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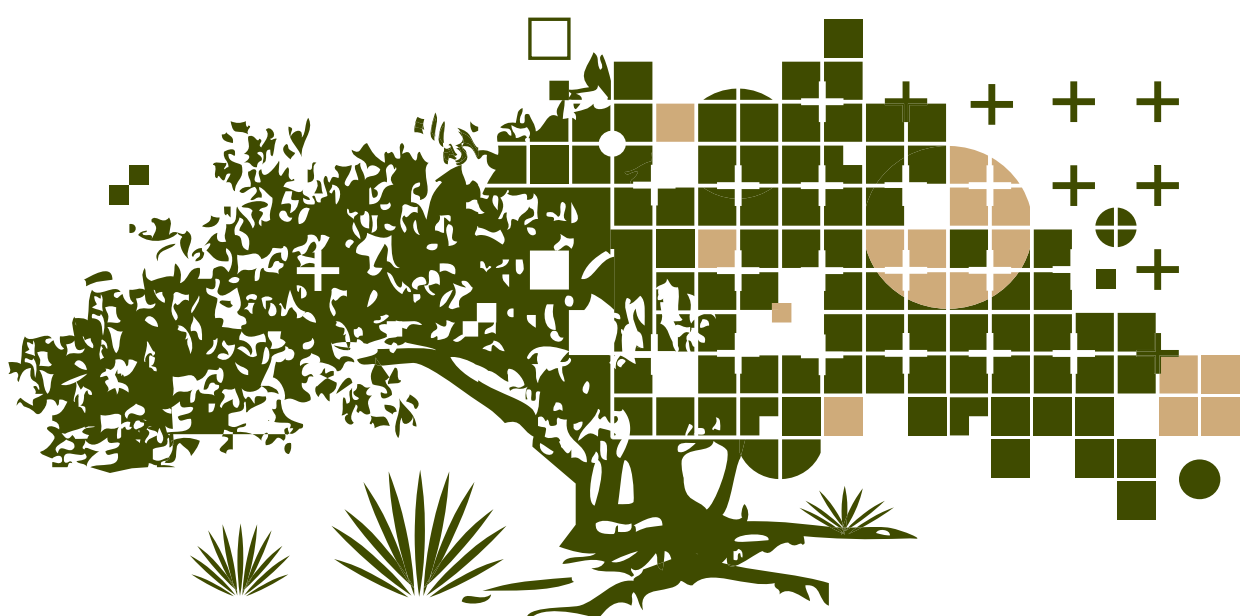
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**Quiet Respite**  
Seclusion provided by native plants  
Front Exterior



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UP FRONT

Ultimately, resource conservation is the main truth of good design. Conscious attention is given to select plants that grow in the pine flatwoods of west coast Florida.

These are plants that historically have grown here prior to development: Native plants are drought & pest tolerant. 80% of the plants are native, with subtropical plants punctuating throughout. Native

plants as a rule, require less water and maintenance than non-natives. They also provide the berries and foliage that attract Florida’s birds, butterflies, and creatures ensuring a healthy ecosystem.

So, how do we transform suburbia? Actively engaging our choices in design & method of construction is the best way to advance this transformation.

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**INDOORS is OUTDOORS:** Florida living at ground level

## Single Lane Nostalgia

Old Sarasota historic canopy road



**Core -Ten Rain Basin with Bullrush**

### HISTORY

**A**bove, native Simpson Stopper provide an immediate natural screen. Providing space between the house and the front yard, the Stoppers create a soft buffer

complimenting the architecture behind. While mostly an aesthetic point, two 165 gallon rain basins help slow the flow of rain water by capturing & overflowing into concrete wells filled with drain rock.

These dry wells have no bottom, water is allowed to flow back into the groundwater before it runs offsite. The rain basins also provide an eco-habitat for native Hibiscus, Lilly Pads, Leatherleaf Fern, and Bull Rush.

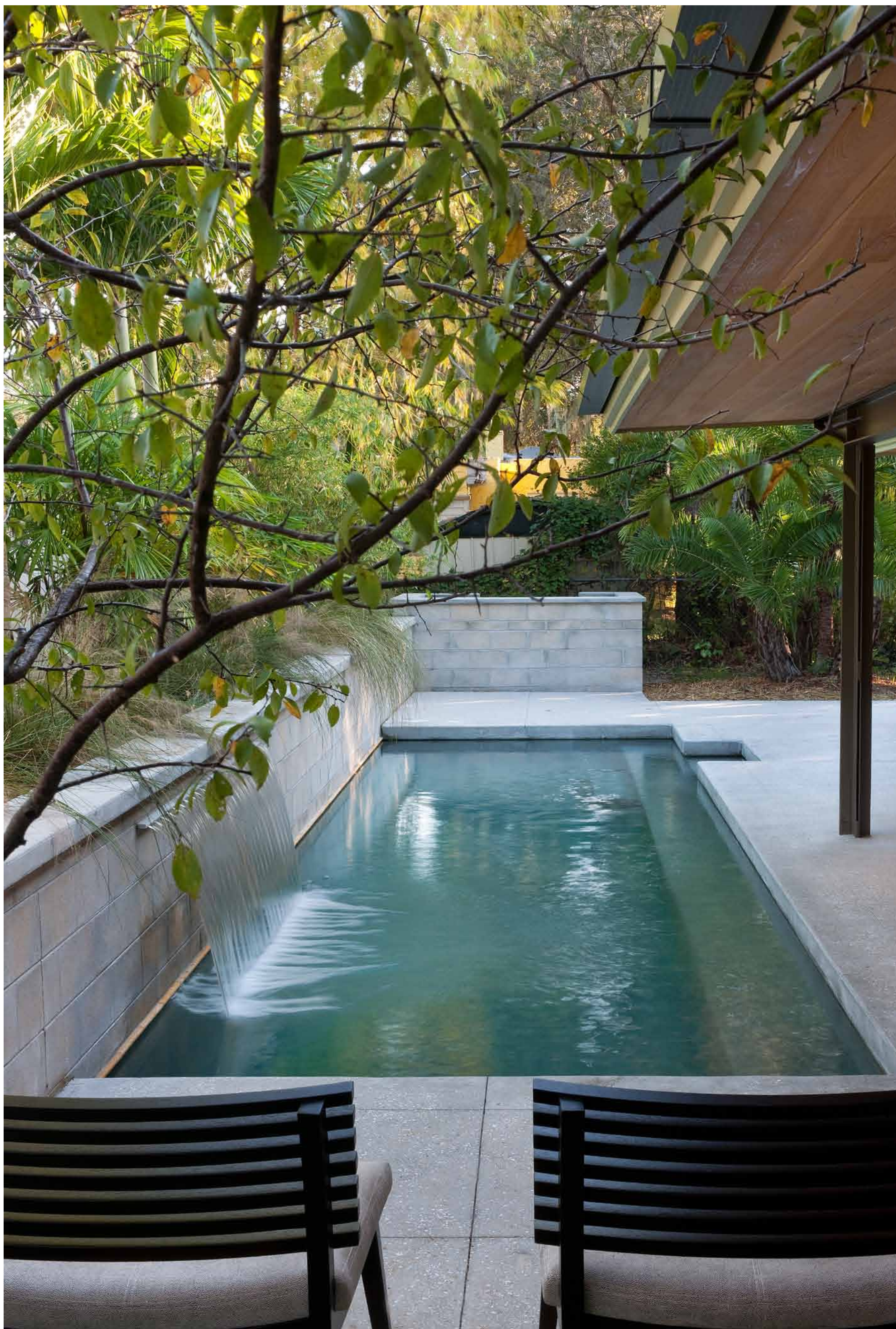
A Landscape Architect can help you protect water resources by planting native plants, utilizing sustainable practices, through smart design.  
R A I N W A T E R



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Pool, Cistern & Planter



Rain Basin



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Front Entry

### IN DETAIL

Your garden should be an extension of your home; inside should feel inclusive of the garden, your garden should feel as part of the architecture.

What is being marketed as “green design” in the construction industry, is what Landscape Architects have done from the beginning of our profession. Everything we consider FROM

selecting the correct plants according to their growing requirements and ultimate form, TO mitigating temperature and micro-climate that produce pleasantly habitable outdoor garden spaces; FROM

water conservation, TO sustainable site design, Landscape Architects have always worked responsibly with the environment.

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**"A  
3000 gallon  
cistern  
saves water;  
is  
environmentally  
wise."**



### UP CLOSE

**R**ainwater is an under utilized resource and because Sarasota benefits each year from periodic thunderstorms,

why not use it? A 3000 gallon cistern carefully designed as planter separates the adjacent house which is less than ten feet from the

common property line. Recycled plastic shipping pallets are utilized to fill the cistern with a supporting structure that allows water

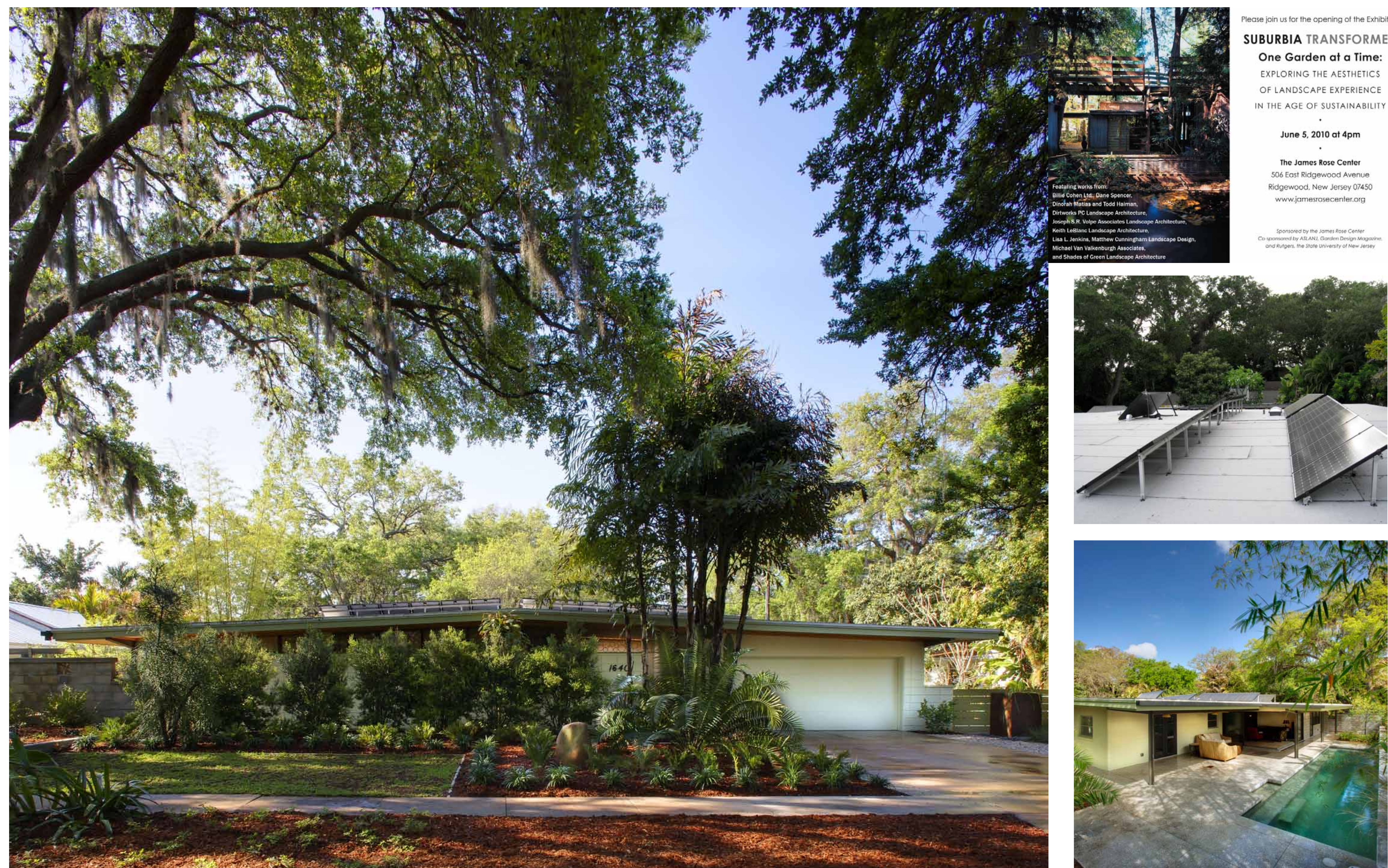
to be stored within the voids. **W A T E R** Cisterns are a great way to conserve our limited water resources.



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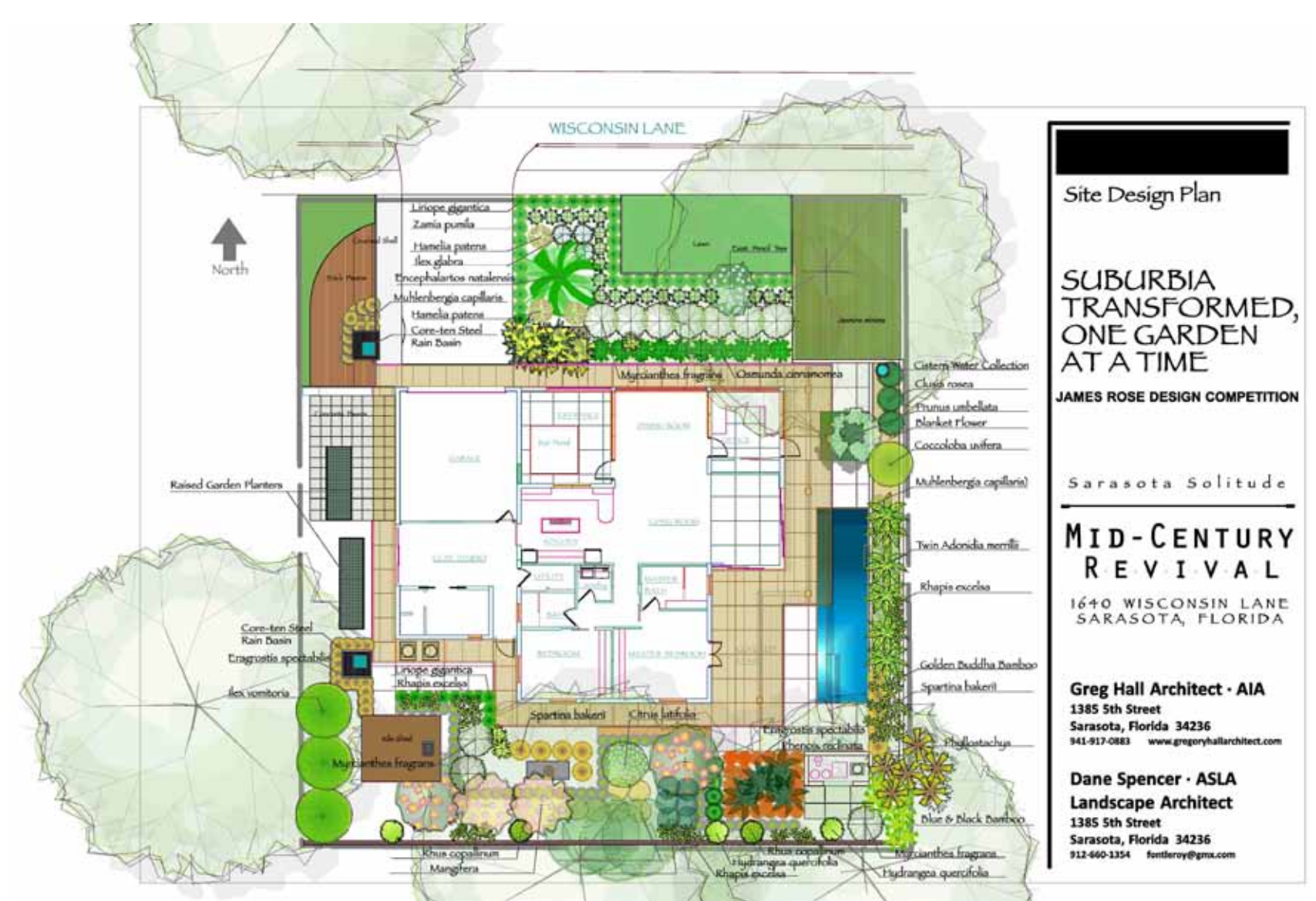
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Core-Ten Rain Basin



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CONCEPT

Working with Architect Greg Hall, we were able to keep the original building footprint

which meant not having to construct 90% of the exterior walls. As a result, the project benefited from cost savings and consumed fewer building materials for a greener approach. Exposed steel posts & I-beams fit perfectly within this Mid-Centruy Design.

Contractor: RC Moore Construction

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OF LANDSCAPE EXPERIENCE  
IN THE AGE OF SUSTAINABILITY

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