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“You’re looking for something year round, when people are going through the garden, regardless of what time of year it is, it has some interest and beauty,” Pesek says. “You’re looking for things that stay green as well as spring bulbs that give you that burst of color after a long winter. In fall, the deep color of mums brings that space alive.”

Enviroscapes faced numerous challenges, not the least of which was the shortened time frame.

“The fact that it’s an urban setting, means it has to include things that are salt tolerant,” Pesek says. “It has to be material that can withstand traffic and, of course, our climate. You’re looking for more durable than the delicate plants that you might find in a residential garden. But they still had to look beautiful.”

Because it was an urban setting, workers had to take extra care when cutting brick because of all the people wandering about. (Belden Brick, one of Canton’s founding companies, supplied the bricks.)

“It was a wonderful way for the city of Canton to be represented on a national level,” Pesek says. The harsh environment was only one of the challenges.

“We had to leave the existing granite curbing and the original concrete base under the pavers, which makes it a little bit difficult, because it is easier to demo everything rather than selectively demowing,” Pesek says. “When you selectively demo, you have to be very careful not to damage what you want to save.”

With the hardscape in place and the plants in place it was time to make sure the courtyard sparkled for the First Lady’s arrival. “We popped in 1,500 mums to give a blast of fall color,” Pesek says. “The mums weren’t quite ready to bloom. Mother Nature wasn’t working with us on the timing side. We took about 1,700 pounds of ice and spread it around the mums to try to get them to pop, so they would be looking their best when she arrived.”

It worked. Although she did not get to meet Mrs. Bush, Pesek did hear the First Lady was complimentary of the garden. One of the features of which Pesek is most proud are the large planters situated next to the street.

“It really enhanced the city landscape,” she says. The city of Canton liked the planters so much Enviroscapes was asked to add several more along Market Street, the city’s main drag, to match those near the garden.

“It really added to the downtown area, as well,” Pesek says. The job earned the company a PLANET National Distinction Award, one of many honors the company has received over the years. LM
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Multi-line install

The Vermeer multiblade plow attachment is designed specifically to install Netafim dripline in commercial and residential irrigation projects. The multi-blade plow attachment fits the Vermeer LM42 lawn plow and RT450 tractor, and uses a high-frequency vibration to cut through the ground and close up the channel around the dripperline. It is capable of laying three rows of tubing at a time, with depth adjustability from 2 to 12 in. in 1-in. increments and spacing width adjustability from 10 in. to 24 in. in 2-in. increments.

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Simple operation

Rain Bird’s new ESP-LX Modular Controller accommodates all high-end residential and commercial installations. The ESP-LX Modular has the capacity to expand up to 32 stations in increments of four or eight stations. The ESP-LX Modular features a large display for simple operation and flexible programming options to meet specific landscape needs. In addition, the ESP-LX Modular enables automatic monthly seasonal adjustments to cut back on watering during cool weather and increase during hot weather. It comes programmable in English and Spanish.

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Data loggers

Onset Computer Corp. released the HOBO Pro v2 Series, a family of four compact, weatherproof data loggers designed for use in a broad range of outdoor temperature and humidity monitoring applications. Slightly larger than a pocket-sized flashlight, the new HOBO Pro v2 loggers address the need among professional researchers for a portable data logger that can withstand harsh outdoor and condensing environments. Example applications include field site evaluations, ecology studies and microclimate monitoring.

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Sprayable Dimension

Dow AgroSciences’ Dimension 2EW specialty herbicide is a new water-based formulation of Dimension that offers early post-emergency control of crabgrass, pre-emergence control of other grassy and broadleaf weeds and can now be sprayed over the top of landscape ornamentals. With the active ingredient dithiopyr, this new formulation provides application flexibility for almost anywhere users need it: established lawns, landscape ornamentals, golf courses, commercial and residential properties, sod farms, non-cropland and industrial sites. It can also be used over the top of field grown nursery ornamentals.

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More comfortable Tank

Cub Cadet Commercial has added comfort and convenience to its tough performing TANK zero-turn mowers. The TANK will now offer a new two-pedal deck lift; one pedal to lift and lock, the other to release and lower; a conveniently located parking brake with effortless engagement; and a standard, foldable ROPS as part of an Operator Protection System. The TANK M72 gas model will come
with a 37HP V-Twin air-cooled Kawasaki engine. Cub Cadet has also made improvements to its exclusive Command Cut System for improved durability, reduced maintenance and cleaner overall cut.

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Dig deeper
The new Bobcat 425 zero-tail swing (ZTS) compact excavator is designed for professionals who need a two- to three-metric ton excavator with zero-tail overhang to optimize spoil placement and reduce the likelihood of contact with surrounding objects. The 425 ZTS delivers a maximum digging depth of 8 ft. 4 in. and a maximum reach of 14 ft. 10 in. at ground level. The rubber tracked excavator is powered by a 26-hp liquid-cooled diesel engine and features two-speed (1.2 and 2.3 mph) travel motors. The 425 provides 3,282-lbs. arm breakout force and 5,058-lbs. bucket breakout force. The 425 is also available in a long-arm option for greater spoil placement.

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Haul more with this insert
Standard Hamilton Co.'s Hi-Sides is a volume enhancer option designed for its unique Dump-Pro dump insert for pick-up trucks. This option is a designed and engineered hardware system to increase the volume carrying capacity of Dump-Pro from its original 2 cu. yds. to 4 or 5 cu. yds. The system is designed to "float" and automatically adjust itself to large variations in ambient temperature, but still be rugged and strong. Also available soon will be a custom-designed mesh tarp and bungee option that attaches to the side clips. Dump-Pro enables a user to go from pick-up to dump truck.

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Long lasting
Agrotain International's new HYDREXX Professional Nitrogen Stabilizer is a dry soluble additive for melted urea and UAN solutions. When mixed with liquid urea and urea-based fertilizers, HYDREXX enhances the fertilizer's performance by preventing ammonia volatilization, leaching and denitrification. As a result, nitrogen remains in a usable form for extended periods, making it available to the plant for as long as 16 weeks. With HYDREXX, the rate of application is completely controlled by the applicator. Higher rates can be used for sandier soils or longer performance versus lower rates for heavy soils or shorter lengths of performance.

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Diesel Z-Masters
Toro has equipped its 52- and 60-in. Z595-DZ Master models with a 25-hp Kubota liquid-cooled diesel engine for tackling tough mowing conditions while delivering superior fuel efficiency. The mowers feature 12-gal. fuel capacity and 11.2 mph ground speed. These diesel machines feature Toro's TURBO FORCE cutting deck, a rugged "bull-nose" front bumper, a patented rubber discharge chute that allows for close trimming without damaging the chute or landscape structures,
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Mini Boxer
Compact Power's Boxer
320 model mini-skid offers the power in the smallest package yet. The 320 is a dedicated track machine that comes standard with a 7-in. wide rubber track that produces only 3.2 psi of ground pressure to reduce damage to lawns and landscapes. The Boxer 320 is only 34.5 in. wide, but features a tip capacity of 1,250 lbs. and an operating capacity of 625 lbs. at 50% operating capacity. The 320 also has a ground speed of 3.4 mph and handles the same standard attachments as other Boxers.

For more information contact Compact Power at 800/476-9673 or www.boxerequipment.com

Remote control
Toro's TMR-1 maintenance remote for Toro Modular Controllers (TMC-424/212) can operate on unlicensed MURS frequencies, giving it an optimum range of more than 1.5 miles line-of-sight without the hassles of FCC licensing. Durable and weather-resistant, the TMR-1 has a sleek, ergonomic design patterned after VHF radios. For maximum productivity, the 'All Stations Cycle' function provides one-start system operation for walkthroughs. In addition, its large, easy-to-read LCD, push-button operation and simple command set make the TMR-1 user-friendly.

For more information contact Toro Irrigation at 800-664-4740 or www.toro.com/watermgmt

Rolling on
Burchland Manufacturing's EZR Material Roller mounts on skidsteers and installs a variety of erosion control material up to a maximum roll width of eight feet and weight of 500 lbs. The EZR offers three sizes of detachable stems and features a hydraulic actuator, which swings the pivot arm 180° left or right and angles of 115° up and 8° down. The EZR also features a Pivot Arm Lock for storage or transport and a Roll Retaining Collar to keep the material roll firmly positioned.

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