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**HONOR AWARD**

**A SHORELINE REIMAGINED**

**I**n Seattle, about 80 percent of the shoreline of popular Lake Washington is developed, and a preponderance of lawns and hardscapes diminish and obscure the lake's natural processes. At this house, which boasts 150 feet of Lake Washington shoreline on a one-acre parcel, a concrete bulkhead built in the 1960s compromised the site and divided the house from the water. To create new vistas and experiences along the shoreline—while creating an ecologically sound habitat for birds, fish, and other species—crews removed the bulkhead, along with the existing lawn, and redistributed 160 cubic yards of soil to create a distinct new topography. Now, a beach extends from the water to the residential pool, and a broad mound provides both visual interest and some

privacy to a sunken terrace. Native and nonnative plants were used to transition from a more ornamental scheme near the house to wilder vegetation along the shore. But form hasn't been sacrificed: The design includes compass points embedded in stone around the property and a series of curving elements that lead away from the house. "The replanting of native species within a previously managed terrain—and the elimination of the runoff chemicals that kept it green—have contributed to an overall rewilding that welcomes insects and wildlife," said the jury.

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**A SHORELINE REIMAGINED  
SITE PLAN**

**MAIN DESIGN ELEMENTS**

- A CIRCULAR PORCH + FOYER (EXISTING)
- B UPPER TERRACE
- C COMPASS LAWN \*
- D SIDE ENTRANCE
- E MAIN TERRACE (EXISTING)
- F PRIVACY HEDGE
- G LOG BENCH
- H MEADOW
- I SUNKEN TERRACE
- J LEAF ROCKS
- K POOL/BRIDGE/SPA
- L UPPER BEACH
- M LOWER BEACH
- N COVE
- O EXISTING BULKHEAD
- P NEW BEACH HOUSE
- Q NEW BOATHOUSE

\* Compass points are set into stone at lawn edge.

Graphically represented to show the transition from nonnative ornamental plantings closer to the home to wild native plantings at the restored shoreline.