

Nature's Scorecard

SAMPLE SCRIPT: FOR SENDING AN EMAIL

EMAIL YOUR CITY OR COUNTY COUNCIL

Members of the [name of your community] [City/County Council],

I am a resident of [name of your community] and I want to live in a community that manages stormwater in ways that protect our communities and waterways. That is why I support low-impact development principles and practices for [name of your community].

Low-impact development (LID) is important in our community because it helps protect people from pollution and flooding and improves community health. Low-impact development also reduces costs to the community. Incorporating LID can mitigate climate change, save energy, and contribute to restoring habitat damaged by frequent flooding and runoff.

Polluted stormwater runoff is one of the biggest water pollution issues facing Puget Sound. Our communities are bearing the burden of climate change and rapid growth. Now is the time to invest in smart development and LID techniques that can make our communities more livable, walkable, and resilient by changing development codes to include the best solutions for stormwater management.

If they scored well... Thank them for their hard work on this issue. Express gratitude for seeing their community received high marks on Nature's Scorecard.

If they scored poorly... Express concern they didn't do as much as other communities during the legally required LID code update process. Ask how they plan to better incorporate LID principles and practices into our development codes in the future.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

STEP 1

Review Nature's Scorecard to see how your local community is performing.

STEP 2

Find the contact information for your city or county council. Each council member should have a distinct email address, but there may be a generic address to send comments to as well.

STEP 3

Use this sample script to draft your email - then send it to your council members.

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