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Kitchen/Bathroom Over \$30K

"Dramatic Transformation"

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*Award Winning Entry*

The clients' kitchen was yet the original from the 1960's raised-ranch home. The linoleum floor was peeling apart in areas, the cabinets had served their time and the function of the area needed change. There was underutilized space where the stairway entered from the lower level (the main point of arrival on this lot, sloped steeply from back to front) to a dreary laundry room which was larger than necessary to function well.



*By removing soffits and a peninsula, the space is now connected and open.*

The clients desired a new patio door for access to a future 3-season room from the dining area, as well as a new kitchen window and laundry room door. French doors were desired to provide character and privacy to the living room. Well-designed lighting was imperative as the former central lighting left many shadows, and natural light was sometimes limited because the space faces north with a steep hill out the back door.



*BEFORE: The cabinetry and finishes were outdated.*



*BEFORE: There was no laundry room separation.*



*BEFORE: Work spaces did not function properly.*

To improve the entry to the home, a wall was built to separate the laundry from the kitchen. It is now much more inviting to enter the bright kitchen instead of a laundry room full of clothes, as there is still no other front entry option for the home. Soffits have been removed, and a combination of T-8 fluorescent under-cabinet lighting and halogen recessed cans light the room, providing both balanced lighting and balanced energy usage. The Corian counter tops with an inlaid edge are a point of luxury for this kitchen, setting the stage for future bathroom remodeling projects.



*The new island provides necessary work space in the kitchen, and a desk area is comfortable for daily mail sorting or bill paying.*



*A combination of lighting options allows the space to be fine-tuned for work or for ambience. Fluorescent under-cabinet lights balance the energy usage of halogen recessed cans and incandescent pendants.*



*Corian inlays in the island and perimeter counter tops integrate the two different Corian choices.*



**Specifications of Note:**

Cabinetry: Kemper, Hickory

Counter Tops: Corian, perimeter in Flint with island in Macadam with Flint-inlay.

Faucet: Delta

Flooring: Vinyl, Celestial.

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