## Infrastructure Risk Assessment

Not all assets are created equal. We know that physical assets degrade over time. As assets deteriorate, operation and maintenance costs increase, and customers experience negative impacts. At some point, all municipalities and utilities must analyze the financial exposure of additional maintenance or replacement.

However, not all failure is created equal, either. Some assets may be highly critical to a system's operation, while others are not. Certain types of assets may be critical in one system location but not in another. Each system must carefully examine its own assets to determine which are critical and why.

To effectively manage the complexity of public infrastructure and assets, GIS must be at the heart of the data collection solution. GIS-centric technology serves as the system of record for risk-based assessments. Basic data identifiers—such as asset attributes, location, age, condition assessments, failure history, and more—provide valuable information for calculating risk.



Condition Monitoring, Predictive Failure and Business Risk Exposure

## **Risk-Based Analysis**

In order to determine asset criticality, two questions must be asked: What is the likelihood the asset will fail? What are the consequences if the asset fails? These questions establish two important asset valuations: the probability of failure (PoF) and the consequence of failure (CoF). Together, these factors can help you rank your infrastructure and create meaningful arguments for the allocation of funding resources and increased capital improvement.

## Risk Scoring

Trough operational assessment, consequence of failure is expressed from the asset failure. Identification of impacts along with associated costs (fiscal, environmental, safety and legal). Through operation assessment these are assigned scoring on a scale of 1 to 5 (Extreme to Negligable).