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TAT's redesign of Royal Mills recognized by RI Preservation

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The Architectural Team (TAT) has received a project award from the Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission for its design of Royal Mills at Riverpoint, a mixed-use complex. The award was presented during the 23rd Annual Rhode Island Statewide Historic Preservation Conference. Completed in December 2007, TAT designed the historic conversion of the former Royal Mills for Struever Bros., Eccles & Rouse.

Situated on 14 acres along the Pawtuxet River, Royal Mills at Riverpoint features 256 apartments and commercial spaces, a historical center dubbed Turbine Hall, and a public riverside deck. The 500,000 s/f development includes a landscaped extension to the West Warwick Riverwalk, and bike path connections to the Washington Secondary Rail Trail. The mill's rehabilitated hydropower system provides power to the management office, public areas, and exterior lighting.

"We are thrilled to have had the opportunity to work with Struever Brothers, Eccles and Rouse and the town of West Warwick in restoring Royal Mills to its original grandeur," said Michael Binette, principal and vice president of The Architectural Team.

Built between 1889 and 1890 and listed on the National Register of Historic Place, the Royal Mills complex was home to the B.B. and R. Knight Company, one of the largest textile manufacturers in the world, and creator of the "Fruit of the Loom" brand.

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