

Workshop Road Map

- A. VI2065: The Vision for Vancouver Island in 50 Years
- B. Water and the Urban Environment - Adapting to a Changing Climate
- C. Agriculture and Water – How Will Climate Change Impact the Future?
- D. Landscape Irrigation – How Efficiency Can Be Improved

In Module D, you will learn HOW.....

the efficiency of landscape irrigation can be improved through use of state-of-the-art tools



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Landscape Irrigation Assessment – tools to assess and reduce water use

Can tools improve efficiency?

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Thoughts on Efficiency

- What is the largest influencer on landscape irrigation efficiency?
- What is the impact of poor efficiency?
- How efficient are irrigation systems?
- How do you measure efficiency?
- How much water can be saved through efficiency improvements?
- After you identify savings opportunities, how do you implement changes?
- How do you get end users to care about efficiency?
- How do you encourage end users to spend money on efficiency?



How Much Water does an Irrigation System Use? (Current approach)



1 Acre Inch per week



27,100 US Gallons
102,000 Litres
102m³



1 Acre Property
(If 100% Efficient)



2,040,000L/Year


every drop counts

How Much Water Does an Irrigation System Use? (or how much should they use?)



1 Acre Property
(If 50% Efficient)

4,080,000 L/Year
(4,080 m³)

FACT: Most of The Commercial Landscape Irrigation Systems Designed and Installed in the 90's and 2000's Have Been Operating at 50% Efficiency (or Less)



Background-ICI Efficiency

- In 2009, Municipal water departments were starting to target large ICI clients for investigating water conservation opportunities.
- ICI chosen using analyzed billing data.
- How could we present water saving information to the end user that was most likely not a subject matter expert?
- What information would an end user need in order to make a decision on budgeting for system improvements?
- Decided against catch-cans due to several factors.
- Program began in 2010.
- GOAL: reduce system annual water use over a 20 week period.
- Identify and eliminate causes of water waste.



The Challenge

- 2 BIG problems – How do you make data collection scalable and effective (force action).
- Estimating Irrigation water savings is not the same as low flush toilets (3.5 GPF vs 1GPF).
- Water conservation can be a tough “sell” due to competing priorities for sustainability dollars.
- The perception that efficiency or conservation means “poor quality” landscape.
- Cost of water is low compared to other utilities and other utilities have retro-fit programs that are easier to implement (switch to high efficiency version)
- Cost of water is typically paid by tenant (ICI).
- Outdoor use is typically not measured (at least not yet)
- There is no published metric for water use over a landscaped area (How much should I be using if I have 3 acres of turf and an acre of trees?)



Methodology

- Used traditional tools such as pressure gauges and soil probes.
- Used measuring wheels and flow measurement equipment to quantify gross water application over an area.
- Set a target of .5" per week as a target irrigation amount. (22" of ET vs. 12" of rainfall)
- Performed site evaluation after system start-up in the spring.
- Average of 5 minutes per zone.
- Presented findings in a report to the property manager (not always presenting face-to-face).



Soil Probe & Pressure Gauge



Ultrasonic Flow Meter





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Great Plant Material Selection but Poor Water Delivery.



One Leak can Equal 30,000 litres per Month.

Table 1 - Zone Summary: IMAX - 2010

| Zone Number | Zone Location | Area, m ² | Landscape Type | Rotors | Sprays | PSI | Flow rate, L/min | run time min/cycle | cycles/week | mm/week | inches/week | m3/year | Leak Observed | Potential Savings, m ³ /yr | | |
|-------------|--|----------------------|----------------|--------|--------|-----|------------------|--------------------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|---------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Hardware Savings ¹ | Additional w/ Smart Controller ² | Additional w/ Central Controller ³ |
| 1 | NE corner of bldg | 1,171 | TURF/TREES | 15 | • | 38 | 120 | 40 | 4 | 16 | 0.65 | 384 | | 87 | 119 | 149 |
| 2 | E side of bldg | 471 | MIXED | 12 | • | 40 | 108 | 45 | 4 | 41 | 1.62 | 389 | | 269 | 48 | 60 |
| 3 | Boulevard between driveways | 1,310 | TURF/TREES | 20 | • | 22 | 130 | 45 | 4 | 18 | 0.70 | 468 | ✓ | 135 | 133 | 166 |
| 4 | S boulevard | 641 | MIXED | 19 | • | 26 | 122 | 45 | 4 | 34 | 1.35 | 439 | | 276 | 65 | 81 |
| 5 | E side of pond | 2,137 | MIXED | 14 | • | 45 | 108 | 45 | 4 | 9 | 0.36 | 389 | | | 63 | 117 |
| 6 | N and S of pond | 1,918 | TURF/TREES | 9 | • | 46 | 115 | 45 | 4 | 11 | 0.43 | 414 | | | 122 | 170 |
| 7 | N of pond, S of bldg | 2,731 | TURF/TREES | 14 | • | 34 | 147 | 45 | 4 | 10 | 0.38 | 529 | | | 113 | 182 |
| 8 | S side of bldg | 676 | MIXED | 9 | • | 33 | 112 | 45 | 4 | 30 | 1.17 | 403 | | 231 | 69 | 86 |
| 9 | Planting Beds at bldg entrance | 552 | SHRUBS/TREES | • | 18 | 35 | 160 | 15 | 4 | 17 | 0.68 | 192 | | 52 | 56 | 70 |
| 10 | Lunch courtyard | 487 | SHRUBS/TREES | • | 12 | 38 | 115 | 10 | 4 | 9 | 0.37 | 92 | | | 18 | 30 |
| 11 | S side of bldg | 1,076 | TURF/TREES | 13 | • | 32 | 125 | 40 | 4 | 19 | 0.73 | 400 | | 127 | 109 | 137 |
| 12 | NW side of shipping driveway | 279 | TURF | • | 17 | 25 | 150 | 30 | 4 | 65 | 2.54 | 360 | ✓ | 289 | 28 | 35 |
| 13 | W side of parking lot | 242 | TURF | • | 14 | 36 | 120 | 30 | 4 | 59 | 2.34 | 288 | | 226 | 25 | 31 |
| 14 | N side of parking lot | 166 | TURF/TREES | • | 12 | 35 | 104 | 30 | 4 | 75 | 2.95 | 250 | | 207 | 17 | 21 |
| 15 | E side of parking lot | 230 | TURF | • | 10 | 32 | 86 | 30 | 4 | 45 | 1.77 | 206 | | 148 | 23 | 29 |
| 16 | N boulevard | 1,479 | TURF/TREES | 13 | • | 34 | 105 | 45 | 4 | 13 | 0.50 | 378 | | | 153 | 190 |
| 17 | E side parking lot and around naturalized area | 2,146 | TURF/TREES | 15 | • | 34 | 108 | 45 | 4 | 9 | 0.36 | 389 | | | 62 | 116 |
| 18 | POND FILLER VALVE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | N corner of bldg | 914 | TURF/TREES | 15 | • | 40 | 150 | 40 | 4 | 26 | 1.03 | 480 | ✓ | 248 | 93 | 116 |

Total Annual Irrigation Demand, m3/year = **6,450**

Total Estimated Annual Savings, m3/year = **2,296** **1,315** **1,788**

Percentage Savings = **36%** **20%** **28%**

Comparison between 2010 water use and 2011 water use

Changes were made to sprinkler nozzles, zones changed from sprays to drip, run-times adjusted

Average savings equal 27%

| Zone Number | mm/week in 2010 | inches/week in 2010 | m3/year in 2010 | mm/week in 2011 | inches/week in 2011 | m3/year in 2011 | Overall reduction m3/year | Overall reduction Gallons/year | Percent Reduction |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | 16 | 0.65 | 384 | 12 | 0.46 | 276 | 108 | 28,531 | 28% |
| 2 | 41 | 1.62 | 389 | 27 | 1.07 | 257 | 132 | 34,871 | 34% |
| 3 | 18 | 0.70 | 468 | 11 | 0.45 | 298 | 170 | 45,015 | 36% |
| 4 | 34 | 1.35 | 439 | 22 | 0.87 | 283 | 156 | 41,211 | 36% |
| 5 | 9 | 0.36 | 389 | 9 | 0.35 | 378 | 11 | 2,853 | 3% |
| 6 | 11 | 0.43 | 414 | 10 | 0.41 | 396 | 18 | 4,755 | 4% |
| 7 | 10 | 0.38 | 529 | 9 | 0.35 | 490 | 40 | 10,461 | 7% |
| 8 | 30 | 1.17 | 403 | 31 | 1.20 | 414 | -11 | -2,853 | -3% |
| 9 | 17 | 0.68 | 192 | 12 | 0.47 | 132 | 60 | 15,850 | 31% |
| 10 | 9 | 0.37 | 92 | 10 | 0.40 | 98 | -6 | -1,691 | -7% |
| 11 | 19 | 0.73 | 400 | 10 | 0.38 | 206 | 194 | 51,144 | 48% |
| 12 | 65 | 2.54 | 360 | 25 | 0.97 | 137 | 223 | 58,963 | 62% |
| 13 | 59 | 2.34 | 288 | 28 | 1.09 | 134 | 154 | 40,577 | 53% |
| 14 | 75 | 2.95 | 250 | 36 | 1.42 | 120 | 130 | 34,237 | 52% |
| 15 | 45 | 1.77 | 206 | 24 | 0.93 | 108 | 98 | 25,995 | 48% |
| 16 | 13 | 0.50 | 378 | 12 | 0.46 | 346 | 32 | 8,559 | 9% |
| 17 | 9 | 0.36 | 389 | 8 | 0.31 | 342 | 47 | 12,363 | 12% |
| 18 | POND FILLER VALVE | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | 26 | 1.03 | 480 | 18 | 0.70 | 324 | 156 | 41,211 | 33% |
| Total = | | | | | | | 1,711 | 452,051 | |
| Cost savings at \$1.525/m3 | | | | | | | \$2,610 | | |

Comparison between 2010 water use and 2011 water use

Changes were made to sprinkler nozzles, zones changed from sprays to drip, run-times adjusted

Watering days adjusted by SMART Controller

Average savings equal 45%

| Zone Number | mm/week in 2010 | inches/week in 2010 | m3/year in 2010 | mm/week in 2011 | inches/week in 2011 | m3/year in 2011 | Overall reduction m3/year | Overall reduction Gallons/year | Percent Reduction |
|-------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | 16 | 0.65 | 384 | 9 | 0.35 | 207 | 177 | 46,758 | 46% |
| 2 | 41 | 1.62 | 389 | 20 | 0.80 | 193 | 196 | 51,831 | 50% |
| 3 | 18 | 0.70 | 468 | 9 | 0.34 | 223 | 245 | 64,669 | 52% |
| 4 | 34 | 1.35 | 439 | 17 | 0.65 | 212 | 227 | 59,914 | 52% |
| 5 | 9 | 0.36 | 389 | 7 | 0.26 | 284 | 105 | 27,817 | 27% |
| 6 | 11 | 0.43 | 414 | 8 | 0.30 | 297 | 117 | 30,908 | 28% |
| 7 | 10 | 0.38 | 529 | 7 | 0.26 | 367 | 162 | 42,796 | 31% |
| 8 | 30 | 1.17 | 403 | 23 | 0.90 | 311 | 93 | 24,489 | 23% |
| 9 | 17 | 0.68 | 192 | 9 | 0.35 | 99 | 93 | 24,568 | 48% |
| 10 | 9 | 0.37 | 92 | 8 | 0.30 | 74 | 18 | 4,808 | 20% |
| 11 | 19 | 0.73 | 400 | 7 | 0.28 | 155 | 245 | 64,775 | 61% |
| 12 | 65 | 2.54 | 360 | 18 | 0.72 | 103 | 257 | 67,998 | 72% |
| 13 | 59 | 2.34 | 288 | 21 | 0.82 | 101 | 187 | 49,453 | 65% |
| 14 | 75 | 2.95 | 250 | 27 | 1.06 | 90 | 160 | 42,162 | 64% |
| 15 | 45 | 1.77 | 206 | 18 | 0.69 | 81 | 125 | 33,127 | 61% |
| 16 | 13 | 0.50 | 378 | 9 | 0.34 | 259 | 119 | 31,384 | 31% |
| 17 | 9 | 0.36 | 389 | 6 | 0.24 | 257 | 132 | 34,950 | 34% |
| 18 | POND FILLER VALVE | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | 26 | 1.03 | 480 | 13 | 0.52 | 243 | 237 | 62,609 | 49% |

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Total = | 2,896 | 765,016 |
| Cost savings at \$1.525/m3 | \$4,416 | |

Meadowvalve (2000 Argentia Road)

PRE

| | |
|---|-----------------------|
| PRE Irrigation Demands per 20-week season | 10,463 m ³ |
| Area of Irrigation | 21,125 m ² |
| Weekly Irrigation Demands | 25 mm/week |
| Maximum Target (estimated) savings | 7,244 m ³ |

POST

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|--|----------------------|
| POST Irrigation Demands per 20-week season | 4,503 m ³ |
| POST Irrigation Demands per 20-week season | 11 mm/week |

Savings

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Actual water savings | 5,960 m ³ |
| Percentage water savings | 57% |
| Percentage of Target Savings Achieved | 82% |

Microsoft

PRE

| | |
|---|-----------------------|
| PRE Irrigation Demands per 20-week season | 5,994 m ³ |
| Area of Irrigation | 10,073 m ² |
| Weekly Irrigation Demands | 30 mm/week |
| Maximum Target (estimated) savings | 4,715 m ³ |

POST

| | |
|--|----------------------|
| POST Irrigation Demands per 20-week season | 2,128 m ³ |
| Weekly Irrigation Demands | 11 mm/week |

Savings

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Actual water savings | 3,866 m ³ |
| Percentage water savings | 64% |
| Percentage of Target Savings Achieved | 82% |

Why Develop I.P.A.T?

- Saves Time!
- Paper and Clip-Board Approach is Labor Intensive and a Barrier to Profitability.
- To Advise Clients on ROI, We Needed to know Water Use on a Per-Zone Basis.
- Impact on Operating Budgets is Increasing.
 - Businesses and individuals are taking notice.
 - They just need ROI info to make decisions.
- Standardization of Methodology.
- Building a Database of Client Information and Irrigation Infrastructure.
- Long Term Data Tracking.




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What is I.P.A.T?



- IPAT Allows for Calculation of Return on Investment for Zone Specific Retro-fits and Calculates Water Use based on Flow Rates, Schedules, and Local Water Rates.
- In Use for 3 Years by Water Utilities and Contractors.
- Over 1000 Assessments Completed to Date.

Part 1

- Data collection in the field.

Site Information Controller Details Zones Summary Pictures

Meter / Account #

Note: North Frost B-3

Units: Metric (LPM/mm)

Property Type: Institutional

Client: CBRE - Queen's Park - North Frost

Site Contact Name: Gerry Mazzone - Facility Manager

Site Contact Phone: (416) 326-7624

Site Contact Email: gerry.mazzone@cbre.com

Address: 900 Bay Street
MacDonald Block
M1 - 341

Staff on Site: Chris Le Conte, Dean Armstrong

Local Water Rates: 2.95 / m³

Peak ET Value: 4 inches

Irrigation Period: 20 Weeks

Assessment Date: 2014-08-13

How is flow data being collected/calculated?
Using Flow Measurement Device
Using I.P.A.T. Flow Calculator

Save New Image

Site Information Controller Details Zones Summary Pictures

ESP 6TM Select Zone: 1: North East Lawn

Zone Not Operational:

Zone Name: North East Lawn

Run Time: 20 min

Pressure: 40 PSI

Root Depth: 2 Inches

Primary Flora: Turf

Soil Type: Clay/Loam

Flora: Perennials
Annuals
Turf
Trees/Shrubs

Number of Leaks: 1

Sun Exposure: Partial

Total Area (m²): 309

Area Calculator

| | Count | Flow | Low Volume |
|-------------|-------|------|------------|
| Spray: | 34 | 233 | |
| Rotors: | 0 | 0 | |
| Low Volume: | 0 | 0 | |
| LPM: 233 | | | |

Key Findings and Recommendations Zone Efficiency

Description of Work: Reduce zone run-time; Renozzle and/or adjust sprinkler(s); Reduce

Notes:

Part 2

- Database for managing reporting and data.

| All Assessments | | | | | | | | Residential | Commercial | Condominium/HOA | Institutional | Industrial | Fill |
|-----------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-------------|--------|-------------|------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|------|
| Show: | 25 | ▼ | entries | Search: | | | | sws ont | | | | | |
| Assessment | Client | Meter/Account Number | Property Type | Assessment Date | Staff | Group | Status | Actions | | | | | |
| 139 | The Essex | | Condominium/HOA | 2013-05-29 | Chris Le Conte | SWS ONTARIO | | | | | | | |
| 140 | The Essex 2 | | Condominium/HOA | 2013-05-29 | Chris Le Conte | SWS ONTARIO | | | | | | | |
| 143 | Bentall Kennedy Avalon Centre | | Commercial | 2013-06-06 | Chris Le Conte | SWS ONTARIO | | | | | | | |
| 144 | Colonade Property Management | | Commercial | 2013-06-06 | Chris Le Conte | SWS ONTARIO | | | | | | | |
| 179 | Durham Region - Main Irrigation System | | Commercial | 2013-07-12 | Chris Le Conte and Andrew Firth | SWS ONTARIO | | | | | | | |
| 180 | Durham Region - Parking Garage System | | Condominium/HOA | 2013-07-12 | Chris Le Conte/Andrew Firth | SWS ONTARIO | | | | | | | |
| 193 | Bentall Kennedy | | Commercial | 2013-07-23 | Chris Le Conte | SWS ONTARIO | | | | | | | |
| 205 | First Capital Realty- 375 Mountainview | | Commercial | 2013-08-12 | AF, PF | SWS ONTARIO | | | | | | | |
| 209 | 1230 Marlborough Court | | Condominium/HOA | 2013-08-16 | AF, PF | SWS ONTARIO | | | | | | | |
| 216 | Bentall Kennedy- 444 Hollandview trail | | Commercial | 2013-08-27 | Peter | SWS ONTARIO | | | | | | | |
| 217 | Bentall Kennedy - 255 Bass Pro Mills | | Commercial | 2013-08-28 | Peter | SWS ONTARIO | | | | | | | |
| 218 | Bentall Kennedy - 30 interchange way | | Commercial | 2013-08-28 | Peter | SWS ONTARIO | | | | | | | |



**Lisa Schroers 1006
Timber Lane**

Contact Name

Lisa

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Staff

Andy and Eric

Contact Phone

Property Type

Residential

Date of Assessment

2014-05-09

Report Summary

Local Water Rate

\$2.91 per 1000
Gallons

Daily Water Use

802 Gallons

Weekly Water Use

5,614 Gallons

Annual Water Use

145,964 Gallons

Potential Annual Water Savings

99,099 Gallons

Total Irrigated Area

2,910 ft²

Irrigation Period

26 Weeks

Daily Water Cost

\$2

Weekly Water Cost

\$16

Annual Water Cost

\$425

Potential Annual Cost Savings

\$288

Photos



Entrance planting beds
large leak



Controller
Controller wiring should be cleaned up and a new controller with Monthly Seasonal adjust should be installed.



Zone 1
70 psi



zone 3
damage caused by lawn maintenance

Potential Controller Savings

| Number | Controller Technology | Percent Water Use Reduction | Estimated Cost of Upgrade | Annual Water Savings in Gallons | Annual Dollar Savings | Return on Investment (Years) |
|--------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Rain Sensor | 15 | 150 | 79513 | 199 | 0.8 |
| 2 | Soil Moisture Sensor | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | SMART Controller | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | Irrigation Management System | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Potential Zone Savings

| Zone Number | Zone Description | Finding | Recommendation | Percent Water Use Reduction | Estimated Cost of Upgrade | Annual Water Savings in Gallons | Annual Dollar Savings | Return on Investment (Years) |
|--------------|-----------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Entrance planting beds | Excessive zone run-time Mixed sprinkler/precipitation rates Overpressured sprinkler(s) Overwatering causing run-off | Reduce zone run-time Retrofit sprinkler(s) and/or nozzles to match precipitation rates Install pressure regulated sprinkler(s) Reduce run-times | 54 | 750 | 52312 | 131 | 5.7 |
| 2 | Front Lawn Turf | Overpressured sprinkler(s) Sprinkler overspray Incorrect sprinkler nozzle Sprinkler not level | Regulate zone pressure Renozzle and/or adjust sprinkler(s) Install correct sprinkler nozzle Level sprinkler | 52 | 120 | 277472 | 694 | 0.2 |
| 3 | Side Planting Beds and turf | Excessive zone run-time Overpressured sprinkler(s) | Reduce zone run-time Install pressure regulated sprinkler(s) | 56 | 500 | 82742 | 207 | 2.4 |
| 4 | Back Lawn Turf | Overpressured sprinkler(s) Overwatering causing run-off | Regulate zone pressure Implement Cycle + Soak schedule | 41 | 600 | 113818 | 285 | 2.1 |
| Total | | | | | 1970 | 526344 | 1316 | 1.5 |

New Schedule with Improvements

| Zone Number | Zone Description | Rotors | Sprays | A Program - Cycles/Week | A Program - Mins/Cycles | B Program - Cycles/Week | B Program - Mins/Cycles | C Program - Cycles/Week | C Program - Mins/Cycles | D Program - Cycles/Week | D Program - Mins/Cycles | Sprinkler PSI | Current Flow Rate in GPM | New Flow Rate in GPM | Current Application Amount Per Week in in | New Application Amount Per Week in in | Current Annual Water Use in Gallons | New Annual Water Use in Gallons | Percent Water Use Reduction |
|-------------|------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------------|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ML | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 100 |
| 1 | Entrance planting beds | 0 | 17 | 4 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 23.3 | 14.3 | 2.21 | 1.02 | 96928 | 44616 | 54 |
| 2 | Front Lawn Turf | 14 | 6 | 4 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 42.9 | 31 | 5.51 | 2.65 | 535392 | 257920 | 52 |
| 3 | Side Planting Beds | 5 | 12 | 4 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 20.2 | 15.46 | 5.67 | 2.48 | 147056 | 64314 | 56 |
| 4 | Back Lawn Turf | 8 | 0 | 4 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 22.2 | 17.44 | 2.85 | 1.68 | 277056 | 163238 | 41 |

Summary of Findings

- Over 50% of all zones were over watering (1000 zones)
- On average at least 1 significant leak per system and several minor leaks. (this was very surprising)
- Significant overspray visible on most systems (documented with pictures).
- Very few rain sensors. Many not functioning.
- Mixed precipitation rates and over-pressurization were the most common deficiencies. (and the easiest to fix)
- Rotor zones were typically deficit irrigating. (and we never told clients to increase their application amounts).
- Landscape health and appearance improved.

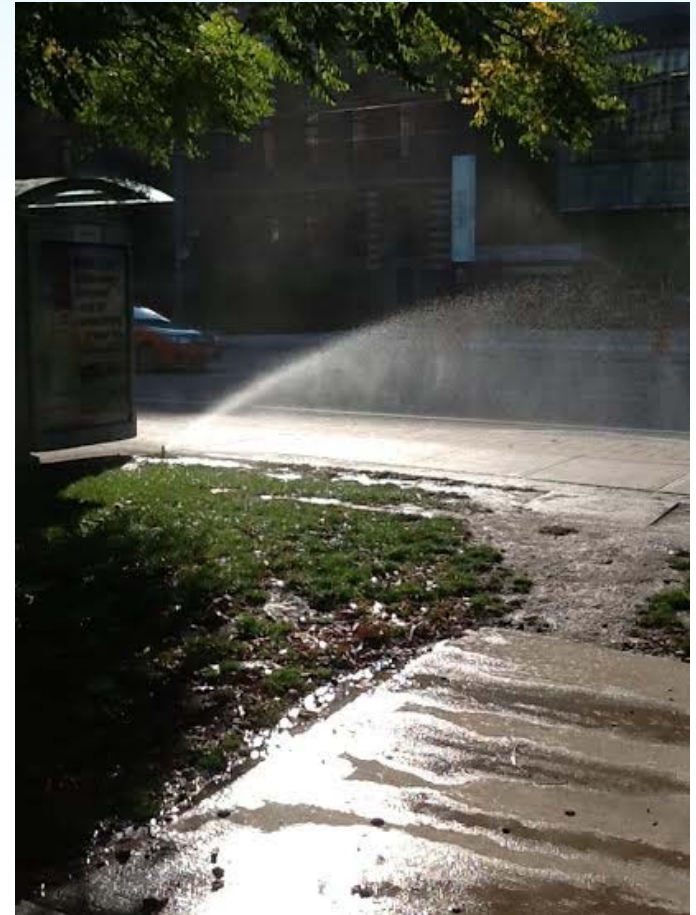


Summary of Findings (continued)

- 50% uptake with participants.
- Only 1 system was problematic (we could not make any recommendations to improve the system. We recommended decommissioning and starting over.

Factors influencing program participation included:

- Change in corporate priorities.
- Contractor not fulfilling requests for proposal.
- Changes in personnel.
- Funds not available due to unforeseen circumstances.
- Longer ROI than acceptable.



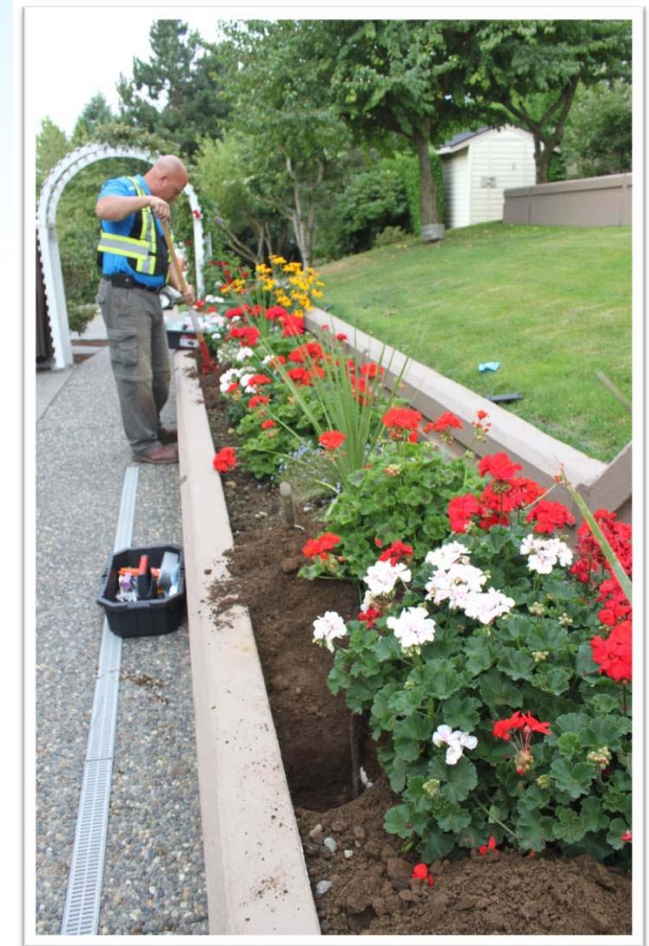
Contractor Participation

- At first, they were not happy and suspicious (concerned about client perception).
- After they saw the business opportunity, most were very supportive.
- The program drove uptake of over 50 smart controllers.
- Resulted in implementation of pressure regulated sprinklers, low volume irrigation and improved maintenance practices.
- Contractors got to see first hand how their expertise was valued by end users.
- Most contractors are now requesting municipal support in reaching out to their client base.



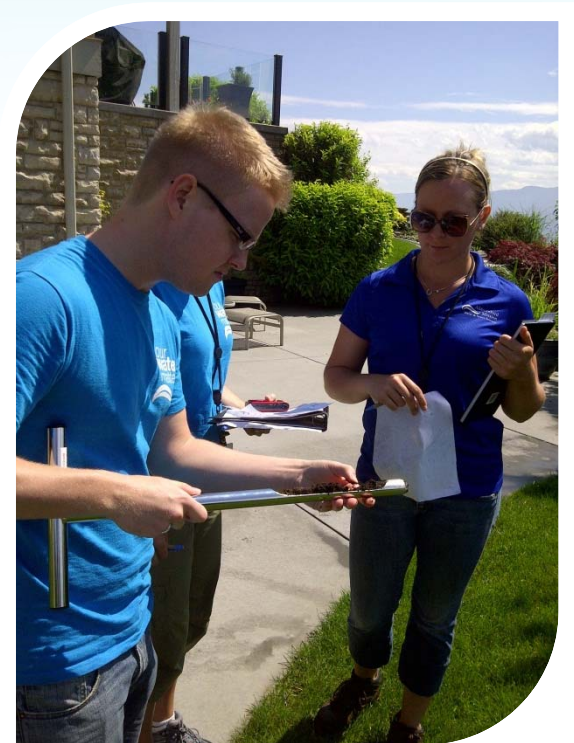
Next steps

- Municipalities are moving forward with training industry professionals on new evaluation techniques and creating incentives to encourage greater industry participation.
- Irrigation improvements are getting easier to sell (water cost in 2009 was \$1.45/m³ and is now \$1.95/m³). This is still one of the lowest water rates in Ontario. Most cities are above \$2.50/m³.
- \$2.50/m³ = \$9.46 per 1000 Gallons.



Final Thoughts

- Tools can only improve the efficiency of data collection. Contactors are needed for implementation of efficiency measures.
- Return on Investment is a large factor in end-user decision making.
- The irrigation system improvements opportunity is large if contractors have the tools and interest to target it. (market transformation)
- Data collected during these assessments start to build a picture of water use on a property by property basis.
- Knowing how many systems are in operation, their components and level of performance is very useful data to have if attempting to address irrigation water demands placed on municipal infrastructure.



How can we use technology?

We can gather relevant information to frame decision making

- Average irrigation application amount per acre?
- Average daily, weekly, monthly, annual water use per system?
- Inventory of irrigation infrastructure
- Total number of spray heads vs Rotors
- Total number of potential “fixtures” needing replacement.
- Establishing a performance benchmark or enforcing water waste by-laws.
- What % of systems have rain sensors?
- Plan for infrastructure renewal
- Build up a “pipeline” of retro-fit work



Our Responsibility Now . . . Water For Tomorrow




every drop counts

Thank you!



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**Next, Kirby Ell
will explain....**

**High Efficiency
Irrigation System
Rating Tool**

High Efficiency Irrigation Standard



Why was HEIS created??

- A. To obtain a higher level of water efficiency
- B. It takes a holistic approach to water conservation
 - 💧 Consider ALL factors that impact water efficiency
 - 💧 Not just the design & installation of irrigation systems



Initial Planning

A. Geographical Evaluation

- What is the local climate like?
 - Desert, rainforest...
- Does the location have adequate soil?
- Is wind a factor?



Initial Planning – Water Budget

B. Determine how much water is available

- ◆ Size & pressure of municipal service
- ◆ Watering restrictions
- ◆ Well or aquifer capacity



C. Calculate an initial water budget

- ◆ Determine how much water the project will require
- ◆ Is the amount of water available enough to satisfy the amount of water required?
- ◆ Is the initial concept still feasible?



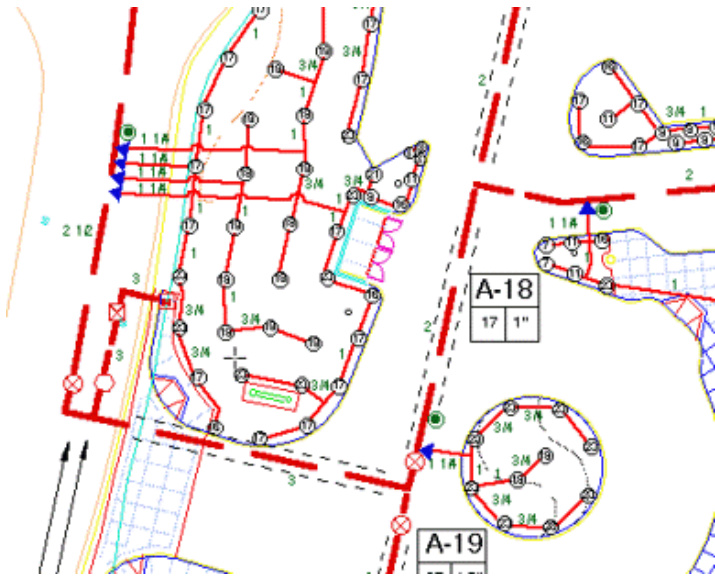
Initial Planning — Water Efficient Plants



Design

A. Certified Landscape & Irrigation Design

- ◆ Ensures the design conforms to HEIS spec's



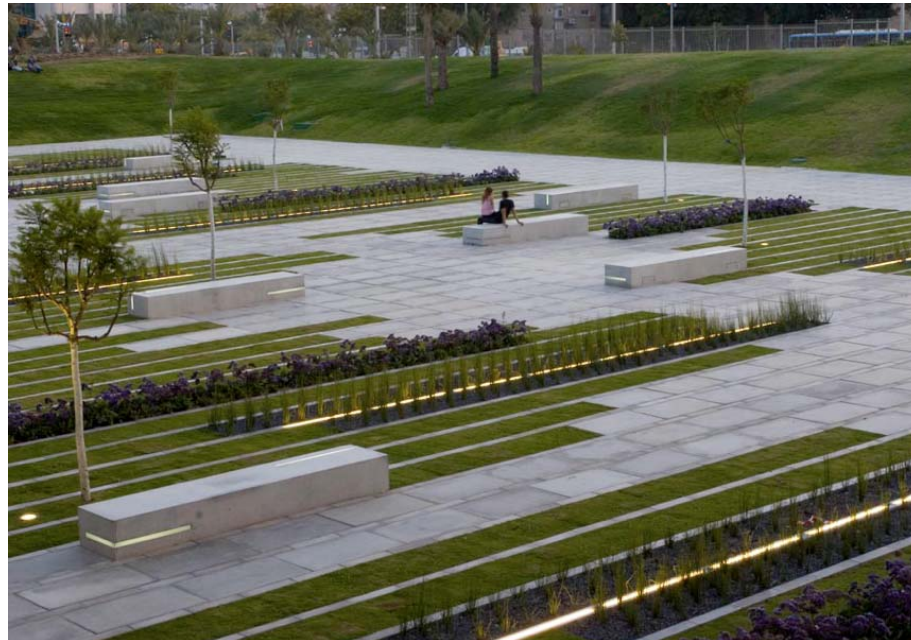
Design – Water Saving Layout

- B. Landscape layout should consider product limitations
- 💧 Limit curved planter beds
 - 💧 Turf dimensions divisible by typical spray radius



Design - Water Saving Layout

- C. Minimum width of turf and shrub areas
 - 💧 Prevent run off or overspray onto hardscape



Design - Weather Sensors

D. Weather Sensors

- 💧 Rain Sensor
- 💧 Soil Moisture Sensor
- 💧 Smart Controllers
 - 💧 Save 30 - 50% of water used by traditional controllers



Design – Water Efficient Products

- E. Ensure the irrigation system uses water saving products
 - ◆ Efficient sprinklers – min level of distribution uniformity (DU_{LQ})
 - ◆ Pressure regulation
 - ◆ Check valves to prevent low-head drainage
 - ◆ Flow sensor - leak detection



Design – Good Quality Soil

F. Soil specifications

- ◆ Minimum depth & quality
- ◆ Specify soil with good moisture holding capacities



Installation - Certification

- A. Certified Irrigation Contractor & Certified Irrigation Technician to install the irrigation system
- B. Trained & Certified personnel
 - ◆ Vested interest in creating a well functioning system
 - ◆ Identify abnormal conditions which affect system's efficiency



Installation – Quality Control

- C. Set the controller, sensors and heads properly
- D. Check for leaks & pressure test mains



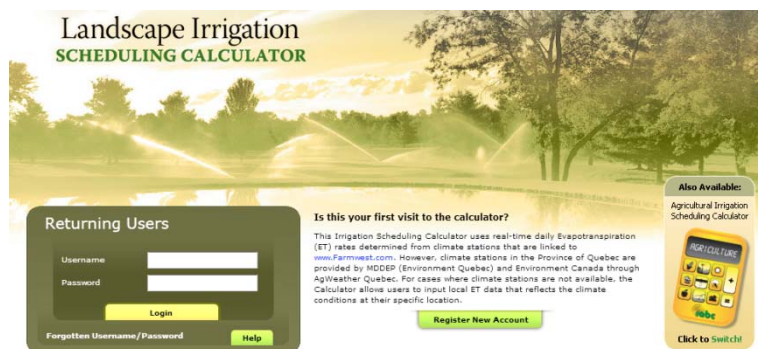
Scheduling

A. Create an accurate schedule

- ◆ Soil, plants, sprinkler precip rates, current weather conditions...
- ◆ Use IIABC scheduling calculator

B. Evaluate System Performance

- ◆ Audit the irrigation system to ensure its performing as designed
- ◆ Compare actual landscape water usage to a target water budget



Online HEIS Tool

HEIS Project Point Accumulation Tracker

■ Mandatory
 ■ Minimum 1 of 2 required
 ■ Optional
 ■ To achieve project rating

Preliminary Project Information (required) Steps

| | |
|---|-------|
| 1 | 181 |
| 2 | ▼ 100 |
| 3 | ▼ 80 |
| 4 | 82 |
| 5 | ▼ 0 |
| 6 | 0 |
| 7 | ▼ 10 |
| | 84 |
| 8 | ▼ 100 |
| 9 | ▼ 0 |
| | 50 |

Site

IIABC Professionals

IIABC Base Standards (Minimum of 100 required)

Water Use Allocation Budget

Design Capacity Worksheet

Product Component Rating

Irrigation Management - Scheduling Worksheet

IIABC Certified Professionals

Complete Irrigation System Proficiency Assessment

Irrigation System Efficiency Rating

Soils Condition Assessment / Recommendation

Conservation Enhancements / Water Collection - Reuse

High Efficiency Water Use for Project

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STANDARDS FOR HIGH EFFICIENCY LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

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IRRIGATION INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Project Compiler

General

Section Score Tracker

7 4 1 4

Entire Standards Score Tracker

42 4 4

- 1. **Scope of Work**
 - Supply and install all components of an automatic irrigation system to efficiently cover the landscape.
 - Utilize the IIABC's HEIS system components calculator to confirm the system is of sufficient efficiency.
 - Provide a scaled design drawing
- 2. **Quality Assurance**
 - The combination of the following IIABC Certified Professionals must be used (see HEIS calculator):
 - ◊ Certified Irrigation Contractor
 - ◊ Certified Irrigation Designer
 - ◊ Certified Irrigation Technician – Level 2
 - ◊ Certified Irrigation Scheduler
 - The contractor is a member of the IIABC
 - A written guarantee of a minimum of one year is provided to the owner
- 3. **Submittals**
 - Provide a scaled as built drawing showing controller location, master valve, zone control valves, main water connection, blow out connection, pump and other pertinent features.
 - Provide an operating and maintenance manual.
 - Provide a base schedule based on evapotranspiration for the location of the project.
 - Provide information on how to obtain local evapotranspiration data.
 - Provide an operating schedule for all zones for the peak time of year with suggested run times for seasonal changes.
 - Provide special tools required to service installed equipment.
- 4. **Site Conditions**
 - Verify and mark the location of all on site utilities.
 - Verify and mark the location of all buried cables, conduits, pipes, etc., prior to trenching.
 - Adjust the design as required to suit existing site conditions before proceeding with the work.
 - Protect existing landscape features, plant material structures, the work in progress and the work of other trades from damage.
 - Ensure that sequencing of work is carried out in coordination with other trades.
 - Ensure all sleeves are appropriately installed.
- 5. **Owner or Representative**
 - Prior to starting the job the persons properly authorized to make decisions are identified.
- 6. **Regulations**
 - Obtain all permits and licenses applicable to the work to be done.
 - Ensure compliance with relevant codes and regulations during both design and installation.

How much water do we need?

To calculate the LWR for the site, enter the information requested below (enter data in white cells only).

Step 2A - Enter The Annual Precipitation At The Site (R)

Average annual precipitation at site (inches/year)

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STEP 2B - COMPLETE TABLE 1 BELOW (enter data in white cells only)

Enter the area of the hydrozone (square feet). The total area must equal the landscape area entered in Step 1A.

Choose the plant type from the dropdown list (source data is displayed in Table 2). Note, you may add additional plant types and associated KL values if you prefer.

Choose the irrigation type from the dropdown list (source data is displayed in Table 3).

Landscape Water Requirement

| Zone | Hydrozone/Landscape Feature Area (sq. ft.) | Plant Type or Landscape Feature | Landscape Coefficient (K_L) | Irrigation Type | Irrigation Efficiency (IE) | LWR _H (gal/yr) |
|------|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | 10000 | Cool Season Turfgras ▼ | 0.8 | Rotor ▼ | 80 | 82092.19 |
| 2 | 20000 | Ground Cover ▼ | 0.5 | Drip - Pre: ▼ | 95 | 75355.26 |
| 3 | 20000 | Scrubs ▼ | 0.5 | Fixed Spra ▼ | 75 | 95450 |

Is the water required less than the water allowed?

STEP 3B - REVIEW THE LWA AND LWR FROM PART 1 AND PART 2

LWA

299195.91

LWR

252897.45

OUTPUT - DOES THE DESIGNED LANDSCAPE MEET THE WATER BUDGET?

Yes

If YES, then the water budget criterion is met.

If NO, landscape and/or irrigation system adjustments need to be made and reflected in Step 2B - LWR.

The designed landscape is

20

Turf

Design Capacity and Dynamic Pressure Calculator

Project Compiler

A Record Site Information

1. Static pressure at the source (main): PSI
2. Net elevation change (positive or negative) source to POC: FEET
3. Pressure change resulting from change in elevation (Line 2 X 0.433) PSI
4. Static pressure at POC (Line 1 +/- Line 3):

| | Number / Length | Size | Type of Pipe |
|------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 5. Service Line | <input type="text" value="20"/> | <input type="text" value="1"/> | <input type="text" value="NaN"/> |
| 6. Delivery Line | <input type="text" value="100"/> | <input type="text" value="1"/> | <input type="text" value="NaN"/> |
| 7. Water Meter | <input type="text" value="1"/> | <input type="text" value="1"/> | <input type="text" value="0"/> |
| 8. Gate Valves | <input type="text" value="1"/> | <input type="text" value="1"/> | <input type="text" value="NaN"/> |
| 9. Other | <input type="text" value="0"/> | <input type="text" value="0"/> | <input type="text" value="0"/> |

B Determination of Design Capacity

- | | | | | | |
|-----|--|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-----|
| 10. | Pressure Loss through the Water Meter | <u>restriction</u> | Not to exceed 10% of available PSI at the source (see Line 1) | <input type="text" value="14"/> | GPM |
| 11. | Volume through the Water Meter | <input type="text" value="50"/> | Not to exceed 75% of maximum safe flow of the meter | <input type="text" value="38"/> | GPM |
| 12. | Velocity through the Service Line (Supply Main to Meter) | | Not to exceed 7.5 fps | <input type="text" value="30"/> | GPM |
| 13. | Design Capacity | | Lowest of 3 values - Lines 10, 11 & 12 | <input type="text" value="14"/> | GPM |

C Calculation of Dynamic Pressure at Design Capacity

- | | | | | | | |
|-----|--|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----|
| 14. | PSI loss in Service Line | <input type="text" value="100"/> | PSI loss per 100ft/100 x actual length in feet | <input type="text" value="20"/> | <input type="text" value="20"/> | PSI |
| 15. | PSI loss in Delivery Line | <input type="text" value="8"/> | PSI loss per 100ft/100 x actual length in feet | <input type="text" value="15"/> | <input type="text" value="1"/> | PSI |
| 16. | PSI loss in the Water Meter at Design Capacity | | | <input type="text" value="2"/> | <input type="text" value="2"/> | PSI |
| 17. | PSI loss in gate valves | <input type="text" value="1"/> | Equivalence Factor | <input type="text" value="0"/> | <input type="text" value="0"/> | PSI |
| | x: | <input type="text" value="5"/> | PSI loss per 100ft of std steel pipe/100 | | | |
| | x: | <input type="text" value="2"/> | Number of gate valves | | | |

Product Rating Guide

Minimum of 80 Rating Average across all Product Categories on Project

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|----|----|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|-----|-------------|
| 2 | ▼ | 82 | 1 | Controllers | | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | ▼ | Four (4) Program Capability | | | | | |
| | | | 3 | ▼ | Season Adjustment % by Program | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | ▼ | Multiple Programmable Sensor Inputs | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | ▼ | Master Valve Activation | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | ▼ | Flow Log Capabilities (Entered Flow or Actual Real Time Flow) | | | | | |
| | | | 3 | ▼ | Ability to self adjust station run times from current climatic / site data | | | | | |
| | | | 3 | ▼ | Ability to respond to flow sensor with system shut down & alert | 13 | 13 150 | | | |
| 1 | ▼ | 82 | | Backflow Preventer | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 1 | 1 200 | | | |
| 0 | ▼ | 82 | 1 | ▼ | Master Valves | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 1 | 0 0 | | | |
| 1 | ▼ | 82 | 0 | ▼ | Flow Sensors | 2 | ▼ | Water Meter Size | | |
| | | | | | | FLOW SENSOR REQUIRED | | | | |
| | | | | | | 5 | | 5 | 125 | |
| 1 | ▼ | 82 | 12 | | Solenoid Control Valves | | | | | |
| | | | 2 | ▼ | Flow Control | | | | | |
| | | | 3 | ▼ | Pressure Regulation Compatible | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 5 | | 5 | 100 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Site Static |
| 1 | ▼ | 82 | | Pressure Regulator @ POC | | | | 135 | psi | |
| | | | 1 | ▼ | Static PSI at POC over 75 PSI | | | PRESSURE REGULATION ADVISED | | |
| | | | | | | 4 | | 4 | 150 | |
| 0 | ▼ | 82 | 1 | ▼ | Filters (with pressure gauge at POC) | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 1 | | 0 | 0 | |
| 2 | ▼ | 82 | | On Site Sensors | | | | | | |
| | | | 0 | ▼ | Rain | | | | | |
| | | | 5 | ▼ | Climate | | | | | |
| | | | 0 | ▼ | Wind | | | | | |
| | | | 0 | ▼ | ... | | | | | |

Product Pass or Fail?

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----|---|---|----|-------------|
| 1 | 82 | 2 | Low Volume / Low Pressure Components | | |
| | | 1 | Adhere to HEIS Details and Specifications | 1 | 1 150 |
| 2 | 82 | | Pipe | | |
| | | 1 | Class 200 (minimum rating) Lateral Piping &/or HDPE | | |
| | | 2 | Schedule 40 Mainline Piping &/or HDPE | | |
| | | 2 | Flow Rates below 5 fps | 5 | 5 50 |
| 1 | 82 | | Connections | | |
| | | 3 | Triple Swing Joints on all Sprinkler Heads and Quick Couplers | | |
| | | 2 | Threaded Schedule 80 Fittings on all Valve Assemblies | 5 | 5 35 |
| 1 | 82 | | Wire | | |
| | | 3 | Single 14 gauge to each control valve, shared 14 or 12 gauge Common | | |
| | | 2 | Gel Filled Enclosure for each splice | 5 | 5 40 |
| | | | | 5 | 1460 |
| | | | | | PASS |
| | | | | | FAIL |
| | | | | | 82 |
| Total Product Categories | | | | 17 | |

Certification Points

IIABC Certified Professionals Point Accumulation

Certifications (complete professional certification submittal for each category establishing points - click on the appropriate certification drop down box)

Assigned User

| | | | |
|-------|-----------------------|----|--|
| CID | | 10 | Irrigation Design Completed by CID |
| CIC | Administrator eVision | 10 | Certified Irrigation Contractor |
| CITII | Administrator eVision | 5 | Certified Staff installing project |
| CIS | Administrator eVision | 5 | Pre Construction Irrigation Schedule developed |
| CIS | | 10 | Post Construction System Audit conducted |

100

Overall Project IIABC Certified Professional Rating

System Pass or Fail?

Preliminary Project
Information (required)
Steps

| | |
|---|-------|
| 1 | 181 |
| 2 | ▼ 100 |
| 3 | ▼ 0 |
| 4 | 82 |
| 5 | ▼ 0 |
| 6 | 75 |
| 7 | ▼ 0 |
| | 73 |

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Product Component Rating

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Complete Irrigation System Proficiency Assessment

Irrigation System Efficiency Rating



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