



Clockwise from opposite, top: The landscape plan preserves views from the newly renovated house. Two curvilinear gardens with masses of sweet drift rose and hydrangea soften the straight lines of the hardscape. Containers of crape myrtle define seating areas on the ipe deck. Boxwood lines the edge of the veranda. Antique statuary helps to create a mature look.

Walnut Hill envelops a waterfront property with lush plant life

Living on the water has undeniable allure, but for the owners of an Annapolis property, this enviable position also posed a need for privacy. After architect Scarlett Breeding completed a renovation of their home, including a new deck and pool, the owners called on Walnut Hill to plant gardens that would shield them from passing boats without obstructing water views.

“We were also tasked with creating a planting plan to soften the terrace and break up the expanse of the house from the water,” says Walnut Hill’s Mike Prokopchak. He and his team defined the property with a row of Green Beauty boxwood along the water’s edge, and created two large, curvilinear gardens that screen the veranda and pool. On the terrace, containers of single-stem crape myrtle anchor the seating and dining areas and provide shade. Sweet drift rose, peony, hibiscus and Nikko Blue hydrangea were selected based on the owners’ color preferences. “They wanted it to have a ‘garden’ feel, so mature trees and plants were key,” says Prokopchak.

On one side of the property, Walnut Hill covered a gray-painted fence with climbing roses, climbing hydrangea and clematis for year-round color and texture. Prokopchak also helped place his clients’ antique statues throughout the garden because, as he points out, they “help reinforce the impression of a mature landscape.”

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