

A yellow excavator is shown from a high angle, positioned in a deep, muddy excavation. The machine's arm and bucket are visible, and it appears to be working on a surface composed of loose soil and large, irregular rocks. The surrounding area is filled with mud and debris, suggesting a recent or ongoing construction or mining activity.

● LID Starts with Preserving Natural Resources

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- A yellow truck is shown from the side, spraying a large amount of water from a hose onto a dirt road. The water is creating a large mist and splashing. The truck has a large black tire and a yellow body. In the background, there are some pink flowers and a fence.

A yellow duck logo with a red beak, set against a dark blue circular background.

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BMPs for Low Impact Development Practices

Most of the Best Management Practices (BMPs) identified below are non-structural and cost little or nothing to implement. This listing is not all-inclusive and other non-structural and structural BMPs can be implemented to further reduce the potential of contributing to stormwater pollution.

DO'S

- Design your site with natural drainage in mind.
- Incorporate green infrastructure early in project planning.
- Use native plants in LID features for easy maintenance.
- Inspect and maintain LID systems like rain gardens and tree trenches.
- Educate contractors and landscapers on LID function and care.
- Look for opportunities to retrofit existing spaces with LID features.

DON'TS

- Overlook LID options during site layout and grading.
- Replace green space with unnecessary pavement.
- Use high-maintenance or non-native vegetation in LID areas.
- Let sediment clog infiltration systems.
- Treat LID practices as “install and forget” solutions.
- Ignore drainage paths and stormwater flow patterns.

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