

Professor Thomas S. Benjamin, RLA, LEED-AP BD+C

Professional Biography

Mr. Benjamin is an independent registered Landscape Architect and LEED Accredited Professional (AP BD+C) practicing design and sustainability consulting and is Principal of Wellnesscapes. He is the recipient of multiple awards, including three for his sustainable landscape design work featuring healing rain gardens at Kent Hospital located in Warwick, RI. As a Federal Contractor he has designed successful green infrastructure projects at Veterans Administration and Massachusetts Air National Guard facilities.

Mr. Benjamin has more than 25 years experience in environmental design and sustainability work often focused on green design, including energy, waste, water and food systems. Mr. Benjamin's site planning work emphasizes low cost, low maintenance landscape solutions for healthcare, academic and senior institutions, public facilities, commercial and residential developments, large-scale solar farms and community farms/gardens. His work has often encompassed enhancement of natural stormwater filtration systems. His design experience includes upland, wetland, and coastal zone restoration using low tech bioengineering solutions. His skills support projects from concept through detailed design, construction, maintenance, permitting and monitoring phases.

Mr. Benjamin's sustainability consulting experience includes energy and solid waste assessments of businesses, institutions and communities. At the community scale, he has helped develop and evaluate a successful downtown composting program. He is a Board Member of the Ecological Landscape Alliance (ELA). He is a former Board Member of Grow Food Northampton and was chiefly responsible for developing the Florence Organic Community Garden covering some seven acres.

Mr. Benjamin teaches sustainable landscape design at the University of Massachusetts and has also lectured widely including the USGBC's Greenbuild Conference and many design profession meetings.

