



Rehabilitated Speedway as envisioned by AHF and partners. Credit: Durkee Brown Viveiros & Werenfels

Speedway Headquarters Building

Brighton, MA

AHF has teamed up with 243 Dutton Interests, LLC to respond to DCR's calling for a new long term plan for a Charles River treasure

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Architectural Heritage Foundation has teamed up with housing developer 243 Dutton LLC to submit a proposal to the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Curatorship Program for the Rehabilitation and Reuse of the Speedway Headquarters Building in Brighton, Massachusetts. Under our proposal, the site will be redeveloped through a vibrant mix of uses that will connect once again the Speedway to the river and restore its original recreational purposes. A consortium of Charles River-based nonprofit organizations, artisans, artists and craftspeople, combined with new exciting housing and dining opportunities, will anchor the Speedway and provide the economic engine for funding the full rehabilitation of this underutilized historically significant complex.

DCR's offering of the Speedway Headquarters through the Curatorship Program is an unprecedented opportunity to create a campus of dynamic uses that will once again make the historic Speedway hum with activity. AHF is committed to a tenancy within the Speedway that includes non-profit entities engaged in advancing the quality of, access to and

general appreciation of the Charles River, furthering the long term vision of Charles Eliot when he helped establish the network of parks that fell under the purview of DCR's predecessor organization. With the introduction of the new construction multi-unit housing portion of the project and the restaurant facility, our intention is to provide the financial resources to enable the rehabilitation of the historic Speedway buildings and to support a rich tenancy mix that will activate the site and minimize the cost for the nonprofit and artisan users of the campus.

Our preservation plan and facility program, in addition to providing offices for Charles River-based nonprofits, will feature studios for artisans of all kinds (including river related craftspeople). These exciting new uses, in combination with new housing, dining and food related opportunities, will reactivate the Speedway into a destination that will meet community objectives of preserving the facility, connecting it to the community and to the Charles River, and making it attractive, usable and publicly accessible resource.