

Demystifying Project Costs

In discussions about your project, it's easy for different people to be referring to costs in different ways. A contractor's "project cost" may or may not include permits or a contingency, and it won't include design fees. But when you're talking with a lender, their "project cost" is all-inclusive. This can get very confusing, so tell your architect your "all-in" total budget so that they can help you work backwards to a target construction cost...and design accordingly. This diagram should help sort out the main costs you should keep in your mind...and account for in your budget.

