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Comparison of the Engineering Strategies for Low Impact Development in a Densely Populated Old Urban Area

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Abstract: Most old urban areas of China have a dense population, severely indurated underlying surface, and highly developed underground space. Those increase the waterlogging risk and obstruct the stormwater management in old urban areas. To propose an appropriate engineering strategy for low impact development (LID) transformation in an urban area, a simulation was carried out by storm water management model (SWMM) in this project. Bioretention cells, permeable pavements, and green roofs were selected according to the study area surface. Runoff control performance of single LID control and combined schemes were compared. Results illustrate that only 50.21% of roofs can build green roofs in urban areas with dense populations, and the runoff control performance of green roofs is unsatisfactory, while bioretention cells and permeable pavements can effectively mitigate runoff caused by storms with a recurrence period less than 10 years, and combined LID controls can obtain better runoff control performance with less construction area. Those outcomes screened out the LID controls suitable for application in densely populated old urban areas and put forward reasonable engineering practice strategies. This study provides guidance and reference for the LID transformation in the densely populated old urban area.

Keywords: waterlogging mitigation; low impact development (LID); SWMM; engineering strategy



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1. Introduction

In the process of urbanization, the proportion of impervious surface keeps increasing, the infiltration of rainwater is blocked, the urban rainfall runoff is significantly increased [1,2]. After decades of development, a large number of population and wealth have been accumulated in the city, the rainwater drainage system needs a higher design standard [3], and the initial planning of urban pipe network often can not meet the current needs of rainwater drainage [4]. At the same time, climate change causes an escalation in temperature, which in turn increases the frequency and intensity of rainfall events in urban areas [5,6]. Therefore, the old urban areas with a dense population often face greater waterlogging risk [7]. To solve the problem of urban waterlogging, the traditional way is to upgrade the drainage system. However, the main pipes of the rainwater drainage system are often located under the main traffic roads. Upgrading the drainage network system by breaking the existing roads makes the traffic more crowded. Additionally, the underground space is usually occupied by complex networks of infrastructure services in urban areas [8,9]; the drainage system upgrading project is likely to damage the pipeline of other infrastructure services systems.

To solve problems caused by stormwater, the potential of natural drainage systems in runoff mitigation has become a hot topic. Stormwater management strategies, including natural drainage systems, have been proposed by some developed countries, such as green infrastructure (GI), water-sensitive urban design (WSUD), and low impact development (LID). Research studies about natural drainage systems prove that they are effective in

runoff mitigation and runoff pollution control [10,11]. Some research studies even indicate a natural drainage system alleviates the heat island effect [12] and improves biodiversity [13]. Recently, the Chinese government introduced the concept of LID into the practice of urban rainwater management, combining green drainage facilities and concrete drainage facilities to make up for deficiencies of a traditional drainage system, which was known as the Sponge City strategy [14,15].

The hydrological model is a common tool to estimate the runoff control performance of LID controls. At present, various models have been proposed, such as SWMM, MIKE SHE, SWAT, and HYDRUS-1D [16]. Mobilia et al. [17] compared the Nash cascade model, SWMM, and HYDRUS-1D and found the models performed better for stratiform and tropical events. SWMM and HYDRUS predicted the convective events have a high degree of accuracy, while the Nash model appeared more suitable for stratiform events. Broekhuizen et al. [18] compared the performance of Urbis, SWMM, Hydrus-1D, and Mike SHE across two full-size green roofs. The results indicate predictions from SWMM and Mike SHE were jointly the best in terms of raw percentage observations covered by their flow prediction intervals, but the uncertainty in the predictions in SWMM was smaller. In general, reliable simulation results can be obtained by using SWMM, and the results are sufficient to determine the LID transformation strategy.

Although the natural drainage system has many advantages over the traditional concrete drainage system, there are many restrictions on LID controls in densely populated old urban areas. The severely indurated underlying surface leads to more rainfall runoff in these areas [19], the complex building type and high building density lead to limited space for the construction of LID controls, and highly developed underground space cuts off the natural infiltration channel of rainfall, weakening the mitigation effect of LID controls on urban waterlogging. Therefore, the engineering strategy of LID transformation in densely populated old urban areas is a focus of research on LID.

The objective of this research is to propose the LID transformation strategy that can overcome the restrictions on the construction of LID controls and has effective runoff control performance in densely populated urban areas. The results provide guidance and reference for the LID transformation in the densely populated old urban area.

2. Materials and Methods

2.1. Methodology

This paper takes a catchment in Jiang'an District, Wuhan, China, as the research object. LID controls suitable for old urban areas were selected by analysis of the properties of the underlying surface and characteristics of waterlogging. Based on this information, a hydrological model of the study area was established using SWMM, and LID reformation strategies for old urban areas were proposed by comparing the runoff control performance of single LID control and combined schemes. The methodology of this study is shown in Figure 1.

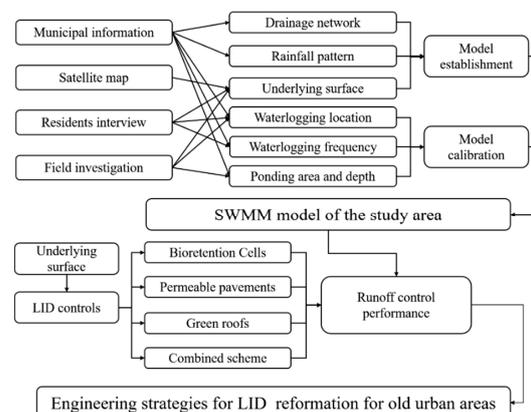


Figure 1. The methodology of this study.

2.2. Study Area

Jiang'an District is one of the seven central urban areas in Wuhan, covering 70 km² with a population of over 1 million. The study area is located in the northwest part of Jiang'an District and covers 21.75 km². The area is an alluvial plain, flat, open, with no obvious hills and highlands. The regional drainage flows from south to north, enters the Tazihu channel of Huangxiao River through the pipe network system, and finally flows to the Fuhe River, as shown in Figure 2.

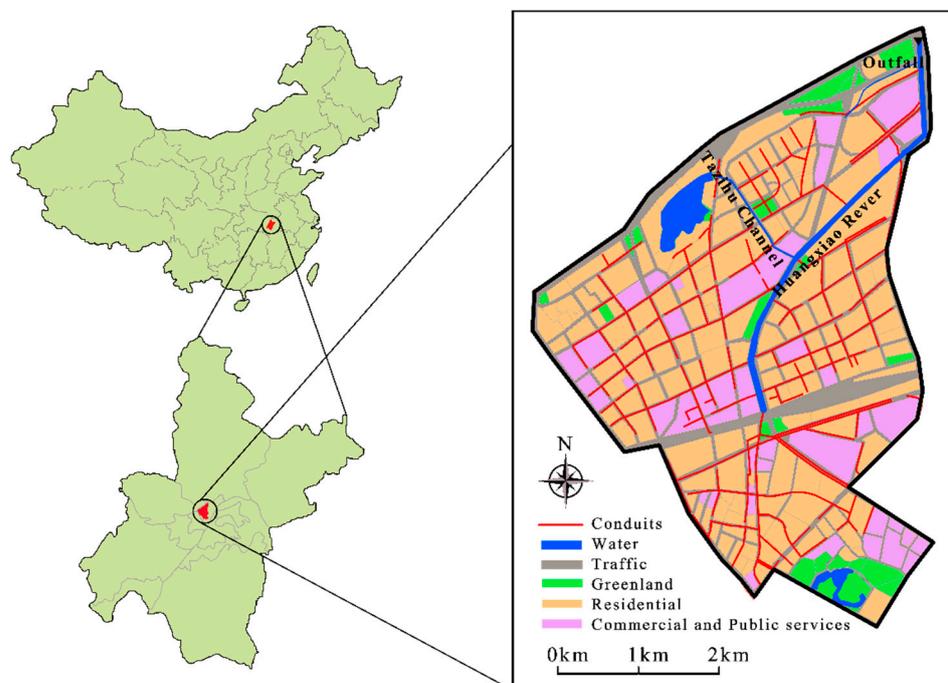


Figure 2. Study area and drainage channels.

The study area belongs to the subtropical monsoon climate, and the annual average rainfall is 1140~1265 mm. The rainstorm is mainly concentrated from April to August, accounting for 70~80% of the whole year [20].

2.3. Modeling

2.3.1. Storm Water Management Model

Studies about the hydrological process of a rainstorm on a watershed scale are difficult to carry out in the field. Research based on a dynamic rainfall-runoff simulation model is an important way to discuss these problems. Storm water management model (SWMM), developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, has been proved to be effective in analyzing, planning, and designing urban drainage systems [21,22]. SWMM has added the calculation module of LID controls since version 5.0 [23] and has become a common tool for assessing the effect of stormwater management measures [24–27].

SWMM is a dynamic rainfall-runoff simulation model for simulation of runoff quantity and quality from primarily urban areas. SWMM conceptualizes a drainage system as a series of water and material flows between several major environmental compartments. The Atmosphere compartment generates precipitation and deposits pollutants onto the land surface compartment. The Land Surface compartment receives precipitation and sends outflow in the form of infiltration to the Groundwater compartment and also as surface runoff and pollutant loadings to the Transport compartment. The Groundwater compartment receives infiltration and transfers a portion of this inflow to the Transport compartment. The Transport compartment contains a network of conveyance elements (channels, pipes, pumps, and regulators) and storage/treatment units that transport water to outfalls or to treatment facilities, and LID controls are part of treatment units.

SWMM provides eight conceptual models of LID control, including bioretention cells, rain gardens, green roofs, infiltration trenches, continuous permeable pavement, rain barrels, rooftop disconnection, and vegetative swales. In SWMM, LID controls are represented by a combination of vertical layers (Figure 3), and each kind of LID control has a different number of layers (Table 1). During a simulation, SWMM performs a moisture balance that keeps track of how much water moves between and is stored within each LID layer.

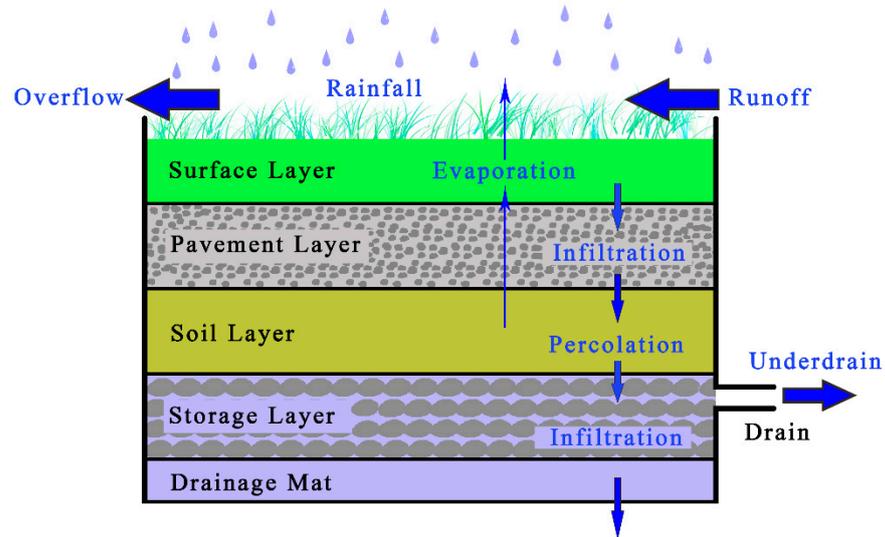


Figure 3. Conceptual diagram of LID controls simulation in SWMM.

Table 1. Layers used to model different types of LID controls.

LID Control	Surface	Pavement	Soil	Storage	Drain	Drainage Mat
Bioretention cell	√ ^a		√	○ ^b	○	
Rain garden	√		√			
Green roof	√		√			√
Permeable pavement	√	√	○	√	○	
Infiltration trench	√			√	○	
Rain barrel				√	√	
Roof disconnection	√				√	
Vegetative Swale	√					

^a: “√” means required; ^b: “○” means optional.

2.3.2. Source of Data and Model Setup

The sub-catchment was mainly divided referring to the local road network map. The model of the local rainwater drainage system was established according to the pipe network diagram provided by the local municipal department.

For parameters of sub-catchment, the connectivity between sub-catchment and junction (Outlet) was determined by drainage direction. The area of sub-catchment (Area) and the proportion of impervious area (%Imperv) were estimated by satellite photos. The width of the overland flow path was calculated by Equation (1). The infiltration in this paper was calculated by the Horton model.

$$W = A/l \tag{1}$$

where W is the width of the overland flow path (m), A is the area of sub-catchment (m²), and l is the length of the overland flow path (this parameter is 150 m according to relevant research in China [28]).

For parameters of junctions, the elevation of junction's invert (Invert EI) and maximum water depth (Max. depth) was supplied by the local municipal department. For junctions lacking the data of Invert EI, this parameter was calculated according to the adjacent junctions and relevant national standards in China.

For conduits, cross-section geometry (Shape), conduit length (Length), inlet offset, and outlet offset were provided by the local pipe network diagram.

Other parameters were selected under the guidance of the SWMM Users' Manual [23], as shown in Table 2.

Table 2. Conduit and sub-catchment parameters used in simulation.

Objects	Parameter	Description (Units)	Value
Sub-catchment	N-Imperv	Manning's n for impervious area	0.01
	N-Perv	Manning's n for pervious area	0.15
	Dstore-Imperv	Depth of depression storage on impervious area (mm)	0.05
	Dstore-Perv	Depth of depression storage on pervious area (mm)	3
	% Zero-Imperv	Percent of the impervious area with no depression storage (%)	25
	Max. Infil. Rate	Maximum infiltration rate on the Horton curve (mm/h)	3
Infiltration	Min. Infil. Rate	Minimum infiltration rate on the Horton curve (mm/h)	0.5
	Decay Const.	Infiltration rate decay constant for the Horton curve (1/h)	4
	Drying Time	Time in days for a fully saturated soil to dry completely	7
Conduit	Roughness	Manning's roughness coefficient	0.015

2.3.3. Model Calibration

Model calibration is necessary to ensure that the model can correctly reflect the situation of the study area. The location of waterlogging, ponding area, ponding depth, and frequency were recorded by inquiring residents during the field survey. The model is calibrated by comparing the simulation result with the data collected in the survey. When the field survey is carrying out, the drainage channels downstream of the No.1 flooding node was under construction, leading to differences between simulation results and investigation results. For other flooding nodes, the simulation results were consistent with the investigation data (as shown in Table 3 and Figure 4).

Table 3. Ponding areas and flood volume in field survey and simulation.

Node	Frequency	Ponded Depth (m)	Ponded Area (m ²)	Flood Volume (m ³)	Simulated Flood Volume (m ³)
1	Every year	0.1~0.3	1200	120~360	-
2	Every year	0.1~0.3	1500	150~450	361
3	Every year	0.4~0.6	3000	1200~1800	1562
4	Every year	0.4~0.6	2000	800~1200	920
5	Every year	0.1~0.3	3000	300~900	530

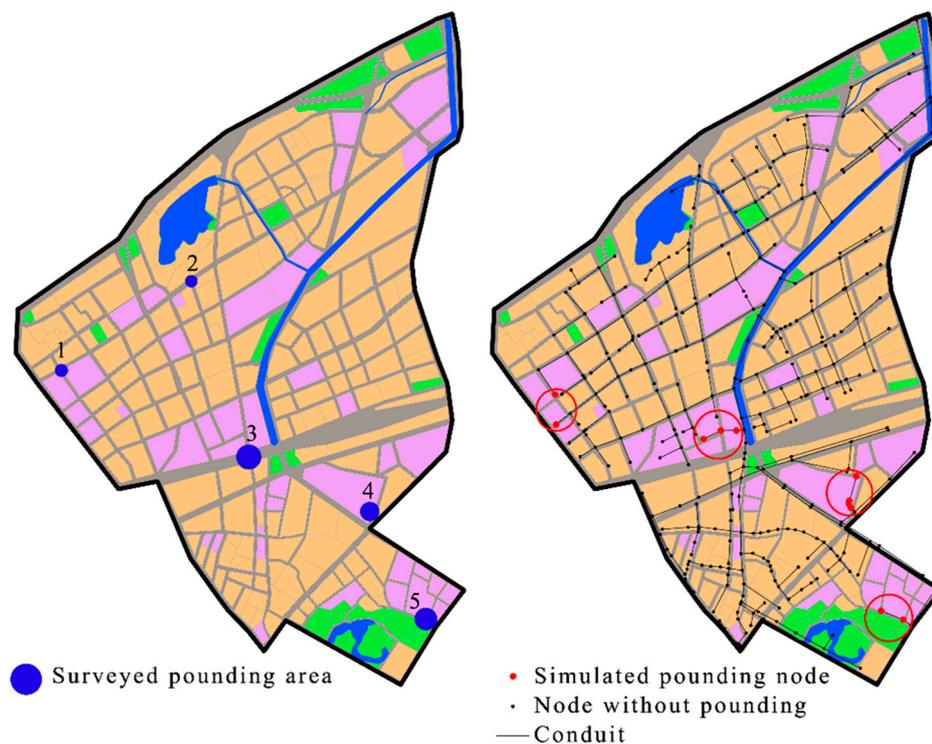


Figure 4. Locations of surveyed ponding areas and simulated flooding nodes.

2.4. Scenario Setting

2.4.1. Rainfall Events

The rainfall events adopted in the simulation were designed by the Chicago rainfall pattern according to the local rainstorm formula. Existing research shows that LID controls have a good reduction effect on runoff caused by low recurrence period rainfall events [29]. In the calculation, rainstorm with recurrence period of 1 year ($P = 1$), 5 years ($P = 5$), and 10 years ($P = 10$) was selected for discussion. The rainfall processes are shown in Figure 5.

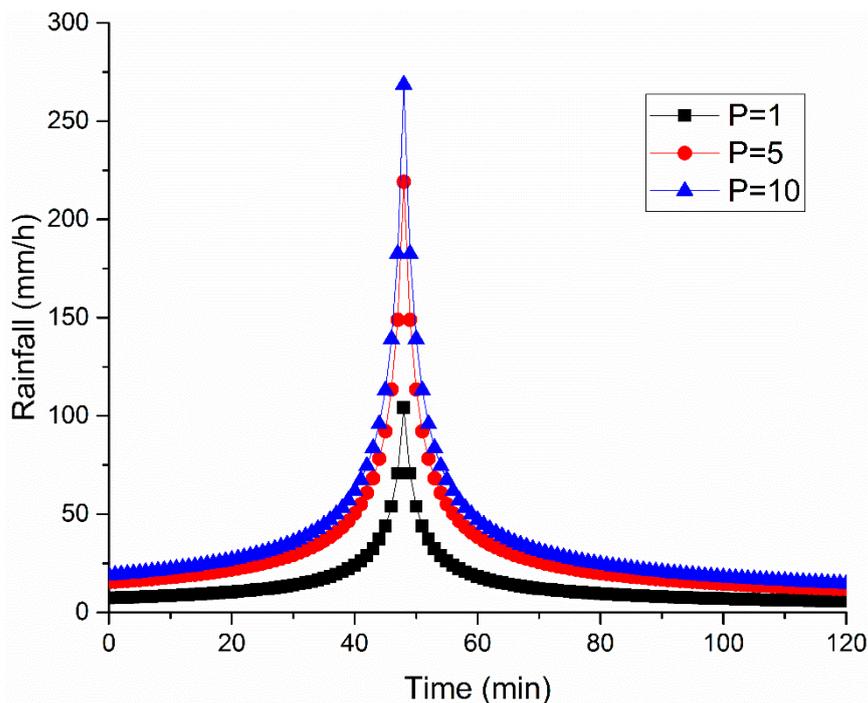


Figure 5. Rainfall processes used in the simulations.

2.4.2. Schemes for Simulation

To choose the LID reformation strategy for the study area reasonably, an analysis of the underlying surface of the area is necessary. By analyzing the satellite photos of the study area, the underlying surface of the study area was divided into five types of land use, including green spaces, water, roofs, municipal pavements, and other impervious surfaces (mainly roads and squares in residential areas), as shown in Table 4.

Table 4. Proportion of underlying surface types.

Underlying Surface	Area (ha)	Proportion
Green spaces	821.88	37.79%
Water	75.88	3.49%
Roofs	500.62	23.02%
Municipal pavements	370.82	17.05%
Other impervious surfaces	405.79	18.66%

No kinds of LID controls could be built on water and municipal pavements. While bioretention cells, permeable pavements, and green roofs can be built on green spaces, roads and squares in residential areas, and suitable roofs, respectively. Therefore, bioretention cells, permeable pavements, and green roofs were selected as the key LID controls for this research. The parameters of each kind of LID control are listed in Table 5.

Table 5. Parameters of LID controls used in the simulation.

Layers	Parameters (Units)	Bioretention Cells	Permeable Pavement	Green Roof
Surface	Berm height (mm)	150	0	0
	Vegetative volume fraction	0.1	0	0
	Surface roughness	0	0.13	0.15
	Surface slope (%)	0	0.2	5
	Thickness (mm)	NA	150	NA *
	Void ratio	NA	0.16	NA
Pavement	Impervious surface fraction	NA	0	NA
	Permeability (mm/h)	NA	120	NA
	Clogging factor	NA	0	NA
	Regeneration interval (days)	NA	0	NA
	Regeneration fraction	NA	0	NA
	Thickness (mm)	300	300	150
	Porosity	0.5	0.45	0.45
Soil	Field capacity	0.2	0.19	0.19
	Wilting point	0.1	0.085	0.085
	Conductivity (mm/h)	30	120	11
	Conductivity slope	45	45	45
Storage	Suction head(mm)	3.5	110	110
	Thickness (mm)	300	300	NA
	Void ratio	0.75	0.75	NA
	Seepage rate (mm/h)	0	0	NA
	Clogging factor	0	0	NA
Drain	Flow coefficient	25	30	NA
	Flow exponent	0.5	0.5	NA
	Offset (mm)	0	0	NA
Drainage Mat	Thickness (mm)	NA	NA	3
	Void faction	NA	NA	0.5
	Roughness	NA	NA	0.1

*: "NA" means "not applicable".

To propose the engineering strategies of LID reformation in densely populated old urban areas, this research was divided into two phases. In the first phase of the study, the runoff mitigation performance of schemes with a single kind of LID control was compared. To describe the maximum potential of a single kind of LID in runoff control, each scheme changed all suitable underlying surfaces into LID control. To compare the performance of schemes with single and combined LID controls, in the second phase, schemes with combined LID controls were simulated based on the results of the first phase.

According to the field survey, the underground space of the study area was fully developed, occupying 57.73% of the total area and 80.59% of residential land. Since most of the underlying surfaces suitable for the bioretention cells and permeable pavements are distributed in residential land, bioretention cells and permeable pavements were set impermeable into the local soil layer. The simulation schemes are as follows:

(1). Bioretention cells

Take bioretention cells as the only LID control in the scheme, and transform all the green space in the study area into bioretention cells. In this scheme, the total area of LID controls is 821.88 ha. The bioretention cells were set to receive runoff from all green spaces and roofs.

(2). Permeable pavements

Take permeable pavements as the only LID control in the scheme, and transform all impervious surfaces except the roofs and the municipal pavements in the study area into permeable pavements. In this scheme, the total area of LID controls is 405.79 ha. The permeable pavements were set to receive runoff on their surface.

(3). Green roofs

When building a green roof, it's important to analyze the situation of the building roof. During the field survey, the height and roof condition of buildings in the study area were statistically analyzed. The result is shown in Figure 6, indicating 50.21% of the roofs in the study area can be reformed into green roofs, occupying 10.57% of the study area.

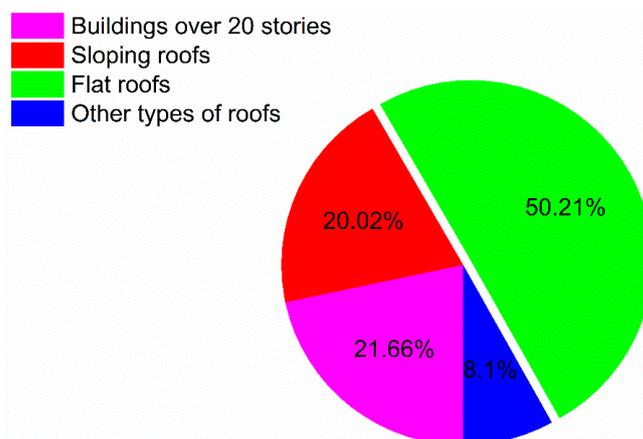


Figure 6. Buildings and roofs in the study area.

This scheme takes green roofs as the only LID control and transforms all suitable roofs in the study area into green roofs. In this scheme, the total area of LID control is 254.32 ha. The green roofs were set to receive runoff on their surface.

(4). Combined schemes

Schemes with different combinations of LID controls were established based on the results of schemes with a single kind of LID control, and the performances of runoff controls were compared.

3. Results and Discussion

3.1. Effect of Schemes with Single LID Control

3.1.1. Outlet Flow Process of Schemes with Single LID Control

According to the simulation results, the outlet flow process of the study area with each scheme is shown in Figures 7–9 under rainstorm recurrence periods of 1 year ($P = 1$), 5 years ($P = 5$), and 10 years ($P = 10$).

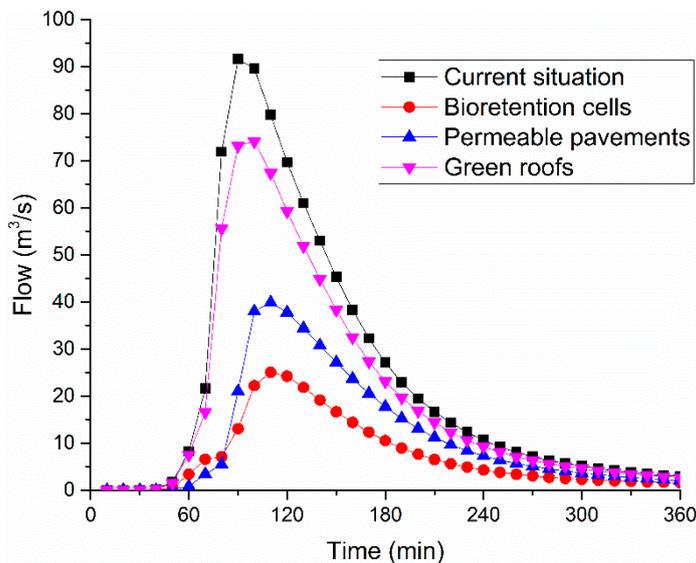


Figure 7. Outlet flow process under $P = 1$ rainfall.

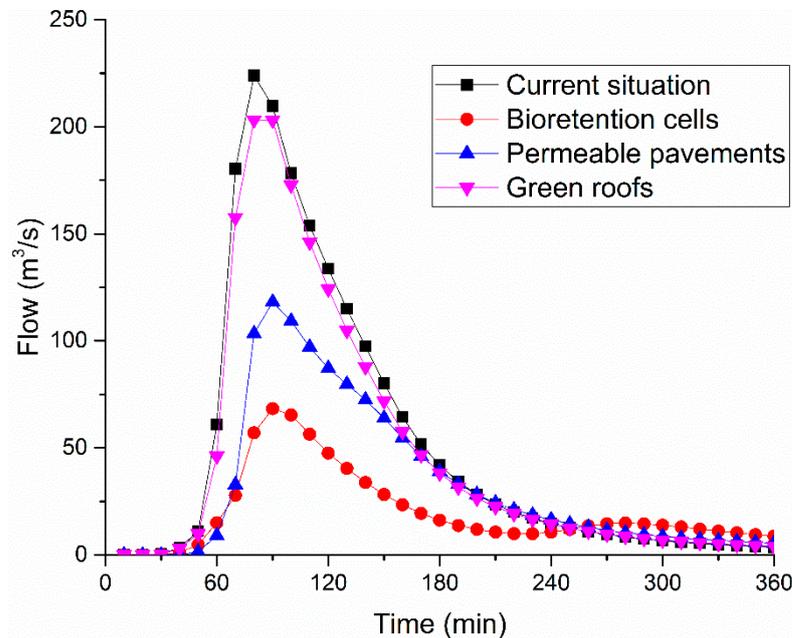


Figure 8. Outlet flow process under $P = 5$ rainfall.

When the rainstorm recurrence period is 1 year ($P = 1$), the peak of outlet flow appears at the 93th minute ($92.67 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$) without LID controls. Under the scheme with bioretention cells, the peak was delayed for 19 min compared with the current situation, and the value of peak flow was reduced by $67.56 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ (72.91%). Under the scheme with permeable pavements, the peak was delayed for 15 min, and the value of the peak flow was reduced by $52.70 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ (56.87%). Under the scheme with green roofs, the peak was delayed for 3 min, and the value of the peak flow was reduced by $17.55 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ (18.94%).

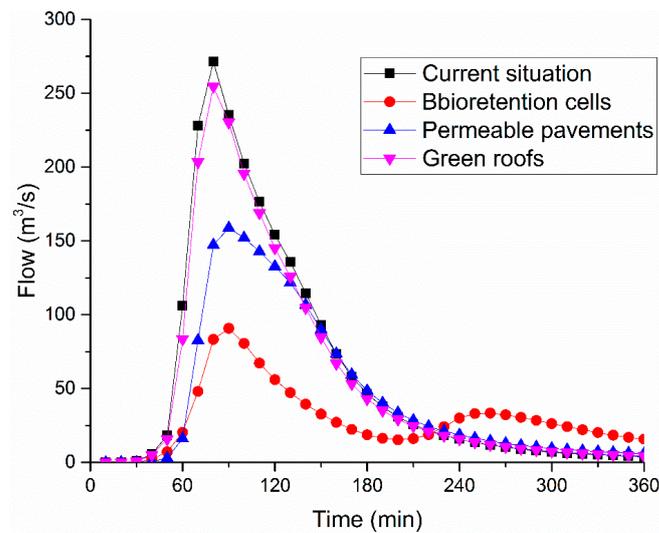


Figure 9. Outlet flow process under $P = 10$ rainfall.

When $P = 5$, the peak of outlet flow appears at the 82nd minute ($225.97 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$) without LID controls. Under the scheme with bioretention cells, the peak was delayed for 10 min compared with the current situation, and the value of peak flow was reduced by $157.22 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ (69.58%). Under the scheme with permeable pavements, the peak was delayed for 7 min, and the value of the peak flow was reduced by $107.75 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ (47.68%). Under the scheme with green roofs, the peak was delayed for 4 min, and the value of the peak flow was reduced by $16.58 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ (7.34%).

When $P = 10$, the peak of outlet flow appears at the 80th minute ($271.32 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$) without LID controls. Under the scheme with bioretention cells, the peak was delayed for 8 min compared with the current situation, and the value of the peak flow was reduced by $180.21 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ (66.42%). Under the scheme with permeable pavements, the peak was delayed for 9 min, and the value of the peak flow was reduced by $112.54 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ (41.48%). Under the scheme with green roofs, the peak was delayed for 2 min, and the value of the peak flow was reduced by $13.32 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ (4.19%).

The outlet flow process of schemes with different LID controls indicates that these three kinds of LID controls have certain runoff mitigation effects. The scheme with bioretention cells has the most obvious runoff control effect. For a rainstorm with a rainstorm recurrence period of less than 10 years, the peak flow can be reduced by more than 66.42%, and the appearance of the peak could be delayed for more than 8 min. On the one hand, the green space has the largest area among the land use types that are suitable for LID reformation, which means that bioretention cells are the LID control with the largest space to construct in old urban areas. On the other hand, the surface layer and storage layer of bioretention cells can effectively store rainfall runoff and prevent part of the runoff from entering the drainage system for the first time. For permeable pavements, with a rainstorm recurrence period of less than 10 years, the peak flow could be reduced by over 41.48%, and the peak could be delayed for more than 7 min. Compared with bioretention cells, a surface layer of permeable pavements cannot store runoff, and the area suitable for permeable pavement is less than that for bioretention cells, which leads to the runoff control performance of permeable pavements is not as effective as bioretention cells. However, a similar soil layer structure provides an equal delay effect of runoff peak with bioretention cells. Although 23.02% of the underlying surfaces in the study area are roofs, the area suitable for green roofs is limited (only 10.57% of the study area) due to the limitation of building height and roof form. Since green roofs lack a water storage structure and a thin soil layer, the runoff control performance is unsatisfactory.

3.1.2. Waterlogging of Schemes with Single LID Control

According to the simulation results, the number of flooding nodes and total flood volume (the sum of flood volume of each flooding node) in the study area caused by rainstorms of 1-year, 5-year, and 10-year recurrence periods was recorded, as shown in Table 6.

Table 6. Waterlogging with different rainfall events and LID controls.

	Rainfall	Current Situation	Bioretention Cells	Permeable Pavements	Green Roofs
Number of nodes	P = 1	12	6	3	11
	P = 5	209	17	36	193
	P = 10	232	31	94	225
Flooding volume (m ³)	P = 1	4091	60	42	1546
	P = 5	72,074	6522	4058	56,404
	P = 10	156,611	13,649	14,145	138,869

The results indicate that schemes with bioretention cells or permeable pavements can significantly mitigate waterlogging. The flood volume can be reduced by more than 90% even under a rainstorm with a 10-year recurrence period. Under rainfall with a 1-year recurrence period, the scheme with green roofs can reduce 62.21% flood volume, but with the increase in rainfall intensity, the effect of flood volume mitigation becomes worse. When the rainfall recurrence period becomes 10 years, the scheme with green roofs can only reduce 11.33% of flood volume. The results are consistent with the simulation of outlet flow.

3.2. Effect of Schemes with Combined LID Controls

Results of schemes with single LID control indicate that the bioretention cells and permeable pavements have a good runoff mitigating effect. Green roofs not only face many restrictions in the construction process but also have a poor mitigation effect on waterlogging. Therefore, bioretention cells and permeable pavements were chosen for schemes with combined LID controls.

To understand the runoff control effect with different transformation proportions, the outlet flow process under P = 10 rainfall with different transformation proportions of the suitable underlying surface for bioretention cells and permeable pavement was simulated, respectively, as shown in Figures 10 and 11.

The peak values of outlet flow under different schemes are summarized in Figure 12. The result indicates that with the proportion of bioretention cells increasing, the reduction of peak flow is enhanced, but the enhancement is gradually reduced. With a proportion beyond 50%, this tendency becomes more obvious. Since bioretention cells can receive and store runoff from upstream catchment, when the area of bioretention cells exceeds the need, a part of the storage capacity will be wasted, leading to a lower runoff mitigation efficiency. While raising the construction proportion of permeable pavement, the enhancement of the reduction of the peak value of outlet flow is barely changed. This may be caused by the fact that permeable pavement receives and stores runoff generated on its own surface, and the volume of runoff reduction is proportional to the area of permeable pavements.

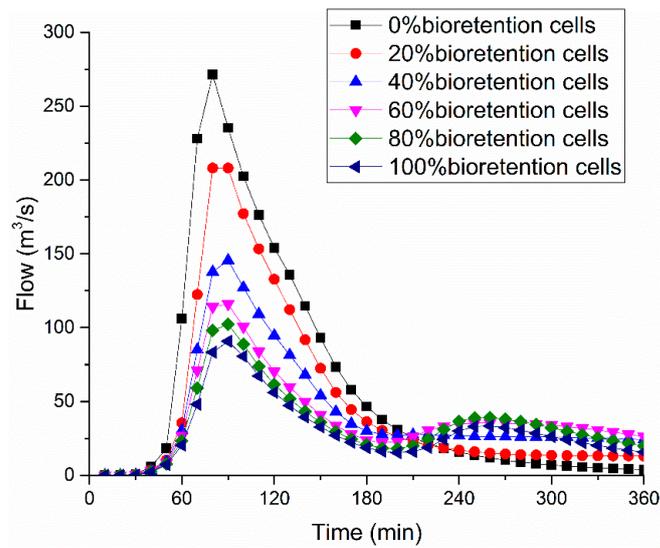


Figure 10. Outlet flow with different proportions of bioretention cells (P = 10 rainfall).

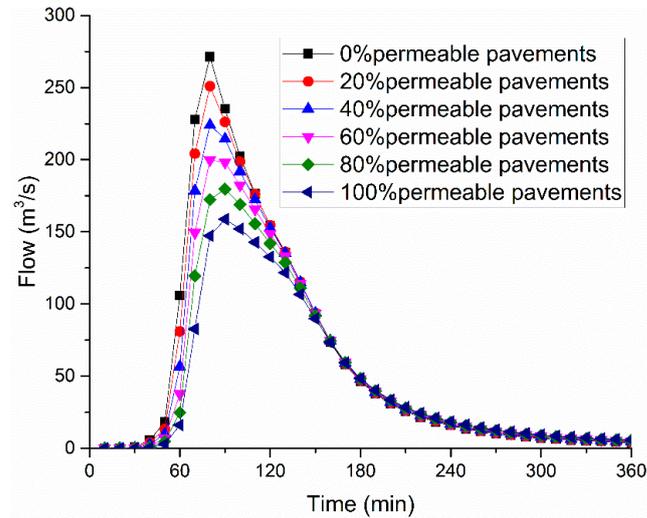


Figure 11. Outlet flow with different proportions of permeable pavements (P = 10 rainfall).

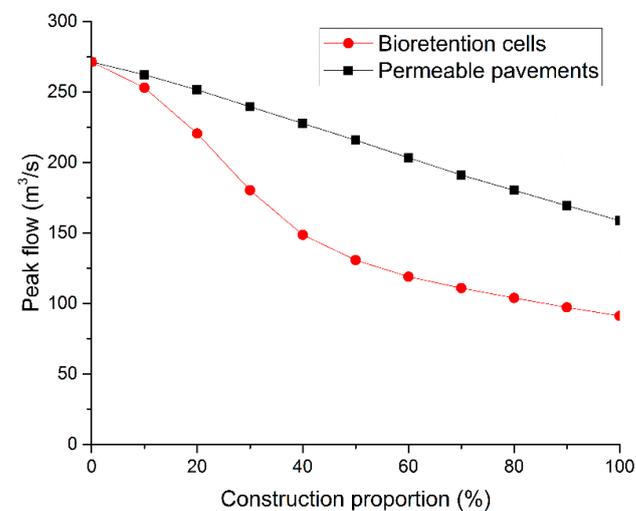


Figure 12. Peak value of outlet flow with different construction proportion of LID controls (P = 10 rainfall).

Therefore, when designing the combination schemes, the construction proportion of bioretention cells was set at 50%, permeable pavement construction proportion gradually increased from 10%, and the runoff control performance of each scheme with combined LID controls was compared with a scheme that changes all green space into bioretention cells (a single LID scheme with the best runoff control performance). The outlet flow process and waterlogging of the study area are shown in Figure 13 and Table 7.

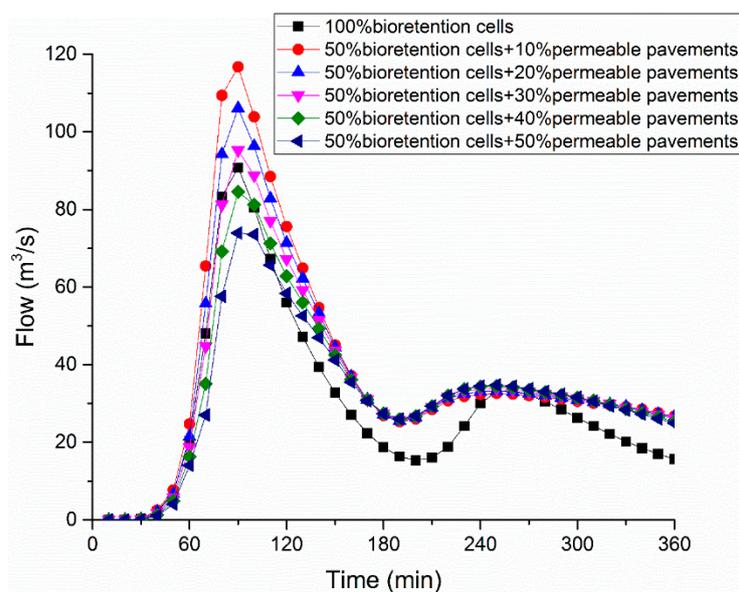


Figure 13. Outlet flow with different combination schemes (P = 10 rainfall).

Table 7. Waterlog of different combination schemes (P = 10 rainfall).

Schemes	Construction Area (ha)	Number of Flooding Nodes	Flood Volume (m ³)
100% bioretention cells	821.88	31	13,649
50% bioretention cells + 10% permeable pavements	451.52	54	17,480
50% bioretention cells + 20% permeable pavements	492.10	33	14,337
50% bioretention cells + 30% permeable pavements	532.68	28	11,658
50% bioretention cells + 40% permeable pavements	573.26	21	9432
50% bioretention cells + 50% permeable pavements	613.84	20	7595

The results indicate that the peak value of outlet flow generated by the scheme changing 50% of green space into bioretention cells and transforming 40% of impervious surface (except roofs and municipal pavements) into permeable pavements is less than that generated by the scheme with single LID control. Additionally, the scheme with 50% bioretention cells and 30% permeable pavements generated less flood volume than the scheme with single LID control.

Given that green space in the study area is larger than impervious surface except for roofs and municipal pavements (“Other impervious surface” in Table 4), the construction area of schemes with combined LID controls mentioned above are smaller than that of schemes with single LID control. This means that better runoff control performance with less construction area could be achieved by combining different kinds of LID controls based on the underlying surface condition.

4. Conclusions

There are many restrictions on the construction of LID controls in old urban areas with high population density, which leads to the difficulties of rainwater management in these areas. To explore feasible strategies for LID transformation in densely populated

old urban areas, a catchment in Jiang'an District, Wuhan, was taken as the study area. By combining satellite photos and field investigation, the underlying surface of the study area was investigated. The mitigation of urban waterlogging by different LID transformation schemes was calculated by SWMM. The conclusions are as follows:

- (1). The type of underlying surface in densely populated old urban areas is relatively limited, and the permeable underlying surface is mainly residential green space. Available LID controls mainly include bioretention cells, permeable pavements, and green roofs. Since green roofs have strict restrictions on building roofs and a poor effect on runoff mitigation, the implementation of green roofs in engineering practice may be limited.
- (2). Facing rainstorms with a recurrence period of no more than 10 years, bioretention cells and permeable pavements can effectively mitigate runoff caused by rainfall. The effect of bioretention cells is better.
- (3). Adjusting the transformation proportion of different LID controls in a combination scheme may reduce the peak value of outlet flow more, lessen more flooding nodes, and occupy less area than schemes with single LID control. Schemes combining different LID controls can achieve better runoff mitigation effects according to local underlying surface conditions.

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