



# Featured Chamber Members- Eric Rains Landscape Architects

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Eric Rains can't wait for spring – but not for all the usual reasons. Spring is when his firm's projects of the past few years come to life again, serving their surrounding communities as parks, elderly care facilities, private family retreats, multi-family entertainment spaces, hotel and restaurant courtyards.

South Norwalk-based Eric Rains Landscape Architecture (ERLA) provides site design services for corporations and commercial properties, institutions, mixed-use developments, and residential estate properties.

Rains started the company almost four years ago after working with another firm in the area for 15 years, running their commercial studio.

After studying landscape architecture, he began his career outside Washington D.C. in Maryland working with such great clients as the U.S. Library of Congress, The Landscape Architect of the Capital, The Federal Reserve, McCormick Spices International, Georgetown University, and both Johns Hopkins Hospital and University.

Since starting the company, Rains has worked on a number of notable projects in the Norwalk area including National Hall in Westport, Ironworks in South Norwalk, the Central Greenwich Public Library, Restoration Hardware (nationally registered historic Post Office building) in Greenwich, and MasterCard World Headquarters in Purchase, New York.

However, the work is not limited to the greater New York metro area. Eric Rains Landscape Architecture has projects and consulting work in Boston, MA, Pittsburgh, PA, South New Jersey, and Long Island.



The consultant teams for his projects often include professionals from all over the country and in some instances, the world. ERLA works very closely with other design professionals such as architects, developers, engineers, and land use attorneys.

The design style of the firm includes simple and clean lines, shapes, and forms that facilitate the intended use or purpose of the space. It is never complicated with elements or details that do not support the use or purpose.

One of Eric Rains Landscape Architecture's most rewarding roles in the area is as part of the team that recently completed Ironworks. "Projects like Ironworks are important because of their impact on the community," says Rains. "It is exciting to know that people's experiences while visiting SoNo are enhanced in ways that were not possible before the project. It is also exciting to see all the many new residents and businesses that were not here before."

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