

museum house (beta)

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we first started talking about sharing a home built for us when we visited the sculpture pavilion at grounds for sculpture in trenton, nj.

we saw the grand space with huge windows that brought in light and showed off the artwork, and a floating interior balcony that looked over everything and thought that maybe, one day, we could live in a place like this, surrounded by trees, light, art and friends.

we call this dream **museum house**. someday, if everything lines up and the lottery is generous, we might pursue that project,

museum house (beta) is what we believe we can achieve today within our means, but aiming for that feeling.



the pavillon - a soft box of glass, steel and concrete, but very much part of its natural setting



we don't want to live in a white terrazzo box. the pavilion serves as the starting point.. light, warmth, space, and balance with nature are the important aspects

lifestyle

yes

no

open floorplan
natural materials
eco-sensitive + green living
energy efficient systems
concealed storage space
sleek bathroom fixtures
kitchen integrated with living spaces
possibility of a third floor living area
xeriscaped back patio
low maintenance
entertainment friendly
multimedia ready
multifunctional furnishings
bill pay/internet access on ground floor
useful places for books

warehouse feeling
friends of the forest dwelling
composting toilets
design around one technology
open shelving
vessel sinks
living in a kitchen
full third floor
concrete slab
fussy or specialized maintenance products
life around a party that isn't happening
built around a tv set

oddly sized bookshelves

greening

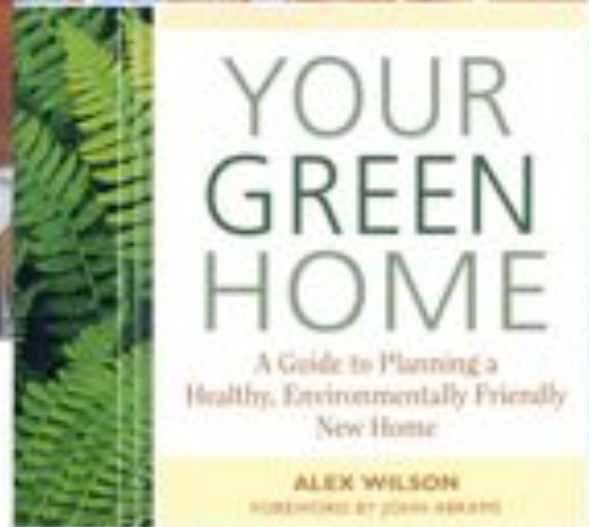
solar water heating
pv electrical generation
recycled materials
low embodied energy materials
reduction in carbon footprint
voc reduction
optimal air quality
options for led or fiber optic lighting
electrical plan to allow easy power adapter cutoff

structure

address stairs
address back steps into kitchen
at least 2 br, 2.5 bath
bike storage
reduction in carbon footprint
voc reduction
some form of study
guest space
configurable patio for indoor/outdoor living
option for off-street parking for at least one car



natural remodeling for the Not-So-Green Home



titles that follow the general theme

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the rear façade is a blank canvas. surprise us.



we think lightly stained wood, metal and frosted glass are very attractive materials



stairs



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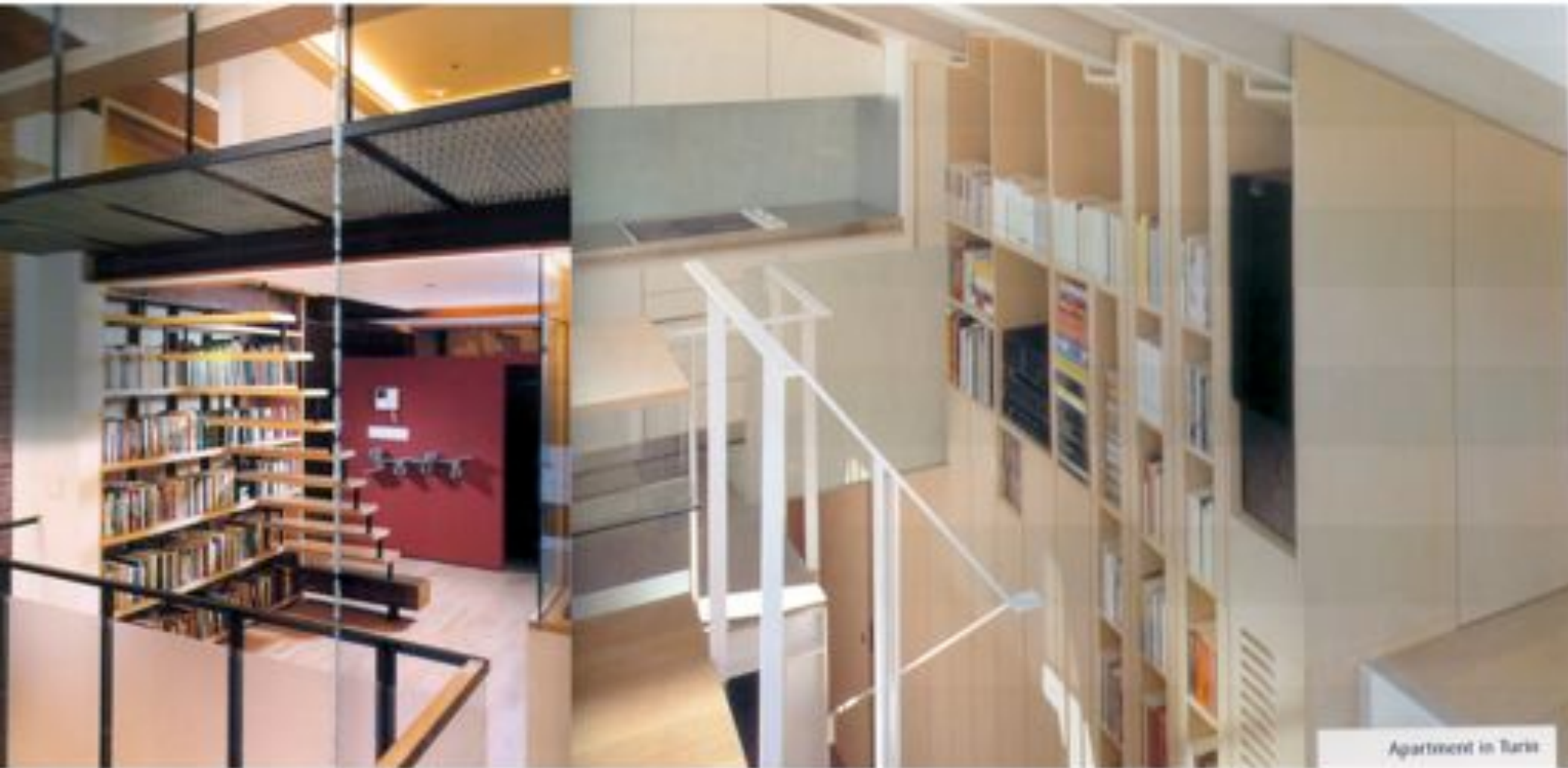
(maybe we've become obsessed with) stairs



we know the glass ones probably aren't possible, but damn, they're cool-looking



we own books. we love books. but they are not always great ornaments.



maybe we can fix two problems with one solution.

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we like the wood, the metal, the glass, the space and the light, even if it's almost too minimalist



space for art, space for living, space for space, and even a tin ceiling

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an area downstairs for a slim computer, for paying bills and dropping off to-dos.
but the focus needs to be elsewhere.



a kitchen that almost doesn't seem to be one



balconies and decks we like



the patio both looks good and flows with the house.
this one is somewhere on capitol hill



living areas do need to accomodate living.
the swiveling flat screen is a clever idea.



bathrooms: no vessel sinks. tubs are optional.

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