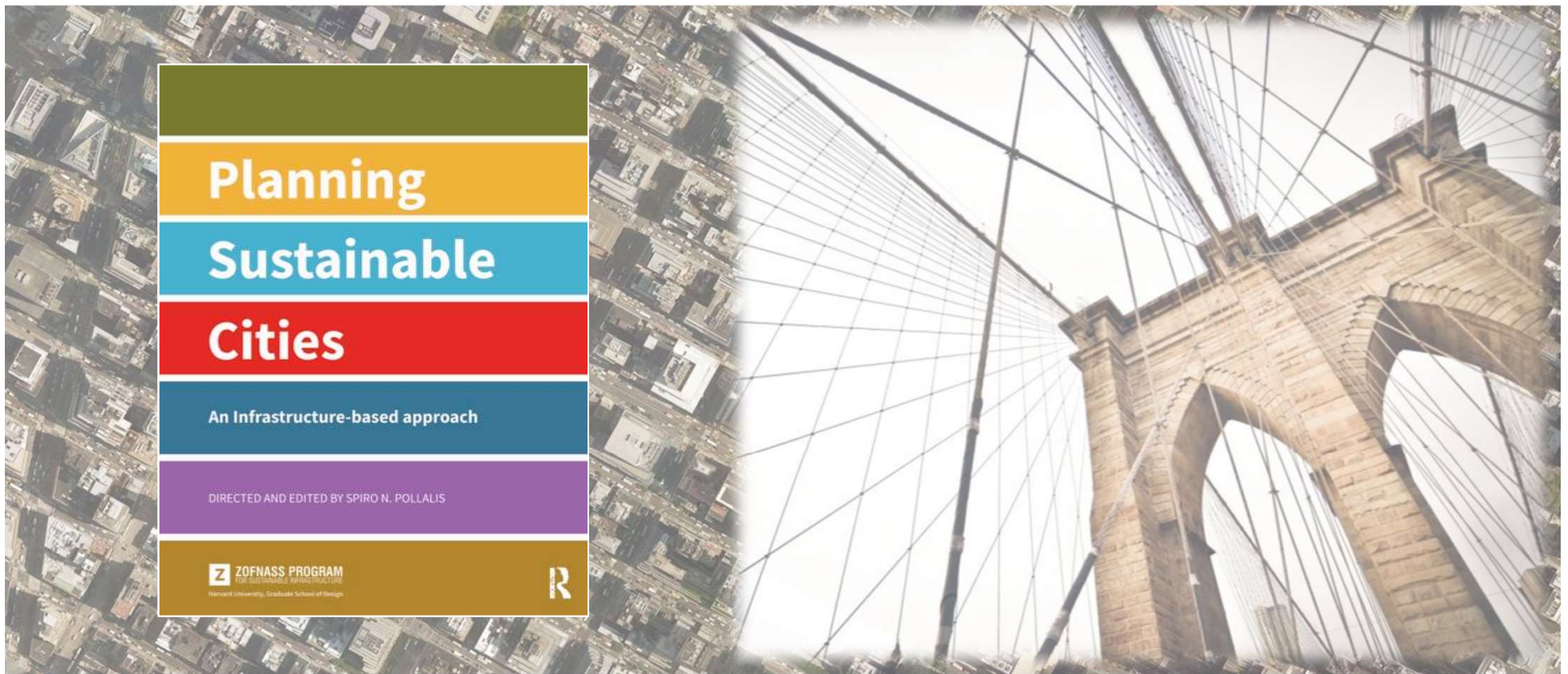


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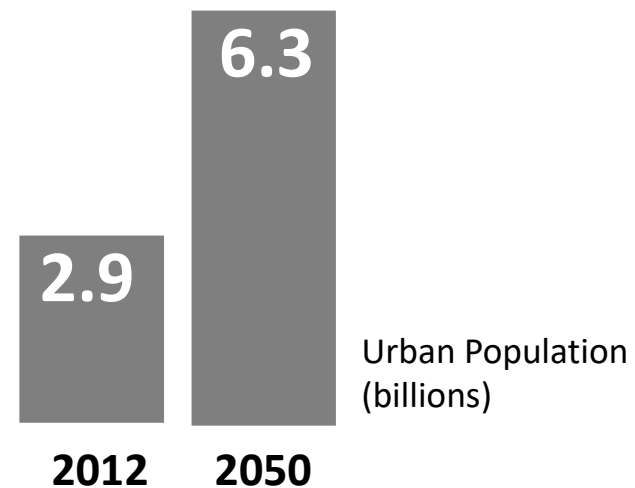
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Z Urbanization Challenges

High living standards in urban centers in the developed world combined with rapid urbanization on the developing world bring increased resource consumption and waste production

Urban centers face challenges:

- Lack of resources
- Overloaded infrastructure
- Pollution
- Extreme weather phenomena



TODAY: 1 out of 2 people lives in a city

IN 2050: 2 out of 3 people will live in a city

Source: Living Planet Report 2012, WWF

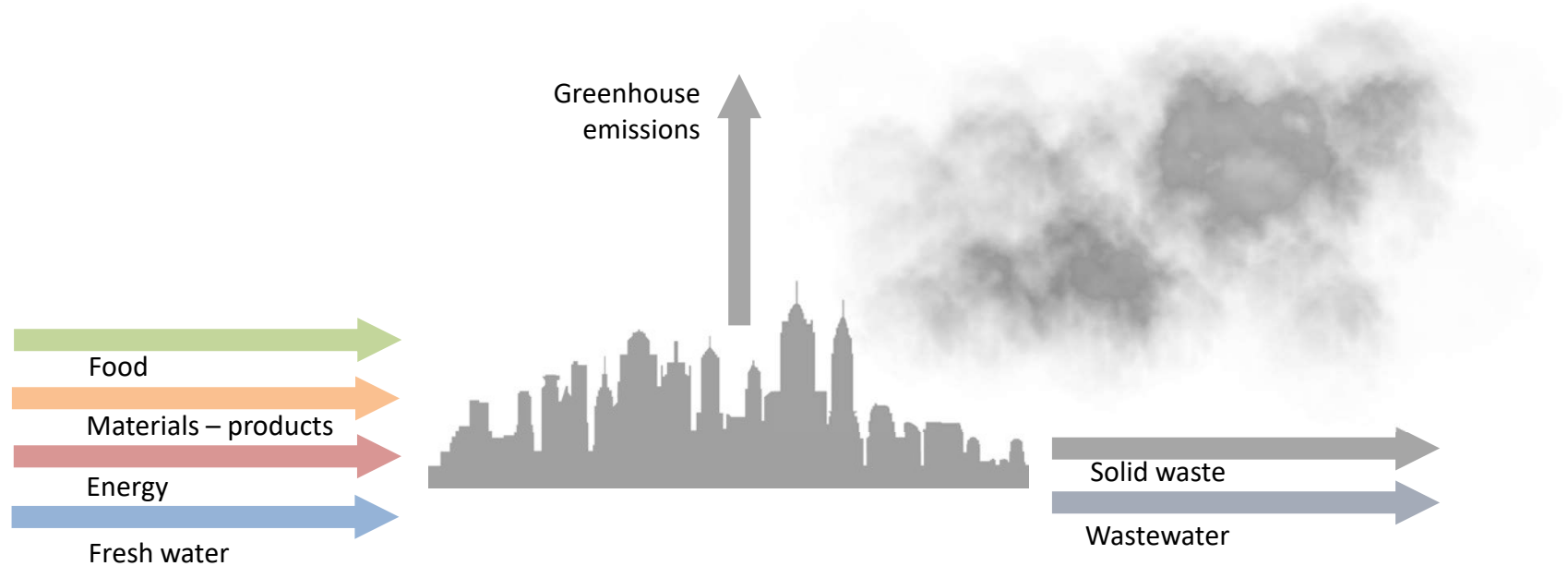
Rapid population growth creates the need for compact, high density cities

Accommodating the world's urban growth by 2030 at Los Angeles' density would cover almost half of the European Union. At Hong Kong's density, the global urban population would take up less than half of Italy

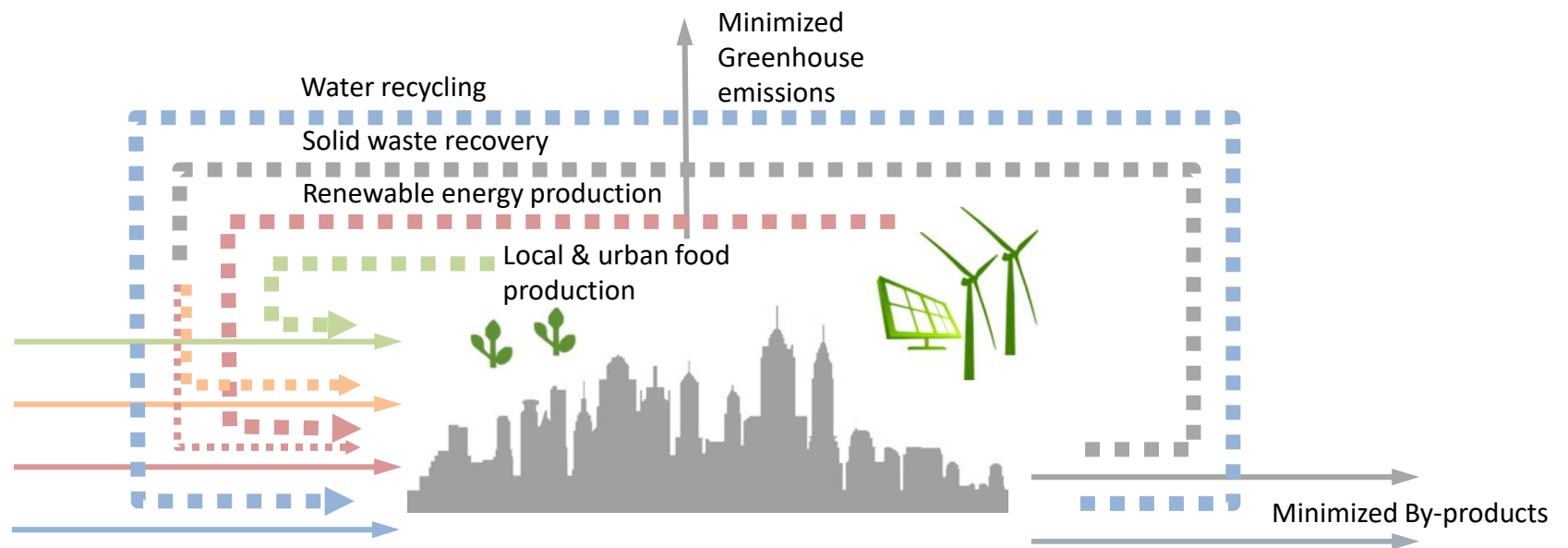


Source: LSE Cities

Current cities consume a vast amount of resources while polluting the natural environment and downgrading quality of life.



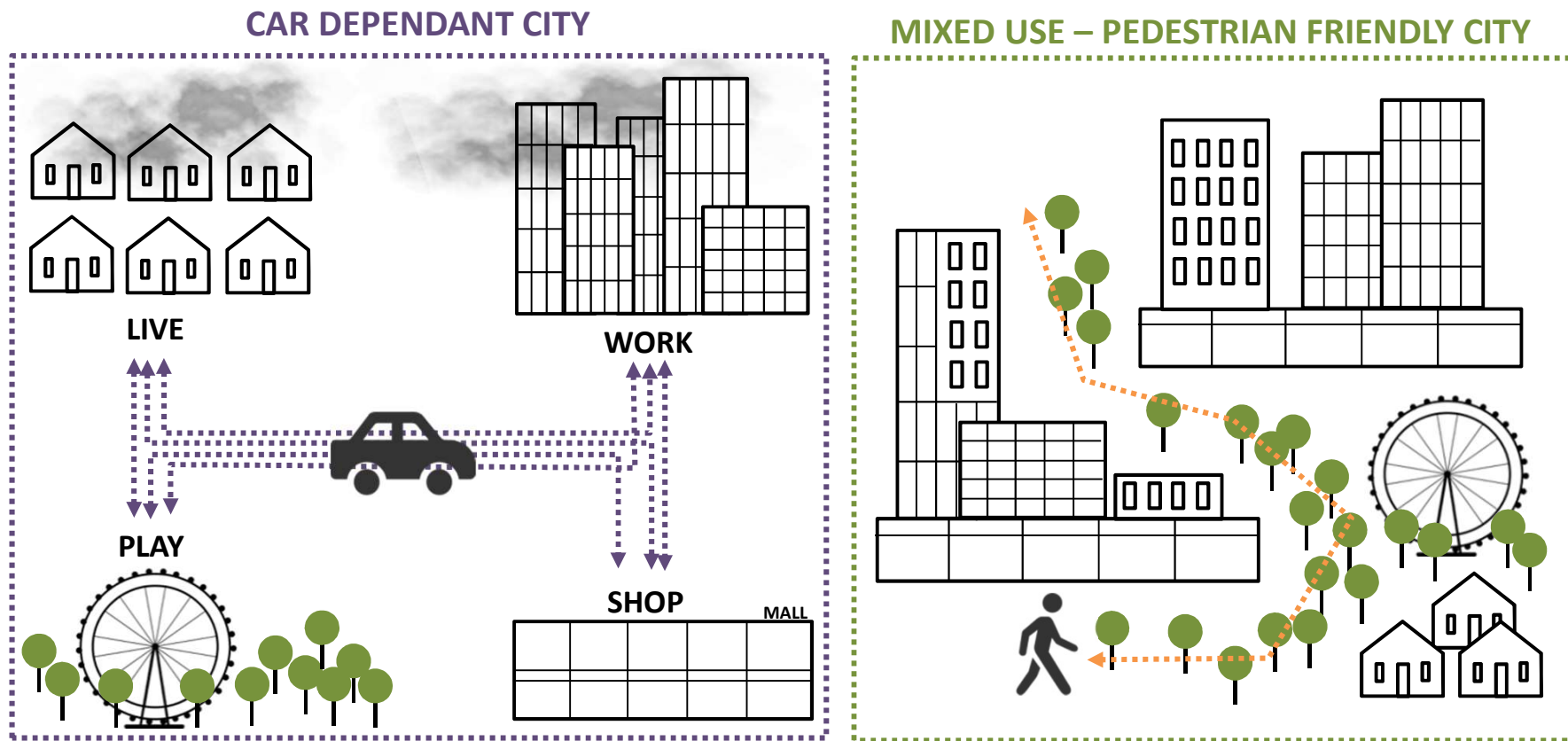
A Sustainable city should be able to work as a 'closed circuit', producing, recycling and reusing resources through **integrated infrastructure planning**.



Z Towards a Sustainable City

As an example:

The polluted, inefficient, private car dependent city, should be replaced based on the principles of a pedestrian friendly and mixed use city.



Z The Zofnass Program for Sustainable Infrastructure

The Zofnass Program at Harvard was established in 2008.

It develops **know-how, tools, and methodologies** for rating and planning sustainable infrastructure and cities.

It is based on the **unique collaboration of academic experts and industry specialists.**



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Z The Zofnass Program Approach

The Zofnass Program identifies **7 infrastructure systems** and organizes sustainable infrastructure **criteria into 5 categories of impact.**

INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEMS



CATEGORIES OF IMPACT



Natural
World



Quality
Of Life



Leadership



Resource
Allocation



Climate
& Risk



The Zofnass Program Approach

Envision Credits

There are 60 credits in all.

- A credit comprises a **sustainability indicator on an aspect of environmental, social, or economic concern.**
- Each credit section presents a description and evaluation criteria for how to earn points associated with the credit.

CATEGORY

↳ SUBCATEGORY

↳ CREDIT

- description + instructions for how to earn credit
- point value



QUALITY OF LIFE
13 Credits

1 PURPOSE

- QL1.1 Improve Community Quality of Life
- QL1.2 Stimulate Sustainable Growth and Development
- QL1.3 Develop Local Skills and Capabilities

2 WELLBEING

- QL2.1 Enhance Public Health and Safety
- QL2.2 Minimize Noise and Vibration
- QL2.3 Minimize Light Pollution
- QL2.4 Improve Community Mobility and Access
- QL2.5 Encourage Alternative Modes of Transportation
- QL2.6 Improve Accessibility, Safety & Wayfinding

3 COMMUNITY

- QL3.1 Preserve Historic and Cultural Resources
- QL3.2 Preserve Views and Local Character
- QL3.3 Enhance Public Space
- QL0.0 Innovate or Exceed Credit Requirements



LEADERSHIP
10 Credits

1 COLLABORATION

- LD1.1 Provide Effective Leadership & Commitment
- LD1.2 Establish a Sustainability Management System
- LD1.3 Foster Collaboration and Teamwork
- LD1.4 Provide for Stakeholder Involvement

2 MANAGEMENT

- LD2.1 Pursue By-Product Synergy Opportunities
- LD2.2 Improve Infrastructure Integration

3 PLANNING

- LD3.1 Plan Long-Term Maintenance and Monitoring
- LD3.2 Address Conflicting Regulations and Policies
- LD3.3 Extend Useful Life
- LD0.0 Innovate or Exceed Credit Requirements



RESOURCE ALLOCATION
14 Credits

1 MATERIALS

- RA1.1 Reduce Net Embodied Energy
- RA1.2 Support Sustainable Procurement Practices
- RA1.3 Use Recycled Materials
- RA1.4 Use Regional Materials
- RA1.5 Divert Waste from Landfills
- RA1.6 Reduce Excavated Materials Taken Off Site
- RA1.7 Provide for Deconstruction and Recycling

2 ENERGY

- RA2.1 Reduce Energy Consumption
- RA2.2 Use Renewable Energy
- RA2.3 Commission and Monitor Energy Systems

3 WATER

- RA3.1 Protect Fresh Water Availability
- RA3.2 Reduce Potable Water Consumption
- RA3.3 Monitor Water Systems
- RA0.0 Innovate or Exceed Credit Requirements



NATURAL WORLD
15 Credits

1 SITING

- NW1.1 Preserve Prime Habitat
- NW1.2 Preserve Wetlands and Surface Water
- NW1.3 Preserve Prime Farmland
- NW1.4 Avoid Adverse Geology
- NW1.5 Preserve Floodplain Functions
- NW1.6 Avoid Unsuitable Development on Steep Slopes
- NW1.7 Preserve Greenfields

2 LAND+ WATER

- NW2.1 Manage Stormwater
- NW2.2 Reduce Pesticides and Fertilizer Impacts
- NW2.3 Prevent Surface and Groundwater Contamination

3 BIODIVERSITY

- NW3.1 Preserve Species Biodiversity
- NW3.2 Control Invasive Species
- NW3.3 Restore Disturbed Soils
- NW3.4 Maintain Wetland and Surface Water Functions
- NW0.0 Innovate or Exceed Credit Requirements



CLIMATE AND RISK
8 Credits

1 EMISSIONS

- CR1.1 Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- CR1.2 Reduce Air Pollutant Emissions

2 RESILIENCE

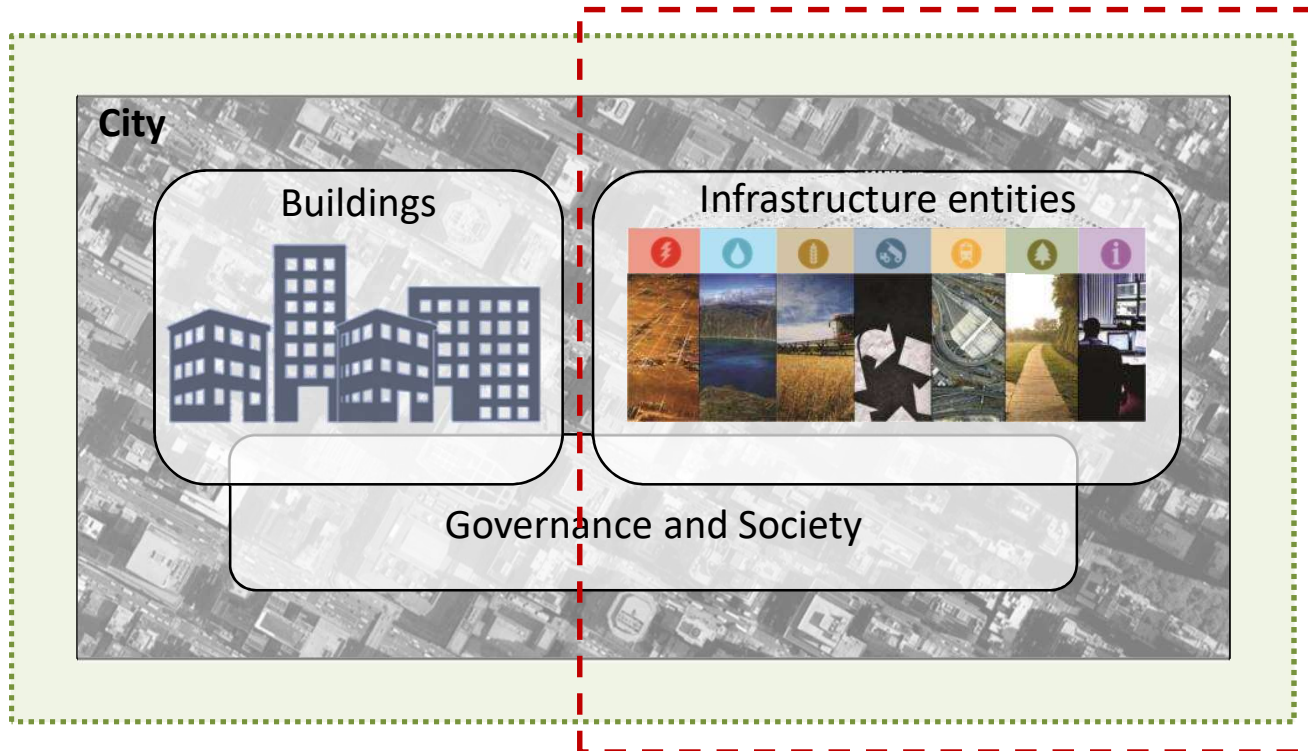
- CR2.1 Assess Climate Threat
- CR2.2 Avoid Traps and Vulnerabilities
- CR2.3 Prepare For Long-Term Adaptability
- CR2.4 Prepare for Short-Term Hazards
- CR2.5 Manage Heat Island Effects
- CR0.0 Innovate or Exceed Credit Requirements

Z The Zofnass Program Approach – The City as a System

The Zofnass program considers **the city as a system**, where:

- Infrastructure development is inextricably linked to city scale planning
- Infrastructure processes & entities constitute the infrastructure systems of the city
- The Buildings are the main end users (clients) of infrastructure systems

Natural
Systems



Integrated
Planning

Sustainable City Planning is a **High-level Integrated Planning**.

Integration is needed in multiple levels between:

- the more traditional practices of urban planning and engineering,
- the decision making processes of stakeholders,
- the natural systems and the human settlements, and
- the infrastructure elements among themselves



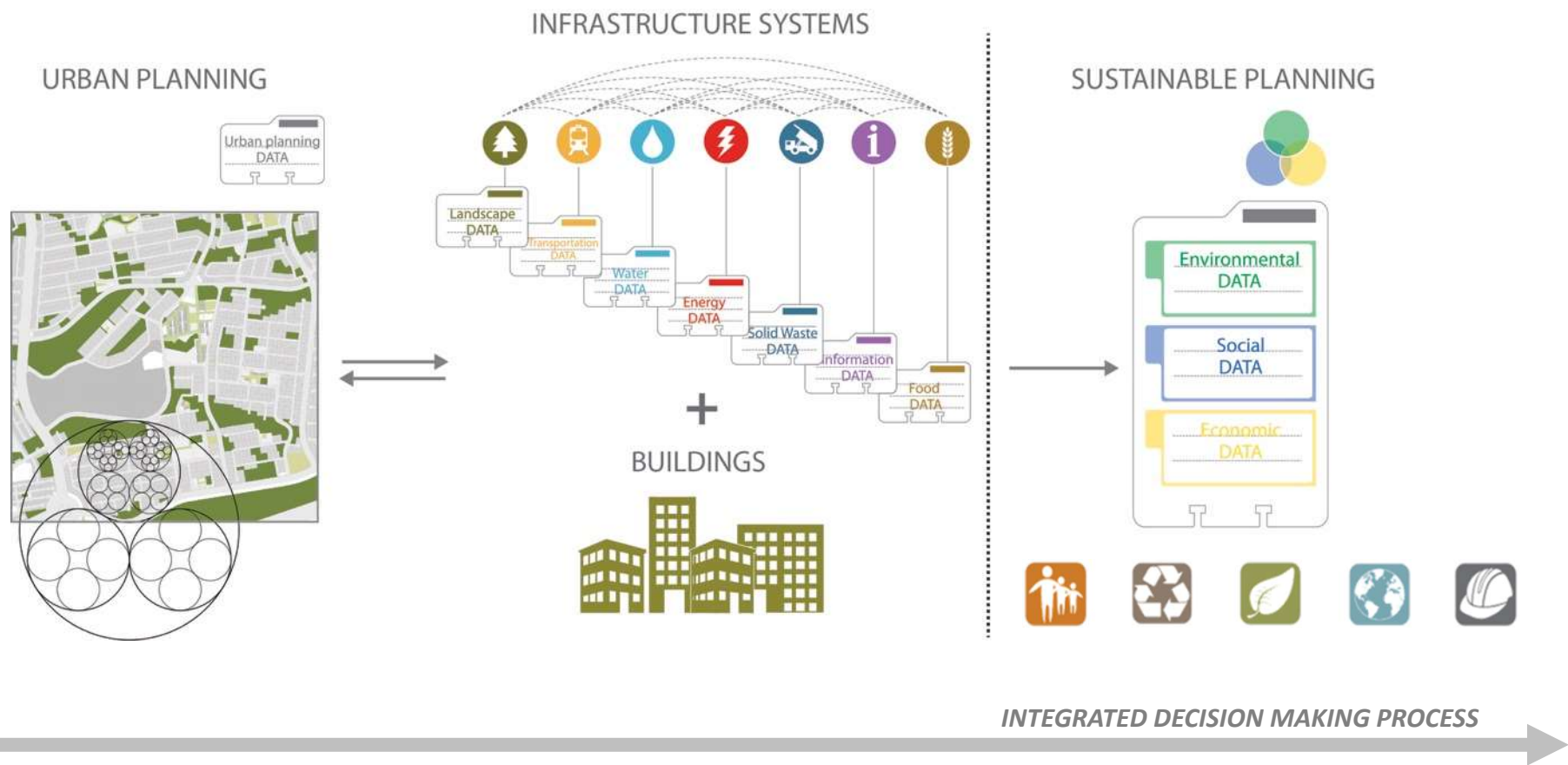
Main objective:

Development of infrastructure systems through a unified and **integrated decision making process** at a high level and cross-disciplinary efforts. Through this process/methodology, we achieve both **efficiency and compatibility**.

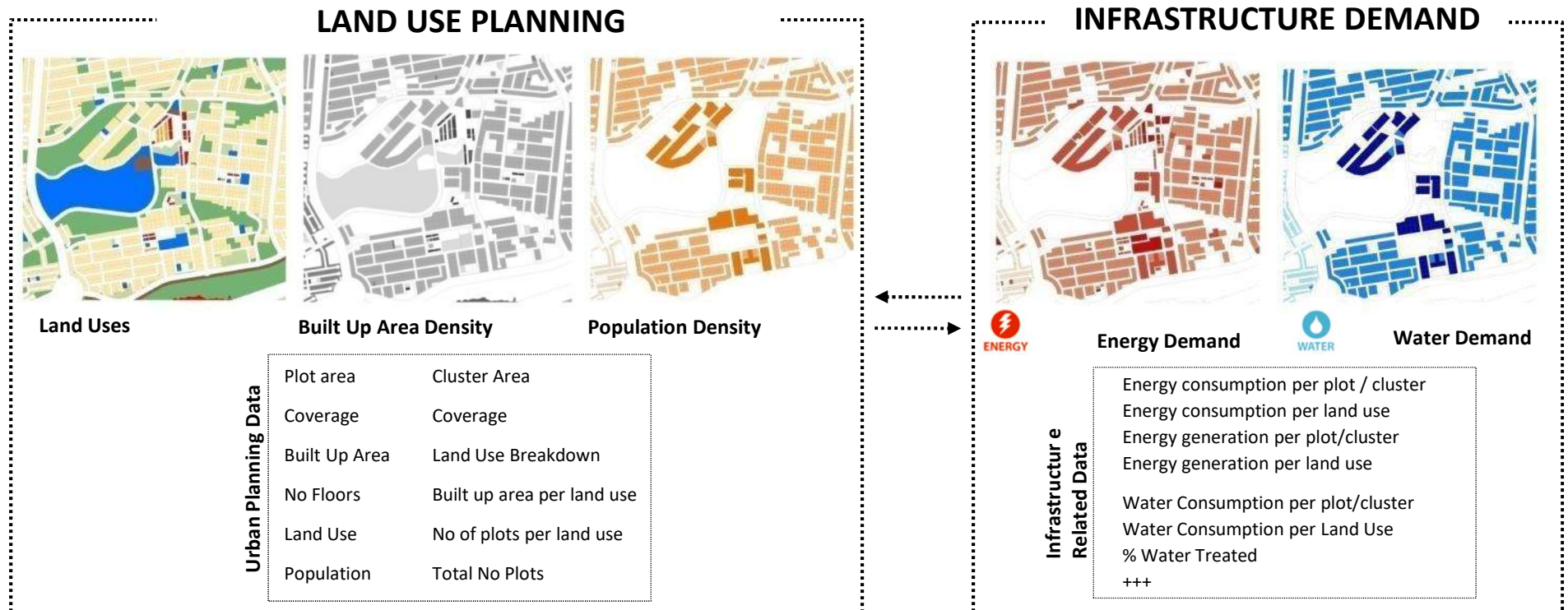
Z The Zofnass Program Approach – The City as a System

Three distinct and **fully integrated parts** define the sustainability of cities:

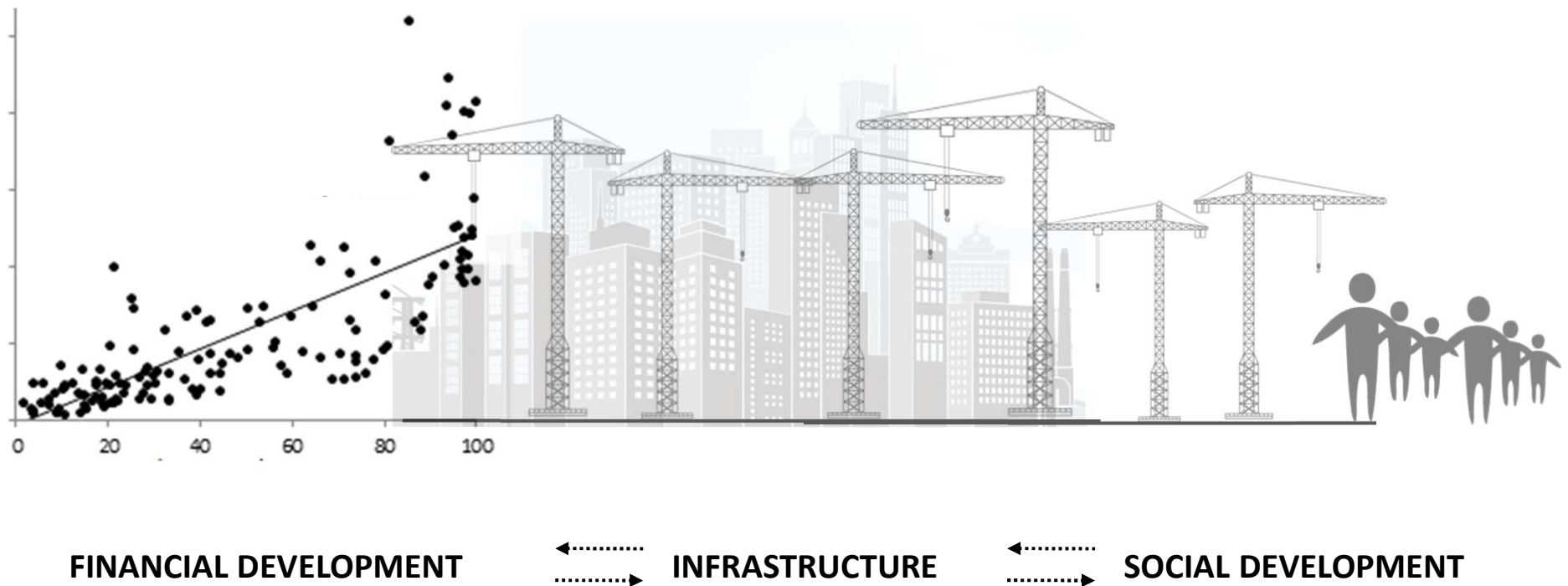
- (a) the planning of the city: land use and density, and
- (b) the planning of infrastructure, and
- (c) the environmental load (consumption and production) of the buildings



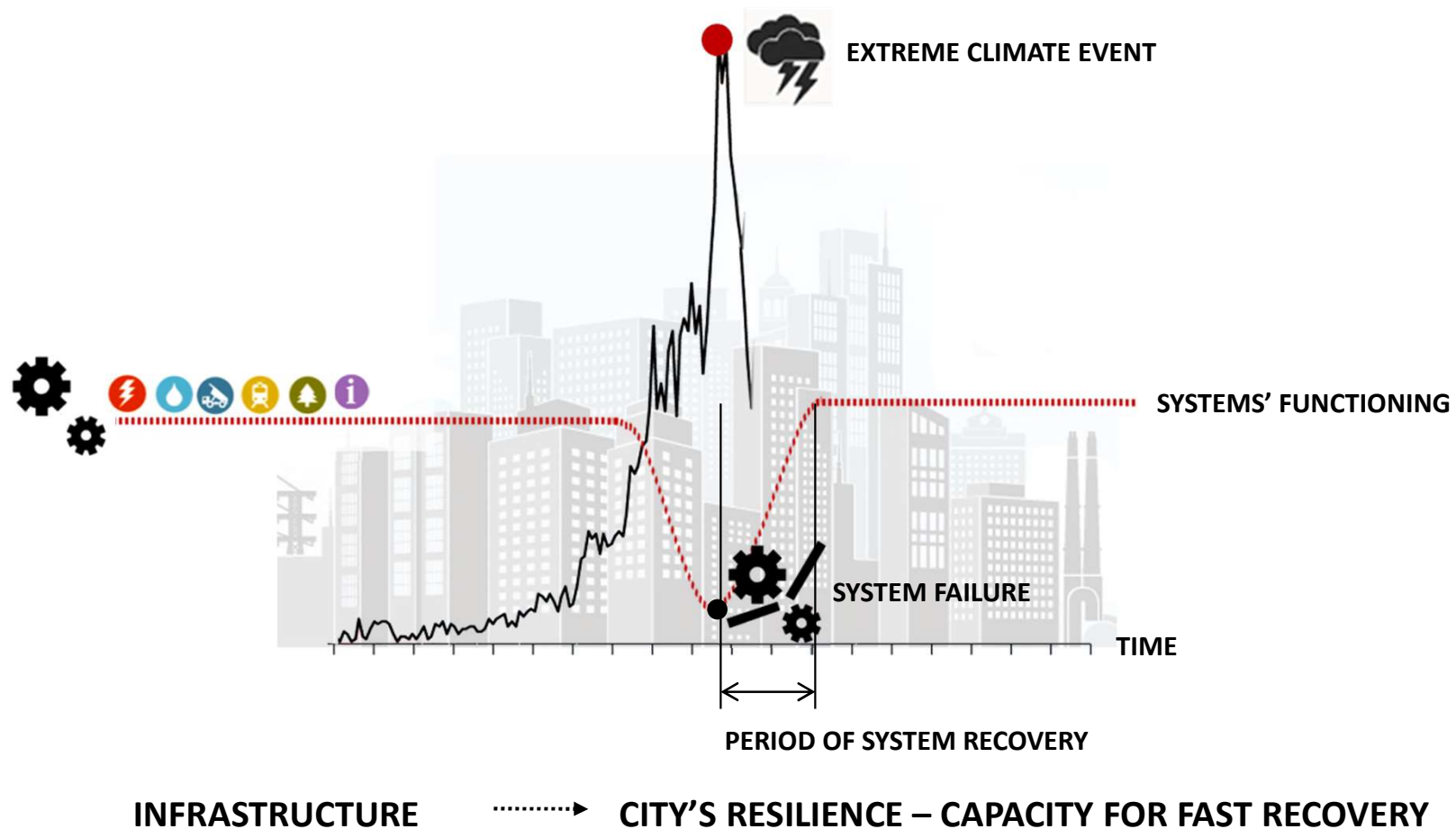
(a) Urban planning determines the number of end-users and the demand for services and resources, which infrastructure should cover.



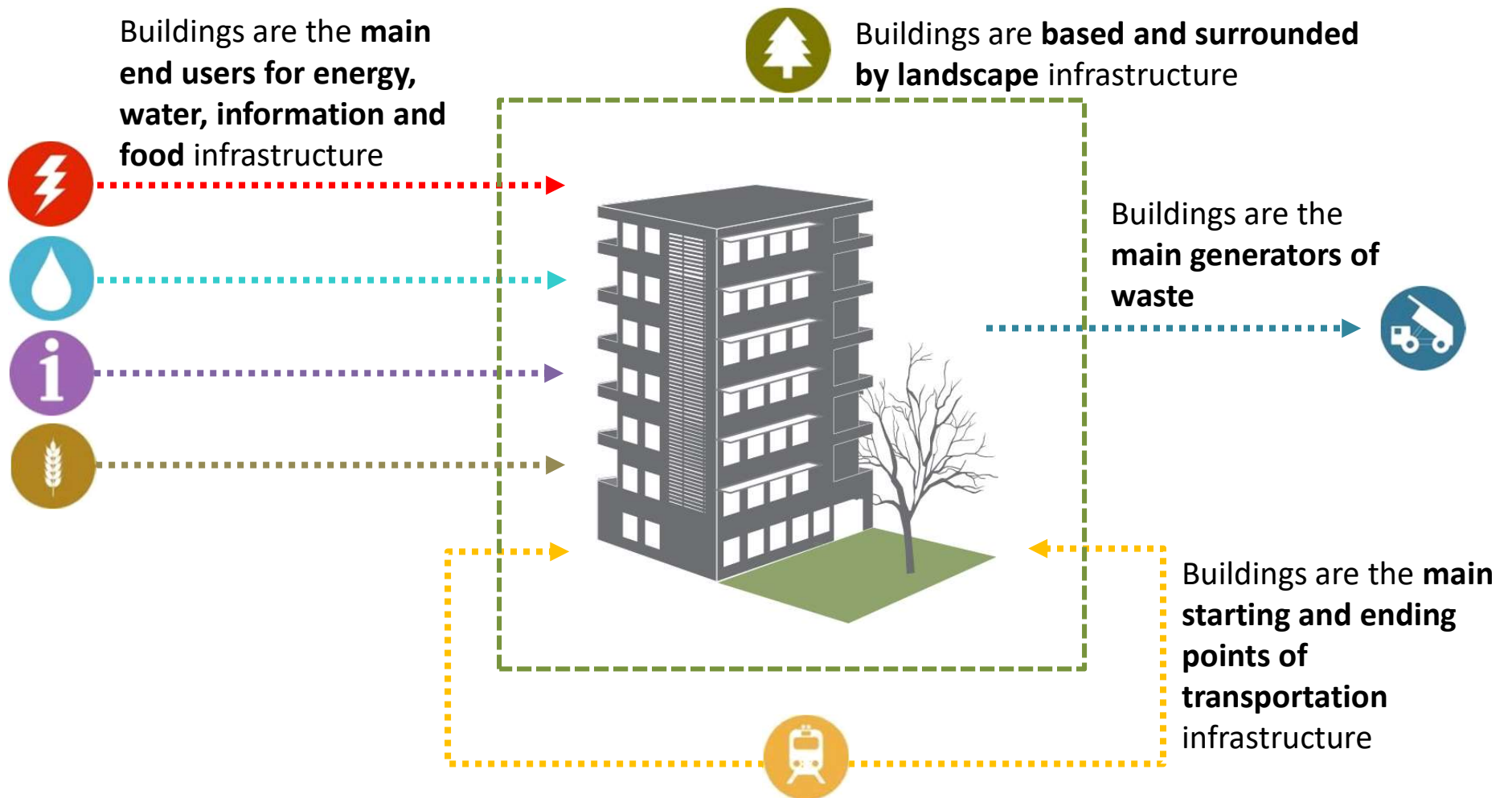
(b) Infrastructure provides the quality and type of services that affect the financial development of the city and its social environment.



(b) Infrastructure also determines the city's resilience against extreme events.



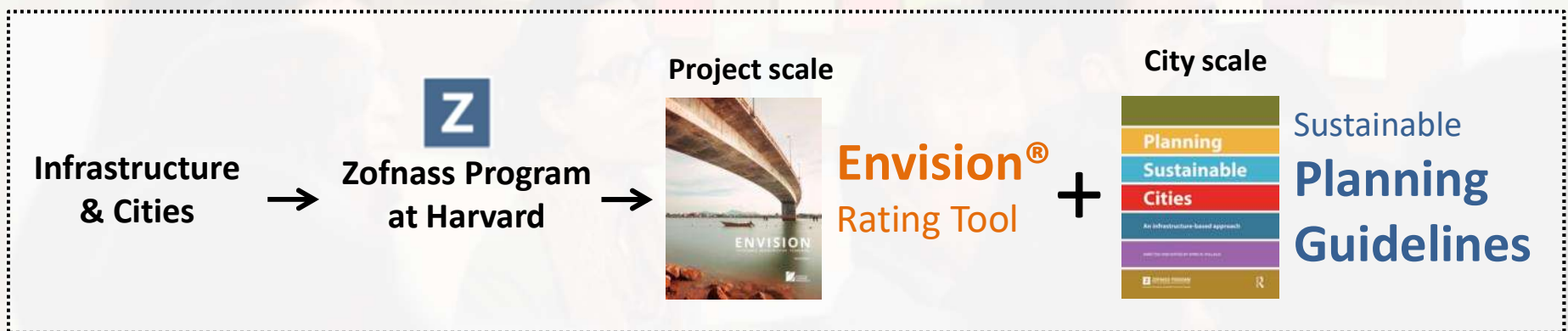
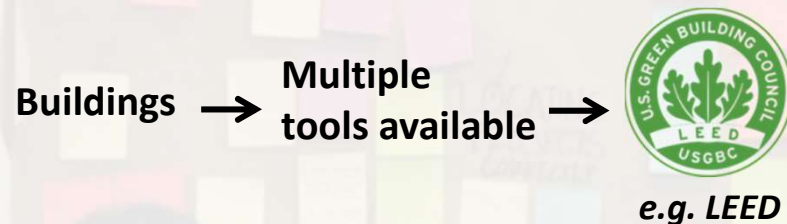
(c) Buildings, as clients-components of each infrastructure system, become critical for a sustainable city.



Z The Zofnass Program Tools

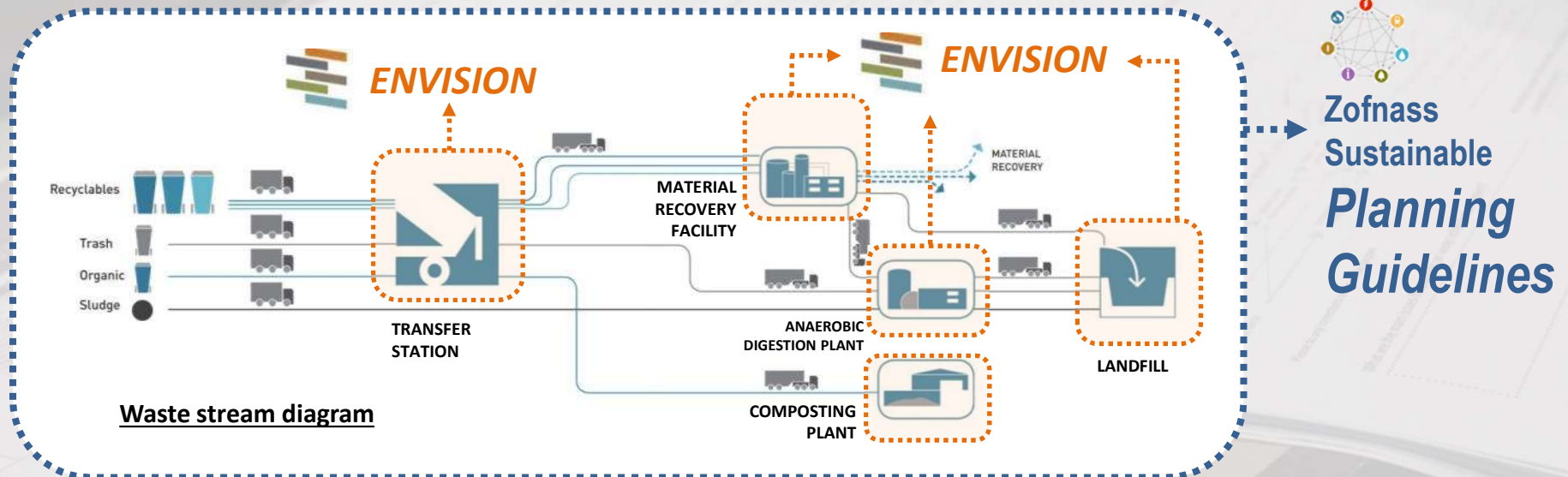
A number of tools and methodologies have been developed worldwide for **buildings** for the best implementation of sustainability principles and integrated and innovative planning.

Two tools have been developed **by the Zofnass Program** to translate the principles of sustainability and resilience **for infrastructure and cities** into day-to-day decision-making.



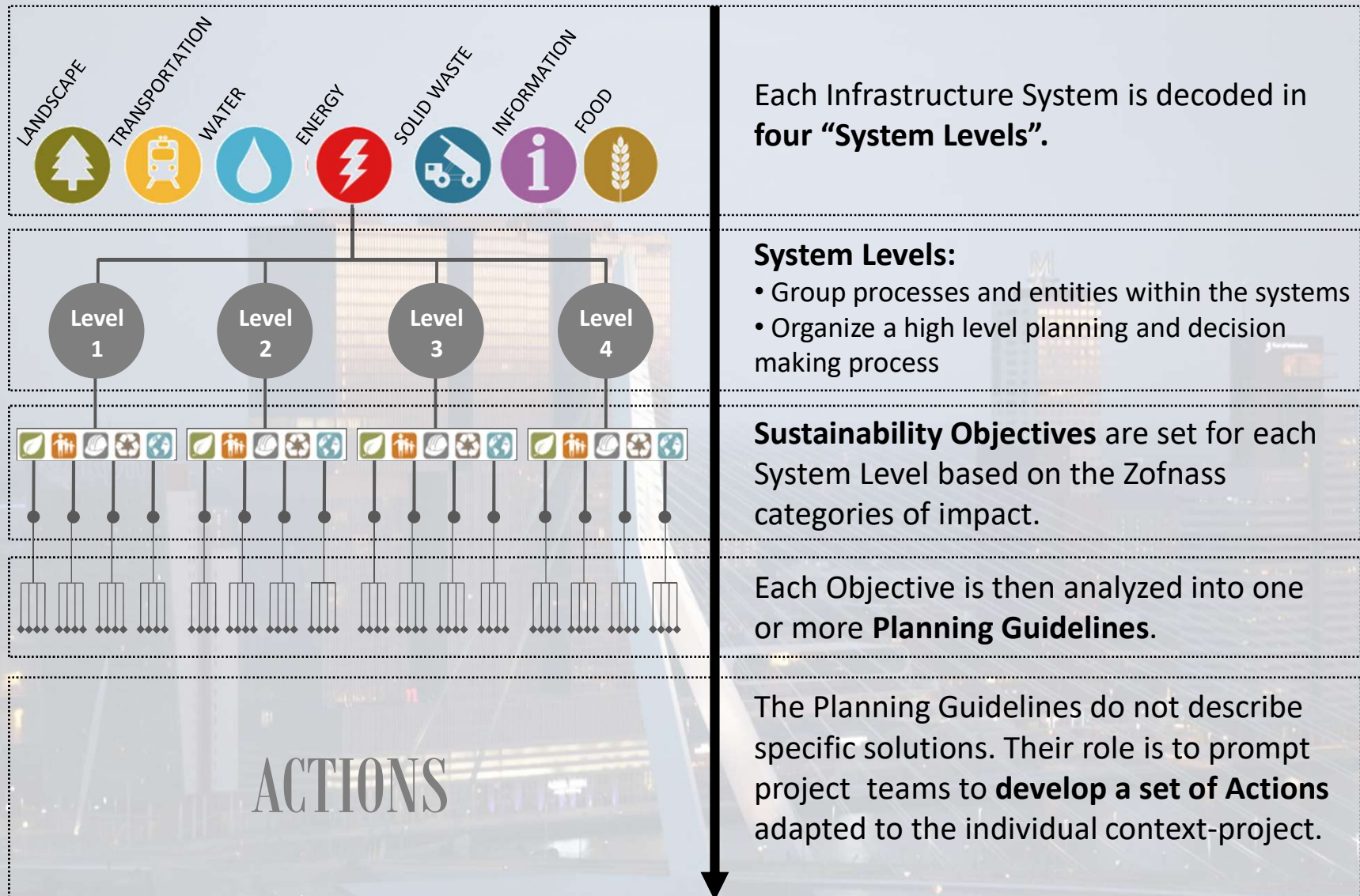
Z Relation between the two Zofnass Tools

Infrastructure entities are managed as **integrated components** of extended systems.



Both tools are tailored to the needs of the industry and they provide:

- Objectivity in assessing sustainability
- Common ground for the stakeholders' collaboration
- Guidance in the decision making process
- Improved competitiveness of stakeholders and recognition

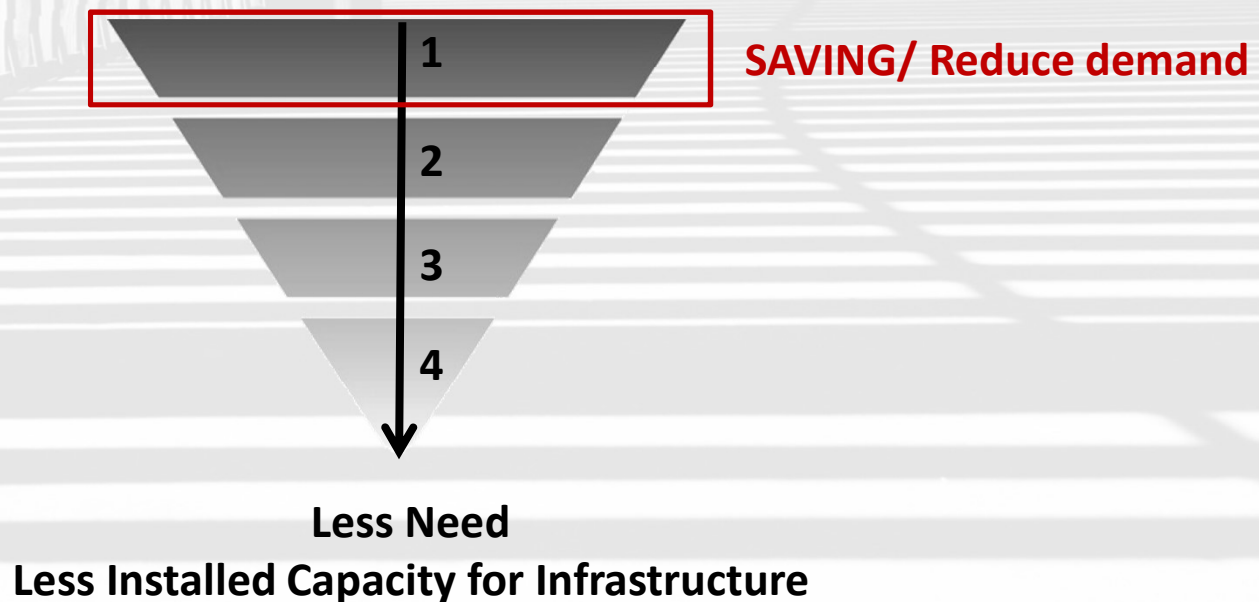


To ensure a sustainable infrastructure system **the four “system levels”**:



To ensure a sustainable infrastructure system **objectives and strategies have a hierarchy**

Every infrastructure system has as its first strategy **“SAVING”**, the reduction of consumption, to reduce the demand for infrastructure.



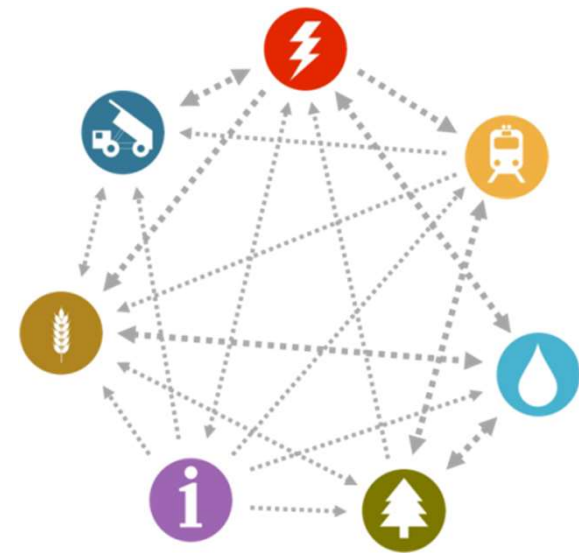
The Planning Guidelines:

- **do not prescribe specific actions** to reach the sustainability objectives
- **determine the direction of planning** and they leave specific actions open-ended
- facilitate the **development of customized actions** to each city's unique context, conditions, and priorities
- **promote innovation**, allowing the incorporation of new or improved technologies as they become available

A **systemic approach** is emphasized in the Zofnass Planning Guidelines. Infrastructure systems are considered as **sub-systems of the city** that should function **in synergy**.

Synergies usually refer to:
























- Reducing the **initial demand** of other systems and the challenges for their operation
- Connecting **by-products** and feedstock needs
- Optimizing **placement** of entities
- **Combining** entities
- **Mitigating** negative impacts of processes



GUIDELINES

OBJECTIVES	GUIDELINES	SYNERGIES
W1 WATER CONSUMPTION		▲ TO + WITH ▼ FROM
● W1.1. Reduce Water Consumption in the building sector	W1.1.1. Guide, assist, and motivate communities for rational use of water	
	W1.1.2. Set long-term goals and standards for reducing Water Consumption in the building sector	
	W1.1.3. Promote on-site harvesting of rainwater and recycling of water	
● W1.2. Reduce Water Consumption in the Energy system	W1.2.1. Reduce water volume required for Energy Supply and Energy Generation	
● W1.3. Reduce Water Consumption in the Landscape system	W1.3.1. Reduce water required for Landscape Maintenance	
● W1.4. Reduce Water Consumption in the Food system	W1.4.1. Reduce water required for Food Production and Food Processing	

RELEVANT GUIDELINES

GUIDELINES		RELEVANT GUIDELINES	
 W1 WATER CONSUMPTION			FROM   TO  +  WITH
	W1.2.1. Reduce water volume required for Energy Supply and Energy Generation	 	E2.4.2. Take into consideration available Water resources when planning Energy Supply mix
		 	E3.11.1. Promote water-efficient technologies in Energy Generation facilities
	W1.3.1. Reduce water required for Landscape Maintenance	 	L4.8.1. Set long-term goals and standards for reducing Water Consumption in Landscape Maintenance
		 	L4.8.2. Use native plants of low water requirements
		 	L4.8.3. Construct and operate efficient Landscape irrigation systems
		 	L4.8.4. Harvest rainwater for Landscape Maintenance where possible
	W1.4.1. Reduce water required for Food Production and Food Processing	 	F2.8.2. Promote efficient agriculture irrigation systems
		 	F2.8.3. Promote crops suitable to local climate and Water resources
		 	F4.7.1. Promote water-efficient technologies in Food Processing (Provide incentives for Water recycling in Food Processing)

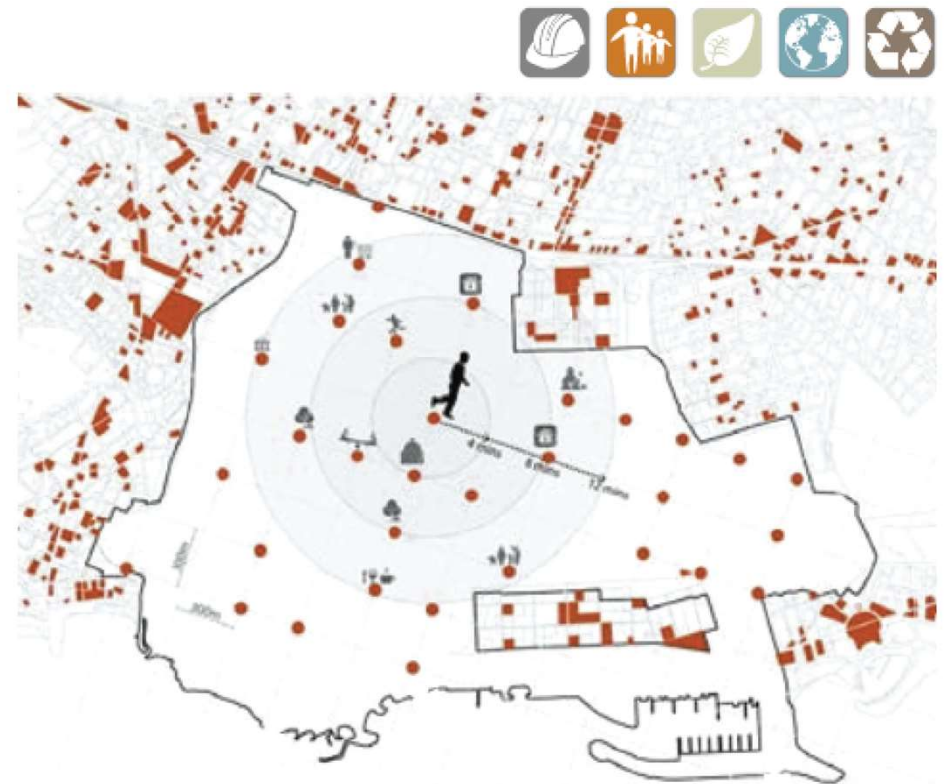
12.2 | **PLANNING STRATEGIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEMS FOR HELLINIKON**




2. MINIMIZATION OF CAR USE AND CONNECTIVITY WITH THE ADJACENT MUNICIPALITIES

The provision for easy and quick access while mitigating car use was central to the design. A dense network of cycling and pedestrian paths is developed across the area, which is dotted with multiple points of interest and activities. The suggested path configuration is a rectangular grid of 1000 ft x 1000 ft (300 m x 300 m), a 4-minute walking distance. Superimposing this layer on the site's topography and distributing land uses, an alternative and safe crossing of the site has been created, promoting a healthier way of life.

Furthermore, the existing public transportation networks (tram, metro, and bus lines) along and near the boundaries of the site are extended throughout the site, enhanced with the distribution of parking areas and transit stations along them, aiming to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.



GUIDELINES		ACTIONS
	OBJECTIVE T4.8. Maintain the integrity of natural-world elements and systems	
	T4.8.1. Avoid the construction of Transportation Networks on undeveloped land	Reuse of an existing runway to host the development's new main avenue and diversion of the current high traffic flow along the coast.
	T4.8.3. Minimize natural Landscape alteration for the construction of Transportation Networks	Maintenance of Hassani hill's current topography and the canoe-kayak venue's hill and lake land relief.
	T4.8.4. Protect natural habitats and wildlife corridors and compensate for their fragmentation or disruption by Transportation Networks	Restoration of the existing streams, integration of the proposed promenades along their axis with the site's pedestrian network, and minimization of their crossings by other types of transportation networks.
	T4.8.7. Develop vegetation configurations for Transportation Networks to provide habitats	Incorporation of lanes with various plant species or with arboreous vegetation where adequate, along the site's different road types.
	T4.8.8. Adapt plant selection for Transportation Networks to local context	Protect native plants by avoiding the introduction of invasive species along lanes of the different road types.

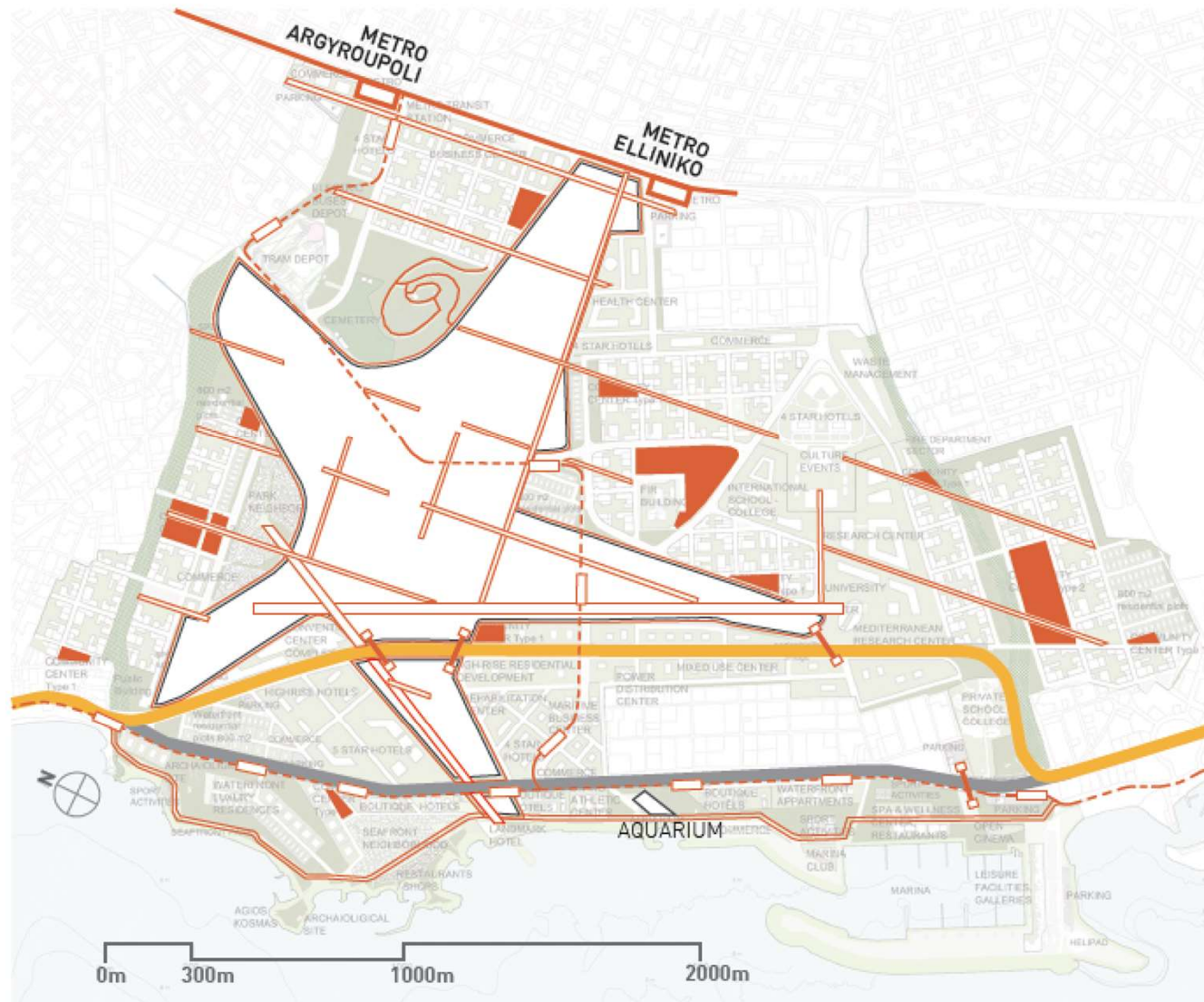
Z Zofnass Sustainable Planning Guidelines: Actions

SUSTAINABLE ACTION

Connect local centers with low-emission transportation networks.

RELATED GUIDELINES

T4.5, T4.3.1, T4.5.1, T3.6.1



The Zofnass approach serves as **a common platform for multiple stakeholders** as opposed to “Silo approach”s and disconnected projects:

- **Identifies synergistic effects of strategies** to combine entities and avoid replicated effort and costs, connect by-products and feedstock needs and reduce initial demand
- **Synergies can enable a systems approach to financing rather than only project finance**, altering perceptions of cost, e.g. multiple cross-sector revenue streams through shared problem solving
- **Helps balance consumption and demand** for infrastructure:
less demand → less production need → less installed capacity for infrastructure → less cost



Thank you!

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http://zofnass.gsd.harvard.edu/water_infotool

The Envision Rating System:

<http://sustainableinfrastructure.org/envision/>