



WORKINGGREEN

Boston Region Green Newsletter

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DECORDOVA SCULPTURE PARK AND MUSEUM

Established in 1950, deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum features unique indoor and outdoor venues, allowing visitors to explore contemporary sculpture and art across 35 acres. Audiences of all ages and backgrounds can view, discover, and learn about modern and contemporary art through deCordova's exhibitions, programs, interactive tours and activities, classes, talks, and events. For nearly 12 years, Boston Properties has partnered with deCordova as a Corporate Member. This month, you are invited to attend Artful Saturdays in April as special guests. Artful Saturdays brought to you by deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum and Boston Properties in celebration of Earth Month. [Click here for more information and your invitation.](#)

SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPING WITH VALLEYCREST LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

Boston Properties' suburban portfolio recently launched a new partnership with ValleyCrest Landscape Maintenance, the nation's largest integrated landscape company. This partnership will enhance our ability to achieve our goals related to sustainable landscaping practices throughout the suburban portfolio of properties. The sustainable landscaping program is defined by five major categories: Water Management, Plant Selection & Design, Eco-friendly Lawn Care, Soil Management and Pest Management. Boston Properties initiated certain components of sustainable landscaping in past years and looks forward to 'growing' them in the upcoming landscaping season.

2011 BOSTON REGION "BIG THREE" GOALS

ENERGY GOAL: 5% DECREASE FROM 2010

WATER GOAL: 5% DECREASE FROM 2010

RECYCLING GOAL: RECYCLE 50% OF OFFICE WASTE

ATLANTIC WHARF



In 2007, Boston Properties began construction on Boston's First Green Skyscraper: Atlantic Wharf. The 900,000 square foot project is now complete and open on Boston's Waterfront. Atlantic Wharf features an innovative rain harvesting system, which captures rainwater on the site for re-use in the building's HVAC and irrigation systems. The rain harvesting system will save 12.5 million gallons of water annually, the equivalent of 19 Olympic size swimming pools; that equates to 70% less water usage at Atlantic Wharf than at a typical office building. The project has been pre-certified LEED Gold and also features a green roof on the Waterfront building, as well as other energy saving features which allow the building to use 42% less energy than a typical office building. For more information on Atlantic Wharf, [check out our video.](#) We are excited to open

Boston's First Green Skyscraper and look forward to sharing these innovations and what we've learned at Atlantic Wharf with our existing properties and new developments.

COMPOSTING AT PRUDENTIAL CENTER

We are pleased to announce the expansion of our composting program for food waste. Office tenants in Boston **with company cafeterias** are currently able to recycle food waste through this program, and we are expanding the program to include restaurants throughout the Prudential Center. Food waste will be composted to create garden mulch, giving a second life to the fruits and vegetables being disposed of. Diverting this heavy food waste from the normal trash bins should result in reduced waste disposal costs while aiding the environment, as these materials will no longer be deposited in landfills – a win-win proposition! For more information or with any questions, contact Tenant Services at 617.236.2345.

CAMBRIDGE CENTER PLAZA RENOVATION

"Going green" will take on a whole new meaning this year at the Cambridge Center Plaza. As renovation work continues this spring, a series of sustainable design concepts have been introduced to create a more environmentally friendly outdoor space. The primary "green" feature consists of a tree lined sloped grass area, encouraging relaxation among tenants and visitors, and replacing the large paved plaza. A trellis has also been proposed as a natural shading device while reducing the solar load on the Marriott Hotel's south side. Additionally, the plaza's drainage systems will be improved to minimize storm water runoff in both the short and long term. We look forward to unveiling this new urban oasis this summer!