



Homeowners Hand-Pick H₂O® Pro Pavers for Their Strength and Reputation

When the current owners first purchased this lakeside property, they inherited with it a deteriorating wood deck in the backyard. The deck had broken sections and was worn down to the point that it was too slippery to walk on when wet. Not only was it an eyesore, the homeowners thought it was too dangerous to use. Because of all the issues with the deck, the homeowners were set on updating their backyard with a new patio they knew would last. They contacted their local landscaping contractor Shawano Lawn and Stone to see what could be done.

“Because of the project’s proximity to a lake, the patio required some special attention to material choice and design,” said Pat Bohm from Shawano Lawn Stone. “Local county zoning requirements mandated there could not be any impermeable surfaces within 100 ft. of the shoreline.”

The owners knew they didn’t want to install another wood deck because they witnessed what would happen to it

overtime. With this in mind, the homeowners made the decision to install a concrete permeable paver system, which they knew was an approved and trustworthy option.

The removal of the wooden decking was a major challenge because it was in such disrepair. In addition, after removing the deck, the contractor found sections of a second deck underneath, creating twice the amount of work previously thought necessary.

Proper design consideration was given to the selection of base materials and aggregates to ensure the system properly captures and filters storm water and effectively prevents runoff in order to protect the lake’s water quality. The entire project was completed in three phases across several years. The first phase included creating the circular patio around the fireplace. The colors and pattern for the patio were selected to have a clean modern look, which reflects the remodeled interior of the home. To implement this look, the owners chose H₂O Pro Pavers® in Vision, a solid tan color. The 4x8 pavers were laid in a herringbone pattern bordered by the solid gray Reflection color of H₂O Pro Pavers®.

The next phase began the following summer. The owner wanted a path leading straight from the driveway to the backyard. This pathway uses the same color and pattern scheme as the patio and seamlessly winds through a garden filled with white rock which highlights the pavers. As the path meets the patio area it widens, adding





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additional space to the patio. The third phase added a roadside courtyard built off of the path in the front yard. The first phase began in August 2013, with the contractor returning several times to make additions; the final hardscape work was completed in May 2016.



Project Background

Products Used: H₂O Pro Pavers

Location: Gillett, WI

Contractor: Shawano Lawn and Stone