BUILDING GREEN CITIES
The Washington State Department of Commerce has designed a Low Impact Development Guidebook that provides tools and resources for local jurisdictions to work with developers, engineers, and property owners to go “above and beyond” stormwater permit requirements for LID in urban centers and promote LID Best Management Practices (BMPs) in their area.

Project outcomes
The Guidebook contains a series of tools and resources for jurisdictions and developers to use to incentivize LID, including:

- Best Management practice (BMP) Factsheets
- Western Washington Stormwater Code Requirements Matrix
- Directory of Resources on LID Vendors, Costs and Financing, Trainings, Certifications, and Technical Assistance
- A decision-tool for evaluating and developing an incentive program
- Incentive Type Factsheets

Success stories
This project relied on the expertise and partnership of many individuals and organizations. We worked closely with the Puget Sound Regional Council as a key collaborator, and benefited from the input of a large advisory committee representing membership from Universities, environmental organizations and local, state, and federal agencies.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES
This project marked the first phase of the Building Green Cities Project, resulting in guidance to jurisdictions and developers to promote further use of low impact development in stormwater projects.

Implementation of a second phase would provide the opportunity to work directly with a few jurisdictions on the application of the guidance and development of an incentive programs.

For more information on the project, please visit: https://www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias__1965/37121/overview.aspx