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Welcome

Hiring an architect for a residential or small commercial project may be a process that is unfamiliar to you. You may know an architect and yet be unclear about what one can do for you, or you may not know where to find design professionals or how to select the a professional who best fits your needs. This handbook should answer many of your questions and clarify the design and construction process.

Many individuals and organizations find this guide to be a valuable resource as they plan for renovation, addition or new construction projects. It will help you understand the role of the architect and the value he or she can bring to your effort. We include advice on choosing the right architect and structuring the working relationship. The section on the design and construction process can help you outline a project approach that is most suitable to you.

Throughout this handbook, the wording of the text focuses on homeowners but the advice is also intended for business owners and others considering commercial projects.

A series of “worksheets”—forms that you complete before you begin design—are invaluable tools as you work through your project. A budget worksheet assists you in estimating project costs and fees for the professional services of architects, engineers and other consultants. There are 21 questions to ask yourself to help define expectations for you and your architect and 22 questions to ask your architect about her/his philosophy and approach.

The last section, the “Directory of architects,” is an extensive list of architects in Massachusetts who are experienced in working with clients to design and build residential and small commercial projects.

We hope you find this *Homeowner’s Project Handbook* useful. You are invited to contact the Boston Society of Architects with your questions, comments or suggestions on how to make it more helpful to you.

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Working with an architect

The architect is the professional who guides you through the design and construction process. Licensed by the state to practice architecture, architects are professionals trained to design the places in which people live and work and to manage all aspects of often complex projects from design through construction.

An architect listens to you and serves as your advocate throughout your project. Your architect translates your wishes into buildable form, addresses compliance with state and town regulations, oversees the work of the builder and coordinates all technical and aesthetic aspects of your project. Your architect solves space problems, manages your budget, protects your project from unreasonable extra costs and resolves disputes that may arise with your town, other consultants or your builder.

Architects are responsible for translating your specific needs into a physical, buildable solution.

Licensure as an architect is the result of a special educational process, rigorous training and completion of a complex series of exams. An architect usually has a minimum of five years of professional education and three years' experience in the workplace. Only licensed architects may use the title "architect" and their project drawings should bear the architect's seal before construction begins. To check on the status of an architect's license in Massachusetts, contact the Board of Registration of Architects at 617-727-3072 or check that agency's website at www.state.ma.us/reg.

American Institute of Architects members

Most architects are members of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the national professional association that supports the professional practice of architecture. More than 90 percent of architect-designed construction in the United States is led by AIA members.

Architects who are members of the AIA have numerous opportunities to continue professional training, timely access to information on new building materials and technologies and ongoing relationships with other AIA members who collectively constitute the most skilled practitioners in the nation.

AIA member architects are required to comply with the AIA Code of Ethics, which dictates guidelines for the highest standards of professionalism, integrity and competence.

Many other building-industry professionals are available today to work on design and construction projects—interior designers, design/build companies, engineers and other consultants. It is important to note that these professionals are not substitutes for architects—their education and training are quite different—but often they are hired by or otherwise work with or for architects.

Architects and intern-architects

In this directory you will find separate sections listing licensed architects and unlicensed intern-architects. Licensure signifies that an architecture-school graduate has met educational, professional and ethical requirements demonstrating adherence to the profession's most objective standards of competence and has passed the comprehensive licensing examination administered by the state.

In architecture—as in medicine and other professions—young professionals who are not yet licensed are typically referred to as “interns.” Intern-architects who are enrolled in the required national intern-architect training program and who are members of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) are called “Associate AIA” members until they pass the required licensing examination; once they pass that exam they can call themselves “architects” and are then able to use the “AIA” designation rather than “Associate AIA.” This also applies to architects from other nations who are not yet licensed in the U.S. In Massachusetts (as in most states), these architecture-school graduates who are not yet licensed and architects from other nations not yet licensed in Massachusetts are permitted by law to design structures that are not larger than 35,000 cubic feet—and that includes almost all single-family and two-family residences as well as farm structures not designed for human habitation (barns, silos, etc.).

Intern-architects and foreign-trained architects who are Associate AIA members in Massachusetts are listed in the directories in the latter portion of this handbook.

What an architect does

The architect is the skilled professional who listens to you, interprets your wishes and helps realize your building dreams. The architect is

a counselor, planner, designer, mediator, work coordinator and business administrator. Architects add value at every stage of the project, from initial conceptual design through construction completion. Your architect:

TRANSLATES YOUR WISHES INTO PLANS FOR CONSTRUCTION. Your hopes and dreams for your project may be vague and abstract and are usually expressed in words. The architect's job is to work with you to translate them into a visual and technical prescription for construction that is very detailed. The goal is for you, your architect and your builder to share the same, very specific expectations about materials, quality, workmanship and other outcomes. This is usually an educational process for everyone, during which all decisions should be recorded on paper and all construction details and instructions carefully documented.

DESIGNS CUSTOM WORK AND INSTALLATIONS. Each building has a special history, every site has unusual conditions and every client has unique goals, desires and requirements. The architect seeks a design solution that unites all these elements and reflects your unique personality and style of living or working.

PREPARES DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS. Drawings and specifications are the graphic and verbal descriptions of the project. They describe your preferences and wishes for the project you are building and are used to document decisions about the project's size, function, organization and aesthetics. They prescribe the engineer's requirements for structural stability, climate control, drainage and electrical service. These documents are submitted to your town in order to obtain a building permit so construction can begin; they are used by the town building inspector to determine that the project will meet local requirements.

Drawings and specifications prepared by the architect also are the basis for the relationship between you as the owner/client and your contractor (builder). They can be used for bidding by contractors so you can compare several builders' estimated project costs, construction schedules and logistics plans. Once you choose a builder, plans and specifications are used as "contract documents" (instructions to your contractor) and the basis of your written agreement with your contractor about exactly what work is to be done and at what cost.

Many architects, particularly in larger firms, prepare their drawings on a computer using CAD (computer-aided drafting and design) software.

Computer-generated drawings may take less time to prepare than those that are hand-drawn, can be revised easily and are especially useful for repetitive design elements often found on larger commercial or institutional projects. However, CAD drawings are not necessary for most residential and small commercial projects. CAD drawings are simply one of many tools an architect uses.

HELPS YOU ADDRESS BUILDING CODES AND REGULATIONS. Both the town and state in which the project is located have regulations that govern building projects. An architect should be aware of them. Zoning regulations, which are published by each town and vary from one town to another, concern the building's use, size, relationship to the site and parking. Building codes are published by the state and address how buildings are to be constructed, dictating, for example, door sizes and materials, window sizes and locations, structural lumber sizes and stair and hallway dimensions. A special section of the code ensures access to public buildings for people with disabilities; it dictates requirements for bathrooms, kitchens, ramps and other building elements.

COORDINATES THE WORK OF CONSULTANTS. The architect coordinates the work of specialty consultants your project may require, including structural, electrical and mechanical (heating, plumbing, air conditioning) and civil (drainage and site utilities) engineers.

HELPS YOU SECURE A BUILDER. The architect can help you through the process of selecting a contractor through competitive bidding. Labor accounts for more than half the cost of a building project and materials for the remaining costs. Construction costs vary greatly according to skill, experience and the contractor's overhead. Depending on the project requirements or owner preference, this process can involve negotiations with one or two preferred contractors or competitive bidding amongst several qualified builders. A negotiated approach often leads to the most realistic pricing at project start, but it requires a comfort level in discussing budgets and trade-offs. Competitive bidding arguably has the advantage of finding the lowest initial cost for a project. It places the construction team at arm's length and puts a greater responsibility on the architect to manage construction.

ADMINISTERS THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT. Once design and drawings are complete, it can often seem like the architect's work is done, but there is significant value in retaining your architect's services for construction administration. On any project, there are myriad small details and opportunities that require resolution. The architect can play an important role in ensuring that project program and design intent are respected throughout the work.

The architect serves as your advocate, working to determine if the project is built as it was designed and specified. The architect analyzes and helps you make decisions about “change orders” that could affect your project’s costs. Change orders are any changes proposed by you or the contractor or changes required to address conditions that could not have been foreseen. Some clients prefer not to involve the architect during the construction phase (perhaps to save money); however, by keeping the architect involved through construction, you will have an important advocate and a valuable perspective on the progress of the job.

MANAGES YOUR MONEY. Working with an architect on your project can save you money in a number of ways. Having a single, complete set of architectural drawings to present to a number of prospective contractors allows you to choose among comparable bids. When the contractor knows at the start what will be built and when the client has taken

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time to plan carefully, costly delays and changes during construction are minimized. During construction, the architect helps determine if proposed changes are responsibly priced and in keeping with local costs and methods of construction. Finally, the architect can authorize payment to your builder, giving you added assurance that both you and your architect are satisfied with the builder’s performance and product.

Value of working with an architect

Architects provide a broad range of services and can provide value at every stage of the design and construction process. By working directly with you and assessing your requirements in great depth, the architect tailors the design to suit your personality, needs, budget and lifestyle. The architect’s extensive study of design alternatives (some of which you may not have considered) allows you to choose the design most appropriate to your needs. An architect’s knowledge of site-planning and natural energy processes (the influence of wind and sun on the building, groundwater flow, etc.) helps accommodate your project to the site characteristics and neighborhood context.

An architect also saves you money and time. Through their understanding of the latest construction materials and technologies, architects can recommend materials and systems that fit your budget. Your architect provides documents for the contractor-bidding process, which should result in a fair construction price. Construction is expedited through an architect’s careful planning and complete drawings and specifications.

An architect makes a unique and valuable contribution to the design aesthetic of the project, creating a visually appealing place with pleasing character and style. Ultimately, your daily living experience, as well as your property’s value, is increased through appropriate design, improved functionality and high-quality detailing.

Projects that benefit from an architect’s leadership

A wide range of projects can benefit from the involvement of an architect. Most architects are both general practitioners and specialists—that is, while many have special expertise or preference for one or more types of projects, most can (and do) work on many types of buildings.

Each of the firms listed in the last section of this handbook works for a variety of clients on all types of projects. The lists below illustrate the range of most architects’ capabilities and includes new construction, renovations and additions.

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS

Single-family homes
Townhouses and apartments
Building re-use
Condo conversion
Multifamily and institutional housing
Historic renovation and preservation
Outbuildings and other structures
Landscaping and related site design
Sustainable (“green”) design
Accessible or universal design
Consulting-only services

SMALL COMMERCIAL PROJECTS

Offices
Retail stores
Food and entertainment facilities
Recreational facilities
Institutional facilities (educational, religious, medical, cultural)
Hotels and motels
Historic renovation and preservation
Interiors
Landscaping and related site design
Sustainable (“green”) design
Accessible or universal design
Consulting-only services

How to be a good client

As the owner/client, you must take responsibility for a good working relationship with your architect and the success of your project.

GOOD COMMUNICATION IS CRUCIAL TO A SUCCESSFUL PROJECT. Be clear about your needs so your architect understands your preferences, lifestyle and how you intend to use the space to be designed. Ask a lot of questions and be sure to get answers in language that you understand.

MAKE A COMMITMENT TO GREEN DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION. Work with your architect and contractor to incorporate sustainable design and construction practices from the project's outset. (See the note on page 23 for an overview of building green and a note about recycling building materials.)

Do not begin any work until you have a signed contract detailing as specifically as possible the work to be done, the specific nature of the drawings the architect is to produce, the production schedule and the amount and timing of all payments due to the architect.

DECIDE ON YOUR BUDGET AT THE OUTSET. Determine both the ideal and the maximum you are willing to spend, and communicate it clearly.

MAKE DECISIONS IN A TIMELY MANNER. Try not to revisit or reverse decisions you already have made, because it is likely your architect has already acted on them. If you do change your mind, tell the architect immediately.

REVIEW THE DRAWINGS AND MATERIALS THE ARCHITECT GIVES YOU PROMPTLY and return them quickly with questions, comments and changes.

BE FLEXIBLE AND PATIENT ABOUT ACHIEVING THE DESIGN SOLUTION. Arriving at the best solution often requires a process that includes sketching, discussions and revisions, which take time.

The role of the builder

Historically, the architect functioned as the “master builder,” providing both design and building services. Times have changed, and today, the architectural and construction parts of the building industry have evolved into separate disciplines. Architects provide designs and drawings, identify necessary engineering, and create design schemes that satisfy your needs related to use, views, materials and size, as well as environmental opportunities and constraints. Builders (general contractors) provide construction services based on architects’ designs and are best-suited to define construction methods and sequences, estimate costs and coordinate the work of subcontractors. They typically will control the budget and schedule for the work and be responsible to the owner and the architect for the quality of their workmanship and conformity with the design intent.

ENGAGING A BUILDER—THREE APPROACHES. In a typical scenario, the builder is hired through a competitive bidding process in which one requests bids from a number of builders who outline their credentials and approaches to cost, schedule and logistics for the project construction. The bidders all use the same design drawings to develop their bids so, theoretically, the estimates received are comparable. Keep in mind that competitive bidding is an adversarial process and, as such, is perhaps more suited to commercial and public work than it is to residential construction.

A second approach is a negotiated contract in which your architect helps you develop the cost, schedule and scope of work through discussions with a single builder. In this model, the builder is selected much the same way the architect is selected—on the basis of credentials and personal “fit” with the project. He or she becomes part of a three-way partnership with you and your architect. Competitive bidding takes place at the sub-contractor level, overseen by the builder. The potential advantages of this approach are less upfront design costs, a clearer understanding of the project by the builder, more accurate pricing, a higher quality of process and workmanship, simplified exploration of design and program alternatives, and simplified re-pricing when needed.

Finally, an alternative to hiring the architect and the builder separately is hiring a “design/build” company. Provided that the design/build company actually works with an architect registered in Massachusetts,

you can obtain both design and building services from a single source. Advantages of this method, like the negotiated scenario above, may include more accurate cost estimates right from the initial design stage and faster start-up, because the period for bidding—and, if needed to reduce costs, redesign—is minimized. Potential disadvantages of working with a design/build firm are the absence of competitive bidding by builders and the loss of an objective advocate in your dealings with the builder over cost.

Your contract with the builder may be based on a lump-sum price or be billed on a time and materials (T&M) basis, with or without a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) determined at the start.

Do not begin any work until you have a signed contract detailing as specifically as possible the work to be done, the production schedule and the amount and timing of all payments due to the builder.

As the client, you are ultimately responsible for selecting and paying your builder. If you would like, your architect can assist you in finding builders to consider and may help you review their credentials. To determine whether a builder is registered to do business in Massachusetts, call the Home Improvement Contractor Registration Office at 617-727-8598. To check for complaints filed against a builder, call the Attorney General's Consumer Hotline at 617-727-8400.

Selecting an architect

You will benefit by involving an architect in your project early in the process and by making an intelligent selection among the many professionals available to you. The most popular (and usually the best) way to select an architect is by interviewing several candidates. This handbook can serve as a good source for identifying architects qualified for your project. Friends and neighbors can be another good source, especially if they've completed a project similar to your own. You can learn more about the reputations and abilities of architects in your community by visiting completed projects, talking with clients and users and checking design awards programs and professional design publications.

A brief call to an architect can help determine if his or her expertise is appropriate to your project. When you find a few with related experience (we recommend you consider at least three), schedule interviews with them to discuss your project and review photographs and other samples of their work. Check the architect's education, training and relevant experience. We also recommend that you ask the architect for, and pursue, references from past clients. You will then be able to make an educated decision as to which architect is best for you.

Important, too, is that there be good "chemistry" between you and your architect—you will need to feel comfortable with each other as you will get to know each other well over the course of the design. Your architect should be a good listener, responsive to your phone calls, interested in your needs and able to communicate with you in clear, every-day language. Be patient: this selection process will take some time and it is one of the most important decisions you will make.

Selection criteria

Use the following criteria to choose among the architects you consider.

LICENSE. The architect should be licensed in Massachusetts. To check on the status of an architect's license in Massachusetts, call the Board of Registration of Architects at 617-727-3072 or check that agency's website at www.state.ma.us/reg. (See related notes on page 5 concerning intern-architects and architects from other nations.)

EXPERIENCE. The architect should have a track record of work similar to yours in size, complexity, type and/or cost.

CHEMISTRY. You should be convinced that the architect will listen to you, and you should be comfortable sharing details of your lifestyle, needs and budget as well as your hopes for and concerns about the project.

REFERENCES. Other people for whom the architect has worked should be satisfied customers and should attest to the architect's ability to respect agreements about services, fees and schedule.

FIRM STRUCTURE. Be sure that your project will be a priority for the architect and will not get lost in the shuffle of a busy office. Insist that the person with whom you have developed a rapport continues to work on your project. The architecture firm should be committed to projects such as yours. If you choose an architect who is "moonlighting," he or she may be less available for day-to-day construction-phase work.

FIRM SIZE. At one end of the spectrum are large firms that employ hundreds of people and have branch offices nationally or even worldwide. Most firms, however, consist of fewer than ten people and many architects practice in one- or two-person offices. These smaller firms are more likely to design houses and small commercial projects and are usually better positioned to handle your needs. With a smaller firm, a senior-level professional is likely to work with you.

DESIGN PHILOSOPHY. You and your architect should be philosophically, aesthetically and ethically compatible. Whatever the architect's goals and stylistic preferences may be, you should have confidence that your project will be specifically designed for you.

LEVEL OF SERVICE. Architects' services vary. Some will carry your project through construction while others may leave the responsibility for overseeing construction to you or the builder. Match your preferences with the architect's.

DESIGN FEES. Variations in cost generally reflect variances in service. You should define the scope of service carefully, including possible cost-savings and extras, the use of consulting engineers and work by others such as landscape, security, sound system and interior design consultants. Fees, although an important consideration, should not be the sole determining factor in selecting your architect.

22 questions to ask your architect

1. What does the architect see as important issues or considerations in your project? What are the challenges of the project?
2. How will the architect gather information about your needs, goals, etc.?
3. How will the architect establish priorities and make decisions?
4. Who in the architecture firm will you be dealing with directly? Is it the same person who will be designing the project? If not, who will be designing it?
5. How interested is the architect in this project?
6. How busy is the architect?
7. What sets this architect apart from the rest?
8. How does the architect establish fees? When will fee payments be expected?
9. How will you be able to relate fee payments to milestones in the architect's scope of work?
10. What would the architect expect the fee to be for this project?
11. What are the steps in the design process?
12. How does the architect organize the process?
13. What does the architect expect you to provide?
14. Does the architect have a specific design style? Can he/she show examples of past design work?
15. What is the architect's experience/track record with cost-estimating?
16. What will the architect show you along the way to explain the project? Will you see models, drawings or sketches?
17. If the scope of the project changes later in the project, will there be additional fees? How will these fees be justified?
18. If the builders' bids exceed your budget, will the architect revise the design? Is there an additional fee for such re-design?
19. What services does the architect provide during construction?
20. How disruptive will construction be? How long does the architect expect it to take to complete your project?
21. Can the architect provide a list of past clients with whom he or she has worked?
22. Can the architect demonstrate a good understanding of energy-efficient design and environmental, sustainable and long-term energy-saving solutions?

15 recommendations from people who've done it

You can avoid common pitfalls during design and construction projects. If you have recommendations to add to this list, please contact the BSA with your suggestions at bsa@architects.org or 617-951-1433 x221.

1. Remember that you get what you pay for—be sure to hire a qualified architect, not the least expensive one.
2. Do not expect to save money by hiring nonprofessionals.
3. Execute a contract or letter of agreement with the architect and with the builder detailing fees, schedules, budgets and tasks and monitor the process outlined in the agreements every step of the way. Contracts are essential.
4. Take time to plan for your project—and allow your architect and builder the time needed to design and build properly.
5. Do not allow your architect or builder to rush you to decisions (about detailing, materials, etc.).
6. Make all design decisions before construction begins—it gets very expensive to change your mind later. (It is far easier to erase a line than to remove a wall.)
7. Resist revisiting decisions once you make them. Every decision affects work done after it; changes can be costly.
8. Carefully conduct necessary site surveys, title searches and similar research.
9. It is not reasonable to expect that a building project will heal a marriage, friendship or company; it won't.
10. It is unwise to try to fit your needs into a beloved design. Instead, allow a design to grow from a thorough understanding of your needs.
11. Ask many questions until you get the answers you need in language you can understand.
12. Monitor construction and ask questions about anything you don't understand.
13. Do not substitute "bargain" materials for good materials.
14. Allow budget contingencies for both design and construction.
15. Be an active participant in your project. Pay attention to whether your plan is being met and if the design is working out as you had hoped—and speak up.

Structuring the relationship with your architect

Fees for architectural services

Architects are paid in one of three ways. One method is a percentage of the total construction costs, which varies in proportion to the size and complexity of the project. A second option is payment on an hourly-fee basis plus expenses. The third is a “lump-sum” fee. You and your architect should agree in the written contract on fee method, condition and pricing parameters before any design work begins.

A CONTRACT IS ESSENTIAL. It is customary for the architect to be paid in several stages (or monthly) rather than with full payment at the end of the job. A down-payment or retainer may be required prior to start-up. In most cases, the architect’s fee includes compensation for structural, mechanical (heating, ventilation, plumbing and air conditioning) and electrical engineering consultants the architect may need to hire for your project.

The contract

You and your architect should begin your relationship with a written agreement or contract that details your expectations; the architect’s services, fees and schedule; and all other parameters you and your architect consider important. A thorough, clear, written agreement will help prevent later misunderstandings or disappointments.

The American Institute of Architects publishes more than 80 contract documents that define the full array of relationships and terms involved in design and construction projects. You can purchase paper copies of these documents from the Boston Society of Architects (architects.org/store).

Do not allow any work of any kind to begin before you and the architect have signed a contract or detailed letter of agreement.

Budgeting the project

Before beginning any design, work with your architect to think through your project carefully. Budgeting the costs of design and construction is an important first step to help you avoid surprises and frustration. Share with your architect your budgetary goals and constraints. Only with full knowledge of your budget can your architect design within your constraints and allocate your project money wisely. However, your architect cannot guarantee construction costs; you and your architect must work with the contractor to determine if the actual construction is within budget.

Contingencies

Although much is done to research the site of your project or to predict conditions in an existing building before renovation, there are sometimes surprises that are not revealed until demolition or construction and could otherwise not have been known in advance. Examples of these hidden conditions are poor soils, underground tanks or piping, plumbing leaks or inadequacies, asbestos, mold, structural deficiencies and insect damage. Provide an extra amount in your budget (a “construction contingency”) to cover the cost of resolving these problems. Depending on the size and complexity of the project, a reasonable contingency is between 5 and 10 percent of the total cost of construction.

Another type of contingency you should budget is called the “client contingency.” Reversing or remaking decisions about the design after construction begins is very costly because the builder must reschedule his subcontractors, remove and rebuild areas already completed and quickly obtain materials or components not currently on-site. On the other hand, the opportunity to do things right once should include the occasional good idea or change of mind as an anticipated cost in the budget. You may decide that you want bigger windows, different wall configurations or larger closets. You may want to renovate areas of your building not previously included in the project scope. New home furnishings, housewares, or appliances may need to be added to residential buildings. The “client contingency” should anticipate these costs and the additional design and construction costs they imply. Taking time to plan carefully during the design stage minimizes these kinds of expenses.

Budget worksheet

This budget worksheet will help you outline costs and fees for your project. Your architect can help you complete it.

Land and building acquisition and financing	Land cost	
	Building cost	
	Title report	
	Real-estate appraisal	
	Financing costs, loan fees	
	Bonds and assessments	
	Legal fees (re-zoning, variances, etc.)	
	Topographic and boundary survey	
	Soils/geotechnical analysis/report	
	Subtotal \$	
Design	Architect's fee	
	Engineering fees	
	Landscape architecture fees	
	Interior design and color consultation fees	
	Special engineering (solar, acoustical, security, communications)	
	3-D models	
	Subtotal \$	
Construction	Cost-estimating	
	Site work (grading and utilities)	
	Building construction	
	Landscaping, planting, irrigation	
	Recreational features (e.g., swimming pool, tennis court)	
	Permit fees/construction taxes required by public agencies	
	Insurance (builder's or owner's risk) and bonds (commercial only)	
	Materials testing and inspection	
Built-in furniture and cabinets		
	Subtotal \$	
Furnishings	Interior finishes and flooring	
	Interior furnishings, wall/window coverings and upholstery	
	Appliances	
	Subtotal \$	
Other	Construction contingency for estimating errors and unforeseen expenses	
	Client contingency to cover design changes you make	
	Adjustment for inflation	
	Cost of temporary lodging (if appropriate)	
	Cost of delays	
Long-term savings from energy-efficient design solutions		
	Subtotal \$	
	TOTAL \$	

Design and construction

Before you get started, you should define your needs, your expectations and other details of your project and communicate them to your architect. The more detailed information you provide to your architect, the easier it will be for the architect to get started and the better the architect will be able to address your needs.

Six typical project steps

Design and construction projects involve several steps. Typically projects go through the following six phases; however, on some projects several steps may be combined or others added.

1. **PROGRAMMING (DECIDING WHAT TO BUILD)**

You and your architect will begin by defining the requirements for your project (how many rooms, the function of the spaces, etc.), determining how your desires fit within your budget.

2. **SCHEMATIC DESIGN (DEVELOPING THE CONCEPT)**

During this phase the architect prepares a series of rough sketches that reflect a conceptual approach to the design, general arrangement of the rooms and general organization of the site. You approve these sketches before proceeding to the next phase.

Do not begin any design work until you have a signed contract with your architect.

Do not begin any construction work until you have a signed contract with your builder.

3. **DESIGN DEVELOPMENT (REFINING THE DESIGN)**

The architect prepares more refined drawings, which communicate and document more detailed aspects of the proposed design. Floor plans show the proportions, shapes and dimensions of all the rooms. Outline specifications are prepared listing the major materials and room finishes.

4. **PREPARATION OF CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS**

Once you approve the design, the architect prepares detailed drawings and specifications, which the contractor can use to establish actual construction costs, obtain permits to begin construction and build the project.

5. HIRING THE BUILDER

As the client, you select and hire the builder. Three or four builders are usually asked to submit proposals. Depending on the approach to builder selection chosen, these proposals may take the form of “bids” for the project, or they may be more simply “budgets,” which include total construction cost estimates. The architect may be willing to make some recommendations of builders to consider and the architect can help you prepare bidding documents, invitations to bid and instructions to bidders. Usually, in the “bid” scenario, the responsible builder with the lowest price is hired. In the “negotiated” scenario, the builder whose approach (whether price, skills, services, personality or all of these factors) best suits the work is hired.

6. CONSTRUCTION

The builder builds the project and is solely responsible for construction methods, techniques, schedules and procedures. During construction, the architect can provide “construction administration” (not “inspection” or “supervision”), helping to be sure the project is built according to plans and specifications. Your architect should visit the site periodically to observe construction, work out design issues and details, sort out conflicts between drawings and existing or developing conditions, review and approve the builder’s requests for payment and keep you informed of the project’s progress.

Project schedule

Some residential and small commercial projects can be designed within a few weeks; however, it’s very important to have adequate time to think through the options, do the necessary research and talk to people about what you are planning. We recommend you allow between three and six months for the design phase. This can include selecting an architect at the outset of your project and, later, selecting a builder.

Most small projects take between three and six months to build; larger projects can certainly take longer. Interior construction can be done in any season; outdoor construction must be carefully timed. If you plan outdoor construction for the warm weather months, you are less likely to be delayed by storms or freezing weather, which make outdoor work difficult. Summer is a busy time for many contractors; be sure to let your contractor know when you want to begin construction well in advance, so he or she can reserve the time and resources.

21 questions you should ask (and answer) yourself

1. Describe your current home. What do you like about it?
What's missing? What don't you like?
2. Do you want to change the space you have?
3. Do you want to build a new home?
4. Why do you want to build a house or add to or renovate your current home? Do you need more room? Are children grown and moving on? Is your lifestyle changing?
5. What is your lifestyle? Are you at home a great deal? Do you work at home? Do you entertain often? How much time do you spend in the living areas, bedrooms, kitchen, den or office, utility space, etc.?
6. How much time and energy are you willing to invest to maintain your home?
7. If you are thinking of adding on, what functions/activities will be housed in the new space?
8. What kind of spaces do you need (bedrooms, expanded kitchen, bathrooms, etc.)?
9. How many of those spaces do you think you need?
10. What do you think the addition/renovation/new home should look like?
11. If planning a new home, what do you envision in this home that you don't have now?
12. How much can you realistically afford to spend?
13. How soon would you like to be settled into your new home or addition? Are there rigid time constraints?
14. If you are contemplating building a home, do you have a site selected?
15. Do you have strong ideas about design styles? What are your design preferences?
16. Which family member will be the primary contact with the architect, builder and others involved in designing and building your project? (It is important to have one point of contact to prevent confusion and mixed messages.)
17. What qualities are you looking for in an architect?
18. How much time do you have to be involved in the design and construction process?
19. Do you plan to do any of the construction work yourself?
20. How much disruption in your life can you tolerate to add on to or renovate your home?
21. How important are carbon-reducing and energy-efficient considerations to you?

Green Building

“Green building” refers to a comprehensive approach to designing, constructing and renovating buildings in order to minimize the negative impacts of design and construction on public health and the environment, while taking into account aesthetics, comfort, economics and performance.

Though green building is an expansive topic, understanding the basic elements of green building will help you build the best home possible.

SITE SELECTION. A building’s orientation to the sun, wind and weather can significantly alter building energy use. Treating building sites with care can help improve or restore stressed ecosystems, improve drainage and building occupants’ quality of life.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CARBON REDUCTION. The construction and operation of buildings accounts for 37 percent of all energy use and 68 percent of all electricity demand in the United States. We can dramatically reduce the impact of buildings on the environment and significantly reduce buildings’ contribution to global warming by properly insulating and sealing homes; installing energy-efficient heating, cooling, hot water systems and appliances; and taking advantage of renewable energy sources such as solar, wind and geothermal.

WATER CONSERVATION. More than 12 percent of our fresh water supply is consumed in buildings. By installing water-saving faucets, toilets and showerheads and by capturing and using rainwater and “gray” water from our roofs and tubs, we can significantly reduce our demand for fresh water.

MATERIALS AND RESOURCES. Construction, both new and renovations, consumes large quantities of materials. Green building carefully considers the environmental impact of building materials. What is the product made of? Was it manufactured locally? Does it contain harmful or toxic chemicals? Does the product contain recycled content or can it be easily recycled? Can the product be harvested at a sustainable rate? Would preservation maximize the use of existing materials and reduce waste, while also saving “embodied energy” (the energy used in its original construction and the creation of its materials)? These are some of the critical questions green builders must ask before choosing building materials.

INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY. Students perform better, workers are more productive and occupants are generally happier and healthier in buildings with superior indoor environmental quality, which considers daylight, air quality and external views.

A green home uses less energy, water and natural resources, creates less waste and is healthier for the people living inside compared to a standard home. It's as simple as that!

PROCESS. Discuss options for building green early in the design process. It is more effective and less-expensive to include green-design features from the beginning of a project than to incorporate them later. Building green from the outset will enable the project team to employ an integrated design process, which emphasizes collaboration and optimizes the potential for green designs that reduce costs, while maximizing efficiency, comfort and functionality.

Source: The Green Roundtable/NEXUS Green Building Resource Center
nexusboston.com - Boston's Full-Immersion Green Building Resource Center

Additional resources

Using the Boston Society of Architects

The Boston Society of Architects (BSA) administers programs and provides resources that enhance the public and professional understanding of design and the practice of architecture. Since its establishment in 1867, this professional service organization has been a committed advocate of design and construction excellence.

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For more information about BSA membership, programs and resources, visit architects.org, e-mail bsa@architects.org or call 617-951-1433 x221.

Books and other publications

Many books and other publications on residential home design are available.

The following is a list of a few helpful titles.



How to Work with an Architect by Gerald Lee Morosco AIA with photography by Ed Massery, published by Gibbs Smith, 2006 (item #557; \$25)



The Distinctive Home: a Vision of Timeless Design (item #346; \$26) and *The Face of Home: A New Way to Look at the Outside of Your House* (item #346; \$42) by Jeremiah Eck FAIA, published by AIA/The Taunton Press



The Not So Big House series by Sarah Susanka FAIA, published by The Taunton Press; the series includes *The Not So Big House: A Blueprint for the Way We Really Live* (item #394; \$30), *Creating the Not So Big House* (item #395; \$28), *Inside the Not So Big House* (item #454; \$40), *Outside the Not So Big House* (item #495; \$40), and *Home By Design* (item #422; \$40)



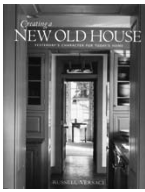
New Rooms for Old Houses by Frank Shirley AIA, The Taunton Press, 2006 (item #667; \$40)



AIA Guide to Boston, 3rd Edition by Susan and Michael Southworth, published by the Globe/Pequot Press, 2008 (item #700; \$30)



The Farmhouse: New Inspiration for the Classic American Home by Jean Rehkamp Larson AIA, published by The Taunton Press, 2004 (item #450; \$34)



Creating a New Old House: Yesterday's Character for Today's Home by Russell Versaci AIA, published by AIA/The Taunton Press, 2003 (item #435; \$38)



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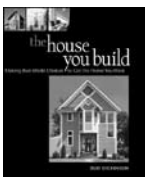
Green by Design: Creating a Home for Sustainable Living by Angela Dean AIA, published by Gibbs-Smith, 2003 (item #549; \$26)



At Home by the Sea: Houses Designed for Living at the Water's Edge by Bruce Snider with photography by Brian Vanden Brink, published by Down East Books, 2008 (item #721; \$40)



The Houses of Martha's Vineyard by Keith Moskow AIA, published by The Monacelli Press, 2005 (item #445; \$56)



The House You Build: Making Real-World Choices to Get the Home You Want (item #452; \$36) and *House on a Budget* (item #592; \$22) by Duo Dickinson AIA, published by The Taunton Press

Websites

Boston Society of Architects/AIA (BSA/AIA): Find an architect, resources, programs and networks for everyone interested in the built environment) at *architects.org*.

American Institute of Architects (AIA): Learn about architecture as a profession at *aia.org*.

AIA Architect Finder: Search the AIA's database of member architects using based on multiple criteria at *http://architectfinder.aia.org*.

You and Your Architect: Find this free online guide from the AIA at *aia.org/SiteObjects/files/you_and_your_architect.pdf*.

American Society of Interior Designers (ASID): Learn about new ideas for building interiors at *asid.org*.

American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA): Find a landscape architect and learn about trends in landscape architecture at *asla.org* and *bslaweb.org* (local Boston chapter).

International Interior Design Association (IIDA): Learn about interior designer qualifications at *iida.org*.

National Association of Homebuilders: Find a builder/remodeler and resources for construction at *nahb.org*.

Builders Association of Greater Boston: Resources for selecting a builder are available at *bagb.org*.

Building Online: Access resources, information and thousands of links to building and home-improvement webpages at *buildingonline.com*.

National Association of the Remodeling Industry: Find information on contractors at *www.nari.org*.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Public Licensure: View complaint and licensing information—from verifying licenses to disciplinary action taken within the last five years to findings of closed complaints—at *www.state.ma.us/dpl*.

Old House Journal and The Old House Web: Visit sites devoted entirely to homeowners who live in and restore old homes at *oldhousejournal.com* and *oldhouseweb.com*

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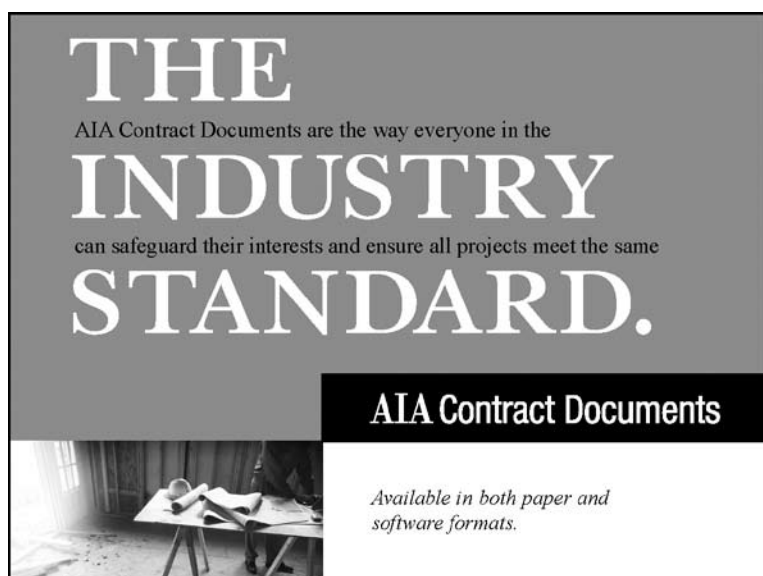
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National Kitchen and Bath Association: Get design ideas, expert remodeling tips and advice on kitchens at nkba.org.

Environmental Protection Agency's "A Guide to Residential Green Building in New England" (EPA): epa.gov/region1/topics/envpractice/gbuildings.html

Northeast Sustainable Energy Association (NESEA; organization of professionals working in sustainable energy): nesea.org



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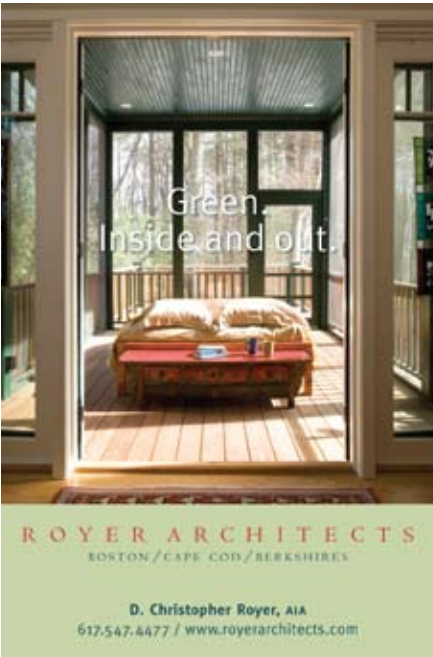
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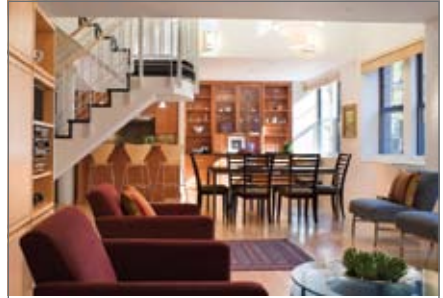
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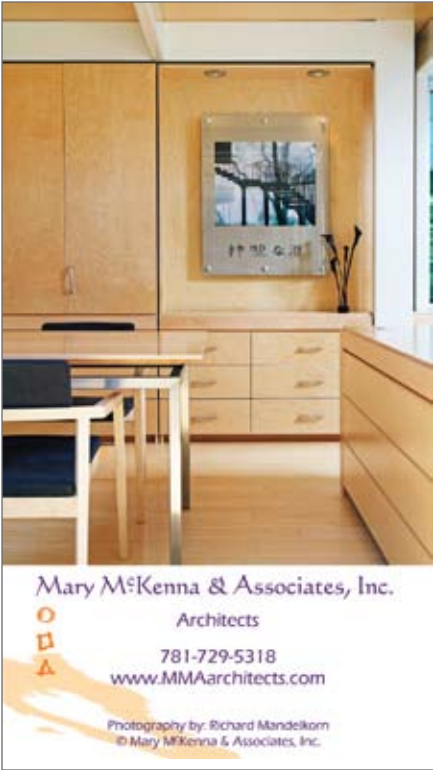
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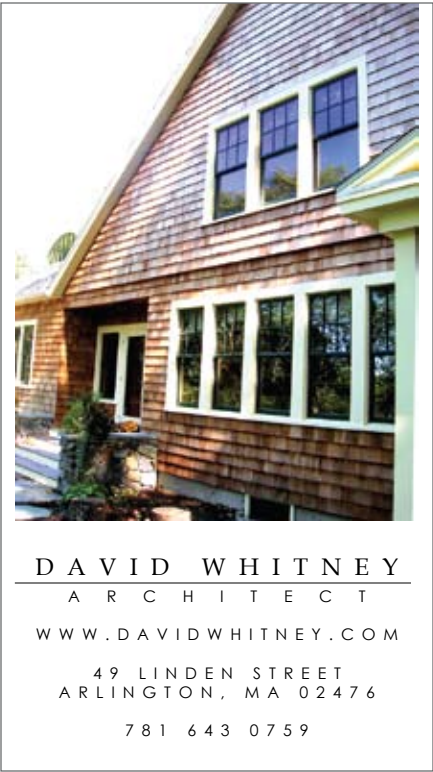
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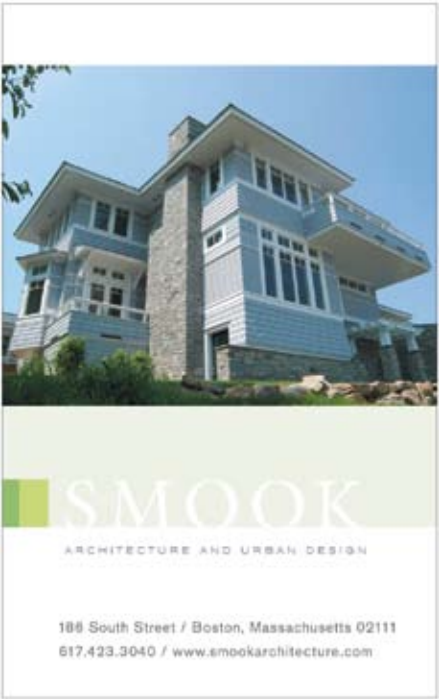


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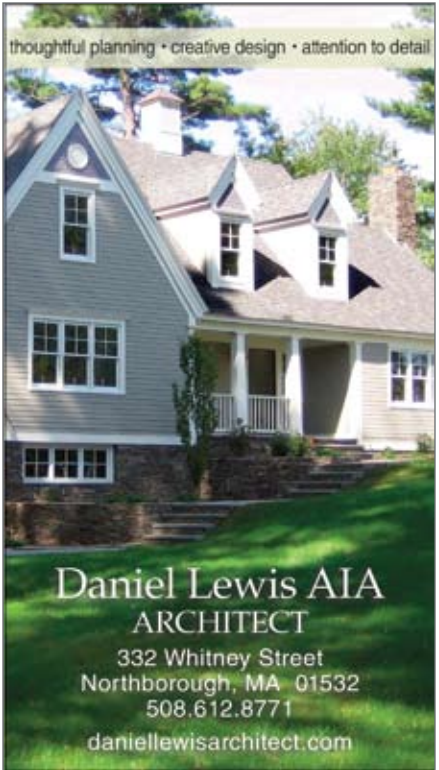
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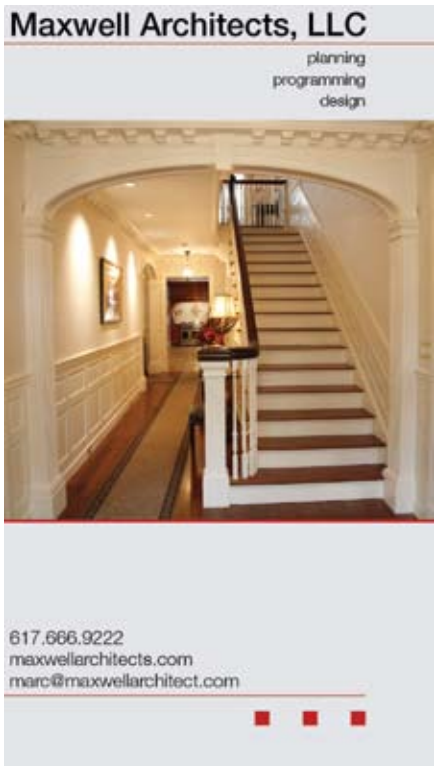
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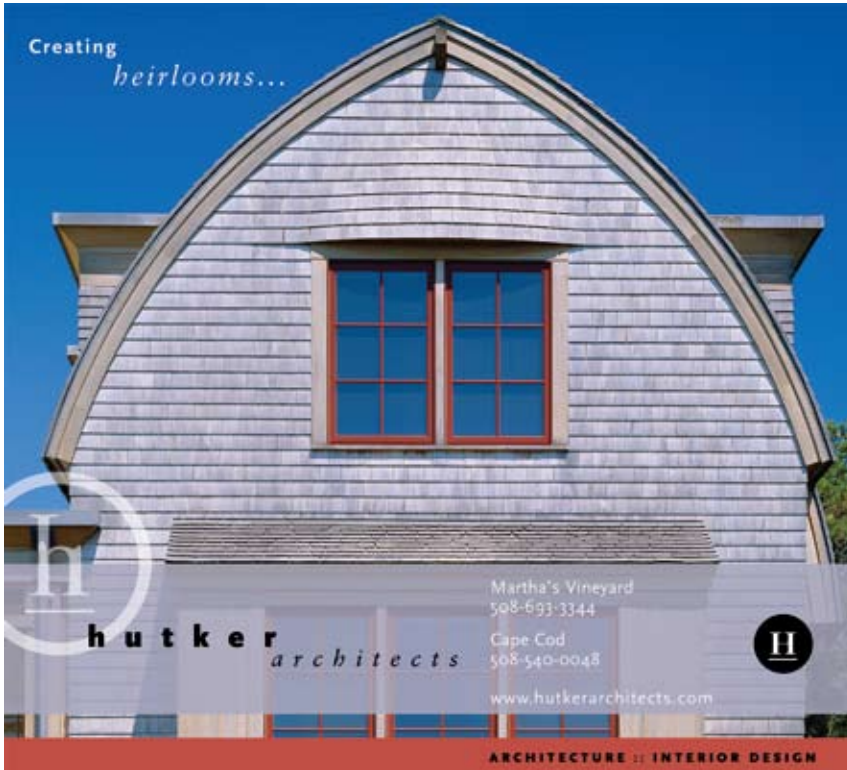
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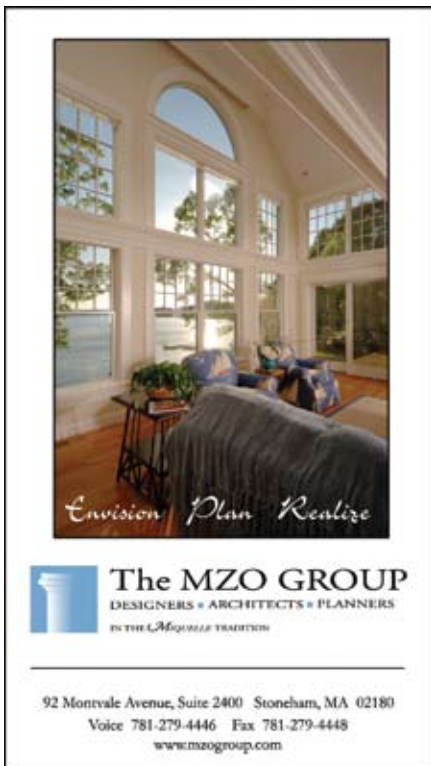
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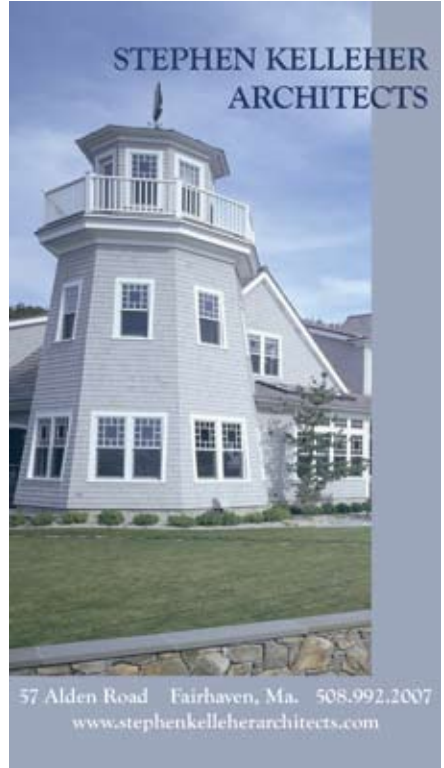
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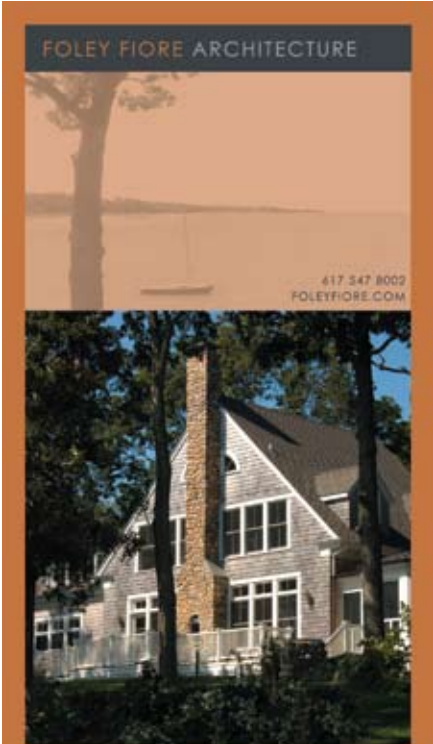


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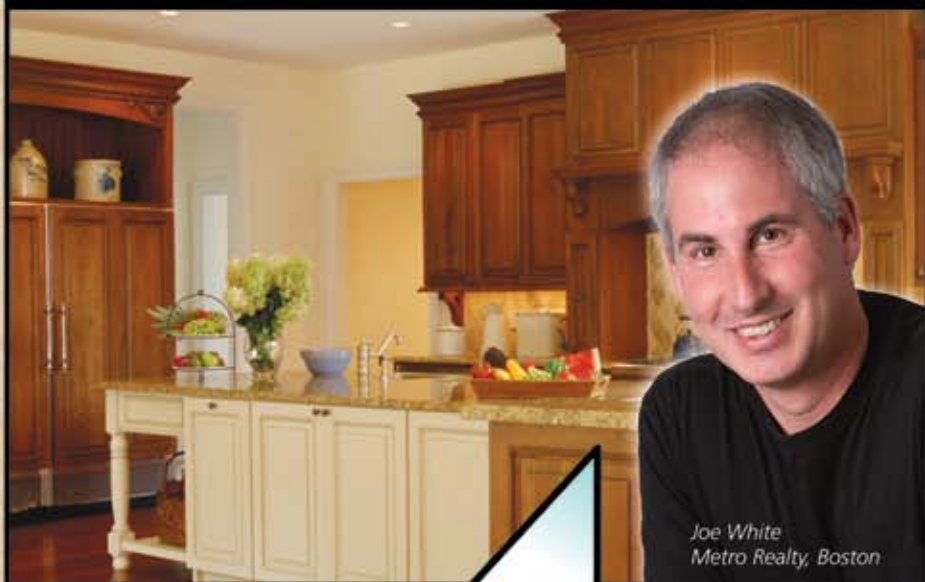
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