

## 2. Municipal LID Ordinances and Outreach Committee

**Committee charge:** Map out a strategy to support adoption of LID and updated post-construction stormwater management requirements in municipal ordinances and regulations. This may include for example, educational materials and workshops for elected officials and others, model ordinance language, and step by step guides for incorporating LID into zoning and land development regulations.

**Note:** although the focus will be on LID and other post construction stormwater controls to start, the overall strategy may touch on related minimum measures such as erosion and sediment control.

**Timeline:** May 8 – July 13, 2007 (Part 1 - Planning) 10 weeks total. Actual time investment moderate.

### Responsibilities

1. Reach agreement on LID elements and consistent messages for municipal stormwater management.
2. Review results of municipal survey on training needs and workshop evaluations.
3. Identify type of model ordinances, zoning provisions or other development standards needed; select priorities and prepare examples.
4. Identify tools, educational materials and training needed to support adoption of LID at the local level for different target audiences.
5. Provide input on minimum requirements for qualifying local program for post-construction stormwater management.
6. Review and provide input on assistance strategy and schedule.

### Schedule

1. Interested in serving on this Municipal LID Ordinance and Outreach committee? Please contact Lorraine Joubert to sign up by Friday **April 27, 2007**. Email: [ljoubert@uri.edu](mailto:ljoubert@uri.edu) or Tel: 874-2138.

2. By Monday **May 8, 2007** we will email you the following:

a) Draft list of Low Impact Development features and other post construction stormwater management practices that should be addressed in local ordinances or enforceable policies. This will be prepared in cooperation with DEM, based on the draft DEM stormwater manual, other DEM guides, material presented at the LID workshop, and other sources.

b) Draft list of options for incorporating these features into local ordinances and land development regulations.

c) Draft outline of education and outreach strategy to reach various audiences necessary to build awareness and support for local LID ordinances.

d) Summary of the municipal needs survey completed by municipalities and other MS4s participating in this project, compilation of LID workshop evaluations, and annual training schedule. If annual report information is available, we will also send a summary of local progress in meeting post construction minimum measures. These documents will provide perspective on interests, issues and progress in updating local stormwater controls.

3. Please review and prepare comments and recommendations on LID elements, implementation options and issues, and outreach strategy. Feel free to provide example ordinances and educational resources. Your observations and training suggestions based on survey results and workshop evaluations also welcome. Please reply to Lorraine Joubert by Monday **May 22, 2007**.

4. We will compile your responses and revise materials to address comments by the list of LID elements and implementation options by Friday **June 1**, and schedule a meeting to review results sometime between **June 6 and 15**. The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Finalize LID elements and implementation options,
- Set priorities for model ordinance language needed. Where possible, identify successful examples, additional information required such as cost/benefit data, and impediments that need to be addressed.
- Brainstorm education, participation, and involvement methods to further develop the education strategy, considering municipal survey results and other groups that should be involved in model ordinance development.

- Make recommendations for minimum implementation of LID/post-construction stormwater management controls (and supporting education/involvement) for a community to be considered a qualifying local program.

5. Based on committee input, we will finalize municipal LID elements and options for incorporating into ordinances; list model ordinance provisions needed with examples, outline minimum requirements for a qualifying local program for post construction stormwater management, and revise the LID education strategy. We will send the revisions to the committee by **June 29, 2007**.

6. Committee members are welcome to provide additional comments by **July 6**.

7. We will incorporate comments and send the final model ordinance and outreach strategy to the full committee by Friday **July 13, 2007**.

**This completes the committee's work on Part 1, the planning phase.**

**Next steps** -In Part 2, the implementation phase, model ordinance language and educational materials will be prepared using examples and draft materials collected above. We anticipate that the committee will take a break while URI staff develop these materials through mid-late August. A schedule for working with the committee to complete these materials and educational activities will be developed in **mid August, 2007**. Committee members will be invited to renew their involvement and new members invited at that time, for active involvement beginning in September, 2007.