Weathering the Storm: Management of Resilience in Civil Infrastructure Systems



Recent extreme hardships and unexpected situations have highlighted the importance of resilience in civil infrastructure systems

- Natural disasters
- Social unrest
- Climate crises

- Political instability
- Epidemics/Pandemics

But civil infrastructure systems are multifaceted by nature, and resilience management issues sit at the interface of built and technological systems with social and economic ones

Solving these issues requires interdisciplinary collaboration and integrative approaches

ASCE Special Collection focused on resilience management



Social dimensions

- Policy vs. Implementation
- Social capital and networks
- Emergency preparedness
- Coordination and management
- Economic resilience and its link to transportation infrastructure



Assessment of infrastructure planning and management

- Mathematical frameworks
- Event simulation models
- Network analysis
- System dynamics modeling for seismic resilience
- New quantitative metrics



Pre- and postdisaster decision-making tools

- Postdisaster resource allocation
- Identification of vulnerabilities
- Analysis of factors affecting recovery time
- Optimization of evacuationrelated decisions



Multiple perspectives

- Social, economic, and environmental factors in energy resilience
- Small interventions shown to affect stakeholder decision-making



Regional case studies

- River restoration projects
- Water supply networks

These studies provide new solutions to tackling global civil engineering challenges, such as

- Policy implementation
- Methods to enhance component resilience
- Mathematical tools to predict resilience
- Economic resilience measures
- Ways to achieve sustainable construction
- Processes after disasters and during emergencies
- Decision-making techniques
- Ways of engaging various stakeholders





This collection of broad perspectives from diverse fields creates the theoretical and conceptual foundation required to face global grand challenges