

Cycling the H_2O of Utility with the Water of Dreams

Critical Position Statement

Sustainability is an integral part for establishing a society in balance with and a part of “nature” in order to preserve resources that are growing scarce. Being “Green,” today’s trendy term for sustainable concepts; traditionally has mainly focused on being “less bad” by being more efficient in what we do and the resources that we use; thus, is only prolonging the effects of ecological destruction. To become more sustainable, we must design with consideration of not just the immediate future, not just the immediate economic bottom line, but also for the future beyond our individual life times. How we design and build today will have a direct influence on what the world of our children’s children looks like. The uncontrolled growth of sprawl conditions is destroying what little “natural” sites remain. The **water** that we require in almost every aspect of life is getting harder to come by in a usable form and our **chemical treatment** of this **water** is contaminating the **streams** and **rivers** as we dump our **waste water** back into nature. Rather than continually imposing ourselves on the land destroying every bit of nature and replacing it with never ending fields of impervious surfaces, we need to reevaluate our existing urban context and find ways to live symbiotically with nature as a part of nature in order to reap the benefits of an improved environment in a harmonious balance.