

I champion Albany public schools because...

The opportunity:

"Working with the City School District of Albany, we have had the opportunity to renovate existing school spaces, implement energy efficient technologies and, in some cases, save older buildings from being torn down.

"We enjoy the excitement of children responding positively to new environments. And it's gratifying to work with a school district that is committed to finding forward-thinking facilities solutions that are current with today's educational model and also preserve Albany's rich history and architecture."

The achievement:

"We have been involved in some exciting innovations, in particular with North Albany Academy, which was a unique project. In addition to converting the original elementary school to a K-8 configuration, North Albany Academy uses the adjacent YMCA as a gym. This sharing of facilities and taking advantage of what is available is a model that we're going to see more and more.

"With Arbor Hill Elementary, School 27 (now Eagle Point Elementary) and School 19 (now New Scotland Elementary), all of which were slated for demolition, we made a case with the district that it made sense, both economically and in terms of preserving important pieces of Albany architecture, to save and renovate these existing buildings. The fact is that you can't build as much space these days as is already in those old buildings. They can still be useful if you try to find a way."



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A founding principal of Collins + Scoville Architects, P.C., Paul Scoville has more than 30 years' experience as a licensed architect with a special expertise in the renovation, restoration and adaptive use of older and historic buildings – providing services for a wide range of public and private clients. Sensitive and creative approaches to code compliance, insertion of modern mechanical and electrical services, building fabric rehabilitation and replacement of historic building finishes have resulted in award-winning projects that function well for their occupants.

A graduate of Syracuse University, Mr. Scoville is a former member of the New York State Board for Architecture, serves as a subcommittee coordinator for the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) ARE Committee, the American Institute of Architects (having served as past president of the Eastern New York Chapter and past director of the New York State Chapter), The Council of Educational Facility Planners International, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Preservation League of New York State and the McKownville United Methodist Church Board of Trustees.