

Is 2023 a Good Time to Build your Forever Home?

Rising inflation rates caused increased prices in building materials and, therefore, homes. If you're like millions of others, you've held off on building your dream home, hoping that prices would fall again.

The unfortunate truth is that real estate prices won't fall within the next few years, so the question is, should you build your forever home in 2023?

The answer for most people is yes, as long as you can afford it.

Here's why.

You Can't go Back in Time

Building your dream home in 2019 would have cost a lot less, but we can't go back there. Prices won't reverse, and no one has a time machine to go back in time.

So instead, it's time to take control of the future. What you can do is lock in today's prices. The good news is lumber prices aren't as crazy high as they were this time last year, so you'll save some money on materials.

That's not to say they are as low as before the pandemic. However, that's par for the course, even without a world crisis.

You can Cut Corners

Even though you're building your dream house, you can cut corners. I don't mean you must sacrifice what you have in your house. Instead, you can find cheaper ways to make them happen, including DIY.

For example, if you're handy and can install cabinets or take on another task in building the home, you'll save money on the labor and still get what you want in the home.

You're Investing in your Future

When you build your forever home, you're investing in your future. Real estate goes through cycles, but overall, it appreciates. Even with higher prices for lumber and labor today, you'll see a return on your investment if you keep the home long-term.

You can Build What you Want

When you build your own home, you get what you want rather than buying an existing home and taking what's available. If this is your forever home, you can put the features in it that will last for your intended duration.

You can Refinance your Mortgage

Even if you have to take higher interest rates than you intended to build a home, you can refinance the mortgage in the future. This is because interest rates won't stay high forever; eventually, they will come down, even if it takes a few years.

Final Thoughts

2023 could be the perfect time to build your forever home. Even if it's not the home you'll live in for your lifetime, as long as you stay there for three to five years, you may see a return on your investment.

While higher material and labor prices can be prohibitive right now, your investment will pay off in the future. If you want to learn more about the pros and cons of building your forever home in 2023, contact me today, and let's discuss your options.