Tucked away on a secluded road beyond the metal gates are the lots of “The Bluffs of Cedar Creek”. Down the windy and steep and sometimes dark terrain, there is the gorgeous home of Richard and Dana Foster. The Fosters decided to buy their home on the secluded bluffs in 2012. These lots provide peace and tranquility and a feeling of being so far away from the world that you almost feel alone.

However, that peace and tranquility comes with a few inconveniences. The Fosters had to change vehicles to accommodate the road condition. In addition, extra steps had to be taken to get an internet connection. Deliveries can be a challenge as well. But now in their third year, they would not trade their home and its location for the world.
After they moved in and put their final touch on the inside of the home, they began to explore improving the outdoor areas. Getting grass to grow in the midst of the rock and thick trees presented a problem. So many loads of topsoil were brought in and grading of the landscape made way for sod placement. Luscious green grass added much needed color and appeal to the grounds.

Then came the daunting task of formulating an outside plan that included lounging and entertaining areas. “To be honest, we never got to that step”, Richard said. “It became so overwhelming, and we had all of these ideas floating around and no time to execute them.”

The Fosters enlisted the help of Chad Stockman, owner and operator of Stockman Landscaping. Chad showed them ideas from his custom catalog and shared a multitude of ideas.

The Fosters worried about how to execute all of his ideas, and how they would get what they wanted.
within their budget. Stockman assured them that he would deliver their dreams within the budget that the Fosters set.

A short time later, Stockman’s crew began the project. The first few days the Fosters were second guessing about how things would come out. Was the color just right? Was it going to be the right size? They had trust in Chad and his crew that it would be perfect, and they wouldn’t leave until the project was finished with the quality standards they were promised.

Each day they came home and were excited to see how much progress was made, and it was completed in about 13 days.

With their new outdoor space, they enjoy light entertaining on the patio and have used the space for their daughter’s graduation party, romantic date nights, football Friday nights, and just to hang out when the weather allows. Sitting outside in the peaceful, natural setting is the most relaxing place of the home.
The Fosters especially love the outdoor lights that were integrated into the design. They extend the amount of time that the space can be enjoyed and add a touch of romance when the sun goes down. In addition, the sitting walls are a great feature that provide additional seating for larger gatherings. Overall, the complete project is well designed and integrated into the landscape. It incorporates several desirable features that make this outdoor space a destination.

The Fosters agree that putting their trust in Chad to pick the colors and materials, and allowing him the creative freedom to design the project was the key to its success. While the Foster's original plan was not the final product, their ideas merged with Chad's and resulted in a plan that worked within their space and budget. Richard explains, "You are going in blind when you place your trust in someone to do a job from start to finish without being able to picture the final outcome upfront. But, when
you put your confidence in a reputable contractor, it will lead to a successful outcome."

“People are so busy anymore trying to run their daily lives. It’s nice to go to work each day without having to worry about what’s going on at your house while you are not there. And it can be a challenge to find companies and contractors that fulfill their promises without going way over budget,” said Richard.

In the future, the Fosters plan to expand their outdoor space by adding a swimming pool, an outdoor kitchen, landscaping steps and more entertaining space. When that time comes, they know they can trust Stockman Stoneworks and will be comfortable "going in blind".