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Our Philosophy

ACG Architects is founded on the belief that a successful project begins with the needs, priorities, and desires of a client, be they the future resident or builder looking to develop a property. Through our overlay of experience, teamwork, and creative problem solving, unique and desirable solutions evolve. The ACG residential group is comprised of architects who have a strong desire to rise to the challenges of custom home design and construction. We recognize the critically important and fundamental need for a mutual comfort level in the architect-client relationship. Our repeated experience is that the finest results and the highest levels of client satisfaction come from successful working relationships.

The residential work of ACG is best characterized as distinctive, with a deliberate diversity of style. This diversity exemplifies the individuality of each client with particular aspirations for each home. Providing our clients with focused service is our strength. In short, we listen. We believe that our role as architects is to provide a catalyst for ideas in the design process, not to impose or force preconceived notions of design. It is our preference to work in close

collaboration with the builder and their landscape architect and other important consultants from the inception of the project to create a team of problem solvers all with the common goal of, at a minimum, achieving the aesthetics, budget, and schedule objectives of the client.

The scale of our work ranges from modest additions and renovations to newly built custom homes exceeding twenty-five thousand square feet. While the individuality of our designs is clearly evident in a review of our work, the projects collectively draw from our breadth of technical proficiency and years of experience. We believe that all good design must have an inherent response to function, and a respect for proper use of materials and building systems. This approach allows functional and distinctive designs to emerge while avoiding premium costs typically associated with custom work.

These foundations on which ACG Architects has built a reputation have supported our growth, providing a comprehensive range of architectural, master planning and interior design services, including zoning analysis, site selection, feasibility studies,

programming and user analysis, design, construction documents, project management, construction administration, and construction management. ACG's residential portfolio ranges from additions to and renovations of existing homes, site selection, master planning and new construction. We would be happy to provide access to current and previous clients for reference purposes. A respect for their privacy precludes our including a formal list.

ACG Architects can bring proven professional skills to your project to creatively solve your problems. Call us to discuss how we might best assist you in realizing the full potential of your next residential project.

ALDERLY
Great Falls, Virginia

An "English Country House" deliberately designed to be distinctively different from the mega mansion phenomena. A unique and successful design solution that allows for a "cozy" 25,000 square feet house to take full advantage of its privacy context.





ALDERLY KITCHEN ADDITION Great Falls, Virginia

The new owners of this home wanted more space adjacent to the kitchen to better suit their living style. To maintain design continuity, they asked ACG to design an enclosed informal dining room with several french doors that open out into the surrounding garden and outdoor dining area. Using the same details, materials as well as the construction same team, the result is an addition that looks to have been part of the original all along.



PRIVATE RESIDENCE
Potomac, Maryland

A 15,000 sf private residence, the design is based upon a traditional stone, Pennsylvania farmhouse with several additions made over the years. Each section of the house is detailed differently to reinforce the ides – variation in materials, trim and window details. The interiors draw from many of the classically derived details and elements from Winterthur, the Wilmington Estate of Henry Francis DuPont.





POOL AND ENTERTAINING ADDITION Potomac, Maryland

An indoor swimming pool, events center addition, and interior renovations, to include a master plan for exterior landscape. Total project designed to achieve seamless elevation continuity with the clients' existing home. The 20'x50' pool includes a circular spa, and the glass roof is retractable. The overall 3,200 SF space was designed to function for large scale events with the pool being concealed by a removable hard deck surface. All HVAC and dehumidification equipment is neatly integrated within the building envelope.



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POOL AND ENTERTAINING ADDITION
Potomac, Maryland





PRIVATE RESIDENCE Vienna, Virginia

A 10,000 square foot period shingle style residence constructed on a challenging sloped site adjacent to one of Fairfax Counties Public Parks. The house features extensive active and passive recreational outdoor spaces, including a swimming pool with infinity edge, and a tennis court. There were additional challenges with a roof eave ending on different floors to get the desired proportion on the sloped site.



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DC TOWNHOUSE Washington, D.C.

Down-sizing from their prior home that ACG designed 10 years prior, our clients' new home was a complete interior remodel, window replacement, modest addition and backyard reimagination. This 4-bedroom townhome includes a home-office, conservatory, wine cellar, library, formal dining and living rooms for entertaining.

DC TOWNHOUSE
Washington, D.C.





CEDAR CREEK FARM Onancock, Virginia

Located near Onancock, Virginia, the 10,500 square foot house is situated as close to the water as is permitted by local codes. The clients desired a vacation home and guest house designed to reflect the local historic precedent. The ground floor is elevated on a handmade masonry plinth above flood levels. Use of antique pine floors and cypress paneling creates a warm and richly textured ambiance. The centerline of an existing avenue of juniper trees align with the guest house entrance.



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PRIVATE RESIDENCE
Great Falls, Virginia

The client's affection of the existing home's location required a 5,000 square foot addition to accommodate their desire for living spaces. The program includes a three car garage, master suite/home office, and an integrates re-design of the landscape to increase the passive recreation space.



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RIVER VIEW - PHASE 1 Northern Virginia

Situated over a hundred feet above and adjacent to the Potomac River, this 20,000 square foot diplomatic residence has been completely renovated. Phase 1 work included redesigned hardscape and landscape features, gate house, reconfigured interior spaces, work-out room, private study, salt water reef aquarium, media and billiard space with state of the art sound system, outdoor kitchen, reconfigured glass tiled outdoor pool with infinity edge and laminar jet features that overlook the river, as well as new AV, security and mechanical upgrades throughout. ACG worked closely with renowned interior designers Tony Chi and Joan Behnke.





RIVER VIEW - PHASE 2 Northern Virginia

Situated over a hundred feet above and adjacent to the Potomac River, this 20,000 square foot diplomatic residence has been completely renovated. Phase 2 work includes the construction of a 40-foot high gambian wall to create 3,500 square feet of additional outdoor landscape and patios on this steeply sloped site. A cantilevered pool and spa addition will overlook the Potomac, and a new 4,500 square foot wing addition will provide additional private living spaces for the family more remote from the semi-public main spaces typical of the programmatic requirements of a diplomatic residence.

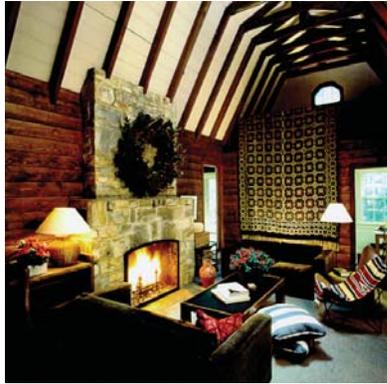




RIVER VIEW - PHASE 3 Northern Virginia

Phase 3 work included the renovation and expansion of the neighboring home, consolidating the two properties into one, a glass enclosed pedestrian bridge connecting the two homes, an elevated deck with an zero-entry children's pool and large play structure.





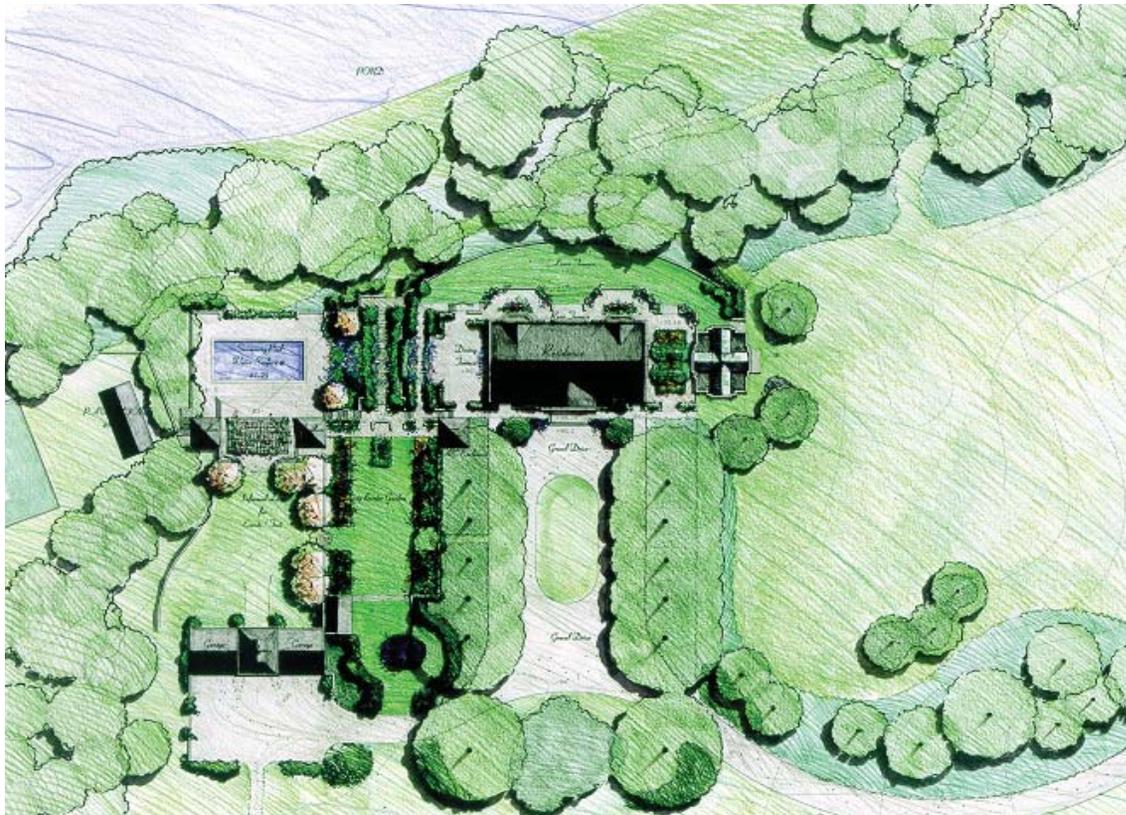
ROAD HOUSE RESIDENCE Great Falls, Virginia

Renovation of an existing historic road house along the former Old Dominion Railway. Stable was relocated near to the road house, and a new connecting wing was added along with a complete interior renovation. The character of the old was blended seamlessly with the new in this successful renovation.



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MIDWOOD CONCEPT PLAN
Middleburg, Virginia



PRIVATE RESIDENCE
McLean, Virginia

The program and challenge for 22,000 sf diplomatic residence on the large site required the use of a 38 foot high earth retaining wall that allowed the three story steel framed structure to be integrated into the existing topography. The need to provide natural daylight penetrations into the depth of each floor level found its solution in a continuous skylight framed into the roof, bound on each side by planar walls. Parking for six cars is provided under the circular driveway.



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CONTEMPORARY ADDITION Great Falls, Virginia

This three-story addition was designed to emphasize the identity and contrast between the old and new structure. The new is highlighted by the undulating dark glass exterior curtain wall and an open interior space plan per the client's request. A wine cellar and home theater are featured in the additions lowest level.

