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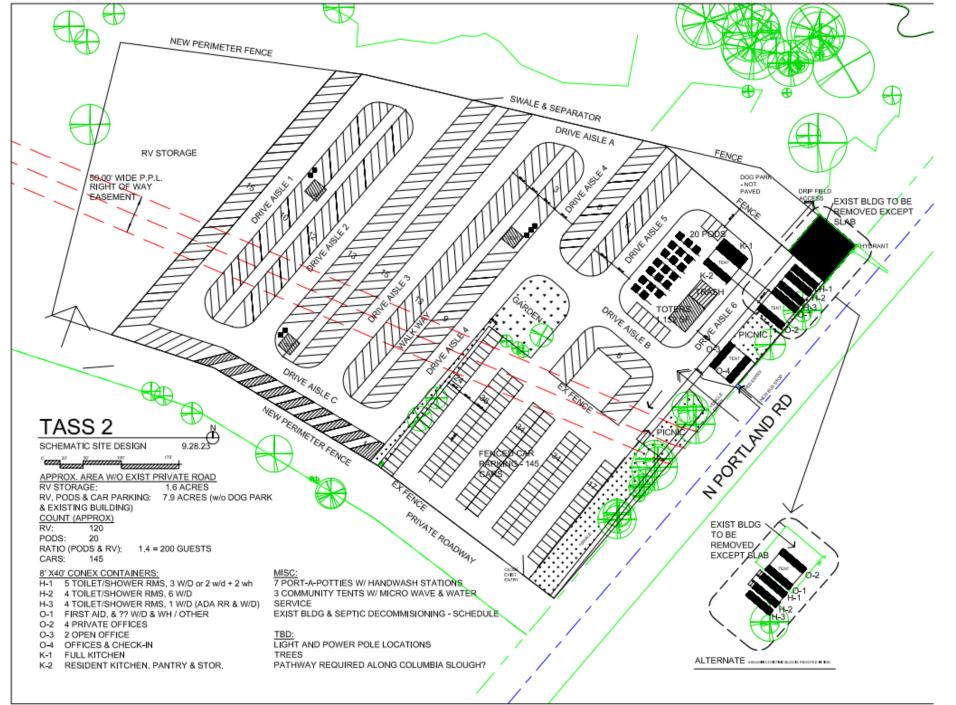
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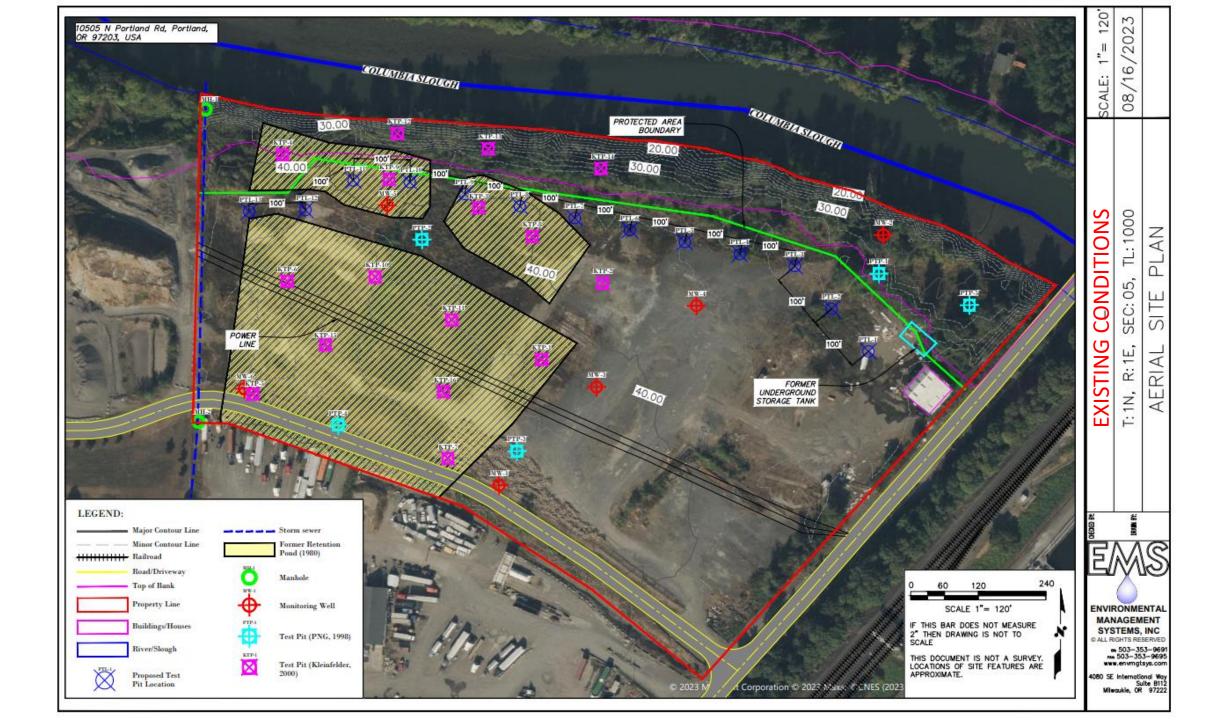
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Image does not include whole parcel extent

Project Preliminary Layout by SOSYAL Architecture.

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Test Pits 5 Oct 23

Lab Results were Not Available as of 13Oct23

12 Soil Pits were evaluated: All were found to have: disturbed structure, visible debris &/or petroleum odors.

Site Constraints

2011 Sampling w/ Exceedance Contaminants

Volatile Organic Compounds(VOCs) Benzene Vinyl chloride Dichloroethane Dichloroethene Trichloroethene Dichloropropane Tetrachloroethene Chlorobenzene Heavy Metals Cadmium Copper Zinc

Planning Restrictions

Environmental Conservation Zone Mapped w/ Green Line 75 to 200+ feet from River Bank = Only area that is relatively un-disturbed.

Department of Environmental Quality Standards for Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Siting: Oregon Administrative Rule 340-071-0150 Site Evaluation Procedures

50 Ft setback from top of river bank with treatment standard 2: Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD5) <= 20 mg/L Total Suspended Solids (TSS) <= 20 mg/L Total Nitrogen (TN) <= 30 mg/L Fecal Coliform Units (FC) <= 400 Fecal Coliform / 100 mL

<u>Red Flags for Evaluator Approval:</u>

Disturbed Soil, Compaction, Cuts & Unknown Fills, Soil Pits Revealed Contaminated Fill & Compressed Soil, Best Area for Initial & Replacement Disposal Fields is Zoned as Environmental Conservation & Deemed Unavailable by Planning. Underground Storage Tank. (Has been removed per City BES) Sewer Available within 5 years (Not Planned or Funded)

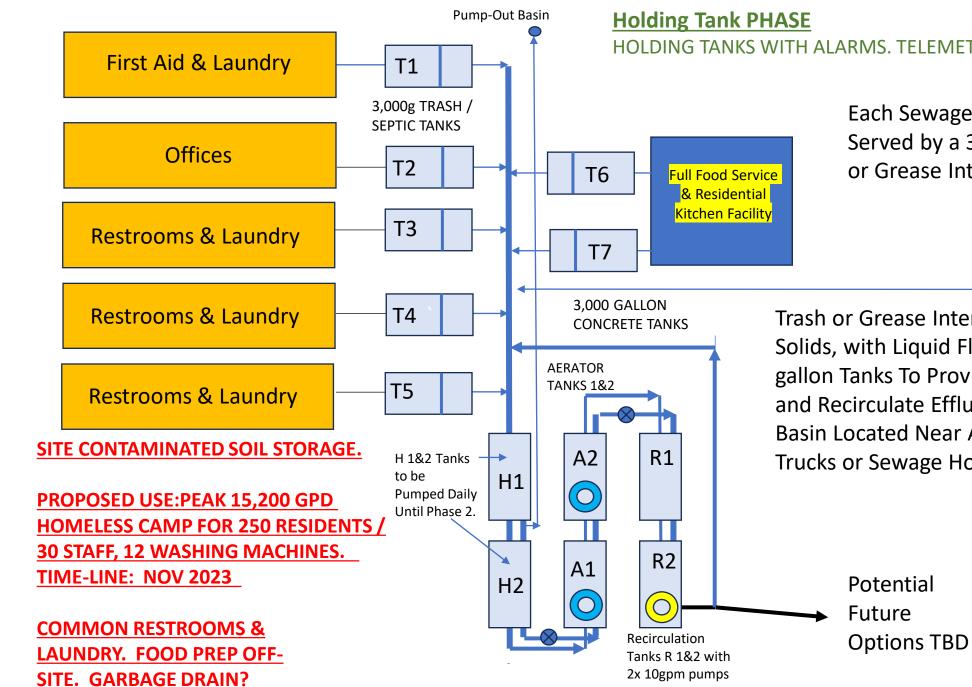
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PROPOSED OCCUPANCY / FLOW:

•	Occupants: 250 Homeless Persons x 35 g	<u>g/d/c = 8,750 gpd</u>
•	<u>Staff: 30 x 15 g/d =</u>	450 gpd
•	Washing Machines: 12 x 500 g/d each	= 6,000 gpd
•	TOTAL PEAK FLOW:	<u>15,200 gpd</u>
•	AVERAGE FLOW: (1/2 Peak Flow)	7,600 gpd

OPTIONS:

- <u>Traditional Sewer: Not Available</u>
- <u>Phase 1. Holding Tanks</u>
 - Hauling Off-Site at >= \$0.50 x 7,600 gallons / day = \$3,800/day.
 - \$3,800 x 365.35 days / year = \$1,387,950 / year just for pumping & hauling.
 - Monitor Actual Quantity & Quality for Future Options



HOLDING TANKS WITH ALARMS. TELEMETRY & RECIRCULATION

Each Sewage Source to be Served by a 3,000 gallon Trash or Grease Interceptor Tank

Trash or Grease Interceptor Tanks Screen Solids, with Liquid Flowing to 6x 3,000 gallon Tanks To Provide Primary Treatment and Recirculate Effluent to a Pump-Out Basin Located Near Access to avoid Pumper Trucks or Sewage Hoses in the Camp Itself.

- Phase 2. Convert to Septic Tank Effluent Pump (STEP)
 - Pump to Sewer. Not Available
 - Requires Pumping Under the Railroad / No Easement.
 - Pump to Onsite Treatment System
 - <u>Treatment and Disinfection Prior to</u>:
 - Traditional Drainfield / Seepage System: Not Suitable
 - Saturated Flow By-passes Soil Treatment Capacity
- Treatment and Bio Remediation Via Subsurface Dripfield,
 - Augmented in Modified Soils, incorporating Symbiotic Effects of:
 - Phyto-Remediation with Native Trees and Shrubs, &
 - Myco-Remediation via Mushroom Compost (various species)
 - Bio-Remediation via Soil Microbial & Effluent Bacterial & Action
 - Requires Application & Design in Accordance with Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR 340-052-0050) for Sewage Systems Utilizing New or Unproven Technology.
 - This May be considered after Holding Tanks Are in Place.

Oregon Administrative Rules in Support of Innovation in Wastewater Treatment & Reuse.

340-055-0007

Policy

It is the policy of the Environmental Quality Commission to encourage the use of recycled water for domestic, agricultural, industrial, recreational, and other beneficial purposes in a manner which protects public health and the environment of the state. The use of recycled water for beneficial purposes will improve water quality by reducing discharge of treated effluent to surface waters, reduce the demand on drinking water sources for uses not requiring potable water, and may conserve stream flows by reducing withdrawal for out-of-stream use.

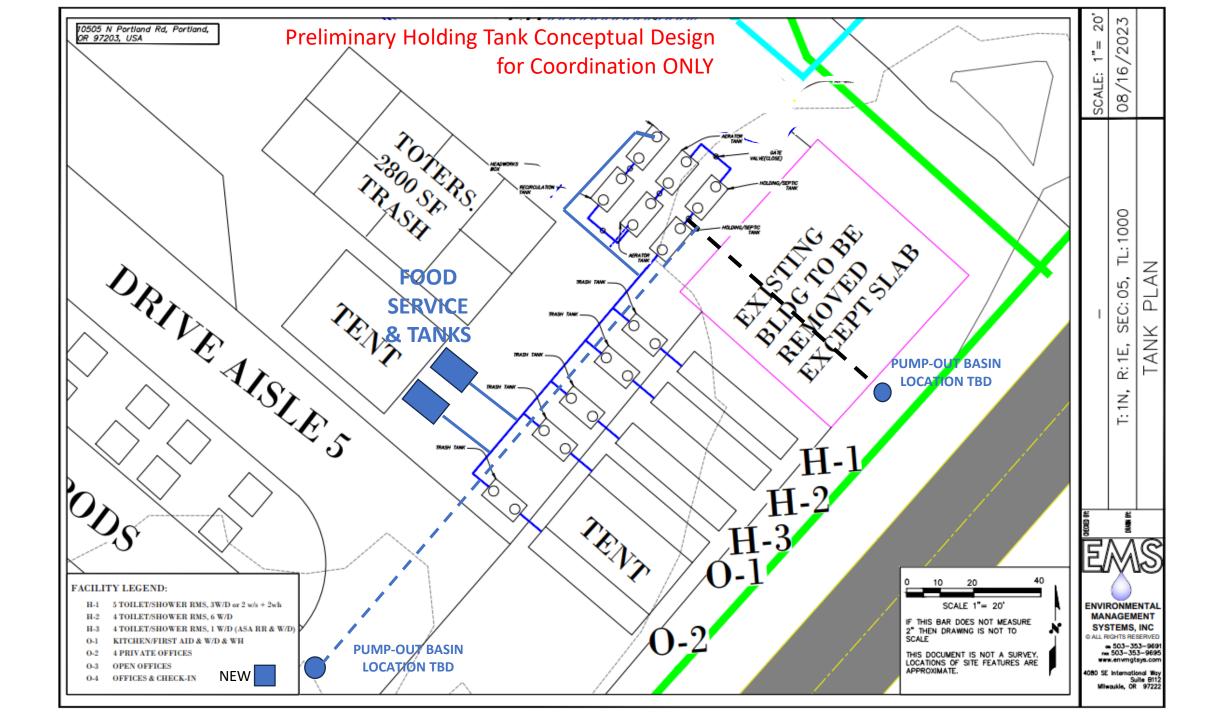
REVIEW OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

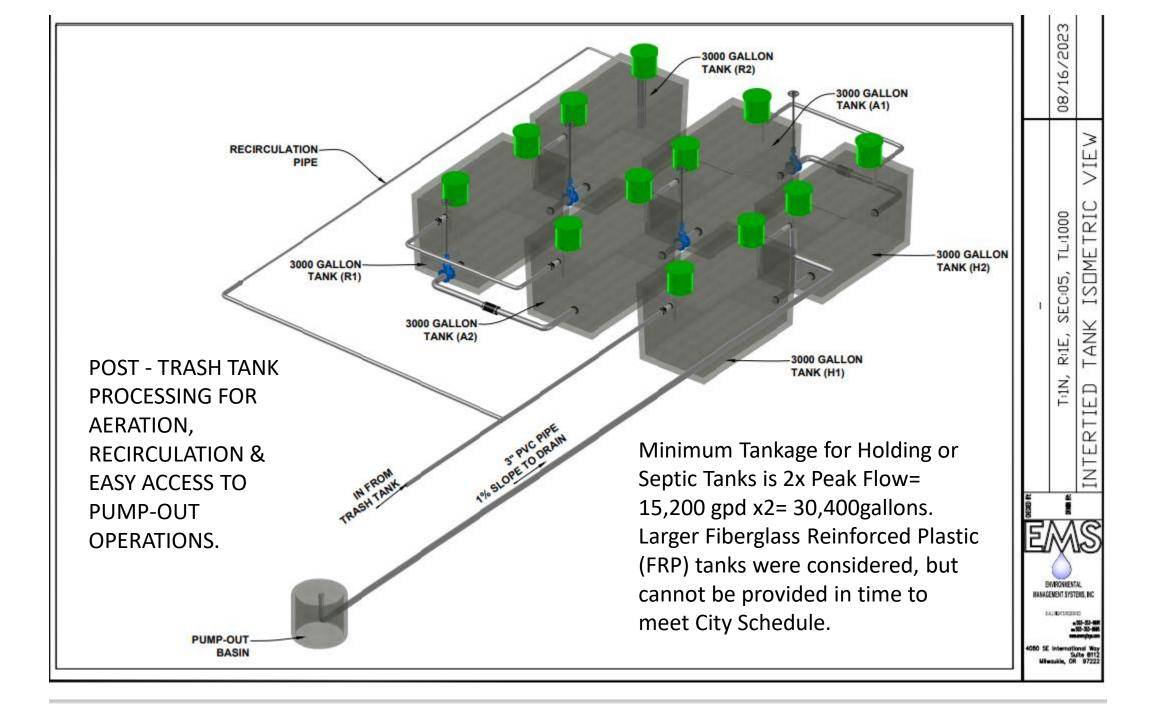
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Treatment Works and Sewerage Systems Utilizing New or Unproven Technology

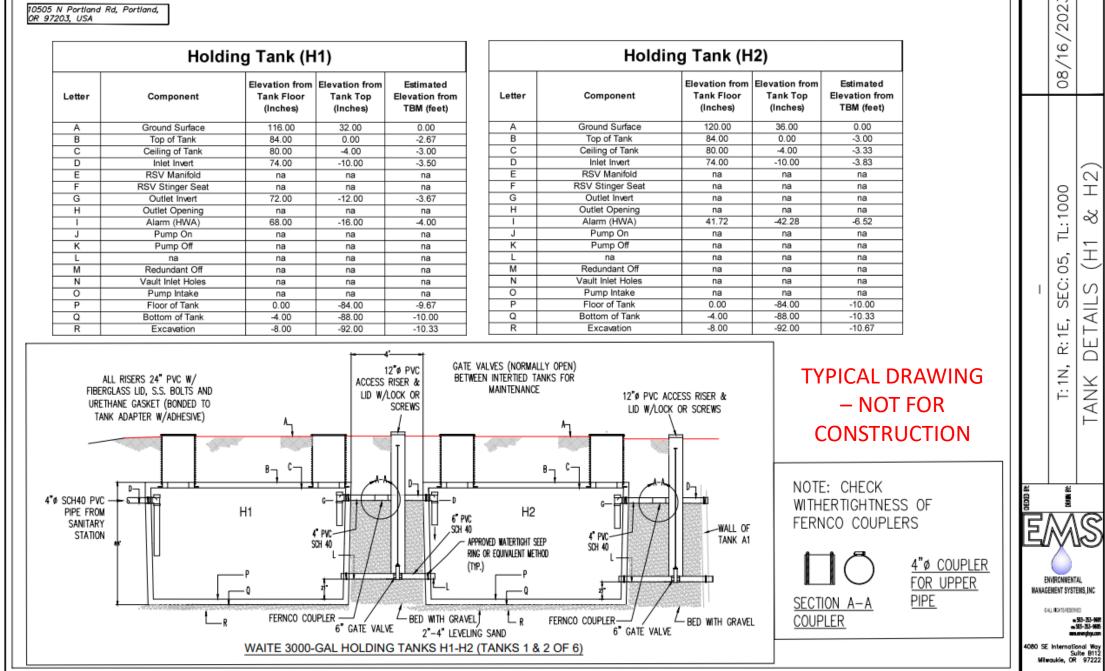
The Department encourages the development of new technology and will approve plans of such provided adequate documentation is submitted. The burden of proof for demonstrating new processes, treatment systems, and technologies lies with the design engineer. Documented case histories where any such new application has been successfully and similarly demonstrated or operated on a full scale basis shall be submitted. Demonstrations shall be at other than bench scale and shall be at field conditions such that the prototype information can be validly scaled up to a working facility. Experimental data need not be acquired solely from actual permanent operating facilities. For all such proposals, contingency plans shall be presented which will assure that in event of failure, public health and water quality would be protected.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 468





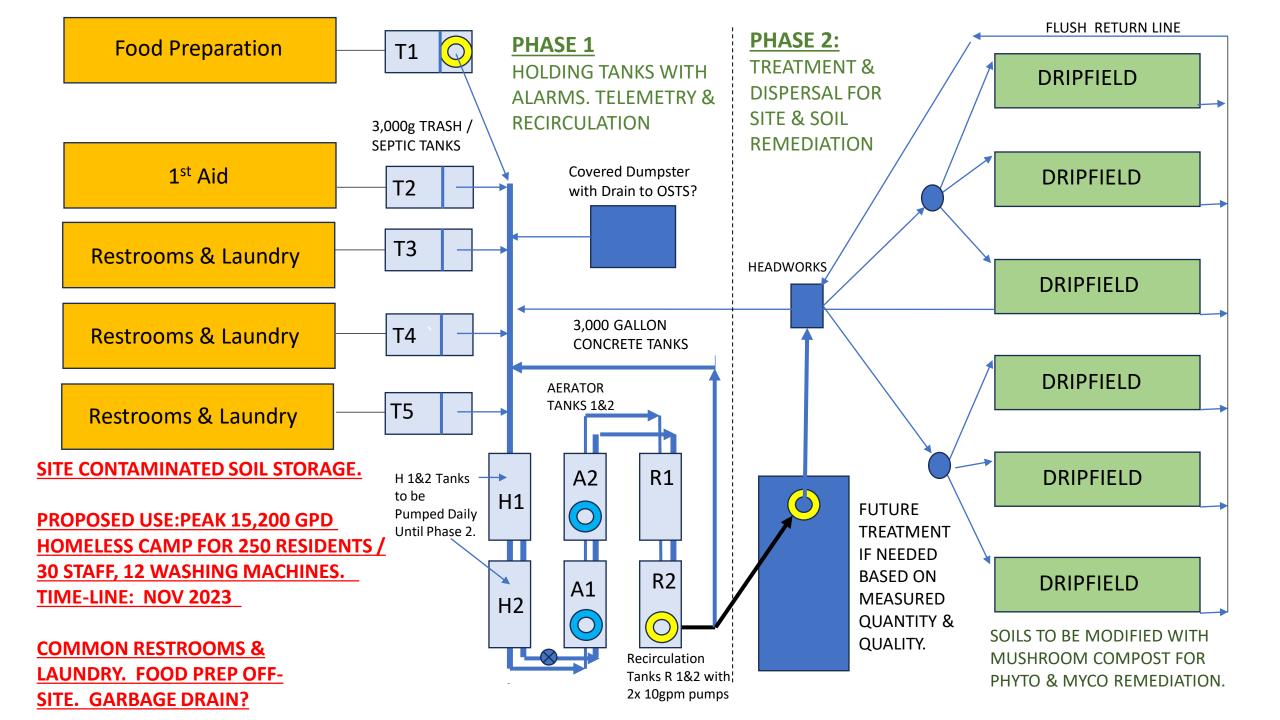
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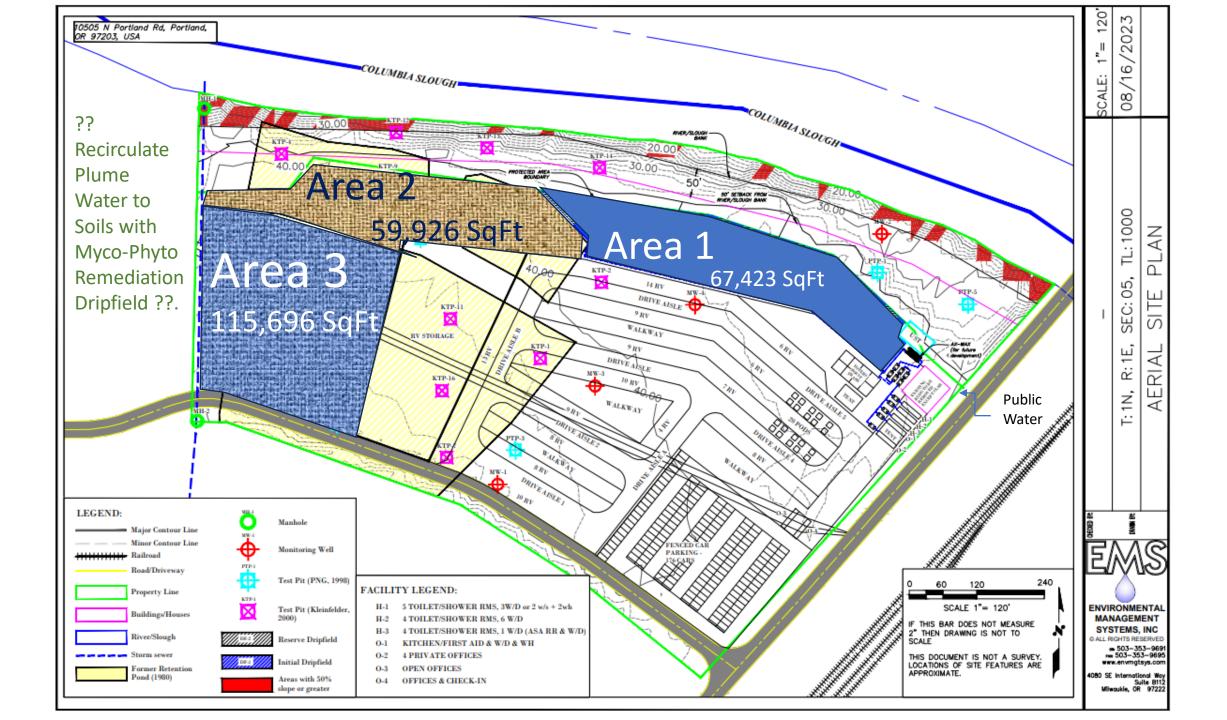


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Types of Water Reuse

- Sources of water include municipal wastewater, industry process and cooling water, stormwater, agriculture runoff and return flows, and produced water from natural resource extraction activities.
- These sources of water are adequately treated to meet "fit-forpurpose specifications" for a particular next use.
 - For example, reclaimed water for crop irrigation would need to be of sufficient quality to prevent harm to plants and soils, maintain food safety, and protect the health of farm workers.
 - In uses where there is a greater human exposure water may require more treatment.

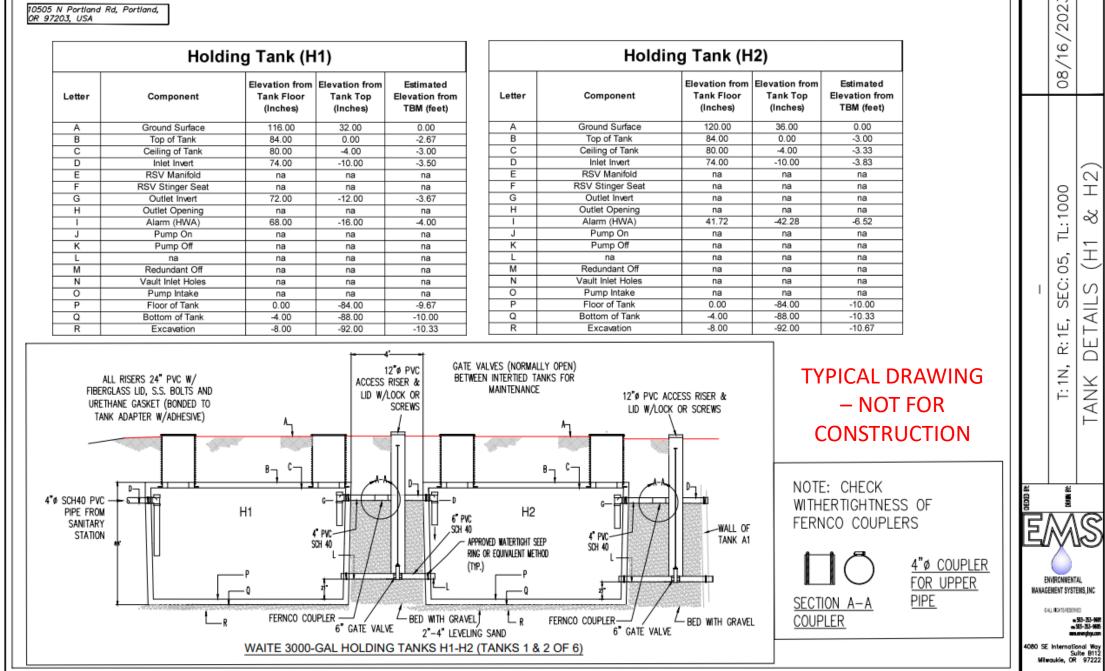




AREA NUMBER & SqFt of Area		PEAK FLOW @ 15,200 gpd = gpd/SqFt	AVERAGE FLOW @ 7,600 gpd = gpd/SqFt
1.	67,423	0.23 gpd/SqFt	0.11 gpd/SqFt
2.	59,926	0.25 gpd/SqFt	0.13 gpd/SqFt
3.	115,696	0.13 gpd/SqFt	0.07 gpd/SqFt
TOTAL.	243,045	0.06 gpd/SqFt	0.03 gpd/SqFt

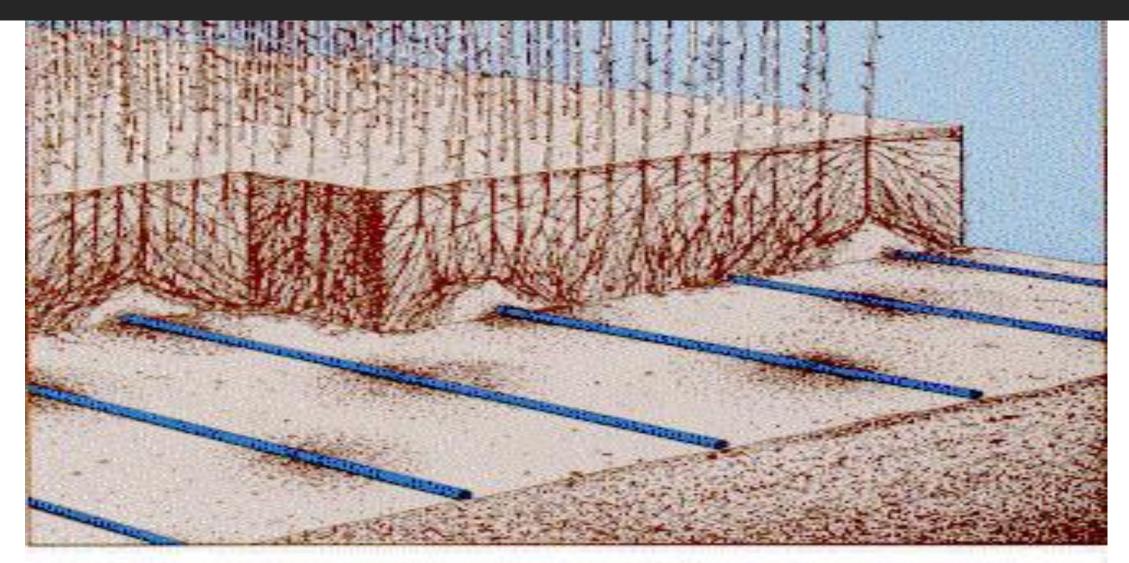
1 Inch of Rainfall = 0.623 gpd / SqFt (at the high range for Rainfall for this location)

Lawn Irrigation Typically Calls for 1 inch of water per week in the summer months. DEQ Staff expressed Concerns about the Option of Considering Soil Remediation because of the potential for contamination to be carried deeper into the water table and river. 10505 N Portland Rd, Portland, OR 97203, USA



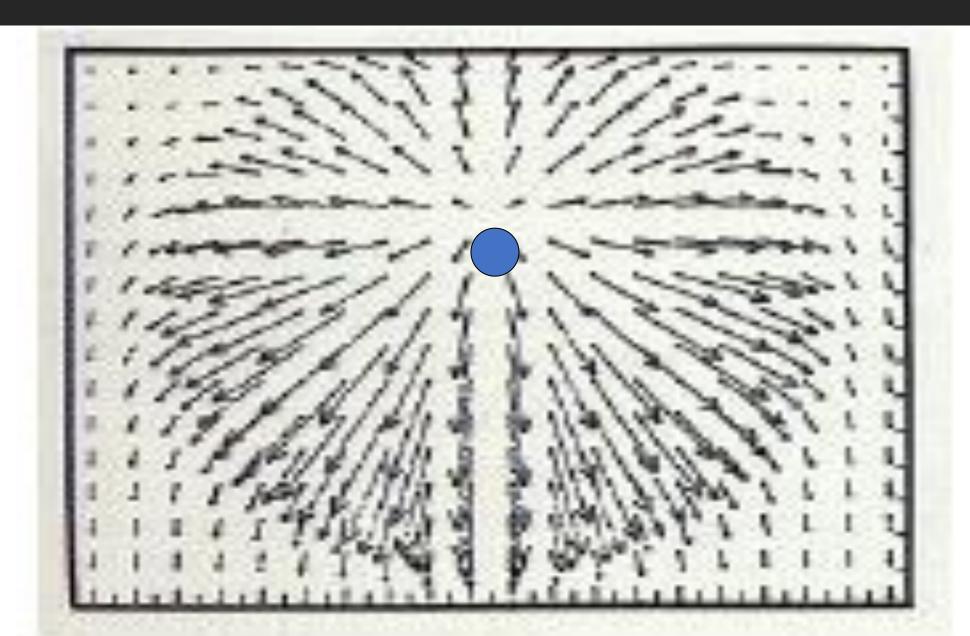
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Dripfield Emitter Pattern

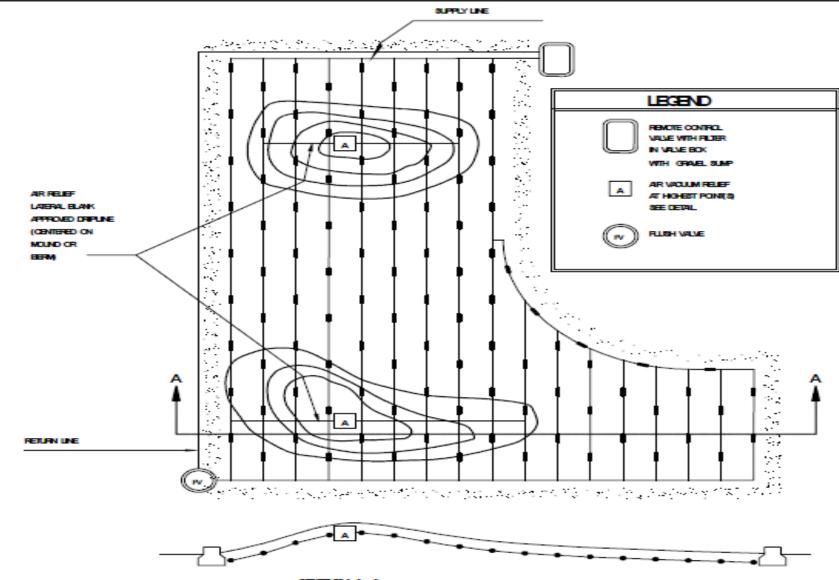


Battelle-Northwest's biobarrier technology excludes plant roots from drip emitters for upto 20 years.

Soil Wetting Pattern at Emitters



Topographic considerations



SECTION A A

What are Bio-, Phyto- and Myco-Remediation?

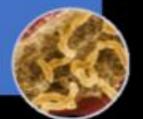
Working with plants to clean up contaminated soil or water is called 'phytoremediation' and working with fungi to clean soil or water is called 'mycoremediation.' There are decomposer fungi who break down organic materials for food and can also break down some contaminants, and mycorrhizal fungi (aka "plant friend" fungi) which connect to plants through the roots and help plants grow, who can enhance or inhibit hazardous metal uptake into plants. Phyto and myco – remediation are part of a larger approach known as biological remediation or bioremediation for short.

 processes involving working with living plants to remove or contain heavy metals or degrade certain organic contaminants in-situ (on-site) processes involving working with bacteria to decompose organic contaminants in-situ or exsitu (off-site) processes engaging the decomposing superpowers of fungi to degrade organic contaminants or contain metals

Phytoremediation



Bio or Microbial Remediation



Mycoremediation

Testing Locally-Adapted and Sustainable Solutions for Brownfields Cleanup



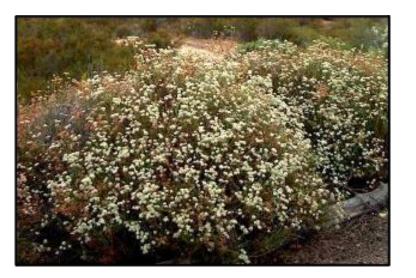
Taylor Yard, one of the study pilot locations, a former railyard on the LA river.

Researchers at the University of California, Riverside have teamed up with the City of Los Angeles and several community land trusts to test a soil clean up method involving native plants and fungi in a 1-year research field study launching this winter. UCR researchers in the Environmental Sciences and Toxicology department found that some plants and fungi growing naturally on contaminated sites around Los Angeles take up metals such as lead and cadmium from the soil The field study will test these biological remediation combinations:



University of California, Riverside Study
Native plants (pictured below)
Native soil fungi
Commercial Mycorrhizal Fungal Inoculum
Decomposer Fungal Inoculum
with and without irrigation

(Telegraphweed



California Buckwheat



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Will cover the following slides, if Time Allows:

Supporting Information REGARDING Bio-Phyto-Myco-Remediation of Contaminated Soils

Oregon TREATMENT & DISINFECTION IN ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

Biological Treatment Typically Achieves Better than Treatment Standards for Non-Reuse / Disposal Systems of the following:

<u>Oregon TS2</u>	Typical Results			
BOD5 <20mg/L	<10mg/L			
TSS <20mg/L	<10mg/L			
TN <30mg/L	<10mg/L			
Disinfection to 99% effectiveness via				
Ultra Violet Rays				
Ozone				
Onsite Systems Rarely: use ANY Chlorine or Iodine				

EPA Class D Recycled Water:

•**Description:** Class D recycled water receives basic treatment to reduce suspended solids and some contaminants. It's typically used for non-potable applications where there's minimal potential for human exposure.

•Beneficial Uses:

- Landscape Irrigation: Typically for less sensitive areas.
- Industrial Uses: Non-potable industrial processes, dust control, and construction.

OREGON. The following requirements apply to <u>Class D recycled water</u>. Any beneficial purpose authorized in writing by the department.

Treatment.

Must not exceed a <u>30-day log mean of 126 E. coli organisms per 100 mL &</u> <u>406 E. coli CFU per 100 mL in any single sample</u>.

Monitoring for E. coli organisms must occur once per week at a minimum.

EPA Class C Recycled Water:

•Description: Class C recycled water receives basic treatment to reduce suspended solids and some contaminants. It's typically used for non-potable applications where there's minimal potential for human exposure.

•Beneficial Uses:

- Landscape Irrigation: Typically for less sensitive areas.
- Industrial Uses: Non-potable industrial processes, dust control, and construction.

OREGON. The following requirements apply to <u>Class C recycled water</u>. Any beneficial purpose authorized in writing by the department.

Treatment. Must be **Oxidized** and **Disinfected**

Must not exceed a <u>30-day log mean of</u> <u>23 Total Coliform organisms per 100 mL</u> & <u>240 TC per 100 mL in any two consecutive samples</u>.

Monitoring for E. coli organisms must occur once per week at a minimum.

EPA Class B Recycled Water:

•Description: Class B recycled water undergoes treatment to reduce pathogens and contaminants, though not to the same extent as Class A water. It's suitable for uses that don't involve direct human contact or consumption.

•Beneficial Uses:

- Landscape Irrigation: Similar to Class A, but not in areas with public access.
- Agricultural Irrigation: Irrigating crops and non-food plants.
- Industrial Uses: Non-potable industrial processes and cooling.

OREGON. The following requirements apply to <u>Class B recycled water</u>. Any beneficial purpose authorized in writing by the department.

Treatment.

Must not exceed a <u>30-day log mean of 2.2 E. Total Coliform organisms per 100 mL &</u> <u>23 CFU per 100 mL in any single sample</u>.

Monitoring for Total Coliform organisms must occur Three Times per week at a minimum.

EPA Class A Recycled Water:

- **Description:** Class A recycled water undergoes advanced treatment processes that effectively remove pathogens, suspended solids, organic matter, and other contaminants.
- **Beneficial Uses:** Landscape Irrigation: Watering lawns, gardens, parks, and other green spaces. Agricultural Irrigation: Irrigating crops and farmlands. Industrial Uses: Cooling water, process water, and non-potable industrial purposes. Toilet Flushing: Using recycled water for flushing toilets in commercial and residential buildings.
- OREGON. The following requirements apply to <u>Class A recycled water</u>. Treatment. <u>oxidized</u>, <u>filtered</u> and <u>disinfected</u>

Turbidity must not exceed avg of 2 nephelometric turbidity units (NTU) within a 24-hour period, 5 NTU more than five percent of the time within a 24-hour period, and 10 NTU at any time,

Must not exceed a <u>30-day log mean of 2.2 Total Coliform organisms per 100 mL &</u> <u>23 CFU per 100 mL in any single sample</u>.

Monitoring for Total Coliform organisms must occur Once per Day at a minimum. Turbidity must be sampled at least hourly.

EPA Unrestricted Recycled Water:

Description: This is the highest quality recycled water that meets stringent treatment requirements. It's treated to a level where it can be safely used for essentially any non-potable application, including those with human exposure.
Beneficial Uses:

• All the above uses, including more sensitive applications like spray irrigation in urban areas, decorative fountains, and even indoor uses like flushing toilets and urinals.

OREGON. Not Found in Oregon Rules

Several technologies are commonly used in wastewater treatment and reuse to achieve effective treatment and ensure water quality for various reuse applications. Here are some of the technologies frequently employed:

It's important to note that the selection of technologies depends on the specific characteristics of the wastewater, desired water quality, regulatory requirements, and the intended reuse application. Often, a combination of several treatment processes is employed to achieve the desired treatment goals and ensure water safety and quality for reuse.

Biological Treatment:

Activated Sludge Process:
microorganisms break down wastewater in an aerated tank.

Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR):
process treats wastewater in batches in a single tank.

•Trickling Filter:

•spread over a media bed that contains a biofilm of microorganisms that degrade organic matter.

Chemical Treatment:

•Coagulation and Flocculation: coagulants to destabilize and aggregate suspended solids, allowing them to settle and be removed more easily.

•Chemical Precipitation: chemicals to wastewater to induce the formation of insoluble particles (precipitates) that can be separated from the water.

•Disinfection: The use of chemicals (e.g., chlorine, ozone, ultraviolet light) to destroy or inactivate pathogens in the wastewater.

Advanced Treatment:

•Membrane Filtration: fine pores separate suspended solids, bacteria, and other contaminants from wastewater.

•Advanced Oxidation Processes (AOPs): Employing chemical reactions (such as ozonation or UV/hydrogen peroxide) to break down persistent organic compounds and eliminate microorganisms.

•Adsorption: activated carbon or other materials to adsorb and remove organic compounds and contaminants from wastewater.

1. Wastewater Reuse Specific Technologies:

1. Reverse Osmosis (RO): A high-pressure membrane filtration

2.UV Disinfection: ultraviolet (UV) light to disinfect and inactivate pathogens, making it safe for specific reuse purposes.

3.Advanced Electrochemical Processes: use electrical current to treat wastewater and remove contaminants.

Recycling and Reuse: Not a Prescriptive Formula

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