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HONOR AWARD

Torchio Architects, Inc.

Radcliffe Mill

780 High Street

Chestertown, Maryland

Radcliffe Investments, LLC

This project involved the restoration and adaptive reuse of multiple decaying buildings originally built as a grain mill, the oldest of which dates to circa 1892. The retooled buildings now house the owner's accounting firms, a tavern and an advertising agency. Federal and state preservation tax credits made the project feasible by off-setting 40% of the \$3+ million construction cost.

The jury commented: "The use of restraint in restoration and material selections is commendable. The strength of this project is the simplicity of the design. Subtle coloring on the exterior of the building makes a nice statement."

MERIT AWARD

Torchio Architects, Inc.

Torchio Building

205 East Water Street

Centreville, Maryland

Client: HOOHONKA, LLC, Greg Torchio & Phyllis Johnston

Designed and built by Greg Torchio, AIA, LEED AP, the three story structure is the new home of Torchio Architects, a structural engineer and Torchio's wife's yoga studio. The building is awaiting LEED Silver Certification and stands as an example of an architect "walking the walk" when it comes to sustainable buildings. The architect's 35' high "Walnut Tapestry" sculpture enlivens the stairwell.

The jury commented: "The proportions of the project overall were very well thought out. Experimentation with unique building materials is admirable. The walnut sculpture was a striking element in this project. The brick texture is a nice touch."