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The
adventure
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LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION.

That old axiom may be a tad trite, but it's oh so true. When Stacey and Rich Rendon, owners of Infiniti Custom Homes, select a lot on which to build one of their remarkable speculative homes, they put as much heart as they do thought into the site selection process. Known for selecting sites they would love to live on them-

selves, the right property for the home is one of the most important parts of the process. And a home as magnificent as "The Heartsworth," requires an equally impressive location.



The lot they have chosen for Grand Rapids Magazine's Design Home 2013 is in the exclusive Skyevale development, a grand gated community in charming Ada Township. The generous two-acre wooded lot offers sweeping views overlooking an undisturbed nature preserve. The preserve is a common area for the Skyevale neighborhood that will remain pristine and free of future development. Prospective homeowners will enjoy watching the wonders of nature unfold throughout the seasons in their own little habitat around the pond at the back of the property, which is sure to attract area wildlife. Although it is only minutes away from the heart of Ada and around 20 minutes from downtown Grand Rapids, the area offers a secluded, wooded retreat. Every lot within Skyevale measures at least two acres, so neighbors are nearby yet not imposing.

"VISBEEN ARCHITECTS is thrilled to once again be a part of Grand Rapids Magazine's Design Home. The 7,500 square foot "Heartsworth" is a classic, timeless design with spectacular amenities which we, Infiniti Custom Homes and our partners will be sharing over the coming months." — *Angela Mulder, Director Sales & Marketing*

Another important consideration for the Rendons is a great school system, and Skyevale is served by one of the best with Forest Hills Public Schools. Just as important to Stacey and Rich is the way the house is placed on the lot. "We like to place the home so that it offers the most expansive views," Stacey explained. "And since 'The Heartsworth' home will have a beautiful walkout, we especially wanted to maximize the views out back while still providing privacy where it's needed." Another hallmark of Infiniti Custom Homes is making sure they reserve space in the backyard for a pool – just in case the new

homeowners are so inclined – and that there is enough room for a family to create their own private outdoor oasis.

So what's going on at the site?

PROPERTY SURVEYS have been completed and Infiniti Custom Homes has all the appropriate permits in place to get this journey started. The site itself is being prepped for eventual landscaping. Digging is under way for the septic system and in preparation for pouring the home's foundation walls. Once the walls are set, initial site prep will conclude with a backfill and

grading for proper drainage and anticipated landscaping features that will be added at a later date. "Then we will start framing in the home and the progress will really begin," Stacey concluded, adding that she has already selected the home's exterior color and stone façade with the helpful advice from the staff at Belden Brick & Supply Co.

Stay with us throughout the coming months as Design Home 2013 continues. We've given you a peek at "The Heartsworth" home. Next month we will reveal further details of its superlative design. The adventure has just begun!

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