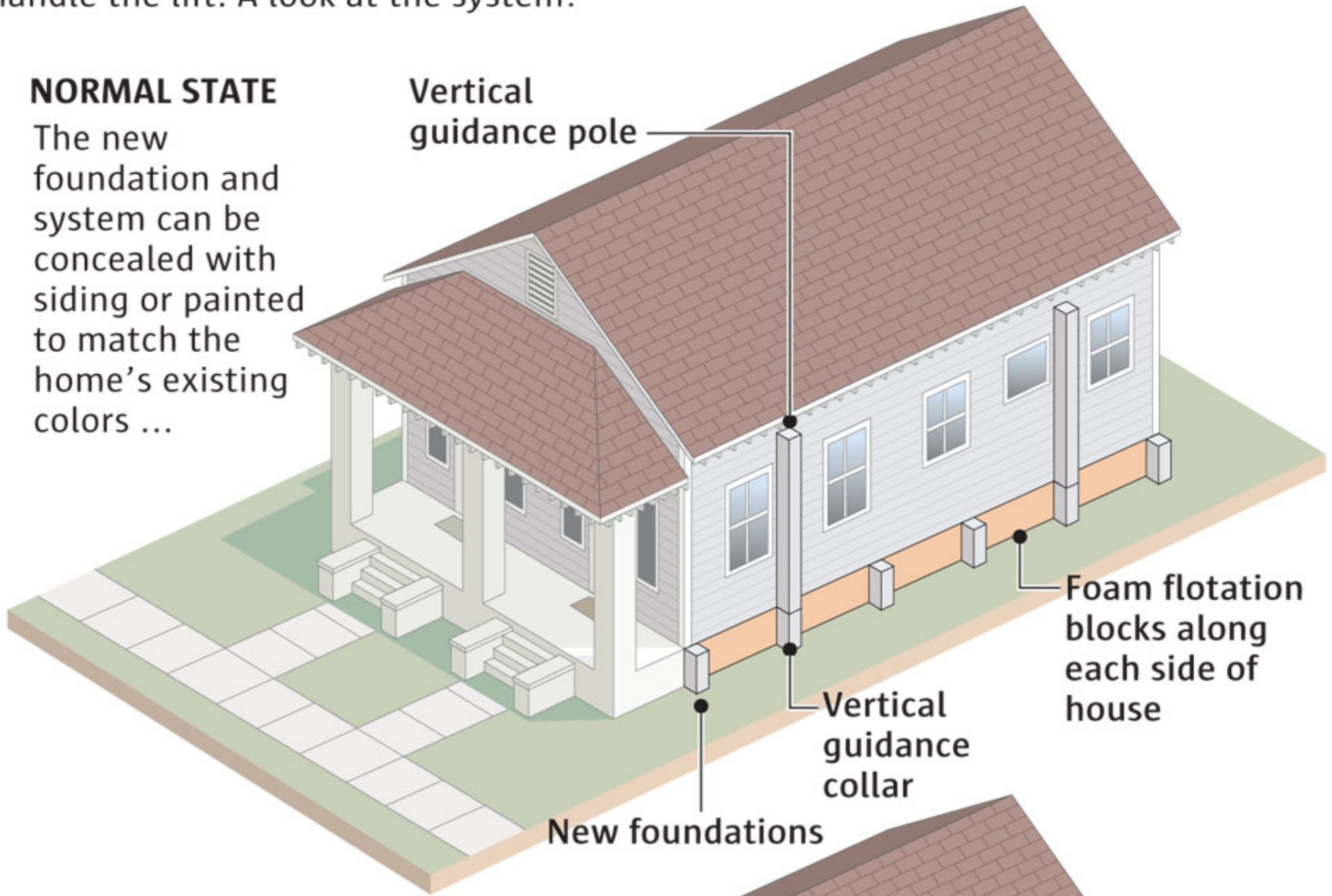


Home above water

A system proposed by a Louisiana State University engineering professor would turn existing New Orleans-style homes into floating docks, enabling them to rise above floodwaters and return to the ground as the water recedes. Utility lines would either have breakaway connections or coiled lines with enough slack to handle the lift. A look at the system:

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The new foundation and system can be concealed with siding or painted to match the home's existing colors ...



DURING A FLOOD

When flooding occurs, the flotation blocks lift the house ...

