



DESIGN BRIEF

Harold and Anne Wolf are a retired couple in Milwaukee. They are downsizing from their 3500 square foot family home and recently purchased a unit in a 1980's townhouse project. They chose this 1500 square foot property for three reasons. The first is that it is quite close to their daughter's home so that they do not have to drive very far to babysit. The second is that has a garden courtyard at the front of the unit and a raised balcony at the back which overlooking a park. The third reason is that the unit is in original condition and in need of a complete refurbishment.

Harold and Anne would like an open plan living space, 2 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms, and an office. They want their home to be wheelchair accessible but would like to maintain standard kitchen and bathroom vanities.

This is the Project Documentation Package for Part One of this week's *Design Project*. The goal of the *Design Project* exercises is to learn about the design process for making an existing home more Simple, Light, and Open. Review the Design Brief in this documentation package to understand what the client needs and wants for their home. Use the existing floor plan to analyze how Simple, Light and Open the home is in terms of these needs. For background information on what to look for, review the Simple Light Open description on the website.

Draw overtop of the plan as you analyze the house and then write down your observations about the design and your recommendations for change. When you are ready, watch John Brown complete the first part of the Design Project and compare your results. To discuss the exercise further with John, and other participants, add your comments to the blog. In the next segment we will be applying these recommendations to create a concept design.

RESIDENTIAL PROFILE - WOLF RESIDENCE

1. Describe your goals for your house

A quiet peaceful place in which to retire and enjoy ourselves

2. Describe Each Member of Your Household

Age	Gender	Interests	Daily Commute Time	Travel Mode (walk, train, car)
65	F	Walking	N/A	
63	M	Sailing	N/A	

3. Describe any changes to the composition of your household that you anticipate over the next five years:

None

4. List three words that best describe the way you currently live:

Our current home is much too big for our needs

5. List three words that best describe the way you would like to live:

We want an open living space that is wheelchair accessible.

6. Do you rent or own your house?

Rent

Own

7. How long do you plan to live in your current house?

Less than 3 years

More than 3 years

8. How much of your household budget would you like to devote to your house?

Less

About the same as I do now

Much more

1. Describe your current neighborhood:

City:

Milwaukee

State/Province:

Wisconsin

2. Why did you select this location:

Close to daughter's house, Nice landscaping

3. Describe your current home:

Size:

Year Built: 1984

Type: Townhouse

(single family detached, townhouse/rowhouse, low-rise condo, high-rise condo, other)

4. Why did you select this home?

Modest size, multifamily, good potential

5. What do you like most about it?

Garden in front and balcony in back

6. What do you like least about it?

Small kitchen, not enough bathrooms too closed in.

7. Rank the following uses in order of importance from 1 - 8 (1 being most important):

1 Living

6 Dining

5 Study / Office

2 Kitchen

4 Bedrooms

3 Bathrooms

7 Outdoor Living

8 Craft/ Hobby