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**Building Sustainable Sites
From the Ground Up**

GreenScapes is:

- Multi-media EPA Partnership Program designed to promote a wide variety of sustainable landscape **design, construction** and **land management** practices.



GreenScapes is:

- Designed to help **preserve natural resources** and **prevent waste and pollution** by encouraging more holistic decisions regarding **waste, water, chemicals, energy, and land use.**



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GreenScapes is:

- Designed to provide **cost-efficient** and **environmentally friendly solutions** - improving both an organization's bottom-line and the environment.



Think about:

- **Millions of tons of waste materials that are**
 - Hauled away to a landfill,
 - Buried, or
 - Burned

Each and every day from landscape construction & maintenance operations:

- **Trees**
- **Shrubs,**
- **Brush**
- **Lumber**
- **Asphalt**
- **Concrete, etc...**



Also, consider the millions of gallons of:

- Water
- Pesticides
- Fertilizers
- Fuels
- Oil



Used each & every day in building and maintaining these lands.

Make more holistic and sustainable decisions regarding use of:

- **Materials & waste**
- **Soil**
- **Water**
- **Chemicals**
- **Air**
- **Plant material**
- **Energy**
- **Land (preservation & restoration)**



The *GreenScapes* Solution: Focus on the 4 Rs

- **Reduce**
- **Reuse**
- **Recycle**
- **Rebuy**



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The Economic & Environmental Benefits of *GreenScaping*:

- Reduced water use
- Reduced irrigation costs – water & energy
- Reduced plant growth
- Reduced plant maintenance
- Reduced waste generation
- Reduced labor – time & cost (maint. & disposal)
- Reduced equipment operating times
- Reduced equip. maint. – labor & supplies
- Reduced fuel use
- Reduced emissions
- Reduced fertilizer use – material & labor savings
- Reduced pesticide use – material & labor savings
- Reduced nonpoint source pollution
- Reduced exposure to hazardous materials
- Reduce insurance costs?



Benefits:

- **Material cost savings**
 - **Labor cost savings**
 - **Equal or superior performance**
- = \$\$\$ for you / your customer**

Additional Benefits of GreenScaping:

- **Improved competitive edge with reduced costs and improved materials & energy efficiency.**



Additional Benefits of GreenScaping:

- **Reduced exposure to your customers, employees, and yourself from potentially harmful chemicals, solvents, fuels, and pesticides.**



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Additional Benefits of GreenScaping:

- **Improved public perception of your business.**



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Additional Benefits of GreenScaping:

- Knowledge that you are making a difference by:
 - helping prevent pollution
 - saving natural resources
 - curbing climate change
 - reducing your “**environmental footprint**” on the Earth.



The GreenScapes Alliance

- ▶ EPA Partnership program to implement & promote “green” landscape practices
- ▶ Partners & Allies



GreenScapes Alliance:

- A growing group of organizations, large and small, coming together to promote green landscape practices.
- Currently 85+ organizations including:
US Green Building Council & **American Society of Landscape Architects**



GreenScapes Alliance:

- ▶ Provides state-of-the-art recommendations and Best Management Practices (BMPs)
- ▶ Web-based **menu of options & resources**
 - ▶ Multi-media
 - ▶ Technical information (specs, guidelines, research)



National Recognition Program & Case Studies

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title bar "Benefits of Native Landscaping | GreenScapes Success Story...". The browser's address bar shows the URL: [EPA Home](#) > [Wastes](#) > [GreenScapes](#) > [Success Stories](#) > Benefits of Native Landscaping. The page content includes the EPA logo, a navigation menu on the left, and a main article titled "Benefits of Native Landscaping" with a sub-heading "Self-Containing Ecosystem". The article text describes a project at the Century Park retail complex in Oregon, highlighting the use of native species to create a self-sustaining ecosystem. A photograph of a stone wall in a natural setting is also visible. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the Windows Start button, several open applications, and the system tray with the time 1:30 PM.

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Benefits of Native Landscaping

Self-Containing Ecosystem

EPA530-F-05-015
August 2005

The landscape at the Century Park retail complex in central Oregon never needs fertilizer, pesticides, extensive watering, or mowing, thanks to the native landscaping installed by WinterCreek Restoration. Fifty-one native species—those that have evolved and adapted to the geography, hydrology, and climate of the region—occupy the 33,000-square foot landscape to create a self-sustaining ecosystem. "The project is so successful," commented landscaper Rick Martinson of WinterCreek Restoration, "it's almost working too well."



The success of the project is primarily due to the native plants used throughout the landscape. The



Development of On-line Cost/Benefit Calculators

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Decking Alternatives Cost Calculator

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Input

Area of Deck (Sq. Feet) 600

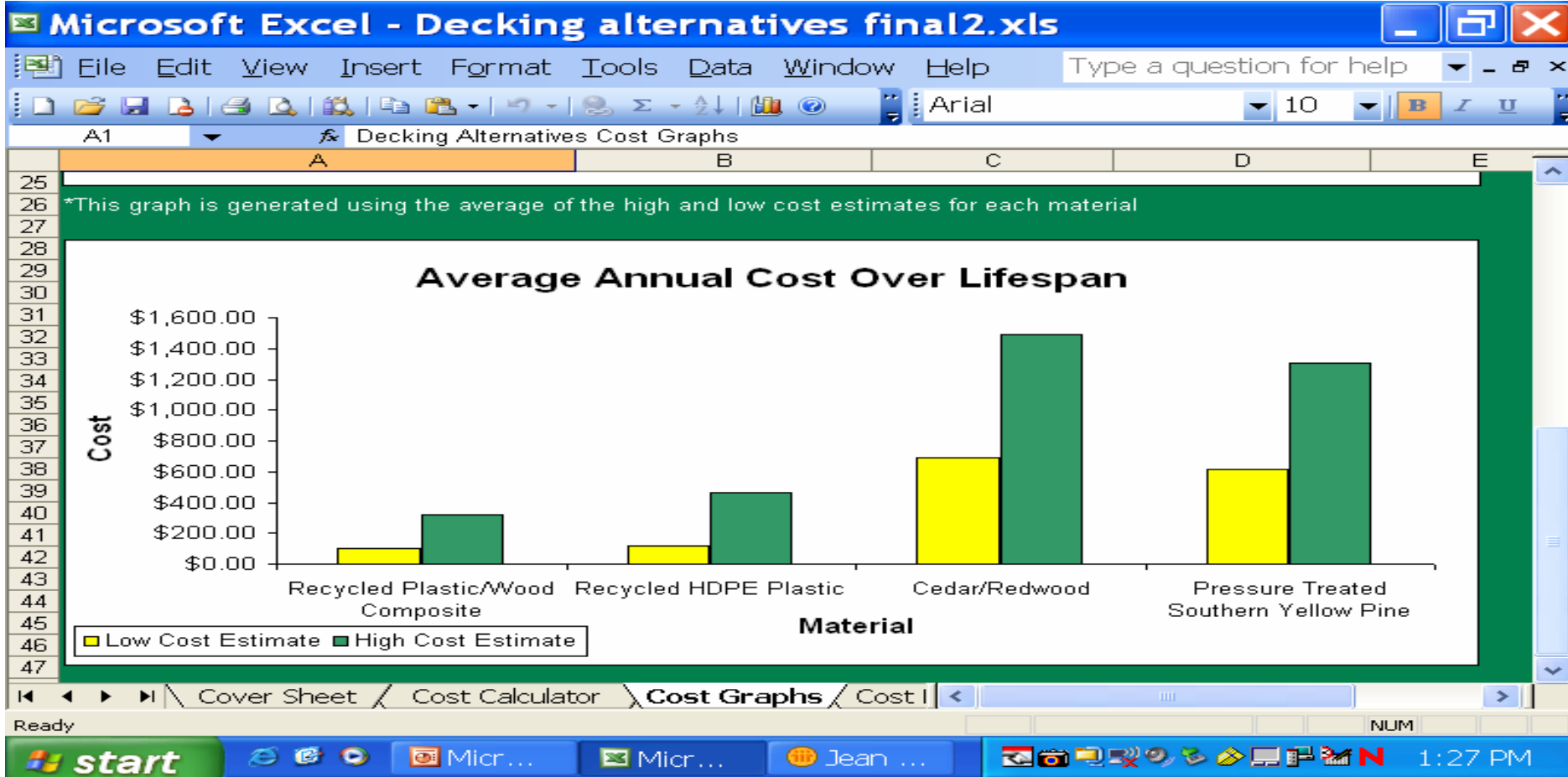
Recycled HDPE Plastic	Low Cost Estimate	High Cost Estimate	Average Costs
Cost of Materials	\$1,296.00	\$5,356.80	
Cost of Installation	\$2,100.00	\$4,350.00	
Initial Cost	\$3,396.00	\$9,706.80	\$6,551.40
Cost of Maintenance (annual)	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Disassembly, Removal and Disposal Cost	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	
Lifespan (years)	50	25	
3 year Cost	\$3,396.00	\$9,706.80	\$6,551.40
6 year Cost	\$3,396.00	\$9,706.80	\$6,551.40
10 year Cost	\$3,396.00	\$9,706.80	\$6,551.40
Lifetime Cost	\$5,196.00	\$11,506.80	
Average Annual Cost over Lifetime	\$103.92	\$460.27	

Recycled Plastic/Wood Composite	Low Cost Estimate	High Cost Estimate	Average Costs
Cost of Materials	\$1,872.00	\$3,120.00	
Cost of Installation	\$2,100.00	\$3,150.00	
Initial Cost	\$3,972.00	\$6,270.00	\$5,121.00

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Erosion Control Alternatives Cost Calculator

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Input

Lenth of Erosion Control (Linear Feet)	400
Duration of Project (Months)	6
Would Compost be Removed from Site? (usually not required)	no

1' x 2' Compost Berms

	Low Cost Estimate	High Cost Estimate
Materials and Installation Cost	\$1,044	\$1,260
Regular Inspection and Sediment Removal Cost	\$1,800	\$1,800
Repair and Replacement Cost	\$157	\$189
Compost Removal Cost	\$0	\$0
Total Cost	\$3,001	\$3,249

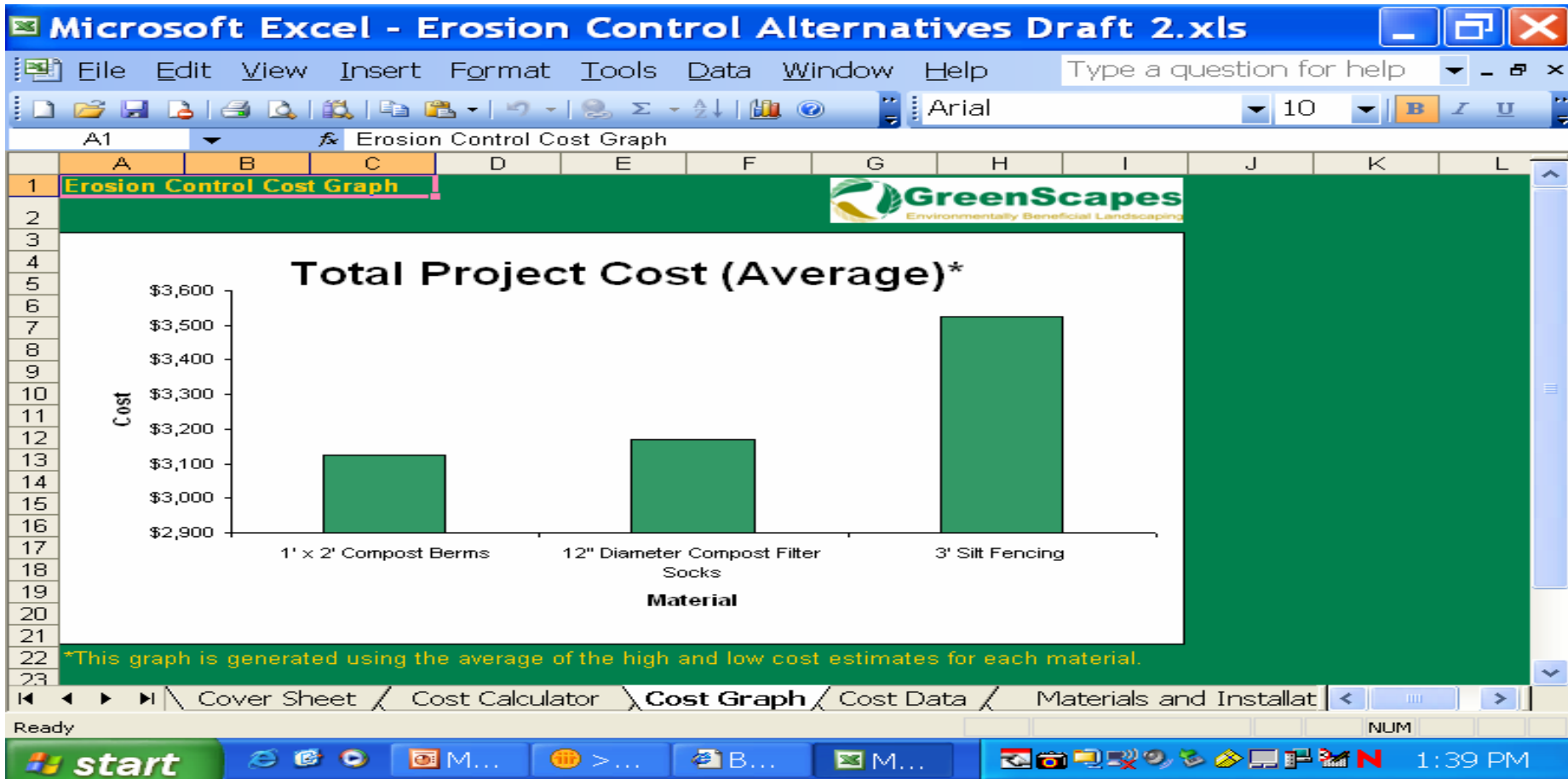
12" Diameter Compost Filter Socks

	Low Cost Estimate	High Cost Estimate
Materials and Installation Cost	\$1,200	\$1,400
Regular Inspection and Sediment Removal Cost	\$1,800	\$1,800
Repair and Replacement Cost	\$54	\$54
Sock Removal and Disposal Cost	\$16	\$16
Compost Removal Cost	\$0	\$0
Total Cost	\$3,070	\$3,270

Cover Sheet | **Cost Calculator** | Cost Graph | Cost Data | Materials and Installat

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Microsoft Excel - Water Saving Landscaping Draft 2.xls

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3	General Information		
4	Total Landscape Area (Sq. Feet)	30000	
5	How long is your growing season (in months)?	7	
6	Your Water Bill		
7	Does your facility pay for water?	Yes	
8	What type of rate do you have?	Per Gallon	
9	Cost per 1000 gallons (\$)	\$3.00	
10	-		
11	-		
12	Current Landscape Maintenance		
13	Who maintains your facility's landscape?	A private landscaping firm	
14	What is the landscaper's travel time (in minutes)?	30	
15	How many times does the firm visit per year?	6	
16	Your Current Landscape		
17	Area in Regular Watering Zone (Sq. Feet)	20000	
18	Area in Occasional Watering Zone (Sq. Feet)	5000	
19	Area in Natural Rainfall Zone (Sq. Feet)	5000	
20	Area of Flower Beds (Sq. Feet)	2500	
21	Area of Turf (Sq. Feet)	24000	

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- Member of the **ASLA** Product Development Committee for the **Practice Guidelines and Metrics** for the **Sustainable Sites** tools.

(Sunday 4pm)



GreenScapes is also working with:

- **Federal EMS** (environmental management systems) development of green landscaping guidance – will be posted on both the GreenScapes web page and Fedcenter.gov
- The Federal “**Green Highways**” initiative
- Both encourage more “**sustainable**” construction & maintenance practices



The Future is Now – Get Ahead of the Game

- More Federal, State, and local gov'ts will spec “sustainable” & “low impact development” techniques & technologies
- More commercial businesses are requiring “greener” practices and products - The US Green Building Council LEEDs
- Businesses are seeing the **GREEN** in “green”



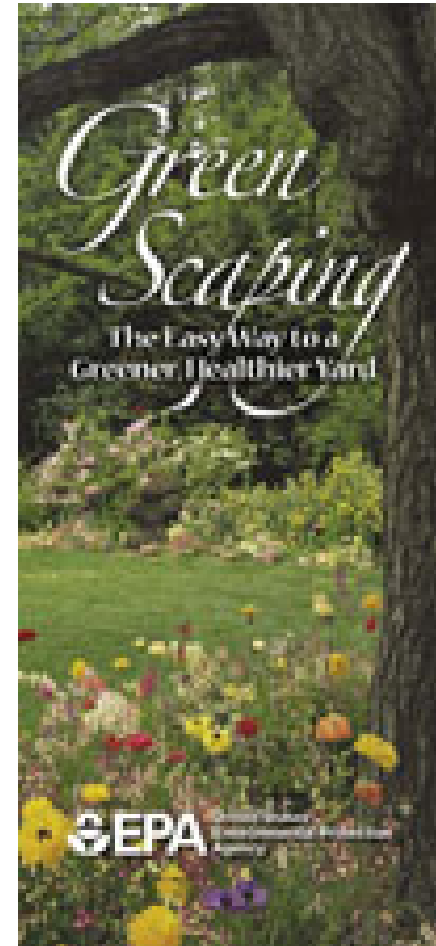
GreenScapes for Homeowners

Launched September 2006

Education & Outreach campaign

Message: Save Time & Money

**Stimulate demand for “greener”
landcare products and services**



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Please Join Us for Part II

- **Building Sustainable Sites From the Ground Up – Water**
- **12:45 – 2:15 Room M100G**
 - **Low Impact Development**
 - **Designing for Water Efficiency**
 - **Irrigation: Latest Techniques & Technologies**

For more info and to Join Us...

- **www.epa.gov/greenscapes**
(exhibit booth **118**)
- Sample of resources here & booth
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