

# Three Ponds Residence

Plymouth, Minnesota

Treeline and Shelter Architecture



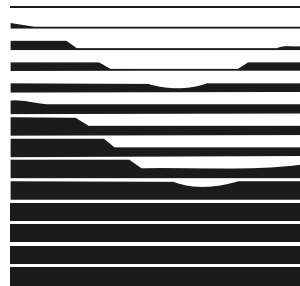


Suburban ponds and sloughs, once merely low spots on the prairie, are now being asked to handle runoff from streets, roofs, and yards. This has a profound effect on water quality—as seen near one Twin Cities home by differences in algae growth in ponds with different abutting uses. The homeowners liked being surrounded by these wetlands (except for the summer green-up), but they also wanted a clear division between their backyard spaces and the wild areas just beyond. The design highlights that boundary—and also makes a local statement about sustainability—by tracing it with a linear stormwater treatment facility called the Greenline. The landscape as a whole is an aesthetic and functional complement to a new addition and provides formal outdoor spaces for entertaining, dining, and play. Inside the Greenline is a contemporary composition of sunken fire circle, concrete patio, stone circle highlighting the preserved-in-place “mountain rock,” wooden seating/light boxes, and lawn. Outside is the wetland.



The Three Ponds Residence in Plymouth, MN, was designed by Treeline and Shelter Architecture. It is one of nine landscape architecture award winners profiled in this issue, beginning on page 20.

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