



Civil Engineering  
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## The Science and Practice of Sustainable Sites: Watering without Waste

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## Presentation Topics

- Overview of SITES with respect to landscape irrigation design, planning and maintenance practices
- Review of SITES irrigation prerequisites and credits
- Comparison of LEED 2009 with Sustainable Sites Initiative
- Design considerations
- Methods for achieving the SITES credits
- Supportive irrigation technologies, resources and materials
- SITES pilot project example

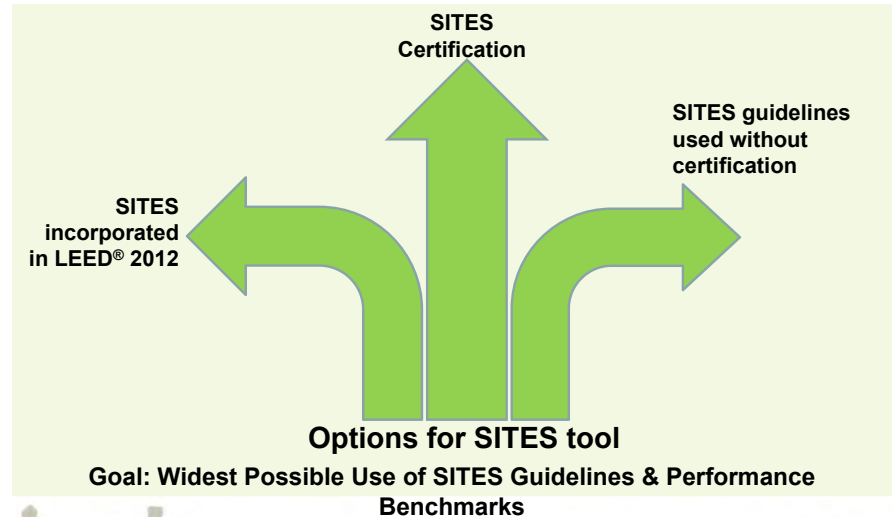


## Sustainable Sites Initiative Schedule

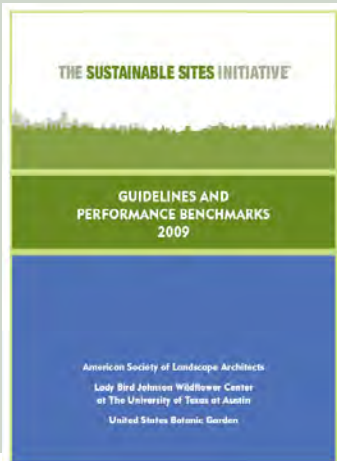


1. Guidelines and Performance Benchmarks 2009  
Released November 2009
2. Pilot Phase  
June 2010 – June 2012
3. Reference Guide  
Target publication: 2012
4. Open Enrollment  
2013

## SITES Options



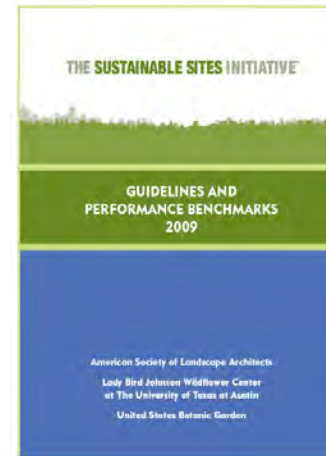
## Rating System



- 250 point scale
- Recognize % of attainment
- Multiple point levels for many credits
- 4 levels of certification
  - Prerequisites plus:
    - ★ = 100 points (40%)
    - ★★ = 125 points (50%)
    - ★★★ = 150 points (60%)
    - ★★★★ = 200 points (80%)

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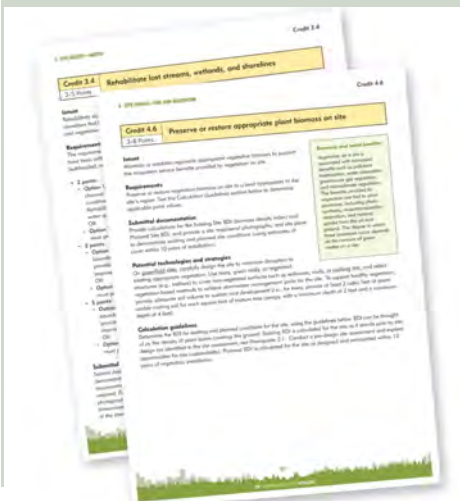
## Credit Categories



<b>Site Selection</b>	<b>21 poss. points</b>
<i>Preserve existing resources and repair damaged systems</i>	
<b>Pre-Design Assessment and Planning</b>	<b>4 poss. points</b>
<i>Plan for sustainability from the onset of the project</i>	
<b>Site Design – Water</b>	<b>44 poss. points</b>
<i>Protect and restore site's processes and systems</i>	
<b>Site Design – Soil and Vegetation</b>	<b>51 poss. points</b>
<i>Protect and restore site's processes and systems</i>	
<b>Site Design – Materials Selection</b>	<b>36 poss. points</b>
<i>Reuse/recycle and support sustainable production practices</i>	
<b>Site Design – Human Health and Well-Being</b>	<b>32 poss. points</b>
<i>Build communities and a sense of stewardship</i>	
<b>Construction</b>	<b>21 poss. points</b>
<i>Minimize effects of construction-related activities</i>	
<b>Operations and Maintenance</b>	<b>23 poss. points</b>
<i>Maintain the site for long-term sustainability</i>	
<b>Monitoring and Innovation</b>	<b>18 poss. points</b>
<i>Reward exceptional performance</i>	

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## Guidelines & Performance Benchmarks 2009



- Credit Intent
- Requirements
- Submittal Documentation
- Potential Technologies and Strategies
- Links to other Credits
- Resources

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## Overview of SITES

Requires a Holistic Pre-Design Assessment and Planning Approach

- **Prerequisite 2.1:** Pre-design site assessment. Explore opportunities for sustainability with the **integrated design team**.
- **Prerequisite 2.2:** **Integrated and collaborative** site development process.
- **Credit 2.3:** Engage users and stakeholders in site design **(4 points)**



# Overview of SITES

**Prerequisites 2.1 and 2.2 and Credit 2.3** gets everyone involved in a project's initial planning, goal setting and discussions at the start of preliminary/conceptual design. This includes:

- Owner/Developer
- Prime design consultant
- Subconsultants
- Agency and Permitting personnel
- Facilities personnel
- Maintenance and Operations personnel
- Adjacent property owners
- Interested public and community members



# Design Considerations

Landscape and irrigation design, types and materials need to have agreed upon goals and **“buy in”** from multiple stakeholders at the onset of design work:

- Appearance (turf grass areas, ornamental plantings, drought tolerant and native plants, density and massing of shrubs and groundcovers).
- Compliance with agency landscape codes.
- Soil preparation procedures, including protection and/or stockpiling for reuse of existing on-site native topsoil, scarification of compacted subgrades, depths of imported soil amendments and topsoil.
- Mulch type and depth.
- Irrigation methods (drip, fixed spray, rotors), circuiting (lawn, beds, trees, microclimates), and operation for plant establishment versus long term.
- Milestones for reductions in irrigation being applied after plant establishment.
- Planned shut-downs of targeted irrigation circuits.



# Comparison of LEED 2009 and SITES

## LEED 2009

**WE Prerequisite 1:** Employ strategies that in aggregate use 20% less water than the water use baseline calculated for the building (not including irrigation).

### WE Credit 1:

- Option 1: 50% reduction
    - **2 points:** Reduce potable water consumption for irrigation by 50% from a calculated baseline case
  - Option 2: No potable water use or no irrigation
    - **4 points:** Use only captured rainwater, recycled wastewater, recycled graywater or other approved non-potable sources
- OR
- No irrigation or no permanent irrigation (a temporary system installed for plant establishment is allowed if removed within 1 year of installation)

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## SITES

**Prerequisite 3.1:** Reduce potable water us for landscape irrigation by **30%\*** from established baseline.

- Applies only to long-term water use
- **Exempt** from irrigation calculations:
  - ❖ Water used during establishment phase
  - ❖ Water used to irrigate non-commercial food production gardens

**Credit 3.2:** Reduce potable water use for landscape irrigation by **50%\*** or more from established baseline (2 to 5 points)

- **2 points:** 51% reduction in water use\*
- **3 points:** 75% reduction in water use\*
- **4 points\*:** No potable water used beyond plant establishment.
- **5 points:** No potable water used during or after plant establishment.

\* = change in credit during pilot program



# WE Credit 1 Documentation

LEED 2009 for New Construction and Major Renovations  
WE CREDIT 1: WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPING

ALL OPTIONS

This table template form has been modified for offsite access. All sections of the form are enabled. Sample forms are for reference only.

A site plan showing the landscaped areas of the project building and associated grounds is required to document compliance with WE Credit 1. The site plan is a linked spreadsheet. If no documents are present, upload a site plan which meets the above requirements.

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IRRIGATION WATER CONSUMPTION REDUCTION

Reference: IrrigationWaterConsumption (WE1) [5]

Table WE1-1: Irrigation Baseline Case (Add)

Landscape Type	Area (sq ft)	IR	MR	SR	ER	ET	ETC	Regulation Type	IC	Final Goal
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

Table WE1-2: Irrigation Design Case (Add)

Landscape Type	Area (sq ft)	IR	MR	SR	ER	ET	ETC	Regulation Type	IC	Final Goal
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

Percentage reduction of potable water [0]

Percentage reduction of total water [0]



Table WEC1-1. Irrigation Baseline Case (July)

Landscape Type	Area (sf)	ks	kd	kmc <sup>1</sup>	K <sub>L</sub>	Et <sub>0</sub>	ET <sub>L</sub>	Irrigation Type	IE	TWA (Gal)
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	
Total area										0
Baseline Total Potable Water Applied (TPWA) (gal)										0

Add Row Delete Row

## THE SUSTAINABLE SITES INITIATIVE™

Part 1: BASELINE LANDSCAPE WATER REQUIREMENT			
ET <sub>0</sub> (inches/month)	A (square feet)	C <sub>u</sub>	BLWR (gallons/month)
		0.6233	



Landscape Type	Area (sf)	Species Factor	Design Factor	Microclimate Factor	K <sub>L</sub>	Et <sub>0</sub>	IE	TPWA (Gal)
Sanctuary Ave Trees	170	average 0.5	average 1.0	average 1.0	0.5	2.25	Sprinkler 0.625	812
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Upper green roof extensive	14,845	low 0.2	high 1.1	high 1.4	0.3	1.39	Drp 0.900	22,953
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<b>Total</b>	<b>29,900</b>							<b>Net GFWA (gpi) 126,690</b>

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July Daywater Harvest (gpi)									62,640
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Part 2: DESIGNED LANDSCAPE WATER REQUIREMENT				
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4		2		
Area of hardscape (square feet)	Plant type within hardscape	K <sub>L</sub> = Landscape coefficient**	Distribution uniformity*** (enter fraction %, i.e. 80% = 80)	Landscape water requirement (gallons/month)
5,000	Trees	0.5	0.75	6,233
5,000	Turfgrass	0.7	0.75	9,557
Designed Landscape Water Requirement (gallons/month)				<b>15,790</b>



### WE Credit 1: Water Efficient Landscaping

#### Evapotranspiration Table

ET <sub>0</sub>	4.50
July	4.50

#### Baseline Case Table

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Irrigation Potable Water Use Reduction **51%**

# THE SUSTAINABLE SITES INITIATIVE™

## 3. Site Design—Water

Protect and restore processes and systems associated with a site's hydrology

**Prerequisite 3.1:** Reduce potable water use for landscape irrigation by 30 percent from established baseline

**Credit 3.2:** Reduce potable water use for landscape irrigation by 50 percent or more from established baseline (2–5 points)

**Prerequisite 3.1** **REQUIRED** Reduce potable water use for landscapes irrigation by 30 percent from established baseline

### Intent

Reduce the use of potable water, natural surface water (such as lakes, rivers, and streams), and groundwater withdrawals for landscape irrigation after plant establishment.

**Credit 3.2** **2-5 points** Reduce potable water use for landscapes irrigation by 50 percent from established baseline

### Intent

Limit or eliminate the use of potable water, natural surface water (such as lakes, rivers, and streams), and groundwater withdrawals for landscape irrigation. Encourage alternative irrigation methods and water conservation strategies.



# THE SUSTAINABLE SITES INITIATIVE™

## Irrigation calculator<sup>26</sup>

### Part 1: Baseline Landscape Water Requirement (BLWR)

Determine the BLWR for a site in your region by entering the site landscape information into the white cells of the worksheet below (sample data shown here). The calculations for BLWR are adapted from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency WaterSense Water Budget Tool's equation for Landscape Water Allowance (May 2009 revision; <http://www.epa.gov/watersense/specs/homes.htm#tool>).

$$BLWR = ET_d \times A \times C_u$$

Where:  
 $ET_d$  = average reference evapotranspiration ( $ET_d$ ) for the site's peak watering month, provided locally (inches/month)  
 $A$  = Area of irrigated landscape in square feet (area designed with permanent irrigation systems)  
 $C_u$  = Conversion factor (0.6233 for results in gallons/month)

Part 1: BASELINE LANDSCAPE WATER REQUIREMENT			
$ET_d$ (inches/month)	$A$ (square feet)	$C_u$	BLWR (gallons/month)
4	10,000	0.6233	24,932



# THE SUSTAINABLE SITES INITIATIVE™

## Part 2: Designed Landscape Water Requirement (DLWR)

Determine the DLWR for the actual site by entering the average monthly precipitation (inches/month) for the site's peak watering month, the area of each hydrozone (in square feet), and the plant type, landscape coefficient, and distribution uniformity for each hydrozone in Part 2 of the Irrigation Calculator (sample data shown here). Note that the sum of the hydrozone areas must equal the total area of the irrigated landscape entered in Part 1 of the calculator. The calculations for DLWR are revised from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency WaterSense Water Budget Tool's equation for Landscape Water Requirement (May 2009 revision; <http://www.epa.gov/watersense/specs/homes.htm#tool>).

$$DLWR_{dl} = RTM \times [(ET_d \times K_L) - R_{all}] \times A \times C_u$$

Where:

$RTM$  = Rain time multiplier, equal to 1 for quarter distribution uniformity (distribution)  
 $ET_d$  = average reference evapotranspiration ( $ET_d$ ) for the site's peak watering month, provided locally (inches/month)  
 $K_L$  = Landscape coefficient for type of plant in that hydrozone  
 $R_{all}$  = Allowable rainfall (25% of average monthly rainfall for the site's peak watering month, provided locally (inches/month))  
 $A$  = Area of hydrozone (square feet)  
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4	2			
Area of hydrozone (square feet)	Plant type within hydrozone	$K_L$ = Landscape coefficient**	Distribution uniformity*** (enter fraction %, i.e. 80% = .80)	Landscape water requirement (gallons/month)
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# THE SUSTAINABLE SITES INITIATIVE™

TABLE 1: PLANT TYPE AND ESTIMATED LANDSCAPE COEFFICIENT ( $K_L$ )

Plant Type	$K_L$		
	Low	Medium	High
Ground Cover	0.2	0.5	0.7
Shrubs	0.2	0.5	0.7
Trees	0.2	0.5	0.9
Turfgrass	0.6	0.7	0.8

Note: The estimated  $K_L$  values in Table 1 are taken from the U.S. EPA WaterSense Water Budget Tool (May 2009 revision).

TABLE 2: DISTRIBUTION UNIFORMITY

Irrigation Type	$DU_{1/3}$ or EU*
Drip - Standard	70%
Drip - Press Comp	90%
Fixed Spray	65%
Micro Spray	70%
Rotor	70%

Note: The lower quarter distribution uniformity values in Table 2 are taken from the U.S. EPA WaterSense Water Budget Tool (May 2009 rev). Original source: The Irrigation Association, "Landscape Irrigation Scheduling and Water Management," IA 2005.

\*Lower quarter distribution uniformity ( $DU_{1/3}$ ) applies to sprinkler zones and emission uniformity (EU) applies to drip/micro-irrigation zones.



## Design Considerations - Recap

Landscape and irrigation design, types and materials need to have agreed upon goals and “buy in” from multiple stakeholders at the onset of design work:

- Appearance
- Compliance landscape codes
- Soil preparation
- Mulch type and depth
- Irrigation methods and purpose
- Milestones for reductions after plant establishment
- Planned shut-downs



## Achieving the SITES Credits

- Landscape and irrigation techniques work together
- Hydrozones.....for real.
  - Group plants based on water demand
  - Lawn areas; size and location
- Meeting Prerequisite (3.1) requires adjustments
- Meeting Credit (3.2) requires commitment
  - 2 points: reduce to 51% of baseline
  - 3 points: reduce to 75% of baseline
  - 4 points: no potable water beyond establishment
  - 5 points: no potable water ever



## Designed Landscape Water Requirement

### SITES Formula

$$DLWRH = RTM \times [(ETO \times KL) - Ra] \times A \times Cu$$

Where:

RTM = Run time multiplier (DU)

ETO = Avg. Evapotranspiration (historical)

KL = Landscape Coefficient (from chart)

Ra = Allowable rainfall (25% of peak month)

A = Hydrozone area (SF)

Cu = Conversion factor (inches to gallons)



## Data Sources

### Evapotranspiration Rates

- Seattle Area – Irrigation Water Management Society
- Nationwide – Rainmaster; National Climatic Data Center
- Local irrigation groups or agricultural colleges
- Can be difficult to locate; May need to search or pay fee

### Rainfall Data

- Seattle Area – Irrigation Water Management Society
- National or Western Regional Climate Center; NOAA



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## Non-Potable Water Sources

Rainwater – minimal regulations, low hanging fruit

Greywater – treatment required, subsurface drip only

Reclaimed water – different classes allow different uses

Air Conditioner Condensate

### Not Eligible

Surface waters, lakes, rivers, ponds

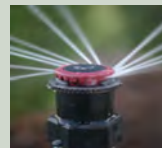
Subsurface groundwater, wells



## Irrigation: Temporary or Permanent

To install or not to install? That is the Question.

- Parks, Fields, and highly visible areas.
- Rain gardens, native areas, open pasture
- Drought tolerant plantings
- Client / owner coordination



What is temporary irrigation?

- Placed at finish grade; pipe, heads, valves, etc....
- Practicality is limited
- Aesthetic, liability, and functionality concerns



## Irrigation: Temporary or Permanent



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### Establishment Phase in SITES

- Prerequisite 3.1 – 30% after establishment phase
- Credit 3.2 – before and after depending on point level
- Designated time period by SITES
  - 3 years for trees
  - 2 years for shrubs
  - 1 year for groundcover

### Creates design and installation challenges

- Practicality of requirement?



## Irrigation: Operations & Shut Off

### After System Install

- Training on Irrigation Clock
- Training on Irrigation Maintenance
- Who gets trained?

### Shut off after establishment

- Sequenced per hydrozones
- All at once



## Sustainable Irrigation Materials

### Water Conservation Materials

- Drip irrigation
- Weather based controllers
- Rotary sprinkler nozzles
- Flow sensors, moisture sensors, rain shut-off

### Material Chemistry

- PVC – production and disposal concerns
- PVC alternatives – Polyethylene (PE pipe)
- SITES Credit 5.10 – Sustainable Materials Manufacturing



# SITES PILOT PROJECT

## Olympic College Student Parking Lot Bremerton, Washington

Schacht | Aslani Architects  
SvR Design Company  
Tres West Engineers, Inc.  
O' Brien & Company



### Site Context

- 33 acre urban site
- Congested/limited parking
- Poor street configuration and circulation
- Inefficient smaller lots
- Overflow parking impacts adjacent residential areas
- Warren Ave. has one of the highest traffic volumes in city
- Untreated stormwater runoff flows directly into Port Washington Narrows

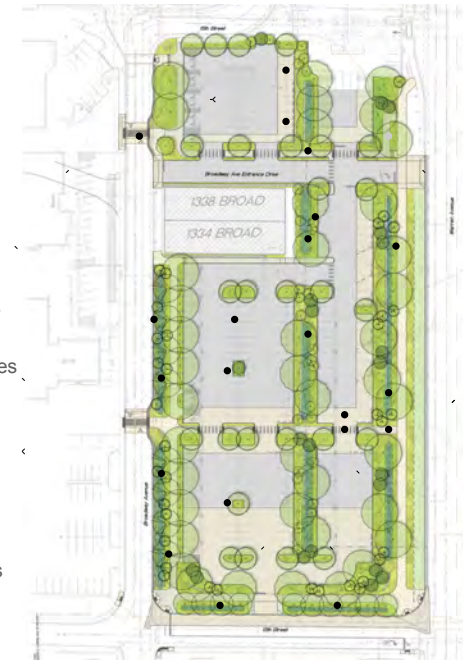


### Long-Range Development Plan

- College is committed to sustainable design
- College has signed the American College & University President's Climate Commitment
- Master Plan introduces:
  - Central Campus Spine
  - Pedestrian focused
  - Building entry orientation
  - Community amenities
  - Improved vehicular and pedestrian circulation and parking capacity



- Electrical Car Charging Stations
- Raised Pedestrian Crossing
- Energy Efficient Lighting
- Permeable Pavers
- Conveyance Swales
- Dedicated Parking for Smart Cars & Motorcycles
- Generous Landscape Buffers



### Site Plan

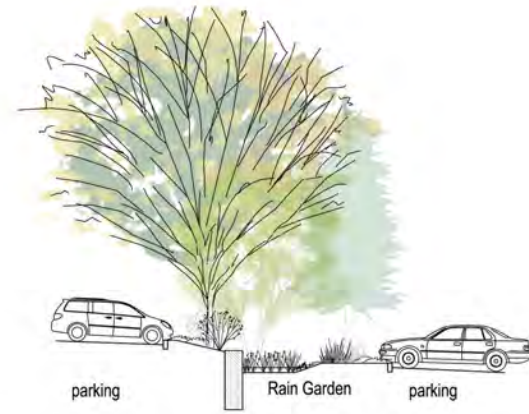
- ADA Accessible Routes of Travel
- Generous Perimeter & Interior Landscape Buffers
- Rain Gardens
- Pervious Concrete Pavements
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Broadway Avenue Looking North



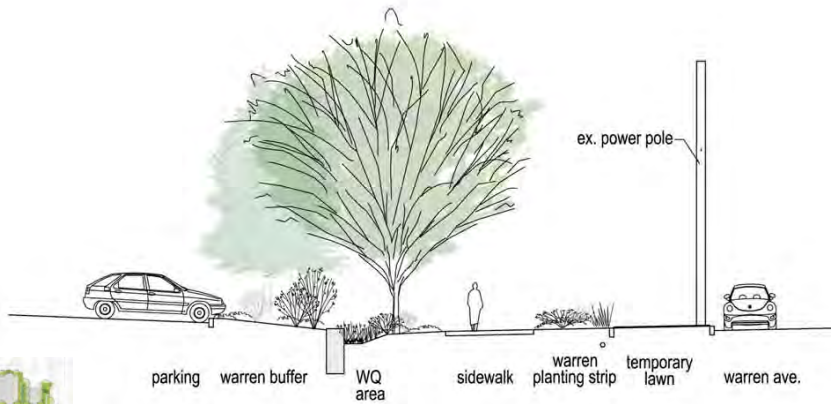
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Parking Island Looking North



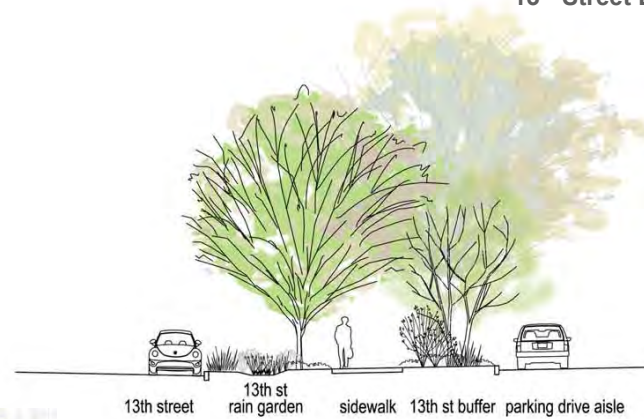
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Warren Avenue Looking North



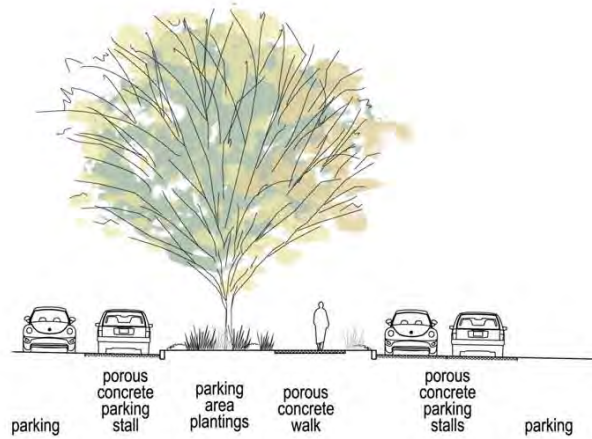
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13th Street Looking West



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## Pedestrian Walkway Looking West



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Electrical Car Charging Stations

Raised Pedestrian Crossing

Energy Efficient Lighting

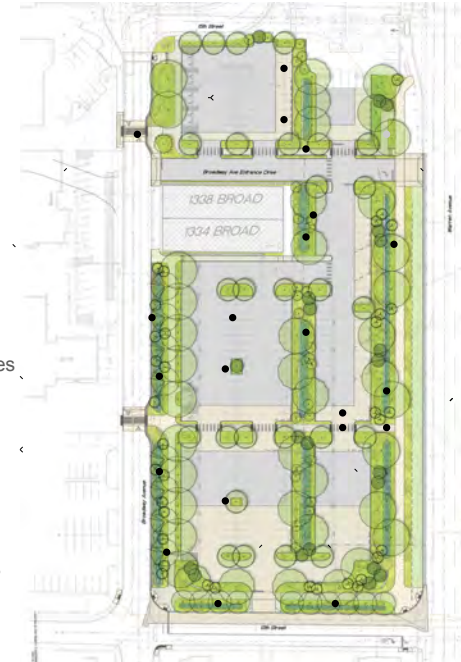
Permeable Pavers

Conveyance Swales

Dedicated Parking for Smart Cars & Motorcycles

Generous Landscape Buffers

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## Site Plan

ADA Accessible Routes of Travel

Generous Perimeter & Interior Landscape Buffers

Rain Gardens

Pervious Concrete Pavements

ADA Accessible Routes of Travel

Rain Gardens

## Prerequisite 3.1 Documentation

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**Prerequisite 3.1 Reduce potable water use for landscape irrigation by 50 percent from established baseline.**  
**REQUIRED**

Project Name: Olympic College Student Parking Lot: DRAFT

Responsible Individual: Jade Cassata

Company: SVL Design Company

I verify that the information provided below is accurate to the best of my knowledge.  
Date: Oct 14, 2010

**REQUIREMENTS**  
Reduce use of potable water, natural surface water (such as lakes, rivers, and streams), and groundwater withdrawals for landscape irrigation after the plant establishment phase by 50 percent from a baseline case. Install flow meters to record and monitor water use in the landscape irrigation ahrs. For more information, refer to Requirements for Prerequisite 3.1 in the Guidelines and Performance Benchmarks 2009. Note: for all unmet needs, refer to the specific definitions and criteria listed at the end of each credit/prerequisite.

**SUBMITTAL DOCUMENTATION**

1) Provide construction drawings (as-built) that include planting schedule, plant types (ground cover, shrubs, trees, and/or tall grasses), landscape coefficients, and irrigation set (i.e., drainage indicating locations and specifications for irrigation systems), and clearly indicate water sources in the drawings. Please include name of uploaded files (e.g., 3\_drawings.pdf)

See "IRIS Plant Schedule, irrigation": Start with medium water needs has a landscape coefficient of 0.7, all other planting areas, which are a mix of groundcover, shrubs, and trees, have low water needs and have a landscape coefficient of 0.2 because 39 out of 51 species are northwest native or drought tolerant.

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2) Provide a brief narrative describing the landscaping and irrigation design strategies employed by the project. For projects using non-potable water, include specific information regarding source and available quantity of non-potable supplies. Describe the methodology used to determine that the water use will not exceed the allowable volume for irrigation. Also, include a description that supports the use of the selected landscape coefficient values (LC) for the plant types on site.

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This project uses low-water-demand plants and high-efficiency drip irrigation. The overhead is covered through the planting area to provide additional water to plants. The landscape is part of the natural water treatment process. Turf areas are irrigated. Landscape coefficient water requirements are "Low" because 39 out of 51 species on the plant schedule are northwest native or drought tolerant; see "IRIS plant schedule". See the following documents for calculations: "IRIS Calculators for Credit 3.1", "IRIS Irrigation, DLWR", "IRIS Waterwise, DLWR", and "IRIS Waterwise, credits".

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3) Using the Irrigation Calculator provided below, enter the values for Baseline Landscape Water Requirement (BLWR), Designed Landscape Water Requirement (DLWR), Non-Potable Sources (NPS), and results also, provide average monthly evapotranspiration and average monthly rainfall for the site's peak watering month.

**Irrigation Calculator Summary** (For details, refer to pp.50-52 of Prerequisite 3.1)

Baseline Landscape Water Requirement (Part 1) 180,343.9 gallons/month

Designed Landscape Water Requirement (Part 2) 42,492 gallons/month

Total Non-Potable Sources by volume (Part 3) 0 gallons/month

Percent Reduction in potable water use from baseline case (Part 4) 77 Percent

## Prerequisite 3.1 Documentation

Average monthly evapotranspiration (peak watering month) 5.1 inches/month

Average monthly rainfall (peak watering month) 0.3925 inches/month

4) Provide references for the sources of information for the average monthly evapotranspiration and average monthly rainfall for the site's peak watering month. If applicable, include references that support the use of the selected landscape coefficient values (LC) for the plant types on site.

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See "SVL Draft IRM Climate Data": Landscape coefficient water requirements are "Low" because 39 out of 51 species on the plant schedule are northwest native or drought tolerant; see "IRIS plant schedule".

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Olympic College Student Parking Lot  
SITES ID: 285

Average annual and average monthly precipitation

**IWM Online Climate Summary Service Portal**

Olympic College New Parking Lot 46.47° 34' 10" N, 124° 02' 34' 5" W

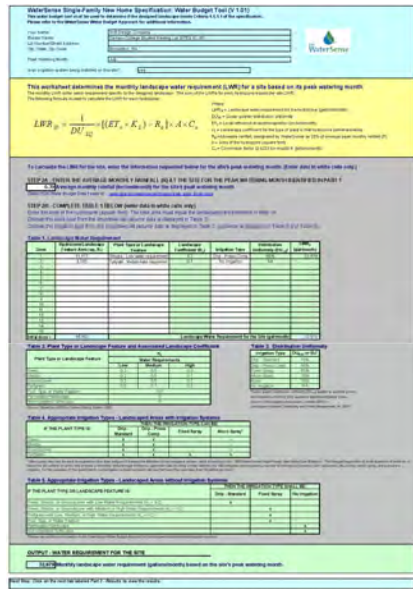
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Average Annual	110.21	127.03	148.88	168.22	183.00	192.00	192.00	183.00	168.22	148.88	127.03	110.21
Maximum	140.00	157.00	178.00	198.00	210.00	210.00	210.00	210.00	210.00	198.00	157.00	140.00
Minimum	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00

Source for graph above: <http://wcafiles.jem.org/results.aspx>. World water and climate atlas

Annual rainfall for Bremerton varies by source. All accessed 11/16/2010:

- 53.96 inches - <http://www.wjcd.com/weather/water/bremerton.htm>. Local Information Data Server
- 52.9 inches - <http://www.worldclimate.com/cgi-bin/data.pl?ref=N47W122-2200-450872C>. Worldclimate.com, "data derived from NCDC Cooperative Stations. 63 complete years between 1919 and 1995"
- 51.6 inches - <http://www.worldclimate.com/cgi-bin/data.pl?ref=N47W122-2200-450872C>. Worldclimate.com, "data derived from NCDC TD 9541 Clim 61 1961-1990 Normals, 30 years between 1961 and 1990."

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3) For the 2 point option only: Using the Irrigation Calculator provided below, enter the values for Baseline Landscape Water Requirement (BLWR), Designed Landscape Water Requirement (DLWR), Non-Potable Sources (NPS), and results. Also, provide average monthly evapotranspiration and average monthly rainfall for the site's peak watering month.

**Irrigation Calculator Summary** (For details, refer to pp.50-52 of Prerequisite 3.1)

Baseline Landscape Water Requirement (Part 1)  gallons/month

Designed Landscape Water Requirement (Part 2)  gallons/month

Total Non-Potable Sources by volume (Part 3)  gallons/month

Percent Reduction in potable water use from baseline case (Part 4)  Percent

Average monthly evapotranspiration (peak watering month)  inches/year

Average monthly rainfall (peak watering month)  inches/year

Note: Supportive documents under Prereq 3.1 apply to this credit also.

4) For the 2 point option only, provide references for the sources of information for the average monthly evapotranspiration and average monthly rainfall for the site's peak watering month. Also include a brief narrative (including references, if applicable) to support the use of the selected landscape coefficient values (LC) for the plant types on site.

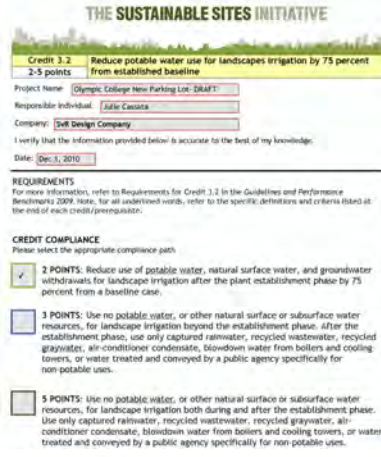
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# High Point Revitalization Project



- 120-acre mixed income housing redevelopment
- 34 blocks of new streets with new utilities, street trees, sidewalks, parks and open space
- 1,600 housing units, neighborhood center, library, and mixed-use block
- Density ranges from 16 units/acre to 30 units/acre of ground-related housing

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## High Point Streetscapes



↑ Concept



↑ After Construction



← Under Construction:  
Porous walks, curb cuts and swales

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## High Point Right-of-Way Swales



- Vegetated
- Grass-lined
- Conveyance
- Amended soils



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