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of land and natural resources in
landscaping and horticultural practices."**



City Gardening with New England Natives

December 4, 2016 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Garden in the Woods, Framingham, MA

Gardening in the city can be a challenge, as gardeners often have to cope with hot, dry, and shady conditions. Learn about the tough and beautiful plants that thrive in the harsh conditions common in urban environments. David Falk will tell you where to find these plants and share some basic gardening techniques that will turn your landscape into a lush, colorful, healthy space. Co-sponsored by the New England Wild Flower Society. [Read more and register.](#)

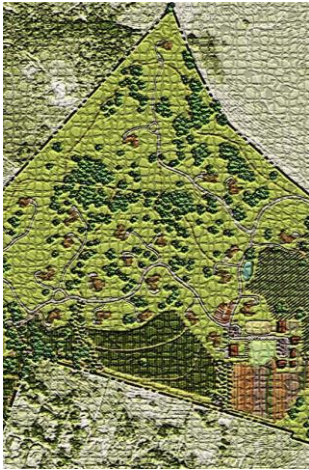


Meadows 1 - 2 - 3

December 8, 2016 10:00am - 3:30pm

Garden in the Woods, Framingham, MA

No one can grow an instant meadow, but in this one-day seminar you can quickly increase your understanding of what it takes to create one. The topics covered include: what a meadow is; what makes a good meadow site; how you can prepare for planting, how to select plant species, and where to find seeds or plugs; how to plant; and what to expect from your meadow in years one, two, and three. Co-sponsored by the New England Wild Flower Society. [Read more and register.](#)



Webinar: Evaluating Conservation Landscape Designs

December 8, 2016 7:00pm - 8:00pm EDT

Presented by Ann English

This presentation will focus on evaluation of landscape design which includes environmental as well as aesthetic assessment. A Conservation Landscape can take many forms and can conform to standard aesthetic assessment while providing valuable ecosystem services, such as runoff reduction and pollinator support. The webinar will cover the key components of a conservation landscape, and how to create aesthetically pleasing landscape solutions that require fewer synthetic inputs while applying typical form, color, texture, concept analysis aspects of evaluation. [Read more and register.](#)



Creating Ecological Plant Communities:

Digging Deep into Plant Knowledge with The Masters

December 9, 2016 8:00am - 5:00pm

Brooklyn, New York

American Horticulture is undergoing a revolution. From native plants in plant communities, to matrix-planted xeriscapes, to new perennial grasslands with wildlife habitat, gardeners and designers are using native and exotic plants in new and exciting ways. But the books on how to use these methods, achieve these designs, and work with these plants are only now being written and often omit plant specifics in order to maintain a broad geographic appeal. This symposium will provide a forum for five distinguished plant masters with decades of experience to share in-depth knowledge about a few of their favorite plants. Speakers will discuss plant behavior, propagation, cultivation, design

strategies, ecological function, and the appropriate plant communities of just 10 to 15 of the plants that they've worked closely with and find to be successful. Plant masters **Claudia West, Roy Diblik, Ian Caton, Heidi Hesselein, and Andrew Bunting** lead this rare opportunity to dig deep in the world of plants. **Early Registration Discount Available Through November 7th!** Discounted hotel rooms available at [NU Hotel in Brooklyn](#) (\$219 per night exclusive of applicable taxes). [Read more and register.](#)

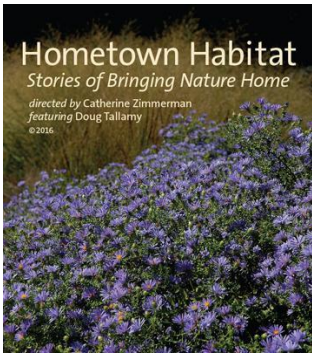


Webinar: Keeping Invasive Plants Out of Landscaping

January 11, 2017 1:00pm - 2:00pm EDT

Presented by Doug Johnson

Invasive plants can cause significant damage to native ecosystems, and horticulture has been a top pathway for introducing invasive plants. Now that we know more about the environmental risk, how can we make sure landscaping does not cause problems in the future? Numerous efforts are making progress on this front, many with explicit support from the green industry. [Read more and register.](#)



Screenings: Hometown Habitat - Stories of Bringing Nature Home

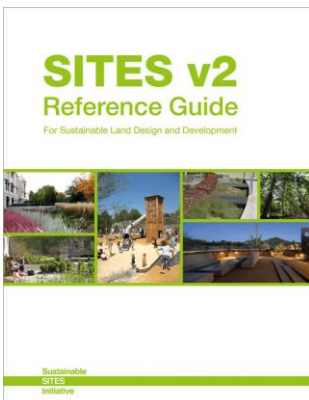
January 18, 2017 2:-00 - 3:30pm

January 21, 2017, 4:00 - 5:30pm

Presented by Catherine Zimmerman

Catherine Zimmerman (The Meadow Project) has teamed up with Doug Tallamy, PhD and the Chesapeake Conservation Landscaping Council to produce a new film on native plants called Hometown Habitat. The Meadow Project and CCLC missions' promote the principles of conservation landscaping and expand the practice of conservation landscaping throughout the Chesapeake Bay region. Hometown Habitat is a 90-minute

environmental, education documentary that will inspire everyone to create their own "Hometown Habitat". [Read more and register.](#)

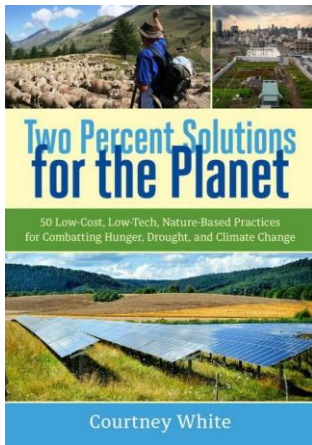


Webinar: The Insider's Guide to Assessing SITES Viability

January 23, 2017, 1:00 - 2:00pm

Presented by Lisa Cowan and CeCe Haydock

Tentative or unsure how to assess a new project's SITES viability? Your client told you he's interested, you've been to several SITES talks, and you've even downloaded the v2 Reference Guide. Now what? Let two experts of the SITES process give you the necessary tools to take that first step: will this project qualify? Included in this webinar will be a quick review of the SITES sections, as well as the prerequisites and credits and their viability to a project. [Read more and register.](#)

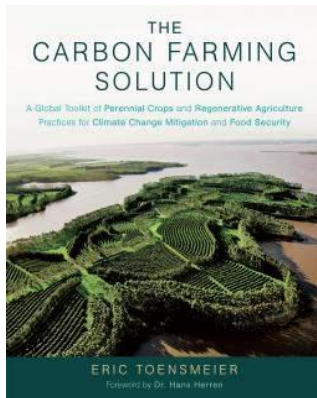


Landscape Heroes: Carbon, Water, and Biodiversity

January 31, 2017 8:00am - 5:00pm
UMass Amherst, Amherst, MA

EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT ENDS DECEMBER 1ST

Join the Ecological Landscape Alliance along with Biodiversity for a Livable Climate, the Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA/Mass), and the Organic Land Care (OLC) of NOFA/CT for a day-long carbon conference that offers practical tips and applications for how you can be part of the *climate solution*. Whether you are a gardening enthusiast, farmer, conservation/restoration specialist, or landscape professional, there are important choices and positive changes that you can make.



Whether you work to reduce compaction using biology, actively build soil carbon, increase soil biodiversity and resilience above and below ground, or heal degraded landscapes, you will walk away with practical tips to apply to your own setting.

Featuring carbon expert, rancher, activist, and author Courtney White with his new book *Two Percent Solutions for the Planet* and Eric Toensmeier with his new book *The Carbon Farming Solution*. Additional carbon experts include Eric "T" Fleisher, Chip Osborne, Paul Wagner, and Bryan O'Hara.

The great news: the synergy of many individuals taking small steps can result in big impacts! Don't miss this opportunity to become part of the solution. **Early registration through December 1st - just \$59 for members and \$79 for non-members** - includes organic luncheon. [Read more and register today.](#)

Whether you are located in the area of our upcoming events or in some distant landscape, you are invited to participate in ELA collaborations and discussions by joining the Ecological Landscape Alliance discussion group on LinkedIn. The ELA discussion group is open to both ELA members and non-members from around the world and participation is growing each week. Through these discussions you can share information, get answers to landscape problems, and learn new perspectives on challenging ecological issues. Joining LinkedIn is free and it is easy to join. [Join the ELA LinkedIn Discussion](#). We look forward to hearing from you soon!