



A place in the country

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With a half acre of lush lawn, five bedrooms and more than 3,300 square feet, there's plenty of room to roam in the home at 92178 Lewis and Clark Road.

Inside, capture views of rolling hills and fields from nearly every window. Outside, plant a garden, have a barbecue and let the kids run around – the space is there for everything.

It's country living at its best.

Yet, Astoria's restaurants, shops and theater are only a few minutes away, providing an ideal location for those who want to combine country privacy and comfort with city convenience.

Listed at \$392,000 with Laurie Duey, broker with Area Properties, the 3,328-square-foot home includes five bedrooms, three bathrooms and a three-car garage.

Family and friends will want to gather in the kitchen, where there's room for a large dining table and plenty of space around the island. Hickory cabinets and drawers throughout the kitchen offer loads of storage, and a window seat near an over-sized window provides a cozy place to relax.

Adjacent to the kitchen is a laundry room and a full bathroom. The formal living room, as well as the dining area, have wood floors.

Upstairs, stay warm on chilly days next to the gas fireplace in the expansive master suite and look out the three large windows onto a beautiful view of Young's Bay, the hills of Astoria's south slope and the Astoria Column.

There's still more room in the master suite for a desk, seating spot or workout area. The suite, which has a vaulted ceiling, also features a large bathroom with heated floors, a walk-in shower, double sinks, custom cabinetry and a linen closet.

With so many bedrooms to choose from, another bedroom could become the master, and the suite could easily transform into a family room.

Each of the cozy bedrooms has a garden view from windows that run along one wall. Double closets provide ample room for clothes. A wood-paneled bedroom up a few stairs would make a good office or TV room.

The "bonus feature" to this house, though, is the abundant and beautiful outdoor space that can be adapted to most any use. A fenced backyard contains a stone patio for barbecues, and there's still plenty of room on the level grass to put up a net for volleyball or badminton.

At the side of the yard is a great area for a garden, and a shed nearby is ready to hold all the garden tools. Landscaping already includes mature rhododendron bushes and dahlia beds. A front porch has room for a nice seating area, and the large front yard provides plenty of space for any outdoor activity.

For RVs, boats, trucks and other toys, the three-car garage – plus a long driveway – offer plenty of paved parking space. A work bench with several electrical outlets runs the entire length of a wall in the garage for those who like to tinker on projects.

Wet shoes can be kept in the mud room between the kitchen and the patio, and there's spacious room there for storage as well.

"The Lewis and Clark location is probably the best country location we have in Astoria," said Laurie Duey. "The house is beautifully finished, it has a great master suite and there's tons of parking."

"It's really a nice family home," Duey added.

There's room to roam in this spacious home on half an acre

