



LANDSCAPE DESIGN ASSOCIATION

LDA Lends a Helping Hand

Dear Membership,

March 20, 2011

After many conversations with various organizations we have found a great opportunity to give and teach students about our industry and hopefully plant some seeds! I am hoping all those wonderful individuals that I heard from in late February are still on board.

Thanks to an introduction by Jon Hirsch of Krugel Cobbles, I have been in contact with an organization by the name of Youth Build Lake County. The YouthBuild Program offers low-income young adults, ages 17-24, a nine-month workweek program. During the YouthBuild Program, trainees have an opportunity to increase their basic employment skills by...

Obtaining their GED and acquiring computer skills in our computer lab by taking classes taught by instructors from the College of Lake County (CLC)

- Learning marketable construction skills by building affordable homes in Lake County
- Earning an Home Builder's Institute certification
- Building a more hopeful future through counseling, life skills and job readiness training
- Securing employment or entering college

Youth Build Lake County is now Green. In the spring of 2009, YBLC and Habitat for Humanity Lake County received a combined \$250,000 grant from the Lake County Planning and Development Department to build green homes. In return, we have committed to build 5 green homes that meet Energy Star efficient standards in Lake County. Construction on the first of these homes began in September 2009. On the website you will find some of the forward-looking "green" elements being incorporated into these energy-efficient affordable homes.

Celebration of the completion of this home will be in April. [A Speaking program](#) is scheduled for that day and will include the Green Technologies involved in this project as well as Congressman Bob Dold, Mayor Leon Rockingham and [Landscape Design Association of Illinois](#).

Volunteers Needed: As a final step in completion of the "Green House", Youth Build is looking for volunteers to assist with the installation of a sustainable landscape design. Students on site to do the work.

- **Teach** the students about grading, water reclamation, plant material, proper planting instructions, prepare soil, cut bedlines, install grass, proper mulching, etc.
- Krugel Cobbles is donating the Hardscape Installation and Aspen Valley is donating the Hardscape materials.

Donate Plant Material: Businesses or individuals that would be willing to donate some plant material would be awesome.

- Bring a couple of perennials or grasses to the site when you come to help out...or a shrub. We need 1 shade tree too! Native and low maintenance.
- A plant list with quantities will be e-mailed week of April 4th.

Dates to Volunteer:

- April 19, 20, or 21 for a few hours - 1 day. Youth Build is trying to coordinate with Earth Day. We are hoping to have much of the landscape laid out and a few plants in the ground before April 25th.

RSVP: e-mail Anne @ anneflannery@thebeadedgarden.net

Thank you so kindly,

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