

BEFORE





AFTER

U.P. Engineers & Architects Building

707 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie

COMPLETED 2016

Project overview

Thanks in part to a nearly \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant from the Michigan Strategic Fund, the restoration of five historic buildings along Sault Ste. Marie's Ashmun Street, including the U.P. Engineers & Architects (UPEA) building, brought back part of the city's history to the downtown district.

The Sault Ste. Marie Downtown Development Authority, in conjunction with City of Sault Ste. Marie, received the funding to restore the buildings. Originally built in the early 1900s to house Swift Meats' processing facility, Houghton, Michigan-based, U.P. Engineers & Architects Inc. purchased the building located at 707 Ashmun Street nearly 10 years ago.

The building was in dire straits: worn-out baby blue bricks were broken and falling; the windows were leaking cold air; and the awnings were tattered and dirty. Multiple contractors restored the masonry, installed new windows, trim, and commercial glass doors, and repainted the building to highlight its historic details. Total development costs came in at \$662,825.

MEDC investment: \$497,615 Community Development Block Grant

Local investment: \$165,212