

Brief History

A Minnesota native, Dave grew up in Richfield, Eden Prairie and lastly working with his family at their fishing and family vacation resort on the shores of Leech Lake in Minnesota's Chippewa National Forest.

Following graduation from Walker High School in 1985, Dave completed the Landscape Architecture program through the College of Engineering and Architecture at North Dakota State University in Fargo.

Dave started his professional career practicing as a landscape architect apprentice for 2 years in the Los Angeles metropolitan area and then 2 subsequent years in the Chicago metropolitan area.

Accepting an opportunity to manage, Dave relocated back to Minnesota, shifting to the design-build residential sector. Here he gained knowledge in materials, plants, machinery, construction methodology and human resources managing Northern Lakes Landscape in Walker for two years and then being the in-house designer for Lakeside Lawn and Landscape in Pequot Lakes for three years.

The demand in the Brainerd Lakes area for Dave's design skills prompted the start-up of his own office in 1999. 'Terrain Solutions', a design-only practice specializing in lake home properties, site planning and shoreline naturalization, operated out of Crosslake through 2009.

During the economically slow years of 2010, 2011 and 2012, Dave designed, sold and managed the installation of residential projects working for Mpls./St. Paul metropolitan design/build landscaping companies while waiting for the economy to rejuvenate.

David J. Busch Landscape Design was established in 2013 (to the present) catering to both the Brainerd Lakes Area and the Mpls./St. Paul metro area. In 2020, he moved his home design studio from Maple Grove to St. Cloud in order to be more centrally located between the two regions.

A Few Of Dave's Awards

- (7) Awards For Excellence In Landscape Design. Minnesota Nursery and Landscape Association. 2001 thru 2008
 - Shoreline Stewardship Award. Brainerd Area Environmental Learning Network.
 - Best Comprehensive Plan Award. San Juan Capistrano Open Space Master Plan. 1992. American Planning Association, Orange County Chapter. Keith French Group team member.
 - 2nd Place - 1989 Landscape Architecture National Student Competition. American Society Of Landscape Architects. Three person team member.