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14 PROJECTS ACROSS THE STATE THAT AIM TO STAND THE TEST OF TIME

Maine's architectural landscape is as diverse as its natural beauty, blending coastal charm with modern innovation. From sustainable homes nestled in the wilderness to cutting-edge public spaces redefining urban design, the state's newest structures showcase a unique fusion of tradition and forward-thinking creativity. In our annual architecture listing, we highlight some of the most inspiring projects that are shaping Maine's built environment today.



NESTED IN BELGRADE

On this steep, sloping, and rocky site along a pond in the Belgrade Lakes region, the challenge was to create a contemporary year-round home that connects to the woods and water while working with the slope of the site rather than fighting against it.

Scattered across the site are massive boulders, remnants of receding glaciers from thousands of years ago that are now covered with moss and ferns. Instead of blasting them into pieces and hauling them away, the home was situated to nest among them.

The inverted floor plan features a main entry on the second floor and the primary living spaces on the lower level. These spaces are pushed forward toward the lake so that they sit low on the ground. They thus flow outside in a single step with lake views under the canopy of large pine trees. A tall, glazed stairwell links the two levels together and floods daylight into the rear spaces nested into the hillside. To further blur the distinction between the home and its topography, all the lower roofs are planted and extend back into the hillside so that the house appears to be emerging from the landscape rather than piled on top of it.



Architect: Winkelman Architecture
Principal Architect: Eric Sokol
Builder: LP Homes
Structural Engineer: Albert Putnam Associates
Cabinetry: Linekin Bay Woodworkers
Steel Fabrication: LMC Light Iron
Photographer: Jeff Roberts
Location: Belgrade
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