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#### PROJECT PROFILE

## IMPRESSIVE THERMALLY MODIFIED ASH

Early this spring, the Jacobs family of Alexandria, VA contracted with [Kingstowne Lawn & Landscape](#), a firm focused on transforming backyards into inviting outdoor living spaces, to redesign the outdoor area surrounding their traditional home in the Mount Vernon neighborhood.

“One key to this redesign was to replace the former deck off of the back of the house,” commented Amanda Hamilton McNiff, principle landscape designer with Kingstowne. “The homeowners were really impressed with the thermally modified ash that a neighbor had used to construct a new deck, so they stipulated the sourcing and use of a similar material. I was subsequently pleased to uncover [Americana™ by Bingaman](#) while doing my research,” added McNiff. “When the Jacobs received the Americana samples, they knew immediately it was what they wanted.”

As can be seen in both the before and after photos, the new deck fully helps to transform the space into a delightful living area. This now weather-resistant deck was constructed using Americana Thermally Modified Ash, while the backsplash outlining the cooking area and fountain is Americana’s Shiplap product, also a thermally modified ash. “I really enjoyed working with the shiplap product, as the pre-formed cutting makes it easy to fit together, and it’s so unique to find a real-wood product like that for exterior purposes. The Americana shiplap helps to create a much more finished look than what can be achieved with most traditional wood products,” commented McNiff.

Although the new deck is only a small piece of this backyard redesign, it helps to provide a more unique, yet contemporary setting than what is normal for this area of Alexandria.

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