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## Meadowcroft Innovation

Greenwich, CT

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Upon arrival, visitors pass through a hedged entry onto a gently curving drive. The clean lines of the subsequent entry court and water feature contrast against planting beds comprised of ornamental grasses and perennials. The water feature, driveway and plantings are situated over a conditioned space making for a sizable



green roof. Floating slab steps span the water feature and connect the landscape to the home.

At the rear of the house, balconies overlook the landscape and a planted staircase retains grade while connecting the main living area to the intermediate pool area. The pool transitions the grade to the lower lawn level. Plantings are massed beneath ginkgo and plane trees to create a unified landscape. Lawn areas give way to native meadows that buffer the adjacent wetland.

Organized around a series of spaces and constraints created by the architecture, the design allows for intimate garden moments and expansive views of the entire landscape. The size of the architectural program coupled with the site's 34 feet of grade change was a challenge resulting in the creation of a memorable landscape.



Water flows from a Corten basin at the corner of the guest room, filling a runnel that continues to the front entrance fountain. An inviting guest terrace bridges interior and exterior living, integrating both architecture and landscape.



**Client:** Private Residence **Landscape Architect:** James Doyle Design Associates **Architect:** Marchese Gashi Architects **Civil Engineer:** McCormack, Pelliccione and Associates, LLC **General Contractor:** Dibco, Inc. **Landscape Contractor:** Ceci Bros., Inc. **Irrigation:** Summer Rain **Stone Suppliers:** Paul's Marble Depot, LLC and O&G Industries **Pool Contractor:** Shoreline Pools, Meehan and Ramos Pools **Photographer:** Neil Landino

Views of the front yard (above) depict the level of disturbance created by the architecture. The subterranean parking structure serves as the foundation for the 11,500 SF intensive green roof, which extends from the house to the center of the entry-court.





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A double herbaceous border helps to define this tranquil space containing a swimming pool and bubbling water feature.



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