



**Santa Clara Valley  
Urban Runoff  
Pollution Prevention Program**

***2017 Site Design and Low Impact Development  
for Storm Water Pollution Prevention  
Awards Program***

***General Application Information***

The Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program (Program) is a consortium of 13 cities in Santa Clara Valley, Santa Clara County and the Santa Clara Valley Water District that share a joint permit to discharge stormwater to South San Francisco Bay. The Program's stormwater permit contains requirements for stormwater control measures to remove pollutants and limit runoff from development and redevelopment projects above a certain size. These measures include use of site design and low impact development (LID) techniques to mitigate stormwater impacts, i.e., reduce runoff, achieve stormwater treatment, and control sources of pollutants. Typical site design/LID measures include reduction of impervious surfaces, detention areas in landscaping, pervious paving, green roofs, rain gardens, and systems for rainwater harvesting and use. These measures help to protect water quality by filtering stormwater through plants and soil and allowing stormwater to infiltrate into the ground, thus mimicking the natural hydrology of the undeveloped site, and using rain as a resource onsite.

This awards program recognizes Santa Clara Valley's public agency and private development community leaders who are solving site design challenges, reducing storm water pollution and runoff quantity and meeting or exceeding the requirements of the municipal NPDES permit.

***Award Categories:***

- Private Project – Residential
- Private Project – Commercial/Industrial
- Private Project -- Institutional
- Public Project

***Eligible Applicants:***

- Private sector Architects/Designers, Landscape Architects/Designers, Engineers, and Developers
- Municipalities

***Eligible Projects:***

Awards will be given to development projects with site design measures that:

- Reduce the volume and velocity of storm water runoff
- Meet and exceed stormwater permit requirements for LID treatment
- Serve as a visual amenity and example of sustainable practices
- Can be easily maintained

### ***Eligibility Criteria:***

- A project submitted for consideration must have been initiated within the past five years and must have been completed by April 3, 2017.
- The project must meet regulatory requirements in place when the project was approved. Projects that include features that go beyond these requirements will receive extra consideration for an award.
- The applicant must be willing to have the project included in the Program's Site Design Guidebook and serve as a model for other site design projects in the area.

### ***Award Process***

Applications will be evaluated by a panel comprising members from municipal government, environmental groups and state agencies if possible. The process will be conducted as follows:

- Award applications must be received by **April 3, 2017**.
- Program staff will screen all applications for eligibility.
- The Awards Panel will review and rank all eligible applications.
- Winners will be notified by **May 8, 2017**.
- Winners may be invited to make a brief presentation on their project at the SCVURPPP Annual C.3. Workshop (*date TBD*).
- Awards will be presented at an awards ceremony and the winners will be publicized by the Program.

### ***Application Submittal***

Applicants must submit one (1) **electronic** copy of the application to Vishakha Atre, Program staff, at [vatre@eoainc.com](mailto:vatre@eoainc.com). Each application must:

- Provide a comprehensive description of the project, including location (street, city, county).
- Describe the innovations in the project.
- Describe the tangible benefits of the project to the site and the environment.
- Describe how the project improves water quality and reduces site runoff.
- Demonstrate how the project exceeds regulatory requirements.
- Describe how the project could be replicated on similar developments.
- Indicate if the project design is currently being shared with others.
- Discuss the cost and economic benefits of the project, in dollar amounts if possible.
- Provide details of the project's operation and maintenance, including schedule and cost if possible.
- Include photographs and site plans of the project.

### ***Additional Information***

For more information, please visit [www.scvurppp.org](http://www.scvurppp.org) or contact Vishakha Atre at 408-720-8811 X3.