



HERE COMES THE SUN

"We call this area 'the sunset terrace' because it offers a beautiful view of the valley and the sunset," says Ron Cording, owner of Cording Landscape Design in Towaco. Those stunning vistas come courtesy of the terrace's prime location on the western side of the property, a former farm situated on 10 bucolic hilltop acres in Mendham's Somerset Hills.

"It's a really serene place in which to get away from the more active areas of the yard and relax at the

end of the day," says Cording.

The property's other outdoor features include a large pool and a separate spa area that the homeowners can reach via the winding walkway shown here, made of custom-cut bluestone slabs bordered by a bluestone wall. Along this path, a garden area boasts a profusion of sun-loving plant life, such as pink shrub roses, ornamental fountain grass, coreopsis and other colorful perennials.