

Drinking Water Program

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Maine State Planning Office

LaMarr Clannon, Maine NEMO

Suck It Up and Soak It In: Putting the Landscape to Work For Clean Water



Maine's Water Budget Impacts of Development

Natural Cover

75-100% Impervious Surface





Development Affects Stream Habitat





Development Impacts on Water Quality



Increased quantity Decreased quality Bacteria Temperature Nutrients Petroleum Derivatives Weed and Bug Killer Heavy Metals Chlorides Sediments



Traditionally, stormwater management is seen as stormwater disposal.



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Traditional BMP's don't work well



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Low-Impact Development (LID)— Try to soak rain in close to where it falls



















Roberts Maine Grill, Kittery











UNH Stormwater Center

Since 2004

monitored the ability of 23 stormwater systems to treat pollution and reduce the volume of runoff

Conventional Systems Manufactured Systems LID Systems



Retention Ponds

\$13,500/acre



POLLUTANT REMOVAL: 2004-2007



Retention Ponds





Porous Asphalt 2008 \$2.80 sf (\$2.25)



























Bioretention Systems \$18,000/acre





Tree Box Filter \$3000 each (10/acre)




Subsurface Gravel Wetland \$22,500/acre



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Saving \$\$ with LID Forging The Link Study

- UNH Stormwater Center
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Antioch University NE

Many Communities are struggling with the costs of treating stormwater runoff

\$200,000 Ponds
\$160,000 Clearing
& Grading
\$ 60,000 Swales

= \$420,000 Cost Savings

+ \$90,000 Value (2 additional lots)







25% Savings

Boulder Hills, NH



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\$5,000 in Site Preparation
\$72,000 Drainage
\$6,500 Curbing Reductions
\$19,500 Permanent Erosion Control

NET Savings: \$50,000 approx 6% of the total project

Greenland Meadows Commercial Development, NH



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\$71,000 Earthwork \$1,750,000 Stormwater NET Savings: \$930,000 or 26% of the project stormwater costs

Most still didn't know how to use the tools



Back Cove Rain Garden



Porous concrete York Hospital



Northgate Plaza





Ocean Ave Elementary



Augusta Hannaford



Ellsworth Middle School



Rockland Green roof



Woodard and Curran



Maine Mall Porous Pavement



Long Creek Tree Box Filter



Kittery Downspout



Portland Raingarden



Belgrade Pavers





Turf reinforcement



Awesome things can happen in small spaces





Gravel Grass



Parking stall paved with gravel grass - ready to be put to good use





Charging Trends



Gardiner Spring 2011









Community Resiliency and Infrastructure

Projected Culvert Replacement \$28,000





York Ordinance language 2007

• Low Impact Design. Each applicant is *required* to submit a statement to the Planning Board documenting proposed Low Impact Design (LID) for the site, which will help to reduce stormwater volumes and help to enhance stormwater quality. LID includes, but is not limited to green roofs, rain gardens, tree wells, infiltration basins, and permeable pavement. The applicant shall submit technical documentation about the suitability of such designs with the request for LID features.

LID creates unique opportunities












Long Creek Story

• It's Bad...verry verry BAD!!!

Urban Impaired Stream: Can not contribute to impairment of a listed stream.



Businesses pay \$3000 / acre /year

- Threat of litigation
- 3 years to plan and fund
- Retrofit is expensive
- Monitoring is expensive
- Will this work?

Total Price Tag15 million???

Business Wants Stability

• We know what causes majority of the problem



Business Wants Stability

• We know the most effective treatments





Even the playing field

- Many of the MS4 communities want to implement similar LID requirements to avoid confusion
- Scarborough
- Biddeford
- South Portland

Protect Opportunities for Future Business Owners

