

Rainwater Management Initiatives

Low Impact Development practices and rainwater management:

- Parking areas are graveled to allow water infiltration; driveways are paved to facilitate snow removal.
- Parking is concentrated along Route 3 rather than throughout campus to avoid new parking lot construction. The interior of campus is pedestrian- and bike-friendly.
- The college employs a landscape architect as needed to design plantings, lawns, and walkways to include natural materials and avoid impervious surfaces.
- The college retained a small wetland area to serve as a storm water runoff holding area.
- The college maintains a wide undisturbed vegetative buffer along our ocean frontage as required by the State of Maine/Town of Bar Harbor Shoreland Zoning ordinance. This helps filter runoff from nearby lawns.
- The college maintains natural undisturbed forested areas on campus for storm water control, wildlife, and aesthetic benefits. Over 30 acres of our 38 acre campus is grass, trees, and other landscape plantings.