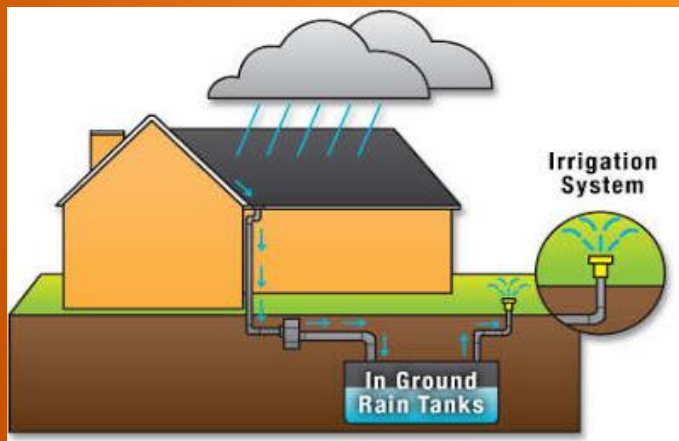




Rainwater Harvesting:

Ecosystem-Friendly Way of Cost Reduction of Water Supply and Urban River Pollution



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European Framework Directive

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“a good ecological and chemical status” of European waters is to be reached

several ways to reach this goal:

- *effective public sewage treatment facilities*
- *restoration of near-natural riverbeds*
- *more stringent regulation for industrial discharges*

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- a good ecological and chemical status of European waters



- a supplementary measure:

to limit the quantity of rain water that reaches the facilities and streams

Storm water runoff

- storm water runoff contributes to pollution of rivers and other streams in the cities



Urban roof-top rainwater harvesting



- reduces costs of water supply
- reduces costs of wastewater treatment facilities



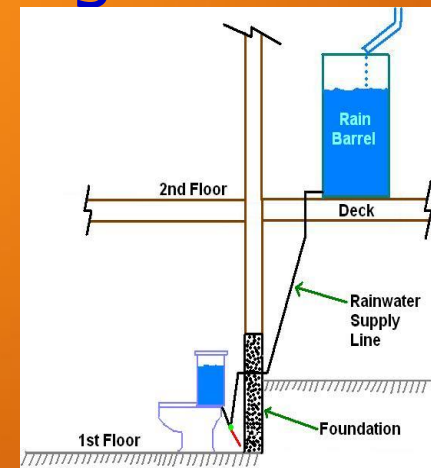
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- use of various storage tanks



Water supply cost reduction (individual/private costs)

- garden watering
- car and veranda washing
- flushing toilets, washing machines



Water supply cost reduction (general/public costs)

Savings:



Photo. Rainwater treatment facility,
Prague

- reduction of costs on by public sewer system(s)
- reduction of damage by flooding and polluting sewer overflows
- indirectly: energy savings (on drinkable water production)

Water supply cost reduction (private and/or public costs)

Expenses:

- water cisterns, barrels, filters, etc.
- pumps, adaptation of piping/plumbing systems



Public programs/policies promoting water harvesting in the cities



- Germany
- Japan, South Korea
- U.S.A.



- direct regulation, financial support (free barrels)

Conclusion

Rainwater harvesting

- eco-system friendly
- possible reduction of financial costs



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***THANK YOU FOR YOUR
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