



The clients' desire to create an escape from their busy days led them to the charm of this property. As plans for their dream house progressed, many challenges unfolded. Front yard tree conservancies, limited drive alignments and planting, and tight setbacks that waylaid plans for a pool.

After being brought into the middle of the project, damage control was performed, and the clients soon realized proper planning and landscaping would fulfill their dreams. Working with the city to develop a comprehensive plan, invasives were removed and landscaping plans were approved. The side-loaded drive leads to a front courtyard that edges the line of the conservancy. All work in this area was performed by hand. The existing turf was not removed, but was restored through slit seeding, per city approvals.

The pool wishes were soon transformed into plans for an elegant fountain with

bluestone patio recessed into the landscape. While furniture was chosen to accentuate the environment within the home, flower colors were selected to complement both the interior and exterior.

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Even with proper planning, the project continued to evolve during construction. As an interior designer, the client presented twists on a daily basis. The changing goals of the project during construction were balanced by daily walks with the client, free-hand sketches, quick revisions, and by marking out, on-site, the options to achieve success. The process allowed the project to continue without lapses in the schedule.

Limited parking on the site further complicated the process, as a mass of cars accumulated on a regular basis. Sun

prompting daily lessons on plant material requirements, hardscape installations initiated discussions on planting layers.

Brick walls, fountains, columns, and curbing all accent this home's

facade, while the woodland garden and fire pit area was developed in a space once engulfed in buckthorn, became an individual outdoor room with its own distinctive flair.

The challenges of creating many unique seating spaces and multiple garden rooms were the core initiatives of the design, while creating beautiful, tranquil gardens was the ultimate result.

With the work of nearly a dozen subcontractors, the project was successfully designed, coordinated, and