

Utilizing LEED to Maximize Water Efficiency Projects

A significant trend in sustainability continues to incorporate Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) projects. Many of these projects spotlight energy efficiency measures including those focused in on water efficiency.

Incorporating Acequia's performance based comprehensive management system in your approach to sustainable irrigation water management may qualify your new project or existing property for certification credits under the current **2009 LEED for New Construction and Major Renovations** and **LEED for Existing Buildings Operations and Maintenance guidelines**.

The October 2009 issue of **Water Efficiency Magazine** outlines the steps your business can take to maximize water efficiency in LEED projects. [Click here to access the article](#) or call one of our LEED APs at (800) 276-1507 to discuss.

Quenching Our Nation's Thirst

"A nation that fails to plan intelligently for the development and protection of its precious waters will be condemned to wither because of its shortsightedness. The hard lessons of history are clear, written on the deserted sands and ruins of once proud civilizations."

In November of 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson made this statement in a letter addressed to the Senate and to the Speaker of the House addressing the state of our nation's water resources. Over 40 years later, **our country is facing an enormous water crisis** as population growth demands more potable water. Urban areas are struggling with water restrictions and increased rates as a result of the demand placed on their aging water treatment and delivery facilities. If the United States continues on its current path, 36 states are projected to suffer from water shortages as soon as 2013. [Click here to read more...](#)

Monthly Client Spotlight Gables Residential

Gables Residential is a privately owned REIT which owns, develops and manages multi-family communities and mixed-use developments in Atlanta, Austin, Dallas, Houston, South Florida, Southern California and metropolitan Washington DC. Currently, the company manages over 35,000 apartment homes, owns 63 communities with nearly 17,000 units and has an additional 20 communities in lease-up or under development. Gables initiated irrigation water management services through a performance agreement with Acequia in late 2008 at Gables Terraces, Austin, TX, and recently expanded to Gables Grandview, Austin, TX, after a very successful pilot. Feasibility studies are now underway for the Gable portfolio in southern California.

WATER CONSERVATION IS OUR PASSION

Acequia and its key Texas client relationships were recognized on September 10, 2009 during an exclusive public relations event hosted by the U.S. EPA, Region 6. The event served to recognize Acequia for its outstanding accomplishments in water use reduction, efficiency and savings. [Click here to view the full press release.](#)



Water Conservation Tip #10: Make a Commitment to Water Conservation

The desire to conserve water must start with upper management. Start a water conservation plan for your business and appoint a Conservation Champion to implement and maintain the program.

Water Awareness Survey

What are your thoughts on the water crisis currently facing our nation? **We want to know!** Your feedback will help us generate better awareness and involvement in the communities that we both serve. [Click here to access our brief survey.](#)

Extra, Extra... Learn All About It!

Acequia has created a series of brief webinars to provide additional information regarding Acequia's vision and what sets us apart from other industry competitors. [Click here to check them out!](#)

Please join us in urging the Austin City Council to put the brakes on WTP4 in an effort to make the City of Austin the "Greenest City in America."
Visit www.sosalliance.org or www.SaveWaterSaveMoney.org for more information.