

## HOW CAN AN ARCHITECT SAVE YOU MONEY?

Renovating can be a stressful process especially because you are investing your hard-earned dollars into your home. While the additional fees for services outside the cost of construction may seem like just an added cost, in the long run, working with an architect is worth the expense. A good architect works with you as a steward of your investment, potentially saving you money over the life of your renovation.

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### Provide solutions to your design problems

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Architects are problem solvers. When you sit down with an architect to discuss what a successful renovation looks like, it's their job to deliver solutions that address your needs. They are skilled to think outside the box and offer solutions you might not have considered.

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### Up-to-Date on material options

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As part of the project deliverables, architects typically provide options for material finishes. Architects have special access to information about building materials and products and can specify materials that can save energy, have lower maintenance cost, or offer you the design solution that works best for your project.

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### Detailed construction drawings

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To ensure a contractor builds to your exact specifications, construction drawings are essential. An architect can deliver a set of detailed drawings that provide information for how you expect your project to be built. Without them, there could be delays or mistakes that could have been prevented if an architect was involved. Plus, construction drawings also allow opportunities to find and work through any issues pre-construction. It's less expensive to find issues during this phase of work with an architect than once construction is underway or worse once the project is complete!

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### An architect is your representative

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An architect is on your team from the beginning of the project through turnover. They represent you to other consultants, vendors, and the contractor. They work on your behalf to ensure things like timeline and budget are met and hold all others accountable for their work ensuring your project is completed exactly how you envisioned.

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### Navigating the regulatory process

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Architects check that projects comply with local laws, building codes, zoning requirements, and standards. They help clients navigate the complex regulatory process by advising on the permitting process, meeting with regulatory officials, and completing necessary forms. Engaging an Architect can lead to faster and smoother approvals, saving both time and money.