



Saco Central Fire Station

Saco, Maine

Historic Rehabilitation

The Saco Central Fire Station was constructed in 1938 with funding from the Public Works Administration. The building was designed by architect Lester I. Beal of the firm Miller and Beal, Inc. of Portland. Listed on Maine Preservation's Most Endangered in 2012, the former fire station was at risk from demolition and neglect. Housing Initiatives of New England rehabilitated the building to create four apartment units on the second floor and commercial/office space for the first floor.

design team to facilitate the replication of the historic wood doors on the front elevation. The character of the building had been drastically altered when the original doors were replaced with modern overhead doors. Historic photographs and a remaining pedestrian door allowed for accurate dimensions to be determined. The Saco Central Fire Station rehabilitation was certified by the National Park Service in 2014.

While the original plan of the building was largely intact, the bay doors were no longer present. Sutherland Conservation & Consulting worked closely with the

