

Marsh House

Rehoboth Beach DE
Residential - Single Family

After 20 years of working together on a variety of small commercial and residential projects, this Owner/General Contractor asked this Architect to design her own house. What followed was a give and take exercise in trust and faith.

Sited on a marshy wetlands on the Delaware Bay, the house occupies the only buildable corner of the lot.

Directly following the polygonal boundaries of the site in order to maximize the tiny buildable area, the house forms an oblique "L" at this corner and opens the interior corner of the L through a tall fan-shaped screened porch.

Sliding glass doors on both floors open the rooms directly to this space, extending the interior to the porch and the marsh beyond.

Douglas Fir windows and doors are important to the interior expression, and the use of fir is carried through to interior cabinets and soffits.

A dark cork floor recalls the dark water of the marsh, further uniting interior and exterior and serving to ground the simple surfaces of wood and plaster.

In the end, the project memorializes years of history, admiration and mutual respect.



















