

Problem: High Levels of Phosphorus in Salisbury Pond

Environmental: High phosphorous level and toxic sediment accumulation **Technical**: Combined sewer system exacerbates the environmental problems



Our Approach to the Problem

Step 1: Investigate causality between stormwater runoff and phosphorus overloading

Step 2: Investigate phosphorus pollution and possible mitigation strategies in Salisbury Pond

Step 3: Interview experts about runoff and potential mitigation strategies

Step 4: Evaluate solutions with a cost-benefit analysis and create an implementation plan

Effects of Phosphorus in Salisbury Pond

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How Phosphorus Levels Relate to Eutrophication

Excessive phosphorous from sediments and

Depleted oxygen levels in water, leads to death of aquatic creatures



Algae flourish, but eventually die and decompose

Recommended Solution



The SolarBee Takes water from deeper area and circulates it to the surface Reduces foul odors caused by algae • Reduces overall algae levels in water



Diagram showing SolarBee circulating water



Creates a favorable condition for algae

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Analysis of Solutions

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Aeration Fountain

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SolarBee

-Uses electricity -Will not work in winter -Expensive in -Has been the long run

-Depends on semi-reliable power source -Can be -Initial down payment is high

Benefits

-Already part of Salisbury Pond Master Plan used many times before -Works in winter rented -Renewable energy

Implementation Plan

Immediate: Submit recommendation for SolarBee to Friends of Institute Park

1 year: Evaluate SolarBee for unanticipated environmental effects

5 years: Evaluate success of SolarBee with percent decrease in phosphorus

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