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As a child, Michael Patrick Rouse spent many Saturdays on his grandmother's farm in rural Delaware. Though he enjoyed playing on the grounds, he was fascinated by the house—a replica of a Bohemian castle designed and built by his great-grandparents.

This early experience inspired Rouse's interest in architecture. He earned a Master of Architecture degree from the University of Maryland and, after eight years as an associate at Hamilton Snowber Architects, founded MPR Architecture in 2015. Since then, his firm has completed a wide range of projects, from modest additions in urban neighborhoods to new homes on the Chesapeake Bay and in Tidewater North Carolina.

"We focus on creating solutions that respond to the unique characteristics of site, existing residences and our client's lifestyle," Rouse explains. "We believe that while the design is important, so is ensuring that clients experience the richness of the process."

Rouse and his two associates foster client discussions that emphasize context, aesthetics and the owners' functional wishes; all projects include collaboration with Rouse. "Each aspect of the process requires attentive listening and synthesis to create a custom solution," he reflects.

Michael Rouse is a graduate of the Christopher Kelley Leadership Development Program offered by the AIA|DC chapter.

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Clockwise from top: The kitchen in a newly renovated Georgetown row house features custom cabinetry and built-in appliances. An addition in Rockville boasts a new screened porch. Entry stairs welcome guests into a new three-bedroom North Carolina abode. Custom millwork enhances the living room in the Georgetown row house.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: STACY ZARIN GOLDBERG; MICHAEL ROUSE; ANDREW SHERMAN; STACY ZARIN GOLDBERG

