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Experience Home.



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Dorothy was spot-on: There's no place like home.

It's not just a place, it's a feeling

You know the one. It washes over you right as you're about to drift off to sleep. You're nestled in safe, you're warm and cozy.

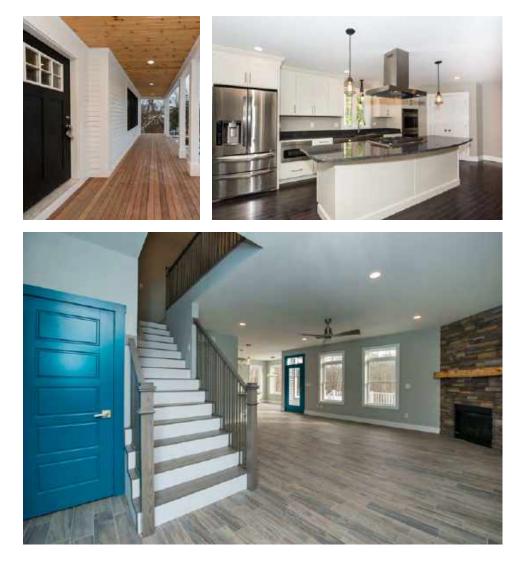
When you work with us, we understand you're looking for more than just new construction. It's about more than the number of bedrooms and the square footage. You want a place that suits your lifestyle. A space that enables you to live better.

After all, Dorothy wasn't clicking her heels together in anticipation of getting back to just any two-bedroom cape in Kansas. She wanted to go home.



- 1. YOUR GOALS
- 2. LOCATION/LAND
- 3. DESIGN FOR YOUR LIFESTYLE
- 4. EXPLORE DESIGN OPTIONS
- 5. NARROW THE SPECIFICATIONS
- 6. DETERMINE THE SCHEDULE
- 7. CHOOSE THE BUILDER





1 What are your goals?



We all have goals and priorities that should be woven into the planning of the project. For some, the top priority might be a healthy home, for others, a home that is very energy efficient. An effective planning process will result in a home design and specifications that balance the various competing priorities.

Here are some common goals for consideration:

PREDICTABILITY – Construction projects are notoriously unpredictable. Our streamlined process helps to minimize any unwanted surprises.

MINIMAL STRESS – Standardized work flows, good communication and flexibility within the team can minimize stress.

HEALTH – Healthy homes are built with non-toxic materials and provide occupants with a continuous supply of fresh air.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY – Low heating and cooling requirements mean reduced operating costs and minimal energy use.

DURABILITY AND ADAPTABILITY – A home is a long-term investment. It should be built to last, easy to maintain, and simple to adapt to changing needs over time.

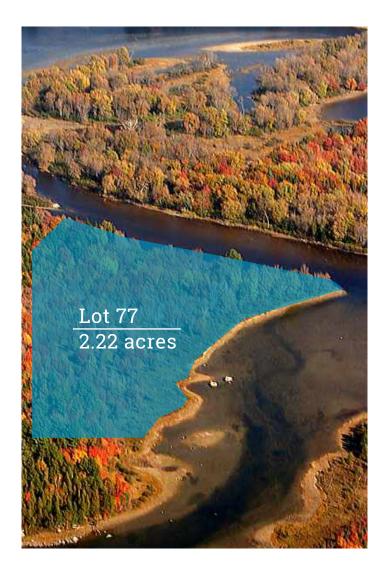
SUSTAINABILITY – Related goals often include minimizing waste during construction, carefully sourcing all materials, and building for optimal energy efficiency.

SECURITY – Secure homes provide environments that are comfortable, quiet and calm. A well-built home can be a refuge from the busyness of our lives.

2 Where are we building?

"Building my home has been an amazing journey. I couldn't have asked for a better team. They helped me find the perfect property, and then designed and built exactly what I wanted. Thanks to Generation Homes, my dreams have come true!"

– J. Underhill | Eliot, Maine



In order to build a home you need a place to put it - and in fact, the building lot typically influences the design of the home and the budget available for construction. There's no point in spending so much for the lot that you cannot afford to build the home that you'd like.

Questions to consider when searching for an ideal building lot include:

- Are there particular **amenities** such as town centers or recreational opportunities that you would like to be near?
- Are utilities—including power, water and septic—readily available?
- How critical to you is the **size** of the property?
- How much are you able and willing to spend for the lot?
- Does the site have characteristics such as wetlands, ledge or steep grades that could add to the difficulty and expense of building on it?
- What will the land be like to live on throughout all four seasons?

Generation Homes is able to help you evaluate the lots you're considering. We provide a trusted, certified land surveyor, as well as personally visiting the lots to assist you in choosing the best one that meets your criteria. Together, we'll pick the most feasible lot for your new home.



During our first meeting, we'll answer your questions, tell you a bit about our process, and most importantly, listen.

We want to learn about your vision. Who will live in your home? How often will you entertain guests? What colors do you want to see on the walls? Do you have a Pinterest board with your favorite kitchens? Show us!

Our goal is total alignment with you from the very beginning. Not only does it feel better, it also allows us to serve you more efficiently and cost-effectively. When you work with us, you can bring your own architect's house plan or you can choose from one of ours. Together, we'll customize everything so that it fits perfectly with your lifestyle.

So, let's get started! After all, there's no time like the present to begin creating your happily ever after.

