

problem

Improperly designed water feature was filling the yard with debris

solution

New fountains, stone terrace, steps, borders and planting beds

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Low lights around the perimeter define a patio at night



When you live in rocky terrain, go with local concrete and boulders for a strong aesthetic foundation

Over time, the many acres of this residence had deteriorated and needed upkeep. In addition, a water feature in the backyard hadn't been installed properly and was draining poorly and filling the site with debris. Landscape designer Susan Murphy Jones removed it and replaced it with a much smaller feature—a collection of drilled basalt rock columns that allow water to flow, be recycled and provide pleasant sounds. Some rotted timber steps were removed, and a new concrete paver terrace was designed in a circular pattern and nestled into the sloped site. Prefabricated concrete chiseled steps were set into the slope. Pathways were constructed to connect the newly remodeled back deck with the side garage entrance. Flagstone accents flank the outside edging of the terrace and walkways to add interest and texture. For continuity, accent granite

cobblestones that were used around the bubbling water feature were repeated along the edge of the terrace and walk. Large granite boulders, found throughout the region, flank the terrace and hillside to provide a creative seating and help retain the soil bank while unifying the naturalistic landscape. The newly planted beds were accented with trees, blooming shrubs, evergreens and perennials, all to complete a lush, full, colorful landscape.

*** KEY PLANTINGS** *Echinacea purpurea* (Purple Coneflower); *Rudbeckia* spp. (Black-Eyed Susan); *Hemerocallis* spp. (Daylilies); *Salvia* spp. (Sage); *Hosta* spp. (Plantain Lily)
ZONE: 4

\$ MONEY-SAVERS Reused plant materials; used concrete instead of stone steps; installed low-voltage lighting and more economical water feature that still provides sound and attracts birds

things we love

- 1 Hardscaping materials** were introduced to add impact to the front and back yards
- 2 Local stone** materials used in a creative way
- 3 Variety of plant materials** and water feature in the backyard
- 4 Room in rear** for entertaining a large family

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