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Robert De Niro's Home in 'Zero Day' Hits the Market for \$15 Million

The 22-acre property, which appeared in the Netflix series, is located in New York's Westchester County

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Rabbit Hill, an estate in New York's Westchester County that appeared in the [Netflix](#) series "Zero Day," is coming on the market for \$15 million.

The Georgian Revival-style home, built around 1929, served as the home of Robert De Niro's character in the television show. In real life, the owners are former hedge-funder Doug Haynes and his wife, Laurice Haynes, who purchased the roughly 22-acre estate for \$9 million in 2016 and spent millions of dollars upgrading and restoring the house.

Located in Briarcliff Manor, the red-brick main house spans about 13,000 square feet with seven bedrooms. With panoramic Hudson River views, the property also contains a pool and poolhouse.



The house has a walnut-paneled library. PHOTO: DANIEL MILSTEIN



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The estate was designed by the architect Mott B. Schmidt for the Wall Street banker William S. Lambie. Schmidt, a prominent architect of the period, was known for his work with the Rockefellers, Vanderbilts and Astors. His most notable projects include an addition to Gracie Mansion, the mayor's residence in New York City.

Doug Haynes was formerly the president of Steve Cohen's Point72 Asset Management, but left in 2018 and now serves as a consultant to CEOs. He and his wife had been looking to downsize from their large family home in Ridgefield, Conn., where they raised their five children, when they spotted Rabbit Hill online. Though it wasn't actually smaller than their previous home, they couldn't resist. The two have a track record of restoring old houses—their Ridgefield home was built in the 1700s.



The estate is 22 acres in Briarcliff Manor. A 100-foot-long stone terrace looks onto the nearby Hudson River. PHOTO: DANIEL MILSTEIN

"We knew that we wouldn't own it forever, but we just thought it was too good of an opportunity to take on such a great project," said Doug. They liked that the house had maintained much of its original character,

he added. "A lot of classic homes have gotten messed up one way or another, and this was mostly untouched."

Plus, Doug was working in Manhattan at the time, and the Westchester estate made for a better commute.



The main house has a grand entry foyer with marble-checked floors. Signature Schmidt features include a curved floating staircase.

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There is a formal dining room. "Everything feels so well-ordered and well-proportioned," Doug Haynes said. "There's a peaceful sense about it." PHOTO: DANIEL MILSTEIN



The main house has seven bedrooms. PHOTO: DANIEL MILSTEIN

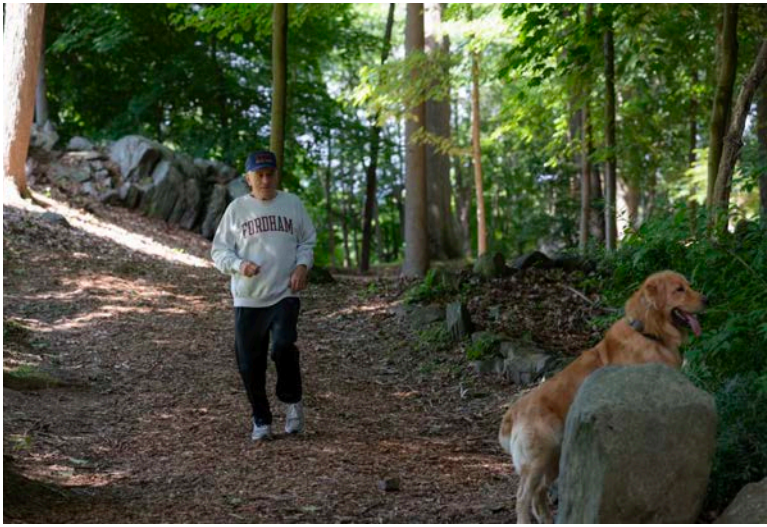
As they renovated, the Hayneses worked to retain Schmidt's style. The kitchen, for example, had once been primarily used by staff and had a "rabbit-warren feeling to it," Doug said. In redesigning it, the couple drew inspiration from the kitchen in an early-1900s country house in Newport, R.I.



The Hayneses redesigned the kitchen. PHOTO: DANIEL MILSTEIN

They declined to comment on the exact cost of the renovation. The project took just over a year and the Hayneses moved into the house in April 2017, they said. In 2023, they were approached by a location scout looking to use the property to film the thriller "Zero Day." Having allowed filming for another show, "The Blacklist," in the past, they agreed.

The "Zero Day" filming was originally supposed to last six to eight weeks, but eventually took more than a year because of the Hollywood strikes that were taking place at the time, Doug said. The Hayneses spent some of that time at a home they rented in Palm Beach, and also bounced around Airbnbs, they said. They were compensated by Netflix for the inconvenience, Doug said. "We didn't extort them, but they were very generous," he said. "It all worked out in the end."



In 'Zero Day,' De Niro's character is seen jogging around the woodlands on the property. PHOTO: JOJO WHILDEN/NETFLIX

To thank the couple, the producers of the show gave the Hayneses a cameo. They appear in the background of a party scene in the first episode. They also got to meet De Niro and other cast members and crew. In the show, De Niro's character is seen swimming in the pool and jogging around the woodlands on the property.



Schmidt designed the red brick house to have two symmetrical wings. The driveway is framed by specimen trees. PHOTO: DANIEL MILSTEIN

The Hayneses are selling because they want to move back to Ridgefield, where they operate several small businesses, including a bed-and-breakfast in their former home. This time, they said, they actually plan to downsize.

Their Briarcliff Manor home will be one of the most expensive for sale in Westchester County, according to Willow. Its value is in its acreage, river views and the historic nature of the home, according to listing agent

David Turner of [Compass](#). The Pocantico Hills mansion that was long owned by David Rockefeller, also designed by Schmidt, sold for \$33 million in 2018, 50% above its asking price, Turner said.

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