

Sugar Grove's Settlers Ridge Development Wins Awards

The Settlers Ridge subdivision, located in Sugar Grove, Illinois, was designed and is being built by Kimball Hill, Inc. recently won an award for exemplary natural landscaping and conservation development. This award was presented to Kimball Hill, Inc. by the Chicago Wilderness Corporation Council and The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

From the early concept phase of the Settlers Ridge subdivision, the Village of Sugar Grove and Kimball Hill worked jointly to plan a subdivision that would be unique to Sugar Grove. The desire of both was to build a community that would stand out from others. Settler's Ridge is a 1,300 acre lifestyle community designed with both conservation development and traditional neighborhood design themes and includes more than 40 percent open space and native plantings abound throughout. The development incorporates numerous conservation design elements; stormwater facilities designed to be naturalized lakes; wetlands containing native planting, and greenway swales with native plantings that double as a stormwater management.

The Settlers Ridge Water Works System Improvements also received the Project of the Year award from the American Public Works Association Chicago Metro Chapter. The Waterworks System not only tripled the water storage capacity, while providing safe, clean and radium compliant water, it was uniquely designed to fit the overall architectural theme of Settlers Ridge.

“Native plants provide a beautiful, hardy, low maintenance landscape which also benefits the environment,” said President Sean Michels. “Once established, native plants save time and money by eliminating or reducing the need for fertilizers, pesticides, and water and lawn maintenance equipment. The design of the Water Works System is unique and a showpiece of the Village. Having appealing facilities and environmentally friendly amenities in all developments such as the landscaping, stormwater management, waterworks facility and trail system in Settlers Ridge is a goal of the Village. We (the Village Board) are extremely proud to have this development in our.”

At the Village Board meeting of March 18, 2008 the Village of Sugar Grove presented a certificate to Kimball Hill, Inc recognizing their outstanding achievements in the Settlers Ridge subdivision.