



# POOL SIDE

*What more beautiful setting for a swimming pool in rural Iowa than overlooking a river? Imagine sitting at the top of the slide and taking in the view before splashing down into the pool.*

This 20- by 48-foot swimming pool is built on a peninsula. Pool Tech of Cedar Rapids installed the pool, with Rick Whiteaker overseeing the project.

"We first talked about how they wanted to use the pool, how it would fit into the landscape around it, how they wanted to enjoy the environment. It would be a good distance from the house, so building a pool house with a shaded area to entertain was important. We needed to plan for how it would be used during the day and at night. There were also considerations that had to

be made in installing a pool so close to the river," he says.

Architect Greg Sundberg of Sundberg Designs in Cedar Rapids to assist with the planning. They also consulted a geotechnical engineer when they reached the riverbed.

"That's where we stopped digging and started building the pool," Whiteaker says. "We wanted to integrate the pool beautifully with the surrounding landscape."

The slide is a focal point, in addition to a raised sitting area with a tranquil water feature.