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### RESIDENCE & ARTIST'S STUDIO

Category: Residential

Building Type: New

Project Location: Olympia Fields, Illinois

Client: Anonymous

Building Area: 7,000 SF Residence  
2,200 SF Artist's Studio

Cost of Construction: \$2.5 Million

Date of Completion: August 2010

Architect: Linden Group



#### Project Description:

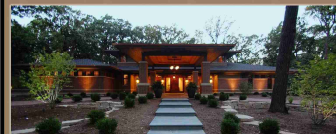
The 7,000 square foot prairie-style home stretches horizontally under the oak canopies and is anchored to the landscape with outreaching site walls. The house is accompanied by a 2,200 square foot artist studio and wood shop that edge the backyard patio garden.

Great measures were taken to protect existing trees and restore undergrowth to its natural woodland character. A detailed protection and restoration strategy was put in place to ensure that character of the existing trees and landscape would be maintained.

The architecture is defined by an open plan that provides an inviting, comfortable space conducive to frequent large dinner parties. The entry to the home is a series of surprises through interior spatial volumes, beautiful natural interior finishes, and grand exterior views through the oak woodland. The Client's enjoyment of entertaining guests and passion for cooking drove the interior layout of the house.

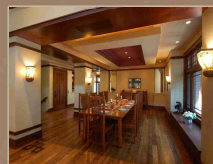
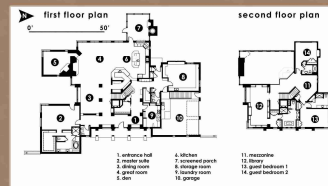
Committed to reducing their carbon footprint, the client has chosen to heat and cool the house with a geothermal system. The specified system is projected to save \$4,200 in annual operational costs. This represents over 60 percent savings from the cost of a conventional system.

Lumber from trees that were removed from the site was milled and utilized for millwork throughout the house. PerVIOUS Pavement was selected for driveways to reduce impervious surface, promote infiltration, and recharge ground-water aquifers.

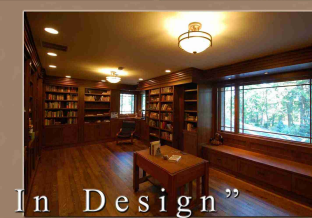
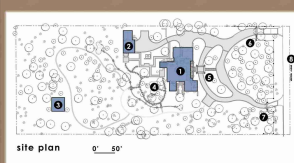
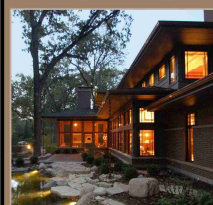


#### Jury Comments:

"Wow. What a house! Great light airy spaces, a wonderful use of materials, and sensitive to its setting."



"This project displayed a homogenous design and integrated the buildings with the site. The use of pervious materials for driveway, reuse of trees for building materials, site planning of pond displayed a thoughtful approach to water management on site while enhancing the woodland environment."



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