



Install easiest-care plants in the hardest areas to reach

SLOPED shade

New two-part harmony consists of bigger patio and

steep shade garden



Larger patio and steep bank that needed more plantings and color



Extend the patio, add a walk, plant a shade garden with some sun-loving choices in sunnier areas

The owners of an older home that had been restored, wanted a larger backyard and garden for entertaining.

Landscape designer Susan M. Murphy Jones, APLD, of Landscape Solutions, was brought in for the redesign. Instead of removing the existing concrete patio, which she deemed stable, Jones decided to retain it and build the new patio extension from Unilock's manmade Copthorne multicolored pavers, which resemble old-world cobblestones and are fairly indestructible. For the shade garden, Jones introduced a mix of native and non-native materials. To make the setting look natural, she sited big Wisconsin granite boulders that look like they came directly from a farm field and that are compatible with the existing stone walls. Both

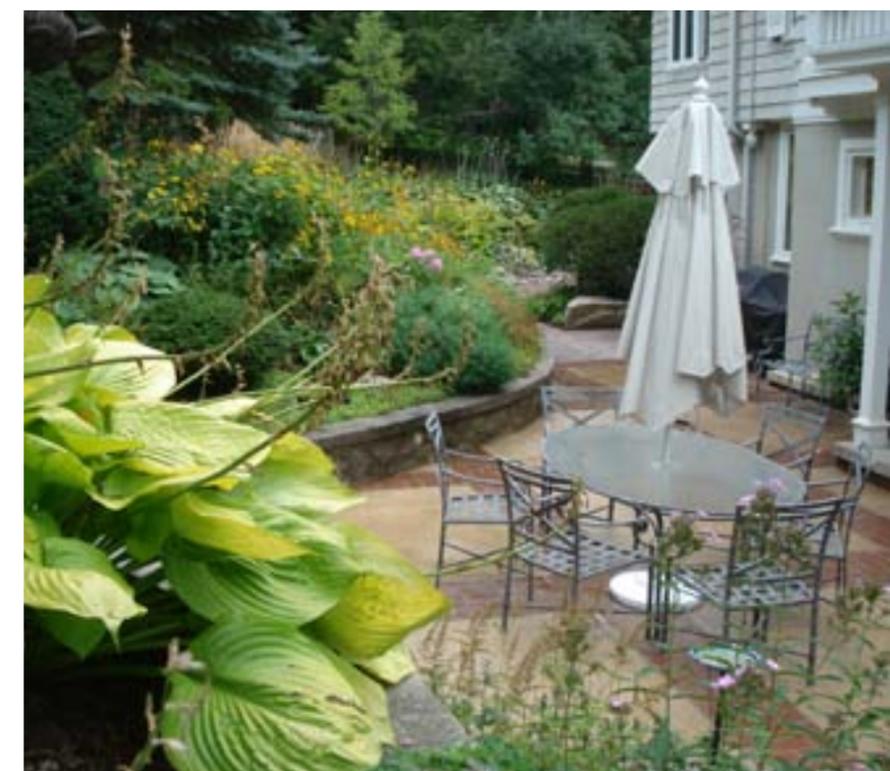
hard and softscapes are enjoyed from the new patio as well as from multiple rooms inside the house, "It's a beautiful setting," she says.

*** KEY PLANTINGS** *Hosta 'Sum And Substance'* (Sum And Substance Plantain); *Hosta 'Frances Williams'* (Frances Williams Plantain); *Hosta 'Krossa Regal'* (Krossa Regal Plantain); *Ligularia dentata 'Othello'* (Othello Goldenray); *Ligularia stenocephala 'The Rocket'* (The Rocket Goldenray); *Rudbeckia spp.* (Black-Eyed Susan); *Cimicifuga simplex 'Chocolate'* (Chocolate Bugbane) **ZONE: 3**

\$ MONEY-SAVERS Murphy Jones retained and cleaned the existing concrete patio; she also cut the flower budget by recycling as much as possible and not overplanting.

things we love

- 1 **The sound of water**, privacy, high impact colorful plantings, harmonious hardscaping elements, great views from interior
- 2 **Intimacy of patio** because of its location nestled at the base of the slope and inside of a curving wall
- 3 **Views of garden** since it wraps around house and unifies interior and exterior of home
- 4 **Impact of color** and texture from the large-sized hostas



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