

Firm Overview: Foit-Albert Associates

Firm Background

Foit-Albert Founded - 1977

Names of Principals

Beverly Foit-Albert, R.A, Ph.D.
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Gregory R. Carballada, RA, LEED AP

Names of Owners

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Certification

Woman Business Enterprise
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Current Staff

85 employees

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Foit-Albert Associates is a full-service architecture, engineering and surveying firm that integrates quality design, functionality, and practicality so that the final product meets our clients' objectives and is an extension of its natural surroundings. Our design teams, working through four key offices, have won more than 20 local, state, and national design awards, which is a testament to the quality of work we provide to all of our clients.

The architectural group has designed diverse building types that include university facilities, hotels and resorts, historic preservation and adaptive re-use of existing buildings, courthouses, educational facilities, institutional facilities, sports and recreational facilities, museums, theatres, libraries and visitor's centers as well as multi-family and student housing projects. Our LEED™ accredited architectural and engineering staff is experienced in designing sustainable or "green" buildings.

The engineering group provides services for a variety of local, state, and federal government and private clients. Project types include bridges, highways, roads, intersections, parks, trails, multi-use paths, stormwater management, environmental engineering, water systems, sewer systems, parking lots, and planning board review projects.

The surveying group handles professional land surveying needs for commercial and residential clients. Our expertise ranges from boundary surveys, ALTA/ACSM Land Title Surveys, 1A and 2C survey and certification of wireless telecommunication facilities to topographic surveys for architectural and engineering support. Foit-Albert's survey field crews are equipped with current state-of-the-art equipment supported by CADD graphic workstations.

When you choose Foit-Albert Associates, you are making the conscious decision to combine quality, functionality and practicality in a partnership as we work towards your goals. With every project we deliver, we strive to provide an extraordinary design experience that will help better your environment, community, and organization.

Century Centre II National Register of Historic Places

Signature Management, Erie, PA
Buffalo, New York



Services Provided

Code Review
Interior Design
Window Replacements
Technology Integration
Furniture & Fixtures
Coordination of M/E/P
Construction Documents
Construction Administration
Civil Engineering
Environmental Engineering
Surveying

This \$8 Million redevelopment project involved the rehabilitation of a 1926 "daylight factory" building in accordance with the State Historic Preservation Office Standard and Guidelines as well as building codes, handicapped accessibility requirements and the local zoning ordinances.

At the time of its construction in circa 1920, the original factory was considered socially progressive, since its large windows permitted daylight to filter throughout the shop floor, thus improving the work environment. The building has been recognized as a historically significant example of reinforced concrete technology, and the steel windows are an important complementary element.

In 2001, renovations and modification began on the facility to create a mix-used complex. The original steel windows were restored in place on the north face of the building, and thermally improved with insulating storm windows. On the remaining three facades, the fiberglass panel system was completely replaced with aesthetically appropriate aluminum framed windows. Other character-defining elements were incorporated into various scales of detail, the smokestack for one example, and bullnose brick window jambs for another.

Historic preservation guidelines required the atrium addition to appear secondary to the original building. Foit-Albert Associates chose a formal vocabulary that echoes terms of simplicity and practicality, and an assertive attention to technical matters. Most prominent among these are large rectangular windows, occupying every façade, and flooding lofty volumes with natural light. The interior spaces accept the aesthetic merits of exposed building systems. The atrium displays its steel skeleton, conduits, and coverings. Direct sunlight projects shadows of the atrium's linear elements against the original masonry, revealing the comfortable intimacy of this juxtaposition.

Interior work spaces are brilliant and airy, colorful and dynamic. Every design element confirms that the changed building retains its own complex character, while the addition clings dearly to the original, in form, color, and theory.

Century Centre II



Sidway Building Renovation

Clover Construction Management
Buffalo, New York



Services Provided

Architecture
Structural Engineering
Construction Administration

Foit-Albert Associates provided full architectural services for renovation of this historic building to upscale apartments and lofts. The Sidway Building was built in 1907 on the southeast corner of Main and Goodell Streets, in Buffalo's central business district. It is named for its builder and first owner, Charlotte Sidway. As successor to her husband Franklin, and father-in-law Jonathan, she was well-known in Buffalo's business community. Architectural sculpture includes classical columns and floral motifs applied in the Victorian manner. All ornament is fabricated from terracotta and natural sandstone to offset the particularly dark shade of brick. The building contains approximately 80,000 square feet of habitable space, formerly occupied by retail and light industry, with storefront display windows and glass-paneled doors.

First Floor

One sub-dividable retail space, seven townhouse apartments with bedroom lofts, community space and laundry, secure tenant entrance, improvements emergency egress routes.

Second through Sixth Floors

Twelve apartments per floor (variously two-bedroom, one bedroom, and studios).

Exterior Restoration

Storefront replacement and expansion, cleaning and painting, masonry restoration, new rubber roof, flashing replacement, skylight restoration.

Sidway Building Renovation



National Fuel Buffalo Place Customer Assistance Center (CAC) Build-out

National Fuel Gas Corporation
Buffalo, New York



Services Provided

Design development, casework detailing and limited construction administration.

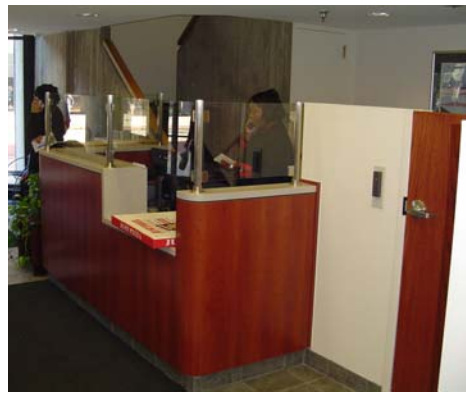
Most construction documentation was handled through a separate contract with the landlord for permits.

National Fuel's long-time customer assistance center in downtown Buffalo did not work well with more recent developments in customer service and service delivery methods. Moving to a new nearby location allowed them to implement and build upon a service model used at another branch CAC office. It also provided an opportunity to improve efficiency, upgrade security, upgrade equipment, and modernize the office's appearance while reducing the overall square footage of the office.

This project built on design work started under an earlier Foit-Albert Associates programming and concept development study. Pre construction work included detailing millwork/casework, coordination with National Fuel's furniture systems, telephone/data, security and new customer queuing systems.

Foit-Albert also provided assistance to National Fuel during the Construction Administration phase.

National Fuel Buffalo Place Customer Assistance Center (CAC) Build-out



1029-1031 Main Street Improvements

Buffalo Scrubs
Buffalo, New York



Existing conditions



Proposed renovations

Services Provided

Architectural Design
Construction Documents
Renderings
Bidding
Construction Administration

Foit-Albert provided architectural design services for exterior improvements and interior modifications to this multiple tenant office building located at 1029-1031 Main Street in Buffalo.

This 1980's single story office building borders Buffalo's rapidly expanding medical campus, the artsy/chic and historic Allentown District and is across the street from the well known Anchor Bar restaurant. The building is virtually unnoticeable due to its height, subdued and uniform façade, and the presence of street trees, bus stop, signage and other streetscape.

Part of the project included minor interior renovations to the back office area of the Buffalo Scrubs space and exterior changes at the loading dock entrance. Foit-Albert conducted field investigation, prepared drawings and specifications for bidding, and handled construction administration services.

The building owner also sought to upgrade the image and appearance of the Main Street facade, recognizing their geographical position and seeking to make the building more attractive to future medical tenants.

With respect to the image upgrade, Foit-Albert did a series of design studies that explored modernizing its appearance, responding to its context, and attracting positive attention.

500 Block Main Street Commercial Revitalization

Buffalo Place, Inc. and
New York State Urban Development Corp
Buffalo, New York



Facade Improvements: This project sought to re-invigorate the 500 Block of Main Street through the rehabilitation of building facades. Utilizing matching grants from both the Urban Development Corporation (aka Empire State Development Corporation) and the City of Buffalo, building owners had the opportunity to make much needed facade improvements including building skin, lighting, signage, and fenestration. Urban design issues such as pedestrian amenities, activity area and seasonal use were explored within the parameters of the project. Six individual buildings and building owners were involved in this project. Included were buildings fronting Main, East Huron, Genesee and Washington Streets.

500 Block Main Street Commercial Revitalization

