

American Institute of Architects --- Academy of Architecture for Justice Sustainable Justice Committee

Sustainable Justice Issues Short List

Societal Scale Issues:

- S1 – Proactive Public Safety: Programs to reduce crime
- S2 – Reactive Public Safety: Recidivism
- S3 -- Proportionality of punishment: Incarceration rate
- S4 – Equality: Addressing racial disparity in criminal justice system
- S5 – Responsiveness: Outreach to victims of crime
- S6 – Coordination: All aspects of justice system working together
- S7 – Efficiency: Right to a speedy trial and minimize average length of stay
- S8 – Accountability: Policies to provide journalists’ access to prison

Community Scale Issues:

- C1 – Planning Process: Broad and inclusive stakeholder and community involvement
- C2 – Facility Siting: Location of facility in a dense, walkable, urban environment
- C3 – Co-location: Justice facilities which are clustered together (e.g. court and jail)
- C4 – Rightsizing: Facility needs assessment that explores options
- C5 – Transportation Access: Use of mass transit
- C6 – Shared Spaces: Functions which are available for public use, e.g. community room
- C7 – Technology: Maximize use of electronic records, video arraignment, etc. to increase efficiency and save space

Facility Scale Issues:

- F1 – Welcoming Site: Use building as secure perimeter where possible in lieu of security fencing
- F2 – Secure Yet Welcoming Exterior: Use of security barriers which are attractive and not imposing
- F3 – Secure Yet Welcoming Interior: Entry security screening appropriate to the visitor experience
- F4 – CPTED: Use of design principles from Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
- F5 – Healthy Staff: Facility provides wellness/fitness space for employees
- F6 – Green Building Certification: Achieve LEED Silver or higher
- F7 – Materials Management: Green purchasing, recycling, and minimizing waste are accommodated

Human Scale Issues:

- H1 – Acoustical Comfort: Sound is controlled to minimize stress and enhance communications
- H2 – Thermal Comfort: Temperature, humidity and fresh air are conducive to comfort
- H3 – Visual Comfort: Adequate lighting levels and lighting controls
- H4 – Sense of Safety: Occupants safe from harm by others through design
- H5 – Stress Reduction: Psychological benefits of sunlight, daylight, views, and connection to nature
- H6 – Suicide Prevention: Detainee spaces address safety needs