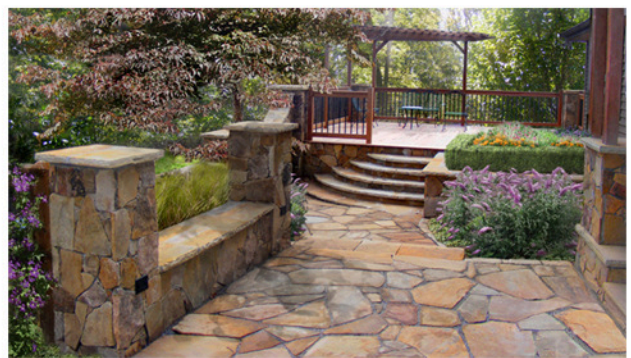




news

VDC interviewed for HGTV Web Segment

This past October, VDC was invited to participate in a web-video segment for HGTV on outdoor rooms and landscape renovations. The segment will feature VDC's Locust Grove Residence landscape remodel that was completed early last year, which included a large deck expansion, stone entry court, and outdoor fire pit. The segment is currently in production and should debut in late December or early January. Stay tuned!



on the boards



Fontaine Master Plan VDC was recently retained to develop a concept plan for a proposed community outside of Raleigh, NC. The residential village is one component within an overall conservation plan developed by Unique Places LLC. Much of the site is proposed to be placed in conservation while the remaining land will be developed as a residential community. As an alternative to the standard, sub-urban layout originally planned for the site, our design presents a new-urban model with multiple housing types and densities linked by walkable streets, and open space systems. The plan also identifies parcels for neighborhood-scale commercial uses. A trail network would connect to an adjacent middle school as well as conservation lands. Amenities include small parks, gardens, and a community center.



construction

Reynolds Mountain Village

VDC was involved early on in the preliminary master planning for Reynolds Village, a new mixed-use village in Woodfin, NC. Our involvement with the village continued throughout 2008 as we developed the initial layout, site grading and preliminary architectural character for the mixed-use apartment buildings in the village core. After several years of additional design and site preparation, the main commercial spine of Reynolds Village, made up of 6 buildings, is nearing completion. The new commercial center harkens to the traditional mixed-use downtown featuring commercial shops and restaurants at street level supporting three levels of apartment-style residential above.



visioning



final illustrative

Wetland Visualization This Fall, VDC collaborated with the habitat restoration firm, Wildlands Inc., to develop a rendering of their proposed design for a wetland restoration in Oregon. The proposed plan was draped over a 3-D site terrain model to create a framework for the visualization. Tree massings and ground plane textures were then layered digitally over the framework and filters were added to lend an artistic quality to the final illustration.



terrain model of existing site

material

Enviro-Lok Recently, while researching various alternatives for stabilizing slopes, we were introduced to an interesting system called Enviro-lok - a vegetated wall system for reinforcing erodible sites using a modular system of encapsulated structural soils. Essentially, special bags are filled with soil and then stacked to create a stabilized earthen wall. Each lift is held together with spikes or straps depending on design requirements. The system allows for near vertical construction that can be contoured to existing non-load bearing soils and adapt to the contours of the site. Vegetation can be plugged between the bags and/or seeded directly over the walls. As vegetation grows over the wall, roots bind the soil bags together increasing the strength of the structure. Enviro-lok is distributed in Western North Carolina by John Deere Landscapes. For more information visit www.agrecol.com/Envirolok_ep_78.html



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