



# Low Impact Development (LID) Guidance Manual for Local Governments

## Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management and Coastal Resources Management Council

As a companion to the revised 2010 Rhode Island Stormwater Design and Installation Standards Manual (the RI Stormwater Manual), the Horsley Witten Group, Inc. (HW) is developing the Rhode Island Community LID Site Planning and Design Guidance for the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM).

The primary purpose of this Guide is to provide communities with the specific guidance they will need to revise their applicable land use regulations to avoid and minimize the impacts of stormwater runoff. The Guide addresses the following eight LID subjects, and includes case studies and various performance standards:

1. Conservation subdivision design;
2. Standards for wetland and riparian buffers;
3. Best practices for site clearing and grading;
4. LID roadway design standards;
5. LID parking practices;
6. Zoning for compact development;
7. Sustainable landscaping practices; and
8. Special ordinances, including impervious cover limitations, erosion and sediment control, and stormwater utilities.

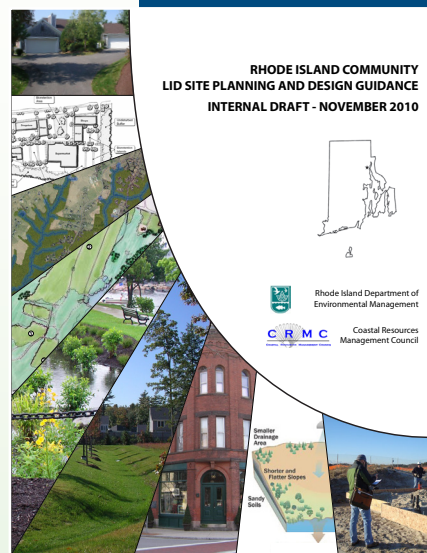
The Guide is in its final stage of review with the project Steering Committee and will be released in the spring of 2011.

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