



St. Hyacinth School and Convent

Westbrook, Maine

Historic Rehabilitation

The St. Hyacinth School was constructed in 1893 and initially housed both a school and convent. In 1921, a separate convent was built on the north side of the school to accommodate an increased student population.

St. Hyacinth was the center of education for local French Canadians and Franco-American children in Westbrook. The school closed in 1974 and the buildings had several varied uses over the following 3-4 years.

The rehabilitation of the St. Hyacinth School and Convent buildings created 23 units of housing and community spaces for residents. In addition to the adaptive reuse of

the historic buildings, a new building was constructed at the rear of the property to create an additional 14 units of housing.

Through the rehabilitation, original windows were restored or replicated and extensive masonry work was undertaken to stabilize areas of deterioration. Original flooring, trim and pressed metal ceilings were retained throughout the building. The project was certified by the National Park Service in 2014.

