

Stormwater Vocabulary

Infill Development – When builders put new houses or other buildings in between other buildings they are doing infill development. This is a way to increase the amount of buildings you have in one area. In Nashville, Germantown is a good example of infill development.

Low Impact Development (LID) – LID is a way to reduce the amount of flooding that might occur in an area by developing an area in a way that absorbs rain instead of letting the water runoff into the street. Metro Water Services has [LID manual](#).

Rain garden –Gardens can be designed to hold rain water for a short period of time and let it absorb into the ground. [Find out how you can make your own rain garden](#).

Stormwater – Stormwater is rain water. Stormwater runoff from roads can cause flooding if the water is not diverted off the road through a pipe or a ditch.

Stormwater Control Measure (SCM) – There are [approved ways to control stormwater](#) to prevent erosion and to keep polluted water from construction sites out of waterways.

Watershed – A watershed is an area of land that drains to the same body of water. For example, most of Nashville is in the Cumberland River Watershed. Some neighborhoods are in the Mill Creek Watershed, a smaller creek, and also in the Cumberland River Watershed. [Here are Nashville's watersheds](#).