



RESOURCES

RHODE ISLAND STORMWATER PROGRAM

[RI Stormwater Design and Installation Standards Manual](#). This manual provides guidance in planning, designing, and implementing stormwater best management practices (BMPs) for the development and redevelopment of properties in the state (Amended March 2015).

[RI Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook](#). This handbook provides guidance on the appropriate soil erosion and sediment control measures in Rhode Island. (Updated 2016).

[RI Low Impact Development Site Planning and Design Guidance Manual](#). This manual provides guidance in the planning and designing of developments using low impact development approaches to reduce the impacts of stormwater runoff (March 2011).

[RI DEM Survey of Municipal Low Impact Development Ordinances](#). This document outlines the goals and objectives of low impact development ordinances within Rhode Island municipalities (December 2013).

REDUCING IMPERVIOUS COVER

[The Need to Reduce Impervious Cover to Prevent Flooding and Protect Water Quality](#). This report describes the connections between impervious cover, water quality and flooding and suggests ways to reduce impervious cover through land use planning, water quality regulations, and zoning ordinances (May 2010).

DEVELOPMENT GUIDANCE AND MANUALS

[RI Conservation Development Manual](#). This manual describes the steps within a development approach that reduces impacts to the land by preserving open space, protecting the character-defining features of the property, and siting development with consideration of the unique landscape of the parcel (June 2003).

[Village Guidance: Tools and Techniques for Rhode Island Communities](#). This report describes how villages—compact walkable centers with a mix of residential, commercial and community uses—can have economic, social, and environmental benefits (February 2015).

[RI Transfer of Development Rights Manual](#). This manual examines the factors that need to be in place to have an effective Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program in Rhode Island. The report also provides regulatory guidance for communities looking to adopt a TDR ordinance (February 2015).



[RI Rural Design Manual](#)

[RI Urban Design Manual](#)

HELPFUL WEBSITES

[RI Stormwater Solutions](#). This statewide public education and outreach project was developed to get Rhode Islanders thinking about stormwater and what they can do to protect our water resources.

[RI Green Infrastructure Coalition](#). This coalition encourages and acknowledges green infrastructure projects throughout Rhode Island.

[A Tour of Coastal Green Infrastructure in Rhode Island](#). This ArcGIS story map illustrates examples of green infrastructure throughout the state and provides interactive maps.

[RI Infrastructure Bank](#). The Infrastructure Bank administers federal and state programs relating to municipal or community wastewater and drinking water financial assistance and is funded from loan service fees generated from managing its programs.