natural systems utilities





Battery Park

New York City



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Natural Systems Utilities (NSU) designed, built, and currently operates the wastewater and rainwater recycling systems within six Battery Park City Buildings. These systems have consistently achieved greater than 50% water consumption reduction and a greater than 60% reduction in wastewater discharge (compared to similar residential buildings in NYC). These water and wastewater savings are the direct result of wastewater reuse and water conservation. Battery Park City has been developed as a model for scaling water conservation and reuse projects in urban redevelopment and campus-scale settings.

Challenge

Battery Park City (New York) is a 92-acre redevelopment under the Battery Park City Authority (BPCA) of New York City. To achieve sustainability goals, they required innovative water system solutions. BPCA's mission included advanced water reuse objectives, exceeding LEED requirements. Together, we sought creative solutions, updated regulations, and met groundbreaking environmental impact goals.

○ POTABLE WATER CONSTRAINTS	SEWAGE TREATMENT CONSTRAINTS
□ REGULATORY MANDATES	○ COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW (CSO)



1ST IN-BUILDING RESIDENTIAL **HIGH-RISE WATER REUSE SYSTEM IN US**

The Solution

NSU and BPCA worked together to develop six residential water reuse systems in Battery Park City which service eight buildings: The Solaire, Tribeca Green, Millennium Tower, The Visionaire, Riverhouse, Liberty Luxe, Liberty View, and The Verdesian.

Systems include treatment with hollow fiber micro-filtration membranes, ultraviolet light disinfection, and biological nitrogen removal to comply with New York City Department of Buildings' direct water reuse standards. The total design flow for these systems is 165,000 gallons per day.

The first project in NYC to incorporate wastewater reuse was the Solaire Building, which began operation in 2003 The treated water is reused for flushing toilets in the 293- unit apartment building, cooling tower make-up, and green roof irrigation.











Spray Irrigation Drip Irrigation

Maintenance





Reduction in Wastewater Discharge



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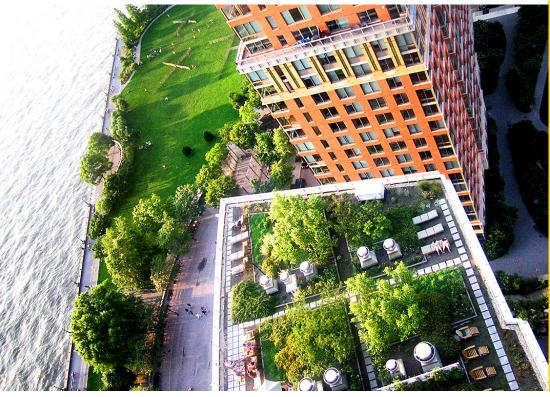




Highlights

- Combined Sewer Overflow Mitigation
- All buildings receive comprehensive water reuse program rates from NYCDEP
- Membrane Bioreactors
- · Ultraviolet and Ozone Disinfection





Achievements

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"This was a very important partnership for us. They not only implemented the plant for us but they maintained it, they monitored the water and made sure it was ran efficiently."

— Miroslav Salon, Building Manager, Albanese Organization