

# NARI MINNESOTA- COTY AWARDS

PROJECT: Minnetonka Kitchen

CATEGORY: #3 Residential Kitchen

The homeowners wanted to create an updated open concept kitchen. They wanted to be able to utilize the space to cook dinners with their family and entertain between the kitchen, dining and living room. With a design in mind, we transformed this small confined kitchen into a beautiful open space with custom cabinets made for abundant storage, upgraded appliances, a spacious island for food prep, quartz countertops, tile backsplash and an under mount sink.

## CLIENT NEEDS:

- Have a more family focused food prep area
- An open concept design encompassing kitchen, dining and living room areas
- New appliances
- Flooring to match style of kitchen
- Extra added storage space





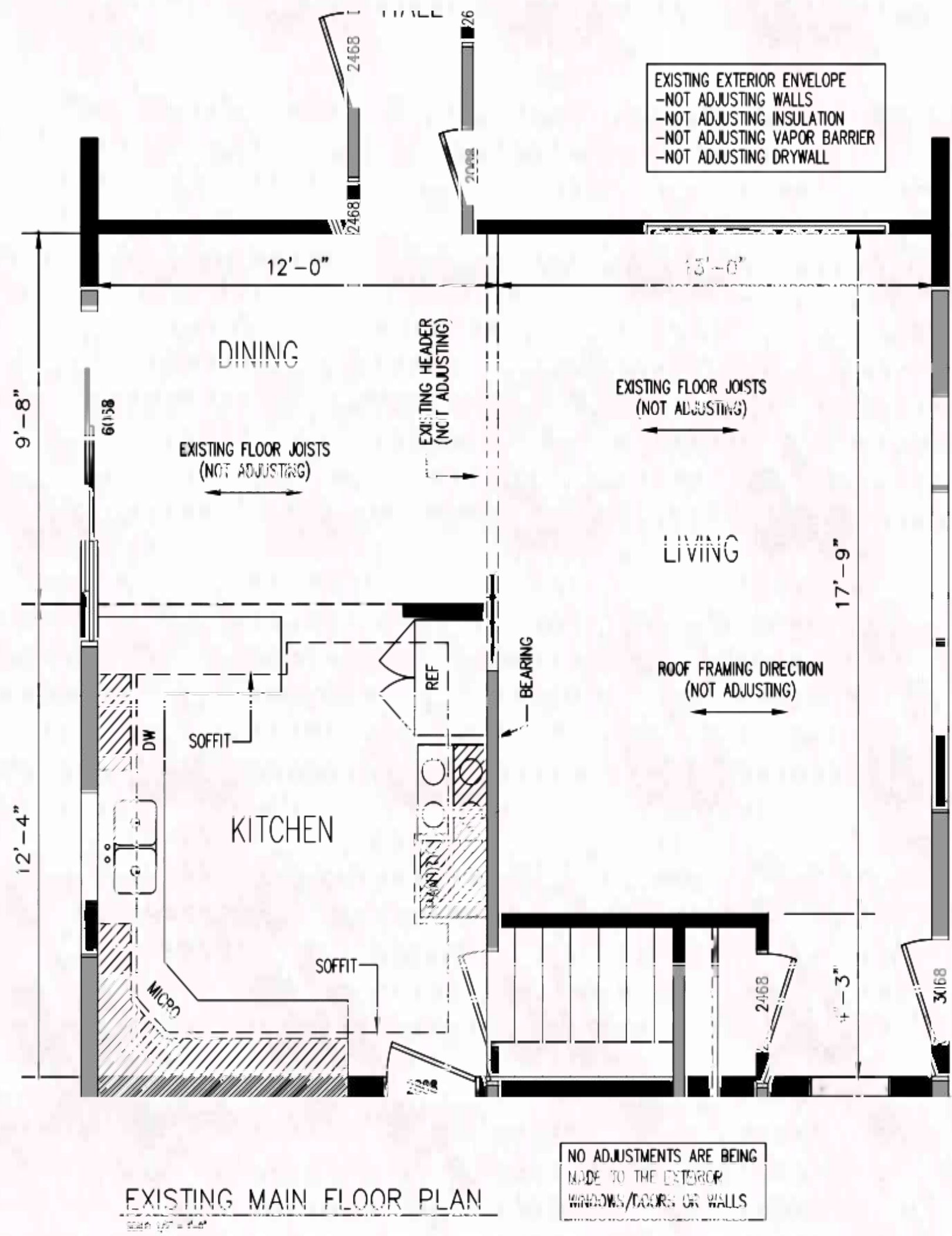
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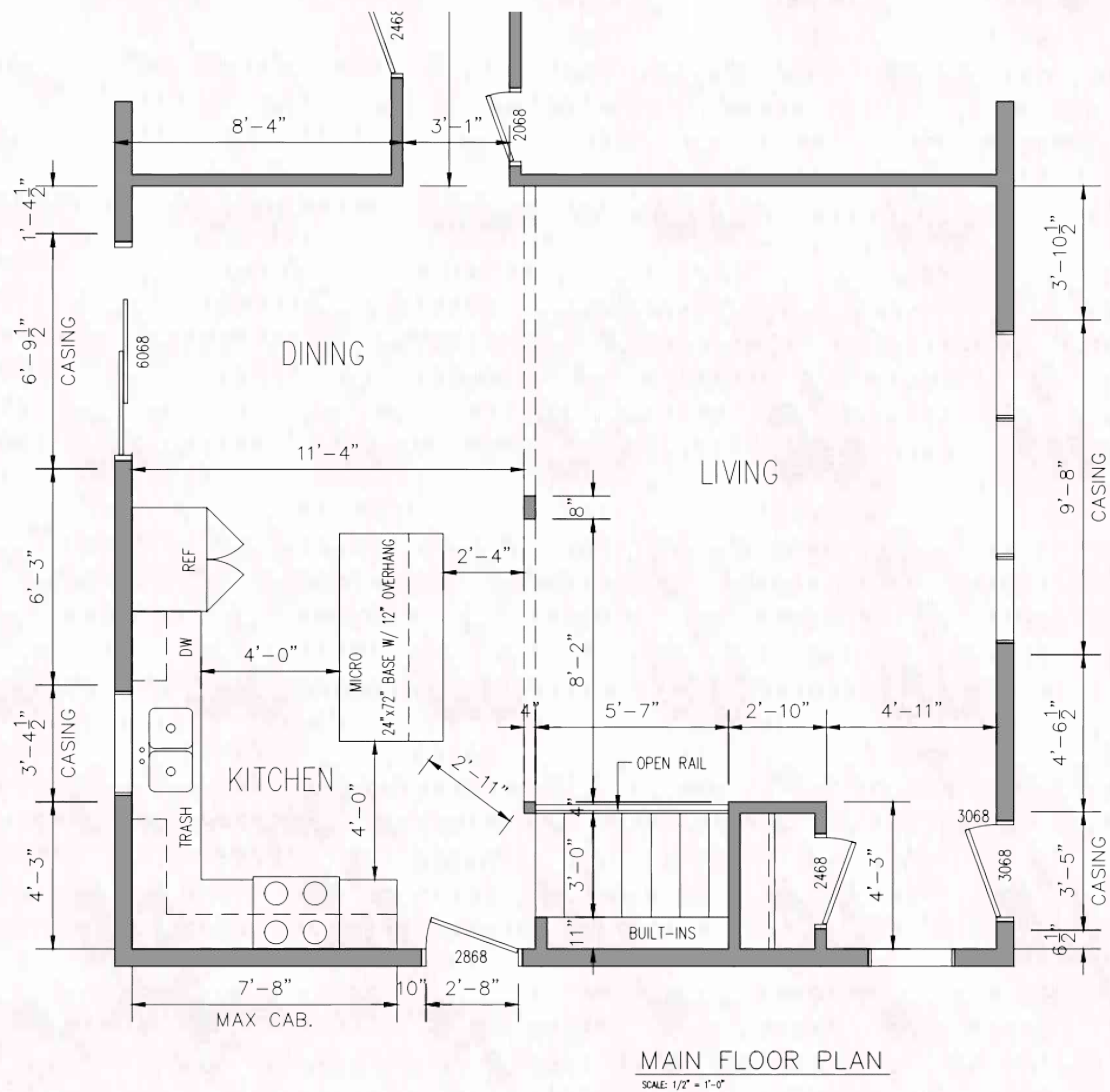
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# BEFORE FLOOR PLAN



AFTER FLOOR PLAN





BEFORE AND AFTER



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# FUNCTIONALITY

- We used our in-house architectural designer to design the kitchen using the point loads as a design focal point
- Contracted a specialty wood flooring company to seamlessly match the color size and style of the 1950's era hardwood
- Added storage cabinets to stairway leading to basement
- Oversized island for everyday use
- Hood venting to exterior
- Oversized upper cabinets to ceiling for extra storage





# ASTHETICS

- Tile backsplash
- Red Oak hardwood flooring
- Custom cabinets with contrasting colors to bring warmth and compliment flooring
- Special order hardware
- Upgraded Quartz surfaces
- Updated lighting fixtures
- Stainless undermount sink
- Modern appliances
- Custom wood hood
- Smooth ceiling finish





# CRAFTSMANSHIP/ INNOVATIVE METHODS & USES

- Continuously cleaned up and scrapped out multiple times a day, while using a Polywall system to create a “safe” corridor through the construction area to bedrooms and lower level temporary living area.
- Utilized ledge next to stairway to optimize unused space for kitchen storage
- Researched and contracted old school contractor familiar with matching older wood flooring
- Hired engineering firm to find exact roof weight and point load poundage to achieve the correct beam support
- Custom cabinets to fully maximize existing space



## PROJECT CHALLENGES

- Removing the bearing walls, and incorporating structural point loads into kitchen design
- Adding much needed storage with limited square footage space while keeping kitchen clean and functional
- Matching 60 year old hardwood floors to seamlessly match new areas
- Creating a safe environment for the family to occupy the home during demo and construction
- Supporting existing roof structure while removing center bearing wall
- Sealing & insulating existing building envelope to bring up to current code



CONSTRUCTION PHOTOS



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