

Each day, policymakers at every level are faced with tough choices related to the wellbeing of their communities. Tighter budgets, dwindling tax revenue, and higher costs of goods and services are a daily reality for many of our elected and appointed officials. Luckily, the best among us always choose to Leave a Lasting Legacy.

The consequences of policy decisions today are often passed from one administration to the next, and one generation to the next. The choice to "save a few dollars" today may have catastrophic consequences for our family members, friends, children, and grandchildren.

Concrete pipe and box culverts play a vital role in building a resilient, modern, and sustainable infrastructure system for all Americans. The decision to use our 100-year life cycle product not only benefits citizens today, but also those who reside in our communities a century from now. A strong and dependable transportation and water management network are the backbone of our communities – not only now, but for generations to come.

The security of our loved ones starts with decisions we make today! All policymakers, engineers, and citizens want to leave our cities and counties better than we found them, and safer for our children and grandchildren.

Rigid reinforced concrete pipe and box culverts make our cities stronger! Our product will not rust, burn, tear, buckle or deflect, and is immune to most environmental elements.

The real price for "cutting costs" or "saving a few dollars" is often incurred decades later, with

exponentially higher costs. "Passing the buck" to future administrations can have catastrophic consequences.

During the mid '90s in a north Atlanta suburb, a developer was allowed to save approximately \$250,000 by installing storm drainage pipe with a known shorter life expectancy. As warned, 25 years later the citizens will incur a nearly \$2,000,000 financial impact to replace a less resilient infrastructure product.

In this specific scenario, constituents and neighbors have been directly impacted. Two homes faced foundation damage and a third family required their driveway to be replaced. The main thoroughfare through the subdivision was closed for over six months. All of this could have been avoided by choosing a resilient, time-tested product!



Our infrastructure system has never faced greater challenges than today. Dramatic population increases, prolonged underinvestment, imprudent decisions to cut costs, and more frequent natural disasters have stressed our communities like never before. Our need for dependable infrastructure is crucial. The quality, durability, and dependability of reinforced concrete pipe makes communities stronger.



