

Facilitation Guide

Forging the Link:

Linking the Economic Incentives of Low Impact Development with Community Decisions



Experiential aim:

Allow the group to move from initial questions of clarification for the speaker to dialogue on the implications of the presentation's focus on LID, econ and CC for their community.

Opening:

First, we'd like to take a bit of time for you to ask our speakers any questions to clarify the information presented. Then, we'd like to turn the conversation towards more of a dialogue among you about your community and the information you just heard.

Q/A:

What questions of clarification of you have for the speakers?

Dialogue opening:

Because the size of our group (based upon actual participation, this could vary), I'm going to pose a series of questions intended to simply stimulate our discussion and move us along.

Tonight, we are focusing on the benefits of innovative stormwater management or Low Impact Development for our communities. You have heard just a bit of information describing some of the economic incentives as well as how LID plays a role in helping communities adapt to changes in climate. Now, we would like to hone in on what is important to you and how the presentation may be relevant to your community issues.

Objective Questions:

What specific pieces of information that was shared stood out to you?

What particular images that you saw really caught your attention?

Reflective Questions:

Where did the information presented surprise you?

Where did the information presented cause you to feel concerned?

What did you not like hearing?

What experiences or observations of your own seemed consistent with what you heard?

What about inconsistent?

Interpretive Questions:

What ideas did the presentations change for you?

What did you learn that you didn't know before?

What key points or messages stand out for you based on what you heard? What's the take-home message?

You heard about a number of elements that are economic drivers for making local decisions. What elements are most important to you personally?

Decisional Questions:

As your community plans for the future, what does this suggest we need to consider?

How do you feel your community should approach making changes to facilitate integrating these practices?

What would you like to know more about?

What do you feel are the next steps?

Closing:

It is very helpful for to share impressions and ideas as part of these presentations about the future. Thank you very much for coming tonight and we hope to see you again.

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