



Template for Evidence(s) UI GreenMetric Questionnaire

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[4] Water (WR)

[4.2] Water Recycling Program Implementation



Water Recycling









Plant factory







Interview article explaining the vertical farming project

Water Recycling Program Implementation at GTU (Gebze Technical University, Turkiye)

Description:

Rainwater is percolated underground, collected in wells, and used for irrigation. In addition, the wastewater used on the campus is subjected to secondary treatment at the Gebze Wastewater Treatment Plant, located approximately 1 km from the campus, as described in file number 3.6. Considering these conditions, a 1-25% water recycling program is implemented on campus.

- 1) Groundwater usage for irrigation of GTU campus. Agricultural management practices including organic /inorganic fertilization are not carried out in irrigated areas, therefore the water remain clear. The used water reaches the underground again through infiltration. The water used for irrigation purpose is recycled by this way.
- 2) A vertical farming R&D facility called the Plant Factory has been established on the campus. In this facility, plant growth tests are carried out using a vertical farming system in containers. To summarise the working mechanism of this R&D facility, water is recirculated after fertiliser is added, saving both water and fertiliser. The missing fertiliser is added with a pump.
- 3) Photo of the detailed interview given about the vertical farming R&D facility called Plant Factory on campus. In the vertical agriculture R&D facility called Plant Factory on campus, approximately 1 ton of water is saved. In addition, 95% of water is saved compared to traditional irrigation methods.

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