ABSTRACT

RESEARCH PAPER: Reuse of Historic Core Industrial Buildings: Promoting Community Employment

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This paper presents a feasibility study of historic urban industrial rehabilitation projects for job creation in urban core neighborhoods. The study demonstrates the important position these buildings have held in historic neighborhoods throughout history, for economic diversification and as employment centers. The evidence suggests that these buildings are important for small business generation, cultural and historic preservation, and sustained neighborhood revitalization. These factors combined create an environment conducive to job creation and retention.