

# PRESS RELEASE



## ‘HOUSTON, WE HAVE WINNERS...’

LOCAL COMMUNITY LIKELY BIGGEST WINNER AS COMPETITION PROVES BENEFITS OF LID

**HOUSTON – January 28, 2010** Finals presentations, conducted in rapid-fire ‘lightning’ format were judged last night by a Jury made up of some of the area’s top developers, along with civic and governmental leaders interested in the direction of Houston area development. The competition was designed to explore the economic, environmental and quality of life gains to be had by adapting Low Impact Development (LID) and other sustainable development practices to Houston area conditions.

Nine finalist teams competing in three design challenge categories in the Houston Land/Water Sustainability Forum’s Low Impact Development Design Competition made their presentations to the finals jury panel in a public event, attended by more than 300 people, at the Rice Hotel’s Crystal Ballroom on Wednesday evening. Prizes of \$15,000 were awarded to the winners in each category, but the real winners were the citizens of the Houston area.

The winners, finalists and all of the participants in the Competition proved very clearly through their design solutions that Low Impact Development (LID) practices can be adapted to Houston area conditions, and that doing so can bring a host of benefits, including improving water quality in our streams, bayous and bays; reducing rainfall runoff flows that contribute to flooding; creating and restoring natural habitat; enhancing the natural aesthetics of our surroundings and improving quality of life in a variety of other ways.

The fact that their presentations demonstrated that all of these benefits can be had at a lower cost to developers bodes well for their rapid adoption and implementation. The winners in each category are:

### GREEN ROADWAY DESIGN CHALLENGE

#### **AECOM**

SID EDMONDS, JIM SIPES, RUSSELL BYNUM,  
JENNIFER HUNDL, ROSS GORDON,  
JUNE TSOU, ADAM GUERRA, YOUNG-AE CHUNG,  
ANNA HANSEN, JOHN SEXTON, KURT SMITH

**URBAN REDEVELOPMENT DESIGN CHALLENGE**

**WALTER P. MOORE**

KEVIN SULLIVAN, GARETH YOUNG, ANIRUDDHA DUTTA

**GENSLER**

RIVES TAYLOR, DAVID WILLIAMS, KIM KELLY, LISA GRAIFF

**CLARK CONDON ASSOCIATES**

JOSH LAMARTINA, ETHAN PRIMM, MATT DAWSON,  
JOHN SCHNURE, PAUL WEATHERS, ELIZABETH GILBERT,  
RILEY ANDERSON

**DAN POPE ASSOCIATES**

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**SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL DESIGN CHALLENGE**

**EDMINSTER HINSHAW RUSS & ASSOCIATES**

JUSTIN RING, CHRISTOPHER BROWNE, STACI DUNCAN

**LEGEND HOME CORPORATION**

DAVID CARLSON

**DAVIDSON LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE**

KOLBY DAVIDSON

Harris County, the City of Houston and local constituent groups which are key to driving the adoption and implementation of these practices, including the American Society of Civil Engineers, Bayou Preservation Association, the American Institute of Architects and local developers, represented by Mischer Investments, LP, were all involved in sponsoring the Competition.

The HLWSF expects this competition to accelerate the speed with which these sustainable development practices are adopted and implemented in the Houston area and the finals presentations demonstrated why, in dramatic fashion.

The \$15,000 prizes in each category were provided by:

**SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL**

Prize money provided by Mischer Investments, LP

**URBAN REDEVELOPMENT**

Prize money provided by Architecture Center Houston Foundation (ArCH)

**GREEN ROADWAY**

Prize money provided by American Society of Civil Engineers, Houston Chapter (ASCE-Houston)

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