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2026 ROTY AWARDS

INTERIOR OVER $500,000

Meeting Client Needs

PROJECT: River Side Retreat
CATEGORY: Interior Over $500,000

Our clients purchased a beautifully maintained riverfront home with breathtaking views and exceptional bones. While the home was in pristine condition, its aesthetic reflected a more dated style that did not align with their vision. Their goal was to transform the residence into a space that felt distinctly their own while honoring the home's original character.

Nearly every interior surface was thoughtfully re-imagined, resulting in a cohesive and elevated design that better reflects the homeowners' lifestyle and taste. Select architectural elements were carefully retained and refreshed, blending the home's existing charm with a more timeless and refined aesthetic.

The result is a personalized retreat that seamlessly balances original character with modern luxury, creating a home that is uniquely tailored to its owners and perfectly connected to its extraordinary setting.

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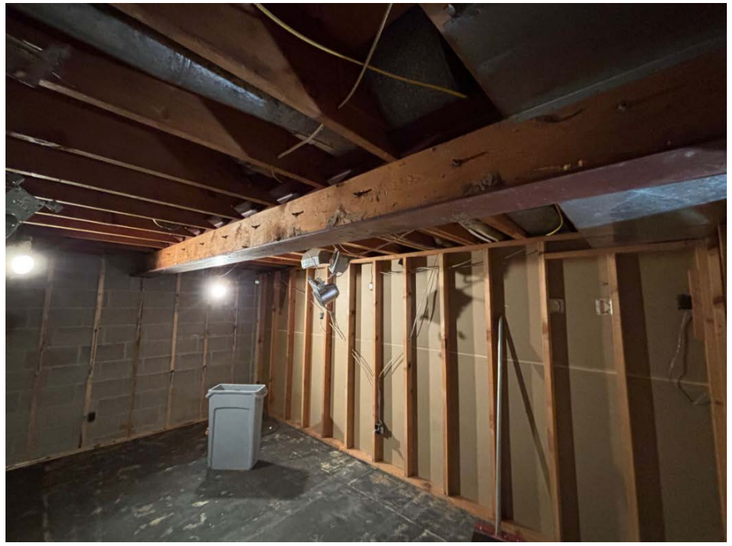
Speakeasy

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What was once an unfinished basement storage area was transformed into a stunning custom speakeasy, creating a one-of-a-kind destination within the home. The homeowners envisioned a sophisticated retreat where they could unwind at the end of the day and entertain family and friends while enjoying their favorite spirits in an intimate, upscale setting.

A key design challenge became one of the space's most distinctive features. Rather than concealing the structural steel beam that supports the home above, the team embraced it as a focal design element. Thoughtfully integrated into the overall aesthetic, the exposed steel enhances the authentic speakeasy character while adding depth, texture, and architectural interest.

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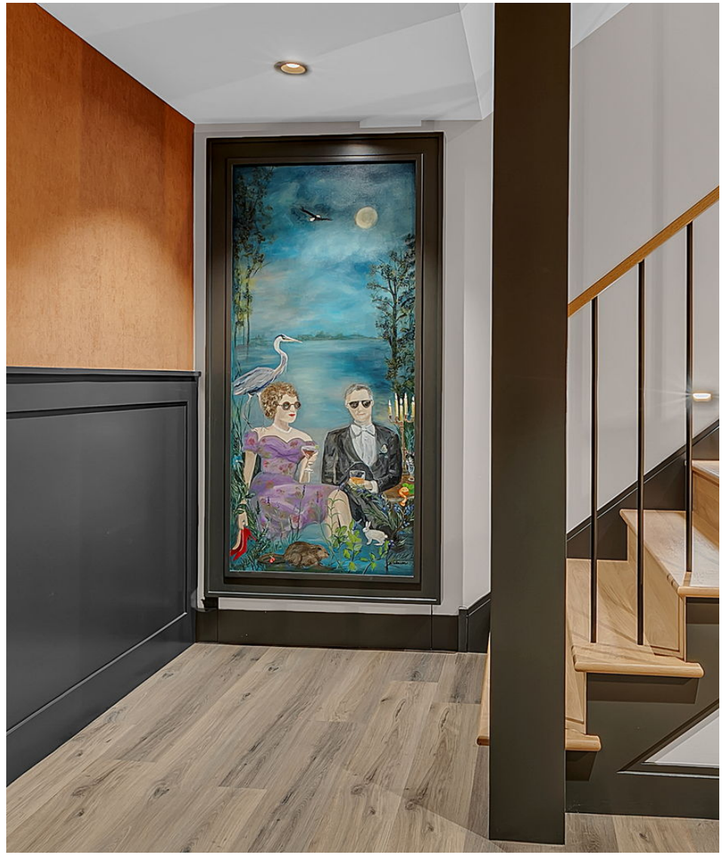
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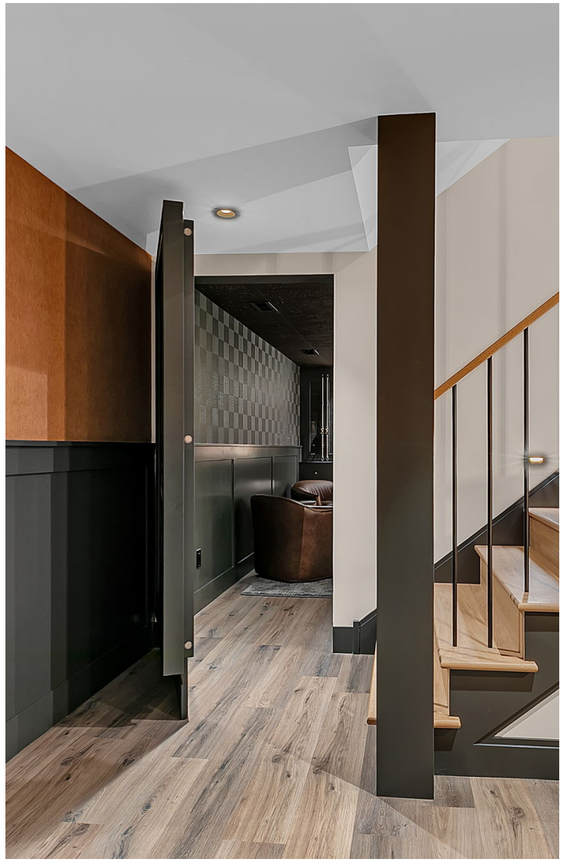


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Adding to the intrigue of the space is a concealed entry door featuring an original commissioned work of art depicting the homeowners relaxing along the riverside. The hidden entrance captures the spirit of a true speakeasy while providing a deeply personal design element that celebrates the homeowners' connection to their property and lifestyle.







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Rich finishes, mood lighting, and carefully curated details work together to create an inviting atmosphere reminiscent of a hidden cocktail lounge.

The result is a remarkable transformation that turns previously underutilized square footage into a memorable entertainment space that perfectly reflects the homeowners' lifestyle and personality.





Work in Process

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This project presented a variety of complex challenges that required both technical expertise and creative problem-solving. Early demolition uncovered the need to remove all existing tile and wood flooring, along with the underlying concrete underlayment, to create a solid foundation for the extensive renovation. The addition also necessitated significant relocation and coordination of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems to accommodate the new layout and ensure seamless integration with the existing structure.

As construction progressed, the team discovered that portions of the home had undergone previous renovations that did not meet current building codes. Several structural elements were found to be inadequately supported, requiring careful evaluation and corrective engineering to restore the home's integrity while maintaining the design vision.

Each challenge was met with thoughtful planning, innovative solutions, and precise execution. By addressing these unforeseen conditions without compromising design, quality, or craftsmanship, the team successfully transformed the home into a beautifully reimagined living environment that exceeds the homeowners' expectations.





Refining Spaces

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The kitchen and adjoining dining and sitting areas thoughtfully preserve select original architectural elements while expanding and re-imagining the spaces to fully realize the homeowners' vision. The renovation showcases a stunning transformation into a bright, open-concept environment that effortlessly blends beauty and functionality.

The reconfigured layout creates a natural flow between spaces, encouraging connection and enhancing everyday living. Abundant natural light, refined finishes, and carefully curated details bring a sense of openness and comfort, while maintaining the character and charm that make the home unique. The result is an inviting gathering place that serves as the heart of the home and seamlessly connects to the surrounding living spaces and spectacular river views.

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Transformation

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The entryway beautifully reflects the dramatic scope of the home's transformation. Updated railings and meticulously refinished surfaces further elevated the space, creating a cohesive and refined aesthetic.

A particularly striking detail is the elegant stair runner, expertly bound in iron-gray leather trim, which perfectly accents the staircase while adding texture, sophistication, and a tailored finish. This thoughtful feature complements the surrounding architectural elements and reinforces the home's elevated design aesthetic.

The result is a stunning and welcoming entry that sets the tone for the entire home, blending craftsmanship, warmth, and sophistication while providing a memorable first impression.

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Stunning Entry

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Dated ceramic tile flooring was removed and replaced with a custom inlaid white oak floor, introducing warmth, character, and timeless elegance from the moment guests arrive.





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The kitchen beautifully exemplifies the balance between honoring the home's original character and realizing the homeowners' vision for a more refined and timeless living space.

The cabinetry was enhance both functionality and visual appeal, while the original parquet flooring was replaced with elegant white oak flooring that flows seamlessly throughout the home. New countertops, fixtures, and carefully selected hardware further elevated the space, introducing fresh textures and sophisticated finishes.
The result is a kitchen that feels both familiar and transformed, blending cherished original features with modern craftsmanship to create a welcoming gathering space that serves as the heart of the home.

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Refreshed

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While preserving distinctive original elements, including the unique lighting fixtures and existing appliances, the kitchen space was thoughtfully re-imagined to better reflect the homeowners' style and the overall design aesthetic of the renovation.





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New View

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A completely new primary suite was thoughtfully incorporated into the riverfront addition, creating a private sanctuary designed to maximize comfort, luxury, and connection to the surrounding landscape. Strategically positioned to capture the home's breathtaking river views, the suite offers a serene retreat where the homeowners can experience the beauty of the setting from sunrise to sunset.





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Primary Bath

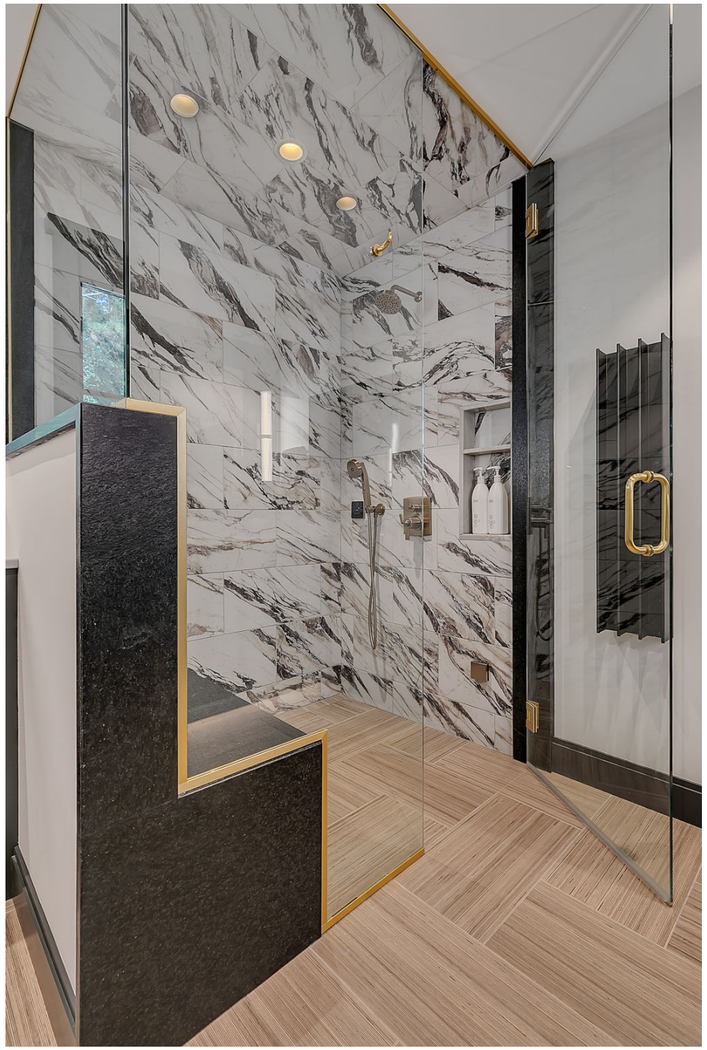
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As part of the newly added primary suite, the primary bath represents a dramatic transformation from the home's original bathroom. Designed as a luxurious private retreat, the space was thoughtfully crafted to provide a spa-like experience while reflecting the homeowners' desire for comfort, elegance, and functionality.

The result is a primary bath that not only complements the new suite but also stands as a significant upgrade in both form and function, delivering a level of luxury and comfort that far exceeds the original space.

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Refresh

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The homeowners had a strong appreciation for the original living room bar and wanted to preserve this unique feature as part of the renovation. Rather than removing it, the space was thoughtfully refreshed and reimagined to align with the home's new design vision and elevated aesthetic.

Updated finishes, carefully selected materials, and refined details transformed the bar into a sophisticated focal point that seamlessly blends original character with contemporary style. The result is a welcoming entertainment space that honors the home's history while complementing the overall transformation, providing the perfect setting for gathering with family and friends.

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Sunroom

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As part of the riverfront addition, a new sunroom was thoughtfully designed to strengthen the home's connection to its spectacular natural surroundings. Positioned to capture sweeping views of the river, the space is filled with natural light and provides an inviting setting to relax, gather, and enjoy the changing seasons.

The sunroom was seamlessly integrated into the existing floor plan, creating a natural flow into the adjacent living room and enhancing the openness of the home's main living spaces. The result is a bright, welcoming retreat that celebrates the beauty of the riverfront setting while providing a comfortable space for everyday living and entertaining





Home Office

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The connection between the original home and the new primary suite addition provided the perfect opportunity to create a dedicated home office. Thoughtfully positioned within this transitional space, the office serves as both a functional workspace and a striking architectural feature.

A sophisticated blend of modern glass elements and the home's original brick wall creates a compelling contrast between old and new, celebrating the character of the existing structure while embracing contemporary design. Natural light, open sightlines, and carefully selected finishes contribute to an inspiring work environment that feels both professional and connected to the home's overall aesthetic.

The result is a stunning home office that seamlessly bridges the original residence and the addition, providing a beautiful and productive space for working from home while honoring the home's unique architectural story.





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The renovation focused on updating finishes, improving functionality, and introducing refined design elements that align with the home's overall transformation. Custom cabinetry, updated surfaces, and carefully selected details brought new life to the spaces while maintaining their familiar comfort and character.

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Living Room

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The living room retains several of its original features, which have been thoughtfully integrated into the overall design vision of the renovated home.

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Living Room

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Every view of the living room highlights the success of the renovation, showcasing both the careful preservation of original features and the quality of the transformation.

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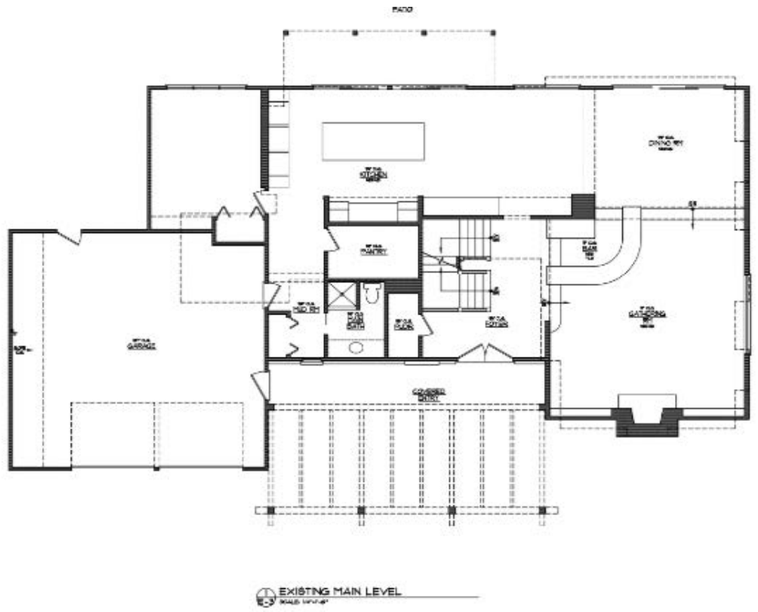


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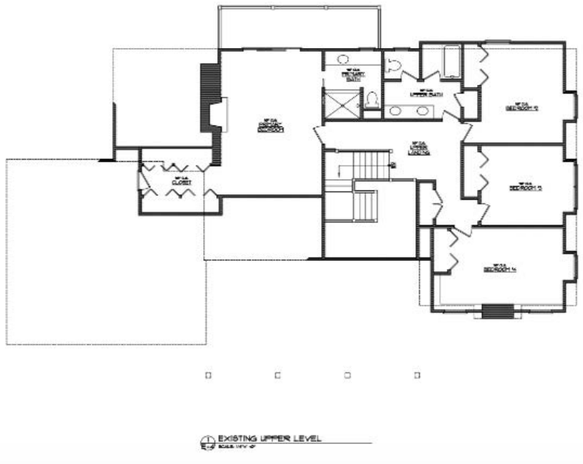
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Upper Level

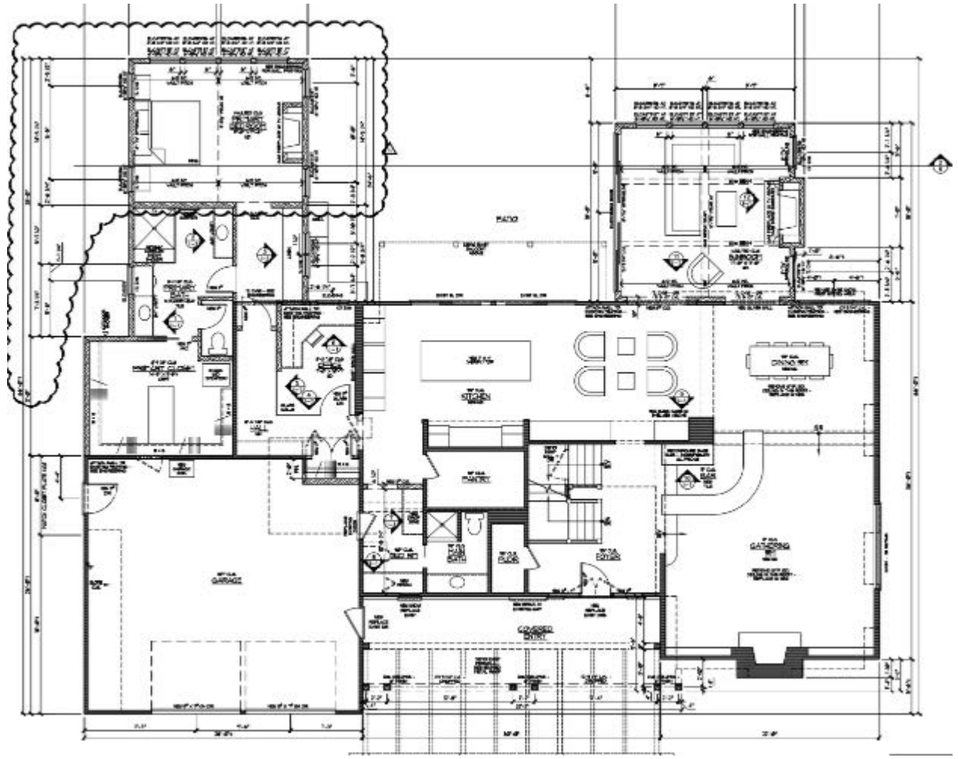


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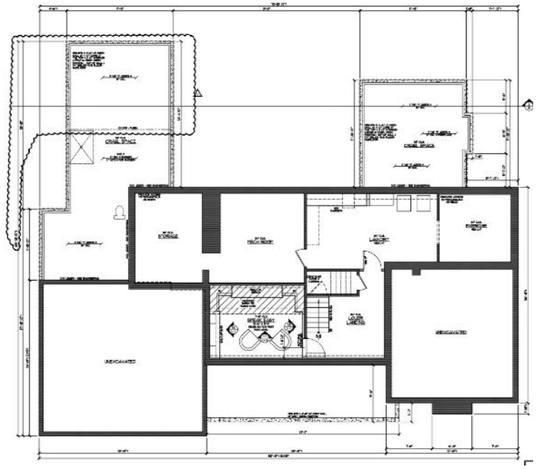
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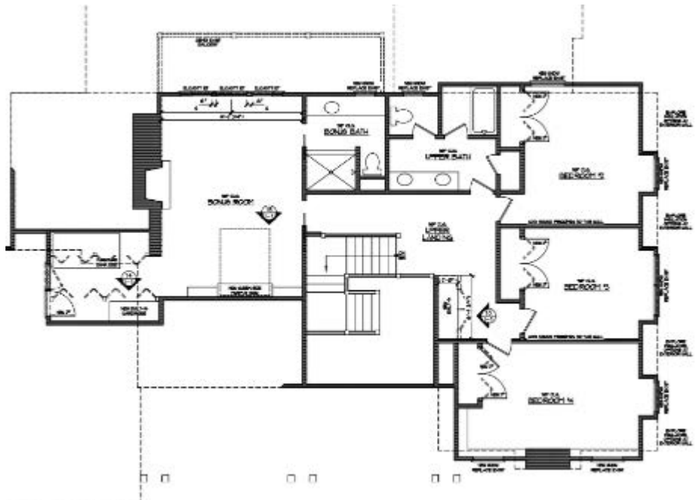
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Upper Level



The original floor plan featured many strong design elements; however, the homeowners envisioned a more seamless connection between the home and its extraordinary riverfront setting. The redesign focused on creating spaces that flow naturally toward the water, maximizing sightlines and strengthening the relationship between the interior living spaces and the breathtaking views beyond.

To fully capture and celebrate the property's remarkable location, a new primary suite and sunroom addition were thoughtfully integrated into the design. Positioned to take full advantage of the river vistas, these new spaces provide the homeowners with immersive views throughout the day while creating serene retreats that feel connected to the surrounding landscape.

Every design decision was carefully considered to enhance the home's connection to its surroundings and celebrate its spectacular setting. The result is a home that not only functions beautifully but also embraces the river as an integral part of the everyday living experience.