

# IN PARALLEL ARCHITECTS + BUILDERS

Kitchen, Dining and Living Renovation

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Photo by Jane Messinger

## 410 Huntington Place, Ann Arbor

In this renovation, In Parallel worked within a c.1940 home to combine disparate entry, dining, and kitchen spaces into a single open volume while resolving structural concerns with the existing roof. The new transformed space celebrates the home's generous 18' ceiling as a single uninterrupted plane, accentuating the rituals of the kitchen, dining, and entry areas with natural light, and materially expressive surfaces.

The redesign of the roof and ceiling systems attend to an array of distinct challenges present in the existing home. Geometric changes to the exterior eliminate a valley prone to leaking and thermal bridging. A new acoustically absorptive material assembly greatly enhances the acoustic comfort compared to the previous hard surfaces in high-ceiling spaces.

The new ceiling assembly includes layers of acoustic fabric as well as integrated new skylights and wafer lighting. The material palette of the project is further reinforced by bringing the ceiling's maple wood to a custom guardrail and cabinetry in the kitchen below. Behind the wall of maple cabinet doors, the kitchen houses a diversity of custom cabinetry pieces, including toe-kick drawers, pull-out racks, and a "hide-away" countertop for appliances. Functioning like a swiss army knife of storage options, the kitchen supports an ability to maintain organization and multiple simultaneous uses inside of a relatively small footprint.

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The home is located north of Geddes Ave, and east of Washtenaw Ave. From Geddes, turn onto Riverview Drive. Continue left onto Huntington Place. The home is on the left.

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