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Project:

Residential landscaping project using native plants, drip-irrigation, hardscape, and no-mow grass.

Nomination Site:

99 San Mateo Drive, Menlo Park, CA

Person Nominating:

Louise Jeffrey, Green Programs Director

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Organizations to be nominated:

This was a team effort between the following people/organizations, all of whom played a key role, and should be nominated.

Client:

VanHoff Family

99 San Mateo Drive, Menlo Park, CA

Phone number available upon request

Landscape Architect:

Keith Willig

885 Santa Cruz Avenue, Unit D Menlo Park, CA

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General Contractor/Builder:

Ken Arends

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Description:

We (Arends Construction & Design) completed a large landscape project last spring in which we incorporated many green features. The landscaping was designed by Keith Willig, a local Menlo Park landscape architect. We installed a significant amount of hardscape to replace vegetation which reduced water consumption. For the first time, a No-Mow lawn was installed which requires half the water as conventional sod and has no need for a lawn mower, whose small engine emits disproportionately large amounts of carbon monoxide, volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides contributing to global warming. Native plants and mulch were used throughout, again reducing the need for much irrigation. When it is needed, the irrigation system is controlled by a

Weathermatic Smartline control unit. This unit can be programmed for the type of plants, soil condition and weather zoning with a wireless rain sensor. The project turned out *green* in many ways and was, of course, beautiful.

Photos:



- No-Mow Lawn -



- Hardscape, Mulching, and Native plants -



- Weathermatic Rain Sensor -

Environmental Quality Award 2009 - Landscaping

From: Louise Jeffrey [Louise@arendsconstruction.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2009 4:37 PM
To: Wheeler, Regina M
Subject: Environmental Quality Award 2009 - Landscaping
Attachments: Menlo Park Environmental Quality Award 2009 - Landscaping.pdf

Importance: High

Good afternoon Ms. Wheeler,

Meghan Gutelius suggested that we send in an application for the Environmental Quality Award in the Landscape Category. She sent me the link to the online application, but unfortunately, once completed, it would not submit. Thus, given the tight timeline, I have provided all of the necessary information in the attachment. I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

I appreciate you allowing us to submit this information at this time and am thrilled that Menlo Park has a program such as this. I used to work for Humboldt County's Department of Environmental Health and administered a similar awards program. I have to say that honoring people in the community who were helping the environment in such a variety of ways was one of the best parts of my job.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or if you need additional information.

Thanks again, Louise

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