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Contemporary Appeal

Homeowners: Robert and Loretta Polich, New Lenox

Design: Normandy Remodeling, Hinsdale

Project Type: Remodel

What They Wanted:

In the two decades since moving into their New Lenox home, Robert and Loretta Polich had tackled several remodeling projects, including their kitchen and the master bath. More recently, they turned their attention to the hall bath, which was boring builder-grade and lacked the sophisticated look found elsewhere in their home. "We wanted something more contemporary and stylish," says Robert.

How They Achieved It:

Working with residential designer Chris Ebert of Normandy Remodeling, the couple was able to give the room the updated look it sorely needed. The addition of a window adjacent to the shower wall

brightened up the space, and the melding of different materials, including porcelain tile on the walls and floor, stone vessel sinks and glass accent tiles in the shower, gave it a crisp, modern feel.

Though the footprint of the room did not change, the massive double-sink vanity was replaced with two European wall-mounted walnut vanities separated by a wall-mounted storage cabinet. The stone vessel sinks sit atop the vanities, which were finished with several coats of marine varnish to protect the wood.

The combination bathtub and shower features an unusual tri-fold door that opens up when the bath is in use. "It allows it to open more fully so you don't feel like you are sitting in a fishbowl," says Robert, who says it is his favorite feature in the retrooled room.

"They were very specific about the look and feel they wanted, down to the tile," says Ebert. Though the Polichs brought a lot of ideas to the project, it was a true collaboration with the designer, says Robert. "We relied heavily on Chris to make sure the individual pieces came



together in a cohesive whole, and we were very pleased with how it came out."

Ebert agrees that the finished combination of materials has dynamic visual appeal. "No matter where you are in the space, there is something interesting to look at, from the towel bars to the vanities, to the sinks and shower door."