

# THE LIVING SYSTEMS LABORATORY

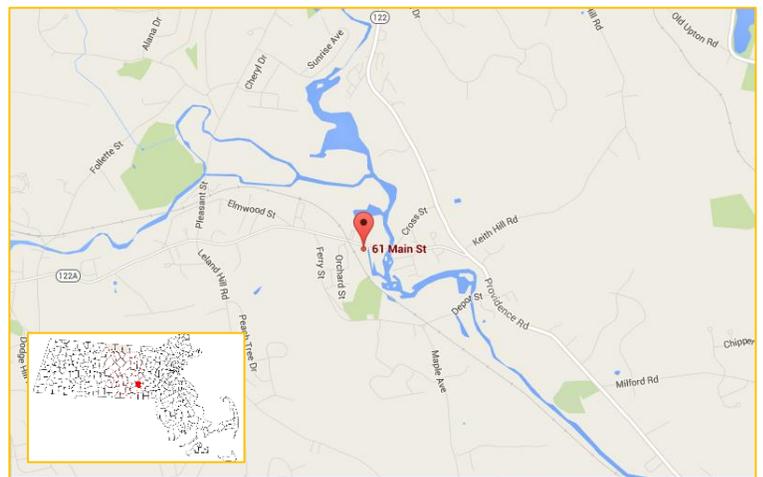
## FIELD TRIP PREP TIPS

The Blackstone River Corridor Living Systems Laboratory is pleased that you will be joining us with your class for a field trip. We hope that this trip will make a lasting impression on your students about complex interaction that humans have with nature and history that will keep them wanting to come back year after year. The following is a quick guide for planning for the tour. If you have any other questions, please contact [livingsystemsintern@gmail.com](mailto:livingsystemsintern@gmail.com).

**How to get here:** The Living Systems Lab is located in the Mill Villages Park in South Grafton, Massachusetts. Our address is 61 Main Street, South Grafton, MA 01560. You will know it is us when you see the Eco Machine greenhouse.

**Parking:** There is ample bus parking in the Mill Villages Parking Lot.

**What to Expect:** When you arrive, you and your students will be greeted by an LSL staff member in the parking lot. Students will have several minutes to stretch and explore the site as well as use the bathroom before the tour begins. You can expect a tour to last about two to two and a half hours. There will be some walking and standing throughout the tour. Afterwards, you are free to see the pavilion or library for teacher-led follow up activities. We ask that you just arrange this with LSL staff prior to arriving.



**Other Activities:** There is a space for further discussion and lunch, both inside a neighboring library, and under the pavilion in the Mill Villages Park. Depending on the season or tour theme, LSL staff may have supplementary activities for your group. These will be communicated prior to the tour.

**What to Prepare:** Review our curriculum and ensure that your students have the background in the topics related to the theme of your trip. This way, we can focus on the deepening of their understanding.

**What to Bring:** Please have your student dress appropriately for the weather, as there will be some time spent outdoors. Additionally, you may want to have students to bring a lunch, water, sunblock, notebooks and pens.

There is a bathroom located in the library.

