

**BUILDER'S DOMAIN**  
MCLEAN, VIRGINIA



View of pergola

**Client:** Withheld at owner's request  
**Contractors:** Associated Builders Inc. (general contractor)

**Intent**

Located at Avenel, the project involved initial site evaluation, building site location, and conceptual configuration of the building footprint. The builder/owner wanted to maintain as many significantly large trees, and existing rolling woodland topography, while creating a substantially sized, traditionally based home. The resulting building plan and landscape design creates a variety of outdoor spaces, terraces, gardens, views, and hide-away places, all designed to harmonize with the natural qualities of the site, while naturally extending the functions of adjacent rooms and family activities into fully designed and easily maintained landscape spaces. The five-acre site includes extensive mature beech and oak canopy woodlands and native ground covers. Shade gardens of ferns, hellebores, and sweet woodruff extend the garden areas naturally into their surroundings. Formal plantings of box, crepe myrtle, and hornbeam anchor and define the formal terraces and lawn areas. Driveway paving and arrival landings are fully paved with a variety of naturally cleft and shaped stone which compliment the architectural brown stone and cut limestone detailing. Several curvilinear stone landscape walls provide soil retention, design definition, and privacy, while seamlessly blending with traditional architectural forms, surfaces, and design motifs.



View of garage and kitchen entrance pavings and plantings



View of pool terrace