

CASE STUDY



## Stunning Lake Effect Lifestyle

The owner's of this Torch lake home had never built a house before and weren't sure how to go about even starting the process. They commissioned FUNchitecture to start from the beginning, originally envisioning an addition onto their existing home. After some creative exploration, a new home with everything they wanted proved to be the best option and so the planning for this beautiful custom home began. Architectural detailing and expert craftsmanship is evident in every room and magnificently highlighted with FUNctional and decorative lighting.

The open, spacious ground floor plan includes a double master suite and guest suite, a double story foyer and family room that is open to the dining area and beautifully detailed kitchen, a children's play room and FUN gazebo three season room. Each bedroom has its own bathroom and FUNchitecture had a FUNtabulous time working with the client to pick whimsical and colorful tile for the showers, floors, vanities and mirrors in each bathroom. Even the kitchen range has a custom tile backsplash with an African safari/jungle scene! The upstairs planning combined a beautiful architectural bridge feature with a multi-purpose gaming area so that children can interact, do cartwheels, and play games but still feel "near" the adults who are just below in the family great room. Additionally, framing was carefully designed to provide window seat or cozy



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gathering/reading nooks in each dormer on the second floor. Additionally, ample storage closets are found in between each dormer window leaving no space unused and maximizing FUNctional practicality. The soaring great room ceiling is a beautiful turquoise color and the stair and bridge railing are comprised of beautifully handcarved giraffes that compliment the clear-coat shiplap siding of the main family room.

The home was built for family fun both inside and out as evidenced by the landscaping and upbeat

interior finishes.

Teak floors provide long-lasting durability, wild prints both in the carpet and upholstery hide stains and chocolately fingerprints. A beautiful blue-stone paver patio looks out to a 60' lap



pool, beautiful Torch Lake sandy beach, spacious grassy lawn perfect for games and on to a water trampoline providing hours of fun for all ages!

Infrastructure planning was of key importance for the framework of this amazing structure. Geotechnical planning and coordination with structural engineers was critical in the early planning phases of this project because the house was built on nearly 200 structural steel piles due to poor soil capacity testing. Additional structural reinforcements were built into the house to provide the opportunity for custom lighting, sculpture and other artwork as the client finds unique pieces to compliment the home. Soundproofing was a standard specification in every vertical wall as well as in the floor structure between the first and second floor. Radiant floors provide warmth underfoot during all seasons and every room has its own thermostat to provide comfort to a wide range of climate tastes. Beautiful wood detailing, custom features and vibrant colors highlight the warmth and FUN spirit of this family home.