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Breezing down the I-90, it's easy to fly right past Mercer Island. But as Eric Beckes knows, there on "The Island" – lodged comfortably between Seattle and Bellevue – is the ideal place to build a home. Beckes Homes has contributed to making Mercer Island a place where people want to stay for the past 30 years.

Attracted to the "spectacular beauty" and strong sense of community that envelops Mercer Island, Eric Beckes has planted his company's roots firmly in the island's soil, establishing Beckes Homes as one of the leading custom home builders in the area. Focusing on in-fill projects and new construction, Beckes Homes leverages their

long-standing relationships with the city, local business owners and sub-contractors to guide clients through the homebuilding process.

Dense with trees, parks and picturesque waterfront views of Lake Washington, Mercer Island's allure does come with a cost; extensive site work is often needed to deal with steep slopes, geological hazard areas or restricted site access. With over two decades of experience on the island, however, Beckes Homes knows how to coax the land and new dwellings into peaceful coexistence. Owner Eric Beckes emphasizes the importance of a collaborative mindset in approaching a challenging site. By

Situated on the north shores of Mercer Island, this contemporary inspired home features commanding views of the Bellevue skyline and Lake Washington. Light infused soaring ceilings clad in hemlock planking are supported with custom fabricated steel trusses. The home features a field-built & fabricated steel staircase system utilizing cable railings and reclaimed fir timber stair treads. Structural glass panels we used at the stair landing to allow the abundant natural light to pass through.

Designed by Robert Maloney of Robert Maloney Architects



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engaging expert resources—and keeping the homeowner involved in the conversation from beginning to end—Beckes Homes keeps costs minimal through their inherent understanding of site characteristics and ability to deal proactively with impending issues.

Just as they're able to adapt to the land, Beckes Homes also moves fluently between styles. Speaking of his experienced staff of seven, Eric emphasizes, "We're good listeners. We can hear what clients want and help them to get there." On top of that, Beckes Homes demonstrates





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a strong understanding of how architectural elements harmonize with their surroundings. And while Eric says with a coy smile that his favorite type of home is a log home—adding that he “loves the craftsmanship that goes into a log home and the way each log is scribed and expertly fit into place”—Beckes Homes demonstrates through their diverse portfolio and upcoming project list that there are no limits to the architectural styles they expertly construct.

No matter the aesthetics of the custom home, Beckes Homes places a tremendous amount of emphasis on building green. Eric acknowledges that, “There is increased awareness to become more environmentally responsible by reducing waste, minimizing the impact of construction on the site, using reclaimed or renewable resource materials and implementing energy conservation measures.”

Staying apprised of developments in green building, Beckes Homes constantly strives to “push the envelope,” as Eric adds.

Speaking about recent green industry developments and their own efforts as a company, Eric comments, “I’m most excited about the advances in renewable energy and energy conservation. The futuristic home with a carbon footprint of zero is no longer just a concept; it’s becoming a reality. The use and installation of ground source heat pumps, passive solar hot water heating, photovoltaic solar panels and increased insulation in walls and ceilings are being designed into our projects today.”

While Beckes Homes values the environment and the native landscape, they also enjoy the lasting relationships they develop with clients.

“Trust forms quickly with our clients because we sincerely care about



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their happiness and the success of their project,” Eric adds. “We are a friend by their side through the whole journey, guiding them through the decision processes, trouble shooting problems and suggesting creative solutions. Because of our 30 years of custom home building experience, we provide our clients with skilled

knowledge and expertise. It is our goal to provide them with a wonderful experience and a wonderful home that is uniquely their own.”

Combining strong architectural vision with craftsmanship, dedication and a genuine enjoyment of constructing quality custom homes, Beckes Homes provides unique products and exceptional customer

“When I first viewed this south-end waterfront property, I was mesmerized with the dramatic views of Lake Washington and Mount Rainier”. Creating an open floor plan that would incorporate views from every room imperative. A collaborative design effort began between Scott Miller Architects and Dixie Stark Design who brought strong architectural visions to reality by creating a truly wonderful and livable home. The home features striking contemporary interior finishes, main floor master suite and a large covered outdoor area for entertaining.





service. With an astute ability to understand clients' goals and aesthetic tastes, Eric and his team foster an energetic, collaborative approach to ensure that clients' expectations are surpassed.

"Our clients definitely come first," Eric states. Moreover, Beckes Homes hardly sweats the small stuff; with so many years of experience behind them, Beckes Homes knows how to anticipate and deal with



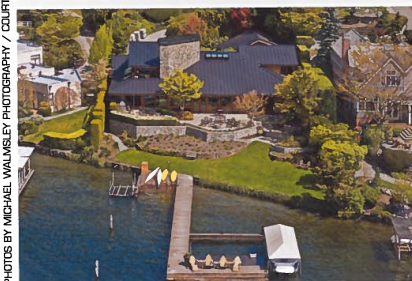
This dramatic contemporary home designed by the award winning firm of SkB Architects in Seattle. This home incorporates the use of architectural concrete, wood, and steel. Large lift and slide doors allow this home to open itself up to bathe in the warm sun and take in the view of Mt. Rainier and Lake Washington. The core of this home boasts masterful custom steel, wood, & glass staircase fabricated by 12th Avenue Iron.

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#### Building Experiences

"As we enter into our 30th year of building custom homes, I've really enjoyed the strong relationships that are developed with the clients, design professionals, and subcontractors. Our core value has always been to it right, no matter what. Having well established relationships with subcontractors that share this core value is imperative. While integrity and transparency is important in any service business, meeting and exceeding your client's expectations is of the upmost importance. I enjoy the challenge of working on steep and difficult building sites that are encountered when building on Lake Washington." - Eric Beckes



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the process. Whether it is the composure learned from years on the soccer field—where many of his industry connections have also flourished—or a purely innate sense of how to turn dreams into reality one square foot at a time, Eric and Beckes Homes construct striking, unique and sustainable custom homes. Plus, they make Mercer Island a place where anyone would want to linger.

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issues proactively and constructively. As Eric says, "it's not if issues will arise, but how you handle them."

Overall, Eric handles the challenges and joys of building on Mercer Island with poise and integrity; and, he manages to stay relaxed and smiling throughout