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2010's Best Residential Landscapes

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For the courtyard of the newly developed Pacific Cannery Lofts, landscape architect Jeffrey Miller honored the site's industrial past by recycling machine wheels, gears, and engines from the old factory as art objects in the new garden. With multiple outdoor rooms, included a Living Room courtyard surrounded by tree fens and a Dining Room courtyard under three-story palms, the space has gone from forgotten remnant to urban oasis.

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Best Residential Landscape Design Projects of 2010

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While looking out my window at over a foot of snow this morning, I envisioned a warmer weather landscape. After searching for some dreamy eye-candy, I came upon some of the year's most impressive landscape design projects — *when you could actually see the grass outside*. The American Society of Landscape Architects and *Garden Design* magazine have chosen the best of these lush landscapes for us to admire.

Some of these well-planned, professional projects have incorporated sustainable elements, such as native plants & grasses, recycled materials and re-used objects. Here are my favorites:

- ***Rustic Family Retreat*** (Saco, Maine) by Richardson & Associates: This conscientious company worked diligently to preserve and enhance the natural surroundings.
- ***Oasis of Garden Rooms*** at Pacific Cannery Lofts (Oakland, California) by Miller Company Landscape Architects (pictured here, photo by Dennis Letbetter): Recycled machine wheels, gears, and engines from the old factory here add much character to the site.
- ***Farmstead Reawakening*** (Pitkin County, Colorado) by Design Workshop: Here, properly-placed poplars, conifers and cottonwoods protect the historic buildings from winter winds.

See more of the winning properties at [Garden Design Magazine](#).