

Hardscape Design Guide



Patio, Walkway, & Retaining Wall Styles | Windham, NH





How Our Process Works:

On-Site Consultation

We meet at your home to walk the property, discuss ideas, evaluate drainage, and help guide material selections.

Design & Project Planning

We recommend layouts, stone options, and finishing details that fit your home, property, and budget.

Proposal & Scheduling

You receive a detailed quote outlining the scope of work/materials chosen. Projects are scheduled once the proposal is approved and a 50% deposit is received. During the consultation we'll also provide a general timeline for how far out we are scheduling.

Professional Installation

Our team prepares the base correctly, manages drainage, and installs your project with attention to detail.

Enjoy Your Outdoor Space

Built to last through New England seasons and designed to add long-term value to your home.

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PATIO

Design the Foundation of Your Outdoor Living

Your patio sets the tone for your entire outdoor space. From intimate gathering spaces to expansive entertaining zones, size, layout, drainage, and stone selection all matter.

We'll guide you through each step- from shape and location to choosing the perfect stone and finishing upgrades.



Grand Katahdin- Granite | Built in Windham, NH

CHOOSING THE RIGHT SIZE & SHAPE

Designing a patio that fits your lifestyle



Grand Katahdin- Granite | Windham, NH

Patio Shapes

- Square
- Rectangle
- Circle
- Roman/Curved
- Full Custom

Design Tip: Rectangles feel modern & structured. Curves feel organic & flow naturally.

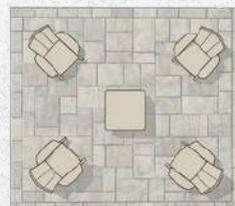
We can help determine ideal size based on:

- Furniture
- Traffic Flow
- Property layout
- Budget

Patio Size Guide:

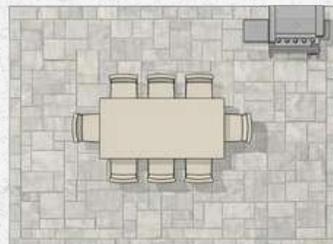
10x10 Patio

- Seats 4 chairs + small table
- Great for small gathering



12x16 Patio

- Dining Table + Grill



16x20 Patio

- Dining + lounge + fire feature



PATIO PLANNING MATTERS



Techo-Bloc Blu 60-Slate Gray | Groveland, MA

Drainage Considerations

- ✓ Proper Slope (1/8"-1/4" per foot)
 - ✓ Direct water away from foundation
 - ✓ Account for downspouts
 - ✓ Consider yard runoff
 - ✓ Pooling prevention
-

A properly installed patio should shed water naturally and protect your home's foundation. We evaluate grade, soil conditions, and existing drainage, before construction begins.

Location & Layout

- ✓ Proximity to home
 - ✓ Sun exposure
 - ✓ Privacy
 - ✓ Traffic flow
 - ✓ Existing irrigation
 - ✓ Access for equipment
-

We guide you through every step of placement and grade planning.

— CHOOSING YOUR STONE —



Katahdin



Granite

Summer

Autumn

Timeless texture with subtle color variation, inspired by natural New England stone.

Driveway | Walkway | Patio



Grand Katahdin



Granite

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Autumn

Patio | Walkway



Camden Bay



Granite

Summer

Charcoal

Driveway | Walkway | Patio | Borders



Hollandstone



Granite

Charcoal

Cumberland
Blend

Driveway | Walkway | Patio | Borders



Sebago Stone



Granite

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Driveway | Walkway | Patio

Explore the full Genest Collection → [Genest Catalog](#)

— CHOOSING YOUR STONE —



Windham Ridge



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Subtle movement and generous scale bring balance and sophistication to modern patios and outdoor living areas.

Walkway | Patio



Chamberlain

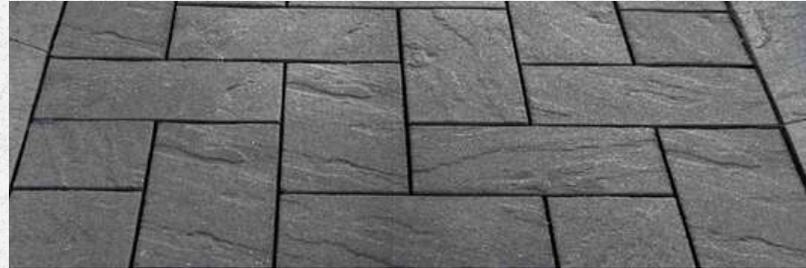


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Patio | Walkway



Blackwater River



Charcoal

Summer

Granite

Walkway | Patio | Border



Baxter Stone



Granite

Earth Blend

Driveway | Walkway | Patio



Grand Baxter Stone



Granite

Earth Blend

Walkway | Patio

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— CHOOSING YOUR STONE —



Chocolate
Brown



Chestnut
Brown



Sandlewood

Blu 60 MM



Onyx Black



Shale Grey



Champlain
Grey

Brings clean architectural lines and lasting durability, creating a refined foundation for elevated outdoor living.

Walkway | Patio



Blu 45 MM



Onyx Black



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Enjoy the full Techo-Bloc Collection → [TechoBloc Catalog](#)



Techo-Bloc Blu 60- Slate Gray | Built in Groveland, MA

ELEVATION & LAYOUT

Subtle touches that elevate your patio



Techo-Bloc Blu 60 | Built in Groveland, MA

Border Accents

- Soldier or Sailor
- Contrasting color
- Double border
- Roman/Curved
- Picture frame layout



Inlays & Patterns

- Circle kits
- Herringbone (Hollandstone)
- Feature bands
- Mixed format layout

Inlays & Patterns



- Circle kits



- Herringbone



- Feature bands



- Mixed format

Elevation Changes



- Steps



- Seat walls



- Retaining walls



- Raised Patios

ADDING DETAIL & UPGRADES

Subtle touches that elevate your patio



Fire Features



Add warmth and a natural gathering space with a custom fire pit or fire feature designed to match your patio.

Seating Walls & Columns



Built-in seating walls and stone columns create structure, extra seating, and a finished outdoor living feel.

Borders & Inlay



Decorative borders and inlays add contrast and pattern to your patio, giving the space a more custom, high-end look.

Lighting



Low-voltage LED lighting installed in columns, walls, or along walkways extends the usability of your patio into the evening.



Techo-Bloc Eva- Shale Gray | Built in Kennebunk, ME

OUR PATIO PROJECTS

Every patio we build is designed for durability, proper drainage, and everyday living. Below are real before-and-after transformations showing how thoughtful layout, expert installation, and quality materials can completely redefine an outdoor space.



BEFORE



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OUR PATIO PROJECTS

Real Transformations Built in Southern New Hampshire



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Grand Katahdin- Granite | Windham, NH

A simple backyard was transformed into a welcoming fire pit patio designed for gathering, relaxing, and enjoying the outdoors.



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Grand Katahdin-Granite | Windham, NH

A bare backyard transformed into a custom outdoor living space with deck and patio

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Techo-Bloc Blu 60- Summer | Windham, NH

From a gravel base to a finished Techo-Bloc patio built for outdoor living.

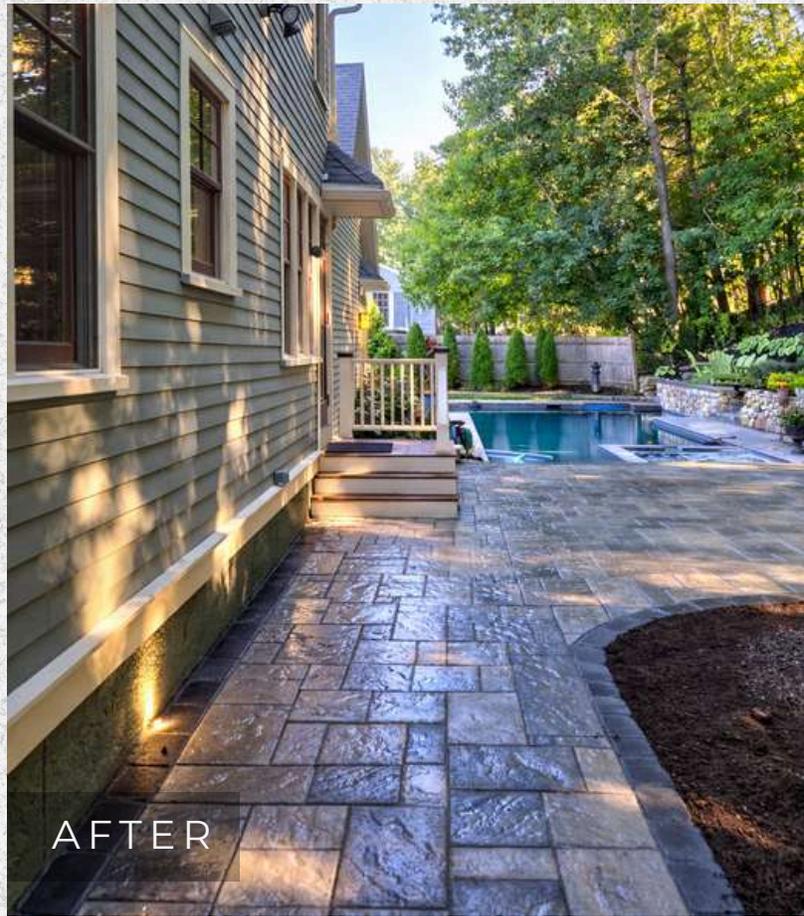


Grand Katahdin- Granite | Windham, NH

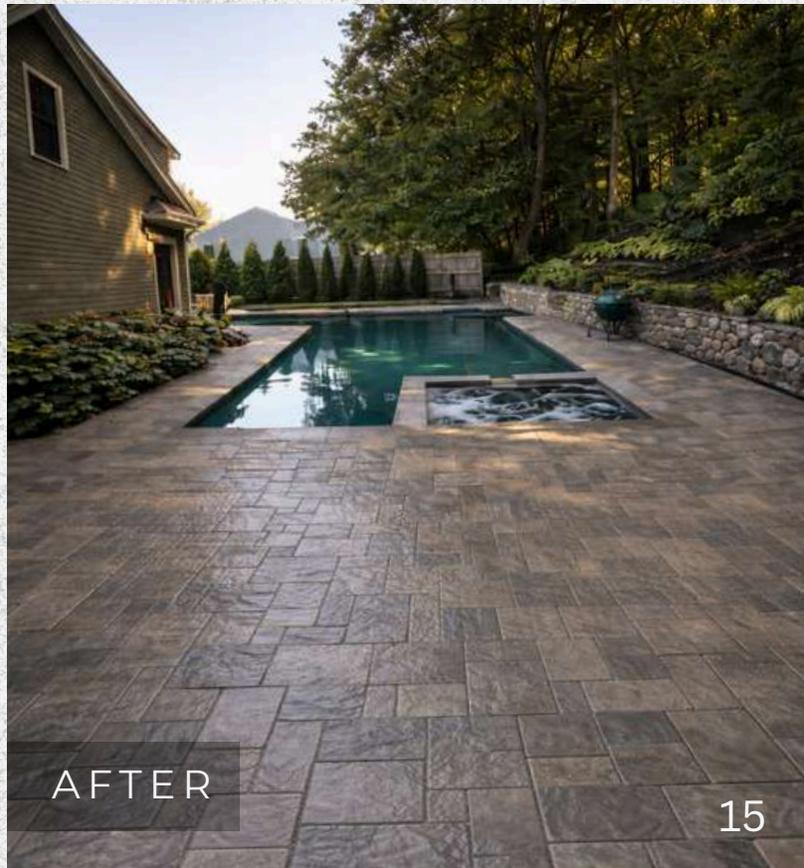
Empty backyard to a Grand Katahdin patio and pergola retreat with custom fire pit.

OUR PATIO PROJECTS

Real Transformations Built in Southern New Hampshire



Techo-Bloc Blu 60 | Built in Groveland, MA



WALKWAYS

Guide the Flow of Your Outdoor Space

Katahdin-Autumn | Built in Windham, NH

A well-designed walkway connects the key areas of your landscape while adding structure and style. From welcoming front paths to garden connections; layout, drainage, and stone selection all matter.

We'll guide you through each step- from shape and location to choosing the perfect stone and finishing upgrades.



CHOOSING THE RIGHT SIZE & SHAPE

Designing a walkway that highlights your space



Estate Walkway- Flagstone | Built in Windham, NH

Walkway Shapes

- Straight
- Curved
- Flared Entry
- Stepping Stone Path
- Grand Walkway

Design Tip: Rectangles feel modern & structured. Curves feel organic & flow naturally.

We can help determine ideal size based on:

- Location
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Walkway Size Guide:

36-48" Walkway

- Standard Walkway



48-60" Walkway

- Comfortable for 2 People



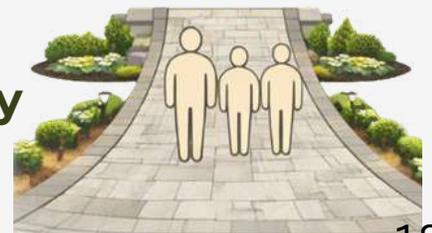
60-72" Walkway

- Front Entry Feature



72-120" Walkway

- Estate Walkway



WALKWAY PLANNING MATTERS



Grand Katahdin | Built in Windham, NH

Grade & Drainage

- ✓ Proper Pitch (1/8"-1/4" per foot)
 - ✓ Water directed away from home
 - ✓ Avoid low spots & puddling
 - ✓ Transition to lawn or driveway
 - ✓ Winter drainage & freeze protection
-

Walkways should naturally move water away from structures while maintaining safe, comfortable footing year-round.

Location & Layout

- ✓ Connection points
 - ✓ Daily traffic flow
 - ✓ Width for intended use
 - ✓ Lighting opportunities
 - ✓ Snow clearing access
 - ✓ Access for equipment
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We design walkways to feel natural, functional, and visually balanced with your home.



Grand Katahdin-Granite | Built in Windham, NH

Entry Experience

Your walkway is the first experience of your home. It should feel welcoming, natural, and intentional.

Walkway Design

- ✓ Alignment with entryway door
 - ✓ Comfortable width with daily use
 - ✓ Smooth transitions at steps
 - ✓ Edge restraint & borders
 - ✓ Lighting opportunities
 - ✓ Snow & seasonable usability
-

A well-designed walkway guides visitors naturally to your home while complementing its architecture. Every curve, step, and landing is designed with purpose.



— CHOOSING YOUR STONE —



Katahdin



Granite

Summer

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Timeless texture with subtle color variation, inspired by natural New England stone.

Driveway | Walkway | Patio



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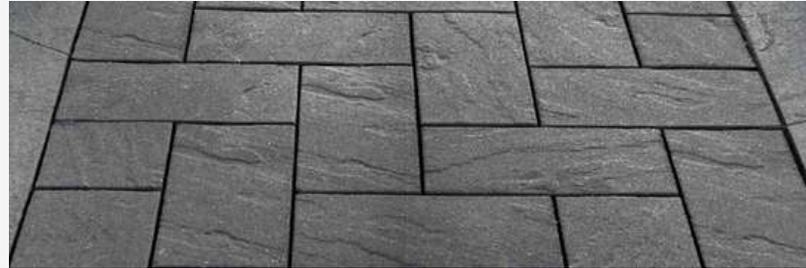
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— PATTERNS & LAYOUT —

Subtle design choices that define your walkway.



Border Accents

- Soldier or Sailor
- Double border
- Contrasting color
- Curved borders



Inlays & Patterns

- Running bond
- Herringbone
- Feature band
- Mixed format layout

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- Mixed format

Elevation & Transitions



- Steps



- Curves



- Retaining Walls



- Landings

ADDING DETAIL & UPGRADES

Touches that elevate your walkway



Granite Steps



Granite steps create a durable, natural transition between elevations while adding a high-end New England look to your walkway.

Entry Landings



A widened landing at the entry provides space to gather, transition, and creates a welcoming front entrance.

Edges



Defined edges create a clean transition between your walkway and surrounding landscape. They help hold the pavers in place while giving the design a more finished, intentional look.

Walkway Lighting



Low-voltage lighting along the walkway improves safety and highlights the stonework beautifully at night.



Grand Katahdin- Granite | Built in Windham, NH

OUR WALKWAYS

A well-designed walkway does more than connect spaces — it creates a first impression. Every walkway we build is installed for durability, proper drainage, and long-term performance. Below are real before-and-after projects showing how thoughtful design and quality materials can transform the approach to a home.



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OUR WALKWAY PROJECTS

Real Transformations Built in Southern New Hampshire



Katahdin-Autumn | Built in Windham, NH

From exposed soil to a finished front entry designed for durability and curb appeal.



Flagstone | Built in Windham, NH

A worn section of grass was replaced with a custom flagstone walkway that adds both function and character to the backyard.

OUR WALKWAY PROJECTS

Real Transformations Built in Southern New Hampshire



Grand Katahdin- Granite | Built in Windham, NH

Sometimes a property needs structure before it can truly shine. By adding retaining walls and granite steps to the walkway we not only solved the grade challenges but created a space that enhances curb appeal, usability, and long-term property value.

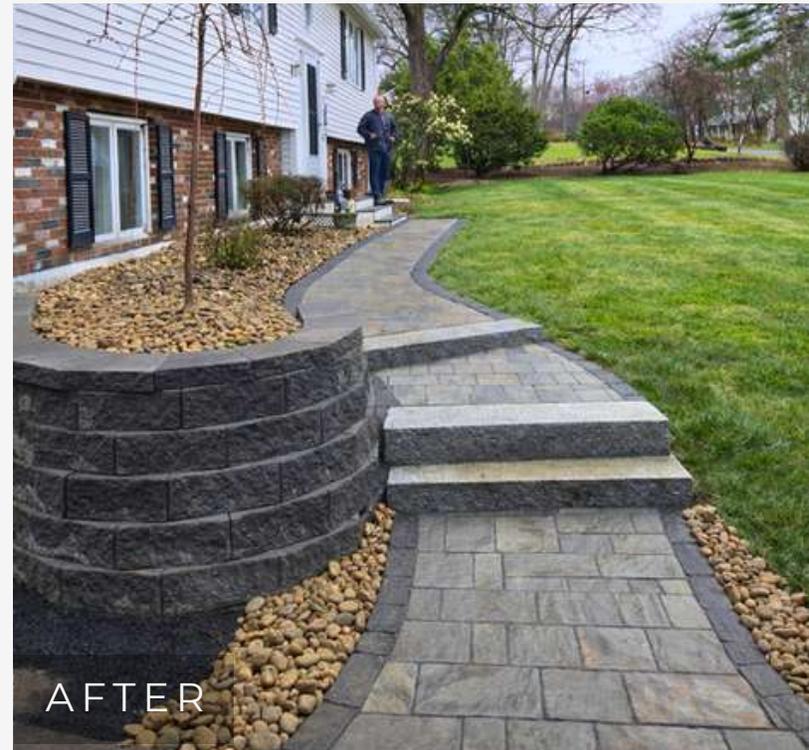
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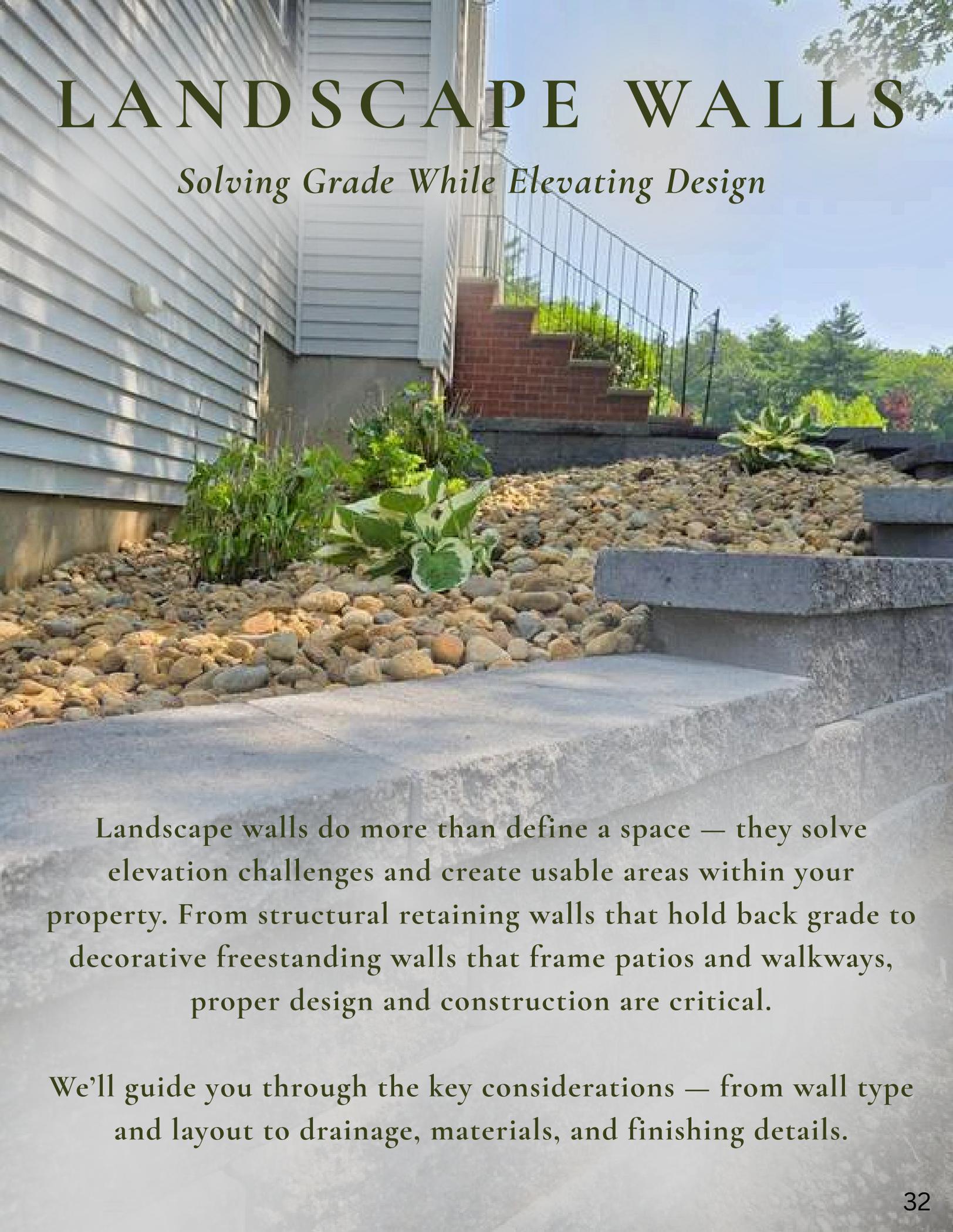
Katahdin Pavers & Granite Steps | Built in Windham, NH

Careful grading, natural curves, and granite steps turned a rough hillside path into a polished and inviting approach to the home.



Grand Katahdin- Granite | Built in Windham, NH

What was once an uneven lawn is now a functional, beautifully framed walkway that improves access while enhancing the home's landscape.



LANDSCAPE WALLS

Solving Grade While Elevating Design

Landscape walls do more than define a space — they solve elevation challenges and create usable areas within your property. From structural retaining walls that hold back grade to decorative freestanding walls that frame patios and walkways, proper design and construction are critical.

We'll guide you through the key considerations — from wall type and layout to drainage, materials, and finishing details.



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CHOOSING THE RIGHT HEIGHT & LAYOUT

Designing a wall that fits your space



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Height Considerations

- Under 2ft (Low Wall)
- 2ft-4ft (Common Wall)
- 4ft+ (Engineered Wall)

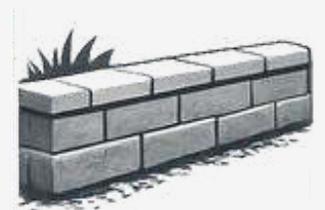
Design Tip: Proper wall height depends on soil pressure, drainage, and site conditions. We evaluate each property to ensure the wall is built to last.

We can help determine ideal size based on:

- Height
- Soil Pressure
- Drainage
- Structure

Wall Layout

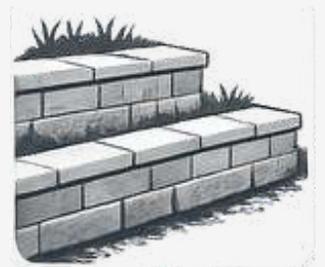
Straight Wall



Curved Wall



Terraced Wall



Tiered Wall





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LANDSCAPE WALL PLANNING MATTERS

————— *Designing retaining walls that last for decades* —————



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Structural Considerations

- ✓ Proper base preparation
- ✓ Drainage behind the wall
- ✓ Soil pressure management
- ✓ Frost protection
- ✓ Reinforcement when required

A retaining wall does more than define space — it supports soil and manages elevation. Proper preparation, drainage, and material selection are essential for long-term performance.

Site & Design

- ✓ Grade change across property
- ✓ Wall location and length
- ✓ Integration with patios
- ✓ Access for equipment
- ✓ Future landscaping

We evaluate the property's grade, drainage patterns, and surrounding features to design a wall that fits naturally within the landscape.



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Where Walls are Used

Retaining walls solve elevation challenges while shaping how your property looks and functions.

Wall Applications

- ✓ Managing grade & slope
 - ✓ Framing walkways & entry paths
 - ✓ Support patios & outdoor spaces
 - ✓ Creating raised planting beds
 - ✓ Defining property transitions
 - ✓ Integrating steps and landings
 - ✓ Freestanding walls or seating
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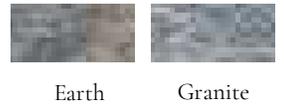
Retaining walls do more than hold back soil — they create structure within your landscape. Whether stabilizing a hillside or framing a front entry, properly designed walls add both function and long-term value to your property.

GENEST WALL SYSTEMS



Highland Stone

Best for residential retaining walls, steps, and landscape structure.
Structural | Freestanding



Diamond

Structural



Earth Granite Gray

Larger grade changes and long retaining walls

Diamond Pro

Structural



Gray

Heavy-duty system designed for tall demanding walls



*Wall height depends on soil conditions,
drainage, and engineering requirements.*

*We evaluate each property to determine the
appropriate wall system.*

Sterling Wall

Freestanding



Granite Earth Blend

Seating walls, garden borders, and patio framing



Genest Diamond Pro | Built in Windham, NH

— TECHO-BLOC WALL SYSTEMS —



Mini Creta

Structural

Built for structural retaining walls and modern outdoor living features.



Brandon Wall

Structural | Freestanding



Onyx Black Shale Gray Cafe Crema

For seating walls, planters, and small retaining walls



Raffinato

Freestanding



Onyx Black Shale Gray Grey Nickel Beige Cream

Best for patios, pools, and outdoor seating areas



GForce

Structural



Shale Grey Champaign Grey Chestnut Brown

For larger retaining walls and significant grade changes

Wall height depends on soil conditions, drainage, and engineering requirements. We evaluate each property to determine the appropriate wall system.

WALL DETAILS & FINISHING DETAILS



Caps

Integrated Steps



Included in our quote- Wall caps provide a finished top to the wall while protecting the structure. They also create a clean edge that can double as casual seating.



Steps built directly into retaining walls create smooth transitions between elevations while keeping the entire landscape design cohesive and intentional.

Curves & Tiered Walls

Wall Lighting



Curved and tiered walls help manage grade changes while adding movement and visual interest to the landscape. They also create opportunities for planting areas and layered design.



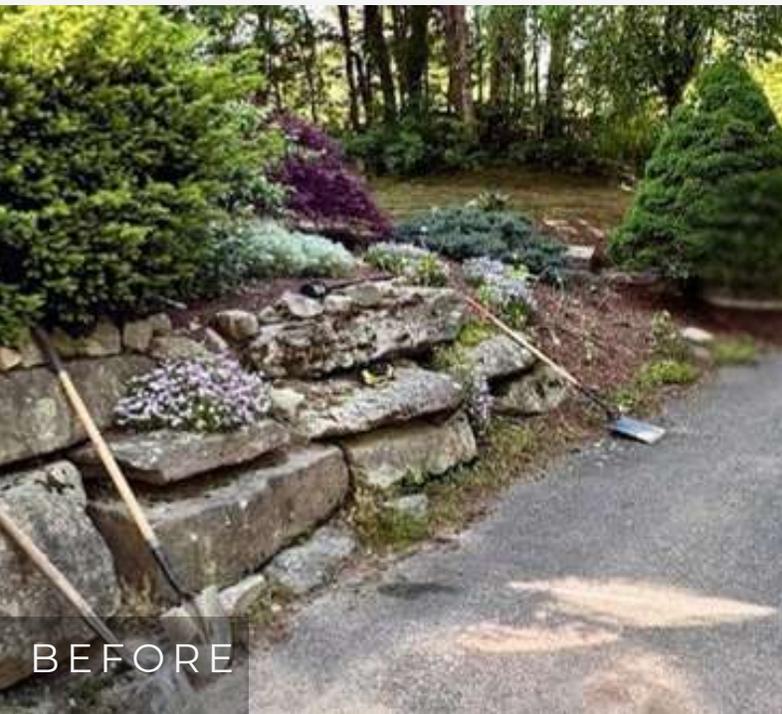
Low-voltage lighting installed within or along the wall improves safety while highlighting the texture and craftsmanship of the stone at night.



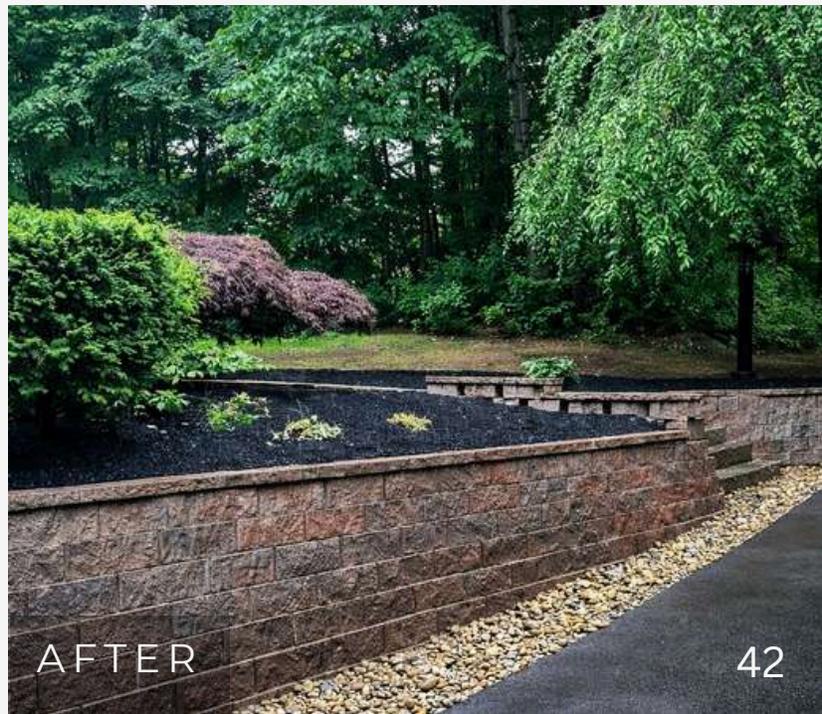
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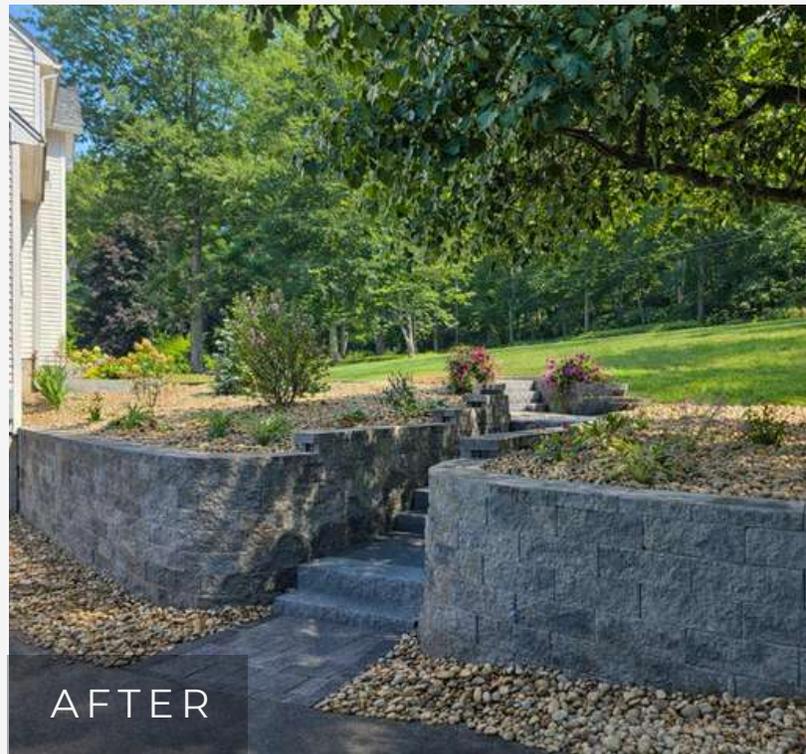
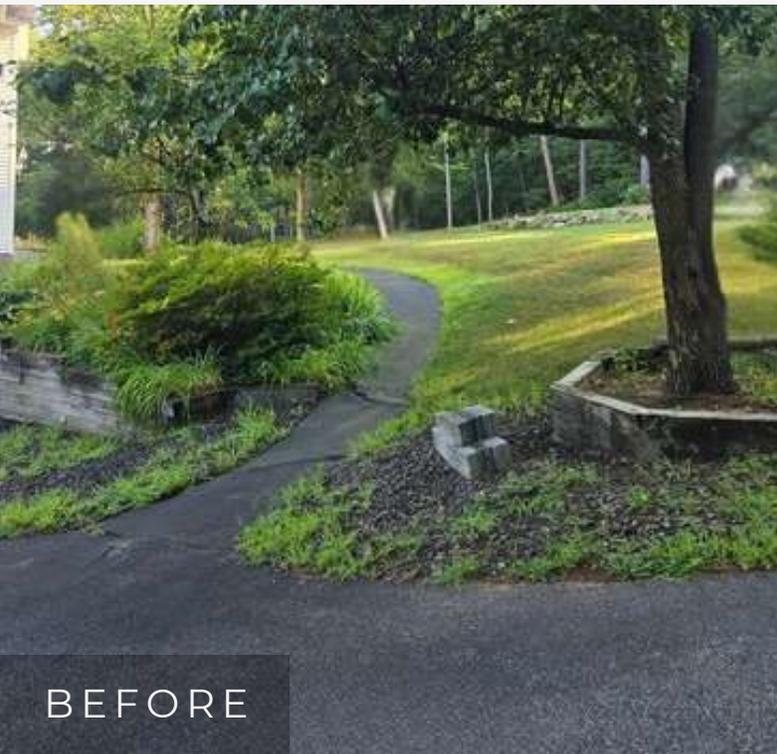
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Structural Retaining Wall | Built in Windham, NH

This project replaced an aging landscape edge with a structured retaining wall that improves both curb appeal and long-term stability.



Structural Retaining Wall | Built in Windham, NH

An aging rock wall was replaced with a properly built retaining wall designed to manage water runoff, stabilize the slope, and create a cleaner front landscape.

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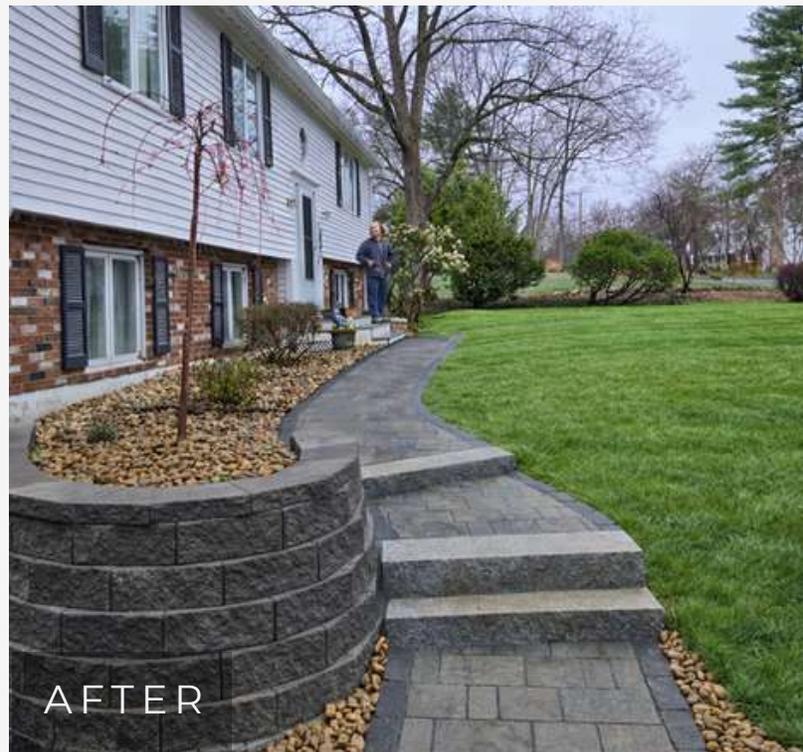
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Entry Retaining Wall | Built in Windham, NH

Curved retaining wall bed that adds structure, planting space, and lasting curb appeal.



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Structural Retaining Wall | Built in Windham, NH

A failing rock slope was replaced with a structured retaining wall, granite steps, and a new walkway that improves drainage, stability, and everyday access to the home.

COMMON QUESTIONS

Working with M&M Landscaping & Lawncare

Why isn't stone pricing listed in the guide?

Material costs between most paver systems are usually similar. Project size, site conditions, drainage, and access typically affect pricing much more than the specific stone selected.

Can projects be done in phases?

Yes, many homeowners complete projects in stages, and we can design the space so future additions blend seamlessly.

Do pavers shift or settle over time?

A professionally prepared base and proper compaction prevent major movement. Minor settling can be easily adjusted if needed.

How do hardscapes handle winter in New Hampshire?

Concrete pavers and wall systems are designed to handle freeze-thaw cycles and snow removal.

Can hardscaping improve drainage on my property?

Yes. Retaining walls, grading, and permeable materials can help redirect water and protect your landscape.

COMPLETE OUTDOOR PROJECTS

More than just hardscape

In addition to hardscape, we also provide:

- Decks
- Fence Installation
- Spring & Fall Cleanups
- Snow Removal
- Lawn Mowing & Maintenance

READY TO START YOUR PROJECT?



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