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Rainwater Harvesting, Terrain-Based Recharge Assessment Solar Installation, Carbon Sequestration Study



1 RAINWATER HARVESTING ANALYSIS

RWH Formula:

$$RWH = P \times A \times C$$

Where:

- **P** = Mean annual rainfall (in meters)
- **A** = Surface area (m²)
- **C** = Runoff coefficient

Runoff Coefficients:

- **Roof**: 0.875
- **Paved**: 0.7
- **Unpaved**: 0.6
- **Green**: Excluded from RWH (used for carbon sequestration only)



Data Considered

- **Rainfall Data (CHIRPS - Last Three Years):**

Year	Rainfall (mm)	Rainfall (m)
2024	950.66	0.9507
2023	713.53	0.7135
2022	1009.75	1.0098

- **Mean Annual Rainfall (P) = $(0.9507 + 0.7135 + 1.0098) / 3 = 0.8913$ m/year**

- **Surface Area Data**

Surface Type	Area (m ²)	Runoff Coefficient
Roof	2,681.00	0.875
Paved	1,283.10	0.7
Green	134.40	<i>Excluded</i>

RWH Calculations

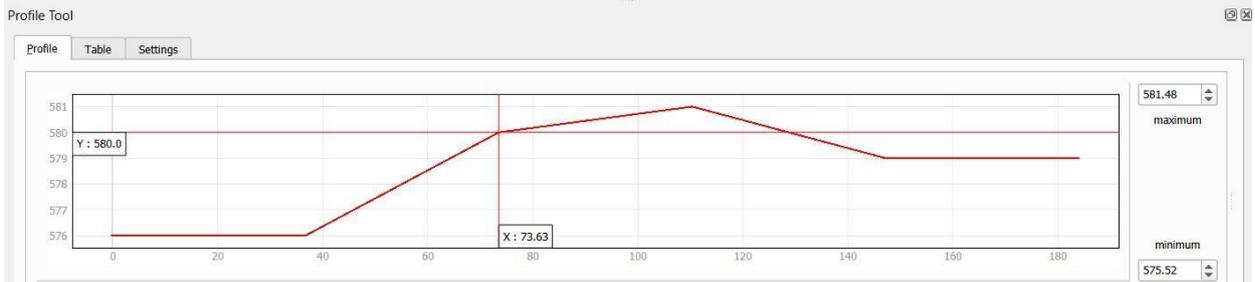
- **RWH (Roof) = $0.8913 \times 2,681.00 \times 0.875 = 2,089.86$ m³**
- **RWH (Paved) = $0.8913 \times 1,283.10 \times 0.7 = 800.55$ m³**

Total Annual Harvestable Rainwater = $2,089.86 + 800.55 = 2,890.41$ m³/year = 2,890.410 liters/year

TERRAIN PROFILE ANALYSIS

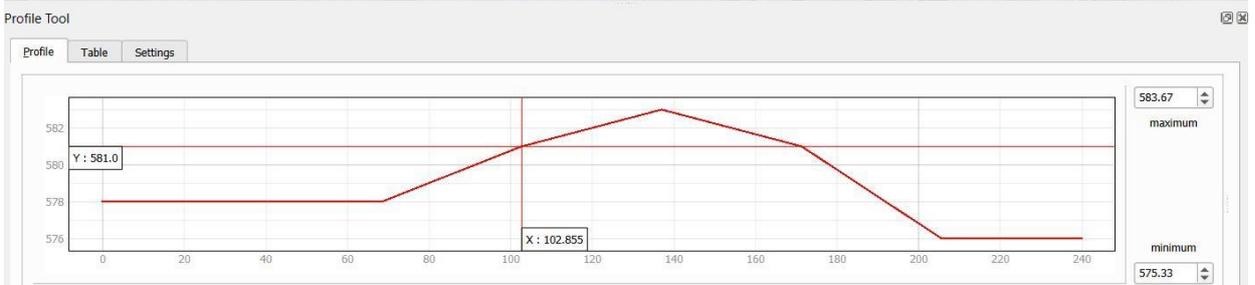
Profile 1: North–South

- **Elevation Range:** 575.52 m to 581.48 m → **Relief: ~5.96 m**
- **Slope Pattern:** Gentle slope northwards with flat mid-zone
- **Drainage Implication:** Likely pooling in central area; minor flow northward



Profile 2: East-West

- **Elevation Range:** 575.33 m to 583.67 m → **Relief:** ~8.34 m
- **Slope Pattern:** West to east slope; consistent drainage toward eastern boundary
- **Drainage Implication:** Recommend recharge interventions along eastern edge





Recommendations: Storage & Recharge Zones

- Rainwater storage tanks can be installed adjacent to the building's eastern face
- Consider permeable paving along walkways to maximize infiltration
- Minor recharge pits can be placed in central areas to capture local runoff
- Display signage promoting water conservation and sustainability awareness

2 POTENTIAL OF RWH WATER THAT CAN BE USED FOR TOILET FLUSHING, GARDENING, TREES

- Rain Water Harvesting Potential: 2,890.41 m³/year
- If RWH water is used *for toilet flushing* then the number of students whose flushing needs can be met in a year is: 1,094
- If RWH water is used *for Gardening* then the garden area that can be supported annually is : 1,583 m²
- If RWH water is used for watering of trees, then the number of trees that can be irrigated annually is: 481
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Formulas (with planning assumptions) :

Number of students who can flush for the school year :

Assumptions: 220 school days, 6 L per flush, 2 flushes per student per day

Supported Flushing = RWH (L) / (6 L/flush × 2 flushes/student/day × 220 days)

Garden area watering supported annually :

Assumption: 5 L/m²/day year-round (365 days)

Garden Area = RWH (L) / (5 L/m²/day × 365 days)

Number of trees watering supported in the dry season :

Assumptions: 50 L/tree/day, dry season = 120 days

Trees Supported = RWH (L) / (50 L/tree/day × 120 days)

Notes:

Unit equivalence used: **1 m³ = 1 kL = 1,000 liters.**

If a school uses low-flow fixtures (e.g., 4 L/flush), swap **6** with **4** in the formula to show a conservative/efficient scenario.



References:

Flush volume (6 L/flush baseline): WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP) documentation and sector guidance indicate typical modern cistern volumes of **~6 L/flush** (with dual-flush/low-flow options ~3–4.5 L).

Garden water demand (5 L/m²/day): Based on FAO irrigation planning practice using crop evapotranspiration (ET_c). FAO Irrigation & Drainage Paper 56 (Allen et al.) gives the ET_c methodology.

Tree water need (50 L/tree/day): Practical planning baseline used in municipal/urban forestry guidance for **medium-sized** trees under warm conditions. This aligns with typical dry-season irrigation allowances derived from canopy size and ET; it's an assumption you can scale by species/size if schools provide

3 Carbon Sequestration Potential

- **Total Green Area = 134.40 m²**
- **Sequestration Rate (IPCC standard): 0.9 kg CO₂/m²/year**
- **Estimated Annual CO₂ Sequestration**
= 134.40 × 0.9 = **121.00 kg/year = 0.12 metric tons CO₂/year**

4 SOLAR INSTALLATION

- Refer to : <https://ecosjwestzone.org/solar-dashboard/> for Province/School information.
- Installed On Grid kW Capacity : Not Available
- Installed Off Grid kW Capacity : 0
- Zero Bill Status: Not clear

5 Legend

- RWH: Rain Water Harvesting
- CHIRPS: Climate Hazards Group InfraRed Precipitation with Station data (It is a quasi-global dataset that blends satellite infrared imagery with ground-based rain gauge observations.)
- IPCC: Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (a United Nations body that assesses the science related to climate change, its causes, impacts, and possible solutions.)
- Carbon Sequestration: the process of capturing carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the atmosphere and storing it long-term in reservoirs like oceans, soil, trees. For the report the Trees/Greenery area in the school is considered.