Proper Placing on Lot Blends Home with Nature

After finding the ideal location for your new home, "live with the land" for a while. Assuming that you were satisfied on the ground points as to the desirability of the neighborhood, convenience, and accessibility, schools, churches and stores before buying the land, and your family appreciates the general plan of the house, the next most important basic point in the success of the venture can be the matter of orientation.

As Otto F. Wender, architect, and consultant of Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co., puts it, "Too often, plots are laid out and the houses are designed, but before the actual planning of many of these pitfalls could be avoided. Undoubtedly, no one set of rules can always apply in the matter of location and conditions, but the practical and efficient design of the house will be the most important factor. A plan is needed to help the layout of the house. For example, the house itself will help to shield the back yard from the street and the living areas which open onto the patio through sliding glass doors will be out of sight of passers-by. Also, don't remove any trees until you are sure they will be in the way. Don't overlook the fact that the house can also be planned to work with the layout of the yard and garden system.

IN THE SUMMER, the path of the sun is high in the sky, Wender said, and it is wise to plan the house to take advantage of the summer sun in the morning and afternoon. Wender recommends that the windows can be shielded from the rays of the sun, thus helping to keep the room cool. The east and west sides of the house are difficult to protect from the sun. But, wherever possible, the house should be shaded by trees, fences, or shrubs in the back yard.

"It is shortsighted to build homes in contradiction to their site and natural environment," Wender concluded.

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