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evergreen

culvert

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water cycle

deciduous

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air rights

finish grade

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A length of pipe, running under a road or other barrier, used to drain or carry water.

Trees having green leaves throughout the year, as opposed to deciduous.

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Trees which shed leaves annually, as opposed to evergreens.

The general pattern of movement of the water on, under, and above the earth.

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The elevation of the ground surface after completion of all work.

The rights to the use or control of the air space above a property.

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access right

frontage

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effective temperature

drain tile

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coniferous

run-off

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The length of a lot line along a street or other public way.

The right of an owner to have ingress and egress to and from a property.

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Clay pipe, usually with open joints, used to convey water away from a footing or to disperse liquid in a septic tank field. A fictitious temperature which would produce the same physiological effect as the combined effects of temperature, humidity, and air movement.

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The surface flow of water from an area.

Describing cone-bearing evergreen trees and shrubs, such as pine, spruce, fir, and cedar.

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plot

transpiration

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building line

backfill

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The process by which water vapor escapes into the atmosphere from plants.

A parcel of land.

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A stone guard to prevent damage to a wall; also a freestanding stone post to divert vehicular traffic.

The rate of rise or descent of a sloping surface. Also, to remove and/or add earth in order to bring the ground surface to a specified elevation or profile.

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Earth that is replaced around a foundation or retaining wall after the concrete forms have been removed.

A line, usually parallel to a property line, beyond which a structure may not extend.

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aquifer

parterre

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elevation

frost line

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cut and fill

pad

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An ornamental garden arrangement.

An underground geological formation through which water flows.

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The expected maximum depth of frost penetration in the ground in a given area.

The height above a known point of reference, often taken as the height above sea level.

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An approximately level building area.

Earth which is removed (cut) and earth which is added (fill) in grading.

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court pattern

sewer

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wind chill index

ring road

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bench

dry well

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An underground pipe or drain used to carry off rain water (storm sewer) or waste matter (sanitary sewer).

A housing pattern in which units face into a common open space.

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A circumferential or loop roadway around an urban area or development.

A fictitious temperature assigned to a combination of actual temperature and wind velocity which has the same physiological effect as still air at the wind chill index temperature. It is also known as *chill* factor.

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A pit, usually filled with coarse stone, into which water is conducted for leaching out into surrounding soil.

An excavated, level terrace in a slope used to collect running water.

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windbreak

erosion

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chill factor

invert

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humidity

bearing

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The gradual wearing away or disintegration of land caused by water, wind, and so on running over its surface.

Structures or plants which, because of their form and location, reduce wind velocities.

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The lowest point of the inside of a drain, pipe, channel, or other liquid-carrying conduit.

A fictitious temperature assigned to a combination of actual temperature and wind velocity which has the same physiological effect as still air at the chill factor temperature. It is also known as wind chill index.

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In surveying, a direction stated in degrees, minutes, and seconds as an angular deviation east or west from due north or south.

The amount or degree of moisture in an area, a determining element of weather.

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utility

landscaping

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lot area

environment

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microclimate

runoff coefficient

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The design and arrangement of natural elements on a site.

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A public service, such as telephone, water, gas, or electricity.

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The natural and manmade things, conditions, and influences surrounding a person, community, or place.

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The total horizontal area within the boundary lines of a parcel of land.

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The percentage of total rainfall which is not absorbed in the ground and, hence, runs off. It must be collected in a system of surface and subsurface drains.

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The climatic characteristics unique to a very small area.

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catchment

excavation

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contour interval

manhole

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soil boring log

gazebo

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The digging or removal of earth.

The geographic area from which the participants in an activity are drawn, such as the customers of a shopping center or the employees of a manufacturing plant.

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A hole through which a person can enter a sewer, pipe, conduit, and so on for inspection, repair, or maintenance.

The difference of elevation between adjacent contour lines.

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A belvedere or viewing place.

A log showing the types of soil encountered in a test boring and other relevant information.

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plane

setback

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property line

storm sewer

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earthwork

gradient

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The minimum distance from the property line into which a structure may not extend.

A flat or level surface.

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A sewer for carrying away surface rain water, as opposed to sanitary sewage.

A legal boundary of a parcel of land.

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The rate of slope between two points on a surface, determined by dividing their vertical difference in elevation by their horizontal distance apart.

Removing and/or adding earth in order to bring the ground surface to a specified elevation or profile. Also called *grading*.

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survey

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handicapped parking

sanitary sewer

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plat

court

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The process of determining location, form, and boundaries of a parcel of land by measurement, computation, and drawing.

An open, unoccupied space, other than a court, unobstructed to the sky, on the lot on which a building is situated.

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An underground pipe or drain used to carry off waste matter.

One or more spaces designated for physically handicapped persons, requiring special design and dimensions.

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A space, open and unobstructed to the sky, located at or above grade, and bounded on three or more sides by the walls of a building.

A plan of a city or subdivision, showing the boundaries of individual properties.

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superblock

off-street parking

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alley

water table

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site planning

discharge

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Space provided for vehicular parking separate from the dedicated street right-of-way.

A very large area of land in which all through traffic is eliminated, but which may be penetrated by culde-sacs or minor loop roads.

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The level below which the subsoil is completely saturated with water. Also called the *groundwater level*.

Any public way or thoroughfare 10 to 16 feet in width which has been dedicated or deeded to the public for public use.

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Flow from a culvert, sewer, or other channel.

Designing the external physical environment in which buildings and structures are placed.

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linear pattern

spot elevation

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contour

grading

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albedo

block

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The elevation of a specified point on the ground or on a structure.

A pattern of land use which develops along a line, such as a highway or river.

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Removing and/or adding earth in order to bring the ground surface to a specified elevation or profile. Also called earthwork.

An imaginary line on the ground surface connecting all points of equal elevation.

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A division of urban land, normally private property, which is surrounded by public streets, and which is officially established and recorded.

Reflectivity measured as the relative permeability of a surface to radiant energy flowing in either direction.

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planting strip

barrier-free

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lot

buildable area

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lot line

altitude

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Having no environmental barriers, thereby permitting free access and circulation by the handicapped.

A landscaped strip of ground between a pedestrian walk and a street.

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The net ground area of a lot which can be covered by a building after required setbacks and other zoning limitations have been accounted for.

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The smallest identifiable parcel of land in a city.

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The angle which the sun makes with the horizon.

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The boundary line of a lot.

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macadam

azimuth

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The prevailing or average weather conditions of a place as determined over a number of years.

A graded flow path used in open drainage systems.

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Concrete used for paving which uses crushed granite as the coarse aggregate.

A bank of earth, often piled up against a wall.

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A horizontal angle measured clockwise from north or south.

Paving using crushed stone.

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encroachment

slope

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degree day (dd)

grade separation

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bikeway

dew point

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Inclination or slant, especially of the ground surface.

The extension of a building into the property of another.

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The intersection of two roads at different levels so that vehicles may move from one road to the other without crossing the stream of traffic. Also called interchange.

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The amount by which the average outdoor temperature at a particular location is below 65 degrees Farenheit for one day. Degree days may also be summed and stated for a month or year.

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The temperature of air at which the water contained in the air begins to condense and form dew. It is therefore the temperature at which the air is at 100% relative humidity.

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A road or path reserved for bicycle traffic.

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flood plain

datum

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land coverage

cluster

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baffle

improved land

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A horizontal plane elevation used as a reference for other elevations in surveying and mapping.

The land surrounding a flowing stream over which water spreads when a flood occurs.

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A type of residential siting in which a series of housing units are grouped closely together and surrounded by open space. The ratio of the area covered by buildings to the total lot area, expressed as a percentage.

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Land on which buildings have not yet been constructed, but which contains utilities and streets.

A partial obstruction against flow, in a duct or pipe.

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catch basin

drainage

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Site Planning & Design

Site Planning & Design

way

environmental impact statement

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latitude

exedra

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The process of controlling, collecting, transporting, and disposing of excess water.

A sievelike device at the entrance to a storm sewer which traps matter that could block the sewer.

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proposed development.

A statement, often required by a governmental body, which assesses the environmental impact of a

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A street, alley, or other thoroughfare or easement permanently established for passage of persons or vehicles.

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A semicircular open area, with or without a roof, providing a continuous seat.

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The number of degrees north or south of the equator of a point on the earth's surface.

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ecology

groundwater level

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subsoil

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The level below which the subsoil is completely saturated with water. Also called the water table.

The study of the total pattern of relations between a community or organisms and its environment.

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The soil layer beneath the topsoil.

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