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In the Details

In mid-March, Chuck Hess left the ice and snow on the Main Line and headed to the Bahamas. And, no, he wasn't on Spring Break. A client hired **Charles E. Hess Jr. Landscape Architects** to work on their second home.

Traveling and working in exotic locales is one of the perks of being a well-respected landscaper in the area. Since 1998, Hess and his team have designed

exterior spaces that perfectly marry the home's architecture with the site. The property pictured is an Italianate-style home on an open 10-acre estate. "The goal was to design an axial-style plan that allowed movement through the property while maintaining several intimate spaces with many layers of detail," says Hess.

The plans called for an arrival court, several formal terraces and a hidden cutting garden complete with greenhouse. Hot pink flowers on the crape myrtle trees bring a burst of color to the cutting

garden, while purple hostas and greenery line the crushed stone path with flagstone edging. Hess and his team also designed the natural stone archway and the door.

On one of the home's many terraces, Hess created a massive tropical planting filled with large elephant ears, purple hostas and more. The planter is centered in front of a terrace doorway, so it can be enjoyed from the inside out.

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