



Extreme Green Community Makeover Sugar Grove, IL

Installed by Aquascape, Inc. and its contractors in July 2009

Aquascape, Inc. and hundreds of its contractors, distributors, and retailers installed more than 25 sustainable landscape projects July 17th – 18th during its first-ever Extreme Green Community Makeover at the Lakes of Bliss Woods neighborhood in Sugar Grove, IL. The event was the prototype and official launch of Aquascape's "Green Community Makeover Movement."

The event provided hands-on training for installing Aquascape's RainXchange™ rainwater harvesting system. Numerous contractors received Certified RainXchange™ Professional credentials during the event and are now equipped to create sustainable landscapes and green communities.

"We're thrilled to initiate this Green Community Makeover Movement," stated Greg Wittstock, CEO and founder of Aquascape, Inc. "Aquascape is dedicated to changing the way the world views water and we're poised to help our customers carry this mission to their own communities. We believe the best way to do that is one community at a time. The movement is a trend we want to take nationally this winter."



Before a Pondless® Waterfall and 500-gallon RainXchange™ are installed.



During construction of the waterfall and rainwater harvesting system.



The Pondless® Waterfall is complete and the downspouts have been connected.



Before a decorative water feature and 500-gallon RainXchange™ are installed.



Liner is spread before the AquaBlox® D-Raintanks® are placed.



Fountain rocks and a rainwater harvesting system replace overgrown shrubbery.

Green projects installed at the Lakes of Bliss Woods neighborhood included:

- 6 RainXchange™ Systems with fountainscapes
- 3 RainXchange™ Systems with permeable paver patios and fountainscapes
- 3 RainXchange™ Systems with Pondless® Waterfalls
- 3 Standard Ecosystem Ponds
- Advanced Build-A-Pond with negative edge application
- Rain gardens and RainXchange™ Rain Barrel installations throughout the neighborhood
- Large aeration system was added to the community's retention pond and native plantings were added to the banks of the pond
- LED lighting installation and native plantings were incorporated into the residential landscape projects

For more information about the prototype Extreme Green Community Makeover log onto <http://www.aquascapeinc.comextreme-green-community-makeover>.



Before a Pondless® Waterfall and 1000-gallon RainXchange™ are installed.



During construction of the waterfall and rainwater harvesting system.



The Pondless® Waterfall is complete and the landscape has been transformed.



Before an advanced ecosystem pond is installed.



Liner and rock are placed to form the stream and waterfall.



A beautiful ecosystem water feature replaces the expanse of grass.



RainXchange™ Rain Barrels installed throughout the neighborhood.



Rain Gardens were added to low-lying areas to assist with stormwater runoff.



Close-up view of fountain rocks that sit atop the sub-surface rainwater reservoir.