

PROJECT PORTFOLIO

A SCRAPBOOK OF DESIGN/BUILD OVERHAULS

Hawaiian punch

THE MISSION

Create paradise in, well, Paradise.

Forest Lake, MN-based Bever Landscaping so impressed a local client with its design projects for him on the mainland that he decided to bring the crew over to landscape his property on the Island of Oahu, HI.

Controller Chris Hahn recalls that Bever landed the customer back in 2006, when they did landscaping for his Minnesota residence as well as some rental properties he owned. In 2008, he asked whether they could perform their magic on an estate he was building on the North Shore.

“He flew in crew members up to five times to complete the project,” Hahn says. “We also used a couple local landscapers to maximize our time there.”

The project was a designer’s dream: 270-degree views of the world’s best surf and sunsets, and miles of picturesque coast and beaches. The centerpiece is a pool landscape featuring hand-tooled Chinese quartzite and lava rock walls with travertine caps. Plants were selected not just for color and beauty, but for their tolerance to wind and salt. They create “waves” of foliage cover and tropical flowers, and serve to buffer the wind and inward views.

The project did have a few unusual situations to resolve in the process of construction. Most dealt with an imposed deadline of having the home exterior and landscape completed within a year, with all work in progress at the same time in a small workspace, and with a limited staging area. To accomplish the project efficiently, frequent organizational meetings were needed, and the landscape crew needed to act as support crews to accomplish various tasks on a day-to-day basis, such as installing conduits, gas lines, plumbing, septic, poured concrete and a variety of other trades.





THE WORK

1 | Location, location, location. A view looking toward the end of the peninsula from an upper lanai shows off the pool landscape, shelter and masonry work. The barrier plantings along the sea wall include waves of spiny tradescantia, lemon bromeliad and crinum plants, as well as variegated hau.

2 | Between a rock and a ... This “before” view shows the roughed-in pool and home under construction as the landscaping plans were being developed, about a month before installation commenced. The rough-in pour, interior finish of the pool and the connection of equipment were done by outside contractors. Otherwise, the design consultation, pool coping, decking and utility hookups were done under Bever crews.

3 | A font of inspiration. The view looking toward the big surf over the infinite edge pool played a big factor in the overall design. Boulders at the end of the pool replicate the boulder formation in the ocean.

4 | Let there be light. The pool landscape as seen just after dawn, with the landscape lighting adding ambiance as it compliments the illuminated horizon.

5 | Privacy, please. The paver driveway and lava rock fence separate the estate’s properties, with a built-in planter to screen the adjacent house. Arkansas stone columns break up the expanse of walls and are illuminated with light fixtures.

6 | A welcome sight. The front entryway corridor features a hibiscus pattern in cut travertine, plus a mix of quartzite and concrete pavers against the lava rock planter walls.

7 | Rock on. The adjacent property’s entryway design and threshold into the house is done in quartzite, blending the different types of stone together.

Now in its 41st year, Forest Lake, MN-based Bever Landscaping is a second-generation, family-owned company. Services include landscape design, architecture and imaging, hardscapes, masonry, irrigation, fencing, waterscapes, interiorscapes and lighting. Learn more at BeverLandscaping.com. This particular installation garnered a recent Environmental Improvement Merit Award from the Professional Landcare Network (PLANET).

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