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NP&V assisted the Library with SEQRA administration and documentation, permitting, and landscape restoration for a proposed library expansion. The library expansion project began with a series of public design charrettes, for which NP&V provided environmental design guidance and permitting considerations to assist in development of a buildable plan. NP&V prepared an Expanded Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) assessment report and all SEQRA administration documentation and notices, as well as a Hardship Exemption application for the Central Pine Barrens Commission for the renovation and expansion of the library. The final proposal involved demolition of a small portion of the library structure, followed by a net 43.3% building area expansion, in order to accommodate current public demands and to provide for anticipated increased usage, as well as improved facilities and capabilities. The library design included energy and water-saving features and equipment in order to achieve certification under the US Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) Program. Additionally, the library purchased an adjacent parcel to restore Pine Barrens and freshwater wetlands habitat in an effort to institute various environmental stewardship programming. The site involved a number of environmental considerations, including freshwater wetlands, Central Pine Barrens habitats and associated Compatible Growth Area standards including strict clearing standards, proximity to the Carmans River headwaters, and nearby endangered species (tiger salamander) habitats. NP&V assisted the library in completing environmental site assessment, restoration plans, SEQRA administration and applications allowing for the issuance of a Central Pine Barrens Commission Hardship Exemption approval granted in November 2012.

