

## The Right Plants and Water-Wise Troubleshooting Make the Difference in NorthLake

**Case Study: Stay Green Design/Build Services Revamps Monument, Creates Lush Landscape, Cuts Watering by 80%**

The NorthLake Homeowners Association needed a redesign of landscaped common areas, including its monument sign and waterfall area. The Stay Green Design/Build Services team redesigned the landscape, installing water-efficient vegetation and improving the irrigation system's efficiency, too.

- **Choosing the Right Plants**

The area around the monument was populated by a very thirsty grass, Creeping Red Fescue. In its place, the team installed Desert Carpet Acacia, a hardy green groundcover that gets by on minimal water.

- **Let the New Material Take Over**

As with many other projects in which grasses are replaced, the Stay Green team didn't haul the old material off to a landfill. Rather, it remains in place while the new material is allowed to take over.

- **Who Doesn't Love Flowers?**

Everyone loves flowers, right? So do we. That's why this drought-tolerant design gets a healthy splash of color courtesy of stunningly beautiful rose bushes.

- **Troubleshooting the Irrigation**

Stay Green's team concluded the weather station for the irrigation control system was not functioning correctly. New weather-based irrigation controllers solved the problem, cutting water waste.

- **Water Twice a Day? No More.**

Once the Acacia is established, the switch from Creeping Red Fescue cuts the watering schedule from an aggressive two sessions per day to approximately *two sessions per week*. That's a reduction of approximately 80 percent.

The new landscaping will produce a substantial return on the customer's investment. Now, the Stay Green Design/Build team is identifying other NorthLake common areas that are suitable for redesign, including a landscaped slope that is being hydroseeded with a native mix of plant material to restore it to a more natural state — and a more efficient one, too.

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