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06/26/13

Roberta Arena Swann, Director
Mobile Bay National Estuary Program
4172 Commanders Drive
Mobile, AL 36615

Subject: LID/GI Grant to the City of Daphne

Dear Ms. Swann,

Thank you so much for all of your assistance during the grant period, particularly attending the council work session in March. Your presence gave them the assurance needed to pass the ordinance.

This letter is submitted to close out the grant and to request reimbursement for the LID/GI Grant to the City of Daphne. I hope that the attachments properly substantiate the in-kind match in services and equipment provided by the city.

Sincerely,

Adrienne D. Jones
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Community Development Director & Zoning Administrator

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Reports

Final Report on Low Impact Development and Green Infrastructure Grant

On November 11, 2011, the City of Daphne entered into an agreement with the Mobile Bay Natural Estuary Program which awarded to the city a 50/50 grant for the purpose of developing a low impact development practices and green infrastructure regulations and incentives program. The practices would supplement the Subdivision regulations and provide alternatives to traditional stormwater management practices. The city has long been concerned about stormwater management, especially in regards to the impaired drainage basins of D'Olive Creek, the Unnamed Tributary of D'Olive Creek, Tiawasee Creek, Yancey Branch and Joe's Branch. Several critical coastal issues were identified: one was the need to 'reduce outgoing sediment loads into D'Olive Bay and Mobile Bay estuary,' and also a need to 'develop smart growth concepts for new development and re-developments using LID/GI techniques.' The project sought to address these two issues.

The project was spearheaded by the Department of Community Development. JADE consulting was selected as the consultant for the project due to their expertise in site design, stormwater management, low impact development and green infrastructure design/practices. Through the process, the consultant provided education to staff, the planning commission and the city council. The consultant and staff collaborated to evaluate the existing stormwater management regulations and existing plans for stormwater management and devised an appendix to the Land Use & Development Ordinance which provides optional LID/GI techniques and tools that can be used in lieu of or in conjunction with traditional stormwater management devices. On March 13, 2013, the Daphne City Council adopted an ordinance to approve modifications to the Land Use & Development Ordinance (see attached). We anticipate that engineers, landscape architects and developers will incorporate these LID/GI techniques and tools into their civil design as well as landscape design.

Although, the council that approved the pursuit of this grant has different members, goals and objectives than the sitting council, the city council anticipates revisiting the topic of adding incentives in the future.