

A bright, modern kitchen with white shaker-style cabinetry and a large white countertop. A central island with a blue base and white countertop is surrounded by four wooden bar stools with brown leather seats and cane backs. Three pendant lights hang over the island. To the left, a long white countertop with a sink and a window looks out onto a green landscape. To the right, a tall white cabinet houses a double oven. The ceiling is vaulted with white shiplap and features a large skylight. The floor is made of dark wood.

ENTIRE HOUSE
\$750K-1M

Vintage 1960 Midcentury Modern Home to New Transitional Beauty

PROJECT BACKGROUND

This whole-home transformation reimagined a 1960s mid-century lake home into a refined 2026 lake residence — preserving the structural character of the original while introducing a fresh, subtly nautical aesthetic throughout.

A landlocked site posed one of the project's biggest hurdles: achieving the homeowners' desired third garage stall required a variance to shift the addition toward the street side rather than the lake side. The solution not only solved the space constraint but improved the streetscape, creating an elbow-style entry that shows the garage's side elevation rather than a wall of garage doors.

Inside, the redesign opened up a once-compartmentalized kitchen, dining, and sitting layout into a connected, entertainment-ready space with strong lake views. The primary suite was reworked to maximize shower size while adding a double vanity, separate toilet room, and expanded closet space. A wraparound deck with cable railing, a kitchen pass-through with drop-down bar, and dedicated wet-feet/lake-access transition zones rounded out a home built around effortless lake living.



PROJECT BACKGROUND CONT.

A Home Rooted in Family Legacy

This property has been in the homeowner's family since 1942, when her grandfather purchased it and raised his family in the home next door — then a cottage that hosted generations of gatherings, including cherished Fourth of July celebrations. In 1984, her uncle rebuilt on that cottage site and lived next door to his brother; the shared front lawn between the two homes became the setting for family milestones, including the homeowner's own wedding.

Having spent summers there with her own children, our homeowner and her husband returned to the property to continue the tradition — now living next door to her parents, with plans for her brother's family to join them next door as well. The remodel reflects not just a design transformation, but the continuation of a family legacy spanning more than 80 years.



CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS

Site & Garage

Challenge: The property was essentially landlocked, severely limiting options for the homeowners' desired third garage stall.

Solution: Through the insight and efforts of project leadership — acting in both a project management and legal advisory capacity — the team secured a variance allowing the addition to shift toward the street side rather than the lake side. This unlocked the extra stall and, as a bonus, improved the streetscape: rather than neighboring homes facing the garage doors directly, the revised approach created an elbow-style entry sequence into the three-stall garage, exposing primarily the side elevation and creating a softer, more residential feel from the street.



CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS

Whole-Home Architecture

Challenge: Transforming a 1960s mid-century home into a modern lake residence while keeping it architecturally appropriate to its original character.

Solution: The design preserved the strong physicality and structural presence already built into the home, layering in a fresh 2026 lake-living aesthetic with subtle nautical influence and a more refined, modern feel.



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CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS

Kitchen & Living Spaces

Challenge: The existing layout felt compartmentalized and disconnected, with small, separated kitchen, dining, and sitting areas.

Solution: The redesign created a large, functional cooking kitchen that still supported entertainment and open-concept lake living — maintaining generous prep and cooking space while allowing uninterrupted traffic flow and a stronger visual connection to gathering spaces and lake views.



CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS

Primary Suite

Challenge: Maximizing shower size while still accommodating a functional double vanity layout, separate toilet room, and improved primary closet space.

Solution: Space planning throughout the suite focused on functional adjacencies, ensuring every area worked intentionally to serve the homeowners' lifestyle.



CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS continued.

Primary Suite Shower Detail

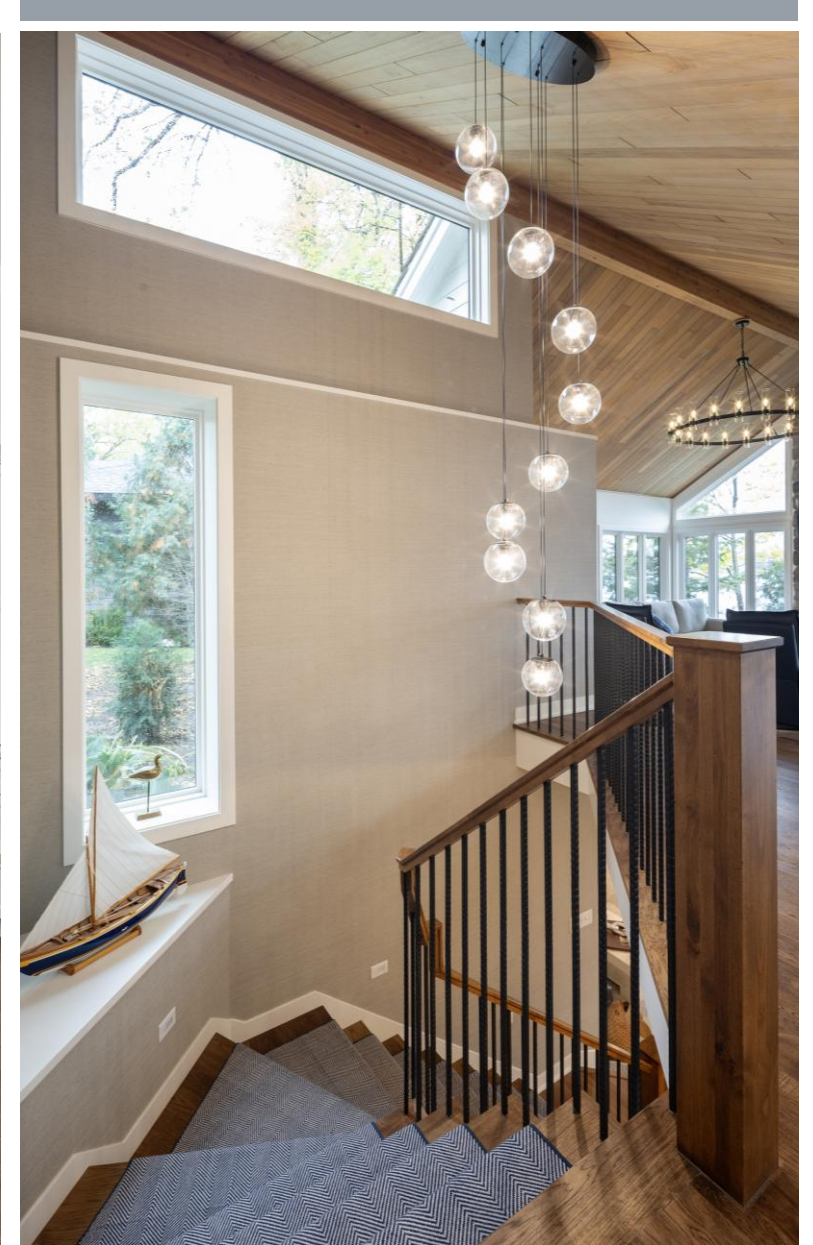


CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS

First Floor & Lighting

Challenge: The entire first floor needed a cohesive approach to circulation and usability, along with an overall brighter, more modern feel.

Solution: The full first floor was remodeled with careful consideration for circulation and usability. Lighting design became a major focus throughout, brightening every space, modernizing the feel of the home, and enhancing architectural details.



CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS

Outdoor & Lake Living

Challenge: Supporting the homeowners' day-to-day lake lifestyle — maximizing views, entertaining space, and convenience coming to and from the water.

Solution: A new wraparound deck with vertical cable railing minimized visual obstruction and maximized lake views. A kitchen pass-through window with a drop-down exterior bar supported lake living and entertaining, while thoughtfully designed transition zones addressed wet feet, cooler access, and bathroom accessibility for convenient daily lake use.



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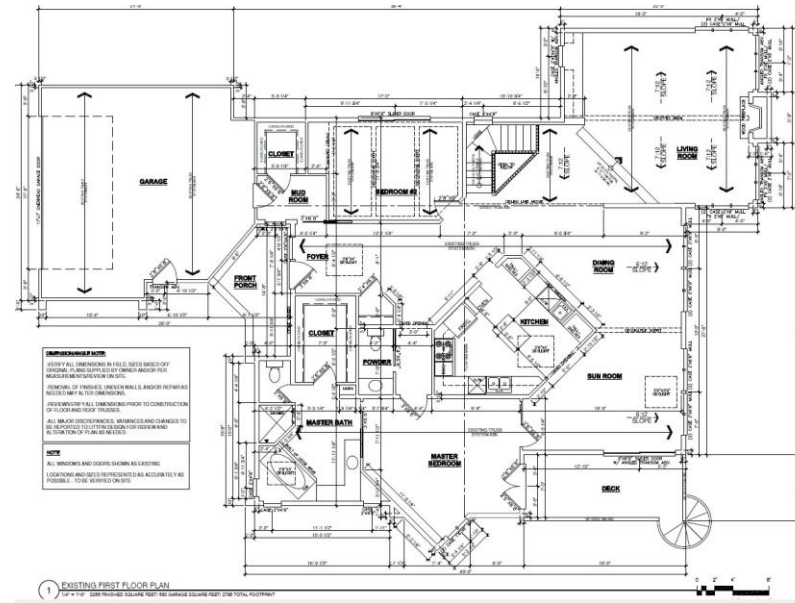
Challenge: Supporting the homeowners' day-to-day lake lifestyle — maximizing views, entertaining space, and convenience coming to and from the water.

Solution: Thoughtfully designed transition zones addressed wet feet, cooler access, and bathroom accessibility for convenient daily lake use. This kitchenette is found in the lower level for easy snack access and ability to hop right back on the dock! Guest bathroom, bedrooms and own guest/TV area are found in this lower level. It's good to be a guest here!



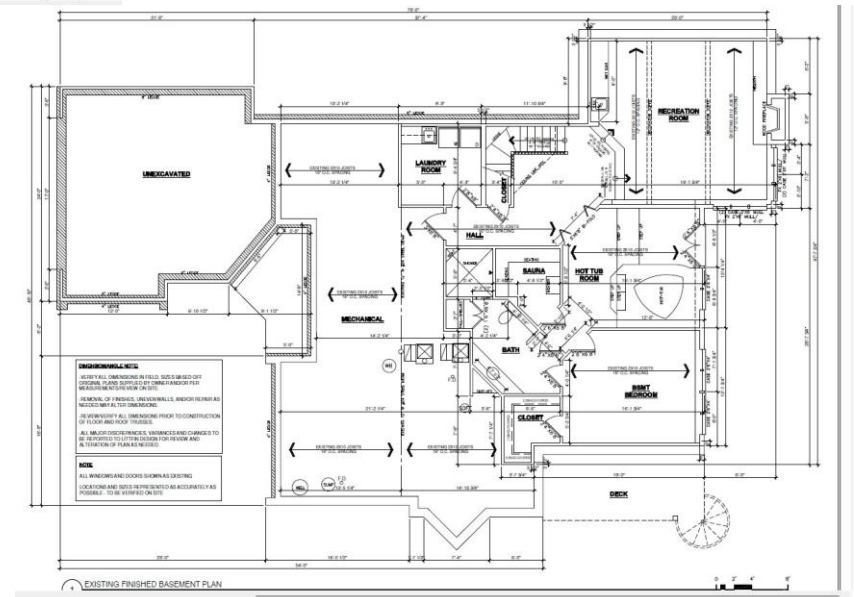
LL Guest/Kids' bathroom handy after lake use.

BEFORE PLANS

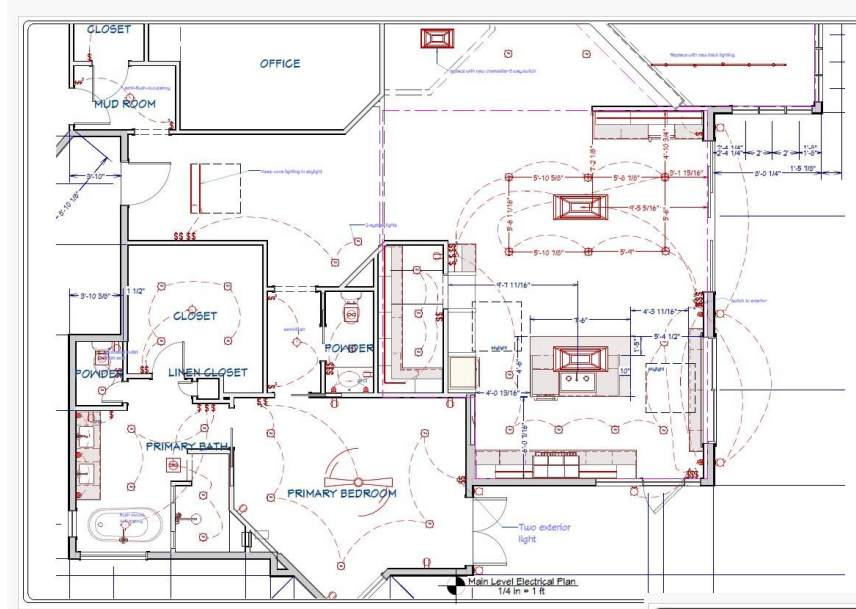


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BEFORE LL PLAN

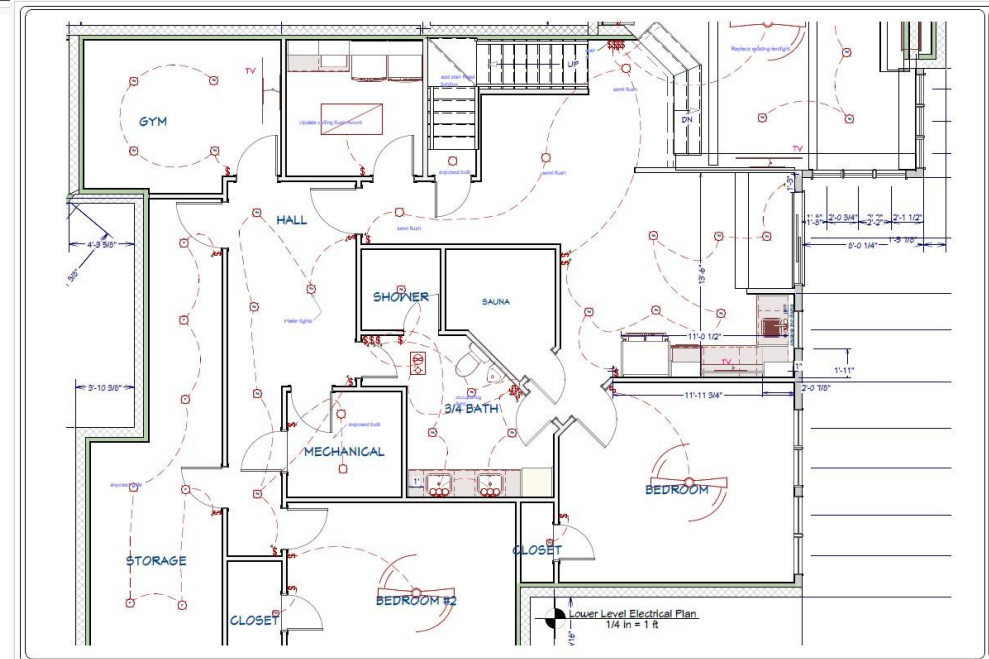


AFTER PLANS



AFTER KITCHEN PLAN

AFTER LL PLAN



BEFORE PHOTOS

Top: PREVIOUS KITCHEN was closed off with little to no view of the lake. Small, cramped and poor lighting added to the dismal gathering space.

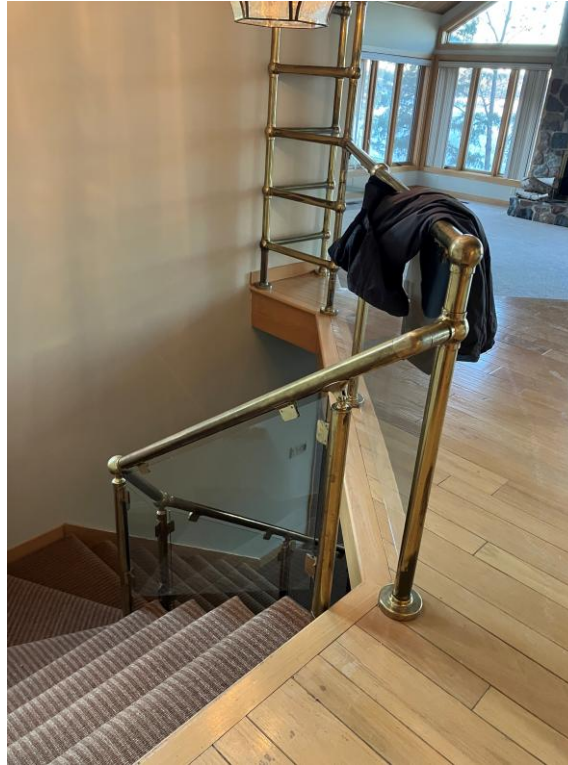
Bottom: Primary bathroom is also dark, outdated selections and poorly design with lack of function, flow, and privacy.



BEFORE PHOTOS CONTINUED

Top: Stairwell was less than stunning with its outdated brass structure and lighting.

Bottom: LL Kitchenette was a 1960 indoor hot tub and matching orange counter/tile guest bathroom.



ADDITIONAL AFTER PHOTOS

Top: More gorgeous shots of the expansive kitchen in all of its glory – with a tucked in pantry behind the wall of cabinets. The veins of the countertop/backsplash selection was a conscious nod to the lake and waves of life there.

Bottom: Storage details are tucked into every given space in this gorgeous kitchen.

Bottom Center: A dry bar sets the family room off from the open kitchen.

Bottom Right: a pass-through window was a must for our homeowners – so they could entertain on the deck with ease.



ADDITIONAL AFTER PHOTOS

Top Left: Open landing with new beautiful floors to play off of the vaulted ceiling beyond in family room with dry bar setting a nice entertaining hub for both the family room and kitchen.

Top Right: Trim work painted up and new beam and lighting make this living space one that guests never want to leave.

Bottom Left: Stunning powder bathroom with textured wallpaper on main floor.

Bottom Right: Primary bedroom is open and spacious and adjacent to the beautiful new primary bathroom. A spa at home!



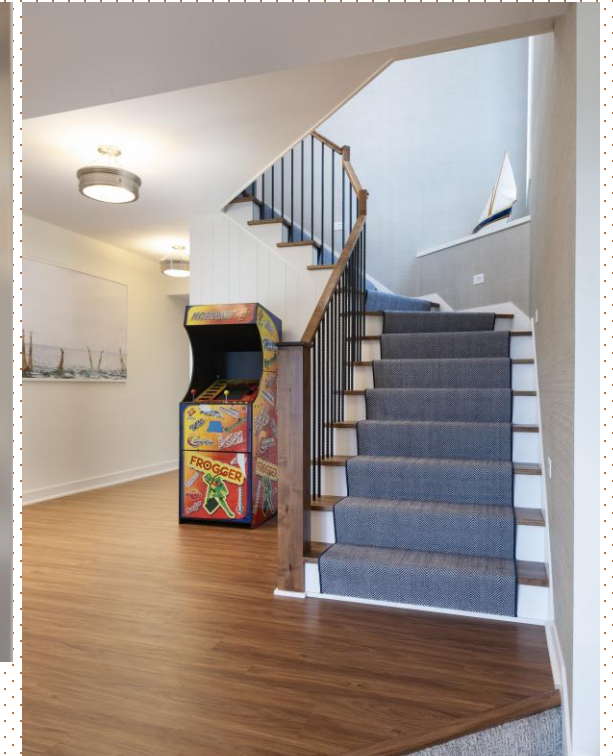
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Top Left: Homeowners' home office off of the main atrium.

Top Right: Stair well, new treads, new custom railing.

Bottom Left: Updated beam lay-out, new mantle, painted fireplace added vertical shiplap above. Wonderful in white LL family room – a spacious well-lit place for the kids to gather.

Bottom Right: LL work out room - easy access for the guests to sneak in a work out while their bedrooms are down the hall.





VERY HAPPY CLIENT/HOMEOWNER

“We recently had _____ complete a full remodel of our home, and we honestly couldn’t be happier with the results! From day one, the team was friendly, professional, and easy to communicate with. They really took the time to understand what we wanted and offered helpful suggestions along the way to make the design even better. The workmanship is outstanding — everything was finished to a really high standard, and you can tell they take real pride in what they do. Everyone on the team was polite and respectful while working in our home. What we appreciated most was how smooth the whole process felt. Any little questions or changes were handled quickly, and the project stayed on track from start to finish. That doesn’t mean we didn’t have some stressful moments but the team at _____ was fantastic at providing us with the best information to help us make the decisions. We absolutely love how our home has turned out and wouldn’t hesitate to recommend _____ to anyone thinking about a remodel or renovation. They made the whole experience enjoyable, and the end result is even better than we imagined!”

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