

Low Impact Development Principles Project



DRAFT Public Participation Plan

Introduction

The City of Bellevue is updating its codes and standards to be consistent with the Low Impact Development Principles condition in the 2013-2018 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit. As a Phase II Permittee, the City is required to review and update its development codes and standards to make Low Impact Development (LID) the preferred and commonly-used approach to site development.

The intent of this Public Participation Plan is to describe opportunities for stakeholders to participate in the process and provide input on potential code and standard revisions to make LID the preferred and commonly-used approach to site development.

The public participation effort is intended to achieve specific desired outcomes, which include:

- Provide clear information to the public on low impact development, the LID Principles Project and project proposals;
- Involve commissions and boards early in and throughout the project;
- Provide opportunities for interested parties to comment and for people to listen and learn from one another;
- Conduct public participation events in multiple locations to capture an area's priorities and to make citizen participation easier;
- Seek broad participation of interested groups and individuals to capture differing viewpoints;
- Harness the energies and knowledge of a broad range of stakeholders to ensure issues and concerns are understood, considered, and addressed wherever possible;
- Create a transparent process which documents public input and makes it available for review.

The Public Participation Plan may be modified if necessary to meet the NPDES Permit compliance deadline of December 31, 2016. If the Public Participation Plan is modified, stakeholders are welcome to submit comments directly to the project contacts or participate through the City's boards, commissions, and City Council meetings.

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Website

The LID Principles Project website is available at: [website address](#)

- The website provides education, project schedule and links to project documents, and contact information for the project team.

Stakeholder Notification

We will develop a notification process for distribution to a wide range of stakeholder groups. The notices will contain a brief description of the project and the opportunities for public participation in the project. The stakeholder groups identified so far, include:

- Neighborhood groups
- Environmental groups
- Developer groups
- Bicycle/Pedestrian groups
- Business associations
- Building associations
- Architecture, engineering, and planning professionals

Boards, Commissions, and EBCC: http://bellevuewa.gov/boards_commissions.htm

Four City boards and commissions which represent Bellevue citizen's interests and the East Bellevue Community Council (EBCC), representing Bellevue residents in the East Bellevue area, will be asked to provide input on the LID Principles Project early and periodically throughout the project. The public has the opportunity to attend and provide comments at these meetings. Early and periodically through the process.

Informational Briefings

The project team will provide informational briefings to the four boards and commissions after receiving Council direction for the project in June 2015.

- Planning Commission
- Environmental Services Commission
- Transportation Commission

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- Parks and Community Services Board

The project team will also provide an informational briefing to East Bellevue Community Council (EBCC).

Public Workshops

The objective of the public workshops is to introduce and educate the public on Low Impact Development and the City of Bellevue's Low Impact Development Principles Project, respond to questions, gain public input, and ensure issues and concerns are understood, considered, and addressed wherever possible.

Three public workshops are proposed for September 2015 at different locations to facilitate broader participation and provide several opportunities to attend:

- One public workshop to be held at City Hall.
- One public workshop to be held in North Bellevue.
- One public workshop to be held in South Bellevue.

Public Open Houses on Proposed Changes to Codes and Standards

The objective of the public open houses obtain public input on initial code and standard proposals. It also is consistent with the code and standard evaluation process outlined in *Integrating LID into Local Codes: A Guidebook for Local Government* by having internal and external stakeholders review documents, particularly proposed regulations and standards, and provide feedback. City staff and the project consultant team will present proposed changes to City codes and standards for public input.

City staff and consultants will consider public input, and revise the documents to address identified concerns where appropriate. The intent is for City staff and the project consultant team to get detailed input from a range of stakeholders to create a balanced set of regulations and standards that reflect the permit requirements and community vision.

The following open houses are proposed to be held in early 2016:

- One public open house to be held at City Hall.
- One public open house to be held in North Bellevue.

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- One public open house to be held in South Bellevue.

Stakeholder Groups

The project team will meet with stakeholder groups as requested or necessary. Our goal will be to obtain as much input through the public workshops, open houses and at commissions and boards listed above as much as possible because of the constraints imposed by the Permit and efficient use of resources.

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Update Briefings on Proposed Changes to Codes and Standards

Proposed changes to codes and standards will be presented to the boards and commissions for their comment. Public input gained at the three public workshops, three open houses and stakeholder meetings preceding this update will be discussed. The proposed changes will reflect and respond to the public's input wherever possible. Public comment is welcome at the board and commission meetings.

The following update briefings are tentatively scheduled for April 2016:

- Planning Commission
- Environmental Services Commission
- Transportation Commission
- Parks and Community Services Board
- EBCC

Opportunities for Public Comment During Council Consideration of Amendments

Planning Commission Public Hearing

- The Planning Commission will hold one public hearing in June 2016 to provide stakeholders with the opportunity to officially comment on the LID Principles Project.

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City Council Study Sessions

- Following the public workshops, open houses, stakeholder meetings, boards and commission meetings and the Planning Commission Public Hearing on the LID Principles proposed code amendments, City Council will consider the proposed amendments and take action per the following schedule:
- Consideration of proposed amendments at three study sessions: August TBD, September 12, and October 10.
- Action on proposed amendments either November 21 or November 28.

East Bellevue Community Council Final Hearing

- A final hearing is scheduled with EBCC for December 6, 2016.

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LID PRINCIPLES PROJECT ROAD MAP

