



Low Impact Development Local Regulation Assistance Project 2005

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Low impact development (LID) techniques offer many **benefits** for managing stormwater. However, most local government regulations in Puget Sound still discourage or even prohibit the use of many LID techniques in development projects.

For example, many local regulations require curbs and gutters along residential streets, or prohibit the use of permeable pavement. This is largely because traditional stormwater management practices have long relied on storm drains, pipes and ponds to manage stormwater.

Yet many builders, developers and other professionals in Puget Sound are eager to incorporate LID techniques in their projects. Citizens who want their communities to grow more attractively—while protecting resources—also appreciate the potential of LID.

So how can cities and counties respond to the growing demand for LID?

Last year, the Puget Sound Action Team offered an innovative solution: Find some local governments in the region anxious to work with an engineering firm to revise their municipal codes and development standards to include LID. Then, provide support to city and county staff when they meet with elected officials to propose adopting new LID regulations.

Through two competitive processes, the Action Team selected **five cities and six counties** and an engineering firm—**AHBL**. In 2005, AHBL worked with local government staff to identify regulations, review development standards, rewrite specific language and develop new ordinances, maintenance guidance and drawings.

For a final product, AHBL provided each participating local government with a massive binder and a CD-ROM version containing:

- Summaries of assistance provided to all the participating local governments.
- Regulations reviewed.
- Recommendations for specific language changes.
- New ordinances.
- Engineering drawings.
- Maintenance considerations.

What's next? Each team of local government staff will review the recommendations and develop a package for their elected officials to consider for adoption. The Action Team will follow their progress and report back on this Web page.

Read a condensed version of all the recommendations in one file.
>> [Summary memo](#) | PDF file

All of the recommendations are not currently on this site due to the size of the files. To request a CD-ROM of the complete set of recommendations for the 2005 LID local regulation assistance project, please call **800-54-SOUND**.

Summaries for each jurisdiction that participated in the LID Local Regulation Assistance Project in 2005: (PDF files)

Cities:

Counties:

- Bellingham
- Issaquah
- Marysville
- Poulsbo
- Redmond
- Clallam
- Jefferson
- Kitsap
- Snohomish
- Thurston
- Whatcom

Appendices | PDF files

- Maintenance Specifications
- Sample Maintenance Requirements (King County, WA)
- Sample Maintenance Agreement (King County, WA)
- Sample Maintenance Agreement (Prince George's County, MD)
- LID Cost Comparisons
- Natural Drainage System Costs (Seattle Public Utilities)
- LID Incentives Menu
- Roadway Comparison
- Permeable Pavement Comparison (City of Seattle)
- LID Street Section (Pierce County, WA)
- Typical LID Street Cross Section (Seattle Public Utilities)
- NE Siskiyou Green Street Plans (Portland, OR)
- Rustic Street Standards (City of Redmond)
- Parking Comparison
- Impervious Surface Comparison
- Site Analysis Sample Drawings

To order a FREE copy of the CD-ROM containing the complete recommendations: Contact info@psat.wa.gov, or call 360-725-5444.

For more information about the Low Impact Development Local Regulation Assistance Project, contact [Bruce Wulkan](#), Action Team stormwater program manager, by e-mail or call 360-725-5455.

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The 2005 LID Local Regulation Assistance Project was made possible with \$45,000 in funding from the Department of Ecology's Direct Implementation Fund (DIF) Section 319 Grant. The Action Team originally set out to find three to five local governments to work with. But overwhelming interest from all over the Sound led the Action Team to seek more funding for the project. Help came from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 and the State Water Quality Account, which provided an additional \$66,000, allowing the Action Team to work with a total of 11 local governments.

Assistance for 2006

Six cities and one county will be working with AHBL in 2006 on another round of LID Local Regulation Assistance.

- Kirkland
- Woodinville
- Lacey
- Edmonds
- Port Orchard
- Port Angeles
- Normandy Park
- Mason County.

ABHL and the local jurisdictions were selected by the Action Team through a competitive process. This year's project is scheduled to run April – November.

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