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**FREE GARDENING GREEN EXPO ON MAY 2
TO FEATURE
“GREEN” GARDENING EXPERTS, PRODUCTS AND PLANTS**

Gardening “green” seems to be buzzword this year. People everywhere are rethinking how they care for their yards, trying to use less water and fewer chemicals, which is why the Greenscapes program, in conjunction with the North Rivers Watershed Association (NSRWA) and the Mass Bays Estuary Association have organized the first “Gardening Green Expo” to be held on Saturday, May 2, 10-3 p.m. at the Cushing Center in Norwell Center.

The Gardening Green Expo will feature plants and products for sale that are kind to the earth, including a huge selection of plants available to order from American Beauties. These plants are all native, drought-tolerant, and will live almost maintenance free on the South Shore. In addition, there will be Pearl’s Premium grass seed (which is also drought tolerant and low-maintenance), rainbarrels, compost bins, compost tea and organic lawn care products, planters from recycled materials, green roof systems, and rainwater recovery systems, including innovative systems that allow recycled water to be used as an attractive water feature.

The Expo will also feature free lectures throughout the day from gardening experts and landscape designers. There will be activities for kids, including designing and planting a little herb pot, offered by Sustainable Hanover and an opportunity to adopt a butterfly for a butterfly release when the weather is warmer. Refreshments will be available from the Perennial Gardeners of the South Shore.

For more information, and to find a list of the growing number of Gardening Green vendors and activities, please go www.greenscapes.org or contact Wendy Garpow at the Mass Bays Estuary Association 781.378.1610 or Debbie Cook, North and South Rivers Watershed Association, 781.659.8168.