

On South Pine Street, in York, Pa, something old is New again!

The former Yorkcraft Manufacturing Building, originally built in 1912 as the Levy Brothers Ribbon Mill, has new life again as luxury student apartments as part of an area redevelopment initiated by Educational Property Group Inc and Apex Housing Group. Partners Greg Pellathy and John Walsh opened the 42 urban loft style student apartments serving nearby Penn State York and York College students. South Pine Street was ready for some change and this development team, aided by cooperation of City of York Mayor John Brenner's administration and York Redevelopment Authority has made a wild idea into the start of a grass roots urban renewal.



These units are 3 and 4 Bedroom apartments with full kitchens, washers and dryers, private bedrooms and baths and fully furnished in upscale style with flat screen TV's, wireless internet and include all utilities. Apex Housing features fully accessorized living making living off campus easy for students and their parents. The building features commons lounges, tanning, fitness center and on site offices. This is not your mom and dad's version of student dorm living. Lifestyle matters to today's college students.

The 550 Loft student apartments is just the initial phase of this exciting area redevelopment project. The redevelopment authority assisted with recent site purchases and the developers have already demolished the former dry cleaning plant at 600 S. Pine and are assessing environmental issues and conditions at 630 S. Pine, a former film processing plant. Plans call for added parking and a technology incubator that will serve young start up business and lure them into the City of York. Penn State York has expressed interest in this incubator and York County Economic Development has also assisted the developers with the startup plans for this urban renewal project. York is the ideal location and harnessing PSU York technology and resources coupled with YCEDC will allow this area to attract and maintain the next generation of business. The site is on the Boundary Ave Corridor and provides a great place for business to open and thrive and also an outstanding bedroom community with a variety of housing options within walking distance. All the pieces are falling in place for a successful development plan. The developers are pursuing added acquisitions in this area.



