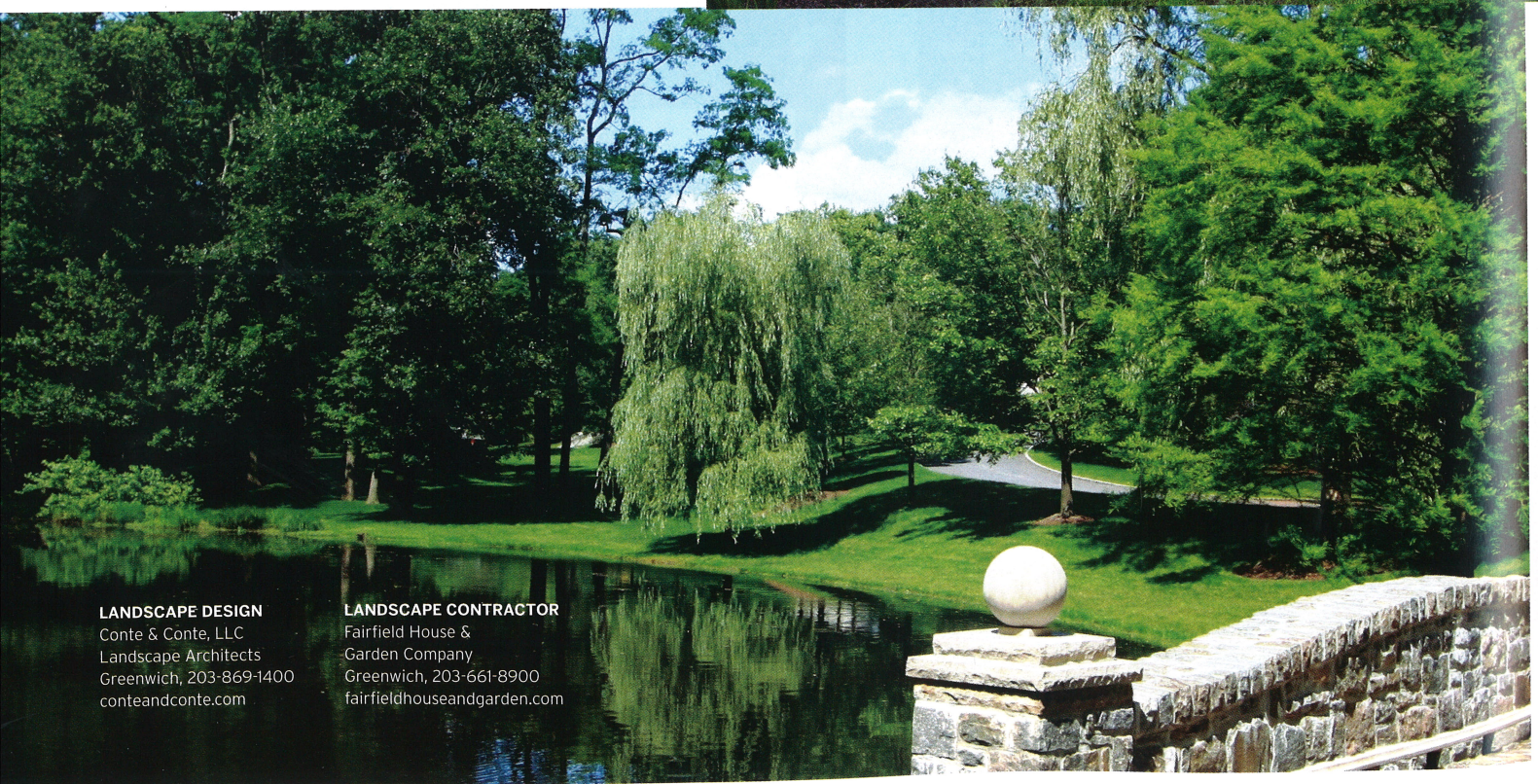


finalists **Landscape:**

Greater than 1 acre

Conte & Conte, LLC **Landscape Architects**

For a century-old estate in backcountry Greenwich, landscape architect John Conte's clients wanted a park-like setting that reflected the property's history. Intent on the owners' wishes to fully utilize their eleven-acre parcel, Conte notes that the design process included quite a bit of subtraction: paring away years of overgrowth and extending lawns to reduce paved areas, creating uninterrupted views of large stands of evergreens and mature deciduous trees. To harmonize with the quality and character of the main residence, the architect designed and installed substantial, elegantly crafted hardscape features. These include a long approach drive paved with Belgian block arranged in a fish-scale pattern; its highlight is a limestone bridge spanning a pond that the firm restored to life with the installation of native wetlands plantings along its banks. Another bridge, a smaller sibling of the driveway's overpass, is part of one of several paths that traverse the fully landscaped and maintained acreage. A new carriage house and motor court—also built of stone—complete the residential compound and showcase the owner's car collection. —JO



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