



MEMPHIS-SHELBY COUNTY
Low Impact Development
Design Competition

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Dalhoff Thomas design | studio Wins the
Memphis-Shelby County Low Impact Development Design Competition
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Last Thursday night at the Dixon Gallery and Gardens, Memphis-Shelby County Office of Sustainability hosted the final round of competition for the Memphis-Shelby County Low Impact Development (LID) Design Competition. The team who took home the trophy and \$15,000 was Dalhoff Thomas design | studio and The Corradino Group. Second place and \$5,000 was awarded to Blair Parker Design and Civil Engineering Solutions, LLC and third place with \$1,000 went to Malasri-Gallo-Lawrence. The competition was tough and all teams involved put in countless hours. This competition has the potential to change the way developments are designed in Memphis-Shelby County.

Dean Thomas, principal, said "Dalhoff Thomas Design team is incredibly honored to win the Low Impact Design competition. We want to commend all the amazing entries. This design challenge was a great way to showcase the effectiveness of green infrastructure and we look forward to the impact these methods will have on planning and stormwater management in Memphis and the Mid-South."

This competition, with a requirement to feature LID as a way to treat stormwater on site through natural infiltration, drew entries from 28 firms on eleven teams. The project design site was a 12.5 acre senior living community in United Housing Inc.'s Wolf River Bluffs Planned Development in Frayser. With UHI's previous green development utilizing EcoBUILD energy efficiency technologies in their housing stock and solar panels on their roofs, it was natural for them to want to utilize LID for Phase 2 of their development.

Tim Bolding, Executive Director of United Housing said, "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."

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 two-day conference and a design competition. Through partnerships, the grant received a 144% match. 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 received 20% of their score Thursday night during the final round of judging. In the final round, a local jury of 17 civic leaders, design professionals,

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developers, and other decision makers judged the teams on their project and overall presentation. State of TN TDEC Commissioner Bob Martineau, Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr., City Council Chairman Jim Strickland, County Commissioner Mark Billingsley as well as developers Ron Belz and Gary Thompson, and a vast array of civil engineers and landscape architects participated on the “celebrity jury”.

The Memphis-Shelby County Office of Sustainability is grateful to all eleven teams for participating in this competition. All project designs were highlighted at the final awards event. By participating, the teams are all helping to advance the practice of Low Impact Development in the region.

Blair Parker, principal, said “We are honored to have been selected as a finalist for the Low Impact Development (LID) Design Competition. LID practices will prove to be beneficial to us all in the future and we are proud to be on the leading edge of this movement.”

JT Malasri added, “We are honored and fortunate to be a finalist among so many great teams and are grateful for the opportunity to help advance the practice of low impact development in Memphis and Shelby County.”

Participating teams include:

- A2H, Inc. / Precision Forestry
- 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

Celebrity Jury Panel:

- Mark H. Luttrell, Jr., Shelby County Mayor (ceremonial vote)
- Bob Martineau, TDEC Commissioner
- Jim Strickland, City Council Chair (ceremonial vote)
- Mark Billingsley, County Commissioner (ceremonial vote)
- Don Green, LEED AP, President Elect TNSA & Water Quality Supervisor, City of Chattanooga
- Tom Needham, PE, Director of Public Works, Shelby County
- Manny Belen, PE, Deputy Director of City Engineering, City of Memphis
- Chip Saliba, Land Use Controls Manager, OPD
- Mike Flowers, PLA, Administrator of Parks, City of Memphis
- Rick McClanahan, PE, Director of City Engineering, Bartlett
- Tim Bolding, Executive Director United Housing Inc.
- Ron Belz, President Belz Enterprises
- James Raspberry, President Raspberry CRE
- Gary Thompson, ASLA, Vice President Boyle Investment
- Steve Hodgkins, Past-Pres Memphis Area Home Builders Assoc.
- Kim Elorriaga, ASLA, Project Director Shelby Farms Park Conservancy
- Brian Waldron, PE, Groundwater Institute University of Memphis

More information and copies of team submissions can be viewed here: www.sustainablesbelby.com/LID

Partners:

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