

# Black Water/Gray Water



...not all wastewater is created equal...

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE  
President Joe Biden speaks during a visit to the Belmont Water Treatment Plant on Friday in Philadelphia.

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# Wastewater Treatment Options

A		All off-site
B		Storm water on-site Black + Gray off-site
C		Storm + Gray on-site Black off-site
D		All on-site

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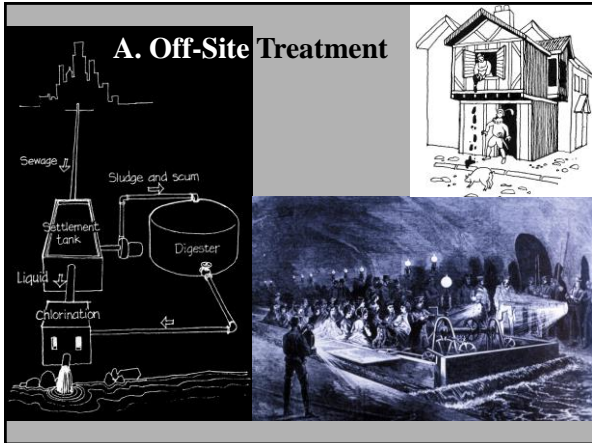
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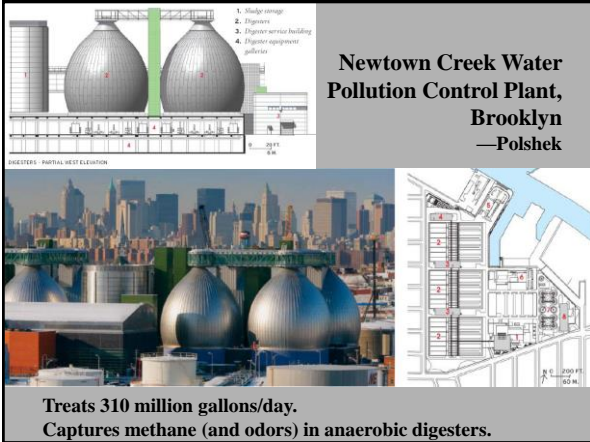
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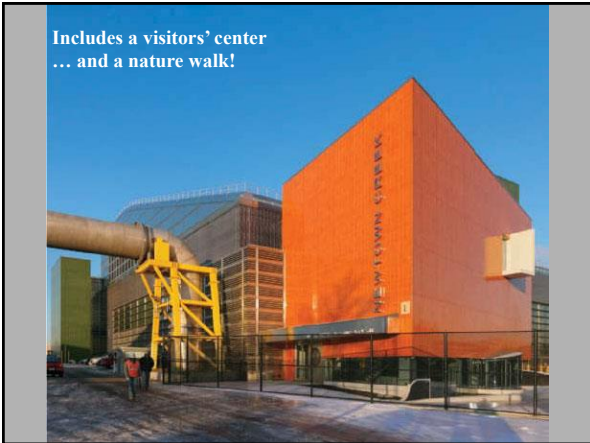
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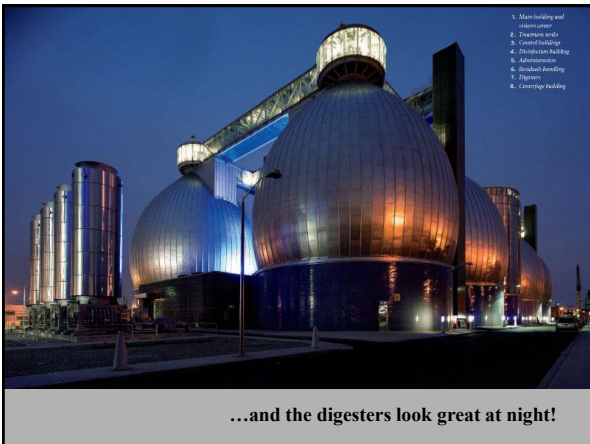
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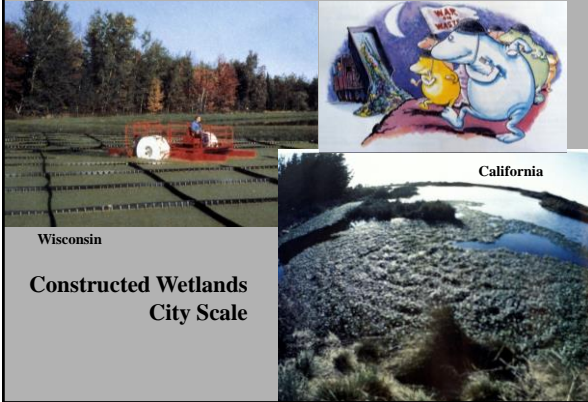
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## Option 2: Wastewater as nutrients:



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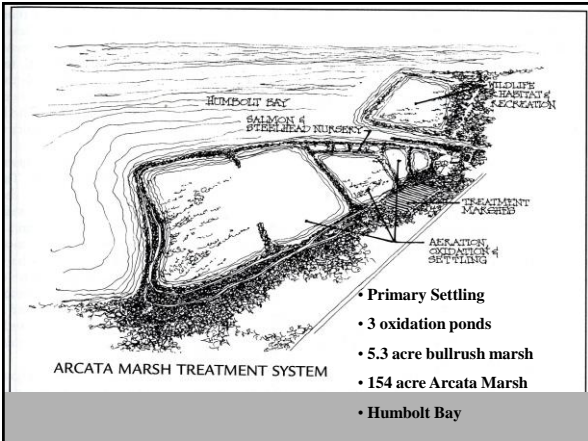
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### Case Study

#### South Burlington, Vermont

Built in late 1995, the South Burlington Living Machine® was ramped-up to full design flow by April 1996. This facility was built with a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency for innovative technology. This Living Machine® has demonstrated excellent treatment performance, even at very cold temperatures.

It treats **80,000 gallons per day** of municipal sewage, generated by approximately 1,600 residential users. The waste stream is diverted from the City's conventional treatment plant.

<http://www.livingtechnologies.com/>

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**Process**

Sewage flows to a greenhouse with two treatment trains, each with five aerobic reactors, a clarifier and three Ecological Fluidized Beds. The open aerobic reactors have aerators and are planted with a variety of aquatic plant species in floating plant racks. The air and plants provide an environment that hosts a variety of organisms that eat the waste in the wastewater. Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) and Total Suspended Solids (TSS) are reduced and ammonia nitrified in this stage of treatment. A clarifier follows the open aerobic reactors to settle out the solids.

Ecological Fluidized Beds (EFBs) in each train follow the clarifier for final 'polishing'. These beds operate aerobically and provide final polishing, nitrification, and suspended solids digestion.

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**Performance Summary  
South Burlington, VT  
Living Machine**

Water Characteristics	Units	Influent	Target	Effluent
Chemical Oxygen Demand	mg/L	454.0	<50	31.0
Biochemical Oxygen Demand	mg/L	219.0	<10	5.9
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	174.0	<10	4.8
Total Nitrogen	mg/L	23.0	<10	2.2
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	mg/L	23.0	5	1.3
Ammonia	mg/L	14.0	1	0.25
Total Phosphorous	mg/L	4.8	3	2.2
Fecal Colliform	col/100ml	~9million	<2000	1177.0

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**Hybrid Wetland Living Machine Diagram**

**Tidal wetland cells are filled and drained 12 times/day**  
**When filled — plants and microbes digest nutrients,**  
**When empty — oxygen is introduced.**

**More effective and energy-efficient!**

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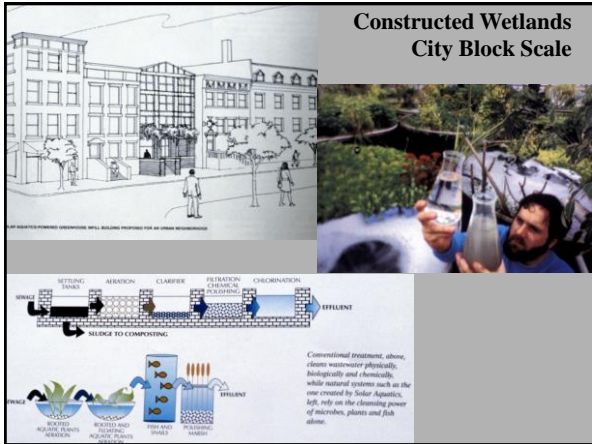
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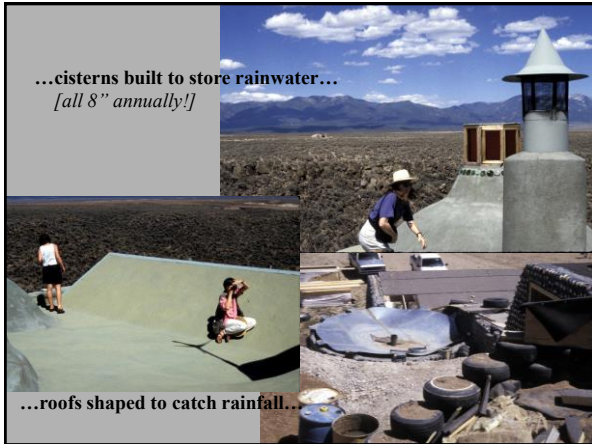
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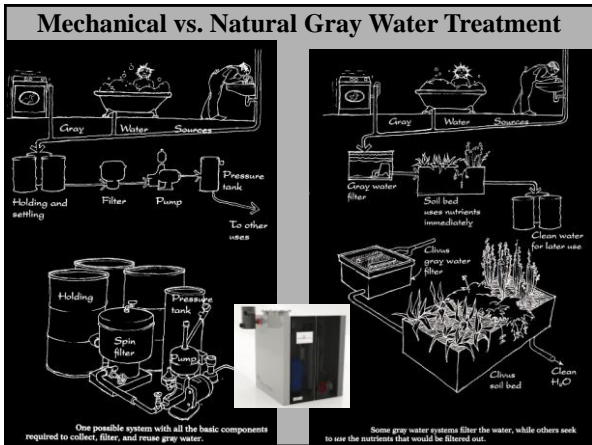
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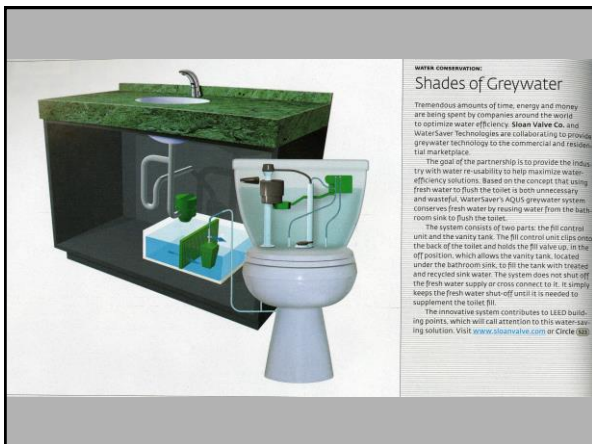
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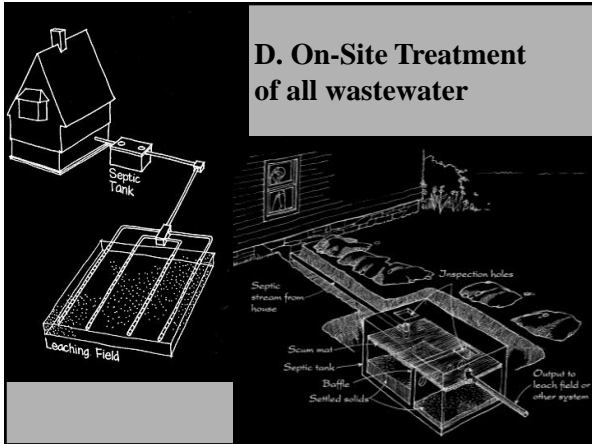
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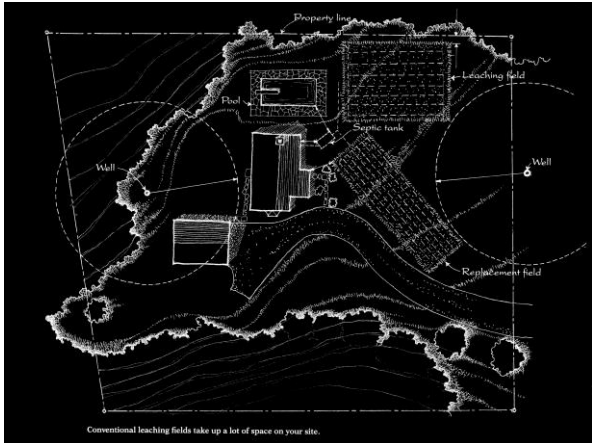
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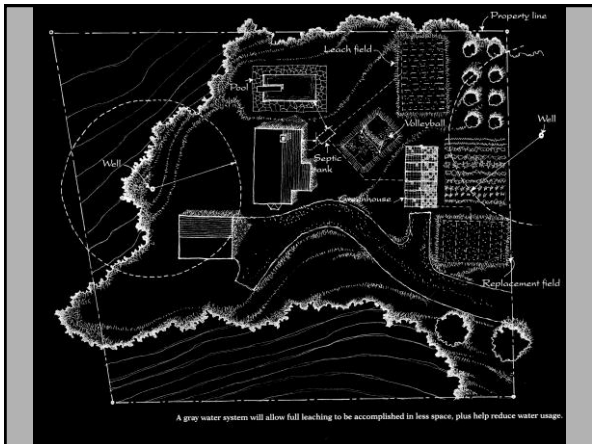
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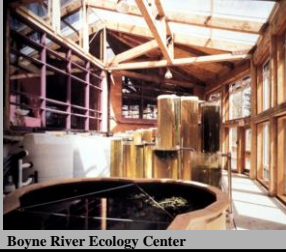
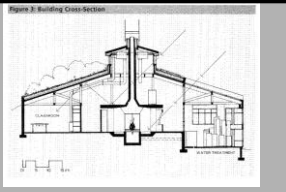
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**Constructed Wetlands—  
Building Scale**



Boyne River Ecology Center

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**Living Machine—Large Building Scale**



SF PUD building

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**A few case studies...**



**BIOSPHERE 2**

What they learn inside  
may save us all

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Lagoon at Biosphere 2

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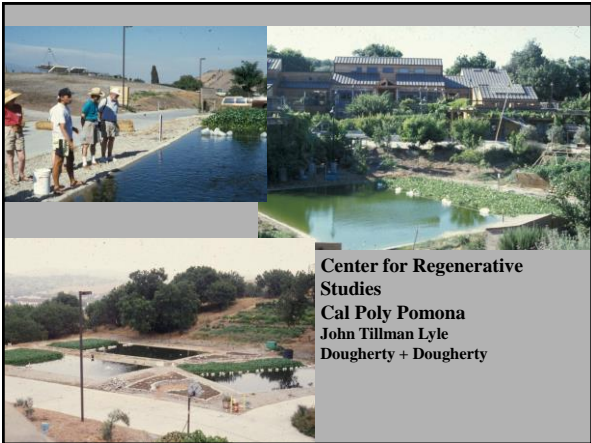
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Center for Regenerative Studies  
Cal Poly Pomona  
John Tillman Lyle  
Dougherty + Dougherty

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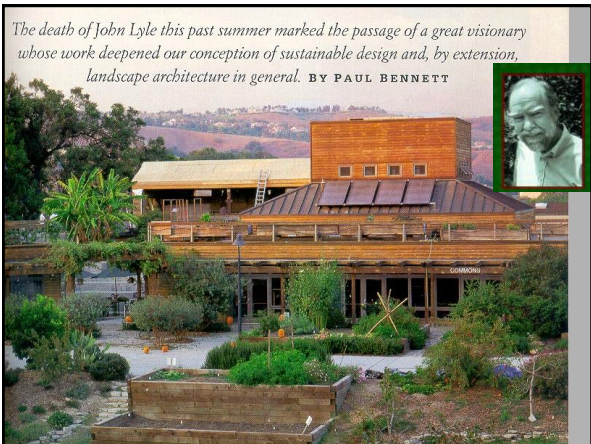
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*The death of John Lyle this past summer marked the passage of a great visionary whose work deepened our conception of sustainable design and, by extension, landscape architecture in general.* BY PAUL BENNETT

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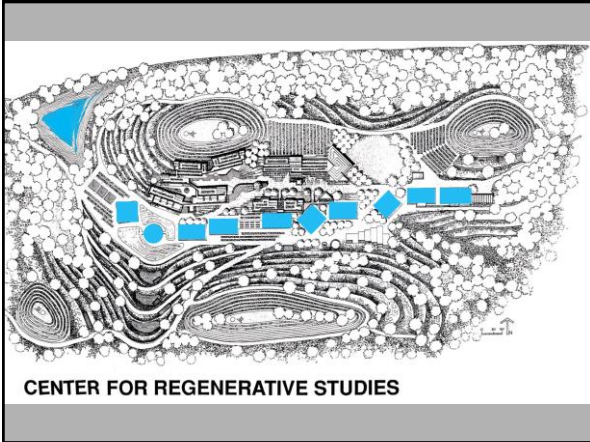
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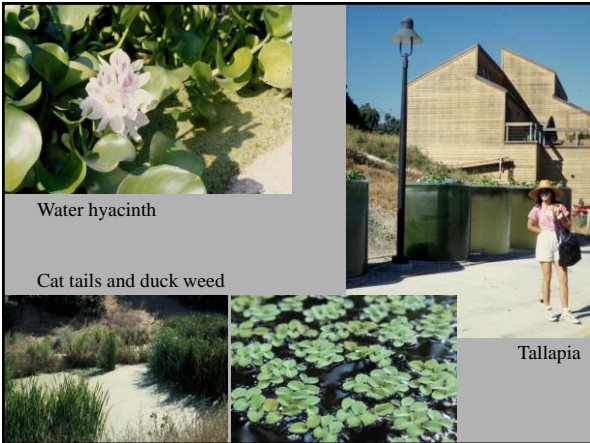
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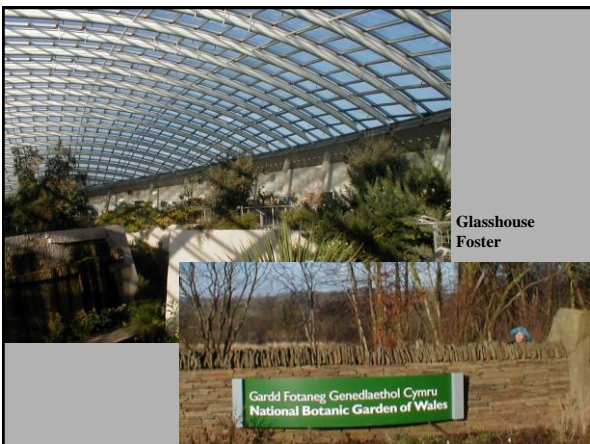
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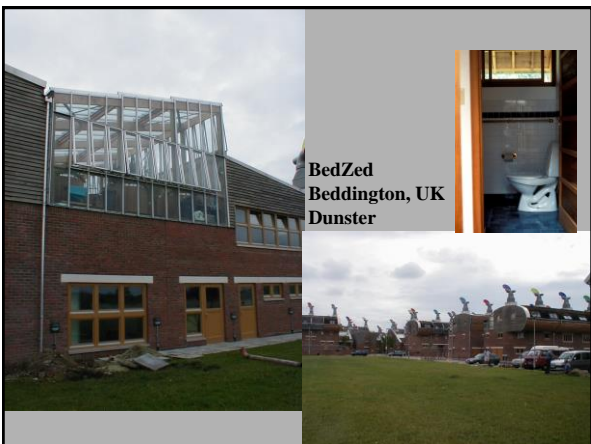
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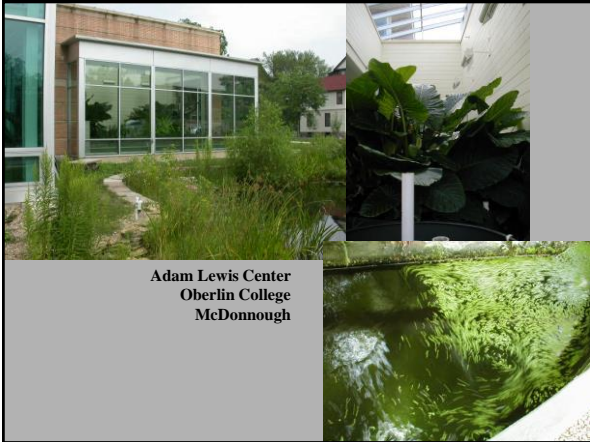
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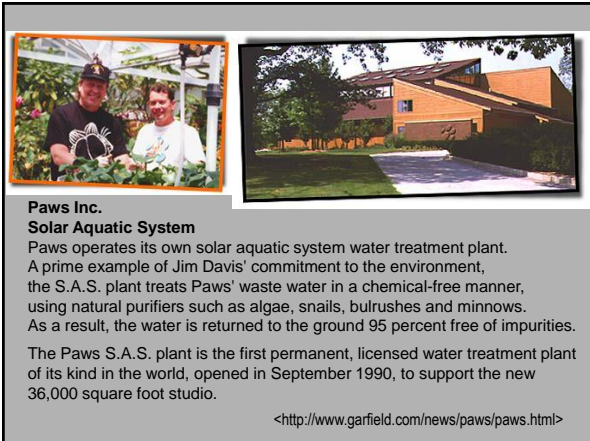
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**Paws Inc.  
Solar Aquatic System**

Paws operates its own solar aquatic system water treatment plant. A prime example of Jim Davis' commitment to the environment, the S.A.S. plant treats Paws' waste water in a chemical-free manner, using natural purifiers such as algae, snails, bulrushes and minnows. As a result, the water is returned to the ground 95 percent free of impurities.

The Paws S.A.S. plant is the first permanent, licensed water treatment plant of its kind in the world, opened in September 1990, to support the new 36,000 square foot studio.

<<http://www.garfield.com/news/paws/paws.html>>

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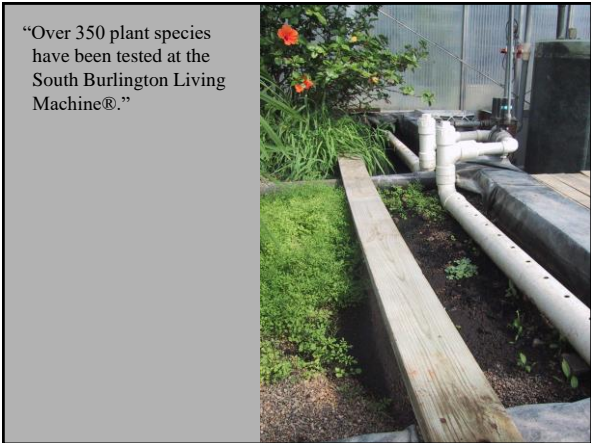
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On a tip from Kurt Zenner, Mahlum Architects...



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