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# Landscape Architecture

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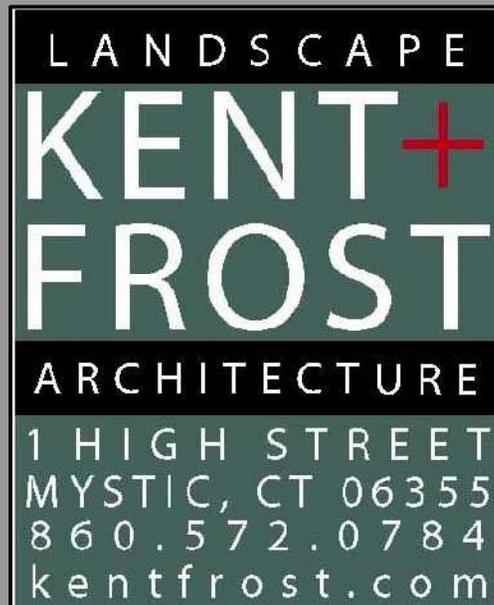
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# Landscape Architecture Internship Spring 2010

Brendan Kempf '10



# Kent + Frost

## Landscape Architecture



Chad Frost

Brian Kent

*Principals*

Neal Overstrom

*Designer*

*A small office with a  
relaxed but hard working  
atmosphere*

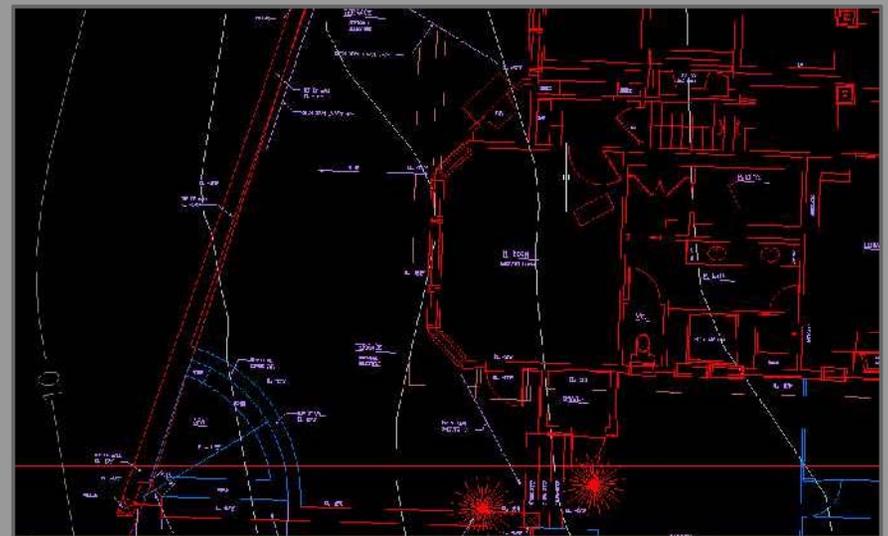
# Scope of Work

- Residential
- Urban
- Commercial
- Parks
- Master Planning



# My Role as an Intern

- CAD Work
- Site Surveys + Site Visits
- Client and Contractor Meetings
- Design Opportunities
- Office Support
- IT Support
- Website Development and Maintenance



# My Role as an Intern

Working two afternoons a week, I was exposed to new projects, or at least new aspects of projects, nearly every day. Whether it was a site visit followed by turning the survey into an AutoCAD drawing, or spending the afternoon rendering a design drawing in colored pencil, I either continued what I had been working on the previous afternoon or had something new and interesting to work on.

Each day I left the office with a sense that I had contributed valuable work and that I was part of the team. Since it is such a small office, I worked closely with everyone, often doing quick assignments for each member of the firm over the course of an afternoon.

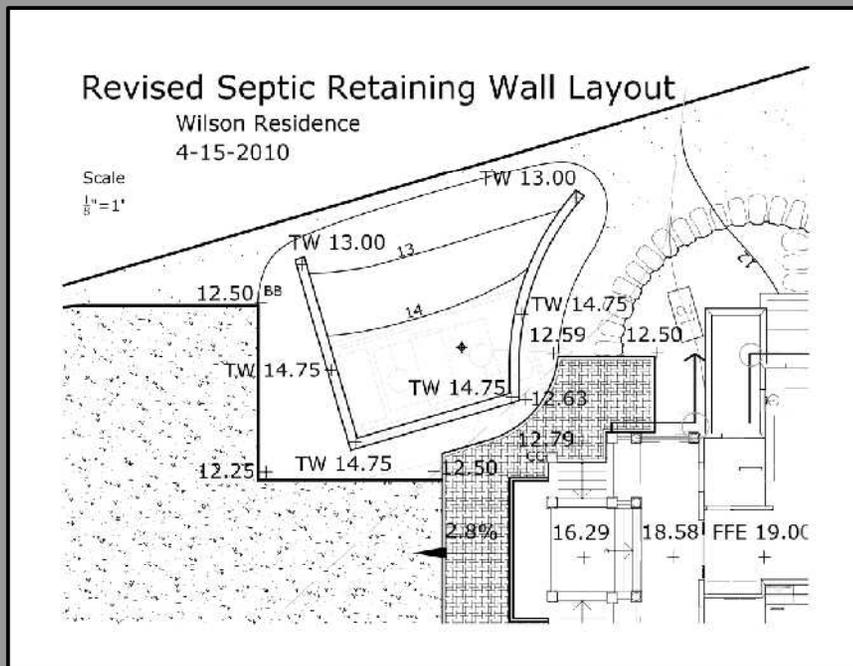
# Site Visits

- Practiced surveying techniques
- Learned to use surveying equipment, particularly the laser transit
- Interacted with clients and contractors
- Learned about architectural and landscape styles in the area



# Design Opportunities

Retaining wall for septic system



Terrace + spa for private residence



# Terrace + Spa for Private Residence

I was given the opportunity to come up with a design for a terrace and spa for a private residence on the Pawcatuck River. Because of the riparian setbacks, site construction was limited to a narrow terrace. My proposal was to step the terrace and create distinct areas, siting the spa in a way that would keep the overall terrace very open. It turned out that the stepped terrace idea was particularly well suited for this project because the deck had not been fully built and implementing the design would not require any demolition or complicated construction.

While my siting of the spa was not plausible due to zoning regulations and shade conditions, my stepped terrace idea became an integral part of the final design for the project.

# Terrace + Spa for Private Residence

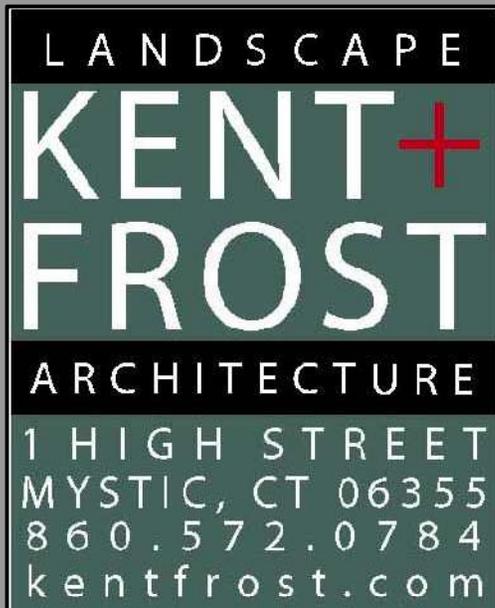


# For Prospective Interns

The atmosphere at Kent + Frost is incredibly receptive to interns. Brian, Chad, and Neal all went out of their way to show me new skills and ideas. I started the internship knowing barely any AutoCAD, but Chad and Neal were great at teaching me how to use it more efficiently and showing me tricks. Unlike many potential internships, knowing AutoCAD is not necessarily a prerequisite, but you will certainly leave with in-depth working of the program. Getting to work outdoors and explore different places around New London and Mystic also provides a new perspective on the area.

An internship with Kent + Frost is an excellent way for students interested in the field of landscape architecture to learn more about the profession and gain exposure to a wide range of project types.

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