



Company Description

Tree Specialists, Inc. is a private tree company located in Holliston, MA, a western suburb of Boston. Since 1981, our company's mission has been tree and landscape preservation. We work with property owners, site managers, and design professionals to develop action plans to improve the quality and extend the life of plant collections throughout New England. This is accomplished through expert assessments by our consulting arborists, high quality service work by our dedicated arborists, and professional planning by our vegetation management specialists.

- Our recommendations stem from formal education along with our years of experience actually working with plants.
- Our approach to tree and landscape management is aimed at merging the needs of the client and the needs of the landscape, with the goal of developing a long term strategy that improves the asset value of the property.
- Our clients range from non-profit, institutional settings, to private estates and Homeowner Associations.

This range of work experience allows us to balance our ideals of horticultural excellence with the reality of available resources.

The Vegetation Management Team

Barbara Keene

*B.S Urban Forestry – UMASS Amherst
M.A. Landscape Design – Conway School of Design
Certified Horticulturist
Certified Arborist*

Barbara's unique combination of landscape management, environmental design, and decades of hands-on field experience helped her to develop Tree Specialists' Vegetation Management division. Her significant experience working with historic landscapes, combined with the ecological sensitivity instilled by the Conway School of Landscape Design, brings a unique perspective to her interpretation of the designed and natural landscapes.

Dave Ropes

*B.S Urban Forestry – UMASS Amherst
Certified Arborist*

Since coming to Tree Specialists in 2000, Dave has applied his extensive experience as a practicing arborist and account manager to help clients inventory, assess, and prioritize maintenance activities for sites with large tree populations in residential, commercial, and institutional settings. He specializes in the analysis of tree health and structure, and takes great pride in helping clients preserve older landscapes, and cultivate new ones.



Selected Project List – residential projects noted with (*)

Brookhaven at Lexington*

1010 Waltham Street | Lexington MA

2010-Present Landscape Condition Assessment, Tree Care Services

Created a tree inventory and management plan for a private residential community. The plan provided the management with a prioritized action plan. Since the plan was developed we continue to assist the association with consulting and tree care services.

Carleton-Willard Village*

100 Old Billerica Road | Bedford MA

2007-Present Tree Care Services, Tree Inventory and management Plan

After providing traditional tree care services on site for several years, we are currently producing a tree inventory and management plan as part of a site expansion project.

Elizabeth Vizza Consulting

55 Oakland Road | Brookline MA

2006-Present Existing Conditions Report, Tree care services - Wakefield Estate, Canton MA

Estate donated to the town after Polly Wakefield's Death. Conducted reconnaissance to provide immediate tree stabilization and landscape management recommendations.

2005-Present Landscape Management Program, Plant Health Care - Forest Hills Cemetery, Boston MA

Developed a landscape maintenance and management program to preserve the historic landscape's character while addressing contemporary uses. Since the plan was developed we continue to assist the Cemetery with plant health care.

2004 Existing Conditions Report, Landscape Management Plan - Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford CT

Developed a landscape management program to help preserve the historic character-defining features while addressing contemporary uses.

Halvorson Design Partnership, Inc.

161 Massachusetts Avenue | Boston MA

2007 Landscape Management Plan - Longfellow's Wayside Inn, Sudbury MA

Developed a Vegetation Management Plan to dovetail the 2005 Master Plan recommendations with the existing landscape maintenance and management operations.

2004 Tree Inventory and Management Plan - Fuller Brook Park, Town of Wellesley MA

Conducted tree inventory, assessment and recommendations for various landscape types within the park's corridor, such as streambank, open lawn, woodland, meadow and recreational path.

2002 Inventory and Landscape Management Plan - Historic Parkway Initiative, MA

Conducted vegetation inventory, assessment, and recommendations for 26 historic parkways in Massachusetts.

Harvard University – Graduate School of Design

1350 Massachusetts Avenue | Cambridge MA

2013 Tree Assessment and Full Service Tree Care

Conducted a detailed tree assessment for historic landmark rehabilitation project and implemented the recommendations for tree stabilization and preservation.

Highland Meadows, LLC*

Highland Meadows Residential Development | Weston MA

2013-Present Tree Inventory and Management Plan, Tree Care Services – Weston MA

Working with the developer as it transitions the site into Association management, we created a tree inventory and management plan for a private residential community. We continue to assist the association with their tree care needs as well as consulting on new phases still under development.

Historic New England

141 Cambridge Street | Boston MA

2013-Present Tree Inventory and Assessment, Tree Care Services – Eustis Estate, Milton MA

Conducted a tree inventory and assessment for a newly acquired property, and provide tree care services.

2009-Present Tree Inventory and management Plan - Headquarters at Lyman Estate, Waltham, MA

Performed and documented tree and vegetation assessments for a number of historic properties throughout MA, CT, and RI, including the Lyman Estate, Gropius House, and Roseland Cottage.

2008-Present Tree Inventory and Management Plan, Tree Care Services - Codman Estate, Lincoln MA

Conducted tree assessments in order to develop the scope of work for the annual Arbor Day event lead by the Massachusetts Arborist Association. We continue to provide full service tree care.

2007 Swett Isley, Coffin House, Dole Little, Newbury MA

Conducted a vegetation overview and assessment for three historic properties on the north shore of Massachusetts.

Jackson Pond Condominium Association*

Jackson Pond | Dedham MA

2007-Present Tree Inventory and Management Plan, Tree Care Services

Created a tree inventory and management plan for a private residential community. Since the plan was developed we continue to assist the association with their tree care needs as well as consulting as needed.

Lone Tee Hill – MacLean Hospital Open Space Committee

Concord Avenue | Belmont MA

2015-2017 Tree Inventory and Management Plan, Tree Care Services

Created a tree inventory and management plan for a historic White pine allee, including a structural tree care, invasive plant management, and a replanting plan. We are currently in the process of executing the plan as a multi-year rehabilitation project.

Pressley Associates

1035 Cambridge Street | Cambridge MA

2010 Vegetation Management Plan (Phase 2) - Fuller Brook Park, Town of Wellesley MA

Worked collaboratively with a multi-disciplinary landscape team on all issues related to the site, with a particular emphasis on managing trees and invasive vegetation.

2017 Heritage Tree Inventory and Invasive Plant Management Plan – Olmstead Park, Boston MA

Conducted a tree and vegetation survey with a particular emphasis on identifying and managing historic trees and invasive vegetation.



Reed | Hilderbrand

741 Mount Auburn Street | Watertown MA

2013 Tree Assessment and Guidelines for the Harvard Expansion Project

Conducted a tree inventory and assessment for the street trees located in the Barry's Corner area of Allston, to provide the firm with data needed to implement the Harvard University expansion project.

2017 Tree Assessment and Inventory for the MIT- Volpe Parcel Redevelopment Project

Conducted a tree inventory and assessment to provide MIT with tree preservation recommendations for the 14 acre GSA site adjacent to Kendall Square, Cambridge.

Richard Burck Associates, Inc.

7 Davis Square | Somerville MA

2002-Present Arboricultural and Horticultural Consultation Services

Provide on-going consultation services on a variety of projects ranging from planting plans, tree assessments, historic landscape preservation strategies, and modern arboriculture and tree preservation.

2006 Tanglewood, Stockbridge and Lenox MA

Conducted a condition assessment surrounding three historic cottages, the shed lawn trees, and other key landscape features to provide recommendations for short-term and long-term management strategies to preserve historic character while addressing contemporary uses.

2002 MIT Endicott House, Dedham MA

Prepared a historic landscape preservation maintenance plan for the current maintenance staff to guide them in retaining historic features while executing modern maintenance activities.

Springhouse Pond Residential Development*

153-237 Nobscot Road | Sudbury MA

2009-Present Landscape Management Plan, Tree Care Services

Prepared a comprehensive landscape management plan including sections on trees, shrubs, turf, wetlands, and meadows. We continue to assist the association with consulting and full service tree care.

Tenacre Country Day School

78 Benvenue Avenue | Wellesley MA

2003-Present Landscape Management Plan, Tree Care Services

Prepared a comprehensive plan to support, enhance and guide the existing maintenance program while providing specific planning objectives to guide and direct the budgeting process. Since the plan was developed, we continue to conduct full service tree care.

The Arbors*

10 Quail Run | Acton MA

2010-Present Landscape Condition Assessment and Management Plan, Tree Care Services

Created a tree and shrub inventory and management plan for a private residential community. The plan provided the Association with a prioritized action plan. A second phase included a plant removal and replanting strategy. We continue to provide consultation and service on the site.

