



# RIVER CREST

## DESIGN BUILD, INC.

### Remodeling Report

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#### A Message from Joe

We always strive to do our best for each and every client, so it's especially pleasing to receive industry recognition for our work. River Crest was recently honored with both a Silver Merit Award and an Award of Excellence in the 18th annual Home Builders Association of Maryland Remodeling Award of Excellence competition. As an added bonus, our Silver Merit Award project was featured on the cover of the January/February 2009 issue of Mid-Atlantic Builder Magazine. We hope you'll enjoy reading about these projects as much as we enjoyed building them!

Also in this issue, we share practical ideas on how to make your home Beautifully Efficient while you're remodeling. You'll be surprised at the many easy ways you can increase your comfort and save money at the same time you are making your home beautiful.

Watch for what's new in outdoor living as we discuss *Today's New Decks* in our April e-newsletter. If you don't already subscribe, just go to [www.rivercrest.com](http://www.rivercrest.com) to sign up and start receiving helpful tips and information.

As always, we welcome the opportunity to work with you, your family and your friends to help make your homes all they can be.

Joe D. Duval, President

#### Silver Merit Award Winner: Master Bath Retreat

Our client was seeking a quiet retreat where she could reenergize at the end of a stressful day. Towards this end, we created a tranquil spa with a Japanese soaking tub and Zen-inspired design elements.

The original layout of the home provided an initial challenge. When presented with the existing long, narrow bathroom hallway and the 5' circular tub selected by the client, we knew we had a significant design hurdle to overcome. The need to seamlessly incorporate a Japanese style bath into a contemporary home compounded the design challenge.

By removing the hallway wall, we gained enough space to set the oversized tub and the deck it required. The circular shape of the tub drove a unique geometric design with steps and a floating vanity top radiating off the tub like spokes on a wheel. The use of soothing green tones in the beach glass and natural stone completed the calming effect.

Eastern influences were carried into



the Master Bedroom and closet area through the use of bamboo style glass doors, earth-toned wood trim and walls, and complementary bedroom furniture. All came together to create a true sanctuary for the homeowner.

This award-winning Master Suite remodel not only added value to the client's home, it added real value to her lifestyle. ♦

#### Our On-Time Record Is Second to None

At River Crest, we deliver what we promise. So you may not be surprised to learn that we completed 97% of our remodeling jobs during the past two years on time. We take pride that River Crest clients enjoy their newly remodeled homes sooner, without any unnecessary delays.



## Award of Excellence Winner: Dream Deck

**A**t River Crest, we feel that one of the things that sets us apart from other remodelers is our ability to meet and overcome unusual design, logistical or regulatory obstacles. This was certainly the case with this dream deck project.

Our client expressed a desire for an outdoor living space that would seamlessly bridge the indoor space of their home with the natural beauty of their wooded river front property. This was a particular design challenge since there existed an extremely steep slope from the home to the waterfront below. In addition, the home is located within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area which prompted the need for ongoing and long-term communication between River Crest and local governing bodies.

Our aesthetically-pleasing design naturally blended the indoor and outdoor features of the home. This was accomplished with matching stonework in the support structure of the deck, columns, posts and trim work. The client greatly enjoys entertaining, so we created an

expanded central area with a white columned trellis to serve as a welcoming gathering point.

Despite many challenges, the purposeful design and construction of the deck resulted in a perfect unification of natural and created space. The family is now drawn outdoors into the surrounding woods, where they enjoy the view and access to the waters of the quiet cove below.

If you have a remodeling project which requires innovative design and skilled construction, call us at 410-626-1241 ext. 12 to find out how we can use our experience to help you. ♦



## Make Your Home Beautiful and Beautifully Efficient: How Remodeling Can Make You Comfy While Saving Money

**W**hether you live in a newer home or an older home, chances are it is not as energy-efficient as you would like. You might sense this each month when you receive another high energy bill in the mail, or each time you reach for a sweater to fend off the chills or need to find your slippers. Many homeowners don't realize how surprisingly easy it is to make your home more energy-efficient at the same time you're remodeling your home to make it more beautiful.

### Curb Appeal That Curbs Energy Usage

Homeowners win when exterior remodeling not only improves curb appeal, it saves money too. If your renovation plans include updating the exterior of your home, you have the perfect opportunity to upgrade energy performance by adding rigid-foam sheathing under replacement siding, installing insulated siding, or installing an air barrier to reduce leakage.

Rigid-foam sheathing creates a continuous membrane around the house. Once installed, the sheathing should

significantly restrict the flow of air in and out of the building envelope, improving the efficiency of heating and cooling systems. Insulated siding has rigid foam insulation fused behind the exterior surface of the siding panel. Not only does it reduce energy costs year-round, but it can be visually appealing in each of its many maintenance-free forms, many of which have the look and texture of real wood.

**INSULATED SIDING**  
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### Wrap Your Home in Comfort

With a more involved exterior remodel, you and your remodeler might also discuss adding a "wrap" to your home. Home wraps are made from specially engineered polymers


and help seal your home from the elements, keeping outside air where it belongs so you enjoy more comfort and lower energy bills.

**Windows and Doors: Your Opening to Energy Savings**

If you're replacing windows and doors as part of your remodel, you have a wonderful opportunity to choose the latest energy-saving products. High-performance windows provide warmer interior surfaces during the winter and cooler interior surfaces during the summer, so your home always feels just right. Today's exterior doors often fit better and are better insulated, particularly compared to older style conventional doors or sliding glass patio doors.

The best part of all is that remodeling affords you the perfect opportunity to have your windows and doors installed right. River Crest will employ energy-saving knowledge and techniques that not only tackle heat loss around frames, but address the energy efficiency of the exterior walls surrounding the windows and doors.



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**Interior Sealing and Insulation Make for a Cozy Home**

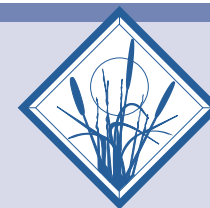
If your energy bills are high, chances are your home could use some additional interior insulation and sealing. Typical culprits that rob you of energy are under-insulated attics, leaky windows and doors, or drafty basements. But don't forget that your remodel gives you important access to difficult-to-reach areas between levels, inside walls, or under floors. This includes the air-losing ducts that run throughout your home. So it's the perfect time to make your home as energy-efficient as it can be. Energy Star estimates that a homeowner can save up to 20% on heating and cooling costs (or up to 10% on total annual energy bill) by sealing and insulating. We can show you numerous ways to make you feel more comfortable in your home.

So don't just make your home beautiful – make it beautifully efficient! Think about remodeling as a welcome opportunity to increase your home's comfort and put money back in your pocket. And that's when you'll really love your home. ♦

**Warm thanks to those of you who've passed along our name to friends, associates and family:**

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At River Crest, we like nothing more than helping homeowners realize how much they can love their homes. So if you come across anyone else looking for a totally satisfying remodeling experience, please have them visit our website at [www.rivercrest.com](http://www.rivercrest.com) and call us at 410-626-1241 ext. 12 – they will thank you too! ♦



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To provide high quality design and construction services to our community with honesty, integrity and in a timely and profitable manner.

Established in 1986, River Crest Design Build, Inc. is an Annapolis-based company which prides itself on forming relationships with its clients.

River Crest projects have been featured in the Home Section of *The Capital* and in *Woman's Day Kitchen & Bath*. The company has won numerous national awards, including *Qualified Remodeler Magazine's* "Top 500," a 2001 Chrysalis Award, HBAM Award of Excellence – Dream Deck and HBAM Silver Merit Award – Master Bath Retreat.

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