## **Southern Living**

## Tour This Just-Listed Georgia Estate Modeled After Alexander Hamilton's Mansion

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Here's your chance to own one of South-Central Georgia's most iconic properties.

Located just minutes from downtown Thomaston, WaterCrest is a 740-acre estate featuring the Hightower House, regarded as one of the last great country houses built in America in the classical tradition



**A Real Looker** Hightower House is a beauty from all angles.

Modeled after Alexander Hamilton's Hamilton Grange Mansion and Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, no expense was spared in crafting this impressive 8,604square-foot residence. Built by famed architect Philip Shutze in 1947, the home, which overlooks a beautiful 68-acre lake, was completely modernized in 2015. and a spacious music room with black-andwhite marble flooring are the stars of the main house. But the 2,460square-foot Lake House, with its theater room, concession kitchen, outdoor firepit, and covered boat slip, is certainly a star in its own right. The whole package

Intricate woodwork,

soaring 12-foot-ceilings,

represents the best in luxe country living.

The property also includes a gym, bank vault, a gated brick entrance, two 800-square-foot guests houses, and acres of hunting ground. It's currently listed by Jon Kohler & Associates fro \$5,020,000. Join us for a tour?



**1924 Crest Highway, Thomaston, Georgia** Tuscan columns support the home's grand portico.



*Exquisite Millwork* Dentil molding highlights the impressive mantle on one of the home's numerous fireplaces.



**Restored Glory** The home's original three-quarter inch walnut flooring has been refinished throughout.



*Formal Study Rich wood paneling and more dentil molding create a regal feel in the study.* 



Modern Chef's Kitchen

Entertainers will appreciate the extensive kitchen updates, including Wolf stainless appliances, induction stove, walnut and quartzite counters with galley sink, and deadhead cypress beams.



**Grand Staircase** 

An intricately carved U-shaped staircase leads from the main entrance to the home's second floor.



**Stylish Music Room** This room was originally an open porch, but Philip Shutze enclosed it for the homeowners in 1962.



*Lush Landscaping* The gated entrance leads through an oak and hardwood hammock to a circle drive featuring immaculate landscaping and views on the grounds.



**Brick Garden** A sunken brick garden sits west of the main house.



## Boat House

The boat house alone is the size of most people's homes. It boasts a covered boat slip with large fishing dock and floating swim spa, an outdoor shower, sauna, outdoor fire pit, grilling pit, covered fireplace, and plenty more.



**Relaxation Station** The boat house's cozy den is the perfect spot to unwind after a day spent outside.



Boat House Theater A boat house with its own theater? Yes, ma'am!