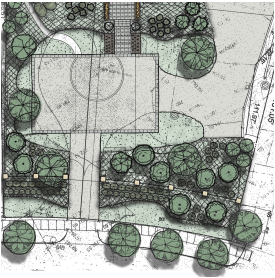




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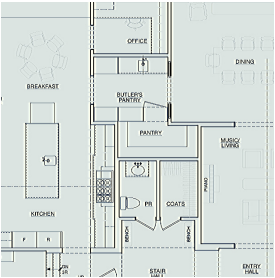
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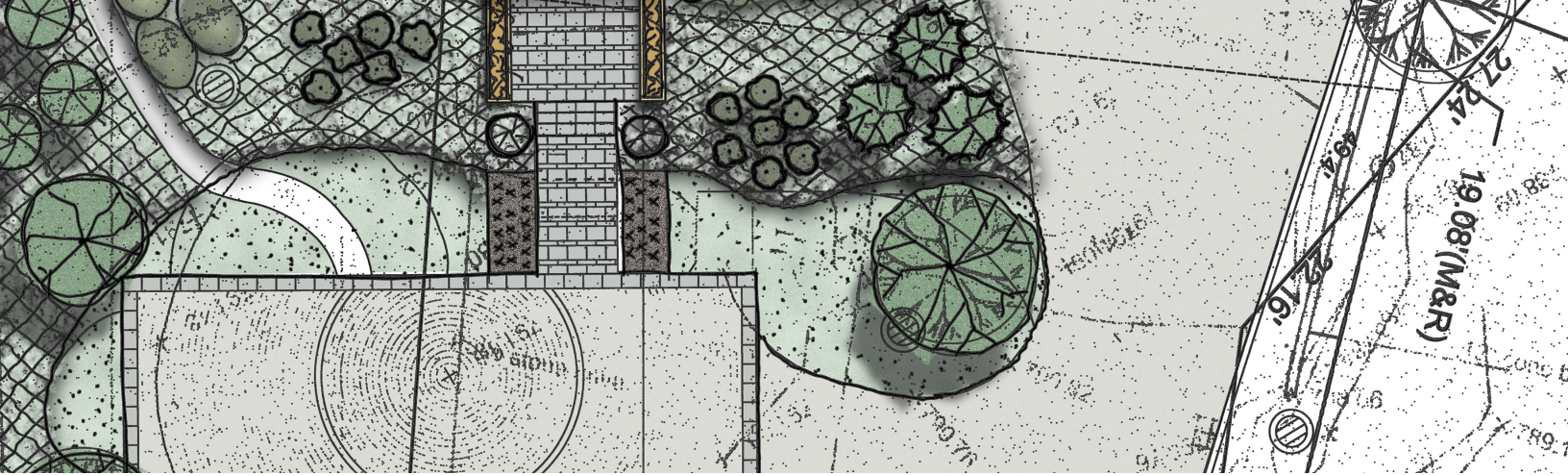


NEW HOME DESIGN PLANNING GUIDE

At BBA Architects, a well prepared client is one of our best assets. The sooner that we understand your aesthetic, functional, and financial goals, the sooner we can produce great solutions. Many of our clients have never before engaged an architect or taken part in a residential design and construction project. As a result, we have found a great deal of our time in the initial stages of the project is spent gathering information that is essential to begin the design process.

Whether you engage us as your architect or select one of our well-qualified peers, organizing the following information will help you get into your dream home in a shorter time period with a thoughtful and effective process.

Gathering and management of this information is sometimes referred to as "pre-design", and while we do offer this step as a paid service, it is possible for you to begin this yourself, at your own pace, before you hire a building professional. This will help you to be well informed and prepared for your home design project.



Site Considerations

Have you selected a building site? If so, the first step in planning a new home is to gather as much information about the site as possible. The following documentation will help establish the existing site conditions (both restrictions and opportunities) for your new home design.

1. A professional survey. This will be required for any new project. It should contain a legal description, show all boundaries and significant features, easements, rights of way, etc. A survey should contain the footprint of any buildings on the site and helps establish the parameters of any modifications. If the site has a steep slope, hills or large trees, a topographic survey includes another layer of more detailed information and will locate and document these features.
2. Photographs of the site and immediate surroundings are helpful to record significant features and views.
3. Contact your local municipality and inquire about any special rules or concerns with building a new home on this site. Particular areas of inquiry should be:
 - a. Is there a local map of zoning districts and regulations for your district?
 - b. Does the municipality offer homeowners assistance interpreting the zoning code?
 - c. Are there any local design review covenants for the site?
 - d. Is municipal water and sewer available, or does the site require a well and septic system?
 - e. Is the site in a floodplain or does it include a wetland area?
 - f. Does the municipality require a civil engineer to design the site drainage and storm retention?
5. Google Maps or Google Earth can be used to generate a satellite plan. This is a helpful tool to understand the surrounding context, vegetation density and other existing features.
6. Consider gathering all of your site data and putting on a cloud server that you can share with consultants as required. Dropbox or Google Drive.