

## BUILDING PROJECT QUESTIONNAIRE

### GENERAL

Do you want an open floor plan or a traditionally divided floor plan? How large is the home you envision?

What is your budget for this project (house plus site costs)?

How many are in your family? Will you have frequent guests?

Do you have any collections or hobbies that will require special storage or display areas?

What is your primary motivation for undertaking this project?

What is your greatest anxiety about building a new house or remodeling your existing home?

### SITE

Are there any views you wish to capture?

Are there any views to be avoided?

Do you want morning light in any particular rooms or outdoor areas?

Do you want sunset views from any particular rooms or outdoor areas?

Would you describe the building site as flat, sloping, or steep? Is it open meadow/field or wooded?

Are there driveway access problems? Any other physical or legal constraints on the property?

Will there be any outbuildings or other uses on the property?

## **OUTDOOR LIVING**

Would you like access from a particular room(s) to specific outdoor areas?

For an outdoor sitting area do you prefer:

Deck

Patio

Roofed porch

Screened porch

Will you eat outside? Do you need a grilling/picnic area?

Do you want any garden structures or features, such as a gazebo, pond, hot tub, outdoor shower, etc?

## **SPECIAL NEEDS**

Do you have any health problems or will you have an elderly person sharing your home now or in the future?

Will you need an accessible entry, bath or kitchen? An elevator or dumbwaiter?

## **MUD ROOM**

What are your storage/closet requirements?

Will the laundry be located here?

What rooms should be adjacent? (garage, kitchen, foyer)

## **FOYER**

Do you have a special piece of furniture or piece of art in mind for this space? How large is it?

What are your storage/closet requirements?

**LIVING AREA**

Describe the room you envision.

How do you want to use this room?

Should it have a view?

How many people do you wish to seat comfortably?

Do you want a fireplace or woodstove?

Do you need storage or display space? What kind?

Do you have a special piece of furniture for this space?

Will you have a TV here?

**FAMILY ROOM/REC ROOM**

Describe the room you envision.

To which rooms would you like it to be adjacent?

How many people do you wish to seat comfortably?

Should it have a view?

Do you want a home theater or very large TV?

Do you want a fireplace or woodstove?

Will you want a wet bar/snack area? With a small refrigerator and microwave?

## **KITCHEN**

Describe the kind of kitchen you envision.

Is it open to other rooms? If so, which ones?

Is the view important to you?

Do you tend to be tidy or messy?

Do you cook frequently?

Does more than one person usually cook at a time?

Is low maintenance important?

Do you want an eat-in kitchen? Dining at a table, counter, or both?

Will you entertain in the kitchen?

Do you want a separate breakfast room?

How many do you wish to seat?

Do you prefer a particular style of cabinet?

Do you want a walk-in pantry?

Do you want a desk/homework/phone/TV area?

Do you want one to two sinks?

Do you want a range or a cooktop & wall oven? Additional baking oven? Microwave?

Do you want a trash compactor or special recycling area?

Do you have a material in mind for the counters? Floors?

## **DINING AREA**

Describe the room you envision.

Do you have a special piece of furniture in mind for this room?

How many people do you wish to seat?

To which other room should it be adjacent?

Should it be accessible to any outdoor areas?

Should it have a view?

## **LIBRARY/DEN/TV ROOM/OFFICE**

Describe the room you envision.

What are our storage needs?

Any special requirements?

Could this double as a guest room?

## **BEDROOMS**

How many bedrooms do you require? On what level? How large are the rooms and what storage is needed?

Describe the master bedroom.

## **BATHS**

How many baths do you require?

To which rooms should they be adjacent?

Describe the master bath.

## **MECHANICAL**

What type of heating system are you considering?

Forced Air

In-floor radiant

Other

Will you have central air?

Are you interested in incorporating some "green building" construction techniques?

Super insulation or high R windows

Low energy use mechanical systems and appliances

Solar, wind or geothermal

Recycled materials

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## **GARAGE**

Do you prefer an attached or detached garage?

Can it be semi-attached through a carport or breezeway?

How large? 1-car, 2 car, 2 1/2 car, 3 car?

What other storage is needed here? (freezer, workshop, riding mower, etc)

If the garage is at main level, would you want a stair to the basement?

Could the garage be in the basement?

## EXTERIOR

Do you have any preference for a particular house style?

- Arts and Crafts
- Prairie
- Farmhouse vernacular
- Contemporary
- Traditional ranch
- Traditional 2-story
- Historical
- Cottage
- Other

Do you prefer a one or two story house?

Do you desire any particular architectural features such as bay windows, french doors, dormers, etc?

Which exterior siding do you prefer?

- Brick
- stone
- stucco
- wood lap
- wood vertical
- board & batten
- vinyl
- cement board
- cement panel
- other

Which roofing materials do you prefer?

- asphalt
- wood shingle/shake
- metal
- other

Which window style do you prefer?

- double hung
- casement
- awning
- picture (non-operating)
- sliders
- french doors
- sliding patio doors

