

ELITE Award for Sustainability

[Outdoor Craftsmen]



Finalists for the Sustainability Award should demonstrate the value and rewards of applying sustainable landscape principles to a design/build or installation project. This award showcases how sustainable landscape practices can be applied to conserve one or more valuable resources. At completion, the winning project should exhibit specific sustainable outcomes that can be documented. The recipient of the ELITE Award for Sustainability is Outdoor Craftsmen.

The original home of the historic Gunbarrel Ranch was in desperate need of updating; turf covered much of the three-acre property; overgrown shrubs dominated the landscape; an inefficient irrigation system and an immense concrete driveway caused significant water run-off.

The renovation plan Outdoor Craftsmen proposed for this tired landscape included a 50 percent reduction of lawn area, xeric landscape, irrigation system updates to save water and a hardscape overhaul. Existing landscape features were reduced, repurposed, replanted and recycled whenever possible to create a contemporary, rustic design that honors the home's historic legacy, while reducing its carbon footprint. They removed concrete and installed reclaimed bricks. The driveway was creatively recycled in sections and used off site. A new irrigation and control system was essential and the client's savings in water usage and money should be realized in a short amount of time.

The resulting Gunbarrel Ranch landscape now saves water, utilities and maintenance.

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Paula and Scott Deemer, Outdoorman Craftsmen

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Outdoor Craftsmen, Gunbarrel Ranch

