



Stormwater Low Impact Development Code Review

Low Impact Development (LID) is a stormwater and land use management strategy that strives to mimic pre-disturbance hydrologic processes of infiltration, filtration, storage, evaporation, and transpiration by emphasizing conservation, use of on-site natural features, site planning, and distributed stormwater management practices that are integrated into a project design.

Along with other jurisdictions in Western Washington, the City of Longview is required to review its development codes and standards to make stormwater LID the preferred and commonly-used approach to site development. The primary goal is to modify existing regulations or adopt new provisions to minimize impervious surface, loss of vegetation, and the generation of stormwater runoff. This effort will require Longview to incorporate stormwater LID principles and BMPs into Longview Municipal Code (LMC), development-related policies and procedures, and standard engineering plans and details.

Longview is obligated to complete this review and adopt new codes and standards by June 30, 2017, per its Municipal Stormwater Permit.

The LID code review effort is primarily focused on the following topic areas:

- Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policies
- Site Plan Review
- Landscaping, Native Vegetation, Tree Protection, and Open Space
- Bulk and Dimensional Standards
- Impervious Surface Standards
- Parking
- Clearing and Grading
- Engineering and Street Standards

Staff from both Community Development and Public Works have been reviewing existing development-related codes and engineering standards, and preparing a set of recommendations for Council action. These will be considered by the Longview Stormwater Advisory Committee (LSAC) in mid-April and presented to the Planning Commission at the May meeting.

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