# Final Grant Report: Sustainable Water Solution CMS# 161950

Period of Grant: June 15th, 2020 – Dec 31st, 2024

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### **Summary**

## **Project Summary**

The Sustainable Water Solution Pilot project (the "Project"), CMS# 161950, was initiated November, 2018 to further the measurable objectives of conservation, land use, education, outreach, and innovation articulated in Colorado's Water Plan and the South Platte Basin Implementation Plan. In addition, it was undertaken to highlight a consistency with the water education efforts described in the applicable Education Action Plans.

The Project was designed to demonstrate the water savings in new home construction made possible by the inclusion of the Greyter HOME<sup>TM</sup> graywater system, the Phyn Plus water consumption / leak detection monitoring system and Uponor Logic Plumbing for efficient water distribution within the home.

The Project was extended beyond its original timeline of 12 months to approximately 48 months and its size was decreased from 40 to 25 homes. The project plan was modified due to pandemic related unforeseen circumstances such as travel restrictions and social distancing requirements and real time learning. The 4-year project met its goals with many major findings and lessons learned.

The Project's objectives were defined as outlined below in support of key stakeholders including municipalities/water utilities, builders/developers and homeowners:

- 1. Awareness Provide education to the stakeholders on the value and availability of the water conservation technologies utilized within the Project ("Technologies").
- 2. Training Educate builders and plumbers on the rough in / installation requirements and homeowners on the daily operation of the Technologies.
- 3. Data Monitoring / Performance Obtain real world data on reduced water consumption levels accomplished through the use of the Technologies

The project was organized into 9 major tasks:

- 1. Pre-construction
- 2. Marketing
- 3. Rough-in
- 4. Rough-in inspections
- 5. Unit delivery

- 6. Product cost
- 7. Training
- 8. Commissioning
- 9. Reporting

# **Project Completion**

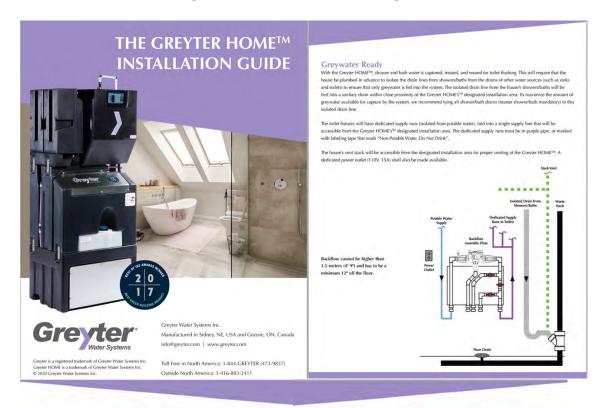
### Awareness

- A demonstration unit was installed and operated through the duration of the project for use as an education and training tool.
- Numerous stakeholder meetings were held using the demonstration unit including county officials, inspectors, plumbers and builders (Lennar)
- The Technologies based solution was showcased at the Colorado Water Congress' annual conference.
- Numerous speaking engagements were completed highlighting the Project and the importance of graywater reuse in Colorado.
- After engaging in discussions regarding the Project, counties such as Fort Collins, Broomfield, Golden and Grand Junction adopted Reg 86.

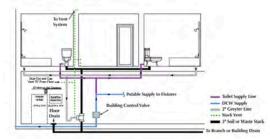
## **Training**

- Technical documents for the rough-in and installation were created to assure proper installation
- Plumbers were trained and rough-ins / installations were completed according to specifications during the construction phase.
- Initial orientation was provided to homeowners during the final walk through before occupancy.
- A detailed tutorial was provided during homeowner orientation 2-4 weeks after occupancy.
- Greyter went door to door to meet all the homeowners to get feedback, and relay to customers those lessons learned from the pilot were shaping a new design.

#### **Rough-in and Installation Training Document**

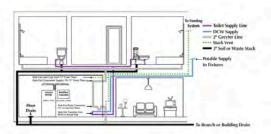


#### Greyter Water Ready: Rough-In Only (Unfinished Basement or Mechanical Room)

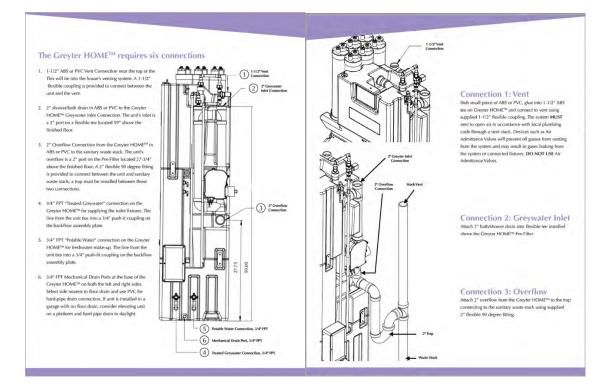


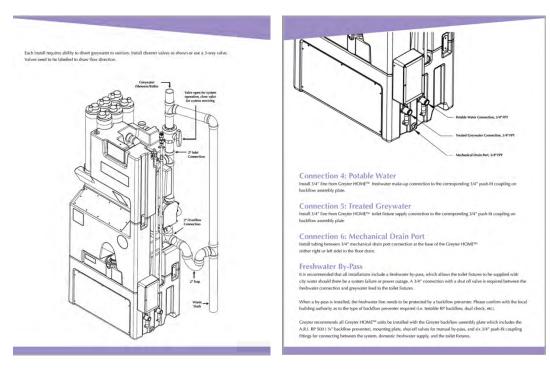
- Isolate greywater Minimum 2 showers (2<sup>n</sup>), and home run greywater to mechanical room or where future Greyter Home will be installed.
- If overflow is tying a 3<sup>s</sup> soil or waste stack, connection is a 3<sup>s</sup>4<sup>s</sup> clean out with 2<sup>s</sup> side fitting. If tying into a 2<sup>s</sup> soil or waste stack, connection is a 2<sup>s</sup>42<sup>s</sup> clean out with 2<sup>s</sup> side fitting. Fitting to be tight to the stab.
- 3. Isolate supply lines to toilets (purple pipe only, must read "Non-Portable Water, Do Not Drink")
- 4. Provide access to future 1.5" vent, must be minimum 75" off finished floor.
- 5. Provide single gang 15 Amp (dedicated), 120V. Plug should be 70-75\* above finished floor, within 12\* of the right side of unit.
- 6. To accommodate backflow assembly plate, allow a minimum cleannor of 3° to the right of the Greyter Home. Backflow plate is 15° x 20.25°, and should be mounted accorely to the wall at a minimum height of 36-48° from the finished floor tas measured from the top of the backflow platei.
- 7. Where space permits, install Gengter Home within 24\* of floor drain is available, drain to daylight or alternate location which permits the Cenyter Home mechanical and to drain under gavity. Drain port connection should be hard piped (pvc suggested) and secured to floor drain with metal stop and fastened to floor, or 90 efflow into floor drain.

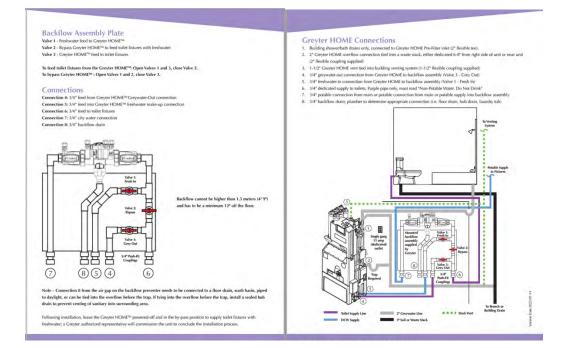
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#### Homeowner Manual



n your Greyter HOME™ to better help you obtain assistance or service if you ever need it.

Model No:

THIS WARRANTY APPLIS TO PRODUCTS PURCHASED AND USED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA ONLY. This is the only express warrant for this product and is in lieu of any other warranty or condition. Crepter Water Systems Inc.<sup>44</sup> (Coryet) warrants that all components of the Crepter PUNC<sup>44</sup> are to be free from defects in material and workmanning for two years from the date of installation by a licensed pluribler or an authorized representative. Sole obligation under this warranty is as follows:

Greyter shall fulfill the warranty, stated above, by repairing or exchanging any component parts) (F.O.B. Excity) that in Greyter Water Systems' judgment show evidence of defects provided the Greyter HOME<sup>TM</sup> has been installed, operated and maintained in accordance with the written instructions provided by Greyter and said component parts) have been returned through an authorize Greyter Representative.

This warranty is wold if the product is used for other than single family household use. The warranty does not cover use not in conformity with the specified directions, or charages in the product ranking from accident, alteration, abuse or misuse. The warranty does not cover systems that have been flooded by external manars, or that have been disastenibled or tangened with by unauthorized persons, improperly initialide, adjected to estemal damage, or demage due to improper wring or norkinal princetion. The warranty does not cover damage freezing or coreheating. The warranty will not cover damages to the Units Fiber caused by handling or misse by unauthorized persons. The warranty will not cover damage esting from parise, baarcoos and thick clehencials cover potentially damages products ispecified in the Owner's Manual) sent doon bathtubs or showers drains that are directly field to the Carsper HOME<sup>III</sup>.

The warranty applies only to the parts and components of the Caryter HOME<sup>500</sup> system and does NOT include any of the residential plannbing, wiring, dariangs, or diposal system. Caryter is not responsible for any delay or damages caused by defective components or materials. for this normal hexature of interplant of services, or for any other special consequential damages or incidental expenses a from the manufacture, safe, or use of the system.

Greyter reserves the right to revise, change, and modify the construction and design of the Greyter HOME<sup>TM</sup> water recycling solution or any component partity of the system whoch incurring any obligation to make such changes for modifications in previously vold equipment. Greyter Water System Noc. also reserves the right, in making replacements of component parts under this wateranty, to furnish a component any which, in its judgment, is equivalent to the component parts place.

Under no circumstances will Greyter be responsible to the warrantee for any other direct or consequential damages which res defects in material and/or workmarship of the system. Some states and provinces do not allow limitations on implied warranti incidental, or consequential damages, so the foregoing limitations may not apply to you.

TO OBTAIN WARRANTY SERVICE AND/OR TROUBLESHOOTING INFORMATION: Call Customer Service at 1-844-GREYTER (473-9837) ext. 232 | Go online at www.greyter.com

#### 1. Safety Warning, Precautions, and Electrical 3 ABOUT THE GREYTER HOME™ 1.1 Use of Household Cleaners 1.2 Bathing Products 1.3 Disposal of Products 333 The Greyter HOME® is the first of its kind residential water recycling system that incorporates proprietary a patient pending technology within a compact solution. The system treats your bathing and shower water with multiple levels of filtration and disinfection to ensure the post processed greywater meets a wry high water paulity standard. For more information on how it work 2. System and Installation 2.1 System Capacity and Space Requirements 2.2 Electrical Requirements 3. System Operation and Processes Overview 3.1 Greywater Processing 3.2 Ultra-Filter Backwash 3.3 Pre-Filter Backwash 3.4 Permeater Enal: Disinfection 3.5 Collection Tank Disinfection 3.6 Freshwater Make-Up 3.7 Maintenance Clean and Purge 3.8 System Idle PLEASE READ THIS MANUAL THOROUGHLY: Failure to follow the instructions in this manual may result in personal jujy or diamage to the system and may cody ownerands, Store this immaal in a safe place. Genyter Water systems<sup>24</sup> assumes no expendiably for sun dranage caused by musice or michandling. If you have questions regarding this manual, places contact Cereyer Water Systems<sup>24</sup> castomer support at 1.844-0487107 ext. 232. An the information in this manual is subject to change place contact Cereyter Water Systems<sup>24</sup> to receive the latent vension. 4 4 4. System Maintenance 4.1 Chlorine Bleach 4.2 Adsorption Media 4.3 Ultra-Filter 4.4 Pre-Filter 5 The following graphics are used to draw your atten to proper usage and prevent injury or damage. 5. Getting Started 5 NOTE: Procedures and techniques that are considered important and emphasized. 5.1 Network Connection 5.2 Setting Date/Time 5.3 Greyter HOME™ System App CAUTION: Procedures and techniques which, if not followed correctly, will result in damage to the softem 1,200.6 6. Troubleshooting and Repairs Appendix 1: Greyter HOME<sup>IN</sup> Layout WARNING: Procedures and techniques which if not carefully followed, may expose the user

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#### For full installation instructions, see the Grevter HOME™ Installation Manual.

2.1. System Capatrily and Space Requirements the Gregere HOUPEr has a total capacity of 61.35Cal (2401), capable of storing 41 Cal (1351) of *nav* greywater in the Collection Tank and 22.35Cal (351) of mated greywater in the Permose Tank. The system is 31 inches wide, 19 inches deep, and 72 inches tall, allowing it to be installed in a discrete location such as a basement, gazage or mechanical noon. Ensure access to the front and right sides of the system remains unoblucured to facilitate servicing and maintenance.

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#### 3. SYSTEM OPERATION & PROCESSES OVERVIEW

Greywater passes through the self-cleaning Pre-Filter, where hair and solids are screened out before entering the system's Collection Tank. A self-cleaning Ultra-Filter is installed at the bottom of the Collection Tank, filtering out micro-organisms, suspended solids, and

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3.2 Ultra-Filter Backwash The Ultra-Filter is regularly backwashed and aerated to maintain optimal processing efficiency.

3.3 Pre-Filter Backwash The self-cleaning Pre-Filter periodically backwashes in order to clean the filter screen and purge any accumulated debris to the sanitary drain.

3.4 Permetale Tank Dedinfection The system does the Permetate Tank with chlorine bleach to mitigate biological growth and maintain a level of residual chlorine in the water being supplied to the toilets.

3.5 Collection Tank Disinfection The system doses the Collection Tank with chlorine bleach to mitigate biological growth.

3.0 Freshnater Make-Up The Sensonater is used to maintain a minimum level of water in the Permeate Tank when not enough processed Creywater is available for toilet Bushing or other system functions.

ce Clean and Pure The Ultra-Filter periodically undergoes a deep cleaning cycle followed by a complete purge of the Collection Tank.

L3 system lide When there is no incoming greywater or toilet flushing activity for an extended period of time, the Creyter HOME™ will maintain basic system furctions such as doning the Promeate and Calification Tarks with chiorine block had periodically draining the system distanting greywater. Furthermore, the UBn-Tilerm artemain submerged to water at all times. A Because of this, during periods of extended vacation, the Creyter HOME™ should remain powered on and the potable water supplying the system should be left on. Failure to keep ft UBn-Tilers submerged in water may cause during that is not occered by the waters, the en the

#### 4. SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

4. > TSTEEM MAINTERNANCE Proper operation and maintenance is critical to the long-term performance of the system. All NSF National Sanitation Foundation/ANSI Sandard 302 Class R certified growater treatment systems (GH-2100) have an initial two-year service agreement included thos service calls per year. Each appointment will include a mechanical, educatical and overall speet moligopatic check and a visual and ollicotry assessment of the systems efficient for clarity and numl. The owner will be notified of any improper system operations that cannot be remelled during the service agriculture also give that estimated table or correction in writing. Estended service publicies are suitable which may include comparable services as the initial service agreement. Contact Greyter Water Systems<sup>2</sup> or your Authorized Represent for information on estended service policies.

A WARNING: Read and follow proper safety procedures written on the bleach bottle. ng the Chlorine Tan Remove the Chlorine Tank can and carefully pour 2.3Gal (9L) of bleach into the opening of the tank. Tighten and secure cap back on the Chlorine Tank once filled.

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4.2 Absorption Media The Absorption Media should be examined and, if required, exchanged during the scheduled service visit. If you are unsure of the date of your next service visit, contact Greyter Water Systems<sup>47</sup> or your local authorized mainten ance professional

4.1 Ultor Filer DD NOT handle or touch Ultra-Filer membrane sheets as this can cause damage and may void warranty. The condition of system's Uhar-Filer will be impected by a local authorized maintenance professional during your scheduled maintenance. As noted in Section 3.8 System file, the Uhar-Filer must remain scherenged in water at all times. Failure to keep the Uhar-Filer submerged in water may cause damage that is not coreal by the warranty. ▲

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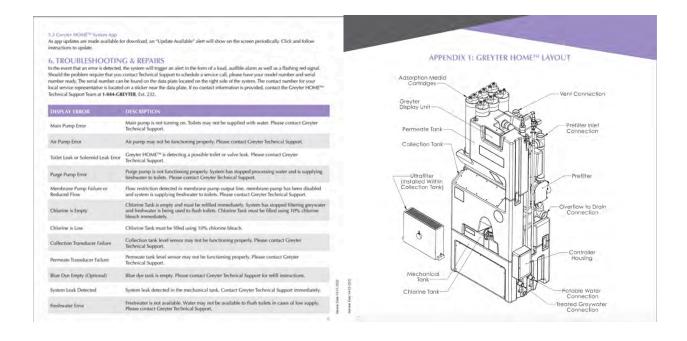
4.4 Pre-Filter DO NOT rem please contact 4.4 Pre-Filter DO NOT remove the Pre-Filter cover. 🏝 If you suspect a blockage in the Pre-Filter preventing water from entering the Collection Tank, please contact Creyter Water System<sup>9</sup>. The Creyter HOME<sup>19</sup> Pre-Filter must ONIX be serviced and impected by authorized service professional. Removed of the cover or any of the parts may cause damage to internal components and impoger sealing may cause leaks. Furthermore, the warranty does NOT cover systems that have been disassembled or tampered with by unauthorized persons.

5. GETTING STARTED Unbrized representative must commission the Greyter HOME™ prior to start-up. Following this, the system's Con-ected to a 110VAC outlet using the supplied power adapter. Ensure the Greyter Display Unit (GDU) is powered

5.1 Network Connection 15 in Network Connection 16 important that the Corpter HOME<sup>NI</sup> is connected to your local Wi-Fi network in order to receive performance data, software updates, maintenance reminders, and many other features to help ensure that your Corpter HOME<sup>NI</sup> to your local network, follow the step by step instructions that can be found online at www.greyteccam'connecting.network.

5.2 Setting Date time Upon connection to the local W/Fi network, the Greyter Display Unit (GDU) will automatically synchronize with the network-provided time. This can be verified by scrolling to the Settings screen, and scrolling to "TimeDate".



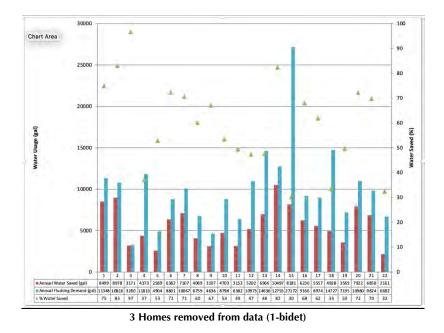


## Data Monitoring / Performance

- Lennar constructed 25 homes which incorporated the Technologies
- Greyter HOME<sup>™</sup> systems, Phyn Plus units and Uponor Logic Plumbing were installed in all homes
- The Technologies successfully obtained significant operating performance data
- Offset of potable water usage for toilet flushing utilizing NSF-350 certified graywater from the Greyter HOME<sup>™</sup> systems achieved 56%
- Summary Finding are as outline below:

Average Toliet Water Use (Graywater + Potable Water)	10,031
Average Graywater Supply to Toliets	5,644
% Potable Water Avoidance to Toilets	56%

#### Pilot Summary Findings - Annual use (gallons)



**Obstacles Encountered** 

#### Occupant Behavior

Showering habits of occupants (frequency, duration, scheduling) limited graywater availability for use in toilets. Although occupant behavior can not be fully controlled, additional education of homeowners helped to improve showering habits.

#### Water Holding Capacity

The volume capacity of the Greyter HOME<sup>TM</sup> system related to storing shower water prior to processing was intermittently insufficient as a result of occupant shower scheduling habits. The holding capacity of the system has been increased in Greyter's next generation system, currently scheduled for release in late 2024. Practically, capacities of the system are physically limited by the constraints of the unit's size as defined by the builder stakeholder.

## Premature Component Failures

Within the Greyter HOME<sup>TM</sup> unit, unforeseen component failures reduced the graywater system availability in certain homes. Data obtained from the Project, along with component life cycle testing performed by Greyter, has resulted in the inclusion of enhanced components within the next generation system. In addition, the elimination of certain components to increase unit availability has also been incorporated.

#### Bidet Use

The installation of toilet seat bidets by homeowners after the graywater systems were installed was not anticipated. Bidets are not approved for use of graywater per Reg 86 which required the units to be bypassed until a potable supply could be installed. In future

homes, toilets will be provided with an optional, secondary feed of potable water during the construction phase to accommodate the possibility of bidet use.

## **Confirmation of Matching Commitments**

Matching Commitment was exceeded for the Project. As outlined below, contributions from the participating parties exceeded \$175k in comparison to the grant value of \$130k

	Greyter Contribution						Lennar Contribution			Phyn Contribution			
	Greyter Direct Exp		Purchased Services			Rough-Ins / Installs			Phyn Plus Units			TOTAL	
	Inv 1	Inv 2	Inv 3	Inv 1	Inv 2	Inv 3	Inv 1	Inv 2	Inv 3	Inv 1	Inv 2	Inv 3	
1. Pre-construction				\$3,021									\$3,021
2. Marketing				\$5,553									\$5,553
3. Rough-in								\$30,000	\$20,000				\$50,000
4. Rough-in inspections													\$0
5. Unit delivery					\$1,850	\$14,420		\$7,500	\$5,000				\$28,770
6. Product cost					\$6,000	\$8,612					\$7,000	\$3,500	\$25,112
7. Training			\$10,000										\$10,000
8. Commissioning					\$1,050	\$43,018							\$44,068
9. Reporting					\$480	\$8,020							\$8,500
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$8,573	\$9,380	\$74,070	\$0	\$37,500	\$25,000	\$0	\$7,000	\$3,500	\$175,023
Subtotal - Invoice 1	\$0			\$8,573			\$0			\$0			\$8,573
Subtotal - Invoice 2		\$0			\$9,380			\$37,500			\$7,000		\$53,880
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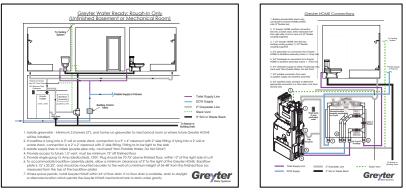
# Additional Information Regarding Project Objectives

## 1. Training

Given the Greyter HOME<sup>™</sup> was the first NSF 350 Residential graywater system installed in Colorado, there were numerous stakeholders which required training / education as outlined below:

- Builder (construction manager, customer care manager, contract manager)
- Plumber
- Denver Planning Department
- Denver Building Inspector
- Denver Water
- Homeowner
- Local Field support

Education included detail information regarding plumbing connections and rough-in requirements. Training included both in-person discussions and proper documentation. Examples of training documents are as follows:



Greyter Training Document Examples

# 2. Activities

## Pre-construction (Pre-Pandemic)

Before the first 3-homes broke ground, there were many discussions with the project's builder and partner, Lennar Homes, and their plumber. Creating the technical documents for the rough-in and installation was required as this was new to the plumber and understanding the plumbing requirements was critical for systems to be properly installed.



Greyter HOME installed for training

Colorado's state Regulation 86 ("Reg 86") defines strict guidelines permitting non-potable graywater reuse. Within the project, this included shower and bath graywater for use in toilet flushing. The regulation also outlines some of the mandatory plumbing requirements. Initial meetings were conducted with Lennar and the plumber in a model home where a demonstration unit was set up to be displayed through the duration of the project. Although the unit was not operational (the home was built before the graywater could be isolated to the unit), it was plumbed in for training purposes. This set up was used for many stakeholder meetings which included Lennar internal employees, County officials and inspectors and plumbers. The unit installation is as depicted below. One of the most significant challenges of the project occurred when travel restrictions were imposed during the pandemic. This forced the team to shift its approach to remote

training as Greyter was unable to facilitate local on-site training for field support. Lennar utilized its site superintendent as Greyter's representative, providing service, maintenance, and field support for the early systems. Lennar was also able to assist Greyter while the pandemic continued, as construction halted for the better part of 12+ months. During this period and due to the pandemic, the project was reduced from 40 to 25-homes. Between January and August of 2022, 22 of the final 25-homes were installed.

### Construction (Post Pandemic)

In January and March of 2022, Greyter made 2 trips to Colorado to perform in-person site inspections of rough-ins and installations. This was completed during the height of construction completion for the final 22-homes. Most occupancy closings were held from May to August 2022. At this point, the plumbers were well trained, and rough-ins and installations were installed according to specifications.



**Construction Phase Example** 

#### <u>Closings</u>

During the last walk through before final occupancy, Lennar provided the initial orientation to homeowners, completing a basic overview of how the system works. Greyter would subsequently provide a more detailed tutorial during the homeowner orientation which typically occurred 2-4 weeks after the homeowner moved in and had WIFI availability. During this detailed tutorial, the system would be taken out of by-pass and put into operation.

#### Outreach and Education

Shortly after the first 3-homes were completed Greyter had the opportunity to showcase its solution at Colorado Water Congresses annual conference. This included participating on a panel about the importance of graywater reuse for the state. The panel represented one of many speaking opportunities where the pilot project was showcased and where important discussions were held regarding residential graywater reuse in Colorado.





Colorado Water Congress Conference (January 2020)

Housing Innovation Alliance, Denver University (April 2023)

Advocacy continued south of Denver. Inspectors first visited the Central Park site before hosting their own informational. During this event, Castle Rock stakeholders saw first-hand an installation within Castle Rock's Red Hawk site in Douglas County, where 29-units were installed.



Castle Rock, City Officials and Inspectors Orientation. 1st of 29 installations

#### Continued Outreach

Since the first installation in 2020, there has been continued advocacy drawing attention to the 25-home Pilot. At the time of project approval, graywater reuse indoors was only approved in the City and County of Denver, Castle Rock and Pitkin County, which had adopted some form of Reg 86. As awareness and importance of graywater reuse garnered attention, counties including Fort Collins, Broomfield, Golden and Grand Junction adopted some form of Reg 86 to allow graywater reuse. During the current 2024 legislative session, a bill will be introduced that will make Reg 86 an Opt Out structure versus its current structure of Opt In<sup>-1</sup> Within this bill, jurisdictions are provided the ability to choose what part of the Reg 86 they want to Opt in to. This will pave the way for expanded use of graywater reuse for both Residential and Commercial projects. <sup>1</sup> No grant funds used in this effort, led by Greyter Water Systems in parallel to the Pilot

## 3. Performance, Customer Experience and Lessons Learned

The Greyter HOME<sup>™</sup> unit is a mechanical treatment system which relies on a selfcleaning prefilter that removes hair and solids, a membrane that does the majority of filtration and a polishing step performed by activated, which is the system's final step before the treated water is delivered to the supply tank and available for flushing. The certification body, NSF, requires the system to be inspected 2-times annually for the first 2-years to maintain its NSF 350 certified status. The design intent of the system was to have a single requirement for annual service which would include adding chlorine and exchanging the carbon cartridges. Although the system delivers an extremely high-water quality it became evident during the Pilot that the addition of chlorine and replacement of carbon would not meet the 1-year goal. Servicing would likely be required 2-3 times annually, an important finding from the Pilot. The pilot also identified components, such as the membrane and main pumps, which were not robust enough to achieve projected life-cycle time. With more than 2+ years of operation time for some systems, Greyter was able to gather significant data on key performance measures which has ultimately shaped a redesign of the residential system.

The education of the builder and plumber was performed without difficulties or complications. With proper documentation and specifications on plumbing requirements, there were little issues when it came to the rough-in and installation. During homeowner orientation, since the builder had the first interaction with the customer, it became clear that consistent messaging wasn't always delivered, and it was concluded that this communication needs improvement when installing numerous systems with large scale production builders. Revisions to this process will include:

- One page information document within the Builder Customer Care binder of all mechanical equipment
- Short video presentation available for viewing on final homeowner walk thru
- QR code on graywater system for instant information

In March 2023, Greyter went door to door to meet all homeowners involved in the Pilot to obtain feedback and relay that lessons learned from the pilot were helping shape a new product design. The feedback provided on the value of graywater reuse was consistent. Those interviewed expressed strong support for the use of graywater to flush toilets to save potable water, however improved system performance was important.

The Pilot findings contributed to a new Greyter HOME<sup>™</sup> system, launching in late 2024, that will address the lessons learned and provide:

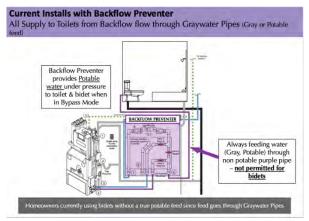
- Improved reliability
- Decreased maintenance
- Increased holding capacity and efficiency
- Improved customer satisfaction and user experience (new mobile app)
- Improved visual appeal



Greyter HOME<sup>™</sup> Next Generation System

Greyter HOME™ mobile application

In addition to information about the systems operation, concern around annual testing of the backflow preventer was highlighted. The backflow preventer system ("Backflow"), separate from the Greyter unit, was required for the Pilot when the system includes the option of a manual by-pass. This Backflow gives the ability to switch between potable water and graywater in the event of a power failure or system error to keep toilets flushing. The annual cost of a required inspection of the Backflow is approximately \$75. Greyter has agreed to pay this cost for the initial four years.



Schematic of graywater system and backflow preventer

For future installations, the Backflow and its inspection requirement have been removed. The rough-in spec will require a potable feed stubbed out at the toilet, providing each toilet two feeds (one graywater supply line, one potable supply line). This will eliminate the need for a backflow preventer and will give homeowners the ability to bypass the system without cross contamination. Since the system has an air gap, the backflow preventer is not required, and in the long run this saves the homeowner money eliminating annual testing fees.

An additional lesson learned from the Pilot centered on an unexpected desire of certain homeowners to install toilet seat bidets. After the graywater system was installed within a Pilot home, the homeowner installed a bidet on a toilet feed with the graywater system. Bidets are not approved for use with graywater and must use potable water. This occurrence has led directly to an update of Reg 86. In its most recent update of November 2023, Reg 86 included language that bidets cannot be supplied by graywater. As a solution for this homeowner, the graywater system was bypassed until the plumbing is re-configured with a potable supply to the bidet. The strategy of providing a second feed (potable) at the toilet as outlined previously will allow homeowners to install toilet seat bidets with a graywater system.



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#### Survey

#### Customer Feedback and General Remarks from Stakeholders

**Pilot Participants** 



Of the 25-homes participating in the Pilot, 19 were interviewed in-person in March of 2023. For the early installs (3), participants had more than 2-years of operation, while most installs had one year. On site meetings were typically 15-30 minutes in length, gathering feedback on everything from aesthetics, performance, maintenance, and overall satisfaction with the system. Any concern raised was overridden by the fact the participants understood that flushing toilets with potable water doesn't make sense and reusing filtered and treated shower water to flush their toilets was a good idea.

The most common questions and concerns raised centered around the overall maintenance of the system, consumables, and the on-going annual backflow testing required. For the Pilot, all above associated costs are being covered by Greyter for 4-years.

Many of the homeowners had nothing but positive feedback, and the chart below is a summary of the most common concerns documented. Those concerns were relayed to Greyter's Technical Team and were a driving influence in shaping the design of Greyter's Next Gen system.

Homeowner Summary					
Participants	25				
In Person Conversations	19				
General Concerns	and the second sec				
Noise	2				
Backflow Testing Requirement	2				
High Chlorine Consumption	3				
Frequency of Service/Maintenance	5				
Concern	Corrective Action				
Noise	Next Gen Uses Sound Dampening Panels				
High Chlorine Consumption	Next Gen Uses 1-Gallon Annually				
Maintenance: Membrane Fouling	Next Gen - Eliminated				
	Next Gen - Eliminated				

The most significant concerns have all been addressed with Greyter's Next Gen system, and the customer feedback was critical information. With an entirely different approach to treatment, the only annual maintenance requirement will be filling a chlorine reservoir (which a homeowner can do), once a year. The volume required has been significantly reduced, which is also an important advancement.

During the Pilot Denver Water was updated on the Pilot findings, and data was presented that represented a snapshot at that point in time (June, 2023).

Avg Toilet Water use (Fresh & Grey)	8,951
Avg Greywater Supply to toilets	5,168
% Freshwater avoidance in toilets	58%
Avg Total Freshwater use (from Phyn)	34,956
Avg Total Water use (Fresh + Grey)	40,124
% of Total Water used for toilets	22%
% Freshwater savings via Greywater	13%

#### **Summary Findings**

(annually per home)

Like a couple of homeowners, Denver Water also addressed the backflow preventer, and was curious about the strategy moving forward. At the time of the installations and project roll out (during a Pandemic) it was determined this was the best strategy that would allow homeowners a manual bypass, while being compliant with the state plumbing code and Regulation 86. It has since been determined that providing a second potable feed at the toilets is the most practical and economical way to provide a bypass that meets code requirements and allows flexibility in case of power outages or any downtime with future greywater systems. This would eliminate the need for a backflow preventer which required annual testing.

From the builder and plumber perspective, although there was a learning curve from permitting submittals, to the rough-in and installation, the process was seamless after a couple of rough-ins and installations. Adopting a new fixture into a home takes a little pre-planning but this is not an appliance that is overly complicated. All greywater systems will require the following when using for indoor toilet flushing:

- Inlet (greywater)
- Outlet (overflow to sanitary)
- Vent
- Greywater feed to toilets (dedicated)
- Potable water feed to system (makeup water)
- Power

An important tie into to all of this is the builder Customer Care team. They are the conduit to the homeowners and do multiple walk throughs with the buyers throughout the various phases of construction. The takeaway after discussions with the Customer Care Team, they require more information that can be easily shared before the home closes.

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#### 4. Data

Annualized data for the Pilot over the 25-homes is obtained from the external water meters on the Greyter HOME<sup>™</sup>. One meter measures the volume of water flushed to toilets, the second meter measures the volume of potable water used as makeup water

<u>System Efficiency</u> = Total water delivered to toilets - Potable water used / Total water delivered to toilets

System Efficiency Formula

when the system does not have sufficient graywater. To calculate the system's efficiency, the ratio of graywater delivered to total water delivered to toilets was utilized. It is generally accepted that toilet flushing accounts for ~20% of indoor water consumption. One full time occupant is assume to flush 5 times per day with an average toilet consuming 1.28-gallons per flush. A family of four (4) is therefore estimate to use approximately 9,300 gallons annually for toilet flushing (4 occupants x 5 flushes daily 1.28 per flush x 365 days = 9,344 gallons).

The targeted offset of potable water for toilet flushing by graywater reuse is generally accepted as 80-95%. However, factors which contribute to this offset include those controlled by users and the system such as:

- Occupant behaviour (showering habits length of showers and frequency of showers)
- Holding capacity systems must be a minimum of 52-gallons (code)
  - The larger the better, but size of systems are a big factor
  - o Practically, systems can't be more than 3' x 3'
- Volume of water collected sometimes it's not possible to capture all the shower and bath drains

## 5. Results

The Pilot demonstrated annual use of approximately 10,031 gallons (with an average of 3.5 occupants per home) – in line with the estimated usage. Although the average of fulltime occupants was below 4, the total annual toilet flushing was above the estimated value. It is believed this higher value was a result of homeowner's increased time within the home due to higher rates of working from the home.

Average Toliet Water Use (Graywater + Potable Water)	10,031
Average Graywater Supply to Toliets	5,644
% Potable Water Avoidance to Toilets	56%

Pilot Summary Findings - Annual use (gallons)

The Greyter HOME supplied 56% of the annual toilet flushing demand. The shortfall against the targeted offset is due to causes such as outlined previously including homeowner behaviour, system size and system component reliability. A significant number of the causes have contributed to the design of the new generation system which includes:

- Increased holding capacity from 64-gallons to ~80-gallons
- Faster process rate Gen 3 will be ~ 2X's faster, making more treated water available
- Elimination of the variability of process rate (membrane)