

**LOCATION MAP** 

## CONCEPT:

Create a larger and more inviting arrival/entry walkway. Reuse the existing concrete walk, cutting sections out and moving them slightly, while infilling with irregular bluestone (see image right). Also extend the walk in a arc thru the existing garden, stone only, ending in a small pad for the relocated birdbath and feeder. Create a planting bed opposite the existing garden - small trees and groundcover only to allow views through. Define the front edge of the yard with low plantings.

WALKWAY: Adjust as shown to be 5' to 6' wide and arc into existing garden area for ease of maintenance. Create a larger entry pad at the driveway.

Trim back existing hedges in front of porch to allow for views out - cut back the inkberry to 30" high but let the andromeda grow (or cut level to the railing).





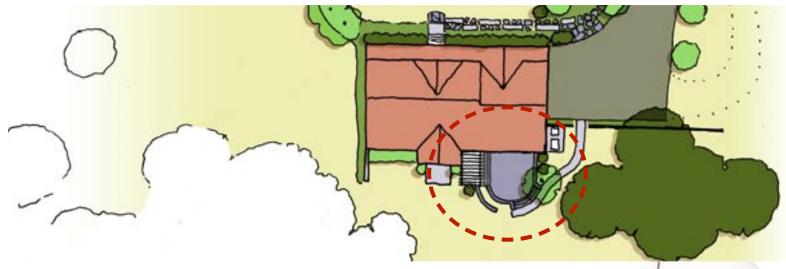
## PLANTINGS:

Existing garden area: Move 2 existing evergreens to flank new pad for birdbath and open up the area next to the walkway. Infill with low ornamental grasses to extend the seasonal color effect.

New planting bed (opposite above): Create a arc of small ornamental trees i.e. sourwood, japanese lilac or dogwood. Underplant with ferns and liriope.

Front edge of yard: Define the edge of the grass and plant with low spreading material i.e. daylilly, ferns and hosta.



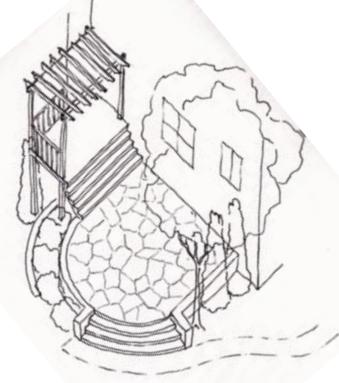


## **DECK/PATIO CONCEPT:**

The existing deck is reduced in size by half, creating a landing as one steps out of the house. This portion of the deck is shown with a trellis structure to create a shaded seating/work area more directly associated with the interior. The deck then steps down - approx. 5 steps to a larger patio area - that could either be decking or built up with walls to be the new ground level - this area would then step down to existing grade with 4 steps.

The existing wood retaining wall below the deck could be replaced with a dry laid stone wall which would be approx. the same height and curve in as shown - a second 2' tall wall would curve around from the new steps and form the patio/ deck area. The new area could be bluestone (to match the front) or pea gravel or brick.

Overall this design allows for more open views of the backyard from the dining and kitchen windows.





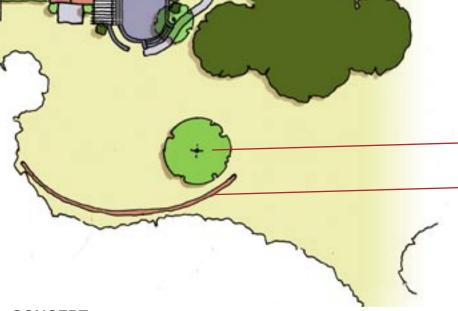












**CONCEPT:** 

Create a simple visual edge to the backyard through the use of cut wood - a stacked wood wall. A more permanent wall constructed of stacked stone could also be used.

Plant one specimen tree - such as a copper beech to become the focal point of the backyard.

Side and Basement area Planting: Flank the basement patio with large Miscanthus Grasses and plant along the base of the house with nandina. Create a 1' to 2' wide planting area along the side of the house - plant w/ Daylillies.



specimen tree: Copper Beech

wood wall