The Architectural Team receives Tsongas Award for preservation



Whaler's Place Apartments - New Bedford, MA

The Architectural Team (TAT) has received a Paul E. Tsongas Award from Preservation Mass. for its historic renovation and conversion designs of Whaler's Place Apartments in New Bedford, and Baker Sq. II in Dorchester Lower Mills. TAT shares the award with WinnDev. and Keith Construction, developer and contractor, respectively, of the developments. The Tsongas Award, which recognizes efforts in promoting historic preservation across the Commonwealth, was presented at an awards dinner.

Completed in 2007, Whaler's Place involved the conversion of the Whitman Mill No. 1 into a 75-unit affordable residential community for active adults aged 55 years and older. The mill is listed on the National Registry of Historical Place.

Located in the Dorchester Lower Mills industrial historic district, Baker Sq. II is the conversion of three of the last remaining buildings of the Walter Baker Chocolate Factory complex, Mill No. 4, into 61 apartments. TAT previously completed the conversion of the Baker Chocolate Factory into a 142-unit apartment community, and the factory administration building into Baker Chocolate Lofts, which feature 13 artist lofts and community space.