

# SUSTAINABLE QUALITY AWARD 2008 APPLICATION

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Which award are you applying for:

**SQA (grand prize)**

Description of the product(s) or service(s) your company provides:

**Architectural Design, Planning and Mapping**

Number of years in business: **20 years**  
S.M. Chamber member? **Yes**

Legal status: **private company**

Number of full-time-equivalent employees: **2**

Do you own or lease your space? **Lease**

How did you hear about the SQA program? **Former SQA Grand Prize Winner**

To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this application is accurate.

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Signature

Date

## **PART 1: STEWARDSHIP OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**

### **What is your company doing to protect and restore the natural environment?**

**DUVIVIER architects** provides a full range of design services, including architectural design of buildings, urban design, neighborhood revitalization and ecological mapping. Projects highlight environmental features such as habitat preservation and restoration, and incorporate ecological design strategies such as passive solar energy efficiencies, water retention/recycling, and use of non-toxic/recycled building materials. Duvivier Architects emphasizes the interdependent relationship between the natural and built environments. Our goal is to build shelters and communities for our growing society, while minimizing the impact of human activity on the land and local resources.

Architect Isabelle Duvivier, Principal of Duvivier Architects is the creator and producer of the Santa Monica and Ballona Watershed Green Map, which is currently being widely used and distributed by the City of Santa Monica, Santa Monica Unified School District, Santa Monica College and many other regional stakeholders. Isabelle is a LEED accredited professional.

Duvivier Architects provides three types of services: architectural design, site restoration and "green" mapping.

#### **1-1 Producing products or services that are eco-friendly**

We provide design services that are exclusively eco-friendly. In our practice of building design, site restoration and green mapping, we recognize that building construction can be regenerative to the environment instead of destructive, and that by generating "cool" educational maps we will encourage the public to care more about our environment. Our products create a market for sustainable design and building materials and help other organizations trying to do good things for the planet.

##### *Architectural Design*

Duvivier Architects designs structures using sustainability concepts with the goal of decreasing environmental degradation from the building industry. Our building designs are based on the principle that a structure is an integral part of our ecosystem, and that it must be designed and operated with the clear goal of sustainability. The design and construction process, in addition to being beautiful, on time and on budget, is meant to demonstrate to the clients, contractors and consultants alike, the interface between construction and environmental issues, natural and man-made systems, renewable energy, building materials, animal habitat creation, waste management and regenerative planting.

Specific design strategies include: use of local, recycled or certified sustainable material (to decrease reliance of natural resources), use of passive solar design (to maximize heat gain in the winter and minimize heat gain in the summer), design of intelligent planting schemes (such as deciduous, drought tolerant, fire retardant and natives where appropriate) and collecting of rainwater on site. Architectural/landscape features often include: rainwater harvesting, greywater harvesting and purification, passive solar orientation, use of non-toxic and recycled content building material and incorporation of native landscaping and active solar/energy.

##### *Site Restoration*

Site development that reflects an understanding of the natural environment in which it is situated will have a less damaging effect, and in some cases a regenerative effect. Some design strategies that Duvivier Architects employs to benefit the environment include: designing for compact development (to decrease automobile use and create a pedestrian friendly environment), preservation of streams and special habitats, utilization of the benefits from prevailing winds and the sun (to reduce energy needs), reduction of grading and no net change in volume of soil on site (to

minimize site deterioration from erosion and reduce import/export of soil). Not only is the outcome of our work directly beneficial to the environment, but by association with the simple techniques and strategies we incorporate into our designs, we educate clients, building industry professional, contractors and engineers.

### *Green Mapping*

Our office produced all the maps for the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP), a county wide effort to clean up our water bodies. We also produced the *Santa Monica and Ballona Watershed Green Map* and *My Watershed, the Ocean and Me - the Kid's Green Map*. Our goal is to help residents and visitors to the region become aware of the abundance of resources that contribute to the making of a more sustainable community as well as the impacts of human behavior on our resources. The maps allow users to visualize the breadth and diversity of the local environmental resources and opportunities. With the Green Map we hope to stimulate discussion and ultimately inspire and promote a wide variety of sustainable practices — including awareness of water sources, reductions in energy use, water use and waste generation, use of environmentally friendly transportation options, purchase of environmentally friendly goods and services, and increased consumption of regional and organic foods. Some of our maps show green business, ecological and cultural resources, such as important waterways, wildlife migration routes, wetlands, public lands, alternative transportation corridors, environmental organizations and green businesses.

## **1-2 Reducing or eliminating the use of toxic chemicals**

### *Architectural Design*

- Buildings are designed to use formaldehyde free products, low and no VOC paints and adhesives and blue jean insulation (or at least incased fiber glass insulation) to protect the health of the occupants and worker as well as the environment.
- We don't specify carpet or vinyl.

### *Site Restoration*

- We create gardens using mostly California native plants that do not require use of fertilizers or pesticides.

### *Green Mapping*

- Our maps promote businesses that sell non-toxic materials as well as organic and pesticide free food.

### *In our Office*

- We use only non-toxic cleaning products throughout our office.

## **1-3 Reduction of solid waste by reducing use of materials and/or by recycling**

### *Architectural Design*

- Buildings are specifically designed to reduce construction and demolition waste. In addition, we divert (recycle, repurpose or donate) as much of the building product as possible.
- We specify and purchase products that are reclaimed or made from recycled content materials.
  - On a house in Venice currently under construction, we used TJI (Floor Joists) that were reclaimed from a movie set and were slated to be thrown in the trash.
  - At another site we used old 2 x 4's from an existing house for the exterior railing.
- We use recycled blue jean insulation when possible.
- We recycle most construction waste and properly dispose of those materials that are not recyclable. We also educate our contractors to recycle, repurpose or donate construction and demolition materials.

### *Site Restoration*

- In our site restoration projects, we avoid importing or exporting additional soils.
- When designing percolation pits, we use 100% recycled content plastic fillers.

### *Green Mapping*

- Our maps promote businesses that sell recycled products.

- Some of maps/images made for Integrated Regional Water Management Plan were designed to demonstrate how stormwater could be recycled and used to restore and create new native habitats and constructed wetlands.

#### *In our Office*

- We use paper made from blue jeans, kanele and 100% recycle post-consumer paper that we buy from a local business, Real Earth.
- We use both sides of our paper and reuse envelopes.
- We contact businesses that send us mailers and catalogs and request that we be removed from their mailing lists, through Catalogchoice.com. We return packaging bubbles and request that companies don't over package their products when sending by mail.
- We use notebooks made from cardboard and use recycled cardboard boxes to make building models.
- We use old blue prints (plots) as table clothes, note pads, etc. We have also donated some to local schools for coloring and architectural education.
- We return all our old ink cartridges to our local Staples and give them our old batteries for proper disposal.
- Broken office machinery is repaired when possible or donated to local non-profit agencies.
- To conserve resources we have furniture made from recycled or reused materials.

### **1-4 Conserving water and/or energy by reducing use, installing efficient equipment, etc.**

#### *Architectural Design*

- Our buildings are designed to use low-flow appliances.
- All buildings sites have percolation pits or rain barrels to collect, store or clean runoff.
- All our projects are designed with drought tolerant plants that don't need irrigation once established.
- When appropriate, we design grey-water systems.
- All buildings are designed to be Energy Star rated buildings. This means that they are more than 10% more energy efficient than title 24, the State Energy Efficient Standard.
  - One house that is currently under construction is 48% more energy efficient than Title 24!
- All homes are designed to be passive solar; they use the sun's energy to heat and cool.
- Several of our homes under construction have solar photovoltaic systems to produce their own energy.
- All new construction is designed with exterior 2 X 6 walls so that more efficient insulation can be used in the exterior walls and.

#### *Site Restoration*

- Our restoration projects are designed to use only rain fall to irrigate the native landscaping once established.

#### *Green Mapping*

- Our maps promote businesses that are energy efficient and promote water reuse and recycling such as former SQA winners, certified Santa Monica Green Businesses, and businesses that have interesting water percolation sites or have solar power.
- Our maps educate about the watershed and increase water resource literacy.

#### *In our Office*

- Our office was specifically chosen because it offers natural ventilation and lighting.
- We use all compact fluorescents when back-up lighting is required.
- We use operable windows for personal environment control.
- We turn off all computers at the end of the day.
- Our office uses on average 60 KW per month.
- We are active participants in the GreenLA Program.

## **1-5 Exceeding standards for environmental regulatory compliance**

### *Architectural Design*

- Buildings are designed to be *at least* LEED certifiable.
- 2 of the 5 houses under construction development will be LEED Platinum.
- All projects are typically between 15-50% better than Title 24.

### *Site Restoration*

- Storm water runoff percolation/collection is not yet required in the City of Los Angeles or Culver City, but it is regularly included in our designs.

### *Green Mapping*

- There are no regulatory requirements for mapping, but perhaps there should be so that we can enhance our ecological literacy and behave in a more aware and sustainable manner.
- The *Santa Monica and Ballona Watershed Green Map* is the first Green Map in Southern California. It was the first map in the Green Map network to print a map in 2 languages and the first to use a watershed as a regional boundary. It is seen by the Green Map organization based in New York as a model and is displayed all over the world.

## **1-6 Procurement policies that favor purchasing eco-friendly products and services**

### *Architectural Design*

- As a matter of policy, our building plans specify products and services that are eco-friendly, such as recycled content products, FSC certified woods, low or non-toxic finishes, etc.
- We use local materials, and hire local subcontractors and consultants that provide environmental services such as landscaping, grey water, solar, etc.

### *Site Restoration*

- Our site restoration plans specify the use of recycled plastic lumber, native plants and other eco-friendly products. We also specify eco-friendly systems such as permeable paving and eco-rain percolation blocks.

### *Green Mapping*

- Our maps are produced on recycled content paper using vegetable oil based inks and waterless offset printing to promote the expansion of that industry.

### *In our Office*

- Our office supplies are purchased from Real Earth. The toilet paper, printer paper, post-it notes, envelopes and file folders are made from recycled content and/ or tree free materials.
- We use cardboard to make models.
- We don't use paper or other disposable kitchen supplies. We only have real dishes, mugs and silverware. We drink tap water. We filter tap water to reduce the waste and energy intensity associated with bottled and delivered water.

## **1-7 Alternative transportation and ride sharing programs for employees**

### *Architectural Design*

- We are working on a number of urban infill projects. They are located within existing communities in the Greater Los Angeles Area. All projects are within easy walking distance to several bus or transit lines.

### *Site Restoration*

- Both our designs for Malibu Lagoon and Ballona Wetland Restoration Projects incorporated pedestrian friendly facilities, easy access to nearby bus stops, directly linked walkways and bike racks located near the entrance.

### *Green Map*

- In order to promote the use of alternative transportation, the Green Map shows the routes of the Big Blue Bus, Mini Blue, bike paths as well as locations of bike/blade shops.

### *In our Office*

- In order to reduce car dependence and pollution, our office is located on a busy pedestrian oriented street within easy walking distance of local businesses and food services.
- We offer bicycles for longer commutes. The BBB #2 and MTA #33 are within easy walking distance of our office.

- Isabelle Duvivier, the principal, rides her bicycle to work at least 3 times a week in the spring, summer and fall. Her son, 4 years old, rides with her. He just graduated from a seat on her bike to training wheels.
- When driving is required, a Prius is available.

## **1-8 Company support of environmental restoration projects**

### *Architectural Design*

- Isabelle Duvivier currently teaches Green Design at UCLA extension. As part of her support of an environmental organization, students are doing a green redesign of the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium.
- Volunteer design work has been done for the Center for Urban Environmental Studies at Santa Monica College.

### *Site Restoration*

- The firm teaches in the Sustainable Building Advisor Program. They teach the section on water from the site, region and community use perspective.

### *Green Map*

- Duvivier Architect's work on the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan was done to promote the restoration and protection of Los Angeles County Watersheds that drain into the Santa Monica bay and the L.A./Long Beach Harbors, including the sub-watersheds of Santa Monica.

### *In our Office*

- A percentage of our proceeds are donated to local charities and community organizations that support environmental restoration projects, such as the Green Map Network, Sierra Club, Ballona Land Trust, Eco-home Network, SM Bay Audubon and more.

## **PART 2: SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **What is your company doing to contribute to the long-term economic development of the local economy?**

Duvivier Architects is contributing to the long-term economic health of our local economy. We have been involved with the local green movement for many years. In all facets of our work, from building design, to environmental planning and map making, we recognize sustainable design as a way to grow the local green collar job market. We are helping to develop and support a growing local skill set around sustainability and green design. These are job rich areas where our local community is providing a model for the country.

Duvivier Architects' *Santa Monica & Ballona Watershed Green Map* contributes to the long-term viability of the local economy by identifying businesses which are environmental stewards and bringing these businesses to the attention of residents and visitors. In a similar manner, our construction projects draw on local resources and support a growing local economy. We hire skilled laborers, consultants and technical specialists involved in sustainable design. We support the purchase of alternative building materials and promote resource efficiency. By actively promoting our services we are, in effect, increasing awareness and demand for sustainable design and sustainable design professionals right here in our community.

## **2-1 Redevelopment projects**

### *Architectural Design*

- All our projects are providing jobs for a new economy. These include the development of solar hot water, greywater, water collection systems, and solar photovoltaic installers.

### *Site Restoration*

- We are actively working on the Malibu Lagoon Restoration – Phase 1 parking lot redesign and Ballona Wetlands Restoration project. Both of these redevelopment projects support environmental and economic health. We are improving these sites for the environmental

and ecological benefit they provide, supporting human interaction with healthy environments, creating places for active and passive recreation and restoring the natural ecology on which much of southern California's tourism dollars rely.

### *Green Map*

- While not a traditional redevelopment project, the green map is a psychological redevelopment. It changes the way we see our physical environment and situates our urban community within the natural systems that we rely on. Additionally, it brings to light the green businesses and sustainable city resources that are present in our community, but often not seen as part of our mental map.

## **2-2 Local hiring programs**

### *Architectural Design*

- Green building and design is a growth industry. We emphasize hiring locally. We hire local consultants, engineers, crafts people and laborers for our construction projects.
- We recognize that the key to a sustainable practice is successful partnerships. It is our firm policy to push the envelope of what we can do, to broaden the scope of our work, bring many other teams into the mix. This creates local high quality jobs. We propose projects that require us to work with a wide array of local businesses and trades people.

### *Site Restoration, Green Map and In Our Office*

- We hire interns from Santa Monica College.

## **2-3 Local purchasing programs**

### *Architectural Design*

- We specify products and services that are readily available in our local community and direct our clients to locally available resources as a way to support the local economy and develop local green collar jobs.

### *Green Map*

- The *Santa Monica & Ballona Watershed Green Map* highlights local businesses. The purpose of the map is to identify these resources and make them visible for the larger community. The map is a key resource for local residents, visitors and businesses who want to purchase locally.
- By actively promoting the map we are increasing awareness and demand for locally available green products and services.

### *In our Office*

- We buy our office supplies locally from the Real Earth and the Staples that is walking distance from our office.
- We shop at the Venice Farmers Market, support local catering companies and restaurants, and use a local green dry cleaner.

## **2-4 Training or hiring of youth**

- We train youth in a variety of capacities. We teach at Loyola Marymount University, UCLA, SMC, and Ecole Clair Fountain.
- Our interns come to us as referrals from professionals and academics in the fields of architecture, interior design, geography or environmental science. Working with interns requires a lot of time, but it is rewarding because they bring a lot of fresh energy and new ideas to our office and they have the benefit of working on real sustainability projects.
  - Eglantine Velim, an interior design student at Santa Monica College with a special interest in ecological design, recently put together a material display board for an architecture project we are designing.
  - Marika Decyk, a bicycle activist and nature enthusiast, photographed habitat sites, attended landscaping tours, and organized materials binders.

## **2-6 Other**

- We are a woman owned business.

## **What is your company doing to maintain its economic viability and retain jobs?**

### **2-7 Product or service innovation to respond to the changing needs of customers**

#### *Architectural Design*

- The general public is becoming increasingly aware of environmental issues. In order to anticipate customers changing needs, Duvivier Architects maintains a commitment to innovation in products and services.
- We encourage all employees to participate in organizations that promote sustainable design, building symposiums and habitat conservation. Our association with the American Institute of Architects, the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Watershed Council and the US Green Building Council is instrumental in keeping our firm on the cutting edge of the products that we create
- We were early adopters and promoters of LEED. Isabelle received her LEED accreditation in 2002 when it became apparent that LEED was going to be an important indicator of green building.
- In response to customer needs, we are now focusing on energy efficiency, water efficiency and non-toxic materials. We are also starting to look into design for food security.
- In specific response to the local housing crisis, we provide affordable well-designed homes.

#### *Site Restoration*

- Constructed wetlands are a new and emerging field. In Southern California 95% of wetlands have disappeared. Wetlands clean water filter the pollutants before the water goes in the ocean. We are losing species diversity faster than any other state except Hawaii. Restoration projects will become more critical as climate change increases and more benefits are discovered from species diversity.

#### *Green Map*

- The *Santa Monica & Ballona Watershed Green Map* is the first map of this kind to be produced in Southern California. It changes to meet customer needs with every printing.
- In response to the needs of parents, teacher and city officials, we produced *My Watershed, the Ocean and Me*, the Kid's Green Map for Santa Monica.

#### *In our Office*

- We send a significant portion of our materials electronically to meet customer's needs, provide materials in a timely manner and reduce print waste.
- We developed a very comprehensive website with both project information as well as environmental resource information.
- Recognizing consumer needs, we promote local green resources such as the Global Green Green Building Resource Center and Epoxy Green. We promote solar resources such as Solar Santa Monica. We direct consumers to information and professionals familiar with LEED.

### **2-8 Diversifying products or services**

#### *Architectural Design*

- Our business model is based on the realization that everything is related. Buildings exist with in a context and must include that context to be fully sustainable. Our business has diversified and expanded to meet the changing needs of our customers related to sustainability.

#### *Site Restoration*

- Our long-term survival, economic vitality and physical health depend on our relationship to our site/watershed and environment. Our site restoration work has grown to encompass a larger diversity of clients and environments to meet the growing need.

#### *Green Map*

- The *Santa Monica & Ballona Watershed Green Map* is growing and expanding the community resources that are identified on the map. We also diversified the green map product to include a Kid's Green Map.

*In our Office*

- We have diversified our firms' products and services to include mapping, urban design and architecture and garden design, wetland restoration, public access plans, site design integration and much more.

**2-9 Competitive pricing and quality**

- We offer competitive pricing, high quality design, and a sliding scale.

**2-10 Increasing the productivity and efficiency of employees and operations**

- To increase the productivity and efficiency of our employees we believe in self-motivation and a sense of belonging to a greater cause. Our cause is sustainability. All are employees are interested in the environment and are highly productive since they feel like they are part of a solution.
- We allow employees to invent new approaches to design and encourage a sense of ownership for the product and the design.
- We have established staff meetings where we identify obstacles to efficiency and problem solve to overcome them.
- We have added more 3d imaging, digital photography, and scanning equipment.
- We send clients PDF files to review.
- We encourage meeting participation by conference call.

**2-11 Other**

- We are active participants at local, state and national conferences to grow the green building and sustainability movement.
- We make a point of presenting at local conferences to support businesses that are trying to anticipate future economic growth in the environmental and sustainability fields.

**PART 3: SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

**What is your company doing to create a positive work environment?**

Duvivier Architects provides a positive work environment. Employees have a flexible work schedule, which allows them to develop a wide variety of hobbies, interests and fields of expertise. We raise salaries every six months and increase responsibility accordingly. We encourage creative problem solving. And we have become a finishing school, so to speak, for young similar minded interns, who wish to learn more about our work. These young interns bring new blood and ideas to inspire all.

Employees are allowed to select which projects that they would like to work on, when they come and go, and how much they would like to work. They are encouraged to take ownership of projects and participate in team meetings. We have monthly reviews and feedback sessions.

**3-1 Pay levels that exceed minimum standards and fair overtime compensation**

- All employees work on an hourly basis as consultants. Pay is based on skills and is increased every 6 months to a year depending on the scope of work. Entry-level employees earn \$10-12 per hour, intermediate-level employees earn \$17- 20 per hour, while the most skilled employees/consultants earn \$40 per hour.
- As a matter of policy, we do not work overtime. The work will be completed during working hours so that the staff can participate in the other, equally important, elements of their life. On the rare occasion we do work overtime, we are appropriately compensated.

### **3-2 Benefits that exceed minimum standards**

- Full time employees have paid holidays, vacation accrual, health benefits, bonus, and a positive work environment.
- Duvivier provides an environment for employees and interns, which is pleasant and flexible. We encourage independent thinking, self-guidance and expert networking. We maintain a pleasant work environment and encourage open communication and the exchange of ideas.
- Some employees work from home and some work in the office. All have other projects that they work on outside the office, which serves to enhance both their career development and the office's need to become more multi-dimensional. For example, Dafna Kohn, the GIS project manager is a geography teacher at Mt. Sac University.
- Employees who have worked more than nine months get Christmas bonuses of 1-3%.
- Vacations are encouraged. No one works overtime. The office pays for group excursions to topical conferences, tours and workshops.
- Duvivier Architects supports the work done by employees outside the office. We gave financial support to a non-profit organization for which Keri Morton produced a calendar. We collaborated with our GIS Analyst for a presentation she made at a geography conference.

### **3-4 Programs that recognize contemporary family structures such as flex time and family leave**

- We recognize and support the contemporary family structure. Employees have family and medical leave, flex time, and the ability to work from home as needed.

### **3-5 Anti-discrimination policies**

- We value and encourage diversity. We do not discriminate.

### **3-6 Grievance resolution program**

- We have an open door policy and work collectively to address grievances.

### **3-7 Programs to encourage employee input and feedback**

- We have bi-weekly project meetings and weekly lunches where employees can provide direct input on programs and projects and provide feedback on operations.

### **3-8 Employee rewards for innovation**

- We reward innovative ideas and encourage independent thinking.

### **What is your company doing to contribute to the community?**

### **3-9 Charitable contributions of money or other items of value (e.g. office equipment, inventory)**

- Our company is involved in a number of community and charitable outreach efforts. For the American Institute of Architects—Los Angeles Chapter, Duvivier architects organized a number of panel discussions and published articles on topics such as the Greening of the LAUSD, the Los Angeles River, The Natural Step, constructed wetlands, etc.
- We have participated in tree planting with TreePeople, trash pick-up with the Ballona Land Trust, children's architectural workshops with Venice Art Mecca and edible gardening workshops with Venice Dream Team.
- We have donated services to the Center for Healthy Aging in Santa Monica, Los Angeles Bicycle Coalition, Friends of the LA River, Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council and the Audubon Society.
- Center for Environmental and Urban Studies - Duvivier Architects produced a series of architectural drawings demonstrating the architectural fulfillment of the college's dream to develop an ecology center. The existing native landscape is the direct result of our efforts.

### **3-10 Program to allow employees to do volunteer work**

- We pay staff to perform 4 hours a month of volunteer work.

### **3-11 Outreach programs such as school tours, and community fairs**

- In an attempt to educate students about their role in our environment, Duvivier Architects works with UCLA, LMU, Santa Monica High School and Santa Monica College. Projects were created to enhance the education of the students from these schools and support teachers who are interested in teaching environmental education.
  - UCLA extension Green Design Studio - Redesign of Santa Monica Pier Aquarium– Duvivier Architects is working with students to learn about green building techniques while helping a local non-profit, Heal the Bay, envision a solution to their expansion/redevelopment needs.
  - Loyola Marymount University– Duvivier Architects has been a guest lecturer on the subject of the Green Map and Sacred Spaces and this year will focus on the Green Map and Food. See attached thank you notes from some of the students.
  - SMC Noontime Lecture Series - Duvivier Architects produced a water-education lecture series.
  - SMC Green Map - To bridge the gap between water and the college, Duvivier Architects worked with the Geo-Club to organize a half-day "Green Mapping" of the campus. The end product was an 11X17" map of ecological features located on campus and an ecological wish list.
  - SaMo- Duvivier Architects works with the Wildlife Club on habitat research being done for the *Santa Monica & Ballona Watershed Green Map*.
  - SaMo Lecture and Field Trip Series - Duvivier Architects put together a habitat series of lectures and field trips to connect the Wildlife Club to their local ecology.
  - SaMo Habitat Charrette - Working with habitat experts, Duvivier Architects organized a one day workshop to locate existing or potential Wildlife Corridors by which animals could migrate between the Santa Monica Mountains, the Ballona Wetlands and the Baldwin Hills.
  - SaMo Audubon Bird Count - To test the diversity of species existing along the above-located Wildlife Corridor, the Wildlife Club with help of SM Chapter of Audubon Society conducted the Westside bird count. In a 2-hour period, 1200 birds were counted.
- We believe in the power of community to realize a sustainable future. We have also volunteered our time to do a schematic design for a sustainable media center in a slum of Nairobi, Kenya, which includes a library, computer training, health clinic, internet café, bakery, day care facility, soccer fields, tennis courts, and more.
- Duvivier Architects will have two "Green " homes on the Santa Monica sponsored Alt Build conference in April in an effort to promote the awareness and dispel the notion that green is expensive. Isabelle Duvivier will also present at that conference as part of a panel on Green residential architecture.
- Duvivier Architects presented at the Environmental Industry Conference last month to educate engineers in the industrial world how to incorporate Green Design Principals into their work.
- Sustainable Business Advisors Program – Isabelle Duvivier is working with a team of local sustainability experts to design a one year long training and certification program for professionals who wish to learn new skills in the green building industry.
- Recognizing the need to educate and express green practices in our local community, we participated in the 'green block party' at the 2007 Abbot Kinney Festival.

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