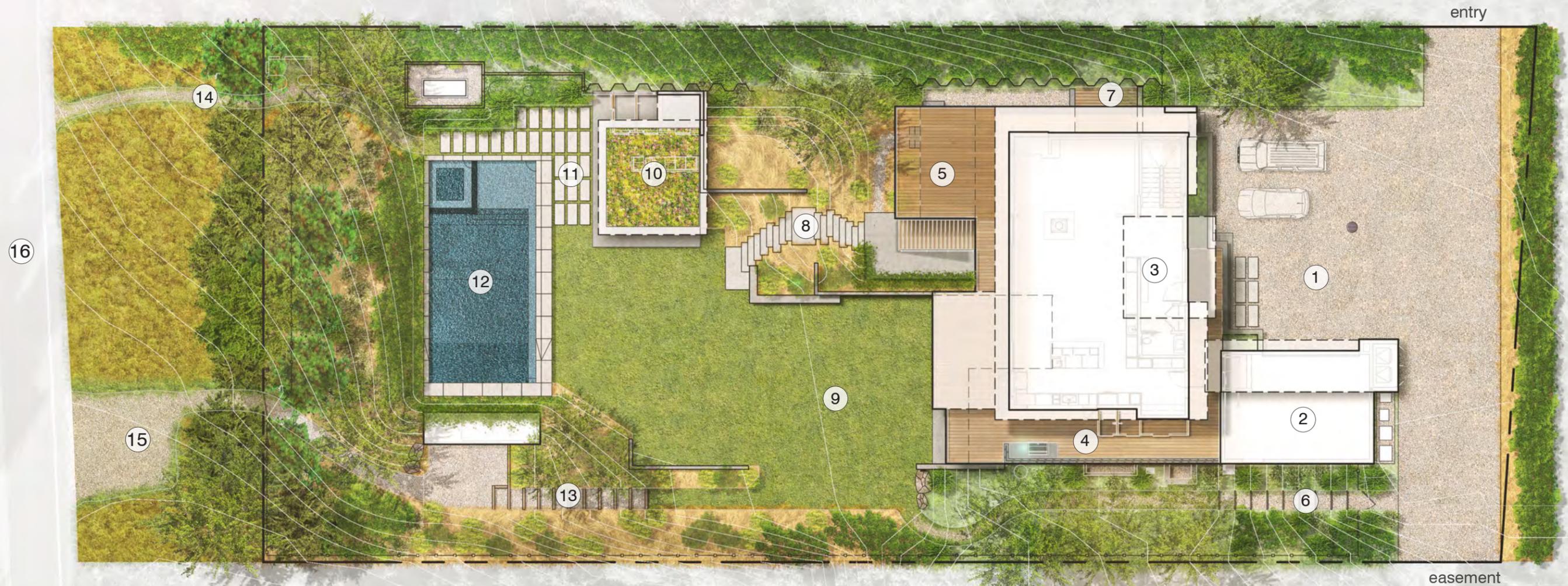


HITHER HILLS HOUSE



Orthogonal wood stairs from the upper terrace transition to shifting precast concrete slab steps immersed in dense plantings and sculpted dune-like topography.



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| 1 Auto Court | 8 Main Stair |
| 2 Garage | 9 Lawn |
| 3 Main House | 10 Pool House & Green Roof |
| 4 Dining Terrace (Upper Level)
Private Terrace & Patio (Middle & Lower Levels) | 11 Pool Patio |
| 5 Lounge Terrace (Upper Level)
Private Terrace (Middle Level) | 12 Pool |
| 6 Woodland Path | 13 Beach Path |
| 7 Sheet Pile Wall & Path | 14 Service Path |
| | 15 Beach Parking |
| | 16 State Highway |

SITE PLAN

Taking advantage of the ½ acre site's 40 feet of grade change, the design team collaborated to embed the house into the steep slope and create a series of structured outdoor spaces at each level.



A COASTAL RETREAT

Sculpted topography and wild plantings create a striking juxtaposition to the bold geometry of the architecture and constructed site elements.



SHIFTING STAIR

Shifting slabs of precast concrete are embedded into dune-like topography and plantings, establishing a connection from the home's upper levels to the lower lawn and pool area.



IMMERSIVE DESCENT

The landscape design negotiates the steeply sloping residential lot between the post-glacial hills of oak-hickory forest to the north and the bluffs and beaches of the Atlantic Ocean to the south.



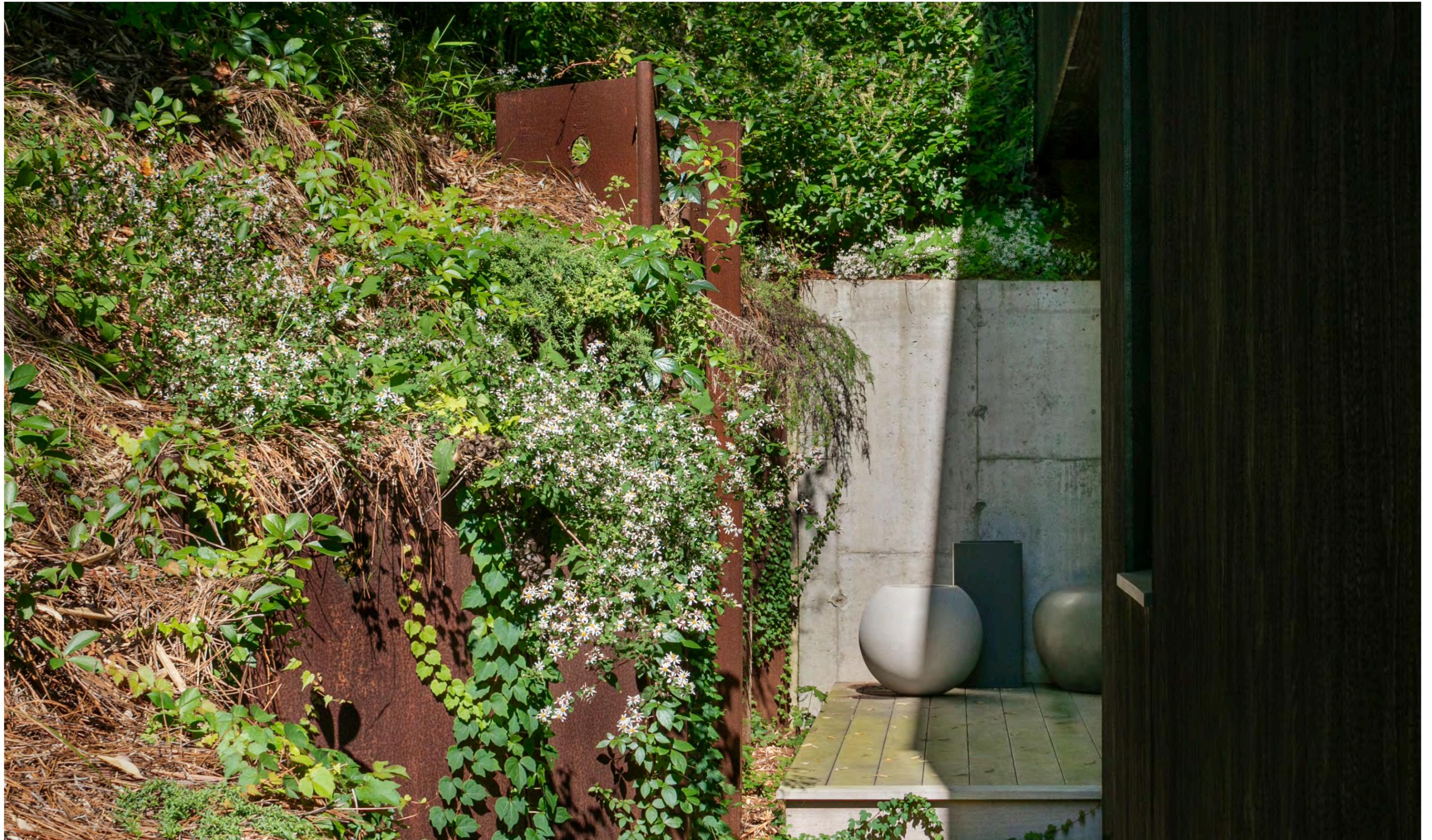
COMPOSITION OF CONTRASTS

Using dynamic contrast for heightened effect: raw against refined; wild against geometric; soft against hard. The precast concrete stair meanders through the dune-like topography among drifts of airy little bluestem and scattered beach and prairie roses.



FRONT ENTRY

Family and guests arrive at the upper-level entry court, where the main house and garage present themselves as low-slung, single-story structures that recall the area's smaller scale beach homes.



MATERIAL ECONOMY

Along the southern property line, steel sheet piles used as shoring during construction were left in place as retaining walls in the final design. The raw steel provides a striking contrast to the woodland asters trailing from above and Virginia creeper climbing from below.



LANDSCAPE & WATER

Shifting vantage points and material contrasts highlight the diverse vegetation and deep blue waters of the pool and ocean.



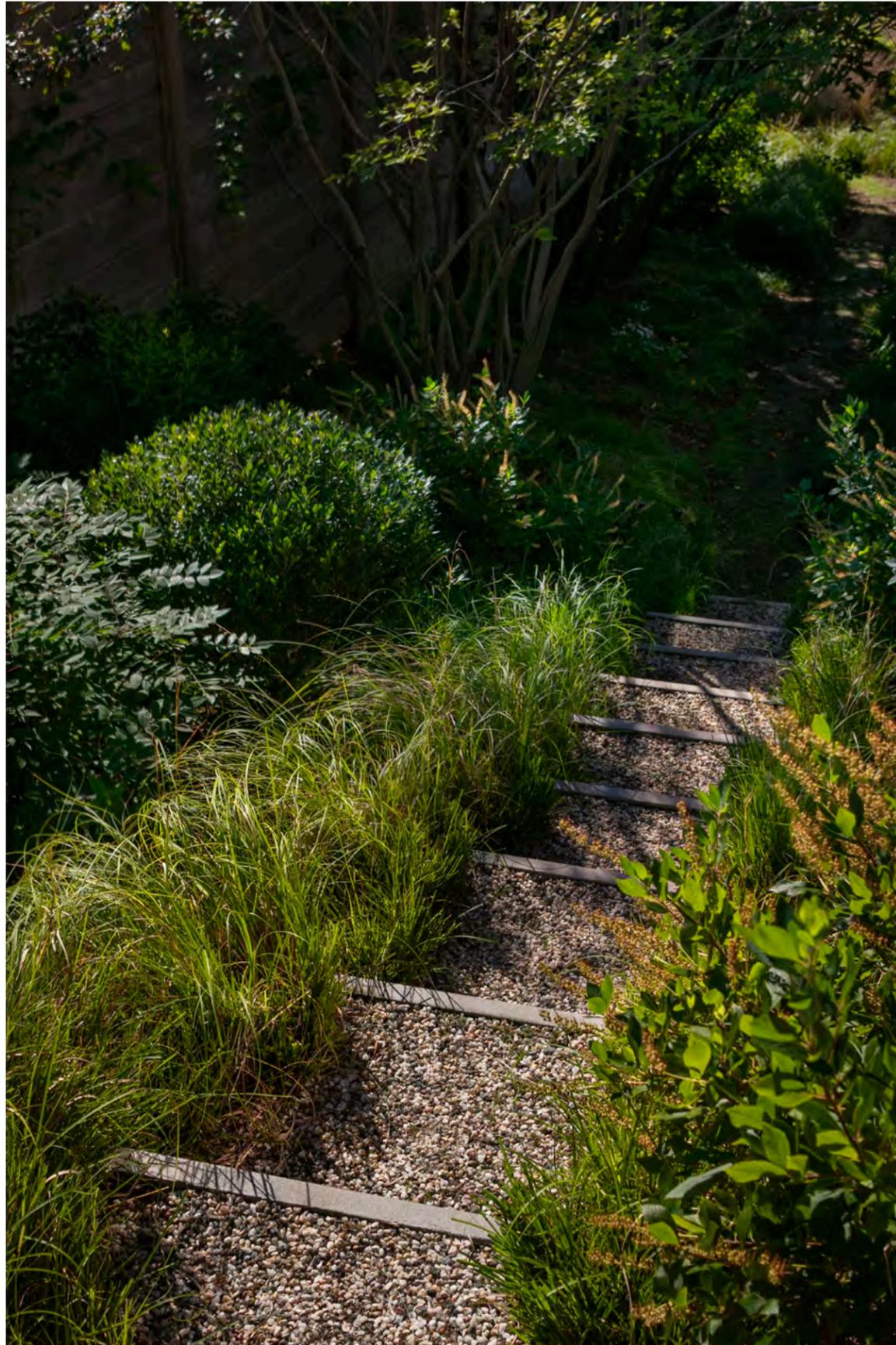
BEACH PATH

The beach path takes one through a robust and resilient landscape of little bluestem, prairie roses and bayberry; this species mix and layout seeks to maintain ocean views while also competing against the encroaching invasive species from the neighboring property.



LANDSCAPE LIGHTING

Understated lighting enhances the property at night while not detracting from the borrowed landscape beyond.



PLANT LIST

TREES

Amelanchier laevis
 Betulus populifolia
 Juniperus chinensis 'Torolosa'
 Juniperus virginiana
 Magnolia virginiana
 Pinus rigida

SHRUBS

Arctostaphylos uva-ursi 'Massachusetts'
 Aronia melanocarpa
 Aronia 'Low Scape Mound'
 Clethra alnifolia 'Sixteen Candles'
 Ilex glabra
 Myrica pensylvanica
 Rosa caroliniana
 Rosa rugosa

VINES

Parthenocissus quinquefolia
 Wisteria frutescens 'Amethyst Falls'

GRASSES & PERENNIALS

Aster divaricatus 'Eastern Star'
 Aster ericoides 'Snow Flurry'
 Aster laevis 'Bluebird'
 Aster linarifolius
 Astilbe chinensis 'Pumila'
 Athyrium filix-femina
 Carex cherokeensis
 Carex pensylvanica
 Comptonia peregrina
 Eupatorium hyssopifolium
 Geranium maculatum
 Hakonechloa macra
 Schizachyrium scoparium 'Carousel'
 Schizachyrium scoparium 'Standing Ovation'

GREEN ROOF

Allium schoenoprasum
 Antennaria plantaginifolia
 Armeria maritima 'Alba'
 Asclepias tuberosa
 Delosperma 'Gold Nugget'
 Dianthus 'Firewitch'
 Dianthus petraeus
 Euphorbia 'Glacier'
 Liatris microcephala
 Optunia humifusa
 Primula veris
 Santolina incana
 Sedum 'Angelina'
 Sedum 'Blue Spruce'
 Sedum 'John Creech'
 Sedum 'Weihstephaner Gold'
 Sesleria autumnalis

ROADSIDE SEED MIX

Elymus canadensis
 Festuca rubra
 Panicum amarum
 Andropogon gerardii
 Sorghastrum nutans
 Panicum virgatum
 Juncus tenuis

The Woodland Path combines a ground layer of sedges and ferns with a shrub and understory layer of inkberry, sweet pepperbush, and serviceberry. Reclaimed precast concrete pool coping was creatively reused as risers to aid in negotiating the steep slope.



ADAPTIVE PLANT COMMUNITIES

Novel and adaptive native plant communities echo nearby wild areas and habitats.