

Low Impact Development/Green Infrastructure Excellence Awards Program - Application Form

IMPORTANT DATES FOR COMPETITION

March 13, 2014	Open applications begins
May 30, 2014	Completed entry submittals received by 4PM EST.
June 27, 2014	Awards selected and winners notified
July 10, 2014	Awards Banquet

All appropriate fields on the application must be completed and returned no later than the date indicated above. The forms may be submitted by either scanned/emailed or faxed to the address information noted in the section below.

AWARDS

FIRST PLACE: \$10,000 & SIGNAGE AT SITE

SECOND PLACE: \$2,000 & SIGNAGE AT SITE

THIRD PLACE: \$1,000 & SIGNAGE AT SITE

COMPETITION SPECIFICS

The City of Chattanooga Low Impact Design (LID)/ Green Infrastructure (GI) excellence awards program will recognize outstanding achievements of locals exceeding regulatory GI requirements. Green Infrastructure is a strategically planned and managed network of natural lands, working landscapes, and other open spaces that conserves ecosystem values and functions and provides associated benefits to human populations. This can include bioswales, rain gardens, permeable/pervious pavement, ect. This collaborative effort includes participation and input from Chattanooga's Water Quality Program and green|spaces, and is funded under an agreement with Tennessee Stormwater Association (TNSA) through a contract with green|spaces.

The awards will recognize the use of green infrastructure techniques and the individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to sustainable development within the City of Chattanooga.

The Awards Review Committee will present 3 awards for excelling in the implementation of a combination of “out-of-the box” LID/GI approaches and solutions challenging new site development, redevelopment and retrofit projects. The committee will present permanent signage to be placed onsite with the consent of the winning teams.

ELIGIBILITY

- Site must be located within City of Chattanooga limits
- Competition is open to property owners or approved representatives
- There is no application fee.
- By submitting an application, the applicant acknowledges and accepts that all aspects of any submission may be used for publicity purposes.

PROJECT/ DESCRIPTION & SUMMARY

Technical Information:

- Maximum seven (7) pages of text (font size 12, Times New Roman) This does not include the pages from the application form.
- File type: PDF
- Imbedded graphics and photographs should be compressed.

Summary document should include the following:

- I. Brief Description of Your Organization, Company, Self
 - A. Include Contact information, website, project partners
- II. Project Goals & Objectives
 - A. Include start and completion dates
 - B. Optional to include funding types and sources
 - C. Identify if it is a new development, redevelopment or retrofit
 - D. Explain how the project completed or did not complete them?
- III. Evaluation Criteria - Describe how your project includes applicable aspects of each. Not all projects will address all aspects of the criteria as it is general guidance used in evaluating each submission. Given the broad array of submissions we expect to receive the information below is not meant to be all inclusive. The panel will be looking for your thoughtful

submission and understanding of how your project promotes public awareness, education and participation in environmental protection.

A. Environmental

1. Provide a description of the environmental benefits including
 - a) Water Quality
 - b) Habitat
 - c) Aesthetics
 - d) Stewardship
2. If your project involved variance changes, please describe the process and lessons learned.
3. If your project involved implementing an LID practice, describe the steps (planning, design, construction, ect.)

B. Economic

1. If you can, provide a description of how your project cost of implementing LID may decrease as experience increases and the benefits of using LID are realized in practice.
 - a) If you can not provide such a description, please provide details as to what the impediments are to decreasing long-term cost benefits of LID implementation.
2. Describe how your project included economic incentives, if applicable.

C. Outreach

1. Provide a description of how your project promotes LID and communicates that these practices are safe, effective and easy to implement.
 - a) Describe how your project facilitates awareness of the environment and encourages stewardship.

D. Project Description

1. Please include a site plan and diagram if applicable.

E. Results

1. Describe trends and outcomes. This can be quantitative or qualitative.
2. Provide good and bad results and trends.
 - a) If the results or trends were negative, please provide an explanation as to why you think this happened.
 - b) Show how you are studying the results and using them to improve your project.

F. Conclusion

1. What did you learn?
2. What would you do differently?
3. If awarded the prizes, how would you use the money?

SUBMISSION

Entries can be turned in between 8:00 am and 4:00pm, Monday - Friday. All entries must be received no later than May 30, 2014 at 4:00PM, at the following address or you will be disqualified:

City of Chattanooga
Development Resource Center
Attn: Don Green
1250 Market Street, Suite 2100
Chattanooga, TN 37402

- The electronically submitted registration package may be emailed to green_d@chattanooga.gov.