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The place I lived for a while in Michigan is like a sanctuary. Imagine, crawling home through rush hour traffic on an expedition that involves u-turns, construction and eight lane freeways. Now, exit to the right and turn onto the unmarked, sandy limestone road that winds through the woods. After about a mile, the road sweeps into a paved drive. Continue another 100 yards and leave your vehicle behind.

As you step onto the porch and through the oversized wooden door, the one with stained glass windows and a heavy brass latch, I have a surprise for you. The first thing you will see when you enter is a long wall of windows, overlooking another acre of backyard, gardens, grass and woods. You will say, Ahh. And you will want to stay awhile, to ponder the possibilities of all that breathtaking scenery.

Now, imagine you're me, and every second thought is about helping great people find good work. Can your job search, your career, be like that place in Michigan?

If you are working now in a concrete, rush hour tangle of construction, u-turns and rollovers, I invite you to take the next exit. Talk to me about where you'd like to end up in your worklife. It might be a winding road we decide to take; it might have some woods and some hills and we might get a little sand on the car. But with help, you just might find your work turning toward a new driveway; you might open the right door on your career and see for yourself the surprises and possibilities that await you.

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