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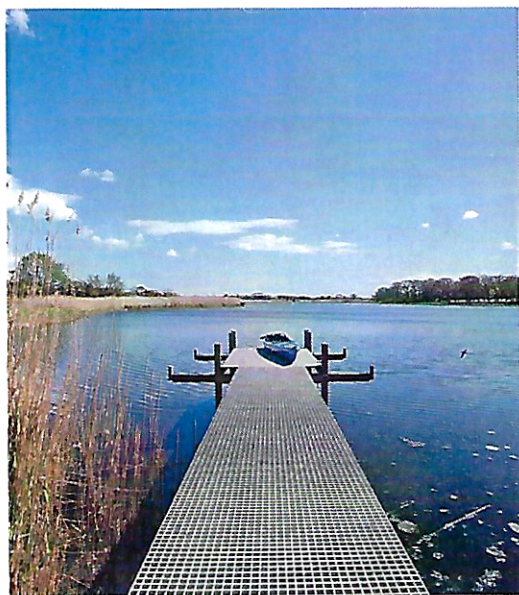
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NYC'S LARGEST
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JULIA MICHAELS
IS ON THE RISE!

WELCOME TO THE CLUB!
MEN'S SHOPPING
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*The Mets' Noah Syndergaard
Is Ready to Crush It All
Season Long*



FROM LEFT: The dock at 443 Sagaponack, listed by Brown Harris Stevens; a vegetable stand from Pike Farms, which has retained its farmland thanks to help from the community; 490 Hedges Lane, also from BHS, won designer/developer James Michael Howard the Shutze Award for residential interior design.

THE SOURCE: OUTSIDE

CASUAL WATER

The company prides itself on its energy-conscious concepts in building out new pools or restoring old ones. 241 County Road, Southampton, 631-537-5700; casualwater.com

LAGUARDIA DESIGN

This firm works closely with clients, architects, and consultants to create a landscape that matches the modern Hamptons home by working its natural surroundings into every design. Box 268-860 Montauk Hwy., Water Mill, 631-726-1403; laguardiadesigngroup.com

LANDSCAPE DETAILS

Founder Michael Derrig has designed some of the East End's most memorable projects by sourcing plants from all over the East Coast and using the company's own tree farm. 103 Montauk Hwy., East Hampton, 631-329-3000; landscape.details.com

MARDERS

With a Garden Shop, a nursery, and a café, it's easy to make a day of designing your perfect landscape with the staff. 120 Snake Hollow Road, Bridgehampton, 631-537-3700; marders.com

taxes they were facing, that land went on the market for \$6 million. How could a farmer ever pay those prices? "The community raised over \$1 million from a few hundred people," says Halsey, "and the town and county and Land Trust played important roles in that purchase. We sold the property to the Pikes for around \$25,000 an acre."

The only reason this was possible was that the development rights

were sold, and the land can and must be used for productive farming. With leg work like this, many of Sagaponack's wide open expanses can be preserved. Corcoran broker **Tim Davis** (88 Main St., Southampton, 631-238-7300; corcoran.com) has lived on the East End his whole life, and he feels that Sagaponack is one of the few places where it seems "time stood still."

"The zoning never permitted commercial

development, and the Sagaponack General Store and post office were all that were needed to service the rural farm community," says Davis. "The lack of commercial development allowed for more of an open space and big sky feeling. This is the appeal that continues to attract buyers who love the feeling of wide open landscapes with access to one of the most beautiful ocean beaches in the world." ■

GO NATURAL

The beauty of a Hamptons home comes not just from the architecture and décor but from the space around it. The area's rich ecosystem allows beautiful plants, native to the region, to

grow, and Hamptonsites are taking note for landscaping inspiration. "Add trees and shrubs to make a nice contour, so it creates layers in a garden—just like how you see in nature," says Frederico Azevedo, founder of **Unlimited Earth Care**

(2249 Scuttle Hole Road, 631-725-7551; unlimitedearthcare.com), who suggests using black-eyed Susans and dogwood trees. "Native gardening is very attached to our area, because we mimic what we see in the wild here."

