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LANDSCAPE DESIGN CONTEST TO CREATE A NEW PARK
Water-wise Landscaping (Xeriscaping) Park Design Competition

The Supporting Activities that Value the Environment (SAVE) Project is launching a water-wise landscaping (xeriscaping) park design competition. This new park will be a model eco-park and a tangible demonstration of how gardening to save water can still provide a beautifully green and flowering oasis for any community. The winner will earn a 1500 TL prize and see the design brought to life in a 300 m² park in the heart of Alsancak/Karavas.

SAVE is looking for enthusiastic home gardeners, budding landscape architects or individuals with a passion for water-wise landscaping to create a new park celebrating the beauty and appeal of water-wise landscaping (xeriscaping). Environmentally sound, cost-effective and perfect for the Cyprus climate, water-wise landscaping minimizes water use by using plants acclimatized to the arid climate of the Mediterranean without compromising the garden aesthetics, and also ensures that none of the water used in the garden is wasted.

Contestants will be asked to create a complete park design for the 300 m² site in Alsancak/Karavas. The plants and trees for the park are being donated by Green Gardens and Mediterranean Gardener. Other donations include mulch by Ecochip and a water tank by K. Paralik. EVSU has provided the bulk of the prize money and benches and playground equipment will be provided by Alsancak/Karavas.

Application package is available from SAVE (6 Şerif Arzik Street, Ziya Necati Özkan Apt) or online at www.save-irg.com. All applications are due 17:00 on April 21, 2009 and the winner will be announced on May 1, 2009. For more information, please contact SAVE at (90)392 228 1925/ (357) 22 352678 or e-mail SAVE-info@irgltd.com.

SAVE works to build local capacity to better protect and manage Cyprus' valuable natural and cultural resources. This campaign is part of SAVE's ongoing efforts to address important environmental issues on the island. SAVE is a key component of the overall U.S. assistance program in Cyprus funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

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