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A FARMHOUSE SPRINGS TO LIFE FOR A YOUNG FAMILY & THEIR MENAGERIE

Conceived of as a collection of farm-inspired buildings, the structures are positioned on the site relative to previously existing piled stone walls that knit the buildings into the landscape with a nod to the history of the area. The grouping includes a house, a garage, and a timber-frame barn. Individual structures are linked by a trellis: a series of rough wood bents that organize the circulation. Beneath the trellis runs a walkway that links multiple site levels with stone steps allowing access to each.

Elemental gable forms with minimal trim and roof overhangs are eroded at the corners with large sliding doors, allowing seamless living between indoors and outdoors, while solid wood doors on the barn and garage provide wide working access to the outbuildings. The main house is further subdivided into two discrete volumes connected by a low, flat-roof element that houses the entry. One area contains public spaces: kitchen, dining room, and living room. The other holds bedrooms, a mudroom, laundry, office, and a project room where kids rule supreme. A grid-tied photovoltaic array and solar thermal panels for domestic hot water extend along the entire south-facing roof of the two-story bedroom space. Heat is supplied by a high-efficiency wood pellet boiler, and a stone fireplace in the kitchen burns all winter long.



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