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**A**s seen in *Suburban Essex Magazine*: "The weather that we've had this winter in New Jersey has been unprecedented and like nothing we've ever seen before. If you feel like it was colder, snowier and longer than ever before you aren't too far off the mark. If you struggled through this winter imagine how your front lawn feels? Obviously it's not out of the ordinary for turf to go dormant and survive the winter with no problem at all but this year's extremes will likely cause a few issues. It won't be uncommon to find snow/ice damage in the form of winter kill or a very common turf disease that occurs in winters like this one called "snow mold."

We at Sponzilli Landscaping would like to offer you a little bit of advice in regards to how to deal with this year's issues. First off, what are we doing? We've adjusted our program to include a little bit more nitrogen early in the year to help turf wake up

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from it's longer than normal period of dormancy. As soil temperatures rise we want to help the turf begin growing and green up. Secondly, as part of our organic approach to caring for your property we've increased the amount of active soil improving microorganisms that are applied with our first application. This will help your turf recover easier as well.

What can you do? First off, it's important to be patient. Your turf may not look it's best during the early part of the spring and it may take a little bit longer to come out of dormancy. If areas appear to be matted down you should lightly rake them to promote oxygen circulation but do NOT get carried away with mechanical dethatching as this could cause permanent injury to your susceptible turf. If you do have any winterkill please feel free to spot seed with a perennial rye grass blend but be prepared for your new grass to struggle when temperatures heat up. It will also be likely that any damaged areas may fill in with crab-grass because there is nothing to compete with it.

We promise to do our best and anything in our control to help your lawn look it's best this spring.

*Jason Sponzilli*

*Sponzilli Landscape Group*



## EDUCATION AND TRAINING – THE SPONZILLI ADVANTAGE

*Sponzilli distinguishes itself through a deep commitment to continuous improvement and comprehensive training and development. Keeping current on new scientific developments and methodologies is a source of pride for company team members and adds value for our clients.*

Over the past 41 years, we have developed a full line of services to meet the needs of our residential, commercial and institutional customers. In addition to providing design and build contracting services, maintenance, lawn care, urban landscape

development and a host of others ...and because each service line is highly specialized and technical in nature, Sponzilli Landscape Group offers rigorous training to team members, customized to their background, experience and level of education. All team members who touch a property must, at a minimum, meet licensure and certification requirements set by the state and our management leadership. Beyond that, the company encourages continuing education and development, and has instituted a series of engaging programs and activities in support of this initiative.

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# AVA High Line Building – Up on the GREEN ROOF in Chelsea

Sponzilli Landscape Group, Leaders in NYC Urban Landscape design and development, are creating a green roof 14 stories above the High Line at Chelsea's Avalon Bay Condominiums. Chelsea is already one of NY City's hottest neighborhoods... and now residents of the AVA High Line Building will be able to enjoy another landmark project by the Sponzilli Landscape Group. This innovative green roof is perched 14 floors above the High Line... only footsteps away from the galleries, night life, and vibrant community life that are some of the hallmarks of Chelsea.

The soon-to-be-green rooftop landscape is the masterwork of New York City's new leader in urban landscape design, Sponzilli. The plan called for 6,700 square feet of BIOtrays by Green Roof Solutions. These trays are made of coconut husk fiber and are filled with mineral soil and planted with three varieties of sedum. Eventually, the BIOtrays break down and create a monolithic system as their decaying components will gradually nourish the mineral soil by providing additional organic matter. But the result will be lush, green vegetation and a beautiful, peaceful setting in the heart of Chelsea.

The Sponzilli Landscape Group is one of the leaders in New York City's rush to go green. They are



responsible for such landmark projects as Yankee Stadium, Barclays Center, Carnegie Hall, The Chase Building and a host of other major league projects. "Green roofs transform urban rooftops into environmentally-friendly green space. This improves air and water quality and can provide a significant energy cost savings. Our Urban Landscape division's experience with the challenges of green roofs and vertical landscapes enables us to customize a solution utilizing the best available technologies. Unlike traditional rooftop gardens that rely on individual containers and heavy planters, our green roof systems allow extensive plant cultivation over a wide expanse of the roof." said Danny Sponzilli, Managing Partner of Sponzilli Landscape Group.

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Company sponsored training programs reach nearly every segment of the company, starting from the moment we bring a new team member on board. Although many new recruits are degreed professionals who have specialized in the sciences, every new professional and manager attends a unique, – a comprehensive curriculum featuring group study and field instruction. Then, depending on their specialty area, they will embark on either a series of in-field training experiences or online modules with numerous tracks appropriate for various knowledge levels and culminating in exams at each stage.

Our focus in education and training is an investment that pays dividends for our valued employees and ultimately benefits every Sponzilli customer.

Richard Sponzilli  
Founder

# PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

## Project:

Residential Landscaping,  
Harding Township, NJ

## Sponzilli Project Manager/Designer:

Andrew Lastella

## Project Description:

Installed an 18'x36' rectangular pool with automatic cover, outdoor wood burning fireplace with two wood storage boxes, low retaining walls with natural stone veneer and bluestone, caps, outdoor kitchen with Lynx appliances, fiberglass pergola over the dining terrace, Bluestone stepping stone walkway, entry piers, automated driveway gates, SmartHome, Home automation systems, landscape lighting and plantings.

## Project Scope:

Aberdeen slab pavers by Techo Bloc, natural stone veneer, Bluestone wall cap, Karneystone slab steps, Bluestone Stepping Stones, Delaware River Gravel, Unique Lighting, Lynx Grill & Appliances, and a Fiberglass pergola by Arbors Direct.

Plantings included ornamental trees, shrubs, sod lawn, perennials, and ornamental grasses.



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