

# NARI MINNESOTA - 2022 COTY AWARDS

**PROJECT: THE BIG RELAX    CATEGORY: RESIDENTIAL ADDITION UNDER \$100K**

This picturesque porch addition converted the Prior Lake, MN owner’s previous deck into a delightful escape from the unrelenting afternoon sun.

The project’s first challenge was to determine how to access the backyard from the soon to be enclosed space. Ultimately, the design plan used an existing set of interior stairs to eliminate the need for a doorway and staircase within the space which allowed for ideal flow and layout.

The roof of the porch was yet another challenge. It needed to be tied into several roof lines to allow it to look natural from the backyard elevation. Additionally, to accommodate sight lines of the windows in the adjoining room, the ceiling needed to be vaulted. A highly pitched gable roof proved to be a marvelous solution.

The vaulted ceiling clad in white maximizes the natural light and maintains the flow into the existing living area. The extra height allows for an impressive wall of windows, framed in black, for added impact. Custom Hunter Douglas blinds provide both shade and privacy, while fixed angular windows follow the peak of the vault and let the light pour in. The windows blur the line between the indoors and outdoors to create a relaxed nature-inspired oasis

Classic rattan furnishings in warm grays sit atop wood decking and typify casual outdoor living. Greenery and natural accents add an organic layer to the design.

What a spectacular setting in which to unwind!





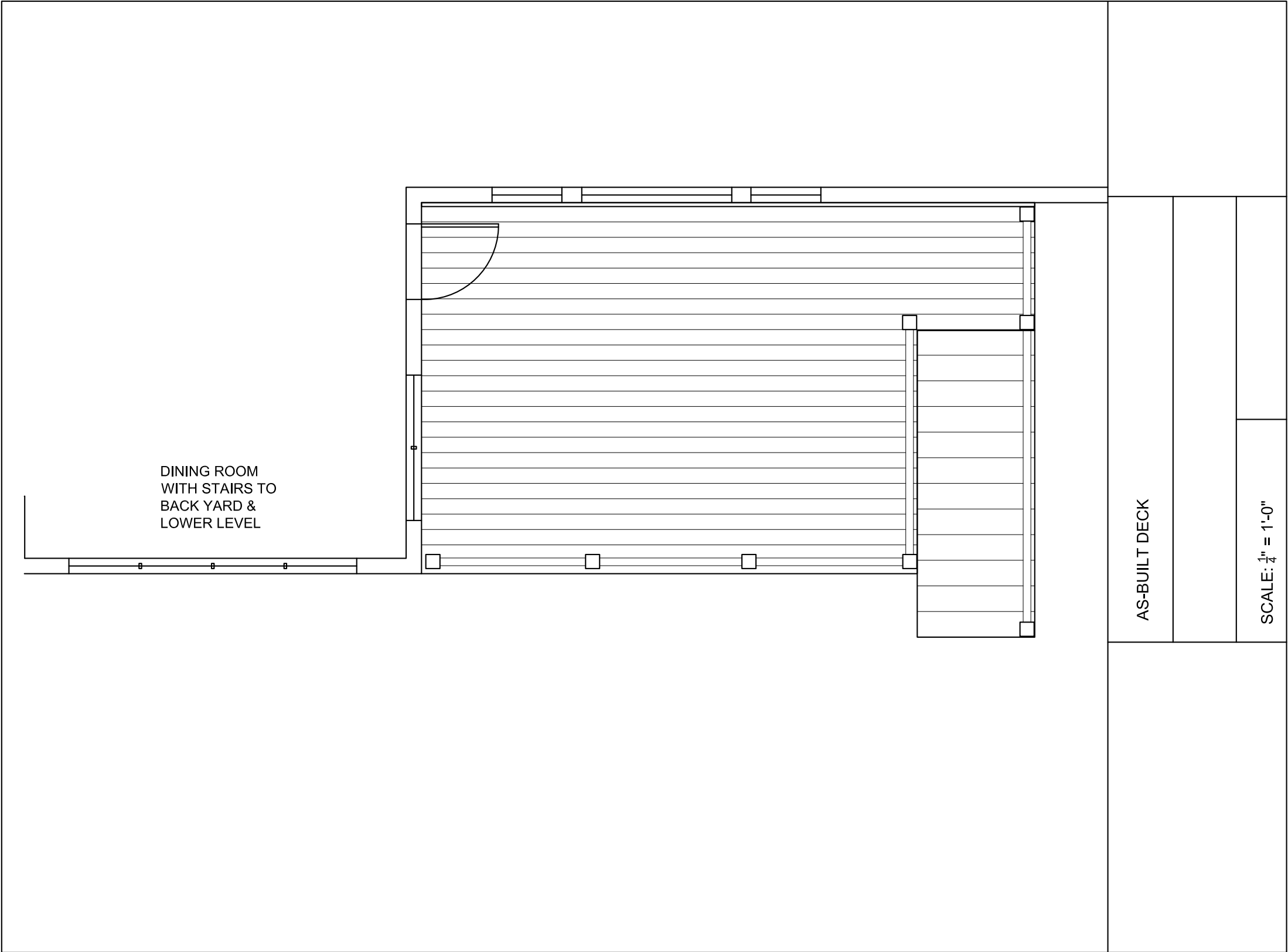
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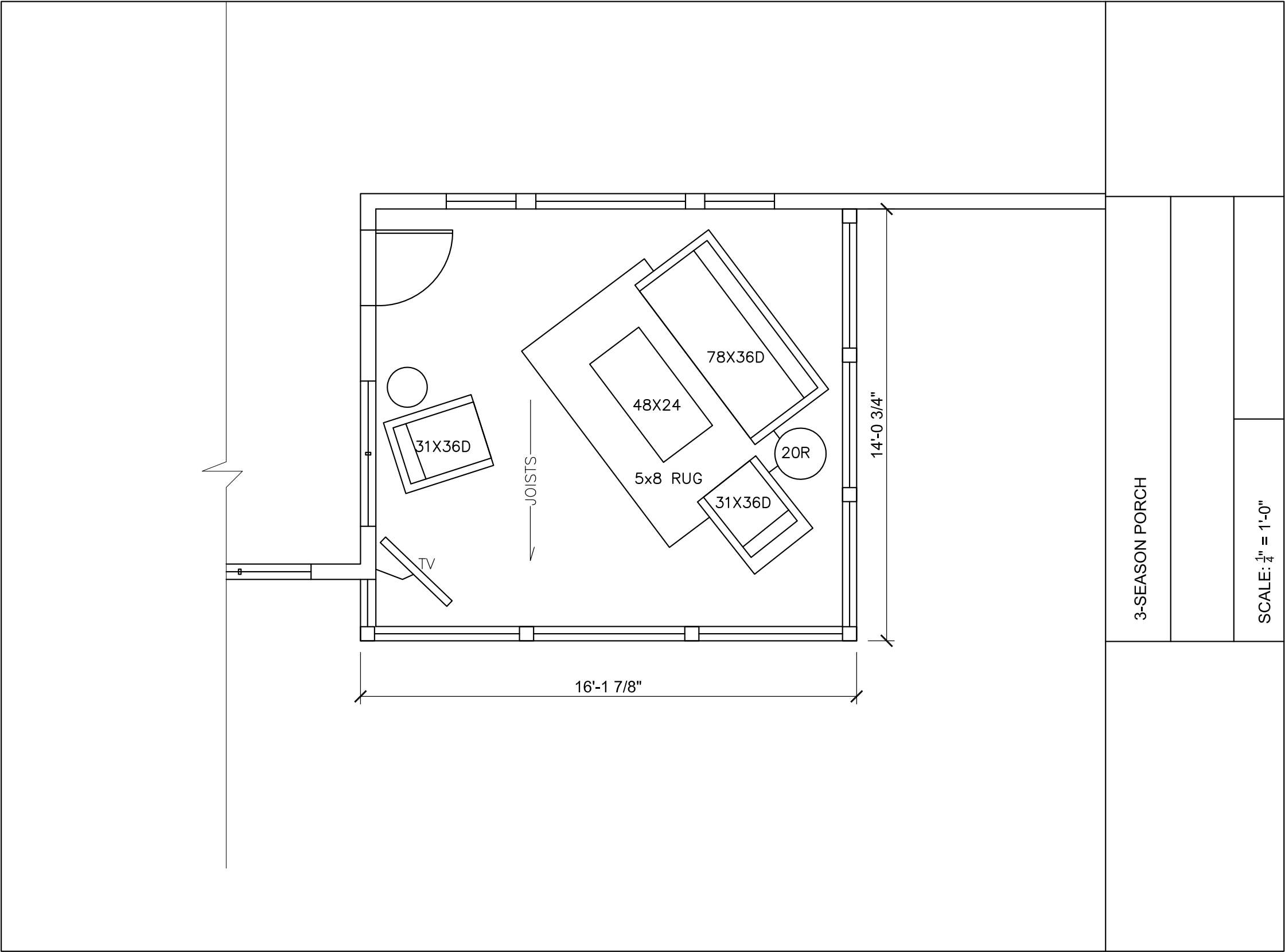


# CLIENT REQUESTS AND BEFORE SITE PLAN

- Convert existing uncovered deck space into an escape from the afternoon sun.
- Maintain seamless flow from the existing interior space to the new room.
- Create access to the backyard from the newly enclosed space.
- Utilize existing decking and deck footprint for the project for efficiency.
- Design a casual, yet spectacular setting in which to unwind.

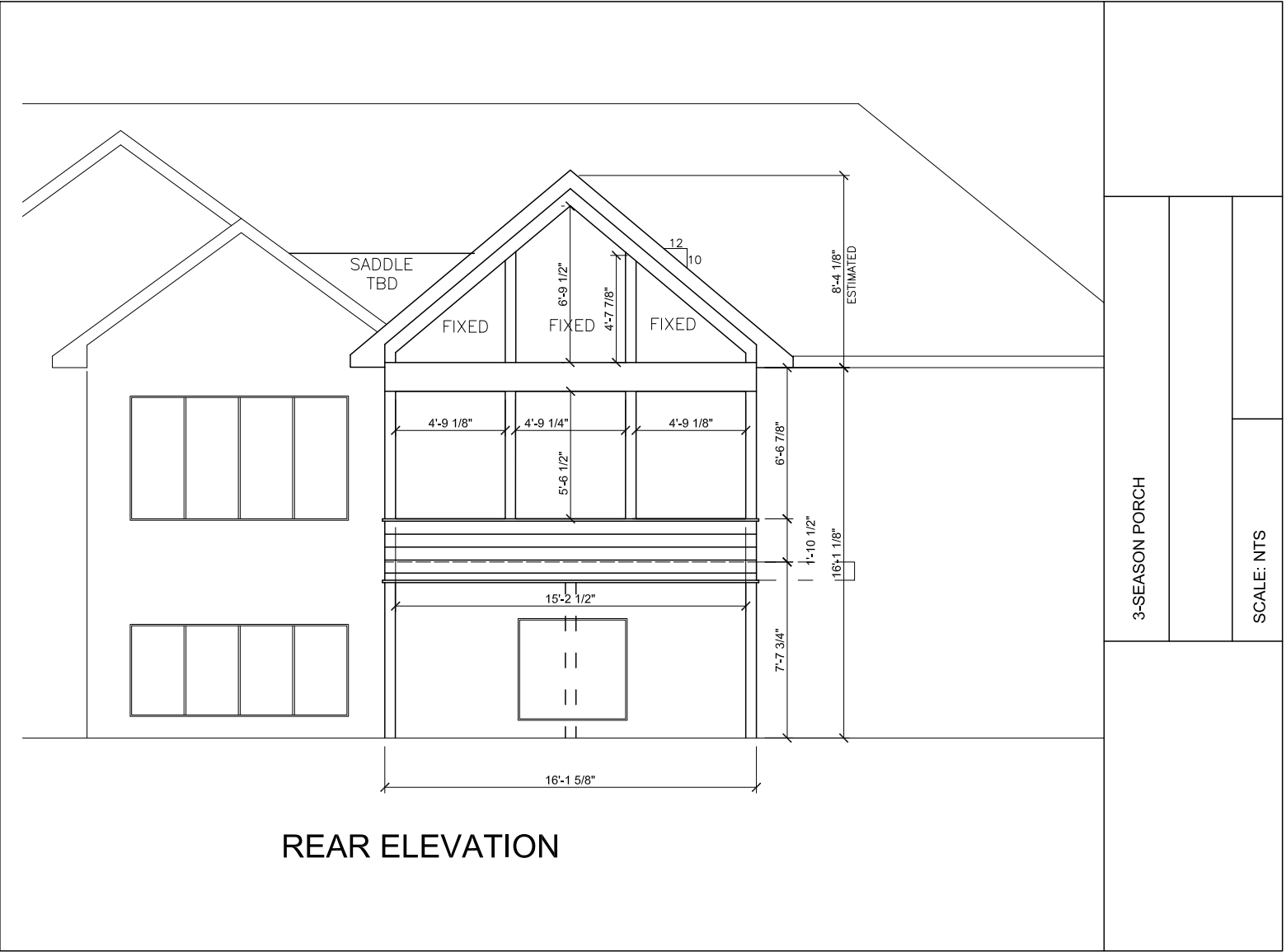


AFTER SITE PLAN AND ELEVATION DETAILS





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BEFORE AND AFTER



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## FUNCTIONALITY

-A highly pitched gable roof allows for a vaulted ceiling to take advantage of natural light and maintains the flow into the existing living area. The roof selection accommodates sight lines of the windows in the adjoining room.

-Access to the backyard exists through the use of an existing set of inside stairs.

-Large windows on the outside wall let the natural light flood in and the outside breezes circulate.

-Custom blinds provide both shade and privacy.

-Seating configuration allows for group gatherings or quiet solitude.

-Electric fireplace adds warmth and ambiance.





## AESTHETICS

- Vaulted ceiling and interior siding is clad in white, which maximizes the natural light.
- Stunning wall of windows framed in black showcases backyard views.
- Non-operating angular windows follow the peak of the vault.
- Custom Hunter Douglas blinds add a touch of finish while providing both shade and privacy.
- Classic rattan furnishings in neutral grays warm the space.
- Greenery and natural accents add an organic layer to the design.
- Use of existing wood decking gives a nod to casual outdoor living.





# PROJECT CHALLENGES

- Determination of how to access the backyard from the newly enclosed space.
- Roof of the porch needed to tie into several existing roof lines to allow for a seamless transition from the backyard elevation.
- Roof selection also had to allow for a vaulted ceiling to maintain sight lines within the adjoining space.

# CRAFTSMANSHIP / INNOVATIVE METHODS AND USES

- The highly pitched gable roof selected for the porch tied into several roof lines and allowed for a visually seamless transition from the backyard elevation. This roof selection also allowed for a vaulted ceiling which maintained the sight lines within the adjoining space.

