



## Oxford Public Library Expansion

**VLS partnered with SMP Architects and Meliora Environmental Design to developed plans for the expansion of the Oxford Public Library building and grounds. By re-imagining the potential for the outdoor space as both an extended venue for learning and as a living part of the stormwater management system, VLS has set a new precedent in the town of Oxford.**

Using native vegetation, bioinfiltration areas and local materials to create space and orchestrate visitor experience the new library landscape will introduce visitors to the aesthetic and value of restorative landscapes. As an extension of the programmatic space for the library, the outdoor rooms will encourage more interaction with the natural and create expanded teaching opportunities.

Some of the features of the landscape include, PA bluestone entry terraces, an amphitheater, a children's garden in a butterfly meadow, a story telling circle, porous parking bays, porous concrete walks, and bioretention areas with a pedestrian bridge.

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**Location:** Oxford, Pennsylvania  
**Client:** Oxford Public Library  
**Size:** 1 acre  
**Cost:** \$330,000  
**Status:** 2009 to present