NATIONAL NEADLE MANUFACTURING BUILDING

Local Historic District

55 Emery St., Springfield, MA 01103

The owner is keen on the potential for his building to serve the environment.

A center for preservation trades and lumber reuse.

70,000 square feet to begin with. Another 30,000 may be optioned.

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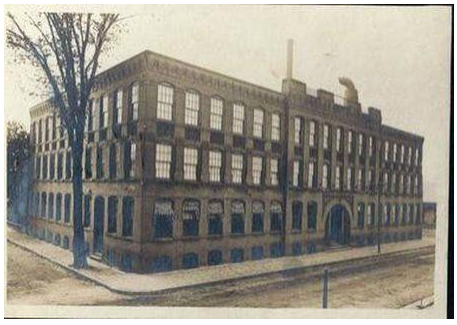


Features:

- Three-bay loading docks
- One truck drive-in ground floor room
- A five-stop freight elevator
- Workers have easy parking and public transportation
- The structure can support roof-top solar and green-roof planting

Billboards on the main roof and ground provide advertising income and marketing to support visual presence to build Wood Reuse.

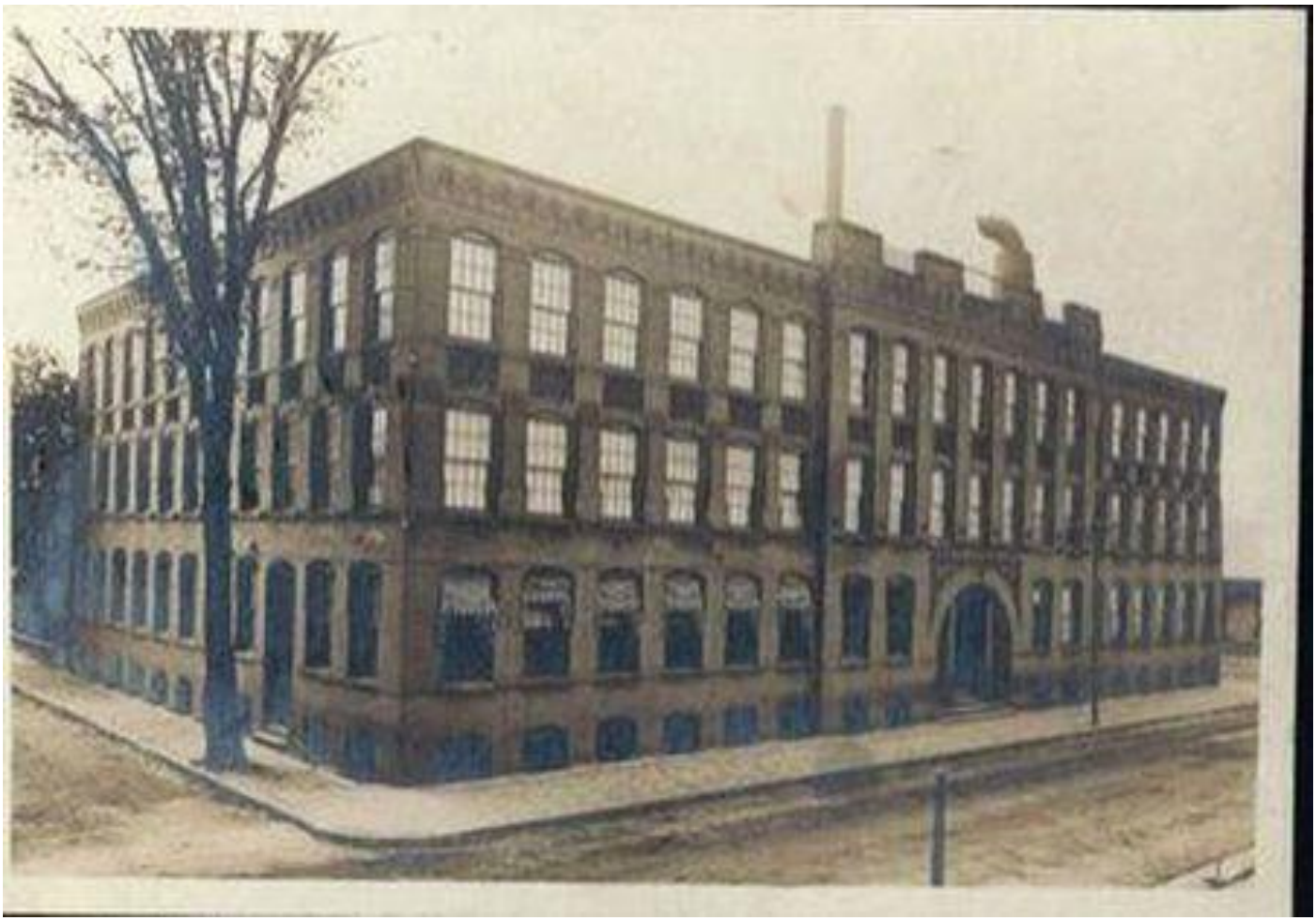
Positioned perfectly for expanding the deconstruction industry:

- Interstate access from north and south, east and west.
- Northeast rail converges in Springfield.

Large swath of unused land under the interstate viaduct owned by Mass Department of Transportation has potential to serve as vast wood collection space.

View from Liberty St. on the south and east sides. Abutters and immediate neighborhood consist of:

- Springfield Republican Newspaper
- Wayfinders regional non-profit housing and job development center.
- Freedom Credit Union
- Health Care Hub
- Multi-modal transportation center, Union Station

When Interstate Route 91 was constructed, the western third of the building was demolished. Thanks to the City Council, this survivor of urban renewal can be our urban revival in a city once cut in two, isolating black and brown communities.

Architectural features offer historic preservation education and skills training opportunities in the northeast.