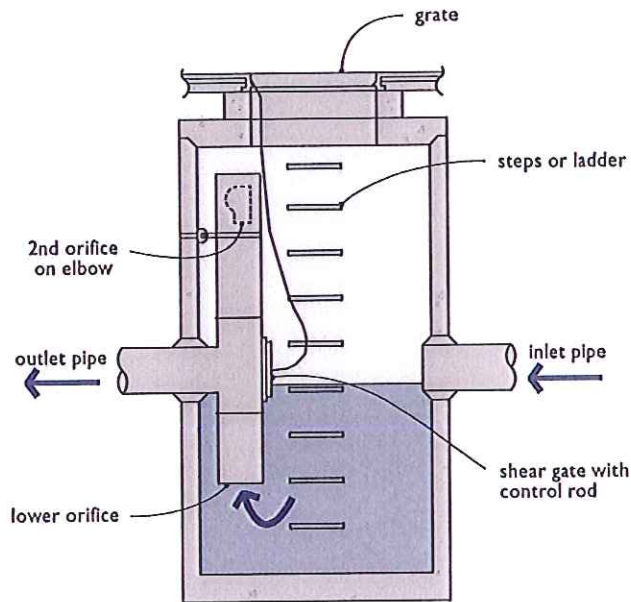
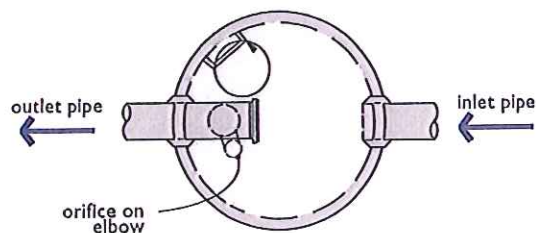


### 3.4 Control Structure/Flow Restrictor

Control structures/flow restrictors are located on the outlet pipe of a detention system. The control structure is typically a Type 2 concrete catch basin (see Section 3.5 for catch basin description) with a riser (vertical pipe). The control structure reduces the discharge rate of stormwater from a detention facility. The flow is regulated by a combination of orifices (holes with specifically sized diameters) and weirs (plates with rectangular or vee shaped notch). Lack of maintenance of the control structure can result in the plugging of an orifice. This can result in flooding of the stormwater system and/or an increase in the rate of discharge from the site potentially damaging downstream property.



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## Control Structure/Flow Restrictor Checklist

Frequency	Drainage System Feature	Date				Problem	Conditions to Check For	Conditions That Should Exist
		✓	✓	✓	✓			
M	General					Trash and Debris (Includes Sediment)	Material exceeds 25% of sump depth or 1 foot below orifice plate.	Control structure orifice is not blocked. All trash and debris removed.
A	General					Structural Damage	Structure is not securely attached to manhole wall.	Structure securely attached to wall and outlet pipe.
A	General					Structural Damage	Structure is not in upright position (allow up to 10% from plumb).	Structure in correct position.
A	General					Structural Damage	Connections to outlet pipe are not watertight and show signs of rust.	Connections to outlet pipe are water tight; structure repaired or replaced and works as designed.
A	General					Structural Damage	Any holes--other than designed holes--in the structure.	Structure has no holes other than designed holes.
A	Cleanout Gate					Damaged or Missing	Cleanout gate is not watertight or is missing.	Gate is watertight and works as designed.
A	Cleanout Gate					Damaged or Missing	Gate cannot be moved up and down by one maintenance person.	Gate moves up and down easily and is watertight.
A	Cleanout Gate					Damaged or Missing	Chain/rod leading to gate is missing or damaged.	Chain is in place and works as designed.
A	Cleanout Gate					Damaged or Missing	Gate is rusted over 50% of its surface area.	Gate is repaired or replaced to meet design standards.
A	Orifice Plate					Damaged or Missing	Control device is not working properly due to missing, out of place, or bent orifice plate.	Plate is in place and works as designed.
M,S	Orifice Plate					Obstructions	Any trash, debris, sediment, or vegetation blocking the plate.	Plate is free of all obstructions and works as designed.
	Overflow Pipe					Obstructions	Any trash or debris blocking (or having the potential of blocking) the overflow pipe.	Pipe is free of all obstructions and works as designed.
A	Manhole					Cover Not in Place	Cover is missing or only partially in place. Any open manhole requires maintenance.	Manhole is closed.

## Control Structure/Flow Restrictor Checklist (Continued)

Frequency	Drainage System Feature	Date				Problem	Conditions to Check For	Conditions That Should Exist
		✓	✓	✓	✓			
A	Manhole					Locking Mechanism Not Working	Mechanism cannot be opened by one maintenance person with proper tools. Bolts into frame have less than 1/2 inch of thread (may not apply to self-locking lids).	Mechanism opens with proper tools.
A	Manhole					Cover Difficult to Remove	One maintenance person cannot remove lid after applying normal lifting pressure. Intent is to keep cover from sealing off access to maintenance.	Cover can be removed and reinstalled by one maintenance person.
A	Manhole					Ladder Rungs Unsafe	Ladder is unsafe due to missing rungs, misalignment, not securely attached to structure wall, rust, or cracks.	Ladder meets design standards. Allows maintenance person safe access.

If you are unsure whether a problem exists, please contact a Professional Engineer.

Comments:

Key:

(M) Monthly from November through April.

(A) Once in late summer (preferable September)

(S) After any major storm (use 1-inch in 24 hours as a guideline).