

Extreme Makeover: Home Edition features Pioneer Athletics

STMA Commercial member Pioneer Athletics helped on a project featured on the February 17 episode of ABC's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*.

This is the third project Pioneer has worked on for the two-time Emmy-winning television show. This time the crew helped the Hughes family from Louisville, KY with a blind and disabled son who has overcome challenges to become a musician and inspiring leader as part of the University of Louisville band. The field crew at the university helped renovate the practice field the band practices on. Pioneer supplied the paint and stencils for all the logos.



For previous episodes, Pioneer had worked in Alaska, where they installed a football field in the backyard of the lucky family. Another season, the Cleveland-based company worked at Minot's Knights of Columbus Field in North Dakota.

Guard groundwater

Attention all turf managers: the Groundwater Guardian Green Site program is now open. Groundwater Guardian Green Sites are places with a lot of turf that

implement groundwater and surface water-friendly practices as part of their regular site maintenance.

To earn the exclusive Groundwater Guardian Green Site designation, site managers complete a simple application that documents their site's groundwater-friendly practices related to water, pesticide and fertilizer use, pollution prevention, and environmental stewardship. The application is available for download online at www.groundwater.org/gg/greensites.html.

In 2007, the program's pilot year, the following sites were recognized as Groundwater Guardian Green Sites:

Arbor Links Golf Course – Nebraska City, Nebraska
Bayside Golf Course – Brule, Nebraska
Eastern Nebraska 4H Center – Gretna, Nebraska
Firethorn Golf Club – Lincoln, Nebraska
Heritage Hills Golf Course – McCook, Nebraska
Hickory Hills Golf Club – Grove City, Ohio
Players Club at Deer Creek – Omaha, Nebraska

Other currently participating sites include:

Chalco Hills Recreation Area – Omaha, Nebraska
Gifford Farm Educational Center – Bellevue, Nebraska
Haymarket Park – Lincoln, Nebraska (2007 Field of the Year winner)
Millard Public School District Campuses – Omaha, Nebraska

Potential sites are encouraged to get involved in the Groundwater Guardian Green Site program by downloading the 2008 application at www.groundwater.org/gg/greensites.html, e-mailing guardian@groundwater.org, or calling 1-800-858-4844.

The Green Site program grew out of a project to revitalize and grow The Groundwater Foundation's Groundwater

Guardian program, which recognizes communities of all types implementing groundwater education and protection activities on the local level. In 2007, 140 Communities in 34 states and one Canadian province were recognized as Groundwater Guardians. The Groundwater Guardian Green Site program is supported by the Nebraska Environmental Trust, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 Pollution Prevention Program, and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

The Groundwater Foundation is a non-profit organization based in Lincoln, Nebraska with a mission to educate and motivate the public to care about and for groundwater. Since its inception in 1985, the Foundation has offered various educational programming for youth and adults. To learn more, visit www.groundwater.org.