

Silverton wins People's Choice at Homearama

And the People's Choice is... the Silverton, a neo-traditional house of 2,700 square feet built by Bridge Lake Properties of Clarkston.

That model was voted the most popular by crowds who last weekend attended Homearama, a showcase of 11 idea homes, sponsored by the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan.

"Among the reasons people cited for choosing this home were its fireplace, in the master bedroom suite, use of windows, curved staircase and general layout of the home," said Nancy Rosen, B.A.S.M. spokeswoman.

The Silverton's main floor includes a great room with vaulted ceiling, library/media room, dining room, kitchen, breakfast nook, laundry and lavatory. All four bedrooms are upstairs.

A 2 1/2 car garage connects to the laundry room. Outstanding features of the model include:

- A leaded-glass front door leading to a vaulted ceiling foyer with curved oak staircase and ceramic tile flooring.
- A bridge overlooking the great room with vaulted ceiling and floor-to-ceiling windows.
- A curved wall at the library/

media room.

■ A master suite featuring a raised, see-through fireplace, cathedral ceiling in bedroom and vaulted ceiling in bathroom.

■ A barrel-vault roof over the front porch extending two stories high.

The model as built for Homearama would cost \$269,000 to duplicate, said Anne M. Vinstra, a principal with Bridge Lake Properties.

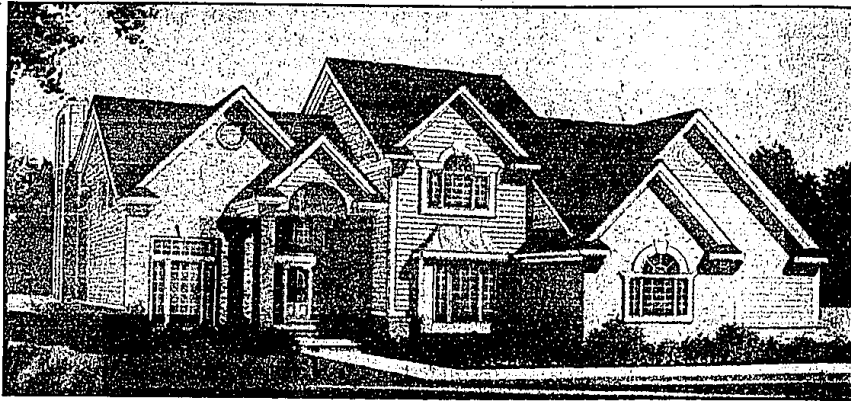
"I think I heard for the most part a lot of comments in two areas," she said. "One was ceiling treatments. We use a lot of crown moldings, a lot of varied heights, high ceilings."

"Another comment people had were the colors I used — plum, teal and taupe," Vinstra added. "I try to keep it a classic feel, but I like to spruce it up with contemporary color."

Her response to winning the People's Choice Award? "We were overwhelmed. We thought it was wonderful."

The Alexandria, a ranch home of 2,000 square feet with three bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths built by Matteo Homes of Rochester, placed second in the voting.

Homearama continues through June 13 in the Silver Bell Village Subdivision in Orion Township.



People's Choice: The Silverton, designed and built by Bridge Lake Properties of Clarkston, proved to be the most popular model at Homearama last weekend. The neo-traditional home features main living/entertaining spaces on the main floor and all bedrooms upstairs.

Oakland County sewerage plan saves millions in building fees

Oakland County's Water and Sewage Operations Division won an award from Michigan Qualifications-Based Selection Coalition of East Lansing last month for implementing a selection process that will ultimately lead to savings of \$5 to \$23 million in construction costs.

Oakland County used the QBS selection process to evaluate 12 engineering firms before retaining Chicago-based Consoer, Townsend and Associates to evaluate whether existing sewerage capacity within the Clinton-Oakland Sewage Disposal System would be adequate to the year 2020. If not, the study was to define possible new construction alternatives.

"The study involved demographic and hydraulic modeling techniques which are considered highly innovative," said James Pistilli, county chief of sewer systems. "Consoer, Townsend and Associates found minor improvements and suggested new management procedures which could extend the life of the district's present facilities."

If the system is not managed, the construction of over \$5 million of relief sewers or over \$23 million in new retention facilities would be needed to ensure adequate future capacity.

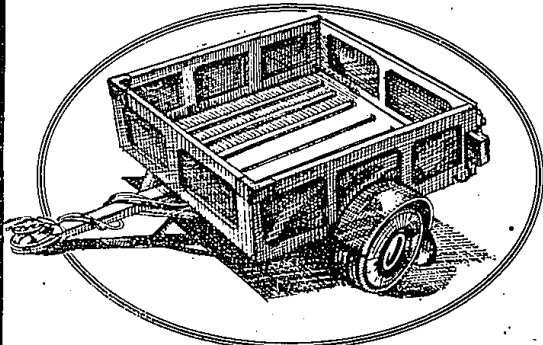
Oakland County officials called the planning, modeling and metering initiated by Consoer, Townsend & Associates a proactive means of managing wet weather flows from the 12 local communities comprising the 250 square mile sewerage disposal district.

James E. Porter, manager of the county's water and sewerage operations, credited the QBS selection process for fostering close working relationships with the engineers and the success of the study.

The project earned an engineering excellence honor award from the Consulting Engineers Council of Illinois as well as a national award from the American Consulting Engineers Council.

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