

Core10 Architecture expands historic rehab work with acquisition of Urban Werks

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Core10 Architecture has acquired St. Louis-based architecture firm Urban Werks from Rob Wagstaff, the firm's former president, expanding its historic portfolio. Terms of the deal, announced last week, weren't disclosed. Wagstaff and one other of Urban Werks' three employees joined Core10, which previously had nine on staff, moving from Urban Werks' office at 3500 Lemp Ave. to Core10's base at 4501 Lindell Blvd., according to a spokeswoman.

Wagstaff, who is now Core10's historic studio lead, had founded Urban Werks in August 2012, emphasizing work on historic adaptive reuse, community planning and urban design. Urban Werks had performed architectural services for historic tax credit projects across St. Louis and on other projects including Intersect Arts Center, renovated from a historic seminary at 3636 Texas Ave.; East Fox Homes, the rehab of 12 multifamily buildings in the Fox Park, St. Francis DeSales and Tower Grove East historic districts; and Chippewa Park, the historic rehab of 16 buildings in the Gravois-Jefferson Streetcar Suburb historic district. Buying out Urban Werks expands Core10's historic adaptive reuse, community planning, design expertise and portfolios, officials said in a press release. The acquisition includes ongoing work, with three development projects underway that will repurpose 40 vacant buildings in St. Louis, including an abandoned school in north St. Louis, officials said. Core10, founded in 2007, has designed renovations for The Muny Theatre, The Loop Trolley headquarters, and M1

Bank of Clayton, as well as condominium designs such as The Barclay in Kirkwood, as well as in Clayton, Chesterfield and the Central West End. Its institutional clients include Washington University and BJC HealthCare, with projects such as the Tyson Research Center Biology Field Station and Siteman Cancer Center in St. Peters. "Having Urban Werks join CORE10 reinforces our commitment to improving the urban fabric of St. Louis," Tyler Stephens, Core10 partner, stated in the press release. "Until now, most of our projects were new construction to infill underutilized properties in St. Louis City, Clayton, and Kirkwood. Adding expertise in historic rehab reinforces our commitment to saving the best of our buildings alongside the infill projects that will knit our communities back together."

"We are excited to bring additional resources and services to our clients, and continue to create places that make St. Louis architecture so vibrant," Wagstaff said in a statement.

Link to original press release:

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