

LID is a Good Idea for LFP



What is LID?

LID stands for Low Impact Development, which integrates a site's existing features to mimic natural water flow, allowing water to infiltrate into the ground instead of flowing into our local waterways. Examples include pervious pavements and rain gardens.

Many communities are adopting LID because they realize that it is an effective and economical way to manage stormwater while achieving common goals in water quality and quantity.

How does LID positively affect the environment?

LID retains native soil and vegetation and uses natural landscaping to slow and store stormwater runoff, protecting a watershed's natural ecological functions and minimizing environmental impact.

We can take advantage of LID to protect Lake Forest Park's water quality because it reduces sediment, nutrient, and toxic loads in waterways, preserving the natural ecosystems of our fish and wildlife habitats.

Why should I use LID?

In addition to being a more environmentally-sensitive way to develop, LID reduces stormwater facility maintenance, decreases the chance of localized flooding, improves water quality and often allows developers to use area for a building that would have otherwise been used for a stormwater facility.

For more information on Low Impact Development, contact the city of Lake Forest Park at 206-368-5440 or visit cityoflfp.com

