



# From Waste(water) to Wealth

The Technology and Economics of Onsite  
Water Reuse Strategies

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# The Problem with Water



Aging  
Infrastructure



Growing Cities



Water Scarcity



Climate  
Change

# Water Worries in the News

**Why parts of America are 'certainly in a water crisis' and what can be done about it**

Only 2.5% of Earth's water is freshwater.

**This is why we can't dismiss water scarcity in the US**

**Arizona limits future home-building in Phoenix area due to lack of groundwater**

**Florida Fresh Water Supply Isn't Projected To Keep Up With Population Growth**

**Combating climate change and water scarcity in the U.S.**

**Billions of people lack access to clean drinking water, U.N. report finds**

**As Colorado River Dries, the U.S. Teeters on the Brink of Larger Water Crisis**

The megadrought gripping the western states is only part of the problem. Alternative sources of water are also imperiled, and the nation's food along with it.

**Lake Mead's water level has never been lower. Here's what that means.**

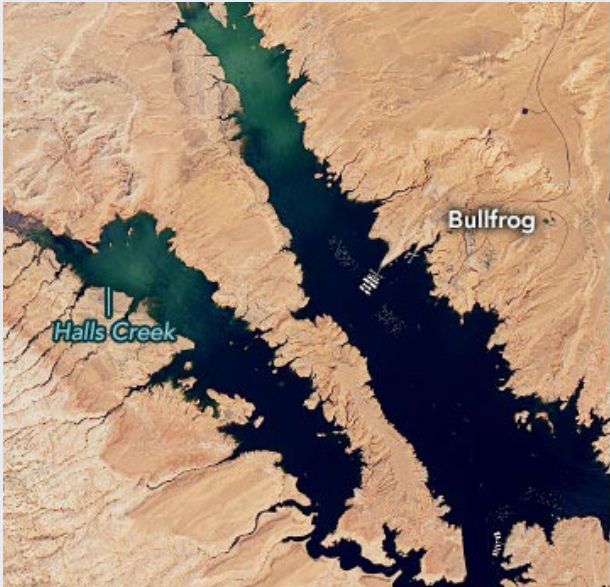
**Two-thirds of the globe face water shortages, major study finds**

Global water scarcity is far more severe than previously thought

**Drought Affected Nearly a Third of Americans in August**

The share of the population impacted by severe drought or worse neared historic highs for the 21st century.

**Global water crisis could 'spiral out of control' due to overconsumption and climate change, UN report warns**




# Why Reuse Matters in Buildings



“The world’s building stock is expected to double by 2060 — the equivalent of adding another New York City monthly between now and then.”

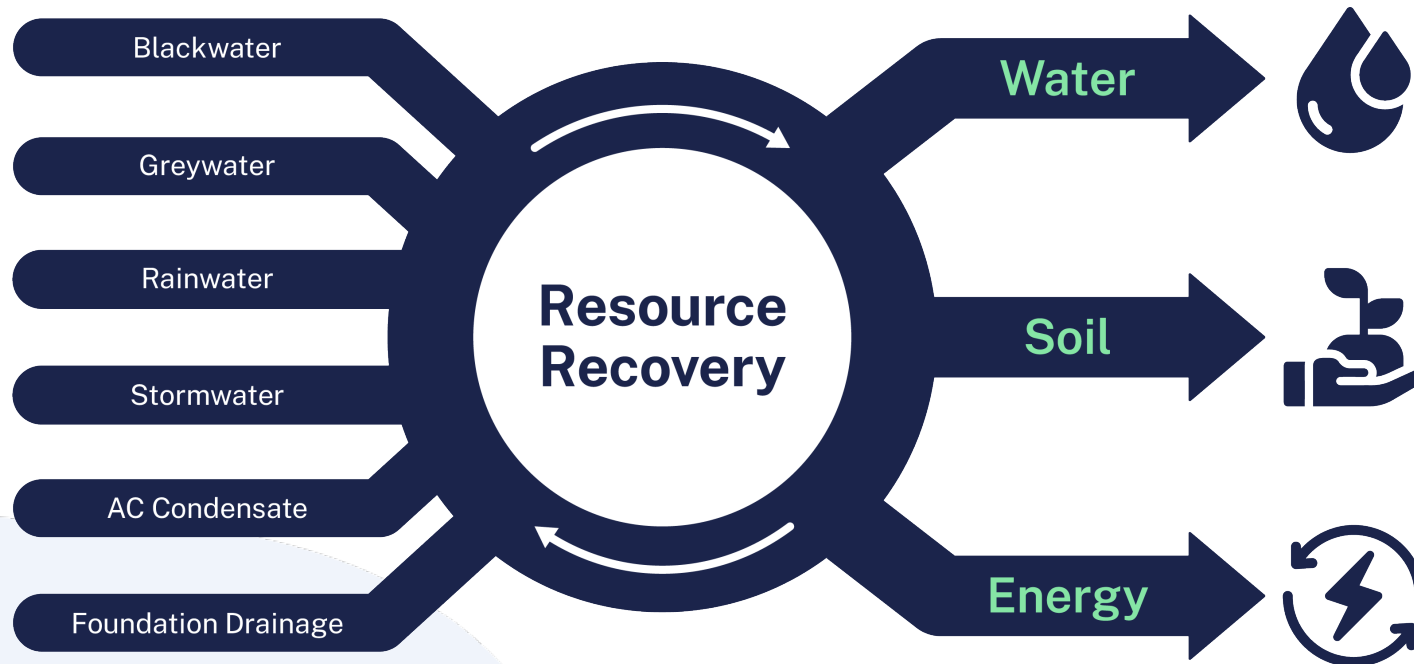
— *Bill Gates*

A tall, modern skyscraper with a white grid facade and many lit windows, set against a night cityscape. The building is the central focus, with its lights glowing against the dark blue sky. The city below is densely packed with buildings, some of which are also lit up, creating a vibrant urban scene. The overall atmosphere is one of modern architecture and urban development.

Buildings globally use 14% of the world's potable water supply yet almost none reuse it.

# Full Resource Recovery is Possible

Turnkey, onsite reuse solutions utilize a building's wastewater for:



**Recycle up to  
95% of a  
building's  
wastewater**



# Epic's Value

Epic Cleantec is a full-service water technology company that deploys decentralized water treatment and reuse systems into individual or groups of buildings, converting wastewater into three sustainable outputs:



Recycled water for non-potable applications



Recovered energy from wastewater heat



High-quality soil amendments





# Onsite Reuse System Outputs



Clean Water



Soil



Heat Energy

# Defining Water Reuse

**Blackwater:**  
Wastewater from toilets, dishwashers, kitchen sinks, and utility sinks

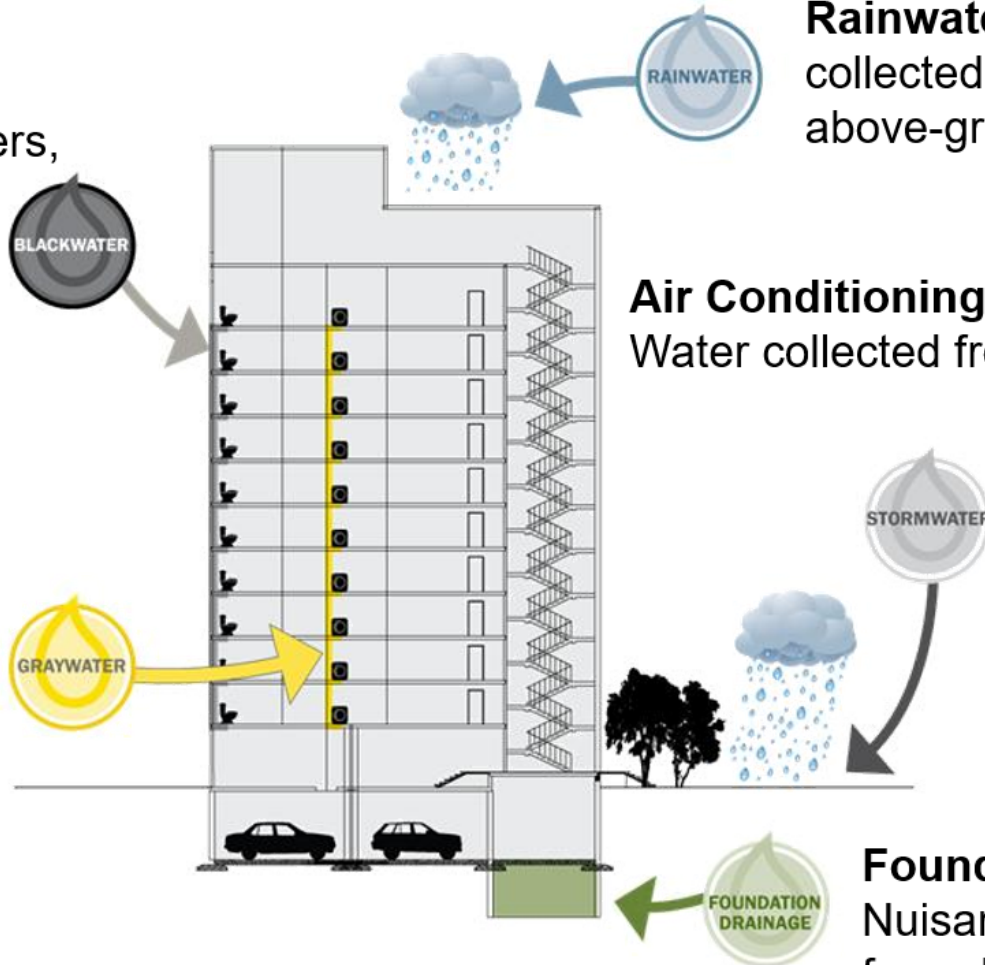
**Greywater:**  
Wastewater from clothes washers, bathtubs, showers, and bathroom sinks

**Rainwater:** Precipitation collected from roofs and above-grade surfaces

**Air Conditioning Condensate:**  
Water collected from evaporator coils

**Stormwater:**  
Precipitation collected at or below grade

**Foundation Drainage:**  
Nuisance groundwater from dewatering operations

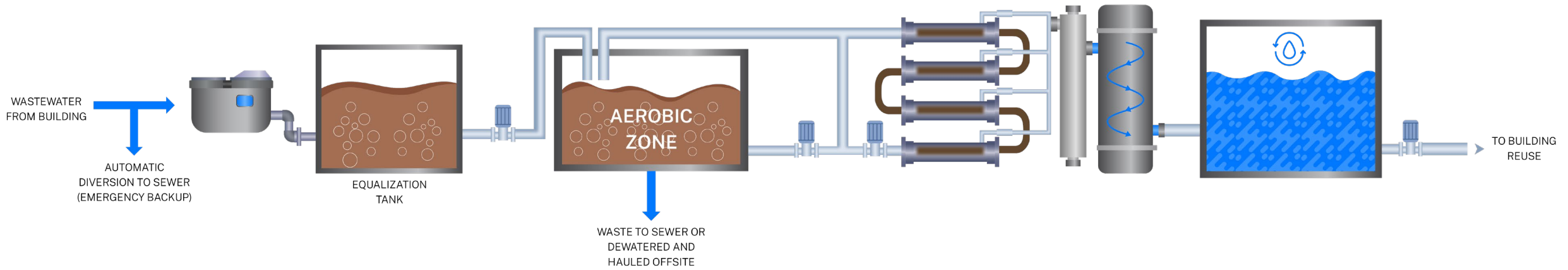


Source: EPA



# How It Works

## Blackwater



**1** Prefiltration & equalization

**2** Biological treatment

**3** Membrane filtration

**4** Disinfection & heat recovery

# Onsite Reuse System Evaluation

GREYWATER



BLACKWATER



COST



WATER SAVINGS



CARBON SAVINGS



FOOTPRINT



MEP IMPACT



ENERGY EFFICIENCY



LEED IMPACT



FLEXIBILITY



## WATER BALANCE SUMMARY

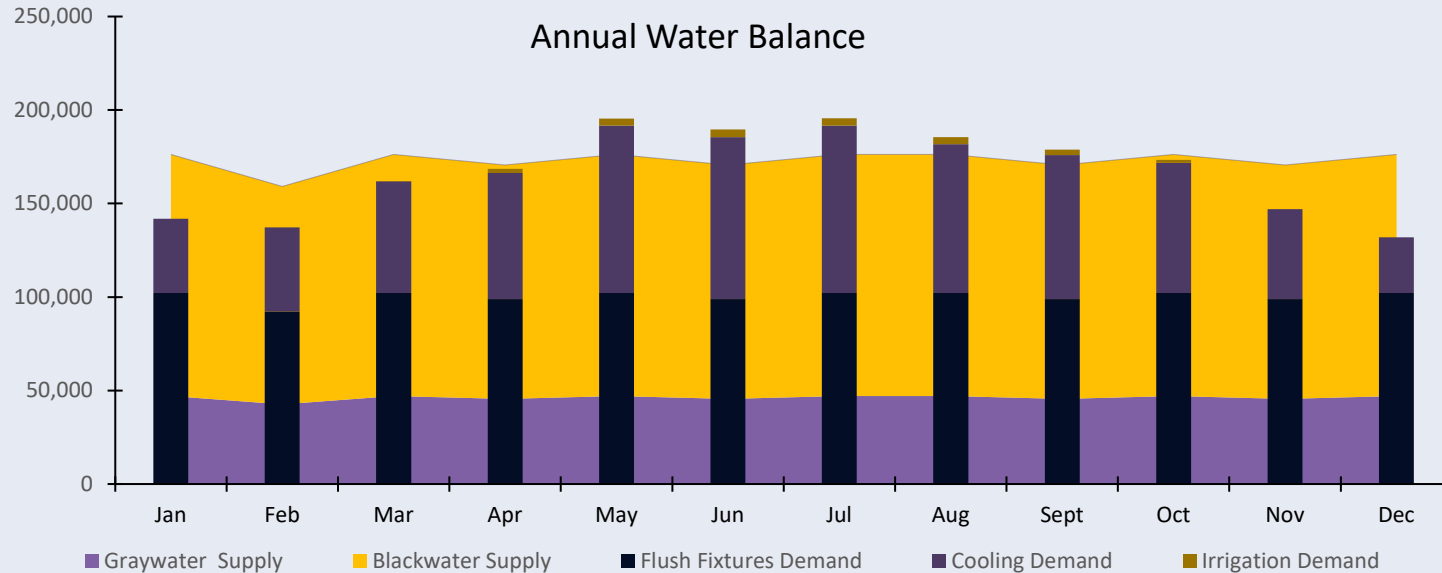
SUPPLY	Annual (gal/year)	Average Daily (gal/day)
Greywater supply	554,480	1,520
Blackwater supply	2,075,600	5,700
NON-POTABLE DEMAND	Annual (gal/year)	Average Daily (gal/day)
Flush fixtures demand	1,202,300	3,300
Cooling demand	782,400	2,890
Irrigation demand	27,850	160
<b>Total non-potable demand</b>	<b>2,006,980</b>	<b>6,350</b>

## Project Inputs

*Location:* San Francisco, CA  
*Type:* Laboratory  
*GSF:* 216,165  
*Stories:* 5 stories + 1 basement

*Cooling Tower:* Yes (Not Known)  
*Irrigation:* Yes (Not Known)

- Irrigation footprint estimated at 2,000 square feet per A1102 – Site Plan (Proposed).
- Cooling tower estimated to serve full lab space.
- Project blackwater is expected to serve **95% of estimated non-potable demand**, including flush fixtures, cooling tower makeup, and irrigation.
- If cooling towers are not included in design, or recycled water is not desired for cooling tower makeup, the project blackwater supply will serve **100% of estimated non-potable demand**.
- Drain trap priming is estimated to add a negligible load to the non-potable demand.



APPLICATION FOR SITE PERMIT SUBMITTED AFTER JANUARY 1, 2022	
Required Alternate Water Sources	Required Non-potable Uses
Blackwater Condensate	Toilet & Urinal Flushing Drain Trap Priming

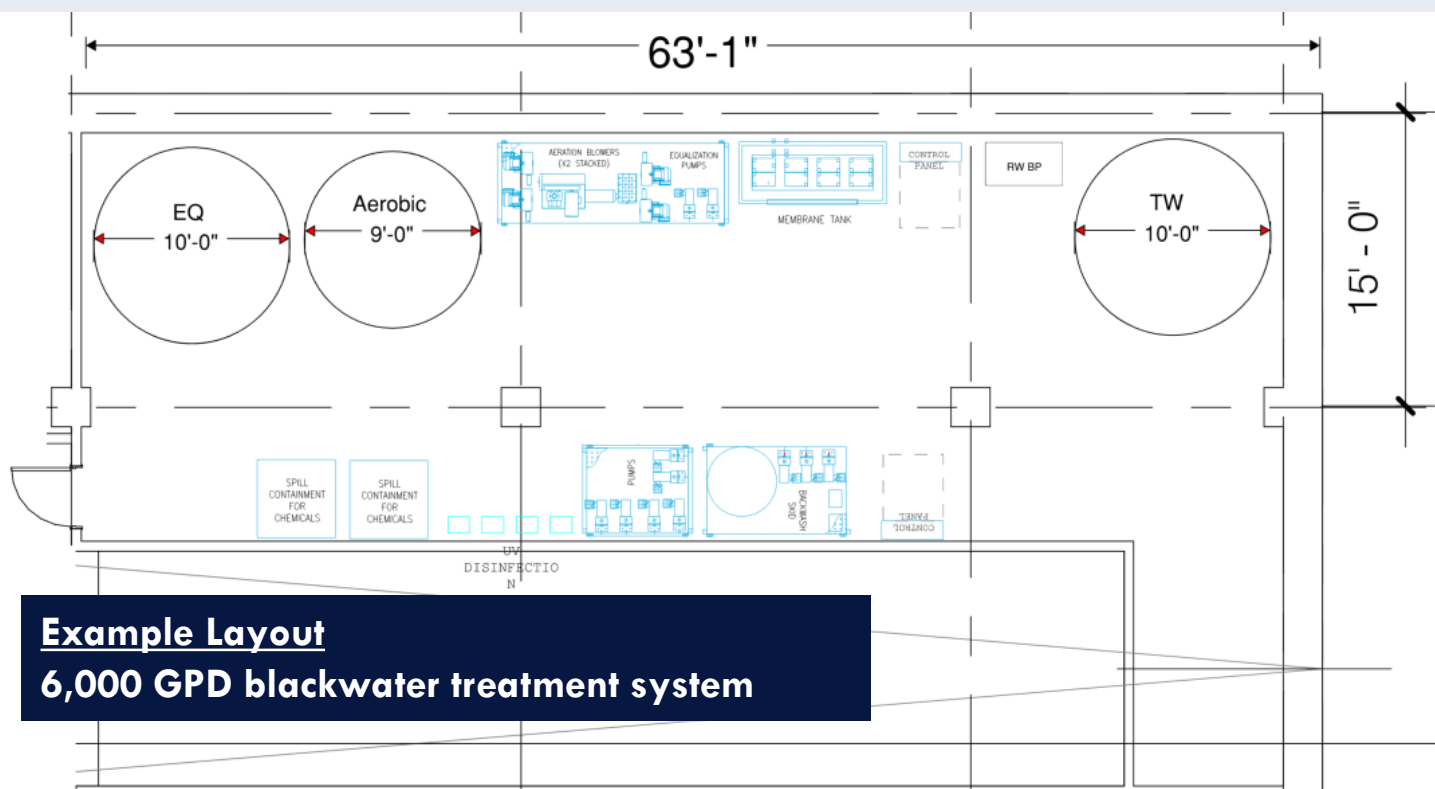
SFPUC Non-potable Water Ordinance

## STRATEGIC OPTIONS SUMMARY

Scope	Design Flow	System Cost	Est. Footprint
Blackwater	4,000 gal/d	\$XXX	800 SF
Blackwater	6,000 gal/d	\$XXX	950 SF

### Estimate Notes

- ROM system cost information includes reuse system, design, permitting, installation, and system startup.
- Heat recovery, power distribution, distribution pumps, dual plumbing and other building/infrastructure MEP systems not included.
- Proforma does not account for savings associated with water and sewer connection fee reductions, or meter charge reductions.
- Annual operating costs includes onsite presence, remote monitoring, all required regulatory water quality sampling and reports, general maintenance needs, and emergency maintenance needs.
- Estimated footprint does not include all required clearances. The final footprint will be based on the project layout.



### Layout Notes:

- BOH room background (on level B1) found on sheet A2201 – Floor Plan – Levels B1 & 1
- Assumes minimum 12' ceilings due to car stacker. Tanks shown are 10'0" height.
- If irrigation is included as an end use, coordination with the irrigation consultant will be required to confirm water quality requirements for plantings. If denitrification is needed for plant health, an additional (estimate 3'0") tank will be required for anoxic treatment.
- Skid sizes may be adjusted in design development. Skid locations may also be adjusted in design development based on coordination with other trades.
- Layout is shown as an example only and will be refined during design. Alternate layouts are acceptable. It is best to locate skids and tanks such that air and water piping is as minimal as possible.
- Plumbing components such as floor drains, floor sinks, and emergency eyewash are not shown, but are required.



Annual Water/Wastewater Cost

**\$2.5M** w/o Epic vs. **\$1.3M** with Epic

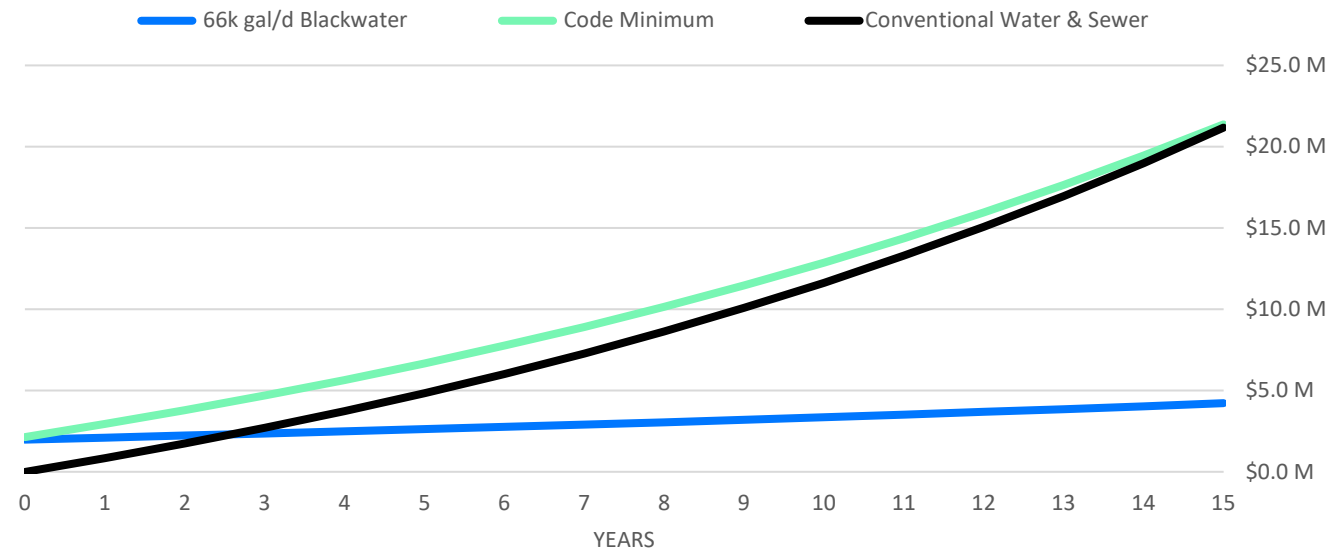
**Demand by Use Type**



■ Potable ■ Flush Fixtures ■ Irrigation ■ Laundry ■ Cooling Tower

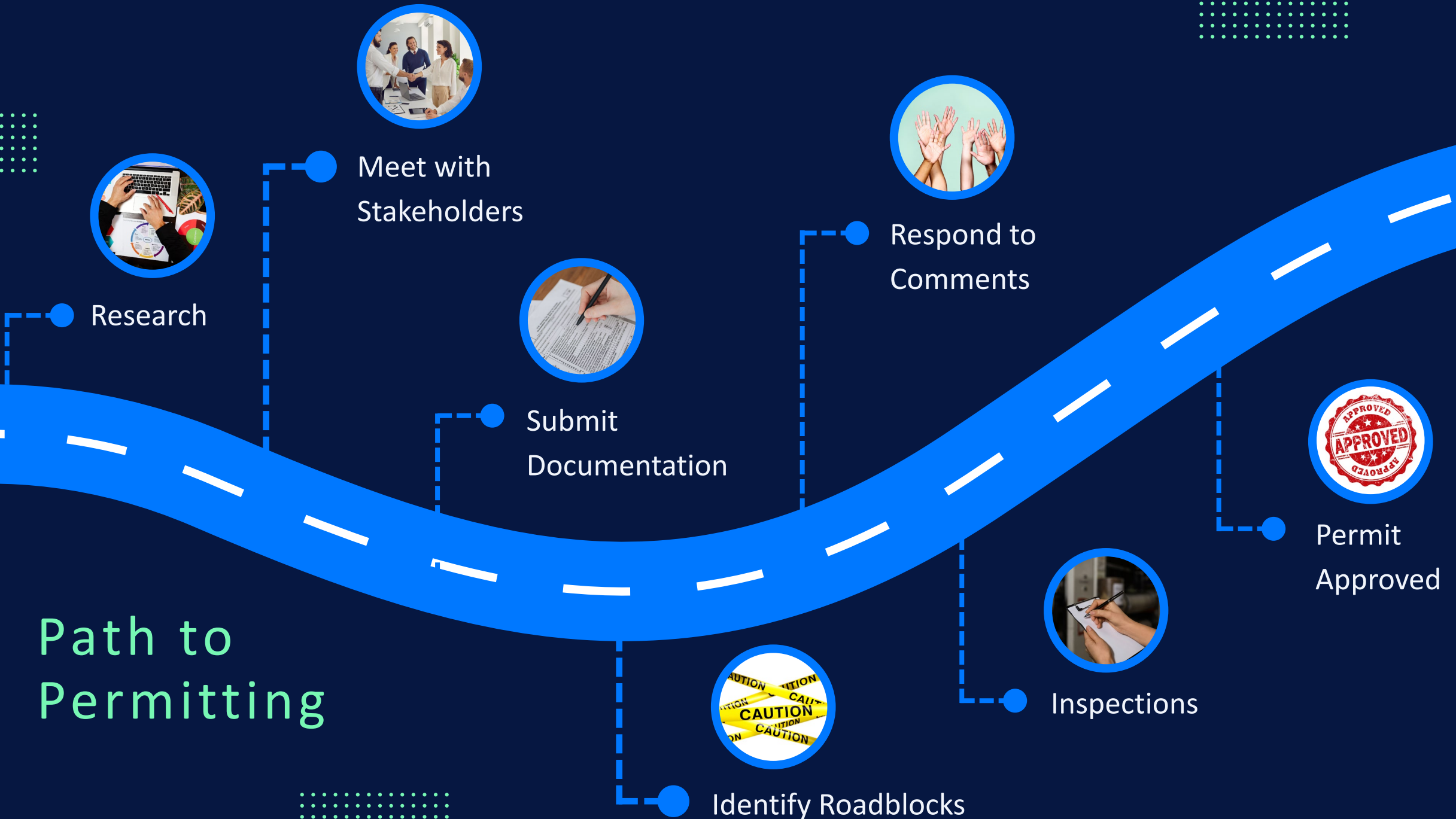
# Savings Potential

## Cumulative Project Costs



- ✓ **\$300,000** saved on one-time water and sewer impact fees
- ✓ Cumulative 10-year water/ sewer bill savings **\$12M+**
- ✓ **48%** annual savings
- ✓ Potential to reuse **24.5 million** gallons annually

# Path to Permitting





# Water Incentive Programs

Program Name	Type	Location	Amount	Qualification Details
<a href="#">Onsite Water Reuse Program</a>	Grant	San Francisco, CA	up to \$1,000,000	Projects that are voluntary, go above and beyond baseline compliance, or reuse brewery process water
<a href="#">LADWP Technical Assistance Program</a>	Grant	Los Angeles, CA	up to \$2,000,000	Projects that replace at least 50,000 gallons of potable water over two years
<a href="#">Water Efficient Technology (WET) Program</a>	Rebate	Santa Clara County, CA	up to \$100,000	Projects saving at least 74,800 GPY of potable water
<a href="#">Water Wise Rebates</a>	Rebate	Sacramento, CA	up to \$50,000	Installation of new water saving technologies
<a href="#">Water Savings Incentive Program (WSIP)</a>	Incentive	Southern California	Varies	Any non-residential project that saves at least 10,000,000 gallons of water
<a href="#">Onsite Water Reuse System</a>	Incentive	Austin, TX	up to \$500,000	Projects that reuse 1,000,000 GPY+ of potable water
<a href="#">Commercial Custom Rebate Program</a>	Rebate	San Antonio, TX	Varies	Water savings expected must exceed 1 million gallons per year
<a href="#">WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects</a>	Grant	Nationwide locations	up to \$100,000	Available to non-profits, tribes or governments in eligible states
<a href="#">Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)</a>	Loan	Nationwide locations	Varies	Low interest loans for water reuse projects
Wastewater Capacity Charge Reductions	Rate Reduction	Nationwide locations	up to \$500,000	Some cities will agree to reduce upfront water and wastewater capacity charges in proportion to the anticipated flow reductions
<a href="#">Water Conservation and Reuse Grant Pilot Program</a>	Grant / Rebate	New York	Varies	25% water fee discount to customers who install water reuse systems that reduce the building's water consumption by at least 25%. A 76% wastewater fee discount is also offered for properties that discharge less than 25% of their flow.
<a href="#">The Water Infrastructure and Innovation Act (WIFIA)</a>	Credit	Nationwide	Varies	Federal credit program administered by the EPA for eligible water and wastewater infrastructure projects, including water reuse. Qualifying WIFIA applicants must provide matching funds from another source.

# LEED V4.1 Potential Points

## Key Advantages

By offering unique features such as solids recovery and wastewater heat recovery, Epic systems can expect to achieve LEED credits exceeding direct competitors in the following credit categories:

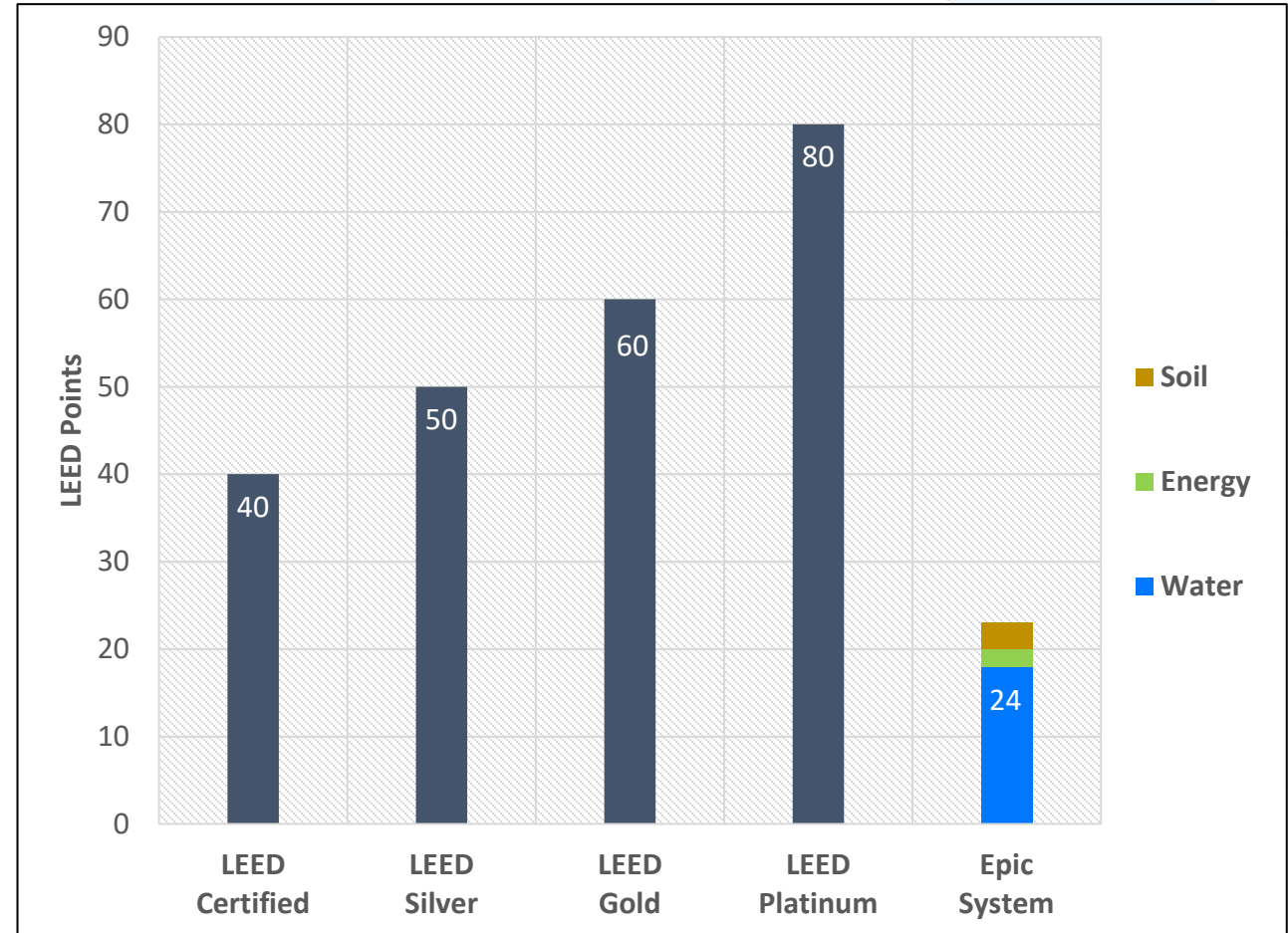
- *Optimize Energy Performance*
- *Building Life Cycle Impact Reduction*
- *Innovation Credit*

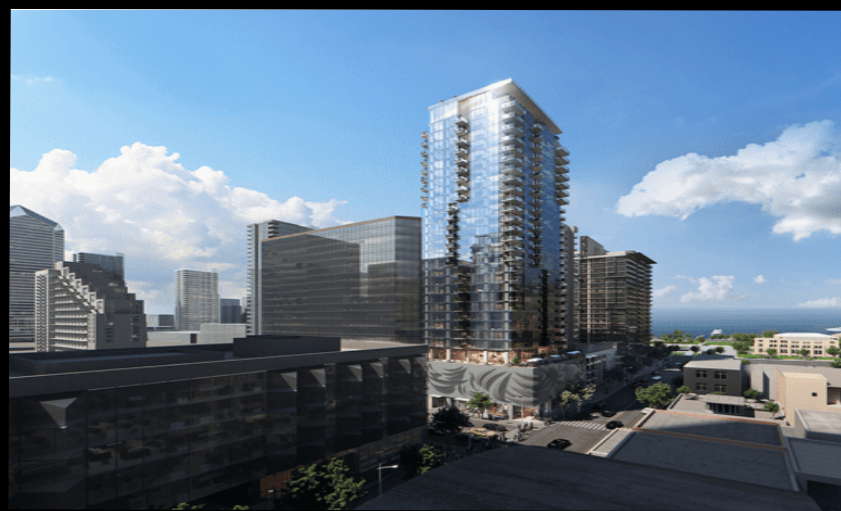
## Calculation Notes

- The Potential Points column represents the total possible number of LEED points in that category. The estimated points earned by the Epic packaged system will vary based on each project's specific conditions.
- The estimated points earned by the Epic packaged system is based on a system including:
  - Blackwater treatment
  - Wastewater heat recovery
  - Wastewater solids recovery

\*The number of points earned for this credit will depend on the percentage of water savings, which varies per project.

\*\*The Rainwater Management Credit is applicable when the Epic packaged treatment system also includes a rainwater/stormwater treatment system.





# Thank You

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