

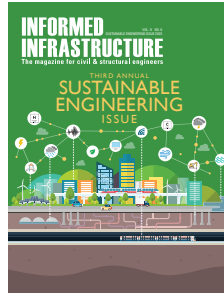
What Does Sustainable Engineering Mean to Me?

2023 Sustainable Engineering Issue

Mr. Schickel,

I enjoy reading your monthly editorials and the entire issue of *Informed Infrastructure* magazine. Our firm has been designing sustainably for many years before it became a buzzword. Many thanks for drawing attention to the various issues that deserve more attention and for challenging your students to think creatively to solve problems.

My only criticism of the magazine is it sometimes feels like the articles slant toward politics a little too much. I am not a registered Republican or Independent, but I'm also not a registered Democrat and do not enjoy reading about the accomplishments (or lack of) from any current administration or bureaucracy which seems to make it into too many articles in each month's edition. I would suggest you keep it more on topic with engineering and infrastructure to foster creative solutions we can agree on. The less we alienate people with divisive politics and controversy the more likely they are to buy into sustainable design and practice it. Even engineers ignorant of climate change could agree to design sustainably and environmentally friendly if we don't always bring up politics or administrations. It would be helpful if we focus on sustainability



and design rather than other content that sparks division.

We need to design sustainably because it's our duty as good stewards of the land and as good neighbors to do so, not out of obligation to some virtue-signaling hypocritical government entity who has no real care about the subject except how it relates to their own selfish re-election goals.

Sincerely,
Andrew Terragnoli, P.E.

Mr. Terragnoli,

Thank you for your letter. We always welcome and encourage reader feedback and critique.

All of our respected columnists have license to discuss topics that are important to them, and we allow them to speak opinions if they choose to. Their resumes are impeccable, and they've earned the right to speak their mind. However, any such opinions are their own and do not necessarily reflect those of V1 Media or *Informed Infrastructure* magazine.

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As far as our feature articles and news segments, we strive to remain politically agnostic and focused on the infrastructure and engineering communities. Of course, as much (if not most) infrastructure is government funded and led, part of the story is noting where such funding and approval came from, regardless of the politics of those leaders.

We realize we live in a time where politics has become especially polarizing, and we work to avoid worsening the situation. We will continue to provide information we believe is relevant to our readers as well as try to keep opinion out of our features and news. We also welcome any further dialog from our readers in this area.

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Informed Infrastructure Educational Opportunities

A recommendation for *Informed Infrastructure*,

Post-Covid there is a new work schedule, and the preferred time in offices for meetings with clients is Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, leaving Monday and Friday relatively free of meetings. I used to attend many of your webinar offerings to be informed on new issues/methods and techniques, and the PDH webcast was a great benefit. But I find my Wednesdays are saturated with meetings, and I have been unable to attend your webinars for some time.

Please try shooting for Monday and Friday for some of your future webcasts.

Michael Bertoulin, P.E., CCM

Michael,

Thank you for this thoughtful recommendation, and we will try to push sponsors to try a Friday or Monday webcast in the future. I know it's not the same experience, but please feel free to use the archive for LU/PDH credit (informedinfrastructure.com/v1education). To be compliant with AIA, state of New York and state of Florida rules, there is a 10-question quiz with these archived events, but they are very much a legitimate form of earning credits.

Again, thank you for taking the time to reach out and help make our live webcasts more user friendly.

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