



Alterra Landscape Design Recognized With 2025 Texas Excellence in Landscaping Award for McKinney Residential Project

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Alterra Landscape Design has been recognized with a 2025 Texas Excellence in Landscaping (TEIL) Award for a residential installation completed in McKinney, Texas, following a competitive review process conducted by industry professionals from across the state.

Presented annually by the Texas Nursery & Landscape Association, the Texas Excellence in Landscaping Awards honor landscape projects that demonstrate a high level of achievement in design, construction quality, craftsmanship, and overall project execution. Submissions are reviewed by an independent panel of experienced professionals who evaluate entries based on design intent, material integration, functionality, environmental considerations, and long-term performance.

Alterra Landscape Design received the award in the Residential Installation: Under \$250,000 category for Troupe Road Retreat, a thoughtfully designed outdoor living environment created to serve as a seamless extension of the home. Completed in 2025, the project reflects the continued evolution of residential landscape design in North Texas, where homeowners increasingly seek outdoor environments that balance

recreation, relaxation, and architectural cohesion.

The McKinney-based project centers on a custom steel-and-cedar pergola that defines the primary outdoor living space. Beneath the structure, an integrated kitchen, dining area, and lounge space establish a unified setting for daily use and larger gatherings. Overhead fans, integrated lighting, and a protective roof system were incorporated to enhance comfort and support year-round functionality while maintaining clean architectural lines.

A centrally positioned fire feature anchors the layout visually and functionally, serving as a gathering point that connects the surrounding activity zones. Recreational elements, including a putting green, synthetic turf lawn, and a dedicated sports court, were strategically placed to maintain open sightlines and balanced proportions throughout the property. The layout allows multiple areas of use without isolating individual features, encouraging fluid movement across the backyard.

To soften the strong geometry of the hardscape and structural components, curved planting beds were introduced to guide the eye and create natural transitions between zones. Carefully selected plant materials provide texture and seasonal interest while maintaining a refined, low-maintenance landscape profile. A custom water feature introduces subtle sound and motion, enhancing the sense of cohesion and calm within the overall design.

According to Jeffery Riddle, owner of Alterra Landscape Design, the project was developed with an emphasis on intentional planning and spatial integration.

"This project was about creating an environment where each element contributes to a unified experience," said Riddle. "From the structural components to the recreational areas, the design was approached holistically so the space feels balanced, functional, and connected. We're honored to have this work recognized by a panel of industry professionals."

The Texas Excellence in Landscaping Awards program is regarded within the landscape industry as a benchmark for project distinction, recognizing firms that demonstrate disciplined execution and thoughtful design solutions. Award recipients represent a range of residential and commercial projects submitted from across Texas, reflecting the diversity and competitiveness of the state's landscaping sector.

Recognition through the TEIL Awards underscores Alterra Landscape Design's ongoing commitment to delivering integrated residential outdoor environments in McKinney and throughout the broader North Texas region. The firm focuses on comprehensive landscape design solutions that combine structural elements, hardscape materials, curated plantings, and recreational features into cohesive outdoor living spaces.

As outdoor living continues to gain prominence in residential architecture, projects such as Troupe Road Retreat illustrate how careful planning, material discipline, and attention to proportion can transform backyard space into a fully realized extension of the home. The award highlights the role of professional landscape design in shaping functional, enduring environments that support modern residential lifestyles.

More information about Alterra Landscape Design's residential landscape design services in McKinney is available on the company's website.

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