

# Readers' Picks: Top 5 'Story Of A Landscape' Features

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Each Wednesday on [turfmagazine.com](http://turfmagazine.com), you can find inspiring design/ build projects from your peers featured in a photo-heavy, step-by-step post by our writer [K. Schipper](#). Each story explains with in-depth detail the challenges and wins landscape designers faced while pulling off gorgeous designs for families, public parks, schools, cities and more. Here are short summaries of the top five most-read "[Story of a Landscape](#)" articles so far this year. Read these stories to get ideas to inspire your own projects.

## 1. "Two-Year Project A Showcase For Design-Build Firm"



With 7,000 square feet of pavers and massive retaining walls, including one that was 210 feet long, this 15-acre site in Wilbraham, Massachusetts, designed by Bahler Brothers included multiple levels and separate gathering areas intimate enough for the owners, but expansive enough for their extended family to visit.

## 2. "Retirement, Wedding Cause Prompt Backyard Renovation"



Landscape Design Services Inc. tackled this large-scale upgrade of a backyard in time for a family wedding, giving them seven months to complete a project that included a pool with recirculating water feature, outdoor kitchen, fire pit and deck.

## 3. "Designer's Faith, Hard Work Create A Rosary Garden"



Creating a peaceful area for Archbishop Spalding High School was a personal project for Steve McHale of McHale Landscape Design, since his four sons were educated there. The Rosary Garden, a 60-foot-by-60-foot space, consists of the rosary garden itself, a chapel patio with benches and a bereavement area with a list of names of students and faculty who were associated with the school.

#### 4. ["Lakefront Property Gets Euro-Inspired Makeover"](#)



A residential project completed by J. Barker Landscaping company with 120 feet of lakefront near Cleveland, Ohio, used the homeowner's love of European design to inspire boxwood hedges and broadleaf shrubs, as well as ornamental trees and more than 900 tulip bulbs imported from Holland.

#### 5. ["The Importance Of Educating Clients"](#)



Greenhaven Landscapes Inc. helped their clients discover exactly what they wanted for their front yard and backyard spaces, including transitioning border spaces, replacing an old deck and flagstone patio and addressing drainage issues. Rain gardens, planter boxes, a built-in grill and seating wall added to the design.