



CPSS340: Infrastructure and Society

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Class Description

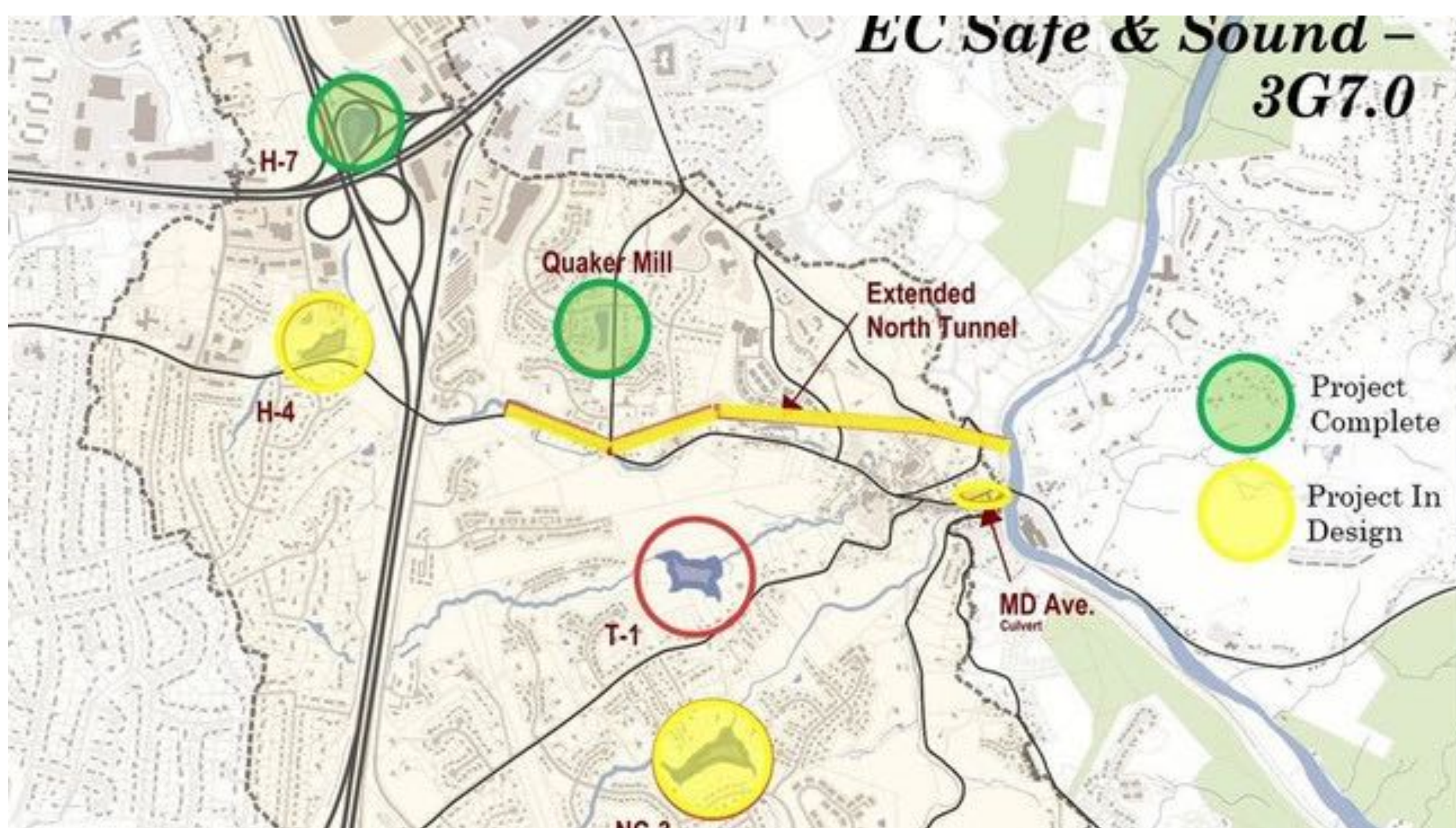
This course delves deeper into exploring the role of infrastructure in contemporary society. From looking at both hard and soft infrastructure, we learn about the different systems that underpin our daily lives, from transportation networks and utility grids to governance structures and social services. Additionally, through journal work, students reflect on and deepen their understanding of infrastructure's societal impact. We also researched our own personal community and did an assessment to provide improvements.



In one of our major journal assignments, we did a report on the accessibility levels of infrastructure on campus.

Future Work:

For my community-assessment project, I will be continue to work to with local policymakers and residents to develop infrastructural-related solutions to the constant flooding in Old Ellicott City.



Class Activities

- Analyze UMD's infrastructure issues through projects and activities.
- Explore the influence of soundscapes and odor on infrastructure
- Participate infrastructure investment discussions and strategize backup plans
- Read and discuss outside texts to deepen understanding of infrastructural issues
- Learn the important role of water in society
- Attend a Department of Energy Nuclear Waste Listening Session
- Consider accessibility and disability in infrastructure design.
- Gain valuable perspectives from guest speakers with expertise in various areas of infrastructure.

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