



Oregon's 100-Year Water Vision Definitions

This list of definitions is meant to enhance the understanding of the terms used in Oregon's Water Vision. The definitions and resources are listed in no particular order, and the Water Vision does not prioritize any of the below definitions. We will be adding in new definitions and refining current ones as the visioning process moves forward.

Built Infrastructure (Water): systems built to store, transport, treat, or manage water, usually in the form of dams, pipes, sewer systems, wastewater treatment plants, dikes, levees, or storm water drainage.^{1, 2}

Natural (Green) Infrastructure (Water): a strategically planned network of natural and working lands, such as forests, rivers, wetlands, and waterways that conserve and enhance ecosystem values and functions, and provide associated benefits for safe and healthy communities and vibrant local economies.^{3, 4, 5, 6}

¹ US EPA: <https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-water-infrastructure/building-sustainable-water-infrastructure>

² The Environmental Literacy Council: <https://enviroliteracy.org/water/water-infrastructure/>

³ US EPA: <https://archive.epa.gov/region03/green/web/html/infrastructure.html>

⁴ The International Union for Conservation of Nature: http://www.iwa-network.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Natural-Infrastructure-in-the-Nexus_Final-Dialogue-Synthesis-Paper-2015.pdf

⁵ World Resources Institute: <https://www.wri.org/publication/natural-infrastructure>

⁶ European Environment Agency (Green Infrastructure): <https://www.eea.europa.eu/themes/sustainability-transitions/urban-environment/urban-green-infrastructure/what-is-green-infrastructure>