

HISTORIC PRESERVATION in Michigan



2017 GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

**Michael McCarthy and Marcia Myers,
Richard Meier & Partners Architects,
McBride Construction, Inc. and Garon Gopigian**

Restoration of the James and Jean Douglas House,
Harbor Springs vicinity

Although built during the second half of the 20th century, Modern architecture comes with its own preservation issues, including materials. The James and Jean Douglas House near Harbor Springs faced many challenges, not the least of which its location high on a bluff overlooking Lake Michigan. Designed by internationally acclaimed architect Richard Meier, and completed in 1973, the Douglas House is a masterpiece of Modern design.

Current owners Michael McCarthy and Marcia Myers completely restored the house, including the three-story signature window wall, cantilevered exterior stair, chimney stacks, interior surfaces and Richard Meier-designed furniture. They consulted with the original architectural firm regarding the 40-foot entry bridge between the land and the house to be sure the newly engineered structure respected Meier's original design. In addition, they consulted with Garon Gopigian who lived across the street when the house was built and had a collection of materials from the original construction.

McCarthy and Myers welcome visitors from all over the world to their iconic home in Michigan. Their exceptional stewardship of the Douglas House saved what they call a, "jewel in the state's crown."