Project Description:

This project, a large residential landscape and equestrian facility encompassing 16.13 acres is located in Fairfield County, CT. The residence and facility are situated prominently at the crest of a hill, offering expansive views of ridge lines and the surrounding rolling forests, fields and farmland. Each element of the design was custom tailored to match the owners clean, traditional design sense. For the residential aspect, the designer tread carefully to not suburbanize the landscape, and to leave the older masonry, key plantings and pool shell. The design was worked to update the existing pool. The land was graded to create a central, round, sloping field with bluestone slab steps and grass risers.

Clipped Linden trees are used to enclose the front formal parking areas, planted in the gravel courtyard surface. Large heart leaf Cercis canadensis create landscape color and leaf interest while oak leaf hydrangea add touches of color. Expansive orchards were created by framing the driveway with various fruiting and ornamental trees. The traditional boxwood plantings were newly created using mixed sizes for a three-dimensional effect.

The equestrian facility design was driven by a love for the upland forest archetype and history of the land. The facade of the barn was designed and fabricated using reclaimed field stone acquired on-site. The site was graced with exiting sugar maple trees and a large beech tree. A large oak was protected throughout construction and became a focal point of the entry.
Equestrian facility and residence plan view.
Equestrian facility entry court.
Equestrian facility arrival sequence and entry court.
Custom entry gates welcome visitors to the equestrian facility and private residence.
The equestrian facility facade was constructed using reclaimed field stone from the site.
The site was graced with exiting sugar maple trees and large beech trees. A large oak was protected throughout construction and became a focal point. Careful site and drainage work was done to ensure the safety of existing trees to preserve the atmosphere that only large canopy trees can bring.
Aerial view of the equestrian facility.
Boxwood hedges create rooms within the perennial gardens surrounding the residence. Tightly clipped Linden trees are used as an enclosure surrounding the front formal parking areas, planted in the gravel courtyard surface. Expansive orchards were created by framing the driveway with various fruiting and ornamental trees.
For the residential aspect, the landscape architect tread a careful line to not suburbanize the landscape, and to preserve the original masonry and key plantings where feasible.
The design was worked to bring the existing pool up to date and the land was graded to create a central, round, sloping field with bluestone slab steps and grass risers. The existing pool was saved for its interesting shape and classic coping.
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