Changing the Way Tomorrow, One Community **Buildings** and **Communities** are Designed, Built and Operated



Potential Impact

- Infrastructure Development
- Neighborhood Development
- Community Development
- New Buildings
- Renovations
- Optimizing Building Operations
- Programs and Initiatives
- Education

Long Term; 100 + years Short term; weeks or months



Components of a Plan

Benchmarks Understanding where you are now Olalitative Goals Creating a vision of where you want to be

Quantitative Goals Ways to measure if you have gotten there

Measurement tools that are relevant and useful



How do you get there?

- Build a Team for the long term
- Study existing conditions, collect as much information as you can
- Create a shared vision of what you want to achieve
- Identify appropriate goals and metrics
- Explore strategies that become part of a plan
- **Communicate** your vision and plan to the community
- Assess your progress; periodically tune-up your vision and plan
- Adjust be flexible and take advantage of unforeseen opportunities



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- Leading the world to a new and holistic approach to Organic Waste Repurposing & Water Reclamation
- Reimagining and building infrastructure for a sustainable tomorrow -- today
- Offering Design, Build, Operate and Ownership solutions
- Creating trusted, shared-value partnerships with the people we serve and the earth we are entrusted to protect



Infrastructure





Organic Waste

Wastewater



Green Design in Infrastructure



Organic Waste



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Organic Waste Reclamation

Ridgewood Village Sustainable Energy Project

- Optimize operations of an existing wastewater treatment facility
- Convert biogas at the plant to electricity via anaerobic digestion, CHP, and installation of solar arrays to produce additional electricity
- Accept FOGs from local restaurants
- Electricity to operate wastewater treatment plant provided by renewable energy created on-site





Organic Waste Reclamation

Forest County Potawatomi County, WI

- Renewable energy facility generates 2MW of electricity daily - enough to power approximately 1,500 homes
- Facility treats liquid and solid food waste byproducts from local food and beverage companies
- Diverts waste from landfills and wastewater treatment plants - mitigates up to 87,000 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions annually (data source from the US Department of Energy)







Water Reclamation

Battery Park City, NYC

- First LEED Gold residential high-rise building (Solaire)
- Battery Park City = 8 Bldgs, 6 systems
- Black water recycling
- Recycles up to 25,000 GPD
- Reuse applications:
 - 9,000 GPD toilet flush water
 - 11,500 GPD cooling tower make-up
 - 6,000 GPD landscape irrigation
- Uses an advanced membrane bioreactor system for high-quality effluent
- 35% less overall energy consumption
- 65% less energy at peak demand
- 50% less potable water used than other highrise buildings of same size
- Rainwater collection system irrigates 10,000 square feet of rooftop gardens





Water Reclamation

MacDonald Island, Alberta, CA

- Proposed expansion of existing sports complex exceeded capacity of existing centralized collection system required costly infrastructure construction
- Direct water reuse on a district scale will:
 - reduce total indoor potable water use by approximately 30%
 - reduce wastewater flow to centralized facilities by nearly 100%
 - reduce diversion of water from local waterways for golf course irrigation by up to 100%
 - increase stream flow within local waterways
 - capture energy from the treated water before reuse to heat indoor pool facilities





Sustainable Community Infrastructure

- 1. Inventory the condition of existing infrastructure
 - Will it be able to remain on-line and open for use during extreme weather?
- 2. Inventory community assets for opportunities to increase efficiencies
 - Schools, Hospitals, Community Centers, WWTPs
- 3. Think outside the box!
 - Where do you see waste (of any kind) that could be put to use as a resource?



Past





Present



Sandy Hook Elementary School Newtown, Connecticut



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Future-Looking

- ICLEI
- LEED for Neighborhood Development
- Sustainable Jersey
- Sustainable Jersey for Schools

Take Action

- Build a strong team
- Plan for transition
- Use available resources, services, and experts