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Entry for Design (Built) in Residential

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## OVERVIEW

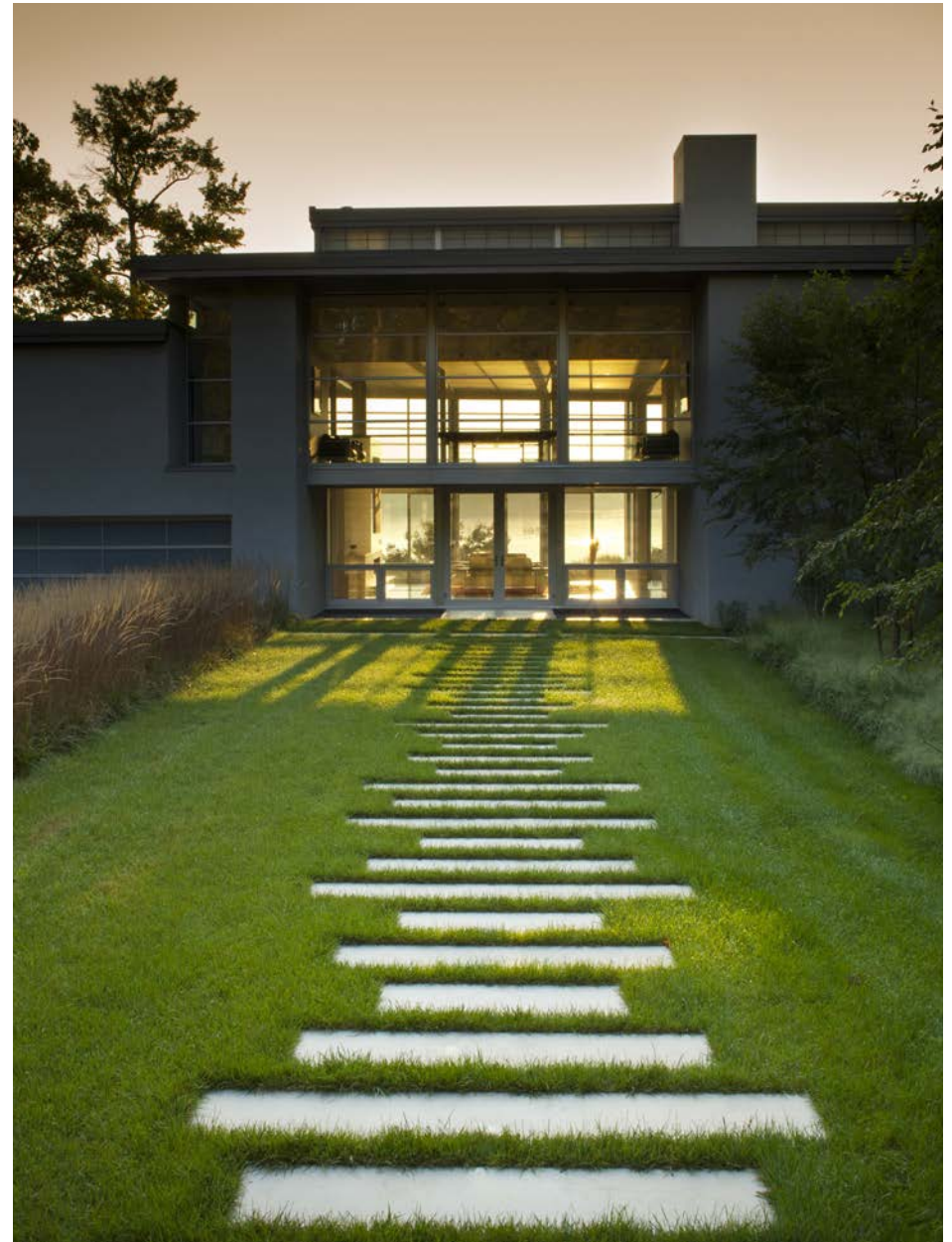
Point of View is located on a peninsula of land holding prominent views down the South River to the Chesapeake Bay. The client's program was straightforward: to design a uniquely contemporary garden using simple gestures and native plants, and to take full advantage of the point of view.

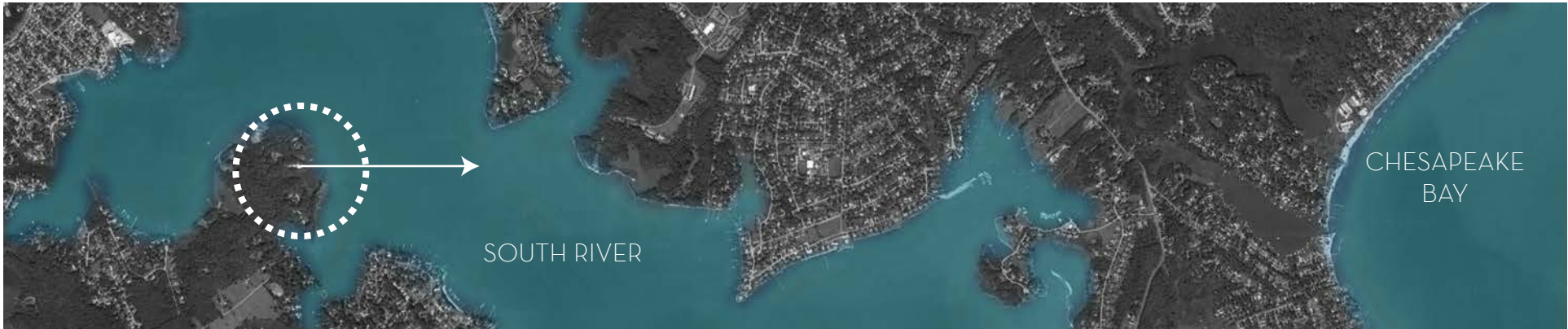
## APPROACH & ENTRY GARDEN

The garden was designed to draw visitors to the water view in dramatic fashion. As visitors approach the house, they park eighty yards from the front door. They travel on foot along a stone path towards the entrance, crossing over a shallow pool that evokes the intimate connection of water and place. Two garden gestures, a long stainless steel planter containing *Calamagrostis* and a bosque of *Betula nigra* under-planted with *Eragrostis spectabilis*, frame the approach.

## WATERFRONT GARDEN

The waterfront garden is planted with large sweeps of Chesapeake natives to blend the house with its ecological surroundings. A stone terrace and wood deck create intimate spaces to take in the view. Lawn is minimized, and perennial combinations dominate the foreground view. Details, including paving, decks, fencing, gates, and water features, fuse the house and garden in a gesture that is both indigenous and contemporary.

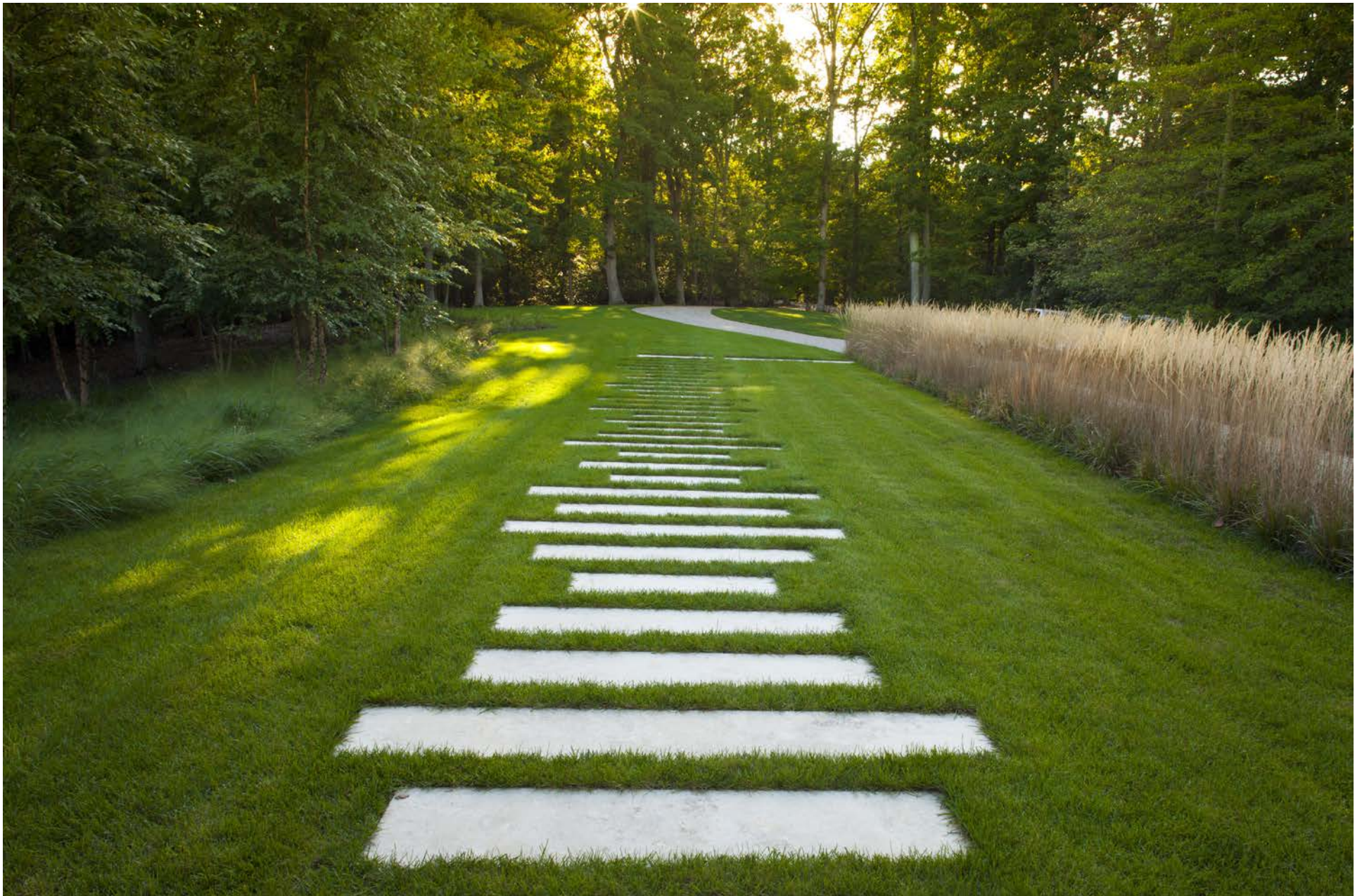












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Stone path leading from guest parking to the house. A stainless steel planter filled with *Calamagrostis stricta* conceals the driveway and parked cars





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Visitors are pulled into the garden and through the house to the water. The main axis is flanked by a steel planter to the left and a bosque of River Birch to the right.





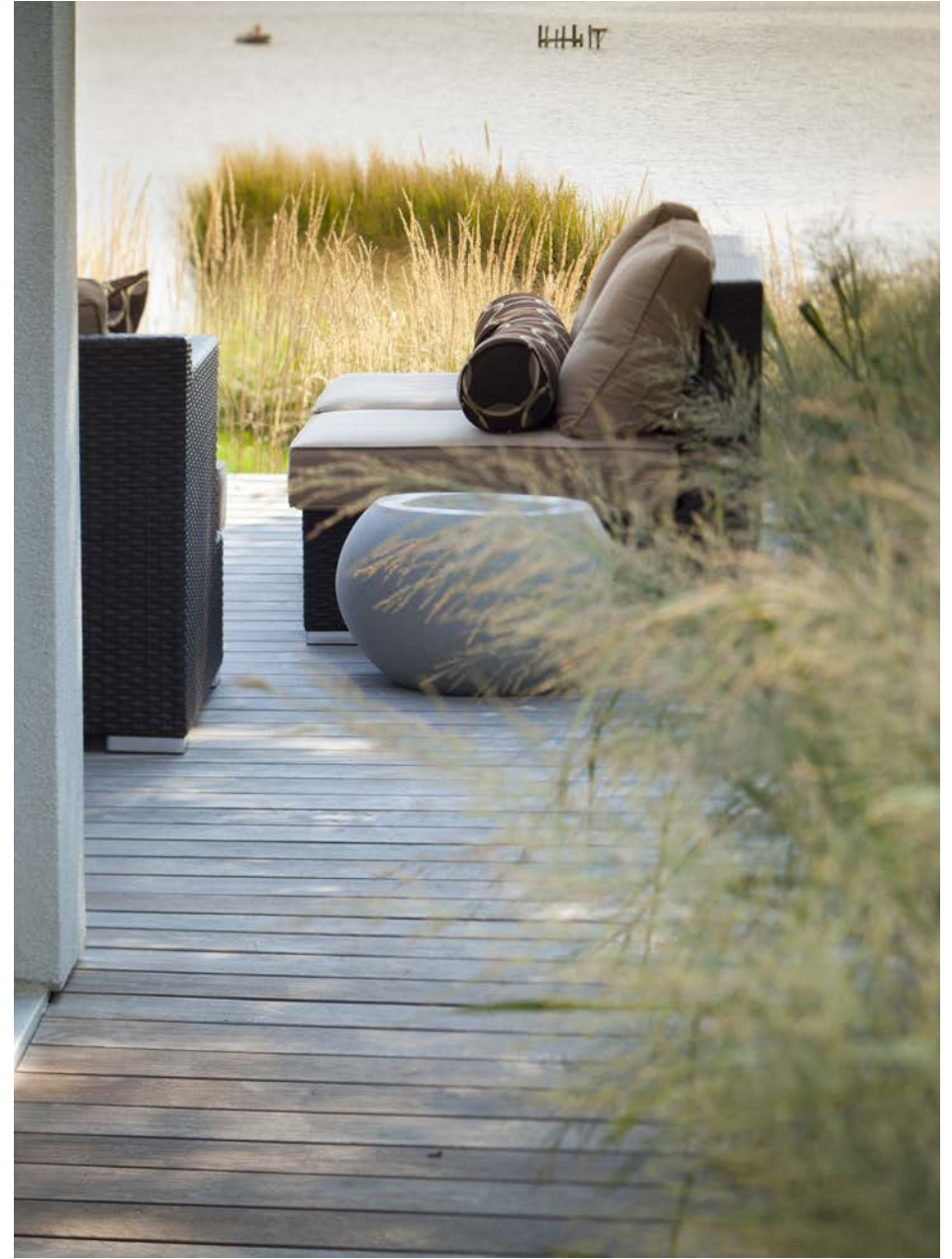
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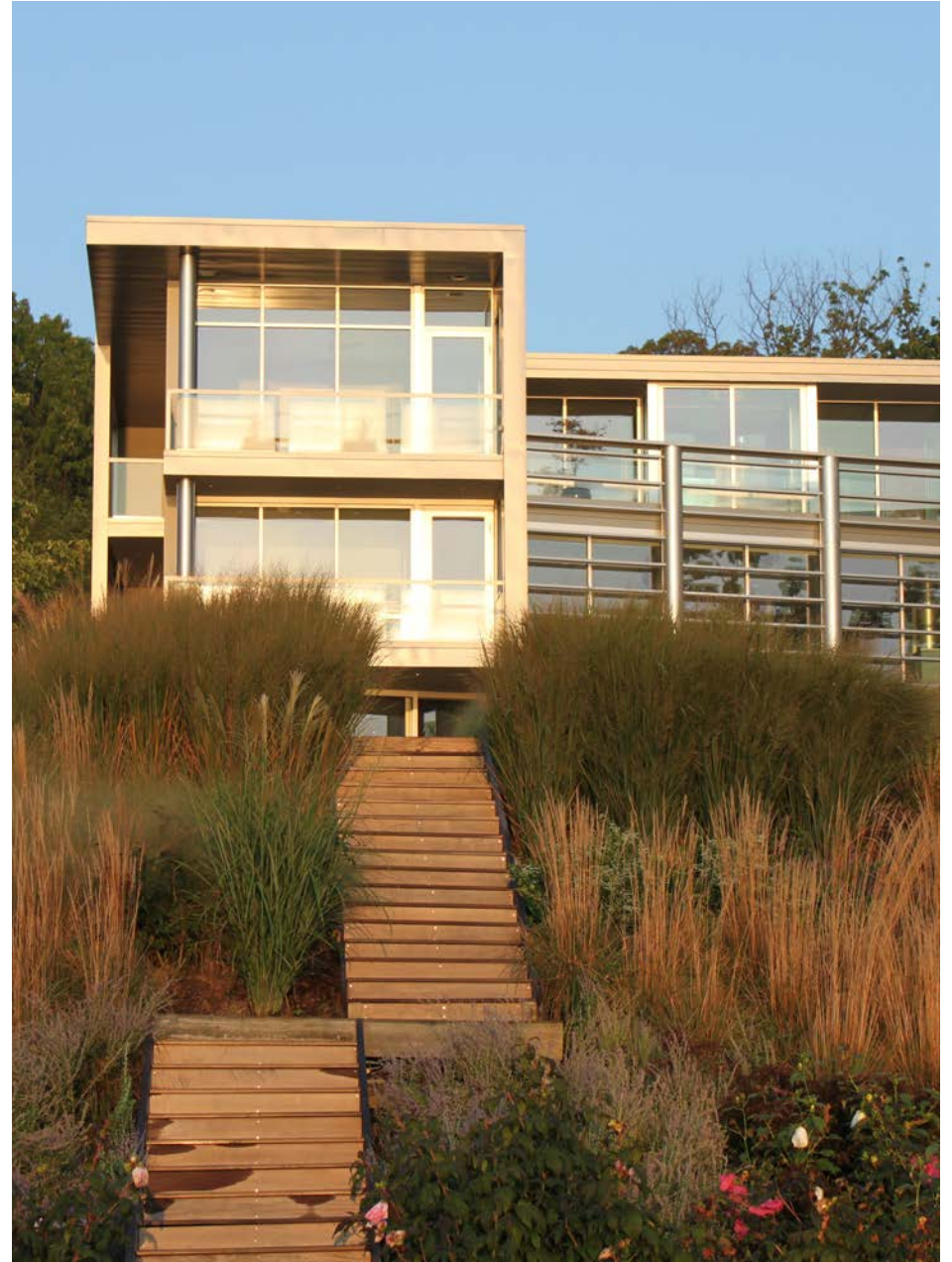
Slab steps float over a shallow pool, invoking  
the mystery and power of water.



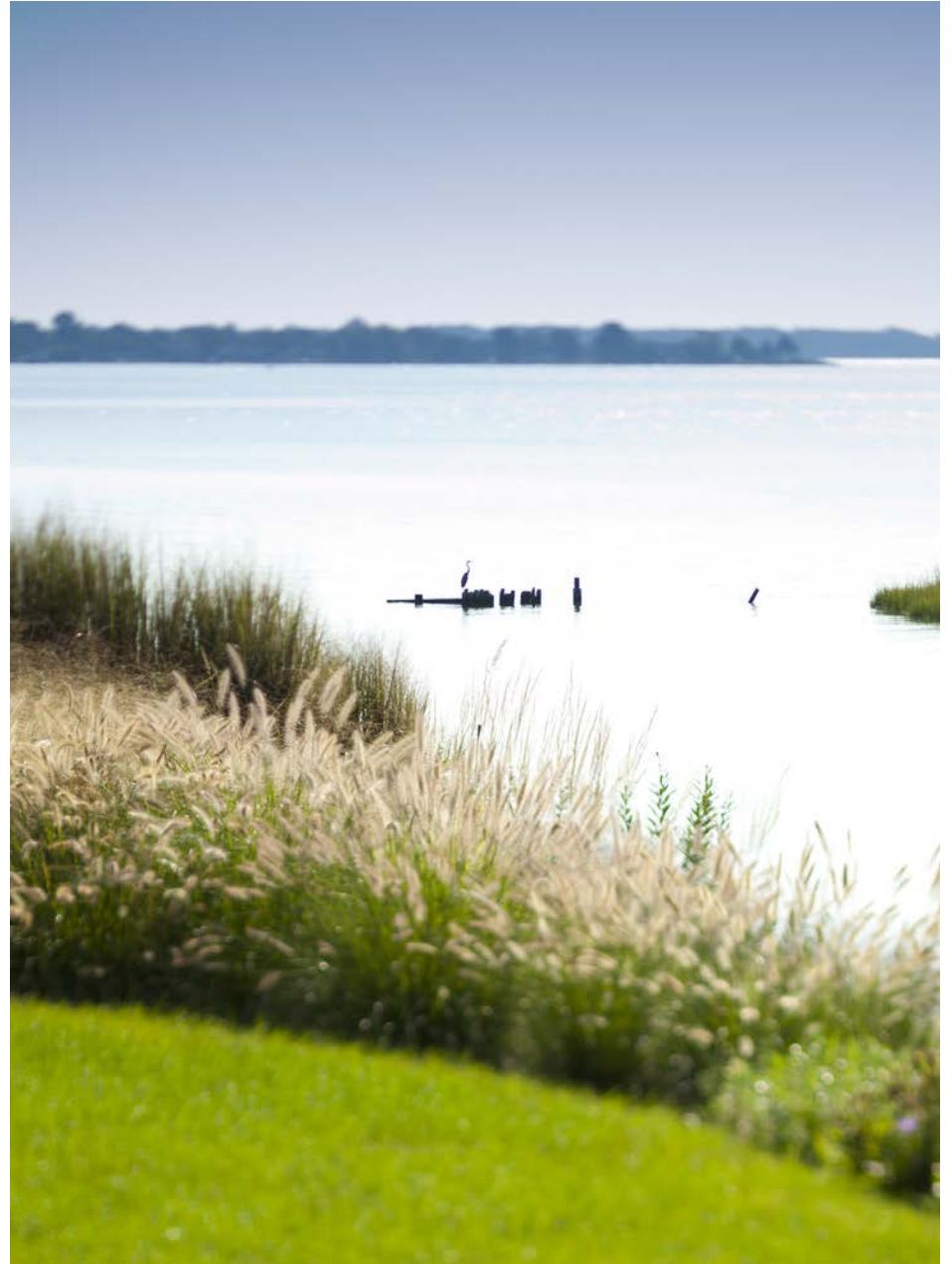


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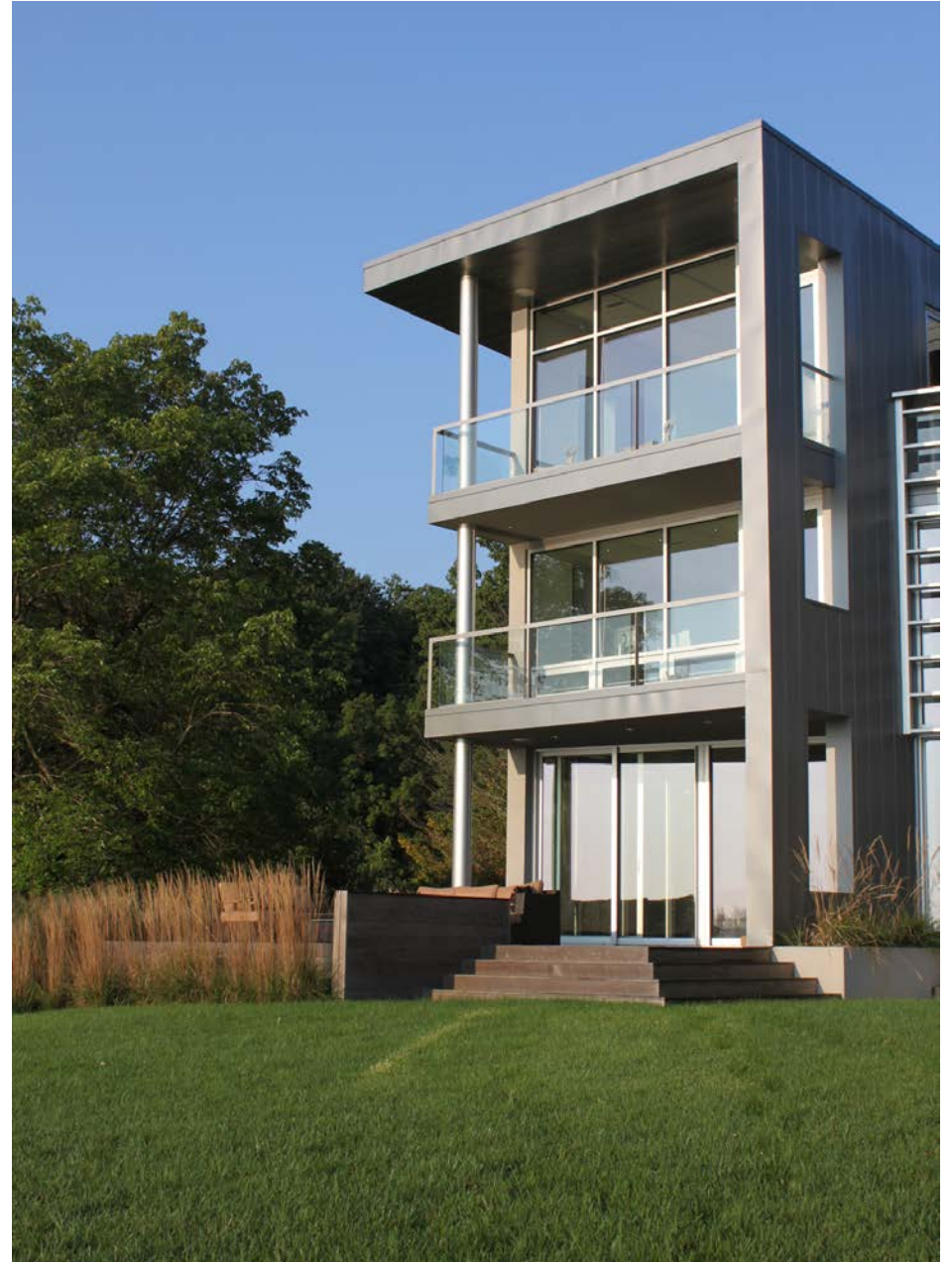






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Left: The waterfront garden.  
Right: Ipe steps and walls connect the house and garden.





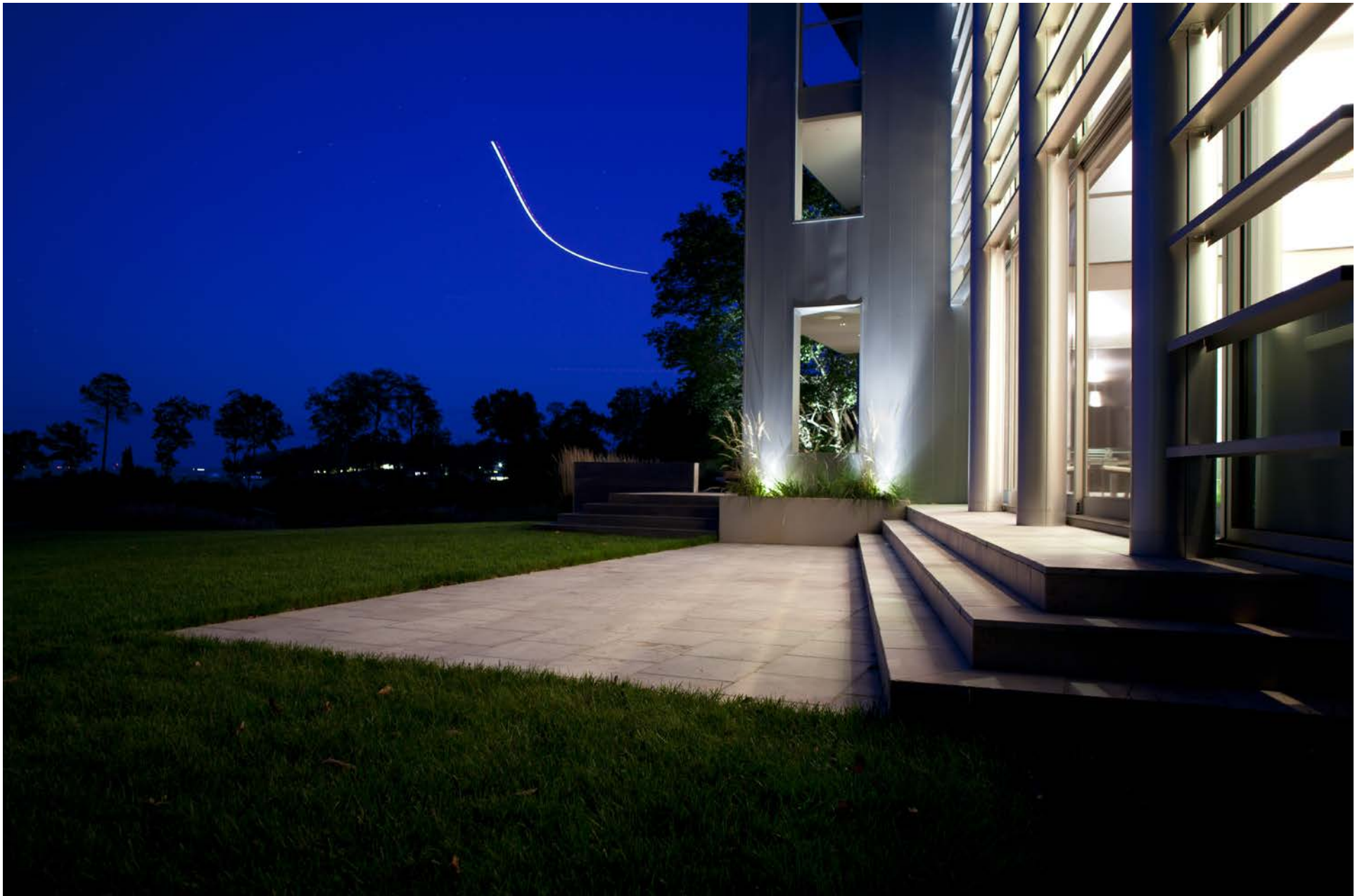
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A drift of *Calamagrostis* creates a thin veil to the water view





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The garden at night. An evening view with stone terrace and stainless planter in the foreground and a garden asleep in the background.



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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT: CAMPION HRUBY Landscape Architects

ARCHITECT: Ben Ames, Ames studio

CONSULTING LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT: Graham Landscape Architecture

LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR: Walnut Hill Landscape Company

HARDSCAPE CONTRACTOR: Quarry Aquatics

BUILDER: Illex Construction

IRRIGATION CONSULTANT: Terra Nova Design

