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## Developments win kudos for preservation, ambiance

One is nice, but two major awards for residential development is terrific.

The Mocer Companies of Auburn Hills has won a President's Award from Keep Michigan Beautiful for environmental preservation at The Oaklands, a collection of upscale neighborhoods in Oakland Township.

Also, Stonewater in Northville was designated 2002 Development of the Year by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan. Mocer partnered with Trinity Land Development and Windham Development at Stonewater.

"From the start, we embraced the natural beauty of the land and carefully considered the environmental impacts of our development," Dominic Mocer said of the Oakland Township project. The Oakland's five adjoining communities off Adams between Dutton and Silverbell roads encompass 225 acres and are linked by walking, jogging and cycle pathways.

Boardwalks are suspended over nature preservation areas, and nearly 90 acres have been saved as open space.

The development also includes gazebos, benches and a glass conservatory offering retreats to enjoy the natural surroundings.

"It's new, but it blends into the surrounding landscape... which will sustain value and environmental character for generations," Mocer said. "The goal was having something to look forward to driving home."

Mocer credited Donald Westphal, landscape architect/planner from Rochester, and Gary Roberts of Great Oaks Landscaping in Novi for their efforts in creating The Oaklands.

Stonewater, bounded by Six and Seven Mile and Beck and Ridge roads, includes six lakes totaling 105 acres used for canoeing, paddle boating, sailing and fishing.

Homes there range from \$400,000 to more than \$1 million.

"Basically, we wanted to establish a waterfront paradise," Mocer said. "What makes it exciting and worthy of development of the year was the diversity of the builders and custom home price points."

"And the other two members of that development team?"

"Our goal was to provide a vacation-type atmosphere," said Herb Lawson, CEO with Windham. "We reclaimed a creek, restored it, restocked it with trout.



Boardwalks provide a view of delightful natural features at The Oaklands.

That was something to be proud of. "I... really established a new standard of quality and excellence in Wayne County," Lawson added.

The project had many challenges, said Richard Ives, vice president with Trinity.

"It would be taking a piece of property with at least two failures I was aware of and getting the township of Northville and the state of Michigan to agree what it would take to restore it and build homes. We moved, I think, a million cubic yards of material."

"Each partner has decades of experience, and we combined construction, marketing and environmental standards," Mocer added.

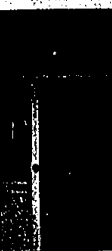


Water is a very big component in the Stonewater development.

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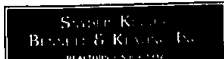
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Crown moldings, hardwood floors, French doors and a very flexible floor plan are just some of the special interior features. This home has four bedrooms, three full bath and two half baths, plus an additional six hundred square foot in-law/appraiser suite with a fifth bedroom, fourth full bath, kitchenette and living room. Two family rooms and a really lovely sun-room make the house ideal for large family gatherings. Another special feature is the very large mud room, perfect for today's active family.

This is a special home in a really wonderful neighborhood. Whether walking your child to Way Elementary or nearby shopping you won't be disappointed.



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