# RAINWATER MANAGEMENT for SUSTAINABILITY

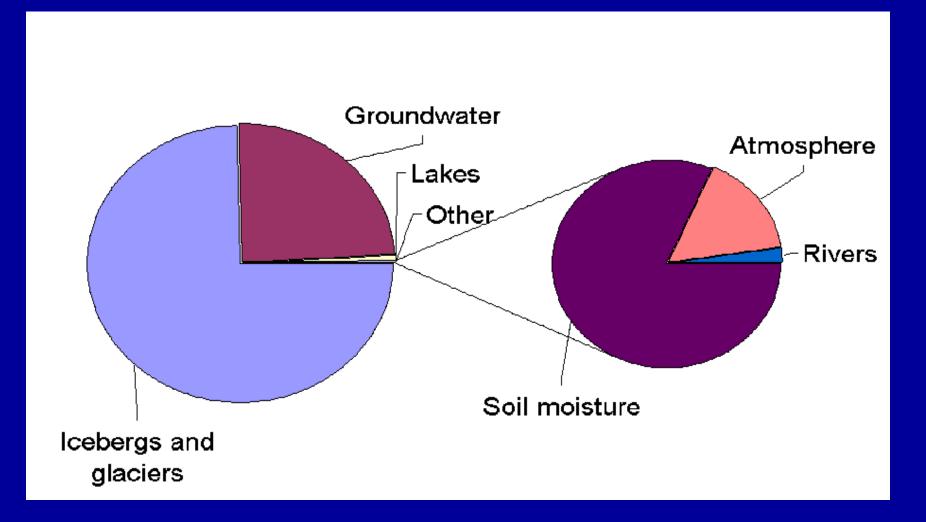
### Michal Kravčík, Jan Lambert, Matt Maki VOICES OF WATER FOR CLIMATE CLAREMONT (NH, USA)



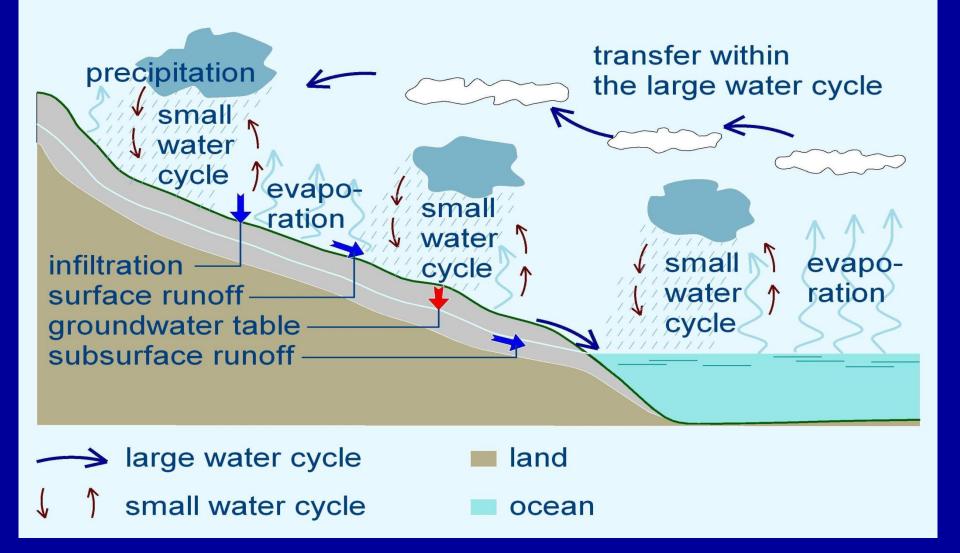
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## FRESHWATER STOCKS ON EARTH



## SOIL SEALING DESTROYS SMALL (short) WATER CYCLE(S) ON LAND



### NEW WATER PARADIGM MANAGEMENT

### High evaporation

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# Good groundwater recharge

Low run-off

### Decreased evaporation

### Minimal groundwater recharge

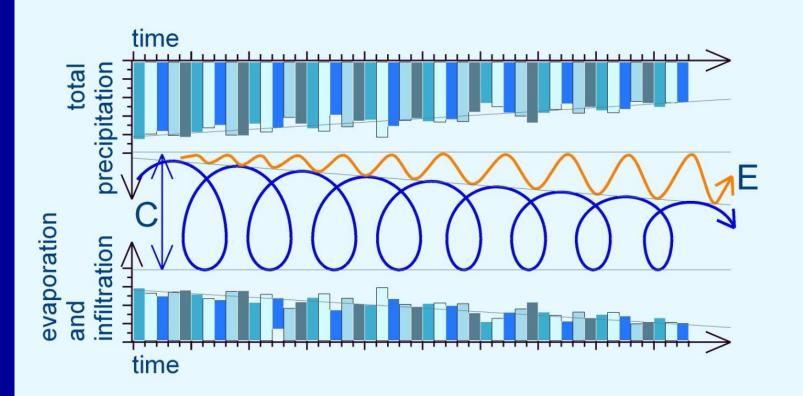
### Large run-off



### SOLUTIONS FOR OLD WATER PARADIGM

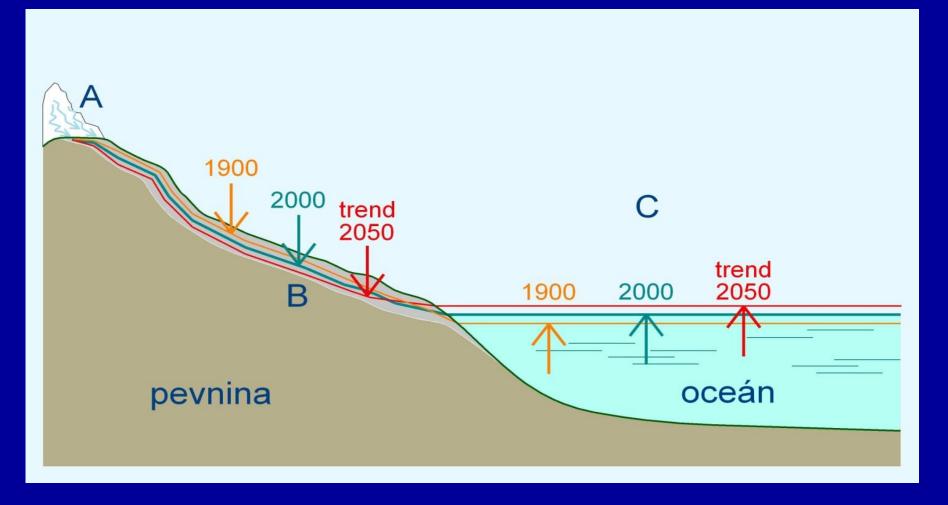


### GROWTH OF EXTREME WEATHER WITH DECLINE OF SMALL WATER CYCLE

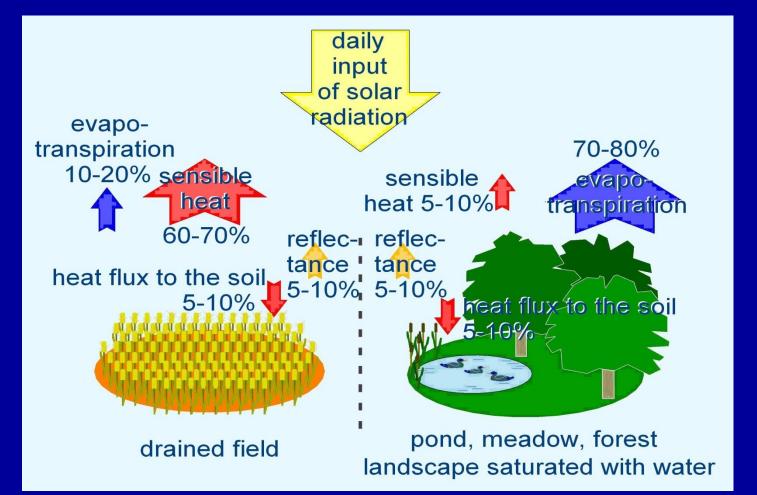


- C diagram of the circulation of water on land
- E diagram of extreme weather events

## SEA LEVEL RISE FROM DRYING OF CONTINENTS

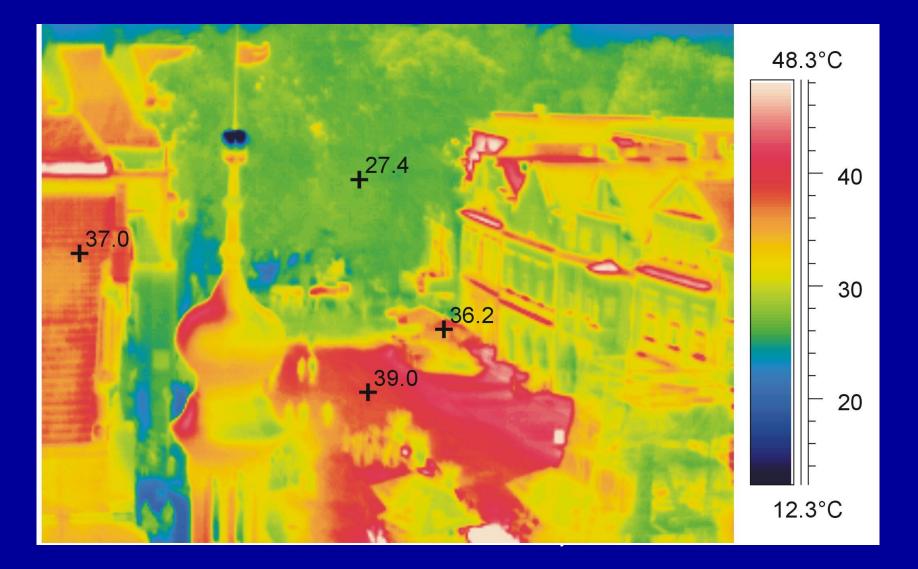


## **DISTRIBUTION OF SOLAR ENERGY**



Dry land: Most solar energy is changed into *sensible heat*, Wet land: Most solar energy is consumed on vapor water from landscape

# INFRARED PHOTO-Sunny day – high surface temperature of roofs, pavements, low temperature of trees

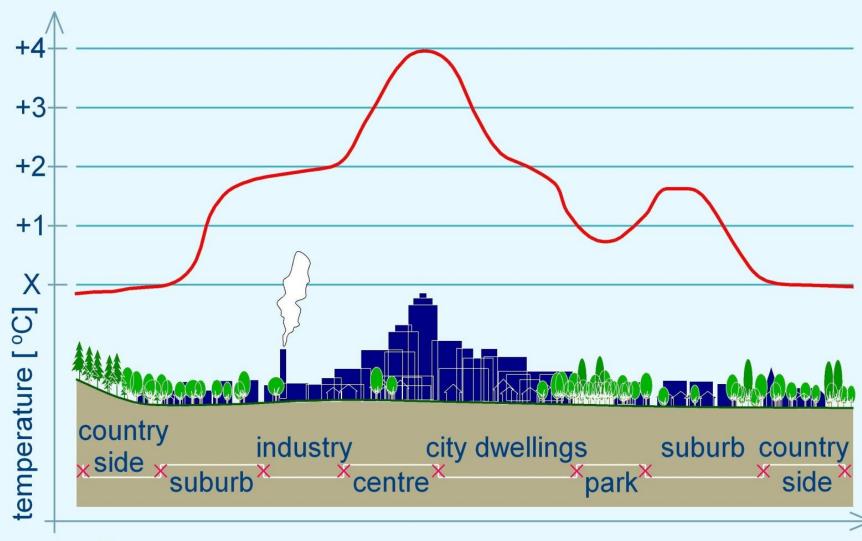




# SOME FACTS

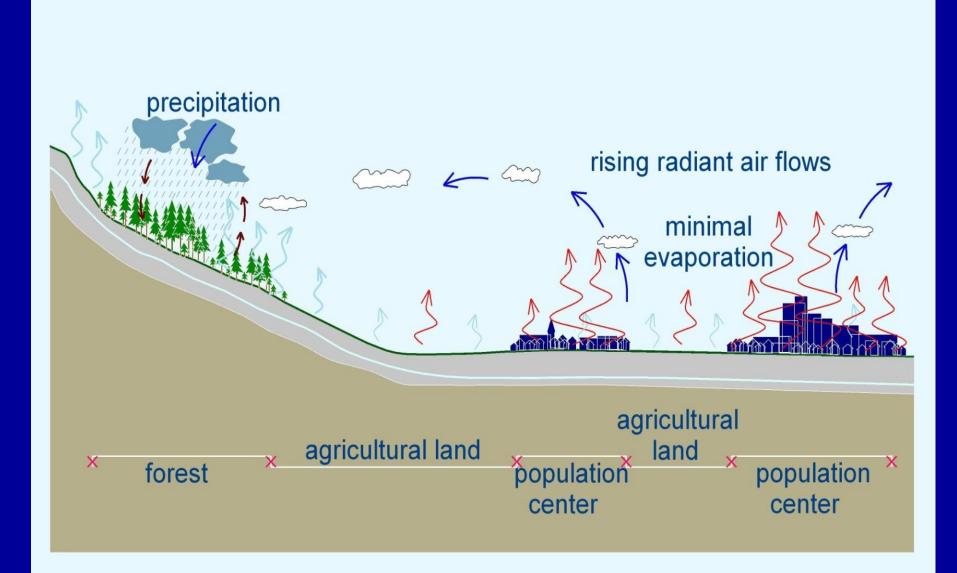
- CO2 basic component of photosynthesis
- Decrease of 700 kW of sensible heat in the atmosphere per 1m<sup>3</sup> of evaporated water = temperature decrease of 80 000 m<sup>3</sup> air for 1°C
- High differences in temperatures
  between forest and urban areas

### **HOT CLIMATIC UMBRELLA OF A CITY**



territory

### **IMPACTS ON WEATHER / CLIMATE**

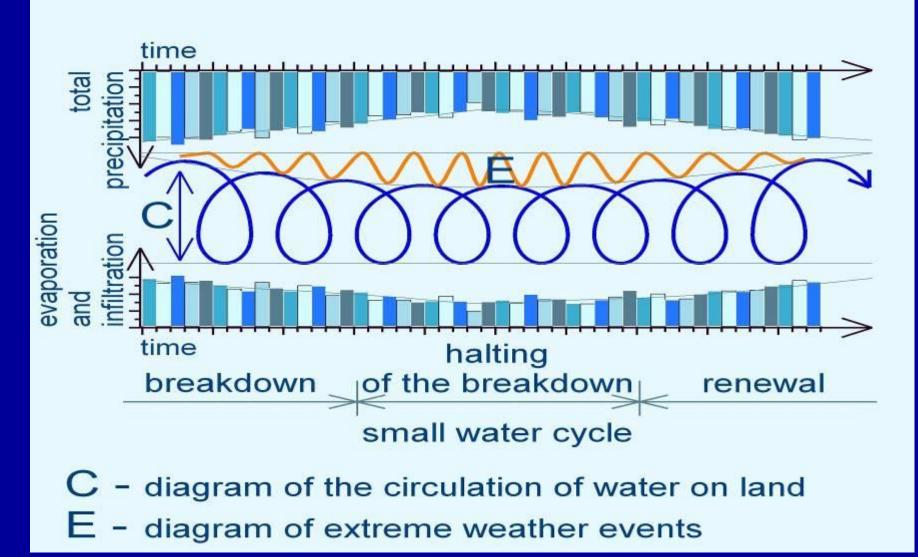


2012-SUPERSTOM SANDY!

South Dakota July, 2012

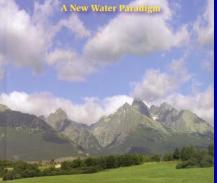
Superstorms...can be traced to the production of sensible heat in dried out areas of the country's interior

## DESTRUCTION AND RENEWAL OF SHORT WATER CYCLE

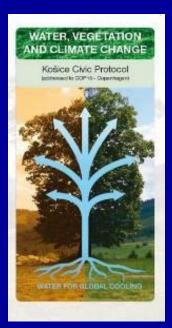


# Water for the Recovery of the Climate A New Water Paradigm

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# **Scientific publishing**

- A substantial role of water in the climate system of the earth (to the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen on 7 -18 December 2009)
- Košice Civic Protocol on Water, Vegetation and Climate Change (2009)
- International Journal of Water (IJW, vol. 5, issue 4, 2010), Special Issue on Water and the Complexities of Climate

### Old water paradigm

New water paradigm

- rainwater is an inconvenience, needs to be quickly removed
- rainwater is an asset that needs to be retained
   (especially in soil/plants)

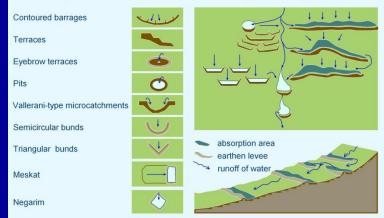
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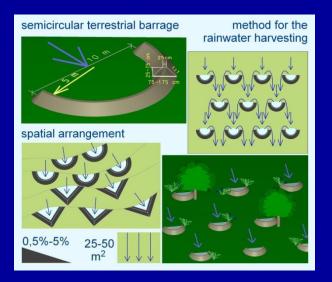
## **Rainwater harvesting principles**



Microstructures for the rainwater Combination of different rainwater harvesting on land

harvesting technologies







### **BLUE ALTERNATIVE Tichý Potok, 1995**



## RESTORATION OF WATER SOURCES IN URBAN ZONE KOSICE







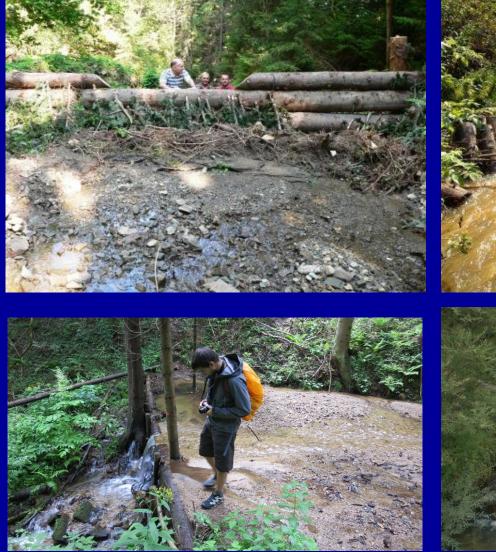




WATER FOREST IN HIGH NATIONAL PARK 2005-2009-2015-2017

2012 Documentation of the Landscape Revitalisation Program Implementation

MICHAL KRAVČÍK A KOLEKTÍV **Po nás púšť a potopa?** After us, the desert and the deluge?







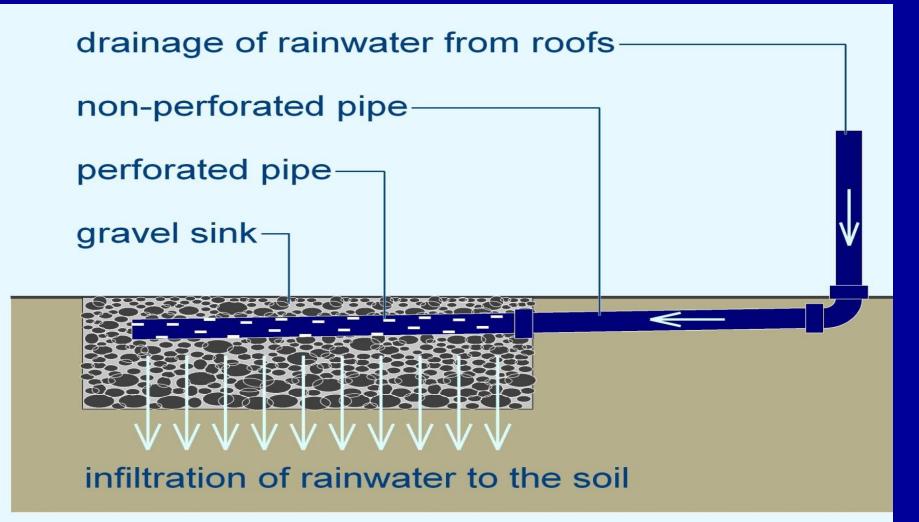


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### RAINWATER HARVESTING FROM ROOFS IN CITIES





### **MASSIVE CONSERVING OF RAINWATER**

### **Advantages**:

- enhances water sources
- anti-flood & anti-erosion protection
- moderates climate
- biodiversity
- cheap, simple, effective

Global Action **Plan(GAP)** is available online at bio4climate. org

#### A GLOBAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE RESTORATION OF NATURAL WATER CYCLES AND CLIMATE

Michal Kravčík and Jan Lambert Slovakia and U.S.A.

A global plan of climate restoration of the **small water cycle**<sup>1</sup> of regional landscapes, with a goal of decreasing floods, drought, natural disasters, and other undesirable climate changes, and increasing the biodiversity and production potential of all continents, through the introduction of various measures of rainwater retention suitable for all areas of human habitation and usage.



The Mulloon Institute in New South Wales, Australia is committed to developing the knowledge and practical experience required to advance regenerative land and water management techniques, including but not limited to permaculture techniques for soil hydration and natural sequence farming, and rural landscape management techniques aimed at restoring natural water cycles that allow the land to flourish despite drought conditions. See http://themullooninstitute.org/ and http://www.nsfarming.com/.

1 see Definition of Terms, Appendix

#### Water, Land and Climate --The Critical Connection

How We Can Rehydrate Landscapes Locally To Renew Climates Globally

Water plays a critical role in restoring a livable climate. A New Water Paradigm is emerging to help us restore landscapes naturally, so we no longer wastefully "drain the rain" but instead "retain the rain" with water catchments, soil, plants and animals. The result? We can renew our climates through local action, by allowing rainwater to soak into the soil to restore local land-based water cycles. We can also expect reduced flooding and pollution, renewed springs and streams, more drinking water, more food, less poverty and conflict, and improved wildlife habitat.

and everything to gain!

There is nothing to lose

Jan Lambert

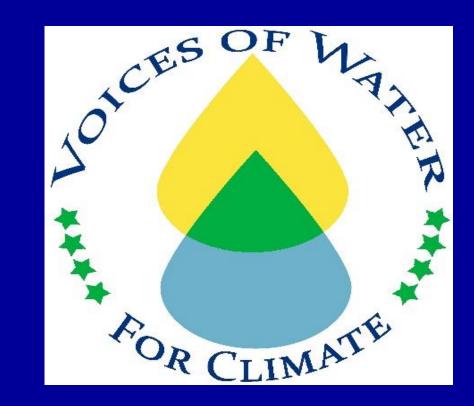
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