

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

Overall Landscape Plan
Farmington, Connecticut

Project Data

Date: 2008 - 2009
Size 1 Acre
Context: Secluded property in
Farmington, Connecticut
Construction Completed: 2009

Project Description:

This high-end private residence had a beautifully secluded setting surrounded by mature forest. The middle-aged couple raises grand-champion show dogs. The property is approximately 4.5 acres in size, though the landscaped and fenced-in yard immediately around the house is about 1 acre in size. Initially, EDC was brought in to evaluate a drainage issue on the back-side of the house. However, upon investigation, it was apparent that the grade all around the house was too high – the soil was in contact with the siding instead 6”-8” below the siding. Other identified issues were over-grown, mature, and improperly placed plantings, poor maintenance practices, a deteriorating garden structure, and a dog-yard that needed to be enlarged. These revelations turned into a much larger project that resulted in an opportunity for major landscape improvements



Existing conditions, March 2008



Existing conditions with overgrown plantings, Summer 2008



Dog-yard is nearly complete, May 2009

EDC, with Anne Wellington, was hired to develop a series of Schematic Design Alternatives that illustrated different ways to accommodate the owner's wishes and desires. In the end, most of the landscape around the house was reworked except for one terrace, the swimming pool, and a couple of mature trees. The final solution included lowering the ground around the house to correct the drainage issues, new bluestone stairs and walkways to all entrances, new plantings that provided seasonal interest with color and texture including espalier pears on a stainless steel wire trellis, relocation of existing specimen plantings to better locations, a stone retaining wall and shade structure in the enlarged dog-yard with pavers for easy cleaning, and a garden structure with stone columns specifically designed as a focal point beyond the pool. Our scope of work included Schematic Design, Construction Documentation (drawings and specifications), Cost Estimates, and Construction Administration Services.



Pool yard and garden structure are complete, July 2009