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My husband Eric and I spent the past year looking for an inner SW Portland, south-facing flat lot to build a new, sustainable home. It was difficult at times locating a build site, since most lots in the area are very steep; but also very exciting and educational because we've worked with Jack and Lana Wagnon of Prairie View Homes.

Prior to beginning our project, we sat down with Jack & Lana to thoroughly review our needs, desires, timelines and what was required of each party. We found this exercise really set our project off on the right foot.

When it came to identifying building lot options, Jack was very creative in locating land, including a vacant tax lot search and a huge direct mail effort resulting in several possible options. Jack made numerous development recommendations when it came to analyzing potential building lots that proved to be accurate, desirable & innovative in their use of the land.

Even though our design taste changed some during the process, we were always encouraged to explore any new direction and work it into our plans. As our budget also changed, we worked on several options to still get what we had set out to build.

Prairie View Homes has exceeded our expectations when it comes to making the new, sustainable home building process both smooth and easy. We appreciate their willingness to always be available, to listen, collaborate as well as educate.

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