



Green Infrastructure Conference

August 26, 2010 Ramada Palms, Las Cruces, New Mexico

SAVE THE DATE – August 26th!

Green Infrastructure in the Southwest: Challenges and Opportunities

When?

Thursday, August 26th, 2010, 8:00 am to 5:00pm

Lunch and refreshments will be served

Why Attend?

Green Infrastructure (GI) and Low-Impact Development (LID) techniques are gaining in popularity because of their ability to reduce runoff, improve storm water quality, preserve or create valuable habitat, contribute to more livable and walkable communities, and achieve points for LEED projects. However, the field is still emerging and there are many challenges ahead, including some unique to the desert southwest.

This workshop will explore the use of green infrastructure and

- Promote interdisciplinary professional dialogue to increase awareness about Green Infrastructure (GI) and Low Impact Development (LID).
- Identify certain GI-LID approaches proven to perform in arid environments and strategies to increase their implementation.
- Identify specific challenges to other GI-LID approaches and discuss whether and how these issues might be overcome. Some challenges include climate pattern, soil characteristics, and regulatory environment (e.g., interstate compact, design standards).

The terms Low Impact Development (LID) and Green Infrastructure (GI) are often used interchangeably. GI refers to a class of storm water control measures or practices that slow, capture, treat, infiltrate and/or store runoff at its source. GI can be applied at the site (e.g. green roofs, porous pavement and cisterns), neighborhood (e.g. green streets and green detention facilities) or regional scale (e.g. urban forestry and open space preservation). LID approaches and principles include: minimizing land disturbance during development, incorporating and preserving natural features in the development, decentralizing storm water management and treating it at the source through the use of GI and other techniques, reducing and disconnecting impervious surfaces in the development, and understanding and mimicking pre-development hydrology.

Who Should Attend?

Planners, engineers, contractors, developers, architects/landscape architects, researchers, and government officials who are involved in any aspect of GI/LID, including policy development, regulation, finance, design, construction or maintenance. Continuing education credits pending for LEED, PE, AICP and ASLA.

Where?

Ramada Palms Inn and Conference Center, 201 E University Ave, Las Cruces, New Mexico. For room reservations at the conference rate, call (575) 526-4411, and mention the *Green Infrastructure Conference*. For a map and directions, go to www.ramadalascruces.com

Stay Tuned for More Information

Registration details for *Green Infrastructure in the Southwest* will be available soon. If you would like to be placed on the mailing list for conference updates, please contact:

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