



FACTSHEET

TAOS COUNTY GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT

Introduction:

This is a fact sheet intended to help with the understanding of green infrastructure and low impact development in Taos County and other incorporated municipalities within the County. The Taos County Land Use Regulations regulate development and land use within the jurisdiction of Taos County, the boundaries of the county being defined in NMSA 1978, 4-29-1. In addition to Taos County, the Village of Taos Ski Valley also has stream setback requirements.

Green Infrastructure - a system that mimics natural processes in order to infiltrate, evaporate or reuse stormwater. Green infrastructure uses soils, topography, and vegetation in a way that minimizes the impacts of anthropogenic disturbance and maintains pre-development hydrology and water quality.

Low Impact Development - an approach to land development or re-development and management that works with nature to manage stormwater as close to its source as possible.

For Storm Drainage

-Developments shall be planned, constructed and maintained to: "Utilize Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development techniques to control pollution from stormwater during high velocity flows"

(Ordinance 2015-02 Land Use Regulations Section 4, O)