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ELA presents its 16th Annual Conference & Eco- Marketplace
Co-hosted by the NOFA Organic Land Care Program and
the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

Expanding the Ecological Landscape

Maximize Biological Potential, Minimize Environmental Impact,
and Love the Results!

February 25, 2010
MassMutual Center, Springfield, MA

Join ELA for a one-day conference with seminars and workshops that will show you how to expand the ecological landscape. Seventeen sessions explore the theory and practice of ecological, sustainable, and organic landscaping. Learn smart water use, healthy soil development, and sustainable landscape design from prominent educators and passionate practitioners. Practical application sessions explore edible landscape design, invasives control, pest management, and urban tree care.

This year's Eco-Marketplace forms the hub of the conference. Educational sessions and activity centers will share space with exhibitors who provide services and supplies essential to the landscape professional.

An after-dinner keynote features presenting *The Holistic Landscape: Food, Biodiversity, Beauty, Water Conservation in the Residential*

Landscape. Hemenway is an adjunct professor at Portland State University, a Scholar in Residence at Pacific University, and author of the widely-acclaimed *Gaia's Garden: A Guide to Home-Scale Permaculture*.

Some sessions offer pesticide and CEU credits.

Check the ELA website Conference page (www.ecolandscaping.org/conference.html) periodically for updates on available credits.

To register or to learn more about the conference program, Eco-Marketplace exhibitors, and the Ecological Landscaping Association, visit our website www.ecolandscaping.org.