Translucent Fence Beth Galston, Artist 1995, Orange, CT

Materials: Perforated stainless steel Dimensions: 6' H x 5' W x 36' L

Weaving through the trees in front of a house, this sculptural fence provides privacy, while filtering light and allowing a view of the vegetation. It is part of an integrated design for a home, which also includes a mailbox, pathway and patio of stone and metal tiles. The concept is to create harmony between the built forms and the landscape.

As the sun moves across the sky, the perforated metal fence alters from translucent to opaque, becoming both a wall and a window. In the afternoon, shadows of leaves and metal fence columns are cast on its surface, merging nature and architecture.