



New Home Planning Introduction

Welcome to our home! Come in and make yourself comfortable!

This is perhaps the warmest greeting a visitor can hear. If it's your dream to offer a greeting like this from the doorway of a new home, you've come to the right place. Members of the Rhode Island Builders Association -- builders/remodelers, suppliers, mortgage lenders and other professionals -- want to help you make that dream real!

People like you are building new homes all over the country every day. Many of these folks started out with the same apprehensions you may have now. But most are sitting in their dream homes at this very moment -- or soon will be. And they're basking in the knowledge that a seemingly impossible and very complex project is now a personal accomplishment. Designing and planning your new home can be positively exhilarating.

Of course, there are plenty of people with horror stories: Surprise cost overruns, difficult contractors or the best-laid house plans that somehow ran afoul of local zoning ordinances. The keys to success are good research, good planning and a good contractor! To make your dream home come to life, 80% of your time and energy should go into research and planning. The contractor can take care of the remaining 20%.

Where to Start

Start your research by talking to relatives, friends and neighbors who have built and/or live in new houses. Ask every question you can think of: If they had their druthers, would they change their kitchen design? Do they have enough closet space? Enough bedrooms? Would they keep that fireplace? What are the winter heating bills? What kind of floors work best with children and pets?

The more knowledge you acquire, the fewer troubles you will have when dealing with contractors, banks, and local planning and zoning boards. And you'll save time and money.

Use this Website

Use the resources on the Rhode Island Builders Association Website: Here you'll find a step-by-step guide to home planning that will help you make intelligent decisions on researching and planning your new home.

So happy browsing! If, by chance, you need even more information, drop us an e-mail or give us a call