Leslie and Russ Kroum

1222 Old Milton Highway

This 2009 house is located on a secluded creekside spot. When Russ and Leslie purchased this home two years ago, they discovered water damage on the south facing wall that required the entire wall be removed.. Their initial dismay turned to optimism, as they realized they could rebuild the affected area a few feet further south, thus adding some much-needed space to their kitchen and living areas. Their kitchen remodel began in 2020. They opened up the closed-off kitchen and replaced the load-bearing wall with a support column covered with Eldorado Stone. Even with the south wall bumped out a few feet, Leslie and Russ faced a challenge with limited space. Designer Poe Perry worked them through each step and coordinated with contractors and tradespeople. The result is a creative, functional kitchen and dining room that flow with the rest of the house, are open, and full of light. The details are carefully chosen: backsplash tile from Gary’s Paints, Hearth and countertops from Fascinate Tile & Stone, and cabinets by Systematic Wood Design. The centerpiece of the kitchen is a hammered metal light fixture hanging over the island. Meals are served at the dining table Leslie’s parents purchased in 1973; a classic example of mid-century modern that has been lovingly maintained in original condition. We know you will be inspired by this unique space that is the response to critical structural damage, a need for space and light, and the integration of family pieces with new design.