Project overview

This project redeveloped a vacant, three-story, historic paper manufacturing building into office space for community health service providers. Originally built in 1904 as the Illinois Envelope Company, this approximately 50,000-square-foot building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places for its industrial significance in the Kalamazoo community. The redevelopment project not only restored a historic building, but also addressed brownfield conditions over the 5.9-acre site which is adjacent to Portage Creek. The project also included improvements to public easements and creation of walkways throughout the site; long-term plans include a pedestrian bridge and bike/river train access near the site. In addition to Michigan Strategic Fund support, the project also received $798,247 from the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy related to eligible environmental expenses.

**MEDC investment:** $658,091 in Brownfield Tax Increment Financing

**Private investment:** $9.2 million

**Local investment:** $891,087 in Brownfield Tax Increment Financing

**Jobs created:** 7