Ecologically Sound Landscapes

Environmental Matters, LLC
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Landscape design, consultation, and vegetation management services
Member since December 2009

Management and Leadership

☑️ Annual Environmental Goals

- Protect and enhance the ecological function and beauty of the land in our care. No longer can a landscape be just beautiful; it must provide diverse ecological functions.
- Incorporate 95%-100% site-appropriate, beautiful, native plants.
- Enlighten clients about habitat loss caused by invasive plant species.
- Demonstrate that visually appealing projects can incorporate environmentally beneficial elements by providing habitat and stormwater management.
- To improve biodiversity, conserve resources, reduce or eliminate stormwater runoff and minimize maintenance needs.

☑️ Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

Ecologically focused planting design, consultation, and vegetation management, including:

- MDA licensed invasive vegetation management
- Planting List Suitability Review
- Invasive Vegetation Management Training for Developers and Municipalities
- Forest Stand Delineation/Forest Conservation Plans
- Plan development/Design for:
  - Reforestation/Forest Stand Delineation/Forest Conservation
  - Vegetation management
Native Meadows
Living snow fence
Riparian/Critical Area Buffers
Bio-Retention/Rain Garden
Open Space, Heritage Trials
Living outdoor classrooms
Ornamental native plantings

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

- Local vendor preference
- Locally grown native plant materials used in project implementation
- Office supplies made of recycled materials

Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects

Ecologically Sound Landscapes offers services to government agencies, communities, and school systems that include: consultation, design, and education on biologically diverse landscapes and outdoor educational opportunities.

Pro bono Presentations:
- 2015 – Invasive Plant Identification and Control - Anne Arundel County Watershed Stewards Academy ‘Spring into Action’ Conference
- 2015 - Invasive Plant Presentation and Identification Trainings to students at the U.S. Naval Academy and at-risk youth at Anne Arundel County Watershed Stewards Academy Capstone Project
- 2014 – How to Eat an Elephant: Controlling Invasives in your Community- Anne Arundel County Water Shed Stewards Academy Spring into Action Conference
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- 2014 - Habitat Restoration at North East Isles - Presentation to the All Seasons Garden Club
- 2014 – Invasive Grasses and Their Control – Presentation to University of Maryland Master Gardeners Grass Class
- 2013 - Native Plants, The Foundation of Biodiversity - Presentation to the All Seasons Garden Club
- 2013 - Bringing ‘Life’ to your Garden - Presentation to the Top of the Bay Women's Organization and All Seasons Garden Club
- 2012 - 2014 - Hands on Vegetation Management Training – Introduction to Environmental Science Class, Cecil Community College
Waste

☑ Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse

- Paperless filing system
- Reduced printing by e-mailing files and designs, etc.
- Re-using 7-11 glass cold pressed juice bottles instead of using bottled water
- Re-use of glass containers for native seed storage
- Composting landscape waste at our local, municipal composting center
- Re-using empty plant containers or returning them to the grower for re-use

☑ Recycling

- Empty plant containers are reused at on-site, native plant nursery
- Ink cartridges recycled through supplier
- All other recyclable materials go to our local, municipal recycling program

Energy

☑ Energy Efficiency

- Office uses natural lighting and energy efficient light bulbs
- Solar panels provide approximately 80% of our electricity
- Rechargeable power tools reduce carbon emissions

Transportation

☑ Employee Commute

- Ecologically Sound Landscapes operates from a home-based office with zero commute
- Client visits are scheduled to minimize travel

Water

☑ Water Conservation

- Rain barrels provide water for irrigation, reducing the use of potable water
Stormwater Management and Site Design

- Use of rain barrels
- Landscape design for stormwater management: rain gardens, downspout disconnects, bio-swales, etc.

Other

√ Jodie M. Shivery- Principal MLA, CPH, LTE, FCQP

Member Affiliations:

- Chesapeake Natives
- Delaware Native Plant Society
- Maryland Native Plant Society
- Mid-Atlantic Invasive Plant Pest Council
- Delaware Invasive Species Council DISC
- Chesapeake Conservation Landscape Council
- Society for Ecological Restoration

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