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◆ About JCLA: JCLA is a landscape 'Design and Build' firm that creates many Landscape design styles and caters for all ranges of client's budgets. JCLA has been in practice since 1994. Our professional philosophy is to involve the client in the design and build process, as much as they wish to be involved. We ensure that we are on top of every detail, from the project's inception to its completion. We pride ourselves on maintaining ongoing relationships with a large number of clients.

Please see our website: [www.jcowenlandscape.com](http://www.jcowenlandscape.com)

We have a chapter in a book entitled 'Leading Landscape Professionals' in the 'Perfect Home' book series, published in 2008 by 'Sandow Media'.

Cover: A classical swimming pool with pool house on axis, with beautiful pots and plants surrounding the garden.





### Estate settings (the dream):

JCLA's design for a six acre property includes a lake, pool and pool house, tennis court, great lawn, 'native area', running track and formal and informal gardens.

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Estate settings (the realization):

The completed 'natural' lake with marginal aquatic plantings, the eastern tip of the 'great lawn' and a wing of this 20,000 square foot house in the background.

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Estate settings:

A beautiful pool garden setting consisting of simple rectangular pool, bluestone, lawn and pool house with arbor in front of the house.

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#### Estate settings:

A grand formal terrace designed with entertaining in mind. A curving path flanked by flowering perennials leads you to the pool.

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## ◆ JCLA's History:

JCLA is a 'Design and Build' company based in Sag Harbor, NY. We have been in business operating throughout the Hampton's and Tri-state area since 1994. We pride ourselves on our extensive landscape related knowledge, and experience and our ability to complete projects of all shapes and sizes to time. We are a 'Better Business Bureau' accredited company, indicating an excellent landscape reputation and good business practices.

JCLA has undertaken projects with budgets in excess of two million dollars as well as projects with smaller fixed budgets. On the small scale we have created attractive displays of flowering annuals, and at the other end of the spectrum, we have successfully transplanted very large trees.

We have successfully assisted clients who require re-vegetation and sustainable landscapes with 'native' plantings and sustainable practices. We think 'green' and use organic materials whenever possible.

John Cowen joined the ASLA (American Society of Landscape Architects) as a 'Member' in December of 1999.

John Cowen has been involved in the landscape industry for 30 + years and has degrees in both Landscape Construction and Landscape Architecture. Two of his associates are also trained in horticultural studies and landscape/garden design. John who was born and formally educated in London, England, moved to the U.S. in 1986; he lives with his wife and family in Sag Harbor.



#### Estate settings:

A formal driveway entrance with brick piers, granite edging and 'apron', metal gates and a tree lined driveway offers an inviting and elegant entryway.

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#### Estate settings:

A bucolic view is offered from this large estate overlooking a pond and farm fields. Featured in 'Architectural Digest' magazine, May '99.

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#### Seaside settings:

This elegant pool garden is sunken in order to provide protection from the winds when the family is playing by the pool.

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Seaside settings:

Views to the water through trees that have had their lower branches pruned.

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Seaside settings:

Rustic fencing, a line of Maples, Hydrangeas and flowering Catmint make a wonderful summer sight.

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### Seaside settings:

A beautiful pool garden (fenced in for safety reasons) allows views to the bay along with a colorful setting for the spa and swimming pools.

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### Seaside settings:

The grade changes between the house and pool provided an opportunity to link the two locations with a series of planted terraces with steps winding through.

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## ◆ The 'Design and Build' process:

The initial meeting with the client to discuss the project, includes an introduction to similar projects from our extensive portfolio and provides the client with a 'design checklist'. The checklist helps us to understand the client's specific tastes and requirements. It also helps the client to think about their own project and what they want from their property.

A survey of the property to assess the existing conditions is required.

A preliminary sketch design (an ideas drawing) is prepared, followed by a meeting with the client to review the design ideas.

A finalized design with a clear idea of the client's requirements, is prepared with detailed drawings (hard landscape and planting plans). A greater amount of detail to any aspect of the work can be added if required.

After the design is completed, a cost proposal is prepared for review by the client.

When the cost proposal has been approved, the implementation stages can begin. We have a great reputation for completing projects on time and within the budget.

After the implementation stage, a maintenance proposal will be offered.





### Cottage settings:

Lavender and Roses flank the steps that lead from the house deck to the sitting area by the pool. A white Korean Dogwood is seen in the background.



### Cottage settings:

Abundant perennials spill over the brick path's edge. 'Organized chaos', is what a cottage garden is about.

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### Cottage settings:

This inviting sitting area offers sun or shade, a beautiful view, and is surrounded by fragrant flowering plants.

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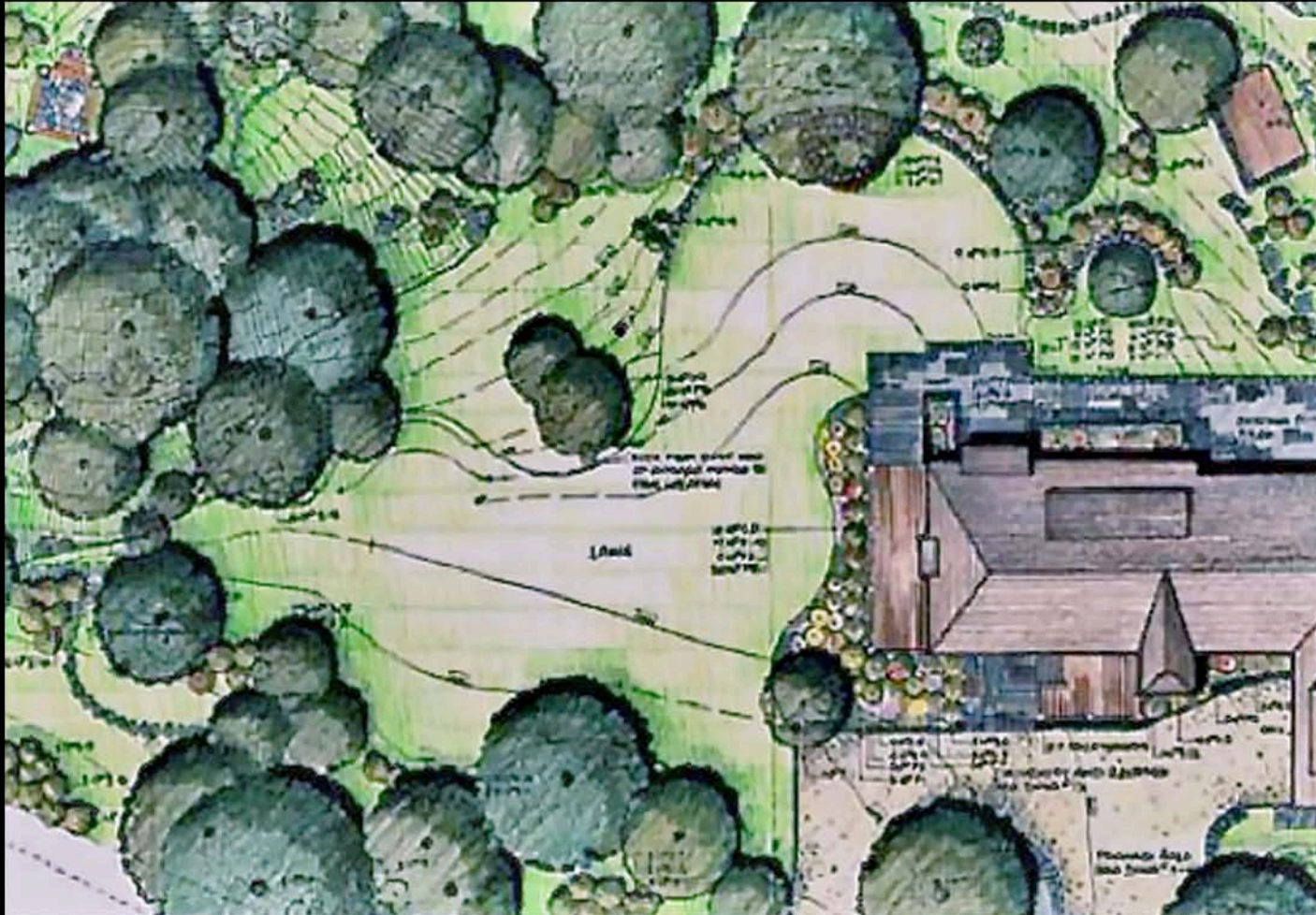


#### Cottage settings:

'An oasis in a world gone mad'. This intimate pool garden is a place where you can relax and truly feel that you are away from it all.

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### Woodland settings:

This CT property has big grade changes. We built a wall, and leveled an area of the property, and doubled the clients' outdoor living space.



### Woodland settings:

JCLA opened up this property, allowing in more sunlight and creating a beautiful space for outdoor living.

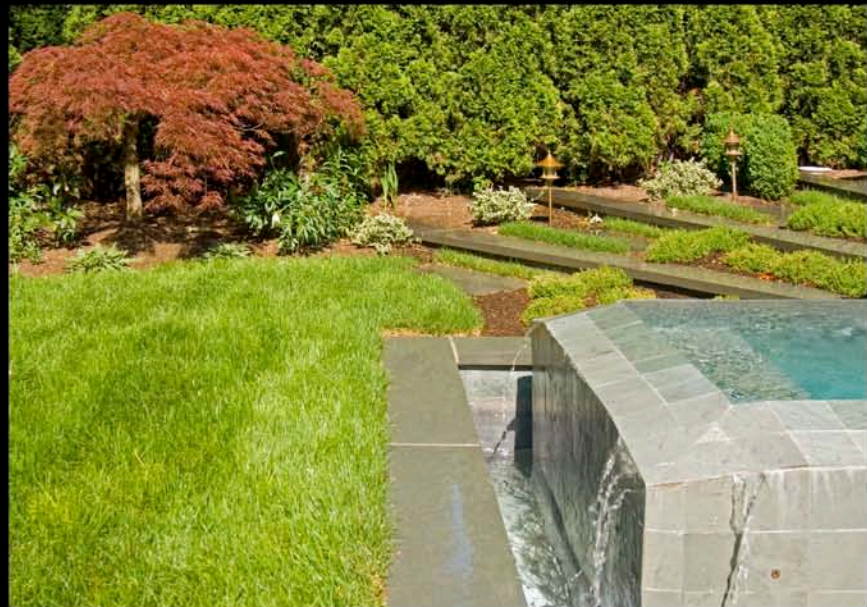
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### Woodland settings/modern:

This infinite edge pool was built on a small property. The design includes pool, sitting and dining areas.

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### Specialty gardens:

A sunken bocce court (60' x12') was built behind the pool garden.  
After a game of bocce, you can jump into the pool to cool down.

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### Specialty gardens/annuals:

The use of pots of flowering annuals enlivens any space. Whether it be a sitting area, or by the pool, they will bring joy to the space.

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### Transplanting/planting:

We dug and slid this Cedar from one side of this client's property to the other, in order to successfully screen the neighbor's large house.

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# In conclusion:

As you can see from the portfolio, JCLA's work throughout the 'Hampton's' and Tri-state area, is varied and we enjoy the challenge that each type of landscape offers. We work toward and achieve the client's budgetary requirements.

As well as cultivating lasting and beautiful landscapes, JCLA strives and achieves to cultivate long-lasting relationships with our clients. We believe that like landscapes, each client deserves special attention. Therefore, we welcome and encourage clients involvement in the design process and beyond. We know that after all is said and done, you are the people who are going to be living with the landscape.

We can design, build and maintain most aspects of the outdoor environment for you, from pool, and tennis court to drainage, driveway, screening and sumptuous planting schemes of all kinds (from 'natives' to ornamental plantings).





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◆ John Cowen inspecting a client's property.