Knowledge Corridor Expands—South Street Landing Takes Off

Work has begun on another of Providence's growing Knowledge District anchor projects, “South Street Landing.” This $220 million dollar project is being built by Rhode Island union contractor Gilbane Building Company, whose portfolio includes world-class projects across the globe. New England Laborers have been on site since late summer working on the final demolition and renovation of the old Narragansett Electric power plant.

“This project underscores the commitment of the City of Providence, the Providence Foundation, the State of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Building and Construction Trades Council along with the developers, C.V. Properties LLC and Wexford Science and Technology, partnering with Gilbane Construction to bring quality projects into the area to further revitalize the capital city. When complete, the project is expected to extend the River Walk, boost the value of the I-195 parcels, generate new tax revenue for both city and state, and create 500 new construction jobs,” noted Michael F. Sabitoni, BM of the RILDC and President of the RI Building & Construction Trades Council.

The original block structure was built in 1917 and then expanded in 1927. The entire building is a handsome representation of the period featuring granite trim, tall, round-arch window openings with granite keystones and sills, tripartite windows above, granite stringcourses, and brick corbeling. This strong architectural footprint made the building and its location, just a short walking distance east of downtown proper and south of Brown University, a perfect location for developers C.V. Properties LLC and Wexford Science and Technology.

South Street Landing is also key for the state’s plan to propel us into the future with an emphasis on medical and education sector growth. It will include space for the new University of Rhode Island and Rhode Island College nursing education center, as well as administrative offices for 450 Brown University employees. Expanding the footprint of the former Jewelry District, now the Knowledge District, will bring an additional 1,200 new students, employees and residents to the area, further fueling economic growth.