

RHODE ISLAND MILL

EDEN, NC

The program for the Rhode Island Mill Project included the conversion of a 100,000 square foot former textile mill, built in 1901, into sixty-three dwelling units for low income families. Located on a prominent rise overlooking the Smith River, the two- and three-story brick structure functioned as the centerpiece of the surrounding mill village for decades. Having fallen into disrepair, the facility was repositioned to include the residential units, a Head Start daycare and a business center. The design attempted to stitch together the fragmented history of the existing structures to create a unified whole that would serve contemporary needs. The project was developed using historic tax credits, low-income housing tax credits and conventional financing.

