



# BREAKING NEW GROUND

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COMMERCIAL ARCHITECTURE  
PROJECTS THAT PUSH THE  
LIMITS OF DESIGN







## ROOTED CAMP

Completed in July 2018, this camp was designed by Whitten Architects for a Boston-based professional couple with a young family. The new home is a four-season retreat in the Lakes region on the site of an old girls' summer camp. The homeowners were actively involved in the design process, drawing inspiration from turn-of-the-century waterfront camps and their own Maine roots. The home features an exposed timber frame; wood floors, walls, and ceiling; and a fieldstone chimney and fieldstone terrace walls. Hand-split granite was salvaged from the site and repurposed as part of an entry bench, a fireplace hearth, and a bench on the screened porch.

Upon one's entering the property between stone piers, an alley of 70-year-old white pines comes into view and leads the way to the waterfront site. The family wanted to create an indoor living space with a direct connection to the outdoor living spaces, which include the screened porch, a

terrace with a fire pit, a wrapped porch, and dock with access to the lake.

The first floor is an open-plan living and dining space designed to invite spaciousness and light. A generous kitchen has a butcher-block island and bi-parting sliders that open to the front porch toward the lake. Other living spaces on the first floor include a full pantry, mudroom, half bath, laundry room, and getaway space with an office and TV. An open staircase to the second floor features a generous landing as a play space before leading up to the owners' suite, two guest bedrooms, a bunk room for five, and a large "Jack and Jill" bath.

The house features high-performance systems with a modern floor plan, radiant first-floor heating, and a multizone heat pump for heating and cooling in all seasons. Exterior finishes include stained white cedar shingles, stained red cedar novelty siding, a metal roof, and screened and wrapped porches with exposed Douglas fir rafters.



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**Location:** Otisfield

**Completed:** 2018

**Architect:** Whitten Architects

**Design Team: Whitten Architects:** James Beasley, Drew Bortles & Rob Whitten

**Contractor:** R.P. Morrison Builders

**Landscape Architect:** Emma Kelly Landscape

**Interior Consultant:** Krista Stokes

**Structural Engineer:** Albert Putnam Associates