adjustments
- Current dollar value includes "escalation" and/or "discount"
- Study period is user specified: 10, 20, 30, 50 years
- No added discount rate (current dollar value throughout study periods)
- Rehabilitation value = portion of initial construction cost dependent on maintenance

## **Initial Construction Cost**

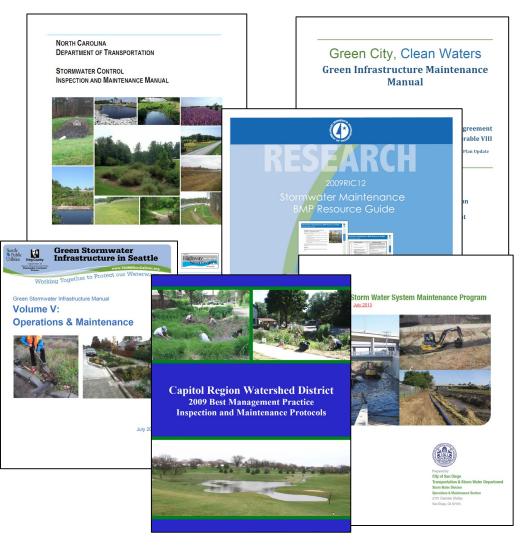
- Line item build up for each technology
- Replacement cost calculated as a subset of initial construction line items counting salvage of select components
- Unit costs from DOT bid tabs
- Bid tab unit costs compared to RSMeans for validation
- Fixed combination of designs for each technology including small, medium and large sizes along with additional select parameters

### Design Parameters Affecting Cost: Rain Gardens

Design Parameter	Small	Medium	Large
Surface Area (sq.ft)	100	1,000	10,000
Total Volume To Capture (cu.ft)	166	1656	16555
Ponding Depth (inches)	12	12	12
Filter Media Depth (inches)	18	18	18
Liner	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No
Underdrain	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No
Vegetation	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No

## Maintenance Cost

- Line item build up based on recommended maintenance activities for each technology
- Routine & periodic activities
- Maintenance manuals from agencies across USA reviewed for recommended activities and frequency
- Regional adjustments for climate influenced activities such as mowing and vacuuming of permeable pavement



### **3 Basic Outputs**

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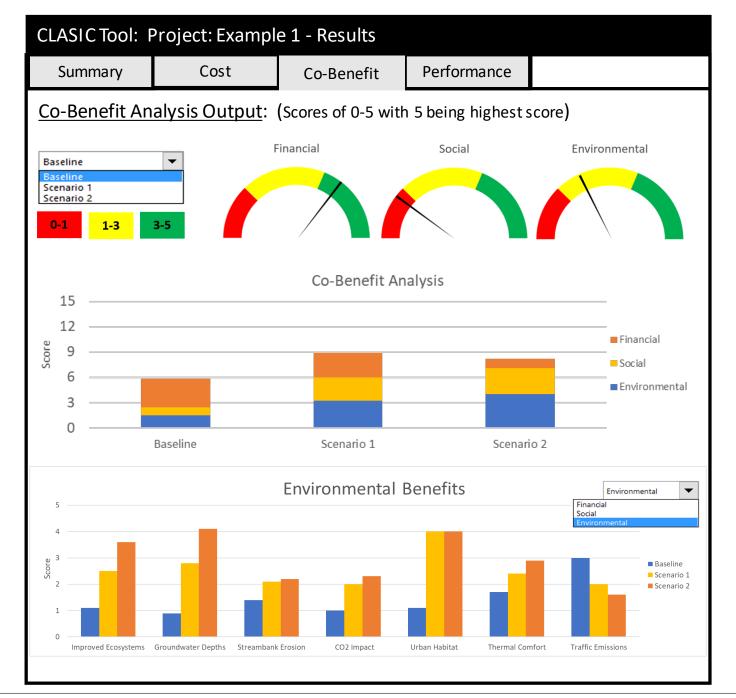
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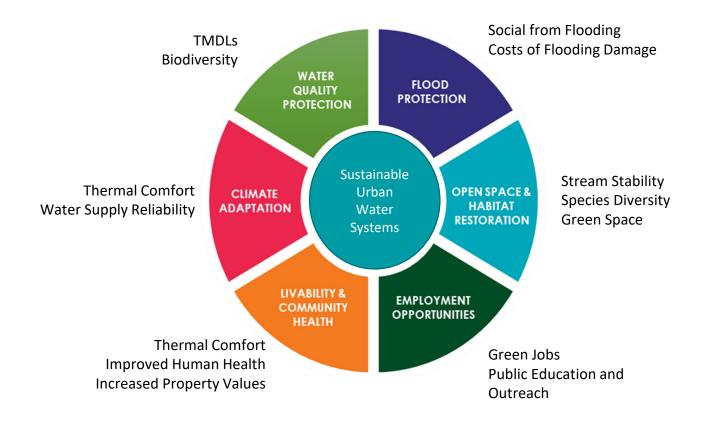
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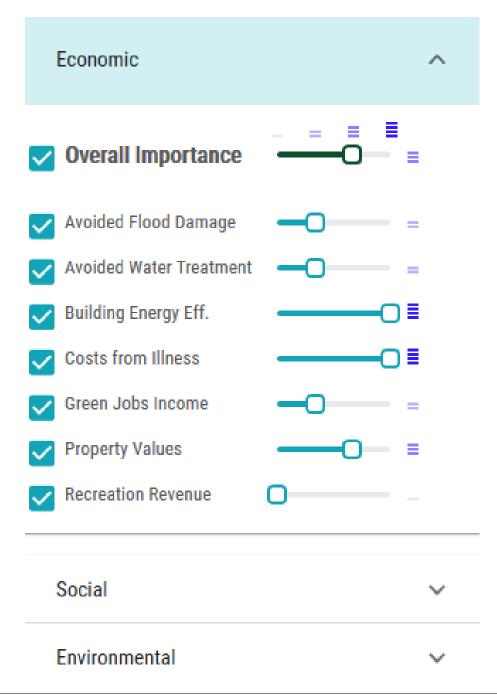
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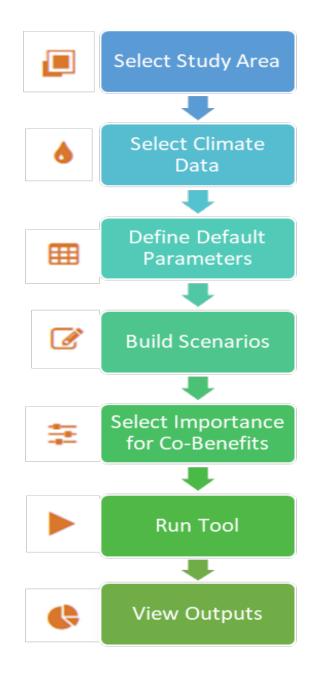


Indicator	CLASIC Output	Min/Max
Economic		
Revenue from water recreation	Pollutant load (TSS, TN, TP)	Min
Property Values	Pollutant load (TSS, TN, TP)	Min
	Area of added green space	Max
Avoided costs for illness resulting from air quality improvements	Area of added green space	Max
Building energy efficiency	Area of green roofs	Max
Avoided costs for water treatment due to reduced municipal water demand	Volume water harvested used	Max

### Schedule for CLASIC Release

- Beta Testing: April 2019 May 2019
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- CLASIC tool refinement: August 2019
- CLASIC tool final testing and case studies: September 2019 – October 2019
- CLASIC Tool Delivered: December 2019

# CLASIC Tool Steps



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#### Getting Started

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### Community-enabled Lifecycle Analysis of Stormwater Infrastructure Costs (CLASIC)

#### CLASIC Tool Vision

The CLASIC tool is a screening tool utilizing a lifecycle cost framework to support stormwater infrastructure decisions on extent and combinations of green, hybrid green-gray and gray infrastructure practices. Users can create scenarios of stormwater control measures including climate and land use projections to assess lifecycle costs, performance, and cobenefits associated with those scenarios.

#### **CLASIC Tool Functionality**

CLASIC is a screening tool and is not intended for optimization of design. The scope of CLASIC is shown in Figure 1.

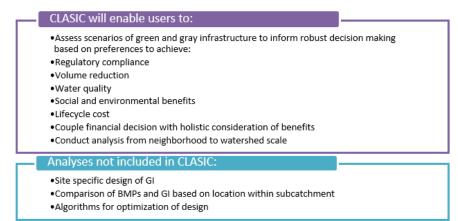


Figure 1. CLASIC Tool Functionality

#### **CLASIC Tool Components**

There are three main components to the CLASIC tool outputs: life cycle costs (LCC), Co-benefits and performance (Figure 2).

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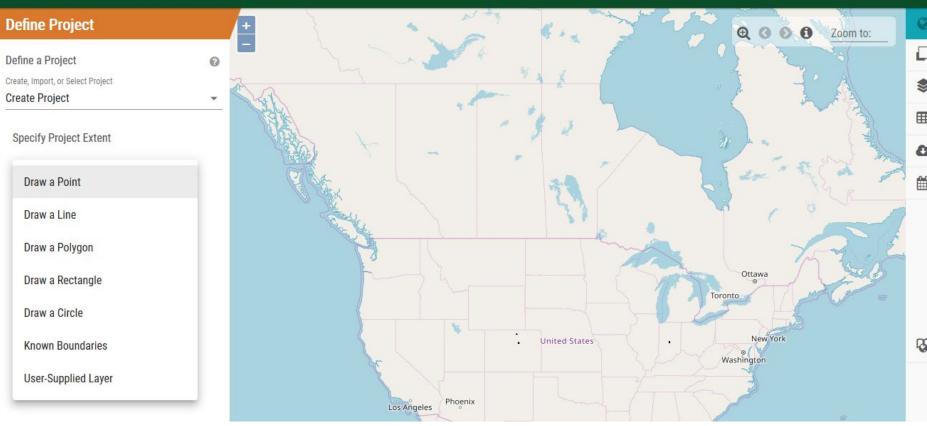
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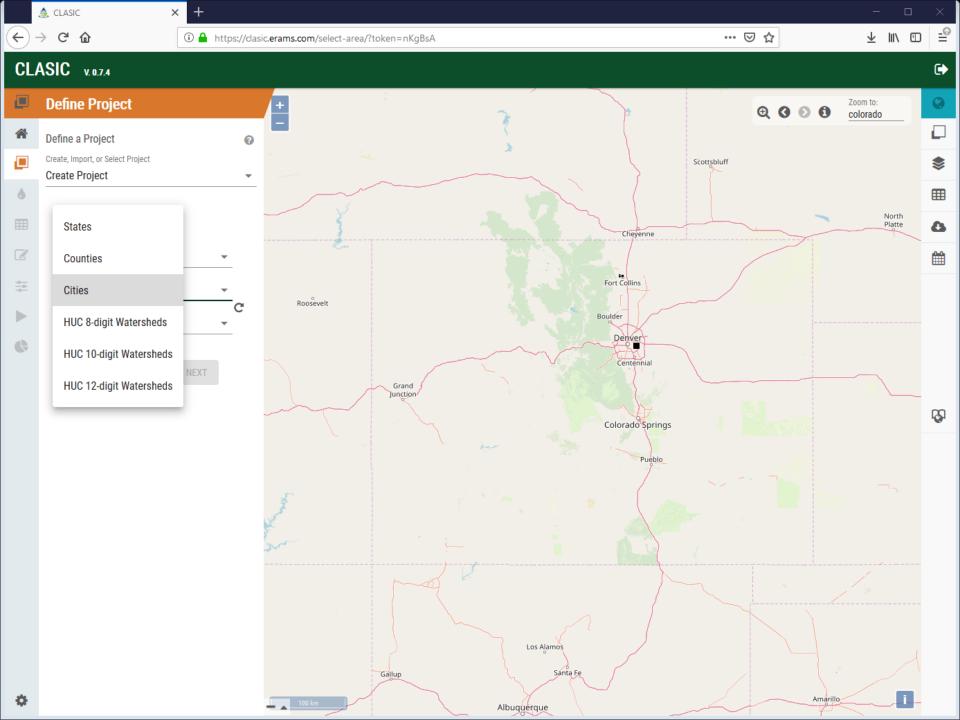
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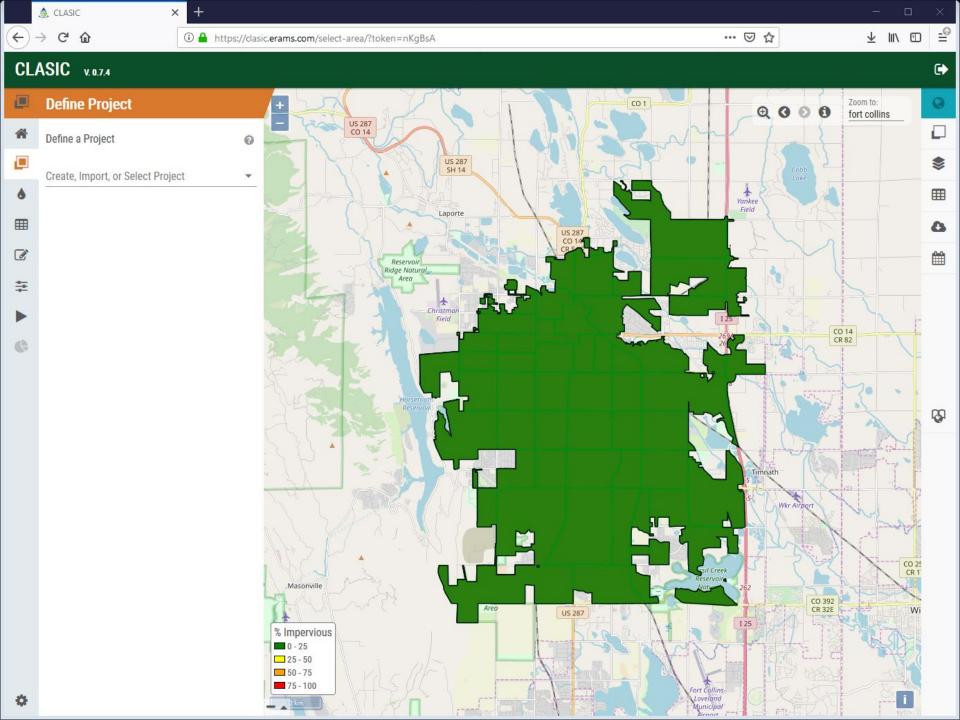
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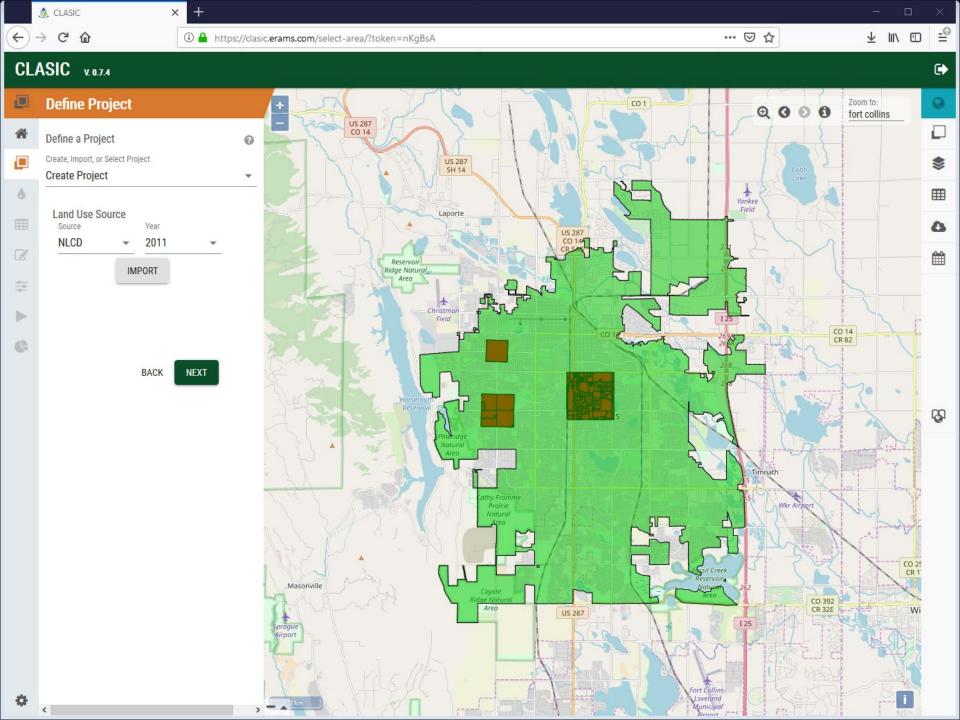
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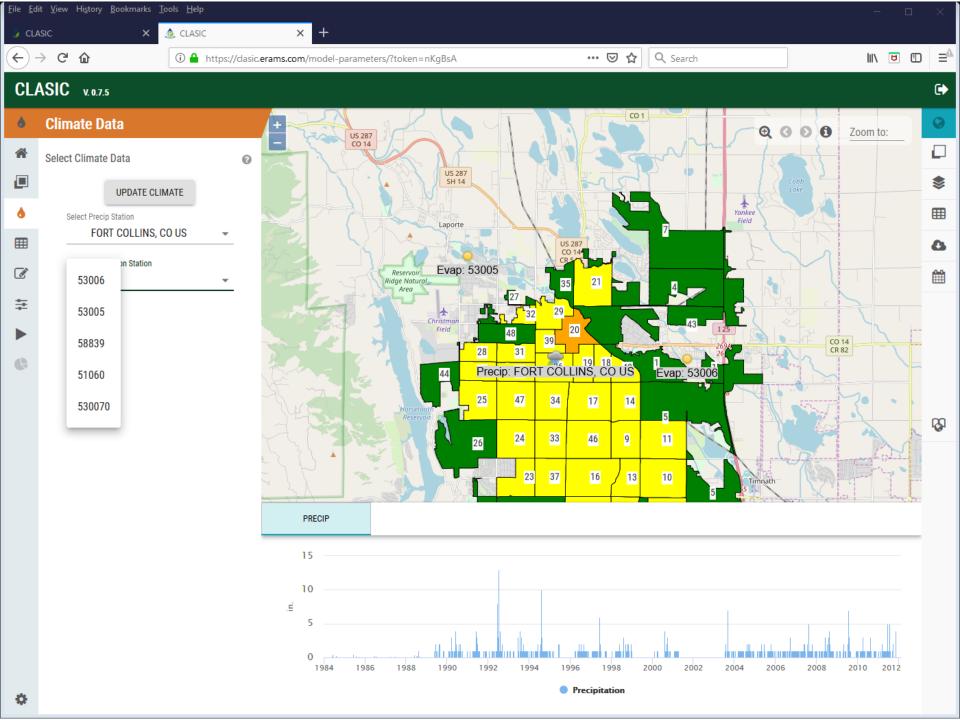


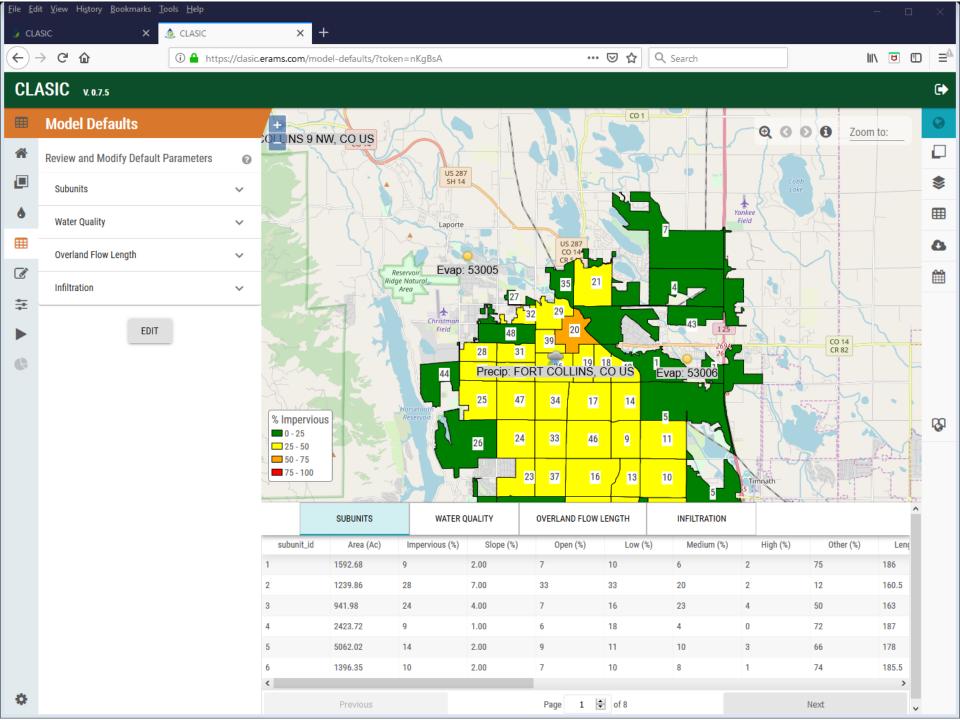
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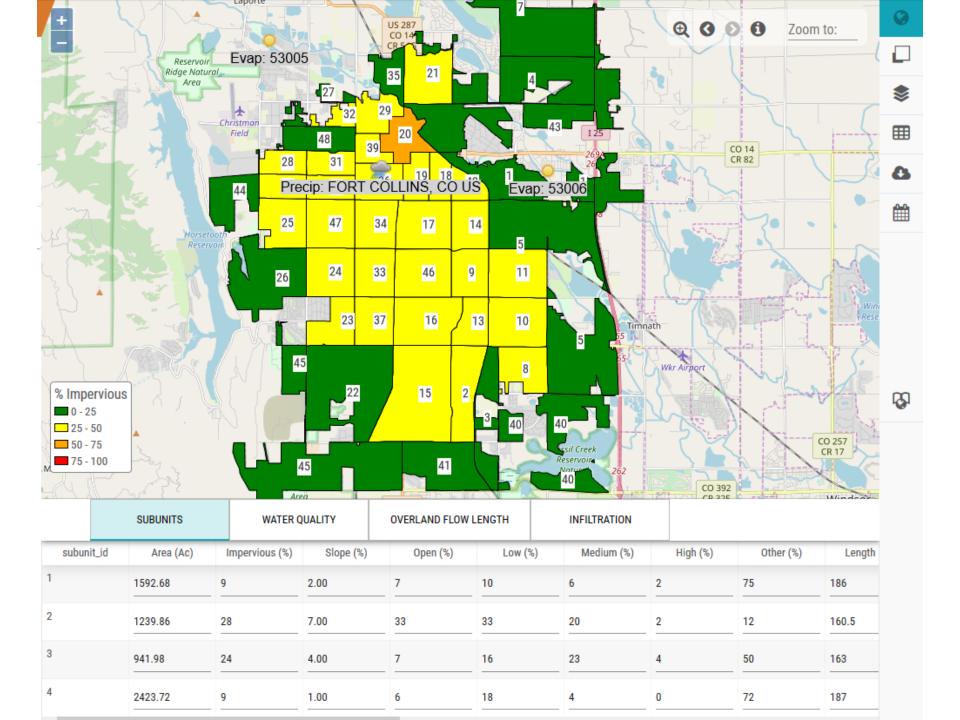


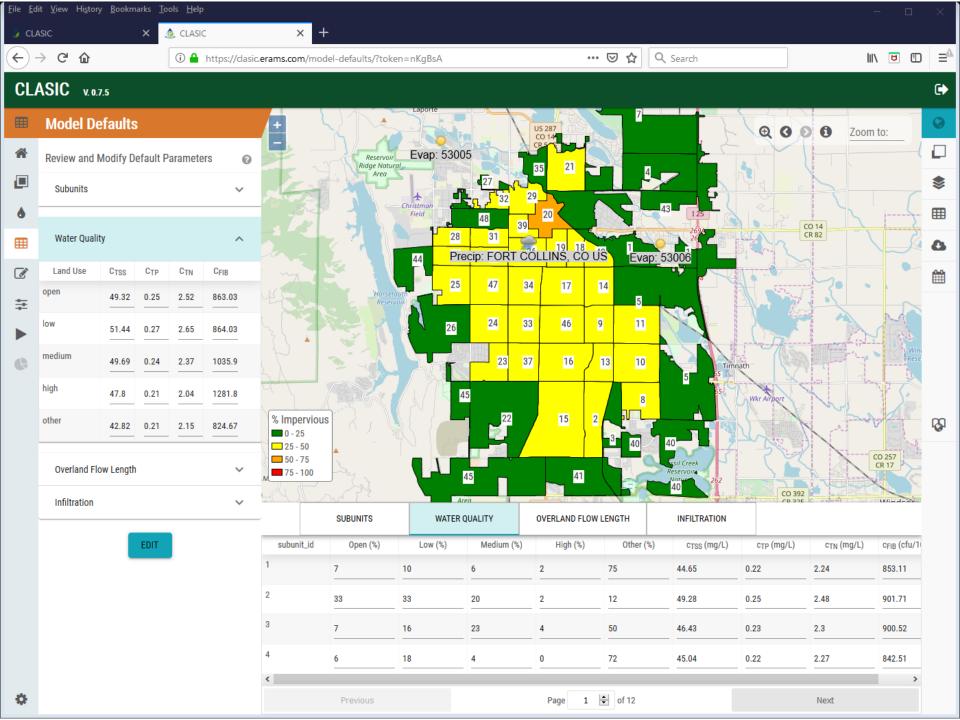


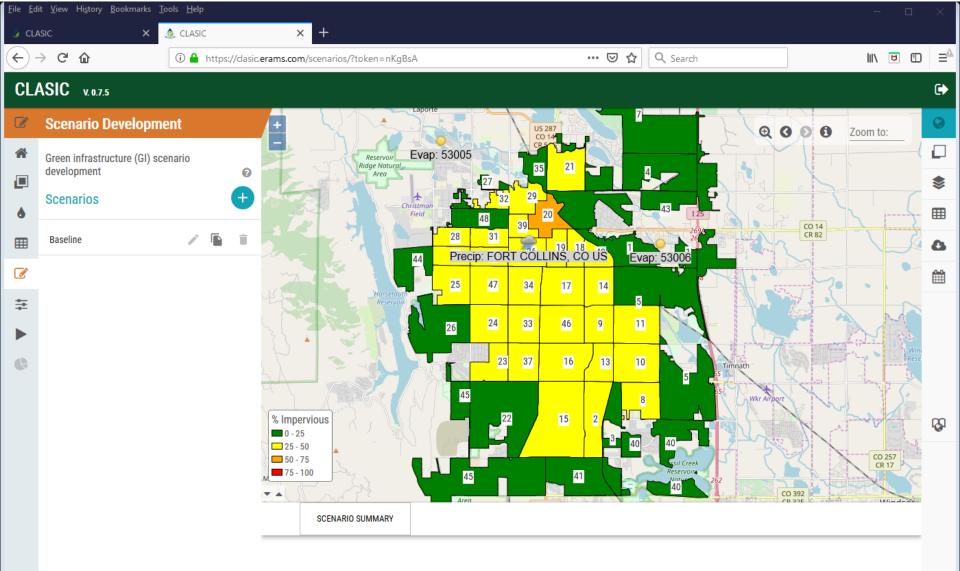


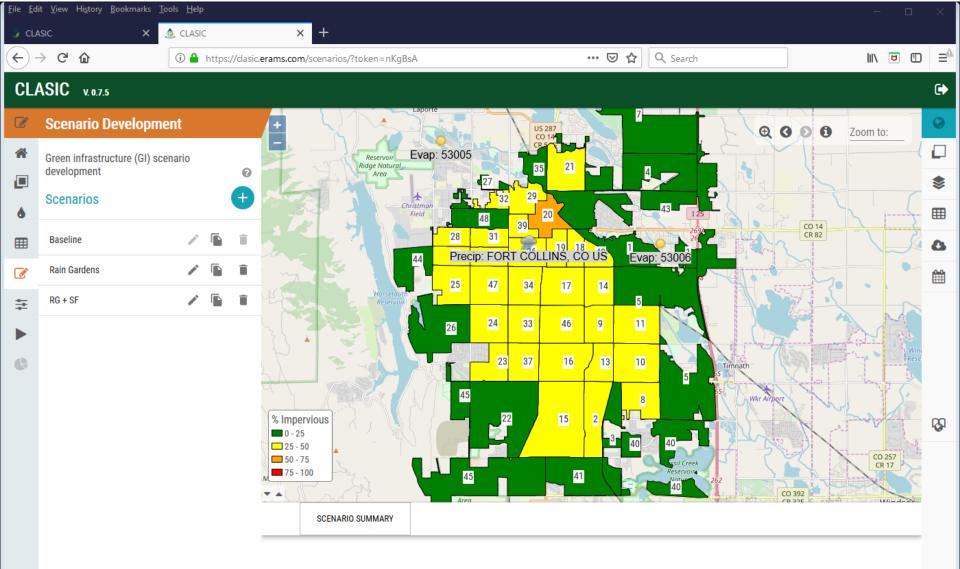


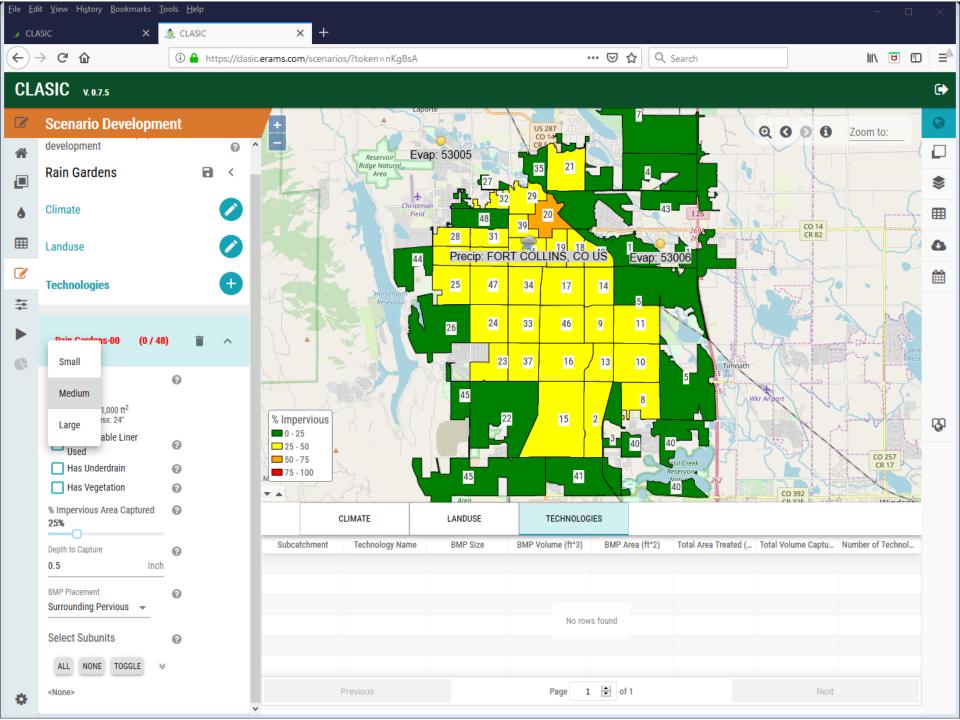


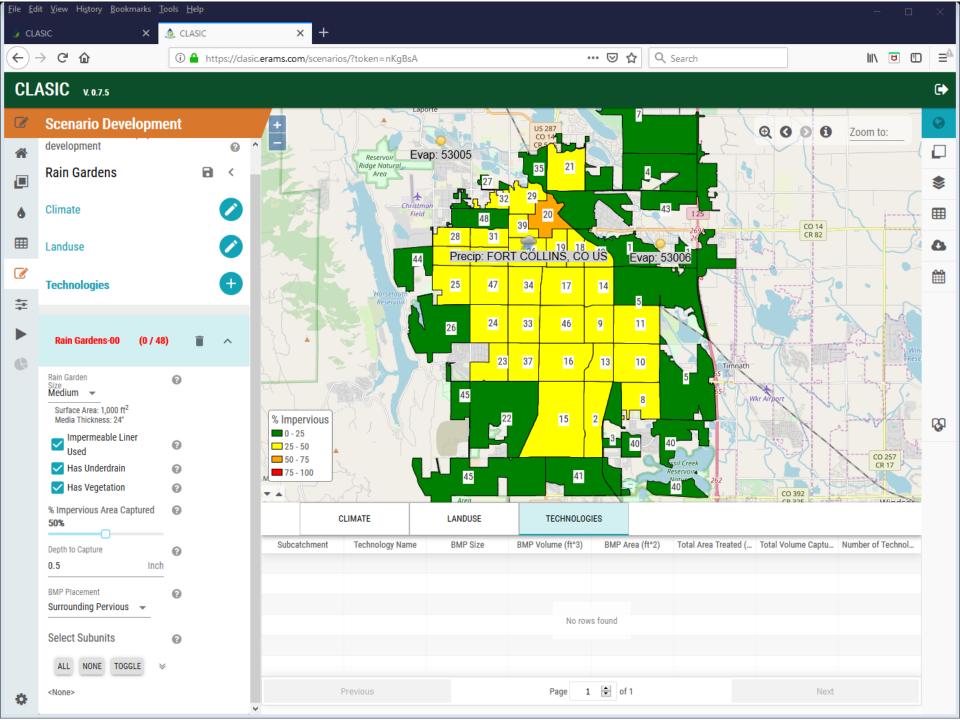


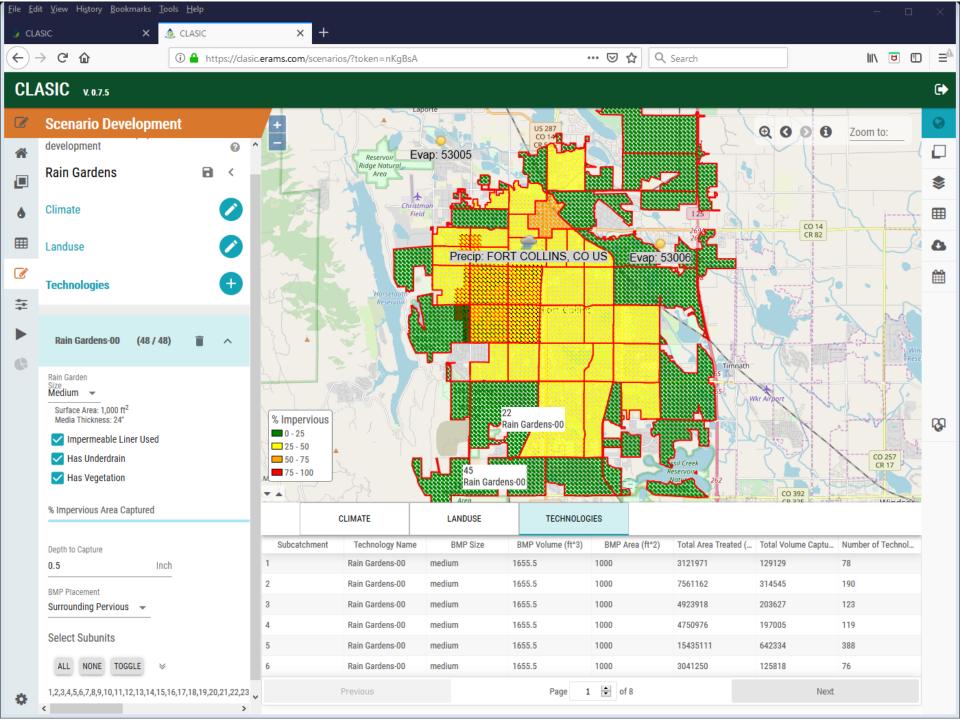


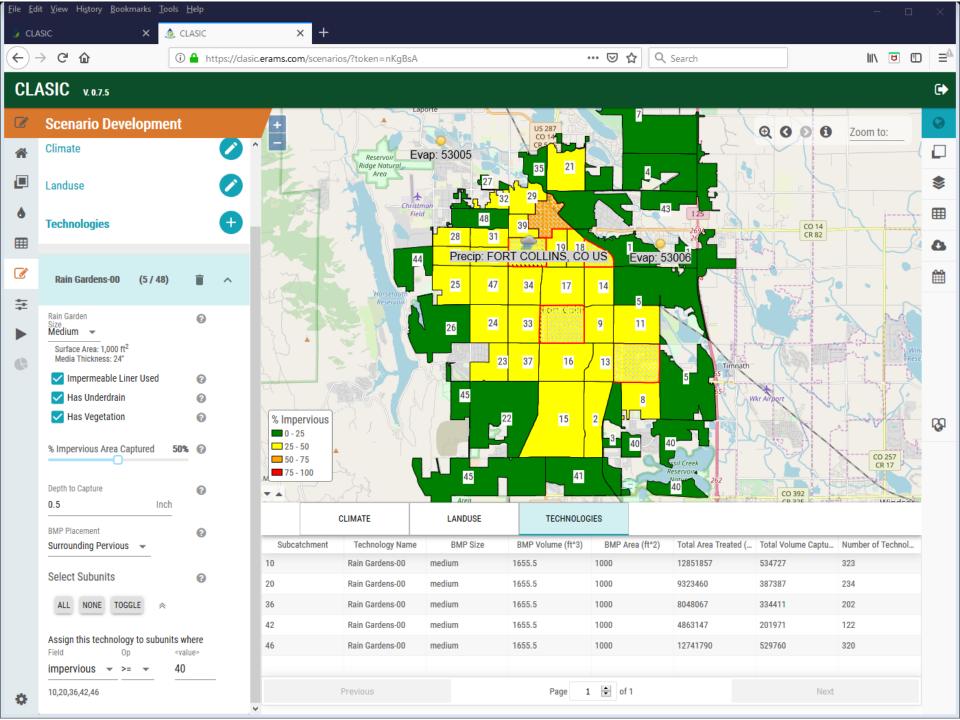


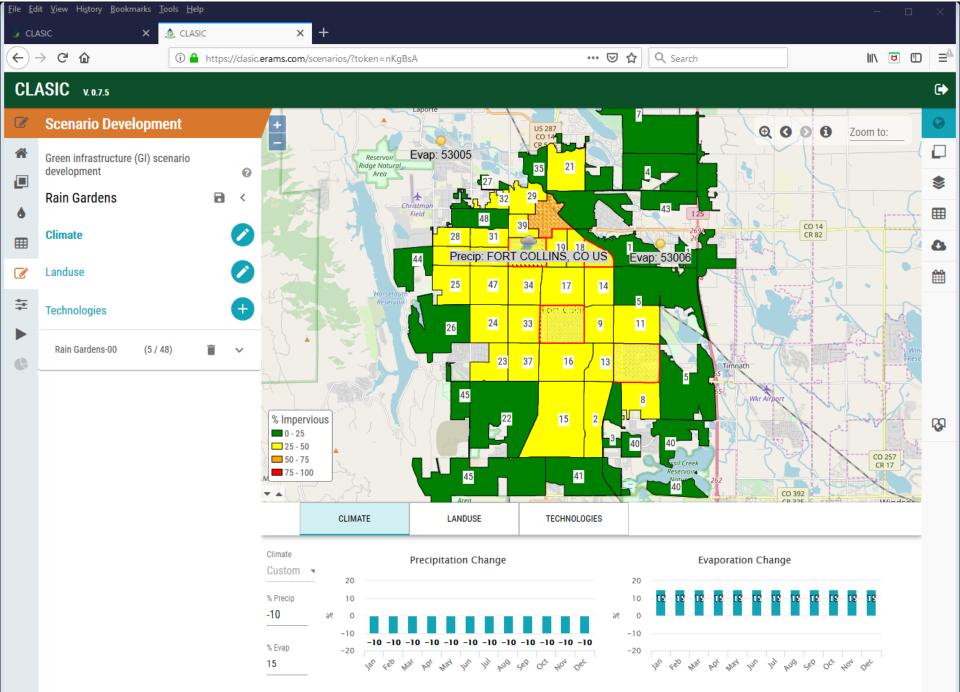


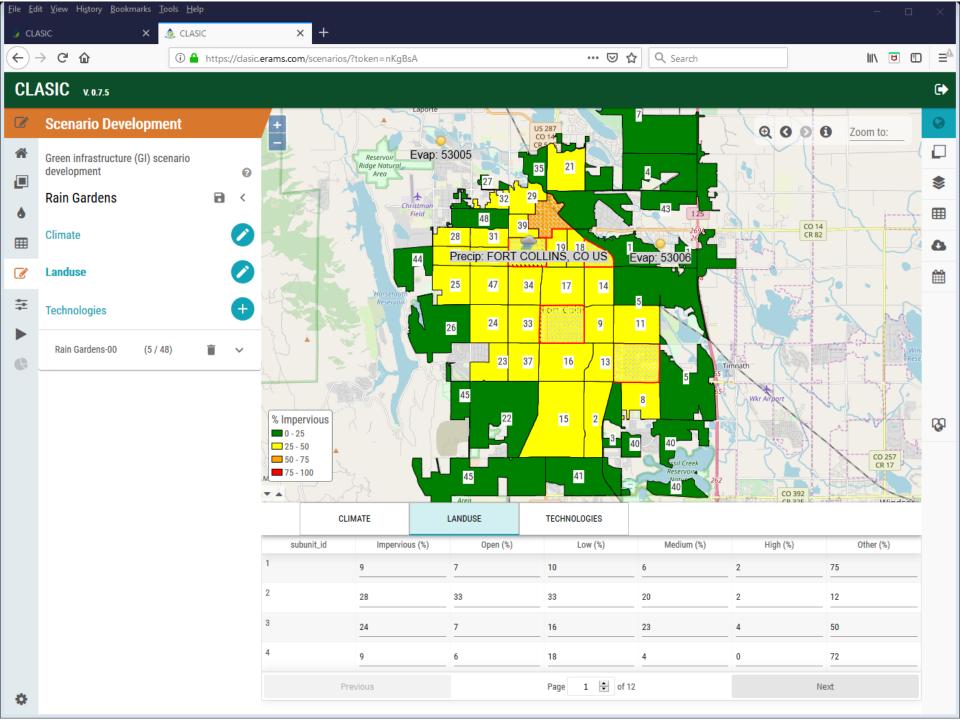


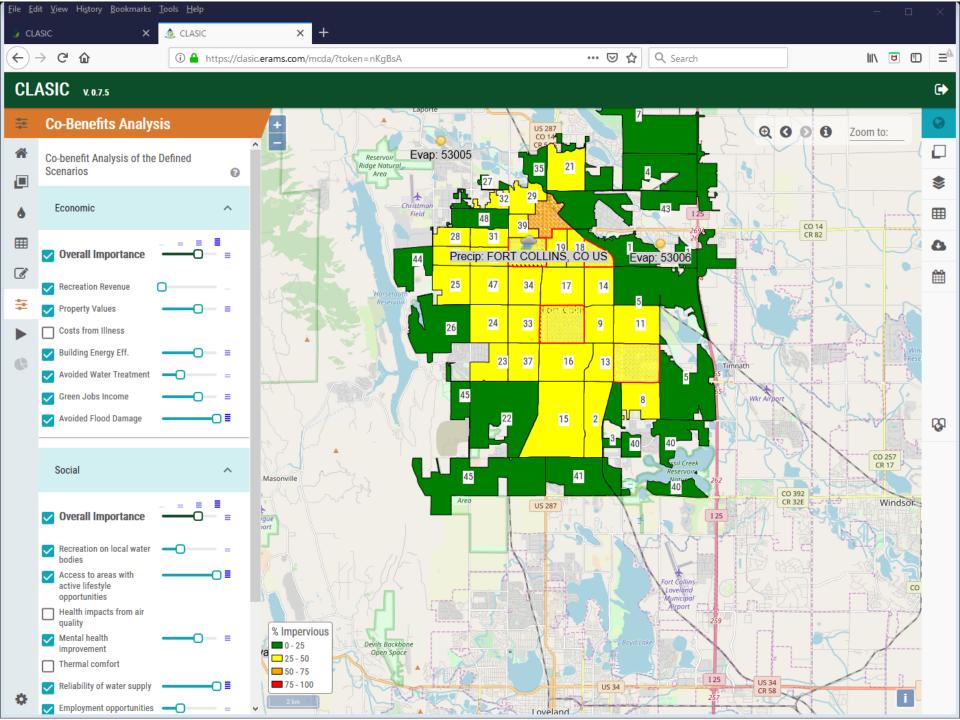


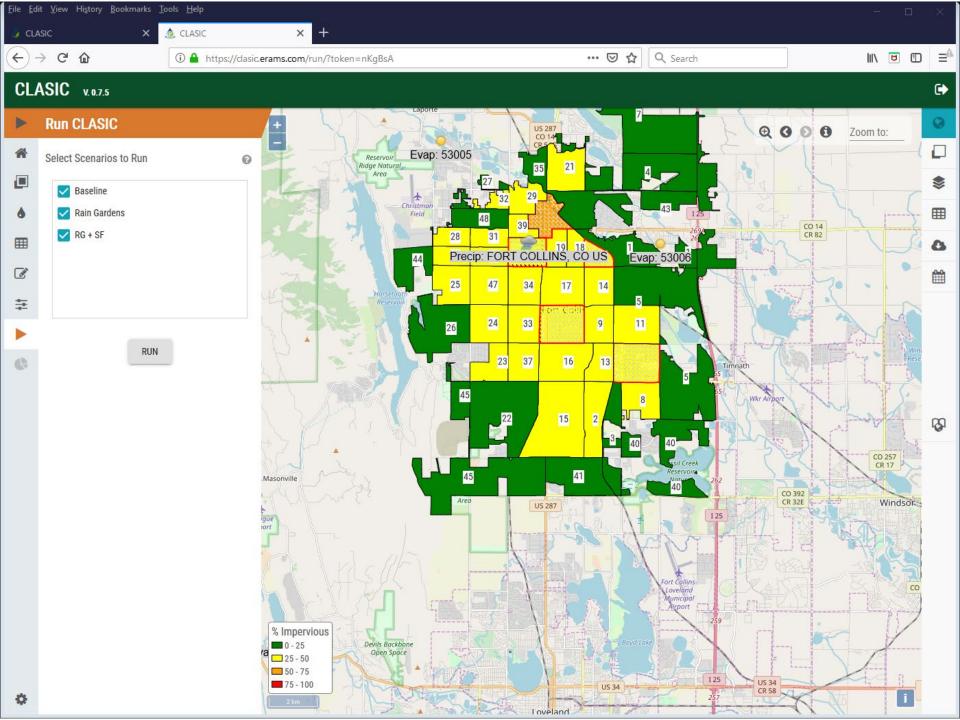


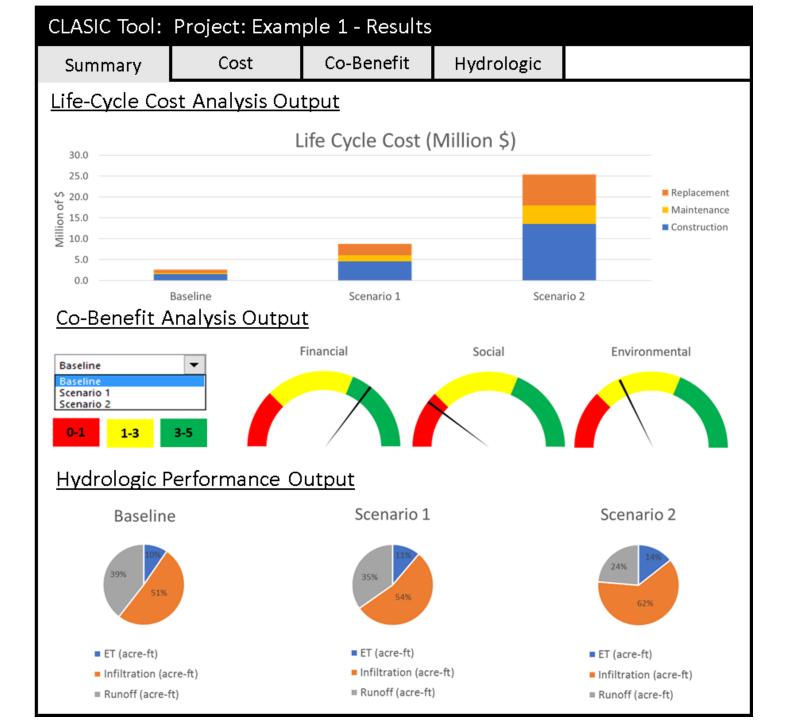














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