Joint Statement of Support

For the

Voluntary Use of Low Impact Development

Since 2007, the Business Alliance for a Sound Economy, Wilmington-Cape Fear Homebuilders Association, N.C. Coastal Federation, development professionals, academia and local and state government agencies have collaborated to promote the voluntary use of Low Impact Development (LID). This successful collaboration and resulting design and permitting tools have generated widespread interest in advancing the use of LID.

LID yields positive economic and environmental benefits. LID strives to mimic a site’s natural hydrology by disconnecting impervious surface areas, and incorporating design techniques that infiltrate, filter, store, evaporate and detain runoff close to its source. By incorporating LID stormwater management techniques early into the design and construction phase of projects, LID can make efficient use of the surrounding landscape. When designed appropriately and maintained it has been shown that LID can reduce “hard” infrastructure costs, increase lot yields and enhance water quality protection.

The undersigned join in this statement of support for the voluntary use of LID as a proactive development technique and support the state’s facilitation of it use.

Statement Endorsed By:

* Business Alliance for A Sound Economy
* N.C. Coastal Federation
* Wilmington-Cape Fear Homebuilders Association
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* New Hanover County Cooperative Extension Service
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* Tetra Tech
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Additions at or following the March 26-27, 2014 NC LID Summit

* Stantec
* Equinox Environmental Consultation & Design, Inc.
* HydroCycle Engineering
* Mary Weber Landscape Architecture