

Project Portfolio

DESIGN/BUILD

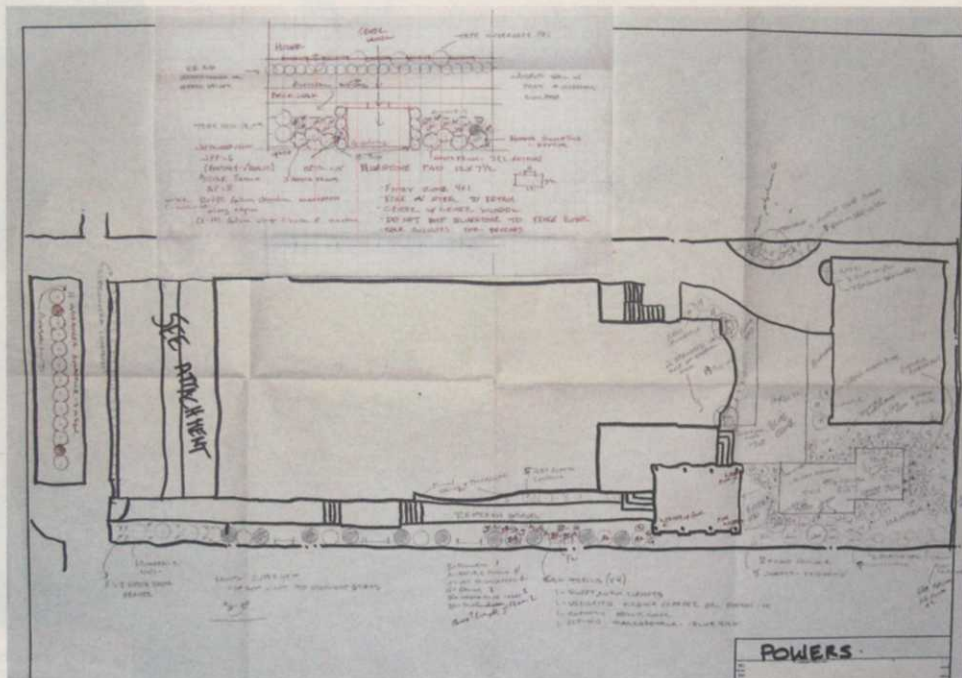
RESIDENCE / COMPLETE RENOVATION / MIXED PLANTINGS / PERGOLA

The design

A French chateau style home built in 1927 gets a landscape renovation in time for a large celebration

The site before construction

The existing front plantings were a mass of yews and other mixed plants. The pergola at the visual destination of the path was barren.



Project Requirements

- Just one week to schedule and order and two weeks to complete in time for the client's large event.
- Overcome the severe light and shadow issues caused by the neighboring high-rise buildings on both sides of the home.

Project Specifics

The designer was originally sub-contracted as design-only, but three weeks before deadline the contracting firm realized it could not complete the project on time and turned it over to the designer. The two firms agreed that the designer would focus on the softscape while the original firm would do the bluestone work.



ABOVE Today, hydrangeas, boxwoods and shade-loving perennials frame the entry. The trellises have vines and light is able to reflect off the other building. Also note that the pergola hosts wisteria and pots.

RIGHT In warmer weather, this is what pedestrians and motorists see while passing the home.





ABOVE The neighboring building's wall shows off the new trellises. In the foreground, plantings of mixed shade-loving annuals and perennials surround the patio area (unseen).

LEFT The pergola and back yard were practically begging for attention. All the turf was removed and bluestone was added. The custom-made iron hoops were installed to keep the client's dogs out of the beds.



Project Principals

- Spiegelberg Landscape Design, Chicago, www.landscapetchicago.com
- Founded by President Will Spiegelberg, CLP, who still works on-site on company projects

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