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Impacts of Sediment on Water Quality: Reduction Techniques

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## How does sediment quality impact water quality?

- Resuspension
- Diffusion
  - Release nutrients and other pollutants to water column
  - Source or sink for pollutants Internal cycling





#### Approach to Sediment Management

#### **No Action**

Natural Attenuation

#### Cap/Inactivate

- Sand
- Chemical Inactivation

#### **Dredge/Dewater**

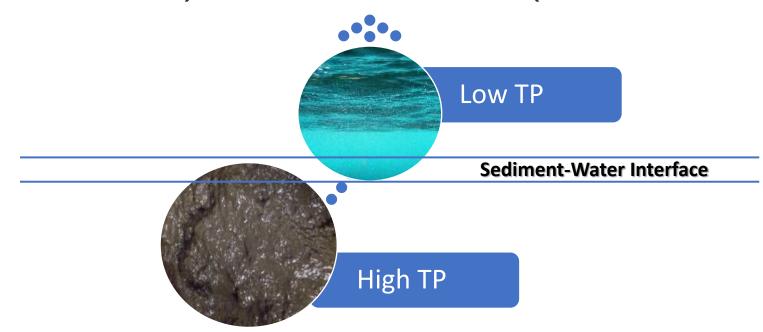
- Mechanical
- Hydraulic

DMMAs
Geotextile tubes
Subaqueous
Wastewater plant
Islands
Relocation



### Water Quality Degradation – Sediment Quality

- Internal nutrient release from sediment = FLUX
- Flux rates driven by concentration gradient
  - Transfer of dissolved nutrients from sediment (high concentration) to water column (low concentration)



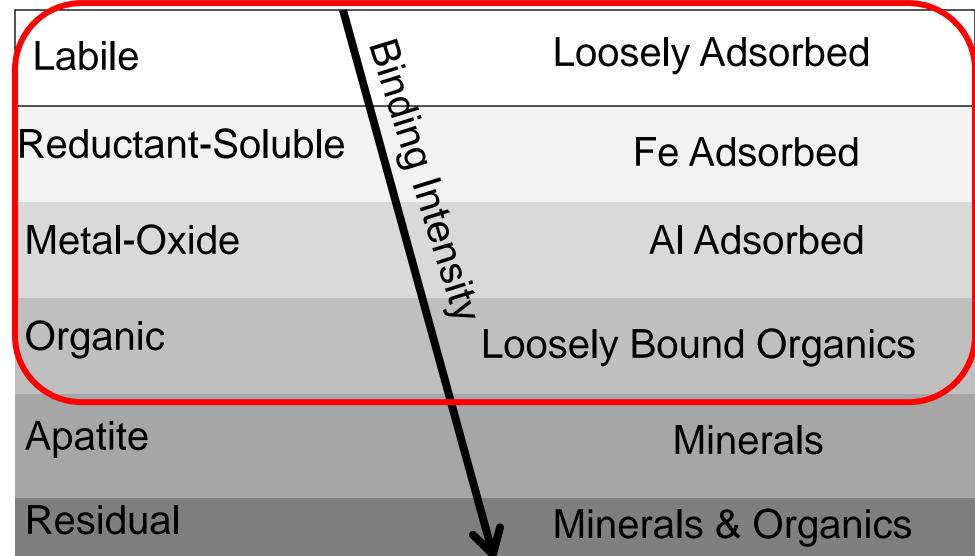
# Sediment Phosphorus Fractionation

Nuisance algae prefer biologically available phosphorus - BAP

**SAND** 

**LOW BAP** 

**MUCK HIGH BAP** 7F-1



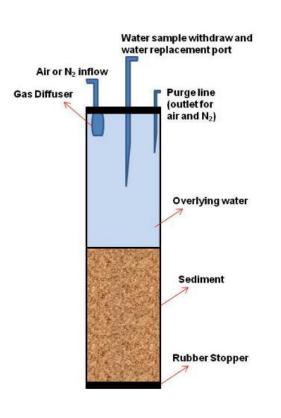
#### Assessing Sediment Treatment Alternatives

- Wood Flux Field and Lab SOP (approved by FDEP) to measure site-specific flux and internal nutrient loads
- Evaluate effectiveness of various treatment alternatives
  - Physical or chemical cap
  - Reduction of flux rate
- Conduct cost-efficiency analysis for treatment alternatives





### Data Needed for Dosing

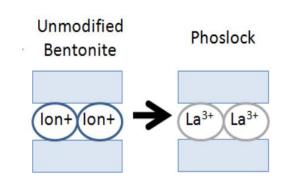


- Field Collection
  - In-situ water quality profile and SRP/TP data
  - Muck thickness
- Laboratory Analyses
  - Intact sediment cores
  - Sediment physical and chemical content
  - P Fractionation (Sequential extractions) BAP
  - Flux lab incubations



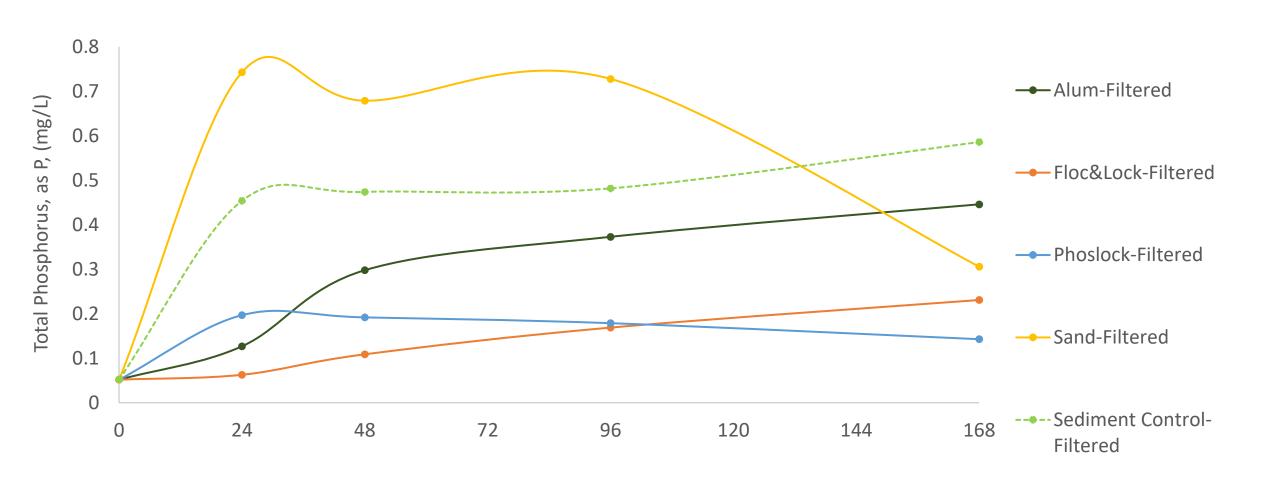
## Sediment capping/treatment alternatives

- Phoslock<sup>®</sup>
- Alum
- "Floc&Lock" (Phoslock® and Alum)
- NClear TPX
- Clean sand
- Purple Sulfur Bacteria
- Oxygenation
- Organic soil / muck

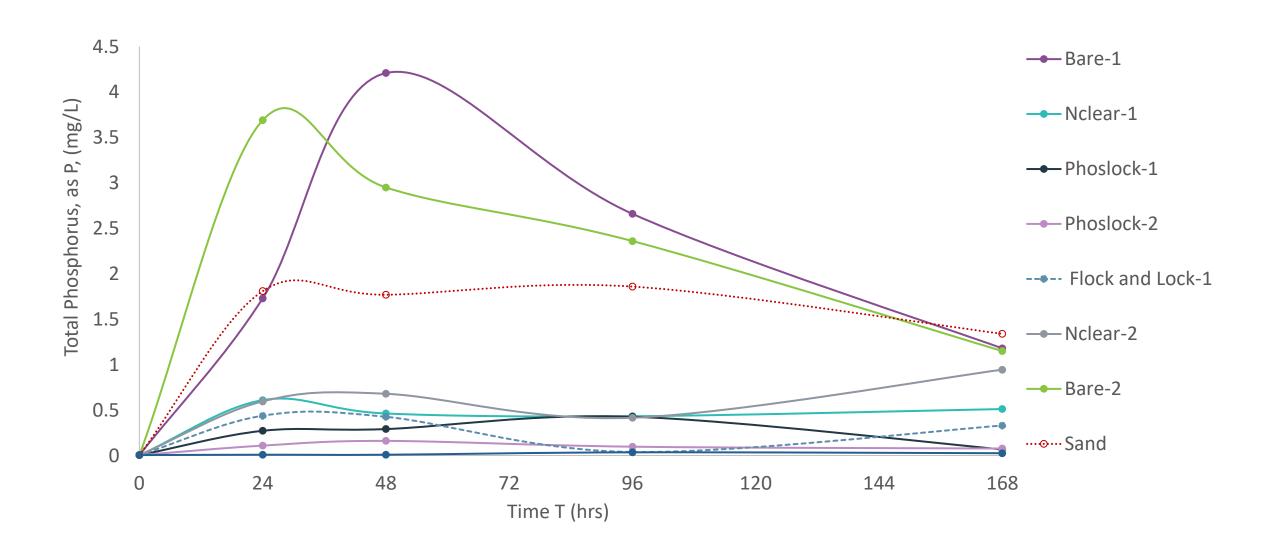




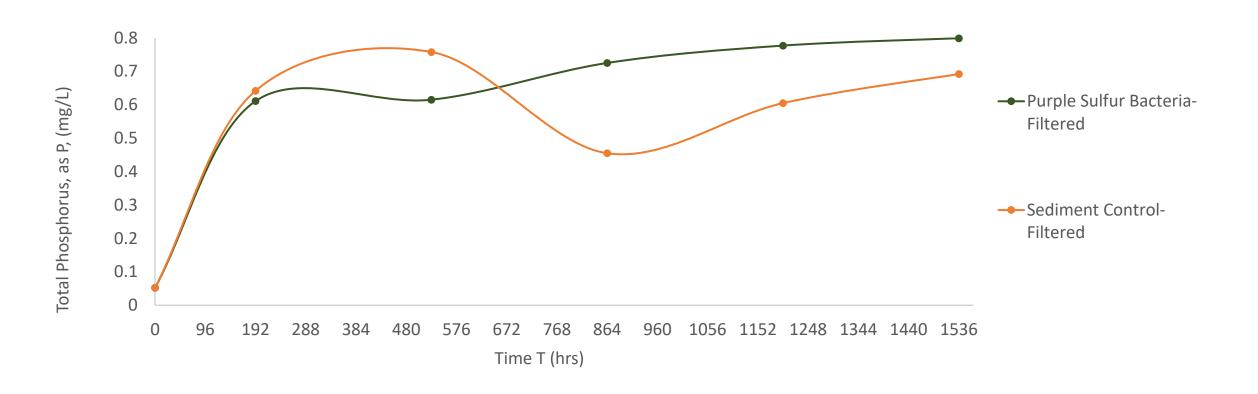
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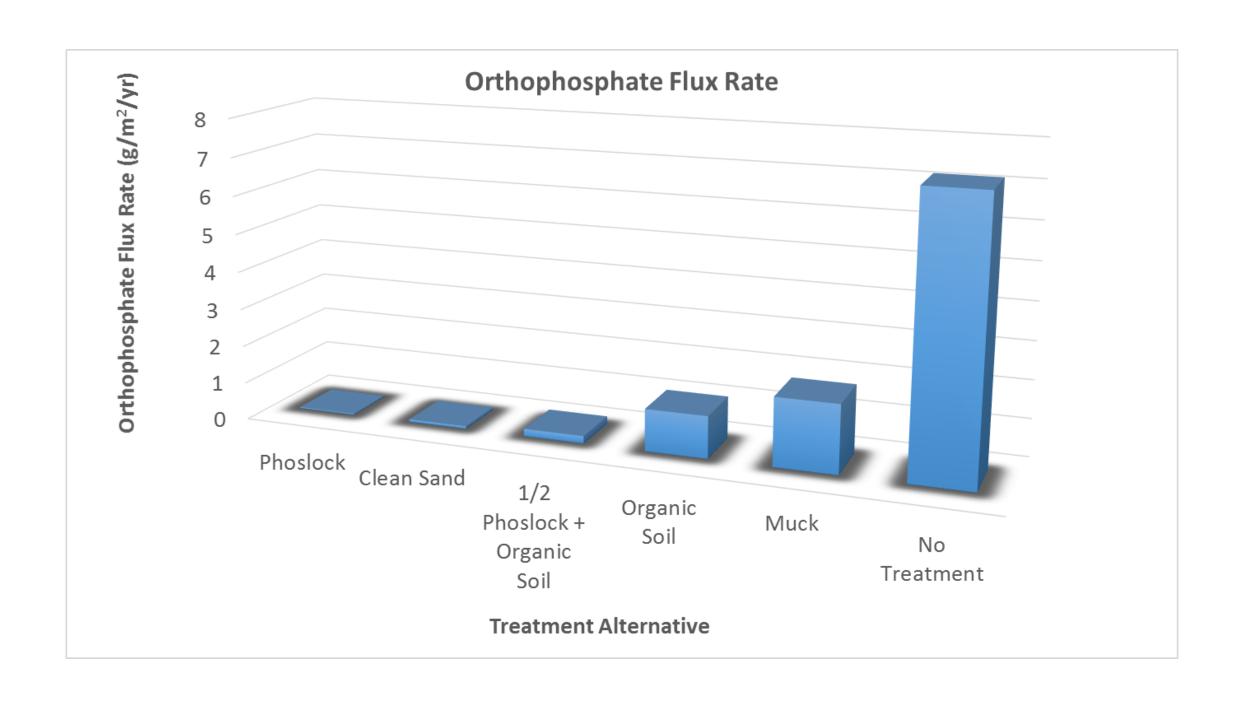
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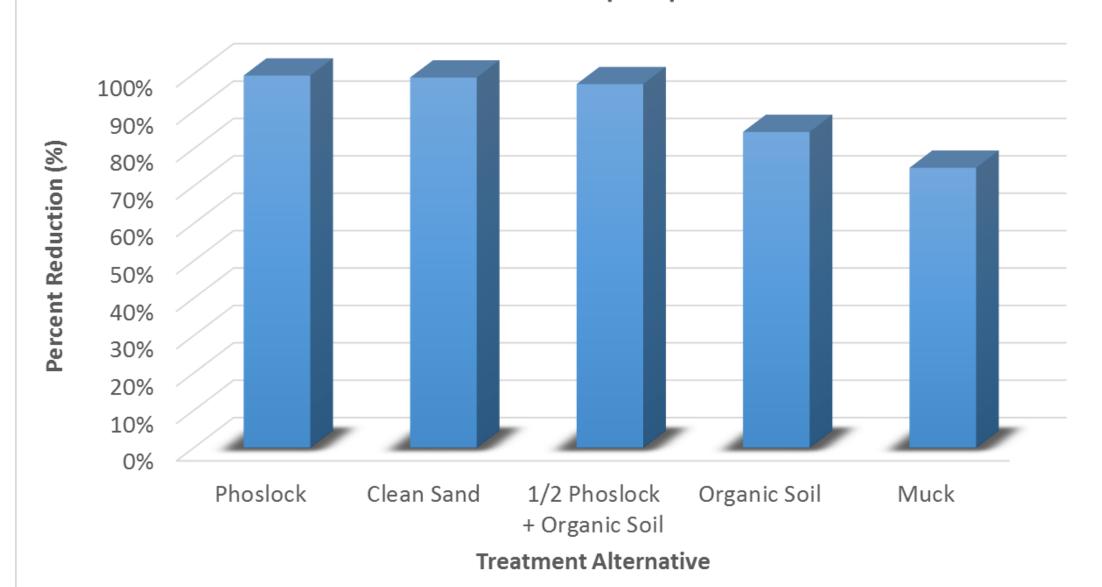
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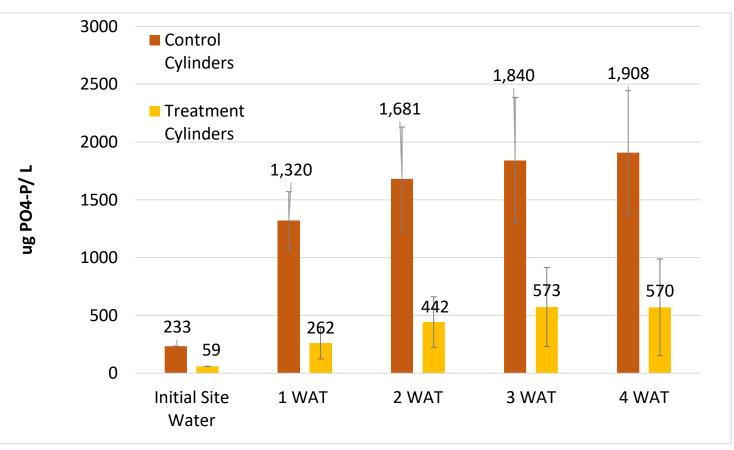
#### **Percent Reduction of Orthophosphate Flux Rate**



#### Treatment Alternatives Analysis – Pilot Study

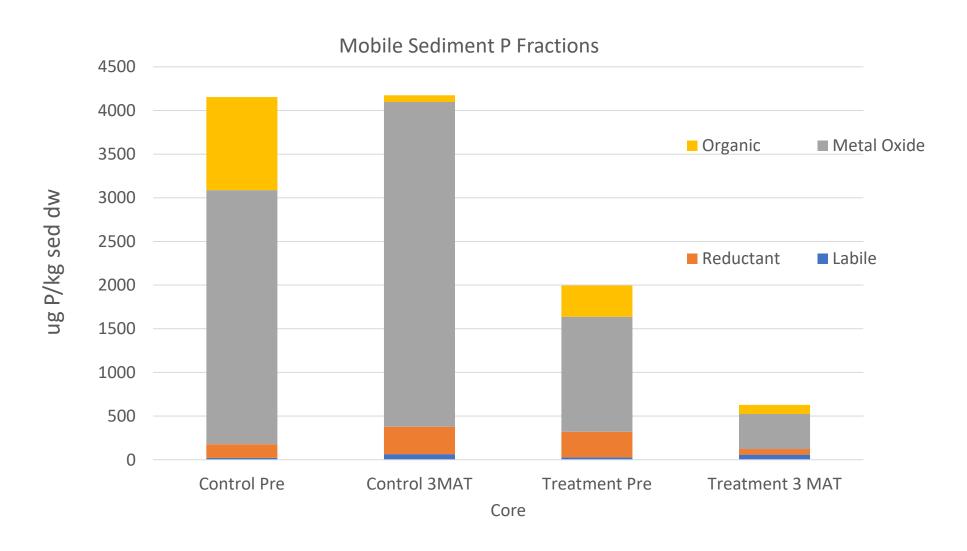
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#### Treatment Alternatives Analysis – Pilot Study

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#### Comparison of Treatment Performance and Cost Efficiency

- Greatest load removal by:
  - Dredging, sand and Phoslock for TP
  - Dredging and sand for TN

Alternative	Estimated Average Performance Efficiency (% Removal)		Estimated Average Load Reduction (lbs/yr)		Estimated Implementation Cost (\$)	Estimated Cost/ <u>lb</u> TP Removed (\$/ <u>lb</u> )	Source for Cost Information
	TN	TP	TN	TP		(17 0007	
Sand	35%	59%	1,793.10	1,270.80	\$700,346.18	\$551.11	Literature derived (Amec Foster Wheeler 2016): \$23,345/ac capped, assume 1 ft cap over 30 ac
Phoslock	-63%	86%	-3220.6	1,194.00	\$450,000.00	\$376.88	Literature derived (Amec Foster Wheeler 2016): \$15,000/ac treated, assume 30 ac treated
Floc & Lock	-73%	53%	-3655.8	724.9	\$362,450.00	\$500.00	Literature derived (Amec Foster Wheeler 2016): \$500/lb treated, assume 724.9 lbs TP treated
Alum	11%	44%	548.4	567.2	\$180,000.00	\$317.35	Literature derived (ERD 2016): \$6,000/ac treated, assume 30 ac treated
Dredging	100%	100%	5,031.80	1,378.80	\$1,428,000.00	\$1,035.68	Based on previous dredging design costs derived for Lake Bonnet Feasibility Study: \$42/cy removed for 34,000 cy removed
Oxygenation/ Aeration	15%	15%	754.8	206.8	\$45,000.00	\$217.58	Provided by aeration vendor: \$1200/ac treated, assume 30 ac treated

#### Summary

- Many techniques and alternatives out there, use caution and test them before ramping up
- Evaluate based on the biogeochemical based binding capacities of the product
- Collect the right data to optimize assessments and applications
- Tailor sediment management design plans with treatment alternatives analysis results

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