In 1989, Eric Brand took over the operation of P & L Landscaping from his brother, Lee, and his friend, Pete with 6 lawns to mow, he set out to build a landscaping company based on outstanding customer service and quality workmanship. Under Eric’s direction and vision, P & L Landscaping, LLC has grown to serve customers throughout southern New Hampshire. In 2008, P & L Landscaping expanded into its new Material Center location in Merrimack, NH, now with over 30 members of the P & L Landscaping team.

A graduate of Nashua High School, Eric has completed college and certification training courses in a broad range of landscape design and business management areas. These include:

* “Techo-Pro” Certified Contractor
* “Hunter” Irrigation Specialist
* International Concrete Paving Institute (ICPI) certification
* National Concrete Masonry Association (NCMA) certification
* One of the first to receive UNH’s T2 certification in winter salt reduction for commercial salt applicators
* The only “Certified Aquascape Installer” in New Hampshire
* Under his leadership, P & L Landscaping has earned its A+ rating as an accredited status member of the NH Better Business Bureau (BBB).
* Green Snow Pro Certified

Over the years, Eric has strived for excellence in the industry and community. Eric has testified in Concord, advocating for both the industry and community.

* 2003 Stateline Irrigation Sales Achievement Award
* 2006 Hunter Irrigation Gold Achievement Award
* 2008 Finalist for “Landscaper of the Year” a national contest through Landscape Care Magazine
* 2009 Top 100 snow plow contractor, through Snow Magazine
* 2009 Earned the designation of “CSP” Certified Snow Professional through Snow and Ice Management, the vigorous training included Subcontracting, Marketing, Human Resources, Accounting, Snow and Ice Sciences and Snow Plowing Techniques. Eric was one of the first 100 landscapers nationwide to achieve this level of certification
* 2010 Nashua Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year Nominee
* 2011, 2012 & 2013 “Best of Nashua”, Nashua Telegraph
* 2011-2014 Board Member, Merrimack Chamber of Commerce, Board President 2012, Golf committee, scholarship committee, gala committee
* 2012 & 2013 “Best of Souhegan Region” Cabinet Press
* 2012 Graduate from the Leadership Greater Nashua
* 2012 Volunteer of the year, from the Nashua Chamber of Commerce, Eminence Awards.
* 2014 Inducted to the “Hall of Fame” with the Boys and Girls club of greater Nashua.
* 2014 - Current Eric was appointed to the “Governors Commission on Disabilities, Architectural and Barrier Free Design Committee”, appointed as Chairman in 2015-Current.
* 2014 Received the first “Salt of the Earth” award from Senator Morse at the first NH Salt Symposium
* 2014 Nominated for small business of the year, from Enterprise Bank
* 2014-2016 Committee member for NH Salt Symposium
* 2016 Business Leader of the Year, Merrimack Chamber of Commerce
* 2016 NH Parent Involvement in Education Recognition Award
* 2016 - Present, Gateways Legislative committee member
* 2016 Nashua Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year Nominee
* 2017 Merri Goyette Award, from City Arts Nashua
* 2019 “Small Business of the Year” Nashua Chamber of Commerce

Donations of money, time, labor and equipment to support many of the local not for profits in the community

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| * United Way of Greater Nashua, many of their programs-over the edge fund raiser, little libraries two years of drilling holes for posts. * Merrimack Chamber of commerce--Gift Certificates, money & time | * Nashua Chamber of Commerce-so many times cannot remember all. Transportation of mini-golf event, transporting from the gala at Holman stadium, volunteering, speaker for LGN classes * Marguerite’s Place- gift certificates |
| * Grows Nashua rototill and prep garden areas, drill holes for fence. * Sullivan Farm community Garden- drill holes for fence posts | * High Hopes- gift certificates, parking lot clean up after bacon and beer festival * The Plus Company- gift certificates |
| * Positive Street Art- gift certificates, donations, transportation, volunteering * Youth Council | * Great American Downtown, Sponsor of Taste of Downtown, before Paul, blocking the road for many downtown events |
| * Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter * Nashua Children’s Home- gift certificates and time * Big Brother Big Sister- gift certificates | * Harbor Homes-donation of backhoe time for removing and reinstalling concrete stairs * Front Door Agency -many years of penny picking-supplies for Norwell home garden |
| * Rivier University- gift certificates | * St. Joseph Hospital- gift certificates |
| * Peacock Players- gift certificates | * Merrimack Crime line- gift certificates |
| * Destination Imagination- gift certificates | * Saint Christopher’s- gift certificates |
| * City Arts Nashua-Transportation of sculptures, trucks and trailers for parades * Boys and Girls Club- gift certificates and time, trailers for parades * Hollis Brookline Rotary- gift certificates * Merrimack Public Library-Gift Certificate * GMNHBRA- gift certificates time for Red cross garage rehabilitation * Humane Society for Greater Nashua- gift certificates and supplies * Bridges- gift certificates and money | * Birch Hill School-supplies * YMCA-gift certificates * Home Health and Hospice-gift certificates * Merrimack Public Library-gift certificates * Nicholas Jennings Memorial Scholarship Fund-Donations * Breakfast Exchange Club of Nashua-Gift Certificate * Greater Nashua Habitat for Humanity-gift certificates and hydroseeding * Professional Fire Fighters of Merrimack-collected and drove down supplies for Hurricane Sandy |
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Eric is an active member of The Greater Manchester/Nashua Area Home Builders & Remodelers Association (GMNHBRA) and the Nashua and Merrimack Chambers of Commerce. He is a past president of the Merrimack Chamber of Commerce and sat on numerous committees.

Eric is a 2012 graduate of the Leadership Series from the NH Institute on Disabilities. Also in 2012, Eric participated in The Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce “Leadership of Greater Nashua” training and was the project leader of the [Legacy Playground Project](http://www.nashualegacyplayground.com/), which opened in 2016.

A busy year in 2012, Eric worked with the Merrimack Chamber of Commerce and The professional firefighters of Merrimack to collect supplies for those effected by Hurricane Sandy. Eric drove to NYC on two occasions brining over 20,000 LBS of supplies in total to those in need.

Eric completed the Volunteer advocacy training program through PIC (Parent Information Center), during the fall of 2012. Eric and his family donate their time and support to numerous local non-profits. Eric is a father of three. He currently enjoys running, completing (7) ½ marathons, along with many other road race and obstacle challenges, including finishing the Spartan Race Tri-Fecta in 2017. Eric is currently working on hiking the 48 4,000’ mountains in NH, completing 23 of them to date with his youngest son.