

## **RPM Ecosystems LLC**

### **NYSEG grant for \$89,400 assists RPM Ecosystems with electrical infrastructure for northeastern nursery center**

Press Release:

#### **RPM Ecosystems LLC Receives NYSEG Grant for Nursery Development**

Dryden, NY, April 15, 2008 - RPM Ecosystems LLC purchased 160 acres of land in Dryden in the fall of 2006 to build it's northeastern wholesale nursery center. In the first year, the company produced 300,000 native hardwood trees and shrubs and grasses in 20 greenhouses for use in ecological and environmental conservation and restoration planting projects.

This year, the next stage of development for RPM Ecosystems is to build several farm buildings to support nursery operations. To help with RPM Ecosystem's growth, NYSEG has provided RPM Ecosystems with an \$89,400 economic development grant to assist the company with electrical infrastructure.

RPM Ecosystems, which employs 60 people including 40 seasonal employees, will be building its international headquarters over the next two years.

"NYSEG has worked closely with RPM Ecosystems this past year to help us develop our infrastructure. They have been readily available to us throughout the process with great advice." said Marvin Marshal, owner of RPM Ecosystems.

"We have a long history of working with businesses, business organizations and local economic development agencies to create jobs and ensure that the communities we serve remain competitive." said Jim Laurito, NYSEG's president and CEO. "We are pleased to provide economic development assistance for electricity infrastructure improvements for this project and we value our strong relationship with RPM Ecosystems."

**The RPM Advantage:** RPM Ecosystems trees are grown using the Root Production Method™ (RPM) a patented natural process found to positively affect trees, shrubs and grasses. Without genetic modification, the natural Root Production Method produces trees that grow to maturity two to three times faster, have a superior survival rate (approaching 95%). produce nuts, seeds and fruits two to three times earlier, and create a root biomass as much as 18 times greater than trees grown using other methods.

RPM Ecosystems-cultivated trees are cost-effective and time-effective solutions for conservation and environmental projects.