

Coventry Inland Wetland Agency (IWA) Low Impact Development (LID) Work Group (WG)

Meeting Notes

August 12, 2025, 10 am to Noon
Coventry Town Hall, Conference Room B

1. Call to Order/Roll Call - 10 a.m.
 - a. Participants: A. Barroso, R. Kortmann, D. Pollansky, T. Penney, L. Beutler, L. Mathieu
 - b. voted to approve draft Meeting Notes from June 18, 2025, IWA LID meeting, and UConn June 24, 2025, site visit meeting.
2. Old Business –
 - a. Discussed June 30, 2025, Land Use Forum, positive comments noted, support for continuing this type of Forum to frequently communicate and share information on important Town land use topics between town Agencies, Commissions, Town staff, and the public. Highlighted importance of public outreach and education concerning LID, and emphasis on protecting Lake water quality.
 - b. Reviewed LID site visits & other Town LID/watershed protection efforts. Noted Rich's meeting with Columbia Town official on 8/6/25, discussed development of a tracking spreadsheet that compares gathered information, discussed the importance of Coventry Lake and its water quality to the economy and vitality of the Town, discussed need for input from social scientists. Noted that LM would reach out to UConn's Mike Dietz and Dave Dickson concerning other towns to review/visit, assistance from a social scientist, and gathering documentation and/or research into Lake water quality and economic impact.
 - c. Discussed UConn site visit and internship concepts, developed additional concepts for LID lakefront demonstration projects at Patriots Park and/or UConn Rowing facility. Discussed ideas for LID tracking and recognition program (TARP) and possible economic incentives for LID maintenance. Reviewed LID design tool concept and noted complexity with follow-up to Longmeadow MA who has developed a design tool. LM agreed to reach out to Lisa Thomas and James Drumm, as well as Mike Dietz and Dave Dickson to share and pursue Patriots Park and UConn Row facility concepts. LM to update draft internship concepts, share with WG for review, and then share with UConn.
 - d. Discussed IWA LID webpages and resources added including UConn LID Storrs Campus Story Map
 - i. <https://www.coventry-ct.gov/179/Inland-Wetlands-Agency>
 - ii. <https://www.coventry-ct.gov/535/Low-Impact-Design-Resources>
 - e. Discussed LID WG membership and voted to approve the addition of Darby Pollansky to represent Coventry Planning & Zoning Commission as well as Economic & Community Development Commission. Discussed adding social scientist to the WG, LM to reach out to UConn.
3. New Business -
 - a. Discussed the development of an LID Work Plan Matrix to track Work Plan action items and assist to track assignments. LM to develop and share by next week with WG for input.
 - b. Reviewed the LID WG progress update email as sent on 7/30/25 to LID email list serv. WG agreed to review and suggest additions to email list, DP to assist with Lake Association's point of contact. WG agreed that frequent updates should be sent with the list kept up to date.
 - c. Discussed State of the Lake Forum, 9/16/25, 7 pm, LID planned to be on the agenda, panel discussion format, 3 speakers with a moderator, RP coordinating.
4. Future Meetings – none set, LM to reach out with dates for monthly meeting for Fall '25.
5. Adjourned 12:15 pm