

4.2.5.3 Green Infrastructure/Low Impact Development (GI/LID)

The requirements of Part 4.2.5.3 of this permit only apply to those permittees with a population exceeding 10,000 at the time of this permit issuance or at the time of designation. Permittees with a population less than 10,000 are exempt from this requirement at this time (See Appendix B).

The permittee shall continue to review and revise, where necessary, building codes, ordinances, and other regulations to ensure they do not prohibit or impede the use of GI/LID practices, including infiltration, reuse, and evapotranspiration. At a minimum, the permittee shall assess those regulations governing road design and parking requirements. During the review, the permittee should consider the inclusion of incentives for use of GI/LID practices into the regulatory documents.

- For existing permittees, the evaluation must be completed during the first year of the permit cycle. If revisions to the ordinances and codes are necessary, the permittee should include a report on any proposed revisions, including a schedule for completion of the revisions. In subsequent reporting years, the permittee should provide a status report on the ordinance revisions and/or any adopted ordinances. In addition, in subsequent annual reports following the first year of the permit, the permittee should either complete a comprehensive evaluation or reference the first year evaluation and certify that additional revisions to the codes and ordinances are not necessary.
- For new permittees, the evaluation must be completed within two years of designation and a written report submitted to EPD with the subsequent annual report. Any necessary revisions must be completed, and adopted ordinances submitted to EPD within four years after designation.

Design information on GI/LID practices can be found on the Atlanta Regional Commission's website (<http://www.atlantaregional.org/>) for the GSMM and the CSS. Additional information on GI/LID and better site design can be found on numerous websites, including these suggested sites: USEPA (www.epa.gov), Center for Watershed Protection (www.cwp.org), Georgia Coastal Resource Division's "Georgia's Green Growth Guidelines" (<https://coastalgadnr.org/cm/GGG>), and Green Infrastructure Center (www.gicinc.org). In addition, you may want to consult the following webpage on EPA's website: <https://www.epa.gov/nps/urban-runoff-low-impact-development>.