

Property at a glance

Westmoor Farm, Nantucket, MA

Staff: In-house crew

Category: Residential

Total budget: \$156,400

Year site built: 1991

Acres of turf: 9

Acres of woody ornamentals: 8

Acres of display beds: 2

Total paved area: 8 acres

Total man-hours/week: 268

Maintenance challenges

- ▶ Maintaining and programming 103 irrigation zones
- ▶ Integrated pest management of apple trees and vegetable garden
- ▶ Pruning and training of roses, vines and espaliers

Project checklist

(Completed in last two years):

- ▶ Permaturf installation in driveway
- ▶ Tree wells for hundreds of trees planted too deep
- ▶ Shredding 20 yds. of compost and topdressing beds

On the job

- ▶ 2 full-time staff, 4 seasonal employees, 1 part-time seasonal, 1 licensed pesticide operator

Westmoor Farm

The 1999 Grand Award Winner of the Professional Grounds Management Society for Residential Site

The Westmoor Farm is a private estate and summer home covering 64 acres with 18 houses, five barns and a greenhouse. A regulation-sized baseball field, 18,000-sq.-ft. ornamental vegetable garden, miniature apple orchard and an acre of manmade ponds and water features give the in-house grounds maintenance crew a variety of challenges.

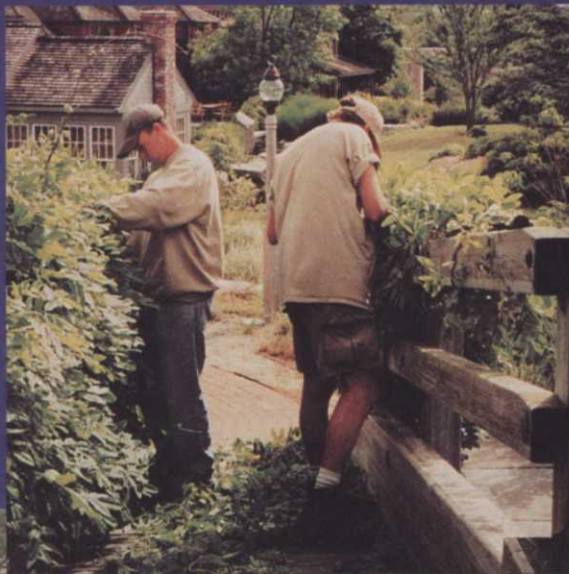
A monster irrigation system that consists of 103 zones and nine water sources has to be frequently reprogrammed and checked for malfunction. Last year's drought brought out design flaws and forced grounds crew members to relocate or add sprinkler heads to zones wherever possible.

Trained vines can be found everywhere, so the grounds crew spends a good deal of its time training fledgling growth while maintaining the already established clematis, espaliered laburnum, hardy kiwi, honeysuckle and grape vines. New to the property are container displays, which, head gardener Candace Clough says, have allowed her crew members to be more creative in layout and planting. In one area, the color of both flower and foliage might be monochromatic, where another area might feature chartreuse and red leaf specimens.

- ▶ Looking out the front door of the "Red Barn," Westmoor Farm's dining hall, one sees a monochromatic container display.



► Grounds crew members Wayne and Damian prune and train the wisteria vine on the bridge at the big pond.



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