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The VLCT model LID stormwater bylaw is one tool local officials have to help reduce the impacts of conventional development practices on water quality. It is important that prior to adopting any part of the VLCT model LID stormwater management bylaw, municipalities make sure that the LID standards are consistent with their general regulations and standards already in place. Many of the requirements in the model bylaw may already be covered elsewhere in a town's zoning and subdivision regulations, and related road, public works and stormwater management ordinances.

For example, standards for natural area preservation, river corridor and vegetated buffer protection and limited development on steep slopes are all low impact development objectives that minimize land disturbance and limit stormwater runoff and erosion. The VLCT model bylaw offers municipalities a framework from which to extract and integrate the LID standards that best fit specific town needs into existing zoning and subdivision regulation.

These model policy and guidance documents should be used together. Please review the guidance document and contact the Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) with any questions. The policy document is intended to be customized as needed to meet the needs of your municipality.

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Contact the VLCT Municipal Assistance Center at marcher@vlct.org [2] or 1-800-649-7915 for individual assistance.

Documents:

 [LID GSI Bylaw Template.pdf](#) [3]

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[1] <http://www.vlct.org/municipal-assistance/professional-services>

[2] <mailto:marcher@vlct.org?subject=MAC%20Water%20Resources%20Inquiry>

[3] https://www.vlct.org/sites/default/files/documents/Resource/LID%20GSI%20Bylaw%20Template_0.pdf

[4] <https://www.vlct.org/municipal-assistance/water-resources-assistance-program>

[5] <https://www.vlct.org/resource/green-stormwater-infrastructure-toolkit>