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House at Hanegi Park - Vista



The site is located at the top of a sloped street on the corner of an L-shaped bend. Looking back down the street, a long straight row of houses can be seen. On the rear side facing Hanegi Park, if the view of the park could be incorporated into the house, it could evoke the feeling of living there. However, in order to create picture windows for these two starkly contrasting scenes, it was necessary to provide completely different frames to cut out the views. After cutting away the building volume due to the strict northern setback, the remaining close-to-maximum building volume's east and west building outlines were made into picture windows. To the east, a curved outline was purposely used to softly cut out the linear streetscape. The curved top portion of the window frames the sky, and below that is a sliding glass window that slides completely out of view of the horizontal frame. The western window facing the park was intended to be an abstract white opening, so that when fully opened, the forest would appear as if it had been collaged onto the wall of the house.