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Donald has over 20 years of experience in all aspects of architectural practice. His completed work includes urban and town planning, commercial and institutional buildings, affordable housing, historic restoration of landmark buildings and single-family residences. In recent years his work has concentrated on integrated, mixed-use planning and architectural design with the goal of creating truly diverse and vibrant places. A 13 year association with the Congress for the New Urbanism and frequent collaboration with some of the best firms in the country doing traditional urban design and architecture has honed an expertise in the technique and art of creating liveable communities and cherished places.

Before forming Union Studio in 2001, Donald worked with several internationally recognized architects and planners including Cooper Robertson + Partners of New York City. For seven years he worked as a lead designer with The Gund Partnership of Cambridge, Massachusetts, before relocating to his native Rhode Island and founding Union Studio.

Donald received his B.S. in Architecture from University of Virginia, where he was awarded the annual Design Prize, and his Masters in Architecture from Harvard University's Graduate School of Design. He is an active member of the Congress for the New Urbanism, a founding board member of its New England Chapter, as well as a board member of GrowSmart Rhode Island. He is a longstanding member of the Institute for Classical Architecture and Art as well as a member of the venerated Providence Art Club. Donald regularly speaks at regional and national venues on the topic of restoring communities through best practices in neighborhood design, furthering his single-minded vision to save the world from sprawl. He holds professional licenses in Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont and New York.

