## **GIRAFFE DESIGN BUILD**

Kitchen Renovation



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## 2385 W. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor

Our Clients wanted an inspired kitchen that communicated naturally with the rest of the house and scenic setting. Active collaborators in both the design and build process, they partnered with Giraffe Design Build to transform their small, dated, kitchen from an afterthought into a central, vibrant, hub for their living space.

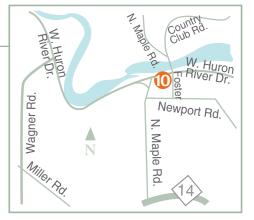
The axis of the kitchen shifted from East-West to North-South to enjoy direct interaction with the dining room and its views overlooking the Huron River. Underutilized hallway space was embraced and connected with an expansive, open, vaulted ceiling.

While the kitchen doubled in size in its evolution to a functional space with appropriate scale in the home, the original aesthetic remained honored in the selection of natural materials, including an exquisite granite countertop with deep earthy tones and texture. Combined with the floor, cabinet, and ceiling finishes, the result evokes a Northern Michigan cottage retreat without sacrificing any functionality of a modern day kitchen.

The design and build process was highly collaborative, and even saw the homeowners swinging a hammer with the Giraffe crew for portions of the work. While not typical, it added an extra sense of intimacy between the finished space and its owners, as well as an enriched and enjoyable partnership experience for Giraffe.

## About Giraffe Design Build

Giraffe Design Build crafts partnerships with homeowners to create living spaces that delight. Based on careful study of site, thoughtful integration of new and existing elements, and above all, a clear understanding of our clients' desires, Giraffe delivers an inspired sense of HOME.



This home is located on the south side of W. Huron River Drive, just east of Maple. **NOTE: Parking is very limited, please follow signs.** 

