DESIGN QUESTIONNAIRE

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Do you have a general timeline for when you would like to start building or be moved into your new home?

2. Do you already own your lot? Where is the property located?

3. Have you ever built or remodeled before? How was the experience?

4. What are some likes or dislikes about your current living arrangements? How should your new home be the same or different?

BUILDING SITE CONSIDERATIONS

1. Are there any significant natural features that make your lot unique? Are there any particular features that should be accentuated or remain undisturbed?

2. Are there any problems or issues with your lot that you are aware of?

3. Are there any local covenants that could influence design criteria such as building height restrictions, roof slopes, percentage of glazing area for total wall area, or environmental limitations?

4. What views from your lot are important? What areas should be screened?

5. Are you very sensitive to noise and privacy? The construction and placement of your home can play an important role.

6. Besides the home, do you have any future plans for the property to consider for the design? Gardens, outbuildings, gazebos, animal runs, recreation areas?

USE OF THE HOME

1. Will this be your primary residence or a second home?

2. What do you foresee happening to the home within the next 5 to 15 years?

3. What level of wheelchair accessibility are you concerned with?
- [ ] None
- [ ] Entire home
- [ ] Some areas, just these rooms: _____

4. Will anyone be working in the home? Are there any special considerations to be aware of?

5. Will there be kids living in the home? How many? Are there any special considerations to keep in mind?

6. Where do you and your family spend most of your time? Kitchen, family room, porch, outdoors, other?

SIZE & SPACE

1. How much square footage do you anticipate?
   ☐ Total finished_____
   ☐ First floor_____
   ☐ Second floor_____
   ☐ Finished basement_____

2. How many bedrooms? On which floor do you want the master bedroom?

3. How many bathrooms would you like?

4. What other rooms are necessary other than the living room, dining room, kitchen, and entry?

☐ Family Room / Den	☐ Wet Bar
☐ Office / Study	☐ Wine Room / Cellar
☐ Breakfast Area	☐ Game Room
☐ Sun Room	☐ Bonus Room
☐ Theater / Media Room	☐ Library
☐ Laundry Room	☐ Work area
☐ Walk-In Pantry	☐ Other _____

5. What are your parking needs? Are you planning to have a garage? Attached, detached, or both?

6. Do you imagine any future additions to the home that would require planning for expansion?

ARCHITECTURAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. How many levels do your prefer?

2. Do you have a preference toward traditional wood "stick-framing", ICF, or Stratford modular home?

3. What home styles are you influenced by and find attractive?

☐ Cape Cod	☐ Southwestern
☐ Colonial	☐ Victorian
☐ Cottage	☐ Other_____
☐ Ranch	

4. Is there a style that you particularly dislike?

5. What level of complexity are you interested in?

☐ **Very complex-** Such as hipped roofs and atrium plans. Design inside and out is a high priority.

☐ **Average-** We want a modest home with some character.

☐ **Simple**- We'd rather put our money in finishes and fixtures than the shape of the house.

6. What outdoor living spaces would like for your home? Decks, porches, patios?

7. What kind of indoor spaces are attractive to you? Do you like an open feel or prefer more discreet and separate rooms?

8. Do you have a sense of how rooms will be grouped? Or which ones would be separate from each other?

9. Do you have any special pieces of furniture or artwork to consider for the design?

10. In what areas or rooms do you prefer more natural light? Morning light in kitchen? Sunset view in living room?

11. What are your color preferences? Do you plan to use extensive use of strong color or more muted natural tones?

12. What materials are you considering for the exterior?
- ☐ Walls:
- ☐ Roof:
- ☐ Patios/Decks:
- ☐ Driveway paving:
- ☐ Garden walks/retaining walls:

13. What materials are you considering for the interior?

Room	_Walls_	_Floor_	_Ceiling_	_Trim/Cabinetry_
Living				
Dining				
Kitchen				
Entryway				
Master Bdrm				
Bedrooms				
Bathrooms				
Office				
Laundry				
Pantry				
Garage				
Utility				
Other				
Other				

14. Do you prefer a certain brand or type of window? Casement/awnings, double-hung, sliders? Any skylights?

ENERGY CONCERNS

1. How important is energy efficiency to you?
- [ ] A primary concern even if adds cost to the project.
- [ ] Somewhat important.
- [ ] Not very, as long as it meets code. Style and function are most important?

2. What will the energy source(s) for the home be?

- [ ] Natural gas
- [ ] Propane
- [ ] Electricity
- [ ] Geo thermal
- [ ] Solid fuels

3. Do you have a preference for types of heating?
- [ ] In floor heating
- [ ] Forced air
- [ ] Radiant water heat
- [ ] Electric baseboard
- [ ] Wood or pellet stove
- [ ] Fireplace with gas
- [ ] Masonry fireplace

4. Are you going to heat the garage(s)?

5. Do you want air conditioning?

6. What kind of electrical fixtures do you envision for the home?
- [ ] Ceiling fans
- [ ] Recessed cans
- [ ] Dimmer switches
- [ ] Wall sconces
- [ ] Accent/tread lighting
- [ ] Cabinet lighting
- [ ] Chandeliers

7. Is there any specialty wiring that you would like in the home? TV/phone/cable, security, audio/video, data jacks, control lighting?

BUDGET

1. What is your budget for the project or perceived construction costs?
    $ _____
    Between $ _____ and $ _____
    $ _____per square foot

COMMENTS: