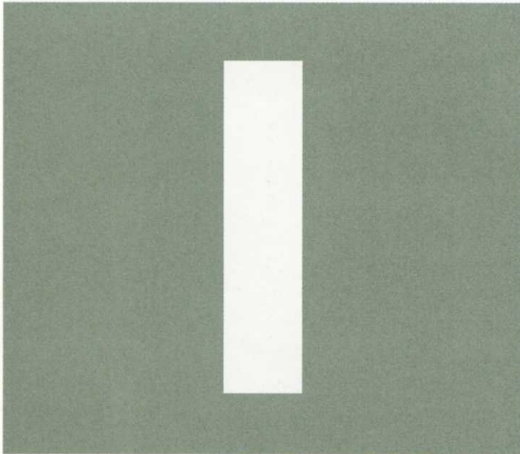


Green Acres

A RENOVATED HOME IN
LOST CREEK HONORS ITS
NATURAL LANDSCAPE WITH
VERDANT INTERIORS





In 2012, Megan, her husband, Douglas, and their two children relocated from North Carolina to the Lost Creek neighborhood for Douglas' work. They found a 3,400-square-foot house on an amazing lot that backed up to the greenbelt and was zoned to good schools. But something about the layout was off. "We loved the house, but it had a weird allocation of space. Some of it you could only get to through the [primary] bedroom, and we needed an extra bedroom and bathroom for guests and more living space," Megan says.

After more than five years of living in the awkward layout—which had already been expanded with a two-story addition in the 1980s—the family was ready to take the plunge to renovate their home. A friend in the construction industry suggested that they work with architect Dianne Kett of DK Studio, and the recommendation proved to be a good match. "Dianne was great, very down to earth and understood our vision," Megan says. "We didn't have to increase square footage and didn't want to—she helped us make more efficient use of the space."

Adds Kett, "We just repurposed the square footage they had and made it more livable."

Kett and her crew gutted the interior of the house, leaving untouched only the existing wood floor, front door, stairs, and the living room (including a stone fireplace that was plastered over). On the first floor, the original kitchen was moved, creating an open concept with the kitchen, living, and dining rooms. ("I never would have thought to move the kitchen!" Megan says.) A new guest bedroom and bathroom filled the spot where the kitchen had been, while a long hallway connected a new, larger laundry room, a mud room, and the garage.

The living room features clear sliding doors that lead to the deck and show off the lush surroundings.



