Integrating Landscape Irrigation Control With Building Automation

*Issues and Opportunities*

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Agenda

• Benefits of marrying Building Automation Systems (BAS) with landscape irrigation
• Purposes of building automation/industry trends
• Reasons BAS building owners have an interest in landscape irrigation control
• Introduce design professionals that impact BAS/Irrigation integration
• Energy/water use efficiency initiatives
• Opportunities for BAS irrigation integration
• Suggestions for expanding the market for both BAS and landscape irrigation control
Benefits of Marrying BAS with Landscape Irrigation

- BAS already exist in the majority of buildings
- Today’s BAS are internet-connected and networked to all physical areas of the building
- Today’s BAS utilize only a minor part of the built-in hardware/software capability and can be easily programmed to handle a wide variety of additional connections
- Current trends have raised water conservation to the same level as building energy
- Facility managers have responsibility for both building and grounds
Purposes of Building Automation

- Remote monitoring and control for improved plant and staff operation
- Effective monitoring and targeting of energy consumption
- Increased occupant comfort and improved response to complaints
- Improved occupant life safety and property protection
- Flexibility for change of building usage
Purposes of Building Automation Contd.

- BAS systems are implemented in large and small projects with extensive mechanical, HVAC, electrical, and plumbing systems
- Systems linked to the BAS typically represent 40% of a building’s electrical usage (70% if lighting is connected)*
- Improperly configured building management systems are believed to account for 20% of building energy usage, or 8% of the total US energy usage*

Industry Trends

• Today’s BAS (for even the smallest buildings, including homes) are Internet-connected
• All thermostats, smoke detectors, cameras, door access points, HVAC controllers, etc. can be viewed via wireless on Internet ready devices
• Web services, such as weather bureau forecasts, cloud data storage and analytics, and emailed or texted building alarms are available anywhere
• Web browsers for laptops, tablets, or mobile phones are the standard automation system to human interface
• All systems are graphically represented with operational schematics, floor plans, watering zones, etc.
FULL BAS INTEGRATION

- WiFi Wireless
- Internet
- Ethernet
- Network Manager
- Irrigation & Water Management
- Electrical Controls
- Security
- Card Access
- Lighting Controls
- HVAC System
- Fire/Smoke Control
- Alternative Energy
- Rate Purchase
- UPS
- AHU’s
- Terminal Units
- Central Plant
Reasons BAS Building Owners Have An Interest In Landscape Irrigation Control

• Energy management, while maintaining a comfortable environment in spite of reducing electrical and heating bills, has been a big focus
• Water conservation is now at the forefront
  • Maintaining green landscape with the least amount of water
  • Recycled water from HVAC systems is available for irrigation
  • Xeriscape landscaping instead of vegetation raises outdoor temperatures and increases building energy costs
• BAS owners are asking why they have the latest technology to control building systems but the irrigation control is an unconnected clock
Reasons BAS Building Owners Have An Interest In Landscape Irrigation Control
Example
Obtaining the Maximum Benefit From BAS

- Documentation required for exceptional BAS energy savings
  - The HVAC system design engineer prepares, while in the system integrated design phase, complete documentation of his or her:
    - System design objectives and energy efficiency targets.
    - Desired operating strategy of the HVAC system.
    - Desired control sequences to accomplish the energy efficiency targets.
    - “Initial thinking” of additional energy savings through system optimizations.
Example

Obtaining the Maximum Benefit From BAS

• Having the BAS properly configured to match the building is the first step for any kind of energy management
• Exceptional energy savings starts with the above as a baseline and then adds a “knowledgeable and intelligent” building engineer who learns the building personality over time
• This building engineer implements control set point, sequence, and operational changes by benchmarking and optimizing energy efficiency. Optimizing each sub-system and their interactions is THE KEY TO EXCEPTIONAL ENERGY SAVINGS
Industry Players For Building Construction

- Building Owner
- Developer/Architect
  - Architectural Design (AIA)
  - Site & Structural Engineering
  - Grounds & Landscape Design
  - Mechanical HVAC Design (ASHRAE)
  - Electrical Design (IES or IEEE)
  - Building Interior
  - Irrigation Consultants (ASIC)
  - Building Automation (ASHRAE)
  - Building Automation
ASHRAE advances the arts and sciences of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration to serve humanity and promote a sustainable world. With more than 53,000 members from over 132 nations, ASHRAE is a diverse organization representing building system design and industrial processes professionals around the world.
ASHRAE

• ASHRAE members include
  • Professional engineers, engineering professors, manufacturers, sales and construction organization professionals
  • Technical professionals associated with the industry of building environments, HVAC, and energy utilization
• ASHRAE is best known as the energy code writing organization responsible for ASHRAE 90.1, the building energy code adopted by the federal government, most states, and many countries worldwide.
Energy/Water Use Efficiency Initiatives

- ASHRAE 91 building energy code
  - Commissioned by the federal government during the Arab Oil Embargo of 1973
  - Continuously updated and adopted by states to enforce building energy use in residential and commercial energy buildings
  - ASHRAE is a partner with DOE and USGBC in a 2030 zero-energy standard for all new construction and retro-construction
- ASHRAE 189 overall energy and water resource code and standards
  - Adds to ASHRAE 91, water utilization and efficiency standards
  - Minimum environmental site impact requirements
  - Carbon footprint considerations for sustainability initiatives
Energy/Water Use Efficiency Initiatives

- Zero energy and sustainable building design
- Reusing water for landscape irrigation purposes
  - Cooling tower/evap cooler blow-down
  - Condensate from HVAC coils
  - Rain water storage
  - Grey water from sewer system
Energy/Water Use Efficiency Initiatives

• Our Atkinson Electronics office building reuses the evap. cooling blow down water for landscape irrigation
• The water drains whenever it is available and with no irrigation control, some areas receive way too much water
• Needs to be connected to work with the irrigation system control
Opportunities For BAS Irrigation Integration

- Properties that are most likely to integrate BAS and landscape irrigation
  - Owner-occupied buildings
  - Building or campuses with landscape departments under the building engineer/facility manager
  - Large enterprises with multiple properties (they already have or are planning to have across country central automation systems)
  - K-12 schools (usually have a common district automation system)
  - Parks departments with building facilities above and beyond landscape irrigation
Suggestions For Expanding The Market For Both BAS And Landscape Irrigation Control

- Two kinds of players in building automation
  - Larger corporations with legacy systems they want to protect
  - Smaller companies with mfg. representatives in individual territories (usually more progressive)
- Those building “green” or zero-energy buildings are most interested in energy and water conservation systems
  - LEED Points
  - USGBC
  - Promote a “green” corporate image
Suggestions For Expanding The Market For Both BAS And Landscape Irrigation Control

• “Green” buildings usually follow an integrated design process where all the relevant consultants are in the planning process from the beginning
• Optimizing each design specialty and compromising for the most energy or resource utilization efficiency--impossible without integrated design
• Integrated design means that the owner/architect or developer is making all design decisions at the beginning, usually for life cycle costing
• ASHRAE members and BAS designers are at the table from the beginning along with the architect and other design professionals
• How do Landscape Architects and Irrigation Consultants get a seat at the same table?
Conclusion

- Integrating building automation and landscape irrigation for all of the benefits involved MUST be specified right from THE BEGINNING
  - Vendors and system design must be selected and flat specified with sufficient system detail for scope and purpose in the bid documents
  - Integrated irrigation control probably won’t happen if left to the irrigation subcontractor to pick a less-expensive “clock”
  - Legacy BAS manufacturers and irrigation control manufacturers are probably more interested in protecting their “turf” than embracing new technologies that require substantial investment.
  - New players in the market are likely to be the most progressive.
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Issues and Opportunities

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Agenda

• ASHRAE and Water, USGBC, IgCC
• Why integrate irrigation with BAS?
• BAS perspective on irrigation controls
• BAS system manufacturers and protocols
• Issues and challenges with integration
• Case studies, example applications
Purpose of Building Automation Systems:

Use Protocol and Communication Standards to allow a single building automation system to support multiple vendor subsystems.
ASHRAE taking interest in water

- 189.1 Initiative, collaboration with USGBC & IgCC
- ASHRAE Technical Committees 1.4 (Controls) and 3.6 (Water Quality) active
- ASHRAE provides standards definition, best practices documentation, and commissioning standards
- Standard definition process is multi-year – working now on content for 2019 Handbook
Not just water, but energy

- Energy cost of water is significant - supply, conveyance, treatment, distribution
  - A recent study shows that 19.2% of all electricity use in CA is water related

- Some estimates are that up to 40% of water cost is “embedded energy cost”

- In most areas, saving end-use water also saves electrical “source water”
Why integrate with BAS?

Property owners & managers request (priority order):
1. Unified water use/efficiency reporting
2. Integration of alarms & monitoring
3. Integrated use scheduling
4. Water harvesting solutions
   – Integrated management
5. Integration of in/on-building plantings:
   – Green roofs, green walls, containers
Why integrate with BAS?

Property owners & managers request (cont):

6. Cross-system integration
   - Security
   - Fire control systems

7. Sharing measurement devices and communications:
   - Flow and water use
   - Liquid level measurement
Why integrate with BAS?

Irrigation alarm examples:

– Flow errors – unexpected high flow, low flow, or no-flow
– Valve solenoid short or open circuit
– Device communication failure
– Rain Pause or delay initiated
– Controller in off position

...“Anything that will stop irrigation”
Control Devices

- Valves
- Flow sensors
- Pressure sensors
- Moisture sensors
- Liquid level sensors
- Pumps & pump controllers
- Weather stations
- More…

Irrigation Controls – BAS perspective
Irrigation Controls – cont

Controllers with “business logic”
- Timers
- “Programs”
- Rain pause
- Flow management
- Smart Controller features
- Data logging/memory

= “Application controllers” or
“Programmable logic controllers”
in BAS terminology
# Irrigation Controls – cont

Common Communication Technologies

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Major Manufacturers

- Siemens
- Johnson Controls
- Honeywell
- Alerton
- Automated Logic
- Delta Controls
- Schneider
- Tridium
Communication Protocols

- **BACnet & BACnet/IP**
  - ASHRAE and ANSI international standard
- **Modbus**
  - Oldest standard (1979)
- **LonWorks & LonTalk**
  - Former proprietary protocol, ANSI standardized in 1999

Most systems provide cross-protocol modules for better interoperability
Issues and Challenges with Irrigation

1. Integration of irrigation is non-standard
   – Early adopter customers are starting to integrate
   – Many BAS integration contractors are nervous about killing plant material
   – Roles & responsibilities for all phases of install are not always clear (who is supposed to do what.)
   – Customization is normal on BAS projects, but not for irrigation.
Issues and Challenges with Irrigation

2. Installation and Commissioning

– Install quality is an industry-wide issue driven by lack of standards and lowest bidder economics

– Generally little or no inspection or commissioning (some states starting to apply rules)
Issues and Challenges

3. IT Integration and network security
   – Irrigation controllers are yet another IP addressable device for IT
   – Control SW (Application specific controls) must fit IT requirements (security, behavior)
   – Irrigation contractors & facilities teams do not have expertise to install or resolve issues
Issues and Challenges

4. Landscape maintenance personnel and workflows

– Groundskeepers and Maintenance Contractors are tech challenged
– Workflows include fixing plumbing, wiring, head & distribution issues, modify programming
– Don’t have access to BAS infrastructure
– Need systems that are familiar & intuitive
Case Study

Denver Federal Center

- 633 Acres
- 39 Irrigation controllers
- 5 Points of Connection
- Ethernet + Radio
- BACnet/IP Integration
- Dedicated servers
- Secure subcontractors access
Denver Federal Center Block Diagram

Lighting

HVAC

Fire

Security

Utilities

Operator Workstation(s)

Real-time Access:
- Valves
- Flow meters
- Soil Moisture
- Alarms
- Totalized water

Building Management Server(s)

Central Control and BACnet Gateway Server

GSA Secure Network

Dedicated Irrigation Workstation

Remote secure access

Irrigation Controllers

IP over Spread Spectrum

Repeater Radio

Dedicated Subnet

Ethernet
Example Application

Retail – New construction standard

– Dry contact relay to irrigation alarm output
– Custom list of irrigation alarms
– Single standard alarm notification
Example Application
V.A. Medical Center

– BACnet/IP implementation
– Custom site map & graphics
– Real-time status and water use
Conclusions

• There is growing market demand for integration of water use into BAS

• Integration of irrigation with BAS has real advantages, but also challenges

• Significant opportunity for designers to expand practice and get a seat at the table
Questions?

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Where is the water going Dad?

IRRIGATION WORLD
MEET
STORMWATER WORLD!
Are You Ready?

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“Where is the water going Dad?”
I. WHAT’S STORMWATER WORLD?
   A. What is Stormwater? Waste
   B. What Makes up Stormwater? Small/Dirty vs. Large/Clean
   C. Why is Stormwater Important? Green Water & Lakes
   D. What’s the Harm With Managing Stormwater as Before? Cost$/1972 CWA
   E. What’s the Answer? LID/GI

II. WHAT’S IRRIGATION WORLD?
   A. Irrigation World’s Potable Water Future? Overdependence
   B. Stormwater vs. Gray Water vs. Recycled Water? Most Available
   C. Will Irrigation & Stormwater World’s Collide? Not Necessarily
   D. Could we do it Differently? Case Studies: Trees & Green Roofs
Where & How Does it Rain? Stormwater Management

Image is from Sanford and Selnick 2013
Note: percent of precipitation lost to evapotranspiration is even more than 40% in most of the US
Beaker: Water + Sand + Soil
10 Drops
"Nearly all of the associated problems result from one underlying cause: loss of the water-retaining and evapotranspirating functions of the soil and vegetation in the urban landscape."

EPA - 2008
Dime/Plate/Barrel
Suitcase Clay
N/275 + P/500 = Algae
An Upside Down World

The Clean Water Act
NPDES: Phase I, Phase II, Phase III?

EASY PART
Point Source Pollution

Cuyahoga River Fire, 1969, Assoc. Press
= 1972 Clean Water Act: Phase I

HARD PART
Non-Point Source Pollution

Mississippi River Dead Zone 2008 NASA
= CWA: Phase II 2003
Pollutant Wheel
Paper Cut = Ambulance
RCP $4'/5'/6'
Philly $1.5 B vs. $15 B
The average annual rainfall for Minneapolis is 32.16 inches.
• In 2014, between January and June, Minneapolis received 27.26 inches of rain.
H₂O + Sand + Cup > Swirl
LID/GI For Stormwater Management? YES

From Waste to Asset: Trees & LID Thrive with Nutrient Rich Water (Stormwater)
MSP 1.1”/24h  <90%  >50%
10y/24h  6.1” > 7.1”
Where’s Rains & Storms? Loam/Sand/Rock? LID/GI & Irrigation?

USA & North America
Mainly Storms

Europe
Mainly Rain
Sand or Rock or Loam
No Irrigation
Everywhere North of the Alps

Loam & Irrigation Here
Loam & Irrigation Everywhere Else
Sand or Rock or Loam
No Irrigation
Everywhere North of the Alps

Loam & Irrigation Here
SW = 50% Dirty & 50% Clean
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EPA - 2008

Image from Fairfax County Park Authority, Fairfax VA
1. Wildlife Skyscrapers (Cormorant Platforms) at Lake Harriet Micropool
   Mirror Minneapolis Skyscrapers

2. Minnehaha Creek Streambank Soil Bioengineering Stabilization approach to enhancing wildlife, recreation, and surface water infrastructure

3. Marcy-Holmes Neighborhood Rain Gardens are green infrastructure that collect stormwater runoff from adjacent roofs and parking lot

4. Green roof at the Phillips Eco-Enterprise Center: creating stormwater & wildlife infrastructure

5. Lake Nokomis Stormwater Wetlands: Pre-settlement landscape informing stormwater and wildlife infrastructure design
INTRODUCTION

Big Trees for Stormwater Management

Rua Goncalo, Porto Alegre, Brazil
LATEST RESEARCH DEVELOPMENTS

European Beech (Fagus sylvatica) Avenue, Antrim, Ireland
• Tree quality and planting
• Soil quality
• Minimum soil volume
• Techniques available to provide rootable soil under load bearing surfaces.
• Species list for tree SCMs
• Maintenance
• Inspection form
• Monitoring
1) Infiltration + 2) Evapotranspiration (ET) + 3) Interception

**Full ET credit for a mature tree is given IF 2 c.f. of soil is provided per s.f. of canopy**

Volume based performance goals for:
- New development
- Redevelopment
- Linear Development
- Sites with Restrictions
Example Tree Credit Calculation Sample Scenario

- Watershed: 270’ long x 20’ wide sidewalk (0.12396 acres)
- Tree SCM: 266’ long x 16’ wide x 2.58’ deep
- Silva Cells with 9 large trees, 30’ oc
Green Water/Lakes/Trees
Exploring the CORRELATION of Tree Canopy Loss with Decrease in Water Clarity
Minneapolis is 58.4 square miles (37,376 acres), 6% of which is water. This equates to 3.504 square miles (2,242 acres) of water.
Relationship of Tree Species Diversity and Water Quality

Focus on data from Lake Calhoun, the largest, deepest lake in the Chain of Lakes system - At 87 feet deep, 401 Acres
In the Late 1800s, American Elm made up 90% of the boulevard trees in Minneapolis

- 1963: First Dutch Elm Disease Detected in Trees
- 1977: 31,000 Elm Trees Removed
- 1978: 20,000 Elm Trees Removed
- 2004: 10,000 Elm Trees Removed
- 2005-2015: 2,700 Elm Trees Removed Annually

Since 1977, 63,700 Elm trees have been removed in the boulevards of Minneapolis, with an average DBH of >30 inches.

http://princetonamericanelm.blogspot.com/
Stormwater Interception Volumes

2”/50mm Caliper Jacaranda versus 22”/560mm DBH Plane Tree

~1 inch rainfall event (24 h)

15.9% interception

Jacaranda mimosifolia (~2” caliper)

79.5% interception

Platanus × acerifolia

Source: Based on data from McPherson et al 2003

Relationship of Tree Species Diversity and Water Quality

Elm Canopy Loss

Potential Ash Canopy Loss
There IS A CORRELATION to loss of tree canopy and water clarity

Following the removal of Elm trees (during the late 1970s and early 1990s), there was a marked decrease in water clarity depth in the Chain of Lakes, yet building development remained constant throughout the contributing sub-watershed around Lake Calhoun.
Soil Volume and Canopy Size?

Germany
What do Trees Need to Get Big? Will We Ever Know? 
YES We Know

Trees Need Large Volumes of Oxygenated Soil

“Ideal” Conditions

1 in the AIR.
2 in the GROUND.

Grabosky, Trowbridge and Bassuk (2002)
Actual conditions: Average street tree only has access to **between** 1.4 m$^3$ (50 ft$^3$) and 2.8 m$^3$ (100 ft$^3$) of soil.
Directly Connected Impervious Drainage Area (DCIA)

Monitoring Trees Treating Street Stormwater: Field Monitoring of Two Silva Cell Installations in Wilmington, NC
• Two Tree/Soil/Silva Cell systems installed and monitored
• Both are Crape Myrtle Trees
• 2 different media: differ in organic matter content
• Wilmington, NC: 1 on Orange Street, and 1 on Ann Street
• 59 storms above 0.10 inches
• 47.6 inches during 11 months monitoring period,
• Collected 19 sets of paired water quality samples each site

Images by Deeproot, 2012
- Pond liner
- Runoff from street directed via a catch basin & sump into distribution pipe into the Silva Cells (see A)
- Underdrains with upturned elbows slow water, denitrify, then direct runoff into the Wilmington’s MS4 (see B)
- Profile by Jonathan Page, NCSU Biological and Agricultural Engineering
Water Quality Results

Silva Cells at Wilmington vs. Mean Traditional Bioretention Results From Peer Reviewed Literature
Volume Results

Volume benefits at typical Silva Cell installations are expected to be significantly greater because:

1) Pond liner was used so no exfiltration was possible – for typical Silva Cell installations pond liner is NOT so exfiltration is possible.
2) Drainage area to these Silva Cell systems (1 tree per 0.1 acre) was significantly greater than typical installations.

Despite pond liner and large drainage area, peak flow storms did not generate bypass: mean peak flow decreased 62% from 0.13 cfs to 0.05 cfs.

68% of the runoff was treated by the Ann St Silva Cell system.
KEY #3: DIRECT STORMWATER TOWARDS TREES & LID

Sheet Flow / Curb Cut
Catch Basin

Pretreatment
Distribution
Overflow
Rain Leader

STANDARD

EMERGENCY

Backflow preventers

Silva Cell system - see standard details and specifications

Perforated Distribution Pipe within Cell frames. Pipe level set for flow through or retention per project.

Emergency Rainleader bypasses Silva Cell system
CASE STUDIES

TYPE 2 STORMS e.g. West & Midwestern North America
Minneapolis MN: MARQ2, Central Library, Mdewakanton Sioux, City Hall, Target Arena – USDA Zone 4
Toronto ONT Canada: Toronto Waterfront – USDA Zone 5
Green Infrastructure at Scale

Let's Make Livable Cities: Waterfront Toronto: 2100 Acres On Lake Ontario; Largest Waterfront Project in the World

Trees / Rain Water and Silva Cells
Urban Streets

16 trees per acre capture
-1”/24 hour storm in: Soil

-16 trees @ 22” DBH capture
0.8”/24 hour storm in: Soil & Interception
- No EVT

Phase 1 Installed: 1,300 trees
All Phases: 10,000+ trees

1.8” (44mm) for
7.0 Million sf = 161 acres
= 64 hectares

Trees / Rain Water and Silva Cells
Urban Streets

Evapo-transpiration
Pervious surface

Impervious surface
Surface flow

Structural Cells and Water Storage

Infiltration

Courtesy: West 8 + DTAH
Case Study:
Marquette & 2\textsuperscript{nd} Avenues (MARQ2) Busway
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Stormwater Trees with Sidewalk Runoff to Pervious Pavers

- Average soil volume per tree: 650 ft\(^3\)
- Catchment: 5.15 acres
- 167 Trees
- Total Silva Cells: 4,909 decks, 9,818 frames
- Installation: 2008-2009
- USDA Zone 4
- Type II Storms
- Annual Precipitation 1981-2010: 31.16” (791.5 mm)
- No Dry Season
- 13 Days >90F, 11 Days <0F
- Cloud Cover 52% - 92%
- Project Designer: SEH and URS
- Technical Consultant: Kestrel Design Group

Photo taken summer 2012, Kestrel Design Group
Case Study: Marq2, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Installation: Fall 2009
Case Study: MARQ2 Busway, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Stormwater Trees with Sidewalk Runoff to Pervious Pavers

Overview of Yearly Growth:
2010-2013: 4’ taller, 5.4’ wider

Marq2 Silva Cell Installation, tree monitoring images by Kestrel Design Group
GREEN ROOFS

a) Description and Different Types

Combination of waterproofing and green roof layers that create an environment suitable for plant growth on top of buildings without damaging the underlying roof system.
WATER HARVESTING SYSTEMS

g) Case Studies

Minneapolis Central Library
Green Roof

Rain
1st

4th

3rd

2nd

5th

Mississippi River

6th
Green Roof Cisterns & Irrigation

Minneapolis Central Library

Case Studies: Lot
Minneapolis Central Library
Green Roof Cisterns & Irrigation
Minneapolis Central Library

Panel 1:
Top Roof: sunny

Panel 2:
Lower Roof: part shade

Panel 3:
Lower Roof: sunny

Case Studies: Lot
Minneapolis Central Library
Green Roof Cisterns & Irrigation
Minneapolis Central Library

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Case Studies: Lot
Minneapolis Central Library
Mdewakanton Sioux WWT Green Roof
Tertiary Wastewater
Wastewater Wetland Technology

*The biggest waste of water in the country by far. You spend half a pint and flush two gallons.*

--Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, speech, 1965

- Peck Farm Park

18” media

2nd Step WW: 1 sf of WWTW
1 gallon per day
5 day residence
Case Study: Mdewakanton Sioux WWT Green Roof

Design Assumptions:
Dynamic Loading = GRT 35 psf

Stormwater:
30,000 square feet @ 4” media:
0.1 GPD per square foot
3,000 GPD @ 100 days per year
= 0.3 million gallons per year

Performance:
1 day residency
@ 0.3 gpd per 1 sf
= 0.9 mill gpy
Design Assumption
Cistern: 10,000 gals
Catchment: 1 acre
GRT: 6,000 sf
Snow 35 psf

Dynamic Loading:
GRT 35 psf
Snow 35 psf

= Tank empties
Every 17 days
60,000 gals per year
= 8,000 cf/225 cu ms
Minneapolis City Hall Green Roof
Target Arena
Green Roof

- largest extensive vegetative roof installed on an existing building.
- first extensive vegetative roof on an arena.
- fifth-largest extensive vegetative roof in North America.
- tenth-largest extensive vegetative roof in the world
Drip Irrigation System

- A permanent irrigation system was needed due to the limited water holding capacity of the shallow soil.
- The drip irrigation system is the most efficient system available in terms of water usage.
- The system includes a controller with moisture sensors to deliver precise irrigation of the roof.
Target Arena Green Roof

Growing Medium

- it contains porous aggregate materials, such as crushed clay brick, expanded shale, and crushed pumice
- the growing medium was specifically designed to retain water, provide aeration and allow for proper drainage
TARGET CENTER GREEN ROOF, Minneapolis MN
Beaker Clarity Check
Where is the water going Dad?

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Love Tunnel Railway, Klevan, Ukraine
Case studies:
http://www.deeproot.com/products/silva-cell/case-studies

Urban Trees MN Manual:
http://stormwater.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/Trees

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LATEST POLICY DEVELOPMENTS

MINNESOTA STORMWATER MANUAL
HTTP://STORMWATER.PCA.STATE.MN.US/INDEX.PHP/MAIN_PAGE

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Green Roof Cisterns & Irrigation
Minneapolis Central Library

5th Floor Sunny

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2nd Floor Partial Shade

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Notes:

• Each of the roofs has many species; dominant species represent only a small fraction of total # of species on each roof
• Roofs are irrigated
WATER HARVESTING SYSTEMS

a) Description and Types:

COLLECTION SYSTEM PRETREATMENT

• Collection System – Can Include Water Treatment
  • Often includes a first flush diverter
  • Often includes some type of filter
  • Examples of At Grade Filters:
    • Sumps and screens in catchbasins
    • Filter socks at catch basin inlets
    • Proprietary products such as Vortex

International Ideas for Big Trees in Texas
Good & Bad

Presentation Overview:
I. Introduction: Why Use Trees for Stormwater
II. Keys
III. Latest Policy Developments
IV. Latest Research Developments
V. Case Studies
   • Marq2 Streetscape, Minneapolis MN
   • Lidl Grocery Store, New Milton, UK
   • 2nd Ave Streetscape, Calgary, Canada
VI. Questions & Answers
Redwood Park, San Francisco, CA
Specs: The Good, The Bad and the Ugly
The Ugly

• The majority of people who work in Contract Documents do not know what they are doing.
The Bad

• Most conflicts on a project come from lack of knowledge, communication and collaboration.
The Good

• You can fix that!
Basic Stats – about me

• Cherise Schacter, Standards Coordinator/Project Team Coordinator, Interface Engineering

• My job includes Specifications, Standards, QA/QC, Contract Administration, Project Administration

• 30 years in AEC (Construction, Architecture & now MEP Engineering)

• 3-1/2 years in CSI:
  – President, Portland Chapter
  – Chair, Institute Certification Prep Committee
  – CSI Academies Planning Team
Think there is no box

Go Big or Go Home

[CSI Portland logo]

[Image of person sticking out tongue]
The Fun stuff

• Blog – The Voices in my Head, on LinkedIn or at cheriseschacter.com

• They call me The #CSIKraken – www.CSIKraken.com

• or #Peaches

• I am passionate about project delivery education and better coordination/collaboration!
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Discussion Topics

• Advantages to obtaining CSI Certifications

• Common Specifying Conflicts/Mistakes

• The Anatomy of a Specification

• Best Practices (The Good)
Who is here?

How many of you prepare Construction Documents or are involved in Contracts?
CSI

• Single Most Important Thing:

  – CSI welcomes all disciplines as equal members
Certification Structure

• Entry Level:
  – CDT - Construction Documents Technologist

• Advanced:
  – CCS: Certified Construction Specifier
  – CCCA: Certified Construction Contract Administrator
  – CCPR: Certified Construction Product Representative
CSI Certification - CDT

- CDT: Construction Documents Technologist Certificate is the basic foundation in industry knowledge:
  - Construction Processes
  - Contractual Relationships
  - Document Procedures and Organization

- Getting your CDT Means:
  - Understanding how a project unfolds from conception to delivery.
  - Understanding the documentation involved.
  - Understanding contractual roles and responsibilities.
CSI Certification - CDT

• Candidates may have any level of:
  – Education
  – Years/experience in Construction Industry

• Source Material:
  – Project Delivery Practice Guide
  – MasterFormat
  – Uniformat
  – SectionFormat/PageFormat
  – GreenFormat
  – Sustainability/Green Building: US EPA
  – General Conditions
Facts

- **No higher education** is typically offered for AEC professionals in project delivery, contract requirements or specifications.

- Your first real education in Contract Documents will likely happen as a result of a **conflict on a specific project**.

- Consultants & others typically **do not get a full copy** of the contract documents until the project hits the streets, if even then. This includes the General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions and Division 01.

- Design firms **often** do not have trained specification writers. Sometimes, multiple staff members in one firm are working on different parts of the same spec.

- Manufacturers **typically** write specs for the end user. These usually contain a lot of conflicts with a standard design contract.
Whaaaataaat?

So where are AEC professionals learning about contract requirements and specifications?

THEY’RE NOT!

THIS IS WHY WE HAVE CONFLICTS!
The CONTRACT

One of the biggest reasons for conflict is inadequate/poorly coordinated documents.

The Drawings and the Specs

ARE THE CONTRACT!
AIA Best Practices

“AIA Best Practices – Quality Control: Managing the Top 5 Risks”

“No matter how desirable a program of in-house loss prevention might be, such a program will not function if it imposes unrealistic burdens or unobtainable goals. It must, therefore, be implemented with little or no increase in general overhead expenses.”

This original article was published by Schinnerer & Co. in 1973. Since 1973, the five areas within architecture practice that most frequently give rise to claims have remained the same.

1. Failure to supervise inexperienced employees.
2. Inadequate project coordination and in-house coordination.
3. Failure to communicate between the prime professional and the consultants.
4. Lack of quality control on design changes.
5. Poorly worded contract documents.
A U.S. Supreme Court decision in 1918, *United States v. Spearin*, is a key case that has far-reaching implications for the design professions and construction industries.

Basically, *Spearin* holds that a contractor is entitled to rely on the construction documents provided by the Owner to be sufficient for their intended purpose and is not responsible for the consequences of defects (errors, inconsistencies, or omissions) in the contract documents.
Contract Documents

• Your drawings AND Specifications are the Contract Documents and are complementary.

• Contrary to popular belief, one does not take precedence over another.

• In case of a conflict, what is “reasonably inferred” will prevail.

• Treat your documents like you would treat a contract because they are.
Common Problems/conflicts between the architect and Consultants

- Duplications
- Omissions
- Contract or Bid Requirements
- Lack of Division 01 Knowledge
- Standard Format/Language Differences
- Open Communication/Exchange
- Owner’s Role
- Timing of Decisions
- Terminology
Common Areas needing Coordination/Communication

- Architect/Owner Agreement – Requirements
- General & Supplementary Conditions
- Seismic and Geotech Data
- Existing Conditions/Owner Requirements
- Unit Prices/Alternates/Allowances
- Contract Modification Procedures
- Submittal Procedures
- Location Specific Regulatory Requirements
- Special Project Requirements
- Meetings
- QA/QC Procedures
Common Areas needing Coordination/Communication

- Temporary Facilities/Utilities
- Access Panels
- Warranty Requirements
- LEED Requirements
- Cutting and Patching
- Delivery, Storage and Handling
- Substitution Requirements and Procedures
- Substantial Completion/Final Acceptance
- Startup/Commissioning/Training/Demonstration
- Cleaning/Closeout/Maintenance

- Division Specific Items that may require cross coordination (i.e. Civil and Plumbing)
Possible Consequences from Lack of Coordination

- Loss of valuable time during CA dealing with conflicts
- Excessive RFI’s/Change Orders
- Construction Budget Overrun
- E & O Claims
- Mediation/Arbitration/Litigation
- Loss of Client

If you can’t afford to take the time to coordinate your project then you can’t afford the time it will take to deal with the issues.
The Architect is typically responsible for assembling the specifications from all applicable disciplines (i.e. Civil, Landscape, MEP, etc.)

**Project manual**

Construction documentation using *MasterFormat™*'s 50 Divisions to organize information

The construction specifications part of a project manual in which *SectionFormat™* is used to organize each section into three parts

Individual pages of a specification section in which *PageFormat™* is used to give each a consistent appearance
“MasterFormat is a master list of numbers and subject titles classified by work results or construction practices used for organizing information into a standard sequence.”
MasterFormat

• MasterFormat organizes the information by WORK RESULTS

• MasterFormat does not follow the sequence of construction but does provide logical groupings.

• The work is divided into logical DIVISIONS.
MasterFormat

- Groups (2)
- Subgroups (5)
- Divisions (49) numbered with titles
- Sections, numbered with titles and are organized using SectionFormat and formatted using PageFormat
MasterFormat

Procurement and Contracting Requirements Group

Procurement and Contracting Requirements: Division 00

Basically everything the Contractor needs to prepare a bid and understand the roles & responsibilities on the project.

Specifications Group

General Requirements Subgroup:

Division 01 General and Administrative Requirements (more on this later)

Facility Construction Subgroup: Divisions 02 – 19

02 Existing Conditions
03 Concrete
04 Masonry
05 Metals
06 Wood, Plastics, and Composites
07 Thermal and Moisture Protection
08 Openings
09 Finishes
10 Specialties
11 Equipment
12 Furnishings
13 Special Construction
14 Conveying Equipment
15-19 Reserved
MasterFormat

Facility Services Subgroup: Divisions 20 - 29

20 Reserved
21 Fire Suppression
22 Plumbing
23 Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning (HVAC)
24 Reserved
25 Integrated Automation
26 Electrical
27 Communications
28 Electronic Safety and Security
29 Reserved

Site and Infrastructure Subgroup: Divisions 30-39

30 Reserved
31 Earthwork
32 Exterior Improvements
33 Utilities
34 Transportation
35 Waterway and Marine Construction
36-39 Reserved

32 80 00 Irrigation
32 82 00 Irrigation Pumps
32 84 00 Planting Irrigation
32 84 13 Drip Irrigation
32 84 23 Underground Sprinklers
32 86 00 Agricultural Irrigation
MasterFormat

Process Equipment Subgroup: Divisions 40 - 49

40 Process Integration
41 Material Processing and Handling Equipment
42 Process Heating, Cooling, and Drying Equipment
43 Process Gas and Liquid Handling, Purification, and Storage Equipment
44 Pollution and Waste Control Equipment
45 Industry-Specific Manufacturing Equipment
46 Water and Wastewater Equipment
47 Reserved
48 Electrical Power Generation
49 Reserved
• Within the DIVISIONS are the individual SECTIONS

• Section numbers are generally 6 digits using MasterFormat

• Each Section is organized into 3 parts using SectionFormat.
  • Part 1 – General
  • Part 2 – Products
  • Part 3 - Execution
General Conditions/Requirements

Figure 11.17
Hierarchy of General Administrative and Procedural Requirements
General Conditions/Requirements

- General Conditions – Typically Industry Standard Document
  – Very Broad – Applies to Entire Project

- Supplementary Conditions – Expand on and Revise General Conditions for Specific Project

- Division 01 – General Requirements further expand the Broad Administrative Requirements but still Apply to All Sections.

- Part 1 of the Specification Section defines administrative requirements specific to that section
Example

• General Conditions:
  – Contractor purchases and maintains insurance to protect from claims resulting from operations under Contract at limits specified or required
    • Worker’s compensation
    • Bodily injury or death of Contractor’s employees
    • Bodily injury or death of other than Contractor’s employees
    • Personal injury liability
    • Damages because of injury or destruction of tangible property
    • Use of motor vehicles
    • Damage arising out of completed operations
    • Contractual liability
Supplementary Conditions:

- Acts as an Addenda to the industry standard General Conditions. For Example:
  - Worker’s compensation - $1,000,000 limit
  - Bodily injury or death of Contractor’s employees $10,000,000 limit
  - Bodily injury or death of other than Contractor’s employees
  - Personal injury liability
  - Damages because of injury or destruction of tangible property
  - Use of motor vehicles - $500,000 per occurrence
  - Damage arising out of completed operations - $5,000,000 aggregate
  - Contractual liability
Division 01 – General Requirements

• Division 01: General Requirements:
  – Expand on General Conditions to the specific project but still broad enough to apply to entire project.

• For Example:
  – Section 01 50 00 – Temporary Facilities and Controls – Provide additional liability insurance covering temporary facilities located at adjacent property.
Part 1 - general

- Specific Specifications Sections – Part 1:
  - Administrative requirements specific to that section. For Example:
  - Section 26 31 00 – Photovoltaic Collectors – Part 1 under article for Insurance: Any special insurance requirements specific only to photovoltaic collectors.
Specification Sections – Where does it Belong?

• Spec Sections consist of 3 Parts (See CSI SectionFormat™):

  – Part 1 – GENERAL

    • Administrative Requirements specific to that section. Things like:
      – Submittals
      – Quality ASSURANCE (testing prior to construction)
      – Reference Standards
      – Testing prior to construction
      – Warranty Requirements
      – Etc.
Specification Sections – Where does it Belong?

• Spec Sections consist of 3 Parts:
  
  – Part 2 – PRODUCTS

  • Articles related to the manufacture and fabrication of products, including:
    – Type of Product
    – Manufacturer of Product
    – Assembly or Fabrication Tolerances
    – Source Quality Control
    – Tests during manufacture
    – Inspections during manufacture
    – Nonconforming Work
    – Manufacturer Services
Specification Sections – Where does it Belong?

• Spec Sections consist of 3 Parts:

  – Part 3 - EXECUTION

• Covers work performed at the project site as well as:
  – Installation requirements
  – Tolerances
  – Field or Site Quality Control
  – Field or Site Tests
  – Field or Site Inspection
  – Nonconforming Work
  – Manufacturer’s Services
As legally enforceable contract documents, construction specifications should be prepared with concern and respect for their legal status.

Always use the four principles of effective communication:

- Clear: Use correct grammar and simple sentence construction.
- Concise: Eliminate unnecessary words, but not at the expense of clarity.
- Correct: Present information accurately and precisely.
- Complete: Do not leave out important information.
Good writing style is characterized by accuracy, brevity, and clarity:

– Use simple sentences. Long, complex sentences and stilted language do not contribute to effective communication.

– Avoid complicated sentences where inadvertent omission or insertion of punctuation could change meaning or create ambiguity.

– Use words and terms that are simple and clearly understood.
Sentence Structure

• The “Imperative Mood” is the recommended method for instructions covering the installation of products and equipment.

  – Imperative Mood: The verb that clearly defines the action becomes the first word in the sentence.

  – For example: “Spread adhesive with notched trowel.” The imperative sentence is concise and readily understandable.
The “Indicative Mood”, passive voice, requires the use of shall in nearly every statement. This sentence structure can cause unnecessary wordiness and monotony. This is not recommended.
Abbreviations, Symbols & Numbers

• Abbreviations, while sometimes effective on Drawings, should generally be avoided in Specifications.

• When numbers are used to define both size and quantity, use the symbol for the number, spell out the quantity
  – For example: Use 2-inches not 2”
  – 50 degrees F.
  – 20 percent
  – Five 2 by 4s
Capitalization, Punctuation

• Capitalization should be consistent throughout the Construction Documents. Capitalize specific nouns and proper names defined in the Conditions of the Contract.

• Sentences should be constructed so that the misplacement or elimination of a punctuation mark will not change the meaning.
Grammar – Subject/Verb Agreement

• Use singular verbs with singular subjects and plural verbs with plural subjects.

  – Incorrect: One of the elongated central fasteners are to be placed around the eye of the panel and bolted.

  – Correct: One of the elongated central fasteners shall be placed around the eye of the panel and bolted.

  – Preferred: Bolt one elongated central fastener to panel eye.
Inappropriate Terms

• Inappropriate Terms:
  – As approved; as indicated; as required
  – Herinafter; herinbefore; herewith
  – Any or all
  – Etc.
  – As per
  – In a workmanlike manner
  – To the satisfaction of the architect/engineer
  – Also
  – Minimize or avoid use of pronouns, avoid “which”
Avoid Unnecessary Words

• For example, use of the word “all” is usually unnecessary.
  – Poor:
    • Store all millwork under shelter.
  – Better:
    • Store millwork under shelter.

  – It is implied, using the 2nd sentence, that all of the millwork is to be stored under shelter.
Prepositional Phrases - Streamlining

• Sentences may be shortened in specification language by using modifiers in place of prepositional phrases.

  – Correct:
    • Top of platform.

  – Preferred:
    • Platform top.

  – Attempt to reduce verbiage. Former CSI Prez told me, K.I.S.S. – Keep it Simple Stupid. Good examples:
    • Adhesive: Spread with notched trowel.
    • Equipment: Install plumb and level.
    • Portland Cement: ASTM C 150, Type 1.
Vocabulary

• Use “amount” when talking about money, “quantity” when writing about number, measurement, area, or volume.

• Do not use the word “any” – It is imprecise

• “Either” implies choice, “Both” is all inclusive

• Flammable and Inflammable mean the same thing

• Use the Right One:
  – Furnish = Supply and deliver to project, ready for installation.
  – Install = Place in position for service or use.
  – Provide = Commonly accepted to mean furnish and install., complete and ready for intended use.
Vocabulary

- Shall = Required
- Will = Optional
- Avoid “must” and “is to”

- Do not give instructions to specific entities.
  - Incorrect: Subcontractor to install 12-feet of pipe.
  - Correct: Install 12-feet of pipe

Design professionals, contractually, are not responsible for the Contractors means and methods. It is up to the Contractor to decide who does what and when.
• Know where it belongs:

  – Drawings = Quantity & Spatial Relationships
  – Specifications = Quality

  – Example:
    • Drawings should show how many toilets, where they are located and spatial relationships.
    • Specs should define materials, sizes, components, etc.
    • Do not write or repeat specs on your drawings.
    • **Say it once and say it in the right place.**
Tips

• Educate yourself. There is no excuse for not understanding the documents for which you are legally bound.

• We can’t begin the dialogue on coordination until all disciplines have this knowledge. You can’t protect yourself without it.

• There are cost effective ways to get this training. See me after class, I will tell you.

• Don’t be afraid to communicate and ask the right questions.

• Invite a qualified architect or CSI Member to lunch. Bribe them with food and ask if they will look over a few of your sections and get you started in the right direction and in closing the gaps.

• Anyone you work with will be really impressed that you are proactively trying fix these coordination issues. TRUST ME!

• Pay a qualified person to go through your documents and provide advice. The time and money you will save in the long run will far outweigh the cost.

• If you are a young professional, find a Mentor!
Tips

• Don’t let just anyone write specs or administer your Contract.

• If they don’t have the education, they shouldn’t touch the specifications. Remember, the drawings and specs are the CONTRACT!

• Educate your support staff. There are many ways your support staff (admin, drafters, etc.) can help you catch mistakes. Get them CDT certified.

• **If you are not the Architect**, ask for a copy of the Owner/Architect Agreement, General and Supplementary Conditions, Division 01, and any other important documents you need to do your job that you would typically not see until the end.

• If you are the Design Professional, make your own list, in the same order it appears in your documents, of all the items/areas that typically need to be coordinated or have potential for conflict and COORDINATE WITH YOUR CONSULTANTS!

• Go over your list with all parties to the contract and share the information. Get them on the same page.
Questions?
CIT Update

ASIC 2015 NATIONAL CONFERENCE
Minneapolis, Minnesota

David F. Zoldoske, Director
Center for Irrigation Technology
California State University, Fresno
California Drought Response
(Effective April 1, 2015)

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End User Requirements

- Eliminate the application of potable water to outdoor landscapes that flows to:
  - Adjacent property
  - Non-irrigated areas
  - Private and public walkways, roadways, or parking lots
End User Requirements

- **Eliminate waste of potable water by:**
  - Use of hose with shut-off nozzle
  - Not washing down driveways and sidewalks
  - Eliminating non-recycled water in fountains and water features
  - Must request water at restaurants and bars
  - Suspend outdoor landscape for 48 hours after measurable rainfall
Metropolitan Water District

MWD has recently increased its total funding in southern California to $60 million to buy-back turf grass at $2.00 per square foot and higher.
MWD Turf Removal Program

BEFORE: Photo of a narrow strip of turf with a fence on the left and street on the right as reference.
MWD Turf Removal Program

AFTER: Photo of the same area with permeable decomposed granite path, drought tolerant plants, and mulch to retain water.
MWD Turf Removal Program

BEFORE: Color photo of the area customer plans to remove turf. The home, sidewalk, and street are included as reference points.
MWD Turf Removal Program

AFTER: Color photo of the same area from the same angle after the customer has completed their project. Turf has been replaced with drought tolerant plants and mulch to retain soil moisture.
MWD Turf Removal Program

BEFORE: Photo from the curb showing parkway and front yard where the customer plans to remove turf. The street and home are used as reference points.
MWD Turf Removal Program

AFTER: Photo from the same vantage point after the project is completed. Turf has been replaced with California Friendly plants.
Conclusion

Sprinkler Irrigation Methods

Maybe Doomed by the DROUGHT in California!
How to Respond/Letter to Governor

a) Agree to be a partner in solving the “crisis”

b) Explain what the ASIC is, and what it can do!

c) Explain “efficient” irrigation
   ✓ Design
   ✓ Parts and equipment
   ✓ Installation
   ✓ Maintenance
   ✓ Management
How to Respond/Letter to Governor

d) Agree to promote “alternate” sources of water
   ✓ Capture and reuse rainwater/stormwater
   ✓ Utilize gray water
   ✓ Use recycled water (purple pipe)

e) Agree to have ASIC members engage in the process

f) Promote education, Certification and Professionalism

g) Note California based companies

h) Signed by membership
Going Forward

a) Letter needs to be two-pages (printed back to back)

b) Available online for all members

c) Each California member should contact their elected representative(s)
   ✓ Meet and explain solutions and expertise
   ✓ Leave ASIC letter with business card attached

d) Volunteer to assist as needed

e) Become a valuable resource for the State
Keep Engaged- Change the World
Questions ?

Thank You!
Injecting Polymers Horizontally Below the Rootzone - Update!

- Polymers are injected horizontally six (6) inches below the surface.
- Forms both a barrier and reservoir of available water for the turf grass.
- Initial studies suggest a significant savings for water (and energy) savings based on conventional practices.
- Needs to be cost effective!
Remote Sensing of Commercial Turf and Golf Courses

Proposed Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) equipped with sensors to determine soil moisture (4-6 inches) and crop stress
Voyager UAV

Optimizes water usage and improves turf quality by delivering 3D maps of soil moisture and 2D maps of crop stress for use in commercial landscape & golf
# Voyager Capabilities

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**End to End Solution**

- **User APPS**
- **Digital Spring Application Server**
- **ISP Connectivity**
- **Docking Station**
Certification Update
Vision Statement

ASIC strives to represent the most experienced and responsible irrigation professionals in the world. Its members facilitate successful water resource management through design expertise, client advocacy, public service, education, accreditation, and the promotion of allied green industry partnerships.
ASIC Strategic Plan

Objective #1

Position/Brand ASIC as the *top-tier body* representing water resource development, design and management professionals with a commitment to environmental stewardship and the responsible use of water.
ASIC Strategic Plan

Tactic #3

Adopt an optional certification program that demonstrates stringent professional standards and expectations to the marketplace. The certification process will entail clear, unambiguous requirements.

- Time Frame: Immediate
- Resources: Board of Directors subcommittee and Staff
Recent History

• Discussions with membership - no progress...
• Board realization that we can’t do this on our own
  • Third-party assistance
  • Experienced entity – Irrigation Association
    • Proposal submitted to ASIC at BOD Meeting November 2014
2015 Proposal Background

Certification Program requires process

Design & implementation requires:
- Strong organizational commitment
- Financial investment to launch and maintain the program
- Expertise of many experienced professionals to help develop program
2015 Proposal Background

• Certification provides proof that an individual has mastered knowledge, skills and abilities to perform a specific job and requires:
  • Establishment of clear goals up-front
  • Market research and analysis
  • Determine mission, goals and objectives for the program.
Three phases in developing a *legally defensible* certification:

- Phase 1: Defining Need
- Phase 2: Development
- Phase 3: Evaluate, Monitor and Maintain
ASIC Sub-committee:

• Co-chairs:
  • Carey June, Doug Macdonald
• Committee Members:
  • Jim Barrett
  • Tom Shannon
  • Jim Laiche
Phase 1 – Defining Need

- Identify need for certification (Strategic Plan)
- Determine financial resources to build program (Board of Directors)

This is where we are today…
Phase 2 - Development:

Step 1 - Job Analysis  First (most important) aspect and key to *legally defensible* certification

- Objective: determine key aspects of job and related knowledge, skills & abilities to be measured by testing.
- Focus group and/or survey to ensure broad review and participation by all stakeholders.
Job Analysis

• Ensures testing on key information needed to complete the job correctly
• Develop content outline for exam to establish standards for questions (items).
  • All items must go through editorial, technical and psychometric review.
Job Analysis Process

• Utilize 3rd Party with Job Analysis experience to direct process and ensure end results meet our organization’s goals
  • Psychometrician ensures that Job Analysis process provides measurable and definable content outline at the conclusion of the process
Job Analysis Process

• Psychometrics = Mental Measurement (testing of intelligence, not really psychology)

• IA / ASIC Collaboration for Job Analysis
  • Leon Gross (Psychometrician) - PhD in statistics, 30 years experience, NCCA Commission for Accreditation
  • Sherrie Schulte – IA Director, Professional Development, >7 years experience inc. 3 formal/2 informal Job Analyses
  • ASIC “Blue Ribbon Panel” (up to 10 members) – TBD
Job Analysis Results

• Regardless of moving forward with certification or not, this process will provide benefits for the organization and members:
  • Help Create Awareness of ASIC and Profession
  • Allow us to key in points that differentiate us from others (marketing)
Step 1: Job Analysis

- ASIC Sub-committee recommended to BOD to proceed with Job Analysis/Preliminary Content Outline stage; approved during April 2015 Board Meeting this week.
- Contract negotiations will commence in the immediate future.
- Upon completion of Job Analysis BOD will determine if we proceed beyond Step 1 (Job Analysis)
Phase 2 - Development:

• **Step 1: Job Analysis**
  BOD will determine whether to proceed beyond this point based on results

• Step 2: Item Writing
• Step 3: Beta Testing and Item Performance Analysis
• Step 4: Exam Delivery and Maintenance
QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS?
AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

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1. Define invasive species & effects
2. MnDNR Invasive Species Program
3. AIS examples and problems
4. Possible control options
5. Best Practices to prevent spread
6. Discussion & questions
WHAT ARE INVASIVE SPECIES?
“INVASIVE SPECIES” ARE NON-NATIVE ORGANISMS THAT CAN ADAPT TO LIFE IN A NEW ENVIRONMENT AND POTENTIALLY CAUSE ECONOMIC LOSS, ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE OR HARM HUMAN HEALTH.
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

- **NATIVE** – Species living where it is found naturally

- **NON-NATIVE** – Species introduced, or moved, by human activities to a location where they do not naturally occur

- **INVASIVE** – Non-native species invades lands or waters causing ecological or economic problems
CHARACTERISTICS OF INVASIVES

1. High reproductive rates
2. Generalist (tolerate a variety of habitats)
3. Compete aggressively for resources
4. Lack natural enemies in the new ecosystem
1. **ECOLOGY**: compete with & may displace native species, reduce quality/quantity of habitat, alter ecosystem processes

2. **RECREATION**: can degrade water quality, interfere with recreation, and disrupt fisheries

3. **ECONOMICS**: terrestrial & aquatic invasive species costs the U.S. an estimated $120 billion a year through damage & control costs
HOW ARE AIS MOVED?

1. **HUMAN ACTIVITY**
   - Intentional
   - Unintentional

2. **ANIMAL ACTIVITY**
   - Feeding
   - Travel pathways (migration)

3. **WEATHER RELATED ACTIVITY**
   - Floods
   - Storms
1. **PREVENT** introductions & spread of AIS in Minnesota (watercraft inspection program, enforcement, EDRR, etc.)

2. **MANAGE** and reduce the impacts caused by AIS to Minnesota's ecology, society, and economy through control efforts and research (Control Grants, IAPM permitting, AIS permits, lake monitoring, etc.)

3. **EDUCATE** the public of AIS laws and best practices through training and outreach (public outreach, drain pug laws, Lake Service Provide Training, etc.)
AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES IN MINNESOTA AND BEYOND

- Eurasian watermilfoil
- Curly-leaf pondweed
- Purple loosestrife
- Spiny water flea
- Zebra mussel
- Carp (common & Asian)
EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL
(Myriophyllum spicatum)

- Discovered in MN in 1987
- 12-21 leaflets
- Reddish stem
- Forms dense surface water mats impeding native plants and recreation
- Presently in over 270 water bodies in MN
HYDRILLA

*(Hydrilla verticillata)*

- Introduced in the 1950s through the aquarium trade
- Impedes irrigation, recreation, industry
- Forms dense surface water mats
Emergent perennial
More problematic in western MN counties
Different strains of the plant, some flower and others do not
Managed either through chemical or mechanical means depending on substrate type – difficult to ID

FLOWERING RUSH
(Butomus umbellatus)

[Image of flowering rush plant]
CHINESE MYSTERY SNAILS
(Bellamya (Cipangopaludina) chinensis)

- Native to Asia
- Can transmit parasites
- Can invade bass nests and cause mortality
- Commonly spread through illegal aquarium dumping
Native to eastern Europe, introduced through ballast water to the Great Lakes

Snail is an intermediate host for three intestinal trematodes (parasites) which kill scaup and coots

Outcompete native snails

Found in the Mississippi Crow Wing, and Shell Rivers

Difficult to ID correctly

RUSTY CRAYFISH
(Orconectes rusticus)

- 5 inches long, rusty-colored spots on carapace; claws with black tips
- Native to Ohio River valley, discovered in Minnesota around 1960
- Feed on fish eggs and young, destroy vegetation
- Outcompetes native crayfish
ASIAN CLAM
(Corbicula fluminea)

- Small bivalve, lightly colored
- Filter feeder common through Asia
- Low temp tolerance (2-30° C)
- Outcompetes native bivalves
- Biofouling – power plants and industrial water systems
- Problem in irrigation canals
- Bio-control – none
- Chemical – oxidizing or non-oxidizing compounds
**ZEBRA MUSSEL**

(*Dreissena polymorpha*)

- Freshwater mussel native to eastern Europe
- Microscopic to 2 inches
- “D” or shaped shell with brown & yellow stripes
- Has a free-floating veliger stage
- Lives 3 to 5 years
- Byssal threads that can attach to nearly anything
ZEBRA MUSSEL IMPACTS

- Encrust nearly anything including native mussels
- Filter plankton from water – food chain disruptor
- Sharp shells
- Concentrate blue green algae
- Introduced in 1988 to Great Lakes
- First in MN in 1989
  - Duluth Harbor
1. Do you have a problem?

2. What are the desired goals and how are they achieved (measured)?

3. What control options exist and are feasible?

4. How long are you in it for?
ASIAN CLAM CONTROL
(Corbicula fluminea)

- Bio-control – none
- Physical - screens
- Chemical – oxidizing
  - chlorine, potash or potassium permanganate
- Chemical - non-oxidizing
  - Endothall (mono amine salt), copper sulfate, niclosamide (Bayluscide)

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ZEBRA/QUAGGA CONTROL

- Bio-control – Zequanox
- Physical – screens, mechanical removal
- Chemical – oxidizing
  - chlorine, potash or potassium permanganate
- Chemical - non-oxidizing
  - Endothall (mono amine salt), copper sulfate, niclosamide (Bayluscide)

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WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. Educate yourself
   - Know what waters are infested and how to identify AIS
   - Understand Minnesota’s AIS laws
   - Follow laws, clean equipment, get permits

2. Best Practices

3. Inform (educate) others
Minneapolis has several state laws intended to minimize the introduction or spread of invasive species of wild animal, insect, and terrestrial or aquatic plants in the state.

- These laws apply to construction activities, and you should be familiar with them.
**REQUIRED BY LAW**

- **CLEAN** – All plants and animals off water-related equipment (boats, docks, etc.)
- **DRAIN** – All water *before* leaving the access
- **KEEP** – All draining devices open during travel
- **21 day dry time for docks & other equip.**
**REGULATIONS ON WATER TRANSPORT**

Drain all water from equipment where water may be trapped. Remove drain plugs, drain hoses prior to transport.

**M.S. 84D** - “When leaving waters of the state a person must drain water-related equipment holding water before transporting the water-related equipment off the water access site or riparian property.”
BEST PRACTICES

- Rinse- with water at least 140°F for 10 seconds or 120°F for 2 minutes
- Spray- water at high pressure to remove anything that may be attached
- Dry- watercraft for at least 5 days between waters
Prior to transportation along roads into or out of any worksite, or between water bodies within a project area, all equipment must be free of any aquatic plants, water, and prohibited invasive species.

- **Drain** all water from equipment where water may be trapped, such as tanks, pumps, hoses, silt curtains, and water-retaining components of boats/barges, and,

- **Remove** all visible aquatic remnants (plants, seeds, and animals). Removal of mud & soil is not required, though is encouraged as a Best Practice.
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Removal of aquatic remnants is required before transporting on public roads.
REPORT SIGHTINGS OF AIS

- Collect a sample
  - Ideally, use a baggie, some water, and put in the fridge
- Bring to invasive species specialist or DNR office
- Other information to collect
  - Where/when collected
  - Name and contact information of collector
Integrating Flow Sensors
On Projects with Multiple Water Supplies and Controllers
Flow sensor wiring
Isolating Flow Sensors
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1. SECONDARY STEP DOWN TRANSFORMER 110V TO 24V POWER SUPPLY REQUIRED.
2. ISOLATION RELAY #1
3. ISOLATION RELAY #2
4. ISOFLOW MODEL ISF-300
5. FLOW SENSOR
6. MASTER VALVE (NORMALLY CLOSED).
Isolating flow sensors
Combining flow sensor signals
1. Mount Combiflow either inside the controller enclosure pedestal using sheet metal screws or double sided foam tape, or adjacent to the controller in a near by location.

2. Connect flow sensor cables to input 1 and input 2 of Combiflow observing electrical polarity.

3. Direct burial 1 pair, twisted shielded cable—minimum conductor size 20 AWG. Do not exceed 2,000 feet in laying distance from flow sensor to Combiflow.

4. 12–24 volt AC or DC power supply or auxiliary power terminals on controller.

5. Irrigation controller.

6. CST flow sensor.


Note:
Flow sensors installed in field piping according to flow sensor detail.

Sensors may be the same or different sizes.
Retrofit Applications
Multiple POCs
Transmitting flow data between controllers
What’s next?
Questions ?