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Small's Landscaping for Hardscape Residential Design/Build *and* Residential Landscape Maintenance**



**1) Project Overview: Hardscape Residential Design/Build
Residence in Chesterton, Indiana**

The goal of this project was to correct a very steep grade from the footing to the lot line in back (1). Since this home sits on the edge of a golf course, Small's needed to meet with the golf course management to get permission to raise the grade onto the golf course. This created a better view from the golf course and did not hinder play on the course.

- Drain stone and a tile needed to be installed to ensure all water is released from behind the wall. (2)
- Over 3,000 yards of soil were added to bring up the grade and settle the house into its space. (3)
- Small's created terraced beds using Fon du Lac random drywall and outcropping.
- They also designed a long curved driveway featuring a 60+ foot circle to accommodate parking at the front of their home. The driveway is Whitacre Greer premium clay pavers. (4)
- In order to create a curved driveway, Small's needed to construct a 5-6' wall made of large pieces of Fon du Lac snapped outcropping with enough substance to hold up the driveway. (5)



**2) Project Overview: Residential Landscape Maintenance
Residence in Chesterton, Indiana**

Small's worked with the home owner to create more colorful, year-long beds that had a better sense of scale for the home. Aside from turfcare, Small's takes care of all aspects of this property's landscaping — from bulbs, to koi, to pruning. Here are a few highlights to their project.

- While the Yew Hedges and Blue Spruces are from the previous landscaping, Small's designed and installed everything else to create a better sense of scale. (6)
- 'Angelique' and 'Arlo' tulips against a backdrop of red bud, azaleas and muscari. (7)
- Giant salmon-colored geraniums are accentuated by alyssum in purple shades. (8)
- The finished products consisted of three things: color, color, color! (9)
- Where once there was brick edged beds, a koi pond now delights. (10)



Small's Residential Landscape Maintenance (continued)



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