

Landscape Portfolio

Selection of Projects managed by Sean Conroy

Introduction

About Me

I grew up outdoors with my interest in gardening developing at a young age helping my father grow vegetables at home.

Pushing a mower for pocketmoney led to qualifying from the National botanic Gardens in Glasnevin with a wealth of experience in landscaping & garden centres already behind me.

A brief working period in Holland to hone my hardscape skills eventually paved the way to a busy career mixing hard and softscape elements in Ireland for a number of years.

Life & career changes led me to a period in the US gaining further experience.

US Experience

The opportunity to work with Summerhill Landscapes in the Hampton area of New York has provided me with unfettered development and realisation of my Project Management skills.

Taking the lead on planning, scheduling & delivering key projects on an efficient timeline; working as part of a larger operation; coordinating machinery & resources across other project managers and company divisions. All while delivering exceptional communications and customer service.



Project Portfolio

Sagaponack Residence

To install a mature fruit orchard.

Architect: Wirtz International



Project Summary

Planting an orchard of mature fruit trees (apple, plum, peach & cherry) on existing tillage land.

The critical design element was the alignment and layout of concentric planted circles with reference to the property.

A geometric shape which has to align from all viewing positions in a space encompassing 1.5 acres.



Project Challenges

Establishing axis & centrepoint of orchard with reference to property 600' away.

Calculate all plant positions, set out and identify the location of each.

Handling and protection of stock during positioning & approval phases.

Placing, checking and alignment of trees.





Project Fulfilment



Project completed with wild meadow sowing.

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Southampton Residence

To install a complete landscape.

Architect: LaGuardia Design



Project Summary

I was involved in the estimating process of this project & bid submissions to the Landscape Architect.

An elevated plot of approximately 4 acres with 2 acres of gardens.

A challenging site with exposure to salty sea air and a fast draining soil structure.



Project Challenges

Large mature trees requiring heavy handling equipment and care.

Water management - irrigation & drainage.

Access would become limited as the project neared the completion phases - clear communication and management of site access for other contractors.

The main concern would be plant health care through the staging and install phases.



Project Components

Elements covered in this project:

- Boundary fencing & hedge planting
- Mature landscape trees
- Shrub planting & mulch
- Driveway steel edging
- Tennis court screening
- Gravel pathways
- Vegetable garden
- Sod lawns & irrigation



Project Fulfilment

Coordinating our goals with those of other exterior contractors; masons, electrical, pool installers while achieving those anticipated by the main contractor.

We had important decompaction work to carry out along with soil import and landscape preparation.

Accurate setting out from survey monuments for both grades and alignment of garden features and driveway.





Project completed

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Southampton Residence

To install a Piet Oudolf garden.

Architect: Araiys Design



Project Summary

Taking on Phase 2 of a developing landscape designed by Piet Oudolf I coordinated our in-house operations with those of the design team; Piet Oudolf represented by Tom De Vitte, Hanna Packer & Naomi Brooks.

Araiys Design represented by Daria Szalinska are the local firm who ensure the wetland code is maintained.



Project Challenges

14,000 mixed perennial plants to be received and inventoried on site.
Staged & cared for while being sorted into sections for ease of planting management.

Coordinating site space with main contractor while undergoing soil works.

Equipping and resourcing staff to follow the planting design .

Maintaining adequate irrigation throughout.



Project Components

Elements covered in this project:

- Deer protection for existing landscape install
- Topsoil import and grading
- Plant management
- Handling & planting of mature mixed hedge
- Placing and planting of perennial gardens
- Coordination of irrigation adjustments and ongoing maintenance



Project Fulfilment

Working with the design team marking out the design on the ground and ensuring the right plants were in the right space at the right time for placing.

The project will take a full growing season to show its potential. It is one that I definitely want to watch out for in the future.





Project completed

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East Hampton Residence

To install a complete garden.

Architect: Joseph Tyree



Project Summary

As the primary structures near completion the landscape is ready to be installed.

Coordinating with main contractor, McLoughlin Construction, to complete areas as they become available.

With a pool, tennis court and connected buildings the garden provides a large lawn area for the owners to enjoy



Project Challenges

10' access to the rear would lead to wear and tear in one area as materials are deployed.

Scheduling of the works and communication of progress to the design team ahead of approval appointments.

Phasing and planning Just In Time deliveries of all materials to minimise site congestion.



Project Components

Elements covered in this project:

- Removal of existing trees
- Subgrade shaping and decompaction
- Placing and planting of mature specimen trees
- Spreading of topsoil
- Lawn preparation for hydroseeding
- Placing & planting of all shrubs
- Irrigation & landscape lighting
- Pine chip mulch
- Pool code fence and carpentry works



Project Fulfilment

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Project completion - mid October 2017

Southampton Residence

To install a complete garden.

Architect: Araiys Design



Project Summary

One of my favorite projects located on Meadow Lane surrounded by the sea and Shinnecock Bay.

A tough exposed site with fantastic potential, the design is key to 'settling' this large house into the landscape.



Project Challenges

A busy site under construction with restricted access on a pre installed driveway base.

Site congestion and maintaining access for others would be key in site contractor relations.

A clear schedule showing staff & equipment mobilisations to maintain install efficiencies.



Project Components

Elements covered in this project:

- Planning & Phasing
- Topsoil importation & decompaction
- Replace existing lawn
- Develop planting borders
- Dune and beach stabilization
- Planting of perennial Shade Garden
- Parterre garden with boxwoods
- Mature tree planting
- Steel edging and gravel pathways
- Irrigation



Project Fulfilment

Working closely with the Architect, Daria Szalinska, to achieve the best outcome for the landscape.

We modified the placement of some plants and substituted others based on my feedback on the location characteristics.

With the various plants involved, soil type, placement and irrigation was key to attaining success.





Project completed

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2017 Projects

A sample of landscape projects.

Sean Conroy

Landscape Project Manager

