

Lunch Table Topics - O & M Benchmarks
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How do you define them? ... Three perspectives:

1. From the MS4 Permit perspective - a basis for determining implementation and compliance with SWMP BMPs (a.k.a. 'performance measures')
2. From the asset management perspective - a guide to help you define/determine success (# of flooding events/year, etc.). How do you define 'failure', especially in a complaint-driven environment?
3. Budget considerations - identify your existing and desired 'levels of service'. Self scrutiny in light of what your Oregon peers are doing and what's an industry-wide standard. Use that information to build your case for budget increases (see attached example from Salem's experience back in 1999)

Anticipate an increasing need to compare various BMPs (and packages of multiple BMPs) with their associated costs and costs of other BMPs. Where does cost effectiveness intersect? For example, at what point is it more effective to sweep streets more often as compared to increased catch basin cleaning (and vice versa). What combination is the most cost effective and will best meet your goals for pollutant removal efficiency (all targeted to address M.E.P.)?