

# House of Cards

**Project Location:** Bethesda, MD

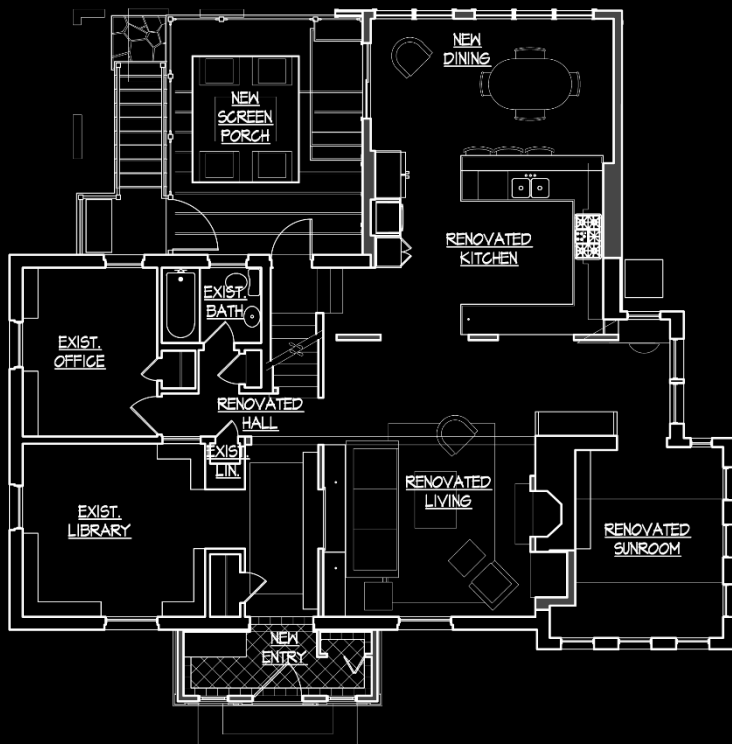
**Project Category:** Residential – Single Family

## **Project Synopsis:**

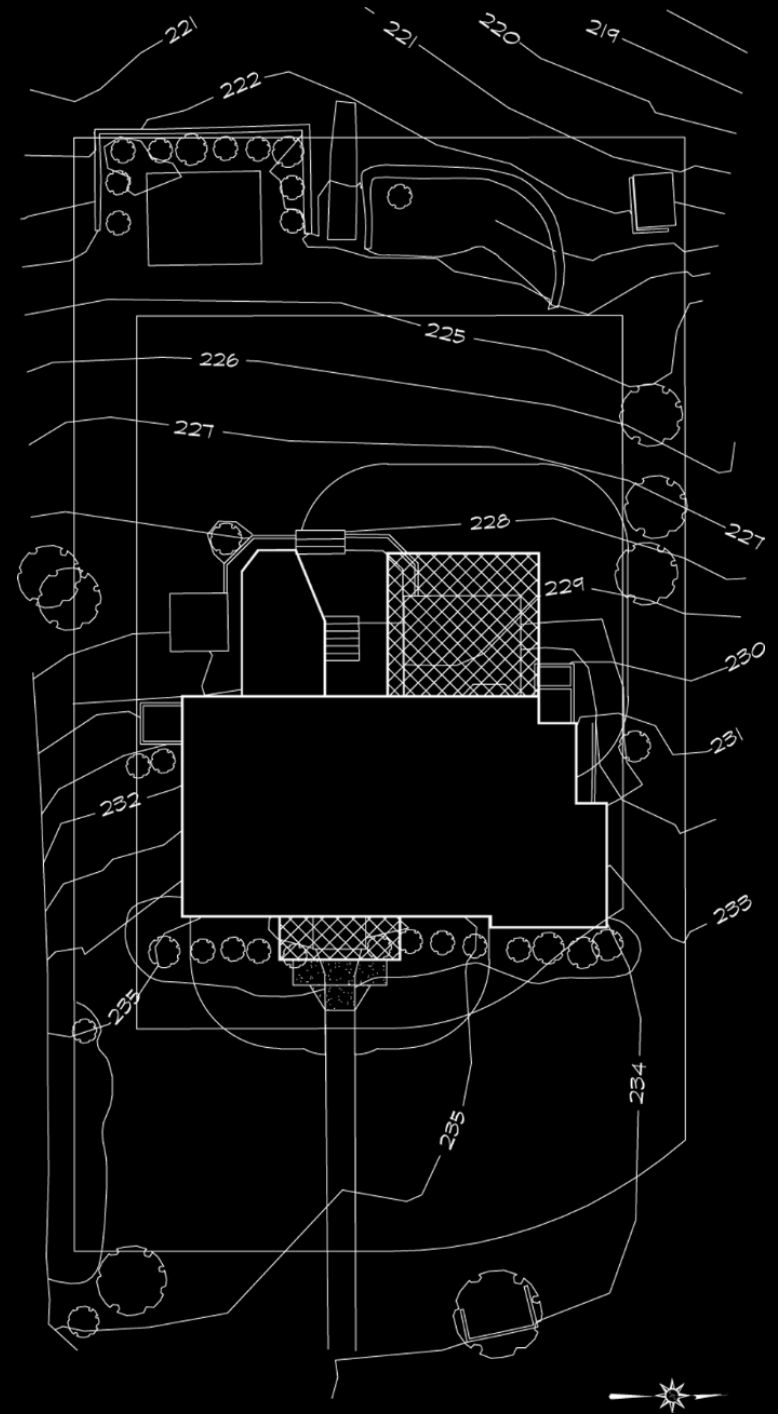
A ballerina & an art critic/professor, our clients were living in a small Cape Cod typical of the midcentury and were in need of more space for their growing family. Despite the limited budget, this couple engendered an ideal environment in which to expand on developing ideas in the field of architecture. Several moves were made in an effort to control costs. Most notably was the modest size of the 17 foot by 17 foot addition plus a screen porch. Furthermore, Hardie Panels and color were incorporated into the exterior façade in order to reduce labor costs and simultaneously allow for the posturing of design elements that would appeal to the artist's particular palette and the movements of the ballerina. These band swatches, or shuffling cards, were introduced as cost-conscious intercessors between the hard lines of the seams to create interest in the otherwise banal cement board panel siding. The resulting "deck of cards" continues on the interior with a series of repetitious fin walls that delineate the new from the old part of the house. With contemporary detailing to keep maintenance to a minimum and a simple, easy-to-use plan, this home's playful design patterns introduce the youthful sophistication our clients were after. This project was designed to shuffle the deck for the life of a modern family while maintaining the memory of the original Cape Cod.



Existing First Floor Plan



Renovated First Floor Plan



Site Plan



Existing Rear Elevation



Renovated Rear Elevation



Existing Rear Elevation



Renovated Rear Elevation



Renovated Rear Elevation



Renovated Side Elevation



Existing sitting room



Renovated Hallway



Façade Detail