

ENVIRONMENT FOR RETIREMENT

Because the clients were planning for retirement, ZeroEnergy Design needed to create a home that could adapt from vacation use—with fluctuating occupancy—to become a full-time residence for aging in place. The project included replacing a seasonal 1950s cottage with a LEED Gold-certified home reflective of the clients' modern sensibilities and commitment to environmental stewardship. There are three primary forms, each of which houses one element of the design scheme. There's the main living space; the guest accommodations; and the private rooms that comprise the master suite, study, and den. Outside, a pond-facing deck is located off the living space, providing a direct connection to the surrounding site. If desired, a covered porch can be screened in. The roof deck is ideal for bird watching—one of the clients' chief pastimes.

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