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The Beach House

This design is based on an elevated plane of planted terraces and decks. Connection to nature and the use of daylight were paramount. Beginning at the top is a pavilion of living space: the yard is on the roof, with a place for tomatoes, furnishings, and a panoramic view of the ocean beyond. Outdoor spaces connect with beautiful steel stairs, which then thread into the center of the house where an open stairwell draws in natural light.

The challenge of embracing expansive views while creating a home for aging in place seeded the design of a raised platform where a primary bedroom suite, living room, dining, and kitchen area provide the ease of day-to-day single-story living with space for a future elevator. Accessory spaces and rooms for extended family members are tucked below the primary living level, within the footprint of a home that was originally on this site. The material palette of wood and weathering steel embraces intricate details and natural texture and prioritizes longevity for a design that centers around aging by the ocean.

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Project Architect: Chelsea Lipham
Builder: Ben Trout, Trademark
Engineer: Albert Putnam Associates
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Location: Cumberland County
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