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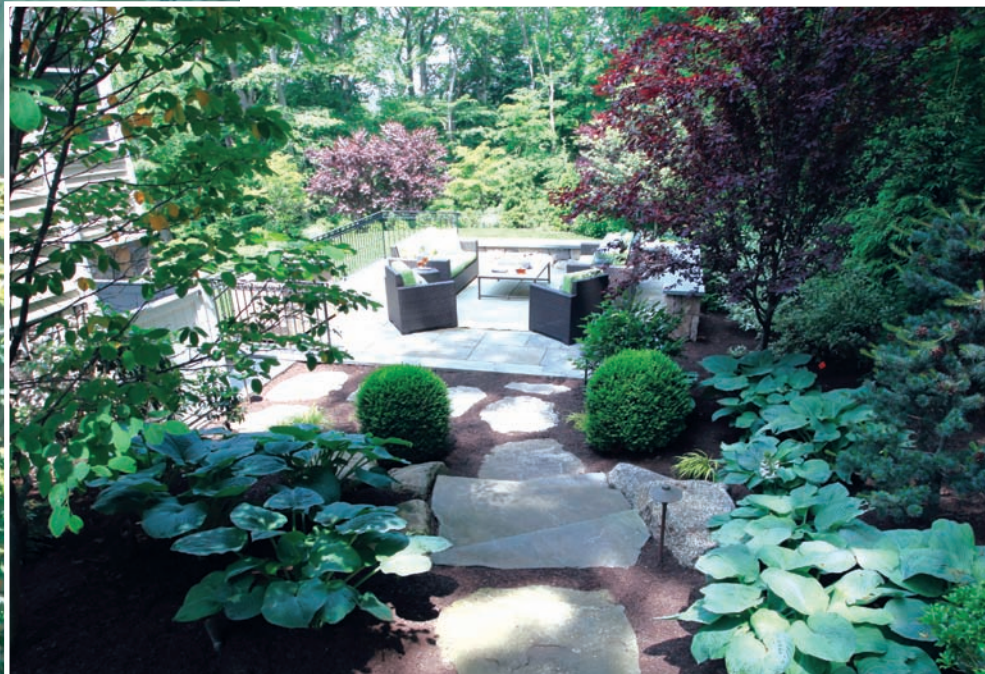


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When Hoffman Landscapes, Inc. perused the lot of a Westport residence, they realized they had quite a challenge on their hands. The house was tucked into one corner of a generous lot, creating limited space for a backyard of any kind. The client's directive: create a space large enough for dining and entertaining with an outdoor kitchen. In addition, these busy homeowners were looking for a place to relax away from peering neighbors. The space needed to include a safe play area for the children that is deer and tick proof.

Hoffman Landscapes' Brian Cossari, landscape architect on the project, felt they could utilize the long, narrow space against the back of the house. This area was accessible to the home's kitchen and family room. Cossari worked closely with the town's P&Z board to satisfy regulations regarding relocation of the septic system in order to get maximum footage for the new patio.

Cossari created lots of visual interest in the compact space using a series of levels, starting with a lovely seating area on a raised patio. A wrought iron fence known as a "lean rail" brings an open and spacious feel to the room, where one can overlook the gardens and keep an eye on the children below.



Before



Stepping stones placed between moss phlox and rug juniper ground covers meander through the garden path, bringing you up the sloping hill to the top level of the outdoor kitchen. The bluestone pavement, fieldstone walls and stainless steel appliances create a comfortable destination. The gently curved, low stone wall offers ample seating for guests and entertaining.

A dining area surrounded by woodland, shade-loving plantings in varying hues of green and many different textures surround the patio, including hostas, astilbe, stonecrop sedum, coreopsis and Hakonakloa grass. All thrive in limited sunlight.



No need for a wooden privacy fence here, as a natural fence fit in perfectly behind the new stone wall. Evergreens such as Norway and Serbian spruce, Japanese white pine and Hinoki cypress offer the added bonus of camouflaging the deer fencing in winter months. For color specimen Japanese maple trees as well as flowering and Kousa dogwoods, weeping cherry and crabapples were planted. A multitude of shrubs bring a plethora of color throughout the seasons as well. The plantings are stunning at nighttime. A comprehensive lighting plan was developed to increase functionality. Now the entertainment doesn't stop when the sun goes down.

The result: a very cozy and private space that offers unique visual interest for both family and guests at any hour of the day or night.

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