LIGHT IMPRINT

HANDBOOK

Integrating sustainability and community design

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Suburban retail with Low Impact (LID) standards has green space, but compromises walkability and connectivity between businesses.

A Light Imprint urban design, along with being green, readily conforms to community walkability and connectivity between businesses.
**Greening Sprawl vs. Urban Green**

**Greening Sprawl**

Inserting Standard Low Impact Rain Gardens in front suburban setback on a lot by lot basis to manage stormwater runoff is not a good fit for walkable urbanism.

**Urban Green**

Walkable urbanism has shallow setbacks and does not work with a setback reserved for a rain garden.
T3 - Cast/Pressed Concrete Paver Block - Seaside, FL

T4 - Cast/Pressed Concrete Paver Block - Tannin, FL

T1 - Compacted Earth - Beaufort, SC

T2 - Compacted Earth - Blowing Rock, NC
Nature is integrated into the community from rural to urban T-Zones
How to Use Light Imprint

You can use Light Imprint....

» To develop a strategy for sustainability and pedestrian-oriented design in an economical way

» To change the mindset of your community from an auto-centric suburban model towards a walkable, compact, connected, diverse, and sustainable community model

» To reduce costs associated with other planning and engineering practices

» To provide an organizational framework to complement and expand the effectiveness of land use policy and zoning codes including form-based codes and Leadership in Energy Efficient Design for Neighborhood Development (LEED-ND)

» To complement other land planning approaches and expand choices, including conventional suburban development, Low Impact Development, and Best Management Practices