REDUCTION IN WATER CONSUMPTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS IN BARCELONA THROUGH WSUDs

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The aim of this communication is showing the research conducted during the last years on the effects in Barcelona city of WSUDs (Water Urban Design Systems) on reduction of water consumption, moderation of land surface temperatures and regulation of rainwater runoff, especially in pluvial flood-prone urban areas.

In this case we focus in el Raval zone, a flood-prone urban area inside the Barcelona heat island effect.











1. REDUCTION IN WATER CONSUMPTION:

TOTAL WATER CONSUMPTION IN BARCELONA=91197728 m3 in 2020 residential water consumption=73,53% (phreatic water supply was a 1,165% of the total water supply of Barcelona in 2018; the use was for Municipality services).



https://www.bcn.cat/estadistica/catala/dades/economia/consum/evoconsum/coev04.htm#inicio

This communication is focused in reduction of the residential water consumption



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A first análisis about green areas surfaces-roofs surfaces and sidewalks ratios per habitant of administrative units is done to have an idea of wich surfaces have the bigger ratio in el Raval área to decide a rainwater harvesting strategy. El Raval is a very dense area, with an intense land occupation for which it's necessary to use blue roofs to harvest water. The calculations to harvest at least a 21% (or 1/5 more or les) of the residential water consumption of the area have been made inversely. The result is that we need 16,95m2 per habitant to reduce a 21% water consumption. As roofs have a lower ratio it's necessary to proposed more rainwater harvesting areas such as sidewalks and green áreas of the public space.



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1. **REDUCTION IN WATER CONSUMPTION:**

"RAVAL" CURRENT INFILTRATING SURFACES

Current draining surfaces 10,41% 3,07%=22.535,38m 0,00 0,

PROPOSED RAINWATER RUNOFF HARVESTING SURFACES:



■ No rainwater harvesting= 42,72%

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"RAVAL" CURRENT INFILTRATING SURFACES



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WSUDs EFFICIENCY RAINWATER HARVESTING SURFACES m3-WSUDs m2 SURFACES As water harvesting depends on the C (runoff coefficient of the infitrating surfaces we need to analyze which construction systems are more efficient to harvest water).









REDUCTION IN WATER CONSUMPTION: calculations. In this case, the runoff coefficient ("C") of each surface has been 1. used to have an average of 0,78. The runoff coefficients have been taken from the "Guía Básica de Diseño de Sistemas de Gestión Sostenible de Aguas Pluviales en Zonas Verdes y otros Espacios Libres" by the Madrid Municipality.

The results are that we can harvest about a 21% of the water consumption for all the habitants of the studied area dwellings

21 % OF DRINKA	BLE WATER (CONSUMPTION REDUCTIO	IN FOR ALL THE DWELLINGS	IN THE STUDY CASE	AREA. REQUIRED RA	HO/NUMER O	F PERSONS=16	,95
						ACC.REQUIR	DIFFERENCE	%COVERED
DAYS	MONTH	RAIN AVERAGE (mm)	WATER HARVESTING (m3)	ACC. VOLUME (m3)	REQUIREMENTS(M3)	EMENTS (M3)	(M3)	REQUIREMENTS
30	September	61,92	20.305,74	20.305,74	18.008,55	18.008,55	2.297,19	1,13
31	October	73,65	24.152,42	44.458,16	18.608,84	36.617,39	7.840,77	1,21
30	November	75,33	24.703,35	69.161,50	18.008,55	54.625,94	14.535,57	1,27
31	December	26,91	8.824,73	77.986,24	18.608,84	73.234,77	4.751,47	1,06
31	January	33,88	11.110,44	89.096,68	18.608,84	91.843,61	-2.746,93	0,97
28	February	31,81	10.431,61	99.528,29	16.807,98	108.651,59	-9.123,29	0,92
31	March	71,38	23.408,00	122.936,30	18.608,84	127.260,42	-4.324,12	0,97
30	April	65,15	21.364,97	144.301,27	18.008,55	145.268,97	-967,70	0,99
31	Мау	54,54	17.885,58	162.186,84	18.608,84	163.877,81	-1.690,96	0,99
30	June	34,56	11.333,44	173.520,28	18.008,55	181.886,36	-8.366,08	0,95
31	July	40,05	13.133,80	186.654,08	18.608,84	200.495,19	-13.841,11	0,93
31	August	19,42	6.368,50	193.022,58	18.608,84	219.104,03	-26.081,45	0,88
365		588,60	193.022,58	1.383.157,95	219.104,03	1.420.874,60	-37.716,64	0,97



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2. RAINWATER RUNOFF INFILTRATION:

BARCELONA CURRENT FLOOD-PRONE AREAS, CURRENT SEWER SYSTEMS, FORMER STREAMS AND HYDROLOGICAL BASINS





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2. RAINWATER RUNOFF INFILTRATION:

CAUSES OF THE FLOODS IN THE AREA: **SLOPES WITH LESS THAN A 1%**



AND INCREASE OF THE INTENSITY AND DECREASE OF THE RAIN FREQUENCIES: comparative hyetograms 2071-2100 for T=10





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Hyetogram by https://bcnroc.ajuntament.barcelona.cat/jspui/handle/11703/119275







2. RAINWATER RUNOFF INFILTRATION:

PROPOSED INFILTRATION SURFACES



Current Green Areas -proposed as rainwater harvester =3,07%

6a/6b areas (public space, checked not green, paved, proposed pervious-rainwater harvester =7,34%

- Draining areas proposed green =5,92%
- Sidewalks-rainwater harvester-not infiltrating =0%
- Pedestrian streets-rainwater harvester not infiltrating=0%
- Pedestrian streets-infiltration area -rainwater harvester=0,44%
- Blue roofs- rainwater harvester=34,24%
- No rainwater runoff infiltration "in situ" = 48,40%

IF T=0,1 WSUDs MANAGE A 90,91% OF THE RUNOFF of the public space if C=0,9 in the worst of the cases. The blue roof i	9,00%	-0,1 6	
not included because it harvests all of the runoff instead of		N	
saturating the current sewerage (thus, also reducing the			
floods)		90,91%	
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T= 1 y 0,1 WS	UDs												
T=0,1 YEAR	K=lime-sand-gr	avel subsc	il=0,00001	C=0,9	(worst of t	the cases))				DEPO (M3)	2.000,00	
Duration (min)	Intensity (mm/h)	с	к	Area Sector(m2)	A Wsuds (m2)	Q rain (m3/seg)	Rain Volume (m3)	Q infiltrated (m3/seg)	Vfiltrated (m3)	Vnot filtrated (m3)	V accumulated (m3)	V overflow to the rainwater harvesting system (m3)	
5	4	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	0,48	143,45	1,23	369,12	0,00	0,00	0,00	
10	10	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	1,20	358,63	1,23	369,12	0,00	0,00	0,00	
15	30	0,9	0,00001	478.174.39	123.041.66	3,59	1.075.89	1,23	369.12	706,77	706,77	0.00	
20	40	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	4,78	1.434,52	1,23	369,12	1.065,40	1.772,17	0,00	
25	30	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	3,59	1.075,89	1,23	369,12	706,77	2.000,00	0,00	
30	15	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	1,79	537,95	1,23	369,12	168,82	2.000,00	647,75	
35	7	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	0,84	251,04	1,23	369,12	0,00	2.000,00	0,00	
40	6	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	0,72	215,18	1,23	369,12	0,00	2.000,00	0,00	
45	5	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	0,60	179,32	1,23	369,12	0,00	2.000,00	0,00	
50	4	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	0,48	143,45	1,23	369,12	0,00	2.000,00	0,00	
55	3	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	0,36	107,59	1,23	369,12	0,00	2.000,00	0,00	
60	2	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	0,24	71,73	1,23	369,12	0,00	2.000,00	0,00	
65	1,5	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	0,18	53,79	1,23	369,12	0,00	2.000,00	0,00	
70	1	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	0,12	35,86	1,23	369,12	0,00	2.000,00	0,00	

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2. RAINWATER RUNOFF INFILTRATION: CALCULATION FOR T=1

T=1 YEAR	K=lime-sa	nd-gravel s	subsoil=0,00001	C=0,9	(worst of the	e cases)		C=0,7	Ksuds=1 p	ermeabilizo	DEPO (M3)	2.000,00
Duration (min)	Intensity (mm/h)	с	к	Area Sector(m2)	A Wsuds (m2)	Q rain (m3/seg)	Rain Volume (m3)	Q infiltrated (m3/seg)	Vfiltrated (m3)	Vnot filtrated (m3)	V accumulated (m3)	V overflow to the rainwater harvesting system (m3)
5	19,2	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	2,30	688,57	1,23	369,12	319,45	319,45	0,00
10	27,01	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	3,23	968,66	1,23	369,12	599,54	918,98	0,00
15	92,6	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	11,07	3.320,92	1,23	369,12	2.951,80	2.000,00	1.870,78
20	92,6	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	11,07	3.320,92	1,23	369,12	2.951,80	2.000,00	2.951,80
25	37,65	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	4,50	1.350,24	1,23	369,12	981,12	2.000,00	981,12
30	21,95	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	2,62	787,19	1,23	369,12	418,07	2.000,00	418,07
35	17,36	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	2,08	622,58	1,23	369,12	253,46	2.000,00	253,46
40	14,43	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	1,73	517,50	1,23	369,12	148,38	2.000,00	148,38
45	13,02	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	1,56	466,94	1,23	369,12	97,81	2.000,00	97,81
50	11,61	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	1,39	416,37	1,23	369,12	47,25	2.000,00	47,25
55	10,22	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	1,22	366,52	1,23	369,12	0,00	2.000,00	0,00
60	8,87	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	1,06	318,11	1,23	369,12	0,00	2.000,00	0,00
65	7,57	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	0,90	271,48	1,23	369,12	0,00	2.000,00	0,00
70	6,36	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	0,76	228,09	1,23	369,12	0,00	2.000,00	0,00
							13.644,11		5.167,75	8.768,66	2.000,00	6.768,66



WSUDs NOT WSUDs







2. RAINWATER RUNOFF INFILTRATION:

CALCULATION FOR T=10 (the legal "T" for Barcelona)

T=10 YEARS	K=lime-sand-gravel subsoil=0,00			C=0,9	(worst of the cases)						DEPO (M3)	2.000,00
Duration (min)	Intensity (mm/h)	с	к	Area Sector(m2)	A Wsuds (m2)	Q rain (m3/seg)	Rain Volume (m3)	Q infiltrated (m3/seg)	Vfiltrated (m3)	Vnot filtrated (m3)	V accumulated (m3)	V overflow to the rainwater harvesting system (m3)
5	9,95	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	1,19	356,84	1,23	369,12	0,00	0,00	0,00
10	23,41	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	2,80	839,55	1,23	369,12	470,43	470,43	0,00
15	45	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	5,38	1.613,84	1,23	369,12	1.244,71	1.715,14	0,00
20	136,02	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	16,26	4.878,10	1,23	369,12	4.508,97	2.000,00	4.224,11
25	183,22	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	21,90	6.570,83	1,23	369,12	6.201,71	2.000,00	6.201,71
30	74,9	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	8,95	2.686,14	1,23	369,12	2.317,02	2.000,00	2.317,02
35	67,57	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	8,08	2.423,27	1,23	369,12	2.054,14	2.000,00	2.054,14
40	38,47	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	4,60	1.379,65	1,23	369,12	1.010,53	2.000,00	1.010,53
45	22,44	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	2,68	804,77	1,23	369,12	435,64	2.000,00	435,64
50	18	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	2,15	645,54	1,23	369,12	276,41	2.000,00	276,41
55	5,57	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	0,67	199,76	1,23	369,12	0,00	2.000,00	0,00
60	4,44	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	0,53	159,23	1,23	369,12	0,00	2.000,00	0,00
65	3,94	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	0,47	141,30	1,23	369,12	0,00	2.000,00	0,00
70	3,67	0,9	0,00001	478.174,39	123.041,66	0,44	131,62	1,23	369,12	0,00	2.000,00	0,00
							22.830,44		5.167,75	18.519,57	2.000,00	16.519,57







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In the context of global climate change, not all the materials and construction systems are the proper ones. This part is mainly experimental and has taken almost three years measuring surface temperatures of some WSUDs in Barcelona and treating its data to stablish a criteria to choose WSUDs which can help to reduce surface temperatures, even in some cases, underneath the environmental temperatures. It means we can produce a better thermal effect while planning and implementing the WSUDs in Barcelona and in homoclimatic cities. Hereby we present some examples.







3.SURFACES TEMPERATURES REDUCTION: green areas Surface temperatures are always below the environmental ones in summer (2-8°C); especially after raining.











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SUBSTRATES TEMPERATURES:

S1= 70% brick, 10%sand, 20%coconut fiber;S2=70% brick, 10%thick sand and 20% compost;

S3= 70% commercial substrate (natural pozzolans and expanded clay at a 50%) and a 30% f poeat: CHOSEN SUBSTRATE.



S3< 12,76% S1 S3< 8,88% S2

"Estudio del comportamiento de sustratos para su uso como cubierta ecológica en el Sureste de España" Pedro Valera García. Universidad Politécnica de Cartagena .





3.SURFACES TEMPERATURES REDUCTION: draining concrete, as it doesn't retain water it has a fast infiltration but bad surfaces temperatures except when it's in the buildings shade (up to 15°C less) as it happens in these statistics until the shade desappears (about 15:30-16:00h). Thus, it should be used in narrow streets with a low SVF (sky view factor) Draining concrete











AMB SVF application source





Own source adapting a "Guía Básica de Diseño de Sistemas de Gestión Sostenible de Aguas Pluviales en Zonas Verdes y otros Espacios Libres" by the Madrid Municipality solution to a V4 and E1 to dimension the pavement, base and subbase.



3.SURFACES TEMPERATURES REDUCTION: blue roofs, no matter they don't have green surfaces, their Surface temperaturas are always below the environmental ones in summer if they have a little water (2-8°C); they also have a good termal resistance for the inner spaces below the blue roofs. We spent 2 years measuring a building blue roof, the first year, and the second year an own prototype built at the patio ETSAB. The trend was the same.



3.WATER QUALITY: this descentralization of the water treatment will save energy by avoiding the transportation a long distance away to the water sewage treatment plants. It also avoids diffusing pollution of the runoff since water quality is not worsened due to its transportation to the depuration plant.



IN SITU CLEANING SYSTEM TO AVOID THE NON-POINT CONTAMINATION (i.e. MIXT-ROAD-PEDESTRIAN STREETS).

HYPOCHLORITE + GASOLINE C2H16 +14 4/0 - 7 CO2 + 44 H+ + 44 E 22 C10-+ 4444 + 44E- 22 C1-+221+20+7 CO2 + 44/4++44/E 22C10 + C7 HAG - 7 CO2 + 22C1 + B H20 OZONE + GASOLINE 22102+64++68) > 3420 3 × C2H16+14 40 -> 7 CO2+44H++44E-2203 + 132H+ + 132€- → 66 HO 3C7H 16 + 42 HO ----> 21002+132H+ + 132E- $\begin{array}{l} 220_{3}^{2}+13244^{+}+1326^{-}+3_{2}U_{10}+4_{2}U_{10}\rightarrow\\ 66^{-}U_{2}0+2100_{2}^{-}+132\sqrt{4}^{+}+132\sqrt{6}^{-}\\ 24^{-}\end{array}$ 2203 +3C2 +16 -> 22H20 +21 CO2

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CONCLUSION: with this wouds specific urbanistic micro-acupuncture we can mitigate some effects of climate change such as: water scarcity, pluvial floods and heat island effect.

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