



Legislation Text

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A MOTION accepting a report on incentivizing use of low impact development techniques prepared in accordance with Ordinance 18257, Section 25.

WHEREAS, low impact development is a stormwater management strategy that emphasizes conservation and use of existing natural site features integrated with distributed, small-scale stormwater controls to more closely mimic natural hydrologic patterns in residential, commercial and industrial settings, and

WHEREAS, low impact development techniques result in less stormwater runoff, which helps reduce stream flow flashiness, which is a stream flow response to storms, and velocities harmful to fish and helps reduce the transport of pollutants into streams and other surface waters, and

WHEREAS, low impact development techniques help minimize the loss of groundwater recharge that occurs when land is converted from forest to a developed condition and is thereby important to keeping streams flowing and cool during the summer and replenishing drinking water supplies, and

WHEREAS, in Ordinance 18257, Section 25, the council requested that the executive transmit by August 31, 2016, a report that identifies and evaluates potential pilot projects to implement incentivizing use of low impact development techniques, including the following elements:

1. Identification of a minimum of six pilot projects that further the goals of incentivizing the use of low impact development techniques; and
2. Evaluation of the pilot projects against the following criteria:
 - a. the policy goal the pilot project would achieve;

- b. the anticipated costs of the pilot project and the expected impact on the surface water management fee rates;
- c. the anticipated benefits of the pilot project, including benefits to water quality and to potential customers taking advantage of the pilot project;
- d. identification and evaluation of measures to evaluate the effectiveness of the project, if implemented; and
- e. the length of time to implement the pilot project, and

WHEREAS, the executive has transmitted a report that addresses each of these elements and satisfies the requirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

The report from the department of natural resources and parks on incentivizing the use of low impact development techniques submitted as Attachment A to this motion, in accordance with Ordinance 18257, Section 25, is accepted.