



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY | 5000 OVERLOOK AVENUE, SW | WASHINGTON, DC 20032

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Dear Stakeholder,

Thank you for participating in the DC Water Low Impact Development (LID) Summit on March 14, 2011. Attached you will find a proceedings package including the agenda, presentation, breakout session notes, and attendance list. The Summit, particularly the breakout sessions, gave us the opportunity to engage our stakeholders and start a dialogue to help determine a path forward. Some of the key messages we heard were:

- The current plan gives us a high level of CSO control with a high degree of certainty for success over the long term. These are attractive features of a grey infrastructure approach.
- LID is appealing since it provides multiple environmental benefits in addition to CSO control, it's highly visible, and could potentially create jobs and other economic benefits in the community.
- There is some uncertainty regarding the effectiveness of LID and its performance over the long term. Additional testing or demonstration of LID in the District would be beneficial, and may be necessary to demonstrate the effectiveness and performance of the technology.
- Interagency coordination is essential to overcome institutional impediments to application of LID on public property (District and Federal Government).
- Outreach, education, code changes and incentives are essential to implementing LID on private property. Expanding current LID programs will help with partnerships with agencies and private property owners.
- A balance needs to be achieved between the degree of CSO control, cost, practicality and reliability; but there are different views on the mix of technologies and on the degree of CSO control that is appropriate. A combination of green and grey technologies may be necessary to achieve the desired balance.

DC Water has taken the feedback and comments obtained at the Summit into consideration as we chart our path forward. Our next step is to discuss amending the Long-Term Control Plan Consent Decree to incorporate LID approaches with our regulatory agencies (USEPA, DOJ, and DDOE) as a pilot while still requiring the same high level of performance. We plan to have annual follow-up meetings to the Summit, to keep all stakeholders informed of our progress. Once we have determined that the DOJ will permit us to include adaptive management strategies into our Consent Decree, we anticipate forming a stakeholder group to advise us as we move forward. Look for updates on our efforts at our website: www.dewater.com/lid

Again, thank you for participating and we look forward to working with you as we move forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George S. Hawkins".

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