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The clients purchased a long narrow lot along the Roosevelt Canal on Captiva Island, with the desire to create a harmonious getaway for their large family. Wanting the home to embody principles of togetherness, and a cozy familiarity between all of the residents, the house took shape as not just one building, but a village that meanders its way through the long narrow site, from Captiva Road to the waterfront.

A timeless but functional gathering of structures ensures the village will respond to the needs of this growing family whose numbers and

needs will evolve for many decades to come. The main house acts as a programmatic anchor for the village, sleeping 22 people in its four bedrooms and 2nd floor loft, while the “Fishing Houses” to the east, inspired by the vernacular homes of Sanibel and Captiva Island, sleep another 12.

Because of FEMA regulations, the living areas of the house were raised up above the ground. The ground level is realized as several rooms connected by outdoor walkways, which step up and down to connect to the large pool deck, while the Fishing Houses are raised



entirely from the ground, accessed by an exterior stair.

These buildings are linked by the central pool deck, fully enclosed with a light screen, so the whole family can enjoy the pool activities from any part of the Village.

Winding down through and between the wetlands on the property, the Owners requested various landscaping elements, such as a playground, a bird-watching tower, and a boathouse near the dock at the end of the site. All of these elements were designed together to unify the family's

interests in exploring island life together.

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