

# Room at the Top

Jay Bearfield of Liquid Landscape Designs Inc. in Carlisle, Mass., challenges his customers to be creative. Recently, they challenged him back. For the Kendalls, he designed an upper formal pond with hard lines and a lower natural pond with a bog garden joined by a stream with two waterfalls – beneath their new dining room.

Building a stream beneath a room was “a definite head-scratcher,” Bearfield said. He had to overcome the main obstacle of the addition’s presence. “We took our time, paid attention to every little detail and watched for water loss.”

With all the complications that Bearfield had to face, including working with the vision of the architectural designer who created the new room and a mahogany bridge that was installed before the pond that runs below it was built, his team completed the project in about two weeks.

The upper, formal pond measures 17 by 46 feet, and the squared-off design complements the addition’s rectilinear layout by encasing the dining room box within another squared area. The lower pond features a natural design and measures 29 by 35 feet, plus a bog garden, at the end of a 20-foot-long stream.

The clients recently added a dining room to their home and wanted a pond in front of and behind it, joined by a stream.



The first waterfall descends dramatically from the formal pool down a stream to the second, natural waterfall 20 feet away.



Building a pond and stream beneath a completely constructed room was the major challenge for this project. From the start, the team took their time to do everything properly.

## Specifications

**Designer/Installer:** Liquid Landscape Designs Inc.

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**Location:** Carlisle, Mass.  
**Construction:** 3,000 square feet of .45mil EPDM liner and Geotextile underlay fabric, 12,000+ gph pump, Pan Intercorp Commercial Ultraviolet (U.V.) Light (rated for 20,000+ gallons)

**Cost of pond:** \$30,000

**Cost of total project:** N/A

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