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This beautiful historical residence was built in 1872.

The home sits on a large lot, uncommon in an area where most properties have no back yard. The homeowners worked with Chang/Monk Architects and S+H Construction to come up with a solution to give more space to the home while preserving the character of the

original house and the neighborhood where it is located.

The renovation opened up layout, giving the home a more spacious feel throughout since, as with many homes over 100 years old, most of the rooms were very small. Because of the zoning limitations and the fact the house sits close to the property line, the design takes advantage of an unused attic space.

The third floor hip roof became a mansard, so the house appears as two stories but actually gains an entire third floor with two bedrooms, bathroom, large exercise/play room and laundry. The skylights, cathedral ceiling and dormers are stunning additions to the space and open this level even more.

Taking over another room on the second floor allowed a for a much more spacious master bedroom and bathroom suite. The barn door separates a sitting room/nursery from the master bedroom and can be opened to make it feel much larger, or closed for privacy.

On the first floor the new sunroom gives way to a wonderful garden complete with koi pond, outdoor kitchen and hot tub. This once cramped home now boasts a layout that is functional, attractive and yet respectful to the original house.

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