Low impact development (LID) is a practice used to reduce impacts of storm water runoff on water quality. As part of UConn’s commitment to sustainability, LID practices have been implemented at numerous locations around campus. Such practices have potential to greatly reduce the impacts of the university on the quality of water in nearby streams and rivers.

The LIDS Team is a part of the Natural Resources Conservation Academy. The dynamic group is comprised of five students and three mentors. Although the team members come from different corners of the state, they are united by a common purpose to inform the public on UConn’s low impact development practices which reduces the campus’ environmental footprint on Connecticut’s waterways.
LID practices have been implemented at many sites across the UConn campus. The above map illustrates a tour of twelve of these practices which include rain gardens, bioretention cells, green roofs, and permeable pavements. This tour of LID practices is 2.5 miles in length and should take approximately one hour. An interactive online version of this map can be found at http://s.uconn.edu/lidmap.