

Project Portfolio

DESIGN/BUILD

ENTERTAINMENT / GUEST PARKING / POOL / SPA / WOODED FEEL

The design

An environment in character with the architecture of the formal house, but with a "looser" feel.

The site before construction

The site had a 50 ft. cross slope with which to create a level appearance. Placing the home to minimize the appearance of many large retaining walls was critical.



Project Requirements

- Present the home graciously and provide ample guest parking.
- Maintain a "living in the woods" feel but complement the formal architecture of the home.

Project Specifics

The landscape architect was brought in when the lot was purchased and was able to place the home to achieve the client's goals. Due to physical limitations, all spaces needed to be on the same elevation as the main floor. Another challenge was mitigating drainage on the high side of the property and properly dispersing the water. The pool was built in fill soil, so engineering the walls properly was paramount.



ABOVE The three-tiered fountain is symmetrical to the opposing spa. It can be enjoyed all year.

RIGHT Views from the main rooms to the terrace were important to the client. This view of the bluestone patio can be seen from the main hall down to the front entry doors.



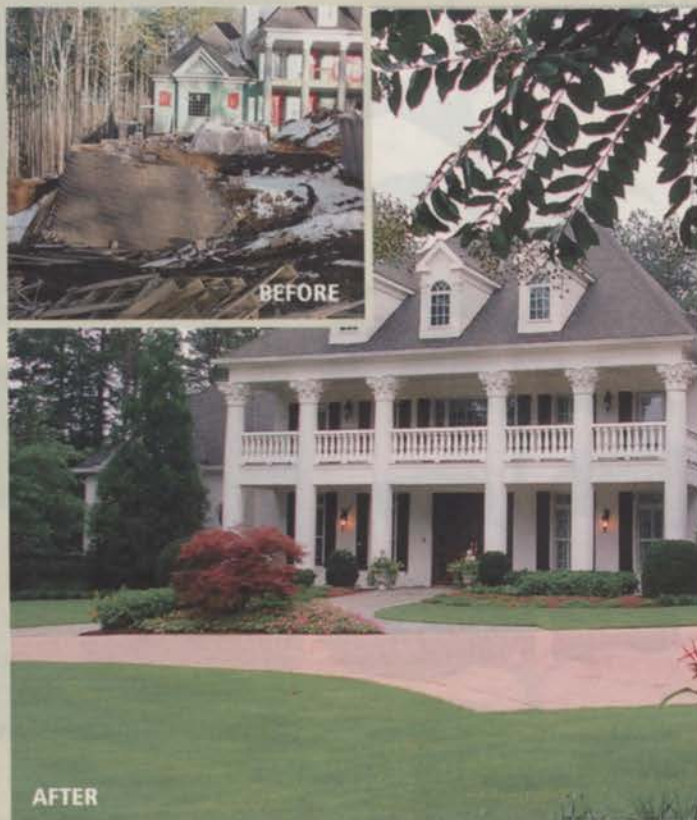


ABOVE The backyard terrace is a colorful, functional, entertaining environment nestled into the wooded setting.

LEFT Elegant and formal, the backyard environment terminates with a curved wooden arbor.

Project Principals

- Scapes, LLC, Atlanta, GA, www.scapessgroup.com
- Pete Wilkerson, landscape architect.
- Dathan Mitchell constructed the home and driveway.



LEFT Before construction, this front view of the site reveals the cross-slope that created a challenge to a level landscape appearance. After, the front of the home is framed by large cryptomeria, boxwoods and features a Japanese maple. The guest parking is incorporated to the side, but is easily accessible from the front door.

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