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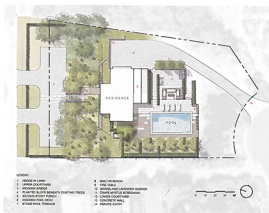
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## Bluff Road

Amagansett, NY

Located on the edge of conservation land in Amagansett, NY this half-acre coastal site required an extensive renovation to improve its function and identity. The property sits on a steep bluff overlooking the Atlantic. It suffered from a lack of way-finding, privacy, and sense of place. The design team achieved the homeowner's needs through a combination of simple yet contrasting plant material, clear circulation, and distinct spaces.

A hedge along the street serves as a threshold for the property and creates an enclosed upper parking courtyard. The space features a stand of existing native trees underplanted with contrasting material. Within the native gravel courtyard, a blue-stone path materializes, creating a coherent entry sequence to the front door. The incredibly abrupt slope between the front and rear landscapes is stabilized through the continuation of ornamental grasses and evergreen shrubs. A wooden bridge spans the grade between the upper courtyard and front door. At the rear of the house, a second story porch overlooks the landscape with a staircase connecting the upper and lower levels. The rear pool garden was restructured to allow for dining and entertaining. A composition of decking and bluestone create interest in the ground plane as viewed from the porch above. Existing native cedars provide screening and shade along the eastern edge of the pool. Ornamental grasses are repeated beneath these trees to establish a unified landscape. The design for this contemporary landscape enhances functionality for the homeowner and contributes to a unique sense of place.



**Top:** A series of bluestone slab steps leads down to the wooden bridge and front door. **Right:** The pool garden incorporates custom furniture and fire table. **Across:** A pathway bordered by *Lavandula angustifolia* connects the lower courtyard to the pool garden.

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