



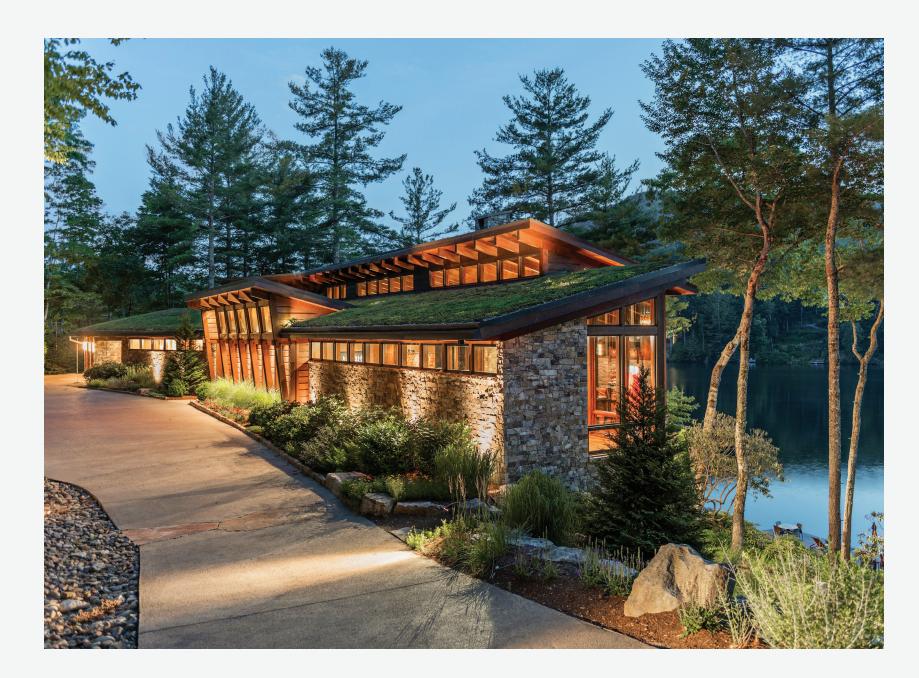




hether you're looking to build on a new site or retrofit an already existing home, the sky's the limit with what one can design and come up with in the realm of architecture. Here in the mountains, it's about a more natural feel, where each home seamlessly blends into the picturesque landscape.

way," said Parker Platt of Platt Architecture in Brevard.

you can design the home around the parking area. the land for a more natural look and feel."



Connections Through Design

"Our clients are interested in a plan that utilizes materials like wood, stone, and glass, which connects them to the land and to a sense of place in a casual

Platt noted the first thing his team considers is figuring out where the vehicles will go on a sloped mountain site. After that determination is made,

"It's about dealing with the cars in a comfortable and accommodating way," Platt said. "From there, you can design the home to flow with the contours of

Another point of contemplation for discerning mountainside homeowners

is how they want to enter the abode, something that's crucial to the ultimate design of the structure.

"If the site is steep, it's going to lend itself to a walkout condition. And if you're coming in at the bottom of the slope, it's a walkup condition," said architect Tab Bonidy of Tab Associates in Hendersonville. "With a walkout, you'll enter the living level and have stairs leading down to the auxiliary rooms. With a walkup, you're going up the stairs to main areas of the home."

Each client comes with a different and unique set of wants and needs. Platt and Bonidy are well acquainted with each project's unique attributes and aim to bring every single dream home design to fruition with a good dose of mountain hospitality.

"The key to what we do, in terms of helping people make homes in the mountains and elsewhere, is to listen to our client and provide exceptional workmanship to establish a meaningful connection between our client's dreams and the beautiful area in which they are building or renovating," Platt said.