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Session 3C

(3:00-4:30pm)

A Developer, Lawyer & Architect Walk Into a Historic Mill ... Lessons Learned from **Historic Tax Credit Projects**

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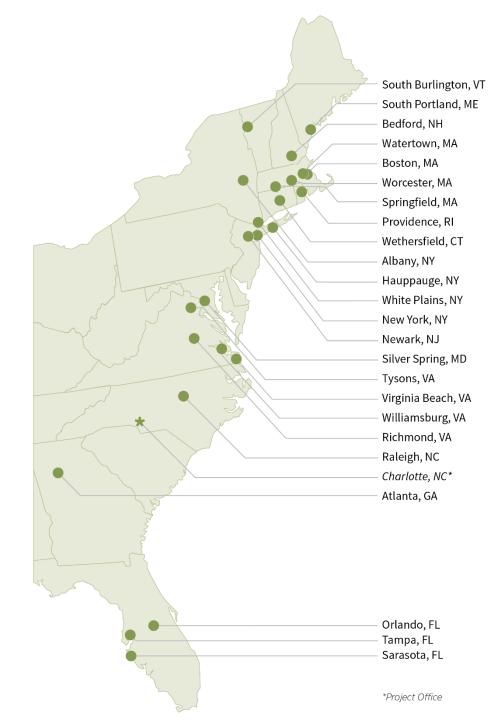
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A DEVELOPER, LAWYER, ARCHITECT AND CONSULTANT WALK INTO A HISTORIC MILL... LESSONS LEARNED ON HISTORIC TAX CREDIT PROJECTS









1,300 passionate professionals including engineers, scientists, planners, and designers

Founded in 1979

24 offices on the east coast

Core services

Transportation Planning & Engineering Land development Planning & Design Environmental & **Cultural Resources**

Markets

Transportation agencies Real estate County and local governments Institutions Federal government Energy



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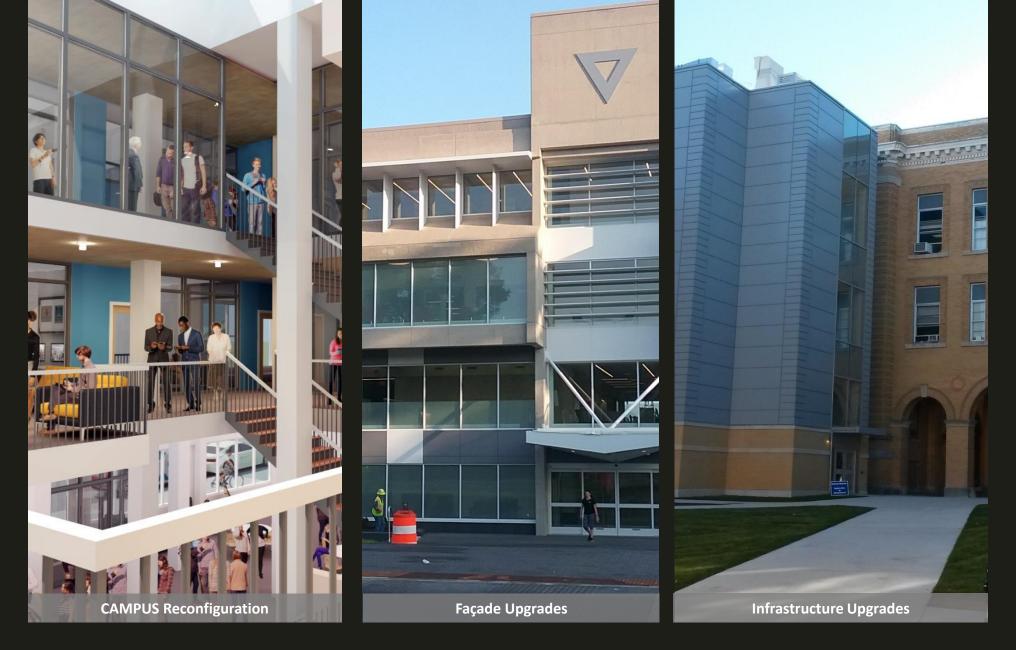
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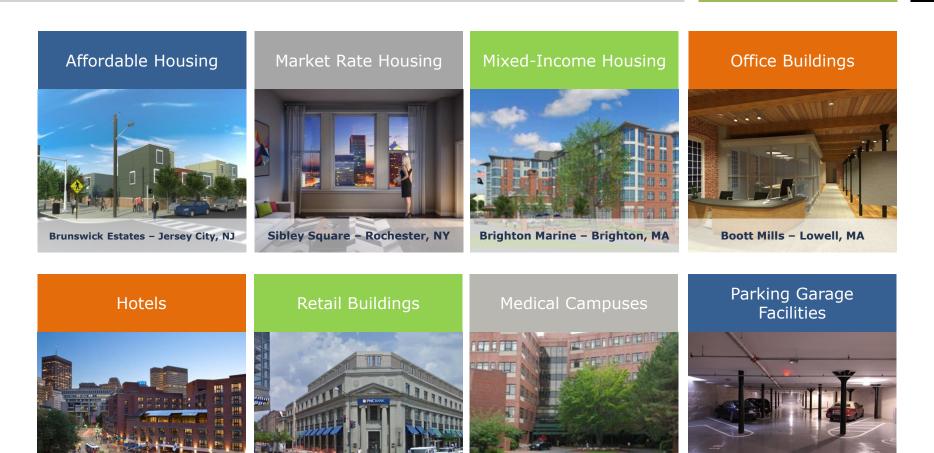








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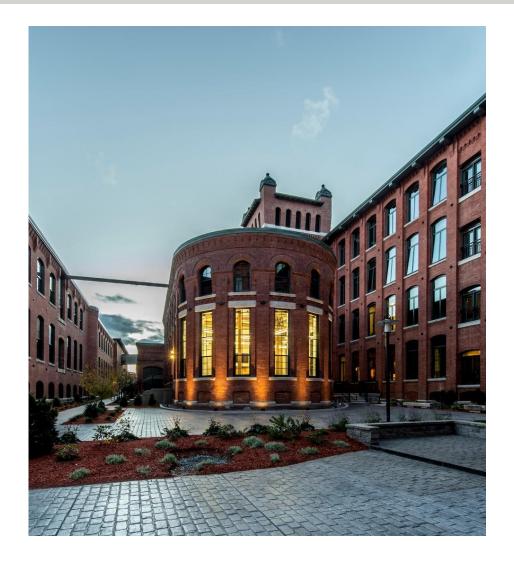
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1 Brookline Place – Brookline, MA

Oliver Lofts Garage – Boston, MA

Adaptive Reuse WinnDevelopment



More than **25 years** of awardwinning experience converting vacant historic properties into mixed income housing.

36+ properties transformed

in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Washington, D.C.

Nearly **4,000 units of housing** where none existed before

Small Project: Upham's Corner Comfort Station



vhb. Upham's Corner Comfort Station Boston

Concept 3





Small Project: Fitchburg City Stable





Fitchburg City Stable





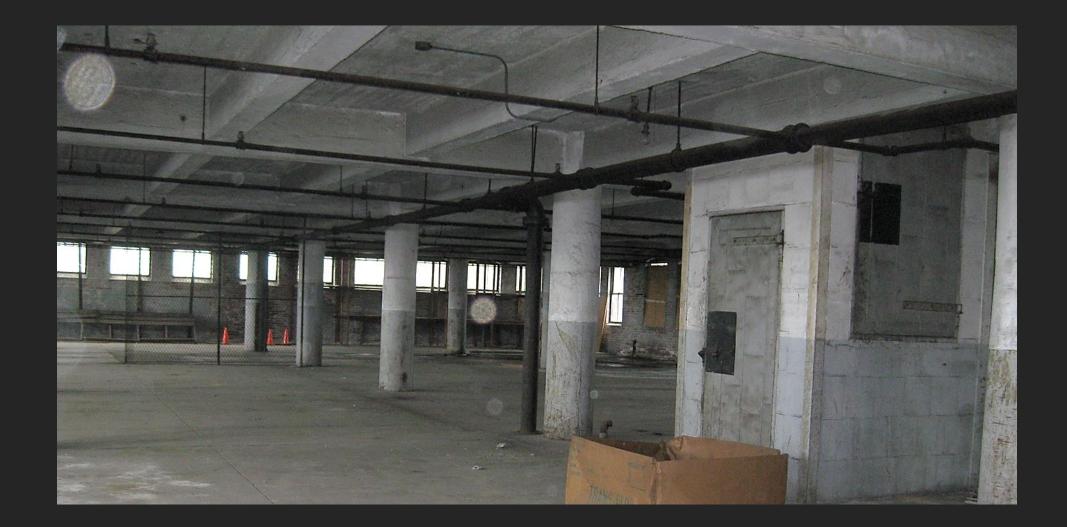
AN ARCHITECT

.... Walks into a Historic Property

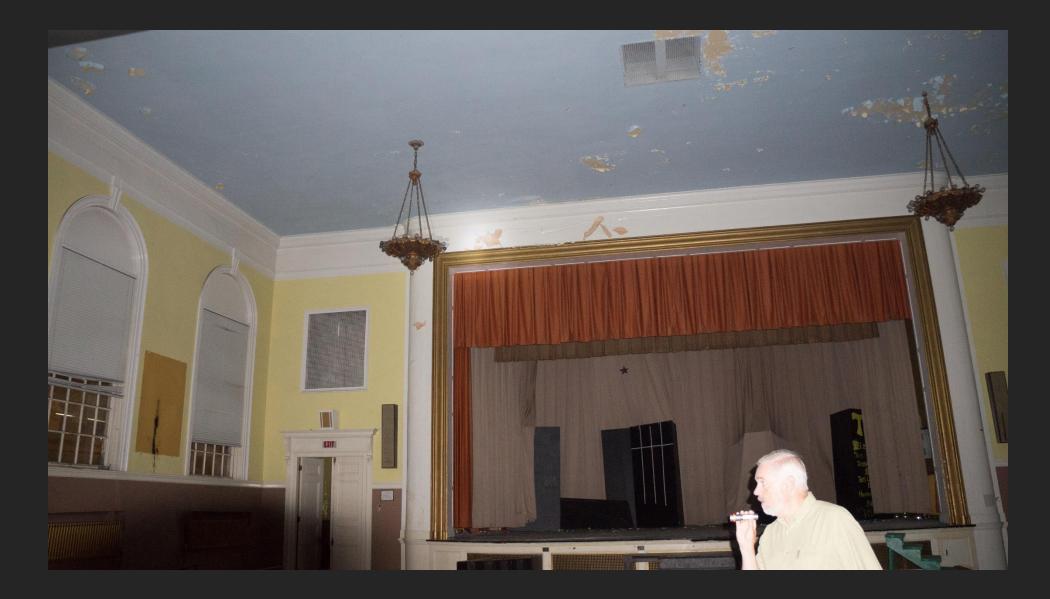
What do we see ?















LOTS OF DAYLIGHT | CONVENIENT "UNIT" SIZED SPACES

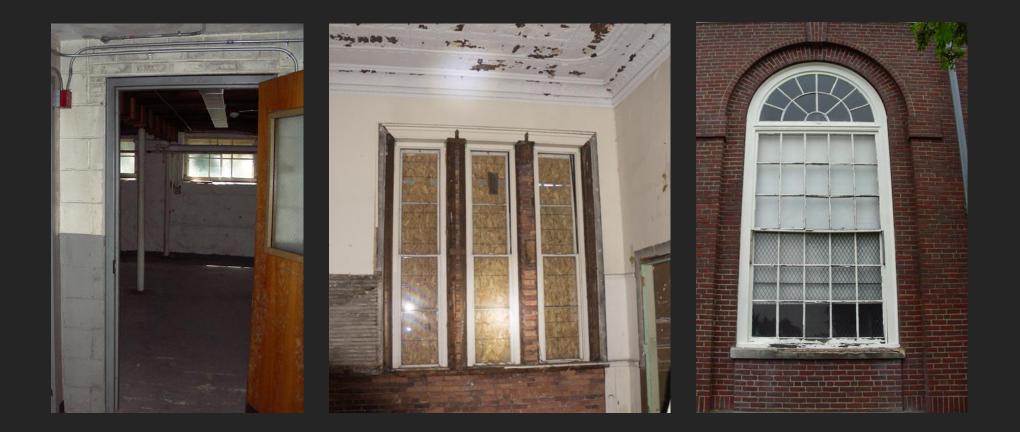
What do we ALSO see when balancing Development Goals?

- Openings: Windows & Doors
- What to do with the Large spaces?
- Environmental Issues



Windows:

- [size matters | location matters | frequency matters]
- operability



Windows:

• Functionality [what is the sill height, location]





Windows:

• Opening to Floor Area





Openings:

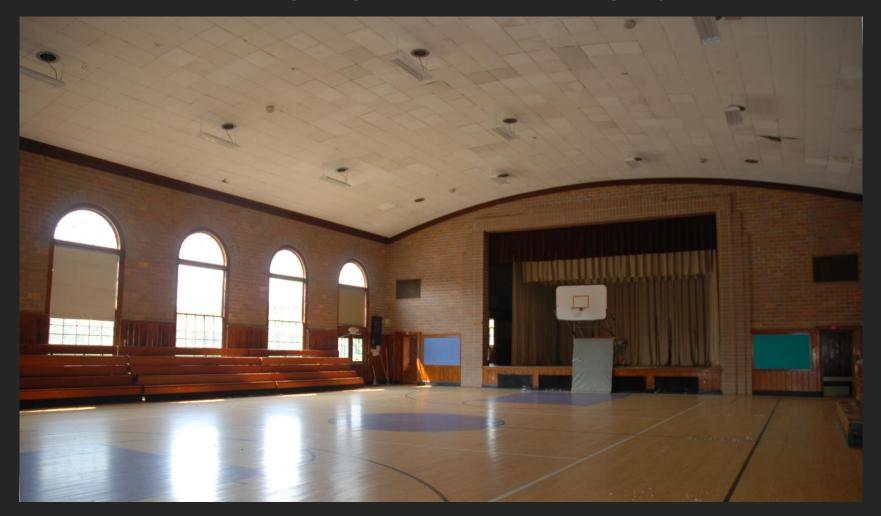
- Energy Performance
- Accessibility



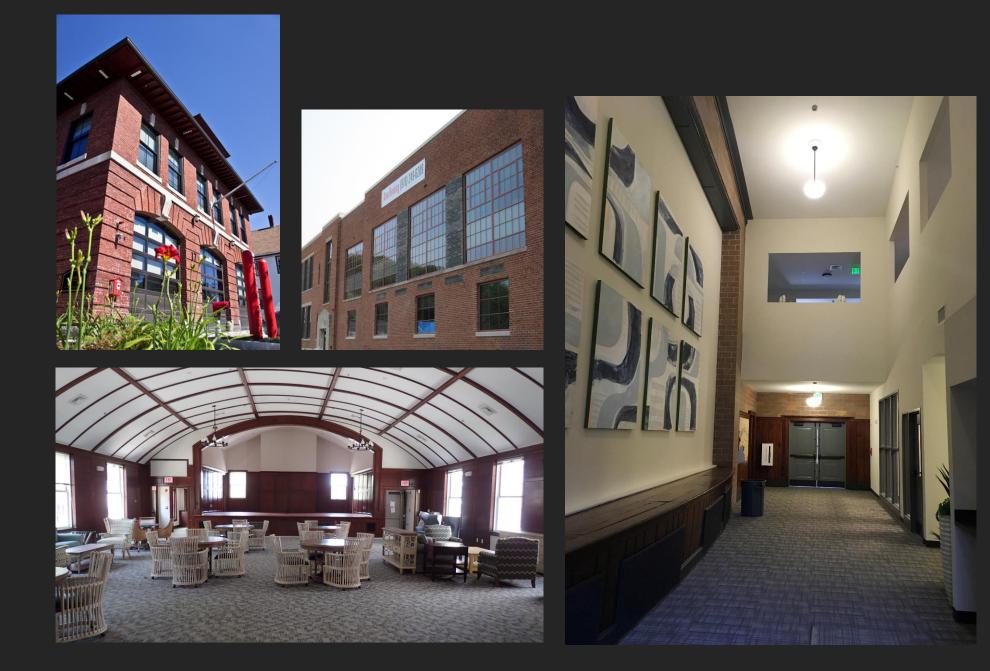


Large Space –

Maintain Character giving elements – the large space conundrum!



SUBDIVIDE | INFILL SECOND LEVEL YET MAINTAIN CHARACTER



"CHARACTER GIVING ELEMENTS" – THE LARGE SPACE CONUNDRUM!

Environmental:



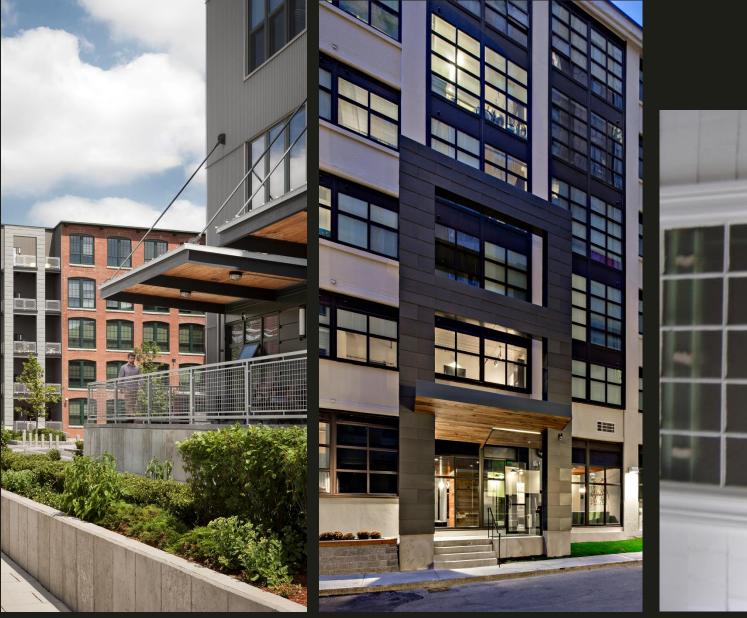


Environmental:

- Work with an Expert
- Know the extent and the regulations relative to use
- Know acceptable strategies to address







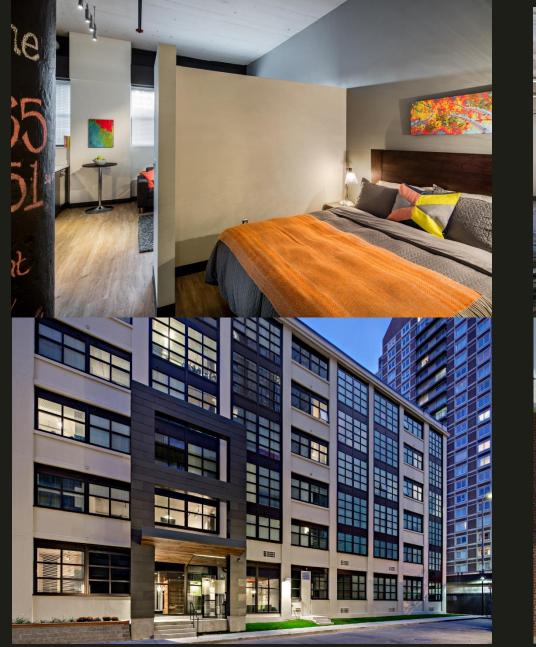


Appleton Lowell, MA

NoPoint Lofts Cambridge, MA Historic Schools Multiple, MA









NO POINT LOFTS CAMBRIDGE, MA



Fulton School Residences Weymouth, MA



Simpkins School Residences Yarmouth, MA



School Street Residences Athol, MA



Coady School Residences Bourne, MA



Agenda

Large Projects

Functionally Related Concerns

Case Study 1: Ludlow Mill

Project Phasing

Case Study 2: Counting House Lofts & Adden Lofts

Development & Legal Hurdles Posed by Large Mill Complexes

Case Study 3: Malden Mills (Phases 1 & 2)





Large Project Case Study: Ludlow, MA





Large Project Case Study: Ludlow, MA





Ludlow Mill 10

75 mixed-income residences TDC of \$28MM

Placed in Service July 2017



Large Project Case Study: Ludlow, MA



Constructed between 1868 and 1945, the buildings are contributing resources to the Ludlow Village Historic District



Large Project Case Study: Ludlow, MA



IS YOUR BUILDING FUNCTIONALLY RELATED?

Challenge: Large site with Multiple Owners and Varying Development Goals

- Westmass acquired the site with the intent to facilitate redevelopment
- September 2016: WinnDevelopment acquired Mill 10 for the purpose of redeveloping into 75 residential units

How can WinnDevelopment and Westmass proceed, serving both organizations objectives for their respective buildings in the complex, without jeopardizing the eligibility for Federal and State Historic Tax Credits...



Large Project Case Study: Ludlow, MA







SHOULD YOU PHASE YOUR PROJECTS?





Counting House Lofts and Adden Lofts are contributing resources within the Locks and Canals Historic District and a part of the Lowell National Historical Park

Counting House (Phase I)

Originally constructed between 1868 and 1879 as the Hamilton Manufacturing Company Storehouse and Counting House

Redeveloped into 52 mixed-income rental units

Placed in Service December 2014



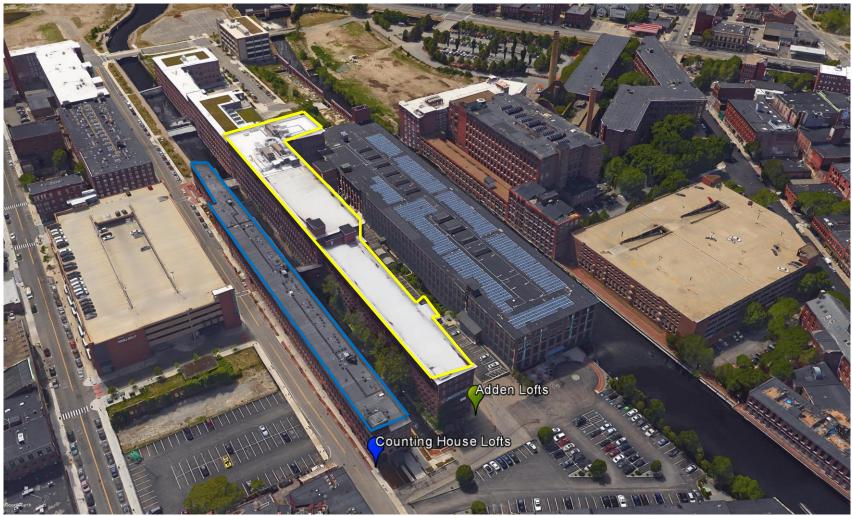
Adden (Phase II)

Originally constructed in 1845-1847 with later additions in 1884-1893 as part of the Hamilton Manufacturing Company

Currently being redeveloped into 75 units of mixed-income housing

Placed in Service August 2017









SHOULD YOU PHASE YOUR PROJECT?

- Will the proposed project take more than 24 months to complete?
- Can the Project be logically divided by architectural drawings and specifications?
 - Has rehabilitation started?
- Part III awarded after completion of all Phases





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DEVELOPMENT & LEGAL CHALLENGES IN LARGE MILL COMPLEXES

Project 1 2 Buildings (29 & 30) 160K GSF Completed in 2012 75 Units TDC = \$34.5M Placed in Service August 2012

Project 2 4 Buildings 130K GSF Completed in 2015 62 Units TDC = \$24M Placed in Service Sep 2015





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The Ideal Mill Building

- Building width of 60' to 70'
- Column grid spacing of 8' to 11'
- Large windows (i.e. 42"W x 84"H)
- Structurally sound
- Intact masonry / brick façade
- NOT in a flood zone
- Original architectural details
- Preferably in existing historic district
- Close to public transit
- Chance to revitalize the neighborhood
- Well-situated site
- Accumulated State HTCs (MA)

BUT THEY ARE NEVER IDEAL!





Large Project Case Study: Malden Mills Lawrence, MA

Typical Adaptive Reuse Challenges

- Green Building Criteria vs. Preservation
- No seismic or uplift ties on structure (Insurance Requirements)
- Existing space configurations required to be preserved
- Flood plain
- Environmental Remediation



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Adaptive Reuse Challenges

Buildings located in the 100 year Flood Plain

Solution: Raise the floor, flood gates, non-residential 1st Floor



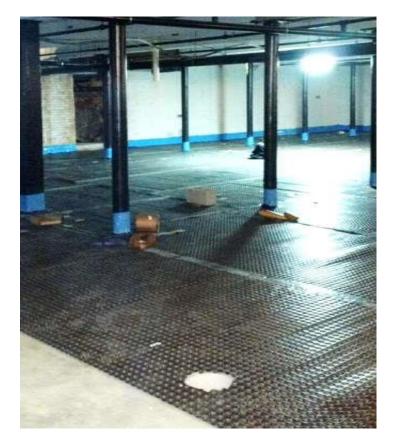




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Adaptive Reuse Challenges

Environmental Items (not Issues...) Solution: **Vapor Mitigation Systems** (sealing, SSDS & AUL)







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Key Development Considerations

Deal Team: Developer General Contractor Architect Preservation Consultant Accountant Transaction & Tax Counsel 3rd Party Tax Credit Syndicator/Investor Construction & Permanent Lender(s)

Combined LIHTC/HTC investment structure Equity Pay-in: governed by LIHTC policy Construction/Bridge loan repayment



Large Project Case Study: Malden Mills Lawrence, MA





I HAVE NEIGHBORS?

Legal Hurdles Posed by Large Mill Complexes

- Access During and after construction
- Competing Uses
- Historic Easements
- Utilities How do they work for the project and larger complex
- Cost Sharing Agreement
- Historic Tax Credit Protections





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