



## Recommendations to Code Advisory Working Group Draft Report: Infill, Compatibility, and Missing Middle Housing

April 6, 2015

The Code Advisory Working Group on Infill, Compatibility, and Missing Middle Housing issued a Draft Report capturing potential code re-write challenges in these broad categories. The working group explored “How might we ...” questions as a way to discover best practices from other metropolitan areas and organizations. ASLA Central Texas submits the following recommendations to four of the ten questions from the draft report.

### How might we...

#### **i1. Mediate growth in areas with already burdened infrastructure?**

- Practice - Green Factor or Green Area Ratio
- Description - Required Landscape Infill Point System for offsetting increased density with a variety of
- Location - stormwater infiltration practices  
Seattle, WA; Washington, D.C.

#### **i2. Limit compatibility conflicts by commercial creeping into residential?**

- Practice - Compatibility Landscape Buffers
- Description - Form-based Landscape Buffers required in compatibility setbacks
- Location - ASLA Austin Green Compatibility Proposal; Beaufort, S.C. FBC

#### **i6. Better integrate green infrastructure working group (GIWG) with infill working group?**

- Practice - Align Timing of Final Recommendations of GIWG with the CAG Recommendations
- Description - GIWG Best Practices from around the country tailored to Austin's watersheds
- Location - Council Resolution for CodeNEXT to focus on green infrastructure and sustainable water management
- Ideas - Watershed to develop an outline of potential Best Practices for delivery to the CAG  
CAG to discuss these best practices prior to making their recommendations
- Insights - The two groups have been on parallel, but separate tracks that need to be integrated.
- Questions - How might we honor the two Imagine Austin priority programs of Green Infrastructure and Sustainable Water Management in the new Land Development Code Re-write?

#### **i9. Move now to deal with great ideas (infill, etc.) as we annex prior to zoning actions today?**

- Practice - Initiate Pilot green infrastructure practices in new developments as incentives for new zoning entitlements.  
Give priority to those developments in the zoning and permitting processes.
- Description - Green Infrastructure Master Plan and Low Impact Development Stormwater Management Manual
- Location - Nashville, TN