Project Portfolio

The design

A riverside getaway with a pool house office for a retiring executive

The site before construction

A small backyard along a river on a wooded lot

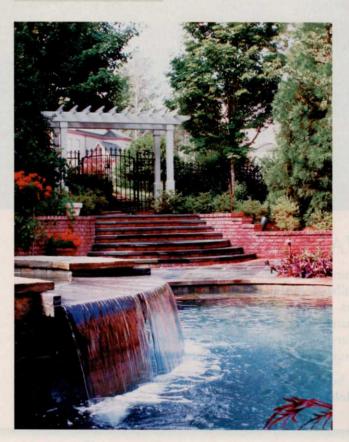
Project Requirements

Create a vacation area in the client's yard

Include a pool and hot tub

Must have wheelchair access to the home from the lower level

- Keep as many trees as possible, especially a treasured dogwood
- Maintain privacy from neighboring properties



ABOVE The completed arbor and curved steps welcome homeowners and guests. A large *cryptomeria* (Japanese cedar) backdrop and a fireplace provide privacy.

RIGHT A before view of the pool house/office as the pool and spa are being formed. Note the closeness of the adjacent home.



Challenges and Limitations

The backyard was constrained by river corridor setbacks, so the sideyard space had to be maximized

Did not want the design to go past the front facade of the home

At two feet above the 100-year flood plain, drainage was critical

Wheelchair access and safety concerns near the pool

An elaborate French drain system was needed for the client's integral dogwood tree

The sideyard pool and office needed a large privacy barrier

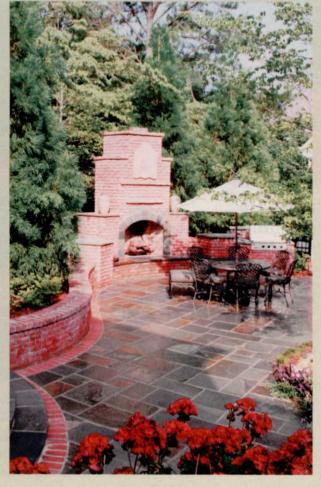








ABOVE The waterfall spa and the gazebo are easily accessible from the office. A Lebanon cedar silhouettes the existing house, while a Japanese maple adds color.



ABOVE Upon completion, the elevation of the dogwood is visible. Situated 18 in. below grade due to a topographical map error, a series of French drains was installed to ensure the tree's viability.

LEFT The fireplace incorporates bluestone and brick detailing and an elevated 18-in. hearth for seating. The dining area on the terrace takes advantage of the warmth and charm of the fireplace.

Project Principals

- Scapes, LLC, Atlanta, GA
- Pete Wilkerson, vice president of DesignBuild and landscape architect
- Jim Lesti, landscape architect
- Neptune Pools, Sugar Hill, GA, constructed the pool

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