**Constructed Wetland For Treatment of Wastewater** 

### Easy Technology Yet to be Promoted !

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## Conventional Waterborne Sanitation: Investment Cost for Collection



Source: adapted from (6)



- High Investment for Collection i.e 70 90 %
- Treatment

10 - 30 %

(Otis 1996, Mork et al.2000)

#### In the US:

•37% of all new developments are serviced by onsite or decentralised systems

•over 50% of onsite/cluster systems are in cities and their suburbs

(USEPA 2000)

Decentralized Wastewater Treatment is the Current Needs as many of the growing cities in the world still does not have Sewer System



### **Constructed Wetland could be one of the Options**





### **TREATED WASTEWATER**





### Constructed Wetland for Treatment of Hospital Wastewater in 1997







#### Pollution removal rate of Dulikhel Hospital CW (1997-2003)



- 1. Dhulikhel Hospital (1997)
- Septage Treatment Plant, KMC (1998)
  Gray Water Recycling, Private House (1998)
- Malpi International School (2002)
  Sushma Koirala Memorial Plas
- 5. Sushma Koirala Memorial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery Hospital (2000)
- 6. Kathmandu University (2001)
- 7. Staff Quarter, Middle Marsyangdi Hydro Power Station (2002)
- 8. Recycling of Wastewater from toilet and laboratory, E (2002)
- 9. Kapan Monastery (2003)
- 10. Faecal Sludge and Landfill Leachate Treatment Plant (2002
- 11. Gray Water Recycling, Private House (2003)
- 12. Shuvatara School (2004)
- 13. Bagmati Area Sewerage Construction/Rehabilitation Project, BASP (under construction)
- 14. Community Scale Madhyapur Thim Municipality Wastewater Treatment Plant (2005)
- 15. Poly Clinic, Ilam (under design)
  - Manohara Land pooling Area (under design study)



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## **CW for Kathmandu University**







1,180 m2

1,500





### **Greywater recycling through CW**



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## Constructed wetlands with Vertical Sub-Surface Flow (VF)



#### WASTEWATER RECYCLING, 1998























### **Quality of Gray water Before and After**

	Influent	Effluent
	range	range
BOD mg/l	100 to 400	0 to 12
COD mg/l	177 to 687	7 to 72
TSS mg/I	52 to 188	1 to 6
NH4-N mg/l	4 to 26	0 to 2
PO4-P mg/l	1to 5	1 to 4
Total Coliform col/100 ml	91x10 <sup>7</sup>	<1000

## Materials for VF-CW





### Greywater Treatment Plant for a family (5 person)





Area : 4.8 m<sup>2</sup>



### WATER SUPPLY & DEMAND

Type of water use and requirement	Liters/month	%
Drinking & cooking	900	7
Dishwashing, bathing, showering, & laundry	7500	55
Toilet flushing, cleaning vehicle & gardening	5250	38
Total Water Demand	13650	100
Reuse of Treated Greywater	5250	38
Clean Water Requirement	8400	62

Cost of Graywater treatment system : USD 400

Direct saving on expenses in water : USD 10/month



### **Wastewater from Laboratory and Toilet**



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Recycling of treated wastewater for toilet flushing saves cost for water buying from tanker.



### **Estimation of Area**

- 0.75 m<sup>2</sup> of surface area should be enough to treat wastewater generated by a person per day.
- For treatment of 1 m<sup>3</sup> of wastewater about 7 to 10 m<sup>2</sup> of area is required.
- Size of the wetland can be determined by effluent discharge quality criteria and purpose of treated water for further use.



## New Concept without Settlement Tank Practice in France

















#### GK Fishermans Village Bayawan City, Philippines Oriental Negros 2,800 sq.m.



Absolut Chemicals Alcohol Distillery Lian, Batangas, Phillipines 300 sq.m.



### **Issues on CW**

- Wastewater treatment is still not a priority for city in developing world
- CW though simple technology but still not yet aware
- Limited professional consultants and not interested in cost reduction
- Research findings of Academics and Scientists are not yet transformed into full scale system



## Issues.....

- Primary treatment for large scale CW has yet to be improved in terms of cost and design
- Filling materials are not easy to access in all places leads to increase in cost
- Not easy to access land because of cost and NIMBY SYNDROM
- Communities involvement inadequate
- Recycling of greywater is not culturally acceptable



### O & M issues.....

- CW is a <u>LOW</u> maintenance system, but people often think it as <u>NO</u> maintenance system.
- Some major O & M
  - Care less in sludge removal from primary treatment
  - Cleaning of distribution pipes
  - Flushing system particularly intermittent feeding
  - Care Taker



# Clogging of Bed due to selection of inappropriate media





## Accumulation Sludge in Settling Tank and clogging of bed





















