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Family-Friendly Kitchen

These clients wanted a more open, central, and updated kitchen for family activities and entertaining and needed a better connection to the back deck. They also wanted more countertop space and more storage. By incorporating an adjacent pantry, we were able to create a large new kitchen that encompasses all of the clients' needs.

A large bank of windows provides views from the kitchen to the backyard and deck. Larger door openings allow for easier flow between the kitchen and adjacent breakfast nook and hallway. We also enclosed a recessed open porch on the back of the house to create a small mudroom that has French doors to the deck. Winner of a Capitol CotY grand award.

[Visit our website to read more about this project and see additional photos.](#)



We're celebrating 25 Years in Business

We've been helping homeowners in the District, Maryland, and Virginia transform their homes for 25 years. The company now has 43 employees.



Home Shows

Visit with the Landis team in person at these upcoming home shows. We have a few free tickets to both shows—first come, first serve! E-mail marketing manager Nina Patel at nina@landisconstruction.com



Mid-Atlantic Home Show

Booth #15

Saturday, Feb 21 (10am to 6 pm)
Sunday, Feb 22 (11 am to 5 pm)
Universities at Shady Grove Conference Center
9630 Gudelsky Drive
Rockville, MD 20850

Capital Remodel + Garden Show

Friday Feb 27 (10 am to 9 pm)
Saturday, March 1 (10 am to 9 pm)
Sunday, March 2 (10 am to 6 pm)
Dulles Expo Center
Chantilly

Welcome to...



Matt Dirksen, Senior Project Designer/Team Leader.

With both an undergraduate and a master's degree in architecture, as well as 25 years of experience, Matt brings comprehensive design and construction expertise to every project. He has worked in residential remodeling over the last 15 years and has been intimately involved in the successful completion of over 60 additions and large interior renovations. His passion lies in applying green design principles and building science to projects. Matt lives in Greenbelt with his wife and three children. He is an Eagle Scout and volunteers in his son's Scout troop.

Eric Holm, Lead Carpenter. Though Eric was born in Washington D.C., he grew up in Rockville and considers himself a Maryland boy. This Chuck Norris look-alike has been friends with lead carpenters Tito Cantero and Ken Guillett since their high school days and they brought him to the company. His building experience includes carpentry work for Ulysses Auger in the now-defunct family of restaurants that included Blackie's, Ha'Penny Lion, and Lulu's. He has five daughters and a son. Eric has been playing drums for 48 years. As a musician and a carpenter, he is a perfectionist who wants to do the best job he can.



Alvaro Romero, Master Electrician. Alvaro grew up near San Francisco, but moved to Maryland in 2000. One of his early jobs in this area was building cell phone towers. Yup, he was one of the workers that would hang from a few hundred feet up. He took an interest in the electrical side of the installation, and then went to work for an electrical company. He is a Master Electrician—which requires 8 years of experience. He and his wife have an 11-month old son. Their Boston terrier, Milano, also requires a lot of attention.

Five Design Awards

We won a grand award for the kitchen project featured above. Our team picked up four total Capitol CotY awards – two grand and three merit -- at the annual NARI Metro DC Chapter gala in January.

Visit our website to view our award winning projects



The Landis team at the awards, from left to right: Armin Bondoc, senior project designer, Paul Gaiser, AIA, director of architecture, Chris Landis, AIA, principal, Doug Pettit, project designer, Spencer Allin, carpenter, Heather Gorton, assistant to comptroller, Luis Orellana, lead carpenter, Jose Ramos, subcontractor, Ken Guillett, lead carpenter.

Cool Green Products

GreenBuild, a conference about new practices and products in sustainable building, will be in Washington D.C. November 18-20. Ethan Landis is a member of the US Green Building Council's National Capital Region Chapter and on the Ambassador team of the host committee. Contact Ethan Landis at ethan@landisconstruction.com. to find out more about the conference and an opportunity for sponsorships.

Did you install new windows in 2014?

If you installed Energy Star qualified windows, doors or skylights in your primary home and did not apply for a tax credit in prior years, you might be eligible for a credit on your 2014 taxes for the cost of the product (not installation). **Congress extended the federal energy-efficient tax credits for energy-efficient upgrades through December 2014.** How it applies will vary by individual taxpayer, so check with your accountant and reference IRS form 5695.