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Terra Studio, LLC

Terra Studio, LLC seeks to create environments that reinforce a sense of continuity with the surrounding world. "There are no universal rules to achieve this end, and no specific visual style that provides a ready answer," explains principal Timothy Kerner, AIA. Each project comes with its own set of requirements and circumstances. For Kerner and his firm, the challenge is to discover the means to bring forth the underlying nature of a place through the process of design.

The nature of a home is complex—influenced by the relationships between spatial arrangements, patterns of social interaction, neighborhood character, and the features of the natural surroundings. But the architecture of Terra Studio is more than the built realization of existing conditions and requirements. Each new building creates its own context, transforming the existing world and the lives of those for which it is constructed. This transformation is shaped to create a positive projection into the future while maintaining a sense of connection with the present and past.



Above: The house, seen here from the parking court, was identical to its neighbors until the roof was removed to extend the structure upward.
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Facing Page: The owner's desire to enjoy this view of Center City was a driving force behind the renovation and expansion of his Fairmount home.
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