

## Monthly Stormwater Tip- August 2015

Low Impact Development is a comprehensive land planning and engineering design approach with a goal of maintaining and enhancing the pre-development hydrologic regime of urban and developing watersheds. LID addresses stormwater through small, cost-effective landscape features located at the lot level.

These include basic subdivision and infrastructure design features such as reducing the use of pipes, ponds, curbs and gutters; maintaining recharge areas, buffer zones, and drainage courses; using infiltration swales, grading strategies, and open drainage systems; reducing impervious surfaces and disconnecting those that must be used; and conserving open space. Rain gardens and use of rain barrels are both forms of LID.

The Borough's MS4 permit requires the Borough to ensure that LID is promoted through ordinance.