



# City of Alexandria, VA

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## Media Advisory

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### **City of Alexandria to Host AHS Garden School Eco-City Principles In Action: Sustainable Gardening Practices**

The City of Alexandria, in cooperation with the American Horticultural Society (AHS), will host a new Garden School, "Green Garage®: Sustainable and Earth-Friendly Solutions for the Landscape" on Saturday, June 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. Garden School participants will learn about environmentally friendly gardening practices from organic lawn care and water conservation to soil health and creating wildlife habitats.

Focusing on Eco-City outreach, the Garden School will include lectures, hands-on workshops, and an exhibit hall featuring companies that offer green products, services, and tools. AHS Garden Schools offer a truly unique environment for life-long learning. These intimate, in-depth workshops feature personal instruction from noted garden authorities as well as opportunities for practical application and hands-on experiences in outstanding settings.

Featured speakers include: Marcy Damon, grassroots restoration coordinator for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Jeff Lowenfels, soil health expert and author of *Teaming with Microbes: A Gardener's Guide to the Soil Food Web*; Paul Tukey, author of *The Organic Lawn Care Manual*; and Douglas Tallamy, author of *Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens*.

Registration opens on April 15. AHS members and City of Alexandria residents will receive a registration discount. Space for this exclusive program is limited, so early registration is recommended. To register, visit [http://www.ahs.org/events/garden\\_schools/09/index.htm](http://www.ahs.org/events/garden_schools/09/index.htm) or call 703.768.5700, extension 132.

The "Green Garage®: Sustainable and Earth-Friendly Solutions for the Landscape," is cosponsored by the City's Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities.

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