Green Infrastructure for Smart Cities: Malaysian Experience



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A. What are Smart Cities?

2016; Marcus and Forth, 2008).

...an urban area that uses different types of electronic data collection sensors to supply information used to manage assets and resources efficiently (Hamblen, 2015).

..integrates information and communication technology (ICT) to optimize the efficiency of city operations and services and connect to citizens (Cohen, 2015; Ortiz et al.,

....a city that not only possesses ICT technology in particular areas, but has also implemented this technology in a manner that positively impacts the local community (Daekin, 2013).

Other definitions:			
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- ☐ A city can be defined as 'smart' when investments in human and social capital and traditional (transport) and modern (ICT) communication infrastructure fuel **sustainable economic development** and a **high quality of life**, with a **wise management of natural resources**, through **participatory action and engagement** (Caragliu and Nijkamp, 2009).
- ☐ Frost & Sullivan (2014) identified eight key aspects that define a Smart City: smart governance, smart energy, smart building, smart mobility, smart infrastructure, smart technology, smart healthcare and smart citizen.

Elements of Smart Cities

✓ A smart city includes-

Data! Data! Data!....Data collected from citizens, devices, assets processed and analyzed to monitor and manage Traffic and Transportation systems, Information systems, Power plants, Water supply networks, Waste management, Law enforcement, Schools, Libraries, Hospitals, and Other community services (McLaren et al., 2015; Musa, n.d.).....real time most of the times.

- ✓ ..Allowing city officials to interact directly with both community and city infrastructure and to monitor what is happening in the city and how the city is evolving.
- ✓ City applications are developed to manage urban flows and allow for real-time responses (Nicos, 2013).



SMART CITY COMPONENTS

Fig: Smart City Components

Source: Rouse, 2016.

http://internetofthingsagenda.techtarget.com/definition/smart-city



Characteristics of Smart Cities

- ✓ ICT......A smart city uses information technologies for more efficient use of physical infrastructure through artificial intelligence and data analytics to support better economic, social, cultural development (Hollands, 2008).
- ✓ Engagement....Engage effectively with local people in local governance and decision by use of open innovation processes and e-participation (Ballon et al., 2011), improving the collective intelligence of the city's institutions through e-governance (Nicos, 2013), with emphasis placed on citizen participation and co-design (Deakin and Allwinkle, 2007; Daniel et al., 2015).
- ✓ Intelligence.....Learn, adapt and innovate and thereby respond more effectively and promptly to changing circumstances by improving the intelligence of the city (Nicos, 2013; Coe et al., 2001). They evolve towards a strong integration of all dimensions of human intelligence, collective intelligence, and also artificial intelligence within the city (Komninos, 2008; Atlee et al., 2006).

Oft-cited Examples of Smart Cities

Dubai, Milton Keynes, Southampton, Amsterdam, Barcelona, Madrid, Stockholm, Singapore, Hong Kong, Seoul etc.



Fig: Amsterdam

- The Amsterdam Smart City initiative began in 2009
- Currently includes 170+ projects (Mark, 2013)
- Run on an interconnected platform through wireless devices to enhance the city's real time decision making abilities.
- ✓ The purpose of the projects is to reduce traffic, save energy and improve public safety (Nicos, 2013).



Fig: Stcokholm

- First developed in 1994 to provide a universal fibre optic network across Stockholm (ICT Regulation Toolkit, 2015).
- ✓ Within this framework, Stockholm has created a **Green IT strategy** (Stockholm City Council, 2015).
- Seeks to reduce the environmental impact of Stockholm through IT functions such as energy efficient buildings, traffic monitoring and development of e-services.

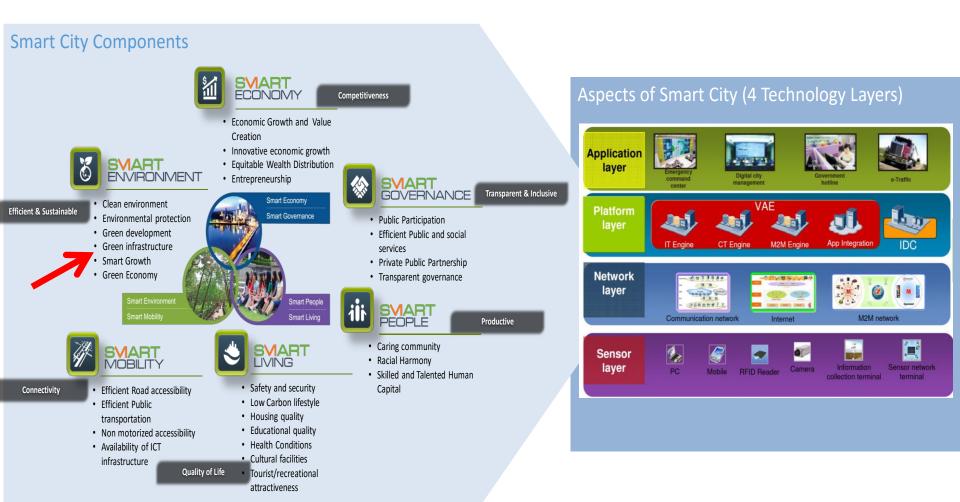


Fig: Singapore

- ✓ Has become one of the world's most advanced and liveable countries.
- ✓ It has embarked on its next phase of transformation towards a Smart Nation,
- ✓ Endeavors to harness the power of networks, data and information technologies to improve living, create economic opportunities and build closer communities.

B. Malaysian Smart City?

KKBPKT: Proposed Smart City Blueprint for Malaysia



KKBPKT: Kementerian Kesejahteraan Bandar, Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (Ministry of Urban Well-being, Housing and Local Authorities)

Malaysian Smart City? A Malaysian City's Aspiration...of becoming a smart city



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6 Dimensions and 28 **Characters, defined Smart City Iskandar Malaysia**





Economic Growth and Value

Innovative economic growth

• Equitable Wealth Distribution

Attract economy through smart investment







SVART ENVIRONMENT

Clean environment

Environmental protection

- Green development
- Green infrastructure
- Smart Growth
- Green Economy



Creation

Entrepreneurship

Smart Governance

Smart People Smart Living

SVIART MOBILITY

Provide smart mobility and connectivity

Manage environment

through smart

collaboration

- Efficient Road accessibility
- Efficient Public transportation
- Non motorized accessibility
- · Availability of ICT infrastructure

Provide smart living quality



- Safety and security
- Low Carbon lifestyle
- Housing quality
- Educational quality
- Health Conditions
- Cultural facilities
- Tourist/recreational attractiveness



Smart governance that focus on 'rakyat' needs

- Public Participation
- Efficient Public and social services
- Private Public Partnership
- Transparent governance





Produce smart people and mindset

- Caring community
- Racial Harmony
- Skilled and Talented Human Capital

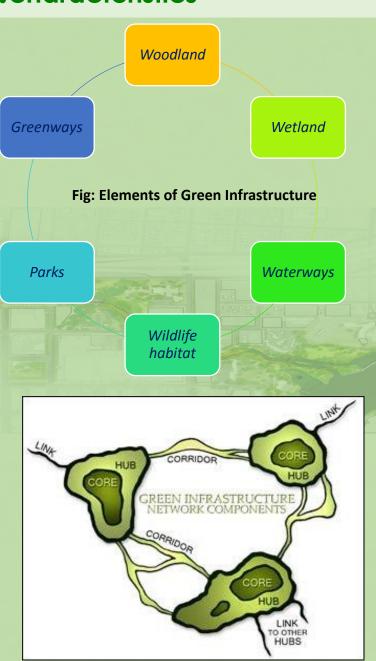
C. GREEN INFRASTRUCTURES

- ✓ An interconnected network of green space and other environmental assets that conserves the functions of the natural ecosystem and provides associated benefits to people (McMahon and Benedict, 2000)
- ✓ A network of multi-functional open spaces, including formal parks, gardens, woodlands, green corridors, waterways, street trees and open countryside that contributes towards sustainable resource management (Greenport, 2013).
- ✓ Strategically planned and delivered network of high quality green spaces and other environmental features designed and managed as a multifunctional resource capable of delivering a wide range of environmental and quality of life benefits (Natural England, n.d.)

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURES.....characteristics

- Hubs and linkages system
- Shapes urban form and provides framework for network
- Encourages natural systems
- Supports conservation action
- Connectivity important
- Context matters
- Grounded in science and land use theory
- Functions as a framework
- Planned and protected before development

(Source: LeBleu, ASLA AICP)



GREEN INFRASTRUCTURES.....components





Urban green infrastructure













Green Infrastucture (GI) vs Green Space (GS)

- GI = GS + environmental components in non-GS land use contexts.
- GI = Benefits derived from functionality.
- GI = more than a space it's a natural environmental system.
- GS (Resource/Asset) = GI but GI is not necessarily a space.

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURES.....Benefits

Social	Economic	Environmental
Amenities - the community benefits from new amenities and recreational opportunities	Lower costs – it results in lower lifecycle costs when compared to traditional larger-scale, non-integrated systems.	Efficiency - through reductions in the size of the distribution system, reductions in overall capacity, and better matching of resource quality to the user's needs.
Aesthetics & a 'sense of place' - offers new opportunities for beautification of public spaces and creating a 'sense of place'.	Longer-term Investments by stakeholders – the stakeholders are likely to see the wisdom of investing in demand side management and lifecycle costing.	Innovation and upgrading - using small scale, cluster structure technologies, is a system that is well suited for trying out new technologies, and for integrating technological advances in a rapid, incremental style.
Flexibility - allow cities to more effectively use their land base	Local job creation - Green infrastructure creates more employment within the community.	Restoration - respect local carrying capacity and adapt to the environmentally sensitive areas.
A greater choice of lifestyles - A diversity of infrastructure systems creates the possibility for greater choice in lifestyle.	Local procurement - it boosts business in the community.	by responding to environmental constrair living elements and ecological systems
Improved public health, safety, and quality of life	Increased property values and economic development - Streetscape improvements have the potential to increase neighbourhoods livability and increase its property	Reduce Urban Heat Island Benefits of GI Economic Environmental



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Putrajaya Green City 2025

Baseline and Preliminary Study Revised Edition

November, 2012













- ☐ First man-made wetland in Malaysia and the largest constructed freshwater wetlands in the tropics.
- ☐ Part of the Putrajaya Lake system, it covers approximately 200 hectares of lands and water.



Fig: Putrajaya Wetland (Source: www.google.com)

- ☐ Construction began in 1997 and completed in 2002. Key environmental function is to treat catchment water before it enters Putrajaya Lake, thus ensuring that water in the lake remains clean and unpolluted.
- □ 30% area of catchment managed by the authority; 70% is controlled by the private land owners.
- ☐ Managed through specific procedures and management guidelines that include the Putrajaya Lake Use Master Plan and Environmental Management Guidelines considering the overall lake and wetland management scope.

 To ensure the efficiency of the lake management, six zones have been established together with a schedule or permissible and non-permissible land-based and water-based activities applicable to each zone.



(Source: Hasnul et al., n.d.)

Putrajaya's Wetland serves various functions such as :

- ✓ Natural grey water treatment system
- ✓ Storm water management flood retention by multi-cells
- √ Groundwater recharging system
- √ Soil stabilization measure
- ✓ Erosion control
- ✓ Hub for nature and biodiversity in urban fabric
- ✓ Recreational hot spots
- ✓ Enhance the city's landscape

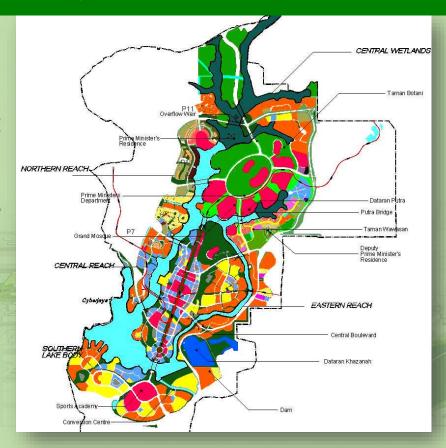


Fig: Putrajaya Masterplan and Wetland System (Siong, 2006)

How it works

- ✓ The system features a multi-cell multistage system with flood retention capability.
- ✓ Consists of **24 cells** divided into six arms. All arms except one discharge to the Central Wetland, the 24th cell, before flowing into Putrajaya Lake.
- ✓ A series of **rock filled weirs** was constructed along the six arms of the wetland to divide the 24 cells.
- ✓ Each wetland cell is planted with wetland plants native to Malaysia.
- ✓ The water that flows into all these 24 wetlands cells is cleansed multiples times through natural processes ensuring that only clean water enters Putrajaya Lake (ADB, 2016).

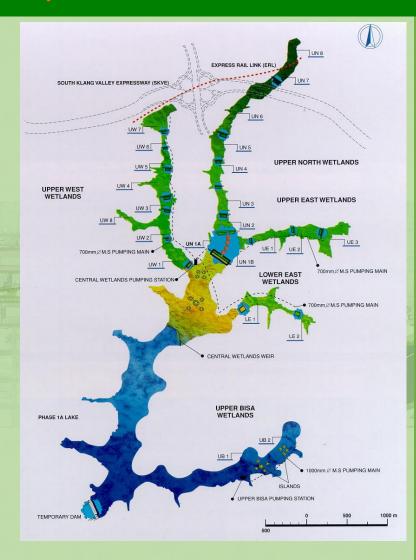


Fig: Illustration of the Regions and Components Supporting the Function of the Putrajaya Wetlands (ADB, 2016).

Benefits:

- ✓ Natural storm water and flood management system for Putrajaya.
- ✓ Increased wildlife habitat and conservation zones.
- ✓ Nature education and research area.
- ✓ Increased outdoor tourism
- ✓ Filtration properties of the wetland trap, break down, and digest pollutants in water before it enters the lake.

Nutrient removal performance along six cells was

- √ 82.11% for total nitrogen
- √ 70.73% for nitrate—nitrogen
- √ 84.32% for phosphate (ADB, 2016).





Fig: Wildlife Habitat and Biodiversity

Fig: Nature Tourism

Fig: Research and Study Tour group

PUTRAJAYA PARKS AND OPEN SPACE









PUTRAJAYA LAKE ACTIVITIES









E. CONCLUSION

Smart City or not, GI brings plenty of benefits that would of course be much enhanced with smart city techniques and applications.

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