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A KITCHEN FOR THE  
**SOCIAL CHEF**

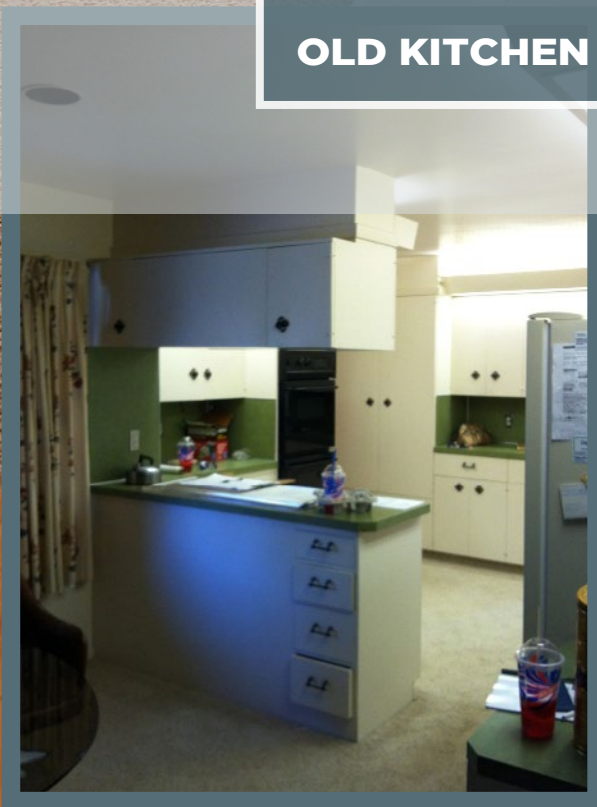


# OLD KITCHEN

This 1970's waterfront ranch was dark and closed in by walls separating all the entertaining areas. The small, outdated kitchen was starved for natural light and had no view of the gorgeous lake right behind the house!

The home owner's vision and particular needs for the space Included:

- A kitchen that would become the center of their entertaining areas, allowing guests to socialize with them while preparing meals, but without getting in their way.
- An open floor plan to allow easy flow into the dining, living and family rooms.
- Capture the lake-front view that was currently blocked by walls
- Lots of counter-space.
- Minimal use of overhead cabinets.



OLD KITCHEN

"I'm a social chef. I want a space where my guests can be visiting with me in the kitchen while I'm preparing the meal. But they can't get in my way."

—Homeowner



EXISTING PLAN



# NEW KITCHEN

The new design makes the kitchen the hub of the home. By removing four walls, the entire first floor opened up and allowed the creation of the perfect kitchen for the social chef. Guests can flow in and out while taking in a great view of the lake.

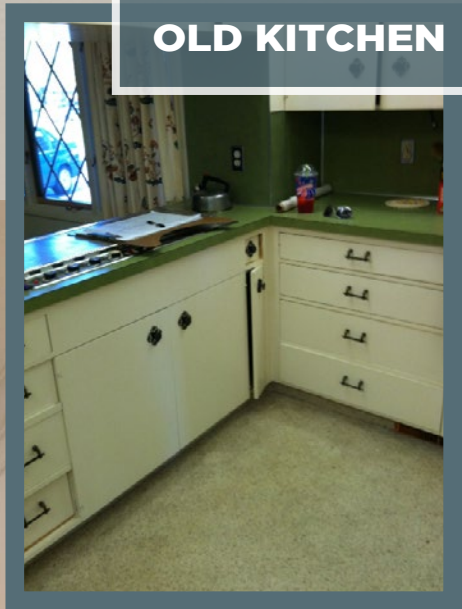
## NEW PLAN



Expansive walkways provide enough space for gathering and moving around. The new “U” shape offers loads of countertop space for preparations and all the appliances are easily accessible yet not where they will create a log-jam between the chef and his guests. The only overhead cabinetry is above refrigerator and flanking the stove and does not interfere with any sight lines. Drawers are used elsewhere to provide an abundance of storage.

# NEW FEATURES

## OLD KITCHEN



The large pantry relocated to the end of the kitchen and furnishing maximums space.

Placement of appliances, trash, cabinet and sink where determined by the specific plan to minimize the number of footsteps between each.

A six burner Jenn Air range accented by a lovely pale green mosaic glass black-splash. The stainless hood is flanked by cabinets with glass inset doors.

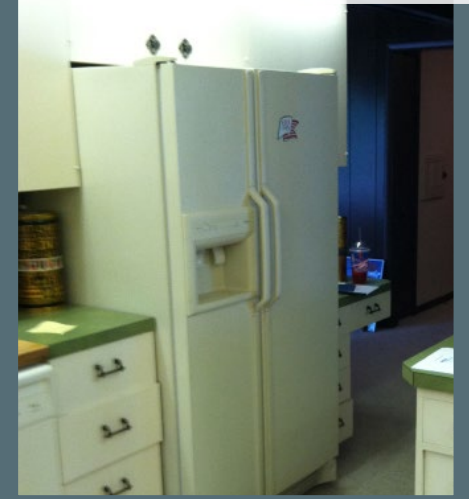
Extra wide walkways provide enough space for guests to hang out while the homeowner prepares meals.



# NEW FEATURES

A new view into the dining and family room where walls used to block natural light and traffic flow. Guests can mingle in those rooms and still be part of the action.

OLD KITCHEN



There is now a large island with plenty of work space and seating area for four.

New corian counter tops stand up to high use and provide easy cleanup for the family that entertains frequently.



# NEW FEATURES

OLD KITCHEN



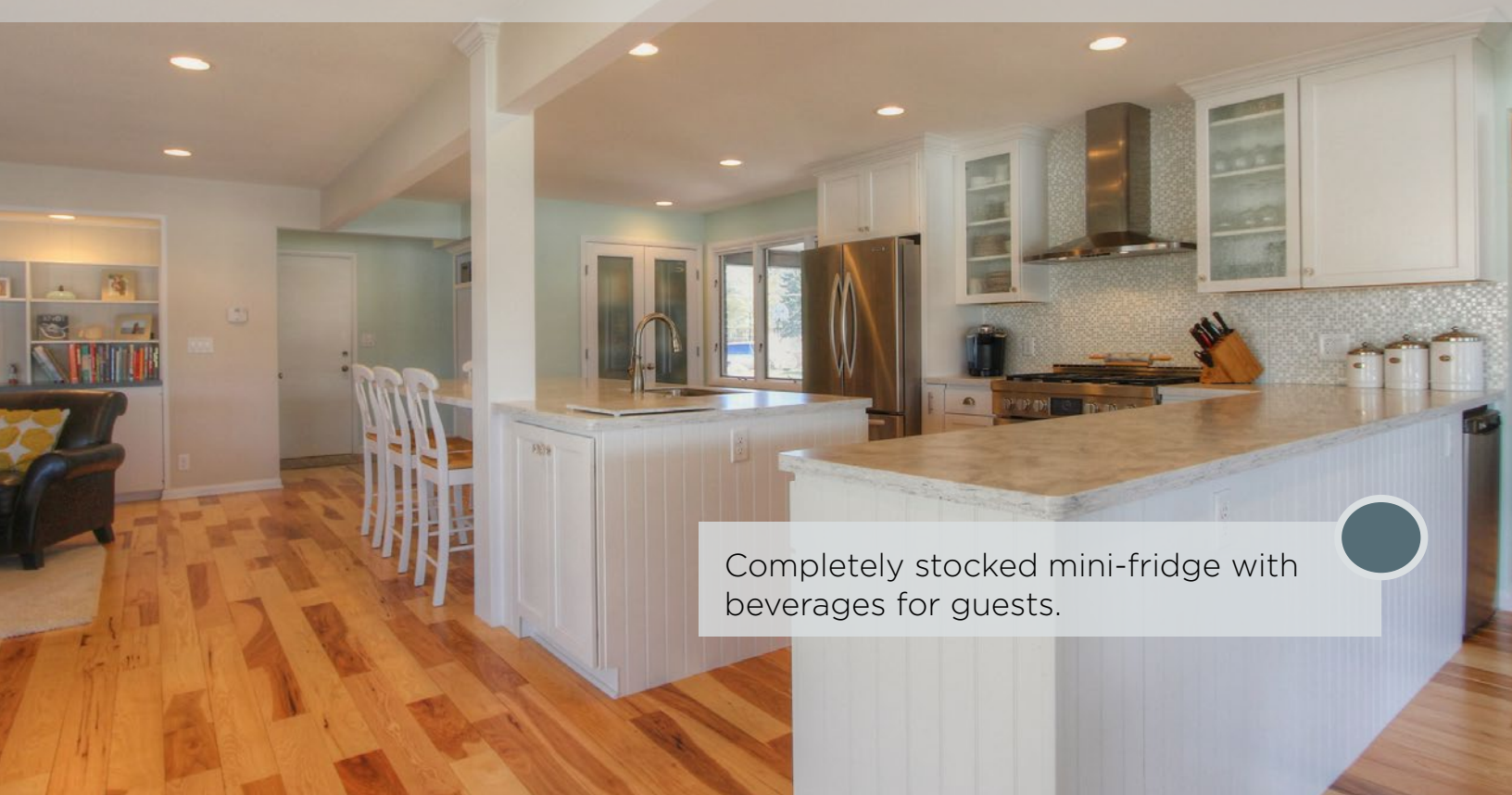
Additional walls were removed to allow a view from the kitchen to the lake.

Expansive “L” shaped counter space doubles as prep space and a serving area for drinks and hors d’oeuvre.

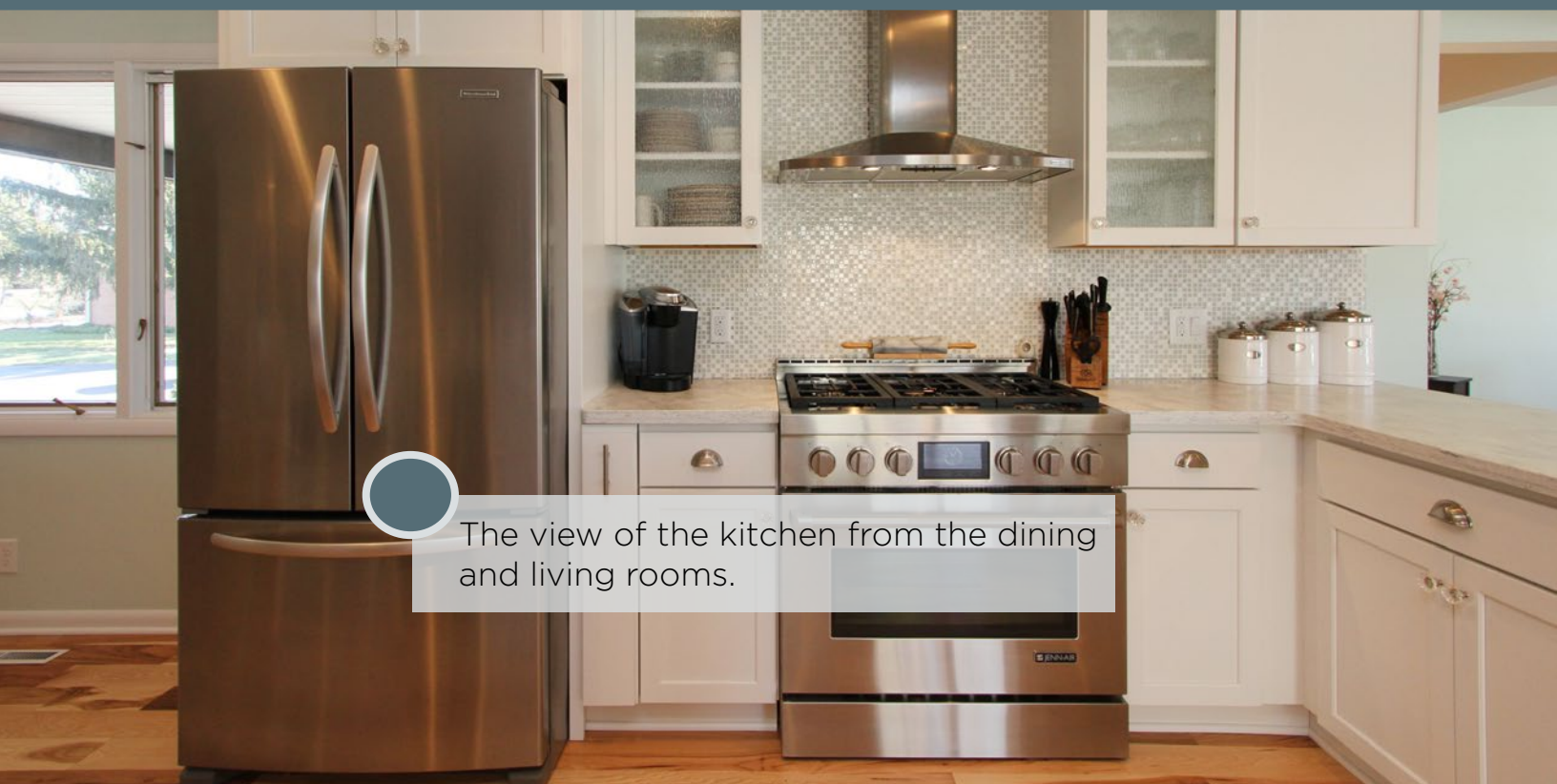
Five inch rustic hickory flooring provides a handsome compliment to the white cabinetry.



# NEW FEATURES



Completely stocked mini-fridge with beverages for guests.



The view of the kitchen from the dining and living rooms.



# NEW FEATURES

Cabinets  
Starmark Cabinetry  
Maple  
White (Tinted Varnish)

Backsplash  
Crossville Glass Tile  
Ebb & Flow  
1/2" x 1/2"  
Snow & Ice

Range  
Jenn Air  
Pro-Style  
Multi-function Convection

Counter Tops  
Corian  
Arrowroot

Flooring  
Muirfield  
5" Hickory



# NEW SOLUTIONS

## **PROBLEM:**

Obstructed Views.

Views to the lake from the kitchen were obstructed by weight bearing walls.

## **SOLUTION:**

28' structural beams replaced walls and a decorative support column was added to the island. This completely opened up the entire first level and allowed views to the lake.

## **PROBLEM:**

Uneven Floor


Due to settling, the floors were very bowed and cracked.

## **SOLUTION:**

The crawl space under the kitchen was utilized to place steel posts as needed to raise parts of the floor. This allowed for installation of even flooring.




# NEW FAVORITES



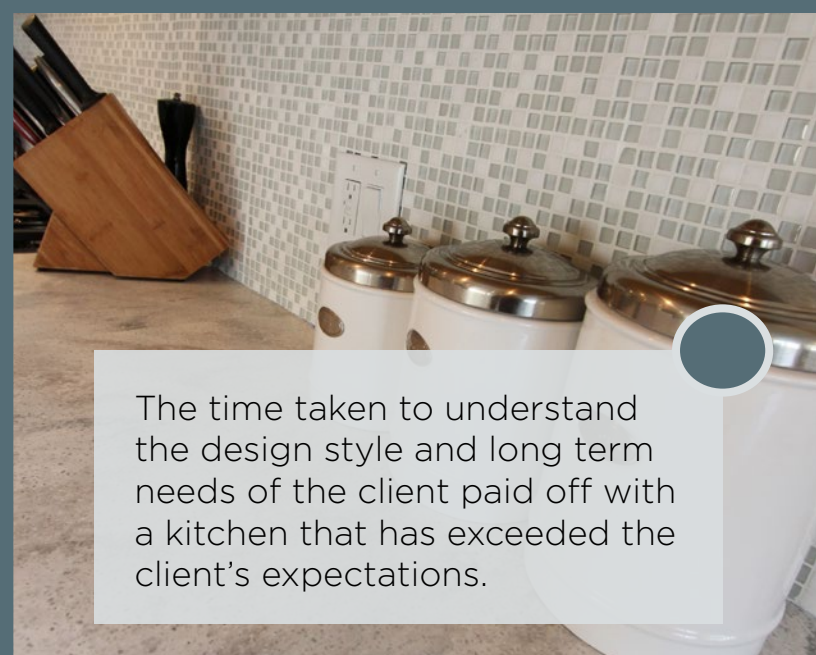
The new, social kitchen has been used nearly every weekend since it was completed. In fact, the homeowners hosted a wedding reception for 100 guests and said that the space worked perfectly.

When asked to name his favorite parts of the design, the homeowner answered: the single basin sink, the “air button” garbage disposal and the guest mini-fridge. “They sound like simple things, but they make our lives so easy,” says the homeowner.



“The whole space is amazing.  
We absolutely love it!”

—Homeowner



The time taken to understand the design style and long term needs of the client paid off with a kitchen that has exceeded the client’s expectations.