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**WINNING DESIGN FOR WATER-WISE LANDSCAPE PARK
IN ALSANCAK / KARAVAS**

The Supporting Activities that Value the Environment (SAVE) Project is pleased to announce that the landscape design by Aslı Özgürün has won the SAVE Xeriscape Park Design Contest. In addition to a 1,500 TL prize, Ms. Özgürün's design will be used to create a new eco-park in Alsancak/Karavas. The winning design was selected for its innovative approach, aesthetic appeal and appropriate use of native and low-water-use plants, mulch, compost, water harvesting and efficient irrigation systems. Through this contest, SAVE will create a beautiful place for the entire community to enjoy which is environmentally responsible and protects our precious water resources.

This park would not be possible without the generous support of many sponsors. Mediterranean Gardener and Green Gardens will provide all the plants and trees. Ecochip is providing the mulch and a water tank will be donated by K. PARALIK. EVSU has generously provided the bulk of the prize money, and Alsancak/Karavas will provide the benches, paving and playground equipment incorporated in the design. Work will begin on the park immediately and is scheduled for completion by the end of May. SAVE would also like to recognize the two runner-up designs submitted by Güliz Kusur and the team of Gözde Çeribaşı and Emir Ebru.

The winner will be formally recognized at the opening ceremony for the Alsancak/Karavas Xeriscape Park, date to be announced. 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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