

Library Park – Sustainable Landscaping at Its Best

Boston, MA

Sustainability was a key factor in the overall design of Library Park, located in the Allston section of Boston, which is why on-site soils were utilized and soil organic matter content was closely monitored during construction in the fall of 2010. The park was designed by Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates, who utilized soil consulting services of land scientist Tim Craul to ensure that soils were properly mixed and placed.

Designed to be easily and efficiently maintained, the park has had plenty of time to grow in and is now maintained using only organic landscaping practices, including the use of stormwater retention to help with irrigation and to mitigate the danger of flooding in the neighborhood.



AGRESOIL COMPOST made in Ipswich, MA, was specified to amend on-site soils. Valley Crest Landscaping spread a 2-inch layer of compost and tilled it to a depth of 6 inches in lawn areas. The compost was used at 30 percent by volume to amend backfill for tree and shrub plantings. [Click here to read more about this sustainable urban project, watch a video, and view photos.](#)