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Woodland Contemporary

Greenwich, CT

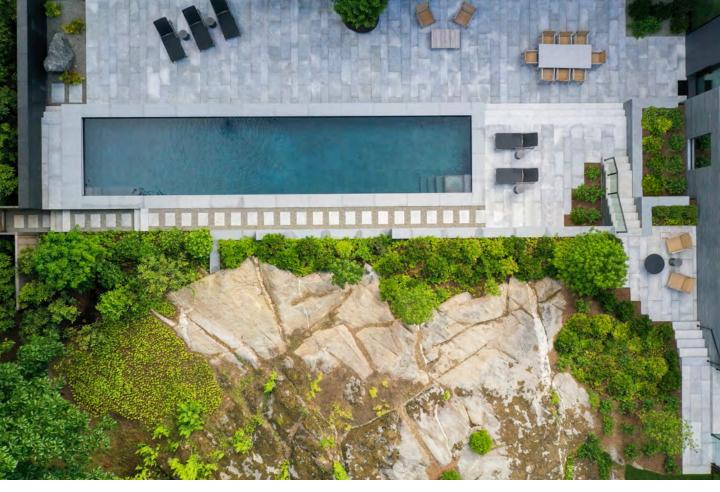
Cocated in the wooded terrain of Greenwich, CT, this two-acre site was re-imagined from the rocky ground up. The property was occupied by an older residence which the homeowner chose to remove in favor of a new construction that would better suit their family. Extreme variation in elevation across the property, combined with an abundance of challenging yet beautiful natural resources, created an exciting opportunity for the design team—to create an engaging and dynamic experience in the landscape while integrating a new contemporary home with the native character of the land.



Mature existing trees lend age to the garden spaces and architecture, anchoring them into the native landscape.



A driving force of the design was to respect as many of the existing mature trees on site as possible, such as an incredibly large oak and a triple trunk hemlock — a particular favorite of the family. Other challenges included an abundance of stone outcropping, wetlands that surround half the property, and dramatically sloping topography leaving minimal level area to accommodate the house and pool. It was imperative to work closely with the architectural team in siting the house to preserve and incorporate these existing natural features, thereby reducing the area of disturbance. The main wing of the home was oriented parallel to the natural slope of the land — maintaining the existing higher grade on one side and the lower grade on the other. The large glass walls of the contemporary house provided a comprehensive dialog between the interior and the exterior environments. This allowed for unencumbered views of the terraced garden spaces, slender lap pool, native plantings, and existing woodland beyond.





Client: Private Residence Landscape Architect: Kathryn Herman Design, LLC Architect: Joeb Moore & Partners Civil Engineer: Rocco V. D'Andrea, Inc. General Contractor: Tallman Building Electrical Engineer: Yankee Electric Landscape Contractor: Q-Alba, LLC Lighting Designer: Robert Singer Irrigation: Summer Rain Arborist: Bartlett Tree Experts Masonry: Anthony Manca Mason Contractors Stone Supplier: Stone Resources Gate System: Garon Fence Pool Contractor: Meehan and Ramos Pools Photographer: Neil Landino

The rear garden and pool were deliberately sited to protect and highlight existing natural resources like this extensive stone outcropping, photographed from above.

