



LIVE HOTEL & CASINO – NEW YORK  
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The Site Landscape Architecture Design Principles for the New York Live Hotel and Casino are derived from the site location, the surrounding landscape, and the bold and unique architectural design of the hotel and casino. The blending of these key elements, along with a clean, modern approach will set the Live Hotel and Casino within a class and distinction of its own, unparalleled in the region.

Set within the Hudson Valley, enjoying a diverse seasonal landscape that evokes influences from the nearby Catskill Mountains, the landscape and hardscape design follows this influence to create an interpretation of a modern, native landscape solution. From mountain streams and native stone boulders, to the details of the bark of the white birch tree, the landscape story is formed and invites guests into the resort the moment they arrive by vehicle.

Upon arrival at the roadway main entrance, a monolithic stone walls evolve from the landscape and signals your arrival with the hotel towering in the background. These stone walls are reminiscent of the early settlement history of the region. A rich tree canopy defines the foreground of the hotel at the arrival and flowing mass plantings of native low shrubs and multiple rows of birch trees invite and lead the guest by vehicle through the winding arrival roadway. The wall that formed the arrival sign serpentine its way through this landscape and creates a visual break to the landscape treatment. A dry stream bed is introduced upon arrival that invites wonder for the guest and enforces the way finding aspect of the landscape design by directing visual cues to the main arrival drop off. Along the way, local artisans are able to showcase art work that would be located in key locations and selected as part of a future program within the hotel and casino to encourage the connection to the region. As guests arrive to the hotel and casino, the dry stream evolves into an interpretation of the cascading rivers of the Catskills and culminates in a very bold, simple, tiered water feature that provides not only a greeting for arriving guests, but provides a backdrop for guests as they leave that provides further enjoyment of this element. Native pines, birches and other hardwoods make up a diverse buffer and background planting treatment for the remaining portions of the resort and help to reinforce the native species of the region.