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Fresh Pond Restoration

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Located 5 miles from downtown Boston, Fresh Pond Reservation is a green oasis, an urban wild and protective watershed land covering 363 acres. Designed by the Olmsted Brothers and Charles Eliot, over the past decade this premier open space has undergone major renovation to address water quality protection, habitat enhancement and aesthetic improvement.

The Northeast Sector Project focused on improving a 30 acre section of the Reservation by closely integrating woodland and edge zone management with innovatively designed features such as a two acre constructed stormwater treatment wetland, butterfly meadow, community garden, soccer field, and new and improved

walking paths. The project received an Honor Award for Reclamation and Restoration from the Boston Society of Landscape Architects (BSLA). Project goals included:

- Pre-treat surface runoff, address soil compaction and erosion issues through natural, low impact methods
- Improve wildlife habitat and increase native plant community diversity through invasive plant management
- Improve access to and through the site and enhance water views to Fresh Pond
- Reuse on site materials such as cut vegetation, existing soils and stone to the extent possible

Join project designers, John Amodeo and Thomas Benjamin, for an insider tour of the project's planning and installation. John and Tom will also provide valuable insight into the necessity of obtaining buy-in for comprehensive management plans at the outset of a project such as this and will discuss maintenance strategies to protect the investments made in restoration projects.

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John Amodeo is a Principal at Carol R. Johnson Associates, Inc. He has nearly 30 years of landscape architecture experience. Mr. Amodeo practices a wide range of project types from small to complex, in both the public and private sectors. His varied project types include college and university campuses, U. S. Embassies, parks, zoos, mixed use development, market and public housing, historic landscapes, streetscapes, bikeways, and natural resource conservation. He has also prepared landscape development guidelines for municipalities with particular emphasis on sustainable development. Mr. Amodeo has extensive experience with public process and regulatory permitting, placing particular focus on consensus building in the early phases of a project.

Thomas Benjamin is a registered Landscape Architect and LEED Accredited Professional (AP) and educator with more than 20 years experience in environmental design work often focused on ecological restoration and green design. His restoration experience includes assessment, design, and construction of upland, wetland, riparian and coastal sites/properties using low tech bioengineering solutions. His site planning work emphasizes low maintenance native plantings for public facilities, commercial, institutional, residential developments and private residences.

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