

The Berardi Paradigm....our Firm's Overview

History

Berardi + Partners, Inc. is successfully completing its 38th year as a full service, multi-disciplinary Architectural/Engineering firm, with a rich tradition for the highest level of service to our Clients in Housing and mixed used developments. We have provided architectural services nationally since 1979 from our location in Columbus, Ohio, while developing a broad range of projects with a principal focus to the housing industry. The Firm has successfully completed greater than 900 housing projects, including more than 80,000 dwelling units of mixed uses involving market rate housing for multi-family and elderly environments, as well as specialized services for populations with special needs. A large segment of the latter involves elderly housing environments which covers the entire spectrum from independent living, to Assisted Living, to all care settings. In addition, we have effectively managed commercial mixed use buildings, market rate product, retail, historic rehabilitation for re-use, and master planning. With Architectural, Interior Design and Engineering disciplines in house, we have provided an uncommon response to our Client's needs with seamless coordination and integration of Architecture with Engineering and Interior Design, always offering the best alternatives for cost, efficiency in operations, for the best controls of long-term maintenance, energy efficiency and overall sustainability.

Founded in 1979 by George Berardi and Susan Plaisted, **Berardi +** continues the rich tradition of full services, one which began as Berardi/Plaisted Architects. And now we have expanded into new market segments by a controlled means of growth and expansion of services. The firm of Berardi + Partners has a highly experienced and diversified staff beginning with our very first employee, Christopher J. Bruzzese, who has been a partner since 1991. Given our depth and experience, the Berardi staff along with our established Consulting Team Members are fully prepared to meet the challenges of your project immediately.

Process

Berardi + Partners, Inc. coordinates completion of numerous projects during any given period of time through effective and efficient management of the design and production processes. Our office is organized as a flexible studio where each individual participates in project management as schedules and project scale dictate within integrated project teams. The studio approach allows us flexibility in project assignment and management, while increasing the skill level of all staff. We have 43 staff persons and many of whom- have been with the firm greater than 15 years. The **Berardi+** organization continuously strives to assist the profession by aiding in the development of architectural graduates using the Intern Development Program, while at the same time providing mentoring and funding of grants for The Knowlton School of Architecture.

Additionally **Berardi + Partners, Inc.** assists clients in all phases of architectural planning and the various of the development process for projects, beginning by assistance with land acquisition and Programming, the production of all Architectural and Engineering documents, Interior Design, on through to commissioning of building components, and into the warranty period. Our success in Architecture and Engineering are clearly measured by the continued participation and service to the same clients, in some instances maintaining relationships greater than 25 years, as we adjust to their changing needs and requirements.

Capabilities

Berardi + Partners, Inc. initially implemented computer aided design and documents processing with in 1983, and has grown to use digital technology in all phases of the project including 3D modeling and visualization. At present we have implemented and are proficient with Revit 3D modeling program for all 'building information modeling'. Our entire architectural and engineering staff is AutoCad and Revit proficient in order to maintain the flexibility needed to manage our projects effectively and in a timely fashion, especially responding to BIM needs. Additionally we are fully engaged with all available software modes for delivery and maintenance of documents electronically during the construction period.

In addition, **Berardi + Partners**, through extensive experience with *existing buildings*, has become an expert in analyzing those structures to determine feasibility for adaptive reuse, or feasibility for modernization planning and the repositioning of buildings. The latter has become especially important in recent years with shifts in public funding programs, and the ever-growing inventory of existing buildings which fall below reasonable housing quality standards (HQS). Many of our clients manage large portfolios of properties greater than 20 years old, and they have determined that substantial rehabilitation for repositioning of these facilities is a prudent strategy for retaining market segment as well as improving services to their user population.

We take great pride in our ability to meet new design challenges. Our success lies in our ability to deliver a totally responsive professional service in a timely manner, and always within the parameters of our Client's budgetary constraints. Together with our engineering, design staff and other specialized consultants, **Berardi + Partners, Inc.** delivers a unique development process for our Clients, one which considers sustainable design for the longest-term useful life, and currently integrates LEED certification and Green building technologies.

Finally, as Architects, Interior Designers and Engineers and it is both our responsibility and passion to provide well designed environments for our clients, and society as a whole. To that end Berardi + Partners will endeavor throughout all phases of the project 'to design' . . . to design well! And even those projects with the most modest budgets, located on the most difficult sites or subject to the most extenuating circumstances and conditions are well conceived and executed in both form and function. Consequently, regardless of our role for any given project, regardless of the size or magnitude of the task we are assigned. . . . we begin with strong planning and design!! And we must work together with our Clients to towards collaborative efforts, providing the best Architecture, Engineering and Interiors, for our user populations.....at the highest design quality!

We at **Berardi+**, in collaboration with our designated Consultants and Professional Partners consider ourselves truly, and uniquely qualified to meet the challenges of your next project.