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# Anik Pearson Architect

HAMMERSLEY RIDGE OVERLOOK, WINGDALE, NEW YORK



*Clockwise from opposite:* Poised on a single-story concrete base that nestles into a wooded ridge, the house boasts myriad balconies capturing views of the nature conservatory across the valley. The south-facing master bedroom's slide-fold doors glide open to create a sleeping porch, complete with drop-down screen to keep mosquitoes at bay. The cedar ramp ascending to the green roof terrace is reminiscent of logging and mining structures in the client's native Washington State. Anik Pearson was commissioned to provide integrated services for both architecture and interior furnishings.

In 2004, Anik Pearson was asked by her clients to find a rural property on which they could build a family compound. Requirements were that the site be easily accessible from New York City and should offer prospects for slowly developing the compound's program over several decades. The long term vision was to create a main house, a guesthouse, a caretaker's house, and a dance studio, all of which would eventually become a legacy for the clients' children and grandchildren.

Pearson found a largely unimproved 68 acre property in upstate New York near the Hammersley Hill nature conservancy. For almost a decade, she coordinated the infrastructure improvements to build the first edifice on the site: the main house. "It was a key project for us in that the clients gave us full creative license to realize our vision of integrating Scandinavian and Korean design principles into a unique landscape," Pearson notes. The eco-friendly home promotes connection to the wooded land through an external ramp linking balconies, porches, and a terraced green roof. Throughout, emphasis is given to ease of maintenance. Native plants added to the landscaping require no irrigation or mowing, and naturally resilient materials like copper flashing, Rheinzink standing seam roofing, porcelain tile, and an untreated cedar rain screen were selected with a view to ensuring that this compound serves multiple generations with ease.

**PROJECT TEAM** ANIK PEARSON, RA, AIA; DAN WEBRE

**KEY CONSULTANTS** ROBERT BUMP CONSTRUCTION; REED HILDEBRAND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS; GREENE STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING; RENNIA ENGINEERING DESIGN; FOWNE & KWALBRUN CONSULTING ENGINEERS; TUNE STREET

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