Now a private live/work space in a mixed-use urban neighborhood, this LEED-Home Platinum project is the result of the gut rehab of a derelict commercial building...Honest and spare, the interior offers a well-organized floor plan that accommodates all the required functions for two busy professionals with an active domestic life without sacrificing openness...Many parts of the original building were salvaged and reused, including whole doors and drawer pulls made from demolished steel window frames.

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Mountain Retreat (Kerhonkson NY)

for Paul Livernese

designed by Resolution: 4 Architecture (New York City)...J.H. Construction (contractor, Rosendale NY); Robert Silman Associates (engineer, New York City); Apex Hornes (manufacturer, Middleburg PA); Floto + Warner (photographer, New York City)

Supported partly on concrete stilts that allow parking to be tucked beneath the great room, this private home in the Catskills represents an unusually exciting implementation of modular prefab construction...The thoughtful commingling of cedar siding, glass and gray concrete board results in a warm but angular space that is at once mysterious and illuminated...The living area is wrapped on three sides by a cedar deck, providing its inhabitants with maximum outdoor access and daylong visual connection to the mountainside.

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Lakeside House (Kent NY)

for Charles Scheidt

designed by Resolution: 4 Architecture (New York City)...Lowell La Fountain (contractor, Climax NY); Floto + Warner (photographer, New York City)

Marked by a great variety of materials employed to articulate its skin, this private retreat is knotted solidly into its wooded site...It's basic rectilinear shape provides residents with maximum interior space, much of which is visually open to the outside...Though the result is a handsome, even restrained structure, we wondered whether its beauty might have been enhanced had the skin employed fewer textures and patterns, perhaps in deference to the dramatic natural setting in which the building lives.

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North Sea Residence (Southampton NY)

for Lee F. Mindel FAIA

designed by Shelton, Mindel & Associates (New York City) and Reed Morrison AIA (associate architect, Osterville MA) ... The Office of Stanley Goldstein (structural engineer, New York City); I.P. Group (mechanical engineer, New York City); R/F Landscape (landscape architect,