



Healy Asylum

Lewiston, Maine

Historic Rehabilitation

Healy Asylum, designed by architect Jefferson Coburn, was built in 1892-93 as a Catholic orphanage for boys. The late Second Empire style building features a Mansard roof with gabled dormers, double double-hung windows for energy efficiency, and historic tin ceilings throughout the building.

Sutherland Conservation & Consulting worked as part of the design team to insure that important historic character defining features were retained in converting the former orphanage and school to new housing for elderly while still qualifying for state and federal historic tax credits.

The rehabilitation project created 22 apartments with

community rooms utilizing existing spaces in the main building and adjacent boiler and former laundry building, giving each unit a unique floor plan. The former chapel on the second floor was rehabilitated into two units while maintaining the decorative moldings and restoring those that had been nearly lost in previous renovations. The boiler house and former laundry building on the site now contains two apartments and offices for a non-profit community organization.

The rehabilitation work meets Maine State Housing's Green Building energy efficiency standards, with upgraded systems, new insulation, and solar panels.

