Ten years after first installing a patio, this Appleton, WI homeowner wanted to update and expand it into a full outdoor living space. The patio’s decade-old pavers were still in such good condition, Maple Leaf Landscaping of Appleton, WI and the homeowner decided to leave them in place and incorporate Summit Stone Landscape Units to create new hardscape elements. The homeowner chose several trending hardscape features to transform their pond-side patio, including a seat wall, fireplace, kitchenette, and pillars.

Maple Leaf Landscaping recommended Summit Stone for the project because of the units’ modular design and easy installation. The homeowner chose Hush colored blocks for their natural beige hue which complimented the existing pavers and Haven colored blocks for their slightly darker earth tone, which created subtle accents throughout the project.

Summit Stone is available in seven sizes including a keystone shape capstone and can be easily split onsite to create special design features. The fireplace was constructed with the Summit Stone Standard Fireplace Kit and features a custom built arch mantle designed by Maple Leaf Landscaping. Hush colored block were used for most of the fireplace, with the arch and several accent layers made of Haven colored block.

The kitchenette consists of the same size block throughout, with a cast stone counter top and a built-in grill. Summit Stone was used to create a backsplash with a pillar on each side. One of the pillars supports a wooden trellis over an entryway that leads from the driveway to the patio. Another pillar supports a seat wall. The seat wall borders the entire patio, creating an outdoor living room and doubling as additional seating for large gatherings.

In total, this project utilizes eight pallets of Summit Stone in various sizes. Maple Leaf Landscaping was onsite for just under three weeks, completing the project in September 2016.