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Direct Water Reuse in New England – Today & Tomorrow

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### **QUICK QUIZ**

- 1. HOW MANY NON-POTABLE DIRECT WATER REUSE PROJECTS IN NEW ENGLAND ARE EACH OF YOU PERSONALLY AWARE OF?
- 1. ZERO TO FIVE?
- 2. FIVE TO TEN?
- **3. TEN TO TWENTY?**
- **4. TWENTY TO FORTY?**
- **5. GREATER THAN FORTY?**





### **TYPICAL DRIVERS FOR NON-POTABLE WATER REUSE**



Rising Costs of Alternatives

### Limited Potable Supply

Limited Dispersal Capacity



### **TERMINOLOGY FOR PRESENTATION:**

- NON-POTABLE FIT FOR PURPOSE RECLAIMED WATER, SUITABLE FOR USES, SUCH AS: IRRIGATION, COOLING WATER, TOILET FLUSHING, VEHICLE WASHING, COMMERCIAL LAUNDRIES, FIRE SUPPRESSION, SNOW-MAKING, ETC
- WASTEWATER MIXED SEWAGE FROM BUILDING SANITARY DRAINS (NON-INDUSTRIAL)
- BLACKWATER SUBSET OF WASTEWATER DERIVED FROM TOILETS, KITCHEN SINK & DISHWASHER
- GREYWATER RESTRICTED TO NON-BLACKWATER SOURCES: BATHROOM SINKS, SHOWERS, BATHTUBS, CLOTHES WASHERS, AND LAUNDRY SINKS



### **OBJECTIVES FOR PRESENTATION**

- 1. SHARE SOME OF THE HISTORY OF DISTRIBUTED DIRECT NON-POTABLE WATER REUSE IN NEW ENGLAND
- 2. CASE STUDY OF WATER REUSE INNOVATIONS IN THE NORTHEAST US
- 3. DISCUSS HOW WE CAN INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS OUR NON-POTABLE WATER REUSE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS IN NEW ENGLAND





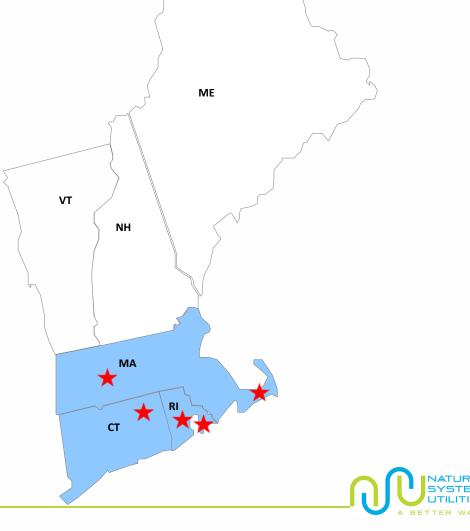
- HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF DECENTRALIZED NON-POTABLE WATER REUSE SYSTEMS IN NEW ENGLAND
- INNOVATIONS IN ONSITE WATER REUSE IN NORTHEASTERN UNITED STATES (NYC)
- RISK-BASED FRAMEWORK FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE FOR DECENTRALIZED NON-POTABLE WATER SYSTEMS
- Q&A





# LOCATIONS & USES: REPRESENTATIVE MUNICIPAL NON-POTABLE WASTEWATER REUSE IN NEW

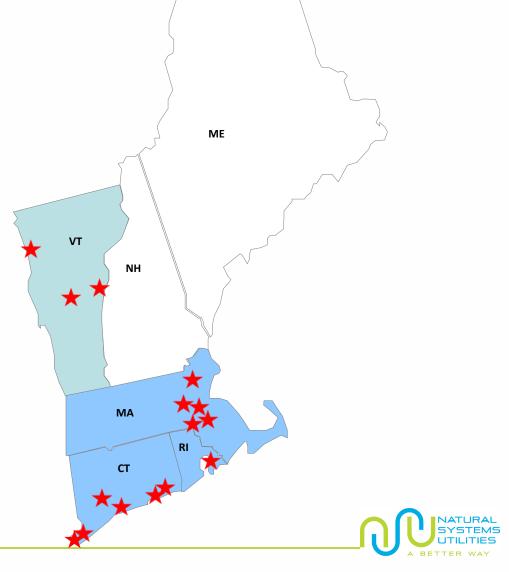
Project Location	State	Use
UConn/Storrs	СТ	Cooling Water
Lake of Isles	СТ	Golf Course Irrigation
Cranston/ Johnston	RI	Cooling Water
Jamestown	RI	Golf Course Irrigation
Yarmouth	MA	Golf Course Irrigation
UMass-Amherst	MA	CHP Steam & Hot Water, Cooling Water, Dust Control, Irrigation



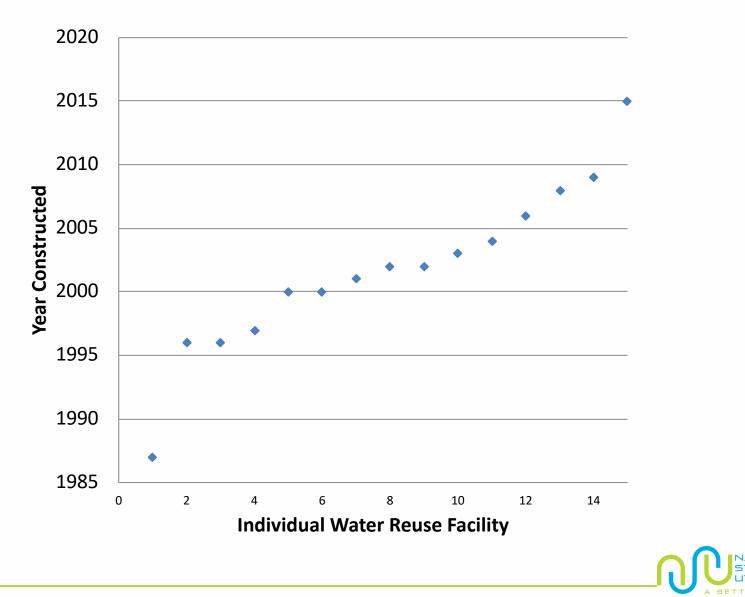
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### LOCATIONS OF REPRESENTATIVE DECENTRALIZED NON-POTABLE REUSE IN NEW ENGLAND

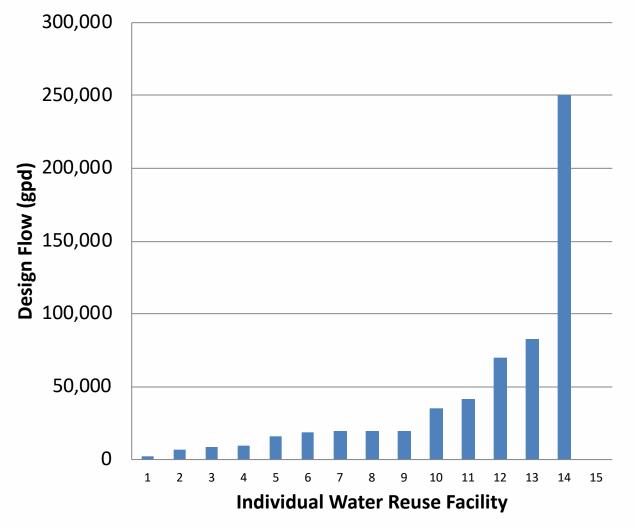




### TIMELINE FOR DECENTRALIZED NON-POTABLE WATER REUSE IN NEW ENGLAND



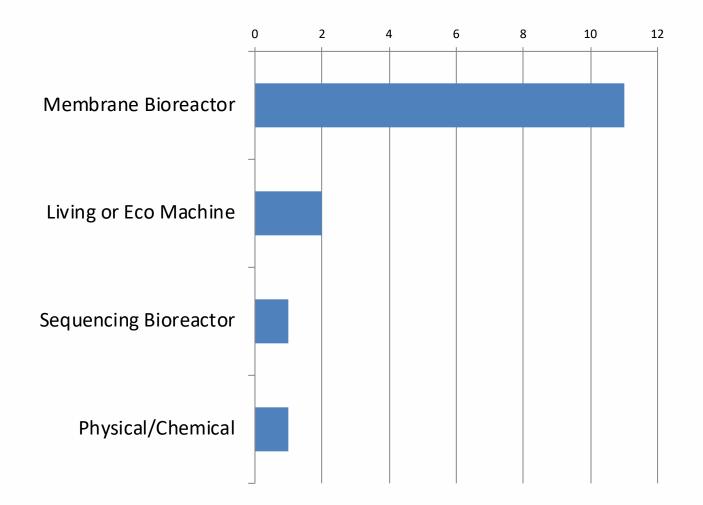
### SCALE OF DECENTRALIZED NON-POTABLE WATER REUSE IN NEW ENGLAND BASED ON CAPACITY



Note: Design flow for system #15 has not been confirmed.

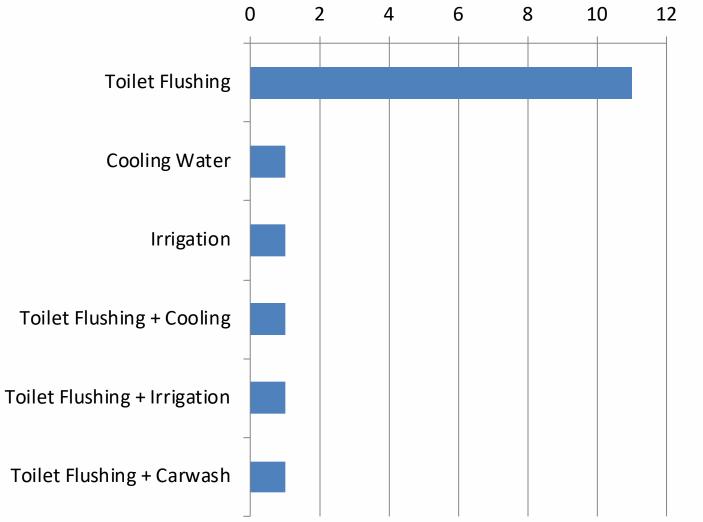


### DECENTRALIZED NON-POTABLE WATER REUSE SYSTEM TYPES IN NEW ENGLAND



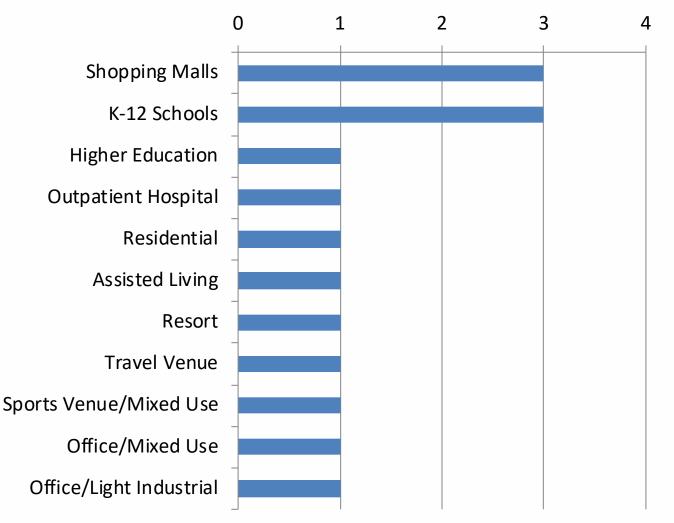


# DISTRIBUTED NON-POTABLE REUSE WATER USES IN NEW ENGLAND





### DECENTRALIZED NON-POTABLE REUSE WATER PROJECT TYPES IN NEW ENGLAND





# NEW ENGLAND NON-POTABLE WATER REUSE SYSTEMS – SUMMARY OF PRELIMINARY CHARACTERIZATIONS

- AGE: 14 19 YEARS OLD
- DESIGN FLOWS 5,000 TO 50,000 GPD
- TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY: MEMBRANE BIOREACTOR
- NON-POTABLE REUSE USE: TOILET FLUSHING
- PROJECT TYPES: RETAIL, EDUCATION & MANY OTHERS





### NEW ENGLAND DECENTRALIZED NON-POTABLE WATER REUSE DRIVERS

- ONE/POSSIBLY TWO OF THESE SYSTEMS, OUT OF 16 WAS/WERE IMPLEMENTED FOR SUSTAINABILITY PURPOSES
- THE REST WERE DONE DUE TO NECESSITY:
  - SITE, SOIL, HYDROGEOLOGIC CONSTRAINTS ON WASTEWATER DISPERSAL
  - POTABLE WATER SUPPLY CAPACITY LIMITATIONS
  - COMBINATION OF ABOVE





### CURRENT ONSITE WATER REUSE REGULATORY/ GUIDELINE LANDSCAPE IN NEW ENGLAND

State	Reuse Guidelines	Reuse Regulations	Onsite Reuse Systems
СТ	No	No	Yes
RI	Yes	No	Yes
MA	No	Yes	Yes
VT	No	No	Yes
NH	No	No	No
ME	No	No	No

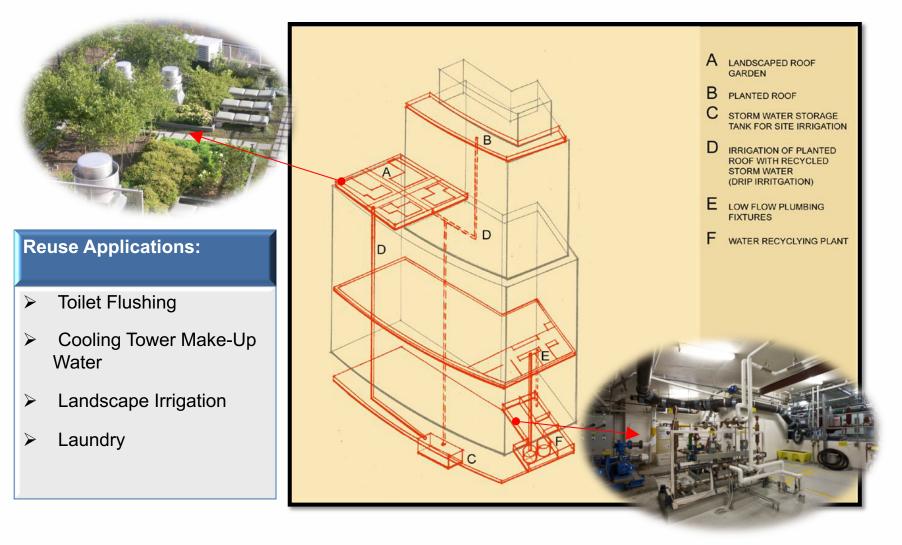


**Onsite Water Reuse** 

# 2. WATER REUSE & THERMAL ENERGY RECOVERY CASE STUDY: BATTERY PARK CITY



### **CASE STUDY: BATTERY PARK, NYC** IN BUILDING WATER REUSE & THERMAL ENERGY RECOVERY





# SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

### **PROVEN TECHNOLOGIES/SYSTEM OPERATIONS WITH PROVEN RESULTS**

NYC Required Parameter	DOB Limit	Membrane Specs	System
BOD (mg/L)	<10	<2	
TSS (mg/L)	<10	<2	Requirements
Fecal Colliform (CFU/100mL)	<100	<10	
Turbidity (NTU)	<2	<0.2	Actual
E. Coli Colony Count (#/100mL)	<2.2	N/A	Performance
pH	6.5-8.0	N/A	
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Over 10 years of
onsite in-building
urban reuse
system
performance data
consistently
exceeding permit
requirements with
zero violations!

System Location	BOD, mg/l	TSS, mg/l	Turbidity NTU	Fecal Coliform #/100 ml	E. Coli #/ 100 ml
The Solaire (2003)	< 6	< 1	0.05 – 0.25	< 1	
Millennium Tower Residences	< 6	< 1	0.15 – 0.45	< 1	—
The Visionaire	< 6	< 1	0.15 – 0.45	< 1 (Total coliform)	< 1
The Helena	< 6	< 1	0.05 -0.20	< 1	_



### **TECHNICAL ADVANCEMENTS IN PAST 20 YEARS**

- **TREATMENT PROCESS AUTOMATION**
- OZONE AND ULTRAVIOLET DISINFECTION
- CONTINUOUS RECORDING SENSORS
  - **TURBIDITY**
  - COLOR
  - OXIDATION-REDUCTION POTENTIAL (ORP)
  - RESIDUAL OZONE
  - ULTRAVIOLET (UV) LIGHT ABSORBANCE/INTENSITY (UVA)
- SECURE REMOTE OPERATION & MONITORING





**Onsite Water Reuse** 

# 3. WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF REUSE IN NEW ENGLAND?



### RISK-BASED APPROACH TO PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION FOR NON-POTABLE WATER SYSTEMS



### Final Report

Risk-Based Framework for the Development of Public Health Guidance for Decentralized Non-Potable Water Systems



(2017)



A Guidebook for Developing and Implementing Regulations for Onsite Non-potable Water Systems



US Water Alliance

### RISK-BASED FRAMEWORK FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION

- RISK BASED APPROACH BASED ON:
  - RISK OF EXPOSURE TO REFERENCE PATHOGENS
  - SYSTEM COMPLEXITY
  - MULTIPLE BARRIER DESIGN
  - FIT FOR PURPOSE WATER
  - LOG<sub>10</sub> REDUCTION TARGETS
  - LOG<sub>10</sub> REDUCTION VALUES FOR UNIT PROCESSES

- KEY MONITORING & REPORTING CONSIDERATIONS
  - > VALIDATION
  - MONITORING
  - CONTROL & AUTOMATION
  - ALARMS
  - FIELD VERIFICATION
  - CONTINUOUS PROCESS VERIFICATION
  - DATA
  - REPORTING



### **EXAMPLE TREATMENT PROCESS LOG<sub>10</sub> REDUCTION CREDITS**

Treatment Process	Log <sub>10</sub> Reduction Credits (Virus/Protozoa/Pathogens)
Microfiltration or Ultrafiltration	0/4/0
Membrane Bioreactor	1.5/2/4
Reverse Osmosis	Up to 2/2/2
Ultraviolet Light Disinfection	Up to 6/6/6
Chlorine Disinfection	Up to 5/0/5
Ozone Disinfection	Up to 4/3/0

\*Source: Adapted from Table 3 in A Guidebook for Developing and Implementing Regulations for Onsite Non-potable Water Systems



# FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISTRIBUTED REUSE IN NEW ENGLAND

- **1. ONSITE WATER REUSE**
- 2. SEWER MINING







### **NON-POTABLE REUSE WORKS!**

Let's Work Together on Decentralized Non-Potable Reuse to:

- Increase Effectiveness of Regulatory Programs
- Provide Cost-Effective Resiliency and Sustainability of Water Infrastructure





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