

# Distinctive Spaces

## Bridges of Litchfield County: Chandler LLC

**C**handler, LLC of Greenwich is known for its ability to provide unique, beautiful and environmentally sound solutions to challenging issues.

The first step in creating a Georgian estate presented a road block, actually a stream block. For access to an outstanding wooded and fielded hillside site on 46 acres in Litchfield County, a bridge had to be designed and constructed over a deep gorge connecting to a steep slope and carefully engineered mile-long drive ascending to the site. And the project had to be completed before winter. A pristine stream coursed through the ravine and the lush vegetation. The local conservation commission had concerns.

Chandler quickly researched a number of options and found a company, Bridge Builders, in North Carolina. They would custom design and pre-fabricate a timber bridge for shipment and erection on site by their crews. The bridge would be construct-



ed by advancing the bridge deck as piles were driven from above. Impact to the pristine stream environment was minimal. The very strict local conservation commission unanimously endorsed the project and the results.

Effective project management by Chandler coordinated the design team (owner, architect, land-

scape architect, soils engineer and civil engineer) with Bridge Builders to reach an early design solution. Chandler services allowed the owner to contract independently and in advance of the house construction coincidentally saving significant fees. It also made possible quick reaction to changing site conditions, time and weather constraints. The

bridge was selected for the cover article in a subsequent issue of the *Bridge Builder* magazine. The bridge has become a local landmark.

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