



Learn the **Green** Lingo: LID

“LID (low impact development) is an approach to land development (or re-development) that works with nature to manage stormwater as close to its source as possible. LID employs principles such as preserving and recreating natural landscape features, minimizing effective imperviousness to create functional and appealing site drainage that treat stormwater as a resource rather than a waste product. There are many practices that have been used to adhere to these principles such as bioretention facilities, rain gardens, vegetated rooftops, rain barrels, and permeable pavements. By implementing LID principles and practices, water can be managed in a way that reduces the impact of built areas and promotes the natural movement of water within an ecosystem or watershed. LID has been characterized as a sustainable stormwater practice by the Water Environment Research Foundation and others.” EPA

To learn more visit: <http://www.epa.gov/nps/lid/>

Green Product of the Month



For comparable cost ADS now has Mega Green Pipe. The N-12 Mega Green pipe has a minimum recycled material content of 40%, which helps the environment and can help in achieving LEED Materials and Resource Credit 4.



“**The Green Shores** project is designed to encourage sustainable use of coastal ecosystems through planning and design which recognizes the ecological features and functions of coastal systems. The conceptual vision for Green Shores is a voluntary assessment/certification process for shore developments, similar to the LEED certification system for buildings. In addition Green Shores is providing support for the development of sample bylaw and zoning language to assist local and regional governments to enshrine the key principles of Green Shores in land use regulations. The Green Shores project is conducting specific pilot projects/case studies that showcase alternatives to conventional coastal shore development.”

(http://www.greenshores.ca/index.asp?type=summary§ion=Green_Shores_Principles&sid=3)

A few simple steps to making Pare a Green Place to work

Information taken from:

http://sierraclub.typepad.com/greenlife/2007/03/10_ways_to_go_g.html

➤ **Print smarter**

The average U.S. office worker goes through 10,000 sheets of copy paper a year. Print on either sides or use the backside of old documents for faxes, scrap paper, or drafts. Avoid color printing and print in draft mode whenever feasible.

➤ **Maximize computer efficiency**

Computers in the business sector unnecessarily waste \$1 billion worth of electricity a year. Turn off your computer and the power strip it's plugged into when you leave for the day. During the day, setting your computer to go to sleep automatically during short breaks can cut energy use by 70%.

➤ **Be bright about light**

Artificial lighting accounts for 44 percent of the electricity us in office buildings. For those in offices make it a habit to turn off the lights when you're leaving any room for 15 minutes or more and utilize natural light when you can.