

## Sustainable Landscapes Planning for Large-Scale Construction



Saturday, September 18, 2010  
10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Perkins School  
175 North Beacon Street, Watertown, MA

**\$20.00 ELA Member or \$25 Non-Member**

An in-depth look at challenges and techniques for addressing ecological landscape construction.

Successfully navigating the challenges of large scale construction projects while creating and preserving ecological landscapes, involves considerations beyond typical landscape design. Located on 40 beautiful acres in Watertown, the Perkins School for the Blind includes spectacular grounds and buildings with architecture described as "Collegiate Gothic." The school moved to its present location in 1910, chosen for its beautiful landscape, glorious trees, and many possibilities. In the midst of a major construction project including two additional buildings and 1-acre pond renovation, this tour will include:

- Plans and challenges of construction relating to sustainability
- Ecology changes due to construction.
- Growth issues / parking
- Sustainable practices at Perkins
- Preparation for tree / shrub protection during construction (including transplanting using air-spade method)
- Visit the cathedral greenhouse that is maintained solely by biologically sound method

This tour will begin in the Facilities parking lot, which is off Riverside St.

**Registrations are limited - Register Online Now.**

**Or contact: [ela.info@comcast.net](mailto:ela.info@comcast.net) - (617) 436-5838**

**Our Guide:** With an extensive background in landscape design, maintenance, and construction, Sonia Baerhuk is the Lead Grounds person at Perkins. Throughout her career, Sonia has continued her studies at the Arnold Arboretum, UMass Extension, and Radcliff School of Landscape and has completed the DCR Tree Steward Program. She has been certified by New England Wildflower Society in Native Plant Studies with a focus on Native Plant Horticulture and Design. She is also a successful grant recipient to build 3 rain gardens at Perkins.

**This event qualifies for 2 CEUs from the Association of Professional Landscape Designers.**



Air-Spade Exposes Roots for Transplanting