





BIG PICTURE

MAKING A POINT

LOCATION Prior Lake, Minn.

COMPANY Southview Design

THE DETAILS This residential project took three years to plan and two years to complete. The first meeting took place on the property, which had an existing 1950s home, between Landscape Designer Matt Burton, the real estate agent and the homeowner. Before new home construction could begin, a plan to control erosion and drainage had to be approved by city and state inspectors and the boulder walls had to be installed.

Raising the main level of the house plus having water on three sides proved to be a challenge. A 7-ft. deep, 8- to 9-ft. wide water collection well, featuring 6-in. perforated drain tile, connects to a bio-swale, allowing stormwater to percolate down through the soil. Water coming off the south side of the house is directed toward the plants, trees and sod. Boulder walls around the entire point raise the grade of the yard to prevent water from getting to the lake.

The project earned Southview Design a 2016 Grand Award from the National Association of Landscape Professionals' Awards of Excellence program.

PHOTO A backyard play area for the owners' children was a vital component of the project.

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