

Thinking about a house is only the first step...

Take the next step to attaining your dream house...

Groundwork, Ltd. is a multi-disciplined combination of professional talent offering design services for residential projects. Designing homes is not something we do on the side, but is our core business. Since opening our doors in 1985, Groundwork has designed hundreds of homes and additions, and is an active voice in the homebuilding industry.



### **A Higher Standard of Design**

There are many considerations that must be balanced in the successful design of a home. The primary goal is that the design of the house supports your lifestyle and desires, both aesthetically and functionally. There is the technical design of the house, so that what is built is built well, and will last a long time. The design also needs to consider market trends, so that resale value of your investment is preserved. And the design must be sufficiently detailed to allow your contractors to provide accurate bids, and minimize surprises during construction. All these various areas must be considered.

### **A Creative Process**

The process begins with your dreams and ideas. Based on those ideas, we prepare preliminary plans and elevations for your review and feedback. The designs are developed and refined, decisions are made, and detailed drawings are prepared for permit review and for construction. During construction, Groundwork can provide various levels of service, from construction observation to contractor payout reviews. The road from your dreams to your new home is often long and demanding. We are here to help make your journey as smooth as possible.



### **Part of the Team**

Houses are not created single-handedly. While the three main players in the creation of a house are the Owner, the Architect and the Contractor, there are many other players that contribute to the final product, including code officials, zoning boards, surveyors, bankers, mortgage brokers, sub-contractors, manufacturer's reps, landscapers, interior designers, and Mother Nature, just to name a few. Whether we lead the team or play a supporting role, we always keep the overall picture in mind and work to make the project as free of surprises as possible.



### **Support Services**

New construction and additions are reviewed with ever increasing levels of regulation and bureaucracy by local building departments. Groundwork, Ltd. consists of architects, planners and civil engineers who are experienced in the permit process and are accustomed to providing the various types of documentation necessary, including building plans, zoning analysis, site planning design, grading plans and engineering plans.

### **Kitchen Table Consultations**

Making modifications to your house can be an intimidating challenge. You may not yet be ready to start a project without first clarifying what you want to achieve in your house. Groundwork can come to your home, provide professional advice and insights into the process. While you may be limited by your lot size and zoning restrictions, your house and lot may offer opportunities and options you may not have considered. Our experienced architects can provide valuable input before you invest large amounts of money, time and emotion.

When you are ready to make your dream into a reality, Groundwork is ready for you.



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