The Go-to Place to Find Out More: The Department of Community Development now offers a Watershed Stewardship Resource Center to help property owners, development professionals and interested citizens learn more about zoning, regulations, permit requirements and alternative options for land use and building activities in Jefferson County. Many customers come looking to better understand what critical area, shoreline and stormwater issues they’ll need to address as they begin planning their project. The Resource Center is open during department business hours for self-guided browsing and research and provides a scheduled Coaching Service when staff is available to help answer questions.

The Resource Center also promotes low impact development (LID) strategies for managing stormwater run-off to eliminate pollution entering our local waters. Whether used to satisfy the prescriptive standards for a new build or remodel, as a voluntary retrofit for an existing stormwater system, or simply to beautify the landscape, customers can explore LID options such as:

- Rain Gardens & Bioretention
- Rainwater Catchment
- Permeable Pavement
- Green Roofs
- Minimal Excavation Foundations
- Site Planning & Design

At the Resource Center customers will find a growing collection of informational hand-outs and reference materials, a collection of educational art posters, and computer research stations for GIS mapping and links to hundreds of other web resources. As a work in progress, the Center will see more improvements the coming months including cross-section models to show how LID techniques work and an LID demonstration garden to showcase alternative building materials and installations. Customers can also get connected with experts and related programs from partner organizations about tax incentive options, long-term land management planning, and local opportunities for more in-depth training.

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