

Hanover Sustainable Landscape Initiative, a program of the Sustainable Hanover Committee

Mission

To educate residents of all ages regarding environmental issues in landscape design and means of addressing them.

Sub-mission

The creation of some peaceful and productive low-maintenance sites in town and building community through their construction and care

Methods

The creation of a small number of demonstration sites on public and private property that show means of addressing the following issues:

- Storm water retention
- Native plant cultivation
- Pollinator habitat creation
- Edible landscaping
- Lawn reduction (reducing runoff, air and water pollution)
- Creating peaceful places

All using the principles of Permaculture

The creation of low-maintenance sites that address one or more of these issues

Name of the initiative

Sustaining Landscapes

Activities

Create multiple demonstration sites with educational signage and Web links

Public:

- School Street
- Dagmar's Place
- Library slope

Private:

- 5 Prospect Street
- Others to be selected

Create a Web site that

- Explains sustainable landscape challenges

Has a map of sustainable landscape demonstration sites (including some created already by landowners)
Contains laboration of signage in demonstration sites linked by QR codes

Recruit and support SWAT Teams that construct demonstration sites (5-10 people, depending on site); recruited via Town e-mail list, Garden Club list, school newsletters

Establish "Friends" groups for each site that help fund and care for sites; recruited from residential and commercial neighbors for each site and town-wide (e.g., businesses, foundations) with donors identified on signs in site

First steps

Design School Street Park (SSP)

Engage with SSP neighbors and potential funders (Ledyard Bank , Main Street businesses)

Recruit SWAT Team members through VN article and Hanover e-mail list and meetings with funders/neighbors

Plan signage and create sign content (possibly with high school or Dartmouth student help)

Create Website (recruit student help with content)

Construct School Street Park (summer 2017)

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