



Exterior Rendering

With traditional massing and contemporary detailing, this single family home presents homage to the fabric of past New England residential architecture while recognizing the needs of the modern family. An open floor plan provides visual connection to the entire first floor and the scenic vie to the north and west, while an inglenook offers a slight retreat, warmed by the glow of a gas fireplace and southern facing windows

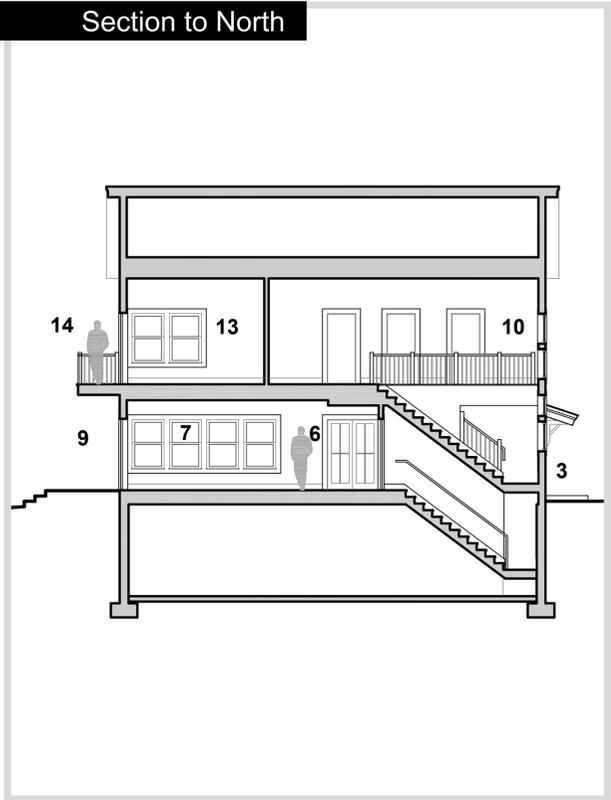
The kitchen, maintaining its central role in today's lifestyle, commands the garden entrance and the parking area front door, with windows to the kitchen garden and side yard. A light-filled stair rises in the southeast corner with an open rail overlooking the kitchen and a top landing sufficient for sitting with a book or tablet on a sunny fall day.

The stone veneer foundation segues into stone walls at the front and rear yards, stretching the influence of the house into the landscape and implying outdoor rooms as the kitchen garden and sun garden. The kitchen garden, defined by a low stone wall to the streetscape but open to the green space beyond, creates an area for work and rest, fulfilling the role of the traditional front porch.

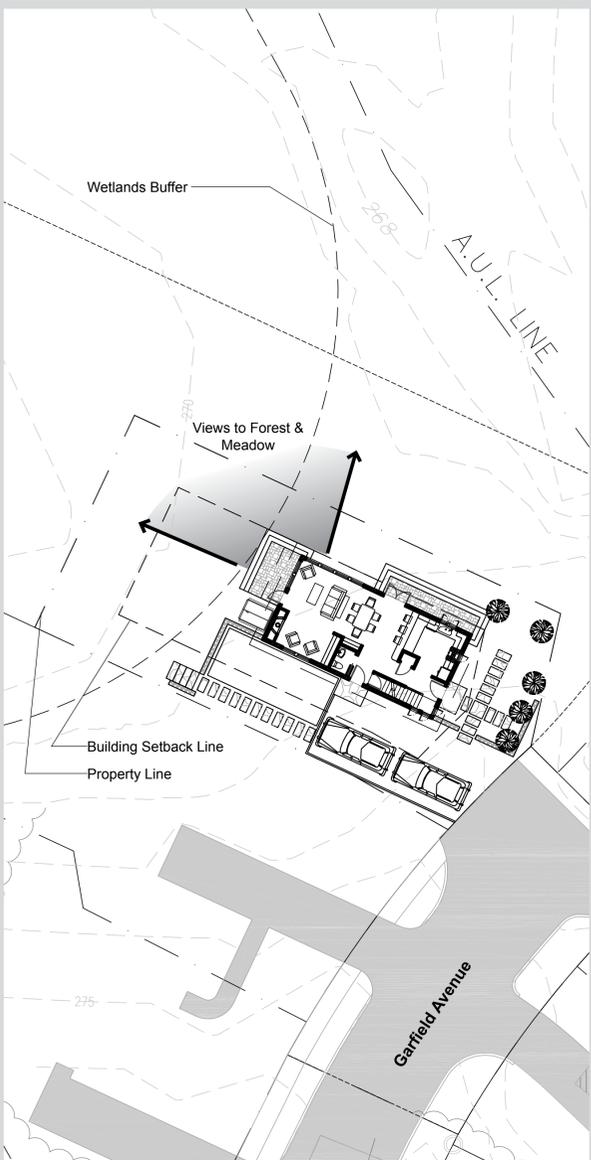
Outswing casement windows on the south east corner rise the full height of the stair, allowing for the capture of summer breezes to cool the house passively in warm months, creating a sun-filled space open to both floors while maintainin privacy at the sleeping and living areas.



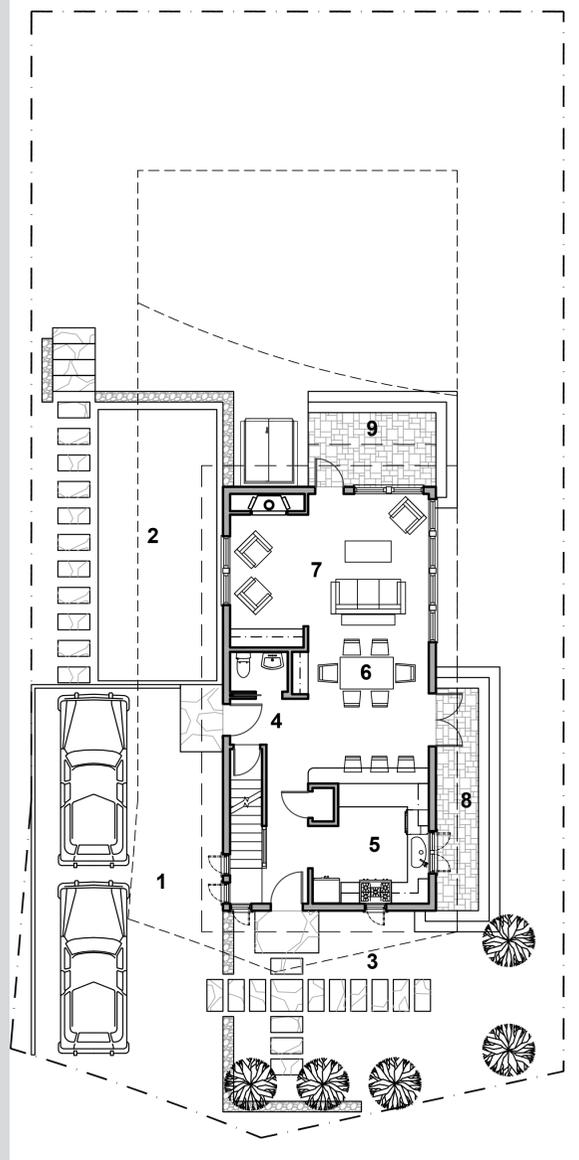
Interior of Living Space



Section to North



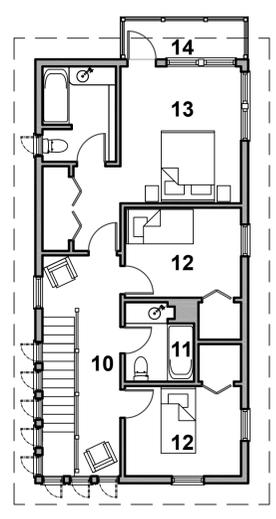
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Main Level

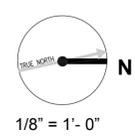
Legend

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| <p>LEGEND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Entrance Yard/Permeable Paving 2 Sun Garden 3 Kitchen Garden 4 Entrance 5 Kitchen 6 Dining 7 Living Room w/ Inglenook 8 Barbecue Patio 9 Patio 10 Stair Hall 11 Full Bath 12 Bedroom 13 Master Bedroom Suite 14 Balcony | <p>SMART LIVING</p> <p>Environmentally sensitive features include a passive ventilation stair, permeable pavers at the parking area, a rainwater collection system serving the sun garden, and photovoltaic panels to provide the majority of electrical needs for the home.</p> |
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Upper Level

Square footage:	
1st floor	720 net square feet
2nd floor	675 net square feet
Total:	1,395 net square feet
Building Coverage:	800 square feet



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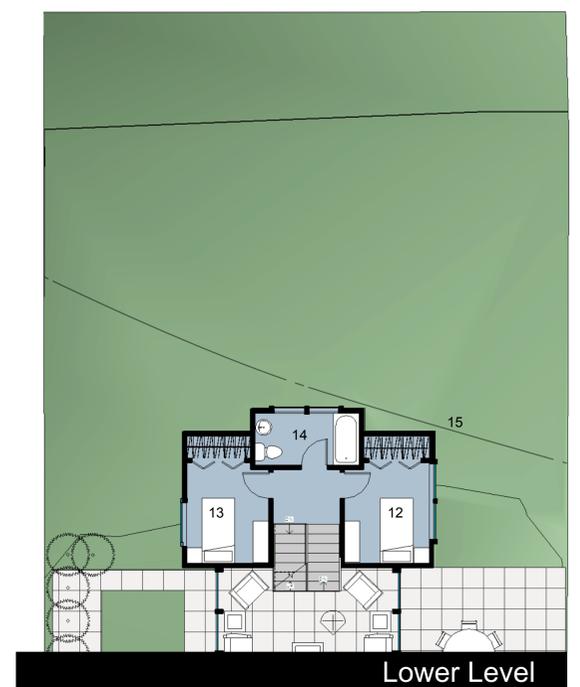
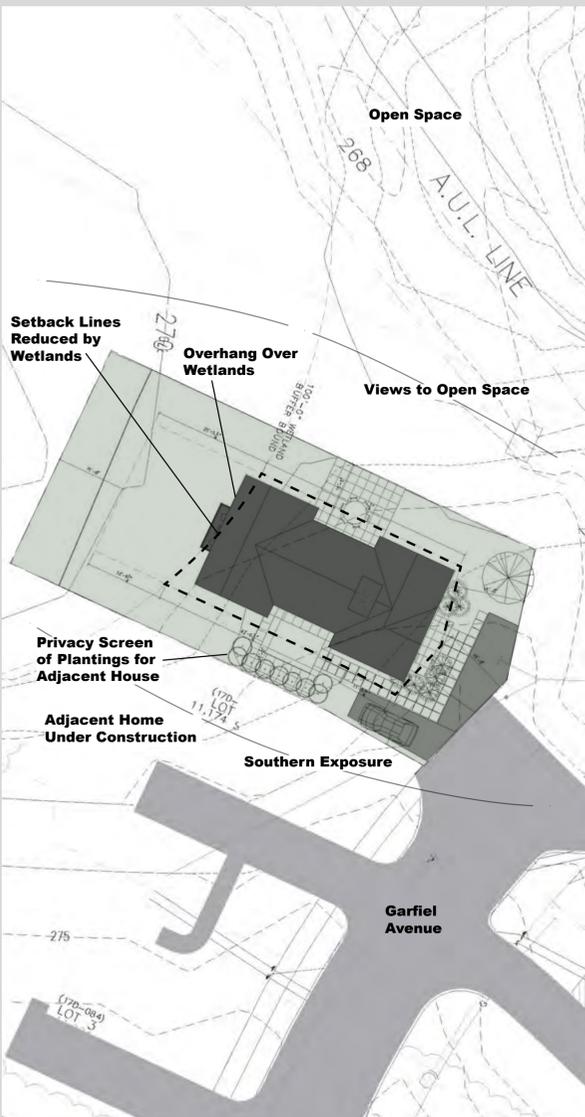
Presenting a modest appearance from the street, this home's design provides an unexpected sense of spaciousness and connection to its site. It is inspired by the integration of small outdoor garden and patio spaces popular in the domestic architecture of rural France to create a "courtyard house" or *Maison Cour*. The outdoor and indoor spaces are inverted from a traditional courtyard house due to the harshness of the New England climate, and utilized to make the narrow lot a viable and desirable option.

Addressing one of the biggest challenges of a narrow lot, typically non-existent or tense outdoor spaces are emphasized and turned into an asset by turning a swath of site 90 degrees from the dominant site axis, taking advantage of the full 50 foot width of the site, and running it right through the middle of the house. Recessed glass walls on opposing sides of the living room dissolve the separation between indoors and outdoors, and provide a sense of expanding space, rather than enclosure. Views of the open space and wetlands are emphasized in the placement of the glazing and the rear balcony.

Natural materials of wood and stone and a simple structural concept with its relatively low profile volume, though with steep roofs for snow shedding, combine to make this home very sustainable as well as constructible. At 24 feet wide by 48 feet long at its extreme points, and just 1300 SF, construction costs would be minimized. The design could also easily translate to other, more bordered narrow lots, through the use of screenings and plantings as is done on the south side of this particular implementation of the *Maison Cour*.

Section to East

Section to South



LEGEND

LAYOUT CONCEPT

1. Entry Porch
2. Kitchen
3. Dining Room
4. Through-Fireplace
5. Living Room
6. Flower/Vegetable Garden
7. Patio
8. Master Bedroom
9. Balcony
10. Walk-In Closet
11. Bathroom
12. Lower Bedroom 1
13. Lower Bedroom 2
14. Bathroom
15. Line of Wetlands
16. Parking Space 1
17. Parking Space 2

The main living spaces - kitchen, dining and living rooms - flow around the mass of the chimney, with its through-fireplace, in an open plan concept which continues out into the outdoor courtyard spaces. On both sides of the living room, the courtyard spaces press into the volume of the building to strengthen the sense of integration between indoors and outdoors.

The swath of the site through the home provided the opportunity to create a separation of the kitchen/dining rooms with the sleeping spaces. A half flight of stairs provides easy access to the elevated master bedroom and lower level bedrooms, each level having a full bath. The master bedroom also has a walk-in closet, an extra lavatory outside the bathroom, and a small private balcony.



Site

Main & Upper Level

Rooms & Spaces

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With unreserved dynamism, *Slide House* opens into the landscape through parted volumes, in which a flow of activity circulate ; interior to exterior, one floor to another – the core, a divergent axis, creating a vivid 'pause' within standard program elements to heighten an awareness of connectivity and expansiveness within a modest living area. Two slipping volumes, generators, act as poles around which activity emerges within and without the home.

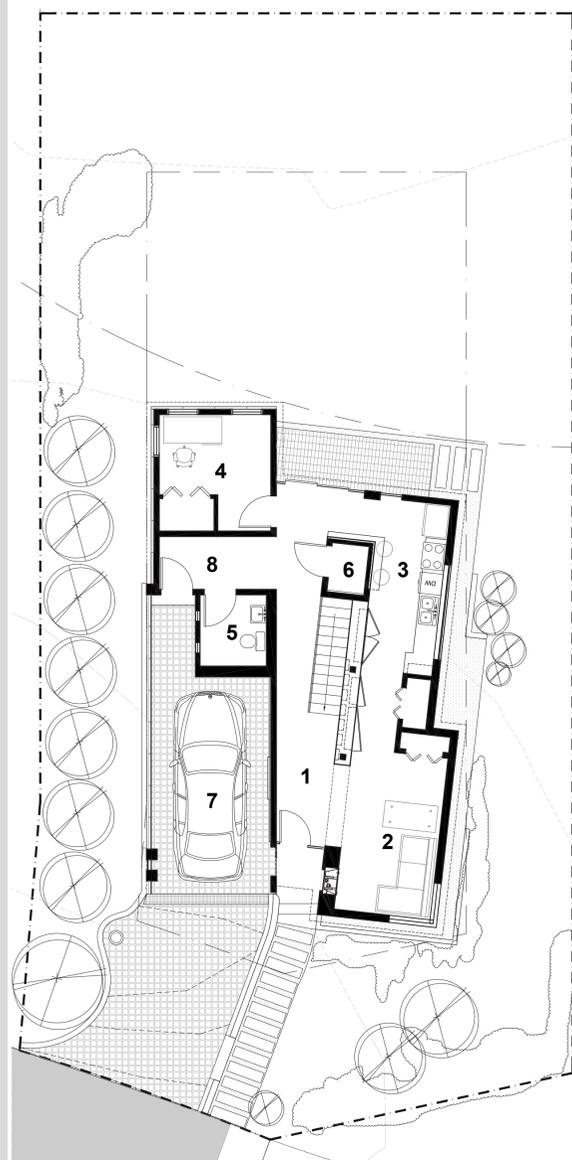
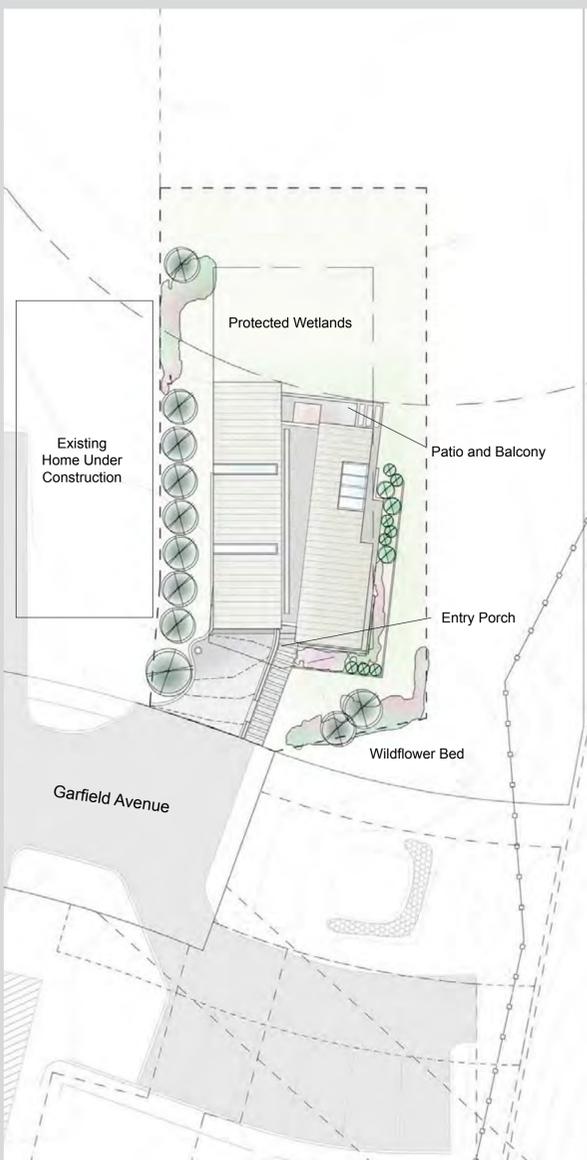
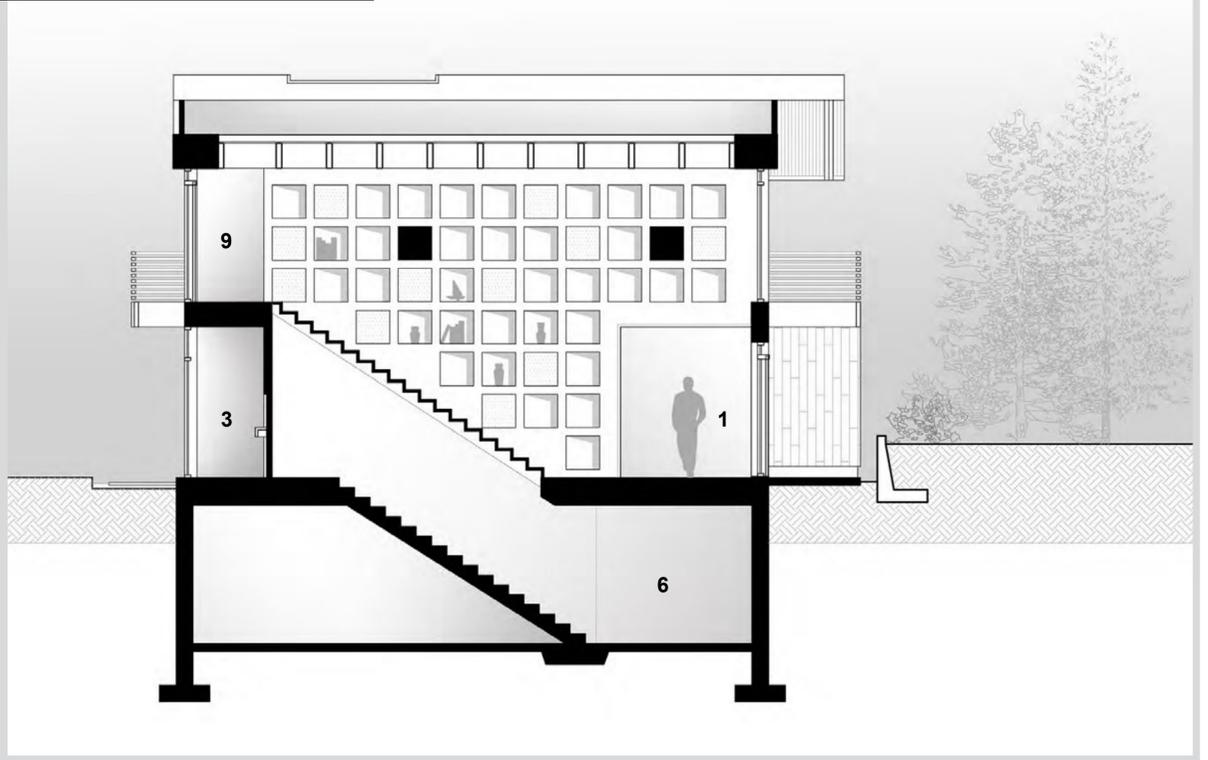
At the street front, and unimposing façade of neutral, warm materials develops a patterning of solid/void, an invitation into an experience of the spaces nestled within. Two volumes of program interact to paraphrase the existing vernacular of slanting, snow-shedding rooflines and preserve a modesty of scale, without compromising its own narrative of design. The home settles into the landscape, inviting views through planting beds and an unimpeded sightline to the wooded conservation area beyond the home.

Forwarding a streamlined intention of utility, surfaces serve multiple purposes as walls become screens, cabinets, display spaces, and ultimately become a living experience of constant interaction with the material foundation of the house itself. The Slide House derives its title from the clarity of its parts, a simple mirrored-townhouse derivation that would easily translate into an open site, or walk-up in a party wall setting. Providing a consistent, direct approach to condensed living area, the Slide House seeks to elicit a sense of modesty and elegance.

Interior of Stair Hall



Section to North



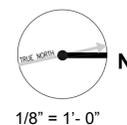
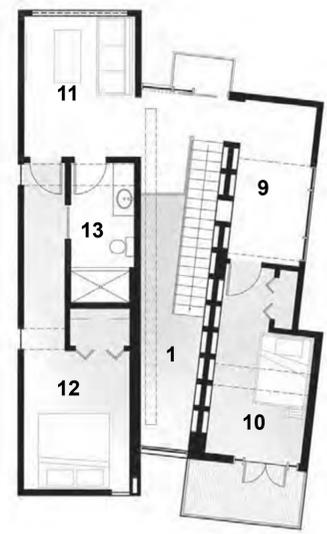
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LEGEND SPACE PLANNING

- 1 Stair Hall
- 2 Den
- 3 Galley Kitchen
- 4 Office/Bedroom
- 5 Half Bath
- 6 Basement
- 7 Carport
- 8 Vestibule Mudroom
- 9 Playroom
- 10 Bedroom
- 11 Living Area
- 12 Master Bedroom
- 13 Full Bath

Focusing on the composition of program around an open core, the Slide House unfolds into two distinct bars of activity with two entrances; a formal entry into the stair hall, and a family entry into a vestibule mudroom.

The site plan emphasizes privacy on the small lot through screening materials and plantings while encouraging an active, dynamic front to the street, engaging parking and movement directly into the axis of the home. The south-facing roof slope invites opportunities for solar integration.



Site

Main Level

Upper Level