

Infrastructure Series Introduction

The sustainability of a built environment is dependent upon good and proper infrastructure. Infrastructure is the network of systems that provide life to our communities. It is important to use existing infrastructure efficiently and to plan for and preserve areas for future facilities and services. This series includes photos of several different infrastructure types. While viewing these photos you may choose to consider how the following keywords apply to each photo. Then, consider how these keywords may apply to similar, present and future facilities and services within your community.

Infrastructure Definition:

Those man-made structures which serve the common needs of the population, such as: potable water systems; waste-water disposal systems; solid waste disposal sites or retention areas; storm drainage systems; electric, gas, or other utilities; bridges; roadways; bicycle paths or trails; pedestrian sidewalks, paths, or trails; and transit stops.
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bicycle paths, bridges, capitalism, connectivity, efficient, energy (electric, gas, fuel), fire stations, groceries, hospitals, parks, public facilities, schools, sewer lines, sidewalks, storm drainage, safety/security, services, stores, streets, trails, transit stops, waste disposal sites, water