

April 23, 2019

Mr. Stephen Costello, P.E.
Houston Chief Recovery Officer
900 Bagby Street
Houston, TX 77002

Re: Houston Green Stormwater Infrastructure Incentives Study Report

Dear Mr. Costello:

The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of Houston wishes to thank you for allowing us to participate in the development of incentives for use of Green Stormwater Infrastructure methods when designing private development projects. Based upon the draft report dated March 7, 2019 that we have reviewed, the ACEC Houston Board of Directors supports the study and recommendations made in the draft report.

We applaud you and the City administration for taking this step toward encouraging more sustainable infrastructure in the City of Houston. The four main incentives stipulated in the report: certainty of permitting with a one-day plan review; property tax abatements; a recognition award program; and, integrating the green infrastructure rules into Chapter 13 of the IDM are, in our opinion, all heading in the right direction. By including these incentives and emerging technologies and methods into the engineers' toolbox, it will assist the engineering community in recommending these elements to our clients for consideration in their projects.

We are supportive of your efforts and look forward to receiving a copy of your final report.

Sincerely,



Christina M. Lindsay
Executive Director

cc: Mr. Doug Coenen, PE, Chair of ACEC Design Standards/Plan Review Committee
Ms. Natalie Weiershausen, PE, ACEC Member
ACEC Houston Board of Directors