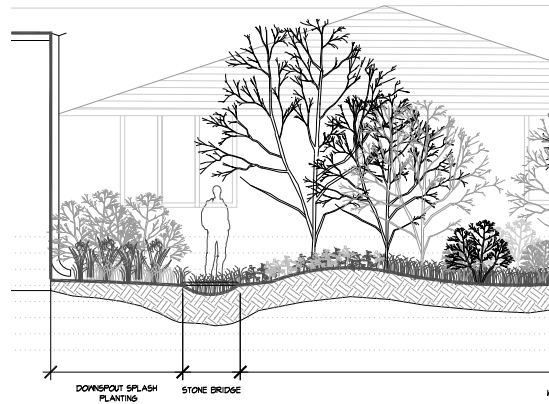




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Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Visitor Center

In 2008, the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association (SBMWA) hired Viridian Landscape Studio in partnership with FMG Architects to design a site and alternative landscape for the new Visitors Center proposed on the five acre Buttinger Nature Center site set within its 860 acre preserve. Viridian's goal: introduce visitors to the story of the watershed and Preserve.

SBMWA encompasses a 265 square mile region of central NJ. As NJ's oldest environmental organization, SBMWA is dedicated to improving water quality, supporting proactive planning for watershed protection, and demonstrating alternative land stewardship methods.

By transforming lawn to meadow and utilizing raingardens, bio-swales and regionally native vegetation, Viridian's design for a restorative landscape celebrates our human relationship to

water and the restoration of the Hydrologic Cycle—the marriage of soils, water and vegetation. The design also challenges the notion of traditional landscape by providing alternative approaches to land management easily transferable to both institutional & residential landscapes.

Location: Pennington, New Jersey
Client: Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Assoc.
Size: 5 acres
Cost: \$900,000 in sitework
Status: In construction phase