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A COASTAL CASUALTY TAKES ON NEW LIFE AFTER SUPERSTORM SANDY

THIS VULNERABLE POINT ON THE LONG ISLAND SOUND SHORELINE suffered mightily under Superstorm Sandy. The good news: The owners already had been planning to remodel. Tara M. Vincenta, of Artemis Landscape Architects, was engaged to design a new pool, spa and landscape.

After Sandy, the house had to be raised above newly established FEMA flood elevations. Vincenta's challenge was to connect the house and new garden back to the natural shore landscape. It was a complicated program in terms of restrictions, which included coastal regulations and lot-size requirements.

Central to the design, a new pool and spa with overflow edges was located on the upper-level decks. An adjoining curved terrace acts as a bulkhead, provides storm protection and extra seating. Below deck, custom raised planters, anchored in, create privacy and allow storm waters to flow beneath them.

Dune-side, durable custom stainless bars brilliantly emulate dune fencing, enclosing the pool at beach level while maintaining views. By the shore, native materials were used so they wouldn't be replanting every time it flooded. It was completed one year ago, and despite some significant coastal storms, "only minor replantings were needed down by the beach. It's working out terrific," says Vincenta.

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Sound Design (CLOCKWISE ACROSS SPREAD FROM ABOVE)
 The infinity-edge pool is by Drakeley Pool Company; chairs and tables are from Janus et Cie. Loll Adirondack chairs through Design Within Reach surround a fire table through Concreteworks. Janus et Cie chairs and ottoman are backed by custom ipe planters through DeepStream Designs and shaded by a Tuuci umbrella. Freddy's Landscape Company did the masonry and the planting; Roberge Associates Coastal Engineers, LLC, specified the dune configuration. See Resources.

