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Low Impact Development

Low impact development (LID) is a more environmentally **sensitive** approach to developing land and managing stormwater runoff. Many jurisdictions in Puget Sound are turning to LID techniques to help protect their waters and natural resources.

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*SEA Streets neighborhood
Courtesy of Seattle Public
Utilities*

NEW! Q&A document on EcoRoofs (or Vegetated Roofs)

Portland's Ecoroof Program is a cooperative effort of the Bureau of Environmental Services and the Office of Sustainable Development. The program promotes ecoroofs by researching ecoroof technologies and providing information and technical assistance to community members.

NEW! Pioneering Pervious Pavement at Stratford Place The Sustainable Development Taskforce of Snohomish County assists City of Sultan and Developer, Craig Morrison of CMI Inc.

The City of Sultan, in Snohomish County, has a new residential subdivision that uses pervious concrete for all roadways and driveways. The task force hopes this innovative project will help "pave the way" for pervious pavement as a proven technology to provide an alternative to traditional stormwater management on public streets. For more information contact Chris Fate, at 425-783-8274 or [Sustainable Development](#).

NEW! Tour Snoqualmie Gourmet Ice Cream Company's Low Impact Development

Snoqualmie Gourmet Ice Cream and the Sustainable Development Task Force will host a tour of the LID components of the ice cream factory on Wednesday, July 19, 2006. The site features pervious pavement, a rain garden, and active landscape design that serve to reduce runoff and screen traffic noise. Experts will be onsite to inform and educate visitors about each aspect of the Low Impact Design features. For more information contact Chris Fate, at 425-783-8274 or [Sustainable Development](#).

The CICEET-sponsored University of New Hampshire Stormwater Center has published its first year of field data. The 2005 Data Report evaluates the effectiveness of 12 stormwater treatments in protecting water quality and reducing runoff. [>> Read the report online](#)

Local Regulation Assistance Project Innovative program helps cities, counties get on board with LID

In 2005, the Puget Sound Action Team coordinated the work of five cities and six counties and an engineering firm to integrate low impact development into their regulations. The final product, including recommendations, are now available online.

[>> Read more](#)

Seattle Public Utilities' Natural Drainage Systems projects include the 110th Cascade, the Broadview Green Grid, High Point, Pinehurst Green Grid, and the now famous Street Edge Alternatives, or "SEA Streets." **Click on the Hydrologic Monitoring 2000-2003 Report (PDF File)** to learn just how effective these natural drainage systems are at managing stormwater.

Langley proposes new rules for homes | PDF file (Oct. 22, 2005) The city of Langley is proposing to lessen the impacts of development on the community and environment by adopting "low impact development" rules

LID powerpoint presentation is available! PSAT has a powerpoint presentation available for educational purposes that has information about the need for LID in Puget Sound, the elements of LID, the technical guidance manual for Puget Sound, and examples of a number of LID practices. For access to a copy of the powerpoint please call 800-54-SOUND.

EPA newsletters note Northwest LID efforts (Sept. 19, 2005)

Partnership propels LID into the "mainstream"

The Puget Sound Action Team partnership's outreach efforts to encourage low impact development (LID) practices are paying off according to the August 2005 issue of *Nonpoint Source News-Notes*. The newsletter from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency credits the work of a diverse intergovernmental team for getting local jurisdictions to adopt LID practices.

[>> Read the story:](#)

"LID Can Trickle-Down: Intergovernmental Partnership Spreads LID Throughout Puget Sound" (Page 2. PDF file)

Pierce County project highlighted

The May 2005 issue of *Nonpoint Source News-Notes* mentions LID activities in Puget Sound. The newsletter looks at several places across the country where LID is taking hold, including Pierce County's Kensington Estates development.

[>> Read the story:](#)

"Low Impact Development Pays Off" (Page 7. PDF file)

Low Impact Development: Technical Guidance Manual for Puget Sound

 [Fact sheet](#)



Technical reports on applying low impact development techniques in Puget Sound.

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