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A dramatic and much-needed facelift breathed new life into this tired townhouse sitting on a beautiful millpond in Greenwich, CT.

When Brian MacDonald of Davenport Contracting first put eyes on it, the three-level unit boasted a stunning but limited view of the millpond, small rooms, old wall-to-wall gold carpeting, dull hardwoods and a weary interior. "The whole house had been pretty dark, with dark paint and closed-off rooms," says Brian. "When you walked into the house, you felt closed in."

Brian redid much of the unit to create the upbeat, tasteful and open-concept feel the homeowners were looking for. To accomplish this, he and his team took out several first-floor walls and—since some of the walls were load-bearing—created a coffered ceiling that gave the needed structural support without cumbersome barriers or pillars.

The newly opened areas include the kitchen, dining room, living room and windowed breakfast area. The restructured bright white kitchen allows for plenty of storage with a bounty of cupboards. A pop of blue at the bar area with its modern seating gives the room spark and vitality, as do the tasteful hardware and stainless-steel appliances, with the paneled refrigerator door matching the cabinets.

Renovations throughout the entire unit included second-floor transformations, such as a redesigned master suite with enlarged master bath, spectacular fresh closets and a new laundry area. In the



third-floor bonus space, whose design was stuck in the 1970s, the team took out the wall-to-wall carpeting, redid the existing oak hardwood floors, brightened up the area with sparkling white paint and removed a window treatment that covered a skylight.

Brian's team refinished the home's existing oak hardwoods and flawlessly weaved in new oak flooring where the walls were removed. To capitalize on the stunning outdoor views of the pond, they added more windows. This also brought in much-needed supplementary light to the space, which previously had only one center light over the dining room table. A new patio door gave the homeowners coveted access to the pond.

A team atmosphere drew this project to a positive close. "Working with great clients always makes a project much more enjoyable," says Brian. "By creating a team environment, everyone is able to work together, make decisions and get the job done successfully."

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