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## Hobbs Brook breaks ground on 'green' office buildings

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**Hobbs Brook Management** LLC held a ground breaking ceremony today on two buildings totaling more than 330,000 square feet.

The office building will be located at 175/185 Wyman St. at the foot of Hobbs Brook Office Park in Waltham, Mass. Hobbs Brook Office Park consists of nine buildings totaling over 1.2 million square feet.

The building is being designed and built to meet green building standards with the hopes of achieving the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Silver rating. An existing 330,000-square-foot building will be demolished and 90 percent of the steel, concrete and masonry will be recycled.

The two new buildings will use an existing underground water storage tank to capture storm water run-off for irrigation purposes. In addition, the project includes a green housekeeping program and construction of new roofs. Workers who drive hybrid vehicles and those who car pool will get preferred parking and Hobbs Brook will make shower facilities available to encourage the use of bicycles as transportation. Hobbs Brook Management is also considering purchasing green power carbon offsets.

Construction is currently scheduled to begin in the summer of 2008 with completion expected in late 2009, early 2010. The project is being constructed by **Columbia Construction Corp.** and was designed by **Margulies & Associates.**

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