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## October

Restoration is the act of returning something to an earlier, presumably more desirable or useful state. Whether a grandparent's side table, a 1964 Mustang, or a landscape battered and scarred by years of misuse, the restored object is offered a second (or third, or fourth) chance to be improved and to become an integral part of modern life. The restoration projects highlighted in this month's Newsletter offer a glimpse at landscapes enriched in ways, large and small. Those improvements benefit all the creatures that visit those places - perhaps especially the human visitors.

The ELA Newsletter lands in over 8000 inboxes the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, and we hope it enriches those who peruse its electronic pages. Several weeks ago, an email asking for a donation to help support ELA's education initiatives landed in those same inboxes. If even half the recipients were to donate just \$5, ELA would have the funds to expand web-based educational opportunities, a priority goal this coming year. If you believe in ELA's mission and the education the organization provides, please take a minute to [make a donation now](#). Your contribution, large or small, will be greatly appreciated. *MS, Editor*

### Mill Brook Restoration – Strategies for Success

Part 1: Defining and Executing the Project  
by Lisa Cowan

I had the fortunate experience of being in the right place, right time to be the lead landscape architect on the design and construction management team selected to restore a 17-acre riparian stream and forest buffer, in Scarborough, Maine as mitigation for a highway project. This was the early 1990s - there were no precedents for this type of project and we were consultants to a state agency, Maine DOT, that was used to building highways, not forests! [Read the article](#)



### Mowing Less at Bird Park: Sustainable Stewardship with Community Support

by Russ Hopping

Parks and other cultural landscapes require careful planning and stewardship to make them special places for visitors. The natural world includes equally special and unique places that may require our care as well. The lines are not always clear between what is natural and what is cultural, however. Indeed in many, perhaps even all, locations the two can overlap and can be compatible.

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### Transition to Sustainability at Kent Hospital,



Warwick Rhode Island

by Nick Novick

Beginning about ten years ago, a significant portion of the landscape around Kent Hospital has been transformed from the common template of mostly maintenance-intensive lawn and beds of shrubs and annuals to a more sustainable model comprising stormwater retention, mostly native plants, and designs that are more self-sustaining. [Read the article](#)

### **The Place and Time**

by Jack Pizzo

The time of critical mass is approaching. All around us we see green initiatives. The kids see it at school; we see it at work; we see it when we play. We hear about why a product or service is the one to buy because of some green ingredient or process. I saw it just the other day on the interstate. Crews had ground up the asphalt and used it right then and there to repave. No waste. The public is demanding that companies be more responsible, and they are acting. Being "Green" is good business. [Read the article](#)



### **Budgeting - The Keystone to Success and Profitability**

by Laurence Coronis

*"How come my operation isn't more profitable?"*

is usually the first question I hear from a new consulting client. Upon reviewing many operations, I am amazed that a majority of my new clients do not have an annual budget.

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### **Internship with Ecological Landscaping Association**

The Ecological Landscaping Association is looking for an intern to play a key role in helping this ecological education organization to communicate its mission, primarily by assisting in the marketing of its educational events. This administrative internship has a focus on Public Relations and Social Media. This is an unpaid position in the Boston, Massachusetts area.

### **SITES Solicits Comments**

[SITES](#) announced the release, for public comment, of the proposed 2013 Prerequisites and Credits and is looking for feedback on credits and prerequisites, as well as general comments. In order to ensure that the proposed set of credits is robust, clear, and feasible in the marketplace, they want to hear from those working in all disciplines involved in the built landscape: Landscape architects and designers, engineers, contractors, horticulturists, ecologists, etc. [Click for the comment form](#). The public comment period will close at 5:00 p.m. CST on November 5, 2012.

### **Update from UMass Extension: Impatiens downy mildew**

Impatiens downy mildew is a new disease on garden impatiens in MA. All *Impatiens walleriana* are susceptible. New Guinea impatiens and other bedding plants are not hosts for this disease. Infected plants should be removed from the greenhouse, landscape, or garden, roots and all, and discarded. Do not compost. [Click here for a fact sheet](#).

### **Request for Applications - Northeastern IPM Partnership Grants Program**

The Northeastern Integrated Pest Management Center is pleased to announce the availability of

funding through the [IPM Partnership Grants Program](#), which is supported by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture. Up to \$300,000 in total will be available for 2013 to fund projects that foster the development and adoption of integrated pest management methods. The program seeks four project types: IPM Working Groups, IPM Issues, Regional IPM Publications, and IPM Planning and Assessment Documents.

## Gleanings

- [Dam Removal and River Restoration in Massachusetts](#); October 17, 7:00pm; NRWA River Resource Center, Groton, MA.
- [Northeast Greenhouse Conference and Expo](#); DCU Center, Worcester, MA; November 7-8. [Exhibitor and sponsorship opportunities available](#).
- [Designing with Natives](#), part of the Rhody Native Propagation Workshop Series; URI Kingston Campus, RI; October 18, 6:00-8:00pm.
- [Working for the Green](#); Devens, MA; Thurs, October 18.
- [Bamboo: Every Plant Has Its Rightful Place](#); Farmingdale, NY; October 19, 8:30am-4:00pm.
- [23rd Massachusetts Land Conservation Conference](#), request for proposals; deadline October 19.
- [Field ID and Seed Collection](#), part of the Rhody Native Propagation Workshop Series; October 20, 9:00am-noon or 1:00-4:00pm.
- [Nursery and Landscape Research Field Day](#); Woodman Horticultural Farm at UNH, Durham, NH; October 24, 8:30am-noon.
- [Attracting and Conserving Natural Enemies in Plant Production Yards and Greenhouses](#); Publick House, Sturbridge, MA; October 24, 9:30am-3:30pm.
- [Propagation Methods](#), (aimed at green industry professionals) part of the Rhody Native Propagation Workshop Series; Matunuck, RI; October 24, 4:30-7:00pm.
- [The 2012 Green Industry Conference](#); Louisville, KY; October 24-26.
- [Invasive Plant Symposium](#); University of CT, Storrs, CT; October 25, 8am-4:20pm.
- [Environmental Studies School](#); Elm Bank, Wellesley, MA; October 27-28.
- [UMass Extension's Green School](#); Holiday Inn, 265 Lakeside Ave, Marlborough, MA; October 31-December 12.
- [Marketing Native Plants](#), part of the Rhody Native Proagation Workshop Series; Kingston, RI; November 8, 6:00-8:00pm.
- [California Landscape Contractors Association \(CLCA\) Annual Convention](#); Loews Coronado, CA; November 7-10.
- [Southeast New York Stormwater Conference & Trade Show](#); Fishkill, NY; November 7-9.
- [MACC Fall Conference](#); Clark University, Worcester, MA; November 10, 8:00am-noon.
- [New England Climate Summit](#), location TBA; November 15.
- [Maryland Water Monitoring Council Annual Conference](#); Linthicum Heights, MD; December 6.

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