



North Texas Low Impact Development DESIGN Competition

Using the integrated Stormwater Management (iSWM™) Design Approach

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CALL FOR PROPERTIES

The North Texas Land / Water Sustainability Forum announces a national Low Impact Development (LID) Design Competition aimed at educating design professionals, built environment decision makers, local governments and the public on the positive impacts of LID. LID strategies have been demonstrated to reduce infrastructure costs when compared to “conventional” stormwater management techniques in many cases and may also increase revenue due to innovative designs and desirable amenities such as natural drainage features, open space, trees, and landscaping.

Teams of design consultants will submit their LID design based on data from three actual properties within the North Texas area and criteria from the region’s *integrated* Stormwater Management (iSWM™) Program. Potential categories, based on availability and suitability of properties, are: Suburban Residential Development; Urban Re-Development; Commercial Development, School or Municipal Complex, and/or Green Roadway.

Developers, Independent School Districts, and Cities are encouraged to participate by providing properties for use in the LID Design Competition. Owners of properties selected for use in the design competition will benefit from submitted project designs and will be recognized as sponsors of the competition. Property owners must provide detailed site information for the property. **Please contact David Batts at (832) 456-1000 or dbatts@ecosvs.com by 5:00 p.m. on March 16, 2012 to provide information on a proposed property.** Owners of selected properties will be notified by March 23, 2012.

Additional Information on the LID Design Competition

Competition Schedule:

- Design team registration open May 10th to July 1st, 2012. Design submittals due September 30, 2012. Competition judging will occur in October and November 2012.

Competition Objectives:

- Provide a hands-on learning experience through which design, construction and development professionals in North Texas will gain meaningful experience in working with Low Impact Development and *integrated* Stormwater Management methodologies that can be applied to their everyday practices.
- Demonstrate to the local development and civic community the economic, environmental and marketing benefits that are available to those developers and local governmental entities who adopt and innovate with respect to sustainable site development.
- Recognize and award winning design teams for their creativity, innovation and application of sustainable site design.

Design Goals:

- Conserve natural resources that provide natural functions associated with controlling and filtering stormwater.
- Use LID / iSWM techniques to reduce the amount of runoff by mimicking the natural hydrologic function of the site and matching pre-development hydrology.
- Use small-scale landscape features and LID-based iSWM Stormwater Controls to work as a system to filter, slow, evaporate and infiltrate surface runoff at the source.

Competition Jury and Awards:

- Nationally recognized or leading local experts in the fields of low impact development, engineering, architecture, and landscape architecture and prominent civic leaders.
- Awards will be provided to winning design teams, likely in the form of \$15,000 in prize money.