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Parksite Donates Materials to Land Conservancy of Lake County's Pohickory Nature Preserve

- Architect Edward Dart Designed Home Rehabilitated -

Batavia, IL, April 22, 2010 – Parksite, Inc. was pleased to donate several sheets of DuPont™ Corian® and joint adhesive to the renovation and restoration of the Land Conservancy of Lake County's (LCLC) Edward Dart House located on the 32-acre Pohickory Nature Preserve in Wadsworth, IL.

Founded in 1988, the LCLC “strives for the preservation, conservation, and management of open lands, natural areas, and ecosystems...and for increased student and citizen awareness and appreciation of the natural environment through public education and stewardship.” Currently the LCLC holds eight properties throughout Lake County, IL.

Elizabeth Wheeler, Corporate Administrator for Parksite writes that, “Parksite and it's Associates see great value in partnering with organizations whose missions revolve around preservation and conservation. The LCLC is one of those organizations.”

Located on the Pohickory parcel is a home built by local architect Edward Dart. According to Susan Dart, Dart's designs were “unbound by heavy traditional concepts, [and] gave a feeling of light and freedom [from the] outside and warmth and snugness inside.” Dart graduated from the Yale School of Architecture, where he studied under the titans of modern including Marcel Breuer and Louis Kahn. Dart's designs were also heavily influenced by Frank Lloyd Wright and Paul Schweikher. In addition to numerous residential designs, Dart is known for his work on the Pick-Staiger Concert Hall at Northwestern University and Water Tower Place on Chicago's Magnificent Mile.

Prior to 2008 the LCLC rented the Dart house out to families to generate revenue. The home was vacated in 2008 when the LCLC began the renovation process. The project was coordinated by Margaret Black of M. Black & Co. Black worked with the LCLC and numerous product suppliers to acquire the majority of renovation materials and labor, which were donated to the rehabilitation project.

One such generous donation of labor was from Precision Countertops & Custom Cabinets in Beach Park, IL. Precision was responsible for fabricating all Corian countertops throughout the home's kitchen and several bathrooms. Precision's President, Chris Hahn, writes that, “we were pleased to donate our fabrication and installation services for this worthy project. Being involved and giving back to the community where we live, is important to us. It was a very rewarding experience for myself and my staff.”

“The renovation of the Edward Dart house at the Pohickory Nature Preserve was the perfect combination of renovation and conservation. It is critical that we preserve buildings of historical significance for the education of future generations. In addition this project fit within Parksite's commitment to green building - there is nothing more sustainable than conservation,” concluded George Pattee, Parksite CEO.

Jeff Koziel, President of the LCLC concluded that, “the contractors and vendors who donated either their time and/or materials were all great. Without them we could not have achieved what we did. The LCLC could not have accomplished this renovation, to the degree that we did, without everyone who came together to make this project happen.”

For more information on the LCLC, please visit: <http://www.landconservancyoflakecounty.org/>

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