

NARI MINNESOTA - 2026 ROTY AWARDS

PROJECT: Blue Haven Kitchen

CATEGORY: Residential Kitchen \$100,000 to \$125,000

The homeowners cherished their neighborhood and the schools their children attended, making a move undesirable. Their vision was to create a true “heart of the home”—a welcoming, highly functional kitchen where everyday family life could naturally unfold. A generous gathering space was essential, allowing the children to do homework at the counter while their parents prepared meals, helped with schoolwork, or simply enjoyed time together. The goal was a kitchen designed not only for cooking, but for connection, conversation, and the rhythms of a growing family.

CLIENT NEEDS:

- A brighter, more welcoming environment
- Increased storage
- More useable workspace
- Dedicated space for the children

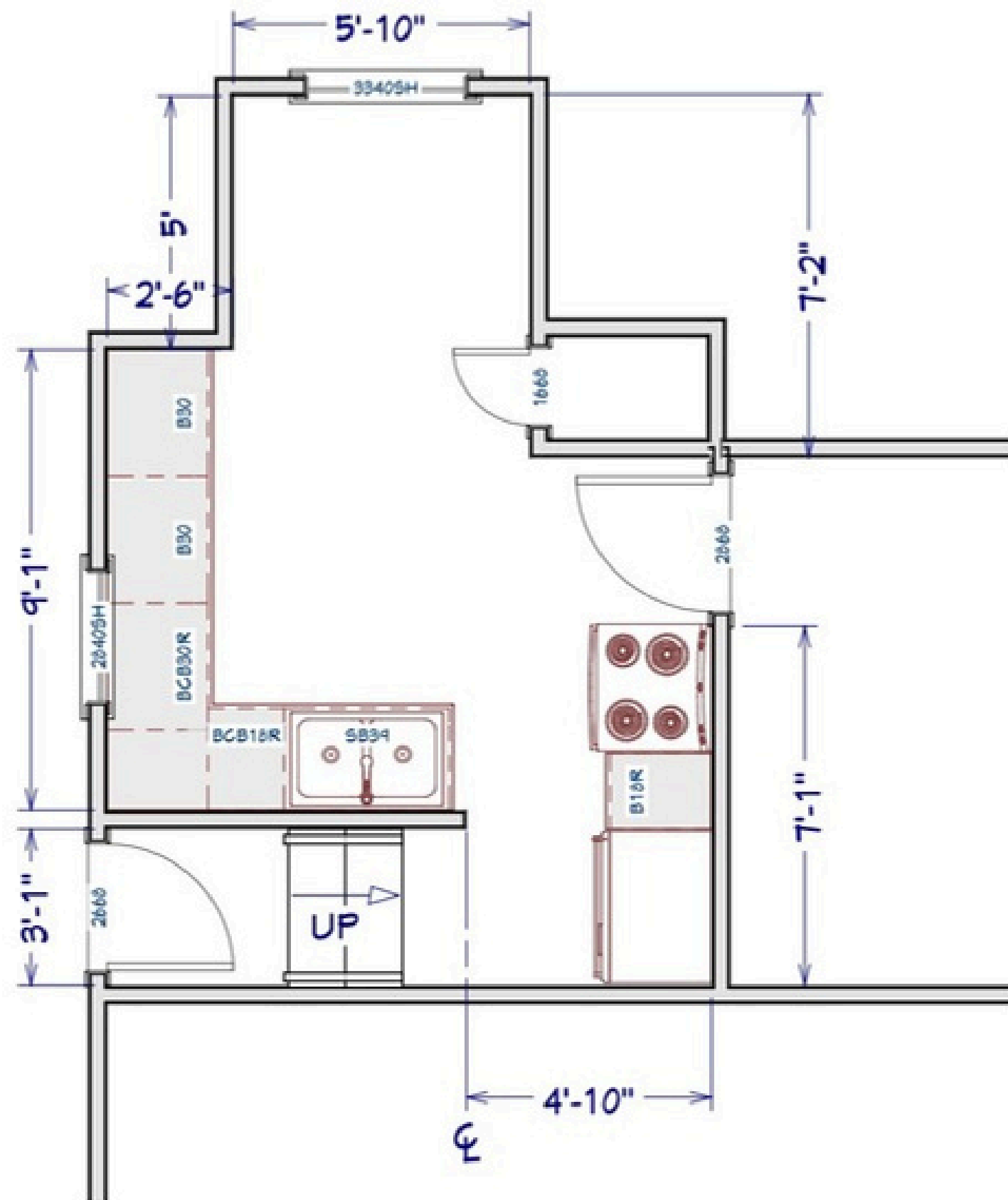


BEFORE PHOTOS

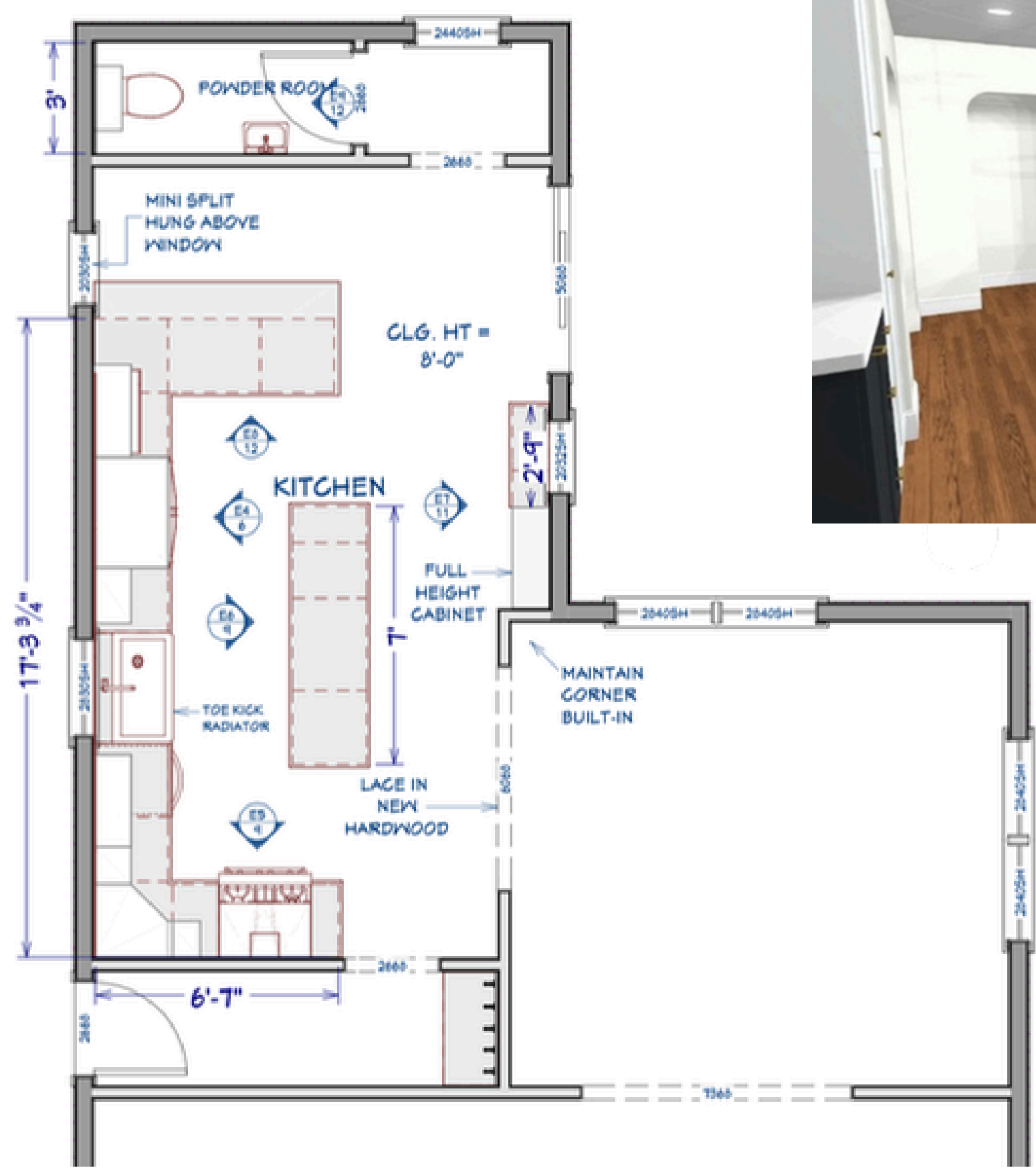


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BEFORE FLOOR PLAN



AFTER FLOOR PLAN & 3D RENDERING



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BEFORE & AFTER



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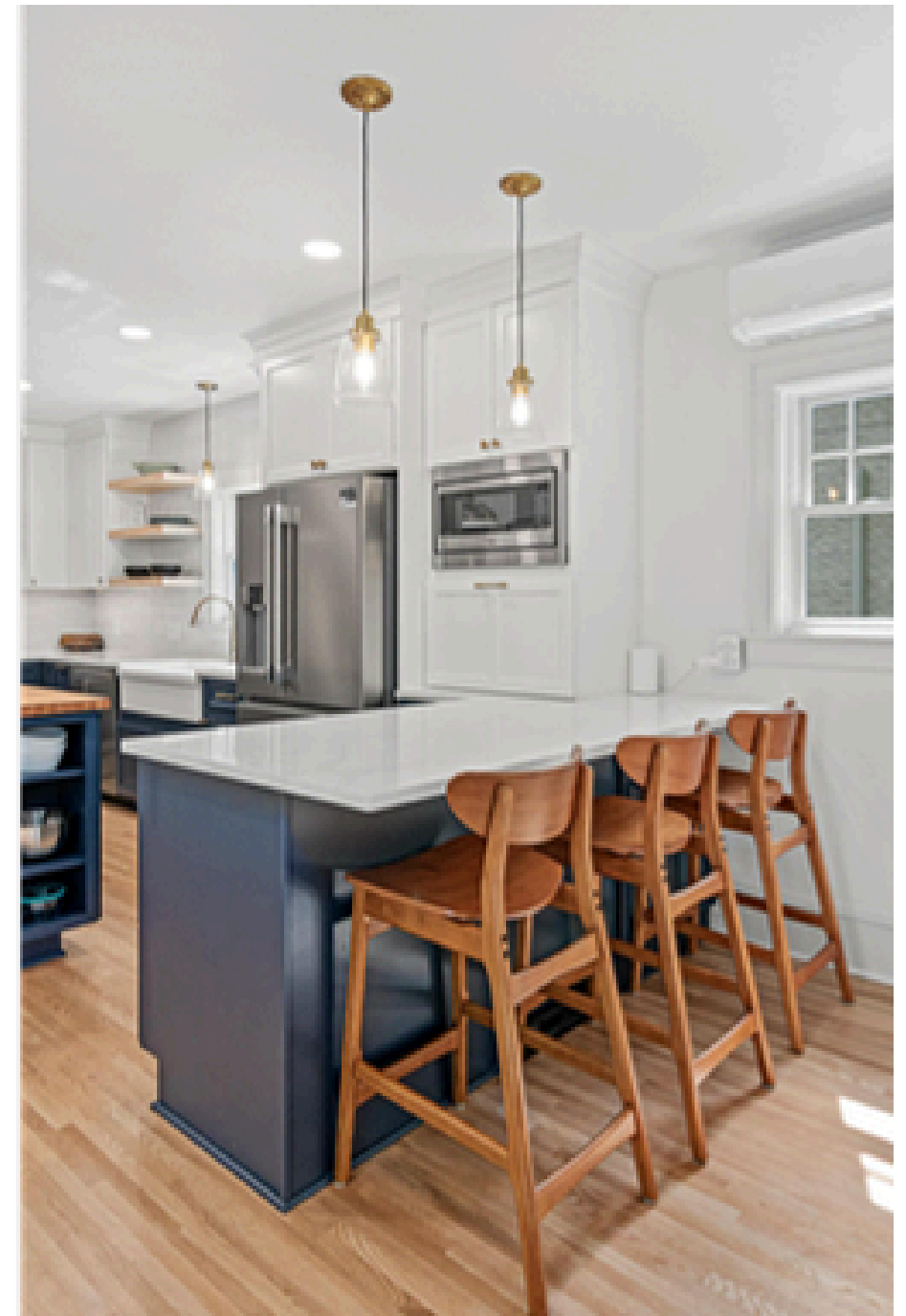
FUNCTIONALITY

- Multiple work zones allow cooking, cleaning, food preparation, and everyday family activities
- A large central island adds substantial prep space and storage
- Generous circulation paths around the island and peninsula allow multiple family members to comfortably move through and use the kitchen at the same time.



AESTHETICS

- A timeless two-tone palette pairs crisp white upper cabinetry with rich navy lowers, creating contrast and visual depth while maintaining a bright, classic feel
- Brushed brass details throughout the lighting, faucet, and cabinet hardware introduce a refined warmth and create a cohesive, elevated finish.
- Classic white subway tile provides a clean, understated backdrop, allowing the cabinetry, wood tones, and metallic accents to become the visual focal points.



CONSTRUCTION PHOTOS



PROJECT CHALLENGES

- The addition was rectangular in shape to conform to the lot and the desire for outdoor patio space. This created a challenge in ensuring a natural flow of traffic and movement from their main entry point storage, through the kitchen, back to the powder room and patio area.
- During construction, we discovered their main plumbing stack servicing their 2nd story bathroom was completely corroded and needed replacement. This allowed us to also implement a better solution for venting their hood and preventing a major wastewater intrusion in the future