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ing house,” Chris notes. The redesign was a study in push and pull, striving to create the desired home without expanding the abode’s footprint or exceeding zoning limitations. Beyond these critical technical details, the team created a space that emphasizes enjoyment of the outdoors and leisure time. Bountiful mirrors invite appreciation of sweeping views of the water, while a game room and lounge provide spaces for recreation. The “Ice Cream Bar” is a second kitchen at pool level, where guests can move in and out without worrying about their wet bathing suits and sandy feet.

Tara took up the thread, laboring alongside Nick and Chris to craft a cohesive narrative from manmade materials and nature-given bounty. Working within the constraints of lot coverage restrictions and toward the client’s wish for a clearly demarcated property that offers privacy, Tara and her team forged a complex landscape in a compact expanse. “A lot of our driving force was, first and foremost, to protect the property as much as we could,” she says, “and have it be as sustainable as possible—protection meaning from future storms, and sustainability meaning using as many native and salt-tolerant plants as possible.” For the homeowner’s gardening spirit, the team put in raised boxes to shelter her vegetable garden and flowers, ensuring they wouldn’t be washed away by tidal floods. Her lavender, echinacea, hy-

drangeas and other plants can flourish here. Moreover, the garden is sheltered by terraces and the natural windbreaks of seagrasses and a dune fence fronting the beach. The whole landscape exists in intricate layers, with a pool and spa terrace giving way to lower levels, featuring a sandy firepit, a meandering path and an exquisite marine-grade stainless-steel fence. A single catalpa tree marks the edge of the client’s property, the magnificent and lone arboreal survivor of Hurricane Sandy.

These details are just a taste of the intricate treasure built for this delightful client. The property also boasts a spa and pool. “The spa has an overflow edge, and the pool has a double overflow edge,” Tara points out. “It extends the view out to the water, as well as creating a clean, crisp edge.” Chris comments that Tara’s code pool enclosure of stainless-steel pickets, reminiscent of beach walks, is “brilliant!” Then there’s the flawless selection of outdoor furniture from Dedon, JANUS et Cie, TUUCI and Loll Designs.

While there are no clichés in this incredible home, one well-worn phrase is appropriate: there’s something for everyone. It is the perfect weekend retreat.





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