

# Maine Home

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# BREAKING NEW GROUND

TWENTY RESIDENTIAL AND  
COMMERCIAL ARCHITECTURE  
PROJECTS THAT PUSH THE  
LIMITS OF DESIGN





## A CAMP WITH A GRAND VIEW



When the clients bought the property several years ago, there was a waterside deck with a magnificent view of Penobscot Bay on a bluff in front of a dark, old, uninsulated camp. On the land side, the grade dropped sharply to the front door and exposed a crowded ledge on one end. The camp's bayside wall skirted the 75-foot shoreland setback line, and the entire deck was within 75 feet of the shoreline at the bottom of the steep and rocky face. The clients wanted a new year-round retirement home within a limited budget. Rebuilding the deck and taking advantage of the spectacular vista were the driving forces for the design.

One room deep, the new house has windows on two sides of every living space. On the entry side, away from the water, are bathrooms, closets,

and utility rooms. In the main room, an open office alcove sits against the hillside wall, with a sheltered view to the woods and a sight line beyond the living room fireplace to the water. The front wall of the great room runs along the front of the original camp with the owners' bedroom wing set six feet back. This gives the owners' bedroom a private deck and the living room an expanded view. On the opposite side of the main room, the guest bedroom wing is set 12 feet back, creating an open, light-filled dining area. The two guest bedrooms are at a higher floor level to avoid the ledge and make this wing more private.

The house is sheltered on the land side by the hill, the woods, and a large, covered entry. On the water side, and from every room, the house is open to the large expanse of Penobscot Bay.

**Photographer:** Myriam Babin  
**Location:** Brooksville  
**Completed:** 2016

**Architect:** Eric A. Chase Architecture  
**General Contractor:** Jon D. Woodward & Sons  
**Kitchen & Window Supplier:** EBS Building Supplies  
**Landscape:** Down East Landscape & Design  
**Masonry:** Dennis J. King Masonry  
**Site Work:** M.E. Astbury & Son