

## REICKHOFF BUILDING

Niagara Falls, New York

**Owner / Client:** Center City Development

**Area:** 15,900 square feet

**Cost:** \$ 900,000

The Center City Neighborhood Development Corporation of Niagara Falls approached TRM Architect in 1986 to provide architectural services for renovation and restoration of an abandoned historically valued building on the corner of Main and South Streets in the old downtown business district.

The Reickhoff Building, as it is named, was in a neglected state due to abandonment by the owner and the lack of tenant occupancy. The main objectives were to revitalize and restore all exterior facades, re-establish a storefront attitude at the grade level street-facing facades, and provide low income housing units on the second and third floor levels.

The ten apartment units consist of eight two-bedroom units and two single-bedroom units. Each includes a generous living area, kitchen/dinette, one full bathroom, and ample storage space. Laundry areas are provided on each floor, and accessibility to all floors is now available through the use of a new hydraulic elevator and restoration of the main grand staircase.

The ground floor of the building, partially occupied by Goodwill Industries of WNY, was remodeled and storefront display windows were installed and expanded to maximize retail display space. The theme of glazed storefronts was continued down the south facade by utilizing black opaque spandrel glass panels with a lexan out pane for durability, thus allowing for potential future occupancy of separate independent retail and business establishments along South Street.

All facades were restored to their original architectural brilliance by removing years of layering of incompatible materials. The quality base materials were cleaned, patched, repaired, and replaced to original conditions.



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