



DEMETERS STEAKHOUSE - REGENERATION PARK



Regeneration Park is a project that has been able to successfully re-use an existing building and transform it into state-of-the art, near net-zero office, retail and restaurant building. Previously used as an automobile dealership with a great deal of asphalt paving adjacent to wetlands, the revitalized site and finished building has resulted in a vastly improved space that is sensitive to the environment and appropriate for the new tenants and owners. By reducing the asphalt paving and creating modified rain garden elements, the site can now filter run-off water on site efficiently before it reaches the adjacent wetlands.

Part of this project included an upscale steakhouse called Demeters. Some of the more interesting features of the restaurant include enomatic wine machines imported from Italy which allows "by the glass" dispensing of specialty wines. Argon gas is infused into the bottle and pushes wine out while maintaining a permanent seal until the wine is completely finished.



The chef's table, which was constructed from recycled tree and metal parts features a view of the open kitchen. The curved beam at the ceiling was found on-site in the wetlands area and was "reshaped" by the contractor and installed above the kitchen.

The patio is equipped with a mechanical "louver" roof, allowing sun and ventilation or protection from the elements. New SeriousWindows were installed along the seating area to provide an R-value of over 7.5.

Building Information:

Location: Portsmouth, NH

Type of Client: Commercial

Interior Details: The interior was designed to be warm and inviting. Built-in wine lockers adjacent to the dining area utilize LED lighting and natural wood tones to help create a cozy environment.

Special Surprises: Custom cast-in-place bar counter top with found metal objects help illustrate the "story" of the building. One can find recycled "Toyota" logos along with other metal elements cast into the bar.

Note: Winner of the Plan NH 2012 Merit Award

Winner of the 2013 AIA NH Excellence in Architecture Commendation