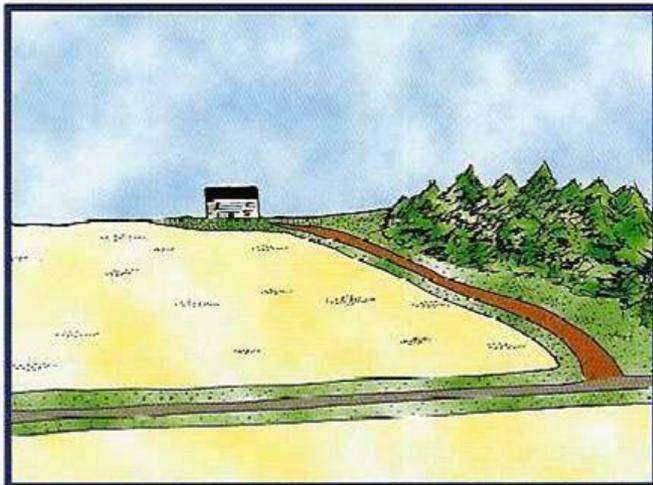


## **Preferred** – Hillside Siting

Consider reducing the prominence of a crestline siting by building lower on the landscape. Locating your house in the middle of the slope will still afford superior views while providing good natural drainage and easier access. A southeast facing slope will provide good solar orientation, enhancing winter warmth and protection from winter winds. If you take into consideration the natural contours of the hill, you will minimize grading and soil erosion and lessen the danger to the stability of the site. Choose a house site that is located on one side of a property rather than in the middle. Lower the building profile by choosing traditional rooflines.



## **Avoid** – Crestline Siting

Locating your house on the crest of a hill increases its exposure to winter winds, the strong summer sun, and disrupts the crestline and the neighbors' views. Soils are typically more shallow on ridgelines and construction of a basement may be costly, if not impossible. If you cannot locate a well at the crest, water will have to be pumped from a site lower than the house. A hill-top siting will increase the driveway length often requiring more extensive grading and utility work, thereby adding expense to the construction. During the winter, slippery conditions may force you to park your car at the end of the driveway. If you must locate your house on a hillcrest retain as many existing trees as possible. Paint or stain your house in a natural color and choose a design that fits into rather than on top of the landscape.