



MEMPHIS-SHELBY COUNTY Low Impact Development Design Competition

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Three Teams Move to Final Round of Memphis-Shelby County Low Impact Development Design Competition www.sustainableshelby.com/LID

Memphis-Shelby County Office of Sustainability announced today the names of the top three teams of the Low Impact Development Design Competition that will proceed to the final round of competition September 4, 2014. The first place team will receive \$15,000, second place \$5,000, and third place \$1,000.

- **Blair Parker Design & Civil Engineering Solutions, LLC**
- **Malasri-Gallo-Lawrence (JT Malasri, PE / Cory Gallo, ASLA / Thomas B. Lawrence, PE)**
- **Dalhoff Thomas design | studio & The Corradino Group**

Last fall, Memphis-Shelby County Office of Sustainability received a \$21,900 Green Development Grant from Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to host a conference and design competition. A competition is an innovative way to encourage professionals to use Low Impact Development (LID) as a way to treat stormwater on site through natural infiltration. The impetus for this competition is the updated regulations that will affect all municipalities as their stormwater permit gets renewed over the next few years.

Teams had three months to work on their Low Impact Development design of a 12.5 acre senior living community in United Housing Inc.'s Wolf River Bluffs Planned Development in Frayser. It was a great opportunity for design firms to showcase their skills with Low Impact Development. The site was extremely challenging as the topography is a large depression and would not normally be viable for development.

“United Housing is really excited to be a part of the LID Design Competition,” said Tim Bolding, Executive Director of United Housing. “Green, sustainable development is the goal for Wolf River Bluffs and this project fits in perfectly by creating quality living spaces, managing stormwater in an environmentally sensitive manner, and meeting a real need for older adults in Shelby County.”

Round one judging was conducted by expert professionals in Low Impact Development that are members of the Houston Land/Water Sustainability Forum. The top teams received 80% of their score by these judges and now will move on to the final round of judging for their remaining 20%. In the final round, a local jury of 20 civic leaders, design professionals, developers, and other decision makers will judge the teams on their project and overall presentation.

The Memphis-Shelby County Office of Sustainability is grateful to all teams for participating in this competition.

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All project designs will be highlighted at the final awards event on September 4th at the Dixon Gallery & Gardens. By participating, the teams are all helping to advance the practice of Low Impact Development in the region. Participating teams include:

- **A2H, Inc.**
- **Allen & Hoshall, Inc. / Site Solutions, Inc.**
- **Blair Parker Design / Civil Engineering Solutions, LLC**
- **Dalhoff Thomas design | studio / The Corradino Group**
- **Fisher & Arnold, Inc.**
- **Gresham Smith and Partners / Black & Veatch / Allworld Project Management, LLC / Ritchie Smith Associates / University of Memphis students**
- **Barbara Keathley Associates, Inc. / Roger Dale Skaggs, ASLA / Pickering Firm, Inc. / archimania**
- **Looney Ricks Kiss / ARUP**
- **Malasri-Gallo-Lawrence (JT Malasri, PE / Cory Gallo, ASLA / Thomas B. Lawrence, PE)**
- **Schnadelbach and Associates / The Ibert Group, Limited**
- **SSR Inc. / Self+Tucker Architects / JPA, Inc**

More information: To learn more about the project please visit: www.sustainableselby.com/LID

Partners:

Partners are: Memphis-Shelby County Office of Sustainability, United Housing Inc., City of Memphis Stormwater Program, Shelby County Engineering, ULI Memphis, Tennessee Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (TNASLA), Tennessee American Planning Association (TAPA), West Tennessee Branch-American Society of Civil Engineers (West TN ASCE), and Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. Competition funds are provided by a grant from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), Tennessee Stormwater Association (TNSA), Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), and Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT).



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