

Water Balance

0.5 bonus points available

Rationale

This credit recognizes institutions that exceed the criteria outlined in the Water Use credit by assessing water withdrawal against a calculated natural water balance for the campus.

Criteria

Institution has calculated a natural water balance for the campus to assess the sustainability of its water withdrawal (e.g., institution water use compared to a water budget based on available precipitation, potential evapotranspiration, and campus/watershed area).

For guidance in calculating a natural water balance, see the [Net Zero Water Building Toolkit](#), the [Sustainable Sanitation and Water Management Toolbox](#), and/or the [Water Evaluation and Planning \(WEAP\)](#) tool.

Scoring

An institution earns 0.5 bonus points for calculating a natural water balance, publishing its methodology, and using the results to assess the institution's water withdrawal. Partial points are not available.

Reporting Fields

Required

- ☐ Has the institution calculated a natural water balance for the campus to assess the sustainability of its water withdrawal?
If yes:
 - ☐ A brief description of the methodology used to calculate the campus water balance
 - ☐ A brief description of how the institution's water withdrawal compares to the natural water balance of the campus

Optional

- ☐ Website URL where information about the institution's natural water balance is available
- ☐ Additional documentation to support the submission (upload)
- ☐ Data source(s) and notes about the submission
- ☐ Contact information for a responsible party (an employee who can respond to questions regarding the data once it is submitted and available to the public)