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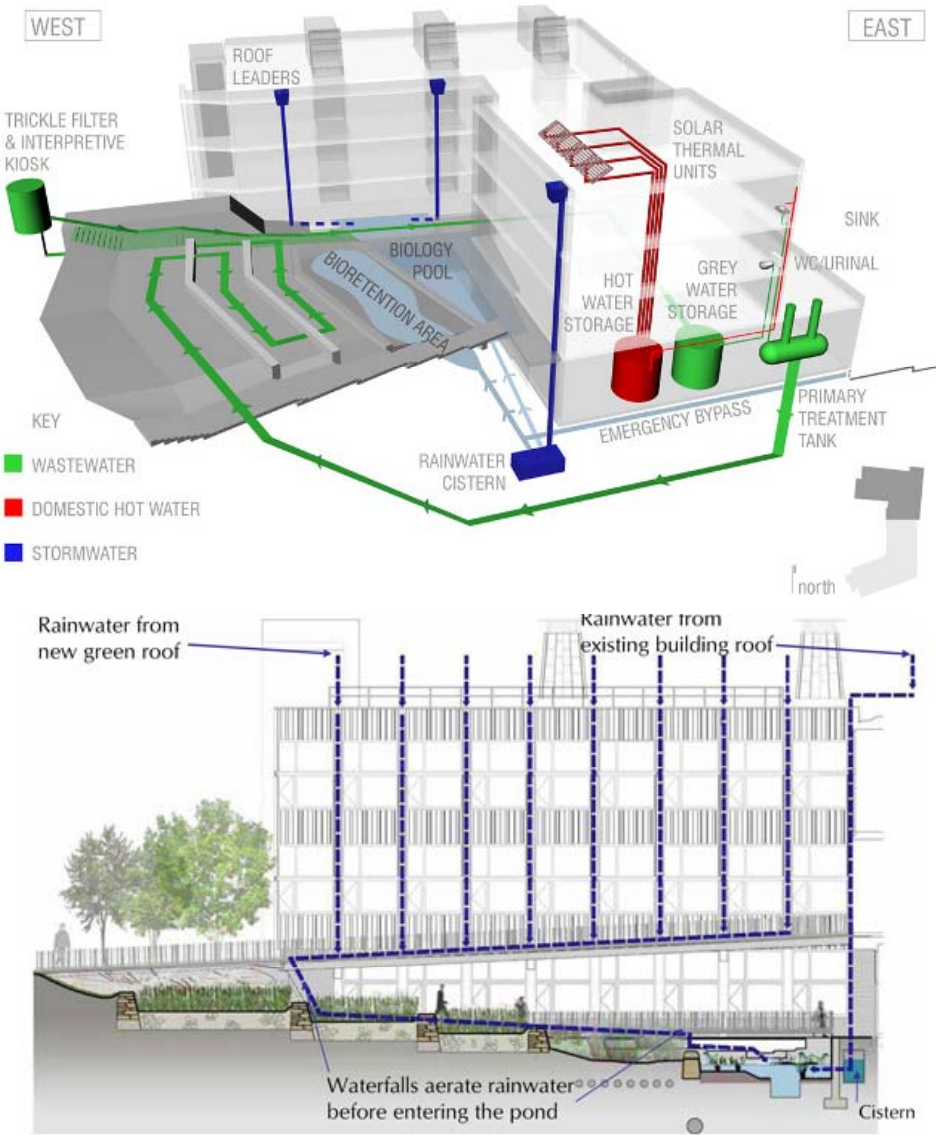
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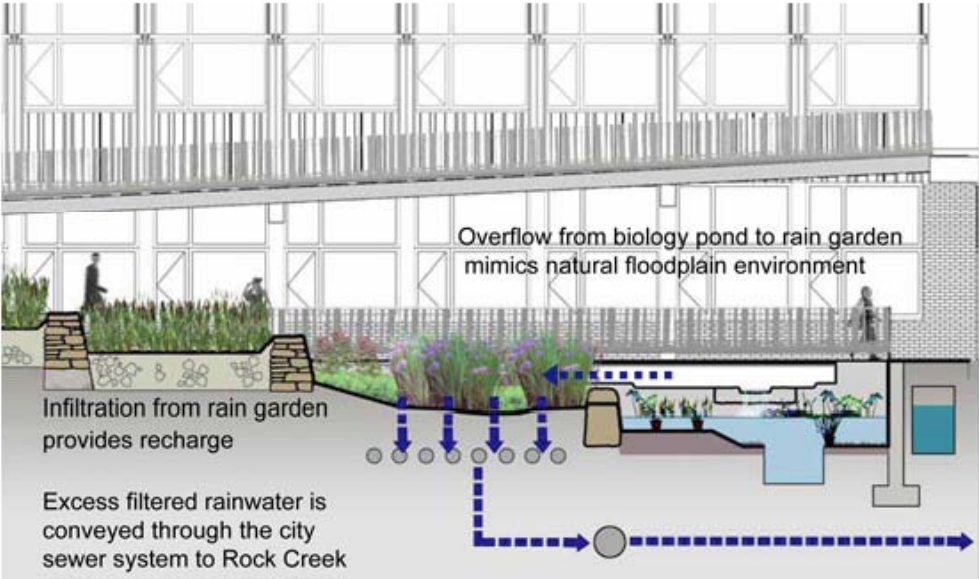
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A green roof and constructed wetland reduce stormwater runoff, improve the quality of infiltrated runoff, and reduce municipal water use. The green roof slows the flow of rainwater and diverts it through a series of scuppers, downspouts, and flowforms to the biology pond and rain garden in the courtyard. The naturally treated water is eventually reused in the toilets and cooling towers.



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Site Hydrology - Erosion Control

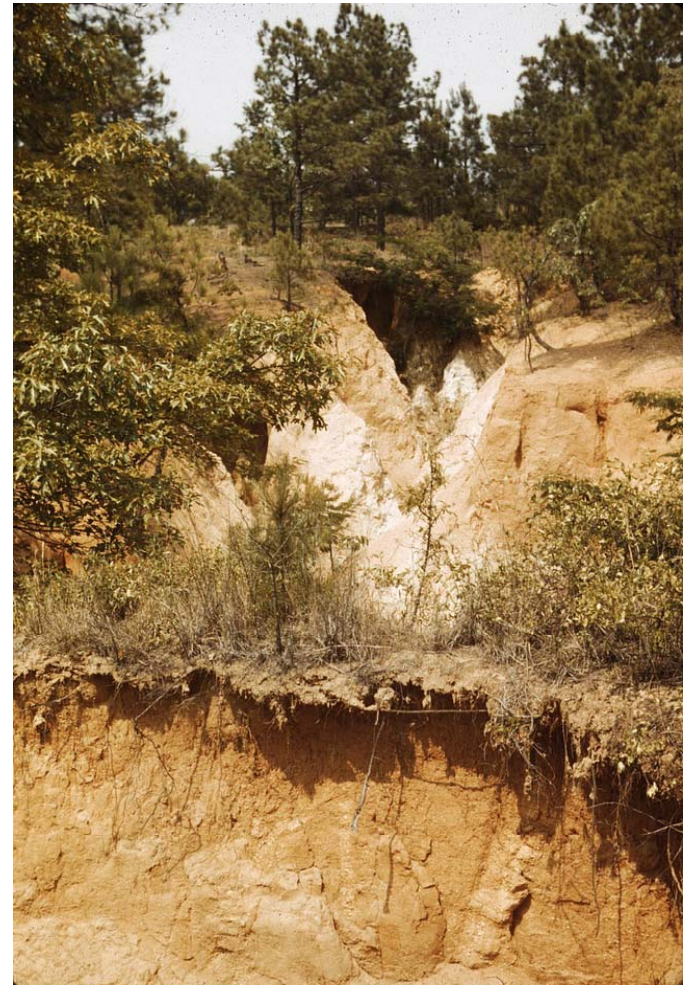
Erosion is the process by which the surface of the earth is worn away by the action of natural elements, such as water and wind.

It is strongly influenced by the

Type of soil

Steepness of slope

Speed of water or wind



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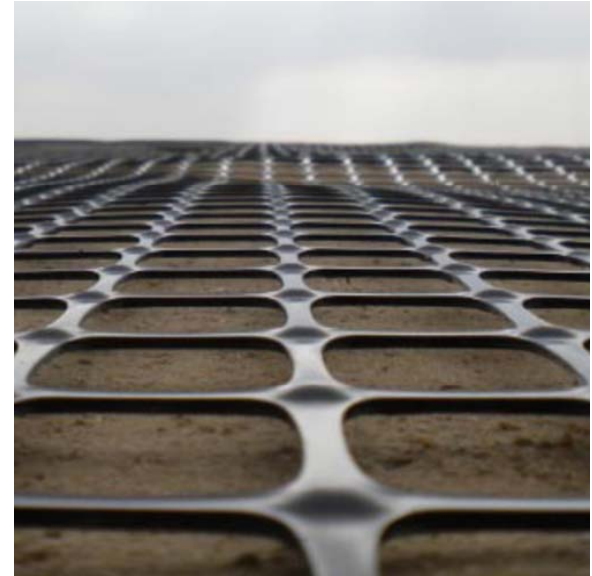
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Erosion Control

Site strategies to reduce erosion must address both construction activities and the completed project.

They may include regrading, retaining walls, geotextiles, plantings, riprap

Above Geotextile
Below riprap



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Sustainable irrigation strategies

include drip irrigation, rain controllers and appropriate plantings



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Catchment systems

Rainwater capture and cisterns have long been a part of indigenous building, particularly in dry climates. Water can be easily stored in closed below ground cisterns.



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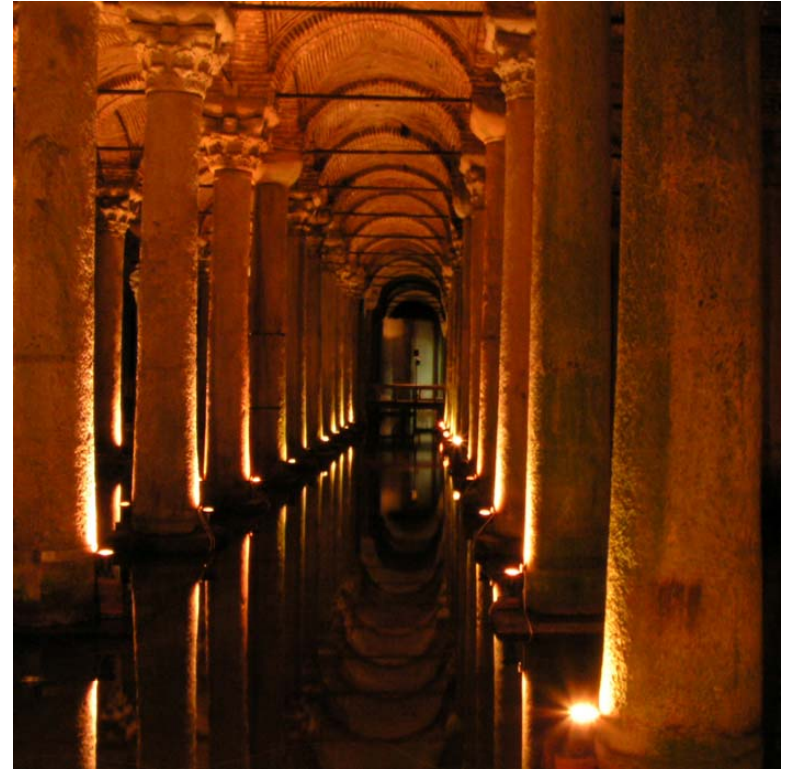
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Basilica Cistern, Istanbul

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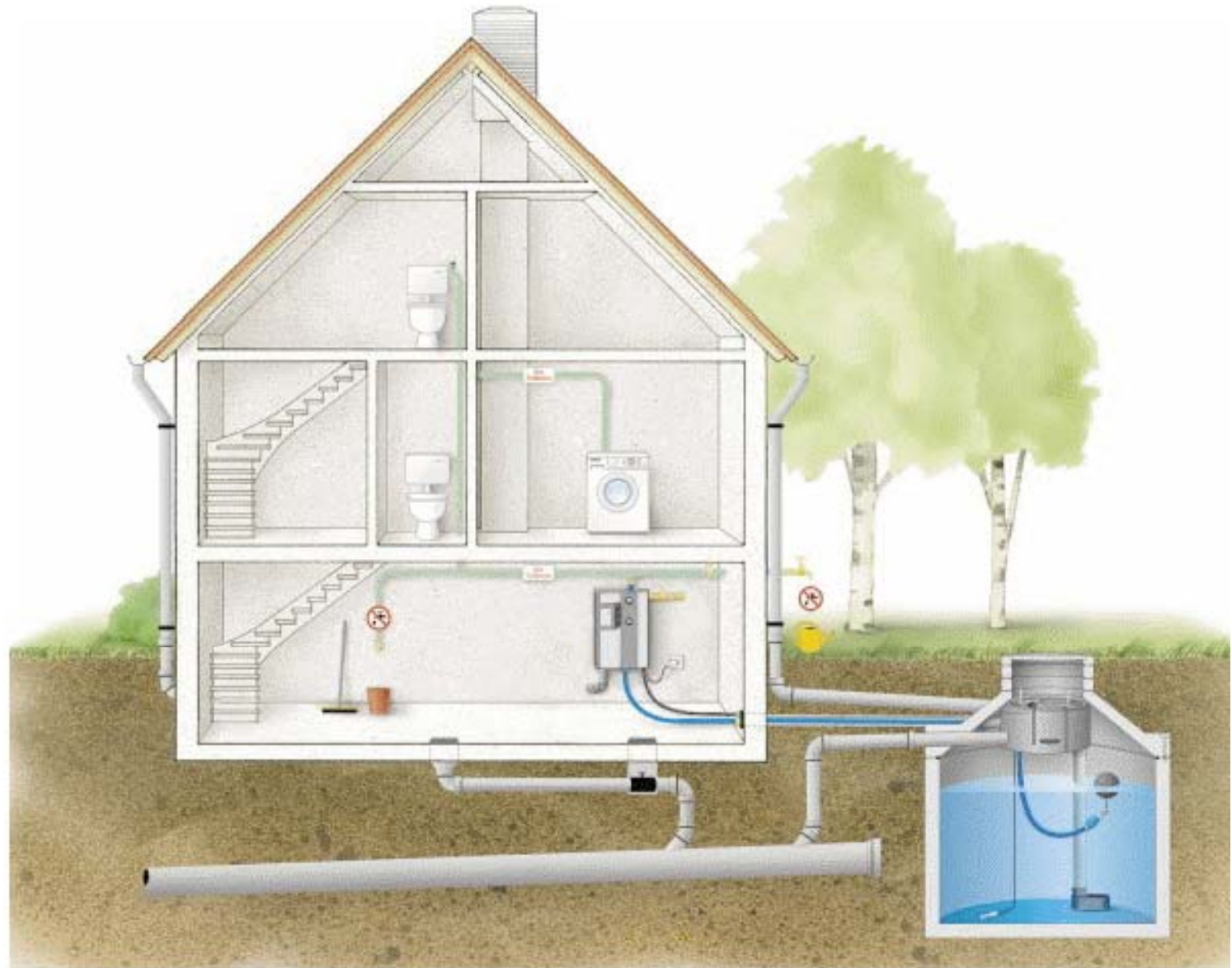
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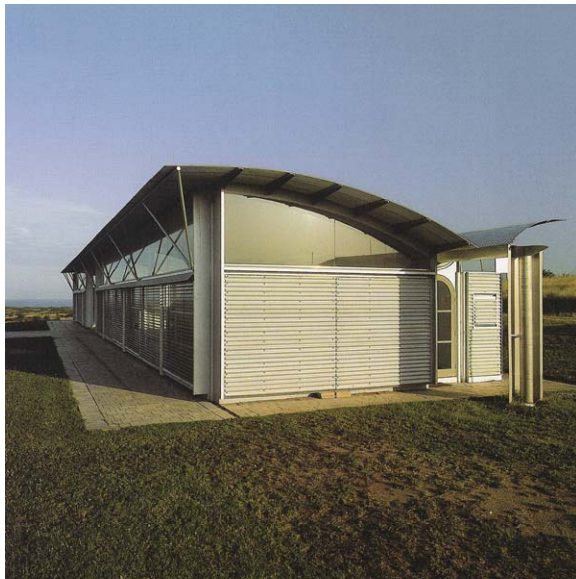
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Magney House, Australia by Glenn Murcutt

Making the story of water more visible



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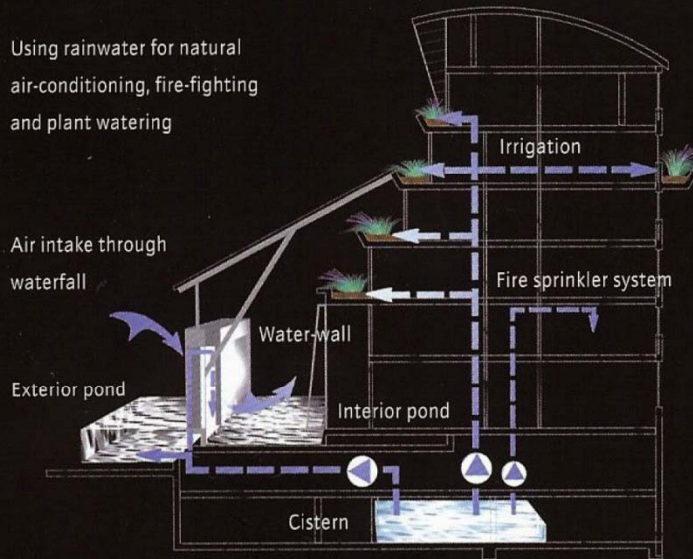
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Using rainwater for natural
air-conditioning, fire-fighting
and plant watering



**Nuremberg
Prisma
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Germany**



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Nuremberg
Prisma
Atrium view



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Site Hydrology - Treatment Systems

Reuse (treatment) strategies:

Municipalities generally recognize two categories of wastewater and treatment requirements will vary.

Greywater -is generated from domestic activities such as laundry, dishwashing, and bathing. This water can generally be applied to toilet flushing and irrigation with a minimum of treatment.

Blackwater - is wastewater from toilets and requires significant treatment before reuse is allowed.

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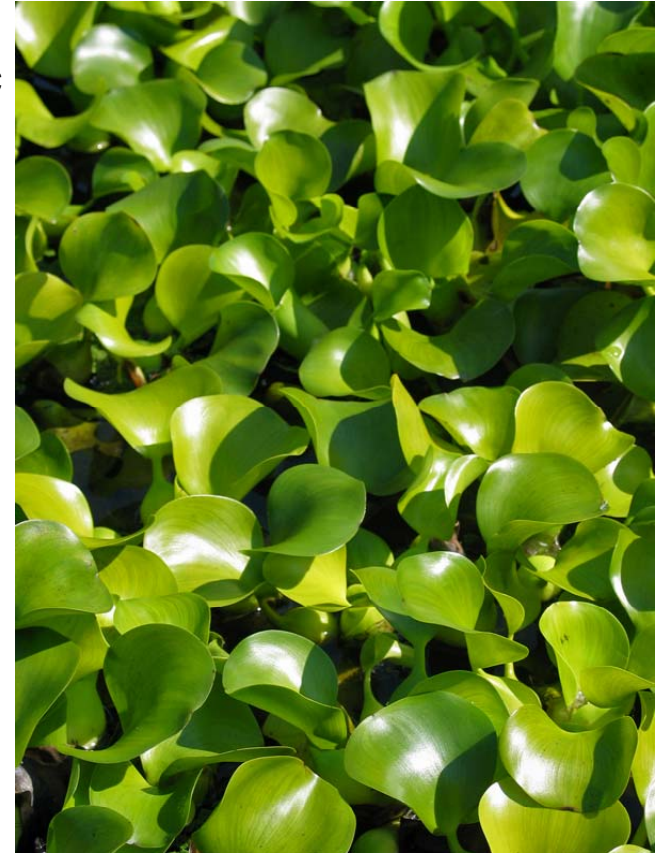
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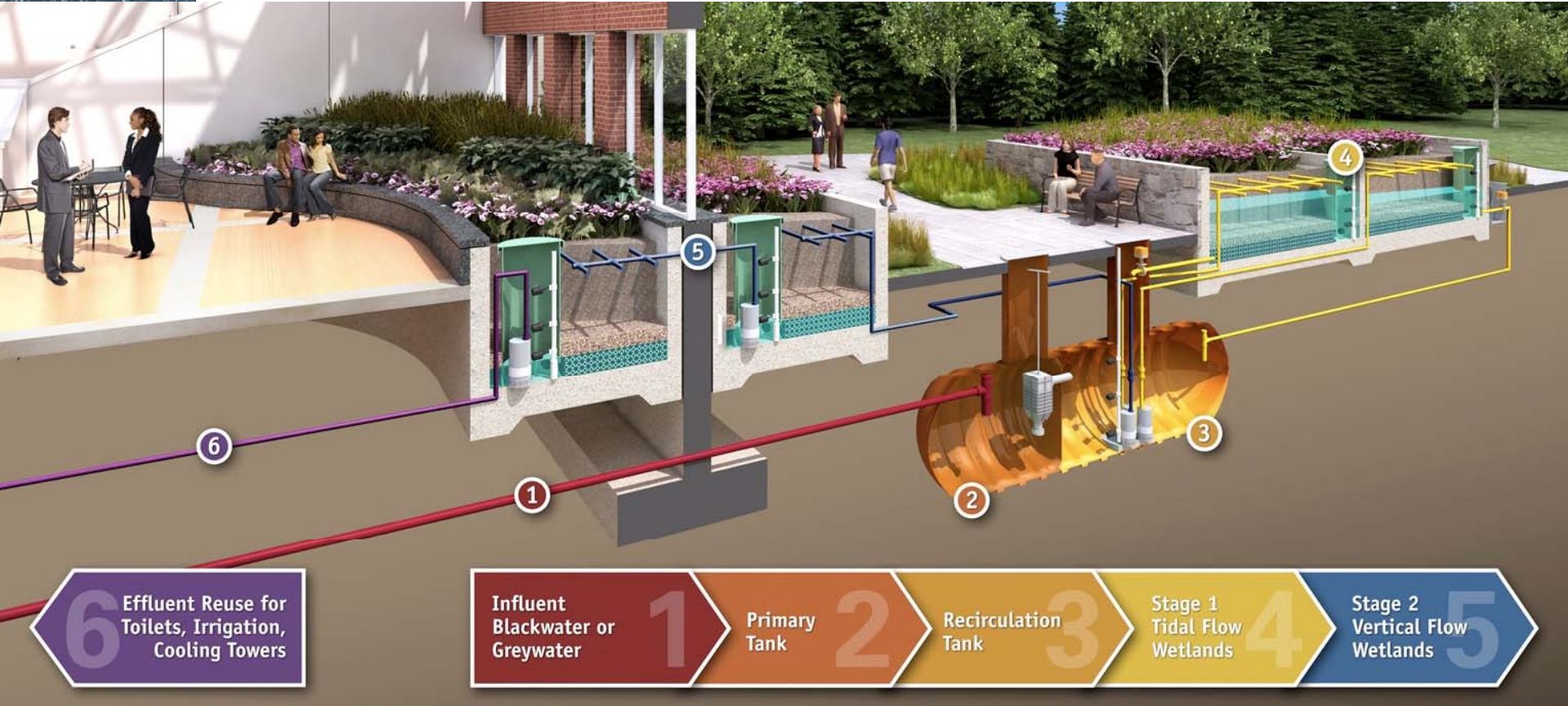
Ecological wastewater treatment

In 1976 NASA developed the first operational wastewater treatment system for both domestic sewerage and industrial wastewater. This first system relied upon the Water Hyacinth.

Further development and research revealed that a mixture of water plants in combination with a rock filter provided the optimum combination. The rock added to the available surface area, allowing larger colonies of bacteria and microorganisms to thrive. As the water moves through the system the oxygen content improves and allows larger organisms and protozoa to feed on the bacteria.



Living machine diagram



Noorder Zoo, Emmen, Netherlands (treats 220,000 gals daily)



Additional water plants used with success include



Duckweed



Arrowhead



Pickerelweed



Bulrush

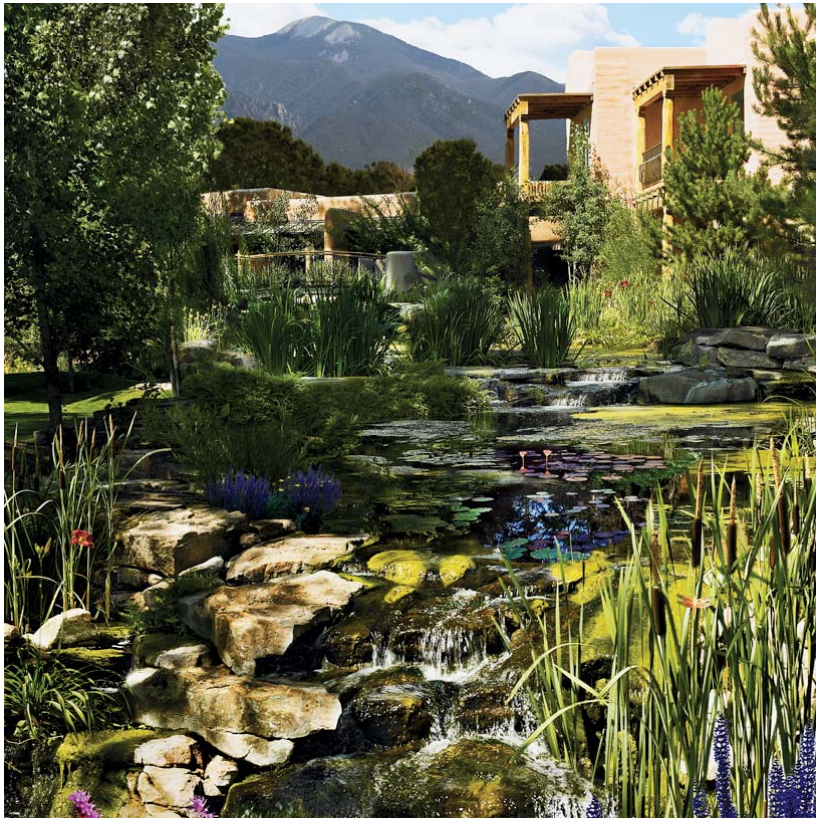


Cattails



Calla Lily

Designed wetlands - Living Machines



The living machine designed for El Monte Sagrado, a New Mexico resort forms the centerpiece of the design and treats more than 4,000 gallons of water daily

A trademarked form of biological wastewater treatment designed to mimic the cleansing functions of a wetland.

Designed wetlands



The living machine at Old Trail School, Bath Ohio is indoors to allow it to function year round. It processes more than 5,000 gallons of wastewater daily

Stormtreat unit

Slotted PVC pipes infiltrate partially treated storm water from last chamber into constructed wetland gravel substrate

Infiltration overflow pipe discharges treated water into adjacent fill & soils

Return flow with one-way check valve (optional)

Inflow from catch basin

Outlet control valve regulates discharge rate (normally set at 2 gals/min) and can be closed in the event of a hazardous materials spill

Slotted PVC pipe exfiltrates treated water to outlet

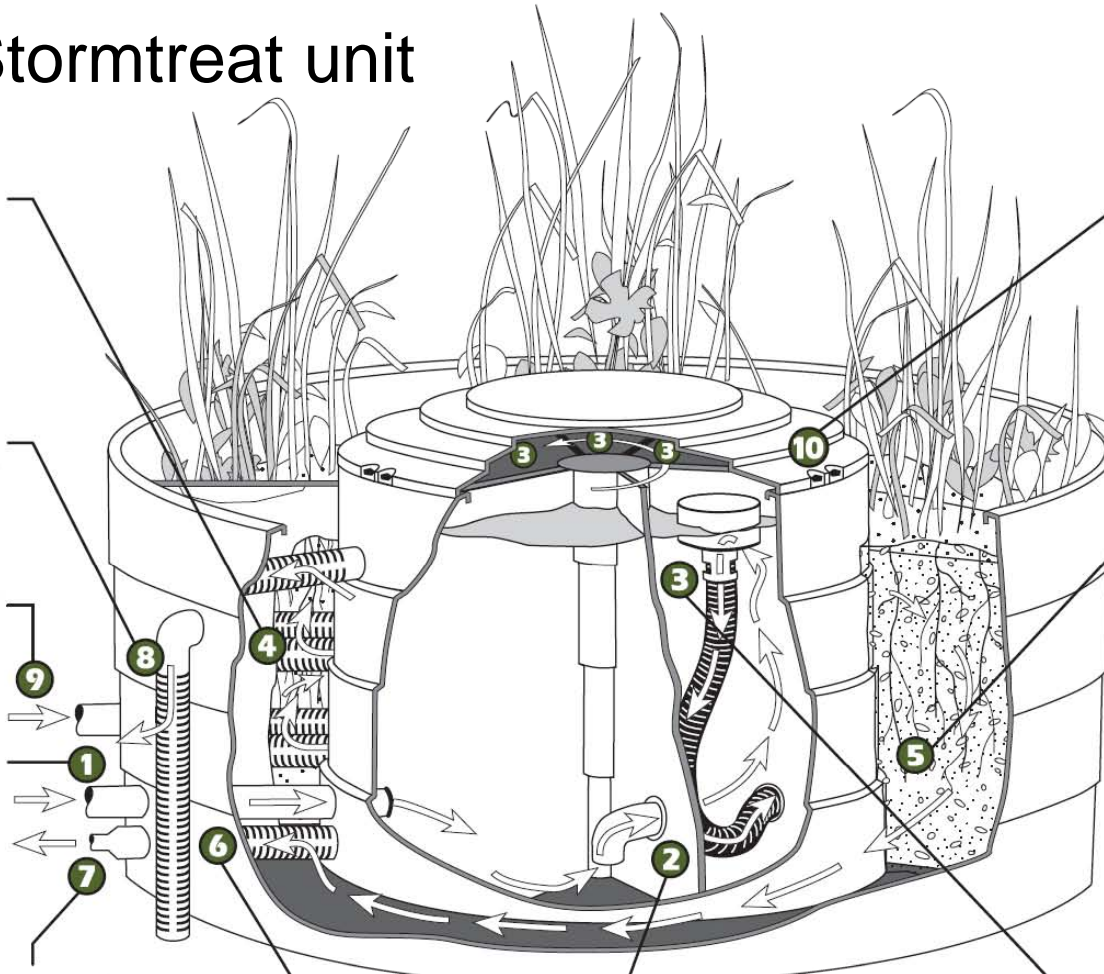
Inverted elbow for trapping oil and other floatables

Pent-bolts are removed to open manhole cover for maintenance purposes

Water flows through root zone of wetlands, where microbes metabolize petroleum hydrocarbons, nitrogen and other pollutants

Plants uptake metals, and gravel soils filter bacteria, phosphorus and metals

Series of (4) skimmers which transfer clarified water from 3–4 inches below the surface of water to next chamber



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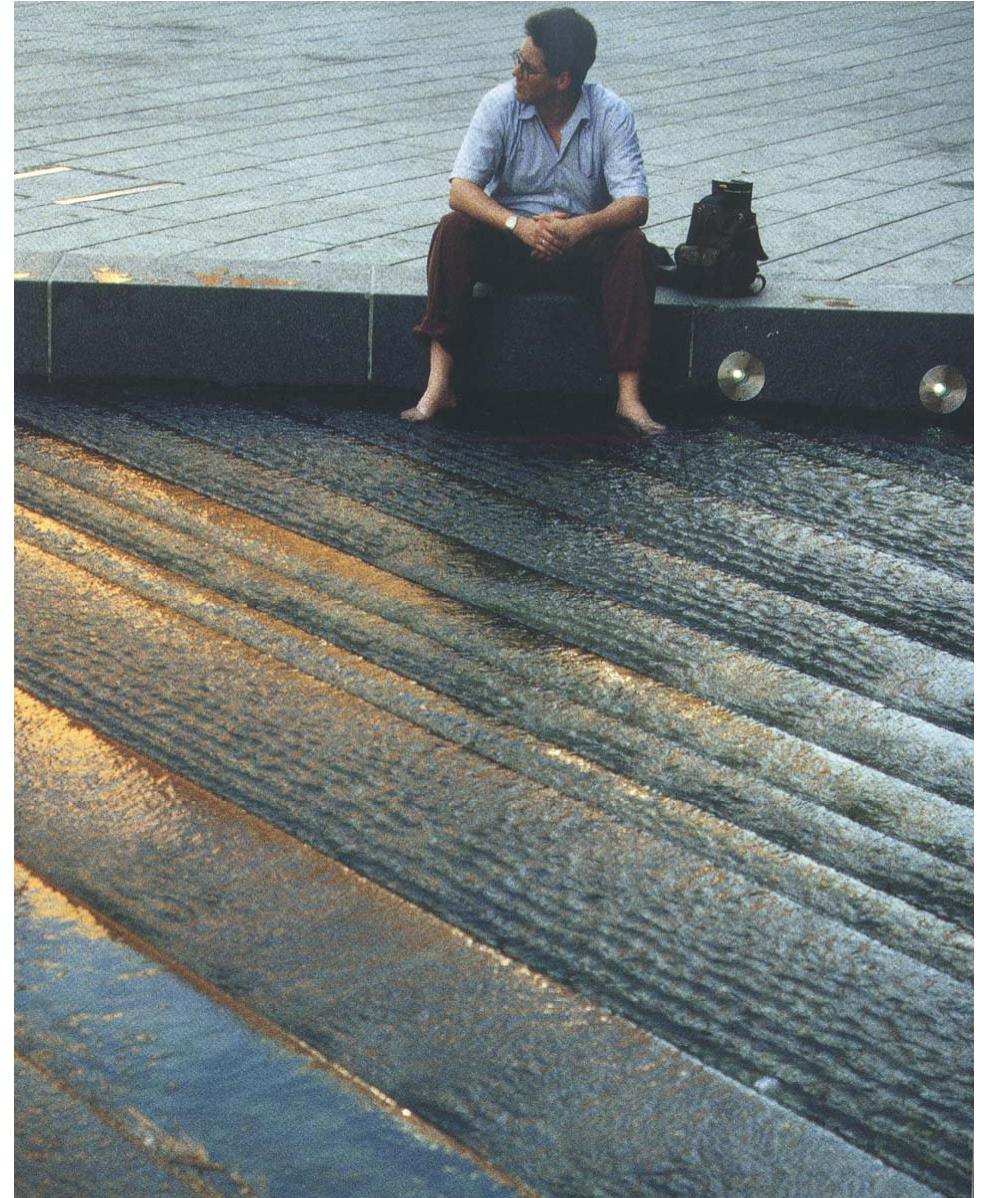
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Potsdamer Platz, Berlin



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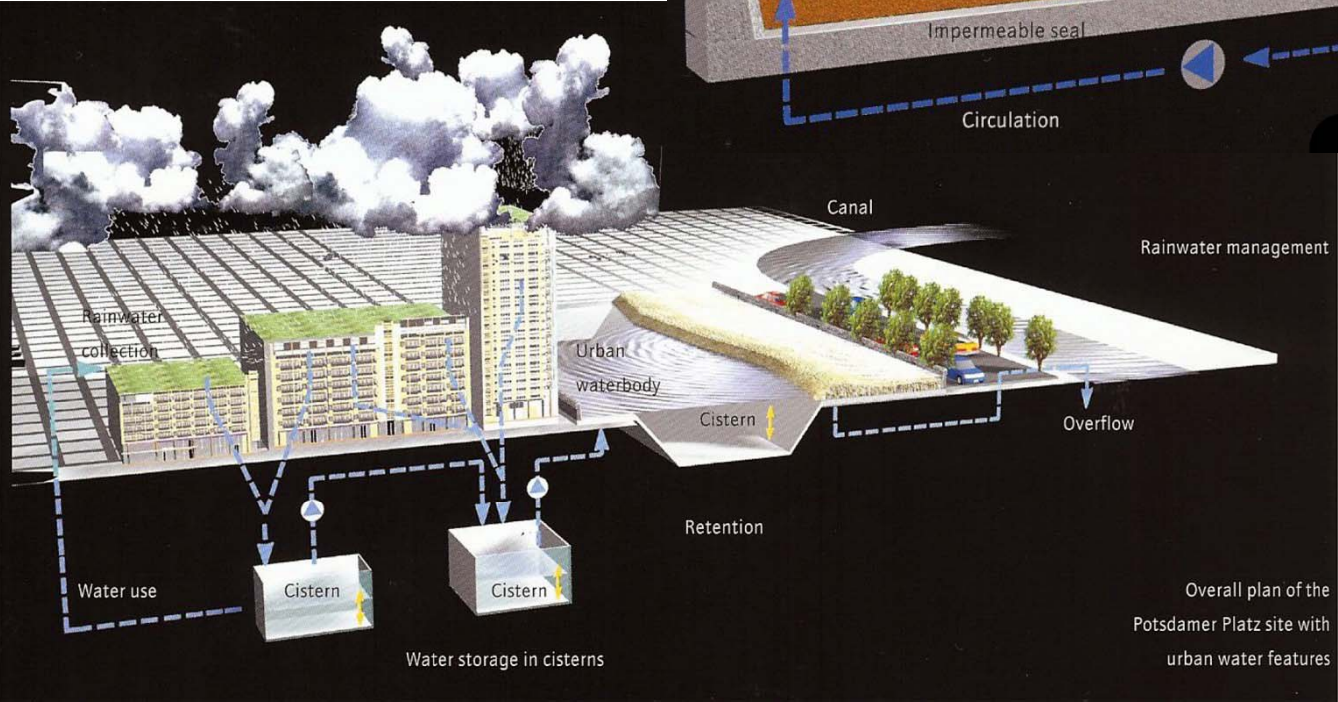
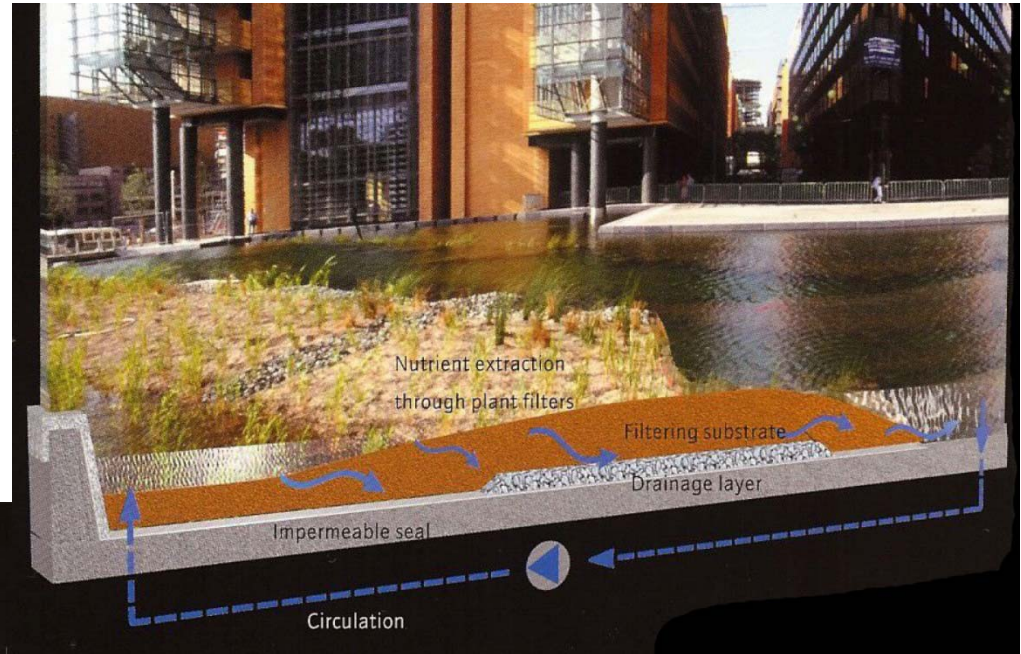
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Illustration of cleansing biotype and cistern system



Overall plan of the Potsdamer Platz site with urban water features

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Solaire, Battery Park City

Wastewater treatment system treats 25,000 gallons of wastewater daily. Cleaned water is used for toilet flushing, refilling the cooling tower and irrigation.



Reclaimed water
is often in purple
pipes



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Site Hydrology - The Water Balance

It has become the task of every building professional to match site water needs with site resources. We do this through a combination of

Water conservation

Rainwater capture and use

Used water recycling

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We can harvest more than half of our water requirements from rainfall



Rainfall in NYC averages 48" per year. This amounts to

$4 \text{ feet} \times 27,878,400 \text{ (Sq feet in Sq mile)} \times 350 \text{ (area in sq miles of NYC)} = 39,029,760,000$
cubic feet

$39,029,760,000 \text{ cubic feet} \times 6.429 \text{ (gallons in a cubic foot)} = 250,922,327,000$ gallons of
water that fall on city annually

$250,922,327,000 / 365 \text{ (days in year)} = 687,458,430$ gallons daily

— WATER COLLECTED = 70,717 GAL/YEAR

— WATER USAGE = 79,760 GAL/YEAR

NET = - 9,043 GAL/YEAR

STRATEGIES:

■ GREY WATER = 9,043 GAL/YEAR



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LEED and LBC criteria

LEED awards points as follows

- WEprereq Requirement to reduce water use by 20% below a standard practice baseline.
- WEc1 Reduce irrigation requirements by 50% (2pts)
Or completely (4pts)
- WEc2 Utilize an innovative wastewater system or reduce potable water by 50% (2pts)
- WEc3 Further reduce water use by up to 40% (2-4pts)

Living Building Challenge has the following imperative

- 05 One hundred percent of occupants' water use must come from captured precipitation or closed loop water systems (that are purified without the use of chemicals).