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### Thanks for a Great 2007!

The many [partners](#) of the 2007 [Greenscapes Program](#) would like to thank our readers for a fabulous fourth season. We would also like to thank the Greenscapes 2007 [sponsors](#) and [supporters](#) for making this year's program possible, through their financial contributions and other assistance. Thanks to their generosity, Greenscapes was brought free of charge to nearly 150,000 households in 31 communities in Massachusetts. We couldn't have done it without their help!

We appreciate your participation in 2007 and look forward to bringing you an even better program in 2008. As we make plans for our fifth season, we'd love to hear your input, suggestions, and [feedback](#) to make next season's program the best it can be!

~ [Wendy Garpow](#), Greenscapes Massachusetts  
Assistant Director, Massachusetts Bays Estuary Association

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### **Will You Give Two Minutes?**

We hope continue to grow the Greenscapes program in 2008, but we NEED YOUR HELP! Greenscapes is primarily supported by municipal governments and utilities, who like all of us, face ever-challenging budgets. Our community [sponsors](#) need to hear from their citizens that their Greenscapes funds (about 50 cents a household) are well-spent and worthwhile!

[Please tell your community representative](#) that you appreciate their support of the Greenscapes program -- and encourage them to support Greenscapes 2008! Your two-minute email or phone call will help ensure that citizens in your community continue benefiting from free, helpful guidance for beautiful landscapes that protect our precious water resources. Kindly remind them that in light of the recent drought, the Greenscapes program has never been more important for your community.

Is your community not on the list of Greenscapes towns? [Let us know](#) if you want to see Greenscapes in your municipality!

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### **Greenscapes 2008 -- Better Than Ever!**

Thanks to generous funding from the [Massachusetts Environmental Trust](#), we are currently conducting market research that will help to improve the effectiveness and usefulness of Greenscapes materials including the [website](#) and [Guide](#). Surveys of community members are providing valuable insights into aspects of the Program that are working well and those that may need some improvement. And, as always, we appreciate your [feedback](#) on how we're doing.

Preserving the environmental education, conservation or public awareness efforts funded by the Massachusetts Environmental Trust in your community is easy: choose one of three environmental plates, the Right Whale & Roseate Terns, the Leaping Brook Trout, or the Blackstone Valley Mill when you purchase a new car or renew your registration. You can also [order the plates online at the RMV website](#).

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### **7th Annual NOFA Organic Land Care Course**

**Dates:** January 16, 17, 18, 22 & 23, 2008 (Snow dates Jan. 24 and 25)

**Location:** Doyle Conservation Center, Leominster MA

**Cost:** \$495

This five-day (accreditation optional) intensive course is designed to provide professionals with the education needed for an understanding of organic land care from design to maintenance. The curriculum is based on *Standards for Organic Land Care: Practices for Design and Maintenance of Ecological*

*Landscapes*, written by NOFA's Organic Land Care Committee. These Standards, first published in 2001, are the first of their kind in the country. For more details contact Kathy Litchfield, NOFA/Mass Organic Land Care Course Coordinator (978-724-0108 or [kathylitch29@yahoo.com](mailto:kathylitch29@yahoo.com)) or visit [www.organiclandcare.net](http://www.organiclandcare.net).

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### **Organic Landscaping and Lawn Care Workshop**

**Date:** Wednesday, February 13, 2008, 7:30am to 4:00pm

**Location:** UMass Lowell

**Cost:** \$55 per person; \$20 municipal employees. Door registration \$5 extra.

**Pre-registration deadline:** January 18, 2008.

This workshop will be beneficial for Lawn Care Companies, Landscapers, Designers, Landscape Architects, Garden Center Employees, Municipal Employees (Parks and Recreation, Highway Department, School Department, etc.), Conservation Property Managers, Master Gardeners, Horticulturists, Horticulture and Landscape teachers, etc. (You can earn AOLCP credits and applicator contact hours!) This conference is hosted by "Healthy Lawns for Healthy Families", an program to reduce pesticide use and protect you and your family's health. For more details contact Jessica Cajigas at the Westford Water Dept (978-692-5529 or [jcajigas@westfordma.gov](mailto:jcajigas@westfordma.gov)).

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### **Free Subscription to Organic Gardening Magazine**

Stonyfield Yogurt has teamed up with [Organic Gardening](#) magazine to help you bring the goodness of organic to your yard. Whether you're growing fruits, veggies, flowers, shrubs, or trees, improving your lawn, or attracting wildlife, you'll find useful tips and inspiring articles in *Organic Gardening*. Simply send in four specially marked lids from their 32oz yogurt cups. For more information, see [Stonyfield's website](#).

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### **The Greenscapes Coalition**

The 2007 Greenscapes program is a multi-partner outreach effort sponsored by the [Massachusetts Bay Estuary Association](#), [Massachusetts Bays Program](#), [North and South Rivers Watershed Association](#), [Eight Towns & the Bay Committee](#), [Salem Sound Coastwatch](#), [Ipswich River Watershed Association](#), and many other [sponsors](#) and [supporters](#). Participating communities in the 2007 Greenscapes program include: Andover, Beverly, Boxford, Cohasset, Danvers, Duxbury, Essex, Georgetown, Gloucester, Hamilton, Hanover, Hingham and Hull (Aquarion Water Company), Ipswich, Kingston, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Marshfield, Middleton, Newbury, Newburyport, Norwell, Peabody, Pembroke, Pinehills Water Company (Plymouth), Plymouth, Rowley, Salem, Salisbury, Scituate, Topsfield, Wenham and Weymouth. Coalition partners have also received generous grant assistance for the 2007 program from the [EPA Targeted Watershed Grant for Ipswich River Restoration](#), the Louisa Conrad Bequest of the North Shore Garden Club, MA Department of Environmental Protection, Massachusetts Environmental Trust, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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