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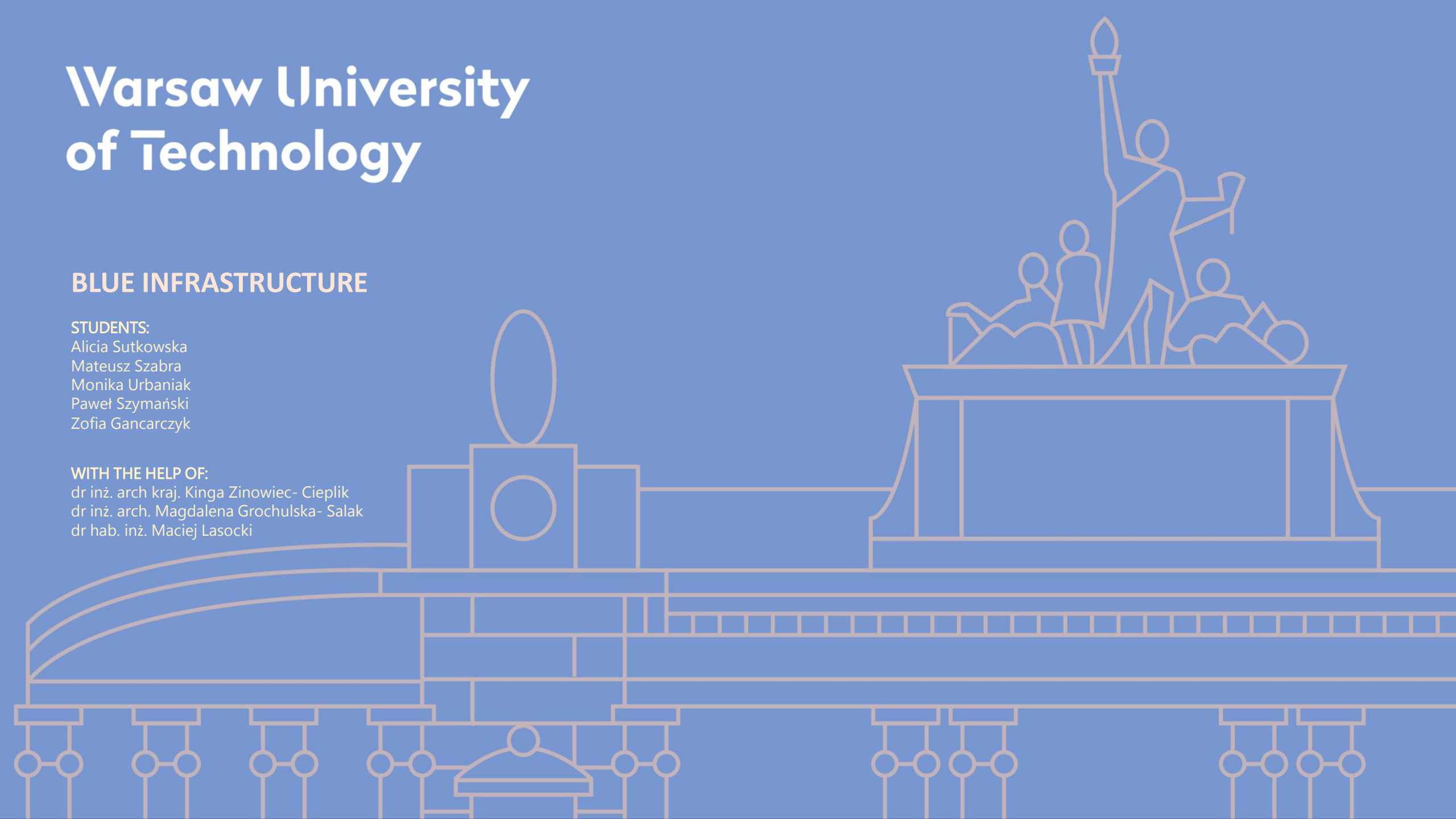
BLUE INFRASTRUCTURE

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Water-based solutions



OPEN-AIR RETENTION TANKS / WATER GARDENS

GOALS

Open-air retention tanks and water gardens exhibit urban resilience by absorbing disturbances and adapting to environmental stresses.

These systems effectively absorb water and neutralize pollutants, contributing to cleaner urban water sources.

They are self-sufficient, managing stormwater while reducing urban temperatures.

URBAN FACTORS

Open-air retention tanks often require a large space and strongly influence the city landscape. The factors that need to be taken into account when designing such tanks are: biologically active area, site area, watershed area, functional public space index

SOLUTION EXAMPLE

France, Boulogne, Billancourt Park, designed by Agence Ter,

<https://landezine-award.com/boulogne-park/>



USE OF CANALS FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES

GOALS

Enhancing quality of life, creating community gathering spaces, promoting tourism and improving the city's attractiveness, creating a new landmark in urban structure, promoting green transport (kayaks, canoes)

URBAN FACTORS

The presence of a canal and access to water; Historical and cultural context; functional public space index;

SOLUTION EXAMPLE

Belgium, Bruges; The Floating Island / OBBA & Dertien12

<https://www.archdaily.com/899820/the-floating-island-obba-and-dertien12>



TEMPORARY WATER RESERVOIRS

GOALS

Removal of pollutants from flowing rainwater collected from the surface of roads, squares and roofs, less water flowing from impervious surfaces to the general sewage system (plants retain it in the landscape, thus increasing water retention).

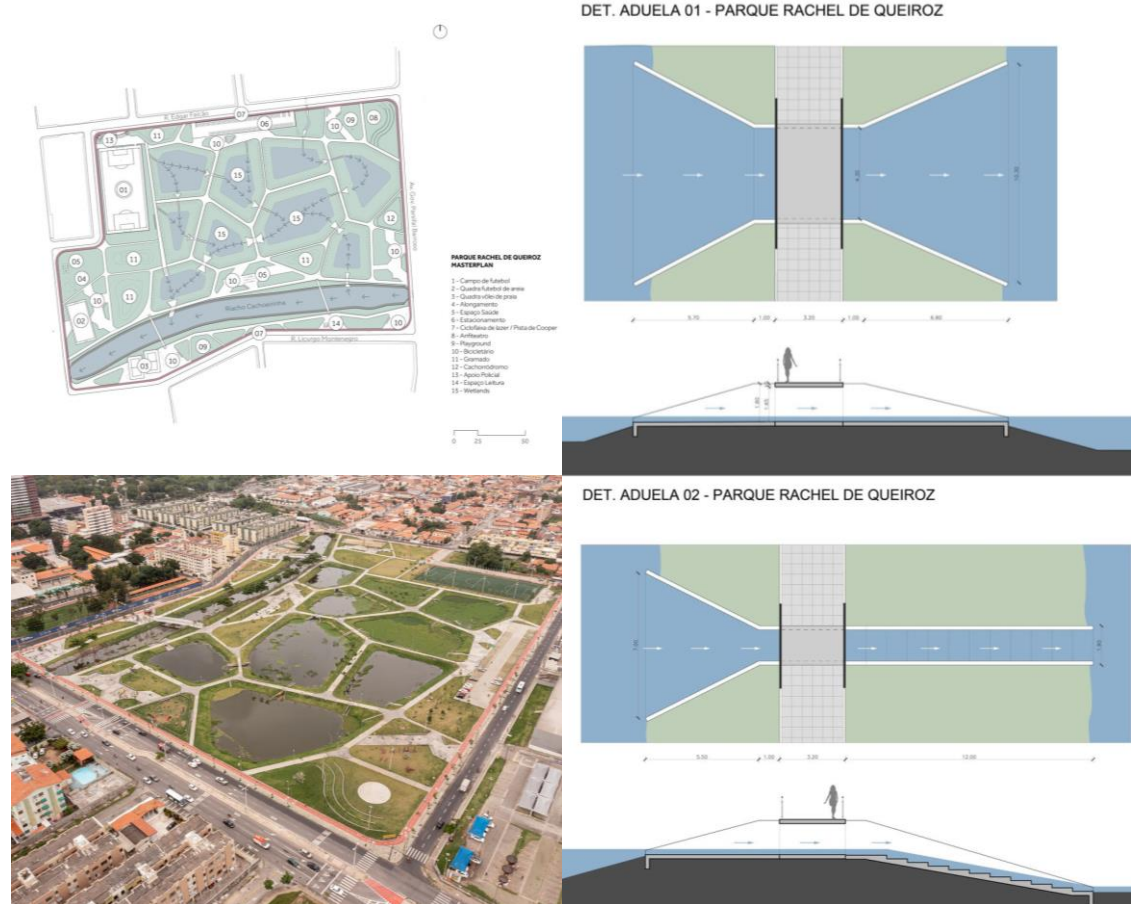
URBAN FACTORS

Highly urbanized area, with paved surfaces, without a biologically active surface and with a large surface runoff.
Occurrence of flood risk.

SOLUTION EXAMPLE

Rachel de Queiroz Park in Fortaleza, Brazil

<https://www.archdaily.com/985558/rachel-de-queiroz-park-architectus-s-s>



RENATURATION OF WATER CHANNELS

GOALS

Improvement of flood safety, the river's continuity and its connectivity with floodplains, restoring natural environmental conditions and habitat diversity, inviting recreation and improving the river's accessibility and quality, increasing the amount of water left in the river bed.

URBAN FACTORS

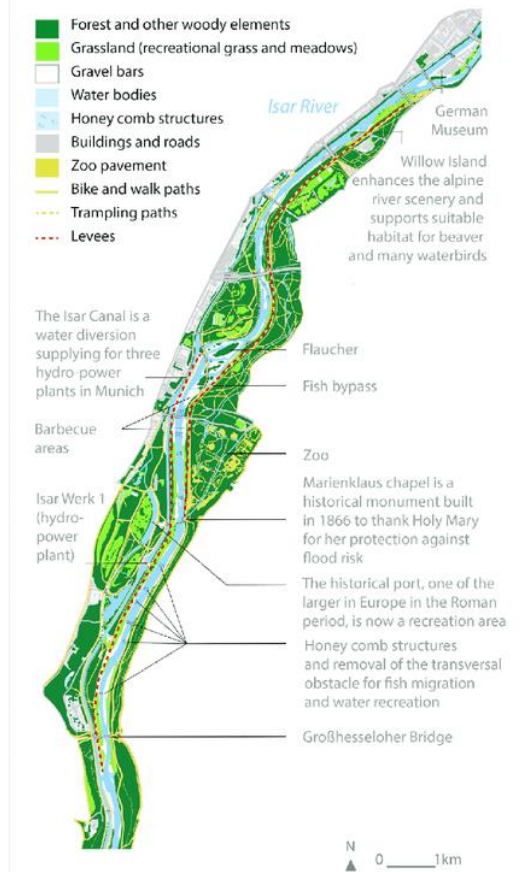
Ecosystem degradation, changes in hydrology, biological depletion, pollution, coastal erosion, hardened banks, restricted access for migratory organisms, habitat loss.

SOLUTION EXAMPLE

Isar River restoration in Munich, Germany

https://climate-adapt.eea.europa.eu/en/metadata/case-studies/isar-plan-2013-water-management-plan-and-restoration-of-the-isar-river-munich-germany/munich_document-2.pdf

Polish text: <file:///C:/Users/DELL%20PRECISION/Downloads/16.pdf>



RETENTION ROOFS

GOALS

Ensuring free runoff of rainwater and collecting water with the possibility of its reuse and air cooling. Increasing the attractiveness of urban space and the number of biologically active areas

URBAN FACTORS

Problem with excessive rainwater runoff, lack of green spaces, high temperature in the area.

SOLUTION EXAMPLE

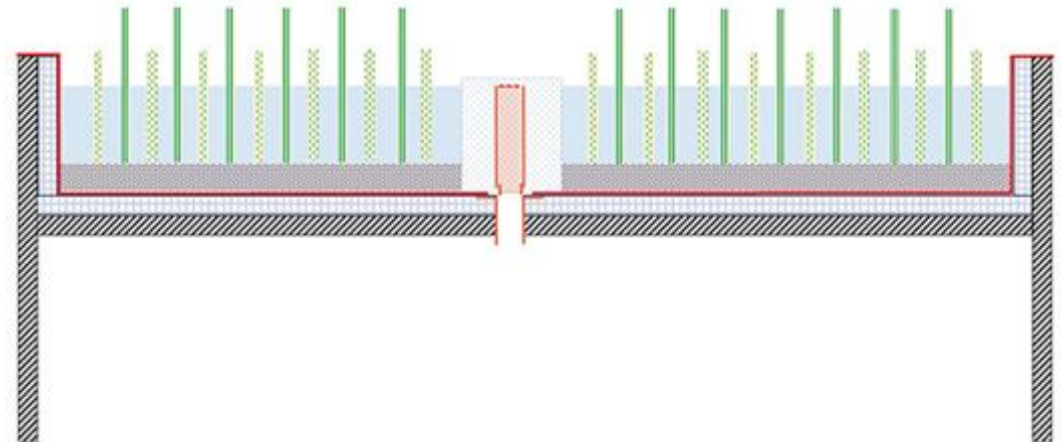
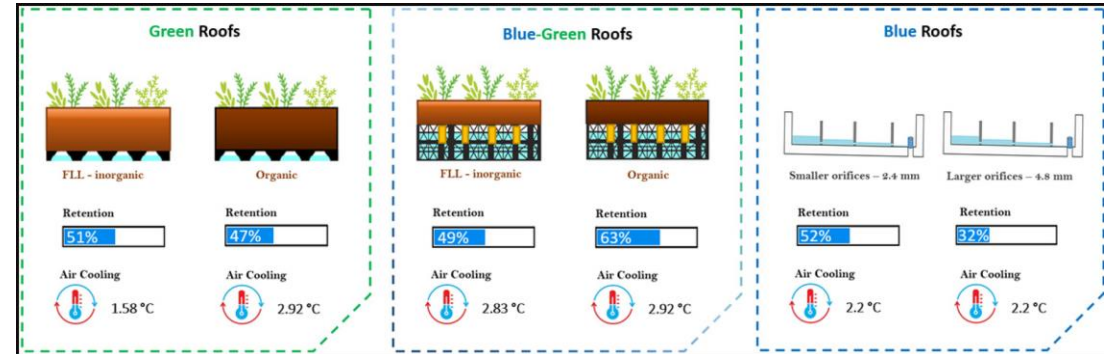
Example

Green, Blue-Green and Blue Roofs. Swamp roof (MCER Marki, Poland), roof with floating plants (Repotex mat).

Example source

<https://eurobuildcee.com/en/news/28222-first-passive-polish-school-in-marki>

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/328081791_Helophyte_mats_wetland_roofs_with_high_evapotranspiration_rates_as_a_tool_for_decentralised_rainwater_management_-_process_stability_improved_by_simultaneous_greywater_treatment



SHARING THE FUNCTIONS OF URBAN SPACE (WATER RETENTION)

GOALS

Counteracting the effects of flooding and more efficient use of space by sharing various functions by the area (e.g., retention, recreation, transport). Designing a city which allow to retain, purify and reuse rainwater.

URBAN FACTORS

lack of recreational space by the water, need to reducing the effects of extreme weather conditions, dense urban space

SOLUTION EXAMPLE

Water Plaza Rotterdam, Roads and ground level parking (sponge city Wuhan)

Example source:

<https://www.mdpi.com/2073-4441/13/4/576>

<https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1755-1315/295/3/032019/pdf>

<https://link-1springer-1com-1000096ut2a70.eczyt.bg.pw.edu.pl/article/10.1007/s12517-021-07706-y>



UNDERGROUND RETENTION TANKS

GOALS

Temporary stormwater runoff storage and management of its flow during heavy rainfall events. The primary goal is to prevent flooding, reduce the risk of erosion, and control the release of stormwater into the sewer system or natural water bodies.

URBAN FACTORS

underground intensity index, rainwater runoff, site area and area with paved surfaces, watershed area, underground volume zone

SOLUTION EXAMPLE

Modular tank for either water detention (wrapped in geotextile)

or

retention where the modules are placed inside a welded PVC liner.

Example source

<https://watercraftwa.com.au/rainwater-tanks/underground-tank-options/>



NATURAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS

GOALS

To achieve effective wastewater treatment while minimizing the environmental impact and energy consumption associated with traditional treatment methods. Reducing water consumption in households (indoor reuse), which translates into economic benefits in the form of reduced water consumption costs

URBAN FACTORS

Fertilization, surface permeability, plants, site area, groundwater level, improvement of wastewater quality

SOLUTION EXAMPLE

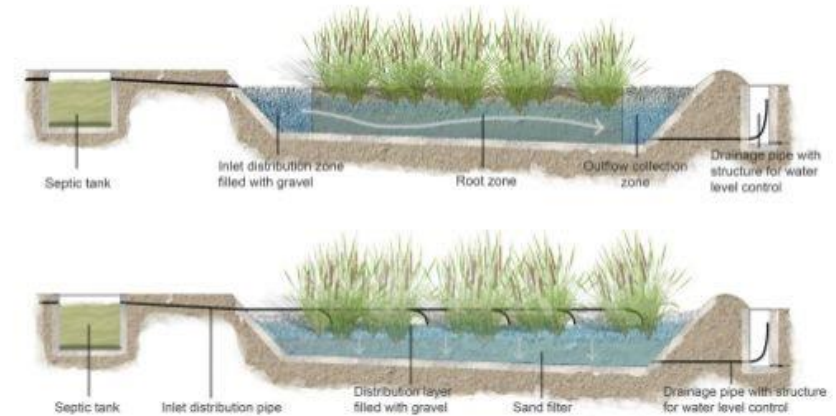
Example

Constructed Wetlands applied to the region of Curitiba and Paraná

Example source

<https://www.biomatrixwater.com/msr-constructed-wetlands/>

CONSTRUCTED WETLANDS



UNDERGROUND WATER RESERVOIRS WITH INFILTRATION POTENTIAL

GOALS

Enhance urban water sustainability by utilizing underground reservoirs capable of natural infiltration.

Balance urban water demands with the replenishment of groundwater supplies through these reservoirs.

Facilitate natural groundwater recharge processes in urban environments to combat water scarcity.

URBAN FACTORS

Changes in urban land use and its impact on groundwater recharge rates.

Increase of impermeable surfaces in urbanized regions limiting natural water infiltration.

The urban need for infrastructure that supports water infiltration and storage, balancing consumption with sustainability.

SOLUTION EXAMPLE

Permeable Pavements, eg. Stone paving in Santarém, Portugal

Example source:

<https://extension.usu.edu/waterquality/ou-images/Urban-Stormwater/Additional-Resources-Stormwater-Resources/SWPermeable.jpg>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/vribeiro/52625385450>



ENERGY HARVESTING FROM WATER

GOALS

Capitalize on wastewater's inherent heat as a sustainable energy source for urban needs.

Harness the potential of waves as a renewable energy source for coastal urban centers.

Reduce carbon footprints of cities while ensuring consistent energy supply through water-based sources.

URBAN FACTORS

Urban wastewater heat, a byproduct of domestic and industrial activities.

The strategic advantage of coastal urban centers in tapping into wave energy.

The burgeoning energy demands of cities and the need for eco-friendly energy solutions.

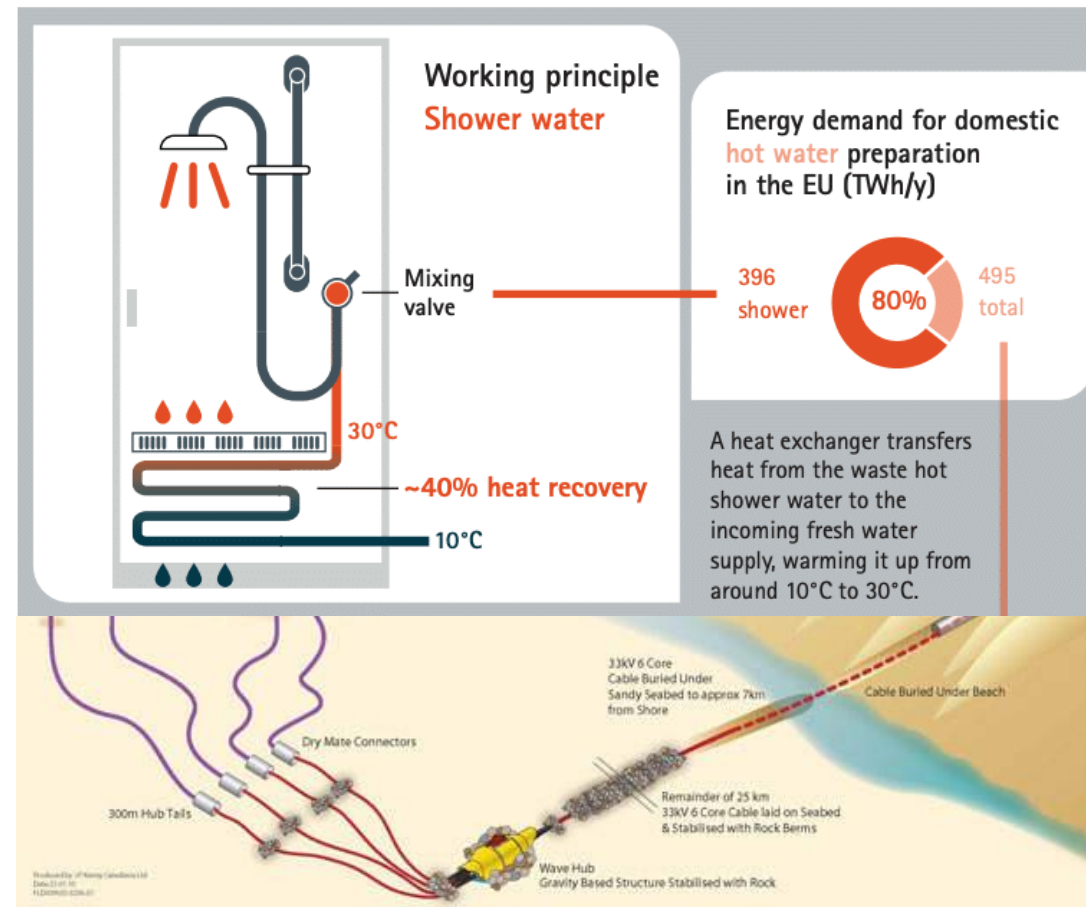
SOLUTION EXAMPLE

Wave Hub, Cornwall, UK

Example source:

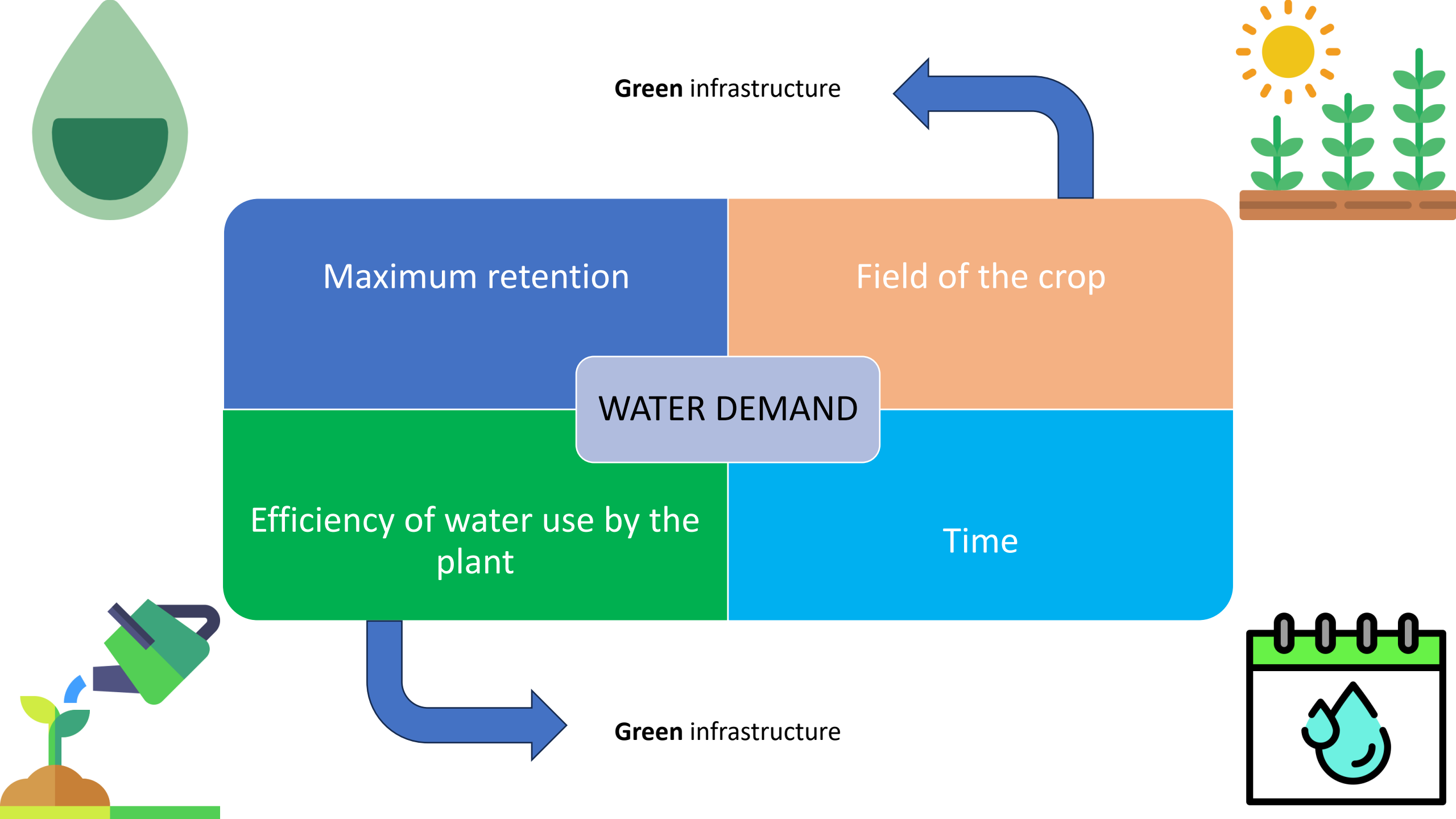
<https://copperalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Screenshot-2021-10-11-at-11.50.54-AM.png>

<https://www.power-technology.com/projects/cornwallwaveenergyhu>



Algorithms





MODELING THE WATER DEMAND OF AN IRRIGATED FACILITY

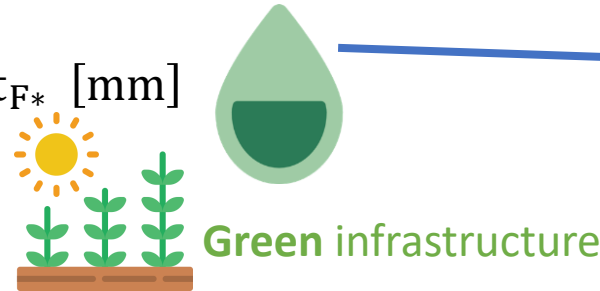
$$POM = \frac{10^{-3} \cdot POM_{net} [mm] \cdot 10^4 \cdot F [ha]}{\eta [-] \cdot \Delta t [s]} \left[\frac{m^3}{s} \right]$$

TABLE 2. Average ET_0 for different agroclimatic regions in mm/day

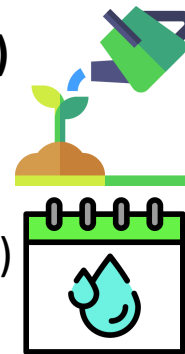
Regions	Mean daily temperature (°C)		
	Cool ~10°C	Moderate 20°C	Warm > 30°C
Tropics and subtropics			
- humid and sub-humid	2 - 3	3 - 5	5 - 7
- arid and semi-arid	2 - 4	4 - 6	6 - 8
Temperate region			
- humid and sub-humid	1 - 2	2 - 4	4 - 7
- arid and semi-arid	1 - 3	4 - 7	6 - 9

1. $POM_{net} = Ret_{max} - Ret_{F^*}$ [mm]

2. F [ha] – field of the crop



3. η [-] – efficiency of water use by the plant (0,7)
(depending on the method of irrigation)



4. Δt [s] - length of time interval (day/month/year)

- $Ret_{max} = 60$ mm
- $Ret_{F^*} = P - ET_1$ [mm]
(final retention forecast)

P- average precipitation (day/month/year)

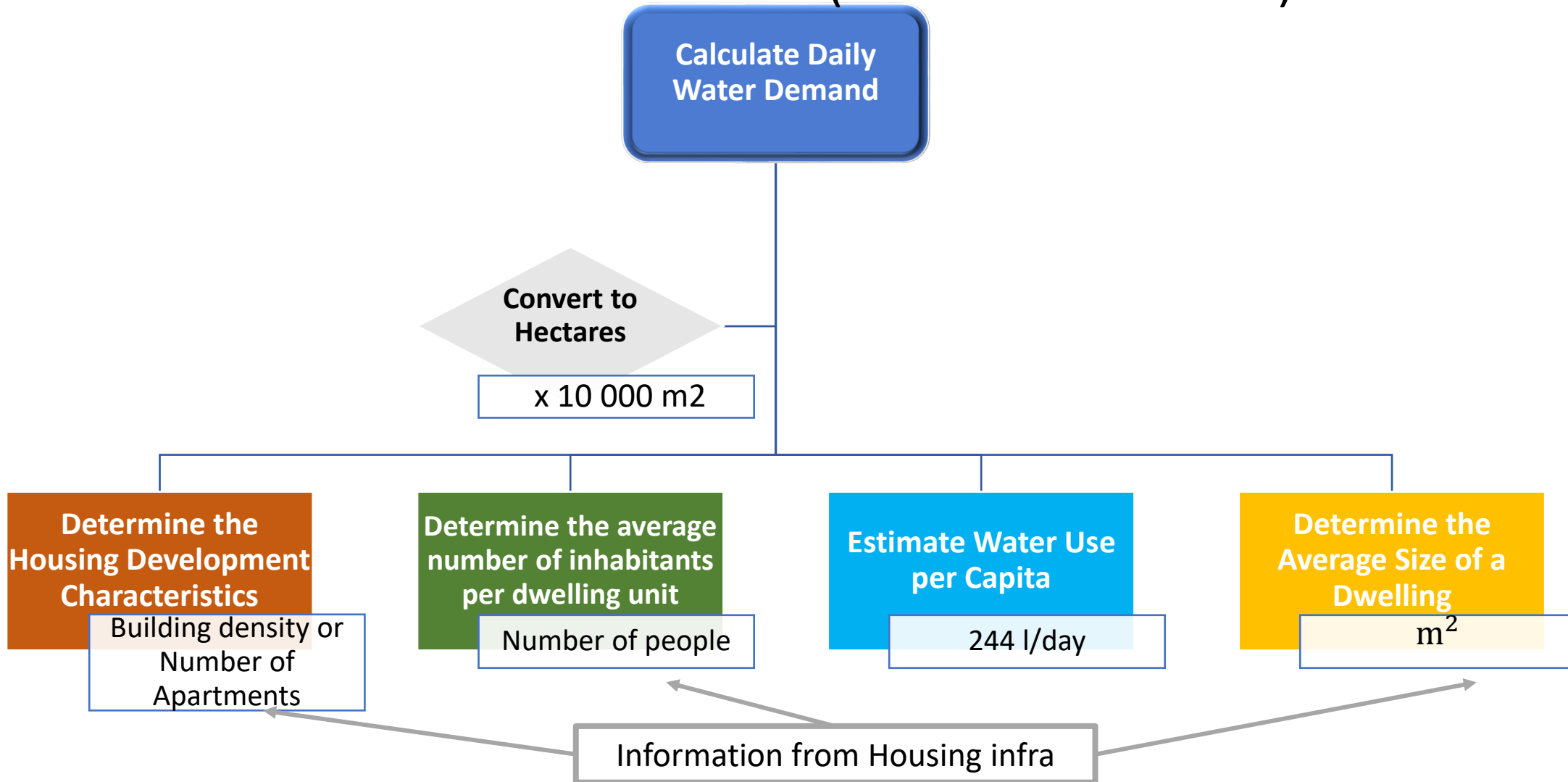
ET_1 - Initial crop evapotranspiration

- $ET_1 = k_c \cdot ET_0$ [mm]

ET_0 - Reference crop evapotranspiration (based on meteorological parameters)

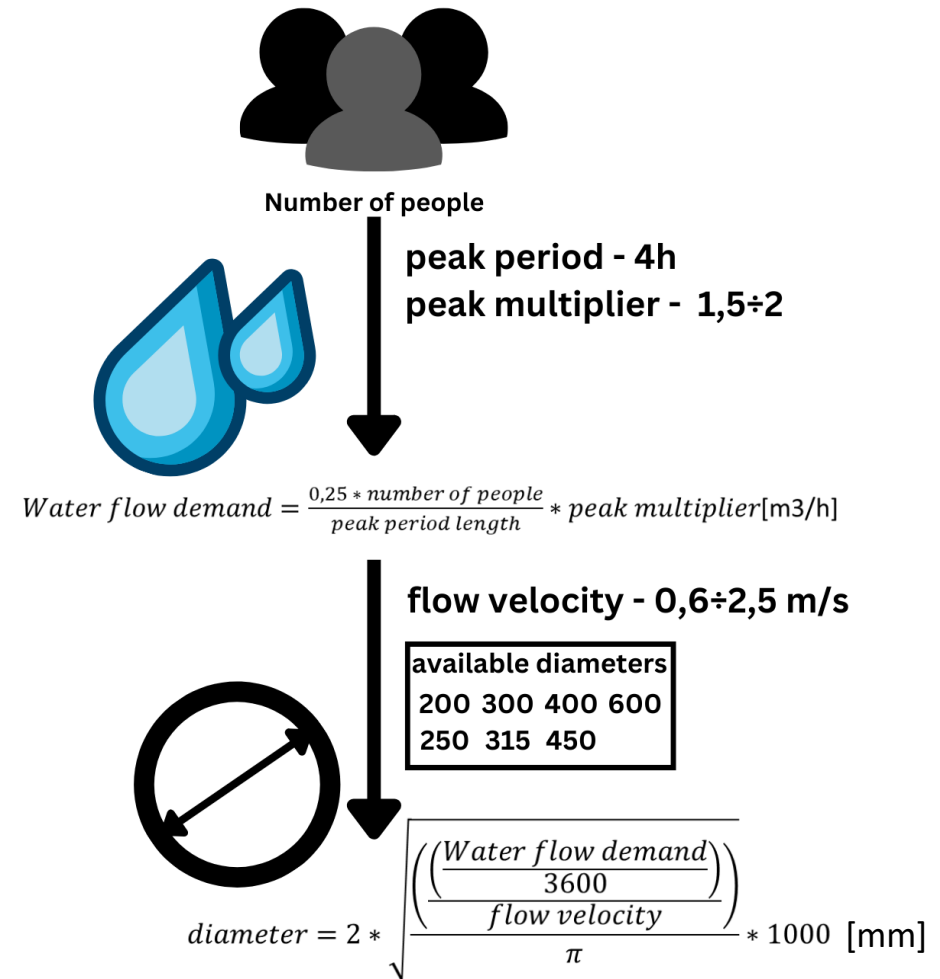
k_c - crop coefficient [dimensionless] (**for grass = 1**)

THE DEMAND FOR DOMESTIC WATER IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS (HA OPTIONAL)

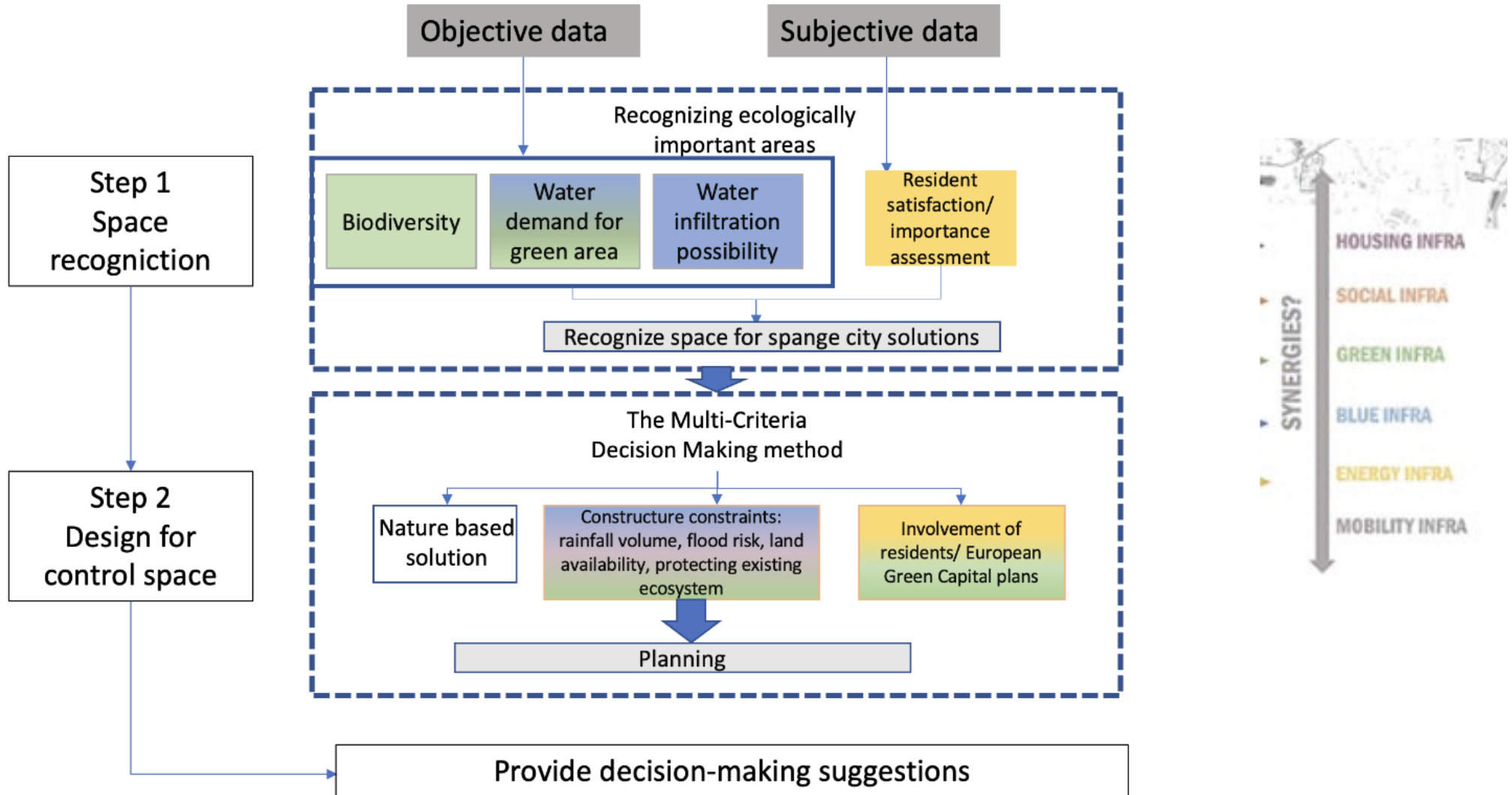


WATER SUPPLY DESIGN ALGORITHM

- Average Daily Water Demand
 - Estimated at $250 \frac{\text{liters}}{\text{person}} = 0,25 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{person}} \frac{\text{day}}$
 - For 10,000 inhabitants: 2,500 m³/day.
- Peak Hourly Demand
 - Consumption spikes often occur over 4-hour periods.
 - Assuming a 4-hour peak usage:
 - Base Peak Flow: 625 m³/h (2,500 m³ ÷ 4h).
 - 1.5x Peak Flow: 937.5 m³/h (2,500 m³ x 1.5 ÷ 4h).
 - 2x Peak Flow: 1,250 m³/h (2,500 m³ x 2 ÷ 4h).
- Flow velocity for supply network
 - 0,6 ÷ 2,5 m/s



SPONGE CITY CONCEPT



METHOD FOR SIZING MODULAR GREEN-BLUE ROOF

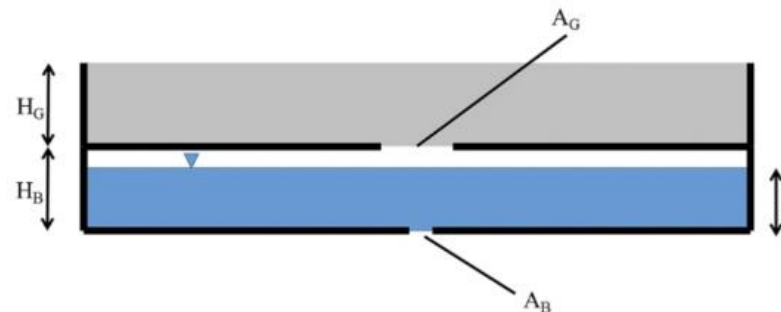
Total available storage for the system:

$$S = A_R (\phi H_G + H_B) + V_{\text{soil}}$$

Roof's planned area

field capacity
porosity (5%-25%)

Retention storage
volume



Schematic diagram of a modular green-blue roof system.

$A_G = \sum A_{Gi}$ and $A_B = \sum A_{Bi}$ are the cumulative drain areas of the green roof and blue roof, respectively. H_G and H_B are the heights of the green roof and blue roof modules, and h is the height of water at time t in the blue roof module

WASTEWATER ABSORPTION BY THE SEWAGE SYSTEM

$$Q_{ww} = K \cdot \sqrt{\sum DU} \quad [l / s]$$

SEWAGE FLOW RATE
(expected pipe diameter)

depends on the
function of the building

depends on the number of each
sanitary equipment element

discontinuous	0,5
periodic	0,7
collective	1
special	1,2



(e.g. housing infra)

RAINWATER ABSORPTION BY INFILTRATION TO THE SOIL

$$q_d = \psi \cdot A \cdot \frac{I}{10\,000} \quad [dm^3 / s]$$

RAINWATER FLOW RATE

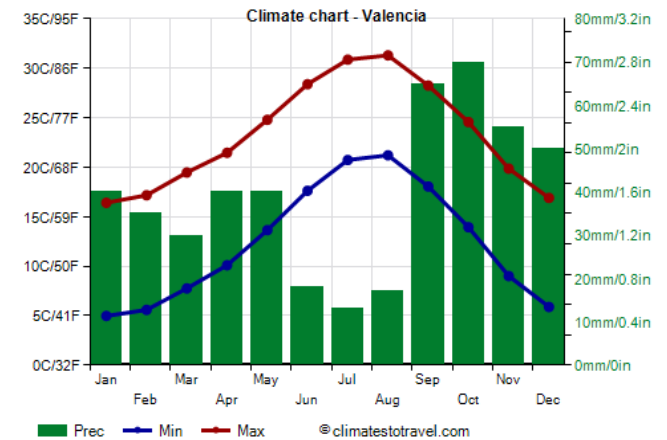
rainwater runoff factor

drainage surface

measured amount of expected rain

roofs >15 degrees	1
roofs <15 degrees	0,8
gravel roofs	0,5
roof gardens	0,3
ramps and car washes	1
sidewalks - slabs	0,6
sidewalks - courtyards, alleys	0,5
playgrounds, sports fields	0,25
gardens	0,1-0,15
parks	0,05

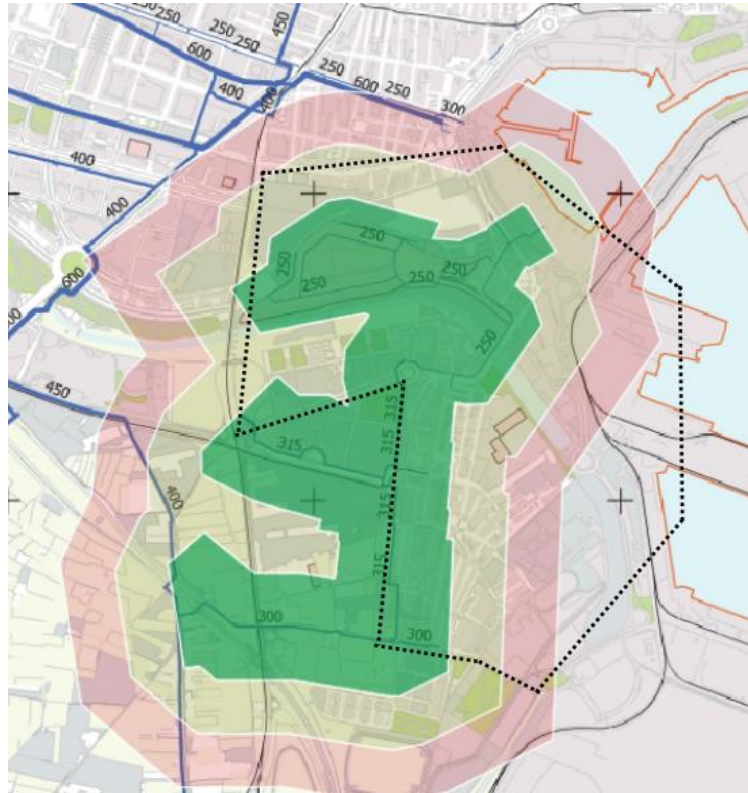
(e.g. green and social infra)



Maps



WATER SUPPLY NETWORK QUALITY MAP



Legend

Green- good supply

Yellow- moderate supply

Orange- supply in need to improvement

based on the distance from the water supply network and pipe diameter

IRIGATION CHANNELS NETWORK QUALITY MAP



Legend

Green- good supply

Yellow- moderate supply

Orange- supply in need to improvement

based on the distance from the irrigation channels network

WATER DEMAND - URBAN GREEN SPACES



Map legend

-- boundary of the site

■ building

■ Sea

Potential areas with water requirements for green spaces:

■ high probability

■ average probability

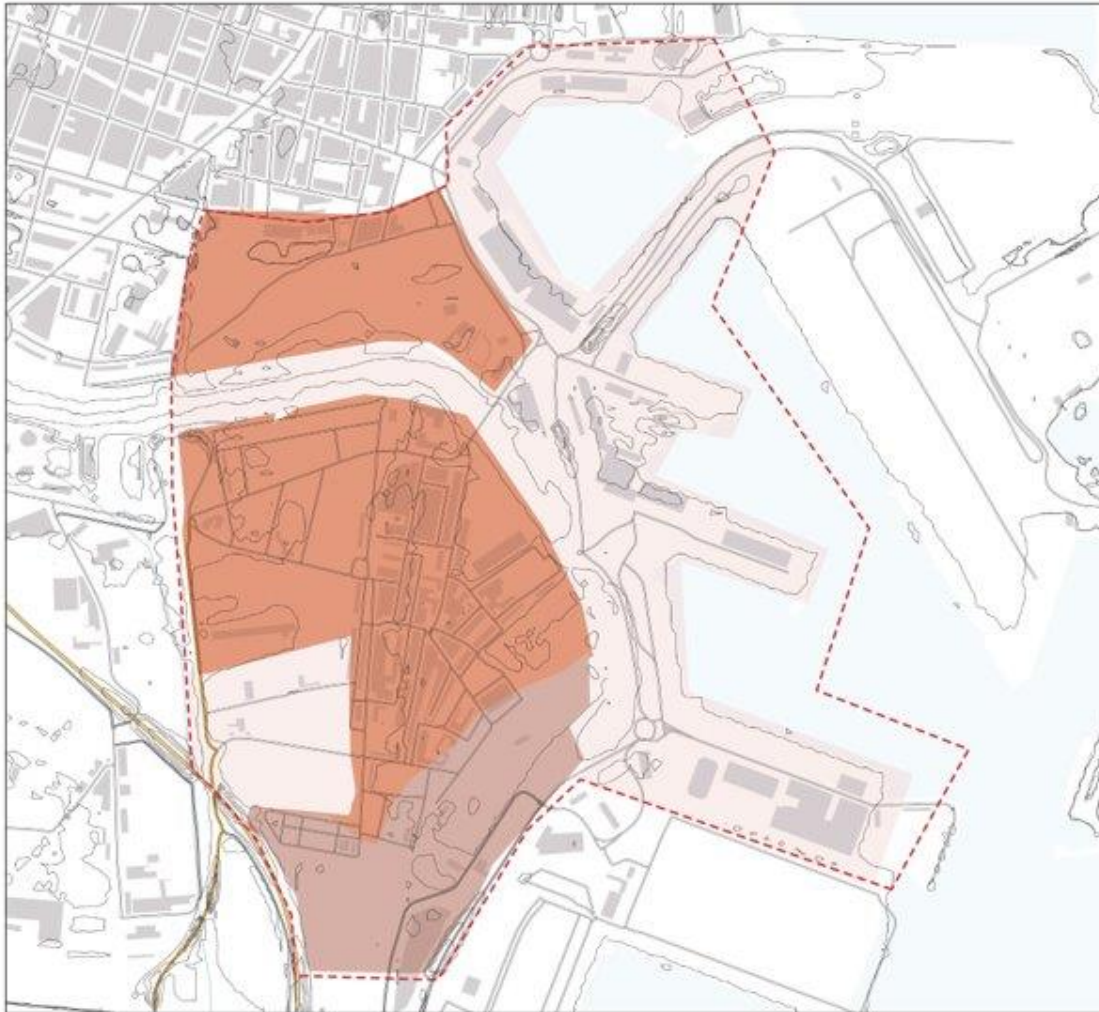
■ low probability

map prepared on the basis of:

- analysis of existing green areas, their types
- analysis of groundwater levels
- analysis of soil permeability
- analysis of landforms
- analysis of connections with greenery in neighboring areas



WATER DEMAND - RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT



Map legend

-- boundary of the site

■ building

■ Sea

Potential areas with water requirements for residential development:

■ high probability

■ average probability

■ low probability

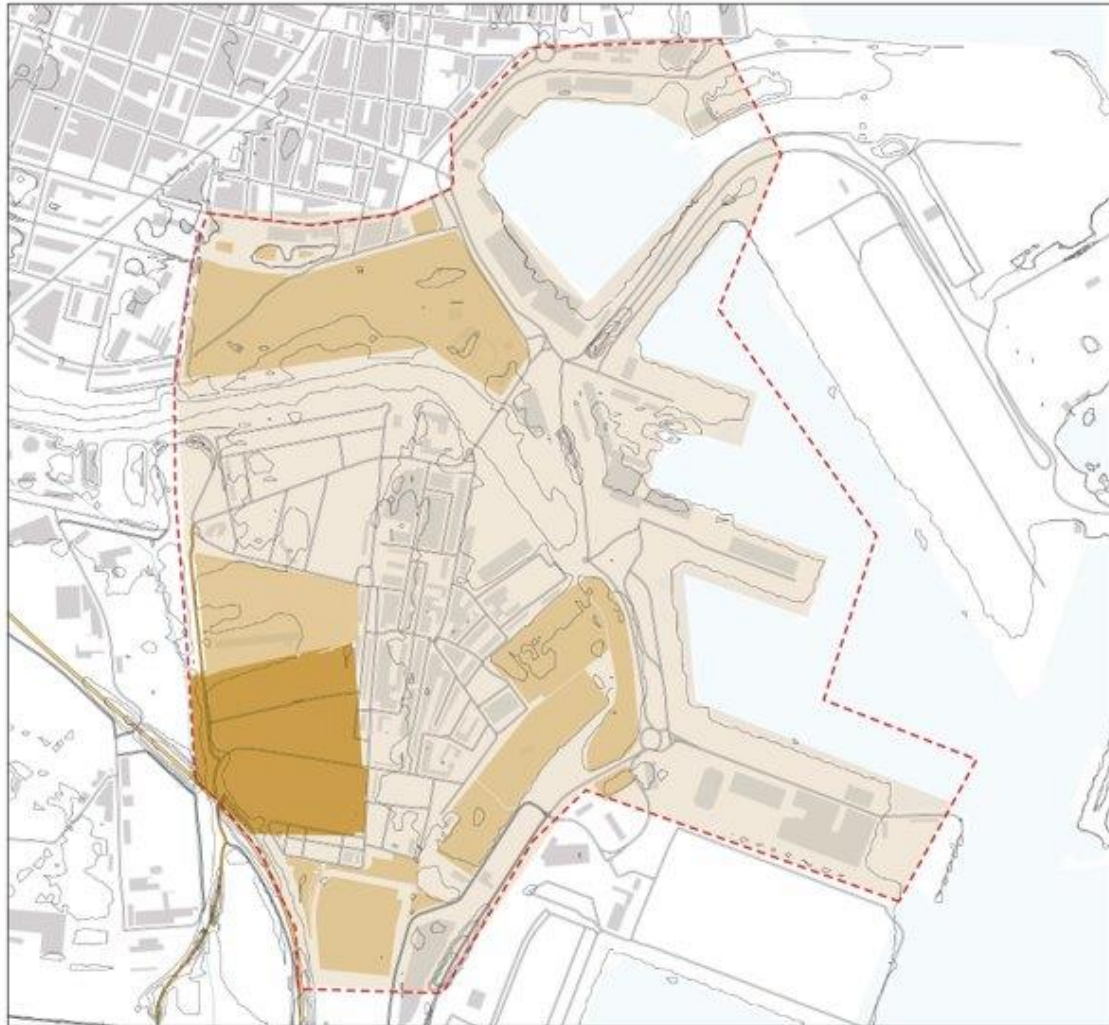
map prepared on the basis of:

- analysis of floodplains, protected areas, wetlands
- analysis of groundwater levels
- analysis of site functions
- land utilities analysis, analysing connections to all necessary utilities (water, electricity or gas)

0 250 500 m



WATER DEMAND - AGRICULTURAL FIELDS



Map legend

-- boundary of the site

■ building

■ Sea

Potential areas with water requirements for agricultural fields:

■ high probability

■ average probability

■ low probability

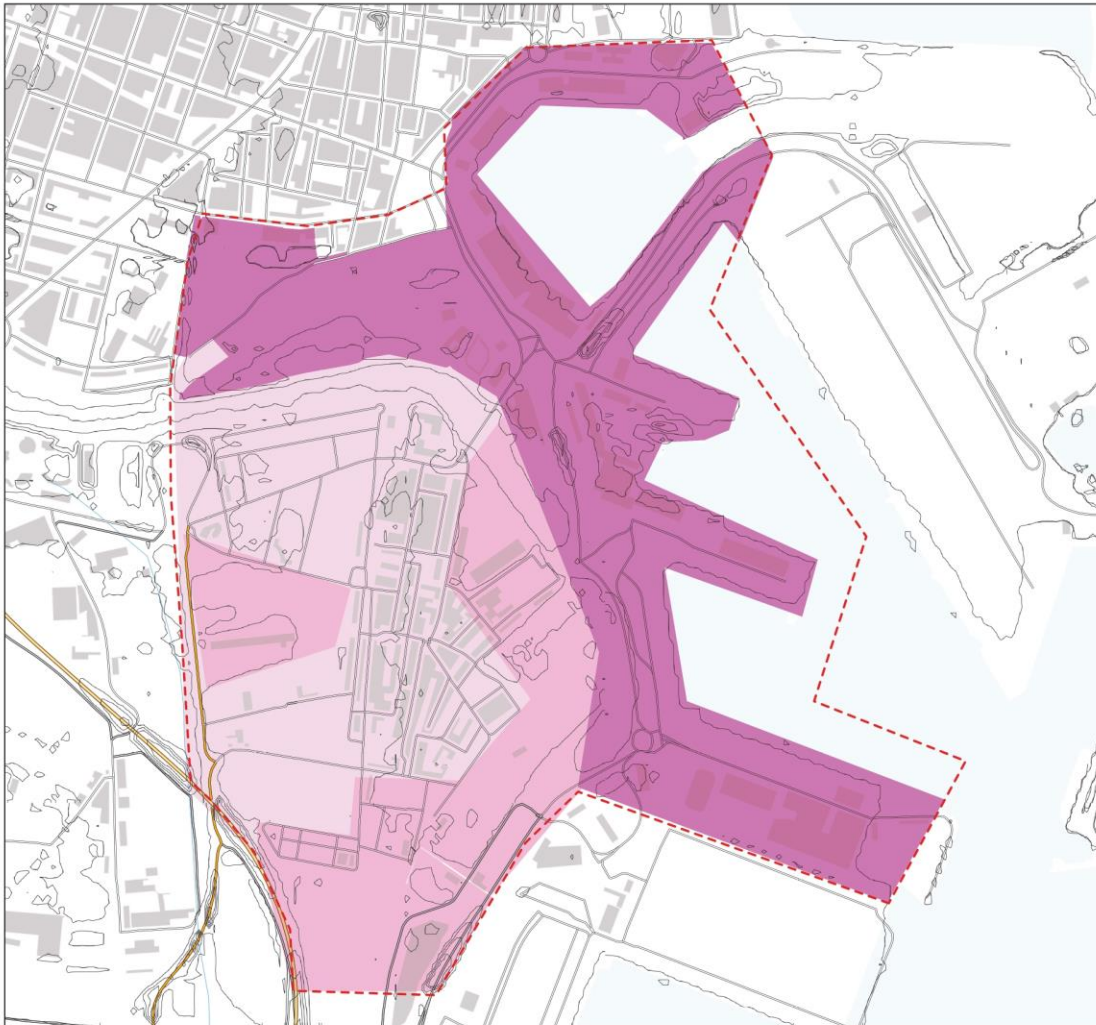
map prepared on the basis of:

- analysis of groundwater levels
- analysis of soil permeability
- analysis of landforms
- analysis of floodplains, protected areas, wetlands

0 250 500 m



WATER DEMAND - INDUSTRIAL AREAS



Map legend

-- boundary of the site

building

Sea

Potential areas with water requirements for industry:

high probability

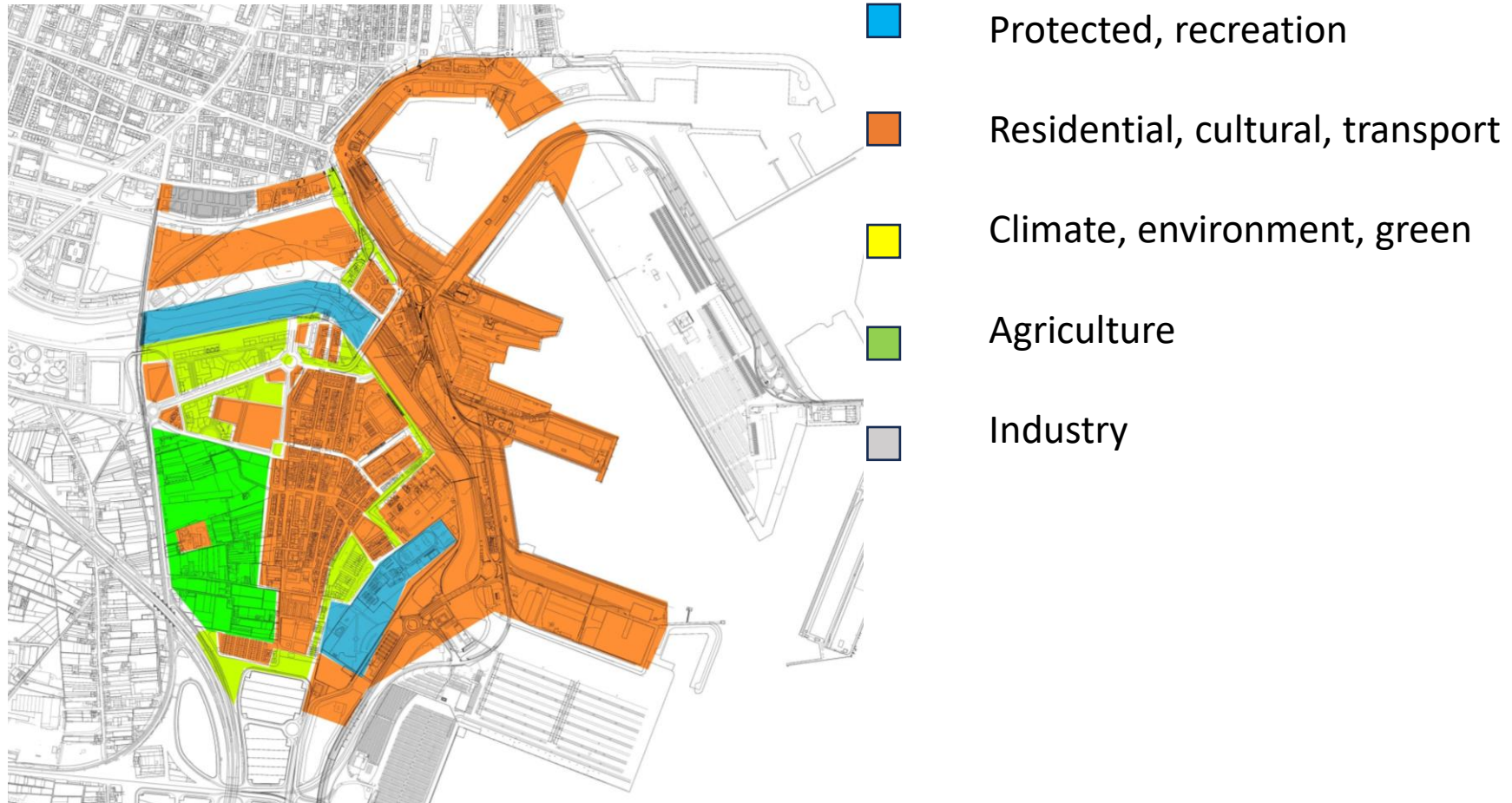
average probability

low probability

map prepared on the basis of:

- analysis of groundwater levels
- analysis of soil permeability
- analysis of landforms
- analysis of floodplains, protected areas, wetlands

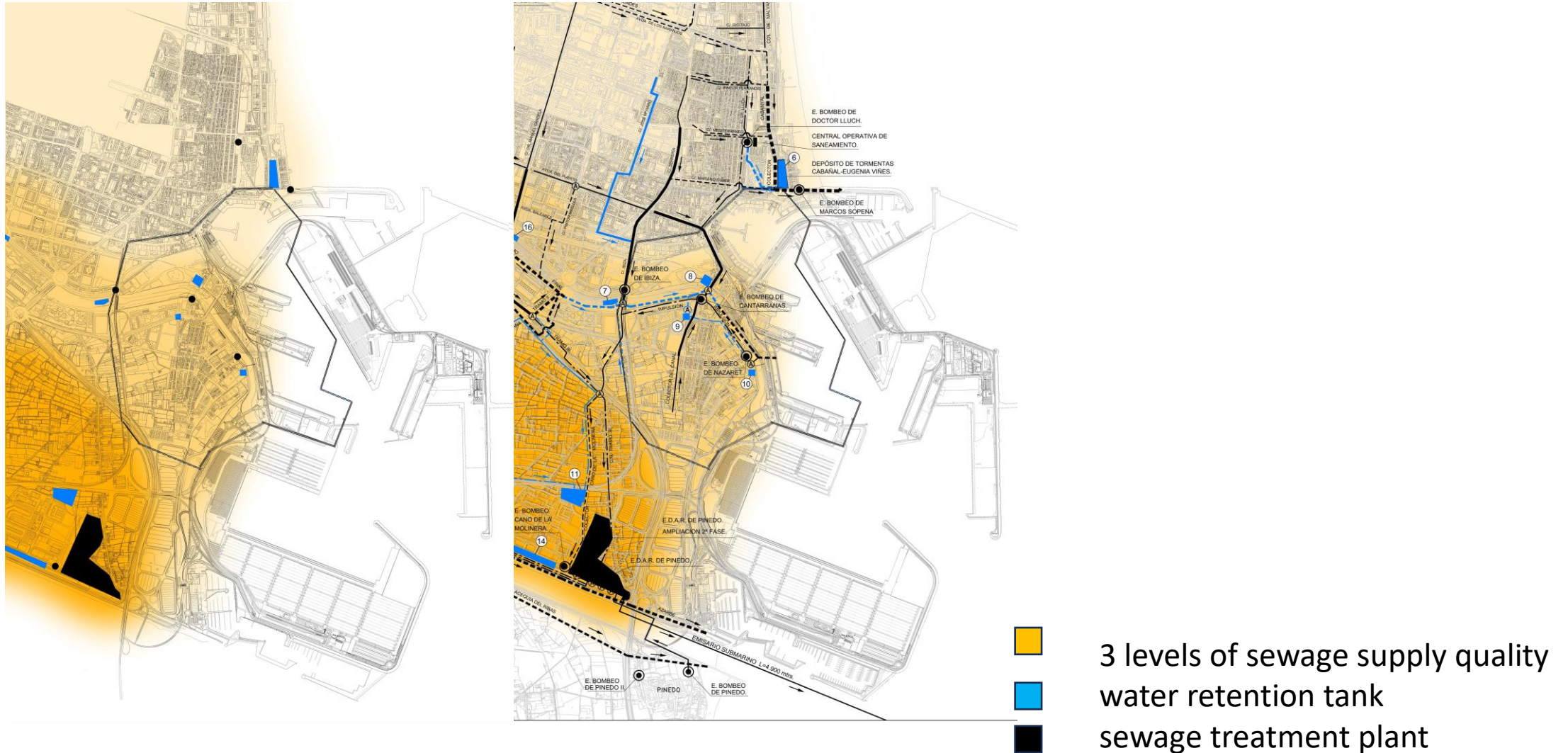
PURIFIED WASTEWATER MULTIPURPOSE USE



AREAS SUPPORTED BY WATER RETENTION TANKS

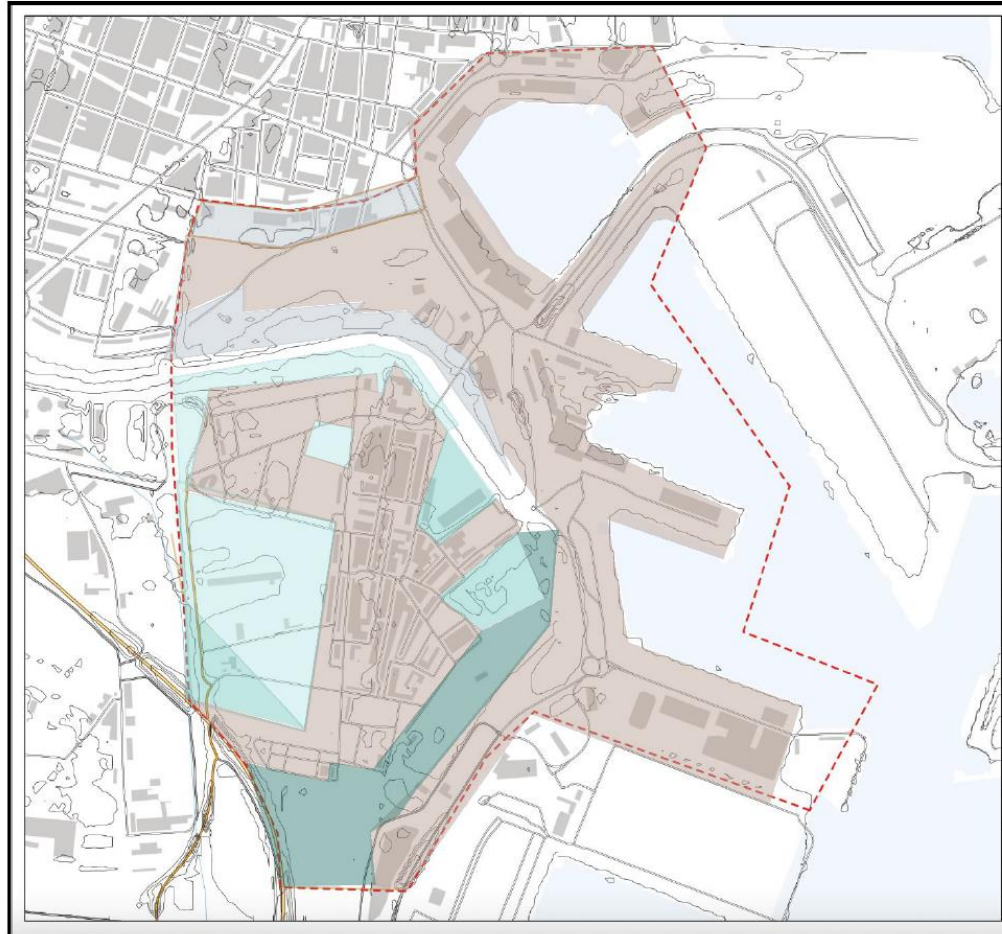


AREAS SUPPORTED BY EDAR PINEDO (sewage treatment plant)



INFILTRATION MAP

(based on topography, green areas and soil permeability)



LEGEND

-  Bad infiltration due to the lackage of green area
-  Bad infiltration due to the land elevation
-  Average infiltration
-  Good infiltration
-  Very good infiltration