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streetscape rendering of completed project, historic photography

## RUMFORD CENTER FACT SHEET: PROJECT OVERVIEW

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The re-birth of the historic Rumford Baking Powder mill complex as a vibrant and inviting mixed-use community. When complete, the new Rumford Center ([www.RumfordCenter.com](http://www.RumfordCenter.com)) will feature incomparable office spaces, one-of-a-kind shops, abundant parking, and convenience — all in the heart of charming Rumford, RI.

The \$50 million project will completely retrofit the blighted industrial site and create a new “heart” for the town of Rumford. It will provide:

- The Shops at Rumford Center – approximately 8,500 square feet of retail space
- The Business Center – roughly 60,000 square feet of modern commercial office space
- The Lofts at Rumford Center – 88 high-quality residential apartments

The project is following national historic preservation standards and will benefit from State and Federal tax credit programs.

### WHO:

The rejuvenation of Rumford Center is being led by a PK Rumford, team of developers known for bringing new life to old places. PK Rumford is a partnership of Kirkbrae Development Corp. and the Peregrine Group, LLC.

### WHERE:

Rumford (East Providence), RI

### HISTORY:

[Rumford Center](http://www.RumfordCenter.com) began in 1856 as Rumford Chemical Works, producing and shipping baking powder across the nation and around the world. At its height of activity around the turn of the century, Rumford Chemical included 300 acres of working farms and communities to sustain the factory workers, and the Village of Rumford was called the “kitchen capital of the world.” Since closing in 1968, the factory buildings had fallen into disrepair.

Thanks to PK Rumford, the old Chemical Works is getting a new life. The remaining factory buildings occupy 8.3 acres. The original factory building, the only building that will be physically moved during construction, will become the centerpiece of the new community.

### SCHEDULE:

The first phase of the development began with extensive site remediation in 2006. Construction began in late summer 2007. The first office, retail and residential tenants are expected to move in fall of 2008.

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