Green Infrastructure for Single Family Residences

Greenville County, South Carolina Stormwater Guidelines

Background

- Land Development permanently alters the way in which stormwater flows across a site due to grading, compaction and impervious cover
- Water Quality control is intended to reduce the impacts of development on the quality of the receiving water bodies
- Greenville County is a Phase I MS4 Permittee which requires the County to support a post-construction permitting program for water quality
- The County's requirements superseded the state's water quality requirements due to this permit

Types of Single Family Residential

- Effects all current division of land that has already been divided once since 2003
- Single Family Lots (not a part of a larger common plan with a SWPPP) that increase flow by 1 cfs or over 1 acre of disturbance
- Summary Plat Submittals
 - Minor Subdivisions where Zero Lot Disturbance was chosen
 - Family Subdivisions

Managing stormwater

- Individual residential lots created by summary plats are not required to provide the same type of stormwater management as major subdivisions or commercial projects
- Must ensure that stormwater runoff does not overwhelm stormwater infrastructure
- Must ensure it does not impact water quality in our streams
- Must ensure it does not impact adjacent property

How many of you have gone to get a building permit from Building Codes and were told there is a hold on the lot and you needed to go to Land Development?



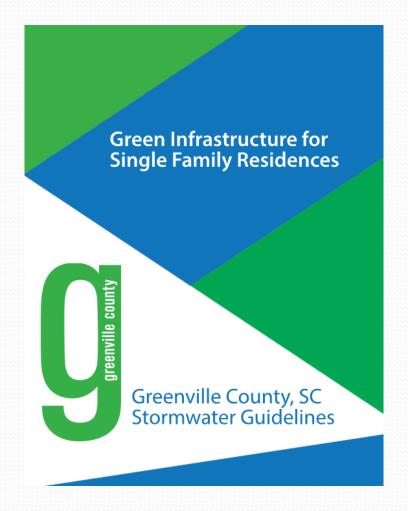
Land Development Regulations

- County Council felt the burden of permitting should be on the buyer of the newly created lot and not the seller of the lot
- Family Subdivisions allowed for the division of a parcel for family members & that they may not be ready to build on the lots at the time of minor subdivision's creation
- A Zero Lot Land Disturbance Option is allowed under Section 3.5.6 of the Land Development Regulations
- But it also dictates that "A building and land disturbance hold will be placed on each lot until a land disturbance permit has been obtained."

The Current Issues

- Some creators of lots did not want to prepare a SWPPP prior to creating a minor subdivision for the entire common plan prior to platting and selling the lots
- Engineers are too busy & it's costly to develop SWPPP's for Summary Plat lots especially on a lot by lot basis
- Recent past experience found those designed features approved did not get installed or did not get install correctly
- People who buy lots on Zero lot disturbance plats and family members who want to build on lots created under Family Subdivision plats need a cheaper and quicker way to meet federal, state and county regulations

The Solution!



Purpose

- The Guidelines provide guidance for selecting and installing appropriate stormwater management measures
- Employed simplified design standards more applicable to homeowner/builder experience
- Avoids the need for complex engineering calculations and analysis
- Allows the Building Contractor to provide minor calculations to locate and size the LID features
- Provides simple specifications for the installation of the features

Key Principles for management

- Green Infrastructure (GI)
- Reliance on infiltration where the water table or bedrock layer allows
- Proper Installation of downspouts, channels and features
- Proper Maintenance of downspouts, channels, features and other sources of concentrated flow

What is Green Infrastructure (GI)

- Another term is Low Impact Development (LID)
- Practices that reduce runoff & pollutant loading
- Encourages the interception, evapotranspiration, infiltration &/or capture and reuse of stormwater runoff
- Goal is to reduce the volume of runoff/pollutant loads generated & transported offsite

Permitting Process

- The Building Contractor & Owner will come to the Land Development Division to meet with a Plan Reviewer
- The Plan Reviewer will explain the guidelines and what is needed to issue a permit
- They will start a case in our tracking system and give the Contractor a permit number for future reference
- Using the guideline booklet and in discussion with the owner one or more of the LID features in the booklet will be chosen for use

The LID Features

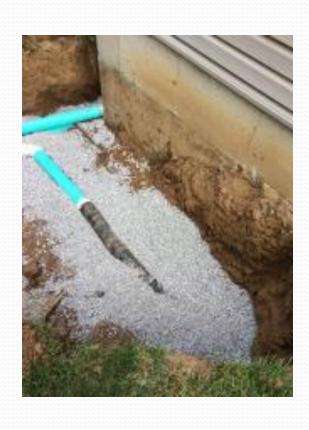
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- Modified French Drain
- Permeable Pavers
- Rain Gardens
- Vegetated Filter Strip
- Water Quality Buffer

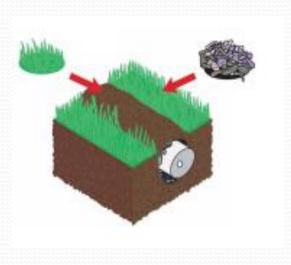
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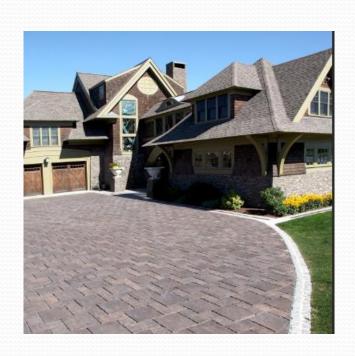


Modified French Drain





Permeable Pavers





Rain Garden





Vegetated Filter Strip

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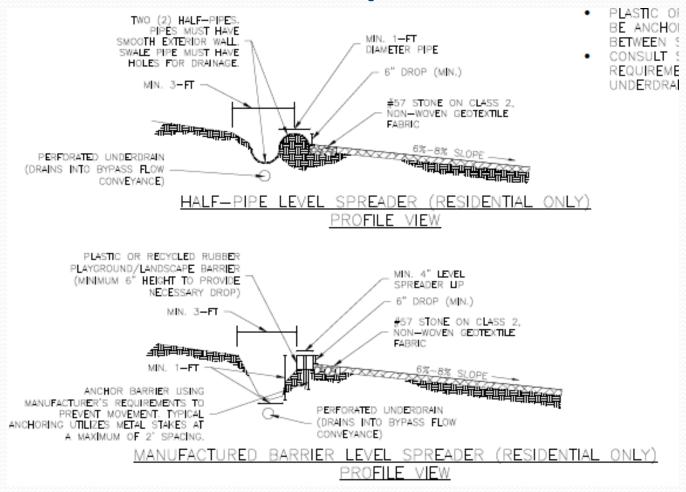
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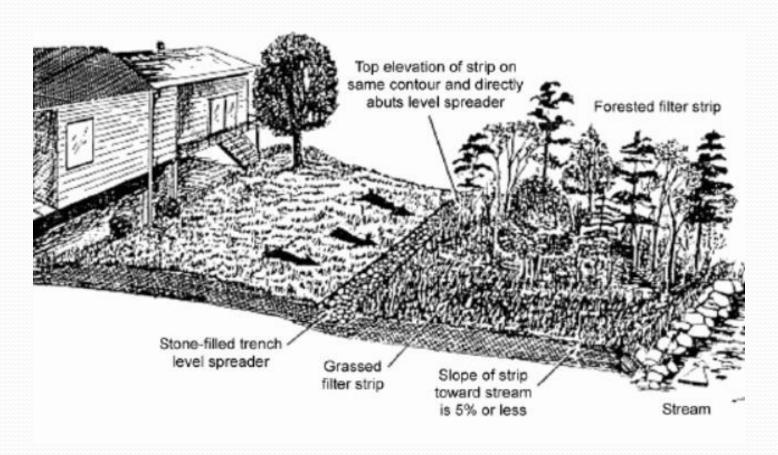




Alternate Level Spreader



Water Quality Buffer



Infiltration Trench



Contractor Actions

- The Contractor will use the "tear-out" pages of the chosen feature from the booklet
- The Contractor will show the necessary calculations for their chosen LID practice
- The assigned permit number will be listed on the calculations sheets
- The Contractor will bring those pages, along with a roof plan of the home, back to the Land Development Division for review and approval
- The Residential Lot Plan Fee will be paid (\$500)

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SPECIFICATION TO HOUSE PLAN

SUBMITTAL

DRY WELL SPECIFICATIONS

GREENVILLE COUNTY

LAND DEVELOPMENT

DIVISION

Review Process

- These paper copies will be scanned into the permit tracking system
- A plan reviewer will be assigned and this will start the plan review process
- The plan reviewer has 10 days maximum to review and will either approve or deny (if additional questions exist)
- The calculations "tear-out" sheets will be stamped approved. This will serve as the permit
- The Contractor will take these stamped sheets to Building Codes as proof of an approved permit

Building Codes Process

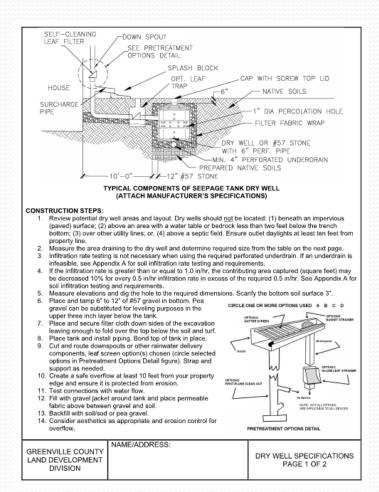
- The Building Codes Permit Clerk will scan this document into their permit system & make these documents a part of their building permit
- The Permit Clerk will release the previous hold to allow for the issuance of the Building Permit
- A hold will be placed on the Final Building Inspection of the residence and add that the Land Development Division must approve to allow the home to be occupied

Inspection Process

- Once the Land Development permit is approved a LID Inspector is assigned
- The LID Inspector will call the Contractor to set up a Pre-Con meeting to be held at the site of the new home
- The LID Inspector will explain the inspection approval process & close out process
- The Grading Permit will then be issued to the Contractor

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Construction Process



- On the front side of the calculations are the specifications that outline the construction steps
- Each feature has required steps where the Inspector must be called out to inspect/sign off
- Each feature has required steps where the Contractor must take pictures to document proper installation

Construction Certification Form

- Six different certifications depending of the feature chosen
- Includes need for materials receipts
- Includes steps for photos
- Includes steps for required inspections
- Areas draining to the LID must be 100% stabilized sod preferred
- Must turn in with close out documents



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LID CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATION FORM Modified French Drain/Dry Wells

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- 1. Contact the project's assigned LID Inspector at least one (1) day prior to the start of construction on any LID, including excavation for the LID. LIDs installed must be observed by the LID Inspector.
- 2. Provide the LID Inspector with an estimated schedule for the placement of any of the following: geotextile, stone, storage media, piping, soil, etc.
- 3. Provide the following information about the LID.

Required Documents	Receipt #	Professional's Initials & Date
ies of receipts for stone clean washed stone		
ies of receipts for soil amendments, filter media mix		

Required Photos	Photo # (one photo per feature)	Professional's Initials & Date
to(s) showing basin protected from sediment and spaction during construction (E&S controls around basin) **		
to(s) verifying that the system location is staked **		
tos showing the bottom of the flat, scarified, non- npacted basin before installation of geotextile or pea rel		
itos showing bottom of the basin after installation of textile or pea gravel		
tos showing outlet structure, including internal weirs /or orifices, and outlet pipes (with take measure as reference)		
to(s) showing installation of perforated es/storage units (tops showing with stone filled und them) ** (+)		
itos showing installation of observation well(s)		
tos showing the completed installation with stone to shed bed elevation and geotextile in place (prior to kfill) **		

(+) Obtain Water Quality Easement Survey Plat **Greenville County Land Development Inspector required**

Close Out Procedure

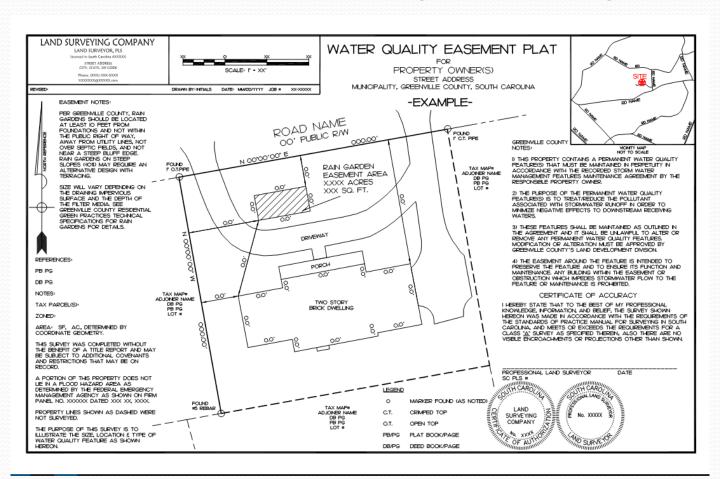
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Land Development Division Greenville County Square 301 University Ridge Suite 3900 Greenville, SC 29601 (864) 467-4610 LID Construction
Field Inspection Checklist
Infiltration

Ins	pection Item	Yes	No	NA	Corrective action (if "no")
1.	Will site runoff enter the practice as intended?				
2.	Upstream drainage area stabilized?	\$5	55	22	
3.	Facility excavated to dimensions and at location as per the approved plans.				
4.	Facility excavated from the sides so as to not compact the existing soil.				
5.	Groundwater <u>NOT</u> encountered during excavation. (Note: If groundwater is encountered during the excavation process, construction of the facility must case and the designer notified that a plan modification is necessary.)				
6.	Bottom of trench excavation scarified prior to placement of sand.				
7.	Geotextile fabric placed along the vertical sides of the trench, tucked in at the bottom for anchoring.			W	
8.	Discharge pipe diameter and material installed from overdrain to discharge point matches plans.				
9.	Underdrain pipe size and material according to approved plan.				
10.	Outlet protection provided at discharge point.				
11.	Underdrain pipe perforations according to approved plans.				
12.	Underdrain piping lay flat or with positive slope toward outlet.				
13.	Clean-outs and/or observation ports provided at endpoints of underdrain pipes or as shown on				
14.	Double-washed crushed aggregate, clean DE #57 stone, used for the underdrain gravel. Stone free of rock dust, fines and soil particles. (See invoice)				
15.	Depth of stone over underdrain piping matches plan.				
16.	Channel protection and/or level spreader provided at infiltration practice inlets as specified on the approved plan.				
	Earth spillway construction with matting to the plans (if applicable).				
w	Vegetation planed in the basin as indicated on the plans.				
19.	For trenches, placement of topsoil and sod over the pea gravel, if this option is specified on plan.				

- The LID Inspector must be called for a final inspection
- The Certification Form must be provided
- The home owner must sign the SW Management Maintenance Agreement
- As-built Survey Required
- Both Survey and Agreement must be recorded at Register of Deeds

As-Built Survey Example



Building Permit Close Out

- Once the LID Inspector approves the final inspection and all the close out documents they will sign off on the Orange Grading Permit Card at the construction site
- This will serve as a visual sign to the Building Inspector that the site is OK to close
- The LID Inspector will release the hold on the Building Permit C/O
- A new hold will be placed on the home for any future additions that could alter/remove the LID feature

Post Construction Inspection

- The close out documents are handed over to the Post Construction BMP team and scanned into tracking system
- The BMP Inspection Team is responsible for the long term function of all stormwater management features
- A LID BMP Inspector will call the new owner of the home to set up a meeting to discuss how to maintain the feature
- Educational Information will be given to them
- The BMP Inspector will GPS the new LID into his field computer which downloads into our tracking system

Annual Maintenance

- The tracking system will automatically set up an annual inspection date
- The new homeowner will receive a post card in the mail reminding them of the need to inspect their LID feature(s)
- Self Reporting Inspection Forms are located on our Website
- The Homeowner will perform the inspection, take pictures and mail or e-mail them to the LID BMP Inspector



Single Family Residential LID - Self-Report Rain Garden Maintenance Inspection Report

Inspection Date:	
Property Owner:	^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^
Address:	
Inspector Name:	^^^^^^

Any storm water management feature element shall be corrected, repaired, and/or replaced immediately. These deficiencies can affect the integrity of and the efficiency of the storm water management feature.

BMP Element:	BMP Deficiency:	Deficient: (✓ if Yes)	Comments:		
The Inlet: pipe, stone, or grassed swale	Trash/Debris Present.		If checked, remove trash and debri & properly dispose to allow water to flow freely.		
	The pipe is clogged. (if applicable)		If checked, unclog pipe.		
	Sediment Accumulation.		If checked, remove sediment with shovel and dispose of outside of planter.		
	Eroded or undercut areas. (if applicable)		If checked, fill in eroded or undercut areas and reseed areas of erosion. May need to provide erosion control devices such as turf matting or river stone to avoid future problems with erosion.		
	Weeds, Overgrowth, Large Woody Debris.		If checked, remove all weeds, overgrowth, and large woody debris (including trees)		
	The pipe is cracked or otherwise damaged. (if applicable)		If checked, replace the pipe.		
Rain Garden: Vegetation	Pruning or vegetation maintenance is needed to maintain optimal plant health.		If checked, prune occasionally maintain vegetation to minimize clogging of the media. Remove deactree material.		
	Plants are dead, diseased, or dying.		If checked, vegetation must be drought tolerant; watering could be required during prolonged dry periods after vegetation has been established.		
	Unwanted / invasive vegetation, leaves, debris.		If checked, remove all weeds, invasive vegetation, leaves and debris (periodically). Conduct routing vegetation maintenance.		
	Tree stakes/wires are present six months after planting.		If checked, remove tree stakes/wires.		
	Trash/Organic debris present.		If checked, remove trash, feces and leaf debris ect.		

Questions