

# Trojan UV Solutions: Stormwater Treatment and Reuse

## UV Disinfection - SHERBOURNE COMMON, Toronto, Ontario

### PROJECT BACKGROUND

Located in Toronto, Canada, Sherbourne
Common is an innovative waterfront park that
provides the public with green recreational
space along Lake Ontario in a former
industrial area. This park features three large
art sculptures that rise almost nine meters from
the ground. Known as "Light Showers", these
sculptures combine water and lights to create
a stunning visual piece in the park. The water
then flows through an artificial river accessible
to the public before discharge into
Lake Ontario.

Environmental sustainability was an important element in the design of the waterfront park. Water used in the art sculptures comes from either Lake Ontario or from stormwater collected at the park. Stormwater runoff is stored in underground tanks that allow the sedimentation of suspended solids. The clarified runoff is then sent for disinfection before exiting the water features.

Because the water features are accessible to the public, the water must be disinfected in order to make it suitable for human contact. Historically, a limit of 100 CFU/100mL of E.coli has been adopted for safe swimming in Lake Ontario. However, the design limit for this project was 10 CFU/100 mL of E.coli in order to meet guidelines that were developed in Australia for the harvesting and reuse of stormwater (NWQMS Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling: Stormwater Harvesting and Reuse). This is especially important because the area is susceptible to combined sewer overflow (CSO) events during periods of intense rainfall which can increase the potential for microbial contamination in the park's water supply.

In order to meet the disinfection criteria for this project, ultraviolet (UV) disinfection was selected as the preferred process. With UV, no chemicals are used, which eliminates the formation of disinfection by-products typically formed through chlorination. UV has the added benefit of inactivating chlorine-

resistant protozoa like *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia* - that are regulated to low limits. This is Canada's first installation of UV for a neighborhood-wide stormwater treatment system.

#### THE TROJAN SOLUTION

In the summer of 2011, Trojan installed two TrojanUVFit™ reactors at the Sherbourne Common stormwater treatment facility located in the basement of the park's Pavilion. Each unit can operate at a flow rate of 70 L/s, allowing for 100% redundancy. Space has been allocated for future expansion to allow installation of an additional reactor for ultimate treatment of 140 L/s (with 50% redundancy). The TrojanUVFit offers an effective and energy-efficient closed-vessel UV solution. This compact reactor is available in multiple configurations to treat a wide range of flow rates. The streamlined hydraulic profile of closed-vessel systems disinfects effluent without breaking head in the treatment process.

## **CASESTUDIES**

These benefits, along with UV's ability to provide environmentally-friendly, chemical-free treatment for chlorine-resistant microorganisms made the TrojanUVFit an attractive option for this application.

Each TrojanUVFit reactor features an automatic wiping system to minimize quartz sleeve fouling. This feature maximizes the UV output from the lamps and along with automatic dimming capabilities, reduces overall power consumption.



DESIGN FLOW: 1.6 MGD (70 L/s)

ULTRAVIOLET TRANSMITTANCE (UVT): 52%

E. Coli: < 10 CFU/100 mL

Cryptosporidium: < 0.32 oocysts/L

Giardia: < 0.05 cysts/L

Rotavirus: < 0.05 PFU/L

NUMBER OF REACTORS: 2 (1 duty, 1 redundant)

Another key requirement for this project was the demonstrated performance of the UV system. The TrojanUVFit reactors have all undergone bioassay validation testing in accordance to the Ultraviolet Disinfection Guidelines for Drinking Water and Water Reuse (NWRI/AwwaRF, May 2003). This third-party testing confirms the reactors as



**Figure 1.** TrojanUVFit reactors are housed in the basement of the Pavilion at Sherbourne Common. *Image Courtesy of Waterfront Toronto.* 

sized to meet the project's disinfection limits will perform consistently under real-world conditions. Unlike other UV systems that rely on theoretical sizing predictions, TrojanUVFit systems were validated over a wide range of flow rates and UVT's. This allows for accurate and reliable sizing based on empirical data which is critical in reuse and stormwater applications.

#### **CUSTOMER TESTIMONIAL**

"Trojan's UV disinfection system is an integral part of the new neighbourhood-wide stormwater management system in East Bayfront. By integrating the UV disinfection system into the design of the park, we have succeeded in making Sherbourne Common both a beautiful and functional park with multiple benefits for the community."

#### James Roche,

Director Parks Design & Construction
Waterfront Toronto

Figure 2. Water flows from the park's art sculptures through an artificial river accessible to the public and is then discharged into Lake Ontario. Therefore, the water is disinfected to make it suitable for human contact. *Image Courtesy of Waterfront Toronto*.





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