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## ULTIMATE FAMILY PLAYGROUND

Mid-country Greenwich residence

### **Granoff Architects**

This 2.3-acre property in Greenwich is the epitome of a family space. But it didn't come easy, says architect Rich Granoff. "This is what we call a challenging two-acre lot." The client's home was surrounded by wetlands on relatively steep topography, and the family wanted to tear the existing home down and reposition it perpendicular to the property lines. But that was all part of the fun, says the firm's senior landscape

architect Robert Brehm: "We took a challenge and turned it into an opportunity."

The client mapped out several priorities, including a large play area, low-maintenance gardens, a pool, a double entrance driveway, open lawn space and several patios off of the house. The biggest piece of the puzzle, though, came to fruition serendipitously. The family wanted the children's basement playroom to open out to the yard. The problem was that the room fell

on the high side of the property, making the daylight basement a bit more challenging. But, Brehm says, in the end the family got what they needed and Granoff and his team had a blast getting creative. They built an outdoor room leading to stairs up to the rest of the yard, which is accented by fountains and a bridge connecting one side of the yard to the other. "It was a splurge," says Brehm. "But it was a way to achieve what they wanted."

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