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Seeing a new
Concept evolve
into a completed
project gives
architect Richard
Albert a tremendous
sense of gratification.
"Drawing on paper
or creating on a computer

screen is one thing, but seeing

a structure become a reality while contributing to a neighborhood is the most rewarding of all," he said.

As founder and principal of Albert Architecture, he oversees the firm's day-to-day operations and creative vision, spending much of his time doing pre-design work, master planning and finding real estate investment opportunities.

Albert grew up working in his family's construction business and became fascinated with how buildings and structures were built. At home, his mother spent time painting landscapes.

"I realized early on I wanted to design and create," he

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said.

Since Albert Architecture was founded in 2000, the firm has done a significant amount of work nationwide for the Veterans Health Administration. The firm recently completed a new MRI addition to the VA Medical Center in West Palm Beach, Florida, and a new VA Domiciliary in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

"The men and women who have served our country deserve the very best medical care available," Albert said. "Our team is proud to participate in design that supports their long-term health and recovery."

Albert Architecture's local projects include the Pollack Glass Studio on Magazine Street and the conversion of a former Masonic temple at 620 Opelousas St. in Algiers Point into luxury apartments; the project recently received a Louisiana Landmarks Design Excellence Award.

"When we design within a historic context, we take a symbiotic approach, adapting modern living to existing historic fabric," Albert said.

—Autumn Cafiero Giusti