

Wayzata Lakeside Cottage - Entire House Over \$1 Million



Entry Design Statement

Our client had always dreamed of living on Lake Minnetonka. When the perfect opportunity finally arose to purchase his dream property, he turned to our company to explore either renovating the existing 1930's cottage or tearing the home down and building a new one. Through a series of design meetings, and falling more and more in love with the existing home's charming 1930's cottage Architecture, he made the decision to renovate the home instead of sending it to a landfill.

The home was in very rough shape, and many of the finishes and systems in the home were original. The entirety of the interior was stripped down to the studs, walls were opened to create an open concept more common in today's lake homes. The exterior also went through a complete overhaul with all new siding, windows, roofing, gutters, and a complete landscape overhaul as well.

The completed home is just as charming as the original home, but now with all of the modern day amenities that our client desired. He is thrilled with the outcome and reports that his family and grandkids loved their first Summer at Grandpa's new lake home. He purchased this property with the idea that it can be a place for family to gather frequently and enjoy the lake life that he dreamt about for so many years. In doing so, he was also able to keep a charming and iconic home standing, which was quite refreshing to see.

This project was a true collaboration between client, Architect, and builder, and we are so thrilled that we could be a part of making our client's dream come true.

BEFORE PHOTO #1

Existing 1930's cottage. Extensive deferred maintenance.



AFTER PHOTO #1

Completely remodeled home inside and out. Exterior includes new Davinci slate roof, Copper gutters, Marvin Windows, custom shutters, cedar shake siding, and a complete landscape overhaul.



BEFORE PHOTO #2

Existing kitchen before renovation.



AFTER PHOTO #2

New kitchen post-renovation. New space includes, Cambria tops, Miele and Sub-Zero appliances, floor to ceiling tile, custom metal range hood, and white oak floors.



BEFORE PHOTO #3

Existing living room before renovation. You can see the existing kitchen through the door in the background.



AFTER PHOTO #3

New living room open to the kitchen, informal dining room, and staircase.



BEFORE PHOTO #4

Another angle of existing dining room closed off to the kitchen.



AFTER PHOTO #4

New informal dining, living room, and kitchen all open to each other. The ship lap walls complete the lake house vibe the client was trying to achieve.



AFTER PHOTO #5

Daytime exterior photo.



AFTER PHOTO #6

Authentic cottage details, complete with extensive landscaping throughout the entire property



AFTER PHOTO #7

View from the front entry. This view shows how much the home was opened up to achieve better flow in the main living areas. The staircase was also opened up and became a focal point of the main floor Architecture.



AFTER PHOTO #8

View from the kitchen into the informal dining and screen porch.



AFTER PHOTO #9

Hallway leading to kitchen. Notice ample cabinetry for storage, as well as a custom metal wine display.



AFTER PHOTO #10

The completed home office. The original 1930's fireplace and surround was salvaged and refurbished.



AFTER PHOTO #11

Completed primary closet with ample storage and display.



AFTER PHOTO #12

Completed second floor guest suite. The exposed brick was uncovered during demolition and turned into a charming architectural feature in the completed home.



AFTER PHOTO #13

Primary bathroom with marble tile, custom cabinetry, and fun wallpaper.



AFTER PHOTO #14

Lower level steam shower with unique tile and stone detailing.



AFTER PHOTO #15

A custom table we made our client, complete with his late father's boat motor. This piece is nostalgic but also really completes the nautical theme of the home.



AFTER PHOTO #16

The front exterior just before dusk.



AFTER PHOTO #17

An angle showing all of the main living spaces open to each other.

