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A NEW GREEK REVIVAL RESIDENCE Millbrook, NY

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A couple commissioned this 7,500-square-foot new Greek Revival residence on a dramatic hillside site two hours north of New York City. Initially intended as a weekend house, it will ultimately become the couple's full-time residence.

The clients were drawn to the Palladian classicism of Jefferson's country villas in Virginia, and this design idea guided the development of a symmetrically balanced house with a Greek Revival character. The plan is designed around the lifestyle of a sophisticated couple who enjoy entertaining and whose grown children will have use of a separate carriage house apartment connected to the main house through a mudroom breezeway. The large central drawing room with commanding views of the Hudson River Valley and the Catskill Mountains beyond is to be used as both a living room and dining room. A matched pair of scagliola fireplaces were designed for each end of the room.

The master suite with an intimately-scaled paneled library, bedroom, and "his and hers" bathrooms and dressing rooms lies at one



end of the house, which is in turn balanced by an informal paneled family room and open kitchen wing at the other end. Two guest suites and an office for the husband are located on the second floor, approached by a curving staircase. The New York designer Miles Redd has decorated the interior of the house.

The landscape surrounding the house, developed by Warren Byrd of Charlottesville, Virginia, terraces various hedged garden rooms around the house and includes an elegantly proportioned swimming pool between the family room wing of the main house and the carriage house.

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