Private Residence

Lemont, Illinois

In 2000, Conservation Land Stewardship (CLS) was presented with the opportunity to restore and enhance a 40 acre complex of remnant prairie, oak savanna, and riparian ecosystems located within a private estate in Lemont, Illinois. In coordination with Conservation Design Forum (CDF), a sustainable landscape plan was developed that incorporated creative ornamental plant design and sustainable hardscape elements within the broader context of restored and remnant native ecosystems. The result is a truly unique property on which land use, watershed health, and aesthetics are born in respect of the natural systems of the site.

CLS began site work in 2000 and continued stewardship and management of the property through 2004. Restoration and management efforts at the Residence include:

- initial seeding of mesic prairie, oak savanna, and riparian communities
- selective clearing of invasive woody species within oak savanna and degraded woodland
- native plantings within remnant communities
- design and installation of permeable paving
- construction of ornamental water features
- implementation of a low-input turf maintenance program
- planting and maintenance of ornamental planting beds
- implementation of a sustainable aquatic and emergent weed management program
- wildlife habitat enhancement
- prescribed burn management of 30 acres
- site stewardship, monitoring, and invasive species control throughout restored and remnant vegetative communities

Client:	Private Homeowner
Project team:	Conservation Land Stewardship
Status:	Work completed in 2004
Project budget:	$200,000

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