

## YardScaping hopes to inspire

Maine people to create and maintain healthy landscapes through ecologically based practices minimizing reliance on water, fertilizer, and pesticides. The Maine YardScaping Partnership was formed from the rising concern among businesses, organizations, and agencies over possible pollution caused by yard care chemicals washing into water bodies, as well as the risks of pesticide exposure to people, pets, and wildlife.

**Portland is now host to Maine's first public YardScape!** Come see for yourself how a YardScape puts to shame a high-input and labor-intensive lawn, while keeping our waters cleaner.

Working with the City of Portland, the YardScaping Partnership selected 2.5 acres along the Back Cove's walking trail for the project. Upon completion, the site will showcase appropriate plantings in urban to rural settings in a beautiful, homeowner-doable way, plus serve as a model for municipalities across the state.

While partially funded by \$74,500 and \$10,000 grants from the US Environmental Protection Agency and the Davis Conservation Foundation, respectively, and another \$2,000 in smaller donations, the total cost is estimated at \$160,000. This leaves \$73,500 yet to be raised to plant the remaining gardens, turf, and meadow areas; develop educational signage; and build an information kiosk. *This project still needs your help!*

## Want to get involved?

Find out how at:

**[www.yardscaping.org](http://www.yardscaping.org)**

[yardscaping@maine.gov](mailto:yardscaping@maine.gov)

207-287-2731

Partially funded by a Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Grant  
from the US Environmental Protection Agency.

• [www.yardscaping.org](http://www.yardscaping.org) •

**YardScaping has arrived in  
Portland...the first phase of  
planting is complete...but your  
continued help is still needed!**

## YardScaping ...for a Healthy Maine

A demonstration project at  
Back Cove, showcasing with  
ecological landscaping with  
low-maintenance plants

Maine's first public YardScape



PRESORT STD  
US POSTAGE  
PAID  
Permit No. 8  
Augusta ME 04330

YARDSCAPING  
28 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0028



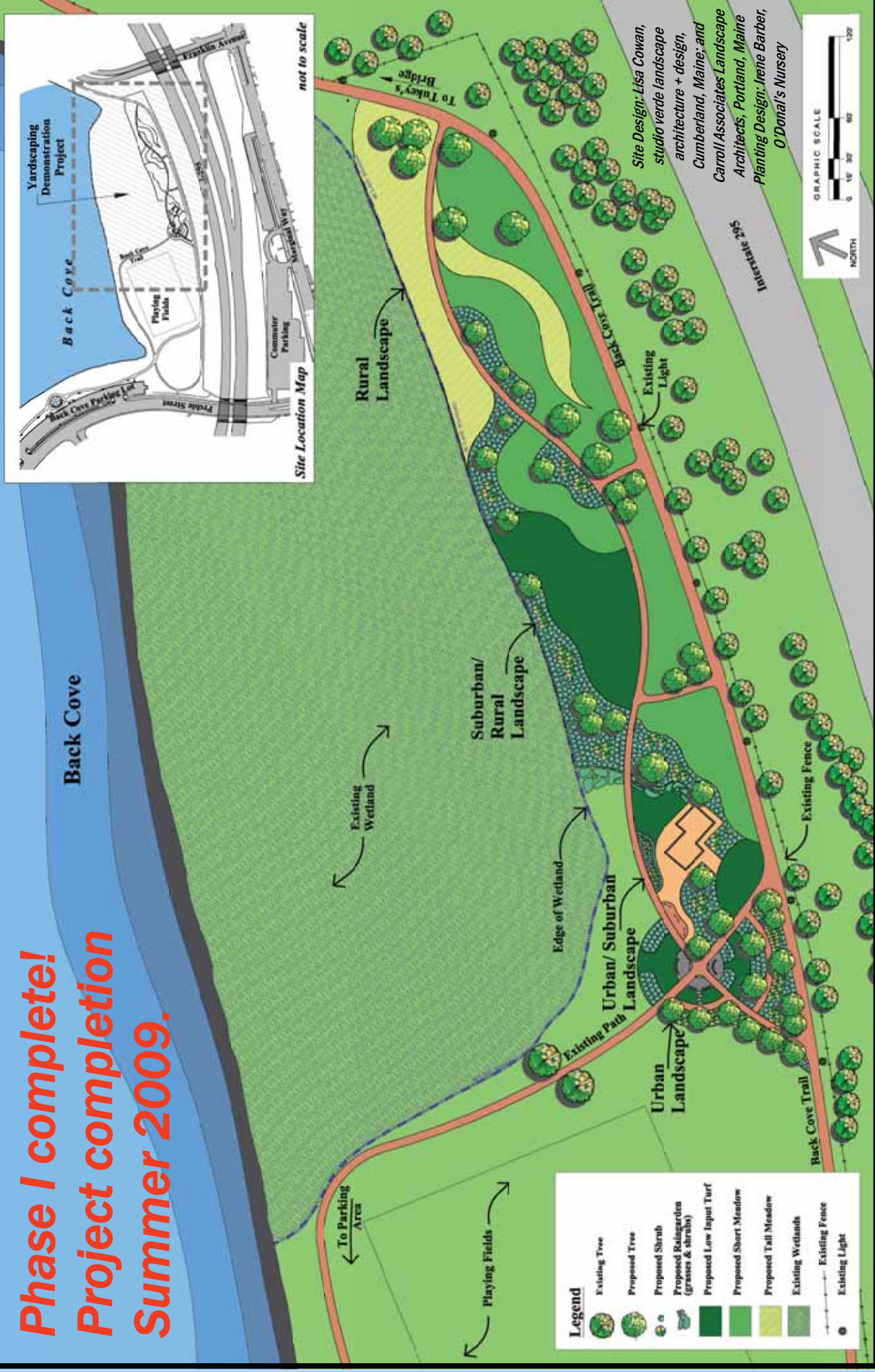
### Join these YardScaping Partners!

- ◆ Allen, Sterling & Lothrop
- ◆ Bar Mills Ecological
- ◆ Carroll Associates, Landscape Architects
- ◆ Casco Bay Estuary Partnership
- ◆ City of Portland
- ◆ Congress of Lake Associations
- ◆ Edwards & Kelcey
- ◆ Friends of Casco Bay
- ◆ Friends of Scarborough Marsh
- ◆ Kennebunkport Conservation Commission
- ◆ LakeSmart Program
- ◆ Lisa Cowan, studio verde landscape architecture + design
- ◆ Maine Board of Pesticides Control
- ◆ Maine Department of Agriculture
- ◆ Maine Department of Environmental Protection
- ◆ Maine Landscape & Nursery Association
- ◆ Maine Organic Farmers & Gardeners Association
- ◆ Maine Soil & Water Conservation Districts
- ◆ Maine State Planning Office
- ◆ Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program
- ◆ Natural Resources Conservation Service
- ◆ New England Organics
- ◆ O'Donal's Nursery
- ◆ Portland Trails
- ◆ Skillin's Greenhouses
- ◆ Southern Maine Community College
- ◆ Think Blue Maine Program
- ◆ Town of Brunswick
- ◆ University of Maine Cooperative Extension

Back Cove YardScaping Demonstration Gardens  
Phase I, Summer 2008



## Phase I complete! Project completion Summer 2009.



**Want to get involved?** Find out how at [www.yardscaping.org](http://www.yardscaping.org). Or fill out, clip, and mail this form to: YardScaping, 28 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0028.

My donation to the Back Cove YardScaping project is enclosed (make checks payable to Friends of Casco Bay—Back Cove).

I would like to become a YardScaping Partner.

I would like to volunteer:  labor  supplies  expertise

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### YardScaping Guiding Principles

- ◆ promote low-input lawns and landscapes
- ◆ common sense pest management (IPM)
- ◆ reduce reliance on pesticides, fertilizers, and water
- ◆ reduce runoff
- ◆ promote vegetative buffers
- ◆ right plant, right place, right use
- ◆ promote native and non-invasive alien plants
- ◆ promote YardScape diversity
- ◆ create wildlife habitats
- ◆ reduce lawn area