

# **SESSION 2 – SUSTAINABILITY PANELS**

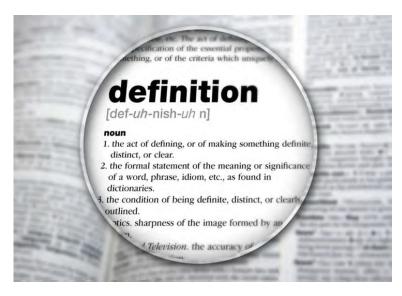
#### **Sustainability Meaning and Metrics**

A joint effort between the Sustainability Committees of NYWEA and NEWEA



#### **AGENDA**

- Introductions
  - NYWEA
  - NEWEA
  - Two Sessions
  - High level presentation
  - Panel discussion
- Part 1 The Meaning of Sustainability
- Part 2 Measuring Sustainability







# **PART 1 - THE MEANING OF SUSTAINABILITY**

An introduction and panel discussion

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# WHAT IS SUSTAINABILITY?

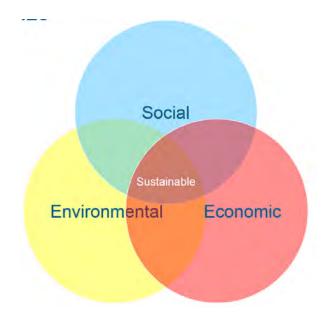
- Defining
- Applying
- Challenges



# **DEFINING SUSTAINABILITY**



**Journey** 



Responsibilities

#### **DEFINING THE JOURNEY**



"In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks"

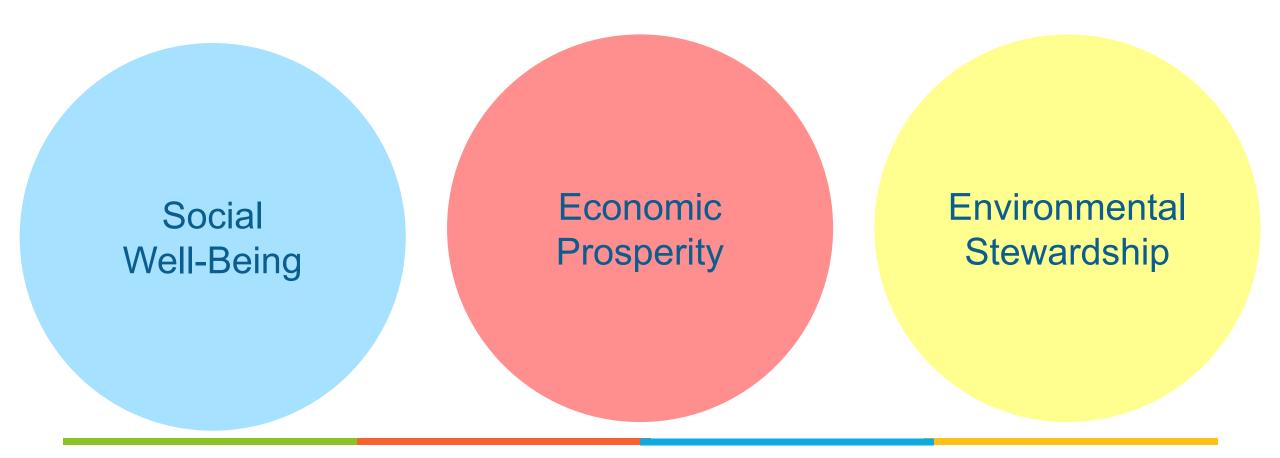


"When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the Universe"

#### **DEFINING THE RESPONSIBILITIES**

"meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs".

1987 UN World Commission on Environment and Development



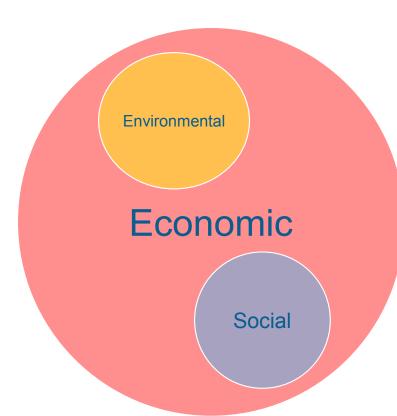
## **DEFINING THE RESPONSIBILITIES – TRADEOFFS**

"The business of business is

business"

Milton Friedman

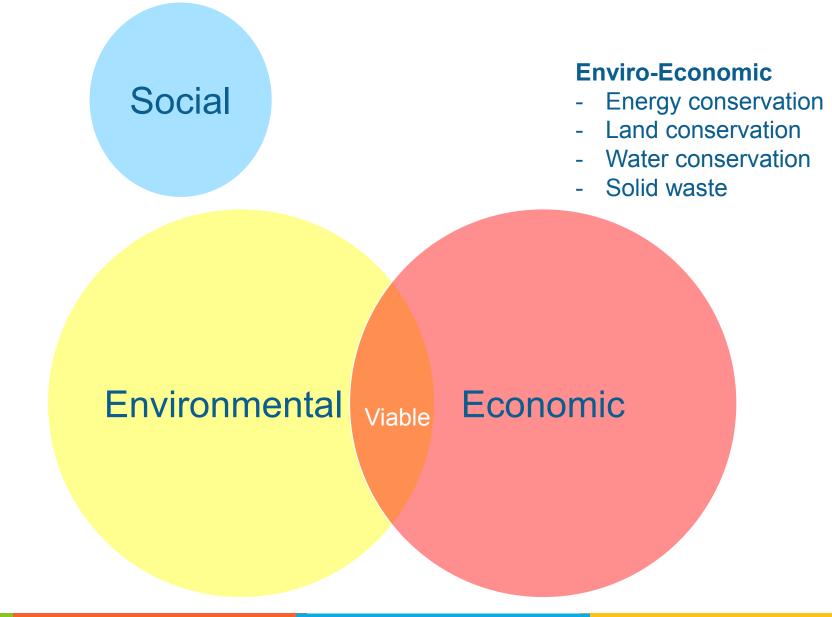
"The economy, stupid"
James Carville



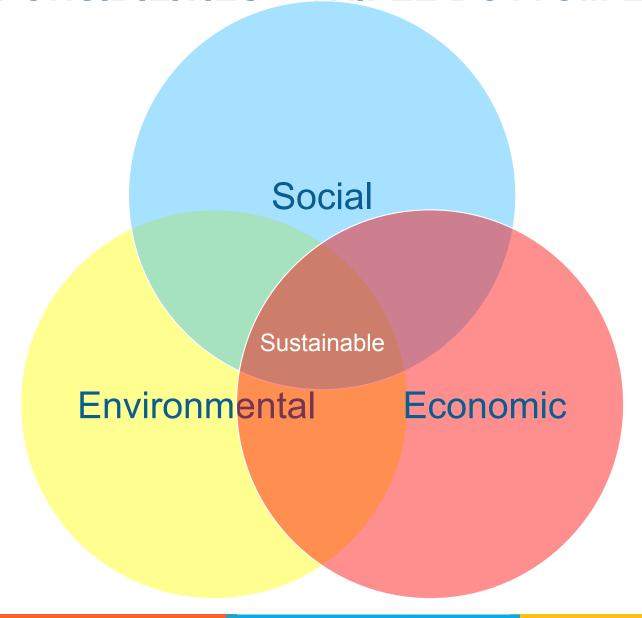
# Unintended outcomes

- Asbestos Cement Pipe
- Combined sewer systems
- Chlorine gas for disinfection
- Interstate highway system

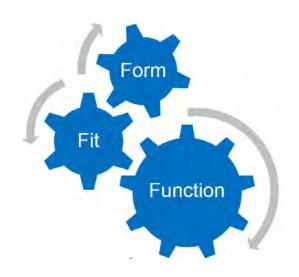
## **DEFINING THE RESPONSIBILITIES – TWO IS NOT ENOUGH**



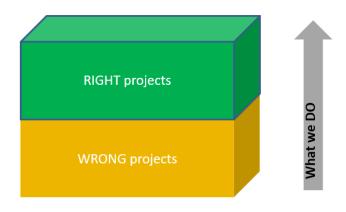
# **DEFINING THE RESPONSIBILITIES – TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE**



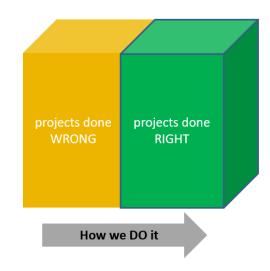
# **APPLYING SUSTAINABILITY – PROJECT FUNDAMENTALS**



#### **Eco-effective**



#### **Eco-efficient**



## **APPLYING SUSTAINABILITY - EXAMPLE**

Wastewater Pump Station – Saxonville Village Framingham MA





Reference and credit: 2014 Presentation to WPI students, by James Barsanti, City of Framingham

# Jim's Summary

- Sustainable concepts can (and should) be applied to all aspects of civil engineering to create infrastructure that is in harmony with its surroundings and improves the quality of life.
- Key to success
  - Understanding the stakeholders
  - Understanding the environment
  - Relevant objectives
  - Public support

#### CHALLENGES APPLYING SUSTAINABILITY

- Resources
- Stakeholder engagement
- Comparing options
- Showing the business case
- Gaining consensus
- Finding the funding

#### PANEL DISCUSSION

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- Confirm title
- Any questions want planted?



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#### **QUESTIONS FOR PANELISTS**

- Who is driving sustainability within your organization?
- Can you talk about stakeholder engagement? Who are they? How and when do you engage them?
- When do you identify project-specific challenges and how do you get out ahead of them?
- How do you approach projects differently today than you may have approached them 10-20 years ago?
- What advice do you have for others about applying sustainable solutions into infrastructure projects?

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