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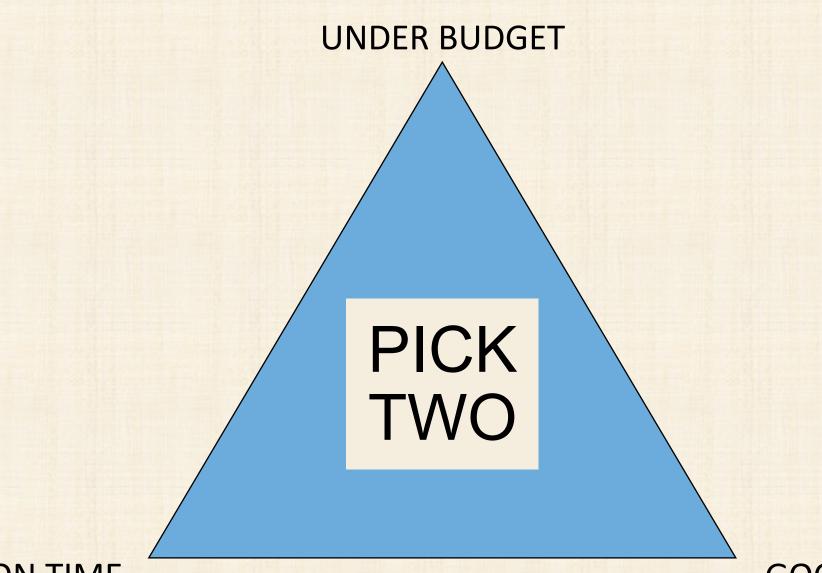
# Wrenshall Residence

A LOCAL ARCHITECT PUTTING HIS MONEY WHERE HIS MOUTH IS.

PRESENTER: ELDEN LINDAMOOD

### Learning Objectives:

- 1. Learn aspects of good design.
- 2. Identify primary drivers of design.
- 3. Discuss the interdependency of those drivers.
- 4. Consider what happens when too much emphasis is placed on only one driver.
- 5. Discuss how those drivers receive different emphasis from the different players involved in the design and construction of a residence.
- 6. Look at examples of good and bad design, and discuss why good design is important.
- 7. Review how these drivers were applied to the Wrenshall Residence case study.
- 8. Emphasize how the identified drivers need to be balanced to result in a successful project.



**ON TIME** 

**GOOD QUALITY** 

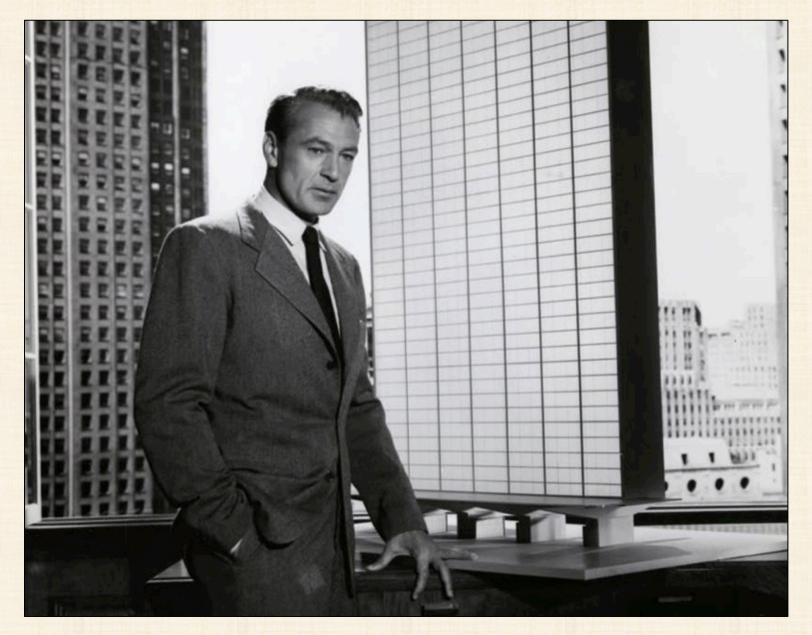
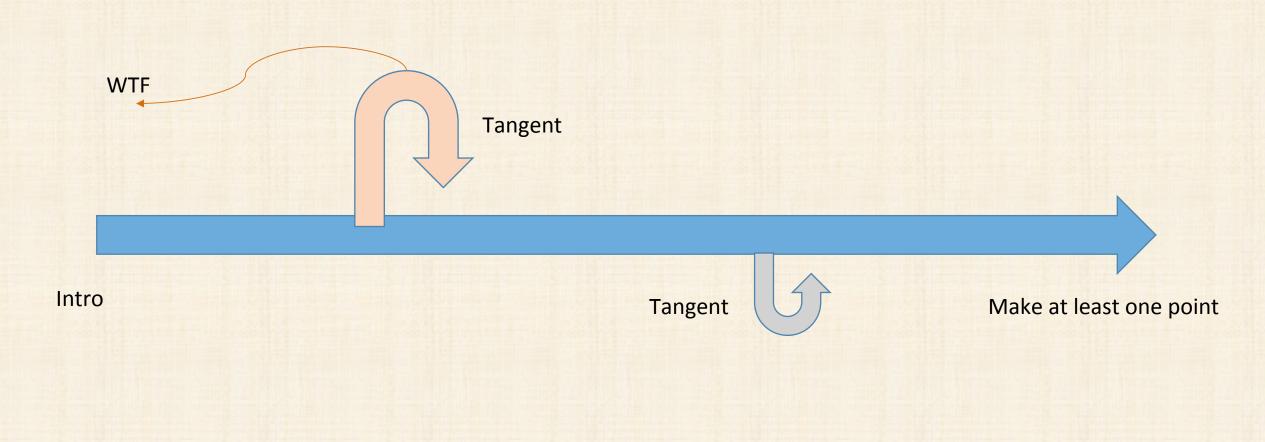






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### **Presentation Trajectory Graphic**



### Awesome!

DESIG

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### What is good design?

- Depends who you ask.
  - Beauty
  - Function
  - Affordability
  - Efficient
  - Environmentally responsible

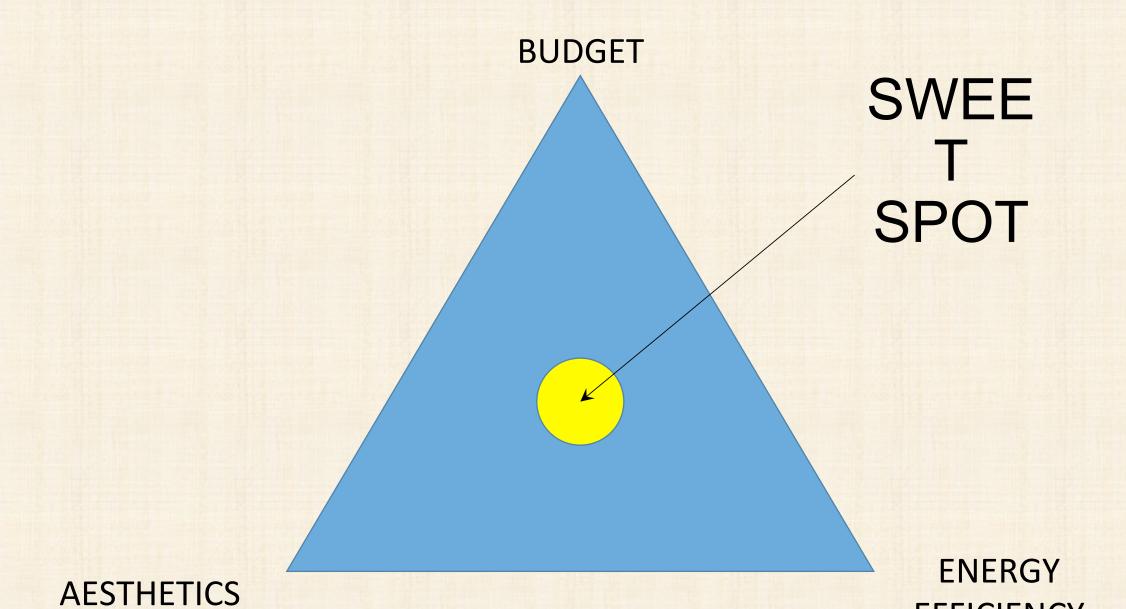
### What is good house design?

• All those things, plus...

- Easy to maintain
- Comfortable
- Welcoming
- Impressive?
- Durable

### The BIG THREE

- Budget
- Energy Efficiency
- Aesthetics



**EFFICIENCY** 

### Budget

- Fixed or loose
- Realistic or not
- Ultimate driver of project (?)
- Very emotional/stressful aspect
- Value versus cost
- Don't max it out

### **Energy Efficiency**

- Goals?
  - Better aggressive extreme
  - Programs
    - Energy Star, EEE, Passive house, LEED for homes, Living building challenge, Net zero, "Pretty Good House"
  - So many arguments
- Return on Investment (ROI) and payback
  - Simple payback
  - Intangible aspects
    - Passive survivability

#### Aesthetics

- 100% subjective, but some things are just ugly.
- Architect speak:
  - Massing, proportion, rhythm, balance, detail.
    - Simplicity/complexity
    - Framed views, axis, focal points
    - Context
- Design
  - Style and trends
  - Style books and websites like Pinterest and Houzz
  - Precedent photos good and bad

#### Architect Speak: Massing, composition, proportion and balance



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#### Architect Speak: Detail – Simplicity and complexity



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#### Architect Speak: Framed views, axis, alignment, and focal points



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#### Architect Speak: Context and style



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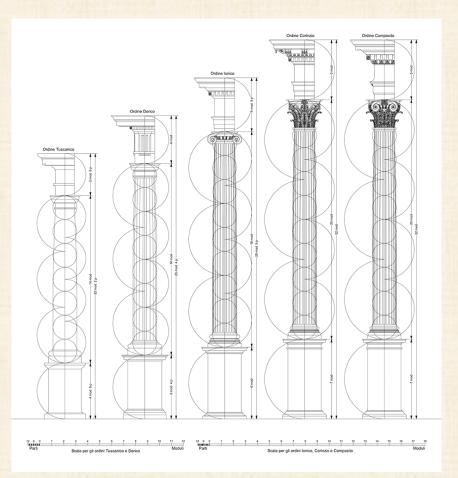




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## Too often we shoot for this...

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# ...and end up with this.

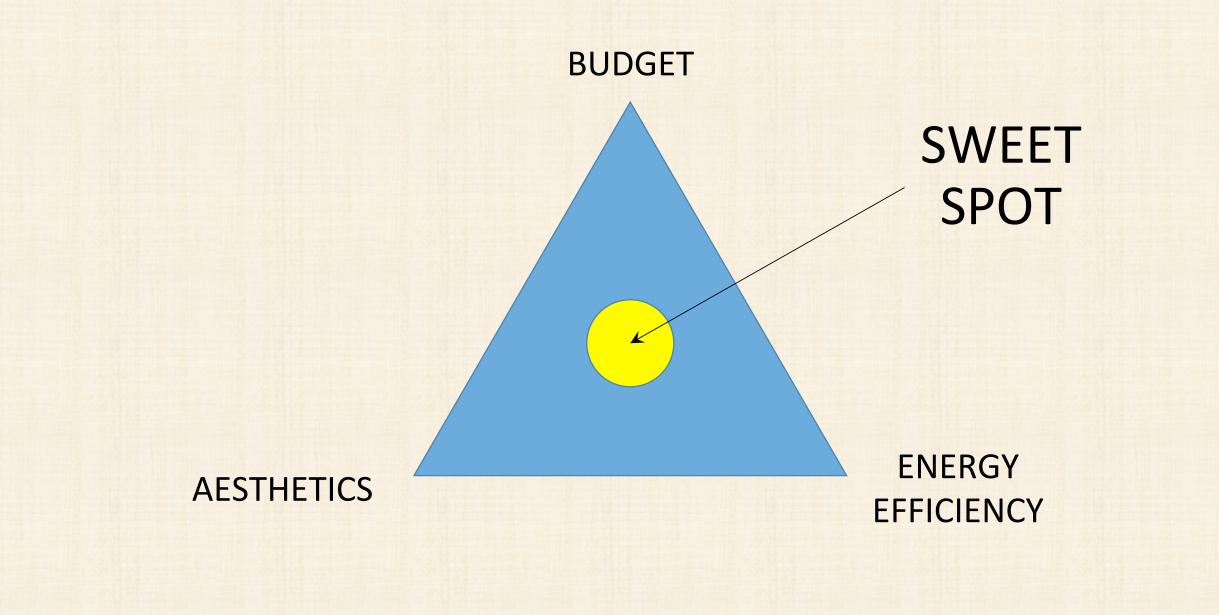
- Lack of context.
- Off the shelf parts.
- Hodgepodge of styles.
- Landscaping.

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#### ...or this.

- Why?



Not mutually exclusive



BUDGET

#### SWEET SPOT



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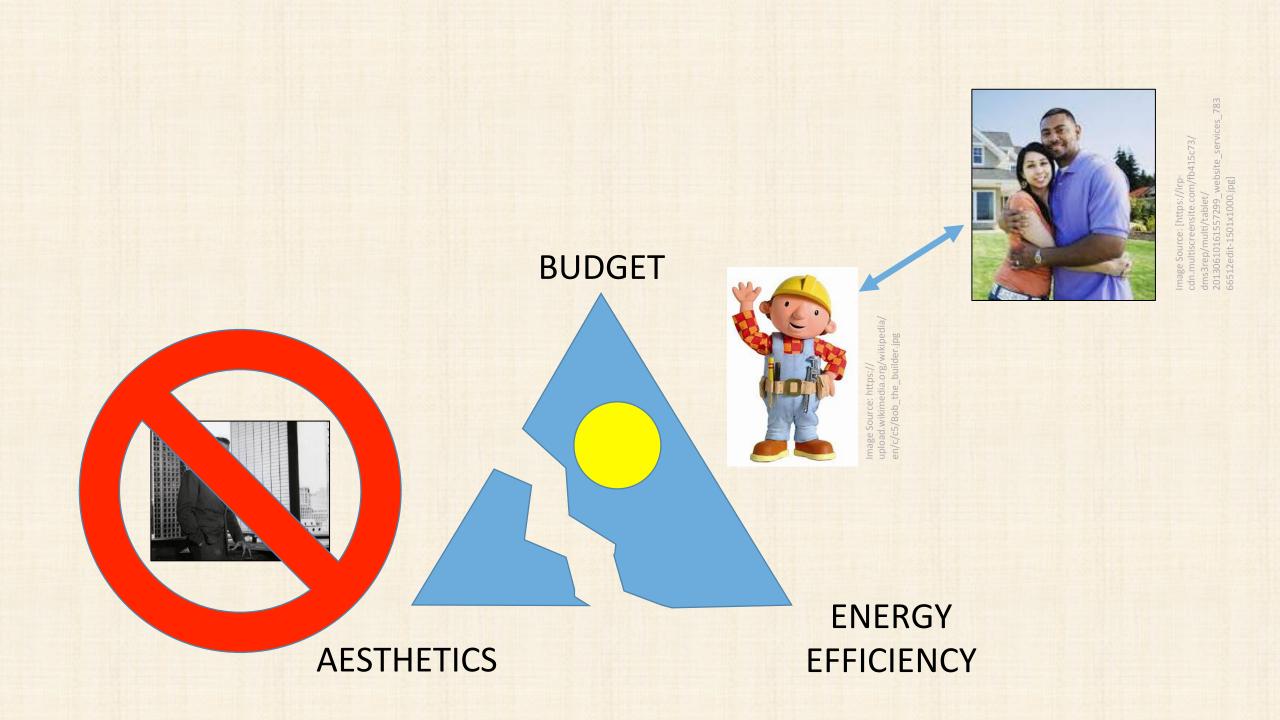
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#### AESTHETICS

#### ENERGY EFFICIENCY



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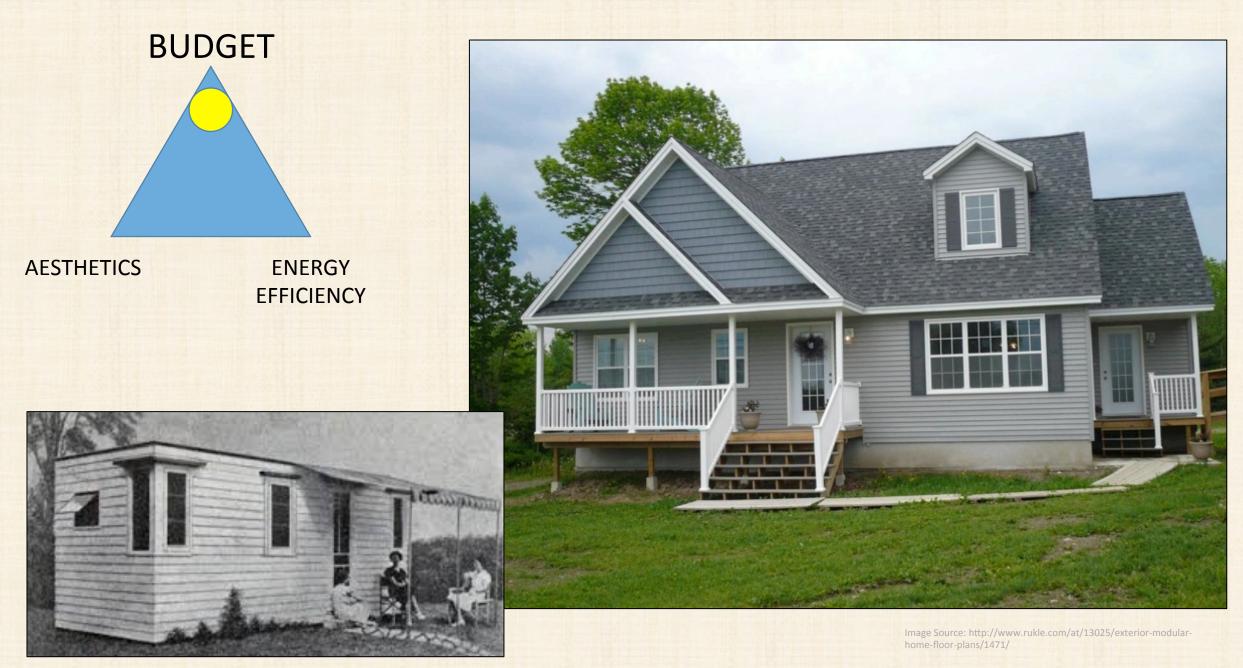


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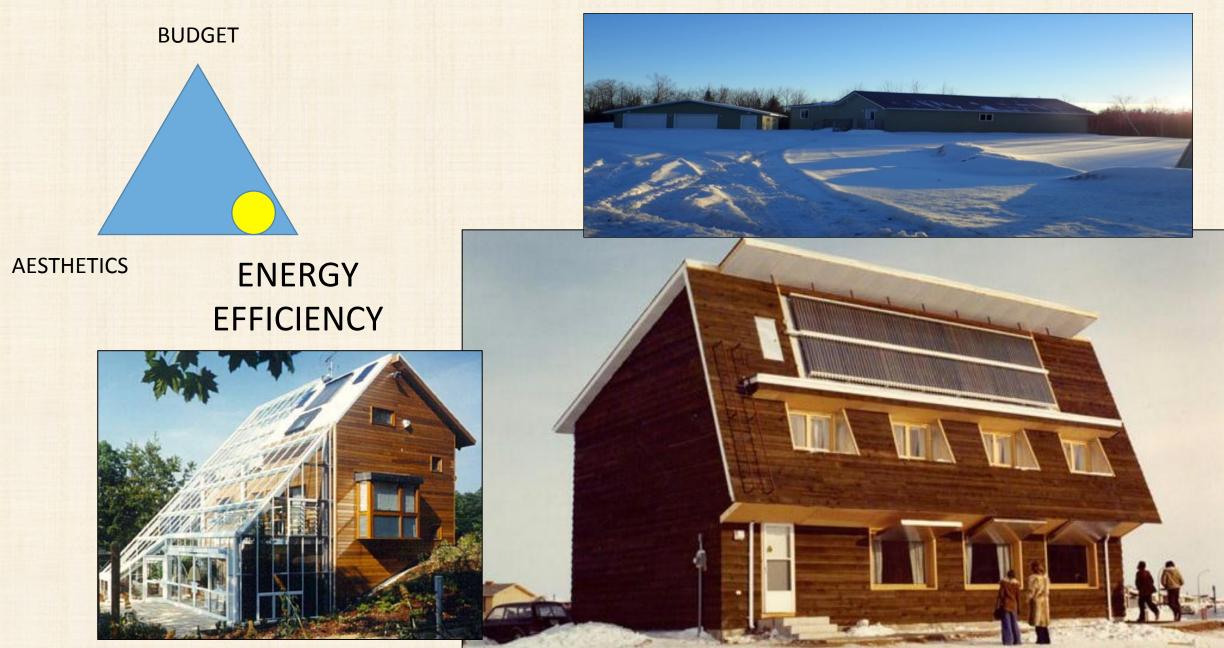


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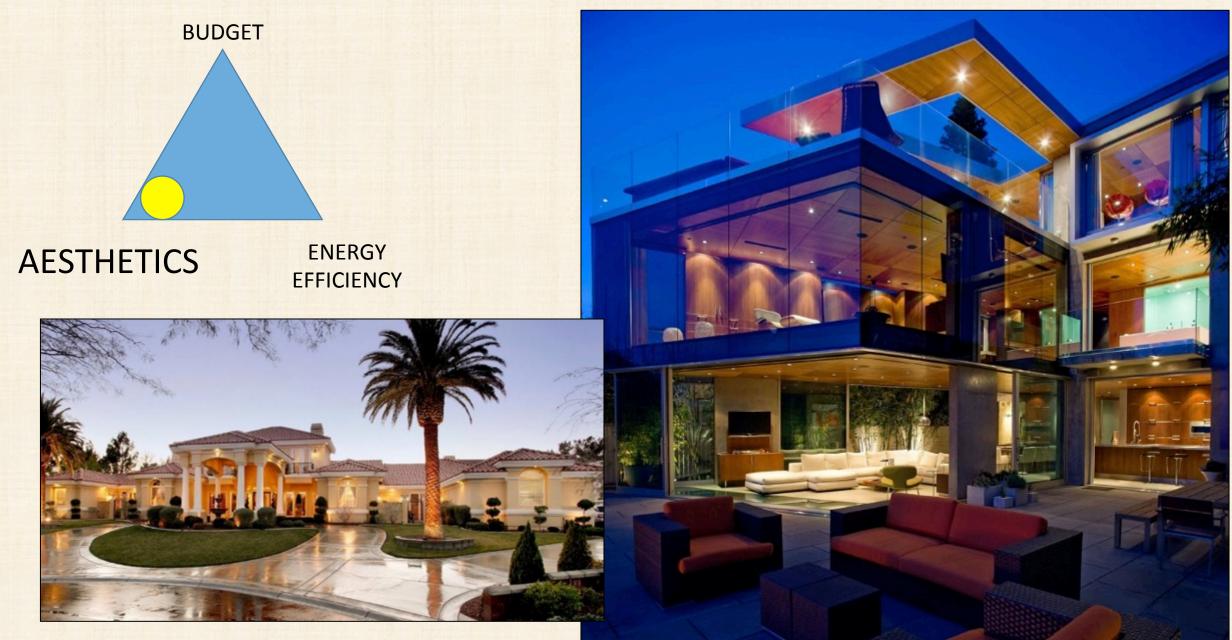


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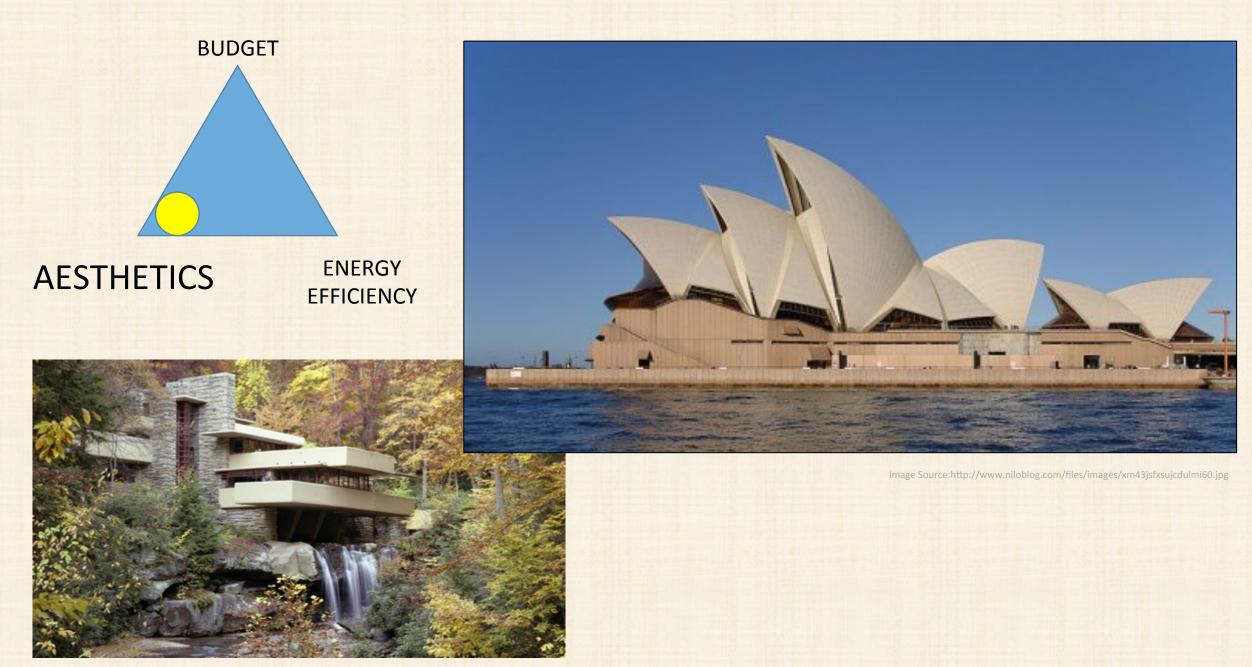
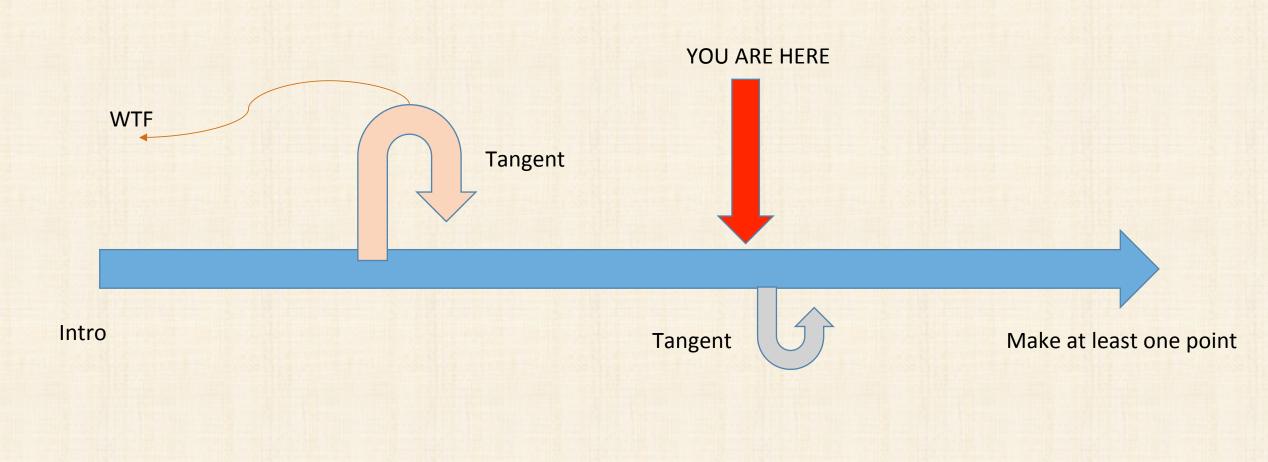


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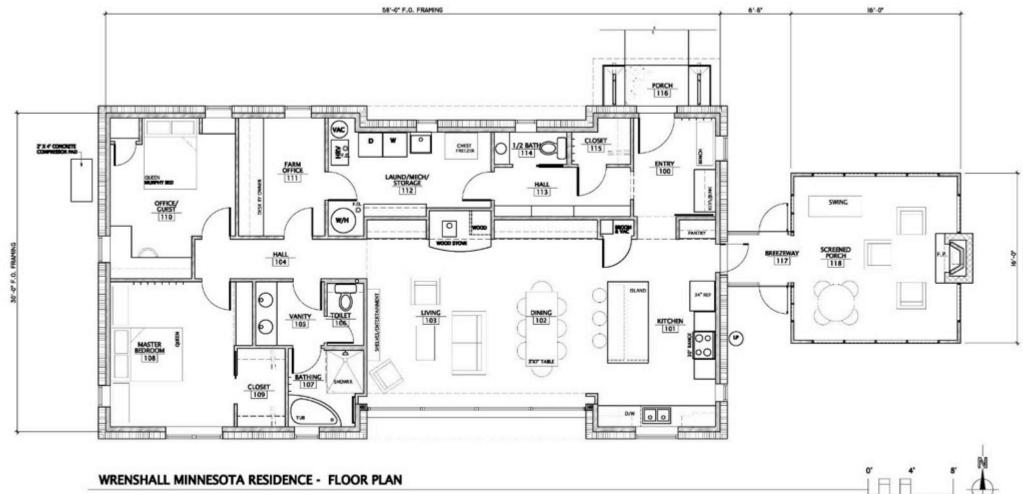
#### Case Study: Wrenshall Residence (my house)



#### The Stats – About the House

- 1668 Gross Square Feet, 1575 interior square feet.
  - Plus 260 s.f. screened porch
- One story, slab on grade.
  - Frost protected shallow foundation on a flat site
- 3 bedroom. 1-1/2 bath.
- All electric.

#### The Stats – About the House



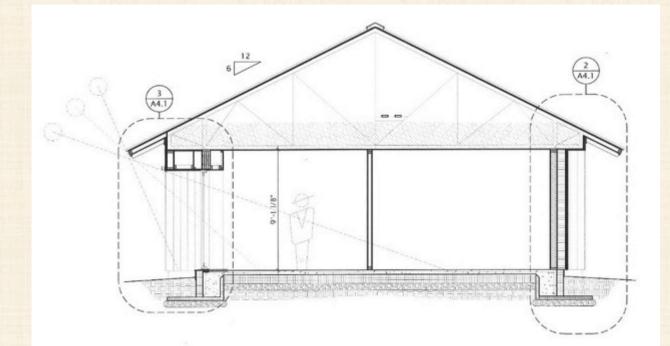
#### The Stats - Budget

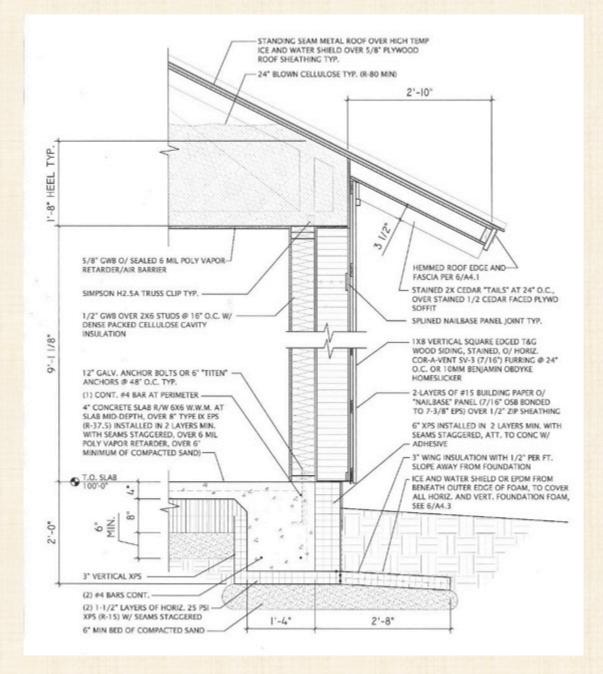
- \$300K target house and porch only
- Soft target depending on how much of the work I could do myself.
  - Banks suck
- T&M contract

## The Stats – Energy Efficiency

- R-30 slab
- R-50 walls
- R-80 attic
- U 0.18 Tri-pane fiberglass windows
- Air Tightness goal of < 0.6 ACH/50. Tested at 0.2 ACH/50 (58 CFM/50)
- Ducted mini-split heat pump with electric resistant cove heaters for backup.
- Wood stove, exhausted range hood, bath exhaust via HRV, condensing clothes dryer, Marathon hot water storage tank.
- Modeled passive solar with favorable orientation and window design.
- "Solar ready"

#### The Stats – Energy Efficiency

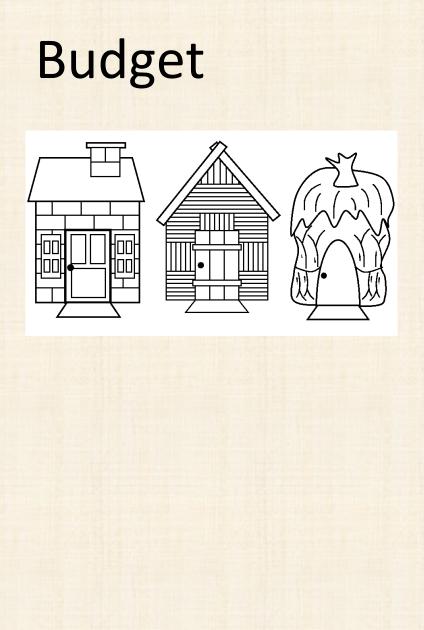




### What did I do?

### What did I NOT do?

### Did I stay in that "sweet spot"?





# Budget



### Aesthetics - Massing



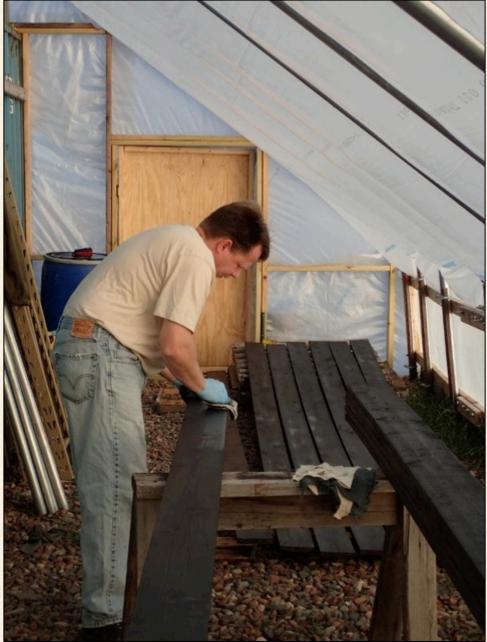
### **Aesthetics - Details**





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#### Aesthetics -Products





### Energy Efficiency/ Aesthetics





## **Energy Efficiency**



#### Working out the details with the builder

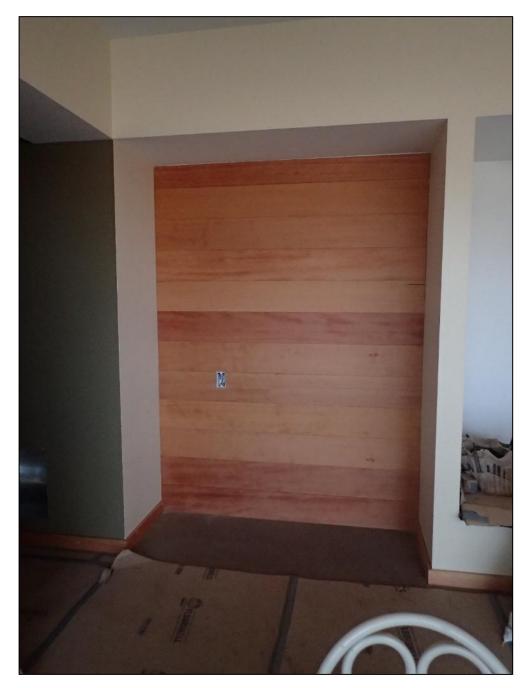




### Tangent: Why do people always ask about the ROI for insulation, but never for granite countertops or hot tubs?

# Hair-brained ideas?



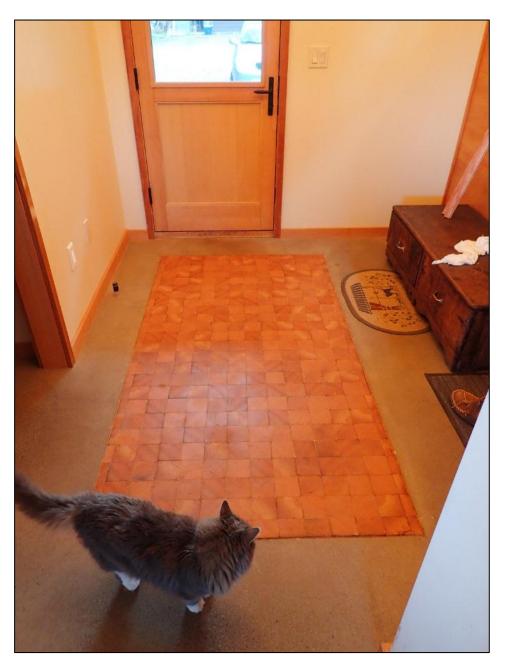


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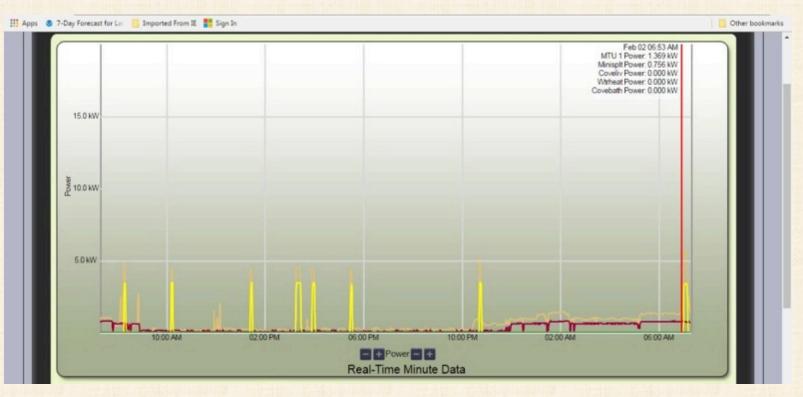












Energy Use Graphing example

CTs connected in electrical panel

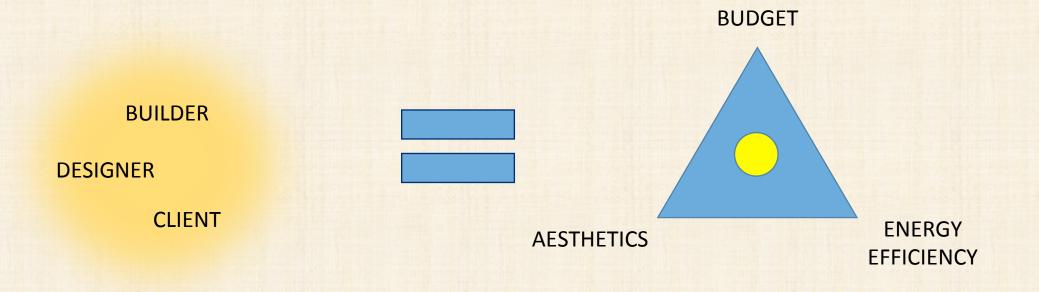
#### Some stats:

- House (we) using about 750 kWh/mo for house.
- December heat cost \$34. January heat cost \$40.
- DHW is about 13% of farm, or 18% of house use.

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6	12/1/2016 Coveliv		0.611	0.08							AirExch3%							
7	12/1/2016 Range		25.498	3.44							(20 kWh)Other 18%							
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#### Conclusion(s):

- Aim for the sweet spot
- Budgets, Energy Efficiency and Aesthetics are NOT mutually exclusive.
- Keep all parties involved in decisions during the construction process: Designer, Client, Builder.
- Respect and value what each can bring to the table.
- Some things are more valuable than their cost, and "payback" is a non-issue.



"My buildings will be my legacy...they will speak for me long after I'm gone"

- Julia Morgan





