

**NARI MINNESOTA –
2026 ROTY AWARDS
PROJECT: LAKESIDE EXTERIOR
CATEGORY: RESIDENTIAL EXTERIOR
OVER \$200,000**

PROJECT SUMMARY

This contemporary lakeside home was ready for a complete exterior transformation—one that would not only enhance its appearance but also address existing water issues. The home lacked a clearly defined front entrance, making it difficult for guests to know where to enter. A redesigned entry, streamlined deck layout, and all-new exterior materials gave the home the modern update it needed. Dark gray siding paired with warm natural wood tones and light gray stone accents creates a striking contrast while adding warmth and character. The result is a welcoming, cohesive exterior that beautifully complements the home's modern architecture and lakeside setting.

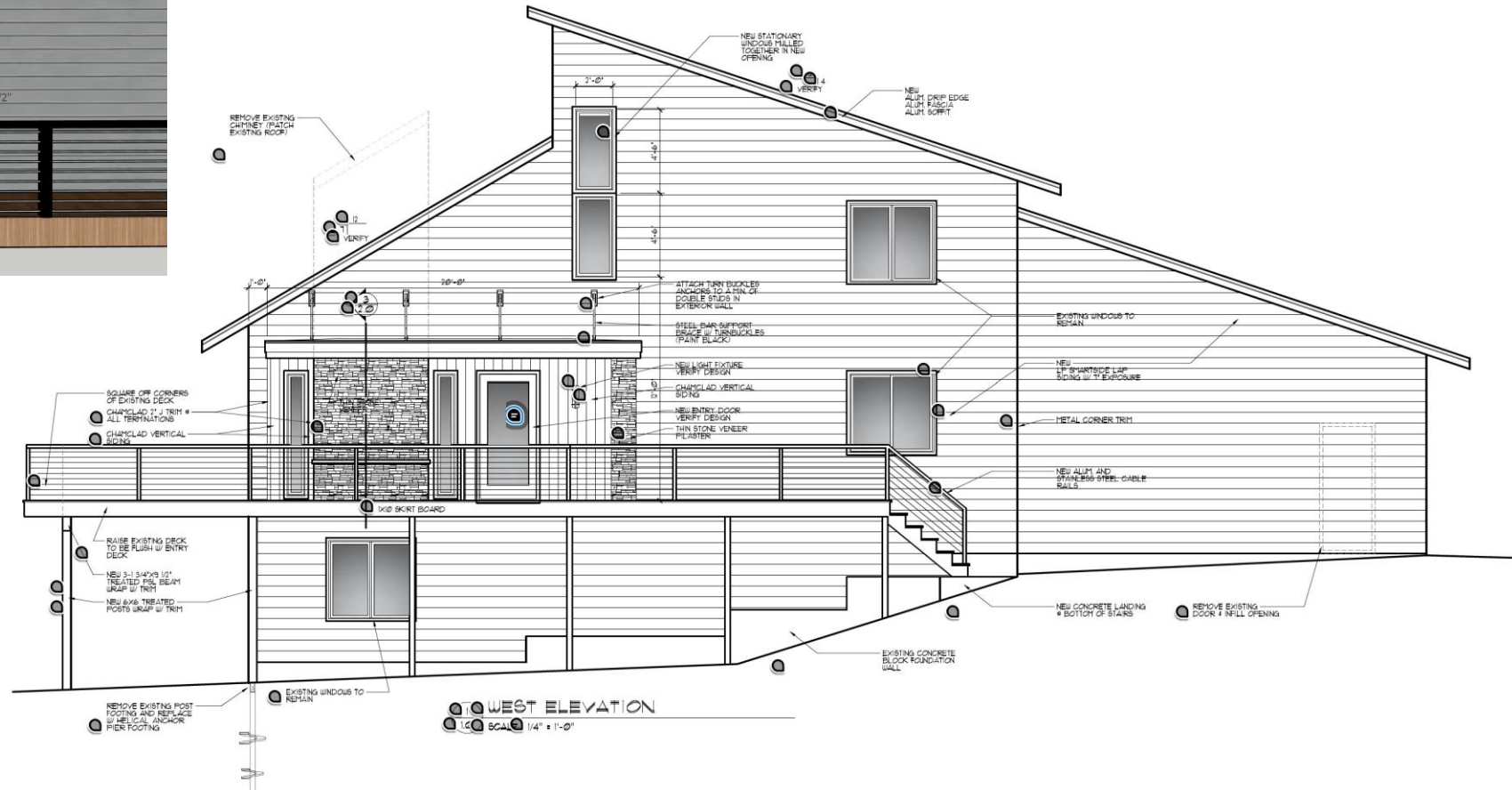
CLIENT WISHES / GOALS

- New roof — address leaks
- New siding — LP Smartside
- Straighten deck and make it one level
- Address the volatile deck movement due to the proximity of the lake — new footings are required.
- Contemporary railing
- New modern garage door
- New front door
- Keep existing windows
- Create a welcoming entrance
- Better lighting
- Interesting design with mix of materials
- Site restrictions will not allow changes to the footprint including the side walkway.

DESIGN RENDERINGS



AFTER ELEVATION



BEFORE



AFTER



We removed an unused fireplace chase to give the walkway to the back deck more space. A tall narrow window was added near the entrance for both light in the interior staircase as well as filled in a large bare spot on the side of the house.

BEFORE



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We added a straight staircase for easy lake access. Custom cable railing, decorative light fixtures and stone add to the homes modern aesthetics.

BEFORE



AFTER



Because the garage is the first thing you see when approaching the home, it was important that it make a beautiful first impression. We simplified the architecture by straightening the angled garage door openings, added stone for texture and interest, and relocated the lighting into the soffits for a cleaner look. The new placement also allows the house numbers to take center stage, with backlighting that creates a striking feature at night.

BEFORE



AFTER



To provide lasting stability for the lakeside deck, we installed new helical footings designed to better accommodate the challenging site conditions. The home's close proximity to the lake and high water table had caused significant movement and heaving in the previous deck posts. The new footing system provides a much more secure foundation and helps protect the deck from future shifting and seasonal movement.



With the existing windows remaining in place, removing the old fireplace chase left a large gap that needed a thoughtful solution. We designed a custom planter to fill the space with greenery while also creating a wider, more comfortable walkway to the back deck. Woodgrain metal siding brings warmth to the exterior, while the addition of stone adds texture and dimension. The modern roof structure provides shelter while creating a strong architectural feature that clearly defines the home's front entrance.