

# A House

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A house is a structure that is meant to provide shelter. Think about it. Since time began, the family that had the better house cave was the envy of the neighborhood. If it was a cave.... Access to fresh water and protection from the elements were probably pretty high on the list when your cave mate started the “wish list”. The list had to include quick access to food. No one wants to lug that free ranging fresh food too far. How about the neighbors? What about the sports complex down the road? So, location seems to be very important, features, quality of structure all seem to play an important part on the housing scale of viability.

A house is much more than a structure. It is a home. It is a place of safety and retreat. It should be a place that you are glad to return to day after day. The amenities of a home should reflect your life experiences and your lifestyle. The commute, technology infrastructure availability, municipal infrastructure, utilities available, site orientation, grocery store, school, recreation and hospitals should be considered when deciding where to live. How about HOA’s?

As you can see, we have not begun to address any physical properties or the “process” of building a custom home. The list of intangible and tangible variables is very lengthy. I will attempt to provide a practical approach to this list. A custom home takes in all of these factors and complicates it with all of the decisions concerning which builder, what architect, what can I afford and what is normal or customary for the price range of home that I want to build. Resell is never the foremost thought when you are working on a new custom home. It should be. Your home represents a significant investment of your assets.

A quality Custom Home Builder or Design /Builder Firm should be your greatest resource. The Builder should know the answer to almost any question that you ask concerning the myriad of intangibles. You need to know what the questions are and be educated enough to discern truth from blarney.

Where to begin?