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Rainwater Recovery, Inc. Commissions State-of-the-Art Rainwater Harvesting System at Needham Public Library

Waltham, MA – June 1, 2006 – Rainwater Recovery, Inc. announced today the commissioning of the rainwater harvesting system installed at the Needham Public Library in Needham, Massachusetts. The system, which collects water from the building's roof drain system and directs it to a 12,000 gallon storage vault under the Library's parking area, was installed as part of a complete renovation and expansion of the Library. The water will be used to feed the site's landscape irrigation system, and was built as part of LEED Silver Certification being pursued by the project team, which signifies the incorporation of various sustainable technologies incorporated in the extensive library project.

"By including this system in the renovation project, the Town's Permanent Public Building Committee, the Board of Library Trustees, The Library Foundation, the League of Women Voters, and other sponsoring groups have demonstrating real leadership in both conservation and low-impact development," Philip Reidy, principal at Rainwater Recovery Inc., stated.

He added, “the size of the system was balanced with the roof collection area and the demand for water from the site’s irrigation system, such that it will significantly reduce or eliminate the need for potable drinking water for irrigation at the site.”

Steven Popper, P.E., head of the Town of Needham Permanent Public Building Commission noted “inclusion of this system in the project falls in line with our objective of following the principles of environmentally friendly design.”

In addition to creating an alternative to the use of potable drinking water for irrigation at the library and helping meet the objectives for an environmentally sensitive project, Rainwater Recovery’s harvesting system provides a demonstration of such sustainable technologies for educational purposes, and will feature an informative display inside the library itself.

Rainwater Recovery Inc. is a full-service design/build company which provides innovate, cost-effective solutions to site and water supply management challenges. The company works with commercial, industrial and residential owners, developers and design professionals to meet low-impact and sustainable development goals and requirements through application of progressive design, engineering, construction and on-going inspection and maintenance services. The company was established in Waltham, MA in 2003, and incorporated this year. More information can be found at www.rainwaterrecovery.com