

finalists Modern Architecture

Robert A. Cardello Architects, LLC

The young couple who inherited this traditional Cape Cod-style waterfront home wanted a modern floor plan that took advantage of stretching water views, but preserved the original architecture. Architect Robert A. Cardello delivered by connecting the bottom floor living spaces and incorporating large expanses of glass to let the landscape in. Exposed steel beams between the master and children's suites, along with a floating staircase crafted from composite steel and hickory wood, give the interiors a modern feel. Space above the enclosed dining room was replaced with two stories of glass windows facing a new outdoor terrace and fire pit, and the water beyond. A color palette of beach-toned neutrals, paired with rich contrasts, provides a backdrop for playful accents. "The result is a direct reflection of the clients' personalities," Cardello says. "She grew up here, but was able to convert it into something of her own."—AL



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