



Front Entrance Summer Concept



Front Entrance Fall/Winter Concept



Before

Landscape Plan

Private Residence

With their children grown, this couple started the next phase of their life with the purchase of a beautiful post-modern home set on a wooded hillside. They loved the house siting and interior spaces, but were bothered by its relationship to the street and some of the architectural modifications that had been made by the previous owner. The long, linear sloping property offered wonderful views to the stream below, but lacked privacy from adjacent neighbors. Viridian was invited to review the site and develop a landscape master plan with phased projects.

A minimalist planting palette was used in the layout of the front landscape design. Viridian added a wall and used bold plant forms to focus attention on the central architecture of the house. Ornamental grasses and red osier dogwood shrubs frame the main entrance while providing year round interest. In the spring and summer the garden geometry is reinforced by bands of ferns and perennials.

At the rear terrace Viridian extended the lower-level living space to the outside by creating sleek and modern spaces through the use of Cor-ten steel, plank pavers and steel cable railing. A laser cut Cor-ten steel panel provides privacy from the neighbors while serving the dual role of extending the owner's art collection to the outside. The terrace captures the magnificent views while maintaining the mature and stunning hardwood trees that dance down the hillside. It's a perfect spot for the occasional dip in the hot tub under the stars, an al fresco dinner for two near the elegant fire pit, or larger gatherings of friends and family.

Location: Haverford, Pennsylvania
Client: Private homeowner
Size: 1 acre
Cost: N/A
Status: Completed 2015