

ST. PAUL MAIN LEVEL REMODEL

DESIGN STATEMENT

This project transforms a closed-off sunroom and kitchen in a historic, balloon-framed Saint Paul home into an open, light-filled space that better supports the homeowners' love for cooking and entertaining. By removing the wall between the sunroom and kitchen it allowed us to open up the whole back of the house and create a large kitchen with two islands, this remodel enhanced natural light and improved traffic circulation. As with any remodeling project we ran into structural challenges when we removed the load bearing wall and had to reinforce with the structural beams and footings. We maintained the architectural details of the home on the rest of the main level including the ceiling beams, columns, and molding. The goal was creating a cohesive, modernized space that still emphasized the homes historic details and charm.

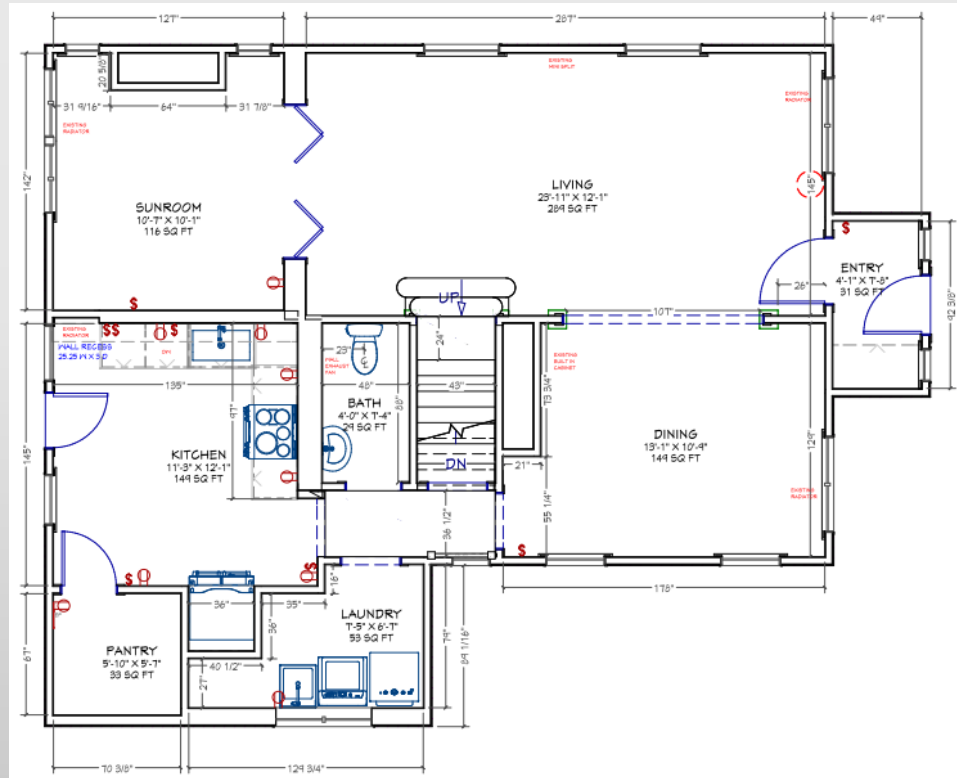
CLIENT OBJECTIVES

- Eliminate knob and tube wiring.
- Reconfigure the main level to create an open concept and maximize the functionality of the space.
- Homeowner desired larger kitchen for hosting and cooking.
- Sunroom was underutilized so homeowners wanted to open the space to the kitchen.
- Homeowner wanted more natural light in the back of the house and in the kitchen.
- Homeowner wanted to maintain the architectural, period appropriate design details in the home.
- Pantry space was underutilized and lacked organization.

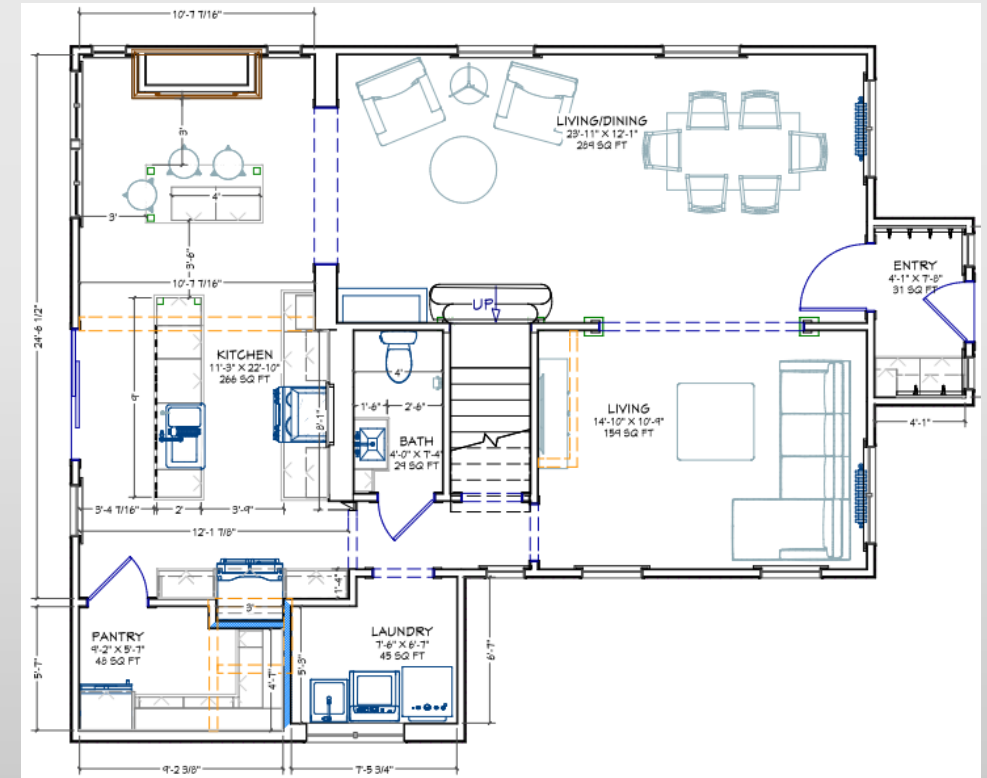


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BEFORE FLOOR PLAN



AFTER FLOOR PLAN



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BEFORE GREAT ROOM



Openness and natural light are enhanced; the original space was darker and more enclosed with limited seating and lack of light fixtures. After, it becomes bright and inviting and has a cohesive flow that connects the seating and dining areas.

AFTER GREAT ROOM



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BEFORE GREAT ROOM



The original glass pane doors, columns, and ceiling beams are kept which shows the period in which this home was built. In combination with warmer materials and colors and the natural light the space is more inviting and comfortable.

AFTER GREAT ROOM



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BEFORE DINING AREA



The area better serves as an entertainment space. Before; the couch was facing the stairs but now it has its own intentional space and can be used more in everyday life and when hosting.

AFTER LIVING ROOM



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BEFORE SUNROOM



The sunroom went often unused and limited light from entering the rest of the space, especially the kitchen.

Challenge: The wall between the kitchen and sunroom was load bearing; a new beam was added in the basement, and footings were reinforced for structural stability

AFTER KITCHEN



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BEFORE KITCHEN



The kitchen lacked space for cooking, hosting and left no room for seating. By combining the sunroom and kitchen the space is so much larger, gets more natural light and makes functionality easier for homeowners. The original fireplace was maintained as well (Seen in back)

AFTER KITCHEN



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BEFORE KITCHEN



The kitchen was quite cramped and has very little storage. The new space fixes both problems and looks so beautiful. The blue cabinet finish is just the right pop of color for the home.

AFTER KITCHEN



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The existing walk-in pantry housed a lot of items but was not used to its full potential. After reconfiguring the space, it allowed us to create a coffee bar with countertop space for additional small appliances. We were also able to incorporate a built-in microwave and space for a refrigerator.

BEFORE PANTRY



AFTER PANTRY

