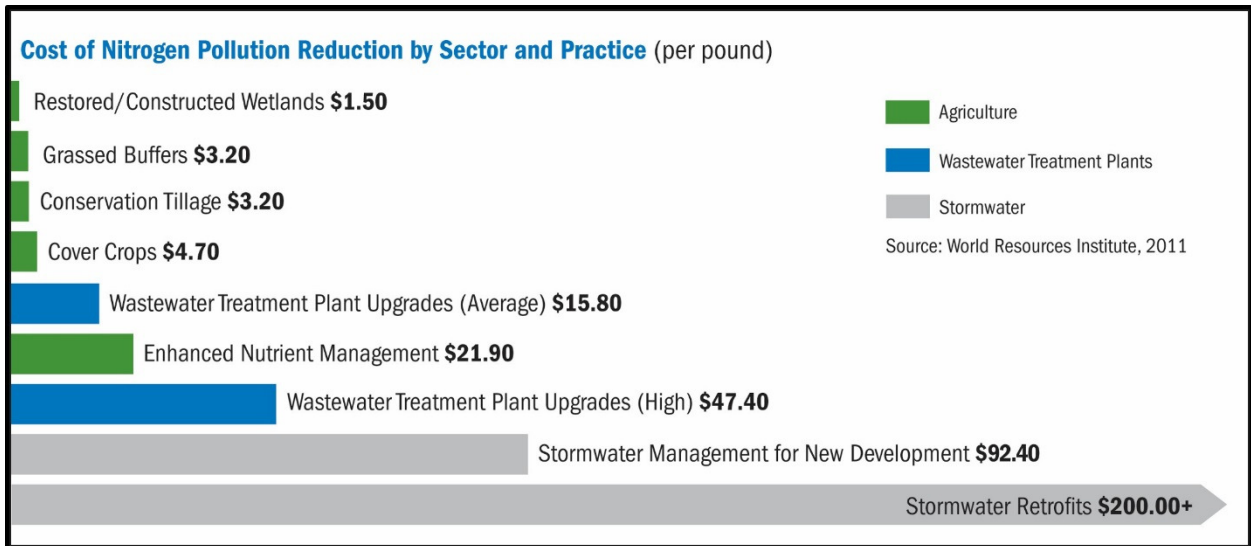
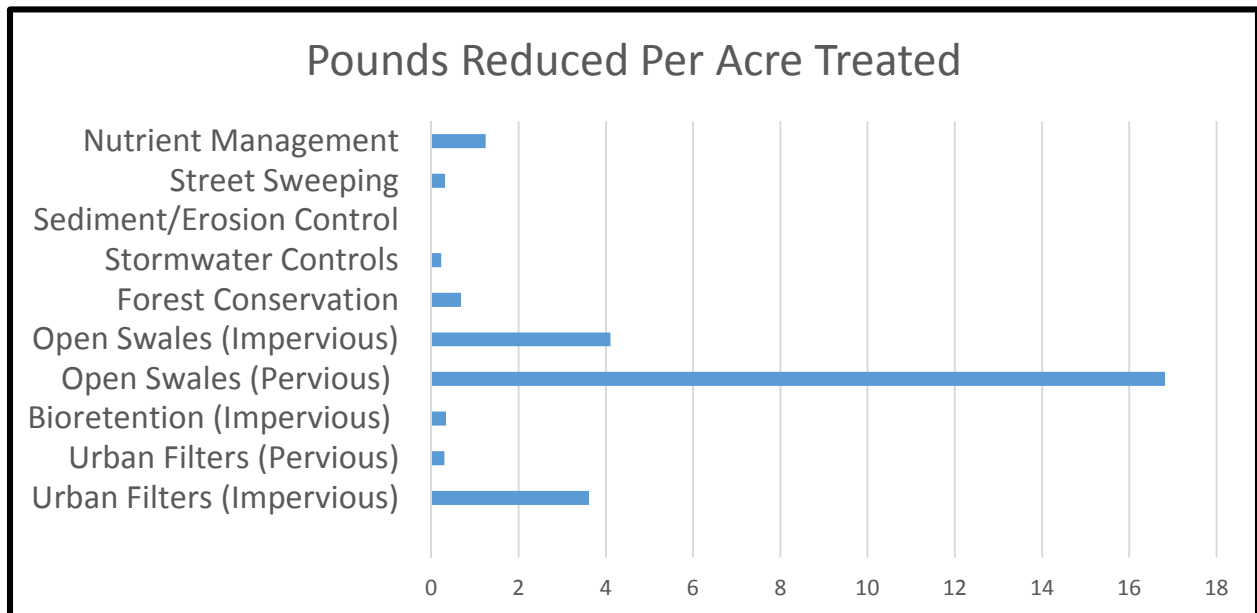


## Ditch Retrofits Are Cost-Effective and Efficient



At an estimate **\$18.75** per pound, pollution reduction from roadside ditch retrofits is far less expensive to achieve than with traditional stormwater controls (grey bars). Talbot County is responsible for reducing local pollution from stormwater and wastewater, while approaches to reduce farm pollution typically come at the state and regional scales.



Of all the ways Talbot is planning to reduce urban pollution (listed above), “pervious open swales” treat more pounds per acre of polluted runoff than any other practice. Roadside ditch retrofits are classified in this very high-performing category of pollution reduction techniques.